

OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes – United Kingdom

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INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR>].

Based on information collected in five rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:

- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
 - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
 - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit “top-ups” of unemployment benefits or pensions.

Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. ‘OLD AGE’) and sub-branch (e.g. ‘Pensions’) under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

Data sources of local administrations. Web links to official administrative databases and reports are provided when the sources are publicly available. These web pages are subject to changes by local administrations, which implies that in the future some links may not work.

Other OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: [Country policy descriptions](#).

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: [Social Expenditure \(SOCX\)](#), [Tax-Benefit model \(TaxBEN\)](#), [Family database](#), [Pensions at a Glance](#).

OLD AGE

Pensions

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	State Pension
Programme Name [Original]	State Pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time ¹
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, database

Programme Name [English]	Pension Credit
Programme Name [Original]	Pension Credit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Office for National Statistics, database

Programme Name [English]	New State Pension
Programme Name [Original]	New State Pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, database

¹ In the United Kingdom, point-in-time figures correspond to the number of recipients on 30 November of each year.

SURVIVORS

Survivor Pensions

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Widow's Benefit (Pension and Mother's Allowance)
Programme Name [Original]	Widow's Benefit (Pension and Mother's Allowance)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, database

Programme Name [English]	Bereavement Benefit (Bereavement and Widowed Parents Allowance)
Programme Name [Original]	Bereavement Benefit (Bereavement and Widowed Parents Allowance)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Phased out due to Bereavement Support Benefit introduced in 2017
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, database

Programme Name [English]	Bereavement Support Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Bereavement Support Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced Bereavement Benefit in April 2017
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, database

INCAPACITY

Disability Pensions

9 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Incapacity Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Incapacity Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Incapacity Benefit was replaced by Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) for new claims from 2008 with cessation of new claims for Incapacity Benefit in 2011.
Source	Office for National Statistics, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Severe Disablement Allowance
Programme Name [Original]	Severe Disablement Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Cessation of new claims for SDA in April 2001.
Source	Office for National Statistics, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Employment and Support Allowance (contributions based)
Programme Name [Original]	Employment and Support Allowance (contributions based)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Started in 2008 to replace both Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance.
Source	Office for National Statistics, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Employment and Support Allowance (income based)
Programme Name [Original]	Employment and Support Allowance (income based)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Started in 2008 to replace both Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance.
Source	Office for National Statistics, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Income Support for Disabled (top-up of Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance/Employment and Support Allowance)
Programme Name [Original]	Income Support for Disabled (top-up of Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance/Employment and Support Allowance)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Office for National Statistics, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Carer's Allowance
Programme Name [Original]	Carer's Allowance
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, database

Programme Name [English]	Income Support for Carers (top-up of Carer's Allowance)
Programme Name [Original]	Income Support for Carers (top-up of Carer's Allowance)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Office for National Statistics, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Disability Living Allowance
Programme Name [Original]	Disability Living Allowance
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, database

Programme Name [English]	Personal Independence Payment
Programme Name [Original]	Personal Independence Payment
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, database

Pensions (Occupational injury and Disease)

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, Statistics

FAMILY

Maternity and Parental Leave

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Maternity Allowance
Programme Name [Original]	Maternity Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Statutory Maternity Pay
Programme Name [Original]	Statutory Maternity Pay
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Paid by the employer.
Source	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Programme Name [English]	Statutory Paternity Pay
Programme Name [Original]	Statutory Paternity Pay
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Paid by the employer.
Source	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Other (Lone Parent Benefits, etc.)

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Income Support for Lone Parents
Programme Name [Original]	Income Support for Lone Parents
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Office for National Statistics, Statistics

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Compensations

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Jobseeker's Allowance - insurance
Programme Name [Original]	Jobseeker's Allowance - insurance
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Jobseeker's Allowance - assistance
Programme Name [Original]	Jobseeker's Allowance - assistance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Universal Credit - Not in Employment
Programme Name [Original]	Universal Credit - Not in Employment
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	This program was introduced in 2013.
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, Statistics

OTHER SOCIAL

Income Maintenance

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Income Support (Others)
Programme Name [Original]	Income Support (Others)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Office for National Statistics, Database

HOUSING

Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Housing Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Housing Benefit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Figures are subject to a high degree of sampling error and should only be used as a guide.
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, Statistics

IN-WORK

In-Work Benefits

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Working Tax Credit
Programme Name [Original]	Working Tax Credit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Recipient households, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	HMRC, Report

Programme Name [English]	Universal Credit - In Employment
Programme Name [Original]	Universal Credit - In Employment
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	This program was introduced in 2013.
Source	Department for Work and Pensions, Statistics