

59923 Council Tax Support

I would like the requested data for each of the last ten financial years, or the maximum period available if ten years is not possible. Specifically, I am requesting the following information relating to Council Tax support within your local authority area:

The number of households that were eligible to qualify for the Single Person Council Tax Discount.

We do not hold a record of those households which are eligible for Single Person Discount; only those which are in receipt of Single Person Discount.

The number of households that were in receipt of the Single Person Council Tax Discount.

Please refer to the table below which provides the number of Council Tax accounts which were in receipt of Single Person Discount at some point throughout the years shown.

You should note that there will be an element of duplication in these figures for individuals who have moved address and therefore may be counted more than once in the same year.

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
111,570	110,930	111,092	109,971	110,266	109,770	113,966	112,926	114,579	115,084	115,027

The number of households in receipt of Council Tax Reduction (also known as Council Tax Support).

Please refer to the table below. We are only able to extract accurate data back to 2018-19.

Number of Council Tax Reduction Scheme Households							
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Standard	30,662	31,767	38,053	34,296	31,878	33,102	31,919
Passported (legacy benefits)	10,397	10,756	8,966	8,470	7,856	7,319	6,825

Total	41,059	42,523	47,019	42,766	39,734	40,421	38,744
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A breakdown of Council Tax Reduction claimants by broad eligibility category (for example: income-based support, disability-related support, pensioner status, or other standard categories used by the authority).

[We are unable to answer this question because we do not categorise claims in this way.](#)

The number of households eligible for the Single Person Council Tax Discount who also claim a separate Council Tax Reduction.

[As described in A1 above, we are unable to answer this question.](#)