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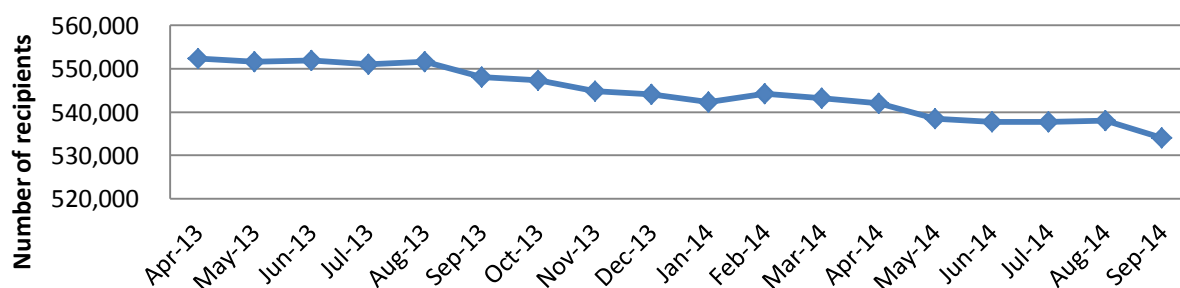
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This publication provides statistics on the Council Tax Reduction scheme, which reduces the Council Tax liability of vulnerable people in Scotland. The statistics are based on data extracts and statistical returns from local authorities, and cover the time period from July to September 2014.

Key points

- There were 533,980 Council Tax Reduction recipients in Scotland in September 2014.
- Total weekly expenditure on Council Tax Reduction in September 2014 was £6.8 million.
- The Council Tax Reduction caseload in Scotland gradually decreased by 3.3 per cent (18,400) between the beginning of Scotland's CTR scheme in April 2013, and September 2014.

**Council Tax Reduction caseload in Scotland:
April 2013 to September 2014**

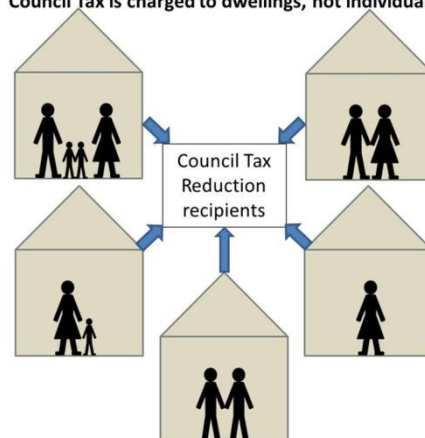


Local authority breakdowns for all months from April 2013 to Sept 2014 are available at:
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Local-Government-Finance/CTR>

Table 1: Council Tax Reduction recipients by Local Authority: July 2014 to September 2014 ^{1,2,3}

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14
SCOTLAND	537,780	538,040	533,980
Aberdeen City	14,050	14,000	13,830
Aberdeenshire	11,780	11,750	11,640
Angus	9,330	9,330	9,280
Argyll and Bute	7,760	7,760	7,700
Clackmannanshire	5,760	5,780	5,710
Dumfries and Galloway	14,360	14,410	14,330
Dundee City	19,930	19,890	19,730
East Ayrshire	15,500	15,510	15,450
East Dunbartonshire	6,140	6,130	6,110
East Lothian	8,000	7,970	7,960
East Renfrewshire	5,210	5,220	5,160
Edinburgh, City of	39,220	39,530	39,070
Eilean Siar	2,670	2,670	2,660
Falkirk	14,910	14,930	14,900
Fife	34,420	34,430	34,270
Glasgow City	99,390	99,520	98,970
Highland	18,550	18,510	18,230
Inverclyde	10,770	10,810	10,740
Midlothian	7,420	7,400	7,380
Moray	6,340	6,310	6,220
North Ayrshire	18,560	18,590	18,450
North Lanarkshire	41,160	41,120	40,910
Orkney Islands	1,290	1,320	1,290
Perth and Kinross	10,140	10,050	9,960
Renfrewshire	20,450	20,550	20,350
Scottish Borders	9,730	9,700	9,550
Shetland Islands	1,120	1,120	1,100
South Ayrshire	12,500	12,560	12,440
South Lanarkshire	34,260	34,120	33,990
Stirling	6,460	6,410	6,350
West Dunbartonshire	14,040	14,020	13,780
West Lothian	16,590	16,620	16,470

A Council Tax Reduction recipient can be a single person or a couple, with or without children. They all count as one recipient. This is because Council Tax is charged to dwellings, not individuals.



Notes:

1. Recipients are as at monthly count date. See Methodology notes section 2 for more details: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Local-Government-Finance/Methodology/Ctaxreductionmethod>
2. CTR reduces the council tax liability on chargeable dwellings, where the inhabitants apply for CTR and meet the criteria. The CTR caseload statistics count a “recipient” as the number of dwellings that benefited from a Council Tax Reduction. This means that a recipient can be a single person or a couple, with or without children.
3. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. Components may not sum to total due to rounding.

Table 2: Council Tax Reduction weekly expenditure estimate (£000's) by Local Authority: July 2014 to September 2014 ^{1,2,3}

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14
SCOTLAND	6,860.7	6,860.6	6,814.2
Aberdeen City	184.4	183.6	181.2
Aberdeenshire	144.7	144.5	143.5
Angus	103.9	103.9	103.1
Argyll and Bute	109.0	109.1	108.5
Clackmannanshire	70.3	70.3	69.7
Dumfries and Galloway	169.6	170.1	169.3
Dundee City	247.5	247.0	245.4
East Ayrshire	189.3	189.2	188.7
East Dunbartonshire	90.6	90.4	90.1
East Lothian	105.9	105.3	105.2
East Renfrewshire	75.0	75.1	74.4
Edinburgh, City of	530.7	534.2	529.0
Eilean Siar	29.6	29.7	29.6
Falkirk	164.5	164.3	164.1
Fife	410.3	410.4	408.3
Glasgow City	1,376.8	1,377.1	1,370.8
Highland	241.0	240.3	237.2
Inverclyde	133.7	133.7	132.5
Midlothian	103.4	103.4	103.3
Moray	75.0	74.8	73.6
North Ayrshire	227.7	228.1	226.6
North Lanarkshire	486.7	486.5	484.6
Orkney Islands	14.6	14.9	14.6
Perth and Kinross	133.0	132.1	130.9
Renfrewshire	263.7	264.5	261.8
Scottish Borders	110.8	110.5	109.3
Shetland Islands	12.6	12.6	12.4
South Ayrshire	169.2	169.8	167.9
South Lanarkshire	413.7	412.3	410.9
Stirling	87.2	86.7	85.9
West Dunbartonshire	188.6	188.1	184.8
West Lothian	197.9	198.2	196.9

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2. Figures are rounded to the nearest £100. Components may not sum to total due to rounding.

3. Weekly expenditure estimate was based on 'caseload multiplied by average weekly award' for each local authority and benefit type for the given month.

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