

BENEFITS CAP

Benefit payments to people living outside of London are to be capped at £20,000 per year. This is equal to £384.60 per week including housing benefit. This means that families with three or more children will in some cases lose some or all of their housing benefit.



Family make-up	2 Adults 3 Children	1 Adult 3 Children	2 Adults 4 Children	1 Adult 4 Children	2 Adults 5 Children	1 Adult 5 Children
Job Seekers Allowance	£114.85	£73.10	£114.85	£73.10	£114.85	£73.10
Child benefit	£48.10	£48.10	£61.80	£61.80	£75.50	£75.50
Child tax credit	£168.33	£168.33	£224.46	£224.46	£280.58	£280.58
Total	£331.28	£289.53	£401.11	£359.36	£470.93	£429.18
Benefit left for rent	£53.33	£95.08	£0.00	£25.24	£0.00	£0.00

If you or anyone in your household receives Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Working Tax Credit then the cap doesn't apply. Housing benefit is the only benefit that can be reduced. So if you get more than £384.60 in other benefits you will still get those paid in full.

It is only when you move onto Universal Credit that the full amount can be capped. Please visit the residents' section on www.greatplaces.org.uk for more details on changes to the benefits system.