

Housing/Council Tax Benefit Over Time

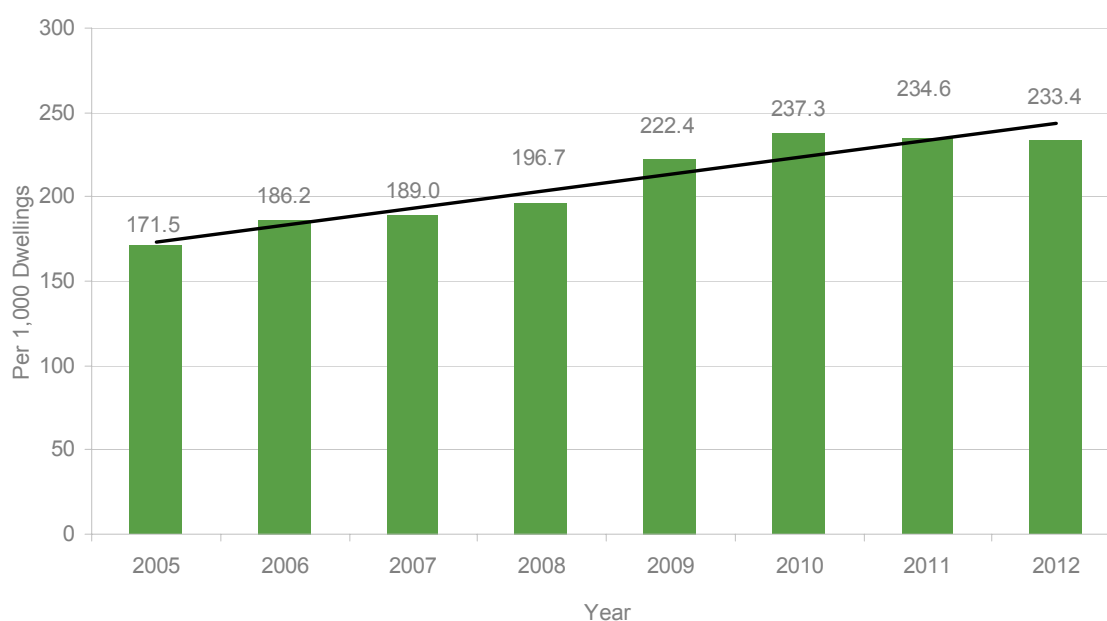
This report analyses housing and council tax benefit claimant data provided for the production of the Social Atlas between 2005 and 2012.

Borough level over time

The number of households claiming housing or council tax benefit has risen from 15,600 in 2005 to 24,324 in 2012.

Looking at the rate per 1,000 dwellings (to adjust for the growth in numbers because of the population growth) the trend is also upwards, although it may have peaked; the rate fell slightly between 2010 and 2012.

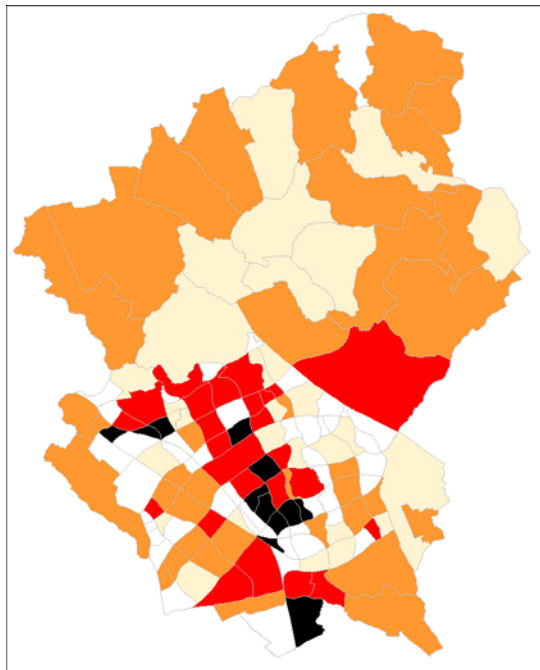
Graph 1: Rate of housing/council tax benefit uptake over time, Milton Keynes borough average per 1,000 dwellings.



Estate and Settlement level over time

The pattern of housing and council tax benefit claimants is not uniform across the borough. Some estates have significantly above average proportions of claimants. Maps 1 and 2 show the rates per 1,000 dwellings for estates in 2005 and 2012. They outline that between 2005 and 2012 in the main the same estates show up as having the highest rates. Beanhill, Netherfield, Coffee Hall, Conniburrow, Tinkers Bridge, Fishermead, Fullers Slade, Hodge Lea, Stacey Bushes, Granby, and Water Eaton all show up in the highest category in both years.

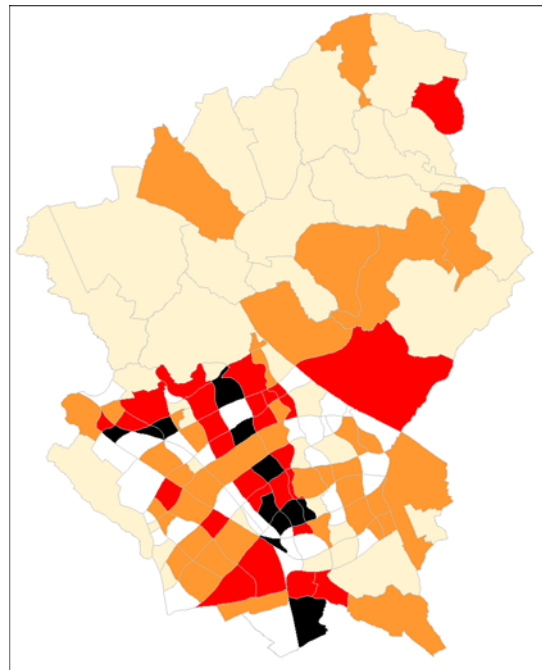
Map 1: Rate of housing/council tax benefit 2005



Housing and Council Tax Benefit Claimants

- 50% higher than the MK average or greater
- Above the MK average and up to 50% higher
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- Less than half the MK average

Map 2: Rate of housing/council tax benefit 2012



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Table 1 shows the top ten estates between 2005 and 2012. It outlines that Beanhill has had the highest rate in all eight years. Netherfield was also in the top three in all years and Coffee Hall in the top five in all years.

Table 1: Rank of estates for housing/council tax benefit 2005-2012¹

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1	Beanhill	Beanhill	Beanhill	Beanhill	Beanhill	Beanhill	Beanhill	Beanhill
2	Granby	Granby	Netherfield	Willen Park	Netherfield	Netherfield	Netherfield	Netherfield
3	Netherfield	Netherfield	Granby	Netherfield	Coffee Hall	Tinkers Bridge	Coffee Hall	Coffee Hall
4	Coffee Hall	Stacey Bushes	Coffee Hall	Coffee Hall	Fishermead	Fishermead	Conniburrow	Tinkers Bridge
5	Leadenhall	Coffee Hall	Hodge Lea	Tinkers Bridge	Tinkers Bridge	Coffee Hall	Tinkers Bridge	Fishermead
6	Stacey Bushes	Hodge Lea	Stacey Bushes	Hodge Lea	Fullers Slade	Conniburrow	Fishermead	Granby
7	Hodge Lea	Fishermead	Fullers Slade	Fishermead	Conniburrow	Fullers Slade	Fullers Slade	Fullers Slade
8	Fullers Slade	Tinkers Bridge	Fishermead	Fullers Slade	Hodge Lea	Stacey Bushes	Hodge Lea	Conniburrow
9	Fishermead	Conniburrow	Conniburrow	Conniburrow	Water Eaton	Granby	Stacey Bushes	Stacey Bushes
10	Water Eaton	Fullers Slade	Tinkers Bridge	Granby	Stacey Bushes	Hodge Lea	Granby	Hodge Lea

Table 2 shows the total number of claimants for the top ten estates in 2012.

Table 2: Housing/council tax benefit claimants in the top ten estates 2012ⁱ

2012	Numbers	Rate
Beanhill	491	592.3
Netherfield	697	567.6
Coffee Hall	474	509.1
Tinkers Bridge	209	508.5
Fishermead	818	487.2
Granby	111	486.8
Fullers Slade	291	479.4
Conniburrow	612	463.3
Stacey Bushes	287	444.3
Hodge Lea	231	441.7
Milton Keynes	24,324	233.4

ⁱ Excludes estates with a very small number of dwellings.