

# Council Tax Reduction 2015-16

Council Tax Reduction (CTR) supports low income households by reducing their Council Tax liability. It replaced Council Tax Benefit in April 2013 when the scheme was localised as part of the UK Government's welfare reforms.

## 504,980

CTR recipients in Scotland in March 2016

That's around

### 1 in 5

households  
in Scotland



This  
has



### 8.6%

since the start  
of the scheme  
in April 2013

## £332.2 million

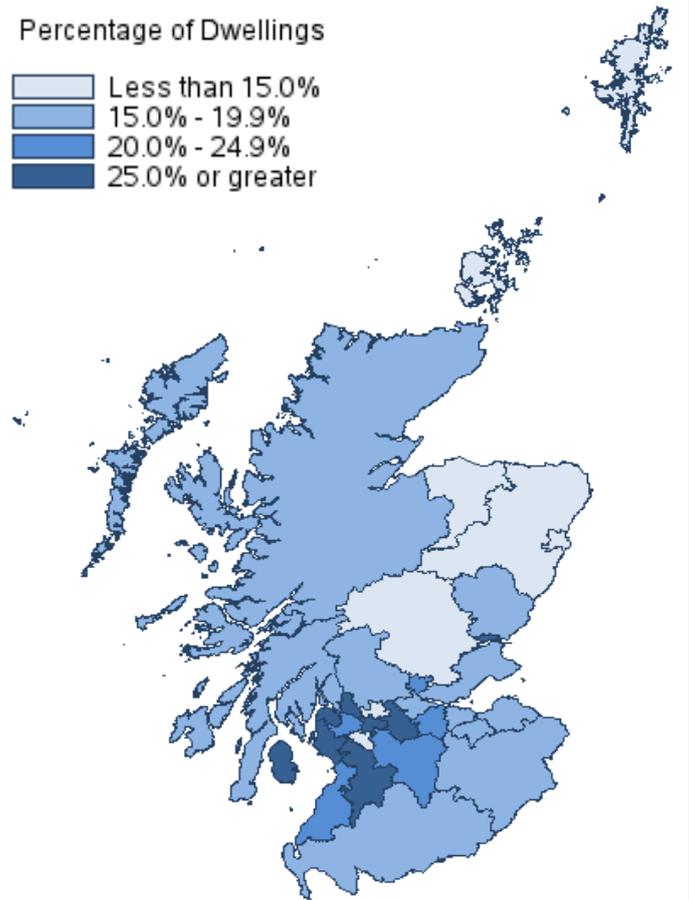
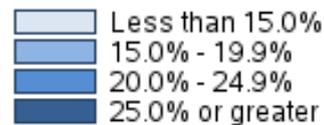
provisional cost of CTR  
in Scotland in 2015-16

Average weekly  
award, March 2016

### £12.70

Proportion of households in Scotland  
receiving CTR, March 2016

Percentage of Dwellings



Of all CTR recipients in March 2016:

### 77%



have their liability  
reduced to zero

### 67%



automatically receive  
CTR as they receive  
another benefit

### 56%



live in one of the  
30% most deprived  
areas in Scotland

### 38%



are aged 65 or over

### 16%



are lone parents

For further information, please see the  
full publication which is available at:  
[www.gov.scot/stats/bulletins/01223](http://www.gov.scot/stats/bulletins/01223)