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Council Tax Reduction in Scotland, July to September 2016

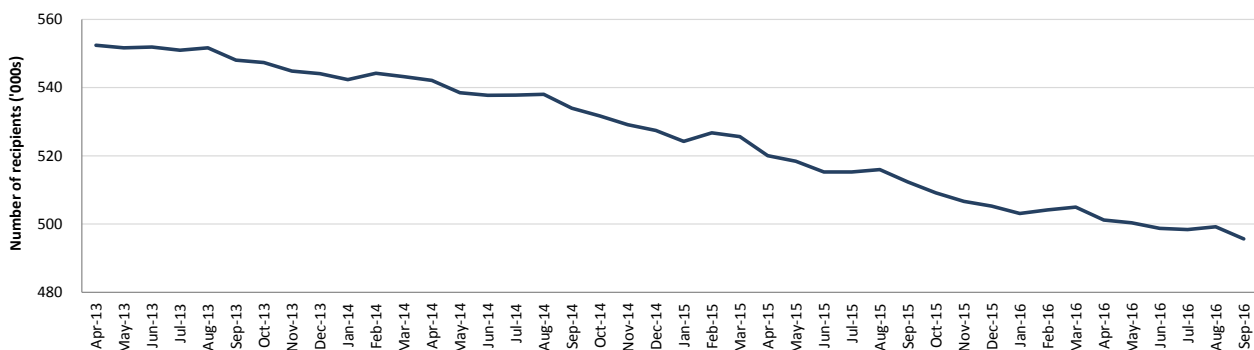
This publication provides statistics on the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme, which reduces the Council Tax liability of low income households in Scotland. A CTR 'recipient' can be a single person or a couple, with or without children, since Council Tax is charged on a per-dwelling basis, rather than to individuals.

The statistics are based on data extracts from local authorities, and cover the time period July to September 2016.

Key Points

- There were 495,660 Council Tax Reduction recipients in Scotland in September 2016.
- The total weekly income foregone by local authorities on Council Tax Reduction in September 2016 was £6.3 million.
- The total number of Council Tax Reduction recipients in Scotland has gradually decreased by 10.3 per cent (56,720 recipients) between the beginning of the scheme in Scotland in April 2013, and September 2016.

Chart 1: CTR recipients in Scotland, April 2013 to September 2016



The number of recipients for each local authority in July, August and September 2016 is shown in Table 1. The total number of recipients in Scotland decreased from 498,750 in June 2016 to 495,660 in September 2016. The changes in number of recipients between months are similar to the pattern seen in the same months in previous years.

Table 1: CTR Recipients by Local Authority, July to September 2016 ^{1, 2}

| | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SCOTLAND | 498,400 | 499,210 | 495,660 |
| Aberdeen City | 13,890 | 13,980 | 14,030 |
| Aberdeenshire | 11,480 | 11,620 | 11,600 |
| Angus | 8,920 | 8,930 | 8,860 |
| Argyll and Bute | 7,030 | 7,040 | 7,030 |
| Clackmannanshire | 5,420 | 5,410 | 5,350 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 13,510 | 13,510 | 13,410 |
| Dundee City | 18,560 | 18,590 | 18,560 |
| East Ayrshire | 14,040 | 14,060 | 13,880 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 5,610 | 5,600 | 5,580 |
| East Lothian | 7,170 | 7,150 | 7,020 |
| East Renfrewshire | 4,720 | 4,700 | 4,670 |
| Edinburgh, City of | 35,770 | 36,000 | 35,620 |
| Eilean Siar | 2,400 | 2,390 | 2,400 |
| Falkirk | 13,800 | 13,800 | 13,770 |
| Fife | 32,210 | 32,190 | 31,850 |
| Glasgow City | 92,510 | 92,620 | 91,950 |
| Highland | 17,200 | 17,240 | 17,120 |
| Inverclyde | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,820 |
| Midlothian | 6,810 | 6,810 | 6,770 |
| Moray | 5,910 | 5,920 | 5,920 |
| North Ayrshire | 17,570 | 17,650 | 17,510 |
| North Lanarkshire | 37,760 | 37,850 | 37,540 |
| Orkney Islands | 1,240 | 1,230 | 1,230 |
| Perth and Kinross | 9,260 | 9,240 | 9,180 |
| Renfrewshire | 18,830 | 18,860 | 18,680 |
| Scottish Borders | 8,750 | 8,770 | 8,750 |
| Shetland Islands | 1,070 | 1,080 | 1,050 |
| South Ayrshire | 11,410 | 11,460 | 11,340 |
| South Lanarkshire | 31,470 | 31,380 | 31,150 |
| Stirling | 5,870 | 5,860 | 5,800 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 12,930 | 12,940 | 12,850 |
| West Lothian | 15,390 | 15,460 | 15,420 |

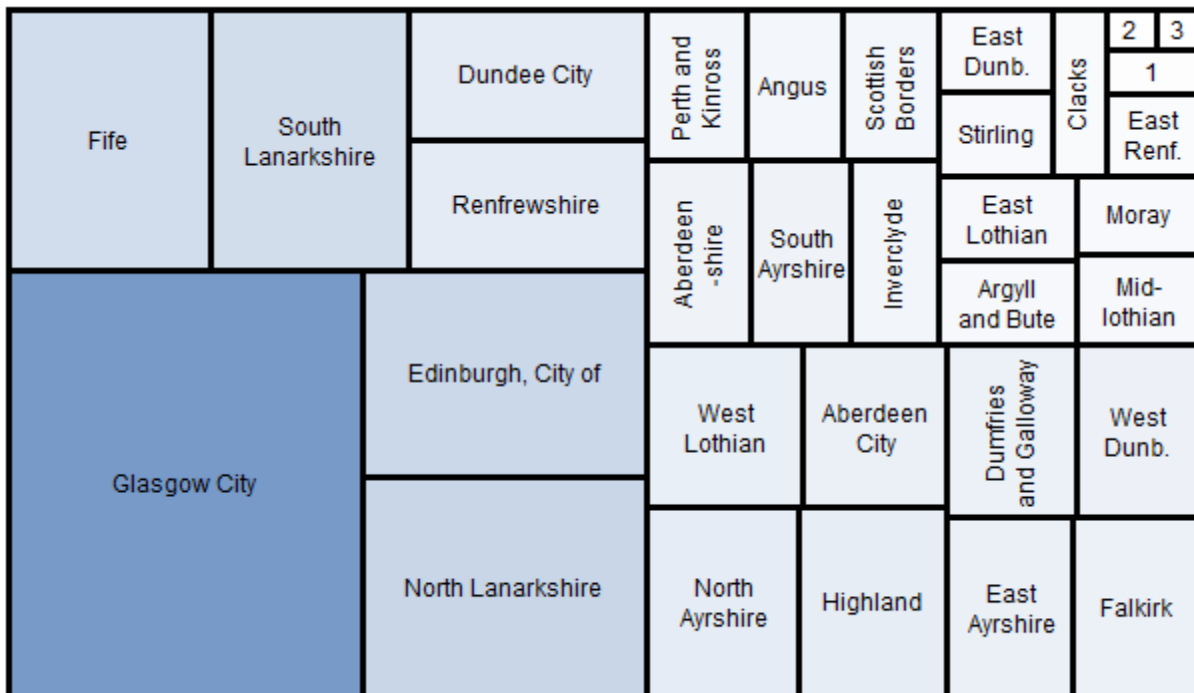
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¹ Recipients are as at monthly count date. See Methodology Notes, Section 2 for more details. Available at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Local-Government-Finance/Methodology/Ctaxreductionmethod>

² Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. Components may not sum to total due to rounding.

Figure 1 shows CTR recipients by local authority for September 2016 in a treemap, using the data from Table 1. This allows a visual comparison of the number of recipients in each local authority. The five local authorities with the highest numbers of CTR recipients accounted for almost half (46 per cent) of the total for Scotland in September 2016. Glasgow City accounted for the highest proportion of Scotland’s CTR recipients, with 19 per cent (91,950) of the total. The other four authorities with the highest proportion of CTR recipients were North Lanarkshire, accounting for 8 per cent (37,540 recipients); Edinburgh City, accounting for 7 per cent (35,620 recipients); and Fife and South Lanarkshire, accounting for 6 per cent each (31,850 and 31,150 recipients respectively).

Figure 1: Treemap of CTR recipients by Local Authority, September 2016



- Key:**
- 1 = Eilean Siar
 - 2 = Orkney Islands
 - 3 = Shetland Islands
 - Clacks = Clackmannanshire
 - East Dunb. = East Dunbartonshire
 - East Renf. = East Renfrewshire
 - West Dunb. = West Dunbartonshire

The total weekly income foregone for each local authority in July, August and September 2016 is shown in Table 2. The total for Scotland was £6.3 million in September, the slight decrease in income foregone reflects the decrease in the number of recipients.

Table 2: CTR weekly estimate of income foregone (£000's) by Local Authority, July to September 2016 ^{1, 2, 3}

| | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SCOTLAND | 6,339.9 | 6,349.1 | 6,318.5 |
| Aberdeen City | 182.8 | 183.9 | 185.0 |
| Aberdeenshire | 142.9 | 144.5 | 144.8 |
| Angus | 100.3 | 100.1 | 99.8 |
| Argyll and Bute | 99.4 | 99.6 | 99.6 |
| Clackmannanshire | 66.2 | 66.0 | 65.2 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 160.1 | 160.0 | 159.5 |
| Dundee City | 231.1 | 231.4 | 231.9 |
| East Ayrshire | 172.3 | 172.7 | 170.8 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 82.3 | 82.5 | 82.3 |
| East Lothian | 93.9 | 93.7 | 92.1 |
| East Renfrewshire | 68.2 | 67.9 | 67.7 |
| Edinburgh, City of | 476.6 | 478.6 | 475.3 |
| Eilean Siar | 26.7 | 26.5 | 26.6 |
| Falkirk | 152.3 | 152.5 | 152.6 |
| Fife | 383.7 | 383.6 | 380.1 |
| Glasgow City | 1,276.1 | 1,277.5 | 1,270.2 |
| Highland | 223.0 | 223.6 | 222.2 |
| Inverclyde | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.0 |
| Midlothian | 94.5 | 94.5 | 93.9 |
| Moray | 71.1 | 71.1 | 71.2 |
| North Ayrshire | 216.1 | 217.3 | 215.7 |
| North Lanarkshire | 440.9 | 441.9 | 439.1 |
| Orkney Islands | 14.3 | 14.2 | 14.2 |
| Perth and Kinross | 122.6 | 122.2 | 122.1 |
| Renfrewshire | 241.0 | 240.9 | 240.3 |
| Scottish Borders | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.1 |
| Shetland Islands | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.0 |
| South Ayrshire | 153.5 | 153.9 | 152.7 |
| South Lanarkshire | 377.9 | 377.3 | 375.6 |
| Stirling | 79.4 | 79.4 | 78.6 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 172.4 | 172.3 | 171.1 |
| West Lothian | 183.7 | 184.6 | 184.2 |

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² Weekly income foregone estimates are based on 'number of recipients multiplied by average weekly reduction' for each local authority and benefit type for the given month.

³ Figures are rounded to the nearest £100. Components may not sum to total due to rounding.

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