

A Quick Guide to Benefit Rates - April 2023*

Please see our Social Security Benefit Rates booklet for a more detailed guide of the benefit for period 2023-2024 including details of the 'legacy benefits' and Council Tax Support amounts.

Universal Credit

Standard Allowances	Monthly
Single: Aged 25 years and over	£368.74
Single: Aged under 25	£292.11
Couple: One/both aged 25 or over	£578.82
Couple: Both aged under 25	£458.51
Elements	
First child (<i>born before 6.4.2017</i>)	£315.00
Subsequent child(ren)	£269.58
Higher: Disabled child	£456.89
Lower: Disabled child	£146.31
Limited Capability for Work	£146.31
Limited Capability for Work-Related Activity	£390.06
Carer	£185.86
Childcare Maximum (<i>from 28.6.2023</i>)	
One child (<i>85% of eligible cost</i>)	£950.92
Two or more children (<i>85% of eligible cost</i>)	£1,630.15
Non-dependant Deduction	
Rented Housing Costs	£85.73
Owner Occupier Housing Costs	£NIL
Work Allowance	
Higher: Without housing costs	£631.00
Lower: With housing costs	£379.00
Taper	55%
<i>To qualify must have child(ren) or limited capability for work.</i>	
Capital	
Lower Limit	£6,000
Higher Limit	£16,000
Tariff Income: £4.35 per £250 between £6,000 and £16,000	
Pension Credit	
Standard Minimum Guarantee	
Single	£201.05
Couple	£306.85
Dependent Child	
First child (<i>born before 6.4.2017</i>)	£72.31
Subsequent child(ren)	£61.88
Higher: Disabled child	£104.86
Lower: Disabled child	£33.67
Additional Amounts	
Single: Severe Disability	£76.40
Couple: Severe Disability (<i>one qualifies</i>)	£76.40
Couple: Severe Disability (<i>both qualify</i>)	£152.80
Carer's	£42.75
Savings Credit	
Threshold	
Single	£174.49
Couple	£277.12
Maximum Payment	
Single	£15.94
Couple	£17.84
Capital	
Lower Limit	£10,000

Higher Limit	N/A
Tariff Income: £1.00 per £500 on capital above £10,000	

Personal Independence Payment

Daily Living Component	
Enhanced: 12 points or more	£101.75
Standard: 8 points to 11 points	£68.10
Mobility Component	
Enhanced: 12 points or more	£71.00
Standard: 8 points to 11 points	£26.90

Attendance Allowance

Higher	£101.75
Lower	£68.10

Disability Living Allowance

Care Component	
Higher	£101.75
Middle	£68.10
Lower	£26.90
Mobility Component	
Higher	£71.00
Lower	£26.90

Carer's Allowance

Claimant	£76.75
Earnings Threshold	£139.00

Child Benefit

Eldest Child	£24.00
Other Child(ren)	£15.90

Guardian's Allowance	£20.40
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Statutory Sick Pay

Amount	£109.40
Earnings Threshold	£123.00

New Style JSA

Aged 25 or over	£84.80
Aged under 25	£67.20

New Style ESA

Assessment Phase (<i>First 13 weeks</i>)	
Basic Allowance - aged 25 or over	£84.80
Basic Allowance - aged 16 to 24	£67.20
Main Phase (<i>From week 14</i>)	
Basic Allowance aged 16 or over	£84.80
Work-related Activity Component	£33.70
Support Component	£44.70
Permitted Work - Lower Limit	£20.00
Permitted Work - Higher Limit / Supported Permitted Work	£167.00

Industrial Injuries

Disablement Benefit	
20% assessment	£41.52
to 100% assessment	£207.60

State Retirement Pension

State Pension (<i>Retirement from 6.4.2016</i>)	£203.85
Retirement Pension (<i>Retirement before 6.4.2016</i>)	
Category A	£156.20
Category B	£93.60

Age Addition - aged 80 or over	£00.25
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Maternity Allowance

Claimant	£172.48
Earnings Threshold	£30.00

Statutory Maternity Pay, Statutory Paternity Pay, Statutory Adoption Pay, Statutory Shared Parental Pay and Parental Bereavement Pay

Standard Rate	£172.48
Earnings Threshold	£123.00

Bereavement Support

Higher Bereavement Support Payment	
£3,500 lump sum	
Bereavement Support	
£350 per month	

Standard

Bereavement Support Payment	£2,500 lump sum
Bereavement Support	£100 per month

Benefit Cap (*Wolverhampton*)

Couples / Couples with child(ren) / Single with child(ren)	
per annum	£22,020
per month	£1,835.00
per week	£423.46

Single without child(ren)

per annum	£14,753.00
per month	£1,229.42
per week	£283.71

Wolverhampton Council Tax Bands - 2023/2024

Band A:	£1,456.38
Band B:	£1,699.11
Band C:	£1,941.84
Band D:	£2,184.58
Band E:	£2,670.04
Band F:	£3,155.50
Band G:	£3,640.95
Band H:	£4,369.15

Local Housing Allowance

Shared Room Rate	£60.18 per week £261.50 per month
1 Bedroom	£91.83 per week £398.98 per month
2 Bedroom	£117.37 per week £510.00 per month
3 Bedroom	£136.93 per week £594.99 per month
4 Bedroom	£172.60 per week £749.99 per month

National Living Wage / National Minimum Wage

Aged 23 or over	£10.42
Aged 21 to 22	£10.18
Aged 18 to 20	£7.49
Aged 16 to 17	£5.28
Apprenticeship	£5.28

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