

# Executive summary

This publication contains information on the take-up of the main income-related benefits in Great Britain for the financial year 2008-09: Income Support, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance (Income-Based) and Employment and Support Allowance (Income-Related). Figures for the financial year 2007-08 are re-presented in this publication alongside new figures. The last edition covered take-up in 2007-08 and 2006-07 and was published in June 2009<sup>1</sup>.

Taking all six income-related benefits together, there was between £6,930 million and £12,700 million left unclaimed in 2008-09; this compared to £38,110 million that was claimed and represents take-up by expenditure of between about 75 per cent and 85 per cent.

In 2007-08, there was between £6,330 million and £10,520 million left unclaimed; this compared to £35,250 million that was claimed and represented take-up by expenditure of between about 77 per cent and 85 per cent.

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<sup>1</sup> Income Related Benefits Estimates of Take-Up in 2007-08, (2009) DWP

# Key results for 2008-09

## Income Support & Employment and Support Allowance

Take-up between 78% and 90% by caseload, compared with between 78% and 88% in 2007-08.

Take-up between 85% and 94% by expenditure, compared with between 85% and 93% in 2007-08.

## Pension Credit

Take-up between 62% and 73% by caseload, compared with between 61% and 70% in 2007-08.

Take-up between 71% and 81% by expenditure, compared with between 70% and 78% in 2007-08.

## Housing Benefit

Take-up between 77% and 86% by caseload, compared with between 80% and 87% in 2007-08.

Take-up between 82% and 90% by expenditure, compared with between 85% and 91% in 2007-08.

## Council Tax Benefit

Take-up between 63% and 70% by caseload, compared with between 62% and 68% in 2007-08.

Take-up between 65% and 73% by expenditure, compared with between 63% and 70% in 2007-08.

## Jobseeker's Allowance (Income-Based)

Take-up between 47% and 59% by caseload, compared with between 52% and 60% in 2007-08.

Take-up between 49% and 63% by expenditure, compared with between 54% and 65% in 2007-08.