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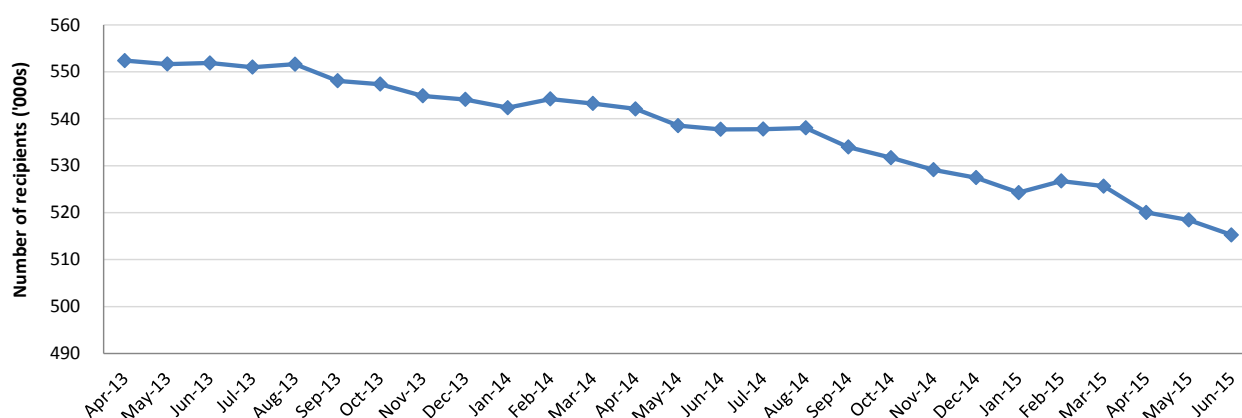
### Council Tax Reduction in Scotland, April to June 2015

This publication provides statistics on the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme, which reduces the Council Tax liability of vulnerable people in Scotland. The statistics are based on data extracts and statistical returns from local authorities, and cover the time period from April to June 2015.

#### Key points

- There were 515,260 Council Tax Reduction recipients in Scotland in June 2015.
- The total weekly income foregone by local authorities on Council Tax Reduction in June 2015 was £6.5 million.
- The total number of recipients receiving Council Tax Reduction in Scotland gradually decreased by 6.7 per cent (37,120 recipients) between the beginning of Scotland's CTR scheme in April 2013, and June 2015.

**Chart 1: Council Tax Reduction recipients in Scotland: April 2013 - June 2015**



A Council Tax Reduction '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 number of recipients for each local authority in April, May and June 2015 are shown in Table 1. There have been small decreases in the total number of recipients in Scotland each month, from 520,050 in April, to 518,440 in May, and 515,260 in June.

**Table 1: CTR recipients by Local Authority: April to June 2015** <sup>1, 2</sup>

	<b>Apr-15</b>	<b>May-15</b>	<b>Jun-15</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>520,050</b>	<b>518,440</b>	<b>515,260</b>
Aberdeen City	13,450	13,480	13,470
Aberdeenshire	11,140	11,240	11,510
Angus	9,100	9,110	9,080
Argyll and Bute	7,570	7,520	7,340
Clackmannanshire	5,490	5,500	5,460
Dumfries and Galloway	14,080	14,020	13,750
Dundee City	19,270	19,100	19,200
East Ayrshire	15,000	14,930	14,570
East Dunbartonshire	5,890	5,930	5,850
East Lothian	7,750	7,720	7,680
East Renfrewshire	4,970	4,960	4,950
Edinburgh, City of	37,750	37,770	37,530
Eilean Siar	2,560	2,550	2,520
Falkirk	14,570	14,530	14,430
Fife	33,300	33,180	33,060
Glasgow City	96,070	95,650	95,380
Highland	18,150	18,080	17,850
Inverclyde	10,440	10,360	10,330
Midlothian	7,190	7,110	7,090
Moray	6,070	6,040	6,010
North Ayrshire	18,110	18,110	18,080
North Lanarkshire	40,090	39,720	39,130
Orkney Islands	1,280	1,330	1,230
Perth and Kinross	9,580	9,620	9,510
Renfrewshire	19,790	19,710	19,740
Scottish Borders	9,340	9,270	9,220
Shetland Islands	1,100	1,110	1,090
South Ayrshire	12,110	12,080	11,960
South Lanarkshire	33,090	33,030	32,960
Stirling	6,200	6,160	6,140
West Dunbartonshire	13,370	13,450	13,310
West Lothian	16,190	16,080	15,840

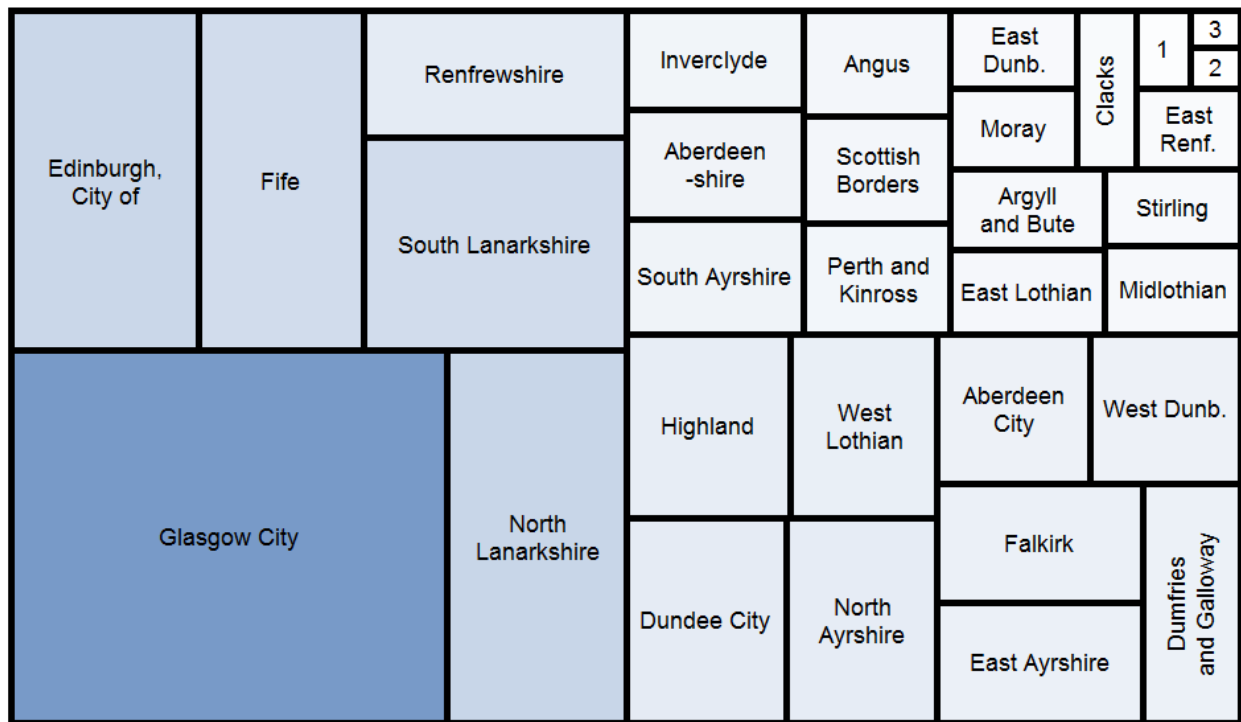
**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> 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>

<sup>2</sup> 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 June 2015 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 June 2015. Glasgow City accounted for the highest proportion of Scotland's CTR recipients, at 19 per cent (95,380). North Lanarkshire accounted for 8 per cent (39,130) of the total CTR recipients, Edinburgh City 7 per cent (37,530) and Fife and South Lanarkshire each accounted for 6 per cent of total CTR recipients (33,060 and 32,960 respectively).

**Figure 1: Treemap of CTR recipients by Local Authority: June 2015**



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

**Table 2: CTR weekly estimate of income foregone (£000's) by Local Authority: April to June 2015<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>**

	<b>Apr-15</b>	<b>May-15</b>	<b>Jun-15</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>6,589.4</b>	<b>6,573.0</b>	<b>6,532.4</b>
Aberdeen City	175.2	176.0	176.0
Aberdeenshire	136.8	138.3	141.2
Angus	100.4	100.8	100.6
Argyll and Bute	106.5	105.9	103.6
Clackmannanshire	66.3	66.5	66.1
Dumfries and Galloway	165.9	165.1	162.5
Dundee City	238.9	237.2	238.1
East Ayrshire	182.3	181.5	177.4
East Dunbartonshire	86.5	87.0	86.1
East Lothian	101.7	101.1	100.3
East Renfrewshire	71.5	71.4	71.2
Edinburgh, City of	505.0	504.8	501.7
Eilean Siar	28.3	28.1	27.9
Falkirk	160.2	159.8	158.6
Fife	394.0	393.7	391.1
Glasgow City	1,324.1	1,319.3	1,315.1
Highland	235.1	233.7	231.8
Inverclyde	128.4	127.5	127.0
Midlothian	99.0	98.2	97.8
Moray	71.8	71.4	71.3
North Ayrshire	221.4	222.2	221.5
North Lanarkshire	467.1	462.5	455.3
Orkney Islands	14.6	15.0	14.0
Perth and Kinross	125.2	125.6	124.4
Renfrewshire	251.9	250.8	251.6
Scottish Borders	106.4	105.7	105.0
Shetland Islands	12.4	12.4	12.3
South Ayrshire	162.8	162.2	160.3
South Lanarkshire	397.0	396.3	395.5
Stirling	83.8	83.3	82.6
West Dunbartonshire	177.1	178.5	176.5
West Lothian	192.1	191.2	188.1

**Notes:**

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

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