

Some Useful Rates

	Weekly Benefit	
	2008/09	2007/08
Basic Retirement Pension		
Single person	£90.70	£87.30
Couple	£145.05	£139.60
Child Benefit		
First eligible child	£18.80	£18.10
Each subsequent child	£12.55	£12.10
Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)		
Average weekly earnings £90 or over (2007/08 £87)	£75.40	£72.55
Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP)		
90% of average weekly pay	First 6 weeks	First 6 weeks
Maximum £117.18 (2007/08 £112.75).	Next 33 weeks	Next 20/33 weeks
Minimum 90% average weekly pay		
Minimum rate	£81	£78.30
Adoption Pay (SAP)	39 weeks	26/39 weeks
Paternity Pay (SPP)	2 weeks	1 week or fortnight
Both SAP and SPP		
90% of average weekly pay	Max £117.18	Max £112.75
	Min £81	Min £78.30
Example rates:		
Jobseekers Allowance		
Single person	£60.50	£59.15
Couple	£94.95	£92.80
National Minimum Wage	From 1 October 2008	From 1 October 2007
Over 21	£5.73 p.h.	£5.52 p.h.
18 - 21	£4.77 p.h.	£4.60 p.h.
16 and 17	£3.53 p.h.	£3.40 p.h.

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