

## Key facts

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**£87bn**

Spending on means-tested benefits in 2009-10

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**42m**

Means-tested benefit claims in payment in 2009-10

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**1.2m**

Cases related to means-tested benefits addressed by Citizens Advice Bureaux in 2009-10

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- 13 per cent** Spending on means-tested benefits as a share of total public spending in 2009-10
- 34 per cent** Means-tested benefit payments as share of net income of poorest fifth of households
- £46 billion** Spending on benefits which may be passported from means-tested benefits in 2009-10
- £9 billion** Total overpayments of tax credits between 2003-04 and 2009-10, due to changes in claimant circumstances
- £47** Average annual cost of maintaining an existing claim for means-tested Pension Credit, compared to £14 for an existing State Pension claim
- 152** Local authorities who can decide the conditions for eligibility for state support for adult social care in England