

## Protected Characteristics

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>2013</b>		<b>2018</b>		<b>2023</b>	
<b>Total claimants</b>	<b>23,716</b>		<b>19,636</b>		<b>17,040</b>	
<b>Age</b>						
• Pension age	10,935	46%	8,552	44%	7,148	42%
• Working age	12,781	54%	11,084	56%	9,892	58%
<b>Disability</b>						
• Disability benefit in payment	5,512	23%	5,065	26%	5,994	35%
• Pension age and in receipt of disability benefit	3,109	13%	2,607	13%	2,823	17%
• Working age and in receipt of disability benefit	2,403	10%	2,458	12%	3,171	16%
• In receipt of disability benefit and earned income	32	0.1%	51	0.3%	29	0.1%
<b>Gender reassignment</b>	Specific data is not available on these protected characteristics for the CT client base.					
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnership</b>	Specific data is not available on these protected characteristics for the CT client base, however information is collated regarding households who are single, couples and those which are single parents.					
• Single, pension age	8,000	34%	6,520	33%	5,678	33%
• Households with children	5,877	25%	4,405	22%	3,443	20%
• Lone Parents	3,899	16%	3,075	16%	2,568	15%
• Couples with children	1,978	8%	1,330	6%	875	5%
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b>	Specific data is not available on these protected characteristics for the CT client base.					
<b>Sex</b>						
• Male	9,842	41%	8,051	41%	6,816	40%
• Female	13,874	59%	11,585	59%	10,224	60%
• Male Pension age	4,815	20%	3,728	19%	3,214	19%
• Female Pension age	6,120	26%	4,824	25%	4,128	24%
• Male lone parents	256	1%	196	1%	205	1%
• Female Lone Parents	3,643	15%	2,879	15%	2,363	14%
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	Specific data is not available on these protected characteristics for the CT client base.					
<b>Current and Former members of the armed forces</b>						
• In receipt of a disregarded war pension	49	0.2%	32	0.2%	18	0.1%
<b>Mental Health</b>	Specific data is not available on these protected characteristics for the CT client base.					
<b>Carers</b>						
• In receipt of Carers Allowance	437	2%	808	4%	1,014	6%
<b>Breastfeeding</b>	Specific data is not available on these protected characteristics for the CT client base.					
<b>Socio-economic disadvantage</b>						
• Working age and out of work	11,598	49%	3,957	20%	9,298	55%

• Working age and receiving full CTS *	10,451	44%	8,313	42%	7,854	40%
• Working age and earning (receiving 35% earnings disregard)	1,147	5%	988	5%	584	3%
• Working age affected by the Cap 2013 – to	764	3%	1,995	10%	1,430	8%
<b>Cared for children and care leavers</b>	The Council Tax Support Scheme was revised for 2016/2017 Disregard non-dependant deductions for claimants in receipt of a Staying Put payment.					
• Non-dependent disregard applied due to Staying Put	N/A	N/A	3			

\* 2013/2014 to 2015/2016 – 80% of a Band B property; 2016 onwards - 75% of Band A property

\*\* 2013/14 to 2015/2016 – Capped to a Band B property (living in a Band C or above); 2016/2017 onwards – Capped to a Band A property (living in Band B or above)