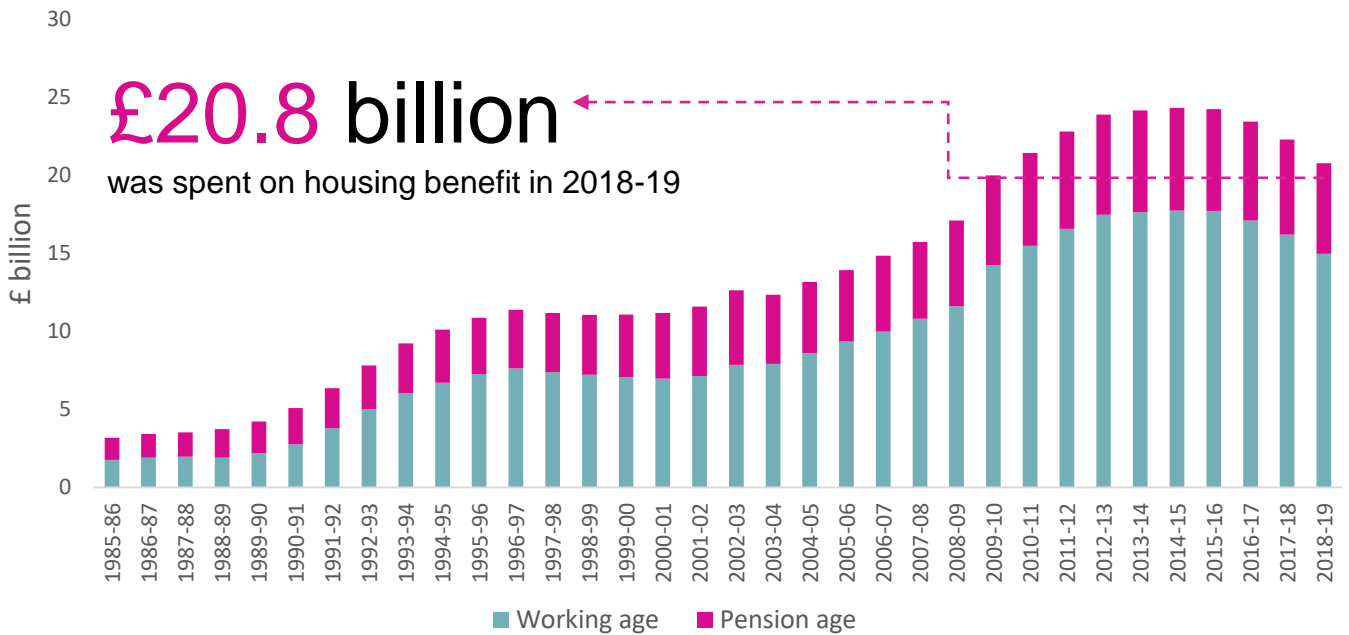
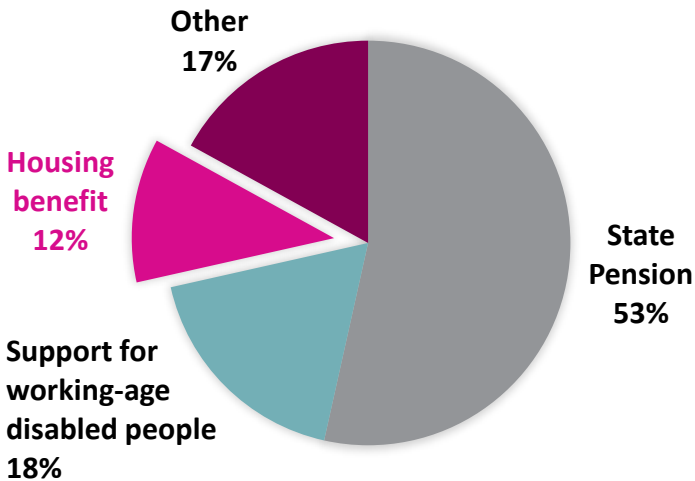




Spending on housing benefit has almost **doubled** since 2000



Source: Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Benefit Expenditure and Caseload tables, 2019

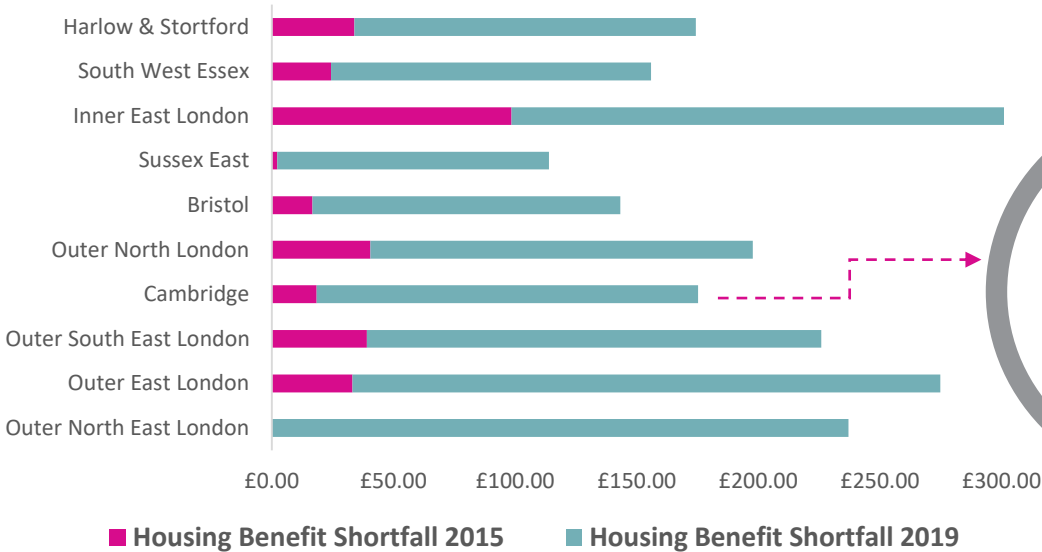


Spending on housing benefit accounts for **12 per cent** of total benefit expenditure.

In 2018/19, the budget for housing benefit was **more than the total police budget**.

Source: DWP, Annual Report and Accounts, 2019

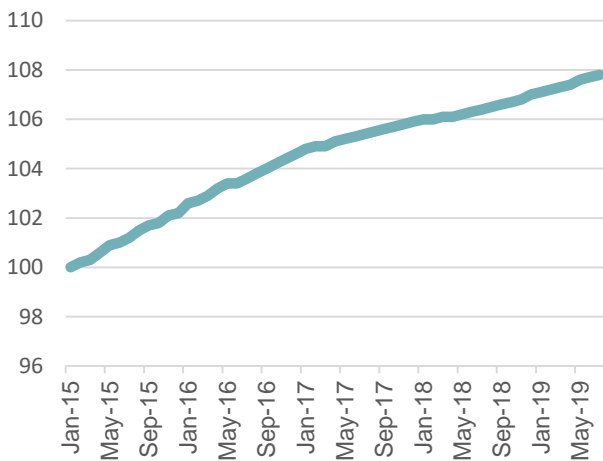
**Despite increased spending, housing benefit covers a lower proportion of rent than in the past.**



In Cambridge, the housing benefit Shortfall has jumped **749%** Between 2015 and 2019

Source: Reform analysis of Valuations Office Agency statistics, 2019

**While rental costs have risen 7% since 2015**



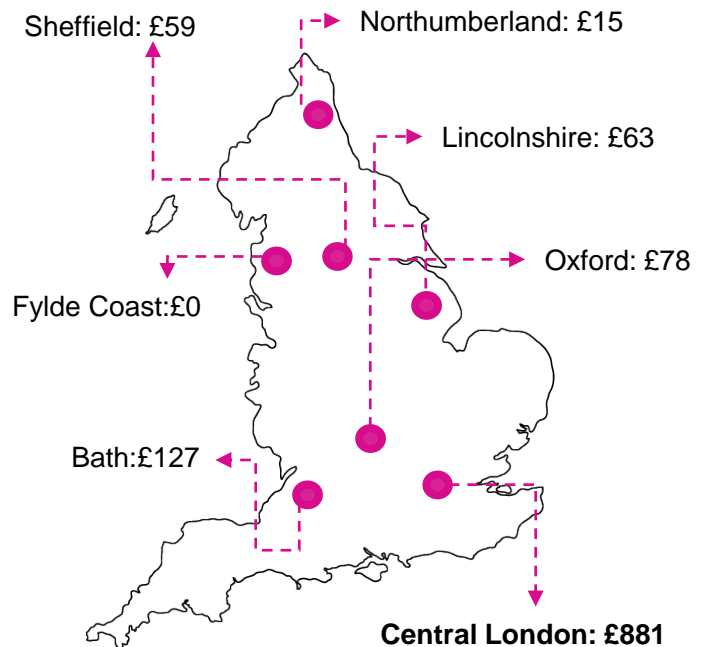
**Housing benefit has been frozen**

Source: Office for National Statistics, 2018

**94%** The percentage of areas in Britain where one in five or less privately rented homes are affordable to people claiming housing benefit

Source: Crisis, Cover the Cost, 2019

**The Housing benefit shortfall significantly varies across the country**



Source: Reform analysis of Valuations Office Agency statistics, 2019

**£3.3 billion** The estimated cost of putting Housing Benefit back in line with the cheapest third of private rents over a 3-year period.

Source: Crisis, Cover the Cost, 2019