

Additional costs 2024, £ per week

Source: Minimum Income Standards data

1. Excluding childcare, rent or council tax

Age last birthday	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COUPLE																		
First child	140.36	140.36	152.13	152.13	152.13	200.36	200.36	200.36	200.36	200.36	200.36	264.41	264.41	264.41	264.41	264.41	264.41	264.41
Second child	65.94	65.94	80.11	80.11	80.11	115.51	115.51	115.51	115.96	115.96	115.96	178.76	178.76	178.76	178.76	263.46	263.46	263.46
Third child	93.62	93.62	109.02	109.02	109.02	145.64	144.47	144.47	143.75	143.75	143.75	185.45	185.45	178.76	178.76	263.46	268.22	268.22
Fourth child	64.81	64.81	67.25	78.98	78.98	115.61	115.61	115.61	136.43	136.43	206.55	185.45	178.76	178.76	178.76	263.46	263.46	263.46
LONE PARENT																		
First child	174.09	174.09	185.86	185.86	185.86	234.09	234.09	234.09	234.09	234.09	234.09	298.15	298.15	298.15	298.15	298.15	298.15	298.15
Second child	72.20	72.20	86.37	86.37	86.37	121.77	121.77	121.77	122.22	122.22	122.22	185.02	185.02	185.02	185.02	297.61	297.61	297.61
Third child	108.20	108.20	123.60	123.60	123.60	160.23	136.37	136.37	136.82	136.82	136.82	200.06	200.06	185.02	185.02	297.61	297.61	297.61

2. Including childcare, rent and council tax

COUPLE																		
First child	406.92	406.92	314.15	314.15	314.15	270.01	270.01	270.01	270.01	270.01	270.01	334.06	334.06	334.06	246.70	246.70	246.70	246.70
Second child	356.38	356.38	266.02	266.02	266.02	209.03	209.03	209.03	209.49	209.49	209.49	272.28	272.28	272.28	246.70	246.70	246.70	246.70
Third child	377.89	377.89	288.75	288.75	288.75	233.00	231.83	231.83	231.11	231.11	231.11	272.81	272.81	272.28	272.28	246.70	246.70	246.70
Fourth child	349.09	349.09	351.52	258.72	258.72	202.97	202.97	202.97	223.79	223.79	206.55	272.81	272.28	272.28	272.28	246.70	246.70	246.70
LONE PARENT																		
First child	458.29	458.29	365.53	365.53	365.53	327.38	327.38	327.38	327.38	327.38	327.38	391.43	391.43	391.43	298.07	298.07	298.07	298.07
Second child	362.64	362.64	272.28	272.28	272.28	221.29	221.29	221.29	221.74	221.74	221.74	284.54	284.54	284.54	191.18	298.07	298.07	298.07
Third child	392.47	392.47	303.34	303.34	303.34	253.58	229.72	229.72	230.17	230.17	230.17	200.06	200.06	191.18	191.18	298.07	298.07	298.07

Basis of the above calculations

Cost of first child at age x = cost of a family with one child aged x minus cost of adult/s in that family without children

Cost of second child at age x = cost of a family with children aged x and x+2 minus cost of a family with child age x+2

Cost of third child at age x = cost of a family with children aged x, x+3 and x+5 minus cost of a family with children aged x+3 and x+5

Cost of a fourth child at age x = cost of a family with children aged x, x+3, x+6 and x+8 minus cost of a family aged x+3, x+6 and x+8

Interpretation

The above formulae represents, say, the cost of a third child at age 5 as being the difference between that child living in a family with two older siblings, and the cost of a family in which those older siblings were the only children.

That is, they show in each case the difference that the addition of the youngest child to the family has made. The age differences used are based on survey evidence of median age differences in families of various sizes.

Where older sibling has reached age 18, their costs are ignored.