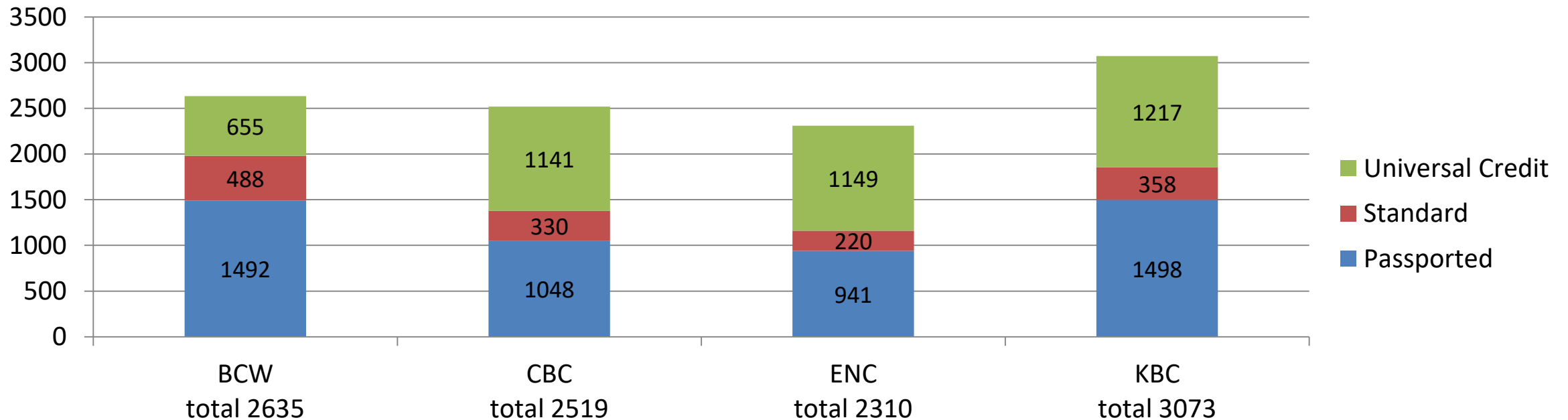


To limit the number of dependent children within the calculation for Council Tax Support (CTS) to a maximum of two

- Prior to 1 April 2017 claimants who have children were awarded a dependent's addition within the calculation of their applicable amount (this is the amount used as the basis in calculating the level of support).
- From the 1 April 2017 the Housing Benefit (HB) regulations were amended to limit this to a maximum of two children. This change only affected households who had a third or subsequent child on or after 1 April 2017. There were exceptions where there were multiple births, adopted children or where households merge.
- This restriction is also applicable to HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) when calculating Tax Credits and Universal Credit (UC) calculations. Two of the four district and boroughs chose to mirror HB, HMRC and UC.
- If a claimant is in receipt of a passported benefit then their CTS will not be reduced as a result of this, only standard claims will be affected.
- Unfortunately Borough Council of Wellingborough and Corby Borough Council cannot model the impact of limiting to two dependent children therefore the next slide provides a more detailed breakdown of all district and borough's working age caseloads to demonstrate the impact of harmonisation.

Profiling of Working Age Caseload

The chart below details the number of working age claimants and the income category they fall into.



BCW = Borough Council of Wellingborough
CBC = Corby Borough Council
ENC = East Northamptonshire Council
KBC = Kettering Borough Council

Two Dependent Children & Caseload Summary

- East Northamptonshire Council & Kettering Borough Council already apply the restriction to their caseload.
- East Northamptonshire Council currently restrict 19 claims totalling £4038, this equates to an average of £4 per week per claim.
- Borough Council of Wellingborough and Corby Borough Council are unable to provide details of how many claims this will affect but if you apply the same ratio as East Northamptonshire Council then this would equate to around 39 & 26 cases.