Table 93 **Homelessness: categories of need in England**

Number of households

	Number of households																				Percentages					
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007	2009
Priority need households:																										
Households with:																										
Dependent children	84,120	88,950	85,300	76,390	68,620	66,290	63,420	59,380	61,610	62,280	65,330	67,180	66,900	68,840	64,930	52,370	42,000	37,480	34,290	17,860	66	56	59	52	58	57
Pregnant member	17,470	18,830	18,530	16,500	14,060	13,430	12,930	10,580	10,590	10,350	10,930	11,610	12,000	13,950	14,240	12,090	9,060	7,570	6,460	3,760	14	11	10	12	12	12
Vulnerable member:																										
Old age	6,570	5,860	6,230	5,920	6,050	5,890	5,510	4,160	3,800	3,850	3,920	4,250	4,330	4,330	3,740	2,530	1,540	1,140	900	470	5	5	4	3	2	1
Physical handicap	3,950	4,430	5,440	5,400	6,050	6,550	6,250	5,220	5,010	5,160	5,350	6,130	6,760	7,330	6,450	4,970	3,720	3,240	2,770	2,460	3	6	5	5	5	8
Mental illness	4,220	4,750	6,070	6,490	7,100	7,430	8,180	6,910	7,170	7,610	8,440	10,000	10,540	12,050	11,430	8,060	5,650	4,460	3,870	2,420	3	6	8	8	7	8
Young	–	–	4,460	4,470	4,090	3,760	3,580	3,170	3,390	3,540	4,400	5,730	6,930	10,860	10,930	8,970	6,750	5,220	4,310	2,300	–	3	4	9	8	7
Domestic violence	–	–	6,470	7,060	7,370	8,430	8,220	6,380	6,320	6,140	6,450	6,330	6,770	6,210	6,390	4,420	3,180	2,230	1,920	1,190	–	7	6	4	3	4
Other	9,460	12,610	4,930	4,250	4,170	4,550	4,410	5,080	5,850	5,500	5,440	5,560	8,700	11,140	8,990	6,220	4,610	3,230	2,690	1,430	7	4	5	6	5	5
Homeless in emergency	2,300	1,820	1,270	1,150	980	1,160	1,090	1,130	910	940	1,070	1,050	950	860	690	560	410	450	370	130	2	1	1	1	1	0
Total priority need (A)	128,090	137,250	138,700	127,630	118,490	117,490	113,590	102,000	104,630	105,370	111,340	117,830	123,840	135,590	127,760	100,170	76,860	64,970	57,520	41,790	100	100	100	100	100	100
Non-priority need (B)	12,260	7,530	4,190	4,750	3,970	3,790	3,310	58,000	55,480	55,150	51,610	54,330	60,170	67,120	63,300	48,990	33,910	24,630	17,470	16,240	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total (A+B)	140,350	144,780	142,890	132,380	122,460	121,280	116,870	160,000	160,110	160,520	162,950	172,160	184,010	202,710	191,060	149,160	110,770	89,600	74,990	58,030	–	–	–	–	–	–

Source: Communities and Local Government, Homelessness Statistics.

Notes: Separate figures for domestic violence and young person cases are not available for 1991 or earlier years. Percentages do not always add to 100 as a result of roundings. There is a major discontinuity in the figures for acceptances of non-priority need households following the introduction of the Housing Act 1996 provisions in January 1997.