

Table 93 Homelessness: categories of need

Number of households

	Numbers of households													Percentages									
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	
Priority need households:																							
Households with:																							
Dependant children	84,120	88,950	85,300	76,390	68,620	66,290	63,420	58,780	61,400	62,000	64,980	66,970	67,720	66	56	56	57	59	59	58	56	54	
Pregnant member	17,470	18,830	18,530	16,500	14,060	13,430	12,930	10,470	10,520	10,300	10,890	11,730	12,430	14	11	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Vulnerable member:																							
Old age	6,570	5,860	6,230	5,920	6,050	5,890	5,510	4,220	3,800	3,830	4,050	4,240	4,450	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Physical handicap	3,950	4,430	5,440	5,400	6,050	6,550	6,250	5,310	5,040	5,220	5,380	6,190	6,970	3	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	6	
Mental illness	4,220	4,750	6,070	6,490	7,100	7,430	8,180	7,030	7,130	7,600	8,580	10,020	10,720	3	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	
Young	–	–	4,460	4,470	4,090	3,760	3,580	3,260	3,440	3,620	4,570	5,770	6,940	–	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	
Domestic violence	–	–	6,470	7,060	7,370	8,430	8,220	6,780	6,330	6,110	6,580	7,080	6,720	–	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	5	
Other	9,460	12,610	4,930	4,250	4,170	4,550	4,410	5,420	5,890	5,840	4,940	5,640	8,840	7	4	4	5	5	6	4	5	7	
Homeless in emergency	2,300	1,820	1,270	1,150	980	1,160	1,090	1,140	940	940	1,580	1,060	970	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total priority need (A)	128,090	137,250	138,700	127,630	118,490	117,490	113,590	102,410	104,490	105,460	111,550	118,700	125,750	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Non-priority need (B)	12,260	7,530	4,190	4,750	3,970	3,790	3,310	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Total (A + B)	140,350	144,780	142,890	132,380	122,460	121,280	116,870	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	

Source: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, 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. Figures on acceptances of non-priority need households have not been collected since the introduction of the Housing Act 1996 provisions in January 1997.