

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	2003	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	
Priority need households:																					
Housholds with:																					
Dependant children	84,120	88,950	85,300	76,390	68,620	66,290	63,420	59,380	61,610	62,280	65,330	67,610	67,530	69,560	66	56	59	57	54	51	
Pregnant member	17,470	18,830	18,530	16,500	14,060	13,430	12,930	10,580	10,590	10,350	10,930	11,720	12,300	14,320	14	11	10	10	10	10	
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	4,300	4,390	4,420	5	5	4	4	4	3	
Physical handicap	3,950	4,430	5,440	5,400	6,050	6,550	6,250	5,220	5,010	5,160	5,350	6,180	6,890	7,490	3	6	5	5	6	5	
Mental illness	4,220	4,750	6,070	6,490	7,100	7,430	8,180	6,910	7,170	7,610	8,440	10,070	10,680	12,160	3	6	8	8	9	9	
Young	-	-	4,460	4,470	4,090	3,760	3,580	3,170	3,390	3,540	4,400	5,750	6,930	10,920	-	3	4	5	6	8	
Domestic violence	-	-	6,470	7,060	7,370	8,430	8,220	6,380	6,320	6,140	6,450	6,340	6,700	6,240	-	7	6	5	5	5	
Other	9,460	12,610	4,930	4,250	4,170	4,550	4,410	5,080	5,850	5,500	5,440	5,590	8,720	11,310	7	4	5	5	7	8	
Homeless in emergency	2,300	1,820	1,270	1,150	980	1,160	1,090	1,130	910	940	1,070	1,050	960	830	2	1	1	1	1	1	
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	118,610	125,070	137,220	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.