

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 | 2004 | 2005 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 |
| 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 | 67,180 | 66,900 | 68,840 | 64,930 | 52,370 | 66 | 56 | 59 | 52 |
| 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 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 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 | 5 | 5 | 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 | 6,130 | 6,760 | 7,330 | 6,450 | 4,970 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 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 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 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 | – | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 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 | – | 7 | 6 | 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 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 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 | 2 | 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 | 117,830 | 123,840 | 135,590 | 127,760 | 100,170 | 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 | – | – | – | – |
| 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 | – | – | – | – |

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. 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.