

Table 96 Local authority dwelling stock, new dwellings and lettings in England

Thousands

	1982/83	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Stock of dwellings ¹	4,660	4,439	4,366	4,277	4,134	3,991	3,899	3,844	3,760	3,666	3,565	3,470	3,401	3,309	3,178	3,012	2,812	2,706	2,457	2,335	2,166
Vacant dwellings ²	114	113	112	103	101	99	83	75	71	70	72	80	81	82	84	87	80	78	63	58	49
Vacant dwellings as % of stock	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.2
Completions	27	21	18	15	16	14	13	7	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lettings ³	439	437	430	426	410	390	401	406	400	405	408	415	422	404	379	354	326	289	273	229	210
which are:																					
to existing tenants	184	190	186	184	174	162	161	168	170	170	169	165	162	144	129	118	104	93	82	67	61
to new tenants	255	247	244	242	236	228	240	239	230	234	239	250	260	259	249	236	222	197	191	162	149
Homeless households as % of new tenants	19	26	27	31	31	35	40	46	45	40	36	34	29	25	25	25	29	32	34	32	34

Sources: Department of the Environment Annual Reports, Expenditure Plans, Housing Statistics, Department of Transport, Department of Communities and Local Government website.

Notes: 1. Includes dwellings awaiting demolition, and from 1986/7 dwellings owned by authorities outside their own areas. Figures to 1990 are for December; subsequently they are for the March at the end of the financial year.

2. Vacant dwellings excludes 'management vacants', defined as vacant dwellings ready for immediate letting, or after only minor repairs. These represented 1.1 of all dwellings in 2005.

3. Includes non-secure lettings, and lettings to households displaced by slum clearance.