

Table 34 Employment status of household heads by tenure

Percentages

Year	Tenure	In employment:			Unemployed	Retired	Other economic inactive	Total
		Full-time	Part-time	All				
1981	Outright owners	37	4	42	3	44	11	100
	Homebuyers	92	1	93	3	2	2	100
	Council renting	43	4	47	9	28	15	100
	Housing association	42	4	46	6	34	14	100
	Private, unfurnished	51	4	56	4	30	10	100
	Private, furnished	65	1	66	9	5	20	100
	All tenures	58	3	62	5	24	10	100
1991	Outright owners	26	6	32	3	58	7	100
	Homebuyers	86	3	89	4	4	4	100
	Council renting	25	5	30	11	40	19	100
	Housing association	29	5	34	9	42	15	100
	Private, unfurnished	54	5	59	6	28	8	100
	Private, furnished	56	5	61	12	4	23	100
	All tenures	54	4	59	6	27	9	100
2001/02	Outright owners	26	6	32	1	63	5	100
	Homebuyers	86	5	92	1	4	4	100
	Council renting	22	9	31	5	36	28	100
	Housing association	24	10	34	5	34	27	100
	Private, unfurnished	60	8	67	3	14	16	100
	Private, furnished	61	9	69	5	3	22	100
	All tenures	54	7	61	2	27	10	100
2012/13	Outright owners	25	9	34	1	62	3	100
	Homebuyers	84	7	91	1	5	3	100
	Council renting	22	13	35	10	31	24	100
	Housing association	23	11	34	11	31	24	100
	Private renters	61	11	72	6	7	15	100
	All tenures	50	9	60	4	28	9	100

Sources: Housing trailers to the 1981 & 1991 Labour Force Surveys; Survey of English Housing 2001/02; English Housing Survey Household Report 2012/13.

Notes: Unemployed includes households that believe no work is available. Equivalent figures for 1984, 1988, and 1993/4 to 2011/12 can be found in earlier editions of the Review. From 2001/02 figures relate to the 'household reference person' rather than the head of household.

A significant number of housing association tenants wrongly report that they are local authority tenants. The most common reason for this is that their home used to be owned by the local authority, and although ownership was transferred to a housing association, the tenant still reports that their landlord is the local authority. Data from the EHS for 2008/09 onwards incorporate a correction for the great majority of such cases, and so give a reasonably accurate split of the social rented category.