

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
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
2010/11	Outright owners	26	8	34	1	61	3	100
	Homebuyers	84	7	91	1	4	4	100
	Council renting	22	9	31	10	31	27	100
	Housing association	22	11	34	9	31	25	100
	Private renters	59	10	69	6	8	16	100
	All tenures	51	8	59	3	28	9	100
	2014/15	Outright owners	25	9	34	1	62	3
Homebuyers		83	8	91	1	4	4	100
Council renting		27	11	38	9	31	22	100
Housing association		26	12	37	9	30	24	100
Private renters		59	12	71	5	9	16	100
All tenures		50	10	59	3	29	9	100

Sources: Housing trailer to the 1981 Labour Force Survey; Survey of English Housing 2001/02; English Housing Survey Household Report 2014/15.

Notes: Unemployed includes households that believe no work is available. Equivalent figures for 1984, 1988, 1991 and 1993/94 to 2013/14 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.