

Table 97 Local authority dwelling stock, new dwellings and lettings in England

Thousands

	1982/83	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Stock of dwellings ¹	4,660	4,439	3,899	3,470	3,401	3,309	3,178	3,012	2,812	2,706	2,457	2,335	2,166	2,086	1,987	1,882	1,820	1,786	1,726	1,693	1,682	1,669	1,643	1,612	1,602
Vacant dwellings	114	113	83	80	81	82	84	87	80	78	63	58	49	43	41	37	35	30	28	26	28	27	27	24	23
Vacant dwellings as % of stock	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
Completions	32	23	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2
Lettings ²	439	437	401	415	422	404	379	354	326	291	273	229	210	189	175	158	152	153	146	141	135	143	127	121	113
which are:																									
to existing tenants ³	184	190	161	165	162	144	129	118	104	94	82	67	61	56	51	46	45	45	44	52	41	48	40	36	34
to tenants new to landlord	255	247	240	250	260	259	249	236	222	198	191	162	149	133	124	111	107	108	102	99	95	95	87	84	78
of which:																									
Other local authority and exchanges from outside area	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	5	4	3	3
Housing association tenants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	6	6	6
All new to social housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	84	84	77	75	69
Homeless households as % of tenants new to landlord ⁴	19	26	40	34	29	25	25	25	29	32	34	32	34	31	28	28	25	20	20	18	20	21	21	22	24

Sources: Department of the Environment Annual Reports, Expenditure Plans, Housing Statistics, Housing Strategy Statistical Annex (HSSA), HRA Business Plan Statistical Annex (BPDA), Local Authority Housing Statistics; Social Housing Lettings Statistical Release.

Notes: 1. Includes dwellings awaiting demolition, and from 1986/87 dwellings owned by authorities outside their own areas. Figures to 1990 are for December; subsequently they are for the end of the financial year.

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

3. Lettings to existing tenants of the local authority include mutual exchanges.

4. From 2011/12 homeless lettings numbers derived from Social Housing Lettings Statistical Release, and accompanying tables; total lettings numbers from Local Authority Housing Statistics. Due to incomplete LA returns for the social housing lettings dataset this tends to underestimate the percentage of lettings to homeless households.