

Table 95 Local authority dwelling stock, new dwellings and lettings in England*

Thousands

	1985/86	1990/91	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	2017/18	2018/19
Stock of dwellings ¹	4,439	3,899	2,812	2,706	2,457	2,335	2,166	2,087	1,987	1,870	1,820	1,786	1,726	1,693	1,682	1,669	1,643	1,612	1,602	1,592	1,587
Vacant dwellings	113.0	83.0	80.3	78.1	62.6	57.5	48.6	42.9	41.0	36.9	34.6	31.4	27.9	25.9	27.7	27.3	27.4	23.9	23.1	23.2	24.0
Vacant dwellings as % of stock	2.5	2.1	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
Completions	23.3	13.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.1	2.0	1.4	0.9	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.5
All lettings ²	437.0	401.0	326.6	291.1	272.8	228.6	209.9	188.8	174.9	157.8	151.7	153	146.4	140.9	135.4	142.9	127.3	120.5	112.6	108.3	106.7
of which:																					
Existing lets ³	190.0	161.4	104.3	93.6	81.8	66.7	60.8	55.5	50.5	46.4	44.7	45.3	44.5	44.4	44.4	52.2	42.8	38.7	36.7	40.0	38.3
of which:																					
own tenant internal transfer or exchange ³												39.0	38.0	37.2	36.9	44.7	35.5	31.6	30.1	38.7	37.1
tenant transferred from another social landlord (A)												6.3	6.4	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	6.7	1.2	1.2
New social lets ⁴ (B)												101.3	95.5	89.1	83.9	83.3	77.1	74.8	69.2	66.9	67.2
Tenants new to a particular local authority landlord ⁵ (A+B)	247.0	239.6	221.8	197.5	191.0	161.9	149.1	133.3	124.3	111.4	106.9	107.7	102.0	96.3	91.4	90.8	84.4	81.9	75.9	68.1	68.5
Homeless households as a % of tenants new to landlord ^{8,9,10}	26	40	29	32	34	32	34	31	28	28	25	20	20	18	20	21	21	22	24	25	25
Homeless households as a % of new social lets ^{8,9,10}														19	22	23	23	24	27	25	25

* In previous editions of the *Review*, this was Table 97.

Sources: MHCLG (and its predecessors) Local Authority Housing Statistics; Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA); Housing Investment Programme (HIP) returns; Social Housing Lettings Statistical Release; and DoE Annual Reports.

Notes: 1. The dwelling count includes a small number of dwellings awaiting demolition, sit outside the HRA or are defined as shared ownership. From 1986/87 the count also includes dwellings owned by local authorities outside their own areas. Figures to 1990 are for December; subsequently they are for the end of the financial year.

2. All lettings include non-secure lettings and lettings to households displaced by slum clearance.

3. Existing lets include all mutual exchanges, as do internal transfers, which refers to lettings to existing tenants of the particular local authority.

4. A new social let refers to a household whose tenure immediately prior to this letting was not social housing.

5. Prior to 2009/10 the HSSA data did not differentiate between a new social let and tenant transferring from another social landlord. Tenants new to landlord therefore combines these two categories for continuity purposes.

6. Changes to the HSSA mean there is some discontinuity between 2008/09 and 2009/10. The reported increase in the number of lettings may not represent a true increase.

7. A change in data collection in 2017/18 means it is no longer possible to identify PRP tenants transferring to a particular local authority landlord.

8. From 2011/12 the numbers of 'general needs' lettings to 'statutorily homeless' used to calculate the homeless percentages is derived from the Social Housing Lettings Statistical Release, which reports on CORE data.

9. With the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act from April 2018, those granted prevention or relief duties have been included in the statutorily homeless category.

10. Due to incomplete CORE returns, the figures from 2011/12 may slightly underestimate the percentage of local authority lettings to homeless households.