

Table 17a Dwellings by tenure in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom

Thousands

	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
England																														
Owner-occupiers	8,503	9,570	10,773	12,015	13,230	13,842	13,979	14,187	14,408	14,600	14,735	14,846	14,752	14,986	15,100	15,052	15,093	15,067	14,968	14,895	14,827	14,754	14,685	14,674	14,684	14,801	15,050	15,311	15,581	
+ Privately rented	3,122	2,332	2,044	1,953	1,767	2,073	2,125	2,121	2,086	2,089	2,133	2,197	2,549	2,578	2,720	2,987	3,182	3,443	3,705	3,912	4,105	4,286	4,465	4,623	4,773	4,832	4,798	4,773	4,725	
+ Housing association							985	1,040	1,146	1,273	1,424	1,492	1,651	1,702	1,802	1,865	1,951	2,056	2,128	2,180	2,255	2,304	2,331	2,343	2,387	2,430	2,444	2,452	2,479	
+ Local authority	4,586	4,985	4,798	4,439	3,899	3,470	3,401	3,309	3,178	3,012	2,812	2,706	2,457	2,335	2,166	2,087	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	
+ Other public sector	-	-	-	-	167	141	132	121	110	101	103	112	104	83	82	82	75	74	74	66	63	75	73	64	55	57	56	43	42	
= All dwellings	16,211	17,168	18,025	18,882	19,671	20,468	20,622	20,778	20,927	21,075	21,207	21,337	21,513	21,684	21,870	22,073	22,288	22,511	22,694	22,839	22,976	23,111	23,236	23,372	23,543	23,733	23,950	24,172	24,414	
Wales																														
Owner-occupiers	540	631	680	761	837	878	909	908	926	914	941	957	966	980	990	998	1,002	1,001	989	984	981	977	979	982	981	982	988	994	996	
+ Privately rented	151	131	105	98	97	104	82	92	84	106	90	89	97	103	108	113	122	135	157	170	180	189	192	195	201	206	205	204	207	
+ Housing association							48	50	52	54	55	57	57	64	65	66	67	89	107	110	134	135	135	135	136	137	139	140	141	
+ Local authority	276	284	290	254	222	207	204	201	197	193	188	183	176	162	158	156	154	132	113	111	89	88	88	88	88	87	87	87	87	
= All dwellings	967	1,046	1,099	1,138	1,184	1,233	1,243	1,252	1,259	1,267	1,275	1,285	1,296	1,307	1,319	1,331	1,343	1,355	1,366	1,375	1,384	1,389	1,394	1,400	1,406	1,413	1,419	1,426	1,432	
Scotland																														
Owner-occupiers	569	645	718	850	1,088	1,293	1,327	1,366	1,400	1,435	1,439	1,477	1,505	1,513	1,536	1,559	1,562	1,592	1,590	1,584	1,580	1,545	1,537	1,545	1,552	1,558	1,578	1,619	1,635	
+ Privately rented	305	234	191	161	126	155	154	154	154	155	181	179	188	213	225	234	259	259	285	303	320	366	389	394	402	414	413	389	389	
+ Housing association							99	115	121	131	139	143	238	251	251	251	261	269	268	272	275	277	277	277	278	278	279	282	287	
+ Local authority	948	1,042	1,027	974	845	692	668	630	608	583	553	531	416	389	374	362	346	330	326	323	320	319	318	318	317	317	315	314	316	
= All dwellings	1,822	1,921	1,970	2,032	2,124	2,230	2,248	2,266	2,283	2,303	2,312	2,329	2,347	2,367	2,387	2,406	2,428	2,451	2,469	2,482	2,495	2,508	2,521	2,534	2,549	2,567	2,585	2,605	2,627	
Northern Ireland																														
Owner-occupiers	-	245	271	323	376	409	422	434	446	455	488	481	491	501	505	508	523	524	517	521	512	514	510	513	524	505	517	545	554	
+ Privately rented	-	59	38	22	20	22	23	26	27	32	37	47	54	61	68	76	69	83	97	106	121	121	130	130	131	140	133	119	114	
+ Housing association	-	-	3	6	10	14	15	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	26	28	29	30	31	32	33	31	31	31	32	34	
+ NIHE	-	177	190	184	167	152	148	142	137	131	129	120	113	100	102	99	97	97	96	96	95	93	92	91	85	101	102	95	95	
= All dwellings	-	481	501	536	573	597	608	618	626	636	674	668	679	684	698	706	713	730	737	752	759	759	763	767	771	777	783	790	799	
United Kingdom																														
Owner-occupiers	-	11,091	12,442	13,949	15,531	16,422	16,637	16,895	17,180	17,404	17,603	17,761	17,714	17,980	18,131	18,117	18,180	18,184	18,064	17,983	17,899	17,788	17,711	17,714	17,742	17,846	18,134	18,435	18,761	
+ Privately rented	-	3,037	2,378	2,234	2,010	2,354	2,384	2,393	2,351	2,382	2,441	2,512	2,888	2,955	3,121	3,410	3,632	3,920	4,244	4,492	4,727	4,964	5,176	5,342	5,506	5,593	5,549	5,520	5,413	
+ Housing association							1,147	1,220	1,335	1,475	1,637	1,712	1,967	2,039	2,140	2,205	2,303	2,440	2,531	2,591	2,694	2,747	2,775	2,788	2,832	2,876	2,893	2,906	2,917	
+ Local authority	-	6,488	6,305	5,851	5,133	4,521	4,421	4,282	4,120	3,919	3,682	3,540	3,162	2,984	2,798	2,702	2,583	2,427	2,355	2,316	2,230	2,193	2,180	2,166	2,133	2,117	2,105	2,089	2,137	
+ Other public sector	-	-	-	-	167	141	132	121	110	101	103	112	104	83	82	82	75	74	74	66	63	75	73	64	55	57	56	43	42	
= All dwellings	-	20,616	21,595	22,588	23,552	24,528	24,721	24,914	25,095	25,281	25,468	25,636	25,835	26,042	26,274	26,516	26,772	27,047	27,266	27,448	27,614	27,767	27,914	28,073	28,269	28,490	28,737	28,994	29,271	

Source and Notes: See Table 17b.

Table 17b Dwellings by tenure in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom

Percentages

	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>England</b>																													
Owner-occupiers	52.5	55.7	59.8	63.6	67.3	67.6	67.8	68.3	68.8	69.3	69.5	69.6	68.6	69.1	69.0	68.2	67.7	66.9	66.0	65.2	64.5	63.8	63.2	62.8	62.4	62.4	62.8	63.3	63.8
+ Privately rented	19.3	13.6	11.3	10.3	9.0	10.1	10.3	10.2	10.0	9.9	10.1	10.3	11.9	11.9	12.4	13.5	14.3	15.3	16.3	17.1	17.9	18.5	19.2	19.8	20.3	20.4	20.0	19.7	19.4
+ Housing association		1.6	2.3	2.5	3.1	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.7	7.0	7.7	7.8	8.2	8.4	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.5	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.2
+ Local authority	28.3	29.0	26.6	23.5	19.8	17.0	16.5	15.9	15.2	14.3	13.3	12.7	11.4	10.8	9.9	9.5	8.9	8.3	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5
+ Other public sector	-	-	-	-	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
= All dwellings	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Wales</b>																													
Owner-occupiers	55.8	60.3	61.9	66.9	70.7	71.2	73.1	72.5	73.6	72.1	73.8	74.5	74.5	75.0	75.1	75.0	74.6	73.9	72.4	71.6	70.9	70.3	70.3	70.1	69.8	69.5	69.6	69.7	69.6
+ Privately rented	15.6	12.5	9.6	8.6	8.2	8.4	6.6	7.3	6.7	8.4	7.1	6.9	7.5	7.9	8.2	8.5	9.1	10.0	11.5	12.4	13.0	13.6	13.8	13.9	14.3	14.6	14.5	14.3	14.4
+ Housing association			2.2	2.2	2.4	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.9	5.0	5.0	6.6	7.8	8.0	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9
+ Local authority	28.5	27.2	26.4	22.3	18.8	16.8	16.4	16.1	15.6	15.2	14.7	14.2	13.6	12.4	12.0	11.7	11.5	9.7	8.3	8.1	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1
= All dwellings	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Scotland</b>																													
Owner-occupiers	31.2	33.6	36.4	41.8	51.7	58.0	59.0	60.3	61.3	62.3	62.2	63.4	64.1	63.9	64.4	64.8	64.3	65.0	64.4	63.8	63.3	61.6	61.0	61.0	60.9	60.7	61.1	62.1	62.2
+ Privately rented	16.7	12.2	9.7	7.9	5.9	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.7	8.0	9.0	9.4	9.7	10.7	10.6	11.5	12.2	12.8	14.6	15.4	15.6	15.8	16.1	16.0	14.9	14.8
+ Housing association			1.8	2.3	3.1	4.1	4.4	5.1	5.3	5.7	6.0	6.1	10.1	10.6	10.5	10.4	10.7	11.0	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.9
+ Local authority	52.0	54.2	52.1	47.3	39.8	31.0	29.7	27.8	26.6	25.3	23.9	22.8	17.7	16.4	15.7	15.0	14.2	13.5	13.2	13.0	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.5	12.4	12.3	12.2	12.1	12.0
= All dwellings	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Northern Ireland</b>																													
Owner-occupiers	-	50.9	54.1	60.3	65.6	68.5	69.4	70.2	71.2	71.5	72.4	72.0	72.4	73.2	72.4	71.9	73.3	71.8	70.1	69.3	67.5	67.7	66.8	66.9	68.0	65.0	66.0	69.0	69.4
+ Privately rented	-	12.3	7.6	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.3	5.0	5.5	7.0	7.9	8.9	9.8	10.7	9.6	11.4	13.2	14.1	16.0	15.9	17.0	16.9	17.0	18.0	17.0	15.0	14.3
+ Housing association	-	-	0.6	1.1	1.7	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.3
+ NIHE	-	36.8	37.9	34.3	29.1	25.5	24.3	23.0	21.9	20.6	19.1	18.0	16.6	14.6	14.6	14.0	13.6	13.3	13.0	12.8	12.5	12.3	12.1	11.9	11.0	13.0	13.0	12.0	11.9
= All dwellings	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>United Kingdom</b>																													
Owner-occupiers	-	53.8	57.6	61.8	66.0	67.0	67.3	67.8	68.5	68.8	69.1	69.3	68.6	69.0	69.0	68.3	67.9	67.2	66.3	65.5	64.8	64.1	63.4	63.1	62.8	62.6	63.1	63.6	64.1
+ Privately rented	-	14.7	11.0	9.9	8.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.8	11.2	11.3	11.9	12.9	13.6	14.5	15.6	16.4	17.1	17.9	18.5	19.0	19.5	19.6	19.3	19.0	18.5
+ Housing association			2.2	2.4	3.0	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.7	7.6	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.6	9.0	9.3	9.4	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0
+ Local authority	-	31.5	29.2	25.9	21.8	18.4	17.9	17.2	16.4	15.5	14.5	13.8	12.2	11.5	10.6	10.2	9.6	9.0	8.6	8.4	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3
+ Other public sector	-	-	-	-	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
= All dwellings	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Sources: MHCLG Live Tables, Housing Statistics (various editions), Scottish Government and Welsh Government.

- Notes:
1. For years up to 1990, all figures are for the December of the year shown. For England and Wales, from 1991, figures are those for March of the year shown. For Scotland, from 1991 to 2000, figures are those from December of the previous year and from 2001 onwards are for March of the year shown. For Northern Ireland, figures from 1991 to 2001 are for the December of the previous year and figures from 2002 are for March of the year shown.
  2. 1991 figures for Northern Ireland are not available, so 1992 figures have been substituted.
  3. Owner-occupiers includes shared owners and long leaseholders. Private renting includes renting with a job or business. Local authority tenants includes new town tenants. NIHE is the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. Figures for 1971 and 1976 include housing association and private rented dwellings combined because separate tenure-specific figures are not available in all four countries for those years.
  4. Historic figures for England and Wales were revised (in 2010/11) to reflect new DCLG methodology for determining the split between owner-occupied and privately rented dwellings.
  5. For 2015 to 2019, percentage figures for Northern Ireland are based directly on those obtained from the Continuous Household Survey; the figures for numbers of dwellings are derived from these percentages applied to the total stock count. The published percentages for 2015 to 2018 did not include decimal places. Figures for 2019 for Scotland are provisional estimates based on those for 2018 plus new provision.