

Table 35a **Employment status of household reference person by tenure***

Percentages

Year	Tenure	In employment:			Unemployed	Retired	Other economic inactive	Total
		Full-time	Part-time	All in work				
1981	Outright owners	37	4	42	3	44	11	100
	Homebuyers	92	1	93	3	2	2	100
	Local authority	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
	Local authority	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
	Local authority	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
2019/20	Outright owners	25	10	36	0	61	3	100
	Homebuyers	83	9	92	1	5	3	100
	Local authority	29	14	43	7	27	24	100
	Housing association	32	14	46	6	25	23	100
	Private renters	67	10	77	3	8	12	100
	All tenures	51	10	62	2	28	8	100

*In previous editions of the *Review*, this was Table 34.

Sources: ONS Labour Force Survey 1981 Housing trailer, MHCLG (and predecessors) Survey of English Housing 2001/02, English Housing Survey Household Report 2014/15 onwards.

Notes: 1. Equivalent figures for 1984, 1988, 1991 and 1993/94 to 2018/19 can be found in earlier editions of the *Review*.

2. Figures prior to 2001/02 relate to 'head of household' rather than the household reference person.

3. Significant numbers of housing association tenants continue to report they are local authority tenants. EHS data from 2008/09 make an adjustment to allow for this.

Table 35b **Economic activity status of recently moving household reference persons by tenure**

Percentages

Year	Tenure	In employment:			Unemployed	Retired	Other economic inactive	Total
		Full-time	Part-time	All employed				
1991	Outright owner	37	5	42	6	42	8	100
	Buying with mortgage	93	2	94	3	1	2	100
	Local Authority	28	3	31	22	20	27	100
	Housing association	30	6	35	13	28	24	100
	Private, unfurnished	75	4	79	9	2	9	100
	Private, furnished	55	4	59	11	1	28	100
	All tenures	64	3	67	10	8	15	100
2001/02	Outright owner	28	15	43	2	48	7	100
	Buying with mortgage	94	3	97	1	1	2	100
	Local Authority	20	9	29	10	16	45	100
	Housing association	24	12	36	11	16	37	100
	Private, unfurnished	70	8	77	4	4	15	100
	Private, furnished	59	10	69	5	0	25	100
	All tenures	63	7	71	4	8	17	100
2011	Outright owner	34	13	47	2	40	11	100
	Buying with mortgage	90	6	96	1	1	2	100
	Council	26	12	38	15	11	36	100
	Housing association	27	11	38	15	15	32	100
	Private, unfurnished	66	9	76	7	2	15	100
	Private, furnished	59	13	72	6	1	21	100
	All tenures	60	10	71	7	6	17	100
2019/20	Outright owner	28	15	43	–	54	–	100
	Buying with mortgage	91	5	96	–	–	–	100
	Social renters	32	19	50	8	13	28	100
	Private renters	70	8	78	4	3	15	100
	All tenures	65	10	75	4	8	13	100

Sources: LFS Housing trailer 1984-1991, Survey of English Housing 2001/02, Annual Population Survey 2011, English Housing Survey 2012 onwards.

- Notes:
1. Other economic inactive includes people who were permanently sick or disabled, in full-time education or looking after the family at home.
 2. Figures prior to 2001/02 are for the household heads whilst dashes indicate small sample size precludes the production of reliable estimates.
 3. Figures exclude households in most types of communal household (e.g. hotels, boarding houses, hostels, mobile home sites, etc).
 4. For 1984 data and other years see earlier editions of the *Review*.