

Table 91a **Reasons for homelessness in England**

Percentages

	1987	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Parents, relatives or friends no longer willing																							
willing or able to accommodate	41	43	29	30	33	34	37	38	38	37	36	36	36	33	34	32	30	27	27	27	26	25	26
Breakdown of relationship with partner	18	17	22	23	22	21	20	20	20	20	19	18	20	20	18	18	17	17	17	16	18	16	17
Loss of private dwelling, including tied accommodation	15	14	20	23	22	20	18	18	19	19	20	19	16	20	24	27	32	35	36	38	34	24	22
Mortgage arrears	9	9	8	3	2	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	-	-
Rent arrears	4	4	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Other	13	13	17	18	18	22	22	20	19	19	18	20	22	22	19	18	17	17	16	16	18	31	31

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Homelessness statistics (Live Table 774 and Table A2).

Notes: 1. Figures for 2018 are not directly comparable with those prior to 2018 due to a change in reporting as a result of the Homeless Reduction Act 2017.

2. Rent arrears for 2018 refer to the ending of social rented or supported tenancies only. PRS tenancy figures for 2018 are also not directly comparable with previous years.

3. Figures for 2019 may be underestimated where local authorities have provided incomplete data. The 2018 'other' category includes mortgage repossession, other or not known.

4. Figures may not total to 100 because of rounding.

**Table 91b Homelessness: categories of need in England**

Number of households and percentages

	Number of households																	Percentages				
	1990	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	1990	2000	2010	2015	2019
Priority need households:																						
Households with:																						
Dependent children	84,120	65,340	52,360	42,000	37,480	34,300	23,850	25,350	30,370	34,120	34,520	35,550	38,040	40,540	38,360	22,800	23,230	66	59	60	67	61
Pregnant member	17,470	10,930	12,080	9,060	7,570	6,460	4,970	4,340	4,840	5,120	4,350	3,880	3,990	3,760	3,820	2,040	1,810	14	10	10	7	5
Vulnerable member:																						
Old age	6,570	3,930	2,520	1,530	1,140	900	600	710	740	810	790	890	860	840	870	510	390	5	4	2	2	1
Physical handicap	3,950	5,340	4,970	3,720	3,230	2,770	2,460	2,840	3,160	3,540	3,700	3,620	3,960	4,250	4,440	3,030	3,850	3	5	7	7	10
Mental illness	4,220	8,440	8,060	5,640	4,450	3,870	3,230	3,460	3,860	4,320	4,490	4,370	4,780	5,350	5,800	4,030	4,170	3	8	8	8	11
Young	–	4,400	8,970	6,740	5,220	4,320	3,000	2,200	2,060	1,820	1,560	1,350	1,160	1,030	920	540	600	–	4	5	2	2
Domestic violence	–	6,460	4,420	3,170	2,230	1,830	1,600	1,400	1,460	1,500	1,540	1,500	1,390	1,360	1,370	830	930	–	6	3	2	2
Other	9,460	5,440	6,220	4,590	3,230	2,690	1,900	1,850	1,790	2,040	2,080	2,040	2,060	1,890	1,920	1,530	1,640	7	5	4	4	4
Homeless in emergency	2,300	1,070	570	410	450	380	190	230	240	210	180	220	260	240	390	150	110	2	1	1	0	0.3
Total priority need (A)	128,090	111,340	100,170	76,860	64,970	57,510	41,780	42,390	48,510	53,480	53,210	53,410	56,500	59,260	57,890	35,770	37,830	100	100	100	100	100
Non-priority need (B)	12,260	51,610	48,990	33,900	24,630	17,460	16,230	18,990	19,920	19,820	20,800	20,660	19,540	19,700	18,990	10,830	14,500	–	–	–	–	–
Total (A+B)	140,350	162,950	149,160	110,760	89,600	74,970	58,010	61,380	68,430	73,300	74,010	74,070	76,040	78,960	76,880	46,600	52,330	–	–	–	–	–

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Statutory homelessness live tables and former live tables 770 and 773.

Notes: 1. Figures are for calendar years and separate figures for domestic violence and young person cases are not available for 1991 or earlier years.

2. There is a major discontinuity in the figures for acceptances of non-priority need households following the Housing Act 1996 (from January 1997).

3. Percentages do not always add to 100 as a result of rounding.

4. For figures for individual years from 1990 to 2004 see earlier versions of this table.

5. Small numbers of households with children have been miscoded as 'vulnerable priority needs' MHCLG therefore caution 'household includes dependent children' figures are likely to be under-reported.

Table 91c **Support needs of households owed a prevention or relief duty in England**

Number of households and percentages

	2019/20	
	Number	%
Number of households with support needs	77,550	100
Of which:		
History of mental health problems	17,740	23
Physical ill health and disability	11,490	15
At risk of / has experienced domestic abuse	7,050	9
Offending history	6,080	8
History of repeat homelessness	5,120	7
Drug dependency needs	4,710	6
History of rough sleeping	4,340	6
Young person aged 16-25 years	3,780	5
At risk of / has experienced abuse (non-domestic abuse), sexual abuse or exploitation	3,530	5
Alcohol dependency needs	3,370	4
Learning disability	3,370	4
Care leaver	1,850	2
Other	5,120	7

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government statutory homelessness live tables (Table A3).

Notes: 1. Figures based on final quarter of the financial year.

2. Figures include MHCLG imputations for missing values.

3. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and both figures and percentages may not sum precisely due to rounding.