

Table 94 Landlord possession claims in England and Wales

Number of cases

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Claims																					
Private	17,287	19,665	20,236	18,948	18,118	17,047	18,287	19,002	19,347	21,004	21,459	23,147	22,740	23,079	23,196	23,113	20,712	20,328	21,439	23,422	24,092
Accelerated	13,891	16,473	17,258	17,784	17,993	20,301	21,069	23,006	24,496	23,048	17,025	21,597	25,712	31,178	34,080	36,019	38,402	34,253	29,601	23,310	19,042
Social	154,104	156,196	155,208	157,913	141,008	136,918	126,333	116,152	103,214	104,165	98,108	90,217	93,631	96,742	113,175	105,645	94,577	82,788	81,603	74,980	67,773
Total	185,282	192,334	192,702	194,645	177,119	174,266	165,689	158,160	147,057	148,217	136,592	134,961	142,083	150,999	170,451	164,777	153,691	137,369	132,643	121,712	110,907
Orders Made																					
Private	10,771	11,523	12,437	11,857	11,524	10,517	11,873	11,773	14,257	14,930	14,803	15,526	15,777	15,810	15,993	16,382	15,031	14,842	15,788	16,909	18,181
Accelerated	11,408	13,264	13,563	13,563	13,484	15,160	15,894	17,321	18,966	18,018	12,807	15,394	20,168	23,655	27,252	29,648	31,652	29,491	24,365	19,115	15,772
Social	101,181	101,548	104,827	106,755	95,702	92,126	85,105	78,273	84,572	91,572	83,758	69,324	68,542	69,565	78,995	81,240	71,778	63,578	60,871	57,694	53,745
Total	123,360	126,335	130,827	132,175	120,710	117,803	112,872	107,367	117,795	124,520	111,368	100,244	104,487	109,030	122,240	127,270	118,461	107,911	101,024	93,718	87,698
Warrants																					
Private	-	5,817	6,894	7,121	6,924	6,408	6,604	6,737	7,155	7,255	7,504	8,313	8,680	8,943	8,927	9,079	8,323	8,399	8,918	9,545	10,183
Accelerated	-	7,068	8,036	8,288	7,634	7,937	8,914	10,092	11,110	10,847	7,371	8,582	11,943	15,159	17,383	20,096	22,284	20,910	16,928	13,045	10,787
Social	-	45,394	57,378	66,462	65,462	64,417	61,931	57,127	49,652	47,321	42,824	40,497	41,201	42,108	48,372	49,093	47,011	41,399	41,288	39,620	35,689
Total	-	58,279	72,308	81,871	80,020	78,762	77,449	73,956	67,917	65,423	57,699	57,392	61,824	66,210	74,682	78,268	77,618	70,708	67,134	62,210	56,659
Repossessions by county court bailiffs																					
Private	-	3,355	4,086	4,160	3,957	3,673	3,979	4,101	4,342	4,435	4,618	5,279	5,852	6,097	6,049	6,321	6,061	6,011	6,260	6,913	7,316
Accelerated	-	4,734	5,643	5,901	5,476	5,207	5,996	6,756	7,543	7,560	5,072	5,762	7,969	10,874	12,465	14,678	16,620	15,967	12,953	10,351	8,380
Social	-	19,784	23,526	27,109	26,065	25,393	24,144	22,965	20,478	20,144	18,244	16,818	17,895	16,959	19,278	20,968	20,048	18,353	16,472	16,270	15,117
Total	-	27,873	33,255	37,170	35,498	34,273	34,119	33,822	32,363	32,139	27,934	27,859	31,716	33,930	37,792	41,967	42,729	40,331	35,685	33,534	30,813

Sources: Ministry of Justice, Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics for England and Wales.

- Notes: 1. 'Accelerated claims' occur because landlords can seek accelerated possession if the tenant's lease is nearing its end and the landlord is not claiming for rent arrears. No tenure split is available for 'accelerated' actions, but it is understood that the majority relate to private tenancies.
2. 'Claims' are for the recovery of possession of properties; 'orders made' are from a judge, requiring that possession be taken on a certain date; 'warrants' are issued if the defendant fails to comply and enable the court bailiff to take possession; and 'repossessions by county court bailiffs' may then occur. However, possession can be obtained through less formal procedures and such cases are not recorded in this table.