

Table 19a **Housing starts in England**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	100,710	110,335	27,870	18,100	5,400	510	210	250	200	180	310	320	1,670	1,450	1,610	2,200	1,890	1,490	1,530	1,720	2,550	1,620	2,030
+ New towns	9,070	14,968	5,540	530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	2,460	654	220	170	100	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	112,240	125,957	33,630	18,800	5,500	520	210	250	200	180	310	320	1,670	1,450	1,610	2,200	1,890	1,490	1,530	1,720	2,550	1,620	2,030
+ Housing associations	8,110	18,770	13,150	10,390	14,180	24,320	13,990	22,800	20,770	24,100	22,130	21,470	24,770	22,100	19,930	25,860	26,960	24,790	26,150	26,750	28,750	26,240	27,240
+ Private sector	148,320	129,780	84,120	144,330	108,950	108,150	126,290	160,320	149,350	146,160	65,560	73,770	84,710	87,300	81,980	107,340	114,550	117,460	132,600	135,350	135,260	117,780	110,480
= All dwellings	268,670	274,507	130,900	186,410	128,630	132,990	140,490	183,370	170,320	170,440	88,000	95,560	111,150	110,820	103,520	135,410	143,390	143,740	160,280	163,800	166,560	145,650	139,750

Sources: ONS UK house building statistics using data sourced from the producers of the statistics in each country: DLUHC Live Tables on housing supply; and for 2020/21 Welsh Government, Scottish Government, and NI Department for Communities.

Notes: 1. Figures in Tables 19a-19l may not total precisely because of rounding by ONS and by DLUHC.

2. Figures from 1989/99 were revised by MHCLG (now DLUHC) in 2018 and by ONS in 2019 and 2021, so do not correspond with UKHR tables in previous editions. ONS refinements have also affected figures for other parts of Table 19.

3. Figures from October 2005 to March 2007 exclude a small number of starts and completions that were inspected by independent inspectors. These cases are included in the 2007/8 figures. The 1985/86 total includes 13,000 starts with an unknown tenure.

4. A small amount of missing data for England has been imputed. A proportion of housing association starts and completions in England and Wales may be misreported as private enterprise.

5. The collection of data for 2019/20 and 2020/21 has been affected by the pandemic. These figures are therefore provisional and subject to revision.

Table 19b **Housing completions in England**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	118,942	103,408	67,342	22,509	12,818	760	180	300	250	220	490	370	1,140	1,960	1,360	910	1,360	1,900	1,830	2,020	2,590	1,810	1,650
+ New towns	9,245	11,487	6,973	703	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	1,993	1,435	525	98	142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	130,180	116,330	74,840	23,310	12,960	760	180	300	250	220	490	370	1,140	1,960	1,360	910	1,360	1,900	1,830	2,020	2,590	1,810	1,650
+ Housing associations	8,180	13,650	19,300	11,370	14,580	30,230	16,430	18,160	21,750	23,220	26,690	26,520	23,550	27,460	22,060	21,790	27,020	26,470	25,230	27,170	28,190	32,330	26,010
+ Private sector	153,440	131,480	110,230	135,450	132,500	123,620	116,640	144,940	145,680	147,170	113,800	93,030	83,180	89,120	84,550	89,630	96,270	111,350	120,450	131,730	138,720	141,110	128,290
= All dwellings	291,800	261,460	204,370	170,130	160,040	154,610	133,250	163,400	167,680	170,610	140,980	119,920	107,870	118,510	107,980	112,330	124,640	139,710	147,520	160,900	169,500	175,250	155,950

Table 19c **Housing starts in Wales**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	4,851	8,291	2,347	767	280	60	120	-	10	-	10	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ New towns	155	705	96	121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	24	74	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	5,030	8,870	1,910	860	280	60	120	-	10	-	10	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Housing associations	110	130	390	490	2,310	2,380	930	360	390	470	440	910	780	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Private sector	8,610	7,730	4,570	6,960	7,270	6,450	8,310	8,610	8,730	9,730	4,460	4,390	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= All dwellings	13,750	16,730	6,870	8,310	9,860	8,890	9,360	8,970	9,140	10,200	4,910	5,300	5,800	4,970	5,290	5,790	6,960	6,710	6,870	6,040	5,970	6,220	4,310

Source: See Table 19a.

Notes: 1. Neither the ONS or Welsh Government publish housing starts by tenure figures from 2011/12.

2. The completions data for Wales do not include private approved inspector data, resulting in some undercount in the number of dwellings started.

Table 19d **Housing completions in Wales**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	6,511	7,331	3,489	997	470	160	50	20	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	80	60	60	90
+ New towns	173	635	209	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	66	94	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	6,750	8,080	3,810	800	470	160	50	20	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	80	60	60	90
+ Housing associations	70	260	930	660	1,720	2,130	900	350	350	340	690	880	990	830	740	670	840	1,250	1,240	1,120	1,230	1,210	1,130
+ Private sector	8,650	8,310	5,500	6,730	8,090	6,880	7,390	7,880	8,990	8,320	6,430	5,290	4,510	4,750	4,710	5,160	5,330	5,650	5,590	5,470	4,490	4,770	3,400
= All dwellings	15,470	16,650	10,240	8,190	10,280	9,170	8,340	8,250	9,330	8,660	7,120	6,170	5,510	5,580	5,450	5,840	6,170	6,900	6,830	6,660	5,780	6,040	4,620

Table 19e **Housing starts in Scotland**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	25,717	14,934	4,280	2,021	1,220	440	90	6	30	430	250	540	1,440	790	1,220	980	1,260	1,550	1,240	1,300	1,830	2,250	1,140
+ New towns	2,014	3,683	1,155	190	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	289	493	5	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	28,020	19,110	4,950	2,180	1,220	440	90	6	30	430	250	540	1,440	790	1,220	980	1,260	1,550	1,240	1,300	1,830	2,250	1,140
+ Housing associations	350	590	1,340	1,400	3,260	5,110	4,610	5,120	5,560	5,780	5,520	5,060	3,370	2,590	1,630	2,880	2,630	2,910	4,950	4,710	4,440	5,090	4,080
+ Private sector	8,140	11,970	9,590	14,220	16,850	17,913	17,614	21,233	22,820	20,110	13,510	9,520	8,680	10,480	10,680	11,840	12,790	13,590	13,270	13,560	16,140	16,970	-
= All dwellings	36,510	31,670	15,880	17,800	21,330	23,470	22,310	26,359	28,400	26,320	19,270	15,120	13,490	13,870	13,520	15,690	16,680	18,040	19,460	19,570	22,420	25,290	-

Source: See Table 19a.

Notes: 1. Housing association figures are for approvals rather than the date construction started prior to 2009 but new build starts are recorded from 2009 quarter 4.

2. Local authority and housing association figures are based solely on units part funded by the Scottish Government. They exclude the small numbers of affordable homes delivered without such assistance, such as units delivered through Section 75 developer contributions and other funding resources.

3. Private sector data for starts and completions for the whole of 2020/21 are not yet available.

4. Private sector starts and completions for 2019/20 are provisional. They include estimates for some local authority areas where the pandemic continues to cause reporting problems.

Table 19f **Housing completions in Scotland**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	31,568	19,152	6,169	2,612	1,630	720	110	-	10	30	340	410	610	1,110	960	1,140	1,120	1,100	1,020	1,370	1,390	1,470	1,420
+ New towns	2,790	3,636	1,288	201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	302	402	33	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	34,660	23,190	7,740	2,510	1,630	720	110	-	10	30	340	410	610	1,110	960	1,140	1,120	1,100	1,020	1,370	1,390	1,470	1,420
+ Housing associations	240	770	1,290	1,090	2,350	4,780	3,800	4,698	3,230	4,100	4,580	5,580	5,110	4,780	3,240	2,910	3,060	2,320	2,750	3,170	4,090	4,200	2,360
+ Private sector	8,220	10,370	11,730	14,310	15,330	19,200	18,200	20,260	21,040	21,660	16,110	11,140	10,710	10,180	9,890	11,090	12,560	13,430	13,430	13,030	15,710	16,340	-
= All dwellings	43,120	34,330	20,760	17,910	19,310	24,700	22,110	24,960	24,280	25,790	21,020	17,130	16,440	16,070	14,100	15,140	16,740	16,850	17,200	17,570	21,190	22,010	-

Table 19g **Housing starts in Great Britain**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	131,278	133,560	34,497	20,888	6,900	1,010	420	256	240	610	570	860	3,130	2,240	2,830	3,180	3,150	3,040	2,770	3,020	4,380	3,870	3,170
+ New towns	11,239	19,356	6,791	841	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	2,773	1,221	232	231	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	145,290	153,937	40,490	21,840	7,000	1,020	420	256	240	610	570	860	3,130	2,240	2,830	3,180	3,150	3,040	2,770	3,020	4,380	3,870	3,170
+ Housing associations	8,570	19,490	14,880	12,280	19,750	31,810	19,530	28,280	26,720	30,350	28,090	27,440	28,920	24,690	21,560	28,740	29,590	27,700	31,100	31,460	33,190	31,330	31,320
+ Private sector	165,070	149,480	98,280	165,510	133,070	132,513	152,214	190,163	180,900	176,000	83,530	87,680	98,390	97,780	92,660	119,180	127,340	131,050	145,870	148,910	151,400	134,750	-
= All dwellings	318,930	322,907	153,650	212,520	159,820	165,350	172,160	218,699	207,860	206,960	112,180	115,980	130,440	129,660	122,330	156,890	167,030	168,490	186,610	189,410	194,950	177,160	-

Notes: 1. Provider-type figures from 2011 do not sum to 'all dwellings' total starts as data for Wales are not split by 'provider type' – see Table 19c.

2. GB and UK statistics are created by aggregating data from the individual countries and could not be fully updated for 2020/21 at the time these tables were revised - see Table 19e for further information.

Table 19h **Housing completions in Great Britain**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	157,021	129,891	77,000	26,118	14,918	1,640	340	320	260	260	830	780	1,750	3,070	2,320	2,060	2,480	3,000	2,850	3,470	4,040	3,340	3,160
+ New towns	12,208	15,758	8,470	985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	2,361	1,931	560	117	142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	171,590	147,600	86,390	26,620	15,060	1,640	340	320	260	260	830	780	1,750	3,070	2,320	2,060	2,480	3,000	2,850	3,470	4,040	3,340	3,160
+ Housing associations	8,490	14,680	21,520	13,120	18,650	37,140	21,130	23,208	25,330	27,660	31,960	32,980	29,650	33,070	26,040	25,370	30,920	30,040	29,220	31,460	33,510	37,740	29,500
+ Private sector	170,310	150,160	127,460	156,490	155,920	149,700	142,230	173,080	175,710	177,150	136,340	109,460	98,400	104,050	99,150	105,880	114,160	130,430	139,470	150,230	158,920	162,220	-
= All dwellings	350,390	312,440	235,370	196,230	189,630	188,480	163,700	196,610	201,290	205,060	169,120	143,220	129,820	140,160	127,530	133,310	147,550	163,460	171,550	185,130	196,470	203,300	-



Table 19i **Housing starts in Northern Ireland**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Northern Ireland Housing																							
Executive	7,828	6,131	2,899	2,349	1,060	750	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	92	129	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	7,920	6,260	2,910	2,350	1,060	750	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Housing associations	30	-	110	370	730	750	890	950	750	430	1,030	600	1,120	1,440	940	900	730	1,300	1,000	790	980	810	690
+ Private sector	4,080	3,930	3,340	7,200	5,540	8,390	10,420	14,640	14,290	11,710	5,920	7,560	6,650	5,010	3,900	4,400	5,260	6,730	6,730	7,440	6,270	5,770	
= All dwellings	12,030	10,190	6,360	9,920	7,330	9,890	11,330	15,590	15,040	12,130	6,950	8,150	7,780	6,460	4,840	5,310	5,990	7,020	7,720	7,520	8,420	7,090	6,460

Sources: See Table 19a

Note: Figures from 2011 onwards have been substantially revised following a change in the method for accounting for late reporting of completions.

Table 19j **Housing completions in Northern Ireland**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Northern Ireland Housing																							
Executive	7,694	4,887	2,504	3,238	1,305	1,360	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	86	203	56	2	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	7,780	5,090	2,560	3,240	1,320	1,360	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Housing associations	20	60	330	630	550	1,040	1,110	950	750	430	1,030	600	740	890	1,450	1,110	960	760	1,100	1,210	940	710	650
+ Private sector	4,040	3,780	3,570	5,940	5,710	6,850	10,510	12,760	12,850	10,140	8,960	6,960	5,480	4,830	4,070	4,200	4,540	5,050	5,360	5,890	6,870	6,600	5,790
= All dwellings	11,830	8,920	3,780	60	5,090	9,250	11,670	13,710	13,930	10,800	9,430	8,020	6,210	5,720	5,530	5,320	5,500	5,810	6,460	7,100	7,810	7,310	6,450

Sources: See Table 19a

Note: Figures from 2011 onwards have been substantially revised following a change in the method for accounting for late reporting of completions.

Table 19k **Housing starts in the United Kingdom**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	139,106	139,691	37,396	23,237	7,960	1,760	440	260	240	610	570	860	3,130	2,240	2,830	3,180	3,150	3,040	2,770	3,020	4,380	3,870	3,170
+ New towns	11,239	19,356	6,791	841	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	2,865	1,350	243	232	100	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	153,210	160,197	43,400	24,190	8,060	1,770	440	260	240	610	570	860	3,130	2,240	2,830	3,180	3,150	3,040	2,770	3,020	4,380	3,870	3,170
+ Housing associations	8,600	19,490	14,990	12,650	20,480	32,560	20,420	29,220	27,470	30,780	29,120	28,040	30,040	26,130	22,500	29,640	30,320	29,000	32,100	32,250	34,170	32,140	32,010
+ Private sector	169,150	153,410	101,620	172,710	138,610	140,910	162,630	204,800	195,190	187,710	89,450	95,240	105,040	102,790	96,560	123,580	132,600	136,770	152,600	155,640	158,840	141,020	-
= All dwellings <sup>1</sup>	330,960	333,097	160,010	222,440	167,150	175,240	183,490	234,270	222,900	219,090	119,150	124,130	138,220	136,120	127,170	162,200	173,020	175,510	194,330	196,920	203,370	184,250	-

Notes: 1. Provider-type figures from 2011 do not add to 'all dwellings' totals as provider type no longer reported for Welsh starts – see Table 19c.

2. Figures for private sector starts and completions in Scotland for 2020/21 were not available when this table was updated.

Table 19| **Housing completions in the United Kingdom**

	1970/71	1975/76	1980/81	1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	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	2019/20	2020/21
Local authorities	164,715	134,778	79,504	29,356	16,223	3,000	390	320	260	250	830	790	1,750	3,070	2,320	2,060	2,480	3,000	2,850	3,470	4,040	3,340	3,160
+ New towns	12,208	15,758	8,470	985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	2,447	2,134	616	119	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	179,370	152,690	88,950	29,860	16,380	3,000	390	320	260	250	830	790	1,750	3,070	2,320	2,060	2,480	3,000	2,850	3,470	4,040	3,340	3,160
+ Housing associations	8,510	14,740	21,850	13,750	19,200	38,180	22,240	24,160	26,410	28,320	32,430	34,030	30,390	33,960	27,500	26,480	31,890	30,800	30,330	32,670	34,440	38,450	30,150
+ Private sector	174,350	153,940	131,030	162,430	161,630	156,550	152,740	185,840	188,560	187,290	145,300	116,420	103,880	108,870	103,220	110,080	118,700	135,480	144,830	156,110	165,790	168,820	-
= All dwellings	362,230	321,370	241,830	206,040	197,210	197,730	175,370	210,320	215,220	215,860	178,570	151,230	136,030	145,870	133,060	138,630	153,060	169,270	178,020	192,230	204,270	210,610	-