

Table 92a Rough sleepers in England

Number of persons or street count

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2010 ¹	2010 ²	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
North East	63	53	38	38	35	50	30	60	30	40	40	50	50	70	70	70	50
North West	131	106	78	89	90	100	150	150	150	190	220	310	430	430	350	230	200
Yorkshire & The Humber	71	85	83	59	72	120	150	160	130	130	160	170	210	250	240	180	170
East Midlands	116	161	90	80	108	120	190	140	210	190	210	260	310	360	310	190	180
West Midlands	109	81	71	73	105	180	210	230	220	190	250	290	300	420	320	210	190
East	96	85	67	72	169	420	450	560	540	740	940	960	1,140	1,280	1,140	710	640
London	285	327	302	249	317	210	240	280	300	300	420	600	620	480	460	270	240
South East	203	178	172	157	213	310	430	440	530	610	830	960	1,120	930	900	470	450
South West	161	173	137	131	138	270	340	300	310	360	510	540	580	460	490	350	330
England	1,235	1,249	1,038	948	1,247	1,770	2,180	2,310	2,410	2,740	3,570	4,130	4,750	4,680	4,270	2,690	2,440
of which																	
London (%)						12	11	12	12	11	12	15	13	10	11	10	10
Rest of England (%)						83	81	81	78	78	77	77	77	80	79	82	82

Sources: Audit Commission collated local authority counts to 2007/08 and Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (now DLUHC) from 2010 onwards.

Notes: 1. Summer 2010 count using 'old' methodology.

2. Autumn 2010 count and onwards using revised methodology; see: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6009/1713784.pdf.

3. The figures from 2010 onwards derived from street night counts by local authorities on a 'typical night' between 1 October and 30 November together with intelligence-driven estimates.

Table 92b Rough sleepers in England by area

Number of people

Authority	1998	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ¹	2010 ²	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Westminster	237	227	133	173	112	111	110	147	128	106	131	140	265	265	260	217	306	333	242	187
Brighton and Hove	44	26	9	12	12	10	6	12	14	37	43	50	41	78	144	178	64	88	27	37
Exeter	27	19	8	6	10	15	5	6	21	29	30	23	34	27	41	35	17	31	37	14
Kensington and Chelsea	23	14	12	10	13	12	13	13	32	19	27	23	34	24	14	20	20	19	21	11
City of London	41	40	12	25	45	48	38	29	20	18	21	35	50	48	50	36	67	41	23	20
Lambeth	20	47	7	9	15	11	13	9	13	18	21	21	18	27	17	34	50	43	20	29
Bournemouth ³	44	21	7	8	5	11	6	6	21	26	35	24	40	65	60	66	45	72	25	29
Cambridge	30	21	7	2	6	0	1	6	6	12	20	9	10	18	40	26	27	33	16	14
Southwark	31	7	7	6	11	5	15	3	29	10	25	24	22	32	32	44	47	44	24	10
Tower Hamlets	31	6	–	3	12	7	17	7	11	9	7	–	6	12	11	21	10	17	40	28
Birmingham	56	23	7	8	5	6	4	6	9	7	8	14	20	36	55	57	91	52	17	31
Liverpool	17	19	8	9	12	13	9	3	–	9	6	6	8	15	21	33	15	17	10	20
Oxford	39	31	5	11	11	10	5	16	11	8	12	19	26	39	33	61	45	43	19	24
Camden	59	54	17	10	6	4	6	5	11	7	5	–	5	15	17	127	141	65	42	97

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (now DLUHC).

- Notes
1. See notes for Table 92a. A full list of LA returns and how they were collected is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2020>.
 2. Authorities shown are those with the highest counts in 1998-2010. In 2020 Liverpool, Cambridge and Birmingham were no longer amongst the 30 local authorities with the highest counts.
 3. Figures for Bournemouth from 2010 onwards are for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

Table 92c **Rough sleepers in Wales**

Numbers

	2015	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Wales					
Snapshot count of rough sleepers	82	141	188	158	176
Estimated two week count of rough sleepers	240	313	345	347	405
Cardiff					
Snapshot count of rough sleepers	30	53	53	64	57
Estimated two week count of rough sleepers	64	85	92	100	92
Rest of Wales					
Snapshot count of rough sleepers	52	88	135	94	119
Estimated two week count of rough sleepers	176	228	253	247	313

Sources: Welsh Government National Rough Sleeper Count.

- Notes:
1. The one-night snapshot count is carried out in one day in early November by local authorities.
 2. The estimated two-week count is based on data gathered from health organisations and other local and community service groups in contact with rough sleepers.
 3. In the wake of the Covid pandemic, the Welsh rough sleeper count for November 2020 (2020/21) was suspended.