

Table 21 Right to buy in Great Britain and house sales in Northern Ireland

Number of sales

	Total sales 1980/81 to 1989/90	Total sales 1990/91 to 1999/2000	Total sales 2000/01 to 2004/05	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	2021/22	2022/23	Cumulative total 1980/81 to 2022/23
Local authorities																						
England	960,808	450,323	287,302	26,654	17,756	12,212	2,886	2,340	2,753	2,613	5,941	11,261	12,235	12,220	13,433	12,750	10,926	10,568	6,913	10,978	11,303	1,884,174
Wales	76,173	29,468	22,621	1,787	1,250	821	158	139	103	82	94	156	176	177	141	111	154	n/a	37	8	-	133,656
Scotland	146,355	165,361	68,995	9,402	7,359	5,970	2,966	1,637	1,473	1,125	1,020	1,292	1,552	1,735	2,994	1,715	65	6	1	-	-	421,023
Great Britain	1,183,336	645,152	378,918	37,843	26,365	19,003	6,010	4,116	4,329	3,820	7,055	12,709	13,963	14,132	16,568	14,576	11,145	10,574	6,951	10,986	11,303	2,438,853
New towns																						
England	9,750	569	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,319
Wales	2,875	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,016
Scotland	50,066	21,851	506	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,428
Great Britain	62,691	22,561	506	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,763
Housing associations																						
England	19,850	26,534	48,985	6,356	4,835	3,150	996	804	956	1,106	2,458	4,421	4,215	3,977	4,667	4,223	3,776	4,689	2,325	3,032	2,782	154,137
Wales	783	910	509	78	71	52	51	35	69	89	76	97	110	182	133	125	288	n/a	18	2	-	3,678
Scotland	2,760	4,301	9,086	1,942	1,707	1,602	1,073	541	550	407	352	234	286	380	504	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,725
Great Britain	23,393	31,745	58,580	8,376	6,613	4,804	2,120	1,380	1,575	1,602	2,886	4,752	4,611	4,539	5,304	4,348	4,064	4,689	2,343	3,034	2,782	183,540
Totals																						
England	990,408	477,426	336,287	33,010	22,591	15,362	3,882	3,144	3,709	3,719	8,399	15,682	16,450	16,197	18,100	16,973	14,702	15,257	9,238	14,010	14,085	2,048,630
Wales	79,831	30,519	23,130	1,865	1,321	873	209	174	172	171	170	253	286	359	274	236	442	-	55	10	-	140,350
Scotland	199,181	191,513	78,587	11,349	9,066	7,572	4,039	2,178	2,023	1,532	1,372	1,526	1,838	2,115	3,498	1,715	65	6	1	-	-	519,176
Great Britain	1,269,420	699,458	438,004	46,224	32,978	23,807	8,130	5,496	5,904	5,422	9,941	17,461	18,574	18,671	21,872	18,924	15,209	15,263	9,293	14,020	14,085	2,708,155
NI Housing Executive	43,552	41,434	25,325	2,522	2,201	808	54	272	249	236	290	549	471	387	402	436	448	448	229	444	554	121,311

Source: Pre-1996/97: DoE/DCLG Housing Statistics; from 1996/97: DLUHC (and predecessors) Live Table 682, Welsh Government, Scottish Government, and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Notes: 1. All figures are for financial years. DLUHC have also revised the method used to attribute historical sales data. Figures in this table therefore differ from those reported in previous editions.

2. Following methodological changes, DLUHC no longer report on housing association sales prior to 1996/97; these figures should therefore be treated with caution as they have been derived from earlier editions of the Review.

3. New town figures for Scotland include Scottish Homes sales, which were previously included under housing association sales. New town figures are not reported separately from local authority figures after 1996.

4. The RTB scheme in Scotland was closed to new applicants on 31 July 2016 and in Wales on 26 January 2019. In Scotland, no RTB figures have been published since 2020/21 and non-stock transfer housing association RTB figures have not been published since 2013/14.

5. A similar 'house sales scheme' applies in Northern Ireland to homes owned by the NIHE but regular statistics are not produced. This table uses figures supplied by NIHE or found in the NIHE Annual Report.