

Table 35a **Employment status of household reference person by tenure in the UK**

Percentages

Year	Tenure	In employment:			Unemployed	Retired	Other economic inactive	Total
		Full-time	Part-time	All in work				
1981	Outright owners	37	4	42	3	44	11	100
	Homebuyers	92	1	93	3	2	2	100
	Local authority	43	4	47	9	28	15	100
	Housing association	42	4	46	6	34	14	100
	Private, unfurnished	51	4	56	4	30	10	100
	Private, furnished	65	1	66	9	5	20	100
	All tenures	58	3	62	5	24	10	100
2001/02	Outright owners	26	6	32	1	63	5	100
	Homebuyers	86	5	92	1	4	4	100
	Local authority	22	9	31	5	36	28	100
	Housing association	24	10	34	5	34	27	100
	Private, unfurnished	60	8	67	3	14	16	100
	Private, furnished	61	9	69	5	3	22	100
	All tenures	54	7	61	2	27	10	100
2011/12	Outright owners	26	8	34	1	61	3	100
	Homebuyers	84	7	91	1	4	4	100
	Local authority	22	9	31	10	31	27	100
	Housing association	22	11	34	9	31	25	100
	Private renters	59	10	69	6	8	16	100
	All tenures	51	8	59	3	28	9	100
2021/22	Outright owners	25	8	33	1	64	3	100
	Homebuyers	85	8	93	1	3	3	100
	Local authority	28	14	42	8	27	24	100
	Housing association	29	15	44	8	25	23	100
	Private renters	66	11	78	4	7	12	100
	All tenures	51	10	61	3	29	8	100

Sources: ONS Labour Force Survey 1981 Housing trailer, DLUHC (and predecessors) Survey of English Housing 2001/02, English Housing Survey Household Report 2014/15 onwards.

Notes: 1. Equivalent figures for 1984, 1988, 1991 and 1993/94 to 2020/21 can be found in earlier editions of the *Review*. Figures prior to 2001/02 are for Britain and refer to 'head of household'.

2. Figures exclude households in most types of communal household (e.g. hotels, boarding houses, hostels, mobile home sites, etc).

3. Significant numbers of housing association tenants continue to report they are local authority tenants. EHS data from 2008/09 make an adjustment to allow for this.

4. Other economic inactive includes people who were permanently sick or disabled, in full-time education or looking after the family at home.

5. Lower response rates and changes in the composition of respondents following Covid-19 enforced methodological changes to government surveys mean statistics for 2020/21 and 2021/22 are subject to more uncertainty than previous years. Changes in the employment status observed in 2020/21 (in the 2022 edition), especially for recent movers (see table 35b) should be treated with caution.

Table 35b **Economic activity status of recently moving household reference persons by tenure**

Percentages

Year	Tenure	In employment:			Unemployed	Retired	Other economic inactive	Total
		Full-time	Part-time	All employed				
1991/92	Outright owner	37	5	42	6	42	8	100
	Buying with mortgage	93	2	94	3	1	2	100
	Local Authority	28	3	31	22	20	27	100
	Housing association	30	6	35	13	28	24	100
	Private, unfurnished	75	4	79	9	2	9	100
	Private, furnished	55	4	59	11	1	28	100
	All tenures	64	3	67	10	8	15	100
2001/02	Outright owner	28	15	43	2	48	7	100
	Buying with mortgage	94	3	97	1	1	2	100
	Local Authority	20	9	29	10	16	45	100
	Housing association	24	12	36	11	16	37	100
	Private, unfurnished	70	8	77	4	4	15	100
	Private, furnished	59	10	69	5	0	25	100
	All tenures	63	7	71	4	8	17	100
2011/12	Outright owner	34	13	47	2	40	11	100
	Buying with mortgage	90	6	96	1	1	2	100
	Council	26	12	38	15	11	36	100
	Housing association	27	11	38	15	15	32	100
	Private, unfurnished	66	9	76	7	2	15	100
	Private, furnished	59	13	72	6	1	21	100
	All tenures	60	10	71	7	6	17	100
2021/22	Outright owner	34	6	40	–	46	6	100
	Buying with mortgage	90	6	97	–	0	2	100
	Social renters	22	20	42	21	5	29	100
	Private renters	70	9	79	4	2	16	100
	All tenures	67	9	76	5	6	13	100

Sources: LFS Housing trailer 1984-1991, Survey of English Housing 2001/02, Annual Population Survey 2011, English Housing Survey 2012 onwards.

Notes: 1. See table 35a. Also dashes indicate small sample size that precludes the production of reliable estimates.

2. Figures do not sum to 100% as economic status is missing for some respondents.