

Table 91a Reasons for homelessness in England to 2018

Percentages

	1987	1990	1995	2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	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
Parents, relatives or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate	41	43	29	30	31	34	34	37	38	38	37	36	36	34	33	34	32	29	26	27	26	27
Breakdown of relationship with partner	18	17	22	23	23	22	21	20	20	19	20	18	19	20	19	18	18	17	17	16	16	18
Loss of private dwelling, including tied accommodation	15	14	20	23	23	22	20	18	18	18	19	20	18	17	21	24	28	32	35	37	38	33
Mortgage arrears	9	9	8	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
Rent arrears	4	4	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Other	13	13	17	18	18	18	21	21	20	19	18	19	20	22	21	19	18	17	17	16	16	18

Source: Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (and predecessors), Homelessness Statistics Live Tables (LT 774).

Notes: 1. Figures reflect the operation of homeless legislation prior to the implementation of the Homeless Reduction Act 2017 and are not directly comparable with figures for 2018/19 reported in Table 91b.

2. Component figures may not total to 100, because of rounding and grossing up by the DLUHC.

3. Other reasons include racially motivated violence and harassment, other forms of violence and harassment, required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office as asylum support, left institution or LA care, left HM Forces, sleeping rough, etc.

Table 91b Reasons for homelessness in England from 2018/19 onwards

Number of households and percentages

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%	%	%	%
Households owed a prevention duty	147,880	149,240	119,880	134,280	140,790	100.0	100.0	100.0	100	100
of which:										
Family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate	34,430	35,620	39,080	34,240	35,690	23.3	23.9	32.6	25.5	25.3
End of private tenancy	48,850	47,090	27,790	49,410	60,780	33.0	31.6	23.2	36.8	43.2
End of social tenancy	8,530	10,120	4,670	7,660	7,450	5.8	6.8	3.9	5.7	5.3
End of supported accommodation/institutional discharge	5,540	7,380	6,180	8,390	10,390	3.7	4.9	5.2	6.2	7.4
Relationship breakdown	9,410	9,320	9,080	7,820	6,700	6.4	6.2	7.6	5.8	4.8
Domestic abuse etc	11,000	11,240	13,400	13,070	12,210	7.4	7.5	11.2	9.7	8.7
Other/ not known	30,160	28,480	19,680	13,690	7,570	20.4	19.1	16.4	10.2	5.4
Households owed a relief duty	121,630	140,570	150,670	145,180	157,640	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
of which:										
Family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate	31,820	38,870	48,990	44,340	50,350	26.2	27.7	32.5	30.5	31.9
End of private tenancy	15,720	17,280	12,820	18,610	26,190	12.9	12.3	8.5	12.8	16.6
End of social tenancy	4,560	5,290	3,150	3,410	4,230	3.7	3.8	2.1	2.3	2.7
End of supported accommodation/institutional discharge	10,710	14,870	14,790	18,130	21,880	8.8	10.6	9.8	12.5	13.9
Relationship breakdown	11,990	13,420	15,320	12,660	12,240	9.9	9.5	10.2	8.7	7.8
Domestic abuse etc	17,490	21,710	26,730	30,680	33,000	14.4	15.4	17.7	21.1	20.9
Other/ not known	29,350	29,170	28,870	17,350	9,750	24.1	20.8	19.2	12.0	6.2
Households owed a prevention and/or relief duty	269,510	289,810	270,550	279,460	298,430	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
of which:										
Family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate	66,250	74,490	88,070	78,580	86,040	24.6	25.7	32.6	28.1	28.8
End of private tenancy	64,570	64,370	40,610	68,020	86,970	24.0	22.2	15.0	24.3	29.1
End of social tenancy	13,090	15,410	7,820	11,070	11,680	4.9	5.3	2.9	4.0	3.9
End of supported accommodation/institutional discharge	16,250	22,250	20,970	26,520	32,270	6.0	7.7	7.8	9.5	10.8
Relationship breakdown	21,400	22,740	24,400	20,480	18,940	7.9	7.8	9.0	7.3	6.3
Domestic abuse etc	28,490	32,950	40,130	43,750	45,210	10.6	11.4	14.8	15.7	15.1
Other/ not known	59,510	57,650	48,550	31,040	17,320	22.1	19.9	17.9	11.1	5.8

Source: Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (and predecessors), Statutory homelessness Live Tables AP2 and AR2.

- Notes:
1. Figures refer to homeless applicants owed prevention or relief duties and are subject to revision by DLUHC, especially those for 2021/22.
 2. The homeless relief figures exclude households owed a relief duty because they were homeless at the end of a prevention duty.
 3. The domestic abuse etc category includes those subjected to violence and harassment.
 4. Category figures may not sum exactly to the respective totals due to DLUHC rounding and weighting for non-response.

Table 91c **Homelessness: categories of need in England**

Number of households and percentages

	Number of households																				Percentages		
	1998/99	2001/02	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	2000/01	2010/11	2022/23
Household includes dependent children ²	61,540	66,190	49,880	40,600	37,000	31,430	22,950	26,670	31,790	34,480	33,950	36,480	39,120	40,140	37,230	19,810	25,890	22,770	24,740	32,270	56.7	60.4	61.1
Household includes a pregnant woman	10,500	11,360	11,360	8,480	7,350	6,080	4,580	4,480	4,990	5,000	4,150	3,940	3,910	3,780	3,750	1,520	1,880	1,980	1,610	1,730	9.7	10.1	3.3
Total vulnerable households	31,400	38,000	32,230	23,860	18,400	15,570	12,290	12,760	13,290	14,090	13,980	13,800	14,440	14,970	15,250	9,080	12,480	14,710	15,950	18,540	32.6	28.9	35.1
Of which:																							
Old age	3,750	4,230	2,210	1,390	1,110	820	590	730	750	800	810	860	870	860	840	390	430	410	410	610	3.6	1.7	1.2
Physical disability / ill health	4,980	6,240	4,610	3,590	3,090	2,650	2,480	2,960	3,310	3,540	3,700	3,660	4,020	4,370	4,360	2,750	4,200	4,590	4,790	5,700	5.3	6.7	10.8
Mental health problems	7,250	9,960	7,340	5,410	4,140	3,750	3,200	3,560	3,960	4,370	4,470	4,410	4,990	5,460	5,870	3,450	4,470	5,070	4,860	5,100	8.5	8.1	9.7
Young applicant ³	3,470	5,800	8,350	6,380	4,870	4,080	2,680	2,210	1,980	1,760	1,480	1,300	1,120	1,030	870	460	630	740	750	680	5.0	5.0	1.3
Domestic abuse	6,190	6,290	4,010	2,880	2,140	1,760	1,530	1,410	1,470	1,560	1,490	1,520	1,390	1,350	1,330	700	1,020	1,590	2,530	3,530	5.4	3.2	6.7
Other reasons ⁴	5,760	5,480	5,710	4,210	3,050	2,510	1,810	1,890	1,820	2,060	2,030	2,050	2,050	1,900	1,980	1,370	1,720	2,300	2,610	2,910	4.7	4.3	5.5
Homeless because of emergency	840	1,110	510	410	430	350	200	240	230	210	210	220	260	220	380	120	130	150	160	260	1.0	0.5	0.5
Total households owed a main duty	104,270	116,660	93,980	73,360	63,170	53,430	40,020	44,160	50,290	53,770	52,290	54,430	57,730	59,110	56,600	30,500	40,340	39,570	42,460	52,800	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (and predecessors), Statutory homelessness Live Tables MD3.

Notes: 1. Figures are for financial years. Figures for calendar years, including the needs categories for non-priority households from 1991 to 2019 can be found in earlier editions of the *Review*.

2. DLUHC caution that the 'household includes dependent children' category is under-reported due to some miscoding of households with children as vulnerable. Figures from 2018/19 include 'vulnerable' households with children DLUHC has identified.

3. From 2002/03, 'young applicant' covers 16-17 year-olds and 18-20 year-old care leavers.

4. 'Other reasons' incorporates those with alcohol or drug dependency and those vulnerable due to a learning difficulty, time spent in care, in custody, in HM forces or as former asylum seekers and those fleeing home due to violence (other than domestic abuse).

5. Totals and percentages do not always sum to total or 100% because of rounding.

Table 91d **Support needs of households owed a prevention or relief duty in England**

Number of households and percentages

	Number					Percentage of households with one or more support needs				
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of households with known support needs	144,790	144,970	125,550	125,430	134,990	100	100	100	100	100
Of which										
One identified support need	59,550	66,670	64,530	66,720	71,520	41	46	51	53	53
Two identified support needs	26,550	31,090	32,160	34,360	38,020	18	21	26	27	28
Three or more identified support needs	32,720	37,280	41,050	43,400	47,930	23	26	33	35	36
Range of support needs										
Young person aged 16-25 years	13,830	14,680	14,070	13,840	14,320	10	10	11	11	11
Care leaver	5,720	7,010	7,200	7,430	7,910	4	5	6	6	6
Physical ill health and disability	35,860	42,090	40,390	47,040	54,240	25	29	32	38	40
History of mental health problems	56,980	65,900	67,500	73,200	79,350	39	45	54	58	59
Learning disability	11,030	12,550	12,500	15,090	16,900	8	9	10	12	13
At risk of / has experienced domestic abuse	5,290	6,040	5,870	6,490	7,220	4	4	5	5	5
At risk of / has experienced abuse (non-domestic abuse)	23,920	26,890	29,690	32,760	35,460	17	19	24	26	26
At risk of / has experienced sexual abuse / exploitation	6,910	7,210	7,740	8,430	9,610	5	5	6	7	7
Drug dependency needs	14,230	16,830	19,980	17,690	18,190	10	12	16	14	13
Alcohol dependency needs	11,030	12,530	13,110	12,950	14,010	8	9	10	10	10
Offending history	19,180	22,180	28,030	25,500	25,900	13	15	22	20	19
History of repeat homelessness	16,460	18,390	20,840	19,930	21,400	11	13	17	16	16
History of rough sleeping	13,390	14,880	17,550	15,000	16,670	9	10	14	12	12
Access to education, employment or training	8,770	7,750	7,440	9,470	12,380	6	5	6	8	9
Other	7,820	8,890	6,870	9,090	11,620	5	6	5	7	9

Source: Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (and predecessors), Statutory homelessness Live Tables (A3).

- Notes:
1. Households with multiple support needs are counted in more than one 'support needs' category. Thus the sum of support needs categories exceeds the number of households with support needs.
 2. Figures are rounded by DLUHC and include imputations for missing values.
 3. Support needs are not the same as 'priority need', such that not every household with support needs will have been defined as being in priority need.