

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	2022
North East	63	53	38	38	35	49	32	62	25	35	38	45	51	66	67	72	48	61
North West	131	106	78	89	90	100	149	147	152	189	220	313	434	428	349	226	200	247
Yorkshire & The Humber	71	85	83	59	72	115	150	157	129	126	160	172	207	246	242	181	166	170
East Midlands	116	161	90	80	108	121	188	137	206	193	208	255	313	358	305	187	175	213
West Midlands	109	81	71	73	105	182	207	230	223	186	249	289	295	420	319	214	194	250
East	96	85	67	72	169	206	242	276	296	302	418	604	615	484	458	266	241	285
London	285	327	302	249	317	415	446	557	543	742	940	964	1,137	1,283	1,136	714	640	858
South East	203	178	172	157	213	310	430	442	532	609	827	956	1,119	934	900	474	445	572
South West	161	173	137	131	138	270	337	301	308	362	509	536	580	458	490	354	334	413
England	1,235	1,249	1,038	948	1,247	1,768	2,181	2,309	2,414	2,744	3,569	4,134	4,751	4,677	4,266	2,688	2,443	3,069
of which																		
London (%)	23	26	29	26	25	23	20	24	22	27	26	23	24	27	27	27	26	28
Rest of England (%)	77	74	71	74	75	77	80	76	78	73	74	77	76	73	73	73	74	72

Sources: Audit Commission collated local authority counts to 2007/08 and Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (and its predecessors) from 2010 onwards.

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

2. Autumn 2010 count and onwards using revised methodology; https://assets.publishing.service.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.

4. There were no Covid-19 related measures in place during the 2022 snapshot unlike the 'everyone-in' measures in 2020 and 2021, which reduced the numbers sleeping rough in those two years.

Table 92b **Rough sleepers in England by area**

Number of people

	1998	2000	2005	2007	2009	2010 ¹	2010 ²	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Authorities with the highest count in 1998																				
Westminster	237	227	133	112	110	147	128	106	131	140	265	265	260	217	306	333	242	187	250	
Camden	59	54	17	6	6	5	11	7	5	4	5	15	17	127	141	65	42	97	90	
Birmingham	56	23	7	5	4	6	9	7	8	14	20	36	55	57	91	52	17	31	39	
Brighton and Hove	44	21	9	12	6	12	14	37	43	50	41	78	144	178	64	88	27	37	41	
Bristol	42	21	4	7	–	6	8	8	9	41	41	97	74	86	82	98	50	68	58	
City of London	41	40	12	45	38	29	20	18	21	35	50	48	50	36	67	41	23	20	43	
Oxford	39	31	5	11	5	16	11	8	12	19	26	39	33	61	45	43	19	24	27	
Manchester	31	23	7	7	9	7	7	15	27	24	43	70	78	94	123	91	68	43	58	
Southwark	31	7	7	11	15	3	29	10	25	24	22	32	32	44	47	44	24	10	14	
Tower Hamlets	31	6	–	12	17	7	11	9	7	4	6	12	11	21	10	17	40	28	21	
Authorities with the highest count in 2022																				
Westminster	237	227	133	112	110	147	128	106	131	140	265	265	260	217	306	333	242	187	250	
Camden	59	54	17	6	6	5	11	7	5	4	5	15	17	127	141	65	42	97	90	
Bournemouth	44	21	7	5	6	6	21	26	35	24	40	65	60	66	45	72	25	29	64	
Bristol	42	21	4	7	–	6	8	8	9	41	41	97	74	86	82	98	50	68	58	
Manchester	31	23	7	7	9	7	7	15	27	24	43	70	78	94	123	91	68	43	58	
Cornwall	30	17	11	–	12	12	65	80	50	77	40	65	99	68	53	24	29	28	43	
City of London	41	40	12	45	38	29	20	18	21	35	50	48	50	36	67	41	23	20	43	
Brighton and Hove	44	21	9	12	6	12	14	37	43	50	41	78	144	178	64	88	27	37	41	
Birmingham	56	23	7	5	4	6	9	7	8	14	20	36	55	57	91	52	17	31	39	
Leeds	8	17	4	1	6	–	6	11	11	13	15	13	20	28	33	40	35	25	37	

Source: Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (and its predecessors).

- 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. Figures for Bournemouth from 2010 onwards are for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.
 3. Figures for Cornwall prior to 2010 are for the six former districts of Caradon, Carrick, Kerrier, North Cornwall, Penwith, and Restormel.
 4. Figures for all local authorities are available at: www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2022

Table 92c **Rough sleepers in Wales**

Numbers

	2015/16	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. The Welsh rough-sleeper count has been suspended during the pandemic, but management statistics indicate that around 132 people were sleeping rough in Wales in October 2021.