

Table 95 Local authority dwelling stock, new dwellings and lettings in England

Thousands

	1985/86	1990/91	2000/01	2005/06	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
Stock of dwellings ¹	4,439	3,895	2,790	2,087	1,726	1,693	1,682	1,669	1,643	1,612	1,602	1,592	1,587	1,583	1,582	1,576	1,571
Vacant dwellings	113.0	81.4	79.2	42.9	27.9	25.9	27.7	27.3	27.4	23.9	23.1	23.3	24.0	25.6	31.5	32.9	34.0
Vacant dwellings as % of stock	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.2
Completions	23.3	13.0	0.2	0.3	1.1	2.0	1.4	0.9	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.3	2.0
All lettings ^{2,3}	431.9	398.5	326.6	188.8	144.1	140.9	134.7	142.9	127.3	120.5	112.6	108.1	104.8	99.9	80.2	88.8	87.2
Of which:																	
General needs lettings	-	-	-	-	124.4	124.2	117.6	128.3	113.9	107.5	99.3	95.3	90.8	86.3	68.5	76.1	75.1
Supported housing lettings	-	-	-	-	15.7	16.1	14.8	14.7	13.4	13.0	13.2	12.1	11.2	11.8	10.7	11.9	11.4
Lets to new social tenants ^{4,5}	242	238	222	133	94.1	89.1	83.9	83.3	76.8	74.8	69.2	66.9	64.4	59.9	47.6	55.0	55.1
Lets to existing tenants ^{5,6}	190.0	160.8	104.3	55.5	50.0	51.7	50.6	59.5	50.1	45.7	43.4	41.2	40.1	37.4	30.5	32.8	32.1
Lettings to statutory homeless households ^{7,8}	-	-	-	-	16.3	17.0	18.2	18.1	16.7	17.5	17.8	16.9	16.9	19.6	15.2	16.3	18.4
Of which:																	
General needs lets	-	-	-	-	14.9	15.7	17.2	17.1	15.4	16.3	16.7	15.5	15.4	17.7	13.6	14.7	16.5
Supported housing lets	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.8
Homeless lets as a % of all lettings ⁸	-	-	-	-	12	13	15	14	14	15	17	18	18	21	24	21	25
Homeless lets as a % of lets to new social tenants ^{8,9}	26	40	29	31	20	19	19	23	23	23	23	26	26	30	32	-	-
Homeless lets as a % of all general needs lettings ⁸	-	-	-	-	13	14	16	15	15	16	18	18	18	21	25	22	26
Homeless lets as a % of all supported lettings ⁸	-	-	-	-	9	9	8	8	10	9	10	13	14	19	21	17	22

Sources: DLUHC (and its predecessors) Local Authority Housing Statistics (LAHS); Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA), Live Tables 116, 213, 602 and 612; Social Housing Lettings (CORE).

Notes: 1. The dwelling count to 1990 is for December and thereafter the end of the financial year. It includes a small number of dwellings awaiting demolition, sitting outside the HRA or defined as shared ownership. From 1986/87 it also includes dwellings owned by local authorities outside their own area.

2. The all-lettings count includes all dwellings let on a social, Affordable or intermediate rent basis, secure, introductory or flexible tenancies and lettings to households displaced by slum clearance.

3. The total number of new lettings is often greater than the sum of the different categories, which are not always recorded.

4. Lettings to new social tenants refers to lettings to households who immediately prior to this move did not hold a tenancy from any other social landlord.

5. Prior to 2009/10 lettings data did not differentiate between a new social tenant and a tenant transferring from another social landlord, leading to a discontinuity in the count of new and existing social lettings before and after this date.

6. Lettings to existing tenants refers to internal transfers (irrespective of tenancy type) and, from 2009/10, transfers from any other social landlord. It includes mutual exchanges but excludes tenancy successions and assignments.

7. From 2019/20 'statutory homeless' is defined in accord with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2018 and includes all households assessed as homeless (or threatened with homelessness within the next 56 days) by a local authority and owed a prevention, relief or main homeless duty. For 2018/19 and earlier 'statutory homeless' is defined as those found 'statutory homeless' by a local housing authority.

8. Lets to statutory homeless households are based on CORE data. DLUHC weight CORE data for the lower number of LA lettings relative to the LAHS but differences persist. The proportions of lettings to homeless are therefore based on CORE figures for the applicable category of letting and not the LAHS figures reported in this table.9. Figures for the estimated number and proportion of new social lets to homeless households for 2021/22 and 2022/23 were unavailable at the time of compilation.