

Table 35a **Employment status of household reference person by tenure for England**

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
2012/13	Outright owners	25	9	34	1	62	3	100
	Homebuyers	84	7	91	1	5	3	100
	Local authority	23	13	36	10	32	23	100
	Housing association	23	11	35	11	31	23	100
	Private renters	61	1	72	6	7	15	100
	All tenures	50	9	60	4	28	9	100
2022/23	Outright owners	25	10	35	0	62	3	100
	Homebuyers	84	8	92	1	4	3	100
	Local authority	25	15	40	8	27	25	100
	Housing association	29	13	42	6	27	24	100
	Private renters	65	11	76	3	8	14	100
	All tenures	50	10	60	2	29	8	100

Sources: ONS Labour Force Survey 1981 Housing trailer, MHCLG (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, changes in the composition of respondents and Covid-19 enforced methodological changes between 2020/21 and 2021/22 mean findings are subject to more uncertainty than in previous years, especially changes in the employment status observed in 2020/21 and 2021/22 (in previous editions) for recent movers (see table 35b). Face-to-face interviews and internal inspections of properties resumed in 2022/23.

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.