

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: Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (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 MHCLG.

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	2023/24	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%	%	%	%	%	%
Households owed a prevention duty	147,880	149,240	119,880	134,280	141,970	146,430	100	100	100	100	100	100
of which:												
End of assured private tenancy	45,090	43,410	24,630	44,480	54,830	57,340	30.5	29.1	20.5	33.1	38.6	39.2
of which:												
Rent arrears	11,190	10,600	5,440	7,760	8,490	8,070	7.6	7.1	4.5	5.8	6.0	5.5
Landlord wishing to sell or re-let the property	23,990	23,240	13,600	28,270	35,280	37,040	16.2	15.6	11.3	21.1	24.9	25.3
Other reasons / not known	9,960	9,610	5,600	8,450	11,060	12,220	6.7	6.4	4.7	6.3	7.8	8.3
End of non-AST private rented tenancy	3,760	3,680	3,160	4,930	6,510	7,050	2.5	2.5	2.6	3.7	4.6	4.8
Family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate	34,430	35,620	39,080	34,240	35,960	34,090	23.3	23.9	32.6	25.5	25.3	23.3
End of social tenancy	8,530	10,120	4,670	7,660	7,540	6,980	5.8	6.8	3.9	5.7	5.3	4.8
Relationship breakdown	9,410	9,320	9,080	7,820	6,740	6,210	6.4	6.2	7.6	5.8	4.7	4.2
Domestic abuse, other violence or harassment	11,000	11,240	13,400	13,070	12,330	12,050	7.4	7.5	11.2	9.7	8.7	8.2
End of supported accommodation/institutional discharge	3,950	5,020	4,910	6,780	8,290	8,930	2.7	3.4	4.1	5.0	5.8	6.1
Required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office	1,590	2,360	1,270	1,610	2,160	4,620	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.5	3.2
Other/ not known	30,160	28,480	19,680	13,690	7,600	9,150	20.4	19.1	16.4	10.2	5.4	6.2
Households owed a relief duty	121,630	140,570	150,670	145,180	158,940	178,560	100	100	100	100	100	100
of which:												
End of assured private tenancy	13,570	14,560	9,500	14,480	20,350	22,160	11.2	10.4	6.3	10.0	12.8	12.4
of which:	13,630	14,590	9,490	14,470	20,350	22,180						
Rent arrears	4,150	4,490	2,100	3,070	4,310	4,560	3.4	3.2	1.4	2.1	2.7	2.6
Landlord wishing to sell or re-let the property	4,000	3,880	2,110	4,670	7,300	8,330	3.3	2.8	1.4	3.2	4.6	4.7
Other reasons / not known	5,480	6,220	5,280	6,730	8,740	9,290	4.5	4.4	3.5	4.6	5.5	5.2
End of non-AST private rented tenancy	2,150	2,720	3,320	4,130	6,100	6,000	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.8	3.8	3.4
Family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate	31,820	38,870	48,990	44,340	50,740	53,200	26.2	27.7	32.5	30.5	31.9	29.8
End of social tenancy	4,560	5,290	3,150	3,410	4,290	4,380	3.7	3.8	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.5
Relationship breakdown	11,990	13,420	15,320	12,660	12,320	12,630	9.9	9.5	10.2	8.7	7.8	7.1
Domestic abuse, other violence or harassment	17,490	21,710	26,730	30,680	33,260	33,500	14.4	15.4	17.7	21.1	20.9	18.8
End of supported accommodation/institutional discharge	8,960	11,990	13,410	15,530	18,180	20,530	7.4	8.5	8.9	10.7	11.4	11.5
Required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office	1,750	2,880	1,380	2,600	3,850	13,520	1.4	2.0	0.9	1.8	2.4	7.6
Other/ not known	29,350	29,170	28,870	17,350	9,840	12,620	24.1	20.8	19.2	12.0	6.2	7.1

Source: Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (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 MHCLG, especially those for 2021/22.

2. The domestic abuse, etc category includes those subjected to violence and harassment.

3. Category figures may not sum exactly to the respective totals due to MHCLG rounding and weighting for non-response.

Table 91c Homelessness: categories of need in England

Number of households and percentages

	Number households owed main homeless duty																Percentages		
	2001/02	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	2023/24	2000/01	2010/11	2023/24	
Household includes dependent children ²	66,190	26,670	31,790	34,480	33,950	36,480	39,120	40,140	37,230	19,810	25,890	22,770	24,740	32,860	38,910	56.7	60.4	59.9	
Household includes a pregnant woman	11,360	4,480	4,990	5,000	4,150	3,940	3,910	3,780	3,750	1,520	1,880	1,980	1,610	1,770	2,010	9.7	10.1	3.1	
Total vulnerable households	38,000	12,760	13,290	14,090	13,980	13,800	14,440	14,970	15,250	9,080	12,480	14,710	15,950	18,890	23,720	32.6	28.9	36.5	
Of which:																			
Old age	4,230	730	750	800	810	860	870	860	840	390	430	410	410	620	780	3.6	1.7	1.2	
Physical disability / ill health	6,240	2,960	3,310	3,540	3,700	3,660	4,020	4,370	4,360	2,750	4,200	4,590	4,790	5,790	7,440	5.3	6.7	11.5	
Mental health problems	9,960	3,560	3,960	4,370	4,470	4,410	4,990	5,460	5,870	3,450	4,470	5,070	4,860	5,190	6,140	8.5	8.1	9.5	
Young applicant ³	5,800	2,210	1,980	1,760	1,480	1,300	1,120	1,030	870	460	630	740	750	700	1,030	5.0	5.0	1.6	
Domestic abuse	6,290	1,410	1,470	1,560	1,490	1,520	1,390	1,350	1,330	700	1,020	1,590	2,530	3,620	4,900	5.4	3.2	7.5	
Other reasons ⁴	5,480	1,890	1,820	2,060	2,030	2,050	2,050	1,900	1,980	1,370	1,720	2,300	2,610	2,980	3,450	4.7	4.3	5.3	
Homeless because of emergency	1,110	240	230	210	210	220	260	220	380	120	130	150	160	260	320	1.0	0.5	0.5	
Total households owed a main duty	116,660	44,160	50,290	53,770	52,290	54,430	57,730	59,110	56,600	30,500	40,340	39,570	42,460	53,770	64,960	100	100	100	

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (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. MHCLG 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 MHCLG 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	2023/24	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of households with known support needs	118,830	135,040	137,740	144,480	160,240	176,120	100	100	100	100	100	100
Of which												
1 identified support need	59,550	66,670	64,530	66,720	72,030	79,790	50	49	47	46	45	45
2 identified support needs	26,550	31,090	32,160	34,360	37,850	41,620	22	23	23	24	24	24
3 or more identified support needs	32,720	37,280	41,050	43,400	50,350	54,700	28	28	30	30	31	31
Range of support needs												
Young person aged 16-25 years	13,830	14,680	14,070	13,840	14,370	14,670	12	11	10	10	9	8
Care leaver	5,720	7,010	7,200	7,430	7,990	8,790	5	5	5	5	5	5
Physical ill health and disability	35,860	42,090	40,390	47,040	54,520	62,040	30	31	29	33	34	35
History of mental health problems	56,980	65,900	67,500	73,200	79,760	85,760	48	49	49	51	50	49
Learning disability	11,030	12,550	12,500	15,090	16,940	19,320	9	9	9	10	11	11
At risk of / has experienced domestic abuse	23,920	26,890	29,690	32,760	35,670	37,510	20	20	22	23	22	21
At risk of / has experienced abuse (non-domestic abuse)	6,910	7,210	7,740	8,430	9,640	9,740	20	5	6	6	6	6
At risk of / has experienced sexual abuse / exploitation	5,290	6,040	5,870	6,490	7,230	7,770	4	4	4	4	5	4
Drug dependency needs	14,230	16,830	19,980	17,690	18,240	18,610	12	12	15	12	11	11
Alcohol dependency needs	11,030	12,530	13,110	12,950	14,060	14,580	9	9	10	9	9	8
Offending history	19,180	22,180	28,030	25,500	25,970	25,960	16	16	20	18	16	15
History of repeat homelessness	16,460	18,390	20,840	19,930	21,440	21,890	14	14	15	14	13	12
History of rough sleeping	13,390	14,880	17,550	15,000	16,700	17,970	11	11	13	10	10	10
Former asylum seeker	2,650	3,460	2,290	3,310	4,700	10,790	2	3	2	2	3	6
Old age	3,350	3,510	2,840	3,920	4,840	5,740	3	3	2	3	3	3
Served in HM Forces	1,820	1,920	1,740	1,860	2,110	2,270	2	1	1	1	1	1
Access to education, employment or training	8,770	7,750	7,440	9,470	12,410	14,180	7	6	5	7	8	8
Difficulties budgeting	-	-	-	-	13,220	15,360	-	-	-	-	8	9
Victim of modern slavery	-	-	-	-	630	960	-	-	-	-	0	1

Source: Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (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 MHCLG 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.