

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	2023
North East	63	53	38	38	35	49	32	62	25	35	38	45	51	66	67	72	48	61	89
North West	131	106	78	89	90	100	149	147	152	189	220	313	434	428	349	226	200	247	369
Yorkshire & The Humber	71	85	83	59	72	115	150	157	129	126	160	172	207	246	242	181	166	170	270
East Midlands	116	161	90	80	108	121	188	137	206	193	208	255	313	358	305	187	175	213	287
West Midlands	109	81	71	73	105	182	207	230	223	186	249	289	295	420	319	214	194	250	256
East	96	85	67	72	169	206	242	276	296	302	418	604	615	484	458	266	241	285	337
London	285	327	302	249	317	415	446	557	543	742	940	964	1,137	1,283	1,136	714	640	858	1,132
South East	203	178	172	157	213	310	430	442	532	609	827	956	1,119	934	900	474	445	572	670
South West	161	173	137	131	138	270	337	301	308	362	509	536	580	458	490	354	334	413	488
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	3,898
of which																			
London (%)	23	26	29	26	25	23	20	24	22	27	26	23	24	27	27	27	26	28	29
Rest of England (%)	77	74	71	74	75	77	80	76	78	73	74	77	76	73	73	73	74	72	71

Sources: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (and its predecessors), collated local authority counts from 2010 and Audit Commission collated counts to 2007/08.

Notes: 1. Summer 2010 count using 'old' methodology which only covered a quarter of local authority areas.

2. From Autumn 2010 onwards, the new snapshot method includes all local authorities. The method generally involves street night counts by outreach workers on a 'typical night' between 1 October and 30 November plus intelligence provided by local charities and community groups.

3. 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.

4. The rough sleeping snapshot statistics are based on people sleeping on the street or other open air locations and excludes people in hostels or shelters, people in campsites, organised protest, squatters or travellers sites.

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

Number of people

	1998	2000	2005	2010	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Authorities with the highest count in 1998																		
Westminster	237	227	133	147	128	106	131	140	265	265	260	217	306	333	242	187	250	277
Camden	59	54	17	5	11	7	5	4	5	15	17	127	141	65	42	97	90	121
Birmingham	56	23	7	6	9	7	8	14	20	36	55	57	91	52	17	31	39	36
Brighton and Hove	44	21	9	12	14	37	43	50	41	78	144	178	64	88	27	37	41	52
Bristol	42	21	4	6	8	8	9	41	41	97	74	86	82	98	50	68	58	67
City of London	41	40	12	29	20	18	21	35	50	48	50	36	67	41	23	20	43	61
Oxford	39	31	5	16	11	8	12	19	26	39	33	61	45	43	19	24	27	46
Manchester	31	23	7	7	7	15	27	24	43	70	78	94	123	91	68	43	58	48
Southwark	31	7	7	3	29	10	25	24	22	32	32	44	47	44	24	10	14	42
Tower Hamlets	31	6	-	7	11	9	7	4	6	12	11	21	10	17	40	28	21	32
Authorities with the highest count in 2023																		
Camden	59	54	17	5	11	7	5	4	5	15	17	127	141	65	42	97	90	121
Bristol, City of	42	21	4	0	8	8	9	41	41	97	74	86	82	98	50	68	58	67
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	44	21	7	6	21	26	35	24	40	65	60	66	45	72	25	29	64	64
City of London	41	40	12	29	65	80	50	77	40	65	99	68	53	24	29	28	43	43
Somerset	-	-	-	-	32	64	40	28	50	56	48	57	36	71	47	31	48	57
Ealing	24	14	1	1	5	15	11	15	17	31	27	62	33	20	25	23	24	53
Brighton and Hove	44	26	9	12	14	37	43	50	41	78	144	178	64	88	27	37	41	52
Redbridge	0	5	..	0	20	17	14	17	19	43	60	65	26	16	24	15	27	51
Leeds	8	17	4	0	6	11	11	13	15	13	20	28	33	40	35	25	37	49
Manchester	31	23	7	0	7	15	27	24	43	70	78	94	123	91	68	43	58	48

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

- Notes
1. See notes for Table 92a. A full list of LA returns and how they were collected is available from the department.
 2. Figures for Bournemouth from 2010 onwards are for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

Table 92c Rough sleepers in Wales

Number of persons or street count

	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 since the Covid-19 pandemic, but management statistics indicate that throughout Wales there were an estimated 132 people sleeping rough in October 2022 and 169 in October 2023.
 4. In spring 2024 the Welsh Government proposed to cease the annual rough sleeper snapshot count. This table will be reviewed once future plans are known..