

Table 89a Local authority homeless acceptances in Great Britain by country

Number of households

	1980	1990	2000/01	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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Not held to be intentionally homeless																							
England	60,400	140,350	114,670	93,980	73,360	63,170	53,430	40,020	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	65,470	72,260
+ Scotland	7,038	14,233	18,200	31,539	31,231	31,251	33,554	35,836	35,187	30,924	29,115	28,013	28,057	26,984	27,342	27,882	28,804	30,510	27,687	29,056	32,074	33,284	33,198
+ Wales	4,772	9,226	4,156	7,810	6,800	6,365	5,865	5,565	6,255	6,515	5,795	5,115	5,070	1,611	2,073	2,229	2,631	3,060	3,795	4,086	5,094	6,135	6,840
= Great Britain	72,210	163,809	137,026	133,329	111,391	100,786	92,849	81,421	85,602	87,729	88,680	85,418	87,557	86,325	88,525	86,711	61,935	73,910	71,052	75,602	90,938	104,889	112,298
Held to be intentionally homeless																							
England	2,520	5,450	8,650	13,250	10,930	9,560	8,640	6,580	7,130	7,920	8,430	8,530	8,990	9,560	9,860	8,700	4,270	4,630	3,430	2,950	3,350	3,990	4,650
+ Scotland	938	1,580	2,400	1,219	1,422	1,466	1,555	1,432	1,654	1,573	1,680	1,803	1,795	1,625	1,434	1,504	1,470	1,110	435	336	471	671	869
+ Wales	674	737	510	915	895	740	625	555	590	615	580	605	515	273	126	159	201	129	93	72	93	90	87
= Great Britain	4,132	7,767	11,560	15,384	13,247	11,766	10,820	8,567	9,374	10,108	10,690	10,938	11,300	11,458	11,420	10,363	5,941	5,869	3,958	3,358	3,914	4,751	5,606
All households accepted as homeless																							
England	62,920	145,800	123,320	107,230	84,290	72,730	62,070	46,600	51,290	58,210	62,200	60,820	63,420	67,290	68,970	65,300	34,770	44,970	43,000	45,410	57,120	69,460	76,910
+ Scotland	7,976	15,813	20,600	32,758	32,653	32,717	35,109	37,268	36,841	32,497	30,795	29,816	29,852	28,609	28,776	29,386	30,274	31,620	28,122	29,392	32,545	33,955	34,067
+ Wales	5,446	9,963	4,666	8,725	7,695	7,105	6,490	6,120	6,845	7,130	6,375	5,720	5,585	1,884	2,199	2,388	2,832	3,189	3,888	4,158	5,187	6,225	6,927
= Great Britain	76,342	171,576	148,586	148,713	124,638	112,552	103,669	89,988	94,976	97,837	99,370	96,356	98,857	97,783	99,945	97,074	67,876	79,779	75,010	78,960	94,852	109,640	117,904

Sources: Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Live Homeless Table MD1, Scottish Government Homeless Statistics and Welsh Government Homeless Statistics.

Notes: 1. The England and Wales figures for 1997 and later years reflect the changes in homeless legislation, and no longer include 'non-priority acceptances'.

2. There is a break in the time series for England in 2018/19. Following the Homelessness Reduction Act 2018, households now receive a minimum of 56 days assistance prior to being assessed for being owed a main homeless duty.

3. There is a break in the time series for Wales in 2015/16 due to legislative reforms and the introduction of new prevention and relief duties. Welsh figures from 2015/16 are based on section 73 priority need cases.

4. Scottish figures to 2012/13 are for priority need homeless and potentially homeless cases only. From 2013/14 they refer to all homeless acceptances following the abolition of the distinction between priority need and other homeless acceptances on 31 December 2012.

5. English and Scottish figures from 2000/01 are for financial years as are Welsh figures from 2002/03 onwards. E&W figures therefore differ from previous versions of the table, which were for calendar years.

6. The 1990 figures for Wales include 2,000 households made homeless by flooding that year.

Table 89b Homeless acceptances in England by region

Number of households

	1991	1995	2000	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	2023/24	2024/25
North East	7,870	6,050	5,060	5,970	1,860	1,800	1,740	1,340	1,400	1,330	1,330	1,220	310	300	330	550	860	1,160	1,580
North West	22,220	16,080	12,940	13,190	3,880	4,190	4,000	3,560	3,720	4,020	4,740	5,280	2,720	3,610	4,260	4,930	6,570	8,490	8,370
Yorkshire & The Humber	12,480	9,930	9,140	9,440	4,420	4,900	4,920	3,530	3,230	3,410	3,670	3,860	1,500	2,340	2,710	3,520	4,350	4,680	5,960
East Midlands	9,730	8,970	7,350	6,890	3,380	3,790	3,580	3,580	3,460	3,690	4,090	4,590	1,820	2,720	2,240	2,470	3,030	3,870	4,510
West Midlands	17,280	17,510	13,660	11,960	8,440	8,560	8,720	8,020	8,040	8,190	8,300	8,020	3,870	5,550	5,630	5,430	6,810	7,260	7,590
East of England	8,560	8,730	9,420	8,250	4,220	5,270	5,650	5,740	5,800	6,310	6,570	6,140	3,840	4,750	4,420	4,790	6,050	6,610	7,480
London	36,310	26,690	28,230	21,130	10,180	12,720	15,660	17,030	17,530	19,170	18,060	15,470	8,820	11,480	11,580	10,170	12,340	17,660	20,090
South East	13,750	13,570	14,420	9,330	4,520	5,320	5,940	6,020	7,320	7,800	7,930	7,710	4,910	6,170	4,970	5,810	7,480	9,220	10,480
South West	9,050	9,960	11,170	7,820	3,270	3,750	3,560	3,290	3,950	3,830	4,410	4,190	2,710	3,430	3,430	4,790	6,260	6,520	6,200
England	137,250	117,490	111,340	93,980	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	65,470	72,260

Sources: Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, detailed local authority level tables, annual updates.

Notes: 1. Homeless acceptances figures are for priority need and households accepted as unintentionally homeless only.

2. From 2005/06 data are for the financial year, beginning in April of that year.

3. From 2018/19 the figures are based on local authority decisions on applications made at the point the main duty takes effect, resulting in a major break in continuity.

4. Regional figures are rounded and grossed up by MHCLG to allow for missing local authority returns and may not sum precisely to the national annual total, especially on occasions when only the latter are subsequently revised.

Figures for calendar years to 2011 can be found in earlier editions of the Review.

5. Figures for 2021/22 to 2023/24 have been updated to incorporate revised MHCLG figures.

Table 89c Households owed a homeless prevention or relief duty in England by region

Number of households

	2018/19			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
	Assessed as owed a homeless duty by the local authority			Assessed as owed a homeless duty by the local authority			Assessed as owed a homeless duty by the local authority			Assessed as owed a homeless duty by the local authority		
	Total	Threatened with homelessness: prevention duty owed	Homeless: relief duty owed	Total	Threatened with homelessness: prevention duty owed	Homeless: relief duty owed	Total	Threatened with homelessness: prevention duty owed	Homeless: relief duty owed	Total	Threatened with homelessness: prevention duty owed	Homeless: relief duty owed
North East	14,840	8,260	6,580	18,340	10,130	8,200	20,020	9,250	10,770	19,720	8,930	10,780
North West	37,690	19,290	18,400	44,930	19,890	25,030	48,230	20,340	27,890	47,430	20,570	26,860
Yorkshire & The Humber	25,940	14,350	11,590	30,100	15,210	14,890	31,410	15,240	16,170	31,280	15,100	16,180
East Midlands	22,010	12,230	9,780	22,590	11,290	11,300	23,590	10,500	13,090	24,640	10,800	13,840
West Midlands	24,190	11,410	12,780	28,520	10,700	17,820	31,680	12,180	19,500	31,660	11,810	19,850
East	28,170	15,620	12,550	28,970	14,510	14,460	31,420	15,210	16,210	32,630	15,450	17,170
London	53,200	30,670	22,530	57,150	25,530	31,620	65,350	27,890	37,460	70,740	28,240	42,500
South East	37,630	21,190	16,450	39,840	20,780	19,060	44,280	23,030	21,250	44,030	23,080	20,950
South West	25,840	14,860	10,980	27,990	12,740	15,250	29,000	12,790	16,210	28,280	13,880	14,400
England	269,500	147,880	121,630	298,430	140,790	157,640	324,990	146,430	178,560	330,410	147,870	182,540

Source: See Table 89b.

Notes: 1. The regional figures refer to households that were initially assessed as homeless and therefore owed homeless prevention and relief duties introduced by the Housing (Homelessness) Reduction Act 2017 and do not correspond to homeless figures reported in Tables 89a or 89b.

2. The homeless relief figures exclude households owed a relief duty because they were homeless at the end of a prevention duty.

3. Prevention duties include any activities aimed at preventing a household threatened with homelessness within 56 days from becoming homeless. Relief duties are owed to households that are already homeless and require help to secure settled accommodation.

4. Regional figures may not sum exactly to the national total due to MHCLG rounding and weighting for non-response. Figures for 2022/23 and 2023/24 have been updated to reflect MHCLG revisions and differ from figures previously reported

5. Figures for previous years can be found in earlier editions of the *Review*.