

Table 99a General and supported social lettings to homeless households in England

Thousands

	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
All general needs lettings to tenants new to the social rented sector	173.0	173.1	162.4	165.3	163.1	158.2	143.9	138.3	139.3	132.2	113.9	126.6	126.7	121.2	122.8
of which:															
Local authorities	76.2	72.2	66.6	65.9	59.7	57.6	52.6	49.7	49.5	47.2	35.8	42.2	43.3	39.2	39.2
Housing associations	96.7	100.9	95.8	99.4	103.4	100.6	91.3	88.6	89.8	85.0	78.0	84.4	83.5	82.1	83.6
All supported housing needs lettings to tenants new to the social rented sector	90.1	89.0	84.0	78.6	76.1	75.2	65.7	57.9	56.9	55.1	49.4	54.1	47.8	49.3	48.4
of which:															
Local authorities	9.5	8.3	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.2	6.8	6.4	6.1	6.0	5.2	6.0	5.5	6.4	5.3
Housing associations	80.7	80.7	76.6	71.2	68.7	68.0	58.9	51.6	50.7	49.1	44.2	48.1	42.3	43.0	43.1
General needs lettings to statutory homeless households	32.1	34.1	36.1	35.6	33.3	35.0	34.3	33.8	34.3	38.7	33.4	32.7	40.5	49.1	53.3
of which:															
Local authorities	14.9	15.7	17.2	17.1	15.4	16.3	16.7	15.5	15.4	17.7	13.6	14.7	16.6	19.0	20.6
Housing associations	17.2	18.4	18.9	18.5	17.9	18.7	17.7	18.3	18.9	21.1	19.8	18.0	23.9	30.2	32.8
Supported lettings to statutory homeless households	17.3	17.3	16.3	15.9	20.1	17.7	14.1	13.3	13.5	15.8	13.6	12.4	18.1	20.5	21.2
of which:															
Local authorities	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	2.2	2.1
Housing associations	15.9	16.0	15.3	14.9	18.8	16.5	13.0	11.9	12.0	13.8	12.0	10.7	16.3	18.3	19.1
Homeless households as a % of general needs lettings to new social tenants	19	20	22	22	20	22	24	24	25	29	29	26	32	41	43
Homeless households as a % of all local authority general needs lettings	19	22	26	26	26	28	32	31	31	37	38	35	38	48	53
Homeless households as a % of all housing association general needs lettings	18	18	20	19	17	19	19	21	21	25	25	21	29	37	39
Homeless households as a % of supported housing lettings to new social tenants	19	19	19	20	26	24	21	23	24	29	27	23	38	42	44
Homeless households as a % of all local authority supported housing lettings	15	15	13	14	18	16	17	22	25	33	31	27	34	34	39
Homeless households as a % of all housing association supported housing lettings	20	20	20	21	27	24	22	23	24	28	27	22	38	43	44

Sources: MHCLG (and predecessors) Social housing lettings (SHL) in England, SHL tenancies summary tables and SHL tenants summary tables - all data derived from CORE (Continuous Recording system).

- Notes:
1. The lettings data exclude mutual exchanges and all lettings with a tenancy length of less than 2 years as these are deemed temporary. Letting figures for 2020/21 were impacted by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.
 2. The definition of supported housing changed from 2004/05 resulting in a reduction in recorded housing association general needs lettings (see Table 97).
 3. From 2019/20 'statutory homeless' recorded in CORE 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.
 4. Some of those rehoused as statutory homeless may have previously held a social tenancy.
 5. The numbers of CORE lettings to homeless households is lower than recorded in official homeless statistics, which is most likely because lettings to prevent homelessness are not necessarily recorded as a let to statutory homeless, and the exclusion of lets under 2 years.
 6. This table was a new table in 2025 and has been revised to focus solely on new social tenants (i.e. did not previously rent their home from a registered landlord). The number of lettings includes properties let on a social rent and Affordable Rent basis.

Table 99b General lettings by social landlords to homeless households by region in England to 2018/19

Percentage of all lettings to new tenants

Region	1980/81	1990/91	1995/96	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	2018/19
North East		24	18	13	16	17	26	26	21	21	18	18	13	12	10	13	10	11	10	11	10	13
<i>Northern</i>	10																					
North West		21	20	14	16	19	19	27	28	26	22	16	10	8	13	11	10	9	10	11	16	20
<i>North West</i>	10																					
Yorkshire & The Humber	10	26	22	19	26	26	33	33	30	26	36	24	17	14	16	18	15	13	14	16	16	16
East Midlands	10	34	31	21	23	24	24	27	23	21	20	16	12	12	15	21	20	20	19	21	26	26
West Midlands	16	42	31	26	32	36	42	39	33	32	33	29	22	21	11	27	28	26	28	32	28	24
East		40	38	37	43	48	30	32	27	27	24	21	17	17	25	33	34	33	37	38	41	38
<i>East Anglia</i>	18																					
London	27	75	60	64	68	68	52	51	48	41	42	42	37	37	36	44	51	47	49	53	53	49
South East		45	49	52	55	51	29	32	27	26	27	25	18	20	15	23	27	27	30	31	32	30
<i>South East</i>	18																					
South West	23	42	40	45	47	52	42	36	38	30	21	20	12	12	16	22	22	23	21	22	23	22
England	16	40	34	29	32	34	32	34	31	28	28	25	19	20	18	23	23	22	23	24	25	25

Sources: MHCLG (and its predecessors) Housing Strategy Statistical Annex (HSSA), Local Authority housing Statistics (LAHS), Social Housing Lettings in England and Live Table 601.

- Notes:
1. Percentages to 1987/88 are for secure lettings to homeless households only. From 1988/89 they are based on secure and non-secure lettings to reflect the increasing numbers of non-secure lettings made. In 2003/4 some 61 percent of all lettings to new tenants were non-secure in spite of the exclusion of non-secure lettings to homeless households in that year.
 2. Figures refer to both social rent and Affordable Rent general needs lettings and exclude lettings to internal transfers prior to 2009/10 and transfers from other social landlords from 2010/11 onwards. The definition of supported housing changed in 2004/05, reducing the number of lettings defined as general needs.
 3. With the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act from April 2018, those granted prevention or relief duties have been included in the statutory homeless category. Some of those rehoused as statutory homeless will have previously held a social tenancy.
 4. From 2011/12 the percentage figures are based on lettings to new social tenants identifiable in CORE.
 5. CORE lettings data for local authorities are far less comprehensive than HSSA and the more recent LAHS. MHCLG weight national but not local authority level data to allow for this. The regional figures are therefore intended to illustrate trends rather than provide precise numbers. The figures in Table 99a should be quoted if referring to England.
 6. Following changes in data collection and reporting, it has not been possible to update this table since 2018/19.