

# Eviction and Repossession Hotspots

## 2013 Data

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## Methods and sources

A possession claim is the first stage of a legal process which can end with a person or family being evicted. In most cases it is followed by a possession order, which, if granted, is very likely to mean that person or family losing their home<sup>1</sup>. In the mortgage and social landlord sectors, pre-action protocols and other rules are in place to try to avoid reaching the stage of a possession claim being issued. In the private rented sector, many landlords will try to negotiate with tenants and reach agreements that do not require court proceedings where possible.

This report illustrates the local, regional and national picture of court proceedings that can lead to eviction. The total number of mortgage and landlord possession claims is used in combination with census data on the number of households to calculate the rates of possession claims in each local authority area in England. These rates are expressed as “1 in x households” – meaning that the lower the value of x, the higher the rate of possession claims in the area.

The possession claims statistics are produced by the Ministry of Justice<sup>2</sup>, and the time period covered is October 2012 to September 2013 - the last four available quarters. Household figures are taken from the Census 2011. Analysis is based on the total number of landlord and mortgage claims in each area.

Not all possession claims lead to possession orders, and not all possession orders lead to the loss of the home and eviction, but receiving a possession claim means a household is in a legal process where their home is at risk.

The latest set of figures from the Ministry of Justice shows that an estimated 22.5% of claims issued by mortgage lenders and 23.8% of claims issued by landlords in England and Wales in 2012 have resulted or will result in a repossession being carried out by court bailiffs.<sup>3</sup> This will necessarily be an underestimate of how many of these claims resulted in the loss of a home, as some households will leave ‘voluntarily’ before bailiffs are required.

It is important to note that the analysis in this report only covers cases where a possession claim has been made and a court process has begun. Many more households than this are struggling to keep up with the payments on their homes<sup>4</sup>, and may voluntarily move or sell rather than face enforced eviction through the courts.

Maps are used to illustrate the national and regional picture of rates of possession claims. All local authorities in England have been ranked according to their rate of mortgage and landlord possession claims, then banded into five groups of equal size (quintiles). The maps show which national quintile each local authority area in England falls into, with each map being accompanied by a key showing which colours relate to which quintile of rates of possession claims. An interactive version of this map can be found online at [http://england.shelter.org.uk/campaigns/why\\_we\\_campaign/repossession\\_and\\_eviction\\_hotspots](http://england.shelter.org.uk/campaigns/why_we_campaign/repossession_and_eviction_hotspots)

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<sup>1</sup> A small proportion of empty homes may be included in the figures for possession claims, for example, where the owner is not keeping up with mortgage payments.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mortgage-and-landlord-possession-statistics-july-to-september-2013>

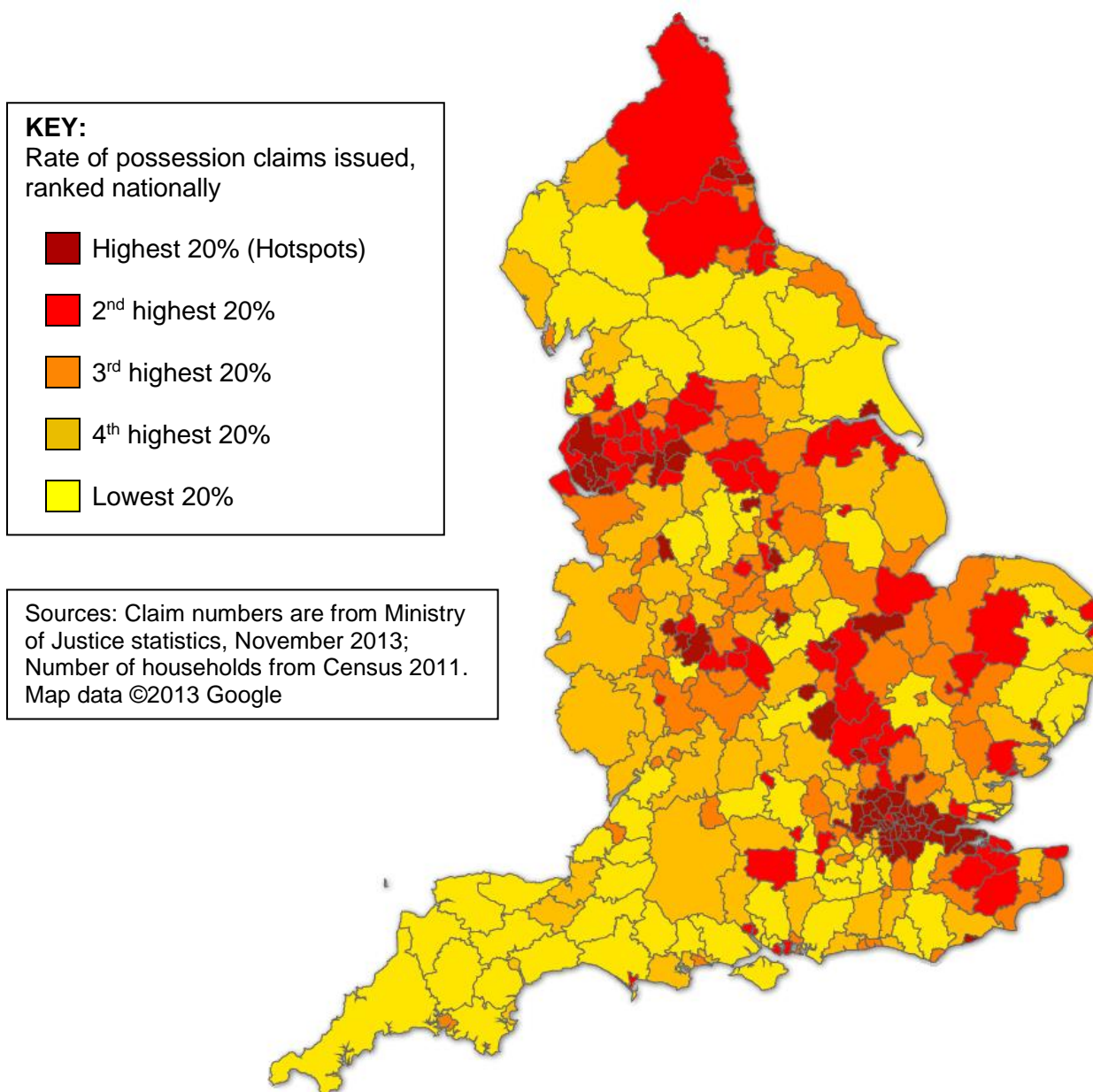
<sup>3</sup> [Ministry of Justice, Statistics on mortgage and landlord possession actions in the county courts in England and Wales](#), Tables 2 and 4

<sup>4</sup> [http://england.shelter.org.uk/news/january\\_2013/1.4\\_million\\_britons\\_falling\\_behind\\_with\\_the\\_rent\\_or\\_mortgage](http://england.shelter.org.uk/news/january_2013/1.4_million_britons_falling_behind_with_the_rent_or_mortgage)

## 1. National Repossession Hotspots

The map below shows that areas with high rates of possession claims are spread around the country, although there is a concentration of the very highest rates of claims in London. You can also see this as an [interactive map on our website](#).

**Quintile rates of mortgage and landlord possession claims by local authority, October 2012 – September 2013**



The table below shows the areas with the highest 20 per cent of possession claim rates (65 local authorities). The top of the list is dominated by London authorities, but seven other regions are represented.

**Local authorities with highest 20 per cent of rates of possession claims, October 2012 – September 2013, England**

Rank (national)	Local Authority	Region	Number of mortgage and landlord possession claims	Rate of mortgage and landlord possession claims – 1 in x households
<b>England</b>			<b>209,792</b>	<b>1 in 105</b>
1	Newham	London	2,905	1 in 35
2	Barking and Dagenham	London	1,956	1 in 36
3	Haringey	London	2,758	1 in 37
4	Brent	London	2,876	1 in 38
5	Southwark	London	3,021	1 in 40
6	Hackney	London	2,549	1 in 40
7	Lewisham	London	2,509	1 in 46
8	Greenwich	London	2,177	1 in 46
9	Enfield	London	2,520	1 in 48
10	Waltham Forest	London	1,995	1 in 49
11	Lambeth	London	2,621	1 in 50
12	Tower Hamlets	London	1,973	1 in 51
13	Croydon	London	2,784	1 in 52
14	Ealing	London	2,277	1 in 54
15	Islington	London	1,626	1 in 58
16	Hillingdon	London	1,694	1 in 59
17	Nottingham UA	East Midlands	2,117	1 in 60
18	Luton UA	East of England	1,241	1 in 60
19	Westminster	London	1,728	1 in 61
20	Salford	North West	1,685	1 in 61
21	Redbridge	London	1,607	1 in 62
22	Peterborough UA	East of England	1,183	1 in 63
23	Newcastle upon Tyne	North East	1,869	1 in 63
24	Wolverhampton	West Midlands	1,620	1 in 63
25	Hammersmith and Fulham	London	1,277	1 in 63
26	Manchester	North West	3,186	1 in 64
27	Oldham	North West	1,382	1 in 65
28	Slough UA	South East	782	1 in 65
29	Stevenage	East of England	536	1 in 65
30	South Tyneside	North East	980	1 in 69
31	Barnet	London	1,950	1 in 70
32	Leicester UA	East Midlands	1,727	1 in 71
33	St. Helens	North West	1,057	1 in 72
34	Thurrock UA	East of England	870	1 in 72
35	Hounslow	London	1,316	1 in 72
36	Knowsley	North West	848	1 in 72
37	Hertsmere	East of England	548	1 in 73
38	Milton Keynes UA	South East	1,353	1 in 73
39	Halton UA	North West	728	1 in 73

Rank (national)	Local Authority	Region	Number of mortgage and landlord possession claims	Rate of mortgage and landlord possession claims – 1 in x households
40	Corby	East Midlands	341	1 in 74
41	Bromley	London	1,761	1 in 74
42	Dartford	South East	538	1 in 75
43	Watford	East of England	492	1 in 75
44	Birmingham	West Midlands	5,412	1 in 76
45	Merton	London	1,034	1 in 76
46	Stoke-on-Trent UA	West Midlands	1,410	1 in 76
47	Harrow	London	1,098	1 in 77
48	Kensington and Chelsea	London	1,018	1 in 77
49	Bexley	London	1,198	1 in 77
50	Medway UA	South East	1,373	1 in 77
51	Havering	London	1,245	1 in 78
52	Liverpool	North West	2,642	1 in 78
53	Wandsworth	London	1,668	1 in 78
54	Tameside	North West	1,187	1 in 80
55	Gravesham	South East	500	1 in 81
56	Sandwell	West Midlands	1,471	1 in 83
57	Harlow	East of England	416	1 in 83
58	Kingston upon Hull	Yorkshire & Humber	1,305	1 in 86
59	West Lancashire	North West	525	1 in 86
60	Northampton	East Midlands	1,022	1 in 87
61	Chesterfield	East Midlands	531	1 in 88
62	Hastings	South East	461	1 in 89
63	Sutton	London	875	1 in 89
64	Ipswich	East of England	641	1 in 89
65	Broxbourne	East of England	419	1 in 90

**Source: Mortgage and landlord possession claim statistics, Ministry of Justice, November 2013; Census 2011.**

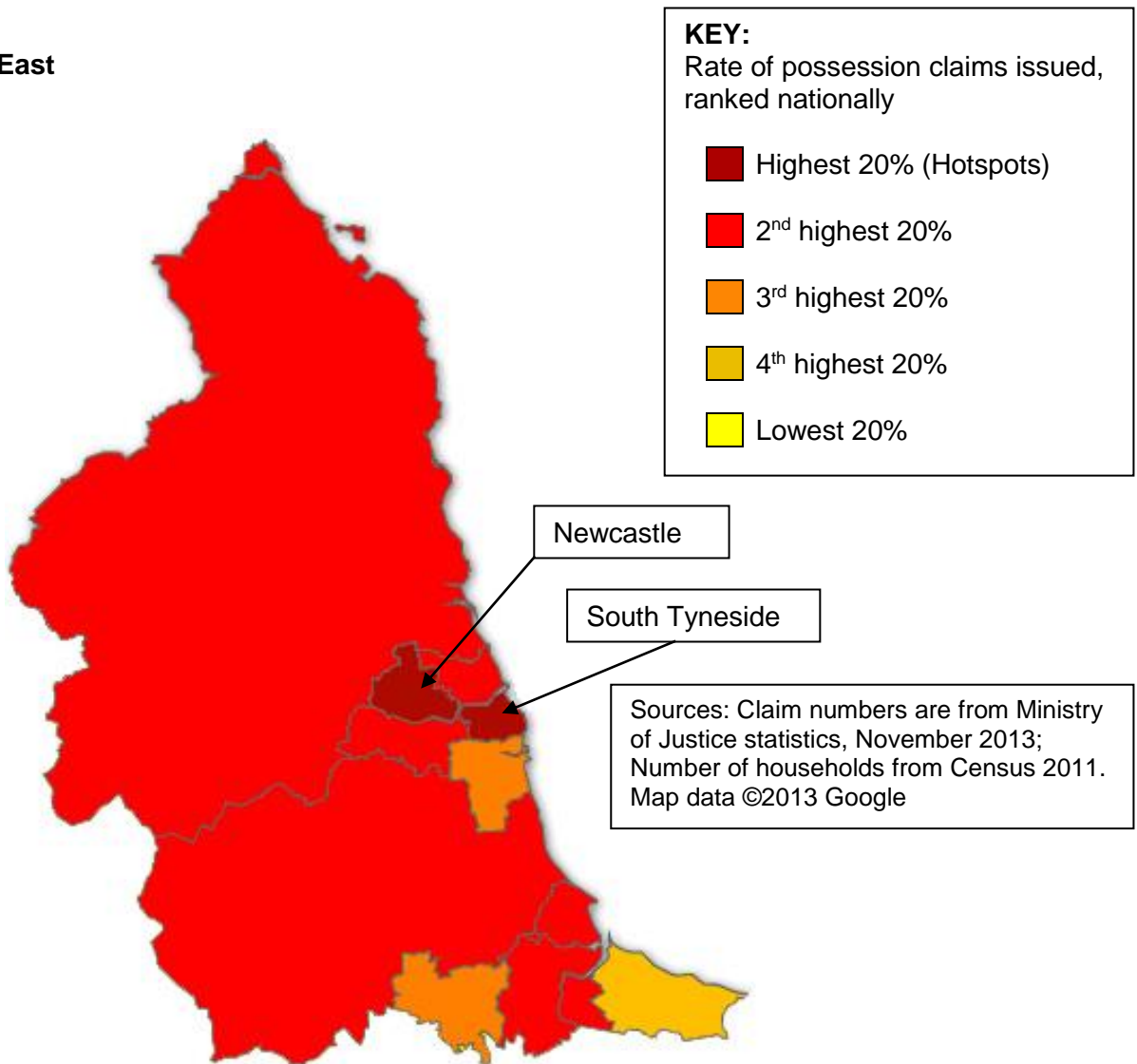
## 2. Regional possession claim rates

The following section contains maps and tables showing possession claim rates for each local authority area in each region in England. The key is the same as used in the national map, and shows the national possession claim rate quintile for each local authority in the region. In each region those areas which fall into the top quintile of possession claim rates ("Repossession Hotspots") are labelled<sup>5</sup>. Please note that the regional maps are not to scale with each other.

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<sup>5</sup> With the exception of London; see the note under the London map for the London labelling methodology.

## North East





Region/ local authority	National rank out of 325 (by rate of possession claims)	Rank within region by rate of possession claims	Number of mortgage and landlord possession claims, Oct 2012 to Sept 2013	Rate of possession claims - 1 in x households
<b>North East</b>			<b>10,705</b>	<b>1 in 106</b>
<b>Newcastle upon Tyne</b>	23	1	1,869	1 in 63
<b>South Tyneside</b>	30	2	980	1 in 69
<b>Middlesbrough UA</b>	78	3	562	1 in 102
<b>North Tyneside</b>	85	4	861	1 in 106
<b>County Durham UA</b>	96	5	2,012	1 in 111
<b>Hartlepool UA</b>	103	6	356	1 in 114
<b>Gateshead</b>	106	7	772	1 in 115
<b>Stockton-on-Tees UA</b>	119	8	654	1 in 121
<b>Northumberland UA</b>	127	9	1,115	1 in 124
<b>Darlington UA</b>	134	10	372	1 in 125
<b>Sunderland</b>	177	11	811	1 in 148
<b>Redcar and Cleveland UA</b>	230	12	341	1 in 175

## North West

**KEY:**

Rate of possession claims issued, ranked nationally

■ Highest 20% (Hotspots)

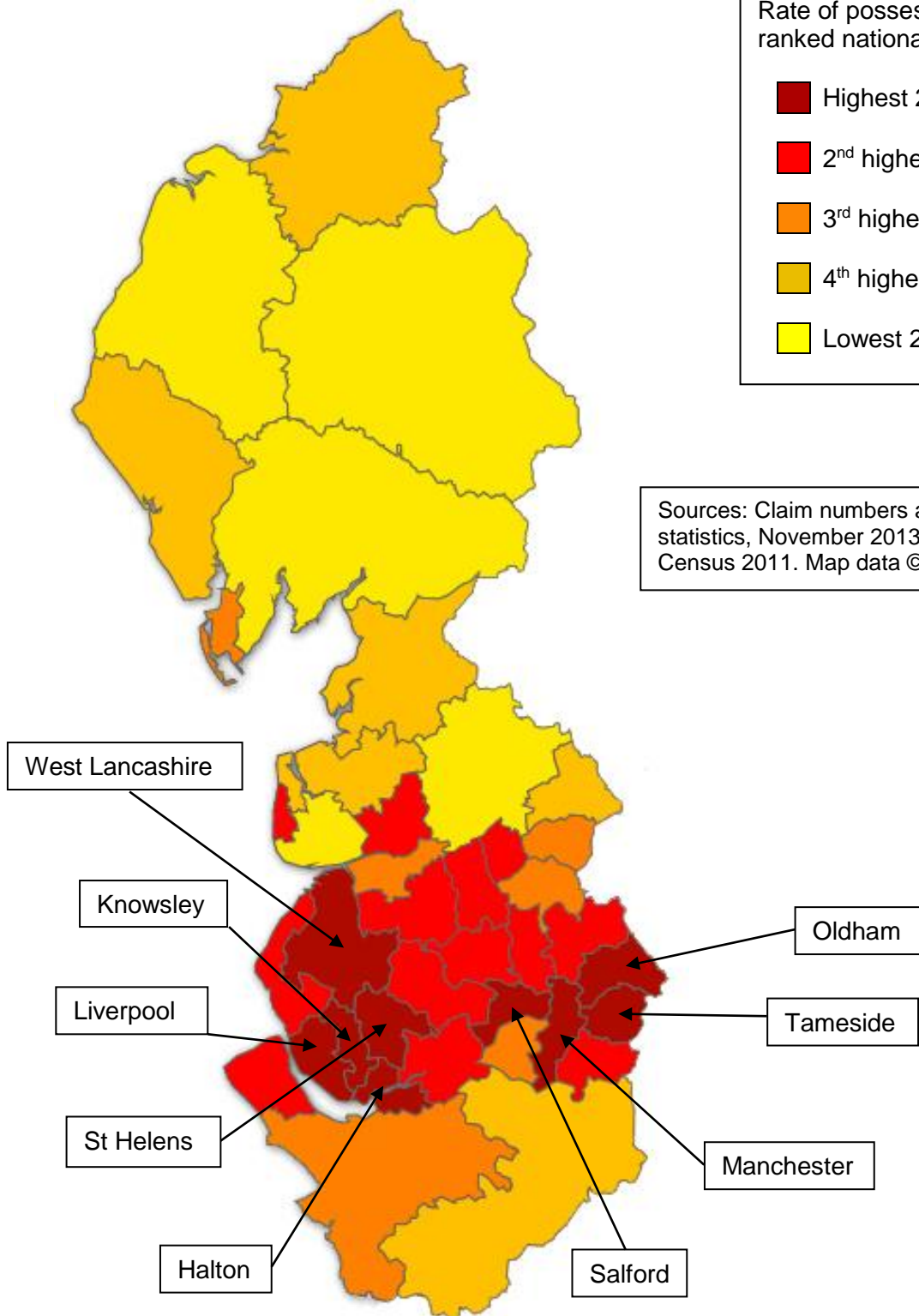
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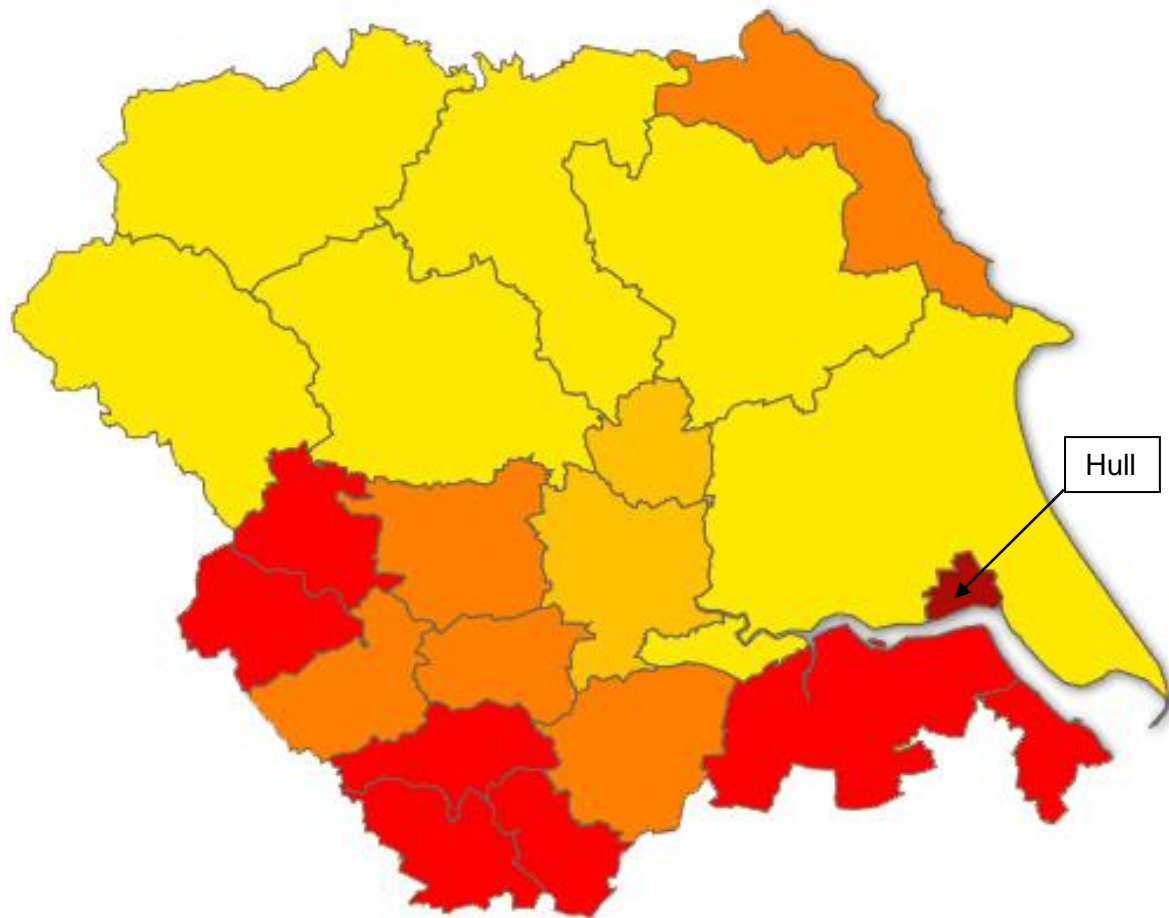
■ Lowest 20%

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Region/ local authority	National rank out of 325 (by rate of possession claims)	Rank within region by rate of possession claims	Number of mortgage and landlord possession claims, Oct 2012 to Sept 2013	Rate of possession claims - 1 in x households
<b>North West</b>			<b>29,359</b>	<b>1 in 103</b>
<b>Salford</b>	20	1	1,685	1 in 61
<b>Manchester</b>	26	2	3,186	1 in 64
<b>Oldham</b>	27	3	1,382	1 in 65
<b>St. Helens</b>	33	4	1,057	1 in 72
<b>Knowsley</b>	36	5	848	1 in 72
<b>Halton UA</b>	39	6	728	1 in 73
<b>Liverpool</b>	52	7	2,642	1 in 78
<b>Tameside</b>	54	8	1,187	1 in 80
<b>West Lancashire</b>	59	9	525	1 in 86
<b>Rochdale</b>	72	10	920	1 in 95
<b>Bolton</b>	75	11	1,178	1 in 99
<b>Bury</b>	77	12	773	1 in 101
<b>Blackburn with Darwen UA</b>	79	13	563	1 in 102
<b>Preston</b>	86	14	542	1 in 106
<b>Blackpool UA</b>	91	15	591	1 in 109
<b>Wirral</b>	92	16	1,278	1 in 110
<b>Stockport</b>	98	17	1,087	1 in 112
<b>Wigan</b>	102	18	1,201	1 in 114
<b>Chorley</b>	104	19	395	1 in 114
<b>Sefton</b>	108	20	1,018	1 in 116
<b>Warrington UA</b>	118	21	706	1 in 121
<b>Hyndburn</b>	121	22	282	1 in 122
<b>Rossendale</b>	150	23	220	1 in 132
<b>Trafford</b>	164	24	663	1 in 143
<b>Burnley</b>	169	25	259	1 in 145
<b>Barrow-in-Furness</b>	170	26	215	1 in 145
<b>Cheshire West &amp; Chester UA</b>	184	27	942	1 in 150
<b>South Ribble</b>	190	28	303	1 in 152
<b>Copeland</b>	196	29	197	1 in 155
<b>Lancaster</b>	198	30	369	1 in 157
<b>Pendle</b>	200	31	236	1 in 158
<b>Cheshire East UA</b>	219	32	946	1 in 169
<b>Wyre</b>	236	33	266	1 in 178
<b>Carlisle</b>	242	34	268	1 in 180
<b>Fylde</b>	269	35	169	1 in 206
<b>Allerdale</b>	279	36	200	1 in 212
<b>Eden</b>	290	37	102	1 in 226
<b>Ribble Valley</b>	318	38	81	1 in 297
<b>South Lakeland</b>	322	39	149	1 in 312

## Yorkshire and Humber



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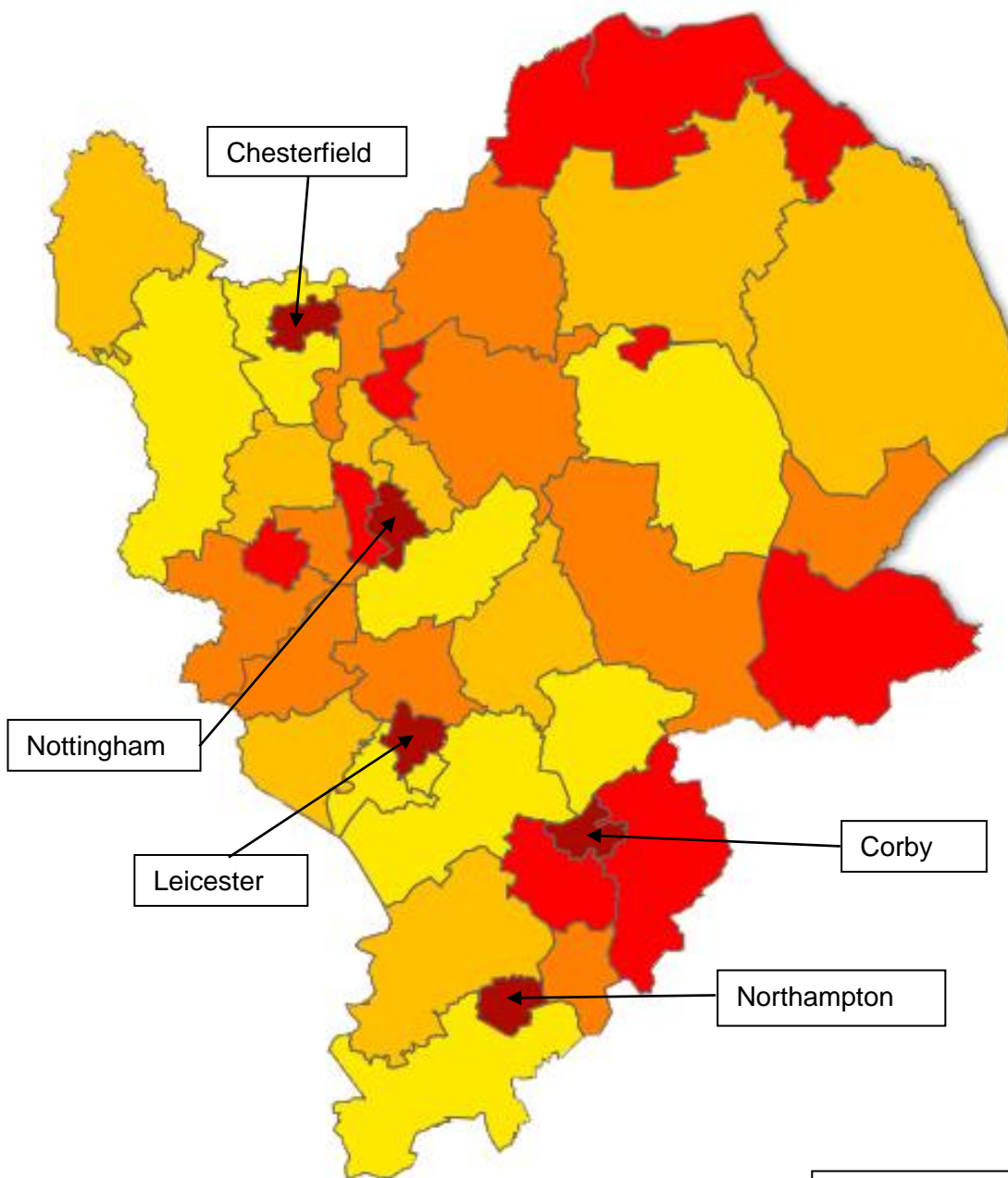
Rate of possession claims issued,  
ranked nationally

- Highest 20% (Hotspots)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> highest 20%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> highest 20%
- 4<sup>th</sup> highest 20%
- Lowest 20%

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Region/ local authority	National rank out of 325 (by rate of possession claims)	Rank within region by rate of possession claims	Number of mortgage and landlord possession claims, Oct 2012 to Sept 2013	Rate of possession claims - 1 in x households
<b>Yorkshire &amp; the Humber</b>			<b>16,813</b>	<b>1 in 132</b>
<b>Kingston upon Hull UA</b>	58	1	1,305	1 in 86
<b>Barnsley</b>	73	2	1,045	1 in 96
<b>North East Lincolnshire UA</b>	74	3	707	1 in 99
<b>Sheffield</b>	89	4	2,115	1 in 109
<b>Rotherham</b>	114	5	921	1 in 118
<b>Bradford</b>	116	6	1,680	1 in 119
<b>Calderdale</b>	120	7	731	1 in 121
<b>North Lincolnshire UA</b>	128	8	568	1 in 124
<b>Wakefield</b>	140	9	1,096	1 in 128
<b>Doncaster</b>	145	10	971	1 in 130
<b>Kirklees</b>	161	11	1,245	1 in 139
<b>Scarborough</b>	174	12	336	1 in 147
<b>Leeds</b>	192	13	2,102	1 in 153
<b>Selby</b>	234	14	196	1 in 176
<b>York UA</b>	248	15	455	1 in 184
<b>East Riding of Yorkshire UA</b>	284	16	658	1 in 217
<b>Harrogate</b>	285	17	309	1 in 217
<b>Richmondshire</b>	295	18	88	1 in 230
<b>Craven</b>	316	19	85	1 in 289
<b>Hambleton</b>	320	20	126	1 in 303
<b>Ryedale</b>	321	21	74	1 in 304

## East Midlands



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**KEY:**

Rate of possession claims issued, ranked nationally

■ Highest 20% (Hotspots)

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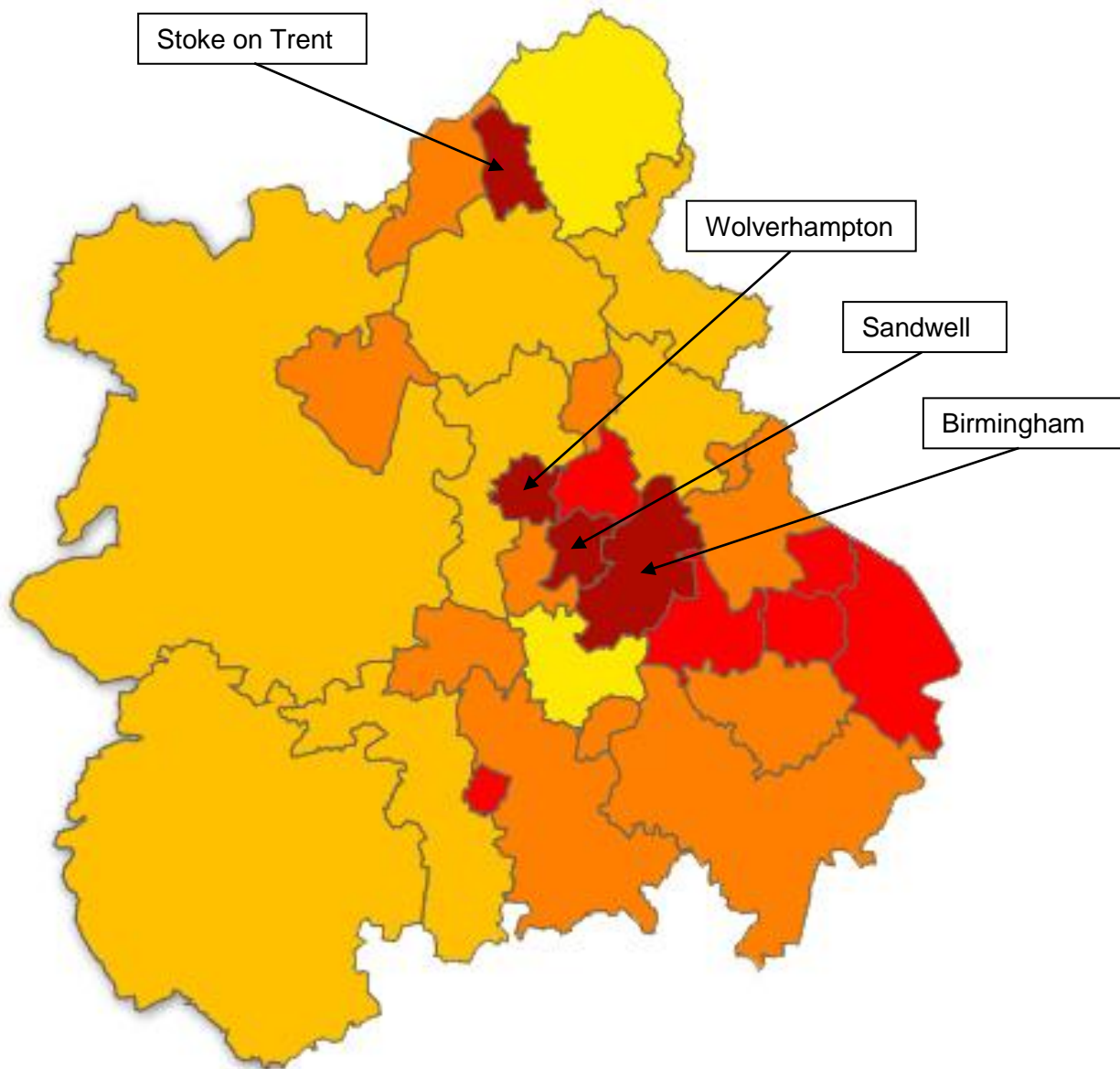
■ 4<sup>th</sup> highest 20%

■ Lowest 20%

Region/ local authority	National rank out of 325 (by rate of possession claims)	Rank within region by rate of possession claims	Number of mortgage and landlord possession claims, Oct 2012 to Sept 2013	Rate of possession claims - 1 in x households
<b>East Midlands</b>			<b>15,572</b>	<b>1 in 122</b>
<b>Nottingham UA</b>	17	1	2,117	1 in 60
<b>Leicester UA</b>	32	2	1,727	1 in 71
<b>Corby</b>	40	3	341	1 in 74
<b>Northampton</b>	60	4	1,022	1 in 87
<b>Chesterfield</b>	61	5	531	1 in 88
<b>Mansfield</b>	69	6	487	1 in 92
<b>Derby UA</b>	71	7	1,079	1 in 95
<b>Lincoln</b>	84	8	382	1 in 104
<b>East Northamptonshire</b>	100	9	317	1 in 112
<b>Broxtowe</b>	109	10	404	1 in 116
<b>Kettering</b>	115	11	336	1 in 118
<b>South Holland</b>	130	12	298	1 in 125
<b>Wellingborough</b>	132	13	256	1 in 125
<b>Bassetlaw</b>	152	14	357	1 in 134
<b>Bolsover</b>	154	15	243	1 in 135
<b>North West Leicestershire</b>	155	16	289	1 in 135
<b>Boston</b>	166	17	190	1 in 144
<b>South Kesteven</b>	179	18	387	1 in 148
<b>Charnwood</b>	180	19	445	1 in 149
<b>South Derbyshire</b>	186	20	258	1 in 151
<b>Newark &amp; Sherwood</b>	191	21	320	1 in 152
<b>Erewash</b>	193	22	318	1 in 153
<b>Ashfield</b>	207	23	315	1 in 162
<b>Melton</b>	212	24	131	1 in 164
<b>High Peak</b>	213	25	236	1 in 165
<b>Amber Valley</b>	229	26	303	1 in 174
<b>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth</b>	232	27	259	1 in 175
<b>Gedling</b>	246	28	270	1 in 183
<b>Daventry</b>	253	29	168	1 in 188
<b>East Lindsey</b>	256	30	321	1 in 190
<b>West Lindsey</b>	257	31	201	1 in 191
<b>Rutland UA</b>	264	32	75	1 in 200
<b>North East Derbyshire</b>	265	33	212	1 in 203
<b>Oadby &amp; Wigston</b>	289	34	96	1 in 222
<b>North Kesteven</b>	293	35	202	1 in 228
<b>Harborough</b>	297	36	149	1 in 234
<b>Blaby</b>	300	37	162	1 in 239
<b>South Northamptonshire</b>	301	38	144	1 in 241
<b>Derbyshire Dales</b>	323	39	96	1 in 320
<b>Rushcliffe</b>	325	40	128	1 in 358



## West Midlands



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**KEY:**  
Rate of possession claims issued,  
ranked nationally

■ Highest 20% (Hotspots)

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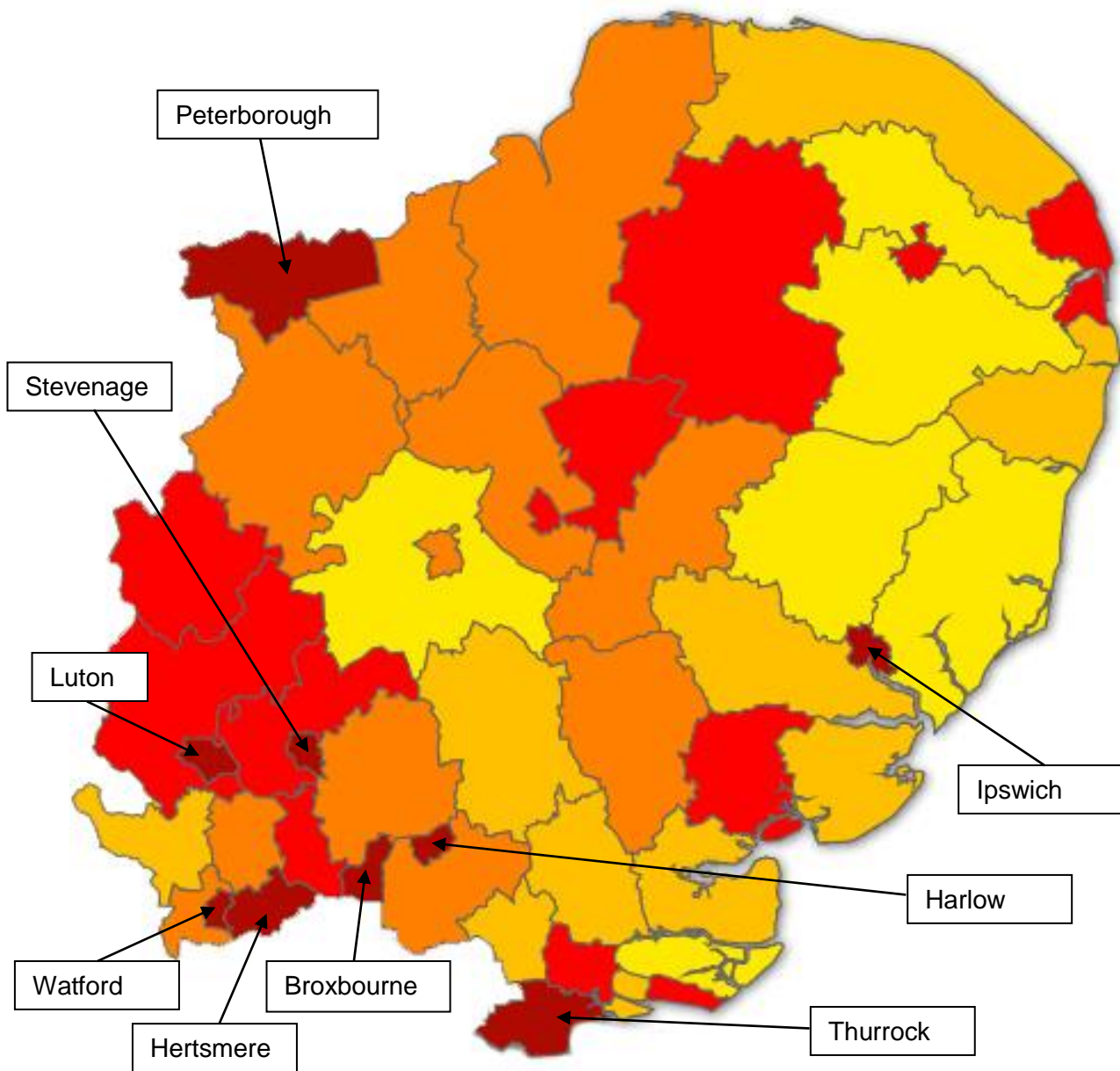
■ 4<sup>th</sup> highest 20%

■ Lowest 20%



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<b>West Midlands</b>			<b>21,203</b>	<b>1 in 108</b>
<b>Wolverhampton</b>	24	1	1,620	1 in 63
<b>Birmingham</b>	44	2	5,412	1 in 76
<b>Stoke-on-Trent UA</b>	46	3	1,410	1 in 76
<b>Sandwell</b>	56	4	1,471	1 in 83
<b>Coventry</b>	82	5	1,248	1 in 103
<b>Walsall</b>	88	6	993	1 in 109
<b>Rugby</b>	93	7	378	1 in 111
<b>Solihull</b>	95	8	775	1 in 111
<b>Worcester</b>	113	9	362	1 in 116
<b>Nuneaton &amp; Bedworth</b>	125	10	428	1 in 123
<b>Wyre Forest</b>	133	11	343	1 in 125
<b>Dudley</b>	139	12	1,014	1 in 128
<b>Telford &amp; Wrekin UA</b>	142	13	515	1 in 129
<b>Tamworth</b>	147	14	241	1 in 131
<b>North Warwickshire</b>	149	15	196	1 in 132
<b>Cannock Chase</b>	151	16	305	1 in 133
<b>Newcastle-under-Lyme</b>	157	17	386	1 in 136
<b>Warwick</b>	159	18	427	1 in 137
<b>Redditch</b>	160	19	250	1 in 139
<b>Wychavon</b>	194	20	321	1 in 154
<b>Stratford-on-Avon</b>	195	21	336	1 in 155
<b>Stafford</b>	201	22	351	1 in 159
<b>Malvern Hills</b>	208	23	199	1 in 162
<b>East Staffordshire</b>	220	24	280	1 in 169
<b>Lichfield</b>	223	25	244	1 in 169
<b>Herefordshire UA</b>	239	26	439	1 in 178
<b>South Staffordshire</b>	240	27	248	1 in 179
<b>Shropshire UA</b>	260	28	665	1 in 195
<b>Staffordshire Moorlands</b>	291	29	184	1 in 227
<b>Bromsgrove</b>	298	30	162	1 in 236

## East of England



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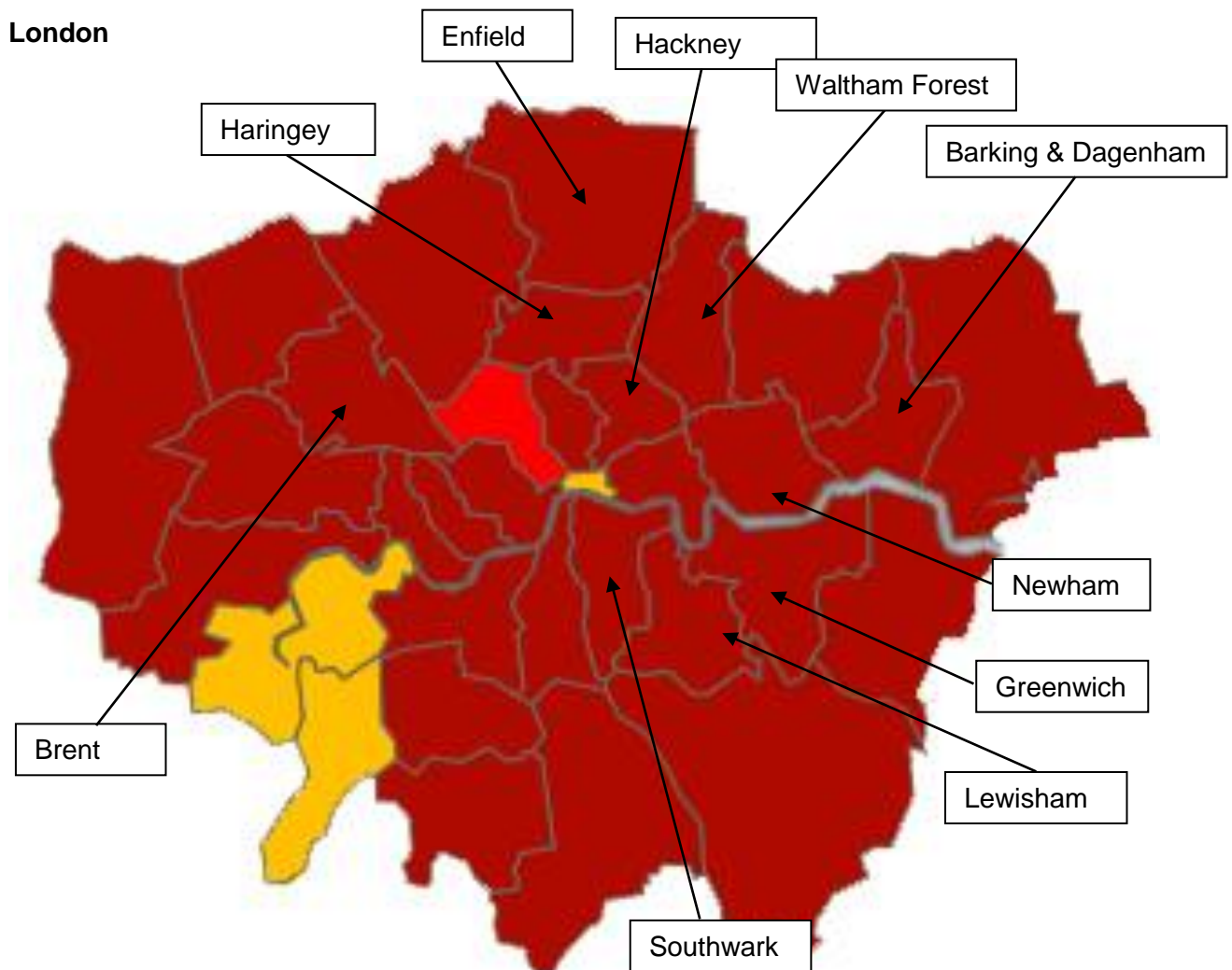
Rate of possession claims issued, ranked nationally

- Highest 20% (Hotspots)
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- Lowest 20%

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<b>East of England</b>			<b>20,377</b>	<b>1 in 119</b>
Luton UA	18	1	1,241	1 in 60
Peterborough UA	22	2	1,183	1 in 63
Stevenage	29	3	536	1 in 65
Thurrock UA	34	4	870	1 in 72
Hertsmere	37	5	548	1 in 73
Watford	43	6	492	1 in 75
Harlow	57	7	416	1 in 83
Ipswich	64	8	641	1 in 89
Broxbourne	65	9	419	1 in 90
Norwich	66	10	669	1 in 90
Bedford UA	68	11	702	1 in 91
Welwyn Hatfield	70	12	470	1 in 93
Forest Heath	76	13	256	1 in 99
Southend-on-Sea UA	90	14	686	1 in 109
Basildon	99	15	647	1 in 112
Colchester	105	16	628	1 in 114
Central Bedfordshire UA	107	17	903	1 in 116
North Hertfordshire	110	18	461	1 in 116
Great Yarmouth	123	19	344	1 in 122
Breckland	126	20	439	1 in 124
Fenland	136	21	323	1 in 126
Three Rivers	143	22	271	1 in 130
Epping Forest	156	23	383	1 in 136
St Edmundsbury	158	24	336	1 in 136
Cambridge	163	25	331	1 in 141
Huntingdonshire	173	26	472	1 in 147
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	175	27	428	1 in 147
East Cambridgeshire	176	28	235	1 in 147
East Hertfordshire	178	29	383	1 in 148
St Albans	185	30	372	1 in 151
Braintree	188	31	403	1 in 151
Uttlesford	202	32	197	1 in 159
Waveney	206	33	315	1 in 162
Dacorum	210	34	369	1 in 162
Chelmsford	215	35	421	1 in 165
Tendring	221	36	368	1 in 169
Brentwood	224	37	180	1 in 170
North Norfolk	241	38	256	1 in 180
Maldon	243	39	143	1 in 181
Babergh	250	40	202	1 in 186
Castle Point	252	41	194	1 in 188
Rochford	270	42	162	1 in 207
South Cambridgeshire	278	43	284	1 in 211
Mid Suffolk	282	44	187	1 in 216
Broadland	296	45	228	1 in 234
Suffolk Coastal	311	46	196	1 in 273
South Norfolk	314	47	187	1 in 282

## London



**Note:** Given the number of London boroughs which fall into the top quintile we have only labelled those with a repossession claim rate of more than 1 in 50 homes, ie the worst affected areas.

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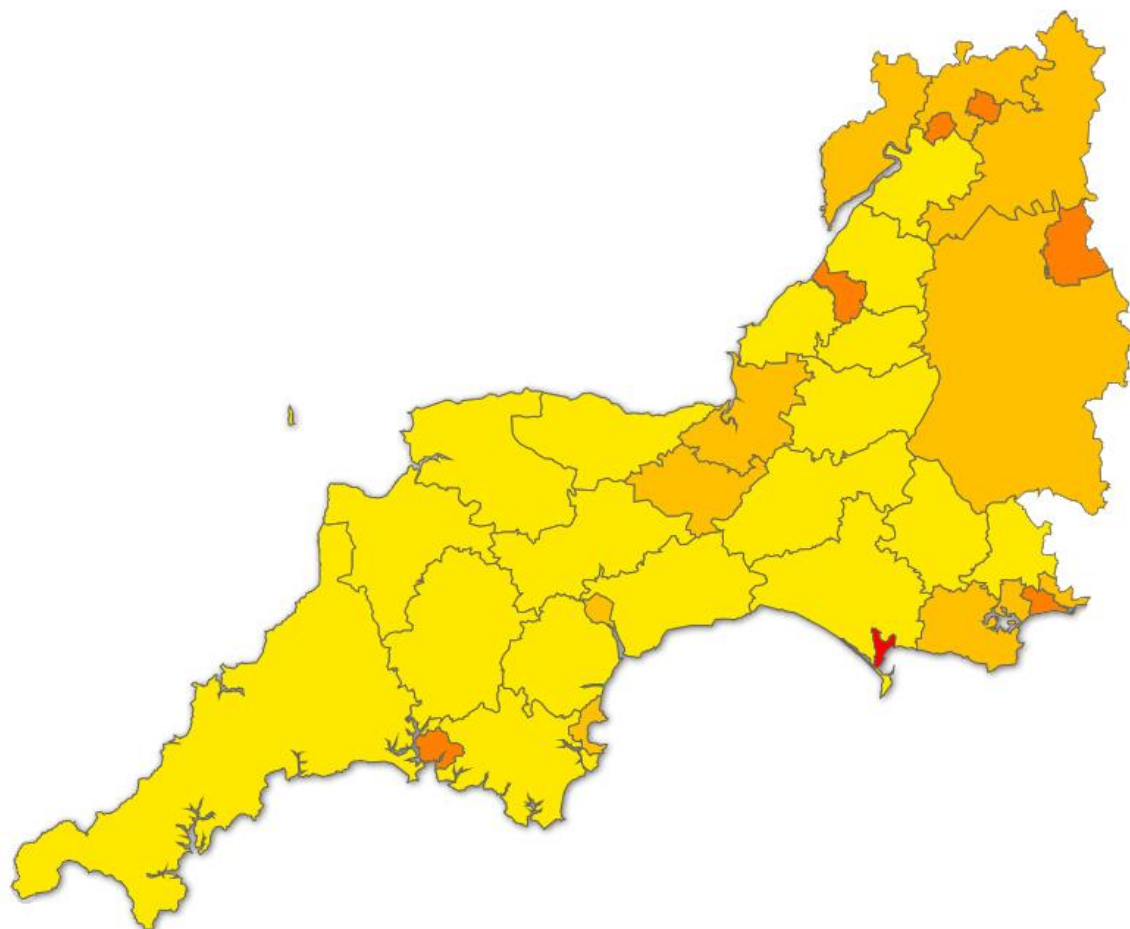
Rate of possession claims issued, ranked nationally

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<b>London</b>			<b>57,960</b>	<b>1 in 56</b>
Newham	1	1	2,905	1 in 35
Barking & Dagenham	2	2	1,956	1 in 36
Haringey	3	3	2,758	1 in 37
Brent	4	4	2,876	1 in 38
Southwark	5	5	3,021	1 in 40
Hackney	6	6	2,549	1 in 40
Lewisham	7	7	2,509	1 in 46
Greenwich	8	8	2,177	1 in 46
Enfield	9	9	2,520	1 in 48
Waltham Forest	10	10	1,995	1 in 49
Lambeth	11	11	2,621	1 in 50
Tower Hamlets	12	12	1,973	1 in 51
Croydon	13	13	2,784	1 in 52
Ealing	14	14	2,277	1 in 54
Islington	15	15	1,626	1 in 58
Hillingdon	16	16	1,694	1 in 59
Westminster	19	17	1,728	1 in 61
Redbridge	21	18	1,607	1 in 62
Hammersmith & Fulham	25	19	1,277	1 in 63
Barnet	31	20	1,950	1 in 70
Hounslow	35	21	1,316	1 in 72
Bromley	41	22	1,761	1 in 74
Merton	45	23	1,034	1 in 76
Harrow	47	24	1,098	1 in 77
Kensington & Chelsea	48	25	1,018	1 in 77
Bexley	49	26	1,198	1 in 77
Havering	51	27	1,245	1 in 78
Wandsworth	53	28	1,668	1 in 78
Sutton	63	29	875	1 in 89
Camden	67	30	1,075	1 in 91
City of London	209	31	27	1 in 162
Kingston upon Thames	222	32	377	1 in 169
Richmond upon Thames	227	33	465	1 in 172

## South West



**KEY:**

Rate of possession claims issued,  
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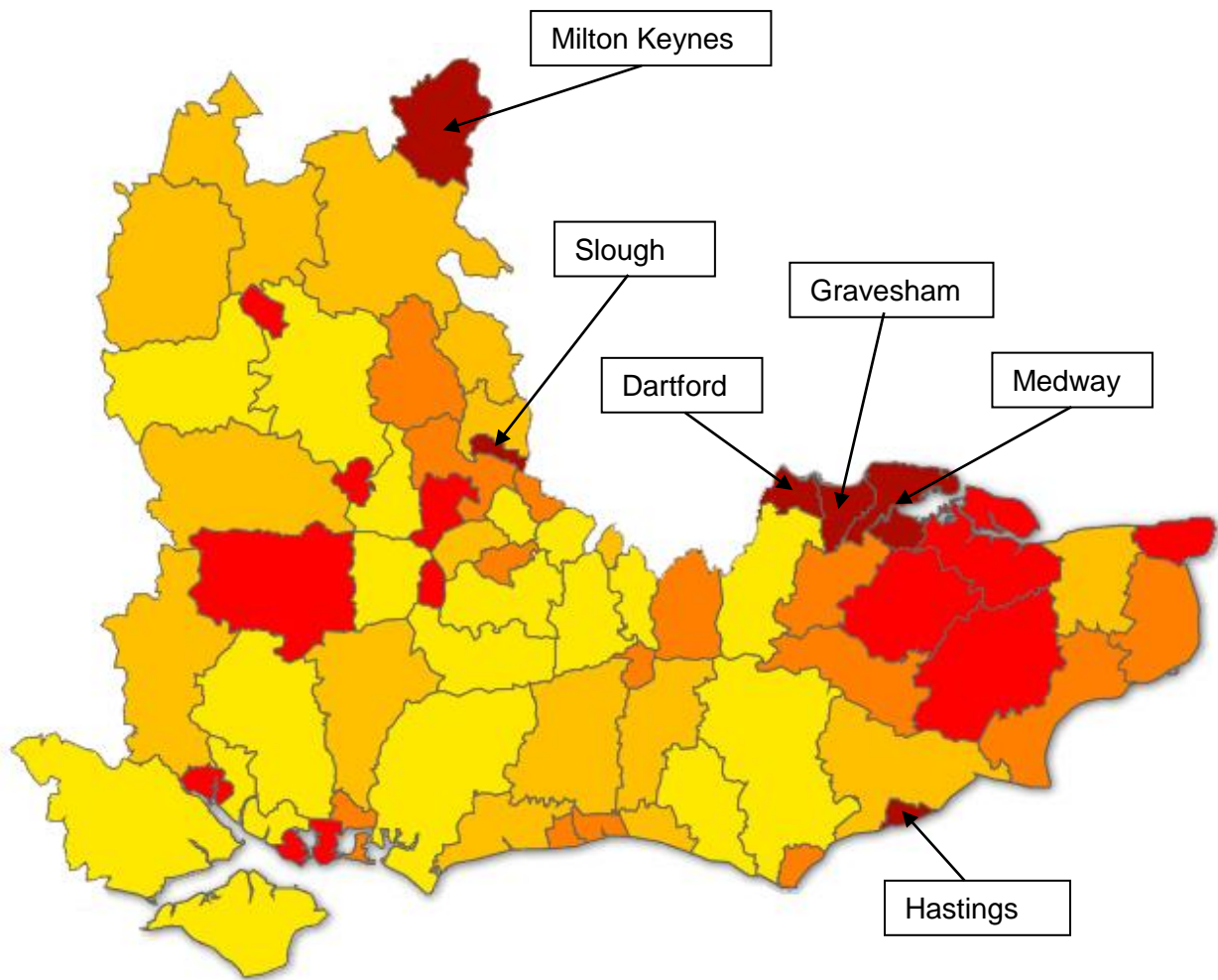
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<b>South West</b>			<b>12,667</b>	<b>1 in 179</b>
<b>Weymouth &amp; Portland</b>	83	1	274	1 in 104
<b>Bournemouth UA</b>	131	2	658	1 in 125
<b>Gloucester</b>	135	3	401	1 in 126
<b>Plymouth UA</b>	141	4	848	1 in 129
<b>Bristol UA</b>	153	5	1,357	1 in 135
<b>Cheltenham</b>	171	6	350	1 in 146
<b>Swindon UA</b>	182	7	590	1 in 150
<b>Purbeck</b>	199	8	124	1 in 158
<b>Exeter</b>	204	9	308	1 in 160
<b>Christchurch</b>	214	10	130	1 in 165
<b>Wiltshire UA</b>	216	11	1,158	1 in 168
<b>Torbay UA</b>	235	12	332	1 in 178
<b>Forest of Dean</b>	237	13	192	1 in 178
<b>Sedgemoor</b>	244	14	269	1 in 181
<b>Taunton Deane</b>	245	15	257	1 in 183
<b>Tewkesbury</b>	251	16	189	1 in 186
<b>Poole UA</b>	254	17	336	1 in 189
<b>Cotswold</b>	259	18	186	1 in 195
<b>North Dorset</b>	262	19	144	1 in 199
<b>Mendip</b>	267	20	226	1 in 204
<b>South Somerset</b>	268	21	339	1 in 205
<b>North Somerset UA</b>	273	22	423	1 in 209
<b>North Devon</b>	275	23	190	1 in 211
<b>East Devon</b>	280	24	277	1 in 213
<b>Teignbridge</b>	281	25	252	1 in 214
<b>South Gloucestershire UA</b>	287	26	490	1 in 219
<b>Cornwall UA</b>	288	27	1,046	1 in 220
<b>West Dorset</b>	294	28	194	1 in 229
<b>South Hams</b>	302	29	152	1 in 242
<b>Mid Devon</b>	303	30	132	1 in 248
<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset UA</b>	307	31	284	1 in 259
<b>Stroud</b>	308	32	184	1 in 260
<b>West Somerset</b>	309	33	60	1 in 260
<b>West Devon</b>	310	34	85	1 in 267
<b>Torridge</b>	312	35	102	1 in 274
<b>East Dorset</b>	317	36	128	1 in 293



## South East



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<b>South East</b>			<b>25,136</b>	<b>1 in 141</b>
Slough UA	28	1	782	1 in 65
Milton Keynes UA	38	2	1,353	1 in 73
Dartford	42	3	538	1 in 75
Medway UA	50	4	1,373	1 in 77
Gravesham	55	5	500	1 in 81
Hastings	62	6	461	1 in 89
Portsmouth UA	80	7	833	1 in 103
Maidstone	81	8	618	1 in 103
Thanet	87	9	559	1 in 106
Reading UA	94	10	567	1 in 111
Oxford	97	11	494	1 in 112
Southampton UA	101	12	868	1 in 113
Basingstoke & Deane	111	13	597	1 in 116
Rushmoor	112	14	313	1 in 116
Ashford	117	15	400	1 in 119
Swale	122	16	456	1 in 122
Bracknell Forest UA	124	17	375	1 in 122
Gosport	129	18	284	1 in 125
Dover	137	19	383	1 in 126
Tonbridge & Malling	138	20	378	1 in 127
Wycombe	144	21	522	1 in 130
Woking	146	22	301	1 in 131
Eastbourne	148	23	343	1 in 131
Crawley	162	24	305	1 in 140
Worthing	165	25	330	1 in 143
Adur	167	26	187	1 in 144
Tunbridge Wells	168	27	327	1 in 144
Havant	172	28	352	1 in 146
Tandridge	181	29	223	1 in 150
Shepway	183	30	316	1 in 150
Spelthorne	187	31	261	1 in 151
Windsor & Maidenhead UA	189	32	385	1 in 152
Aylesbury Vale	197	33	447	1 in 155
West Oxfordshire	203	34	272	1 in 159
Brighton & Hove UA	205	35	756	1 in 161
Arun	211	36	408	1 in 163
Surrey Heath	217	37	200	1 in 168
South Bucks	218	38	158	1 in 168
Canterbury	225	39	356	1 in 171
Chiltern	226	40	216	1 in 171
Test Valley	228	41	276	1 in 173
Cherwell	231	42	324	1 in 175
Epsom & Ewell	233	43	169	1 in 176

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<b>South East (cont.)</b>				
<b>Mid Sussex</b>	238	44	322	1 in 178
<b>East Hampshire</b>	247	45	258	1 in 183
<b>Horsham</b>	249	46	298	1 in 184
<b>West Berkshire UA</b>	255	47	329	1 in 189
<b>Rother</b>	258	48	213	1 in 192
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	261	49	240	1 in 196
<b>Vale of White Horse</b>	263	50	248	1 in 199
<b>Reigate &amp; Banstead</b>	266	51	272	1 in 204
<b>Guildford</b>	271	52	260	1 in 208
<b>Mole Valley</b>	272	53	172	1 in 208
<b>Wealden</b>	274	54	300	1 in 209
<b>Isle of Wight UA</b>	276	55	290	1 in 211
<b>Elmbridge</b>	277	56	251	1 in 211
<b>Hart</b>	283	57	164	1 in 217
<b>Chichester</b>	286	58	228	1 in 219
<b>Winchester</b>	292	59	206	1 in 228
<b>Lewes</b>	299	60	177	1 in 238
<b>Eastleigh</b>	304	61	208	1 in 251
<b>Runnymede</b>	305	62	129	1 in 254
<b>New Forest</b>	306	63	299	1 in 257
<b>Fareham</b>	313	64	168	1 in 277
<b>Wokingham UA</b>	315	65	212	1 in 285
<b>Waverley</b>	319	66	165	1 in 299
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	324	67	161	1 in 336