



# **HOMELESSNESS IN ENGLAND 2025**

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# Introduction

**This report sets out the scale of recorded homelessness in England on a given night in 2025 – and the areas where homelessness is most acute.**

The types of homelessness included in this report are:

- People who have applied to their local council for support, been accepted as homeless and in priority need and now live in temporary accommodation arranged by their local council
- People who have applied to their local council for support, who have been accepted as homeless and in priority need and now live in temporary accommodation arranged by themselves or are living 'homeless at home' – meaning that they are legally homeless because it is not reasonable for them to continue to live in their home, but they are yet to be moved into temporary accommodation
- People who are sleeping rough
- Single people who are living in hostel accommodation, but who are not counted amongst those in the statutory homelessness figures above because they have not been accepted as in priority need.
- People who are homeless and accommodated under the Children's Act and are living in temporary accommodation that has been arranged by Social Services

Homelessness can take many forms and it is very challenging to accurately calculate the total number of people who are affected. Because of the known complexities involved in measuring certain forms of homelessness, such as sofa-surfing, squatting, or overcrowded households, we do not attempt to account for all aspects of homelessness<sup>1</sup>. Instead, this report draws primarily on official numbers from councils, to count all those who are legally defined as homeless. Although we make some small assumptions about occupancy rates of hostels and family sizes, our analysis sticks only to **people who are recorded as homeless**. This allows us to explore trends at a local level, but it is necessarily an underestimate of the true scale of homelessness today.

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<sup>1</sup> A recent report published by Crisis, presents an estimate of what they term "core homelessness". This is their own definition, which covers rough sleeping, people in hostels and B&Bs, and some of the harder-to-measure forms of homelessness such as sofa surfing. Their figure does *not* include the majority of people who are homeless in temporary accommodation, or who are 'homeless at home'. The analysis uses a weighted average of several datasets to produce an estimate of the numbers of people who meet their criteria across England as a whole. They found that an estimated 299,100 households meet their criteria for core homelessness in 2024. See [The Homelessness Monitor: England 2025 | Crisis UK](#)

This report only covers England as homelessness laws, eligibility criteria and conventions on counting and recording differ between England, Scotland and Wales.

# Homelessness in England, 2025

According to the most recent data, there are an estimated **382,618 people who are now homeless** in England. This includes **175,025 children**. This represents an **8% increase** (28,602 people) in just a year, and means that at least **one in 153 people** in England are homeless (65 per 10,000 population)

## **Recorded homelessness in England, 2025**

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 350,480 & \text{people homeless and living in temporary accommodation} & \\ & \text{arranged by the council} & \\ + & & \\ 7,146 & \text{people homeless and living in temporary accommodation} & \\ & \text{arranged by themselves or homeless at home} & \\ + & & \\ 4,667 & \text{people sleeping rough on a given night} & \\ + & & \\ 16,294 & \text{single homeless people staying in hostels, who do not qualify as} & \\ & \text{priority need (estimate)} & \\ + & & \\ 4,031 & \text{people living in temporary accommodation provided by social} & \\ & \text{services} & \\ = & & \\ 382,618 & \text{people who are homeless} & \end{array}$$

## Who is most likely to be recorded as homeless?

The majority (64%) of households in temporary accommodation are families with dependent children. Of these, lone mothers are disproportionately over-represented. A third of all households in temporary accommodation are headed by lone mothers<sup>2</sup>. This likely reflects the definition of priority need, (which includes those with children, those pregnant and those at risk of abuse from a partner) as well as the greater economic and social precarity of women and lone mothers in particular. By contrast, people included in the annual rough sleeping snapshot are much more likely to be male (85% of all those people whose gender is recorded). Similarly, single people in hostels are overwhelmingly male.

People of colour are more likely to be recorded as homeless. Despite making up just 5% of the overall population, Black people make up 23% of the main applicants from households in temporary accommodation. Previous Shelter analysis has found that Black-led households are 12 times more likely to be living in temporary accommodation than White-led households.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Shelter analysis of MHCLG statutory homelessness statistics, table TA2 [Statutory homelessness in England: April to June 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

<sup>3</sup> Black- and white-led households refer to the ethnicity of the main applicant for a household in temporary accommodation. Source: [The fight for home is a fight against racism - Shelter England](#)

# Regional analysis

Homelessness affects almost every part of the country, however some regions are disproportionately affected.

There are 202,587 people homeless in London, which is the equivalent of one in 45 people. Over half of all people who are homeless in England are from London.

The West Midlands (1 in 198 people) has the highest rate of homelessness outside of London, followed by the South East (1 in 235) and East of England (1 in 267).

The North West (15%), Yorkshire and the Humber (11%) and the West Midlands (11%) have seen the largest increases in homelessness this year. The North East is the only region where the number of people who are homeless has decreased in the past 12 months (-2%).

	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by the council	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by them or homeless at home	No. of people sleeping on the streets on a given night	Est. total no. people (adults and children) homeless (change since 2024)	Rate of homelessness – 1 in xx people are homeless
North East	2,120	17	124	<b>2261</b> (-2%)	1,221
North West	23,420	1,345	367	<b>25,132</b> (+15%)	308
Yorkshire and The Humber	8,880	263	385	<b>9,528</b> (+11%)	595
East Midlands	10,640	545	393	<b>11,578</b> (+7%)	437
West Midlands	29,550	1,407	346	<b>31,303</b> (+11%)	198
East of England	23,640	598	412	<b>24,650</b> (+3%)	267
London	199,190	2,079	1,318	<b>202,587</b> (+8%)	45
South East	39,780	400	795	<b>40,975</b> (+9%)	235
South West	13,250	564	527	<b>14,341</b> (+5%)	411

# Local analysis

## North East

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	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by the council	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by them or homeless at home	No. of people sleeping on the streets on a given night	Est. total no. people (adults and children) homeless	Rate of homelessness – 1 in xx people are homeless
South Tyneside	227	0	7	234	1 in 647
Sunderland	353	2	7	362	1 in 797
Darlington	135	0	6	141	1 in 798
Middlesbrough	157	0	25	182	1 in 858
Gateshead	224	3	5	232	1 in 874
Newcastle on Tyne	341	0	21	362	1 in 886
North Tyneside	152	0	7	159	1 in 1352
Durham	314	17	18	349	1 in 1542
Hartlepool	30	0	6	36	1 in 2727
Northumberland	108	0	13	121	1 in 2739
Stockton-on-Tees	53	0	4	57	1 in 3628
Redcar & Cleveland	30	0	5	35	1 in 3978

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# North West

	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by the council	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by them or homeless at home	No. of people sleeping on the streets on a given night	Est. total no. people (adults and children) homeless	Rate of homelessness – 1 in xx people are homeless
<b>Manchester</b>	8615	928	46	9589	1 in 61
<b>Salford</b>	2309	0	18	2327	1 in 126
<b>Liverpool</b>	3151	0	47	3198	1 in 159
<b>Oldham</b>	1337	0	10	1347	1 in 187
<b>Tameside</b>	902	175	11	1088	1 in 220
<b>Rochdale</b>	797	2	5	804	1 in 293
<b>Bury</b>	638	0	8	646	1 in 308
<b>Trafford</b>	685	0	7	692	1 in 348
<b>Blackpool</b>	271	0	24	295	1 in 489
<b>Bolton</b>	601	0	8	609	1 in 509
<b>Stockport</b>	496	44	31	571	1 in 532
<b>Wigan</b>	586	0	10	596	1 in 579
<b>Warrington</b>	334	3	3	340	1 in 634
<b>Sefton</b>	439	0	8	447	1 in 640
<b>Knowsley</b>	227	13	4	244	1 in 666
<b>Halton</b>	143	53	1	197	1 in 668
<b>St Helens</b>	143	105	16	264	1 in 715
<b>Wirral</b>	415	0	7	422	1 in 779
<b>South Ribble</b>	122	17	1	140	1 in 829
<b>Fylde</b>	82	0	5	87	1 in 982
<b>Blackburn with Darwen</b>	135	7	11	153	1 in 1062
<b>Preston</b>	96	0	23	119	1 in 1369
<b>Westmorland &amp; Furness</b>	112	42	12	166	1 in 1387
<b>Burnley</b>	68	0	1	69	1 in 1438
<b>West Lancashire</b>	71	0	4	75	1 in 1627
<b>Rossendale</b>	42	0	0	42	1 in 1739
<b>Hyndburn</b>	41	0	6	47	1 in 1831
<b>Pendle</b>	46	0	1	47	1 in 2123
<b>Lancaster</b>	54	2	12	68	1 in 2132
<b>Chorley</b>	53	0	0	53	1 in 2280
<b>Cheshire West &amp; Chester</b>	148	0	14	162	1 in 2294
<b>Cumberland</b>	107	0	1	108	1 in 2597
<b>Ribble Valley</b>	19	0	1	20	1 in 3290
<b>Wyre</b>	23	7	3	33	1 in 3598
<b>Cheshire East</b>	108	0	8	116	1 in 3632

# Yorkshire and the Humber

	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by the council	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by them or homeless at home	No. of people sleeping on the streets on a given night	Est. total no. people (adults and children) homeless	Rate of homelessness - 1 in xx people are homeless
<b>Kirklees</b>	1185	13	32	1230	1 in 364
<b>Sheffield</b>	1494	4	52	1550	1 in 376
<b>Kingston upon Hull</b>	625	0	31	656	1 in 420
<b>Leeds</b>	1553	0	69	1622	1 in 521
<b>Bradford</b>	1031	0	36	1067	1 in 528
<b>Doncaster</b>	466	59	33	558	1 in 573
<b>Wakefield</b>	571	0	19	590	1 in 623
<b>North East Lincolnshire</b>	219	0	14	233	1 in 686
<b>East Riding of Yorkshire</b>	476	1	9	486	1 in 732
<b>Rotherham</b>	298	71	8	377	1 in 734
<b>Calderdale</b>	176	0	6	182	1 in 1159
<b>North Yorkshire</b>	436	66	34	536	1 in 1185
<b>York</b>	137	0	30	167	1 in 1253
<b>Barnsley</b>	124	0	7	131	1 in 1922
<b>North Lincolnshire</b>	79	0	5	84	1 in 2040

# West Midlands

	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by the council	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by them or homeless at home	No. of people sleeping on the streets on a given night	Est. total no. people (adults and children) homeless	Rate of homelessness - 1 in xx people are homeless
<b>Birmingham</b>	19459	0	59	19518	1 in 61
<b>Coventry</b>	3715	0	16	3731	1 in 99
<b>Wolverhampton**</b>	1064	1160	8	2232	1 in 126
<b>Solihull</b>	728	13	12	753	1 in 294
<b>Sandwell</b>	832	0	8	840	1 in 421
<b>Nuneaton &amp; Bedworth</b>	281	0	10	291	1 in 486
<b>Herefordshire</b>	357	0	27	384	1 in 498
<b>Walsall</b>	488	2	13	503	1 in 588
<b>Worcester</b>	106	43	24	173	1 in 617
<b>Shropshire</b>	486	0	19	505	1 in 658
<b>Telford &amp; Wrekin</b>	267	3	7	277	1 in 707
<b>Bromsgrove</b>	89	50	3	142	1 in 716
<b>Redditch</b>	112	2	4	118	1 in 744
<b>Rugby</b>	136	12	13	161	1 in 760
<b>Wyre Forest</b>	101	2	13	116	1 in 896
<b>Tamworth</b>	89	0	1	90	1 in 901
<b>Stoke-on-Trent</b>	192	10	35	237	1 in 1141
<b>Lichfield</b>	77	15	4	96	1 in 1166
<b>Warwick</b>	98	9	13	120	1 in 1291
<b>Cannock Chase</b>	72	0	4	76	1 in 1370
<b>Stratford-on-Avon</b>	90	1	10	101	1 in 1448
<b>Wychavon</b>	53	0	13	66	1 in 2091
<b>Newcastle under Lyme</b>	52	0	7	59	1 in 2165
<b>Malvern Hills</b>	31	0	2	33	1 in 2522
<b>South Staffordshire</b>	43	0	1	44	1 in 2601
<b>East Staffordshire</b>	44	3	1	48	1 in 2701
<b>Stafford</b>	29	0	13	42	1 in 3370
<b>Dudley</b>	81	0	5	86	1 in 3860
<b>Staffordshire Moorlands</b>	18	0	0	18	1 in 5370
<b>North Warwickshire</b>	No data				n/a

# East Midlands

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<b>Nottingham</b>	2471	0	56	2527	1 in 131
<b>Oadby &amp; Wigston</b>	242	140	0	382	1 in 162
<b>Leicester</b>	2202	12	61	2275	1 in 171
<b>Derby</b>	1351	0	14	1365	1 in 201
<b>West Northamptonshire</b>	1632	6	47	1685	1 in 261
<b>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth</b>	231	23	6	260	1 in 449
<b>Blaby</b>	220	0	0	220	1 in 492
<b>South Kesteven</b>	101	134	8	243	1 in 606
<b>North Northamptonshire</b>	575	0	23	598	1 in 625
<b>Gedling</b>	112	75	3	190	1 in 633
<b>Lincoln</b>	140	0	21	161	1 in 653
<b>Harborough</b>	94	38	2	134	1 in 781
<b>Melton</b>	64	0	1	65	1 in 832
<b>Charnwood</b>	214	0	10	224	1 in 841
<b>East Lindsey</b>	117	3	17	137	1 in 1060
<b>Mansfield</b>	86	0	13	99	1 in 1143
<b>Ashfield</b>	103	0	5	108	1 in 1200
<b>Bassetlaw</b>	83	2	12	97	1 in 1288
<b>South Holland</b>	42	1	24	67	1 in 1482
<b>North Kesteven*</b>	80	0	1	81	1 in 1512
<b>Erewash</b>	67	0	4	71	1 in 1609
<b>Rutland</b>	24	0	1	25	1 in 1658
<b>Boston</b>	24	1	17	42	1 in 1692
<b>High Peak</b>	51	0	2	53	1 in 1735
<b>Derbyshire Dales</b>	23	17	0	40	1 in 1794
<b>Chesterfield</b>	44	0	12	56	1 in 1894
<b>Broxtowe</b>	50	0	5	55	1 in 2083
<b>Newark &amp; Sherwood</b>	48	0	5	53	1 in 2413
<b>Bolsover</b>	32	0	1	33	1 in 2539
<b>South Derbyshire</b>	32	0	0	32	1 in 3672
<b>North West Leicestershire</b>	22	0	5	27	1 in 4144
<b>Amber Valley</b>	28	0	3	31	1 in 4208
<b>Rushcliffe</b>	17	0	9	26	1 in 4874
<b>West Lindsey</b>	16	0	3	19	1 in 5221
<b>North East Derbyshire</b>	17	0	2	19	1 in 5613

# East of England

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Luton	3642	32	36	3710	1 in 64
Basildon	1898	184	16	2098	1 in 92
Thurrock	1870	2	5	1877	1 in 96
Bedford	1890	0	14	1904	1 in 102
Harlow	943	0	13	956	1 in 103
Chelmsford	1380	0	19	1399	1 in 135
Watford	664	5	10	679	1 in 158
Southend-on-Sea	1111	0	24	1135	1 in 163
Broxbourne	525	0	6	531	1 in 192
Colchester	1024	0	7	1031	1 in 194
Castle Point	429	23	2	454	1 in 200
Welwyn Hatfield	565	0	6	571	1 in 215
Stevenage	394	0	10	404	1 in 227
Dacorum	600	0	7	607	1 in 266
Tendring	543	5	11	559	1 in 280
Peterborough	713	2	16	731	1 in 306
St Albans	472	0	12	484	1 in 312
Hertsmere	272	0	2	274	1 in 402
Central Bedfordshire	638	70	11	719	1 in 439
Epping Forest	307	2	1	310	1 in 443
Cambridge	285	0	26	311	1 in 480
Fenland	192	0	7	199	1 in 527
North Hertfordshire	236	16	4	256	1 in 536
Maldon	122	2	3	127	1 in 544
South Norfolk	142	115	1	258	1 in 575
Rochford	147	0	0	147	1 in 611
East Suffolk	377	0	11	388	1 in 643
Babergh	143	0	3	146	1 in 665
North Norfolk	149	0	4	153	1 in 675
Great Yarmouth	122	0	23	145	1 in 693
Breckland	178	0	32	210	1 in 698
Huntingdonshire	238	0	9	247	1 in 772
Ipswich	155	9	10	174	1 in 806

<b>Three Rivers</b>	114	2	2	118	1 in 812
<b>Brentwood</b>	92	0	4	96	1 in 826
<b>South Cambridgeshire</b>	173	17	1	191	1 in 903
<b>Broadland</b>	108	35	1	144	1 in 959
<b>Braintree</b>	150	0	4	154	1 in 1067
<b>King's Lynn &amp; West Norfolk</b>	138	0	7	145	1 in 1077
<b>West Suffolk</b>	154	10	10	174	1 in 1083
<b>Mid Suffolk</b>	100	0	0	100	1 in 1108
<b>Uttlesford</b>	82	0	0	82	1 in 1160
<b>East Hertfordshire</b>	95	0	7	102	1 in 1538
<b>Norwich</b>	46	0	12	58	1 in 2538
<b>East Cambridgeshire</b>	25	0	3	28	1 in 3318

# London

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Newham	20725	0	28	<b>20753</b>	1 in 18
Westminster	9612	71	388	<b>10071</b>	1 in 21
Lambeth	12085	0	31	<b>12116</b>	1 in 26
Kensington & Chelsea	5040	2	16	<b>5058</b>	1 in 29
Hackney	8805	46	20	<b>8871</b>	1 in 30
Haringey	7740	654	32	<b>8426</b>	1 in 31
Enfield	9077	5	6	<b>9088</b>	1 in 36
Southwark	8779	0	36	<b>8815</b>	1 in 36
Tower Hamlets	9111	0	39	<b>9150</b>	1 in 36
Redbridge	8452	6	19	<b>8477</b>	1 in 38
Wandsworth	8799	0	16	<b>8815</b>	1 in 38
Lewisham	7245	8	20	<b>7273</b>	1 in 41
Ealing*	9048	115	38	<b>9201</b>	1 in 42
Croydon*	8643	41	38	<b>8722</b>	1 in 47
Brent	7046	20	45	<b>7111</b>	1 in 50
H'smith & Fulham	3729	0	10	<b>3739</b>	1 in 50
Greenwich	5672	17	35	<b>5724</b>	1 in 52
Barnet	7268	130	15	<b>7413</b>	1 in 55
Islington	3903	21	21	<b>3945</b>	1 in 57
Harrow	4660	3	7	<b>4670</b>	1 in 58
Waltham Forest	4692	14	60	<b>4766</b>	1 in 59
Barking & Dagenham	3313	0	6	<b>3319</b>	1 in 70
Kingston upon Thames	2365	2	32	<b>2399</b>	1 in 72
Havering	3681	0	9	<b>3690</b>	1 in 75
Sutton	2820	0	14	<b>2834</b>	1 in 76
Bromley	4077	0	8	<b>4085</b>	1 in 82
Hillingdon**	3791	104	37	<b>3932</b>	1 in 84
Merton	2079	0	16	<b>2095</b>	1 in 104
City of London	48	3	86	<b>137</b>	1 in 110
Richmond upon Thames	1436	0	7	<b>1443</b>	1 in 136
Hounslow	1484	0	41	<b>1525</b>	1 in 196
Bexley	1182	0	10	<b>1192</b>	1 in 215
Camden				<b>No data</b>	

# South East

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<b>Slough</b>	3838	32	36	3906	1 in 43
<b>Hastings</b>	1468	2	41	1511	1 in 60
<b>Crawley</b>	1641	0	14	1655	1 in 75
<b>Brighton &amp; Hove*</b>	3383	4	76	3463	1 in 82
<b>Epsom &amp; Ewell</b>	745	0	4	749	1 in 111
<b>Dartford</b>	1092	2	10	1104	1 in 113
<b>Milton Keynes</b>	2637	35	35	2707	1 in 113
<b>Worthing</b>	887	0	17	904	1 in 126
<b>Reading</b>	1298	69	57	1424	1 in 128
<b>Eastbourne</b>	730	18	26	774	1 in 135
<b>Gravesham</b>	690	0	9	699	1 in 158
<b>Dover</b>	726	6	7	739	1 in 162
<b>Portsmouth</b>	1266	0	26	1292	1 in 166
<b>Medway</b>	1738	0	10	1748	1 in 167
<b>Windsor &amp; Maidenhead</b>	908	0	28	936	1 in 170
<b>Rother</b>	537	4	12	553	1 in 174
<b>Spelthorne</b>	600	5	3	608	1 in 176
<b>Isle of Wight</b>	683	0	8	691	1 in 205
<b>Swale</b>	751	0	9	760	1 in 208
<b>Ashford</b>	629	0	8	637	1 in 221
<b>Adur</b>	278	0	6	284	1 in 228
<b>Southampton</b>	1054	5	22	1081	1 in 240
<b>Oxford</b>	649	0	41	690	1 in 241
<b>Maidstone</b>	751	7	22	780	1 in 241
<b>New Forest</b>	682	9	1	692	1 in 255
<b>Arun</b>	480	145	16	641	1 in 265
<b>Test Valley</b>	489	0	1	490	1 in 276
<b>Thanet</b>	490	0	25	515	1 in 277
<b>Bracknell Forest</b>	458	0	10	468	1 in 280
<b>Woking</b>	341	15	8	364	1 in 290
<b>Reigate &amp; Banstead</b>	503	0	3	506	1 in 314
<b>Havant</b>	377	0	4	381	1 in 333
<b>Horsham</b>	403	5	3	411	1 in 369
<b>Gosport</b>	219	0	2	221	1 in 375



<b>Elmbridge</b>	353	2	12	367	1 in 387
<b>West Berkshire</b>	406	5	13	424	1 in 389
<b>Tonbridge &amp; Malling</b>	293	0	3	296	1 in 462
<b>Lewes</b>	196	6	14	216	1 in 474
<b>Runnymede</b>	190	0	2	192	1 in 480
<b>Folkestone &amp; Hythe</b>	222	0	9	231	1 in 487
<b>Canterbury</b>	299	0	31	330	1 in 491
<b>Fareham</b>	229	0	3	232	1 in 498
<b>Tandridge</b>	158	0	7	165	1 in 549
<b>Vale of White Horse</b>	255	0	2	257	1 in 581
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	965	0	22	987	1 in 586
<b>Rushmoor</b>	168	0	7	175	1 in 604
<b>Mole Valley</b>	136	0	1	137	1 in 648
<b>Mid Sussex</b>	229	4	2	235	1 in 688
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	176	0	1	177	1 in 693
<b>Chichester*</b>	171	0	4	175	1 in 737
<b>Surrey Heath</b>	119	2	7	128	1 in 738
<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>	149	0	5	154	1 in 777
<b>Cherwell</b>	198	0	14	212	1 in 804
<b>Winchester</b>	161	0	5	166	1 in 817
<b>West Oxfordshire</b>	141	0	3	144	1 in 840
<b>Guildford</b>	172	1	6	179	1 in 846
<b>South Oxfordshire</b>	167	0	2	169	1 in 926
<b>East Hampshire*</b>	135	0	0	135	1 in 963
<b>Eastleigh</b>	141	0	2	143	1 in 1000
<b>Wokingham</b>	160	20	3	183	1 in 1023
<b>Wealden</b>	122	0	6	128	1 in 1304
<b>Hart</b>	59	0	1	60	1 in 1719
<b>Basingstoke &amp; Deane</b>	100	0	2	102	1 in 1893
<b>Waverley</b>	11	0	6	17	1 in 7899

# South West

	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by the council	Est. no. of people homeless and living in TA arranged by them or homeless at home	No. of people sleeping on the streets on a given night	Est. total no. people (adults and children) homeless	Rate of homelessness – 1 in xx people are homeless
<b>Bristol</b>	4313	0	77	4390	1 in 113
<b>Gloucester</b>	579	43	28	650	1 in 213
<b>Swindon</b>	923	0	17	940	1 in 259
<b>Plymouth</b>	1005	0	40	1045	1 in 260
<b>Bournemouth, Christchurch &amp; Poole</b>	1166	138	63	1367	1 in 299
<b>Cornwall</b>	1670	4	53	1727	1 in 338
<b>North Devon</b>	171	108	15	294	1 in 344
<b>Torbay</b>	347	3	29	379	1 in 370
<b>Torridge</b>	141	22	11	174	1 in 401
<b>Mid Devon</b>	127	4	4	135	1 in 630
<b>Exeter</b>	185	9	11	205	1 in 675
<b>South Gloucestershire</b>	436	6	5	447	1 in 685
<b>Somerset</b>	598	69	80	747	1 in 788
<b>Teignbridge</b>	168	0	7	175	1 in 792
<b>Dorset</b>	379	0	15	394	1 in 990
<b>Wiltshire</b>	313	169	18	500	1 in 1047
<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset</b>	148	9	11	168	1 in 1191
<b>West Devon</b>	42	0	4	46	1 in 1281
<b>Forest of Dean</b>	62	0	2	64	1 in 1402
<b>South Hams</b>	53	0	7	60	1 in 1536
<b>Tewkesbury</b>	62	0	2	64	1 in 1593
<b>North Somerset</b>	122	0	15	137	1 in 1639
<b>East Devon</b>	91	0	3	94	1 in 1683
<b>Stroud</b>	66	1	2	69	1 in 1821
<b>Cotswold</b>	44	0	1	45	1 in 2037
<b>Cheltenham</b>	48	0	7	55	1 in 2213
<b>Isles of Scilly</b>	0	0	0	0	n/a

\* Data for 2025 Q2 unavailable, 2025 Q1 used instead

\*\* Data for 2025 Q2 and 2025 Q1 unavailable, 2024 Q4 used instead

# Methodology

The table below sets out how each component of the total is calculated, with the numbers relating to the reference number for each element used in the tables. Links to the sources used are below.

**[1] Estimated number of people homeless and living in TA arranged by the council as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

This is an estimate of the number of people (adults plus children) who live in households which have been found to be homeless and are living in local authority arranged temporary accommodation<sup>4</sup>. The number of children is published in table TA1 of the Temporary Accommodation tables, from MHCLG's official statutory homelessness statistics.<sup>5</sup> The number of adults is calculated using the detailed household composition information in table TA2. Households categorised as 'other' household types are assumed to contain two people, in order to ensure that our estimate is conservative. Q2 2025 data is used wherever possible. If it is not available, the most recent available quarter is used. If no data has been published for a local authority in the previous 12 months, the area is excluded.

**[2] Estimated number of people homeless and living in TA arranged by them or homeless at home as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

This is an estimate of the number of people (adults plus children) who live in households who have been found to be homeless and are presently living in temporary accommodation arranged by themselves, or 'homeless at home'. 'Homeless at home' means that it is not reasonable for a household to continue to occupy their home, and they are therefore legally homeless. However, they have not yet been accommodated by the local authority. Data for households in these situations is found in the final columns ('Duty owed, no accommodation secured') of the TA1 tables in the official MHCLG statistics.<sup>6</sup>

Data is only published for the number of households and the number of these households who are families with children. In order to estimate the number of people in this situation, we have calculated the average size of a household in council arranged temporary accommodation in each area, and applied it to the

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<sup>4</sup> [Temporary housing when homeless - Shelter England](#)

<sup>5</sup> MHCLG, [Statutory homelessness statistics](#), Detailed local authority level tables, Table TA2.

<sup>6</sup> MHCLG, [Statutory homelessness statistics](#), Detailed local authority level tables, Table TA1.

figures for the number of households recorded as 'duty owed no accommodation secured'. These figures are submitted by councils to MHCLG, and are accurate to the best of our knowledge. Q2 2025 data is used wherever possible. If it is not available, the most recent available quarter is used. If no data was published in the previous 12 months, the area is excluded.

**[3] Rough sleeping**

This is taken from MHCLG's homelessness statistics annual count of people sleeping rough, as at Autumn 2024 (the most recent available).<sup>7</sup> These figures are widely considered to be an underestimate of the true scale of street homelessness, especially for some marginalised groups, such as women, who may be less visible due to the risk of violence when sleeping rough.

**[4] Additional single homeless people living in hostels**

Some single people accommodated in temporary, homeless accommodation are not counted in the MHCLG statistics. To create an estimate of the number of additional single homeless people living in a hostel on any given night, we use hostel bedspace data from an annual Homeless Link report<sup>8</sup>

The research reports that the average void rate in this accommodation is 6%. Therefore, to get an estimate of how many people are staying in this accommodation on a given night, we remove 6% from the total number of bedspaces. In order to avoid any chance of double counting between these figures and those published by MHCLG, we then remove an estimate of the number of single person households who could have been already recorded in the MHCLG figures. To calculate this estimate, we use data in MHCLG table TA1 that gives the number of all households accommodated in different types of TA. We subtract the number of single households accommodated in the following types of temporary accommodation: 'hostels', 'local authority or housing association properties', 'private sector accommodation leased by a council or run by a registered provider' and 'other TA including supported lodgings' in the statutory temporary accommodation figures (all categories in which beds reported in the Homeless Link figures could fall theoretically.) We report on this at the national level only, as the *adjusted* regional figures are not individually reliable enough to report on.

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<sup>7</sup> MHCLG, [Rough sleeping snapshot in England: autumn 2023](#), February 2024.

<sup>8</sup> Homeless Link (2025) [A Review of Services Addressing Single Homelessness in England](#)

**[5] Social services accommodation**

The number of people (adults and children) living in temporary accommodation arranged by Social Services under section 17 of the Children's Act is estimated based on data collected by Freedom of Information request (Fol). We sent an Fol to all county and unitary authorities in England, asking what this figure was as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 or the nearest available date. We received full responses from 78 (52%) local authorities and partial responses from a further 18 (12%) councils. Not all councils hold or are able to access this data. We simply report on the numbers supplied. Data and knowledge on these households is scant, so no extrapolation or averaging up is done, meaning that this figure is very likely an underestimate. We report this at a national level only.

**[6] Estimated total number of homeless children**

This is the estimated total number of children who are homeless. This number is a subset of those counted under [7]. At the national level it sums up the number of children living in temporary accommodation arranged by the local authority under homelessness legislation and the number of children living in temporary accommodation arranged by Social Services under Section 17 of the Children's Act. At regional and local level it is just the number of children living in temporary accommodation arranged by the local authority.

**[7] Estimated total number of homeless people**

This is the estimated total number of people (adults and children) who are homeless. At the national level it sums elements [1] – [5] above, at regional and local level it sums elements [1] – [3].

**[8] Rate of homelessness**

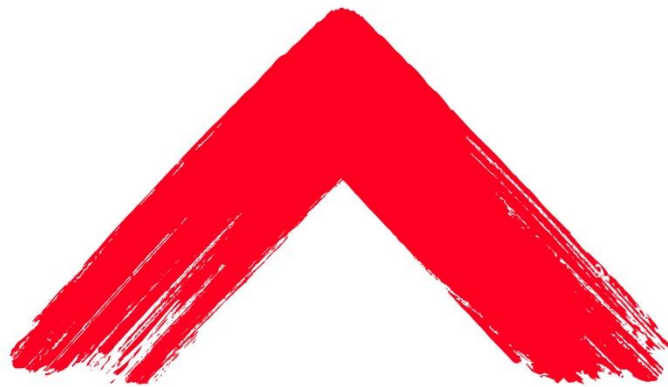
This is the rate of people who are homeless in a given area, calculated by comparing the estimated number of people who are homeless in that area to the area's total population, using the latest available ONS mid-year population estimates<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> ONS, [Population estimates for the UK, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - Office for National Statistics](#)

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