

HOUSING AND PLANNING KEY FACTS ENGLAND

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Introduction

This quarterly leaflet contains tables of key figures and web links to a fuller collection of data shown in the Department for Communities and Local Government's Live Tables. These web links are contained in the topic titles and web addresses at the end of each section.

STOCK (including vacants)

Housing stock is built up from current stock (with census figures as the base) plus any changes due to housing flows such as gains from new completions i.e. house building, conversions and losses due to demolitions.

Information on the changes in stock within local authorities, taking into account new build dwellings and gains and losses through change of use, conversions and demolitions is collected annually by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Housing Stock

	March 2009	March 2010
All tenures	22.6m (p)	22.7m (p)
of which owner-occupied		
of which privately rented		
of which local authority rented	8% (p)	8% (p)
of which registered social landlord rented		

Housing Stock Changes

	2008-09	2009-10
Net additions	166,570	128,680 (p)
of which new build	157,630	124,200 (p)
Change of use	16,640	13,600 (p)
Additional dwellings from conversions	8,640	6,230 (p)
Demolitions	16,590	16,330 (p)

Vacant Dwellings (Percentage of stock)

	April 20	109	April 2	2010
Private sector				
Local authority rented	35,000	2%	31,000	2%
of which is available for letting ¹	16,000	1%	13,000	1%
Registered social landlord rented	33,000	2%	28,000	2%
Other public sector	6,000	8%	6,000	9%
1. Includes dwellings to be let after minor repairs.				

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/stockincludingvacants/livetables/

HOUSE BUILDING (Starts and Completions)

House building statistics estimate the number of new house building starts and completions in England; they exclude conversions and change of use. National figures for both starts and completions are released in a quarterly statistical release.

In this section you can find data on the number of new permanent dwellings started and completed for England and its Regions.

House building

80,580	87,690 (p)
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60,060	69,060 (p)
20,210	18,300 (p)
310	320 (p)
134,110	113,670 (p)
108,080	88,630 (p)
25,510	24,740 (p)
520	300 (p)
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www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/housebuilding/livetables/

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/housebuilding/publicationsonhousebuilding/

HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS

Household projections are produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government based on the latest Office for National Statistics Sub National Population Projections. The projections are trend-based and indicate the number of additional households that would form if recent demographic trends continue.

Households and Population Projections

	2008	2033	Change
Population (millions)	51.5m	60.7m	9.3m
Total number of households (millions)	21.7m	27.5m	5.8m
One person households (millions)	7.3m	11.3m	4.0m
Average household size (persons)	2.33	2.16	-0.16
The figures are based on 2008-based household and population	projections.		

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/householdestimates/livetables-households/

HOUSING MARKET AND HOUSE PRICES

This section brings together information and data relating to the housing market, house prices, mortgages, property transactions and land prices. The main data covers average house prices, house price indices and house price inflation figures. Other data include average mortgage values, property transactions, land prices, and trends in interest rates.

Private Housing Market

	2009 (Q3) ¹	2010 (Q3) ¹	to 2010
Lower quartile ratio of house price to			
earnings ²	6.68	6.89 (p)	3.2%
Average house price ³	£203,134	£219,824	8.2% ⁴

- 1. 2009 and 2010 figures for the third quarter of the year.
- 2. Q3 2010 for the lower quartile ratio of house price to earnings is provisional. The lower quartile ratio of house price to earnings is for England, and is based on data from the ONS Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings and HM Land Registry data.
- 3. House prices are mix-adjusted for England and are sourced from the Regulated Mortgage Survey, collected by the Council of Mortgage Lenders.
- 4. Annual change is calculated from the mix-adjusted house price index and not the average house price.

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/housingmarket/livetables/

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/housingmarket/housepriceindex/

RENTS, LETTINGS AND TENANCIES

This section provides some of the statistical information the Department for Communities and Local Government produces on rents, lettings and tenancies. The three areas are inter-related and together cover the following topics: rent costs by tenure, the letting of local authority and Registered Providers of social housing (RP) accommodation, housing benefit and private tenancy types.

Local Authority and Registered Providers Lettings

, ,	L	LA^2		RP^2	
	2008-09	2009-10 ^{3,4}	2008-09	2009-10 ^{3.4}	
Total lettings	152,000	156,000	240,000	227,000	
New lettings	107,000	110,000	157,000	146,000	
To homeless households ¹	26,000	21,000	22,000	21,000	

Economic status:	Owner occupiers 2008-09	Social renters 2008-09	Private renters 2008-09
in full time work		24%	61%
in part time work	7%	10%	9%
unemployed	1%	8%	3%
economically inactive	34%	57%	26%

- 1. RP lettings to homeless households include only nominations or referrals from local authorities.
- 2. LA lettings figures include mutual exchanges but RP do not.
- 3. From 2009-10, non-secure, non-introductory tenancies were not collected.

4. Information was collected for 2009-10 using questions which had been restructured from questions asked in previous years. As a result there may be a discontinuity between 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the increase in the number of lettings reported may not represent a true increase.

Rents (£ per week)

, ,	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>
Registered providers rented	78	
Local authority rented	66	67 (p)

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/rentslettings/livetables/

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/ehs200809householdreport

STATUTORY HOMELESSNESS

National statistics on Statutory Homelessness are released on a quarterly basis under arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority. The latest statistics were published on 9 December 2010 and provide figures for the July to September quarter of 2010, showing local authorities' activities under the homelessness legislation of the 1996 Housing Act. The next release is scheduled for 10 March 2011 and will provide figures for the October to December quarter of 2010.

Homelessness

	London		England	
	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10
Accepted as owed a main duty	12,780	9,460	53,430	40,020
In temporary accommodation ¹	47,780	39,030	64,000	51,310
1. At the end of financial year (March)				

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/homelessnessstatistics/publicationshomelessness/

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/homelessnessstatistics/livetables/

OVERCROWDING AND UNDER-OCCUPATION

This section presents information on overcrowding and under-occupation.

The source for this information is the combined English Housing Survey and Labour Force Survey.

Overcrowding and Under-occupation (using the bedroom standard) 2008-09

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	Overcrowded	Under-occupied
All tenures	3%	36%
Owner occupiers	2%	47%
Social renters	7%	11%
Private renters	5%	16%

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/ehs200809householdreport

SOCIAL HOUSING SALES

This section provides data for the sale and transfer of local authority and housing association dwellings in England and the English regions. It includes details of the number of applications made under the Right-to-Buy scheme, as well as numbers of sales, related selling price and discount information.

The main source for England data is the P1B Quarterly Housing Monitoring return¹. This gives information at district level for all local authority council house sales as well as housing capital expenditure. Information for housing associations is taken from the Regulatory and Statistical Return (RSR) and Continuous Recording (CORE) return to the Tenant Services Authority.

1. The P1B return is an annual return from 2010-11.

Sales of Local Authority Council Houses

			Total April '79
	2008-09	2009-10	to March '10
			(millions)
Private sales (inc. RTB)	3,200	2,600	2.0m
Large scale transfers	46,000	23,800	1.2m
Total dwellings sold	49,100	26,400	3.2m

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/socialhousingsales/livetables/

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY

The tables in this section relate to the total supply of affordable housing in England (see *notes and definitions*). Affordable housing supply can be a new build property or an acquisition. An affordable housing acquisition is an existing, private sector property that has been purchased for use as an affordable home.

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Additional affordable homes

	2008-09	2009-10	
Social rent	31,000	33,100	
Intermediate affordable housing	24,600	24,600	
of which: Intermediate rent	1,700	2,600	
of which: Low cost home ownership	22,900	22,100	
All affordable housing supply	55.600	57.700	

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/affordablehousingsupply/livetables/

REPOSSESSION ACTIVITY

This section includes links to data on mortgage arrears, repossessions, court actions and orders, and the Mortgage Rescue Scheme.

It includes data published by the Ministry of Justice and the Council of Mortgage Lenders as well as the Department for Communities and Local Government data series.

Repossession activity

	2006	2009	
Total number of mortgages at end of period (UK)	11.7m	11.4 m	_
Properties taken into possession during period (UK) ¹	40,000	47,900	
Percentage of properties taken into possession (UK) ¹	0.3%	0.4%	

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www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/repossessions/livetablesrepossession/

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

These statistics cover information on planning applications received and decided including decisions on applications for residential developments (dwellings) and enforcement activities.

	2008-09	2009-10
Proportion of planning applications decided within period :		
Major applications (within 13 weeks)	71%	71% (p)
Minor applications (within 8 weeks)	76%	79% (p)
Other applications (within 8 weeks)	87%	88% (p)

www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningbuilding/planningstatistics/livetables/livetablesondevelopmentcontrolst/

LAND USE CHANGE STATISTICS

	2008	2009
Proportion of dwellings built on brown field land ¹	80%	80% (p)
Density of new dwellings (dwellings per hectare)	43	43 (p)

^{1.} Includes conversions. The data are based on records received from Ordnance Survey up to March 2010.

www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningbuilding/planningstatistics/livetables/landusechange/

DECENT HOMES

Decent Homes 1, 2

	No. of dwellings (millions)		Percentage	e of group
	2007	2008	2007	2008
All non-decent	7.7m	7.4m	35%	33%
All social sector non-decent	1.1m	1.1m	29%	27%
All private sector non-decent	6.5m	6.3m	36%	34%

^{1.} Decent home must: meet the statutory minimum standard; be in a reasonable state of repair; have modern facilities and services; and provide a reasonable degree of thermal comfort. The detailed definition of each of these criteria is included in *A Decent Home: Definition and guidance for implementation, Department for Communities and Local Government*, June 2006.

^{1.} Includes those voluntarily surrendered.

^{2.} From 2006, the definition of a decent home was updated with the replacement of the Fitness Standard by the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) as the statutory criterion of decency.

www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingsurveys/englishhousecondition/ehcsdatasupporting/ehcsstandardtables/decenthomes/

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/ehs200809headlinereport

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Average SAP¹ rating

	2007	2008
All tenures	50	51
owner occupied	48	50
private rented	48	50
local authority rented	56	58
housing association rented	60	60

1. Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP 2005 methodology).

Energy efficiency is based on a home's energy costs per square metre, taking into account the costs of space and water heating, ventilation and lighting, less cost savings from energy generation technologies. The rating is expressed on a scale of 1-100 where a dwelling with a rating of 1 has poor energy efficiency (high costs) and a dwelling with a rating of 100 represents a completely energy efficient dwelling (zero net costs per year).

Percentage of dwellings within each group with loft insulation¹

	2007	2008
All tenures	36%	38%
owner occupied	35%	37%
private rented	25%	27%
local authority rented	46%	49%
housing association rented	55%	55%
1. Loft insulation of 150mm or more. Percentage of all dwellings with a loft.		

2007

2007

2000

2008

Percentage of dwellings within each group with central heating¹

	<u> 2001 </u>	<u> 2000</u>
All tenures	90%	89%
owner occupied	92%	92%
private rented	79%	80%
local authority rented	89%	90%
housing association rented	86%	86%
Central heating excludes storage heaters.		

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