

# Rough Sleeping Snapshot Statistics 2019

The snapshot provides a way of estimating the number of people sleeping rough across England on a single night

## 4,266

People sleeping rough on a single night in 2019

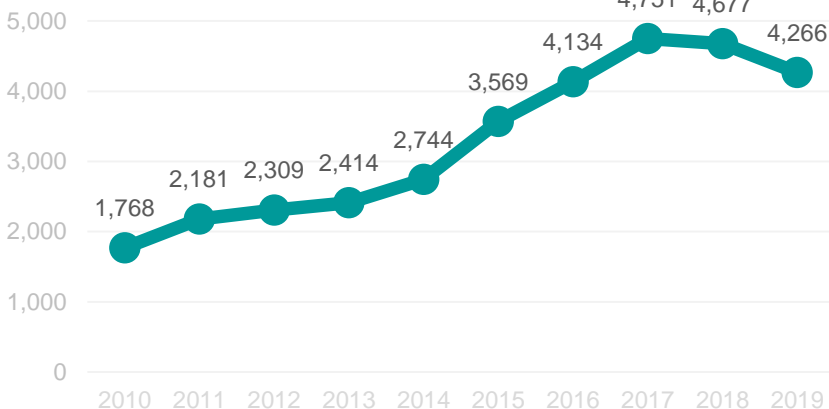
## 9%

decrease since last year

## 141%

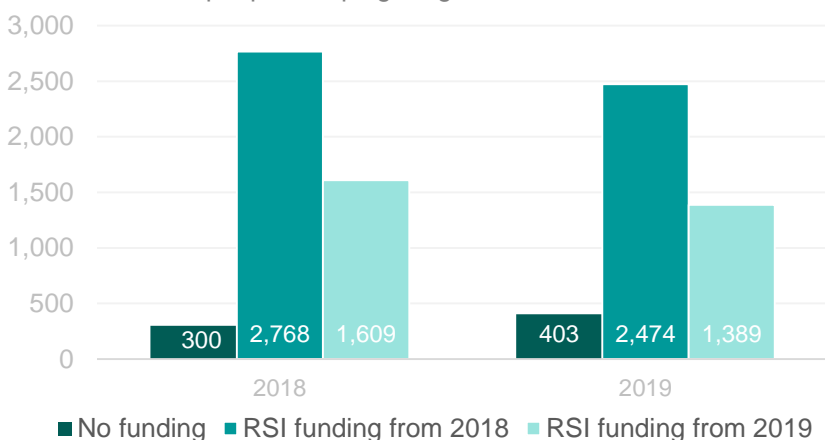
increase since 2010

The number of people sleeping rough on a single night, 2010 - 2019



The Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) was launched in 2018 as part of government's plan to end rough sleeping

The number of people sleeping rough in RSI areas



## 12%

decrease in RSI areas since last year

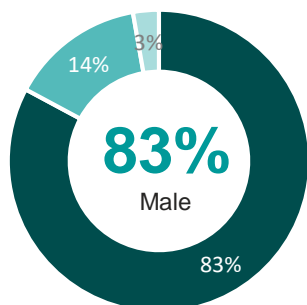
## 34%

increase in areas not part of RSI

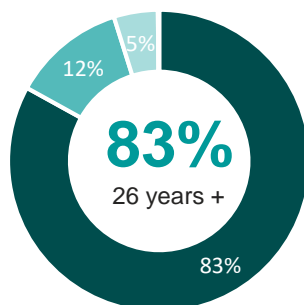
Over three-quarters of local authorities in England are now covered by specialist RSI funding.

The snapshot collects some basic demographic information about those people found sleeping rough

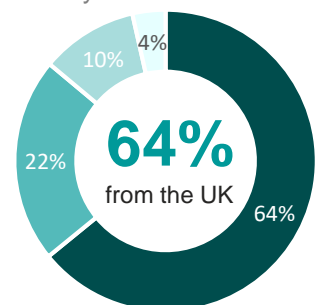
Gender



Age



Nationality



■ Male ■ Female ■ Not Known

■ Over 26 yrs ■ 18 - 25 yrs ■ Not Known ■ Under 18 yrs

■ UK ■ EU (Non-UK) ■ Not known ■ Non-EU



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Statistical release is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/annual-rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2019>

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## Things you need to know

People sleeping rough are defined as those sleeping or about to bed down in open air locations and other places including tents and make shift shelters.

The snapshot can take place on a single date chosen by the local authority between 1st October to 30th November

The snapshot records only those people seen, or thought to be, sleeping rough on a single night in Autumn each year.

The snapshot does not include people in hostels or shelters, sofa surfers or those in recreational or organised protest, squatter or traveller campsites.

The snapshot process and figures are independently verified by Homeless Link.

The snapshot can be carried out using either a count-based estimate, an evidence-based estimate meeting with local partners or an evidence-based estimate with spotlight count.

The snapshot is collated by outreach workers, local charities and community groups.

The snapshot does not include everyone in an area with a history of sleeping rough, or everyone sleeping rough in between October to November.

The snapshot methodology which includes all local authorities has been in place since 2010, before only a quarter of areas did a snapshot.

Accurately estimating the number of people sleeping rough is difficult given the hidden nature of rough sleeping



### How can it be used?



- ✓ To estimate the number of people sleeping rough on a single night
- ✓ To assess changes in the number of people sleeping rough over time
- ✓ To compare local authorities and regions in England
- ✓ To understand some basic characteristics about people who sleep rough
- ✗ To estimate the total number of people sleeping rough across the year
- ✗ To estimate the total number of homeless people
- ✗ To compare with other countries in the UK
- ✗ To understand how long people sleep rough and the reasons why people sleep rough

