

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 the net change due to;

- o new builds.
- o conversions (e.g. a house to a number of flats or vice versa),
- o changes of use (e.g. a residential house to an office or vice versa) and
- o demolitions

This information on the changes to stock 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%	8%
of which registered social landlord rented	10%	10%

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	09	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 ofter miner repairs				

^{1.} Includes dwellings to be let after minor repairs.

http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatistics/csby/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

	2008-09	2009-10
New house building (starts)	80,580	87,690 (p)
of which private enterprise	60,060	69,060 (p)
of which registered social landlords	20,210	18,300 (p)
of which local authorities	310	320 (p)
New house building (completions)	134,110	113,670 (p)
of which private enterprise	108,080	88,630 (p)
of which registered social landlords	25,510	24,740 (p)
of which local authorities	520	300 (p)

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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.		

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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 (Q4) ¹	2010 (Q4) ¹	to 2010
Lower quartile ratio of house price to			
earnings ²	6.91	6.76 (p)	-2.2%
Average house price ³	£205,841	£215,853	4.9% ⁴

- 1. 2009 and 2010 figures for the fourth quarter of the year.
- 2. Q4 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.

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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

, c	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:	<u>Owner</u> <u>occupiers</u> 2009-10	Social renters 2009-10	Private renters 2009-10
in full time work	57%	23%	60%
in part time work	7%	10%	9%
unemployed	1%	9%	7%
economically inactive	36%	58%	24%

- 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)

http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatistics/csby/rentslettings/livetables/

http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/ehs200910headlinereport

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 10 March 2011 and provide figures for the October to December quarter of 2010, showing local authorities' activities under the homelessness legislation of the 1996 Housing Act. The next release is scheduled for 9 June 2011 and will provide figures for the January to March quarter of 2011.

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)				

http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatistics/publicationshomelessness/

http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatistics/csby/homelessnessstatistics/livetables/

OVERCROWDING AND UNDER-OCCUPATION

This section presents information on overcrowding and under-occupation.

The source for this information is a 3 year average of data from the 2007-08 Survey of English Housing and the 2008-09 and 2009-10 English Housing Survey.

Overcrowding and Under-occupation (using the bedroom standard)

	3 year average 2007-08 to 2009-10		
	Overcrowded	Under-occupied	
All tenures	3%	37%	
Owner occupiers	1%	48%	
Social renters	7%	11%	
Private renters	5%	17%	

http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/ehs200910headlinereport

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

2008-09	2009-10	Total April '79 to March '10
		(millions)
3,200	2,600	2.0m
46,000	23,800	1.2m
49,100	26,400	3.2m
	3,200 46,000	3,200 2,600 46,000 23,800

http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatistics/csby/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.

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

http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatistics/csby/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

	2009	2010
Total number of mortgages at end of period (UK)	11.4m	11.4 m
Properties taken into possession during period (UK) ¹	47,900	36,300
Percentage of properties taken into possession (UK) ¹	0.4%	0.3%

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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)

http://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.

http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningbuilding/planningstatistics/liverables/landusechange/

DECENT HOMES

Decent Homes 1, 2

	No. of dwellings (millions)		Percentage of group	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
All non-decent	7.4m	6.7m	33%	30%
All social sector non-decent	1.1m	0.9m	27%	23%
All private sector non-decent	6.3m	5.8m	34%	31%

^{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.

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

http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/ehs200910headlinereport

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Average SAP¹ rating

	2008	2009
All tenures	51	53
owner occupied	50	51
private rented	50	52
local authority rented	58	60
housing association rented	60	62

^{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

	2008	2009
All tenures	38%	41%
owner occupied	37%	40%
private rented	27%	28%
local authority rented	49%	52%
housing association rented	55%	58%
1. Loft insulation of 150mm or more. Percentage of all dwellings with a loft.		

Percentage of dwellings within each group with central heating¹

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
All tenures	89%	89%
owner occupied	92%	92%
private rented	80%	80%
local authority rented	90%	89%
housing association rented	86%	86%
1 Control hooting evaluates storage hooters		

1. Central heating excludes storage heaters.

http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingsurveys/englishhousecondition/ehcsdatasupporting/ehcsstandardtables/energyefficiency/

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