

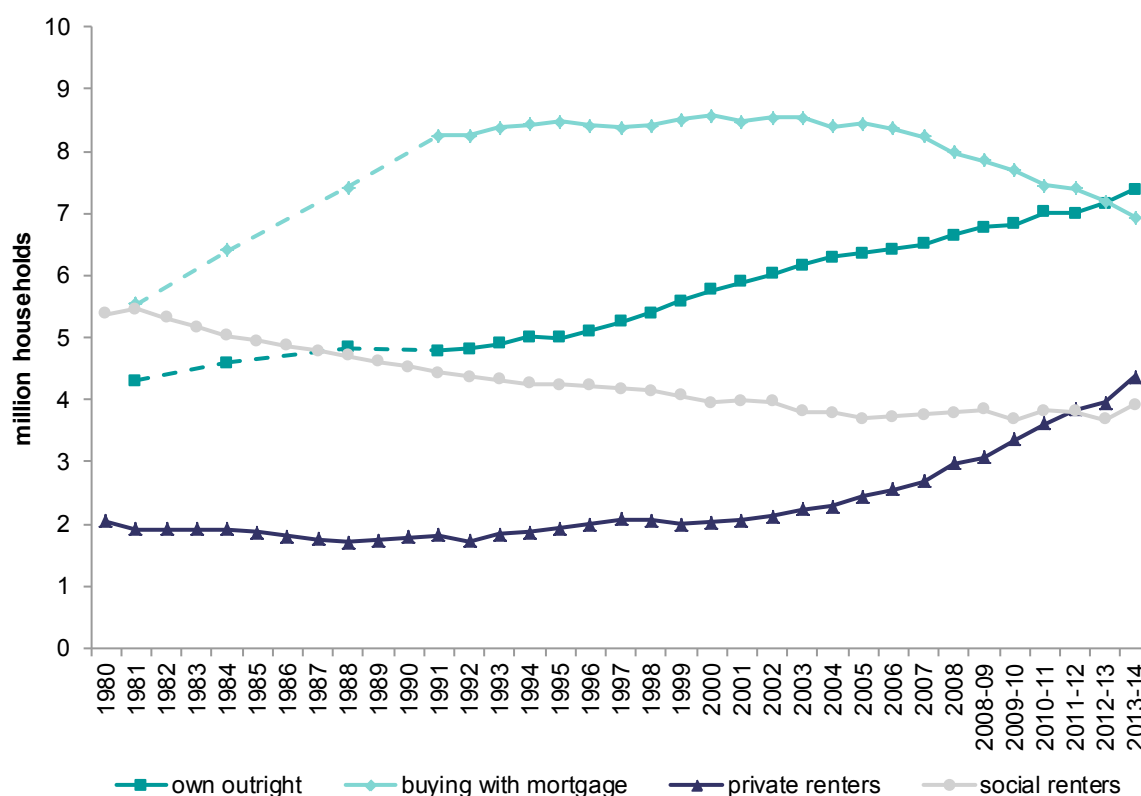
2013-14 Headline Report published

The English Housing Survey 2013-14 Headline Report was published on 25 February.

The report covers a range of topics related to the physical condition of homes and the circumstances of the people that live in them. This was the first release of data from the 2013-14 survey.

Key findings

- There were an estimated 22.6 million households in England. Overall, 63% or 14.3 million were owner occupiers, of which 33% (7.4 million) owned outright and 31% (6.9 million) were buying with a mortgage. This has changed from 2012-13, when equal proportions were owned outright and were buying with a mortgage.
- 19% (4.4 million) of households were renting privately, up from 18% in 2012-13 and 11% in 2003. The proportion of households renting social housing remained steady at 17% (3.9 million).



- Almost half (48%) of all households aged 25-34 rented privately, up from 45% in 2012-13. The proportion in this age group living in the private rented sector has more than doubled from 21% in 2003-04. Over the same 10 years, owner occupation in this age group dropped from 59% to 36%.
- In 2008-09, 19% of social renters in work received Housing Benefit, increasing to 32% in 2013-14. For working households in the private rented sector the proportion increased from 7% to 14% over the same period.
- 4.8 million dwellings (21%) failed to meet the decent homes standard, a reduction of 2.9 million homes since 2006, when around a third (35%) of homes failed to meet the decent home standard.
- About a million (999,000) homes (4%) had problems with damp, compared with 2.6 million (13%) homes in 1996.

We have published fires and fire safety statistics in the headline report for the first time. The main findings were:

- 88% of households had at least one working smoke alarm in their home. Private renters were least likely to have at least one working smoke alarm (82%) and those in housing association properties were most likely (94%).
- Households consisting of a couple with dependent children were most likely to have a working smoke alarm (91%), whilst only 83% of households with a single person aged under 60 reported having a working smoke alarm.
- 385,000 households (1.7%) had had a fire in the previous two years. Of these fires, 54% were associated with cooking, with one in every five being due to a pan of oil/fat or a grill-pan catching fire.

We will publish further analysis in the Fire and Fire Safety report to be published in July.

In addition, we have published initial analysis of well-being (in particular life satisfaction). These questions were included in the survey for the first time in 2013-14. The analysis can be viewed in chapter 1 of the report. We will produce more well-being analysis in the Household Report to be published in July 2015.

The full report can be downloaded from the DCLG website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-housing-survey-2013-to-2014-headline-report>

A series of more detailed reports which expand on some of the topics covered in the headline report will be published in July 2015. As for the 2012-13 reports, these four reports will cover:

- Households
- Profile of English Housing
- Energy Efficiency of English Housing
- Fire and Fire Safety

Please contact the EHS team at DCLG if you would like more detail about what each report will cover.

Improved weighting methodology introduced for 2013-14

For the 2013-14 survey we have simplified and improved the weighting methodology (as reported in Bulletin 11). The revised system calibrates to DCLG's own estimates of dwelling stock estimates, as well as continuing to adjust for sampling and nonresponse bias. The new approach was discussed and agreed by the Technical Advisory Group. We have published a Technical Report on the new weighting methodology to accompany the Headline Report, which can be downloaded here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-housing-survey-weighting-methodology-introduced-in-2013-to-2014>

Quality Report

We have published an update to the EHS Quality Report, which provides a brief summary of key issues relating to the quality of the survey and is part of a wider programme of work we have been undertaking to improve the quality of EHS statistics.

The full report can be downloaded from the DCLG website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-housing-survey-quality-report>

Residential leasehold dwellings in England

DCLG has developed a new methodology for estimating the number of residential dwellings in England that are privately owned, on long leasehold. The methodology used English Housing Survey data matched with Land Registry records to provide an estimate of the number of dwellings in the owner occupied and the private rented sectors, where a long lease exists on the dwelling. The technical paper is available to download here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/residential-leasehold-dwellings-in-england-technical-paper>



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Revisions

An updated [revisions log](#) has also been published.

Further analysis of the 2013-14 EHS data

The 2013-14 EHS data will be available for download from the UK Data Archive at a date to be confirmed in the next few months. We will notify users when this is available. Approved users will also be able to securely access geographical identifiers via the Secure Lab at around the same time.

In the meantime, EHS users can access anonymised 2012-13 datasets and supporting user documentation via the [UK Data Archive](#). These SPSS datasets include the key derived variables underlying the key measures used in the 2012-13 headline and annual reports, including those relating to fuel poverty. Registered users can also securely access geographical identifiers for the 2012-13 dataset via the [Secure Lab](#).

The 2014-15 English Housing Survey

Fieldwork for the 2013-14 survey is progressing well and will finish – as planned – at the end of March 2015. Further details of final response rates will follow in due course.

The future shape of the English Housing Survey

DCLG launched a public consultation on the future shape of the EHS in January. The consultation aimed to find innovative ways to run this survey at a lower cost while continuing to provide the data we need to develop and monitor housing policy. The consultation has now closed; we are currently considering the responses.



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EHS Technical Advisory Group update

The EHS Technical Advisory Group met in December 2014. The group gave feedback on the scope of the 2013-14 Annual Report and suggested potentially useful multivariate methods for data analysis. .

Team changes at DCLG

We have had more team changes since the last bulletin. Suzanne Cooper, Hugh Mallinson and Linda Bang have now left the team. The current team is now Stephanie Freeth, Carolyn Foxall, Rachel Murphy, Jeremy Barton, Jenny Collins and Rob Green.

Keep in touch

We are always keen to hear about how the EHS data are being used so do keep in touch.
Please also note our new address!

If you have any questions or comments about any of the topics covered in this bulletin or about the EHS more generally, please contact the EHS team: ehs@communities.gov.uk

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