

# How the English Housing Survey makes a difference

The information collected can help give the Government a clearer picture of the state of homes and housing in England. This means they can make more informed decisions - so resources are better used to help tenants and home owners.



## Right to Buy

Information from this study has helped the Government develop the Right to Buy policy. This gives social tenants the legal right to buy the home they live in at a discount. Since the 1980s, more than 2 million people have bought their homes in this way.



## Health spending

The English Housing Survey (EHS) has been used to estimate that the NHS spends around **£1.4 billion per year** on treating health problems that are directly linked to poor housing conditions.



## Fuel poverty

There are 3.2 million households in England struggling to pay their fuel bills. This study lets government and charities know how many people are in fuel poverty and suggests ways to reduce this.

## For more information

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**WHAT'S UP YOUR STREET?**

**Help us to improve  
homes and housing**

**How attached to your home are you?**  
44% of those renting from councils or housing associations have lived in their home for at least a decade, compared to just 10% of those renting from private landlords.



**Hope for the future**  
Getting on the property ladder is tough, but 27% of people living in social housing say they expect to buy their own home at some point in the future.



**Feeling the squeeze?**  
Nationally only 3% of homes are overcrowded, but this is higher in homes rented from councils and housing associations, and in certain areas.



**Housing conditions on the up**  
From 2006 to 2019, the number of council or housing association homes that did not meet minimum standards fell from just over 1 to half a million. But there's still work to do.

