



Rough sleeping snapshot in England: autumn 2024

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

4,667

People sleeping rough on a single
night in autumn 2024

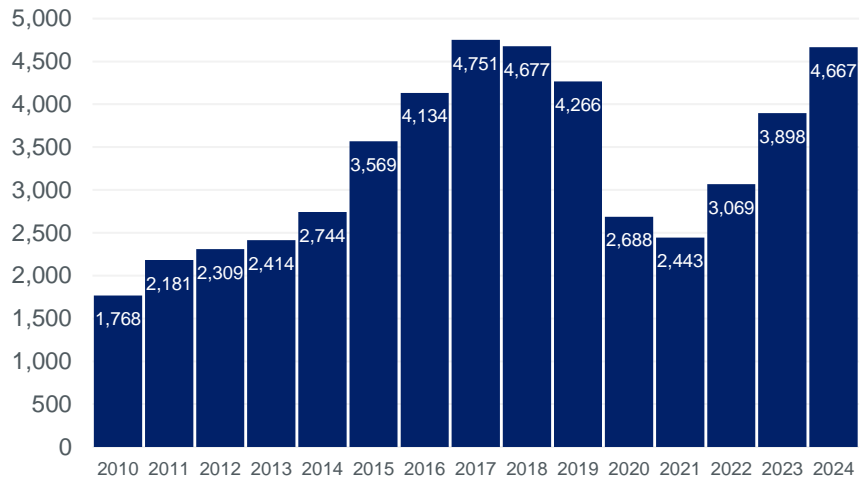
20%

increase since last year

164%

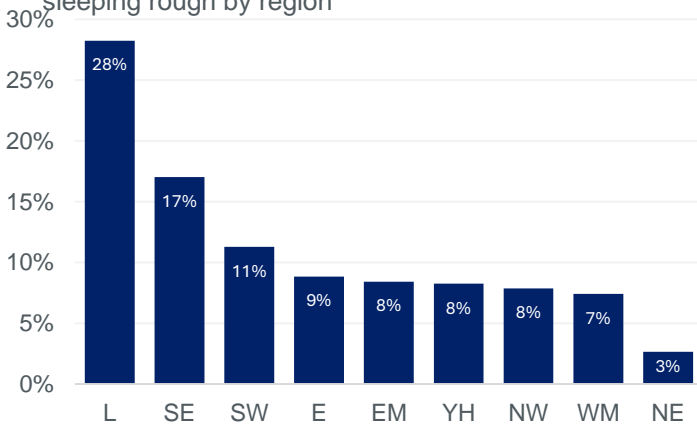
increase since 2010

The number of people sleeping rough on a single night, 2010 - 2024

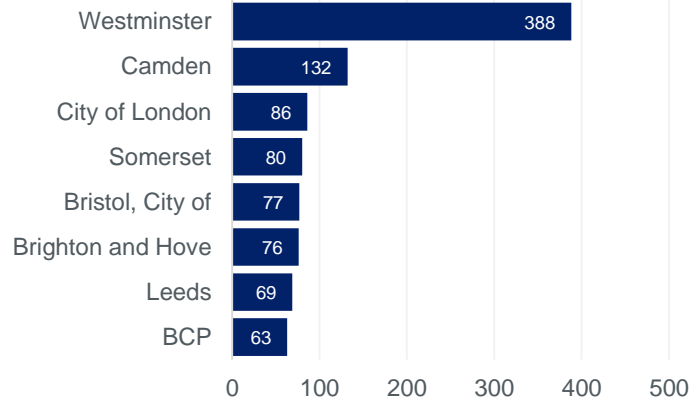


Nearly half (45%) of all people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn are in London and the South East.

The percentage of the estimated number of people sleeping rough by region

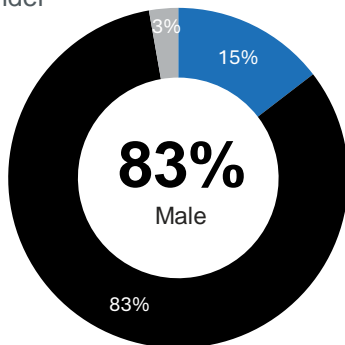


Local authorities with the highest estimated number of people sleeping rough



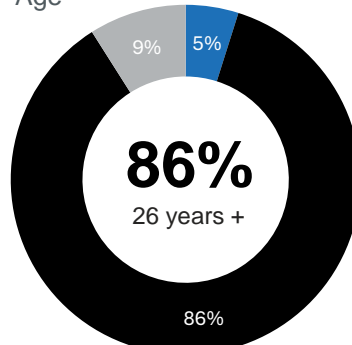
The snapshot collects some basic demographic information about people sleeping rough.

Gender



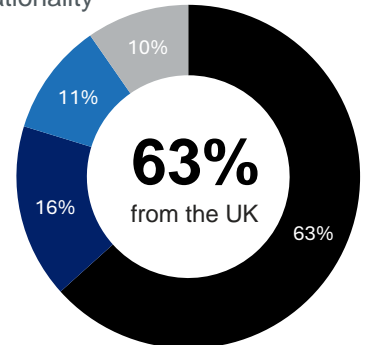
■ Female
■ Male
■ Not known

Age



■ Under 18
■ 18 - 25
■ 26 and over
■ Not known

Nationality



■ UK
■ EU
■ Non-EU
■ Not known

Statistical release is available here:

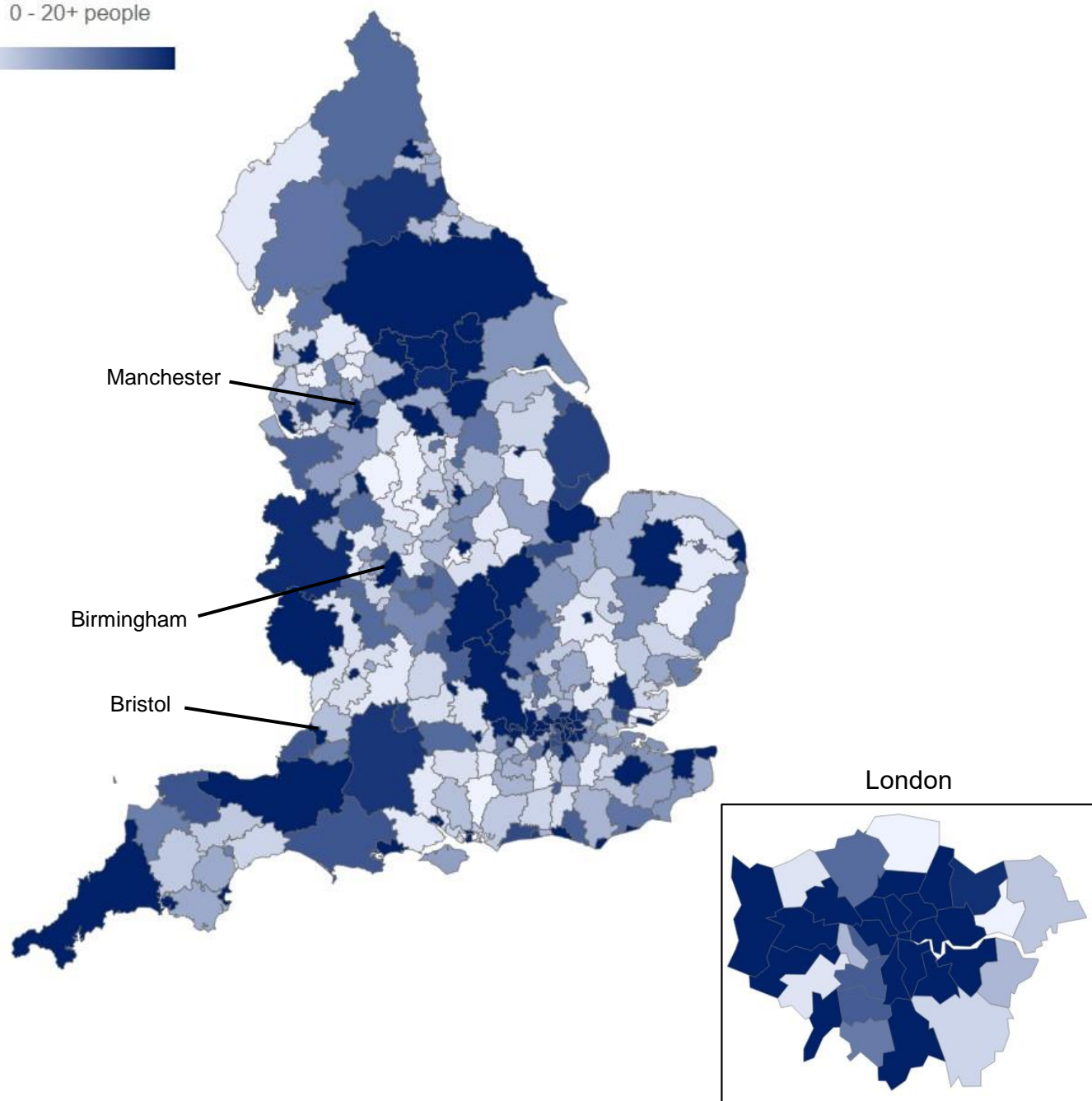
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Map of the estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night, by local authority

0 - 20+ people



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The autumn snapshot is the department's official and most reliable measure of rough sleeping on a single night.

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 1 October to 30 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, people in campsites, organised protest, squatters or travellers sites

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 in autumn
- ✓ 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

Alongside these statistics, we are also publishing [rough sleeping data framework](#) which uses more frequent and more detailed management information about people sleeping rough to help us better understand how far rough sleeping is prevented wherever possible, and where it does occur it is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

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