

Table 89a Local authority homeless acceptances in Great Britain by country

Number of households

	1980	1990	2000/01	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Not held to be intentionally homeless																							
England	60,400	140,350	114,670	93,980	73,360	63,170	53,430	40,020	44,160	50,290	53,770	52,290	54,430	57,730	59,110	56,600	30,500	40,340	39,570	42,460	53,770	65,470	72,260
+ Scotland	7,038	14,233	18,200	31,539	31,231	31,251	33,554	35,836	35,187	30,924	29,115	28,013	28,057	26,984	27,342	27,882	28,804	30,510	27,687	29,056	32,074	33,284	33,198
+ Wales	4,772	9,226	4,156	7,810	6,800	6,365	5,865	5,565	6,255	6,515	5,795	5,115	5,070	1,611	2,073	2,229	2,631	3,060	3,795	4,086	5,094	6,135	6,840
= Great Britain	72,210	163,809	137,026	133,329	111,391	100,786	92,849	81,421	85,602	87,729	88,680	85,418	87,557	86,325	88,525	86,711	61,935	73,910	71,052	75,602	90,938	104,889	112,298
Held to be intentionally homeless																							
England	2,520	5,450	8,650	13,250	10,930	9,560	8,640	6,580	7,130	7,920	8,430	8,530	8,990	9,560	9,860	8,700	4,270	4,630	3,430	2,950	3,350	3,990	4,650
+ Scotland	938	1,580	2,400	1,219	1,422	1,466	1,555	1,432	1,654	1,573	1,680	1,803	1,795	1,625	1,434	1,504	1,470	1,110	435	336	471	671	869
+ Wales	674	737	510	915	895	740	625	555	590	615	580	605	515	273	126	159	201	129	93	72	93	90	87
= Great Britain	4,132	7,767	11,560	15,384	13,247	11,766	10,820	8,567	9,374	10,108	10,690	10,938	11,300	11,458	11,420	10,363	5,941	5,869	3,958	3,358	3,914	4,751	5,606
All households accepted as homeless																							
England	62,920	145,800	123,320	107,230	84,290	72,730	62,070	46,600	51,290	58,210	62,200	60,820	63,420	67,290	68,970	65,300	34,770	44,970	43,000	45,410	57,120	69,460	76,910
+ Scotland	7,976	15,813	20,600	32,758	32,653	32,717	35,109	37,268	36,841	32,497	30,795	29,816	29,852	28,609	28,776	29,386	30,274	31,620	28,122	29,392	32,545	33,955	34,067
+ Wales	5,446	9,963	4,666	8,725	7,695	7,105	6,490	6,120	6,845	7,130	6,375	5,720	5,585	1,884	2,199	2,388	2,832	3,189	3,888	4,158	5,187	6,225	6,927
= Great Britain	76,342	171,576	148,586	148,713	124,638	112,552	103,669	89,988	94,976	97,837	99,370	96,356	98,857	97,783	99,945	97,074	67,876	79,779	75,010	78,960	94,852	109,640	117,904

Sources: Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Live Homeless Table MD1, Scottish Government Homeless Statistics and Welsh Government Homeless Statistics.

Notes: 1. The England and Wales figures for 1997 and later years reflect the changes in homeless legislation, and no longer include 'non-priority acceptances'.

2. There is a break in the time series for England in 2018/19. Following the Homelessness Reduction Act 2018, households now receive a minimum of 56 days assistance prior to being assessed for being owed a main homeless duty.

3. There is a break in the time series for Wales in 2015/16 due to legislative reforms and the introduction of new prevention and relief duties. Welsh figures from 2015/16 are based on section 73 priority need cases.

4. Scottish figures to 2012/13 are for priority need homeless and potentially homeless cases only. From 2013/14 they refer to all homeless acceptances following the abolition of the distinction between priority need and other homeless acceptances on 31 December 2012.

5. English and Scottish figures from 2000/01 are for financial years as are Welsh figures from 2002/03 onwards. E&W figures therefore differ from previous versions of the table, which were for calendar years.

6. The 1990 figures for Wales include 2,000 households made homeless by flooding that year.