

**Table 91c Homelessness: categories of need in England**

*Number of households and percentages*

	Number households owed main homeless duty																Percentages		
	2001/02	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	2001/02	2010/11	2024/25
Household includes dependent children <sup>2</sup>	66,190	26,670	31,790	34,480	33,950	36,480	39,120	40,140	37,230	19,810	25,890	22,770	24,740	32,860	39,230	42,510	56.7	60.4	58.8
Household includes a pregnant woman	11,360	4,480	4,990	5,000	4,150	3,940	3,910	3,780	3,750	1,520	1,880	1,980	1,610	1,770	2,030	2,110	9.7	10.1	2.9
Total vulnerable households	38,000	12,760	13,290	14,090	13,980	13,800	14,440	14,970	15,250	9,080	12,480	14,710	15,950	18,890	23,890	27,440	32.6	28.9	38.0
Of which:																			
Old age	4,230	730	750	800	810	860	870	860	840	390	430	410	410	620	770	880	3.6	1.7	1.2
Physical disability / ill health	6,240	2,960	3,310	3,540	3,700	3,660	4,020	4,370	4,360	2,750	4,200	4,590	4,790	5,790	7,510	8,700	5.3	6.7	12.0
Mental health problems	9,960	3,560	3,960	4,370	4,470	4,410	4,990	5,460	5,870	3,450	4,470	5,070	4,860	5,190	6,200	6,910	8.5	8.1	9.6
Young applicant <sup>3</sup>	5,800	2,210	1,980	1,760	1,480	1,300	1,120	1,030	870	460	630	740	750	700	1,020	1,290	5.0	5.0	1.8
Domestic abuse	6,290	1,410	1,470	1,560	1,490	1,520	1,390	1,350	1,330	700	1,020	1,590	2,530	3,620	4,950	5,740	5.4	3.2	7.9
Other reasons <sup>4</sup>	5,480	1,890	1,820	2,060	2,030	2,050	2,050	1,900	1,980	1,370	1,720	2,300	2,610	2,980	3,450	3,930	4.7	4.3	5.4
Homeless because of emergency	1,110	240	230	210	210	220	260	220	380	120	130	150	160	260	320	200	1.0	0.5	0.3
Total households owed a main duty	116,660	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	100.0	100.0	100.0

Sources: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (and predecessors), Statutory homelessness Live Tables MD3.

Notes: 1. Figures are for financial years. Figures for calendar years, including the needs categories for non-priority households from 1991 to 2019 can be found in earlier editions of the *Review*.

2. MHCLG caution that the 'household includes dependent children' category is under-reported due to some miscoding of households with children as vulnerable, especially prior to 2018. Figures from 2018/19 include 'vulnerable' households with children MHCLG has identified.

3. From 2002/03, 'young applicant' covers 16-17 year-olds and 18-20 year-old care leavers.

4. 'Other reasons' incorporates those with alcohol or drug dependency and those vulnerable due to a learning difficulty, time spent in care, in custody, in HM forces or as former asylum seekers and those fleeing home due to violence (other than domestic abuse).

5. Totals and percentages do not always sum to total or 100% because of rounding and MHCLG imputation for missing data.