

Table 94 Landlord possession claims in England and Wales

Number of cases

	1999	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Claims																						
Social	154,104	156,196	126,333	116,152	103,214	104,165	98,108	90,217	93,631	96,742	113,175	105,645	94,577	82,788	81,603	74,980	67,773	18,097	13,474	27,682	33,500	35,720
Private	17,287	19,665	18,287	19,002	19,347	21,004	21,459	23,147	22,740	23,079	23,196	23,113	20,712	20,328	21,439	23,422	24,092	12,514	16,132	25,938	29,166	30,248
Accelerated	13,891	16,473	21,069	23,006	24,496	23,048	17,025	21,597	25,712	31,178	34,080	36,019	38,402	34,253	29,601	23,310	19,042	9,070	8,405	25,068	31,545	32,798
Total	185,282	192,334	165,689	158,160	147,057	148,217	136,592	134,961	142,083	150,999	170,451	164,777	153,691	137,369	132,643	121,712	110,907	39,681	38,011	78,688	94,211	98,766
Orders Made																						
Social	101,181	101,548	85,105	78,236	84,551	91,560	83,750	69,321	68,542	69,565	78,995	81,240	71,778	63,578	60,871	57,693	53,745	12,512	7,565	20,755	25,048	26,532
Private	10,771	11,523	11,873	11,769	14,253	14,923	14,790	15,522	15,777	15,810	15,993	16,382	15,031	14,842	15,787	16,904	18,178	4,729	9,391	19,443	20,545	22,269
Accelerated	11,408	13,264	15,894	17,318	18,955	18,015	12,804	15,392	20,168	23,655	27,252	29,648	31,652	29,491	24,365	19,115	15,772	4,870	6,336	18,517	24,016	25,418
Total	123,360	126,335	112,872	107,367	117,795	124,520	111,368	100,244	104,487	109,030	122,240	127,270	118,461	107,911	101,024	93,718	87,698	22,115	23,321	58,770	69,654	74,219
Warrants																						
Social	–	45,394	61,931	57,127	49,652	47,321	42,824	40,497	41,201	42,108	48,372	49,093	47,011	41,398	41,282	39,610	35,686	8,692	6,437	11,569	13,495	14,233
Private	–	5,817	6,604	6,737	7,155	7,255	7,504	8,313	8,680	8,943	8,927	9,079	8,323	8,393	8,884	9,499	10,152	3,074	4,670	10,442	12,234	14,278
Accelerated	–	7,068	8,914	10,092	11,110	10,847	7,371	8,582	11,943	15,159	17,383	20,096	22,284	20,910	16,928	13,045	10,787	3,365	4,002	9,970	14,919	17,038
Total	–	58,279	77,449	73,956	67,917	65,423	57,699	57,392	61,824	66,210	74,682	78,268	77,618	70,708	67,134	62,210	56,659	15,133	15,122	32,018	40,674	45,549
Repossessions by county court bailiffs																						
Social	–	19,784	24,144	22,965	20,478	20,144	18,244	16,818	17,895	16,959	19,278	20,968	20,048	18,353	16,472	16,270	15,117	3,560	3,084	5,701	6,662	7,083
Private	–	3,355	3,979	4,101	4,342	4,435	4,618	5,279	5,852	6,097	6,049	6,321	6,061	6,011	6,260	6,913	7,316	1,991	3,414	7,267	8,525	9,378
Accelerated	–	4,734	5,996	6,756	7,543	7,560	5,072	5,762	7,969	10,874	12,465	14,678	16,620	15,967	12,953	10,351	8,380	1,900	2,973	6,683	10,095	11,574
Total	–	27,873	34,119	33,822	32,363	32,139	27,934	27,859	31,716	33,930	37,792	41,967	42,729	40,331	35,685	33,534	30,813	7,451	9,471	19,651	25,282	28,035

Sources: Ministry of Justice Mortgage repossession statistics, Table LA.

Notes: 1. 'Accelerated claims' allow landlords to seek possession without a court hearing if the fixed-term tenancy has ended and no rent arrears are claimed. No tenure split is available for accelerated actions; they are generally considered to relate mainly to private tenancies.

2. 'Claims' are for the recovery of possession of properties; 'orders made' are from a judge, requiring that possession be taken on a certain date; 'warrants' are issued if the defendant fails to comply and enable the court bailiff to take possession; and 'repossessions by county court bailiffs' may then occur. However, possession can be obtained through less formal procedures. Such cases are not recorded in this table.

3. Figures for 2001 to 2004 can be found in previous editions of the *Review*. Figures do not always sum precisely to the total for each category because cases where court information is missing are not assigned to a landlord type.

4. Multiple warrants may be issued per claim.