

Table 95a Local authority dwelling stock, new dwellings and lettings in England

Thousands and percentages

	1985/86	1990/91	2000/01	2005/06	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
Stock of dwellings ^{1,2}	4,439	3,895	2,790	2,088	1,726	1,693	1,682	1,669	1,643	1,612	1,602	1,592	1,587	1,583	1,582	1,576	1,572	1,574	1,573
Vacant dwellings	113.6	83.4	81.2	44.9	29.9	27.9	29.7	29.3	29.4	25.9	25.1	25.3	26.0	27.6	33.5	35.3	35.5	36.2	36.7
Vacant dwellings as % of stock	2.6	2.1	2.9	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
Completions	23.3	13.0	0.2	0.3	1.1	2.0	1.4	0.9	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.3	2.0	2.9	2.3
All lettings ^{3,4}	431.9	398.5	326.6	188.8	144.1	141.1	135.5	142.9	127.3	120.5	112.7	108.1	103.6	100.1	80.4	90.8	88.8	86.9	84.8
Of which:																			
General needs lettings	-	-	-	-	-	-	117.6	128.3	113.9	107.5	99.3	95.3	90.8	86.3	68.5	76.1	75.1	74.8	70.9
Supported housing lettings	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.8	14.7	13.4	13.0	13.2	12.1	11.2	11.8	10.7	11.9	11.4	11.0	11.0
Lets to new social tenants ⁵	241.9	237.7	221.8	133.3	94.1	89.1	83.9	83.3	76.8	74.8	69.2	66.9	62.3	59.9	47.6	52.0	54.6	53.4	52.6
Lets to existing tenants ⁵	190.0	160.8	104.3	55.5	50.0	51.7	50.6	59.5	50.1	45.7	43.4	41.2	39.2	37.4	30.5	32.6	32.1	30.5	30.8
All lettings excluding mutual exchanges ⁶	-	-	299	173	130	126	118	124	113	110	102	98	92	88	71	76	79	76	75
Total lets as a % of stock	9.7	10.2	11.7	9.0	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.6	7.7	7.5	7.0	6.8	6.5	6.3	5.1	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.4
Total lets excluding mutual exchanges as a % of stock			10.7	8.3	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.4	6.9	6.8	6.3	6.1	5.8	5.6	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.8
Of which:																			
Lets to new social tenants			74.2	77.0	72.2	70.9	70.8	67.2	67.8	68.1	68.1	68.6	67.7	67.8	66.9	68.3	69.3	69.9	69.8
Lets to existing tenants			25.8	23.0	27.8	29.1	29.2	32.8	32.2	31.9	31.9	31.4	32.3	32.2	33.1	31.7	30.7	30.1	30.2
Total			100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Sources: MHCLG (and its predecessors) Local Authority Housing Statistics (LAHS); Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA); Local Authority Housing Open Data; and Live Tables 116, 213, 602 and 612.

- Notes:
1. The dwelling count to 1990 is for December and thereafter the end of the financial year. It can include a small number of dwellings awaiting demolition, sitting outside the HRA or defined as shared ownership. From 1987 to 2000 the count included dwellings local authorities held outside their own area resulting in some double counting (under 1%).
 2. Totals may differ from previously published data due to revisions and imputation rules now being applied by MHCLG consistently across all years.
 3. The all-lettings count includes all dwellings let on a social, Affordable Rent or intermediate rent basis, secure, introductory or flexible tenancies and lettings to households displaced by slum clearance.
 4. The total number of lettings is often greater than the sum of the different categories, which are not always recorded. MHCLG also caution that the total volume of lettings in recent years may be slightly inflated due to administrative errors, and are working to resolve this.
 5. From 2009/10 lettings to new social tenants refers to lettings to households who immediately prior to this move did not rent from any other social landlord. Prior to this, new social lettings could include households transferring from another local authority or housing association, leading to a discontinuity in the count of lettings to new and existing tenants before and after this date.
 6. The table has been revised to report all new lettings excluding mutual lets and mobility scheme transfers, to be consistent with available data on housing association lettings reported in Table 97. Lets to statutory homeless households that were previously reported in this table can now be found in Table 99.