

Table 19a Housing starts by sector in England 1970/71 to 2024/25

	1970/71	1980/81	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
Local authorities	100,710	27,870	5,400	210	250	1,670	1,450	1,610	2,200	1,890	1,490	1,530	1,730	2,550	1,620	2,230	2,220	1,860	3,070	880
+ New towns	9,070	5,540	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ Government departments	2,460	220	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= Total public sector	112,240	33,630	5,490	210	250	1,670	1,450	1,610	2,200	1,890	1,490	1,530	1,730	2,550	1,620	2,230	2,220	1,860	3,070	880
+ Housing associations	8,110	13,150	14,180	13,990	22,800	24,770	22,100	19,930	25,860	26,960	24,790	26,150	26,740	28,730	27,680	26,860	32,450	38,720	32,270	31,110
+ Private sector	148,320	84,120	108,950	126,290	160,320	84,710	87,300	81,980	107,340	114,550	117,460	132,600	135,340	135,100	119,210	111,560	140,680	135,930	101,120	81,320
= All dwellings	268,660	130,910	128,620	140,490	183,360	111,150	110,820	103,520	135,410	143,390	143,740	160,280	163,800	166,380	148,520	140,660	175,350	176,510	136,450	113,310

Sources: ONS UK house building statistics 2025 and Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (and predecessor departments) new supply statistics Live Table 213.

Notes: 1. 'Sector' refers to new dwellings constructed by private enterprises, housing associations/registered social landlords and local authorities and not necessarily the intended tenure.

2. Figures in Table 19 may not total precisely due to rounding by ONS.

3. Figures from 1989/99 were revised by MHCLG in 2018 while other figures were revised by ONS in 2019, 2023 and 2025, such that figures do not always correspond with UKHR tables in previous editions.

4. English figures from October 2005 to March 2007 exclude a small number of starts and completions that were inspected by independent inspectors. These cases are included in the 2007/8 figures. The 1985/86 total in previous editions of the table includes 13,000 starts with an unknown tenure.

5. A small amount of missing data for England and the other UK countries has been imputed. A small but unknown proportion of housing association starts and completions in England, Wales and Scotland are recorded as private enterprise.

6. Housing starts and completions figures for 2019/20 and more especially 2020/21 were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Figures for 2022/23 to 2024/25 are the latest available, but remain subject to minor revision, particularly starts figures.

7. The figures exclude conversions and other ways dwellings are created aside from new build.