

HOUSING AND PLANNING KEY FACTS

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1. BACKGROUND DATA

Households and Population Projections

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total number of households	21.1m	26.0m	4.9m
One person households	6.5m	9.9m	3.4m
Average household size (persons)	2.34	2.11	-0.23
Population	50.1m	55.8m	5.7m

These figures are based on revised 2004-based household and population projections.

Housing Stock

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>March '07</u>
All tenures	10.6m	17.7m	22.2m (p)
of which owner-occupied	32%	56%	70% (p)
of which privately rented	57%	13%	13% (p)
of which local authority rented	11%	29%	9% (p)
of which registered social landlord rented	.	2%	9% (p)

2. HOUSING DELIVERY

Housing Stock Changes

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>
<u>Net additions</u>	156k	199k(p)	..
<u>New house building (completions)</u>	150k	168k	167k (p)
of which private enterprise	128k	145k	144k (p)
of which registered social landlords	21k	22k	23k (p)
of which local authorities	0.3k	0.2k	0.3k (p)
<u>Additional dwellings from conversions</u>	2.8k	..	..
<u>Demolitions</u>	14.1k	..	..

Vacant Dwellings (% of stock)

	<u>April 2006</u>		<u>April 2007</u>	
Private sector	586k	3.3%	587k	3.2%
Local authority rented	43k	2.1%	41k	2.1%
of which is available for letting	22k	1.1%	18k	0.9%
Registered social landlord rented	30k	2.0%	31k	2.0%
Other public sector	7k	9.0%	7k	8.8%

Private Housing Market

	<u>1990⁴</u>	<u>2007 (Q)</u>	<u>2008 (Q)</u>	<u>Change 2007-08</u>
Lower quartile ratio of house price to income ¹	4.01	7.23	6.96	-3.7%
Average house price ²	£63k	£227k	£218k	-4.0%
Mortgage completions (UK) ²	783k	280k	122k	-56.3%
of which first time buyers ²	409k	96k	45k	-53.7%
of which first time buyers (% of total) ²	52%	34%	36%	+2% pts
Average mortgage rate (UK) (%) ²	14.34	5.90	6.04	+0.14% pts
Average ratio of mortgage advance to income (UK) ²	2.22	3.17	3.01	-5.0%
Mortgages over six months in arrears (UK) ³	159k	..	74k	..
Mortgage re-possession (UK) ³	44k	..	11k	..

1. 2007 and 2008 figures for the second quarter of the year only. Q2 2008 data is provisional.

2. 2007 and 2008 figures for the third quarter of the year only.

3. Quarterly data for 2007 is unavailable.

4. Calendar year figures.

Local Authority and Registered Social Landlord Lettings

	<u>LA</u>		<u>RSL</u>	
	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
Total lettings	422k	175k	187k	223k
New lettings	260k	124k	163k	147k
To homeless households ¹	76k	35k	24k	24k

Economic status:

	<u>Owner occupiers</u>	<u>Social renters</u>	<u>Private renters</u>
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>
in full time work	58%	24%	60%
in part time work	9%	9%	10%
unemployed	1%	6%	4%
economically inactive	32%	60%	26%

1. Figure for 1996/97 includes lettings given to homeless households on secure or non-secure basis, whilst the figure for 2006/07 includes lettings given on secure or introductory basis.

Rents (£ per week)

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>Change¹</u>
<u>Private rented:</u>			
All tenancies	123	129	+4.6%
All assured	130	134	+3.1%
Regulated ²	72	..	..
<u>Registered social landlord rented</u>	67	..	..
<u>Local authority rented</u>	61	..	..

1. Percentage change is based on yearly difference of un-rounded rents figures.

2. Data for Regulated tenancies are no longer given due to insufficient number of cases in the sample.

Sales of Local Authority Council Houses

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>Total April '79 to March '08</u>
Private sales (inc. RTB)	17k	12k	2.0m
Large scale transfers	79k	94k	1.2m
Total dwellings sold	96k	106k	3.2m

Homelessness

	<u>London</u>		<u>England</u>	
	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>2007/08</u>
Accepted as owed a main duty	15.4k	13.8k	73.4k	63.2k
In temporary accommodation ¹	59.8k	55.5k	87.1k	77.5k

1. At the end of financial year (March)

3. PLANNING SYSTEM

Planning Statistics

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Proportion of dwellings built on brown field land¹</u>	67%	76%	77%
<u>Density of new dwellings (dwellings per hectare)</u>	27	41 (r)	44
<u>Proportion of planning applications decided within period²:</u>			
Major applications (within 13 weeks)	43%	71%	71% (p)
Minor applications (within 8 weeks)	52%	76%	77% (p)
Other applications (within 8 weeks)	70%	88%	87% (p)

1. Includes conversions. The data are based on records received from Ordnance Survey up to September 2008.

2. Planning authority targets based on financial years 2002/03, 2006/07 and 2007/08.

4. DECENT HOMES

Overcrowding (% of households under the bedroom standard)

	<u>Average between 2005-06 and 2007-08</u>	
	<u>London</u>	<u>England</u>
All tenures	6.8%	2.7%
of which owner occupied	3.0%	1.4%
of which social rented	12.7%	5.9%
of which privately rented	10.5%	4.9%

Decent Homes¹ (no. of dwellings / % of all stock)

	Original definition of decent homes ²				Updated definition ²	
	2001		2006		2006	
All non-decent	7.0m	33%	5.8m	26%	8.1m	37%
All social sector non-decent	1.6m	39%	1.1m	27%	1.3m	34%
All private sector non-decent	5.4m	32%	4.7m	26%	6.8m	38%

1. Decent homes must: meet the statutory minimum standard; be in a reasonable state of repair; have modern facilities and services; and provide a reasonable degree of thermal comfort.

2. In April 2006 the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) came into force and replaced the fitness standard as the statutory element of the decent homes standard. The new HHSRS involves a systematic and comprehensive risk assessment of hazards that might be present in homes. The replacement of the Fitness Standard as the statutory component of Decent Homes has led to an increase in the number defined to be non-decent. This is the result of updating the definition of decent homes and does not signify any deterioration in housing conditions.

5. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Average SAP¹ rating

	2004	2005	2006
All tenures	47	48	49
of which owner occupied	46	46	47
of which private rented	46	46	47
of which local authority rented	54	55	56
of which registered social landlord rented	57	59	59

1. Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP 2005 methodology)

Percentage of dwellings with loft insulation¹

	2004	2005	2006
All tenures	27%	30%	33%
of which owner occupied	26%	28%	32%
of which private rented	18%	20%	21%
of which local authority rented	40%	44%	45%
of which registered social landlord rented	41%	45%	51%

1. Loft insulation of 150mm or more. % of all dwellings with a loft.

Percentage of dwellings with central heating¹

	2004	2005	2006
All tenures	88%	88%	89%
of which owner occupied	90%	91%	92%
of which private rented	76%	77%	78%
of which local authority rented	87%	87%	89%
of which registered social landlord rented	81%	83%	85%

1. Central heating excludes storage heating.

(p) – provisional data

.. – data not available

. – not applicable

For further detail on these data, sources and additional tables, follow the links provided, or refer to the main Housing Live Tables on the Communities website at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/livatables/>, or Planning Statistics at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningbuilding/planningstatistics/livatables/>

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