

Indicator specification:

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Housing Indicators: Local Authority Homelessness Statistics (HS_15_02)



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Overview

Indicator title

Housing Indicators: Local Authority Homelessness Statistics – Number of households in Temporary Accommodation (HS_15_02).

Indicator family name

Housing Indicators

Summary

The dataset provides information about the number of homeless households in temporary accommodation by Lower Tier Local Authorities in England. It includes data about the type of accommodation offered as well as where duty is owed but no accommodation has been secured. Data ranges from 2004/2005 to 2017/18. Figures are presented as the total amount as well as the ratio per 1000 households.

Technical description

The Local Authority (LA) Homeless Statistics indicators were compiled based on data released by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCL), and includes the number of homeless households in temporary accommodation, broken down by type of accommodation offered by the end (31 March) of that financial year. Types of accommodation include Bed and breakfast, Hostels, LA or Housing Association stock, Private-sector leased (by LA or HA) or Other type, as well as the number of households where duty is owed but no accommodation has been offered. Data are presented on the basis of financial years, i.e. from April 1st to March 31st. Some LAs did not report data for some individual years and these values are denoted as NAs. Source figures are reported by LAs quarterly and some values were imputed before published. Values regarding homeless households are expressed as amounts as well as ratios per 1000 households. The table includes the total number of households (in thousands), which are derived by interim projections. Figures from historic LA geography have been referenced to the 2018 LA geography. This includes changes in name/codes, merges, or splits of old LAs to new LAs. NAs were not taken into account into aggregations and as such the sum of sub-categories may not be equal to totals.

Unique Identifier

HS_15_02

Construction

Data sources

Local authorities' action under the homelessness provisions in England are published annually by the *Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government*. The collection of datasets and additional information about homelessness statistics can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>.

Data Preparation

Some Local Authorities did not report homelessness statistics and values were denoted as NAs. Source figures are reported by LAs quarterly, and for those Local Authorities that reported values for less than 4 quarters values were imputed before being published by the data supplier.

| Quarters Reported | 0Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q |
|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| Number of observations (by LA, by Year) | 8 | 7 | 13 | 63 | 4613 |

Table 1. Observations by Number of Quarters Covered.

Values < 5 households were suppressed from 2012/13 and after, but not between 2004/2005 and 2011/12. Values less than 5 were imputed to “2”, for easier manipulation. The table includes the total number of households (in thousands), which are derived by interim projections. From 2014 and afterwards these are based in 2014-based household projections in England (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/2014-based-household-projections-in-england-2014-to-2039>). Earlier versions include mid-year estimates from 2012, 2008, 2006 and 2004, depending on the year of publication. NA values indicate no data supplied. Figures from historic LA geography have been referenced to the 2018 LA geography. This includes changes in name/codes, merges, or splits of old LAs to new LAs. NAs were not taken into account into aggregations and as such the sum of sub-categories may not be equal to totals. Finally, note that this publication includes the MHCLG revisions regarding observations within Q2 2017, Q3 2017, Q4 2017, and Q1 2018 data that were found to be incorrect.

Construction of LA-level data

Figures from historic LA geography have been referenced to the 2018 LA geography. This includes changes in name/codes, merges, or splits of old LAs to new LAs based on population ratios for that year. For instance, after 2009 the (upper tier) Cheshire County Council and the (lower tier) 6 Cheshire Local Authority Districts were abolished and replaced by two new Unitary Authorities, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester. In order to calculate the “would-be” Cheshire East’s homelessness figures in 2008, values for the 3 of the 6 historic districts that formed Cheshire East were aggregated.

This dataset is supplied at Lower Tier Local Authorities, which includes 326 LAs in England as of 2018. In order to transform figures to Upper Tier Local authorities (152), a simple aggregation based on a lookup table between Lower and Upper Tier would suffice.

Presentation

Breakdowns

Time period

Financial year (April 1st to March 31st) data: 2004/2005 to 2017/2018.

Geography

Lower Tier Local Authorities (2018 reference).

Coverage

England.

Disclosure control

This indicator has been produced using only publicly available datasets.

Output HS_15_02.csv

| Column name | Description |
|--|--|
| Year | Start of financial year, i.e. "2015" refers to the financial year "2015/16". |
| LTLA18CD | Lower Tier Local Authority Code. |
| LTLA18NM | Lower Tier Local Authority Name. |
| Total_households_000s | Estimated total number of households in thousands. |
| ACMTION_Bed_and_breakfast | Number of homeless households in Bed and Breakfast (including shared annexe) accommodation. |
| ACMTION_Hostels | Number of homeless households offered accommodation in Hostels (including women's refuges). |
| ACMTION_LA_HA_stock | Number of homeless households offered accommodation from LA or Housing Association (HA) housing stock. |
| ACMTION_Private_sector_leased_by_LA_or_HA | Number of homeless households offered accommodation from the private sector, leased by LA or HA. |
| ACMTION_Other_types_including_private_landlord | Number of homeless households offered other types of temporary accommodation, including private landlords. |

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|--------------------|---|
| ACMTION_Total | Total number of households in temporary accommodation. |
| ACMTION_Ratio_000s | Ratio of the number of households in temporary accommodation per 1000 households. |
| Duty_Owed | Number of homeless households that duty is owed but no accommodation has been secured at end of March of that year. |

Revision history

| Version | Date | Summary of changes |
|---------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1.00 | Sept 2019 | First release |