

# Indicator specification:

## PLDR collection of population health indicators

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Housing Indicators: Local Authority Homelessness Statistics (HS\_15\_01)



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## Overview

### Indicator title

Housing Indicators: Local Authority Homelessness Statistics – Number of households accepted as being Homeless (HS\_15\_01).

### Indicator family name

Housing Indicators

### Summary

The dataset provides information about the number of decisions being made annually by every Lower Tier Local Authority in England regarding households being accepted as being Homeless. It includes figures about being a) *Homeless and in Priority Need (PN)*, broken down by ethnic background, b) *Eligible, homeless and in PN, but intentionally*, c) *Eligible, homeless but not in PN* and d) *Eligible, but not homeless*. 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 broken down by type of priority need and ethnicity. Data are presented on the basis of financial years, i.e. from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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\_01

## 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 usually indicate no data supplied. Note that the ethnic subcategory “mixed” [PN\_HMLS\_Mixed] is not present from 2008/09 and before, and therefore also denoted as NA. 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. During this process, NAs were not taken into account into aggregations and as such the sum of sub-categories may not be equal to totals; this might also be the case when aggregating fields with suppressed values, i.e. the total of ethnicity-based household subcategories may not be equal to the total households. 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 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>) 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\_01.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.
PN_HMLS_White	Number of households accepted as being homeless and in priority need identified as of White ethnic background.
PN_HMLS_Black_or_Black_British	Number of households accepted as being homeless and in priority need identified as of Black or Black British ethnic background.
PN_HMLS_Asian_or_Asian_British	Number of households accepted as being homeless and in priority need identified as of Asian or Asian British ethnic background.
PN_HMLS_Mixed	Number of households accepted as being homeless and in priority need identified as of Mixed ethnic background.

PN_HMLS_Other_ethnic_origin	Number of households accepted as being homeless and in priority need identified as of Other ethnic background.
PN_HMLS_Ethnic_Group_not_Stated	Number of households accepted as being homeless and in priority need identified as of ethnic background – not stated.
PN_HMLS_Total	Total number of households accepted as being homeless and in priority need.
PN_HMLS_Ratio_000s	Ratio of households accepted as being homeless and in priority need per 1000 households.
NOT_PN_HMLS_Intentionally	Number of households that are eligible, homeless and in priority need, but intentionally.
NOT_PN_HMLS_Not_Priority	Number of households that are eligible, homeless but not in priority need.
NOT_PN_HMLS_Not_Homeless	Number of households that are eligible, but not homeless.
PN_and_NOT_PN_HMLS_Total	Total number of households that are eligible and homeless.
HMLS_Ratio_000s	Ratio of households that are eligible and homeless per 1000 households.

## Revision history

Version	Date	Summary of changes
1.00	Sept 2019	First release