

Table 97 Housing association general needs lettings in England

Thousands

	1980/81	1990/91	2000/01	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Stock	401	567	1,273	1,802	1,865	1,951	2,056	2,128	2,180	2,255	2,304	2,331	2,343	2,387	2,430	2,444	2,452	2,479	2,505	2,288
Total general needs lettings ³	51	77	150	128	130	127	143	138	151	158	153	170	170	164	147	142	145	144	115	–
of which:																				
Social rent lettings	51	77	150	128	130	127	143	138	151	153	126	134	131	124	110	109	112	109	88	–
Affordable Rent lettings	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	27	36	38	40	36	34	33	35	27	–
Lettings to new social tenants ⁴	42	62	88	83	84	85	92	91	115	103	111	119	125	124	113	109	110	105	95	–
Lettings to existing social tenants ⁵	0	0	62	45	43	42	51	47	36	60	69	87	82	80	70	67	69	74	47	–
Lettings to statutory homeless ⁶	–	9	14	21	23	22	21	17	17	21	25	24	24	26	24	26	26	26	25	–
Lettings to homeless as a % of lettings to new social tenants	–	–	16	25	27	26	23	19	15	21	22	21	19	21	22	24	24	25	26	–

Sources: Answers to Parliamentary Questions 16/7/91 and 2/2/94, Housing Statistics, Cm 2507, Cm 280, Cm 3207 & Cm 3607, CORE website and from 2011 DLUHC (and predecessors) Social Lettings (CORE) statistical tables.

Notes: 1. Pre-1989/90 lettings figures are Department of the Environment estimates.

2. Stock figures are for December for years up to 1989/90 and subsequently for the start of the financial year (consistent with UKHR Table 17a).

3. Lettings figures are for general needs (social rent or Affordable Rent) only. The definition of supported housing changed in 2004/05, reducing the number of lettings defined as general needs.

4. Lettings to new social tenants refers to households whose tenure prior to this letting was not social housing. Prior to 2011/12 new housing association tenants included households transferring from the council to a housing association. Figures for 2000/01 to 2010/11 have been adjusted to exclude such tenants as far as possible. Figures for all years include those who will have previously been in supported housing.

5. Existing social tenants are households whose tenure immediately before this letting was social housing, but it generally excludes those previously in supported, temporary or other housing.

6. For 2019/20 'statutory homeless' is defined as those assessed as homeless (or threatened with homelessness within the next 56 days) by a local authority and owed a prevention, relief or main homeless duty, in line with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2018. For 2018/19 and earlier 'statutory homeless' is defined as those found 'statutory homeless' by a housing authority and either owed a main homelessness duty or not. Some of those rehoused as statutory homeless may have previously held a social tenancy.

7. Figures for the detailed breakdown of lettings were unavailable for 2021/22 at the time of compilation.