

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS

USER ENGAGEMENT

We invite users to expand on this Annex by telling us how they use these statistics, and what sort of decisions they inform - Email: StatShop@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Housing and homelessness statistics - products

Title of Product	Designation*	Sources of Data
House Building	National Statistics	P2 House building returns and NHBC building inspection data
Dwelling Stock	Official Statistics	ONS's decennial Population Census, Housing Flows Reconciliation (HFR) form, and joint return
Net Supply of Housing	Official Statistics	Housing Flows Reconciliation (HFR) form, and joint return
English Housing Survey (EHS) Headline report Annual headline findings on household trends and stock condition and energy efficiency	National Statistics	English Housing Survey (EHS)
EHS Household Report – annual report on trends in housing tenure and housing circumstances including overcrowding	National Statistics	English Housing Survey (EHS)
EHS Housing Stock Report – annual report on changing condition and energy efficiency of the housing stock	National Statistics	English Housing Survey (EHS)
Gross Affordable Housing Supply	Official Statistics	HCA's Investment Management System (IMS), TSA Regulatory and Statistical Return (RSR), Continuous Recording (CORE), the Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA), P2 quarterly house building return, Homes and Communities Agency figures on First Time Buyers Initiative (FTBI), London Wide Initiative (LWI) and delivery under the Private Finance Initiative.
Projections of Households in England	National Statistics	ONS data (population projections) Census data (1971 to 2001) Labour Force Survey data from 2001
Social Housing Sales	Official Statistics	Local authority returns on Right To Buy and other sales (P1B) CORE Sales data from TSA RSR data from TSA

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		Some HCA completions data from IMS
House Price Index	Official Statistics	Regulated Mortgage Survey (RMS)
Mortgage Rescue Scheme Monitoring Statistics	Official Statistics	Mortgage Rescue Scheme Returns
Statutory Homelessness Statistics	National Statistics	P1E Returns
Homelessness Prevention and Relief	Official Statistics	P1E Returns
Rough Sleeping Statistics	Official Statistics	Rough Sleeping Counts and Estimates
Supporting People – Quarterly Client Records and Outcomes	Official Statistics	Supporting People Client Records and Outcomes
Count of Gypsy and Traveller Caravans	Official Statistics	Gypsy and Traveller Count
Local Authority Housing Statistics: Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA) and Business Plan Statistical Appendix (BPSA)	Official Statistics	HSSA and BPSA
Housing and Planning Statistics	National Statistics	Various (Compendium publication)
Housing and Planning Key Facts	Official Statistics	Various (Compendium publication)

*Official statistics which are judged to be fully compliant with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics are designated as 'National Statistics', and carry the equivalent Logo.

Housing and homelessness statistics – users and their uses

The products listed above are exploited by a wide range of users in a variety of ways:

User	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government	The statistics are used internally in the formulation and monitoring of policy; for resource allocation; for performance monitoring; and in cost-benefit analyses
Office for National Statistics	The House Price Index is a key component of the Retail Prices Index
Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)	DECC use the EHS data to monitor and evaluate progress towards the achievement of energy efficiency and climate change targets
HM Treasury and the Bank of England	The Bank uses the HPI to track asset price inflation as part of their deliberations on interest rates. They also use house building statistics in their deliberations on monetary policy
Department for Work and Pensions (DWP/ODI)	Modelling - DWP and ODI use EHS data to provide information on housing conditions for private rented sector tenants and for those with disabilities

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Department for Transport (DfT)	DfT use household projections in their transport modelling work
Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	DEFRA use data from the EHS to monitor rodent infestations
Environment Agency	The household projections are used to forecast water use
Local Government	Their main uses are: Service planning; performance monitoring; benchmarking against surrounding and similar authorities; resource allocation. The household projections are used in the formulation of local housing plans
Professional Institutes, Academia (e.g. Building Research Establishment, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors)	Modelling (e.g. of housing condition indicators); analysis and evaluation of housing supply/need; evaluating the impact of homelessness funding and intervention.
House Building, Construction and Timber industry	Evaluation of housing trends; Market Research (e.g. the market for double-glazing, DIY, etc)
Voluntary Sector (e.g. Shelter, Joseph Rowntree)	Promotion and analysis of housing and homelessness issues; campaigning and fundraising
Media	These statistics provide the raw material for articles in the Trade press (such as 'Inside Housing'; 'Construction News'; 'Building Magazine';)

Main channels for user engagement

Public consultations - A formal consultation took place on 13 August 2010 seeking views on plans for the English Housing Survey. A technical consultation also took place on Household Projections looking at proposed changes to the methodology³, a response to this consultation has been published on the DCLG website⁴.

CLIP - CLIP-Housing considers proposals for changes to collections and publications. CLIP-Planning discusses changes to household projections. Minutes from these meetings are published on the CLIP website⁵. CLIP-Population (chaired by the Office for National Statistics) deliberates on the household projections data.

Housing Statistics Network⁶ - DCLG is represented on the steering group of the Housing Statistics Network which is working to improve dialogue between users and producers of housing statistics.

³ <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/consultationhouseholdprojection>

⁴ <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/householdprojectionresponse>

⁵ <http://www.clip.local.gov.uk/lgv/core/page.do?pageId=31632>

⁶ <http://www.housingstatisticsnetwork.co.uk/#home>

Consultative Committee on Construction Industry Statistics - DCLG is a member of the CCCIS which includes representatives from the industry, other government departments, academia, and the analytical community.

National House Building Council - DCLG arranges frequent bilateral meetings with the NHBC.

Homeless Link - DCLG colleagues regularly attend Homeless Link meetings to discuss current research and publications to see how the homelessness data is being used and to seek feedback on recent publications.

Contact points - The statistical releases provide contact details for any queries or comments.

Listening events - Homelessness specialist advisors carry out free training, road shows, regional seminars and conferences inviting Local Authorities to feed back their views on the P1E and publications. Advisors and statisticians also make individual visits to Councils. Open seminars are also held when the household projections are published in order to go through any changes and to promote understanding of the data. We also hold workshops with Local Authorities to discuss options for changes to the housing data collections.

Contact lists - Most business areas in DCLG maintain e-mail contact lists for each publication and will send out details of recent publications or related consultations to this list. Anyone can request to be added to these lists.

The English Housing Survey (EHS) - this survey is managed in accordance with its own User Engagement Strategy which lists the main channels for user engagement (dedicated and comprehensive website, EHS Bulletins, Advisory Group, launch events and the UK Data Archive). The dedicated EHS Strategy document can be found at the following address:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/ehsuserengagement>.