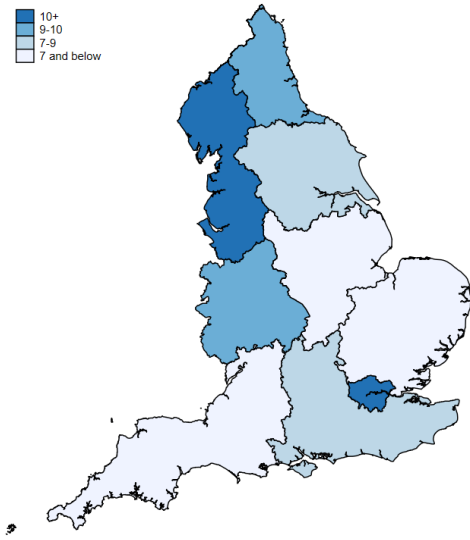


Unveiling England's Housing Crisis: Rising Rents and Declining Standards

In December 2020, Awaab Ishak died from mould-induced respiratory failure in the Rochdale private-rented property his family resided. This tragedy follows as there is a greater proportion of mould in private rented housing. The estate Awaab passed in has yet to resolve the mould almost 3 years after his death and almost a quarter of English private-rented properties did not meet the Decent Home Standard in 2021. Worryingly, we see the proportion of people privately renting properties has increased in the last 2 decades across England, especially in the North-West and London where at least 1 of 10 families have been displaced into private renting.

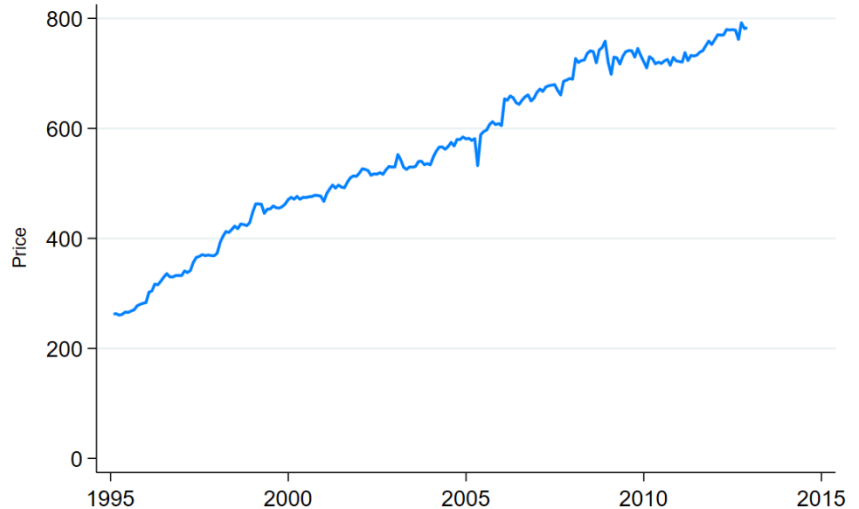
Further, the prices of these mould-ridden properties have doubled every decade, lowering disposable income able to be spent on essentials like food, heating and leisure yearly. These living conditions need to be addressed by ministers.

Regional Percentage Point Increase
in Private Renting Proportion, 2003 - 2022



Source: English Housing Survey 2021-22

Average Private Rent Price in England (£s)
1995 - 2012



Source: ONS and Davies (2020)