HOMELESSNESS & ROUGH SLEEPING

England - Official GOV.UK Statistics Dashboard Report

Latest headline data: 2024-25 statutory homelessness and autumn 2025 rough sleeping snapshot

4,793	330,410	182,540	15,140
people rough sleeping Autumn 2025	households owed a prevention or relief duty 2024–25	households owed a relief duty 2024–25	households rough sleeping at application 2024–25

1. Executive summary

- The latest official rough sleeping snapshot for England estimated 4,793 people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2025. This was the highest figure in the snapshot series.
- The same release reported that 43% of people counted as sleeping rough were in London and the South East combined.
- At local-authority level, Westminster recorded the highest estimate in autumn 2025, with 360 people.
- During 2024-25, 330,410 households in England were owed a homelessness prevention or relief duty under the statutory homelessness framework.

2. Places with the highest rough sleeping estimates

Local authority	2024	2025	Change	% change
Westminster	388	360	-28	-7.2%
Camden	132	134	2	1.5%
Somerset	80	103	23	28.8%
City of London	86	83	-3	-3.5%
Bristol, City of	77	70	-7	-9.1%
Birmingham	59	68	9	15.3%
Leeds	69	65	-4	-5.8%
Cornwall	53	65	12	22.6%
Nottingham	56	59	3	5.4%
Brighton and Hove	76	57	-19	-25.0%

3. What the figures mean

- Rough sleeping: the autumn snapshot is a single-night estimate of people sleeping rough. It should not be interpreted as the total number of people experiencing homelessness during a year.
- Statutory homelessness: these figures relate to households assessed under homelessness legislation and owed prevention or relief duties. They do not capture every form of hidden or non-statutory homelessness.
- Local comparisons: differences can reflect local housing markets, service availability, outreach arrangements, temporary accommodation and movement between areas, as well as underlying need.

Source: UK Government / GOV.UK official statistics • England coverage

4. Key national measures

Measure	Value	Unit	Period
Initial assessments	360,050	households	2024-25
Households owed a prevention duty	147,870	households	2024-25
Households owed a relief duty	182,540	households	2024-25
Households owed a homelessness duty (prevention + relief)	330,410	households	2024-25
Households rough sleeping at application	15,140	households	2024-25
People sleeping rough on a single night	4,793	people	Autumn 2025

5. Data limitations and coverage

This report uses official GOV.UK datasets that cover England. It should therefore not be presented as a complete UK-wide homelessness total. A UK-wide report would need comparable official data from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, with care taken because definitions and collection methods differ.

The figures are current to the releases identified below. Future GOV.UK releases may revise historical figures or add newer observations.

6. Official sources

- **Rough sleeping snapshot in England: autumn 2025:** https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2025
- **Statutory homelessness in England: financial year 2024-25:** https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statutory-homelessness-in-england-financial-year-2024-25
- **Homelessness statistics collection:** https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homelessness-statistics

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