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# THE HOUSING CRISIS GENERATION: HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE HOMELESS IN BRITAIN

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## Chapter 1: Background and Methodology

Homelessness legislation in all parts of Britain means that children should never have to sleep rough although there are extreme [cases where this can happen for a short time](#). There are, however, a huge number of children living in households who have been accepted as being officially homeless and are living in temporary accommodation (TA). Even though these children have a roof over their heads they are still officially classed as homeless because it is not a permanent home and they can be moved on at very short notice. In the worst cases children can be crammed into bed and breakfast hotels or hostels - totally inappropriate places for children to grow up. This report sets out some of the research evidence on the impact of living in this way on families and children, as well as a full breakdown of all the statistics used in the story, which is being released to media on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

To size up how many children there are living in this way, we use the official government statistics of [England](#), [Scotland](#) and [Wales](#). In England and Scotland data is available showing how many children are homeless and living in temporary accommodation for each local authority area. In Wales, the numbers of families is published, but not the individual numbers of children. Therefore, for Wales, we use a multiplier of 1.752 children per family with children in temporary accommodation, which is the rate of children per family with children from the 2011 Census. We only include children who are living in TA arranged by their local council (in England statistics are also available for children living in TA arranged by their own household, or whom are homeless at home, but these are not added in, meaning the real total is even higher). In England a small number of expected but unborn children are included because expected children are included in the data and are not dis-aggregated, so there is no way of not including them in the figures. Local level figures do not always sum to regional level, and regional level do not sum to national totals, due to imputations and roundings.

A number of local authorities (around 45) did not report any data for children in temporary accommodation for Q1 2018. In most cases we report this as zero, but it may mean either than there were no cases of child homelessness in this area as at this quarter or just that the data was not reported – it is not always easy to decipher which from the local level statistics. In most of these cases we will be able to calculate an estimate on request. In the cases of two London boroughs with relatively high incidences of homelessness (Ealing and Southwark) we have calculated an estimate using the households in temporary accommodation figure that is published in other tables on the MHCLG site for these areas. The method used here is to multiply the number of households in TA by the London average number of children in TA per household in TA, which is 0.6.

The homelessness data used is as at Q1 2018 (end of March) for all three countries, except Wales which is as at Q2 2018. This is simply because Wales have published more up to date figures, at the time of going to press, whereas Q1 is the latest available in the other countries. Recent trends strongly suggest that this number will, at the very least, be just as high at

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Christmas of that year, enabling us to confidently and somewhat conservatively state that this will be the figure as at Christmas 2018. There are differences in homelessness legislation between the three countries which can influence the statistics, for example priority need criteria are no longer in place in Scotland, meaning a wider range of households are entitled to help there. Direct comparisons between the countries are not valid without understanding these differences.

To calculate rates of children who are homeless and living in TA in each local area, we combine the official homelessness data with [ONS mid-year population estimates of people aged 0-17](#) in each local area.

To calculate indicative rates of homeless children per school we use [Department for Education data](#) on the number of schools by region and country (these are not available at full local authority level). The schools in this calculation are of all types – nurseries, primary, secondary, state and independent. This should be taken as a rough indicative figure, partly because we do not know the ages of the homeless children in the official figures so some pre-nursery age children are included in this rate, but also because in reality this rate varies hugely around the country, and national averages are not particularly meaningful.

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## Chapter 2: Key findings

- There will be an estimated 131,000 children who are homeless in Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) this Christmas.<sup>1</sup>
- This is 3% higher than last year (or over 3,000 more children), 59% higher than five years ago (nearly 50,000 more children).
- Five English regions have seen a greater percentage increase in homeless children than London (up 49%), over the last five years – East of England (up 177%), the North West (up 175%), West Midlands (up 142%), East Midlands (up 131%) and the South East (up 108%).
- Locally (England only) the biggest proportionate increases over the last five years have been seen in Aylesbury Vale (from 6 children to 125), Oldham (6 to 90), Thanet (16 to 218) and Basingstoke (14 to 187).
- The rate of homeless children in Great Britain is 1 child in every 103 (England 1 in 96, Scotland 1 in 156, Wales 1 in 412).
- The English regions with the highest rates are London at 1 in 23 and East of England at 1 in 157.
- The highest local rates in England are mainly found in London (Westminster 1 in 11, Haringey, Newham and Kensington and Chelsea 1 in 12), but high rates are also found in Luton (1 in 22), Brighton (1 in 26) and Broxbourne (1 in 48).
- The indicative rate per school for England is 5 homeless children. In London it is 28 for every school – the equivalent of almost one whole class.

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<sup>1</sup> Using the latest available data (Q1 2018 for England and Scotland, Q2 2018 for Wales), the estimate is 131,239. Recent trends suggest the figure will be roughly the same or higher by the end of 2018.

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## Chapter 3: Impact of homelessness on children and young people

The impacts of homelessness on children and young people can be extreme and extensive. Living in temporary accommodation or sofa-surfing often means constant insecurity and disruption to families' daily lives. Homelessness particularly affects children and young people's mental health and education.

### Impact on mental health and emotional wellbeing

Studies have found that children who have been homeless are more likely to suffer from mental health problems than other children, even after being rehoused.<sup>2</sup>

Shelter conducted interviews with 23 families in emergency B&Bs, hostels or sofa-surfing. Three quarters of parents interviewed felt that their children's mental health had been affected by living in emergency accommodation. Younger children were afraid in unfamiliar surroundings whilst older children, like their parents, struggled with the uncertainty and worried about the future.<sup>3</sup>

Shelter has also carried out research with 11 teachers and education professionals. Teachers who worked with homeless students identified worsening mental health as a result of homelessness. Teachers reported that they witnessed homelessness causing severe emotional trauma leading to emotional stress, anxiety and problematic behaviours. Whereas younger children often became withdrawn and noticeably sad, older children could become angry or aggressive.<sup>4</sup>

Teachers who worked with homeless students commented on the particular emotional stress of homelessness felt by young teenage girls, as it was seen to compound the general worries and anxieties faced at this age, including changes brought on by puberty and navigating friendships and relationships.<sup>5</sup>

Research has shown that homelessness has a significant impact on children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. The trauma caused by living in temporary accommodation and sofa-surfing can worsen mental health issues, leading to the development of problematic behaviours.

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<sup>2</sup> Vostanis, P. 'Mental health problems of homeless children and families: longitudinal study' 1998 <http://www.bmj.com/content/316/7135/899>

<sup>3</sup> Shelter, 'We've got not home': *The experiences of homeless children in emergency accommodation*, 2017 [https://england.shelter.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/1471067/2017\\_Christmas\\_investigation\\_report.pdf](https://england.shelter.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1471067/2017_Christmas_investigation_report.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Digby, A. and Fu, E., *Impacts of homelessness on children – research with teachers*, Shelter, 2017 [https://england.shelter.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/1474652/2017\\_12\\_20\\_Homelessness\\_and\\_School\\_Children.pdf](https://england.shelter.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1474652/2017_12_20_Homelessness_and_School_Children.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Digby, A. and Fu, E., *Impacts of homelessness on children – research with teachers*, Shelter, 2017 [https://england.shelter.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/1474652/2017\\_12\\_20\\_Homelessness\\_and\\_School\\_Children.pdf](https://england.shelter.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1474652/2017_12_20_Homelessness_and_School_Children.pdf)

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## Impact on education

Homelessness can also have significant impacts on children's education.

Living in temporary accommodation or sofa-surfing can cause practical challenges for children and young people. Teachers who work with homeless students reported students experiencing practical challenges including keeping track of possessions and uniform, keeping clean due to limited access to bathroom or laundry facilities and no quiet place to do homework.<sup>6</sup> Other Shelter research found that the most significant impact on education was the longer distances that children had to travel back and forth to school.<sup>7</sup>

Teachers reported that sleep deprivation was common for homeless children, sometimes due to children having to share beds with other family members or the long school journeys. Teachers identified tiredness as one of the main drivers of worsening mental health and disengagement with lessons. Participants described cycles of tiredness, leading to inability to sleep, ultimately resulting in exhaustion.<sup>8</sup>

Shelter has also conducted interviews with 25 families in emergency B&Bs, hostels or sofa-surfing, about half of whom had been in that situation for longer than six months. More than three quarters of the families interviewed felt that their children's education or development had been affected by the time they had spent homeless. This resulted from lack of sleep and anxiety but also because it was difficult for parents to establish routines in the often-chaotic surroundings. One parent reported her son going down two sets at school 'because he was so tired'. Others were particularly badly affected as the period of upheaval and uncertainty happened at important times for their education or big exams.<sup>9</sup>

The practical challenges of being homeless and living in temporary accommodation or sofa-surfing, such as a lack of space to do homework, sleep deprivation and the longer journeys to school, can help to explain why homeless children and young people can fall behind in school.

## What are the reasons for/ drivers of homelessness?

The causes are multi-faceted and complex, but certainly include lack of supply of decent affordable housing, lack of protection for private renters and freezes and cuts to welfare payments. A more detailed examination of the causes of homelessness can be found [here](#).

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<sup>6</sup> Digby, A. and Fu, E., *Impacts of homelessness on children – research with teachers*, Shelter, 2017  
[https://england.shelter.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/1474652/2017\\_12\\_20\\_Homelessness\\_and\\_School\\_Children.pdf](https://england.shelter.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1474652/2017_12_20_Homelessness_and_School_Children.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> Shelter, *'We've got not home': The experiences of homeless children in emergency accommodation*, 2017  
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<sup>8</sup> Digby, A. and Fu, E., *Impacts of homelessness on children – research with teachers*, Shelter, 2017  
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<sup>9</sup> Shelter, *Desperate to escape: the experiences of homeless families in emergency accommodation*, 2016  
[https://england.shelter.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/1290335/2016\\_11\\_03\\_Desperate\\_to\\_Escape.pdf](https://england.shelter.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1290335/2016_11_03_Desperate_to_Escape.pdf)

## Chapter 4: National and regional results

**Table 1: Number of children that are homeless and living in TA Q1 2018: National results**

	No. of children that are homeless in B&B or hostels [1]	Total no. of children that are homeless and living in TA [2]	Population aged 0-17 [3]	Rate of children that are homeless and living in TA (1 in x) [4]	Indicative number of homeless children per school [5]	% change: total, year on year	% change: total, 5 years
England	9,180	123,130	11,866,957	96	5	2%	62%
Scotland	110	6,615	1,030,055	156	N/A	9%	36%
Wales* (Q2 2018 data)	247	1,524	628,289	412	N/A	9%	-8%
Great Britain	9,537	131,269	13,525,301	103	N/A	3%	59%

Sources: [1] Official government homelessness statistics, England, Scotland and Wales, Bed and Breakfast plus hostels (not inc. womens refuges, where they are disaggregated). Wales is estimated by multiplying number of families in TA by the average number of children per family in Wales from the 2011 Census (1.752). Wales figures are as at Q2 2018 as more recent data is available than for England and Scotland. [2] as [1] but total of all children in council arranged TA. [3] ONS mid-year population estimates 2017, people aged 0-17. [4] [2] as a rate of [3]. [5] Calculated using ONS schools data for England, and based on a count of 24,316 schools of all types (nursery, primary, secondary, state and independent) in England. Rate is indicative only as some homeless children are pre-nursery school age.

**Table 2: Number of children that are homeless and living in TA: Trended national results**

	England	Scotland	Wales (Q2)	Great Britain (with Wales as Q2)
2018 Q1	123,130	6,615	1,524	131,269
2017 Q1	120,520	6,058	1,403	127,981
2016 Q1	111,060	5,223	1,393	117,676
2015 Q1	98,620	4,633	1,261	104,514
2014 Q1	83,370	4,153	1,498	89,021
2013 Q1	76,040	4,847	1,664	82,551
% change: 1 year	2%	9%	9%	3%
Numeric change: 1 year	2,610	557	121	3,288
% change: 3 years	25%	43%	21%	26%
Numeric change: 3 years	24,510	1,982	263	26,755
% change: 5 years	62%	36%	-8%	59%
Numeric change: 5 years	47,090	1,768	-140	48,718

Official government homelessness statistics on temporary accommodation, England, Scotland and Wales. Wales estimated by multiplying number of families in TA by average number of children per family in Wales (1.752). Wales figures are all as at Q2 2018 as more recent data is available than for England and Scotland.



**Table 3: Homeless children, regional results (England)**

	Number of children that are homeless and living B&B or hostels [1]	Total number of children that are homeless and living in TA [2]	Population aged 0-17 [3]	Rate of children that are homeless and living in TA (1 in x) [4]	Indicative number of homeless children per school [5]	% change: year on year	% change: 5 years
North East	14	153	527,411	3447	0.1	5%	9%
North West	316	3,111	1,543,276	496	0.9	33%	175%
Yorks & Hum	37	822	1,158,481	1409	0.3	-4%	9%
West Midlands	1,303	5,668	1,282,904	226	2.2	30%	142%
East Midlands	515	1,854	988,743	533	0.8	27%	131%
East of Eng	1,088	8,437	1,324,441	157	3.0	9%	177%
London	4,420	87,310	2,001,359	23	27.7	-2%	49%
South East	744	11,314	1,943,865	172	2.9	6%	108%
South West	447	2,936	1,096,477	373	1.1	-1%	41%

Sources: Sources: [1] Official government homelessness statistics, England. [2] as [1] but total of all children in council arranged TA. [3] ONS mid-year population estimates 2017, people aged 0-17. [4] [2] as a rate of [3]. [5] Calculated using ONS schools data for England, and is based on a count of 24,316 schools of all types (nursery, primary, secondary, state and independent) in England. Rate is indicative only as some homeless children are pre-nursery school age. TA regions total will not exactly match England total due to roundings and imputations.

## Chapter 5: Local results (England)

### Top 50 local authorities in England by rate of children that are homeless and living in temporary accommodation

Local Authority	Region	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)
Westminster	London	4,092	45,165	11.0	1
Haringey	London	5,255	60,625	11.5	2
Newham	London	7,326	85,755	11.7	3
Kens & Chels	London	2,408	28,475	11.8	4
Enfield	London	5,565	84,211	15.1	5
Waltham Forest	London	4,291	66,801	15.6	6
Brent	London	4,888	77,563	15.9	7
Tower Hamlets	London	4,263	68,403	16.0	8
Barking & Dag	London	3,886	62,889	16.2	9
Lewisham	London	3,954	68,272	17.3	10
Hamm & Ful	London	2,017	35,928	17.8	11
Hackney	London	3,523	63,048	17.9	12
Lambeth	London	3,331	62,632	18.8	13
Redbridge	London	3,848	75,908	19.7	14
Luton	East of Eng	2,647	57,043	21.6	15
Ealing* <sup>10</sup>	London	3,643	81,884	22.5	16
Wandsworth	London	2,736	63,019	23.0	17
Brighton & Hove	South East	1,999	50,981	25.5	18
Southwark* <sup>11</sup>	London	2,298	64,386	28.0	19
Barnet	London	3,215	91,502	28.5	20
Bexley	London	1,850	56,600	30.6	21
Croydon	London	3,068	94,775	30.9	22
Bromley	London	2,073	74,041	35.7	23
Kingston u Th	London	1,050	38,609	36.8	24
Islington	London	981	41,416	42.2	25
Hounslow	London	1,497	63,928	42.7	26
Havering	London	1,251	56,671	45.3	27
Harrow	London	1,239	57,825	46.7	28

<sup>10</sup> Figure for Ealing is estimated using London's children in TA to households in TA ratio, as no children in TA figure published for Ealing in Q1 2018

<sup>11</sup> Figure for Southwark is estimated using London's children in TA to households in TA ratio, as no children in TA figure published for Southwark in Q1 2018

## Top 50 rates (cont.)

Local Authority	Region	Children that are homeless in TA [1]	Population aged 0-17 [2]	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17) [3]	National Rank (in England)
Broxbourne	East of Eng	453	21,800	48.1	29
Slough	South East	831	42,180	50.8	30
Harlow	East of Eng	376	20,950	55.7	31
Manchester	North West	2,051	121,182	59.1	32
Milton Keynes	South East	1,114	67,647	60.7	33
Sutton	London	751	47,469	63.2	34
Greenwich	London	1,036	68,262	65.9	35
Basildon	East of Eng	626	42,349	67.7	36
Watford	East of Eng	339	23,671	69.8	37
Birmingham	West Mids	4,028	288,082	71.5	38
Epsom and Ewell	South East	243	18,267	75.2	39
City of London	London	16	1,254	78.4	40
Castle Point	East of Eng	216	17,010	78.8	41
Hillingdon	London	914	72,746	79.6	42
Camden	London	580	49,173	84.8	43
Isle of Wight	South East	265	25,055	94.5	44
Chelmsford	East of Eng	384	37,482	97.6	45
Peterborough	East of Eng	503	50,009	99.4	46
W'mouth & Port	South West	121	12,149	100.4	47
Medway	South East	624	63,943	102.5	48
Crawley	South East	255	26,962	105.7	49
Bristol, City of	South West	846	93,960	111.1	50

[1] Official government homelessness statistics, England, total of all children in council arranged TA. [2] ONS mid-year population estimates 2017, people aged 0-17. [3] [1] as a rate of [2]. Local level totals will not always exactly match England total due to roundings and imputations.

### Top 30 Local Authorities in England by increases since Q1 2013 (five years)

Local Authority	Region	Children that are homeless in TA [1]	Population aged 0-17 [2]	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17) [3]	National Rank (in England)	Children that were homeless in TA as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018) [4]	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Aylesbury Vale	SE	125	45,130	361.0	119	6	1983%
Oldham	NW	90	59,069	656.3	162	6	1400%
Thanet	SE	218	29,829	136.8	63	16	1263%
Basingstoke & D	SE	187	39,170	209.5	99	14	1236%
Wokingham	SE	65	38,702	595.4	151	7	829%
Eastbourne	SE	117	19,935	170.4	76	13	800%
Milton Keynes	SE	1,114	67,647	60.7	33	128	770%
Northampton	EM	412	53,253	129.3	60	52	692%
Coventry	WM	595	77,584	130.4	61	78	663%
Chelmsford	EE	384	37,482	97.6	45	60	540%
Kettering	EM	193	22,854	118.4	55	32	503%
Medway	SE	624	63,943	102.5	48	111	462%
South Bucks	SE	86	15,152	176.2	81	16	438%
Rother	SE	80	16,082	201.0	95	15	433%
Slough	SE	831	42,180	50.8	30	157	429%
Tameside	NW	84	49,645	591.0	150	16	425%
Dover	SE	131	22,780	173.9	80	25	424%
Rugby	WM	125	23,725	189.8	87	24	421%
Southend	EE	206	39,115	189.9	88	40	415%
Peterborough	EE	503	50,009	99.4	46	104	384%
Bristol, City of	SW	846	93,960	111.1	50	175	383%
Nottingham	EM	410	67,939	165.7	73	85	382%
Worthing	SE	132	21,624	163.8	72	30	340%
Purbeck	SW	69	8,459	122.6	57	16	331%
Manchester	NW	2,051	121,182	59.1	32	477	330%
Woking	SE	188	23,766	126.4	58	49	284%
Salford	NW	141	55,657	394.7	123	38	271%
Epsom and Ewell	SE	243	18,267	75.2	39	66	268%
Greenwich	L	1,036	68,262	65.9	35	296	250%
Derby	EM	119	59,670	501.4	137	34	250%

[1] Official government homelessness statistics, England, total of all children in council arranged TA. [2] ONS mid-year population estimates 2017, people aged 0-17. [3] [1] as a rate of [2]. [4] figure in Q1 2013. [5] % change from Q1 2013 figure to Q1 2018 figure. Change is only calculated for areas that currently have 50 or more homeless children and who reported data in Q1 2013. Local level totals will not always exactly match England total due to roundings and imputations.

## All local rates, split by region (England only)

Please note that zeroes can mean either no homeless children recorded in this area or no data was published for this area in Q1 2018.

<b>EAST OF ENGLAND</b> Local Authority	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)	Children that were homeless in TA, as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Luton	2,647	57,043	21.6	15	N/A	N/A
Broxbourne	453	21,800	48.1	29	331	37%
Harlow	376	20,950	55.7	31	N/A	N/A
Basildon	626	42,349	67.7	36	358	75%
Watford	339	23,671	69.8	37	121	180%
Castle Point	216	17,010	78.8	41	97	123%
Chelmsford	384	37,482	97.6	45	60	540%
Peterborough	503	50,009	99.4	46	104	384%
Hertsmere	201	24,540	122.1	56	100	101%
Rochford	118	16,702	141.5	65	64	84%
Tendring	177	26,612	150.4	68	74	139%
Colchester	236	39,521	167.5	74	225	5%
Brentwood	92	15,935	173.2	79	55	67%
Welwyn Hatfield	135	25,159	186.4	85	81	67%
Great Yarmouth	105	19,861	189.2	86	73	44%
Southend-on-Sea	206	39,115	189.9	88	40	415%
Epping Forest	135	27,377	202.8	96	68	99%
Thurrock	199	42,824	215.2	101	85	134%
Dacorum	129	34,515	267.6	104	88	47%
Three Rivers	73	21,146	289.7	106	31	135%
St Albans	125	36,460	291.7	107	98	28%
Bedford	129	39,224	304.1	110	80	61%
North Hertfordshire	95	29,152	306.9	111	55	73%
Huntingdonshire	117	36,585	312.7	113	94	24%
Babergh	39	17,580	450.8	131	N/A	N/A
Cambridge	44	23,092	524.8	142	N/A	N/A
Ipswich	57	30,814	540.6	144	50	14%
Waveney	41	22,756	555.0	145	N/A	N/A
Mid Suffolk	35	19,612	560.3	147	N/A	N/A
Fenland	35	20,099	574.3	148	N/A	N/A
Central Beds	94	61,449	653.7	161	30	213%
K Lynn & W Norf	42	29,338	698.5	167	N/A	N/A
Forest Heath	21	14,735	701.7	169	N/A	N/A
South Cambs	47	35,118	747.2	176	N/A	N/A

<b>EAST OF ENGLAND (Cont.)</b>					Children that were homeless in TA, as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Local Authority	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)		
Broadland	29	23,826	821.6	181	N/A	N/A
Maldon	13	11,915	916.5	195	N/A	N/A
St Edmundsbury	20	23,006	1150.3	206	N/A	N/A
Braintree	27	32,514	1204.2	207	N/A	N/A
North Norfolk	13	16,412	1262.5	212	N/A	N/A
East Hertfordshire	19	32,761	1724.3	231	N/A	N/A
East Cambridgeshire	10	19,631	1963.1	236	N/A	N/A
Norwich	13	26,326	2025.1	238	N/A	N/A
Uttlesford	8	19,661	2457.6	249	N/A	N/A
Suffolk Coastal	7	24,400	3485.7	260	N/A	N/A
South Norfolk	7	27,452	3921.7	265	N/A	N/A
Stevenage	0	20,092	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Breckland	0	26,810	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A

<b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>					Children that were homeless in TA, as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Local Authority	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)		
Kettering	193	22,854	118.4	55	32	503%
Northampton	412	53,253	129.3	60	52	692%
Wellingborough	114	18,183	159.5	71	38	200%
Nottingham	410	67,939	165.7	73	85	382%
Melton	52	10,080	193.8	91	33	58%
East Lindsey	52	23,990	461.3	133	37	41%
Corby	34	16,925	497.8	136	N/A	N/A
Derby	119	59,670	501.4	137	34	250%
Oadby and Wigston	22	11,394	517.9	140	N/A	N/A
South Holland	34	17,937	527.6	143	N/A	N/A
Gedling	39	23,553	603.9	153	N/A	N/A
South Kesteven	39	29,210	749.0	177	N/A	N/A
Leicester	100	83,778	837.8	183	88	14%
Charnwood	40	34,395	859.9	186	N/A	N/A
Boston	16	14,287	892.9	192	N/A	N/A
Newark & Sher	23	24,278	1055.6	200	N/A	N/A
High Peak	16	17,665	1104.1	202	N/A	N/A
Ashfield	22	26,574	1207.9	208	N/A	N/A

<b>EAST MIDLANDS</b> (cont.)					Children that were homeless in TA, as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Local Authority	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)		
Amber Valley	19	23,910	1258.4	211	N/A	N/A
Hinckley & Bosworth	17	22,152	1303.1	213	N/A	N/A
Derbyshire Dales	9	12,590	1398.9	220	N/A	N/A
Broxtowe	15	21,520	1434.7	222	N/A	N/A
Mansfield	15	22,429	1495.3	225	N/A	N/A
Rushcliffe	12	23,972	1997.7	237	N/A	N/A
Bassetlaw	8	23,155	2894.4	253	N/A	N/A
North Kesteven	6	22,745	3790.8	263	N/A	N/A
Erewash	6	23,069	3844.8	264	N/A	N/A
East Northants	5	20,070	4014.0	267	N/A	N/A
South Derbyshire	5	21,861	4372.2	268	N/A	N/A
Lincoln	0	18,197	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Blaby	0	20,816	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Chesterfield	0	19,810	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Rutland	0	7,765	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Bolsover	0	15,731	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
NE Derbyshire	0	18,463	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
South Northants	0	19,577	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
NW Leicestershire	0	20,490	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
West Lindsey	0	18,287	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Harborough	0	19,083	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Daventry	0	17,086	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A

<b>LONDON</b>	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)	Children that were homeless in TA, as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Local Authority						
Westminster	4,092	45,165	11.0	1	1,304	214%
Haringey	5,255	60,625	11.5	2	4,771	10%
Newham	7,326	85,755	11.7	3	N/A	N/A
Kensington and Chelsea	2,408	28,475	11.8	4	1,931	25%
Enfield	5,565	84,211	15.1	5	3,882	43%
Waltham Forest	4,291	66,801	15.6	6	2,206	95%
Brent	4,888	77,563	15.9	7	5,604	-13%
Tower Hamlets	4,263	68,403	16.0	8	3,789	13%
Barking and Dagenham	3,886	62,889	16.2	9	1,542	152%
Lewisham	3,954	68,272	17.3	10	N/A	N/A
Hammersmith & Fulham	2,017	35,928	17.8	11	1,915	5%
Hackney	3,523	63,048	17.9	12	1,806	95%
Lambeth	3,331	62,632	18.8	13	1,889	76%
Redbridge	3,848	75,908	19.7	14	2,950	30%
Ealing*	3,643	81,884	22.5	16	1,964	85%
Wandsworth	2,736	63,019	23.0	17	891	207%
Southwark*	2,298	64,386	28.0	19	960	139%
Barnet	3,215	91,502	28.5	20	3,061	5%
Bexley	1,850	56,600	30.6	21	593	212%
Croydon	3,068	94,775	30.9	22	3,119	-2%
Bromley	2,073	74,041	35.7	23	1,035	100%
Kingston upon Thames	1,050	38,609	36.8	24	578	82%
Islington	981	41,416	42.2	25	1,255	-22%
Hounslow	1,497	63,928	42.7	26	1,903	-21%
Havering	1,251	56,671	45.3	27	962	30%
Harrow	1,239	57,825	46.7	28	806	54%
Sutton	751	47,469	63.2	34	357	110%
Greenwich	1,036	68,262	65.9	35	296	250%
City of London	16	1,254	78.4	40	N/A	N/A
Hillingdon	914	72,746	79.6	42	904	1%
Camden	580	49,173	84.8	43	1,066	-46%
Richmond upon Thames	392	45,122	115.1	51	336	17%
Merton	240	47,002	195.8	93	122	97%

\*Southwark and Ealing figures are estimated using London average households in TA to children in TA ratio, as no data on children published for these areas in Q1 2018



<b>NORTH EAST</b>						
Local Authority	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)	Children that were homeless in TA, as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Stockton-on-Tees	49	43,250	882.7	188	N/A	N/A
Redcar & Cleve	21	27,519	1,310.4	215	N/A	N/A
North Tyneside	30	40,877	1,362.6	218	N/A	N/A
Gateshead	27	39,780	1,473.3	224	N/A	N/A
Newcastle u Tyne	17	57,544	3,384.9	259	N/A	N/A
County Durham	9	100,540	11,171.1	277	N/A	N/A
Middlesbrough	0	32,396	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Sunderland	0	54,444	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
South Tyneside	0	29,609	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Hartlepool	0	20,050	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Darlington	0	22,476	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Northumberland	0	58,926	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A

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Manchester	2,051	121,182	59.1	32	477	330%
Salford	141	55,657	394.7	123	38	271%
Trafford	123	55,642	452.4	132	71	73%
Tameside	84	49,645	591.0	150	16	425%
Rochdale	85	52,128	613.3	155	53	60%
Oldham	90	59,069	656.3	162	6	1400%
South Ribble	33	22,688	687.5	164	N/A	N/A
Barrow-in-Furness	18	13,258	736.6	174	N/A	N/A
Bolton	90	67,433	749.3	178	69	30%
Blackpool	32	28,760	898.8	193	N/A	N/A
Liverpool	83	93,556	1,127.2	204	25	232%
Stockport	51	62,912	1,233.6	210	36	42%
Eden	7	9,137	1,305.3	214	N/A	N/A
Ribble Valley	9	11,848	1,316.4	216	N/A	N/A
Warrington	32	44,646	1,395.2	219	N/A	N/A
Bury	21	43,113	2,053.0	239	N/A	N/A

<b>NORTH WEST (cont.)</b>						
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Knowsley	15	32,930	2,195.3	243	N/A	N/A
Burnley	9	20,134	2,237.1	244	N/A	N/A
St. Helens	16	36,644	2,290.3	246	N/A	N/A
Sefton	21	53,514	2,548.3	250	N/A	N/A
Cheshire West & Chester	26	67,284	2,587.8	252	N/A	N/A
Wirral	21	67,706	3,224.1	256	N/A	N/A
Carlisle	6	21,379	3,563.2	261	N/A	N/A
Cheshire East	19	75,834	3,991.3	266	N/A	N/A
West Lancashire	5	22,046	4,409.2	269	N/A	N/A
Lancaster	6	27,063	45,10.5	270	N/A	N/A
Preston	5	31,231	6,246.2	275	N/A	N/A
Blackburn with Darwen	6	38,657	6,442.8	276	N/A	N/A
Wigan	6	68,076	11,346.0	278	N/A	N/A
Pendle	0	21,224	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Hyndburn	0	18,570	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Copeland	0	13,024	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Rossendale	0	15,410	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Wyre	0	19,872	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
South Lakeland	0	17,749	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Fylde	0	14,041	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Allerdale	0	18,077	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Halton	0	28,408	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Chorley	0	23,729	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A

<b>SOUTH EAST</b>						Children that were homeless in TA, as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Local Authority	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)			
Brighton and Hove	1,999	50,981	25.5	18	1,149	74%	
Slough	831	42,180	50.8	30	157	429%	
Milton Keynes	1,114	67,647	60.7	33	128	770%	
Epsom and Ewell	243	18,267	75.2	39	66	268%	
Isle of Wight	265	25,055	94.5	44	217	22%	
Medway	624	63,943	102.5	48	111	462%	
Crawley	255	26,962	105.7	49	378	-33%	
Reading	321	37,093	115.6	52	117	174%	
Gosport	155	18,038	116.4	53	248	-38%	
Ashford	249	29,400	118.1	54	172	45%	
Woking	188	23,766	126.4	58	49	284%	
Bracknell Forest	222	28,071	126.4	59	64	247%	
Thanet	218	29,829	136.8	63	16	1263%	
Reigate and Banstead	235	33,158	141.1	64	140	68%	
Adur	90	12,899	143.3	66	105	-14%	
Dartford	171	25,609	149.8	67	51	235%	
Spelthorne	141	21,253	150.7	69	45	213%	
Worthing	132	21,624	163.8	72	30	340%	
Lewes	118	19,944	169.0	75	74	59%	
Eastbourne	117	19,935	170.4	76	13	800%	
Southampton	292	50,305	172.3	78	164	78%	
Dover	131	22,780	173.9	80	25	424%	
South Bucks	86	15,152	176.2	81	16	438%	
Swale	182	32,929	180.9	82	79	130%	
East Hampshire	134	24,496	182.8	83	81	65%	
Runnymede	87	16,718	192.2	89	41	112%	
Test Valley	135	25,953	192.2	90	102	32%	
Oxford	154	29,882	194.0	92	152	1%	
Arun	143	28,305	197.9	94	59	142%	
Rother	80	16,082	201.0	95	15	433%	
Gravesham	122	24,910	204.2	97	69	77%	
Rushmoor	102	21,189	207.7	98	40	155%	
Basingstoke & Deane	187	39,170	209.5	99	14	1236%	
Hastings	83	19,376	233.4	102	50	66%	
Fareham	84	22,239	264.8	103	43	95%	
Wycombe	148	40,653	274.7	105	131	13%	
Windsor & Mhead	114	34,352	301.3	108	67	70%	
Chichester	73	22,072	302.4	109	25	192%	

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Maidstone	118	36,787	311.8	112	34	247%
Tandridge	53	18,810	354.9	117	31	71%
Sevenoaks	74	26,631	359.9	118	23	222%
Aylesbury Vale	125	45,130	361.0	119	6	1983%
Portsmouth	118	44,192	374.5	120	76	55%
Shepway	56	21,271	379.8	121	44	27%
Surrey Heath	47	19,254	409.7	126	N/A	N/A
Tunbridge Wells	65	26,766	411.8	128	51	27%
Mole Valley	40	17,729	443.2	129	N/A	N/A
West Berkshire	74	35,790	483.6	135	N/A	N/A
Guildford	56	29,386	524.8	141	26	115%
Wokingham	65	38,702	595.4	151	7	829%
Chiltern	34	22,140	651.2	159	N/A	N/A
Tonbridge and Malling	42	29,632	705.5	170	N/A	N/A
Mid Sussex	45	32,562	723.6	172	N/A	N/A
Cherwell	45	32,661	725.8	173	N/A	N/A
Winchester	35	25,927	740.8	175	N/A	N/A
Horsham	36	28,857	801.6	180	N/A	N/A
Hart	25	21,358	854.3	185	N/A	N/A
Havant	28	24,828	886.7	189	N/A	N/A
Wealden	30	30,708	1,023.6	198	N/A	N/A
Elmbridge	32	33,672	1,052.3	199	N/A	N/A
West Oxfordshire	16	22,614	1,413.4	221	N/A	N/A
Vale of White Horse	16	28,342	1,771.4	233	N/A	N/A
South Oxfordshire	14	29,945	2,138.9	242	N/A	N/A
Canterbury	0	29,546	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Waverley	0	28,292	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Eastleigh	0	27,893	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
New Forest	0	32,223	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A

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Weymouth & Port	121	12,149	100.4	47	76	59%
Bristol, City of	846	93,960	111.1	50	175	383%
Purbeck	69	8,459	122.6	57	16	331%
Christchurch	66	8,723	132.2	62	25	164%
Poole	193	30,190	156.4	70	91	112%
Gloucester	169	28,931	171.2	77	119	42%
Bournemouth	195	35,981	184.5	84	58	236%
Exeter	105	22,240	211.8	100	151	-30%
Plymouth	152	52,417	344.8	115	105	45%
East Dorset	45	15,562	345.8	116	N/A	N/A
Torridge	31	12,500	403.2	125	N/A	N/A
Cornwall	260	107,044	411.7	127	384	-32%
South Gloucestershire	104	58,166	559.3	146	98	6%
West Somerset	9	5,291	587.9	149	N/A	N/A
Wiltshire	171	105,597	617.5	156	160	7%
West Dorset	29	18,140	625.5	157	N/A	N/A
Teignbridge	38	24,098	634.2	158	N/A	N/A
Torbay	39	25,417	651.7	160	N/A	N/A
Taunton Deane	34	23,764	698.9	168	N/A	N/A
North Somerset	60	43,189	719.8	171	52	15%
East Devon	33	25,508	773.0	179	N/A	N/A
Sedgemoor	30	24,841	828.0	182	N/A	N/A
South Somerset	36	32,844	912.3	194	N/A	N/A
Mid Devon	15	16,611	1,107.4	203	N/A	N/A
Cotswold	14	16,057	1,146.9	205	N/A	N/A
Bath and NE Somerset	27	35,558	1,317.0	217	N/A	N/A
Cheltenham	16	23,276	1,454.8	223	N/A	N/A
South Hams	10	15,258	1,525.8	227	N/A	N/A
Tewkesbury	11	18,539	1,685.4	229	N/A	N/A
Stroud	8	23,896	2,987.0	254	N/A	N/A
North Dorset	0	13,828	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
North Devon	0	18,506	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Swindon	0	49,924	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Mendip	0	23,344	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Forest of Dean	0	16,305	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Isles of Scilly	0	365	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
West Devon	0	9,999	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A

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Birmingham	4,028	288,082	71.5	38	1,594	153%
Coventry	595	77,584	130.4	61	78	663%
Rugby	125	23,725	189.8	87	24	421%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	82	27,751	338.4	114	34	141%
Wolverhampton	158	60,091	380.3	122	64	147%
Worcester	53	20,995	396.1	124	53	0%
Herefordshire, County of	81	35,933	443.6	130	N/A	N/A
Redditch	40	18,915	472.9	134	N/A	N/A
Walsall	110	67,211	611.0	154	53	108%
Stratford-on-Avon	35	23,523	672.1	163	N/A	N/A
Shropshire	86	59,691	694.1	166	50	72%
Telford and Wrekin	45	40,141	892.0	191	N/A	N/A
Sandwell	85	81,080	953.9	196	25	240%
North Warwickshire	13	12,451	957.8	197	N/A	N/A
Lichfield	18	19,794	1,099.7	201	N/A	N/A
Stoke-on-Trent	34	57,271	1,684.4	228	N/A	N/A
Malvern Hills	8	14,091	1,761.4	232	N/A	N/A
Bromsgrove	11	19,517	1,774.3	234	N/A	N/A
Tamworth	8	16,621	2,077.6	241	N/A	N/A
Warwick	12	26,972	2,247.7	245	N/A	N/A
Wychavon	10	24,009	2,400.9	247	N/A	N/A
East Staffordshire	10	25,511	2,551.1	251	N/A	N/A
Staffordshire Moorlands	6	18,115	3,019.2	255	N/A	N/A
Dudley	15	68,811	4,587.4	271	N/A	N/A
Wyre Forest	0	19,411	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Cannock Chase	0	19,922	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Newcastle-under-Lyme	0	23,691	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Solihull	0	46,714	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
South Staffordshire	0	19,668	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Stafford	0	25,613	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A

<b>YORKS &amp; HUMB</b> <b>Local Authority</b>	Children that are homeless in TA	Population aged 0-17	Rate (1 child in x, 0-17)	National Rank (in England)	Children that were homeless in TA, as at Q1 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)	% change since 2013 (only for those with 50+ in 2018)
Wakefield	141	71,639	508.1	138	53	166%
Scarborough	38	19,595	515.7	139	N/A	N/A
Harrogate	55	32,921	598.6	152	75	-27%
Hull, City of	82	56,454	688.5	165	50	64%
York	43	36,524	849.4	184	N/A	N/A
Ryedale	11	9,685	880.5	187	N/A	N/A
Kirklees	112	99,815	891.2	190	66	70%
Bradford	117	141,606	1,210.3	209	38	208%
North East Lincs	23	34,392	1,495.3	226	N/A	N/A
Sheffield	68	116,703	1,716.2	230	122	-44%
East Riding of Yorks	34	62,638	1,842.3	235	N/A	N/A
Craven	5	10,323	2,064.6	240	N/A	N/A
Calderdale	19	46,168	2,429.9	248	N/A	N/A
Doncaster	20	65,867	3,293.4	257	N/A	N/A
Hambleton	5	16,698	3,339.6	258	N/A	N/A
Selby	5	18,146	3,629.2	262	N/A	N/A
Barnsley	10	50,185	5,018.5	272	N/A	N/A
Leeds	28	166,268	5,938.1	273	N/A	N/A
North Lincolnshire	6	35,679	5,946.5	274	N/A	N/A
Richmondshire	0	10,228	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A
Rotherham	0	56,947	N/A	=279	N/A	N/A

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