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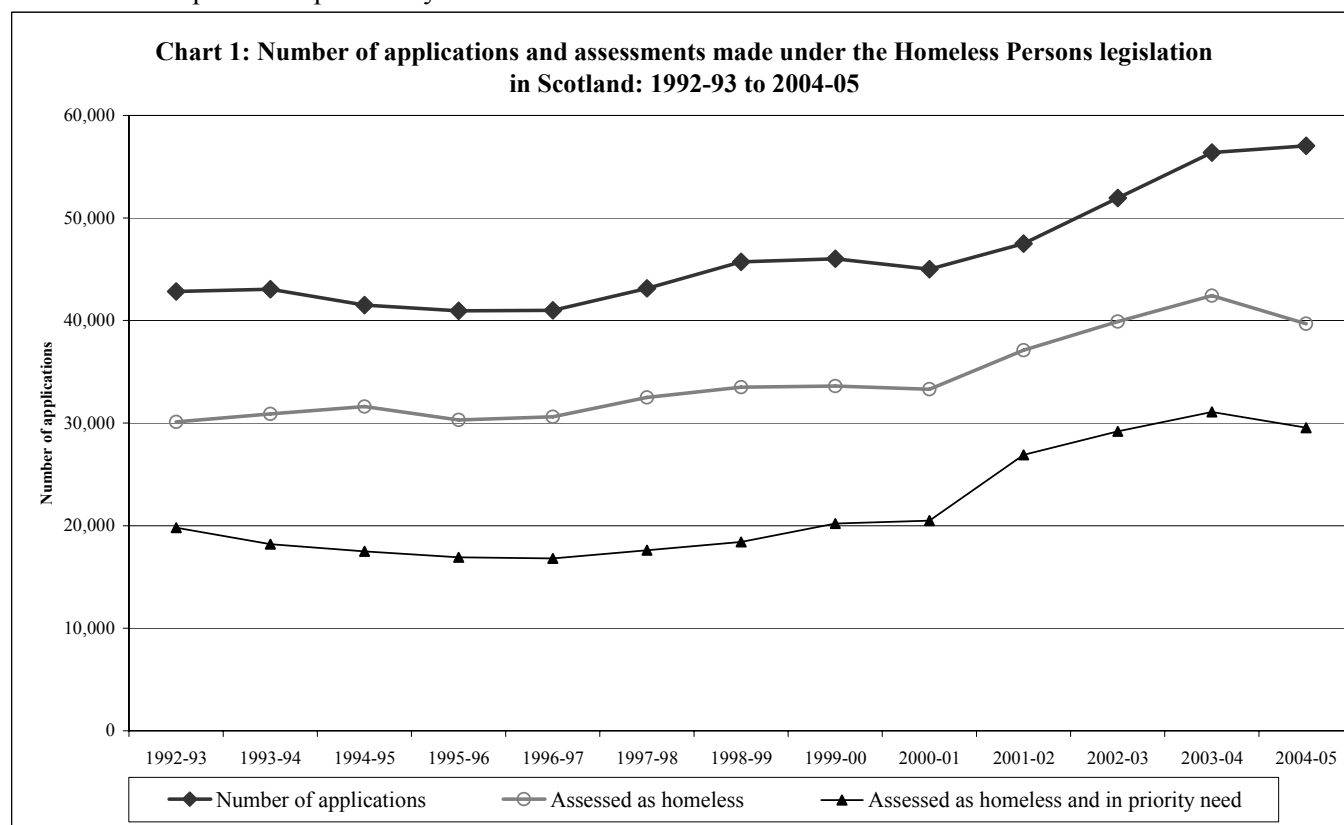
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Operation of the Homeless Persons legislation in Scotland: national and local authority analyses 2004-05

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This bulletin presents statistics on applications made to Scottish local authorities for assistance under the Homeless Persons legislation from the mid-90s to 2004-05. The number of applications, together with detailed analyses of how local authorities have assessed and dealt with cases, is provided at both national and local authority level, including data on households in temporary accommodation. The main focus of this bulletin is on the changing patterns of applications and the characteristics of applicant households, as well as the outcomes of applications.

1.2 The statistics presented relate to applications made under the legislation as well as individual households. In December 2001, the Scottish Executive changed the data collection system for the case-based HL1 return to provide more detailed information on applications by individual households and to allow more timely reporting. This entailed changing to an electronic data capture system which allows cases to be registered and updated on a continuous basis, as well as enabling applications made by the same household to be linked. Due to the live nature of the data collection system, figures are updated on a continuous basis and the information published here may differ from that published previously.



Note: Assessment figures for 2004-05 exclude cases which have not been assessed by the end of the period. For applications made in 2004-05, there were 2,718 cases which had not been assessed by the end of the period.

1.3 Given the continuous nature of the new recording system, the analyses reported in this bulletin refer to data from the time period relevant to the analysis. In some cases this might be the year of application, while in others this might relate to the year in which the assessment was made or action taken. Data prior to December 2001 are reported by year of application only, as are any time series data. Detailed statistical notes on the collection of this information are provided in section 5. All years reported are financial years.

1.4 Prior to December 2001, returns were paper-based and submitted once the case had been closed. Basic data on numbers of applications were collected through the quarterly summary HL2 return in the first instance, which also provides snapshot information on households in temporary accommodation. The HL1 case-based return provided more detailed information on the characteristics of applicants, local authority responses and housing outcomes, but this was only available after the case had been closed, leading to significant lags in reporting time and loss of data in some cases. Discrepancies between the application levels recorded by the HL1 and HL2 returns were dealt with by grossing up the information from the case returns to the total number of applications made as recorded on the HL2 return. In many cases, the national figures quoted are therefore estimates. Further details are provided in section 5.

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2. MAIN POINTS

Applications and applicant households

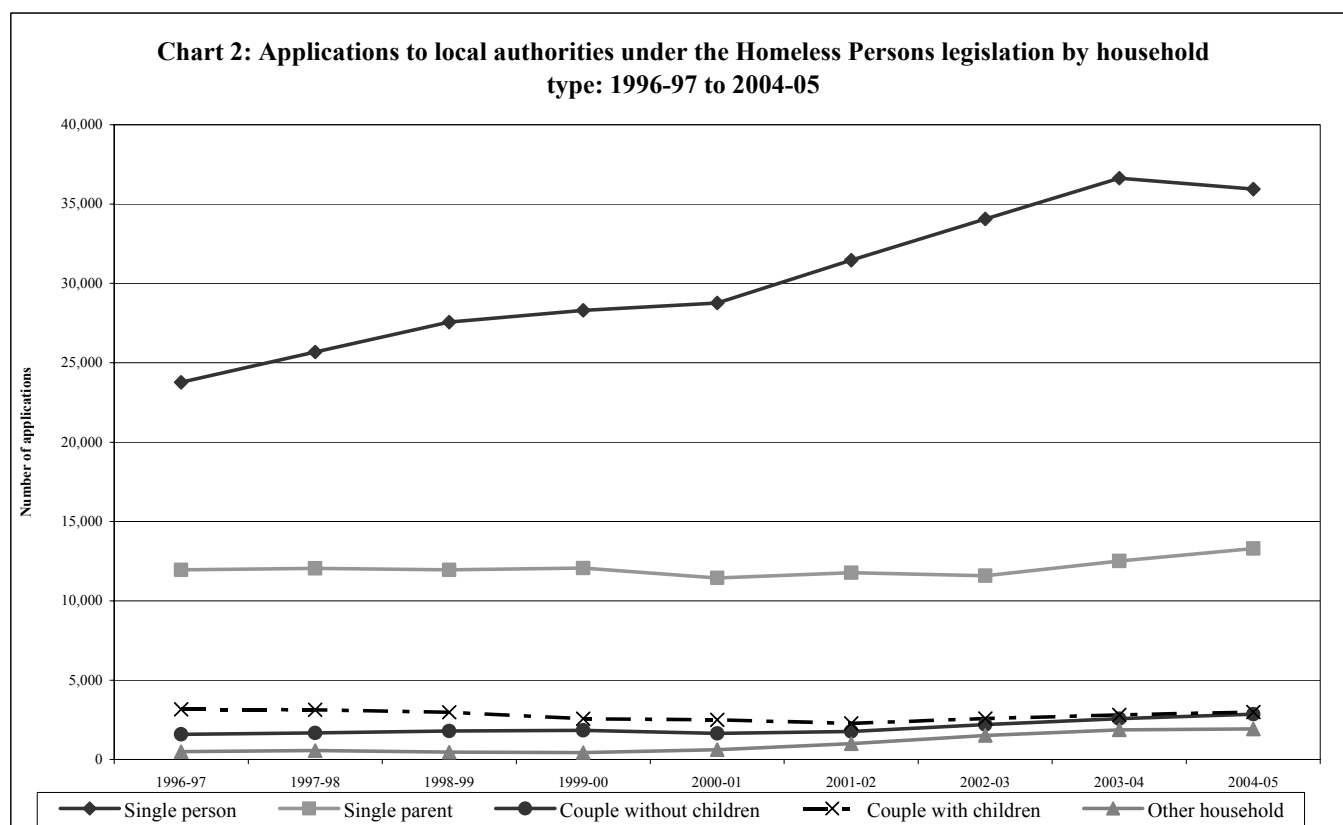
2.1 In 2004-05, 53,995 individual households made applications to local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation (Table 7). There were 57,020 applications in total during the period, 1% more than in 2003-04 (Table 3). This represents a marked slowing down of the application rate compared to the increases observed over the past three years.

2.2 Nine per cent of households applying in 2004-05 applied more than once in a 12-month period (Table 5).

2.3 Single-person households accounted for 79% of households applying more than once in the period 2004-05 (Table 4).

2.4 In 2004-05, the majority of households applying were single-person households (62%), mainly men. Single parents, predominantly women, accounted for the next largest group (24%) (Table 8).

2.5 The main reasons given for applying as homeless were loss of accommodation with relatives or friends (35%) and disputes within the household (23%). Single people and couples without children were more likely to give the former reason, while over two fifths of female single parent households gave disputes within the household as the main reason (Table 9).



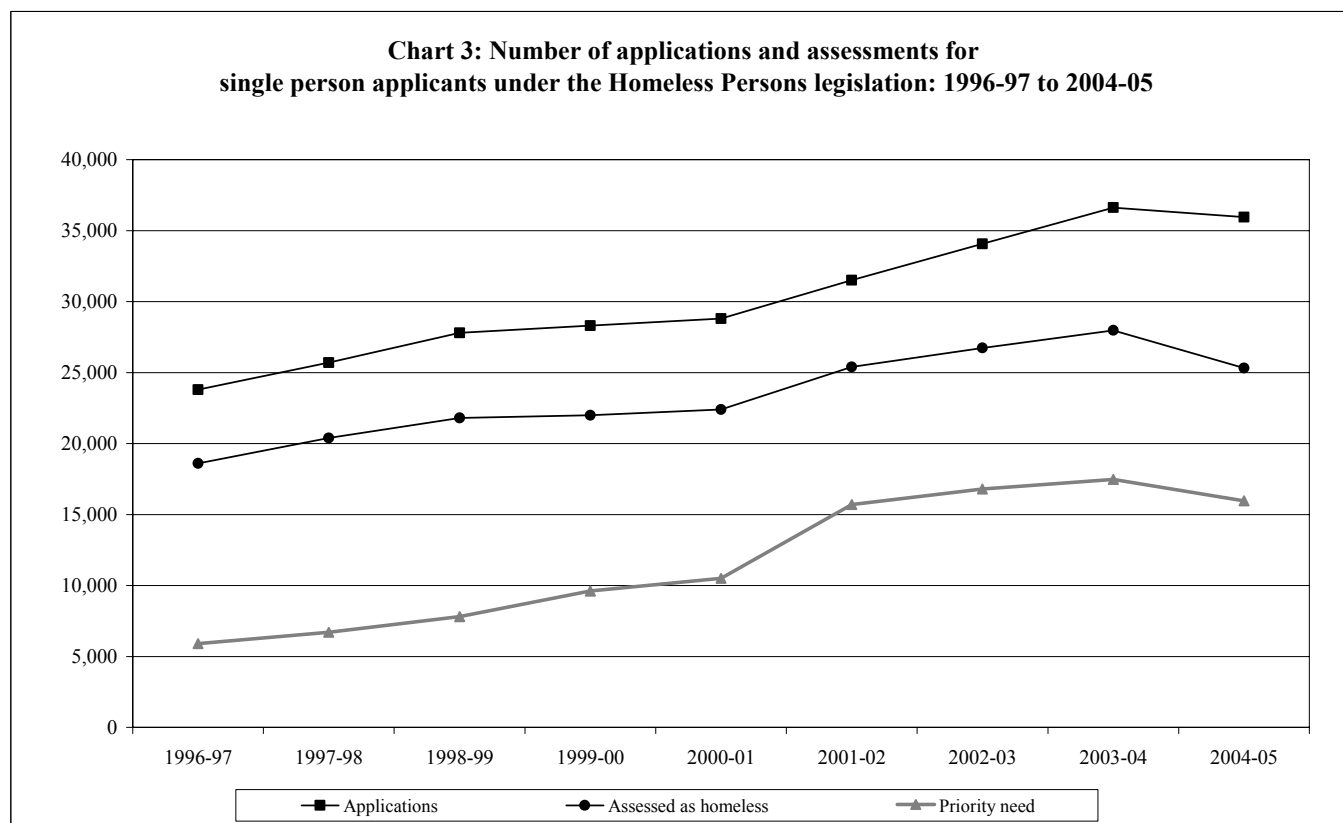
Local authority assessment

2.6 Of the 52,670 households assessed during 2004-05, 38,605 (73%) were assessed as homeless. Of those assessed as homeless, 29,032 (75%) were assessed as in priority need (Table 12).

2.7 Assessment patterns varied by local authority: of those assessed as homeless, the proportion in priority need ranged from 89% for Dundee and Shetland, to 54% for Highland and Moray (Table 12).

2.8 After an initial drop in the early 90s, there was a rapid increase from 1997-98 onward in the proportion of applications assessed as priority need. In 1997-98, 54% of applications assessed as homeless were in priority need, rising to 74% in 2004-05 (Table 1).

2.9 The increase in priority need assessments has been more marked among applications from single-person households: this has risen from 32% of those assessed as homeless in 1996-97 to 63% in 2004-05. Again, there is substantial variation among local authorities, ranging from 82% for Dundee to 27% for Moray (Table 13).



Note: Assessment figures for 2004-05 exclude cases which have not been assessed by the end of the period. For applications made in 2004-05, there were 1,634 cases which had not been assessed by the end of the period.

Action taken by local authorities

2.10 There were 34,751 applications actioned by local authorities during 2004-05: out of the 22,097 assessed as in priority need, 72% were offered permanent accommodation and 8% were offered temporary accommodation. (Table 16). The current figures show a marked increase over 2003-04 where 60% of applications assessed as priority need were offered permanent accommodation.

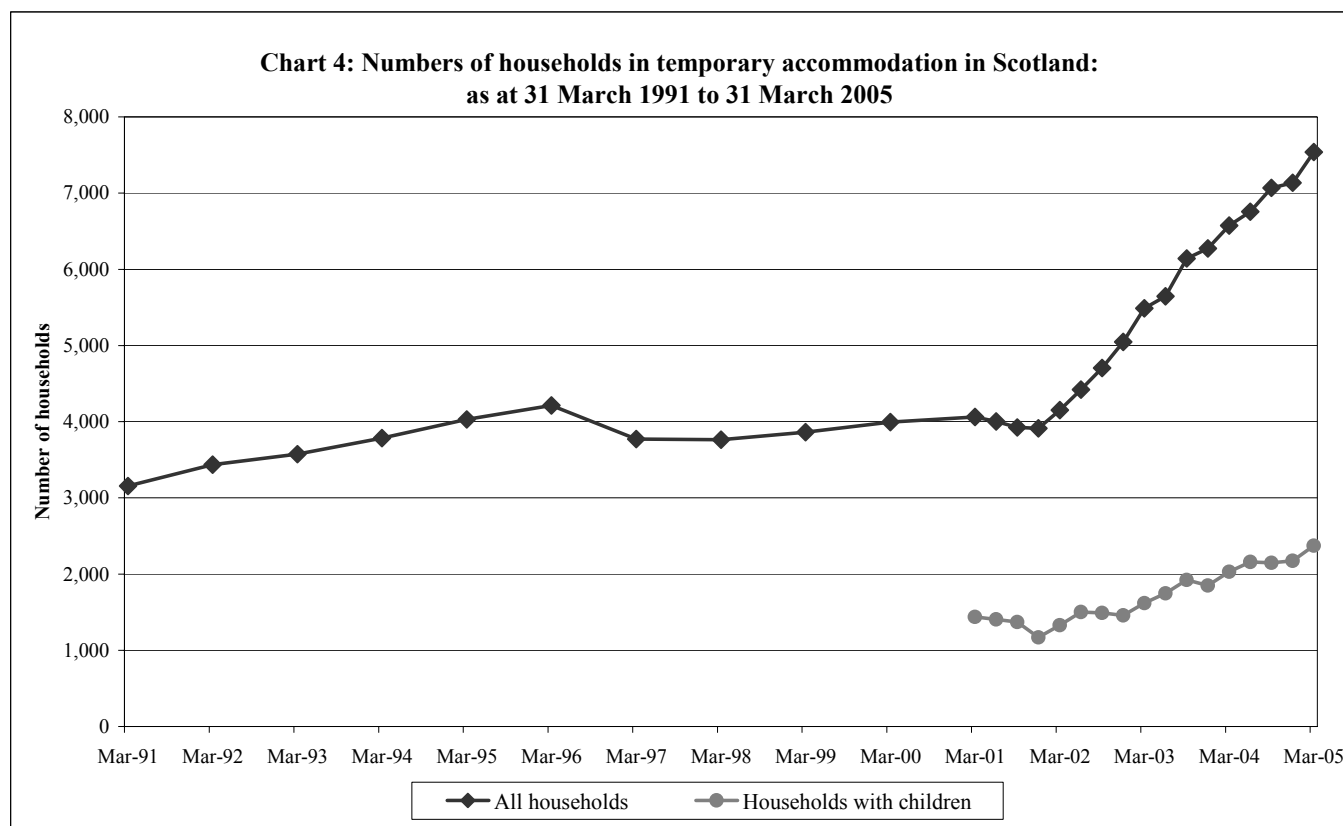
2.11 Of the 8,291 assessed as homeless and not in priority need, 29% were offered temporary accommodation and 10% permanent accommodation. Among the 4,363 assessed as not homeless, 4% were offered permanent accommodation and 8% were offered temporary accommodation (Table 16).

Households in temporary accommodation

2.12 There has been a sustained increase since 2002-03 in the numbers of households placed in temporary accommodation by local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation: the figures as at 31 March 2005 (7,539) show an increase of 15% over those for 31 March 2004, again with substantial variation between local authorities. The most recent figures in the numbers of households with children in temporary accommodation as at 31 March 2005 (2,373) also show an increase over the previous year of 17% (Table 18).

2.13 As at 31 March 2005, 56% of households in temporary accommodation were in local authority accommodation, with a further 21% in hostels and 21% in bed and breakfast accommodation (Table 19).

2.14 Households with children tended on the whole to be provided with local authority accommodation (84%), with a minority (7%) being placed in bed and breakfast accommodation (Table 19). As at 31 March 2005, there were 167 households with children in bed and breakfast accommodation. This varied by local authority, with six local authorities having more than 10 households with children in bed and breakfast and 15 local authorities having none (Table 20).



Housing outcomes

2.15 Of the 22,097 applications assessed as in priority need and actioned during 2004-05, 69% were re-housed in permanent accommodation, 4% secured temporary accommodation and 8% returned to their previous/present accommodation (Table 22). The current figures represent a notable increase over 2003-04 where 56% of applications assessed as priority need secured permanent accommodation.

2.16 Seventy three per cent of households with children assessed as in priority need secured permanent accommodation, as did 64% of single-person households assessed as priority (Table 22).

3. SUMMARY OF CURRENT LEGISLATION

3.1 The Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977, now consolidated into Part II of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, introduced statutory duties on housing authorities to assist those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness (potentially homeless), including providing accommodation in certain circumstances.

3.2 The legislation requires local authorities to make inquiries into the circumstances of applicants to satisfy themselves whether the applicant is homeless or potentially homeless. Once the authority is satisfied this is the case, it must also determine whether the applicant has a priority need, whether he/she became homeless intentionally and may also explore whether the applicant has a local connection with another authority in Scotland, England or Wales. A local connection with an authority means that the applicant normally resided in that area from choice, either because he/she was employed in or had family associations with it, or for other special reasons.

3.3 Section 24 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, as amended, defines homelessness for the purposes of the Act as follows. A person is homeless if he/she has no accommodation in the UK or elsewhere. A person is also homeless if he/she has accommodation but cannot occupy it, for example because of a threat of violence. A person is potentially homeless (threatened with homelessness) if it is likely that he/she will become homeless within two months. A person is intentionally homeless if he/she deliberately did or failed to do anything which led to the loss of accommodation which it was reasonable for him/her to continue to occupy.

3.4 A person is regarded as having a priority need for accommodation if:

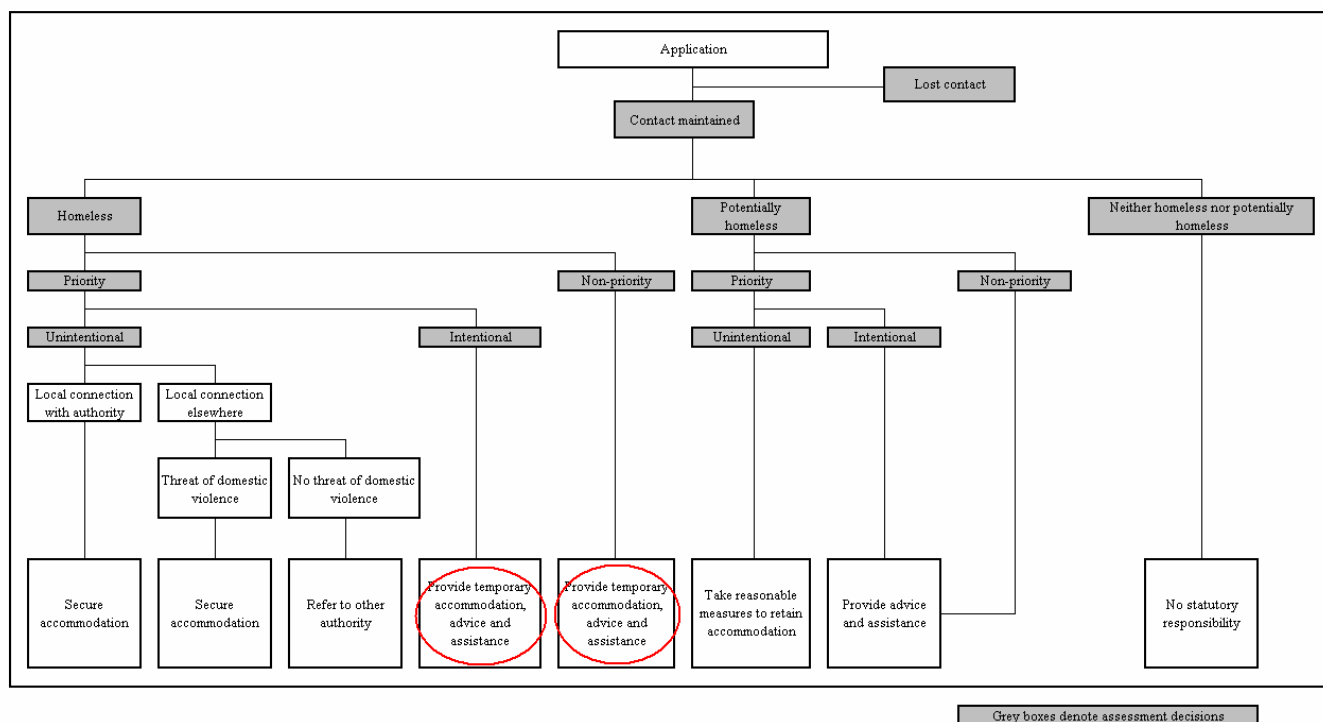
- a. the household contains dependent children
- b. a member of the household is pregnant
- c. a member of the household is vulnerable because of:
 - old age
 - learning disability
 - physical disability
 - personality disorder
 - mental illness
 - chronic ill health
 - miscarriage
 - abortion
 - discharge from hospital, prison or the armed forces
 - other special reasons
- d. he/she is
 - a single young person under 21 who is looked after by a local authority (formerly 'in care') at school leaving age or later
 - at risk of sexual or financial exploitation or involvement in substance misuse as a result of their living circumstances
- e. the household is homeless in an emergency (such as fire or flood).
- f. he/she is a person aged 16 or 17
- g. he/she runs the risk of domestic abuse
- h. he/she runs the risk of violence or harassment by reason of their religion, sexual orientation, race, colour or ethnic or national origins.

(Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, Section 25)

3.5 The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 requires councils to provide a minimum of temporary accommodation, advice and assistance to **all applicants assessed as homeless**, regardless of whether they have been assessed as being in priority need. The Homelessness Etc (Scotland) Act 2003 is more long-term in scope, notably introducing a phasing out of the distinction between priority and non-priority applications, and enabling the suspension of the test of local connection. The ultimate aim of the Act is to ensure that everyone assessed as being unintentionally homeless is entitled to permanent accommodation by 2012. The Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2004 came into force on 6 December 2004, and is intended to prevent the routine use of unsuitable temporary accommodation for households with family commitments. Under this Order, local authorities cannot put households with children and pregnant women into "unsuitable" temporary accommodation, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

3.6 A summary of local authorities' current responsibilities is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Local authority assessment of applicants and responsibilities under the current Homeless Persons legislation



Note: Lost contacts and situations resolved prior to assessment are not indicated as local authorities have no statutory responsibilities in these cases. In the case of loss of contact, the case may only be closed after 28 days from the date of last interview.

4. NOTES ON TABLES

4.1 The data presented in these tables are based on the time period relevant to the analysis. In some cases this might be the year of application, while in others this might relate to the year in which the assessment was made or action taken. Data prior to December 2001 are reported by year of application only, as are any time series data. All years refer to financial years.

4.2 Between 1990-91 and 10 December 2001, information from the authorities' case returns is grossed up so that the total number of applications, on the whole, is equal to the numbers supplied on the authorities' quarterly returns. Since the resulting figures are estimates, the numbers are rounded to the nearest hundred for national level analyses and to the nearest ten for local authority level analyses (see section 5). Due to the fact that the national figures from 1992-93 to December 2001 are rounded, figures may not sum to the totals given, as the totals are based on the unrounded figures. Percentages are also based on unrounded figures.

4.3 To facilitate comparisons between authorities, some of the local authority tables are presented in the form of percentages. However, where the number of applications is small the percentage figures should be treated with caution.

4.4 Unless otherwise stated, the assessment category of 'homeless' includes both homeless and potentially homeless, as well as unintentional and intentional homeless. Although the focus of the current legislative changes is on providing secure accommodation to those assessed as unintentionally homeless, the proportion of applications assessed as intentionally homeless and in priority need is relatively small. This category has therefore been combined with that of unintentionally homeless and in priority need for the more complex analyses.

4.5 The data collection system introduced in December 2001 allows analysis by individual households and the identification of repeat applications. However, this is not the case for earlier data and so analyses comparing data over time will tend to refer to applications rather than individual households. This is also the case for analyses of flow through the assessment process where repeat applications by the same individual household might be assessed differently and have different outcomes. For other analyses it is useful to distinguish individual households and so the unit of analysis (applications or individual households) is specified in the footnotes for each table.

4.6 The figures on households in temporary accommodation relate to households which have been placed in temporary accommodation by a local authority under the Homeless Persons legislation. This will include households for whom the local authority's decision and final action is still pending, as well as households which were secured such accommodation as a final action by the authority under the legislation. The data provide a snapshot picture of the numbers in temporary accommodation as at the last day of each quarter.

4.7 The following symbols are used in all tables:

- nil
- * less than half the final digit shown (less than: 0.5%, 50 for figures rounded to nearest 100, or 5 for figures rounded to nearest 10)
- .. not available.

4.8 Figures which have been revised for this issue (as well as all percentages) are shown in *italic* type. In some tables, where figures have been rounded, the total shown may not equal the sum of its constituent parts.

4.9 Due to the live nature of the data collection system, figures are updated on a continuous basis and the information published here may differ from that published previously.

APPLICATIONS AND APPLICANT HOUSEHOLDS

Number of applications to local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation: 1992-93 to 2004-05

Table 1

Period	All applications	Assessed as homeless		Assessed as homeless and in priority need	
		Number	% of all applications	Number	% of applications assessed as homeless
1992-93	42,822	30,100	70	19,800	66
1993-94	43,038	30,900	72	18,200	59
1994-95	41,495	31,600	76	17,500	55
1995-96	40,936	30,300	74	16,900	56
1996-97	40,989	30,600	75	16,800	55
1997-98	43,135	32,500	75	17,600	54
1998-99	45,723	33,500	73	18,400	55
1999-00	46,023	33,600	73	20,200	60
2000-01	45,004	33,300	74	20,500	62
2001-02	47,493	37,100	78	26,900	73
2002-03	51,956	39,900	77	29,189	73
2003-04	56,385	42,420	75	31,089	73
2004-05	57,020	39,681	70	29,546	74

Notes: Data prior to 2002-03 are estimated: refer to notes and definitions section. Percentages for 2002-03 onwards are based on applications made during the period, including lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment, as well as cases which have not yet been assessed. For applications made in 2004-05, there were 2,718 cases which had not been assessed by the end of the period (this may include cases where contact has been lost).

Applications by assessment and household type: 1994-95 to 2004-05

Table 2a Priority homeless

Household type	Number										
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Total	17,500	16,900	16,800	17,600	18,400	20,200	20,500	26,800	29,189	31,089	29,546
Single person under 18	1,600	1,700	1,900	2,000	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,500	2,576	2,497	2,446
Single person 18-24	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,600	2,300	2,400	3,800	4,138	4,190	3,866
Single person 25-retirement	2,100	2,300	2,200	2,700	3,200	4,400	5,100	8,600	9,137	9,893	8,872
Single person over retirement age	700	800	700	700	700	700	700	700	946	888	788
Single parent under 25	2,600	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,200	2,277	2,490	2,619
Single parent 25+	5,700	5,500	5,700	5,900	5,900	6,000	5,600	6,100	6,339	6,801	6,634
Couple without children	800	700	700	600	800	800	700	800	1,042	1,244	1,302
Couple with children	2,500	2,200	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,818	1,965	1,885
Other household type	300	300	300	300	200	200	300	600	916	1,121	1,134

Table 2b Non-priority homeless

Household type	Number										
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Total	14,200	13,400	13,900	14,900	15,100	13,400	12,800	10,300	10,711	11,331	10,135
Single person under 18	600	600	600	400	400	200	200	100	22	14	23
Single person 18-24	4,600	4,400	4,600	4,900	5,100	4,800	4,400	3,700	3,799	3,739	3,423
Single person 25-retirement	7,800	7,000	7,500	8,300	8,400	7,400	7,200	5,700	6,101	6,730	5,880
Single person over retirement age	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	*	23	25	30
Single parent under 25	100	100	100	100	100	100	*	*	1	-	-
Single parent 25+	200	300	300	300	300	300	200	100	2	-	-
Couple without children	600	600	600	700	500	500	500	500	565	612	594
Couple with children	100	100	100	100	100	100	*	*	1	-	-
Other household type	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	197	211	185

Table 2c Not homeless/lost contact

Household type	Number										
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Total	9,800	10,600	10,300	10,600	11,200	11,600	11,700	11,200	11,665	13,023	14,621
Single person under 18	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,400	1,254	1,285	1,364
Single person 18-24	1,200	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,940	2,309	2,446
Single person 25-retirement	1,900	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,300	2,700	2,800	2,900	3,600	4,200	4,854
Single person over retirement age	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	285	286	317
Single parent under 25	1,100	1,000	900	900	900	1,000	1,000	900	778	799	894
Single parent 25+	2,500	2,700	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,500	2,103	2,188	2,485
Couple without children	400	400	400	400	500	500	500	500	578	664	810
Couple with children	1,200	1,100	1,000	1,100	1,000	900	900	800	735	799	942
Other household type	100	100	100	200	100	100	200	300	392	493	509

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Table 2d Priority homeless

Percentage

Household type	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Single person under 18	9	10	11	11	12	11	11	9	9	8	8
Single person 18-24	7	7	7	7	9	11	12	14	14	13	13
Single person 25-retirement	12	14	13	15	17	22	25	32	31	32	30
Single person over retirement age	4	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Single parent under 25	15	14	13	12	11	10	10	8	8	8	9
Single parent 25+	32	32	34	34	32	30	27	23	22	22	22
Couple without children	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	4	4
Couple with children	15	13	12	11	10	8	7	6	6	6	6
Other household type	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	4	4

Table 2e Non-priority homeless

Percentage

Household type	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Single person under 18	5	5	4	3	3	2	1	1	*	*	*
Single person 18-24	33	33	33	33	33	36	35	36	35	33	34
Single person 25-retirement	53	52	54	56	56	55	57	56	57	59	58
Single person over retirement age	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Single parent under 25	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	-
Single parent 25+	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	*	-	-
Couple without children	5	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	5	5	6
Couple with children	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	-
Other household type	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2

Table 2f Not homeless/lost contact

Percentage

Household type	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Single person under 18	11	11	13	15	15	14	14	13	11	10	9
Single person 18-24	12	13	13	12	13	15	15	15	17	18	17
Single person 25-retirement	19	22	21	20	21	23	24	26	31	32	33
Single person over retirement age	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2
Single parent under 25	11	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	6
Single parent 25+	26	26	26	26	25	24	23	22	18	17	17
Couple without children	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	6
Couple with children	12	10	10	10	9	8	8	7	6	6	6
Other household type	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	4	3

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**Number of applications under the Homeless Persons legislation by local authority:
1996-97 to 2004-05**

Table 3

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Difference 2003-04 to 2004-05	
										Number	%
Scotland	40,989	43,135	45,723	46,023	45,004	46,540	51,956	56,385	57,020	635	1
Aberdeen City	1,916	1,739	1,797	1,800	1,584	1,516	1,581	1,857	1,700	-157	-8
Aberdeenshire	1,303	1,169	1,252	1,354	1,243	1,147	1,161	1,187	1,378	191	16
Angus	947	961	1,108	1,227	888	950	1,192	1,308	1,474	166	13
Argyll & Bute	534	474	394	347	341	493	669	904	944	40	4
Clackmannanshire	520	577	579	613	649	742	966	1,005	1,125	120	12
Dumfries & Galloway	1,085	1,168	1,072	1,397	1,305	1,374	1,590	1,579	1,679	100	6
Dundee City	1,037	1,024	1,029	1,051	861	929	957	1,155	1,460	305	26
East Ayrshire	591	789	815	662	658	703	950	1,017	1,184	167	16
East Dunbartonshire	482	440	399	417	400	453	517	640	552	-88	-14
East Lothian	1,049	1,080	930	948	896	830	834	890	986	96	11
East Renfrewshire	286	274	204	342	377	377	395	397	401	4	1
Edinburgh, City of	3,575	3,795	4,119	4,342	4,410	4,233	4,919	5,492	5,180	-312	-6
Eilean Siar	156	173	160	119	140	103	171	214	258	44	21
Falkirk	1,116	1,064	1,281	1,409	1,376	1,346	1,505	1,629	1,595	-34	-2
Fife	2,454	2,824	3,867	3,388	3,262	3,684	3,757	3,919	4,014	95	2
Glasgow City	12,014	12,665	13,150	12,645	12,202	13,244	13,001	12,712	10,627	-2,085	-16
Highland	898	979	928	816	954	985	1,389	2,103	2,284	181	9
Inverclyde	282	386	463	370	433	409	661	698	837	139	20
Midlothian	427	370	466	424	363	401	441	532	577	45	8
Moray	272	403	305	280	298	348	715	629	967	338	54
North Ayrshire	740	984	1,034	1,152	1,067	1,240	1,798	1,822	1,708	-114	-6
North Lanarkshire	1,668	1,838	2,083	1,986	1,982	1,949	2,670	3,137	3,981	844	27
Orkney	91	105	133	163	124	157	147	166	207	41	25
Perth & Kinross	515	523	667	863	1,006	960	1,221	1,449	1,386	-63	-4
Renfrewshire	714	659	652	662	897	971	1,021	1,478	1,674	196	13
Scottish Borders, The	639	656	471	516	542	585	590	857	798	-59	-7
Shetland	203	166	148	126	181	194	166	186	159	-27	-15
South Ayrshire	958	903	933	1,064	1,028	1,015	983	1,018	1,082	64	6
South Lanarkshire	1,795	2,038	2,007	1,977	1,968	1,873	2,371	2,496	2,277	-219	-9
Stirling	883	938	1,028	917	799	777	848	893	1,130	237	27
West Dunbartonshire	831	701	645	869	1,121	1,020	1,257	1,231	1,430	199	16
West Lothian	1,008	1,270	1,604	1,777	1,649	1,532	1,513	1,785	1,966	181	10

Notes: Figures prior to December 2001 are taken from the HL2 summary return. Figures from January 2002 onwards are provided by the electronic HL1 individual case returns. Some applications will have been from households that applied previously in the same year - the extent of repeat applications prior to 2002 is difficult to assess from existing data.

Number of applications made by households within 12 months by household type: 2004-05

Table 4

Household type	All applications during period		Households applying once in period		Households applying two or three times in period		Households applying more than three times in period	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Single person male	24,216	42	19,558	40	2,734	57	109	80
Single person female	11,727	21	10,081	21	1,024	21	25	18
Single parent male	1,781	3	1,696	3	58	1	-	-
Single parent female	11,521	20	10,386	21	709	15	2	1
Couple without children	2,853	5	2,663	5	115	2	1	1
Couple with children	2,992	5	2,797	6	123	3	-	-
Other household without children	1,029	2	1,007	2	16	*	-	-
Other household with children	901	2	874	2	17	*	-	-
Total	57,020	100	49,062	100	4,796	100	137	100

Notes: **Households** with repeat applications are those with a repeat presentation within 12 months of a previous application, **regardless of the assessment decision for either application**. Due to technical problems experienced by some local authorities in terms of identifying associated applications by the same household, these figures are likely to underestimate the scale of repeat applications to some extent.

	Applying once	Applying two or three times in period	Applying more than three times in period	All households applying in 2004-05
Scotland	49,062	4,796	137	53,995
Aberdeen City	1,497	132	2	1,631
Aberdeenshire	1,194	108	3	1,305
Angus	1,431	29	-	1,460
Argyll & Bute	815	81	2	898
Clackmannanshire	836	166	2	1,004
Dumfries & Galloway	1,465	122	1	1,588
Dundee City	1,269	127	-	1,396
East Ayrshire	959	127	5	1,091
East Dunbartonshire	482	46	-	528
East Lothian	846	104	-	950
East Renfrewshire	356	29	-	385
Edinburgh, City of	4,412	520	2	4,934
Eilean Siar	217	27	-	244
Falkirk	1,570	23	-	1,593
Fife	3,351	396	5	3,752
Glasgow City	8,795	990	90	9,875
Highland	1,854	262	5	2,121
Inverclyde	837	-	-	837
Midlothian	528	32	-	560
Moray	802	86	3	891
North Ayrshire	1,542	110	-	1,652
North Lanarkshire	3,470	307	7	3,784
Orkney	164	26	-	190
Perth & Kinross	1,264	83	-	1,347
Renfrewshire	1,331	199	2	1,532
Scottish Borders, The	768	20	-	788
Shetland	152	5	-	157
South Ayrshire	879	122	4	1,005
South Lanarkshire	1,988	186	3	2,177
Stirling	917	120	1	1,038
West Dunbartonshire	1,337	66	-	1,403
West Lothian	1,734	145	-	1,879

Note: **Households** with repeat applications are those with a repeat presentation within 12 months of a previous application, **regardless of the assessment decision for either application**. Due to technical problems experienced by some local authorities in identifying associated applications by the same household, some local authority level figures are likely to substantially underestimate the scale of repeat applications.

Applications reassessed as homeless/potentially homeless within 12 months of previous case being closed by local authority: 2004-05 **Table 6**

	Assessments 2004-05	Previous case closed within 12 months	% of repeat assessments
Scotland	40,348	3,415	8
Aberdeen City	747	14	2
Aberdeenshire	798	54	7
Angus	865	12	1
Argyll & Bute	517	29	6
Clackmannanshire	587	30	5
Dumfries & Galloway	1,085	55	5
Dundee City	402	12	3
East Ayrshire	881	108	12
East Dunbartonshire	344	12	3
East Lothian	432	24	6
East Renfrewshire	264	15	6
Edinburgh, City of	4,794	572	12
Eilean Siar	167	10	6
Falkirk	1,044	8	1
Fife	2,808	246	9
Glasgow City	9,721	1,283	13
Highland	1,681	203	12
Inverclyde	420	-	-
Midlothian	483	25	5
Moray	561	25	4
North Ayrshire	1,076	58	5
North Lanarkshire	2,890	165	6
Orkney	90	4	4
Perth & Kinross	875	32	4
Renfrewshire	774	48	6
Scottish Borders, The	479	8	2
Shetland	72	2	3
South Ayrshire	576	61	11
South Lanarkshire	1,511	97	6
Stirling	579	42	7
West Dunbartonshire	1,130	41	4
West Lothian	1,695	120	7

Notes: Definitions for this table are those used by the Accounts Commission for the statutory performance indicator 6(c) on homelessness. In this case, the percentage represents the number of applications assessed as homeless or potentially homeless within 12 months of a previous application (also resulting in a homeless/potentially homeless assessment) being closed, relative to the number of applications assessed as homeless/potentially homeless during 2004-05.

Due to technical problems experienced by some local authorities in identifying associated applications by the same household, some local authority level figures are likely to substantially underestimate the scale of repeat assessments..

**Number of individual households applying by local authority:
2004-05**

Table 7

	Number of <u>households</u>	% of all households
Scotland	53,995	2.41
Aberdeen City	1,631	1.66
Aberdeenshire	1,305	1.39
Angus	1,460	3.08
Argyll & Bute	898	2.29
Clackmannanshire	1,004	4.79
Dumfries & Galloway	1,614	2.49
Dundee City	1,396	2.10
East Ayrshire	1,091	2.15
East Dunbartonshire	528	1.24
East Lothian	925	2.34
East Renfrewshire	385	1.08
Edinburgh, City of	4,934	2.34
Eilean Siar	244	2.15
Falkirk	1,593	2.47
Fife	3,752	2.43
Glasgow City	9,875	3.58
Highland	2,121	2.32
Inverclyde	837	2.24
Midlothian	560	1.67
Moray	891	2.46
North Ayrshire	1,652	2.76
North Lanarkshire	3,784	2.80
Orkney	190	2.23
Perth & Kinross	1,347	2.25
Renfrewshire	1,532	2.02
Scottish Borders, The	788	1.61
Shetland	157	1.67
South Ayrshire	1,005	2.04
South Lanarkshire	2,177	1.68
Stirling	1,037	2.81
West Dunbartonshire	1,403	3.41
West Lothian	1,879	2.76

Notes: All households applying during period. Due to technical problems experienced by some local authorities in terms of identifying associated applications by the same household, some local authority level figures are therefore likely to overestimate the actual number of households.

Percentages are calculated using the 2002-based household projections for Scotland for 2004.

Households applying by local authority and household type: 2004-05

Table 8

Table 8a

	Household type								Number
	Single person male	Single person female	Single parent male	Single parent female	Couple without children	Couple with children	Other household without children	Other household with children	All households
Scotland	22,401	11,122	1,754	11,100	2,783	2,920	1,022	893	53,995
Aberdeen City	837	449	26	166	62	36	35	20	1,631
Aberdeenshire	405	294	23	358	75	107	27	16	1,305
Angus	491	322	41	278	116	106	64	42	1,460
Argyll & Bute	398	194	15	148	64	56	14	9	898
Clackmannanshire	356	203	45	222	68	79	21	10	1,004
Dumfries & Galloway	714	333	34	287	104	117	14	11	1,614
Dundee City	537	276	81	334	44	76	21	27	1,396
East Ayrshire	466	208	12	253	60	64	20	8	1,091
East Dunbartonshire	186	113	8	150	20	36	6	9	528
East Lothian	303	177	35	230	77	83	9	11	925
East Renfrewshire	142	93	4	91	11	18	12	14	385
Edinburgh, City of	2,412	1,145	89	768	276	162	47	35	4,934
Eilean Siar	99	50	2	42	18	23	8	2	244
Falkirk	549	351	76	397	91	96	26	7	1,593
Fife	1,474	827	123	812	185	178	85	68	3,752
Glasgow City	4,677	1,704	250	2,026	360	444	208	206	9,875
Highland	880	450	35	331	160	164	48	53	2,121
Inverclyde	406	175	25	154	24	32	12	9	837
Midlothian	199	103	16	146	32	34	9	21	560
Moray	329	171	22	220	54	79	13	3	891
North Ayrshire	787	339	27	322	87	68	13	9	1,652
North Lanarkshire	1,215	737	353	792	164	204	138	181	3,784
Orkney	64	45	4	32	17	18	5	5	190
Perth & Kinross	408	284	100	303	119	104	17	12	1,347
Renfrewshire	617	310	105	333	62	79	17	9	1,532
Scottish Borders, The	291	160	25	141	80	63	20	8	788
Shetland	66	35	6	24	15	9	1	1	157
South Ayrshire	492	192	26	190	52	36	7	10	1,005
South Lanarkshire	852	434	52	540	91	122	54	32	2,177
Stirling	482	255	23	215	26	30	2	4	1,037
West Dunbartonshire	585	342	23	313	55	39	29	17	1,403
West Lothian	682	351	48	482	114	158	20	24	1,879

Note: All households applying during period.

Table 8b

	Household type								Percentage
	Single person male	Single person female	Single parent male	Single parent female	Couple without children	Couple with children	Other household without children	Other household with children	All households
Scotland	41	21	3	21	5	5	2	2	100
Aberdeen City	51	28	2	10	4	2	2	1	100
Aberdeenshire	31	23	2	27	6	8	2	1	100
Angus	34	22	3	19	8	7	4	3	100
Argyll & Bute	44	22	2	16	7	6	2	1	100
Clackmannanshire	35	20	4	22	7	8	2	1	100
Dumfries & Galloway	44	21	2	18	6	7	1	1	100
Dundee City	38	20	6	24	3	5	2	2	100
East Ayrshire	43	19	1	23	5	6	2	1	100
East Dunbartonshire	35	21	2	28	4	7	1	2	100
East Lothian	33	19	4	25	8	9	1	1	100
East Renfrewshire	37	24	1	24	3	5	3	4	100
Edinburgh, City of	49	23	2	16	6	3	1	1	100
Eilean Siar	41	20	1	17	7	9	3	1	100
Falkirk	34	22	5	25	6	6	2	*	100
Fife	39	22	3	22	5	5	2	2	100
Glasgow City	47	17	3	21	4	4	2	2	100
Highland	41	21	2	16	8	8	2	2	100
Inverclyde	49	21	3	18	3	4	1	1	100
Midlothian	36	18	3	26	6	6	2	4	100
Moray	37	19	2	25	6	9	1	*	100
North Ayrshire	48	21	2	19	5	4	1	1	100
North Lanarkshire	32	19	9	21	4	5	4	5	100
Orkney	34	24	2	17	9	9	3	3	100
Perth & Kinross	30	21	7	22	9	8	1	1	100
Renfrewshire	40	20	7	22	4	5	1	1	100
Scottish Borders, The	37	20	3	18	10	8	3	1	100
Shetland	42	22	4	15	10	6	1	1	100
South Ayrshire	49	19	3	19	5	4	1	1	100
South Lanarkshire	39	20	2	25	4	6	2	1	100
Stirling	46	25	2	21	3	3	*	*	100
West Dunbartonshire	42	24	2	22	4	3	2	1	100
West Lothian	36	19	3	26	6	8	1	1	100

Note: All households applying during period.

Main reason for applying: 2004-05

Table 9

	Household type							All	
	Single person male	Single person female	Single parent male	Single parent female	Couple without children	Couple with children	Other household without children		Other household with children
Loss of accommodation with relatives/friends	9,980	5,271	498	2,316	1,153	674	224	93	20,209
Dispute within household	3,872	2,881	677	4,780	105	94	224	250	12,883
Loss of local authority tenancy	471	168	23	172	60	60	23	27	1,004
Loss of other social sector tenancy	322	122	22	206	39	95	11	24	841
Loss of private sector tenancy	1,254	644	122	1,174	402	593	112	140	4,441
Mortgage default	196	89	35	144	91	153	44	29	781
Loss of matrimonial home	153	105	64	374	16	21	47	36	816
Loss of service tenancy	151	49	16	36	63	77	15	5	412
Expiry of short assured tenancy	146	108	17	208	64	111	14	18	686
Emergency	166	61	8	68	42	51	32	18	446
House condition	39	9	3	24	12	17	3	2	109
Discharged from hospital/prison	2,934	289	44	44	72	14	10	2	3,409
Loss of temporary accommodation	804	168	3	16	42	10	7	1	1,051
Gave up secure accommodation	346	147	21	124	78	94	14	8	832
Overcrowding	59	66	21	99	36	73	9	11	374
Harassment/violence/unsafe environment	1,207	635	113	1,212	277	556	120	165	4,285
Other	2,116	915	94	524	301	299	120	72	4,441
All reasons	24,216	11,727	1,781	11,521	2,853	2,992	1,029	901	57,020

Table 9b

	Household type							All	
	Single person male	Single person female	Single parent male	Single parent female	Couple without children	Couple with children	Other household without children		Other household with children
Loss of accommodation with relatives/friends	41	45	28	20	40	23	22	10	35
Dispute within household	16	25	38	41	4	3	22	28	23
Loss of local authority tenancy	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2
Loss of other social sector tenancy	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	3	1
Loss of private sector tenancy	5	5	7	10	14	20	11	16	8
Mortgage default	1	1	2	1	3	5	4	3	1
Loss of matrimonial home	1	1	4	3	1	1	5	4	1
Loss of service tenancy	1	*	1	*	2	3	1	1	1
Expiry of short assured tenancy	1	1	1	2	2	4	1	2	1
Emergency	1	1	*	1	1	2	3	2	1
House condition	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Discharged from hospital/prison	12	2	2	*	3	*	1	*	6
Loss of temporary accommodation	3	1	*	*	1	*	1	*	2
Gave up secure accommodation	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1
Overcrowding	*	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Harassment/violence/unsafe environment	5	5	6	11	10	19	12	18	8
Other	9	8	5	5	11	10	12	8	8
All reasons	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Note: All applications during period. A more detailed version of this table is provided in the supplementary tables (Table A).

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Assessment decision by household type: 2004-05

Table 10

	Household type										Total
	Single person male	Single person female	Single parent male	Single parent female	Couple without children	Couple with children	Other household without children	Other household with children	Number		
Priority unintentional	9,620	5,921	1,184	7,705	1,237	1,700	500	587	28,454		
Priority intentional	281	150	43	321	65	185	15	32	1,092		
Non-priority	7,417	1,939	-	-	594	-	185	-	10,135		
Not homeless	1,661	972	129	1,191	286	465	102	100	4,906		
Lost contact/withdrew before assessment	2,909	1,364	240	1,037	302	257	111	85	6,305		
Resolved prior to assessment	1,266	809	89	693	222	220	58	53	3,410		
All applications assessed in period	23,154	11,155	1,685	10,947	2,706	2,827	971	857	54,302		

Table 10b

	Household type										Total
	Single person male	Single person female	Single parent male	Single parent female	Couple without children	Couple with children	Other household without children	Other household with children	Percentage		
Priority unintentional	42	53	70	70	46	60	51	68	52		
Priority intentional	1	1	3	3	2	7	2	4	2		
Non-priority	32	17	-	-	22	-	19	-	19		
Not homeless	7	9	8	11	11	16	11	12	9		
Lost contact/withdrew before assessment	13	12	14	9	11	9	11	10	12		
Resolved prior to assessment	5	7	5	6	8	8	6	6	6		
All applications assessed in period	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		

Note: All applications assessed in period, including lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment. The category of 'homeless' includes potentially homeless. During 2004-05, there were 6,181 applications assessed as potentially homeless: 4,399 applications were assessed as priority unintentional, 198 as priority intentional and 1,584 as non-priority.

Assessment decision by presence of children in household and age of main applicant: 2004-05

Table 11

Table 11a

	Household type/age of main applicant											Total	
	Households without children					Households with children					Total		
	16-17	18-20	21-24	25- retirement	Retirement plus	All	16-17	18-20	21-24	25- retirement			Retirement plus	All
Priority unintentional	2,550	2,135	2,148	9,644	801	17,278	243	1,037	1,798	8,086	12	11,176	28,454
Priority intentional	56	69	70	287	29	511	8	52	93	428	-	581	1,092
Non-priority	29	1,736	2,014	6,346	10	10,135	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,135
Not homeless	392	369	347	1,773	140	3,021	39	164	273	1,408	1	1,885	4,906
Lost contact/withdrew before assessment	682	684	761	2,490	69	4,686	25	147	254	1,191	2	1,619	6,305
Resolved prior to assessment	369	322	291	1,267	106	2,355	24	81	164	785	1	1,055	3,410
All applications assessed in period	4,078	5,315	5,631	21,807	1,155	37,986	339	1,481	2,582	11,898	16	16,316	54,302

Table 11b

	Household type/age of main applicant											Total	
	Households without children					Households with children					Total		
	16-17	18-20	21-24	25- retirement	Retirement plus	All	16-17	18-20	21-24	25- retirement			Retirement plus	All
Priority unintentional	63	40	38	44	69	45	72	70	70	68	75	68	52
Priority intentional	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	4	4	4	-	4	2
Non-priority	1	33	36	29	1	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Not homeless	10	7	6	8	12	8	12	11	11	12	6	12	9
Lost contact/withdrew before assessment	17	13	14	11	6	12	7	10	10	10	13	10	12
Resolved prior to assessment	9	6	5	6	9	6	7	5	6	7	6	6	6
All applications assessed in period	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Note: All applications assessed in period, including lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment.

Households assessed as homeless/in priority need by local authority: 2004-05 Table 12

	All	Homeless		Priority homeless	
		Number	% of all households	Number	% of households assessed as homeless
Scotland	52,670	38,609	73	29,032	75
Aberdeen City	1,739	735	42	528	72
Aberdeenshire	1,178	764	65	558	73
Angus	1,344	860	64	694	81
Argyll & Bute	788	502	64	284	57
Clackmannanshire	1,049	565	54	429	76
Dumfries & Galloway	1,526	1,063	70	792	75
Dundee City	1,069	397	37	354	89
East Ayrshire	1,062	827	78	560	68
East Dunbartonshire	513	338	66	244	72
East Lothian	743	421	57	253	60
East Renfrewshire	348	258	74	198	77
Edinburgh, City of	4,932	4,584	93	3,313	72
Eilean Siar	218	162	74	101	62
Falkirk	1,500	1,042	69	782	75
Fife	3,759	2,687	71	1,709	64
Glasgow City	10,085	9,031	90	7,788	86
Highland	2,057	1,570	76	851	54
Inverclyde	777	420	54	317	75
Midlothian	518	472	91	365	77
Moray	889	531	60	285	54
North Ayrshire	1,597	1,052	66	824	78
North Lanarkshire	3,714	2,795	75	2,267	81
Orkney	192	88	46	70	80
Perth & Kinross	1,267	859	68	631	73
Renfrewshire	1,551	733	47	589	80
Scottish Borders, The	763	475	62	316	67
Shetland	144	72	50	64	89
South Ayrshire	968	543	56	379	70
South Lanarkshire	2,175	1,471	68	1,044	71
Stirling	938	546	58	314	58
West Dunbartonshire	1,403	1,113	79	944	85
West Lothian	1,864	1,633	88	1,185	73

Notes: Percentages are based on all households assessed in period, including lost contact/ withdrawal/resolved. In the case of repeat applications, the most recent assessment was selected. There is therefore no double counting within household.

Table 13

Applications from single person households assessed as priority homeless by local authority area: 1999-00 to 2004-05

	1999-00				2000-01				2001-02				2002-03				2003-04				2004-05			
	All	Assessed as homeless	Priority homeless		All	Assessed as homeless	Priority homeless		All	Assessed as homeless	Priority homeless		All	Assessed as homeless	Priority homeless		All	Assessed as homeless	Priority homeless		All	Assessed as homeless	Priority homeless	
			Number	% of those assessed as homeless			Number	% of those assessed as homeless			Number	% of those assessed as homeless			Number	% of those assessed as homeless			Number	% of those assessed as homeless			Number	% of those assessed as homeless
Scotland	28,300	22,000	9,600	43	28,800	22,400	10,500	47	31,500	25,400	15,700	62	34,065	26,742	16,797	63	36,632	27,976	17,468	62	35,943	25,328	15,972	63
Aberdeen City	1,190	950	390	41	1,130	950	400	43	1,100	830	390	47	1,177	655	385	59	1,411	673	416	62	1,351	561	369	66
Aberdeenshire	640	490	240	49	650	480	210	43	660	490	230	43	673	483	230	48	670	433	213	49	747	452	252	56
Angus	650	310	80	24	450	220	80	36	540	280	120	56	674	334	187	56	703	370	246	66	823	433	292	67
Argyll & Bute	210	170	90	55	220	170	110	65	370	300	160	55	462	365	211	58	620	402	197	49	626	316	123	39
Clackmannanshire	290	200	100	49	300	180	130	73	420	230	140	60	546	220	142	65	588	265	168	63	644	324	193	60
Dumfries & Galloway	800	470	170	37	780	490	180	38	920	590	240	41	1,050	686	327	48	1,062	704	432	61	1,099	688	432	63
Dundee City	550	300	200	68	420	290	190	67	530	330	190	59	542	301	189	63	661	238	174	73	860	184	150	82
East Ayrshire	380	240	80	36	430	290	120	41	470	330	160	43	673	419	204	43	673	555	237	43	753	592	309	52
East Dunbartonshire	160	110	80	74	170	120	70	56	260	180	60	32	275	181	85	47	359	218	107	49	313	208	110	53
East Lothian	450	280	90	32	460	280	100	36	440	340	190	55	480	357	173	48	509	315	116	37	523	224	67	30
East Renfrewshire	1,930	1,240	460	37	1,860	1,170	460	40	2,300	1,530	550	36	2,226	1,611	688	43	2,434	1,975	943	48	2,477	1,767	816	46
Edinburgh, City of	2,590	2,290	1,250	55	2,770	2,430	1,240	51	2,760	2,520	1,460	58	3,349	3,116	1,749	56	3,959	3,669	2,168	59	3,759	3,468	2,194	63
Eilean Siar	80	70	10	18	100	70	20	33	70	50	30	38	112	84	32	38	144	97	30	31	160	96	38	40
Falkirk	740	590	190	32	750	630	200	31	720	580	210	37	888	660	304	46	958	712	325	46	902	617	370	60
Fife	1,930	1,240	460	37	1,860	1,170	460	40	2,300	1,530	550	36	2,226	1,611	688	43	2,434	1,975	943	48	2,477	1,767	816	46
Glasgow City	10,030	8,840	3,670	41	10,370	9,210	4,460	48	10,800	10,210	8,200	80	10,050	9,449	7,701	82	9,095	8,520	7,050	83	7,097	6,583	5,276	80
Highland	300	250	120	49	480	360	180	52	500	390	210	53	795	615	285	46	1,328	1,022	368	36	1,475	1,018	330	32
Inverclyde	230	180	130	73	270	180	130	74	280	200	150	77	489	346	224	65	479	406	223	55	581	283	186	66
Midlothian	190	170	70	43	160	150	60	43	210	180	80	42	218	202	101	50	278	235	118	50	313	266	167	63
Moray	110	70	40	56	150	150	80	99	170	120	60	53	339	257	179	70	346	247	85	34	550	320	86	27
North Ayrshire	700	460	160	36	690	450	220	49	910	600	360	60	1,252	958	594	62	1,238	856	562	66	1,170	707	486	69
North Lanarkshire	1,180	750	270	37	1,220	720	240	33	1,270	830	330	40	1,631	1,042	511	49	1,941	1,297	650	50	2,097	1,498	958	64
Orkney	80	50	20	42	70	50	30	59	100	80	50	56	87	49	26	49	102	43	32	74	121	48	33	69
Perth & Kinross	340	250	130	50	450	320	140	45	540	360	150	41	656	406	243	60	757	481	276	57	721	418	213	51
Renfrewshire	310	230	220	96	420	290	290	99	500	300	230	78	565	363	244	67	893	442	269	61	1,024	463	312	67
Scottish Borders, The	310	280	160	55	320	290	150	51	350	300	180	58	354	241	136	56	419	303	167	55	458	279	147	53
Shetland	80	50	30	62	110	70	30	45	140	90	40	45	110	75	38	51	136	77	47	61	103	35	27	77
South Ayrshire	680	470	170	37	660	440	160	36	690	450	160	36	643	384	124	32	669	359	168	47	748	377	197	52
South Lanarkshire	1,160	780	350	45	1,170	880	320	37	1,150	860	420	48	1,523	1,094	533	49	1,523	1,094	533	49	1,360	913	496	54
Stirling	540	430	150	35	460	340	120	36	510	370	160	44	535	340	141	41	610	298	137	46	814	391	167	43
West Dunbartonshire	640	310	130	43	570	320	120	37	630	430	200	47	793	521	374	72	798	553	406	73	948	713	555	78
West Lothian	1,000	950	390	41	910	870	410	47	900	870	440	50	897	887	447	50	1,030	971	511	53	1,079	934	526	56

Notes: Data prior to 2002-03 are estimated: refer to the notes on tables. Percentages for 2002-03 data onwards are based on applications made during period, including lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment and cases which have not been assessed yet. For applications in 2004-05, there were 1,634 cases of single person households which had not been assessed..

ACTION TAKEN BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Local authority action by assessment decision: 2004-05

Table 14

Action taken by local authority	Assessment												All
	Priority unintentional		Priority intentional		Non-priority		Not homeless		Lost contact/withdrew		Resolved		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Social rented tenancy offered: accepted	13,338	50	204	20	591	6	127	3	-	-	-	-	14,260
Social rented tenancy offered: not accepted	1,789	7	41	4	79	1	18	*	-	-	-	-	1,927
Private tenancy offered: accepted	539	2	32	3	167	2	46	1	-	-	-	-	784
Private tenancy offered: not accepted	18	*	3	*	14	*	2	*	-	-	-	-	37
Temporary accommodation offered: accepted	1,332	5	149	14	1,545	16	207	4	-	-	-	-	3,233
Temporary accommodation offered: not accepted	316	1	75	7	882	9	158	3	-	-	-	-	1,431
Referred to other local authority	314	1	1	*	20	*	16	*	-	-	-	-	351
Advice and assistance	1,442	5	335	32	4,498	46	3,139	66	-	-	-	-	9,414
Other	2,116	8	53	5	495	5	650	14	-	-	-	-	3,314
Lost contact/withdrawal/resolved before assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,786	100	-	-	10,296
Lost contact before duty discharged	5,585	21	149	14	1,544	16	406	9	-	-	-	-	7,684
All applications actioned in period	26,789	100	1,042	100	9,835	100	4,769	100	6,786	100	3,510	100	52,731

Note: All applications actioned during period, including lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment or discharge of duty.

Local authority action by assessment decision and household type: 2004-05

Table 15

Table 15a

Action taken by local authority	Priority homeless						Non-priority homeless			Not homeless			All
	Single person	Other household without children	Single parent	Other household with children	Single person	Other household without children	Single parent	Other household with children	Single person	Other household without children	Single parent	Other household with children	
Social rented tenancy offered	7,096	1,061	5,714	1,501	591	79	-	70	15	43	17	16,187	
Private tenancy offered	200	34	278	80	157	24	-	20	3	17	8	821	
Temporary accommodation offered	1,360	71	328	113	2,264	163	-	245	17	70	33	4,664	
Referred to other local authority	153	23	106	33	17	3	-	10	2	2	2	351	
Advice and assistance	896	103	609	169	4,139	359	-	1,612	261	891	375	9,414	
Other	1,196	150	621	202	446	49	-	344	55	166	85	3,314	
Lost contact before duty discharged	4,093	234	1,089	318	1,457	87	-	255	35	83	33	7,684	
All actioned during period	14,994	1,676	8,745	2,416	9,071	764	-	2,556	388	1,272	553	42,435	

Table 15b

Action taken by local authority	Priority homeless						Non-priority homeless			Not homeless			All
	Single person	Other household without children	Single parent	Other household with children	Single person	Other household without children	Single parent	Other household with children	Single person	Other household without children	Single parent	Other household with children	
Social rented tenancy offered	47	63	65	62	7	10	-	3	4	3	3	38	
Private tenancy offered	1	2	3	3	2	3	-	1	1	1	1	2	
Temporary accommodation offered	9	4	4	5	25	21	-	10	4	6	6	11	
Referred to other local authority	1	1	1	1	*	*	-	*	1	*	*	1	
Advice and assistance	6	6	7	7	46	47	-	63	67	70	68	22	
Other	8	9	7	8	5	6	-	13	14	13	15	8	
Lost contact before duty discharged	27	14	12	13	16	11	-	10	9	7	6	18	
All actioned during period	100	100	100	100	100	100	-	100	100	100	100	100	

Note: All applications actioned during period, excluding lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment.

Local authority action by assessment decision and local authority area: 2004-05

Table 16

	Priority homeless			Non-priority homeless			Not homeless			All
	Number	Accommodation offered		Number	Accommodation offered		Number	Accommodation offered		
		Permanent	Temporary		Permanent	Temporary		Permanent	Temporary	
		%	%		%	%		%	%	
Scotland	22,097	72	8	8,291	10	29	4,363	4	8	34,751
Aberdeen City	463	86	4	184	1	39	53	-	6	700
Aberdeenshire	485	64	29	183	7	78	248	-	12	916
Angus	679	79	*	167	1	1	77	-	-	923
Argyll & Bute	213	69	21	197	14	49	51	8	16	461
Clackmannanshire	329	80	8	87	14	2	47	4	4	463
Dumfries & Galloway	585	86	7	222	4	53	140	2	17	947
Dundee City	329	87	*	43	30	26	10	-	-	382
East Ayrshire	458	82	9	249	29	53	112	2	18	819
East Dunbartonshire	198	76	4	71	25	7	102	5	7	371
East Lothian	243	70	17	153	7	37	172	3	8	568
East Renfrewshire	186	67	28	38	47	34	49	4	41	273
Edinburgh, City of	2,864	79	*	1,230	10	2	192	3	-	4,286
Eilean Siar	59	81	15	37	27	73	10	-	-	106
Falkirk	658	67	19	200	10	67	72	3	22	930
Fife	1,281	67	8	1,004	7	28	462	10	6	2,747
Glasgow City	4,648	56	17	715	10	45	440	3	2	5,803
Highland	694	78	14	596	10	82	107	1	28	1,397
Inverclyde	272	91	3	103	6	6	59	2	5	434
Midlothian	161	55	6	88	-	45	17	-	6	266
Moray	258	83	3	233	3	7	133	5	6	624
North Ayrshire	608	83	3	188	3	5	167	4	1	963
North Lanarkshire	1,840	84	4	425	20	22	330	10	19	2,595
Orkney	61	72	23	14	21	71	18	6	17	93
Perth & Kinross	476	84	3	142	4	42	96	10	4	714
Renfrewshire	492	79	4	128	17	8	415	2	1	1,035
Scottish Borders, The	321	75	2	202	9	1	106	3	-	629
Shetland	48	46	38	10	30	50	3	-	-	61
South Ayrshire	275	88	5	135	34	34	130	11	27	540
South Lanarkshire	894	69	2	429	14	3	167	5	1	1,490
Stirling	229	65	32	212	5	83	136	-	21	577
West Dunbartonshire	673	93	1	153	3	6	73	3	1	899
West Lothian	1,117	55	2	453	7	3	169	7	1	1,739

Notes: All applications actioned during period, excluding lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment or discharge of duty. A more detailed version of this table is available on the Housing Statistics website.

Length of time between application and last action by assessment decision: 2004-05
Table 17
Table 17a Priority homeless

Percentages (all applications in assessment category)

	Completion time				Total
	Within one month	Between one and two months	Between two and four months	More than four months	
All applications	3,043	3,973	6,454	8,627	22,097
All last actions	14	18	29	39	100
Permanent accommodation offered	6	12	23	30	72
Temporary accommodation offered	3	1	2	2	8
Referred to other local authority	*	*	*	*	1
Advice and assistance	2	2	2	2	8
Other	2	2	2	3	10

Table 17b Non-priority homeless

	Completion time				Total
	Within one month	Between one and two months	Between two and four months	More than four months	
All applications	3,421	2,950	1,304	616	8,291
All last actions	41	36	16	7	100
Permanent accommodation offered	3	3	3	2	10
Temporary accommodation offered	12	10	5	2	29
Referred to other local authority	*	*	*	*	*
Advice and assistance	23	21	7	3	54
Other	2	2	1	1	6

Table 17c Not homeless

	Completion time				Total
	Within one month	Between one and two months	Between two and four months	More than four months	
All applications	2,544	1,015	572	232	4,363
All last actions	58	23	13	5	100
Permanent accommodation offered	2	1	1	1	4
Temporary accommodation offered	4	2	1	1	8
Referred to other local authority	*	*	-	*	*
Advice and assistance	44	17	9	3	72
Other	8	4	2	1	15

Note: All applications actioned during period, excluding lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment or discharge of duty.

Households in temporary accommodation by accommodation type as at 31 March: 1994 to 2005 **Table 18**

Period	Local authority dwelling	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Total households with dependent children	
						Number	% of total
1994 as at 31 March	1,799	1,428	486	72	3,785	..	..
1995 as at 31 March	1,851	1,648	449	80	4,028	..	..
1996 as at 31 March	1,884	1,776	454	100	4,214	..	..
1997 as at 31 March	1,741	1,562	355	114	3,772	..	..
1998 as at 31 March	1,859	1,465	360	80	3,764	..	..
1999 as at 31 March	1,855	1,543	413	53	3,864	..	..
2000 as at 31 March	1,826	1,608	500	61	3,995	..	..
2001 as at 31 March	1,968	1,512	502	78	4,060	1,438	35
2002 as at 31 March	2,152	1,363	569	69	4,153	1,329	32
2003 as at 31 March	3,012	1,421	914	141	5,488	1,618	29
2004 as at 31 March	3,579	1,657	1,206	132	6,574	2,031	31
2005 as at 31 March	4,205	1,619	1,556	159	7,539	2,373	31

1. The majority of hostel accommodation is accounted for by Glasgow - see the notes section.

2. The category 'other' includes mainly housing associations and private landlords.

Households with children by accommodation type as at 31 March: 2002 to 2005 **Table 19**

Household type	Local authority dwelling		Hostel ¹		Bed & Breakfast		Other ²		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<i>All households</i>										
2002	2,152	52	1,363	33	569	14	69	2	4,153	100
2003	3,012	55	1,421	26	914	17	141	3	5,488	100
2004	3,579	54	1,657	25	1,206	18	132	2	6,574	100
2005	4,205	56	1,619	21	1,556	21	159	2	7,539	100
<i>Households with dependent children</i>										
2002	1,107	83	103	8	94	7	25	2	1,329	100
2003	1,356	84	73	5	109	7	80	5	1,618	100
2004	1,708	84	115	6	151	7	57	3	2,031	100
2005	1,997	84	109	5	167	7	100	4	2,373	100
<i>Total number of dependent children</i>										
2002	2,046	86	156	7	142	6	45	2	2,389	100
2003	2,592	86	121	4	185	6	128	4	3,026	100
2004	3,284	86	215	6	234	6	100	3	3,833	100
2005	3,727	86	194	4	262	6	168	4	4,351	100

1. The majority of hostel accommodation is accounted for by Glasgow - see the notes section.

2. The category 'other' includes mainly housing associations and private landlords.

Households with children by accommodation type and local authority area: as at 31 March 2005

Table 20

	Total number of households				Total number of households with dependent children				Total number of dependent children						
	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total	Local authority	Hostel ¹	Bed & Breakfast	Other ²	Total
Scotland	4,205	1,619	1,556	159	7,539	1,997	109	167	100	2,373	3,727	194	262	168	4,351
Aberdeen City	10	35	48	-	93	7	5	-	-	12	15	7	-	-	22
Aberdeenshire	95	25	40	4	164	79	10	3	3	95	153	20	6	5	184
Angus	61	1	14	-	76	8	1	-	-	9	15	1	-	-	16
Argyll & Bute	44	35	76	8	163	16	9	24	8	57	27	13	41	16	97
Clackmannanshire	69	2	31	12	114	21	2	2	2	27	47	9	3	2	61
Dumfries & Galloway	108	87	54	1	250	64	2	-	1	67	128	2	-	1	131
Dundee City	90	21	48	12	171	63	6	9	6	84	137	15	19	10	181
East Ayrshire	42	27	2	-	71	19	1	-	-	20	35	2	-	-	37
East Dunbartonshire	86	7	23	-	116	64	-	4	-	68	115	-	5	-	120
East Lothian	76	28	83	-	187	50	-	32	-	82	83	-	41	-	124
East Renfrewshire	21	-	9	1	31	14	-	-	1	15	23	-	-	2	25
Edinburgh, City of	338	-	187	-	525	159	-	-	-	159	266	-	-	-	266
Eilean Siar	18	-	23	-	41	9	-	1	-	10	13	-	1	-	14
Falkirk	93	50	30	2	175	44	-	-	2	46	87	-	-	3	90
Fife	307	23	-	-	330	127	8	-	-	135	204	12	-	-	216
Glasgow City ³	1,092	707	285	-	2,084	581	-	29	-	610	1,091	-	45	-	1,136
Highland	114	19	140	54	327	73	1	11	28	113	122	1	14	56	193
Inverclyde	70	25	2	-	97	39	-	-	-	39	75	-	-	-	75
Midlothian ⁴	42	4	104	4	154	25	-	16	4	45	41	-	26	7	74
Moray	27	18	19	-	64	17	4	3	-	24	40	6	4	-	50
North Ayrshire	179	165	40	-	384	56	25	4	-	85	124	44	5	-	173
North Lanarkshire	319	18	1	-	338	111	-	-	-	111	234	-	-	-	234
Orkney	45	-	3	-	48	23	-	2	-	25	48	-	3	-	51
P Perth & Kinross	51	33	56	2	142	30	4	12	-	46	66	10	22	-	98
Renfrewshire	107	11	59	9	186	49	-	5	1	55	96	-	9	1	106
Scottish Borders, The	40	-	-	-	40	6	-	-	-	6	14	-	-	-	14
Shetland	63	29	-	4	96	29	-	-	4	33	59	-	-	6	65
South Ayrshire	78	52	42	-	172	20	8	-	-	28	34	11	-	-	45
South Lanarkshire ⁵	119	78	94	46	337	80	8	8	40	136	132	16	14	59	221
Stirling	28	42	43	-	113	19	15	2	-	36	41	23	4	-	70
West Dunbartonshire	211	31	-	-	242	32	-	-	-	32	59	-	-	-	59
West Lothian	162	46	-	-	208	63	-	-	-	63	103	-	-	-	103

1. The majority of hostel accommodation is accounted for by Glasgow - see the notes and definitions section.

2. The category 'other' includes mainly housing associations and private landlords.

3. Accommodation classified here as local authority includes property transferred to the Glasgow Housing Association in 2003.

4. Midlothian is unable to provide up to date figures due to technical difficulties. Figures reported here may therefore not represent the actual situation.

5. Accommodation classified as other includes properties leased by the council from the private rented sector.

Households with children in temporary accommodation by local authority area: as at 31 March 2004 to 31 March 2005 **Table 21**

	Households with children in temporary accommodation										Percentage of all households with children 31-Mar-05
	Households in temporary accommodation					Households with children in temporary accommodation					
	31-Mar-04	30-Jun-04	30-Sep-04	31-Dec-04	31-Mar-05	31-Mar-04	30-Jun-04	30-Sep-04	31-Dec-04	31-Mar-05	
Scotland	6,574	6,754	7,069	7,135	7,539	2,031	2,158	2,147	2,174	2,373	0.40
Aberdeen City	76	79	76	86	93	6	6	9	4	12	0.06
Aberdeenshire	144	147	154	140	164	75	84	90	90	95	0.34
Angus	53	38	65	55	76	10	9	13	8	9	0.07
Argyll & Bute	144	152	180	166	163	23	29	47	41	57	0.57
Clackmannanshire	101	99	111	114	114	29	27	24	25	27	0.45
Dumfries & Galloway	188	190	214	202	230	41	48	58	45	67	0.41
Dundee City	121	151	158	168	171	65	73	72	77	84	0.52
East Ayrshire	51	53	61	46	71	17	19	18	13	20	0.14
East Dunbartonshire	112	103	100	111	116	60	58	52	58	68	0.52
East Lothian	111	155	162	173	187	48	81	85	81	82	0.70
East Renfrewshire	24	23	29	24	31	11	5	11	11	15	0.13
Edinburgh, City of	510	496	507	461	525	160	149	146	121	159	0.34
Eilean Siar	20	29	28	36	41	1	5	9	6	10	0.36
Falkirk	156	162	162	167	175	44	41	45	42	46	0.25
Fife	352	370	361	349	330	108	121	129	131	135	0.31
Glasgow City	2,024	1,988	2,128	2,183	2,084	539	580	638	648	610	0.88
Highland	227	259	213	223	327	63	71	82	78	113	0.48
Inverclyde	99	105	120	108	97	41	39	38	36	39	0.38
Midlothian ¹	14	63	59	88	154	8	18	15	21	45	0.44
Moray	56	46	53	50	64	26	19	21	23	24	0.24
North Ayrshire	291	266	308	333	384	73	66	67	60	85	0.51
North Lanarkshire	317	353	320	359	338	100	118	77	90	111	0.27
Orkney	38	48	44	43	48	16	25	19	19	25	1.14
Perth & Kinross	95	103	130	141	142	35	30	40	45	46	0.30
Renfrewshire	185	177	180	161	186	74	83	65	57	55	0.26
Scottish Borders	32	34	34	32	40	8	11	8	8	6	0.05
Shetland	83	83	90	94	96	30	28	33	30	33	1.26
South Ayrshire	159	167	174	168	172	44	46	37	36	28	0.22
South Lanarkshire	345	337	355	338	337	145	141	81	132	136	0.36
Stirling	88	92	102	105	113	36	29	24	26	36	0.35
West Dunbartonshire	158	179	172	180	242	38	36	30	47	32	0.28
West Lothian	200	207	219	231	208	57	63	64	65	63	0.28

Note: Percentages are calculated using the 2002-based household projections for Scotland for 2005.
 1. Midlothian is unable to provide up to date figures due to technical difficulties. Figures reported here may therefore not represent the actual situation.

HOUSING OUTCOMES

Housing outcome by assessment decision and household type: 2004-05

Table 22

Table 22a Priority homeless

	Single person		Other household without children		Single parent		Other household with children		All	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Permanent accommodation secured	6,973	64	1,049	73	5,619	73	1,538	73	15,179	69
Temporary accommodation secured	868	8	10	1	44	1	11	1	933	4
Returned to previous/present accommodation	742	7	108	7	765	10	177	8	1,792	8
Other (known)	1,038	10	128	9	567	7	200	10	1,933	9
Not known	1,280	12	147	10	661	9	172	8	2,260	10
Applications completed during period	10,901	100	1,442	100	7,656	100	2,098	100	22,097	100

Table 22b Non-priority homeless

	Single person		Other household without children		Single parent		Other household with children		All	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Permanent accommodation secured	930	12	136	20	-	-	-	-	1,066	13
Temporary accommodation secured	610	8	17	3	-	-	-	-	627	8
Returned to previous/present accommodation	1,155	15	139	21	-	-	-	-	1,294	16
Other (known)	1,494	20	125	18	-	-	-	-	1,619	20
Not known	3,425	45	260	38	-	-	-	-	3,685	44
Applications completed during period	7,614	100	677	100	-	-	-	-	8,291	100

Table 22c Not homeless

	Single person		Other household without children		Single parent		Other household with children		All	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Permanent accommodation secured	164	7	37	10	109	9	53	10	363	8
Temporary accommodation secured	31	1	1	*	6	1	-	-	38	1
Returned to previous/present accommodation	1,544	67	247	70	866	73	394	76	3,051	70
Other (known)	283	12	39	11	115	10	38	7	475	11
Not known	279	12	29	8	93	8	35	7	436	10
Applications completed during period	2,301	100	353	100	1,189	100	520	100	4,363	100

Note: All applications with outcomes during period, excluding lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment or discharge of duty.

Housing outcome by assessment decision and local authority area: 2004-05
Table 23

	Priority homeless			Non-priority homeless			Not homeless			All
	Number	Accommodation secured		Number	Accommodation secured		Number	Accommodation secured		
		Permanent	Temporary		Permanent	Temporary		Permanent	Temporary	
		%	%		%	%		%	%	
Scotland	22,097	69	4	8,291	13	8	4,363	8	1	34,751
Aberdeen City	463	69	-	184	3	-	53	-	-	700
Aberdeenshire	485	73	-	183	14	2	248	6	-	916
Angus	679	69	-	167	1	-	77	-	-	923
Argyll & Bute	213	71	*	197	21	2	51	10	-	461
Clackmannanshire	329	84	-	87	15	1	47	6	-	463
Dumfries & Galloway	585	78	*	222	11	-	140	3	1	947
Dundee City	329	84	3	43	33	19	10	-	-	382
East Ayrshire	458	76	1	249	39	3	112	4	-	819
East Dunbartonshire	198	75	1	71	27	1	102	11	4	371
East Lothian	243	77	1	153	16	1	172	7	1	568
East Renfrewshire	186	73	-	38	58	-	49	4	-	273
Edinburgh, City of	2,864	69	4	1,230	10	12	192	15	2	4,286
Eilean Siar	59	76	2	37	27	-	10	10	-	106
Falkirk	658	75	4	200	14	13	72	14	1	930
Fife	1,281	72	-	1,004	9	3	462	16	1	2,747
Glasgow City	4,648	53	15	715	10	35	440	3	1	5,803
Highland	694	79	-	596	17	3	107	6	-	1,397
Inverclyde	272	78	1	103	14	4	59	22	2	434
Midlothian	161	58	16	88	-	59	17	-	6	266
Moray	258	80	1	233	4	1	133	13	2	624
North Ayrshire	608	74	4	188	3	1	167	8	-	963
North Lanarkshire	1,840	78	*	425	16	2	330	15	*	2,595
Orkney	61	79	-	14	57	7	18	11	-	93
Perth & Kinross	476	78	2	142	4	15	96	10	2	714
Renfrewshire	492	71	1	128	18	-	415	3	1	1,035
Scottish Borders, The	321	71	-	202	8	-	106	5	-	629
Shetland	48	50	6	10	50	-	3	-	-	61
South Ayrshire	275	85	2	135	45	13	130	14	4	540
South Lanarkshire	894	65	-	429	15	*	167	6	1	1,490
Stirling	229	64	1	212	8	1	136	5	1	577
West Dunbartonshire	673	89	-	153	9	-	73	4	-	899
West Lothian	1,117	57	1	453	10	4	169	9	1	1,739

Notes: All applications actioned during period, **excluding lost contact/withdrawal/resolved prior to assessment or discharge of duty**. A more detailed version of this table is available on the Housing Statistics website.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Detailed reason for applying: 2004-05

Table A

	Household type								All
	Single person male	Single person female	Single parent male	Single parent female	Couple without children	Couple with children	Other household without children	Other household with children	
Parents cannot accommodate	5,009	3,166	249	1,457	708	438	115	34	11,176
Relatives cannot accommodate	2,377	1,115	138	527	252	159	77	32	4,677
Friends cannot accommodate	2,594	990	111	332	193	77	32	27	4,356
Dispute with partner: violent	578	1,603	94	2,778	31	33	109	129	5,355
Dispute with partner: non-violent	3,047	916	572	1,870	34	35	94	110	6,678
Dispute with guardian: violent	230	329	7	117	33	24	19	10	769
Young and affected by violence (not directly)	17	33	4	15	7	2	2	1	81
Loss of local authority tenancy: arrears	228	85	13	103	33	33	14	16	525
Loss of local authority tenancy: anti-social	28	7	1	7	2	4	1	-	50
Loss of local authority tenancy: other	215	76	9	62	25	23	8	11	429
Loss of other social sector tenancy: arrears	118	49	6	77	14	27	3	10	304
Loss of other social sector tenancy: anti-social	34	10	-	9	1	3	1	2	60
Loss of other social sector tenancy: other	170	63	16	120	24	65	7	12	477
Loss of private tenancy: arrears	250	107	26	242	61	118	20	30	854
Loss of private tenancy: anti-social	36	17	1	35	4	10	2	1	106
Loss of private tenancy: other	968	520	95	897	337	465	90	109	3,481
Mortgage default	196	89	35	144	91	153	44	29	781
Forced division and sale (matrimonial)	153	105	64	374	16	21	47	36	816
Loss of service tenancy (armed forces)	151	49	16	36	63	77	15	5	412
Expiry of short assured tenancies	146	108	17	208	64	111	14	18	686
Emergency (fire, flood, storm etc.)	166	61	8	68	42	51	32	18	446
House condition (such as closing order)	39	9	3	24	12	17	3	2	109
Discharged from prison	2,464	181	43	27	63	11	6	1	2,796
Discharged from hospital	470	108	1	17	9	3	4	1	613
Lost accommodation in hostel/lodgings/hotel	804	168	3	16	42	10	7	1	1,051
Gave up secure accommodation	346	147	21	124	78	94	14	8	832
Overcrowding	59	66	21	99	36	73	9	11	374
Harassment: racial	19	9	2	19	3	18	1	3	74
Harassment: other	465	249	40	556	109	246	49	50	1,764
Fleeing non-domestic violence	522	221	52	489	119	223	56	90	1,772
Unsafe to return (none of the above)	201	156	19	148	46	69	14	22	675
Other	2,116	915	94	524	301	299	120	72	4,441
All reasons	24,216	11,727	1,781	11,521	2,853	2,992	1,029	901	57,020

Note: All applications within period.

Individuals in households by gender and age:

2004-05

Table B

	Female	Male	All
Adults			
16-24	12,786	10,331	
25-retirement	16,859	20,815	
Retirement plus	824	669	
<i>All adults</i>			62,284
Children			
0-4	5,503	5,737	
5-11	5,255	5,463	
12-15	2,529	2,460	
16-18	799	822	
<i>All children</i>			28,568
All households applying in period			53,995

Note: All households applying in period

Household type and characteristics of main applicant: 2004-05
Table C

Household type	Main applicant										All households
	Male 16-17	Male 18-20	Male 21-24	Male 25-64	Male 65+	Female 16-17	Female 18-20	Female 21-24	Female 25-59	Female 60+	
Single person male	1,569	2,480	3,235	14,646	471						22,401
Single person female						2,249	2,136	1,607	4,599	531	11,122
Single parent male	12	44	136	1,562	-						1,754
Single parent female						266	1,139	1,949	7,739	7	11,100
Couple without children	60	200	260	841	100	163	318	268	520	53	2,783
Couple with children	12	62	165	1,005	4	42	218	352	1,058	2	2,920
Other household without children	10	38	40	280	19	21	68	45	475	26	1,022
Other household with children	1	3	4	184	-	5	25	34	633	4	893
All main applicants	1,664	2,827	3,840	18,518	594	2,746	3,904	4,255	15,024	623	53,995

Note: All households applying in period.

Flow of applicants through assessment and final action by local authority: 2004-05
Table D
Table D1 Assessments

Date of application	All applications	Date of assessment														Not assessed by 31 March 2005
		2001	2002				2003				2004				2005	
		10-31 Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	
2001 10-31 Dec	1,716	1,105	514	27	7	4	10	1	1						3	44
2002 Jan-Mar	12,624		10,665	1,594	117	31	57	12	5	5	7	4	3	20	1	103
Apr-Jun	12,448			10,312	1,783	110	58	21	11	7	4	6	4	26	3	103
Jul-Sep	13,058				10,820	1,845	169	24	27	10	4	12	2	46	1	98
Oct-Dec	12,425					10,413	1,673	107	37	22	7	7	2	44	2	111
2003 Jan-Mar	14,025						11,307	2,175	223	50	65	24	11	60	8	102
Apr-Jun	13,493							10,760	2,231	197	103	14	14	30	4	140
Jul-Sep	14,659								11,774	2,335	216	44	26	40	5	219
Oct-Dec	12,411									9,965	1,904	146	48	40	7	301
2004 Jan-Mar	15,822										12,515	2,592	219	115	48	333
Apr-Jun	14,513											10,801	2,916	360	64	372
Jul-Sep	14,911												11,232	3,002	289	388
Oct-Dec	12,367													9,626	2,146	595
2005 Jan-Mar	15,229														11,511	3,718

Table D2 Completions

Date of application	All applications	Date of completion														Not completed by 31 March 2005	Assessed and not completed by
		2001	2002				2003				2004				2005		
		10-31 Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar		
2001 10-31 Dec	1,716	697	631	141	47	34	35	6	5	2	7	2	2	3		104	60
2002 Jan-Mar	12,624		7,481	3,031	766	415	247	84	43	36	28	61	8	31	9	384	281
Apr-Jun	12,448			7,030	3,233	900	420	160	84	53	39	80	15	41	10	383	280
Jul-Sep	13,058				7,269	3,505	1,024	339	170	93	59	82	23	93	11	390	292
Oct-Dec	12,425					6,665	3,322	889	353	186	93	91	35	104	14	673	562
2003 Jan-Mar	14,025						7,030	4,042	1,246	452	267	195	88	177	27	501	399
Apr-Jun	13,493							6,255	4,169	1,264	392	217	163	158	56	619	479
Jul-Sep	14,659								6,960	4,429	1,352	439	284	183	73	939	720
Oct-Dec	12,411									5,712	3,877	1,060	438	295	144	885	584
2004 Jan-Mar	15,822										6,462	5,401	1,573	729	433	1,224	891
Apr-Jun	14,513											5,146	5,365	1,668	724	1,610	1,238
Jul-Sep	14,911												5,332	5,679	1,644	2,256	1,868
Oct-Dec	12,367													4,588	4,415	3,364	2,769
2005 Jan-Mar	15,229														5,322	9,907	6,189

Notes: All applications, assessments and completions up to 31 March 2005. Data prior to 10 December 2001 are not included. A case is completed when the local authority has discharged its duty under the Homeless Persons legislation, or the case has been closed due to withdrawal, resolution of the situation or lost contact. These figures may include a number of cases where contact has been lost prior to assessment or discharge of duty, but not been recorded on the HL1 return.

5. NOTES AND DEFINITIONS

5.1 Statistics on persons applying to local authorities under the Homeless Persons legislation are collected using two returns:

- the homeless household case return (HL1), which collects details of each applicant household
- the quarterly summary return (HL2) which collects aggregate information on
 - a. the number of applications received during the quarter (since 1990)
 - b. the number of cases concluded during the quarter (since 1987)
 - c. the number of households in various types of temporary accommodation at the end of the quarter (including households with dependent children from June 2001).

These returns are submitted to the Scottish Executive by local authorities, who have statutory duties under the legislation.

5.2 Authorities complete an HL1 return for each household which presents itself to the authority as homeless or potentially homeless. The unit of the return is the household, not the person. **Prior to December 2001, a paper-based data collection system was used where a household was counted each time it applied – so that one household could appear in the statistics on more than one occasion during the year. Under this system, it was not possible to identify these repeat applications. The electronic system introduced in December 2001 allows the compilation of statistics on individual households and the linking of repeat applications made by the same household.** The returns include households that apply to the authority even if the authority does not regard them as qualifying for assistance under the legislation. It should be noted, however, that households that do not approach an authority for assistance, for example persons sleeping rough who consider there is little likelihood of the authority providing them with accommodation, are not included in the statistics.

5.3 Under the electronic system, HL1 returns are submitted to the Scottish Executive on a quarterly basis, and are updated on a continuous basis as the application progresses until the case is completed. A case is completed when either:

- a. the authority secures accommodation for the applicant
- b. the authority transfers the household to another authority
- c. the authority determines that no action is necessary under the legislation
- d. contact with the applicant is lost, which is considered to have happened 28 days after the date of the last interview.

5.4 Cases take varying lengths of time to reach conclusion, and some tend to take a considerable number of months. **For this reason, the information presented in this bulletin may differ from previous publications since figures are updated as more information becomes available.**

5.5 Most of the information presented in this bulletin is derived from the HL1 return. However, prior to December 2001, we know that the HL1 returns did not represent all of the households that applied in each year, either because returns failed to be submitted, or because cases had not reached a conclusion. The number of HL1 returns received for any year was usually less than the number of applicant households recorded through the HL2 return, even allowing time for cases to reach conclusion. Therefore, for data between 1992-93 and December 2001, figures were grossed up to the total number of applications recorded on the HL2 returns. It was assumed that the cases which were not been submitted showed the same characteristics as those that had, for example that the distribution of household types among those cases not returned was the same as among those cases which had been returned.

5.6 The figures on households in temporary accommodation relate to households which have been placed in temporary accommodation by a local authority under the Homeless Persons legislation. This will include households for whom the local authority's decision and final action is still pending, as well as households which were secured such accommodation as a final action by the authority under the legislation. The data present a snapshot picture of the numbers in temporary accommodation as at the last day of each quarter.

5.7 Hostels, as temporary accommodation under the Homeless Persons legislation, are used mainly by Glasgow. In fact, almost all households in hostels in Glasgow have been placed there by the authority under the Homeless Persons legislation. In other authorities, particularly in the cities, there are many households in hostels

that have not been placed there by the local authority under the Homeless Persons legislation. Consequently, they are not recorded in the statistics.

5.8 Households with dependent children include those aged under 16 who are in full time education, those aged 18 or less who are receiving or about to begin full-time education or training, and those who are for some other reason unable to support themselves.

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