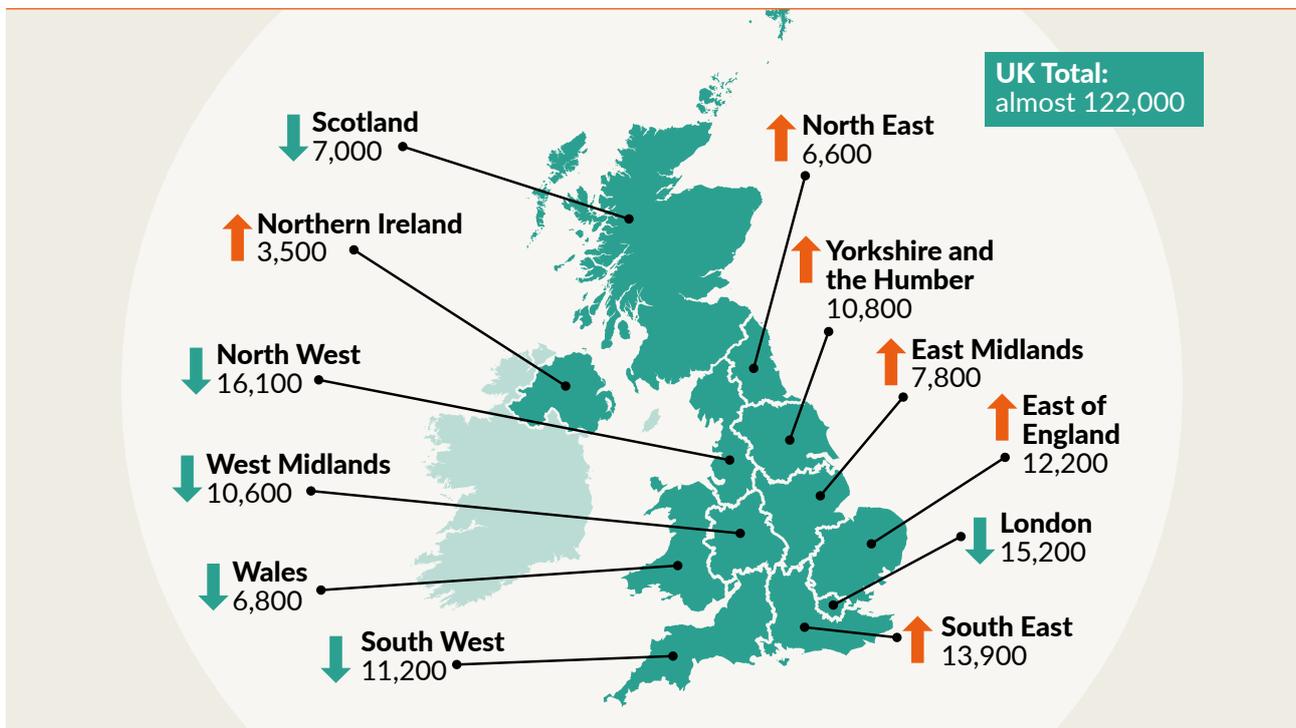


The Youth Homelessness Databank

The Databank is the only central source of UK youth homelessness statistics beyond the figures on statutory homelessness and rough sleeping collected by government. It gives a clearer picture of the true scale of youth homelessness across the UK.

Nearly **122,000** young people in the UK approached their local authority in 2020/21 as they were homeless or at risk of homelessness.



Areas with a decrease in youth homelessness

Devolved nations

- Scotland saw a slight reduction in the number of young people presenting in 2020/21, going from 7,300 in 2019/20 to 7,000 this year
- Wales had a decrease of 900 (12 per cent) from the previous financial year (7,700 to 6,800)

Within England

- Four out of the nine regions in England saw a decrease

Biggest decreases

- London - 12%
- North West - 9%

Areas with an increase in youth homelessness

Devolved nations

- In England 104,400 young people presented as homeless or at risk of homelessness to their local authority in 2020/21, an increase of 2,300 (2 per cent) from the prior year (102,100).
- In Northern Ireland, there were nearly 3,500 presentations in 2020/21, which was an increase of almost 200 (6 per cent) from the previous financial year (3,300 in 2019/20).

Within England

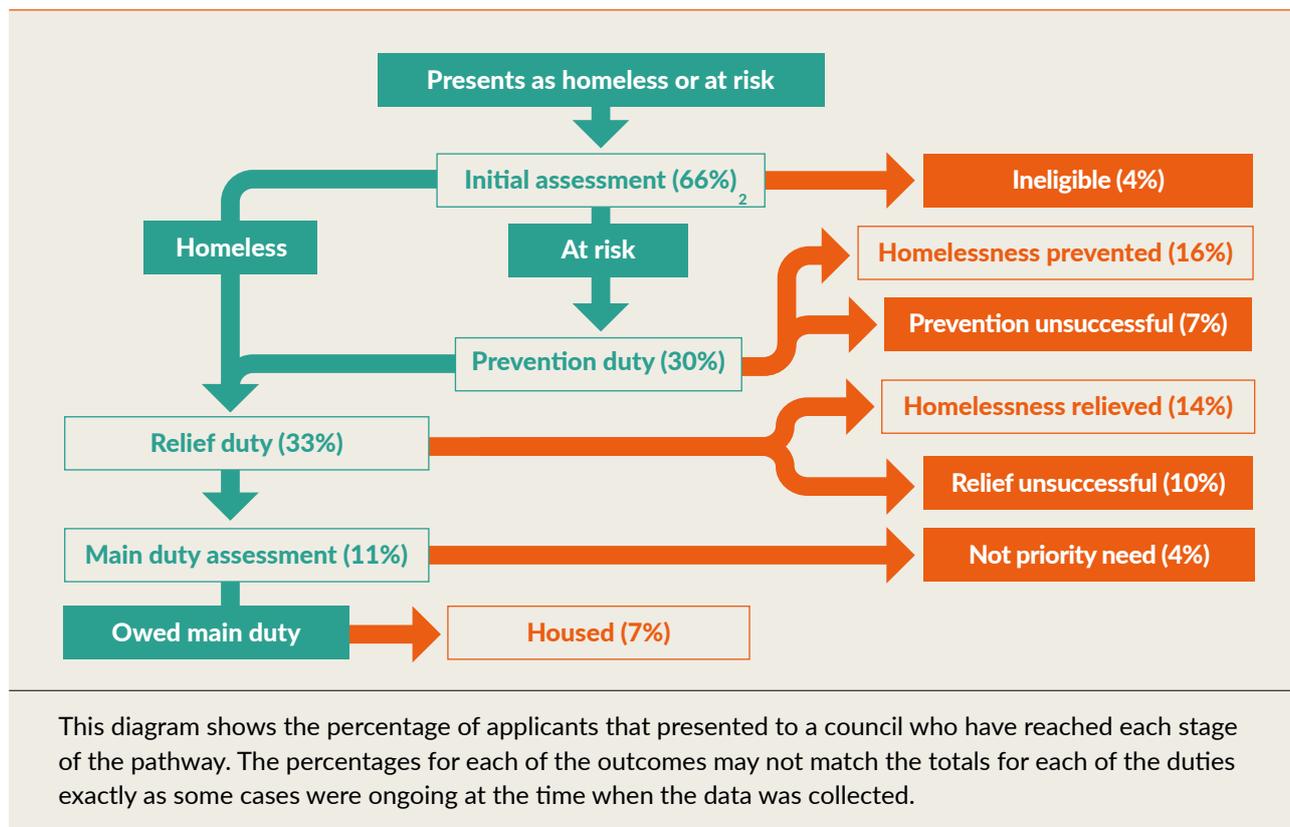
- Five out of the nine regions in England saw an increase

Biggest increases

- North East - 57%
- South east - 13%

Spotlight on youth homelessness in England

In **England**, where the Homelessness Reduction Act came into force, **104,400** young people approached their council for help in 2020/21. This was an increase of 2% from the previous year.



The percentage of young people who get an assessment after approaching their local authority for help with being homeless or at risk has fallen for the last three years.

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- 2018/19 - 79% got an assessment
- 2019/20 - 71% got an assessment
- 2020/21 - 66% got an assessment

In England the Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) process is failing to address the housing needs of six in ten young people who present as homeless or at risk

More youth homelessness has been caused by domestic violence and family breakdown

