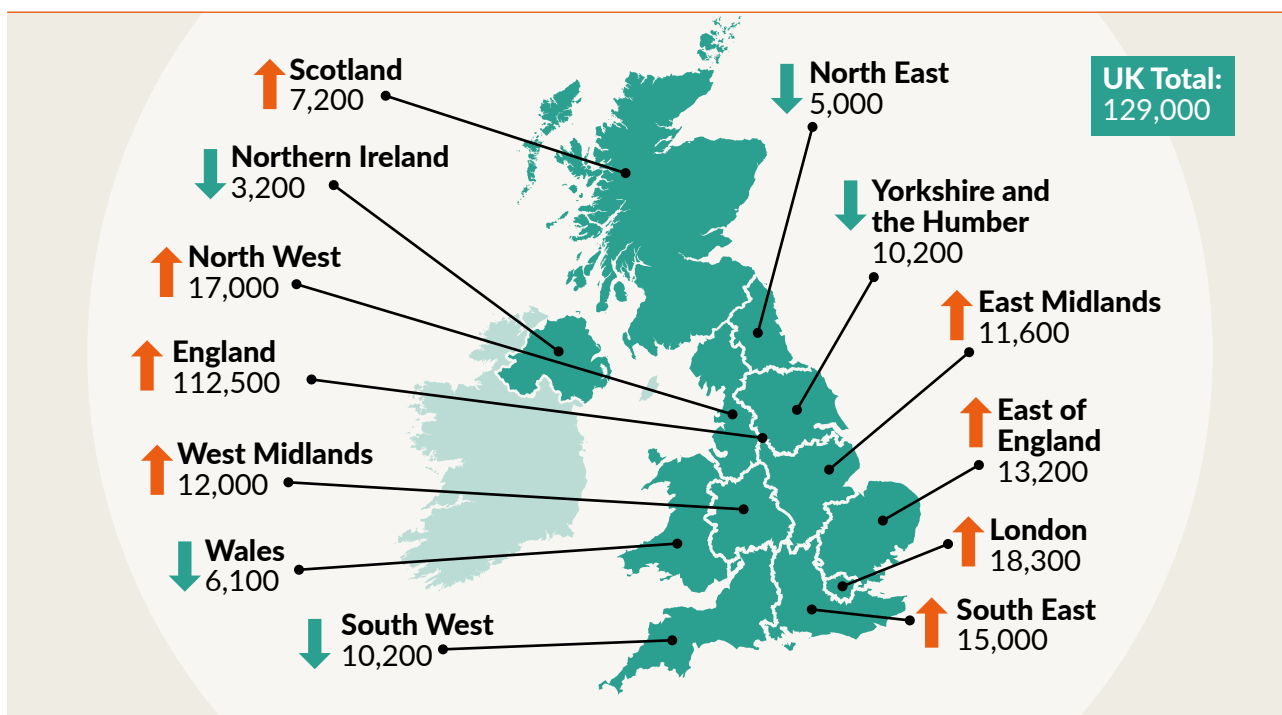


The Youth Homelessness Databank

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.

Approximately **129,000** young people in the UK approached their local authority in 2021-2022 as they were homeless or at risk of homelessness.



Areas with a decrease in youth homelessness

Devolved nations

- Northern Ireland saw an 11 per cent reduction in the number of young people presenting in 2021-2022, going from 3,600 in 2020-2021 to 3,200 this year
- Wales had a decrease of 700 (-10%) from the previous financial year (6,800 to 6,100)

Within England

- Three out of the nine regions experienced a decrease in the number of presentations

Biggest decreases

- North East -24%
- South West -9%

Areas with an increase in youth homelessness

Devolved nations

- In England, 112,500 young people presented as homeless or at risk of homelessness to their local authority during the financial year 2021-2022, an increase of 8,100 (+8%) compared to the previous financial year (104,400).
- Scotland saw a slight increase (+3%) in 2021-2022, going from 7,000 in 2020-2021 to 7,200 in 2021/2022

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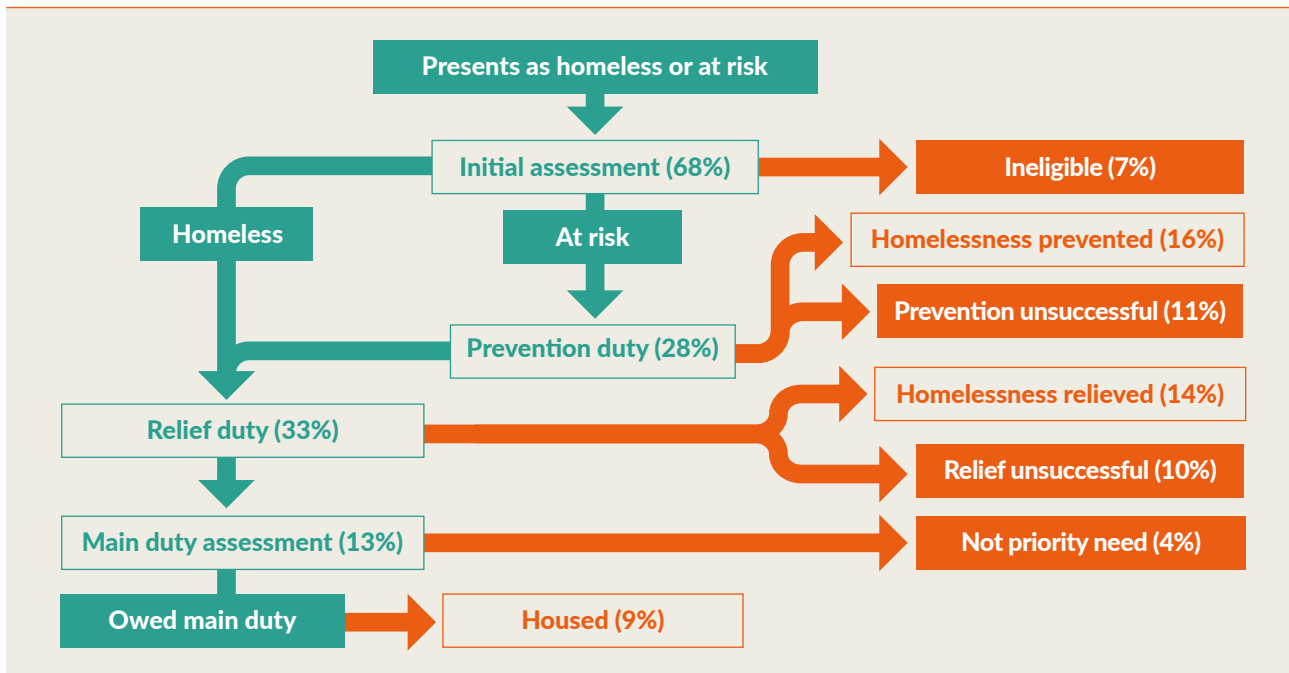
- Six out of the nine regions experienced an increase in the number of presentations

Biggest increases

- East Midlands +49%
- London +20%

Spotlight on youth homelessness in England

In **England**, where the Homelessness Reduction Act came into force, **112,500** young people approached their council seeking support in 2021-2022. This represented an increase of 8 per cent from the previous year.



This diagram shows the percentage of applicants that presented to a council who have reached each stage of the pathway. The percentages for each of the outcomes may not match the totals for each of the duties exactly as some cases were ongoing at the time when the data was collected.

In England, **almost a third** of the young people who approached their local authority seeking support have **not even been assessed** for eligibility (68% assessment rate in 2021-2022)

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

An increasing number of youth homelessness cases have been caused by **domestic violence and evictions**



If you would like further information about the Youth Homelessness Databank please contact the Centrepont policy team: YHDataBank@Centrepont.org

