

MOVE ON:



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN 2024/2025

Technical Appendix



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MOVE ON 2024/2025 TECHNICAL APPENDIX

This technical appendix accompanies Centrepont's 2024/25 Move On report and provides detailed information on the data, methodology, and analytical approaches underpinning the findings presented in the main report.

Centrepont commissioned this research as part of its three-year Move On programme to assess the accessibility and affordability of options for young people who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness. The analysis was conducted by WPI Economics, who were responsible for undertaking the data analysis and producing the quantitative findings.

The appendix brings together the key technical components of the research, including detailed tables and figures and survey methodologies.

This document should be read alongside the main report, which presents the findings and policy recommendations.

Please email policy@centrepont.org with any questions.

METHODOLOGY OVERVIEW

PRIVATE RENTERS' SURVEY

WPI commissioned Censuswide to conduct a nationally representative survey of 2,000 young renters aged between 16 and 24 (inclusive) during the 2024/25 financial year, with a quota ensuring that 30% of respondents were social renters. The survey took place in January 2026, and contained separate modules for social and private renters.

- Respondents who were social renters during 2024/25 were asked questions regarding their experiences applying for social housing and challenges faced therein, and the suitability of their socially rented housing.
- Respondents who were private renters during 2024/25 were similarly asked about the quality of their accommodation, as well as their experiences and challenges they faced when trying to obtain privately rented housing, including whether or not they experienced discrimination and, where relevant, how this discrimination manifested itself.

Respondents were also asked about their housing experiences since the end of 2024/25, including their current housing situation, including whether or not this has improved or is more secure relative to their experiences during 2024/25.

Finally, a “Housing Histories” module was included in the survey, which asked respondents to provide information regarding up to five of their most recent tenancies. This included asking respondents both what kind of accommodation they lived in during those tenancies, as well as how long they spent in those tenancies.

The survey also collected demographic information from respondents regarding their age, gender, occupation and employment status, regional location, and whether or not they were on benefits

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOIS)

FOI Request to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)

We completed a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government seeking information regarding the length of time spent in temporary accommodation by households with main applicants aged between 16-17 and 18-24, as well as the type of accommodation of those households, during the 2024/25 financial year.

MHCLG responded with a complete dataset exactly in line with the request. Similar information is already provided publicly by MHCLG regarding the length of stay and type of accommodation for households in temporary accommodation more broadly, meaning that the FOI allowed a comparative analysis of the experiences of young people in temporary accommodation compared to the population in temporary accommodation as a whole.

FOI Request to Local Authorities

WPI Economics completed a set of Freedom of Information requests to all local authorities in England regarding the total number of households on their housing register, as per item cc1a of the Local Authority Housing Statistics return, as well as the number of households on their housing register where the lead tenant was aged between 16 and 24 (inclusive) during the 2024/25 financial year.

This FOI request was delivered to local authorities by varying methods depending on the local authority, with some local authorities accepting requests via emails while others required different procedures, like delivering the request through an online portal.

Out of the 296 local authorities contacted, 273 (92%) provided some form of response, although only 199 (67%) of local authorities provided useful data. Using the information provided by local authorities, we were able to derive estimates for the proportion of housing register waiting lists which are composed of young households in different regions across England. Using these proportions, we were then further able to derive estimates for the number of young households on housing registers across England.

TABLES AND FIGURES

Table 1.1: National and regional social housing allocations by previous accommodation of claimant, for households with main claimant aged 16-24, in 2024/25

Number of households allocated social housing			
Region	Previously in temporary accommodation	Total number	Previously in temporary accommodation (%)
England	4,659	19,696	24%
North East	118	1,481	8%
North West	675	3,315	20%
Yorkshire and the Humber	408	2,429	17%
East Midlands	431	2,554	17%
West Midlands	618	2,581	24%
East of England	700	2,268	31%
London	496	1,476	34%
South East	756	2,675	28%
South West	457	1,563	29%

Source: CORE dashboard 2024/25 [accessed 19/02/2026]ⁱ

ⁱ Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLH) (2025). Core Social housing lettings sub-national data dashboard, 2024-25. See: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/social-housing-lettings-in-england-april-2024-to-march-2025>. Accessed 19/02/2026.

Table 1.2: Number of main duties owed to young households and in total, 2024/25 and 2023/24.

Region	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	16-24	Total	% 16-24	16-24	Total	% 16-24
England	10,218	72,260	14%	12,356	65,470	19%
North East	296	1,580	19%	175	1,160	15%
North West	1,379	8,370	16%	1,946	8,490	23%
Yorkshire and the Humber	676	5,960	11%	731	4,680	16%
East Midlands	909	4,510	20%	941	3,870	24%
West Midlands	1,393	7,590	18%	1,526	7,260	21%
East of England	896	7,480	12%	1,241	6,610	19%
London	2,360	20,090	12%	2,501	17,660	14%
South East	1,430	10,480	14%	1,485	9,220	16%
South West	879	6,200	14%	1,810	6,520	28%

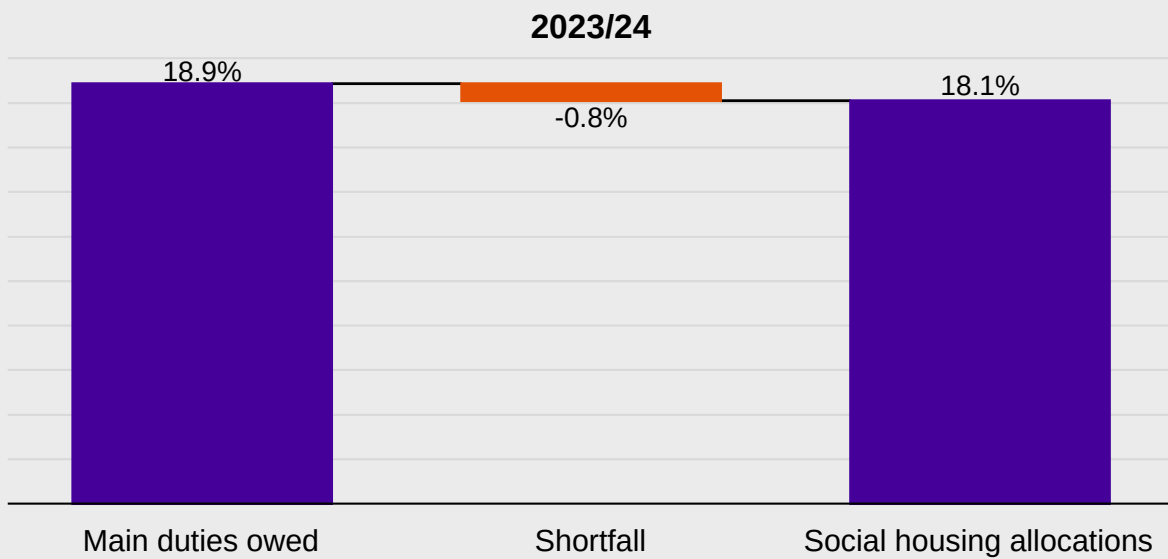
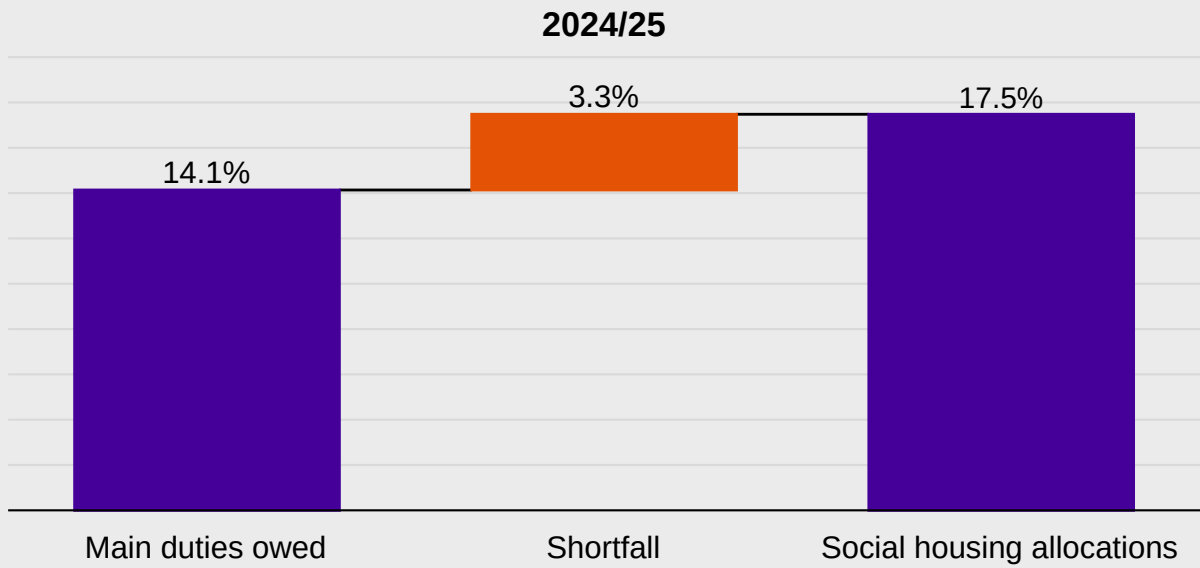
Source: data for young households is from the Centrepont Databank;ⁱⁱ data for total population is from MHCLG statutory homelessness tables for 2023/24ⁱⁱⁱ and for 2024/25.^{iv}

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Figure 1.1: A comparison of the proportion of main duties owed to young people to the proportion of social housing allocations made to young people, 2024/25 and 2023/24.



Source: data for young households is from the Centrepont Databank;^{iv} data for total population is from MHCLG statutory homelessness tables for 2023/24^{vi} and for 2024/25.^{vii}

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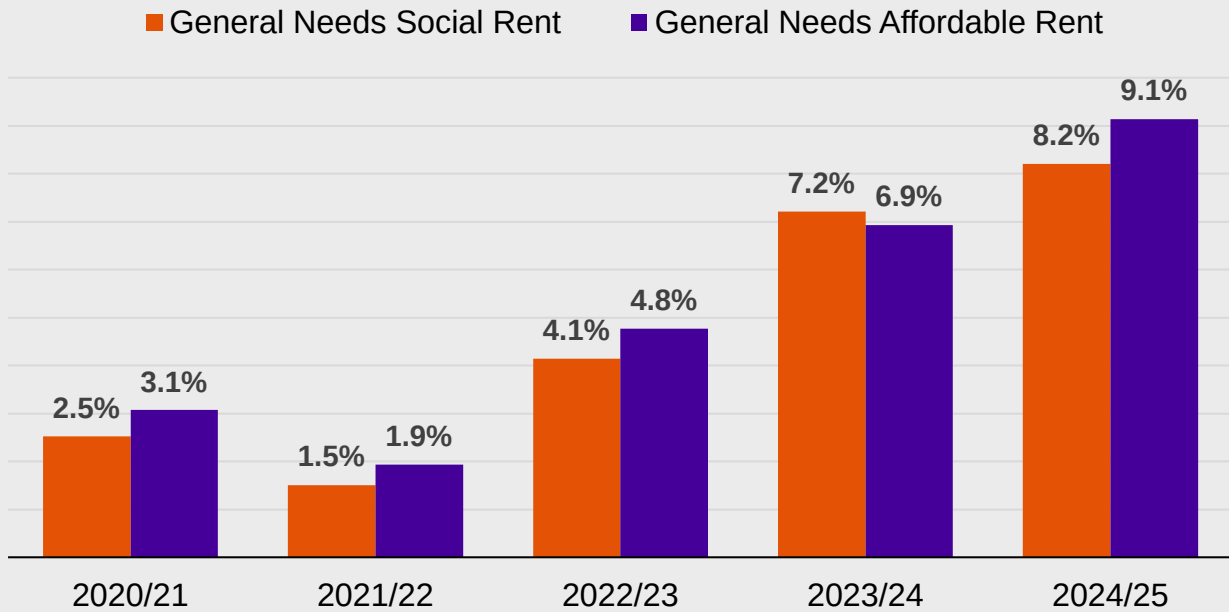
Table 1.3: Stock of social housing, by region, and proportion of stock of various sizes.

Region	General Needs Stock				Proportion (%) of total		
	Total stock	One-bed stock	Two-bed stock	Three-bed stock	One-bed stock	Two-bed stock	Three-bed stock
England	3,654,583	881,986	1,378,015	1,210,960	24%	38%	33%
North East	238,397	49,192	100,279	82,750	21%	42%	35%
North West	500,602	112,862	180,192	187,980	23%	36%	38%
Yorkshire and the Humber	382,994	102,058	145,350	122,515	27%	38%	32%
East Midlands	269,945	61,527	99,846	99,123	23%	37%	37%
West Midlands	413,899	101,344	151,514	142,061	24%	37%	34%
East of England	373,916	83,778	140,759	131,231	22%	38%	35%
London	714,084	197,926	263,090	189,502	28%	37%	27%
South East	469,983	110,202	178,961	158,059	23%	38%	34%
South West	290,763	63,097	118,024	97,739	22%	41%	34%

Source: Regulator for Social Housing.

Notes: This data includes general needs affordable and social rent housing provided by both local authority and privately-run registered providers registered with the Regulator of Social Housing.

Figure 1.2: Year-on-year increases in gross rents for one-bedroom units in the social rented sector, for General Needs Social Rent and General Needs Affordable Rent.



Source: Regulator of Social Housing ^{viii}

^{viii}. Regulator of Social Housing (2025). Registered provider social housing stock and rent in England. See: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/registered-provider-social-housing-stock-and-rents-in-england>. Accessed 26/02/2026.

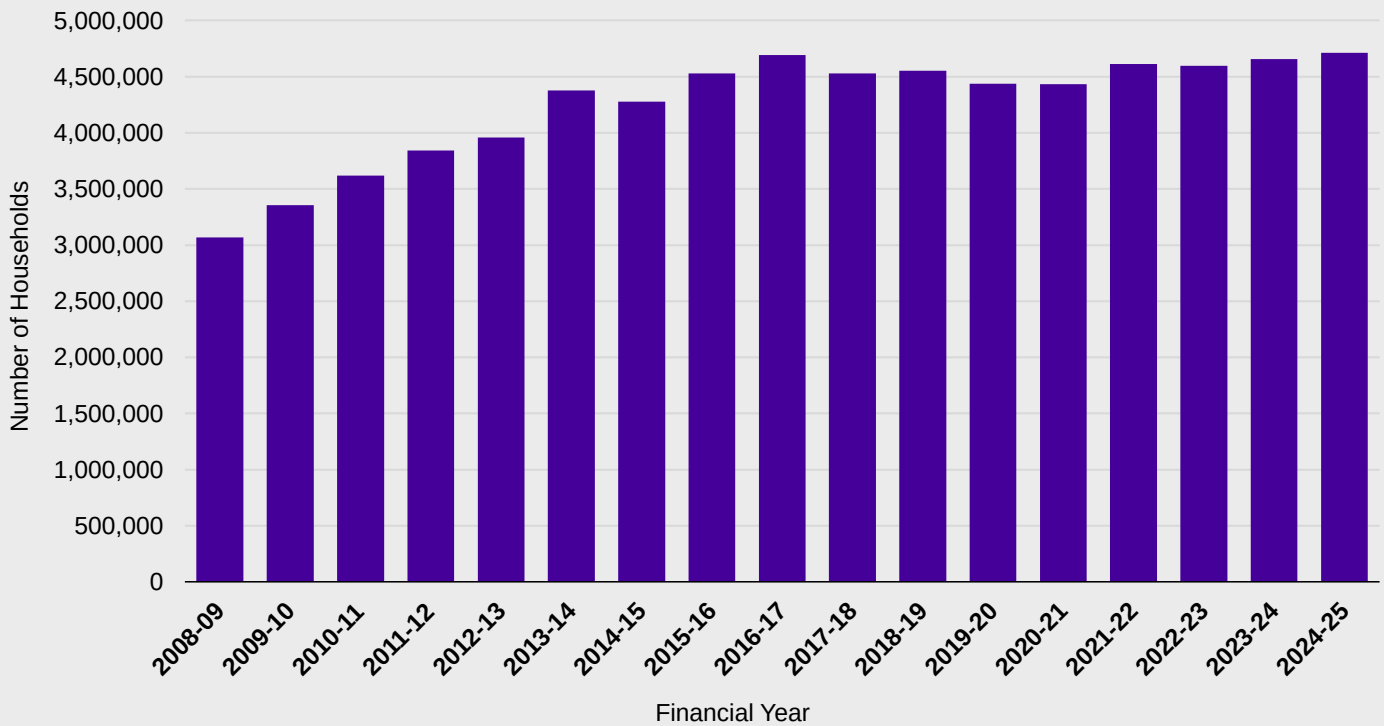
Table 1.4: What challenges, if any, did you face when applying for private rented accommodation?

Reason	% of respondents citing reason
Discrimination by landlords or agents (e.g. stigma associated with being on benefits, reluctance of landlords to accept young people as tenants)	34%
Proximity issues (e.g. housing far from work, school, or family)	33%
Limited housing availability (e.g. of smaller homes or one-bedrooms)	33%
Affordability concerns (high rent relative to available income, including benefits)	32%
High upfront costs (e.g. deposits, fees)	29%
Uncertainty or instability due to insecure rental agreements	27%
Poor quality of available housing (e.g. unsafe, mould)	27%
Difficulty securing a guarantor	19%
N/A - I / We did not experience any challenges when trying to obtain private rental accommodation	2%
Not sure / I can't remember	1%

Source: survey of young renters (see Annex 1).

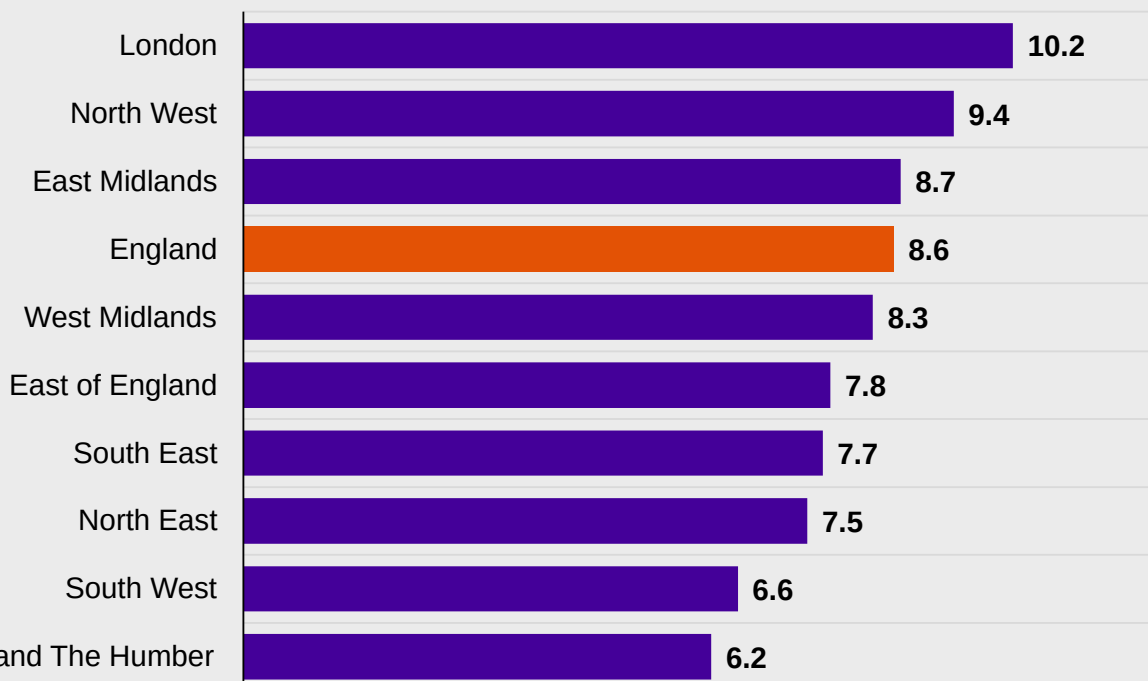
Notes: survey question was asked only of respondents who were in private rented accommodation as their main address in the 2024/25 financial year.

Figure 1.3: The size of the private rented sector over time



Source: Price Index of Private Rents

Figure 1.4: Nominal private rental price inflation (%) by region, 2024/25.



Source: Price Index of Private Rents ^{ix}

^{ix}. ONS (2025). Price Index of Private Rents, UK: historical series. See: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/datasets/priceindexofprivaterentsukhistoricalseries>. Accessed 20/02/2026.

Table 1.5: Suitability of private-rented (private rented sector) and social-rented (social rented sector) housing, reported by young renters (age 16-24) who were renting in the period 2024/25, referring to their main residence during this period.

Proportion responding that housing met their needs	Space and Layout		Proximity to work, education and/or family		Safety and comfort	
	Private-rented	Social-rented	Private-rented	Social-rented	Private-rented	Social-rented
Completely met my needs	20%	19%	22%	23%	19%	23%
Mostly met my needs	29%	31%	30%	29%	24%	29%
Somewhat met my needs	23%	27%	19%	26%	24%	22%
Barely met my needs	16%	11%	17%	13%	15%	11%
Did not meet my needs at all	12%	9%	9%	7%	15%	12%
Not sure	1%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%

Source: survey of young renters (see Annex 1)

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