

Occupancy Rates for the London Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU)

Background

The NHS London Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU) was established in February 2004, in partnership with the London Development Agency, the Regional Public Health Group for London and the five London NHS Strategic Health Authorities. It was set up to address the need for the health community to engage more effectively with the urban planning agenda in London to ensure that new communities were truly sustainable.

HUDU offers support to the health sector to facilitate active engagement in the urban planning and regeneration agenda for London. The work of the Unit has been arranged around three core objectives:

- To develop partnerships for health
- To influence the London urban planning agenda and
- To influence urban development across London.

The London Development Agency is the only Regional Development Agency in England to have the promotion of health improvement and sustainable development as a statutory responsibility. HUDU is working in partnership with the LDA to assist with both the Economic Development Strategy's key objective to create healthy sustainable communities and also to support the strategy's cross-cutting theme of health.

HUDU has developed a computer spreadsheet model (the HUDU Model) to assess the amount and cost of health facilities needed by new housing developments. The HUDU Model is free and available from:

www.healthyurbandevlopment.nhs.uk/pages/s106_health_model/planning_contribution_tool_e.htm

As part of this work HUDU approached the GLA Data Management and Analysis Group to request data on occupancy rates per household by age, the number of bedrooms and tenure. HUDU needed this for three defined areas within London.

The only available source for this type of housing data is from the London Household Survey (LHS). The LHS provides reliable information at London-wide and sub-regional level on key housing, household characteristics and income data. The survey achieved 8,158 interviews with the Household Reference Person or Partner and was undertaken during February-September 2002.

A section of the table is included with this update, the detailed table splits this data up by broad age groups as well as the three defined areas.

Number of people in Greater London by number of bedrooms and tenure, 2002

	Number of bedrooms				
	1	2	3	4 plus	Total
Rent:	566,000	1,025,000	1,075,000	382,000	3,048,000
Local authority / Council / Housing Action Trust	216,000	479,000	446,000	90,000	1,231,000
Housing Association/Co operative, charitable trust or local	119,000	191,000	273,000	94,000	677,000
Other individual private landlord	202,000	316,000	305,000	169,000	992,000
Other organisations and individuals	28,000	38,000	51,000	30,000	147,000
Own with mortgage	119,000	503,000	1,379,000	654,000	2,656,000
Own outright (no mortgage)	56,000	242,000	647,000	381,000	1,325,000
Part rent or rent free	10,000	29,000	34,000	14,000	88,000
Total	751,000	1,799,000	3,135,000	1,431,000	7,117,000

Number of people in Greater London by number of bedrooms and tenure - per household, 2002

	Number of bedrooms				
	1	2	3	4 plus	Total
Rent:	1.33	2.22	3.05	3.86	2.28
Local authority / Council / Housing Action Trust	1.30	2.32	3.02	4.20	2.27
Housing Association/Co operative, charitable trust or local	1.16	2.19	3.59	4.58	2.37
Other individual private landlord	1.49	2.12	2.77	3.44	2.23
Other organisations and individuals	1.40	2.03	2.70	3.65	2.23
Own with mortgage	1.30	1.93	2.95	3.66	2.66
Own outright (no mortgage)	1.19	1.53	1.98	2.78	1.98
Part rent or rent free	0.99	2.12	3.15	3.81	2.26
Total	1.31	2.01	2.71	3.42	2.34

Source: London Household Survey, GLA

Further information:

Additional information regarding the LHS and how to access the data can be found in *DMAG Briefing 2005/14*. If you would like a copy of this or the full detailed table, please contact Lovedeep Vaid in the Data Management and Analysis Group on 0207 983 4699 or by e-mail: <mailto:lovedeep.vaid@london.gov.uk>