

2011 Census Release 3.2a: Housing Key Facts

Friday 28th June 2013 saw the release of detailed cross-tabulated 2011 Census data on the theme of Housing. Over the coming weeks the Census Information Scheme will be producing reports and online tools exploring these new data, but in the meantime here are some headlines for London:

- There were 3,266,173 households recorded in London in the 2011 Census.
- The capital's population on Census Day was 8,173,941 of which 8,073,700 (98.8 per cent) were living in a household.
- The average household size in London in 2011 was 2.47 persons.

Household Composition

- 44.3 per cent of one person households were owner occupied in 2011 up from 30.7 per cent in 2001.
- Individuals under the age of 65 who were living alone were more likely to privately rent than those over the age of 65, whereas those over 65 were more likely to be in social housing or own their own home.
- 64.9 per cent of Married or Civil Partnership households were owner occupied while co-habiting couple households were 44.1 per cent owner occupied.
- 49.4 per cent of lone parent households were socially rented.
- 87.0 per cent of households comprised entirely of full-time students were privately rented.
- The older a dependent child was the more likely they were to be living in a house or bungalow as opposed to any other type of accommodation.

Housing Tenure

- 72.0 per cent of houses or bungalows were owner occupied in London in 2011.
- 34.6 per cent of 'other' accommodation (including flats and apartments) were socially rented while 36.8 per cent were privately rented.
- Houses and bungalows accounted for 70.3 per cent of owner occupied properties and just 23.9 per cent of socially rented and 38.5 per cent of privately rented properties.
- Owner occupied households were most likely to have less than one bedroom per person (76.5 per cent) followed by social rented (63.7 per cent) and private rented (57.8 per cent). This reflects the higher likelihood of Married, Civil Partnership and co-habiting couples to be owner occupiers.
- Social rented properties were most likely to have two bedrooms while owner occupied properties were more likely to have three bedrooms.

Ethnicity and Housing

- The majority of households, in all ethnic groups in London, lived in accommodation that was neither overcrowded nor under-occupied, based on the number of bedrooms.
- Overcrowding was greatest in households whose head had Bangladeshi ethnicity (35.8 per cent did not have enough bedrooms for those living in the household).
- 27.0 per cent of African, 25.5 per cent of Pakistani and 20.5 per cent of Gypsy and Irish Traveller households were overcrowded.
- Under-occupation was most prevalent in households headed by a person of White British or White Irish ethnicity (27.7 per cent and 25.7 per cent respectively).
- 59.9 per cent of White British, 52.1 per cent of White Irish, 66.3 per cent of Indian and 50.0 per cent of Pakistani households were owner-occupied.
- White British and White Irish households accounted for 54.0 per cent of all households in London but 64.8 per cent of owner occupied households
- The ethnicities with the highest percentage of households in socially rented accommodation are Black Other (52.0 per cent), Mixed White & Black Caribbean (50.0 per cent) and Bangladeshi (48.5 per cent).
- Black Londoners headed 12.7 per cent of all London households but 25.2 per cent of socially rented households.
- 49.5 per cent of White Other households (a category which include many European migrants) lived in privately rented accommodation.
- White Other Londoners accounted for 12.8 per cent of all households in the capital but 26.7 per cent of the private rented households.

Religion and Housing

- There were similar numbers of Muslim households in the three main types of housing tenure: socially rented (36.8 per cent), occupied (30.2 per cent) and privately rented (33.0 per cent).
- The overwhelming majority of Sikh and Jewish households were owner occupied (72.0 per cent and 71.6 per cent respectively).

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