

Overcrowding, under-occupancy, non-decent homes and fuel poverty: the picture for social renters in London and England

The English Housing Survey headline report 2018/19 was published in January. We've pulled out some of the key statistics for social renters and compared the national picture to that in London, and the picture for tenants compared to homeowners.

The London data is from the Greater London Authority's Housing in London 2019 report.

Some of the key differences relate to:

- Tenure. Almost half of London's households are private and social renters
- Overcrowding. Social renters in London are almost twice as likely to be overcrowded than those outside of London and fifteen times more likely to be overcrowded than England's homeowners as a whole.
- Under-occupancy. Social renters are the least likely of all the tenures to be under-occupied and this is especially true in London, where just 7% of social renters are under-occupying.

	Percentage of households	
	England-wide	London-wide
TENURE		
Owner-occupied households	64%	52%
Private rented households	19%	26%
Social rented households	17%	22%
OVERCROWDED HOMES		
Owner-occupied	1%	3%
Private rented	6%	12%
Social rented	8%	15%
UNDER-OCCUPIED HOMES		
Owner-occupied	52%	42%
Private rented	14%	9%
Social rented	8%	7%
NON-DECENT HOMES		
Owner occupied	17%	17%
Private rented	25%	20%
Social rented	12%	12%
HOUSEHOLDS SUFFERING FUEL POVERTY		
Owner occupied	8%	9%
Private rented	19%	17%
Council tenanted	13%	12%
Housing association tenanted	11%	10%