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Guide to available disability data



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The wider picture

The following tables provide information on the current situation on demographics and housing stock across England. This will provide a general indication of the current situation on disabled housing need. The tables include information on:

- vulnerable and disadvantages groups
- older households
- household projections
- housing stock and visitability features.

Vulnerable and disadvantaged households as percentage of total households					
England	2011	Tenure			All households
		Owner Occupier	Private Rented	Social Rented	
<i>Thousands (Percentage)</i>					
Households with reference person with long term illness or disability¹	3,857 (26.8)	813 (21.9)	1,859 (48.5)	6,528 (29.8)	
Households with one or more wheelchair users²	-	-	-	726 (3.3)	
<i>Thousands (percentage)</i>					
Total Households	14,368 (100.0)	3,716 (100.0)	3,834 (100.0)	21,918 (100.0)	

Source: English Housing Survey 2011 to 2012, household report, annex table 6.1 & 6.11

¹ Long term illness is anything that has troubled the household reference person over a period of time, or that is likely to affect them over a period of time (English Housing Survey: Questionnaire documentation 2011 to 2012)

² Note households with one or more wheelchair users is included as part of Households with long term illness or disability

Please note below is data from a discontinued data source from 2007-2008. This survey has been replaced with the English Housing Survey.

Disabled persons using wheelchair by tenure, 2007-08					
England	2008	Tenure			All households
		Owner Occupied	Private Rented¹	Social Rented	
<i>Thousands (Percentage)</i>					
Disabled persons² using wheelchair		332 (2.3)	-	270 (7.1)	603 (2.8)
Total Households		14,628 (100.0)	2,982 (100.0)	3,797 (100.0)	21,407 (100.0)

Source: Housing in England 2007-08: a report principally from the 2007-08 Survey of English Housing, table 1.1 and table 1.27

¹ There are too few private renting wheelchair users in the sample to provide estimates for private renters alone.

² Persons with a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity.

Household demographics					
England	2012-13	Tenure			All households
		Owner Occupier	Private Rented	Social Rented	
<i>Thousands (Percentages)</i>					
Households with reference person under 65		9,734 (67.9)	3,652 (92.3)	2,634 (71.5)	16,021 (72.9)
Households with reference person 65-74		2,336 (16.3)	152 (3.8)	467 (12.7)	2,955 (13.4)
Households with reference person over 75		2,266 (15.8)	152 (3.8)	538 (15.8)	3,001 (13.7)
Total Households with reference person over 65		4,602 (32.1)	304 (7.7)	1,050 (28.5)	5,956 (27.1)
Total Households		14,337 (100.0)	3,956 (100.0)	3,684 (100.0)	21,977 (100.0)

Source: English Housing Survey 2012 to 2013: household report, annex table 2.1

Household Projections			
England	2011	2021	Percentage change
<i>Thousands</i>			
Households with reference person under 65	16,153	17,178	6
Households with reference person 65-74	2,974	3,429	15
Households with reference person between 75-84	2,143	2,544	19
Households with reference person over 85	832	1,157	39
Total households with reference person over 65	5,949	7,130	20
Total Households	22,102	24,307	10

Source: Household interim projections in England, 2011 to 2021, table 2a

Housing Stock by visitability features¹						
England	2012	Tenure			All Tenures	
		Owner Occupied	Private Rented	Local Authority		Housing Association
<i>Thousands (Percentages)</i>						
Levels of Housing Stock		14,783 (100.0)	4,119 (100.0)	1,775 (100.0)	2,042 (100.0)	22,718 (100.0)
No visitability Features		3,877 (26.2)	1,113 (27.0)	404 (22.7)	372 (18.3)	5,768 (25.4)
One visitability feature		6,337 (42.9)	1,476 (35.8)	562 (31.7)	567 (27.8)	8,943 (39.4)
Two visitability features		3,098 (21.0)	811 (19.7)	400 (22.5)	401 (19.7)	4,710 (20.7)
Three visitability features		946 (6.4)	443 (10.8)	310 (17.5)	392 (19.2)	2,091 (9.2)
All four visitability features		525 (3.6)	276 (6.7)	99 (5.6)	307 (15.0)	1,206 (5.3)

Source: English Housing Survey 2012 to 2013: housing report, annex table 2.9

¹ Visitability features are defined as a dwelling having the following:

- level access: there are no steps between the gate/pavement and the front door into the dwelling to negotiate.
- flush threshold: a wheelchair can be wheeled directly into the dwelling, with no obstruction higher than 15mm
- sufficiently wide doors and circulation space
- WC at entrance level

Local authority data

The following provides an overview of the available government data sources that can be accessed by local authorities to extract more detailed local authority level data.

Source	Link	What's available	Update frequency	Additional comments
Local Authority Housing Statistics	www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-housing-data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of households that are on the housing waiting list that have had to move on medical grounds or welfare grounds, including grounds relating to disability • Levels of local authority housing stock. 	Annual	
COntinuous REcordings (CORE)	www.gov.uk/government/collections/rents-lettings-and-tenancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data on social housing statistics • Reason for housing: property unsuitable due to ill health/disability • Requirements: fully wheelchair accessible, level access, other disability related requirement • Does the dwelling meet wheelchair standard • Does the dwelling meet mobility standards • Is the dwelling fitted with aids or adaptations • Detailed household statistics: economic status, physical or sensory disability, older people. 	Annual	

Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	www.gov.uk/government/collections/personal-independence-payment-statistics	Numbers claiming Personal Independence Payments	Quarterly	Personal Independence Payment started to replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for people aged 16 to 64 from 8 April 2013. Accessible either via DWP statxplore, or nesstar UK data service (see below)
Labour Force Survey	discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/series/?sn=2000026	Data on workforce characteristics including whether people are sick or disabled, and the kind of disability benefit claimed	Quarterly	This is easiest to access via nesstar UK data service. All local government employees can register to access this service by completing the online registration form.
Census Data	www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/index.html	Self reported information on long term health problems and disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether day-to-day activities are limited a lot • Whether day-to-day activities are limited a little 	Once a decade	
Population Estimates	www.ons.gov.uk/ons/taxonomy/index.html?nscl=Population#tab-overview	Population estimates, including breakdown by age cohort		

Household projections	www.gov.uk/government/collections/household-projections	Household projections based on population estimates , including breakdown by age cohort.	Ad-hoc	Dependent on the frequency of ONS population projections
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