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Rough sleeping snapshot in England: autumn 2021

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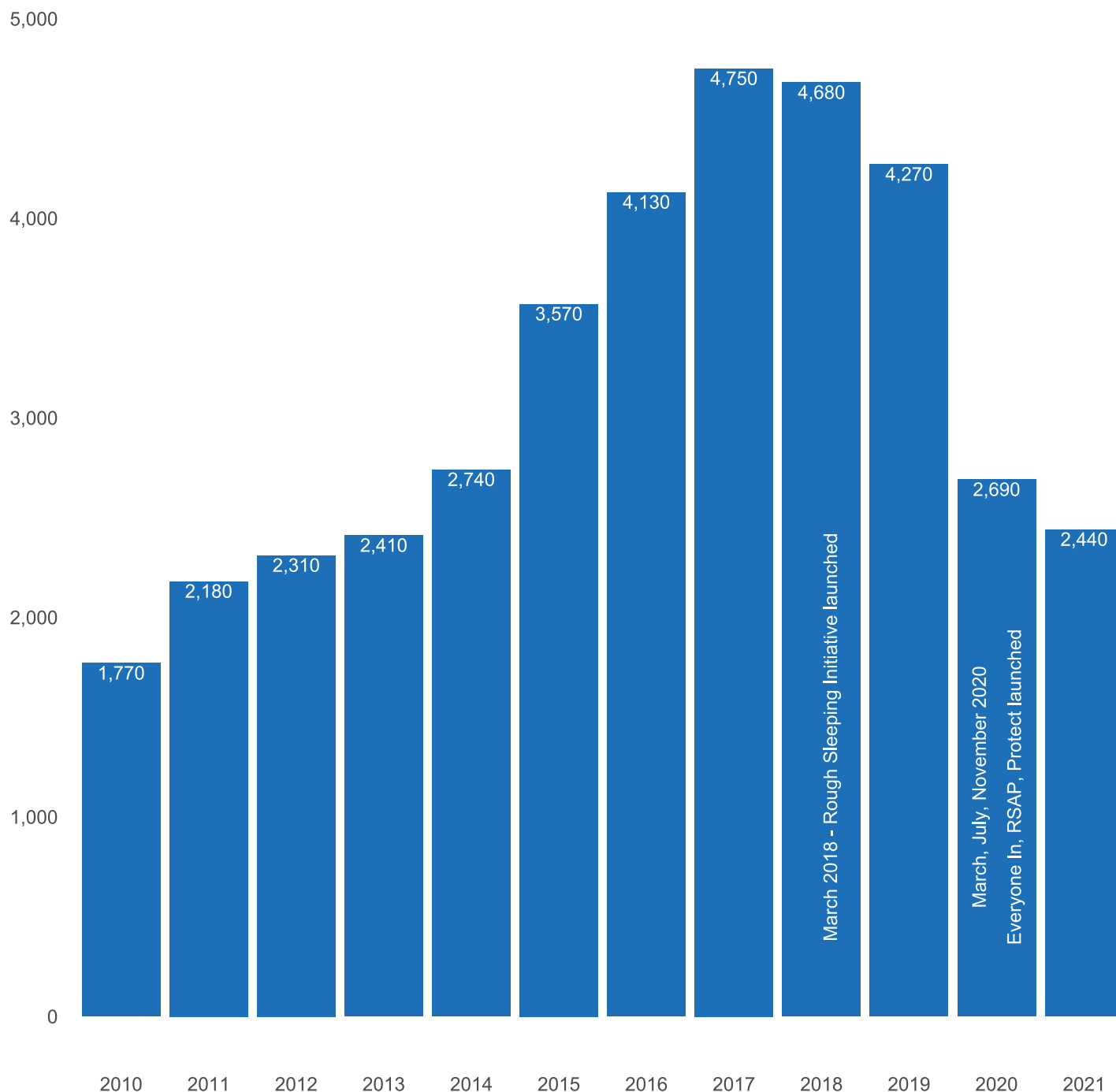
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1. Main findings

- The number of people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn has fallen for the fourth year in a row from its peak in 2017. At the same time, the number of people estimated to be currently in emergency accommodation has fallen by over half on the same period last year.
- The snapshot overall remains higher than 2010 when the snapshot approach was introduced.
- There were 2,440 people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021. This is down by 250 people or 9 % from last year and down 49 % from the peak in 2017 but is up by 670 people or 38 % since 2010. At the same time, the number of people estimated to be in emergency & short-term accommodation in November is down 5,490 people or 56% from the same period last year.
- Rough sleeping decreased in every region of England compared to the previous year. The largest decrease in the number of people estimated to be sleeping rough was in London, where there were 640 people this year compared to 710 people last year. This is down by 70 people or 10 % from last year.
- Nearly half (45 %) of all people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn are in London and the South East.
- Most people sleeping rough in England were male, aged over 26 years old and from the UK. This is similar to previous years.
- Unlike last year, this year's Rough sleeping snapshot did not coincide with significant COVID-19 related restrictions which may have impacted people's risk of rough sleeping.
- Throughout the pandemic government has, working with local authorities, put in place significant support to accommodate and those sleeping rough or at risk of sleeping rough in order to protect them from COVID-19. By November 2021, there were nearly 4,300 people in emergency & short-term accommodation who would otherwise have been sleeping rough or were at risk of sleeping rough, and 40,000 people who had already moved on into longer-term accommodation since the pandemic began.

Date of next publication: It is expected that the autumn 2022 Rough sleeping snapshot will be published in early 2023. The date will be pre-announced on the [GOV.UK publication release calendar \(https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements)

Figure 1: Estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn in England since 2010.



1.1 Introduction

This publication provides information about the estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night between 1 October and 30 November 2021 and some basic demographic details (i.e. age, gender, nationality). These statistics provide a way of estimating the number of people sleeping rough across England on a single night in autumn and to assess change over time.

In response to the pandemic, particularly in 2020, the government launched a range of extra support for people sleeping rough, in addition to the support already being provided as part of the [Rough Sleeping Initiative \(RSI\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-to-successful-government-rough-sleeping-programme) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-to-successful-government-rough-sleeping-programme>).

As well as the pandemic, there are other factors that can affect the number of people who sleep rough on any given night. For example, the availability of night shelters, the weather, where people choose to sleep and the date and time chosen for the snapshot estimate. Whilst local authorities are asked to provide possible reasons for any significant changes in the numbers of people who sleep rough compared to previous years, the figures in this release are subject to some uncertainty and should be treated as estimates of the number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn.

Alongside this year's snapshot statistics, we are also publishing for the first time a detailed commentary around the new management information about the support for people sleeping rough and those at risk of sleeping rough, which we have been collecting throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This management information is published in [Annex A](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/annex-a-support-for-people-sleeping-rough-in-england-2021-not-official-statistics) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/annex-a-support-for-people-sleeping-rough-in-england-2021-not-official-statistics>).

This management information is designed to measure local authority performance on ending rough sleeping and to help inform the on-going response to the pandemic and support future policy development. It provides more timely and frequent information about people sleeping rough and uses a similar collection approach to annual rough sleeping statistics, albeit without the greater verification of the annual statistics.

The annual snapshot statistics remain our official and most robust measure of rough sleeping on a single night given they are independently verified and are published in line with the Code of Practice for Statistics.

1.2 Definitions

People sleeping rough are defined as follows: *People sleeping, about to bed down (sitting on/in or standing next to their bedding) or bedded down in the open air (such as on the streets, in tents, doorways, parks, bus shelters or encampments). People in buildings or other places not designed for habitation (such as stairwells, barns, sheds, car parks, cars, derelict boats, stations, or 'bashes' which are makeshift shelters, often comprised of cardboard boxes). The definition **does not include** people in hostels or shelters, people in campsites or other sites used for recreational purposes or organised protest, squatters or travellers.*

Bedded down is taken to mean either lying down or sleeping.

About to bed down includes those who are sitting in/on or near a sleeping bag or other bedding.



How can it be used?



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| ✓ To estimate the number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn | ✗ To estimate the total number of people sleeping rough across the year |
| ✓ To assess changes in the number of people sleeping rough over time | ✗ To estimate the total number of homeless people |
| ✓ To compare local authorities and regions in England | ✗ To compare with other countries in the UK |
| ✓ To understand some basic characteristics about people who sleep rough | ✗ To understand how long people sleep rough and the reasons why people sleep rough |

1.3 Things you need to know

- Local authorities across England take an autumn single night snapshot of people sleeping rough. They either use a count-based estimate of visible rough sleeping, an evidence-based estimate meeting with local agencies or an evidence-based estimate meeting including a spotlight count.
- Local authorities, together with local agencies, decide which approach and date to use for their snapshot of rough sleeping. They are advised to use the approach that will provide the most accurate estimate of the number of people sleeping rough in their local authority.
- The snapshot should take place on a 'typical night', on a single date between 1 October and 30 November, chosen by the local authority. The date can change from one year to the next and will not be the same for all local authorities. In some cases, this is coordinated with neighbouring local authorities to avoid double counting of people.
- The snapshot takes place in the autumn rather than summer, where numbers are likely to be higher due to warmer temperatures or winter, where numbers may be lower as more temporary night shelters are set up to ensure people do not sleep rough on the streets in very cold weather
- The snapshot is collated by outreach workers, local charities and community groups and is independently verified by Homeless Link.
- People sleeping rough are defined [\[footnote 1\]](#) as those sleeping or about to bed down in open air locations and other places including tents and make-shift shelters.
- The snapshot does not include people in hostels or shelters, people sofa surfing, or those in recreational sites or organised protest, those in squats or traveller campsites.
- The snapshot does not provide a definitive number of people affected by homelessness in England. The term '[homelessness](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homelessness-data-notes-and-definitions)' (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homelessness-data-notes-and-definitions>) is much broader than people sleeping rough.
- The snapshot records only those people seen, or thought to be, sleeping rough on a single night in autumn.
- The snapshot does not include everyone in a local authority with a history of sleeping rough. Nor does it include everyone sleeping rough across local authorities from the October to November period.
- Accurately estimating the number of people sleeping rough within a local authority is inherently difficult given the hidden nature of rough sleeping.

- The snapshot methodology has been in place since 2010. From 1998 to 2010, only a quarter of all local authorities who estimated that there were more than ten people sleeping rough in their local authority were asked to conduct an annual street count.
- Alongside this year's snapshot statistics, we are also publishing for the first time a detailed commentary around the new management information about the support for people sleeping rough and those at risk of sleeping rough.
- Since March 2018, the government's [Rough Sleeping Initiative \(RSI\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-to-successful-government-rough-sleeping-programme) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-to-successful-government-rough-sleeping-programme>) has funded local authorities to provide specialist services to help the most vulnerable people in society off the streets and into secure accommodation. Over 90 % of local authorities are part of the initiative, which is now in its fourth year.
- In March 2020, the government launched the ['Everyone In'](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/3-2-million-emergency-support-for-rough-sleepers-during-coronavirus-outbreak) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/3-2-million-emergency-support-for-rough-sleepers-during-coronavirus-outbreak>) support asking local authorities to immediately house people sleeping rough and those at risk of rough sleeping to protect their health and stop wider transmission of COVID-19. This ongoing support has helped to protect thousands of vulnerable people during the pandemic.
- In July 2020, the government launched the [Next Steps Accommodation Programme \(NSAP\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-allocated-for-3-300-new-homes-for-rough-sleepers) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-allocated-for-3-300-new-homes-for-rough-sleepers>), which provided the financial resources to local authorities and their partners to prevent those accommodated during the pandemic from returning to the streets. Allocations for this fund were announced in September 2020 for the interim element and in October 2020 and February 2022 for the long-term element. The long-term element continued and is now known as the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP).
- In October 2020, the government announced the [Cold Weather Payment](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rough-sleepers-to-be-helped-to-keep-safe-this-winter) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rough-sleepers-to-be-helped-to-keep-safe-this-winter>) followed by the [Winter Pressures Fund](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-support-for-rough-sleepers-over-winter) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-support-for-rough-sleepers-over-winter>) in 2021, for local authorities faith and community groups to help to keep people sleeping rough safe and into accommodation this winter.
- In November 2020, the government launched the [Protect Programme](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jenrick-launches-protect-programme-the-next-step-in-winter-rough-sleeping-plan) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jenrick-launches-protect-programme-the-next-step-in-winter-rough-sleeping-plan>), followed by the [Protect Plus Programme](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-covid-protections-for-rough-sleepers-and-renters) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-covid-protections-for-rough-sleepers-and-renters>) which runs alongside the 'Everyone In' support. This programme helps areas that need additional support most during the restrictions and throughout winter.
- These programmes are all part of the government's ongoing Rough Sleeping Strategy to end rough sleeping by the end of the parliament.

2. Rough sleeping snapshot

2.1 National

The number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn in England has fallen for the fourth consecutive year.

The number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn in London has fallen for the third consecutive year.

The number of people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn has fallen for the fourth year in a row from its peak in 2017 but remains higher than in 2010 when the snapshot approach was first introduced.

There were 2,440 people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 in England. This was a decrease of 250 people or 9 % decrease from 2020 and an increase of 670 people or 38 % increase since 2010.

For the third year in a row there has been a decrease in the number of people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn in London. There has also been a decrease in the Rest of England for a fourth year running.

In London, there were 640 people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021. This is a decrease of 70 people or a 10 % decrease from 2020 and an increase of 220 people or a 52 % increase since 2010.

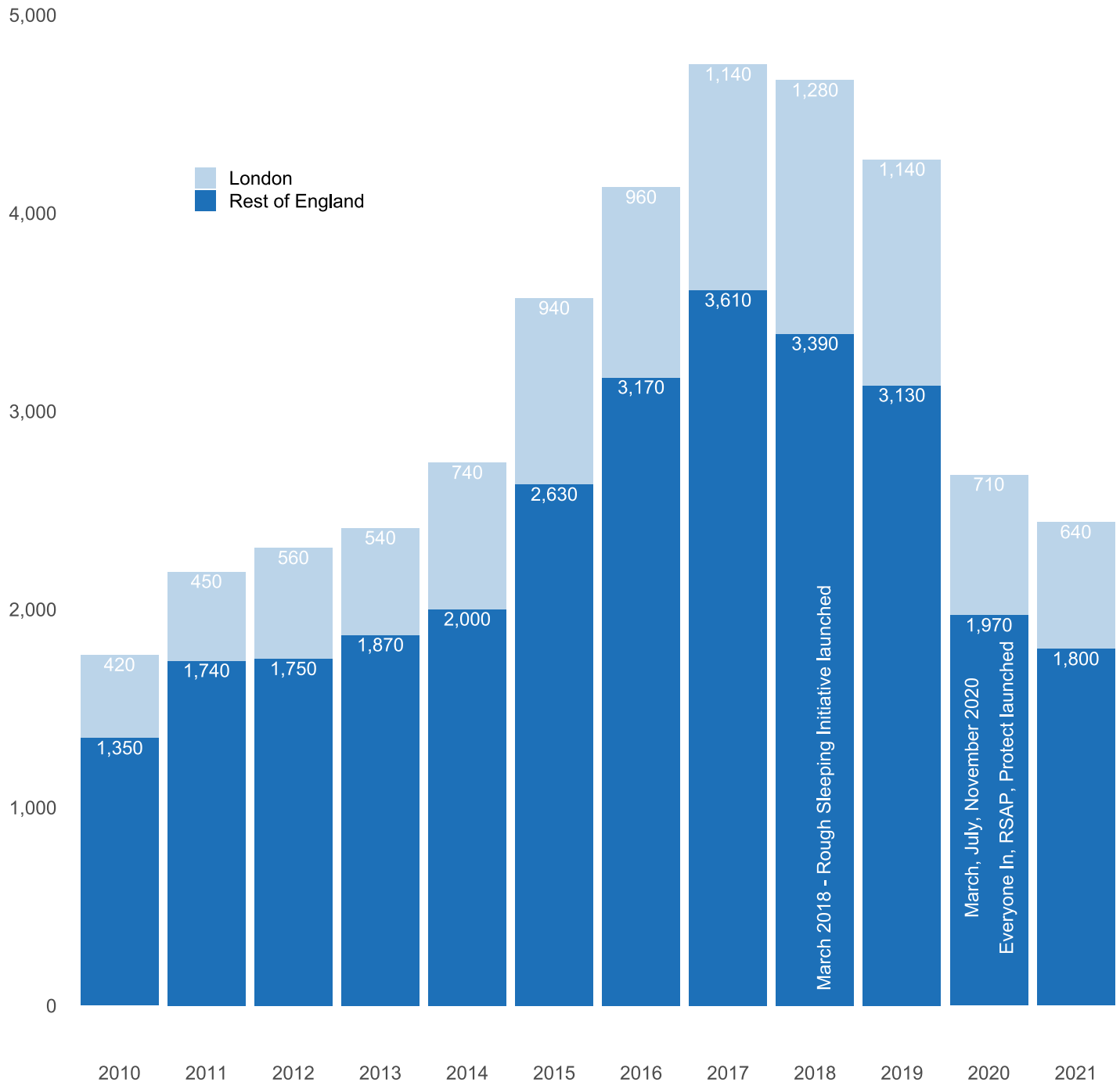
Across the Rest of England, there were 1,800 people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021. This is down by 170 people or a 9 % decrease from last year and down by 1,810 people or 50 % from its peak in 2017. However, this is an increase of 450 people or a 33 % increase since 2010.

Table 2.1.1: Estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn in England, London and Rest of England since 2010.

Year	England	% change on previous year (England)	London	% change on previous year (London)	Rest of England	% change on previous year (Rest of England)
2010	1,770	-	420	-	1,350	-
2011	2,180	23	450	7	1,740	29
2012	2,310	6	560	24	1,750	1
2013	2,410	4	540	-4	1,870	7
2014	2,740	14	740	37	2,000	7
2015	3,570	30	940	27	2,630	32
2016	4,130	16	960	2	3,170	21
2017	4,750	15	1,140	19	3,610	14
2018	4,680	-1	1,280	12	3,390	-6
2019	4,270	-9	1,140	-11	3,130	-8

Year	England	% change on previous year (England)	London	% change on previous year (London)	Rest of England	% change on previous year (Rest of England)
2020	2,690	-37	710	-38	1,970	-37
2021	2,440	-9	640	-10	1,800	-9

Figure 2.1.1: Estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn in London and the Rest of England since 2010.



2.2 Regional

Nearly half (45 %) of all people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn are in London and the South East.

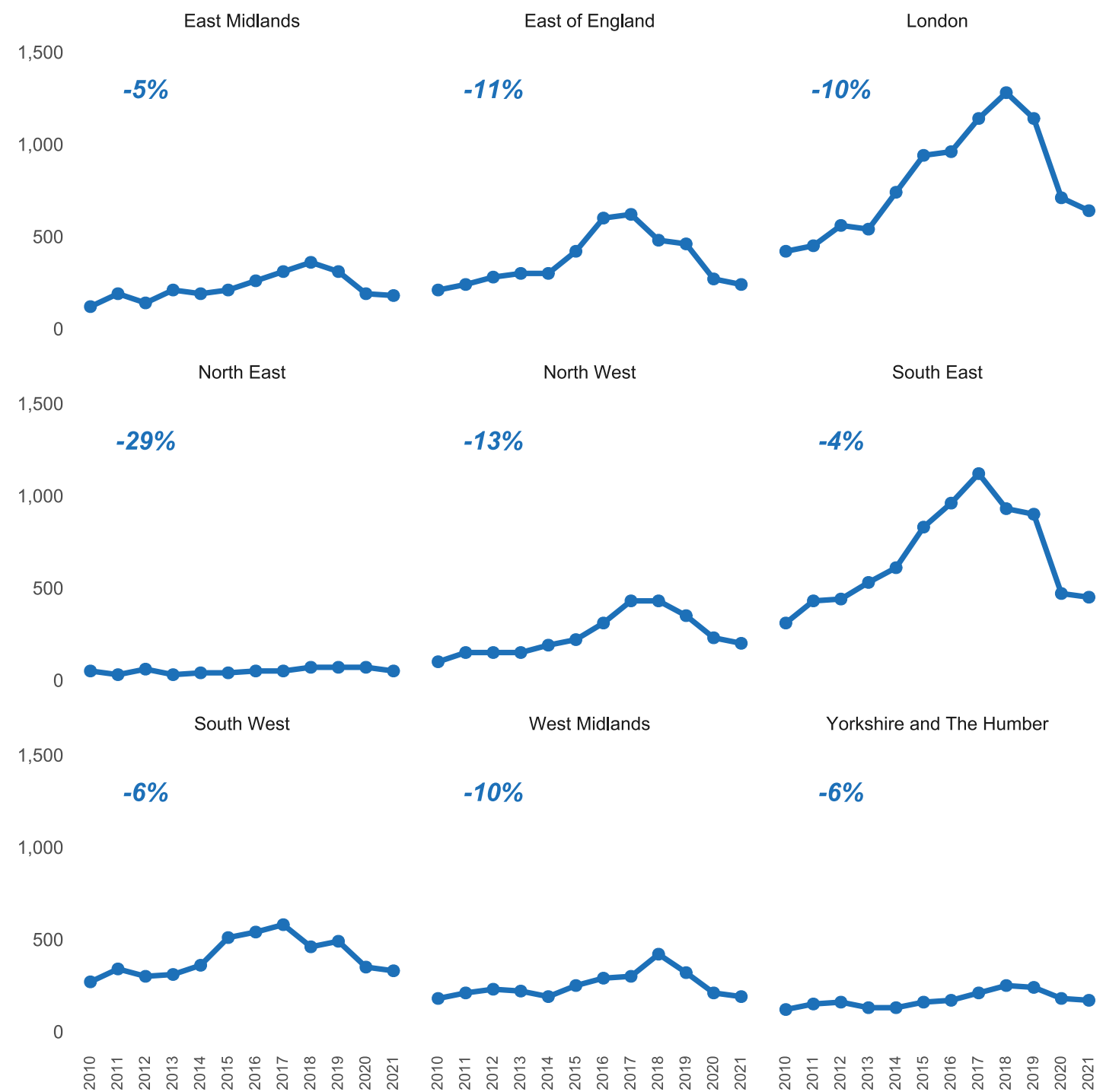
Rough sleeping decreased in every region compared to the previous year, with London decreasing the most.

The largest decrease in the number of people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 was in the London, where there were 640 people this year compared to 710 people last year.

Table 2.2.1: Estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by region compared to previous year

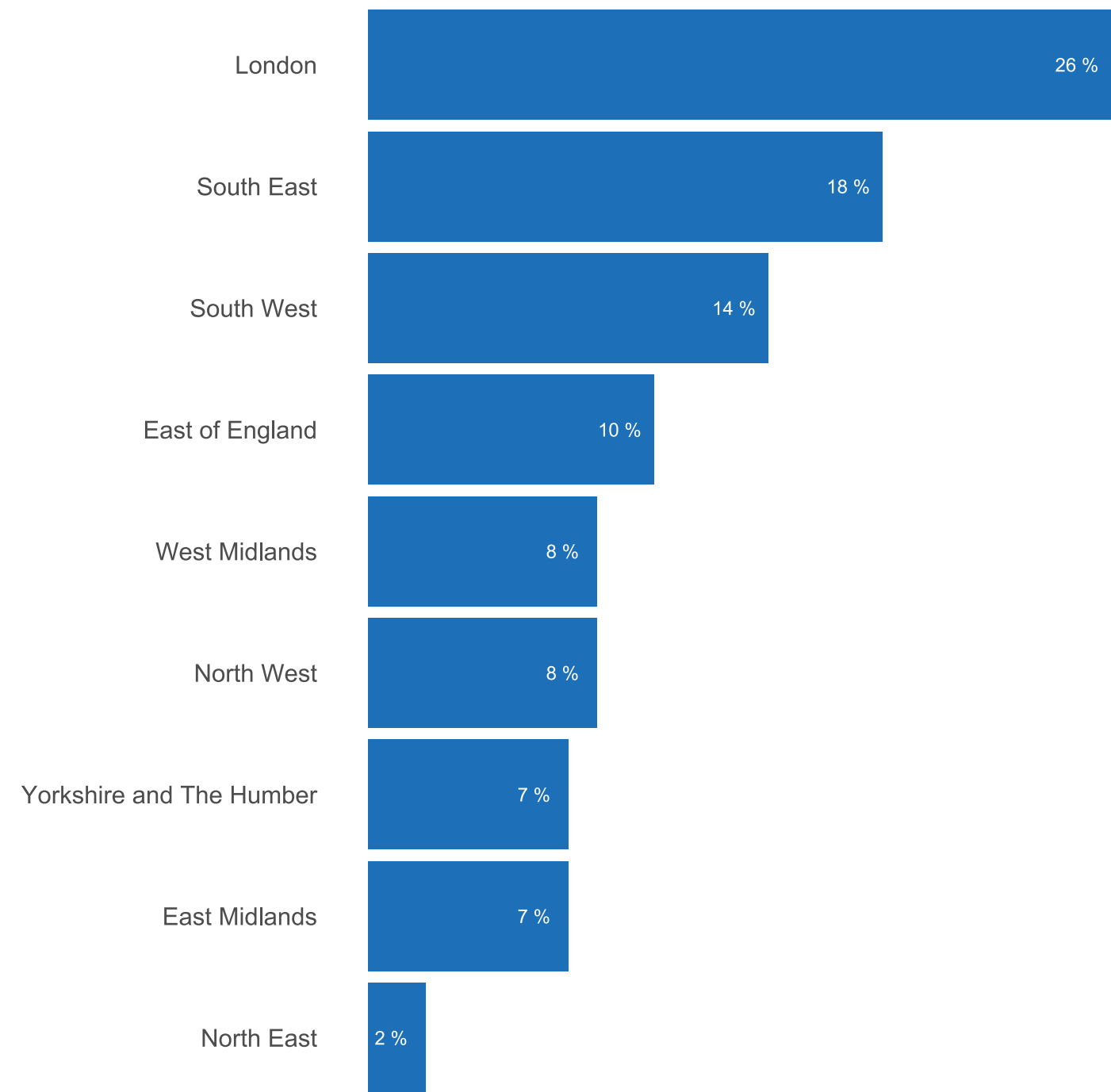
Area	2020	2021	Difference	% Change
England	2,690	2,440	-250	-9
Rest of England	1,970	1,800	-170	-9
London	710	640	-70	-10
East of England	270	240	-30	-11
North West	230	200	-30	-13
North East	70	50	-20	-29
South East	470	450	-20	-4
South West	350	330	-20	-6
West Midlands	210	190	-20	-10
East Midlands	190	180	-10	-5
Yorkshire and The Humber	180	170	-10	-6

Figure 2.2.1: Estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by region since 2010. (% change comparing 2021 to previous year for each region is highlighted)



London and the South East accounted for nearly half (45 %) of all the people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn this year, which is similar to previous years. The North East of England was the region with the lowest number of people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn this year, which is also similar to previous years.

Figure 2.2.2: Proportion of people sleeping rough on single night in autumn 2021 by region.



2.3 Local Authority

- Westminster had the highest number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021.
- The largest increase in the number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn was in Camden.
- The largest decrease in the number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn was in Westminster.

The local authority with the highest number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 was Westminster where 187 people were estimated to be sleeping rough. Westminster has consistently been the local authority with the highest number of people sleeping rough since the snapshot approach was introduced in 2010.

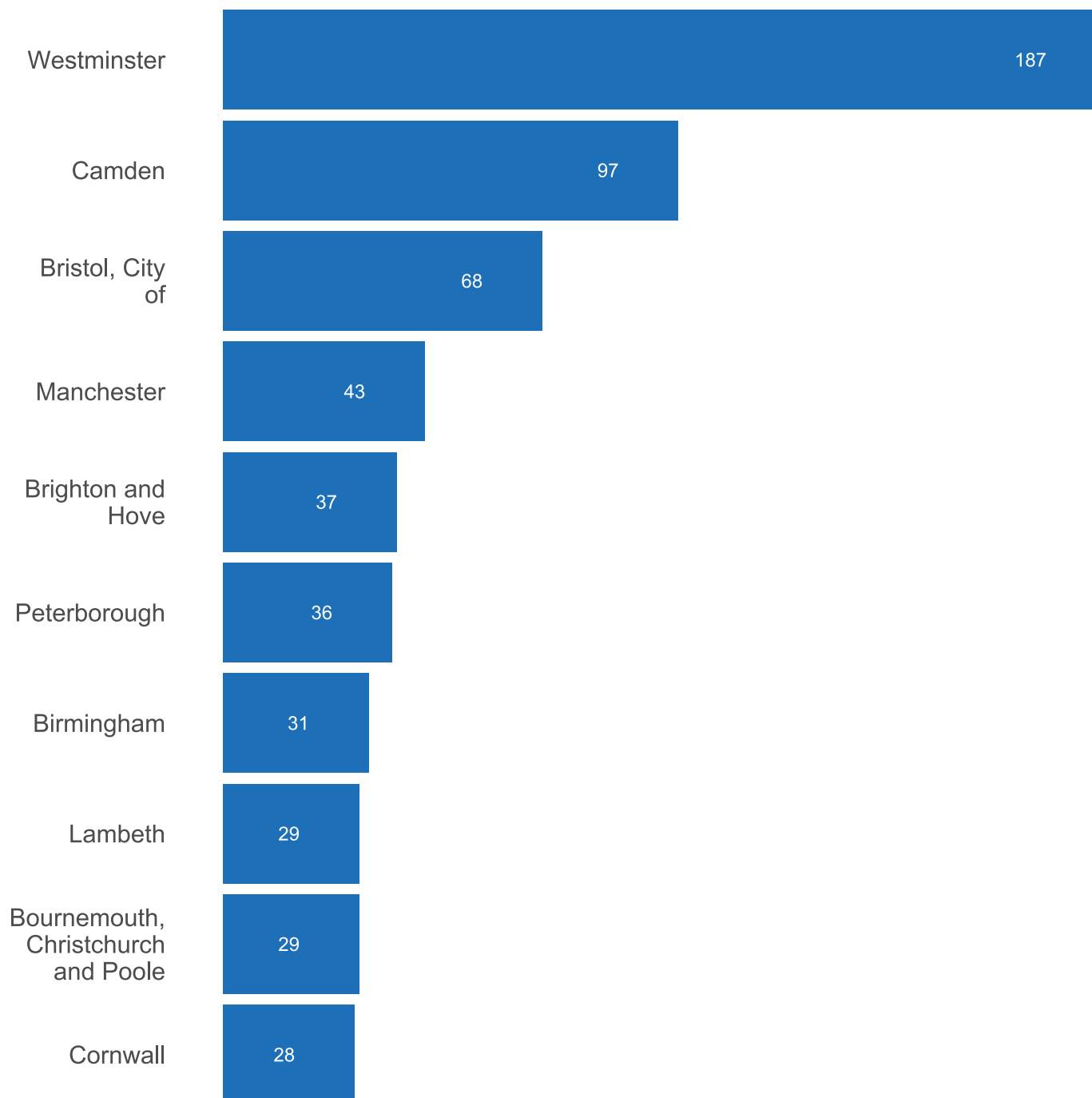
The [Westminster City Council: Review of Homelessness 2019](https://www.westminster.gov.uk/sites/default/files/westminster_city_council_review_of_homelessness_2019.pdf) (https://www.westminster.gov.uk/sites/default/files/westminster_city_council_review_of_homelessness_2019.pdf) suggests that Westminster attracts a disproportionate number of people sleeping rough from across the UK and internationally because of: its central location and access to

transport hubs, the perceived safety of the area due to its 24 hour nature, begging opportunities available due to large numbers of people in the area including tourists, a flow of easily accessible drugs, employment opportunities and availability of services for people sleeping rough.

Table 2.3.1: Local authorities with the highest estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 compared to previous year.

Local Authority	2020	2021	Difference	% Change
Westminster	242	187	-55	-23
Camden	42	97	55	131
Bristol, City of	50	68	18	36
Manchester	68	43	-25	-37
Brighton and Hove	27	37	10	37
Peterborough	9	36	27	300
Birmingham	17	31	14	82
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	25	29	4	16
Lambeth	20	29	9	45
Cornwall	29	28	-1	-3

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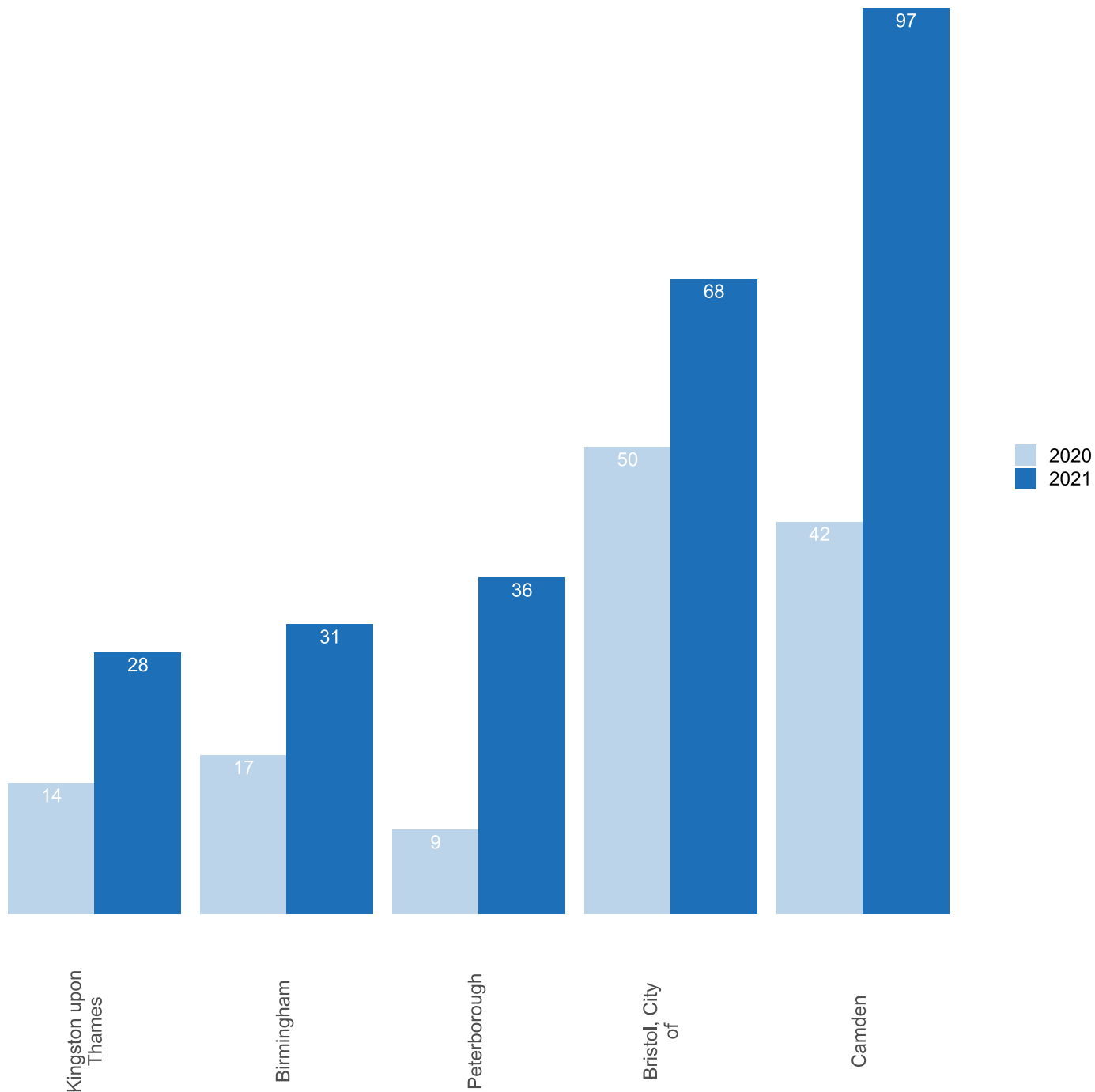
The largest increase in the number of people estimated to be sleeping rough was in Camden, where there were 97 people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021, compared to 42 last year. According to the local authority, this increase is thought to be due to the closure of accommodation that was provided as part of the response to the pandemic and an increase in people sleeping rough from the EU including those with no recourse to public funds, as well as movement of people sleeping rough from other London boroughs.

Generally, the largest increases in the number of people sleeping rough, according to the local authorities involved, were thought to be largely due to the easing of lockdown restrictions and the return to busier streets (last year's 2020 estimate was undertaken during a national lockdown) and the change in response to the pandemic.

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Kingston upon Thames	14	28	14	100

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The largest decrease in the number of people sleeping rough was in Westminster, where 187 people were estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 compared to 242 people last year. The local authority suggests that the reduction was a result of both 'Everyone In', the Protect programme and RSI funding. This has helped increase emergency accommodation availability but also expand outreach services that support people into accommodation.

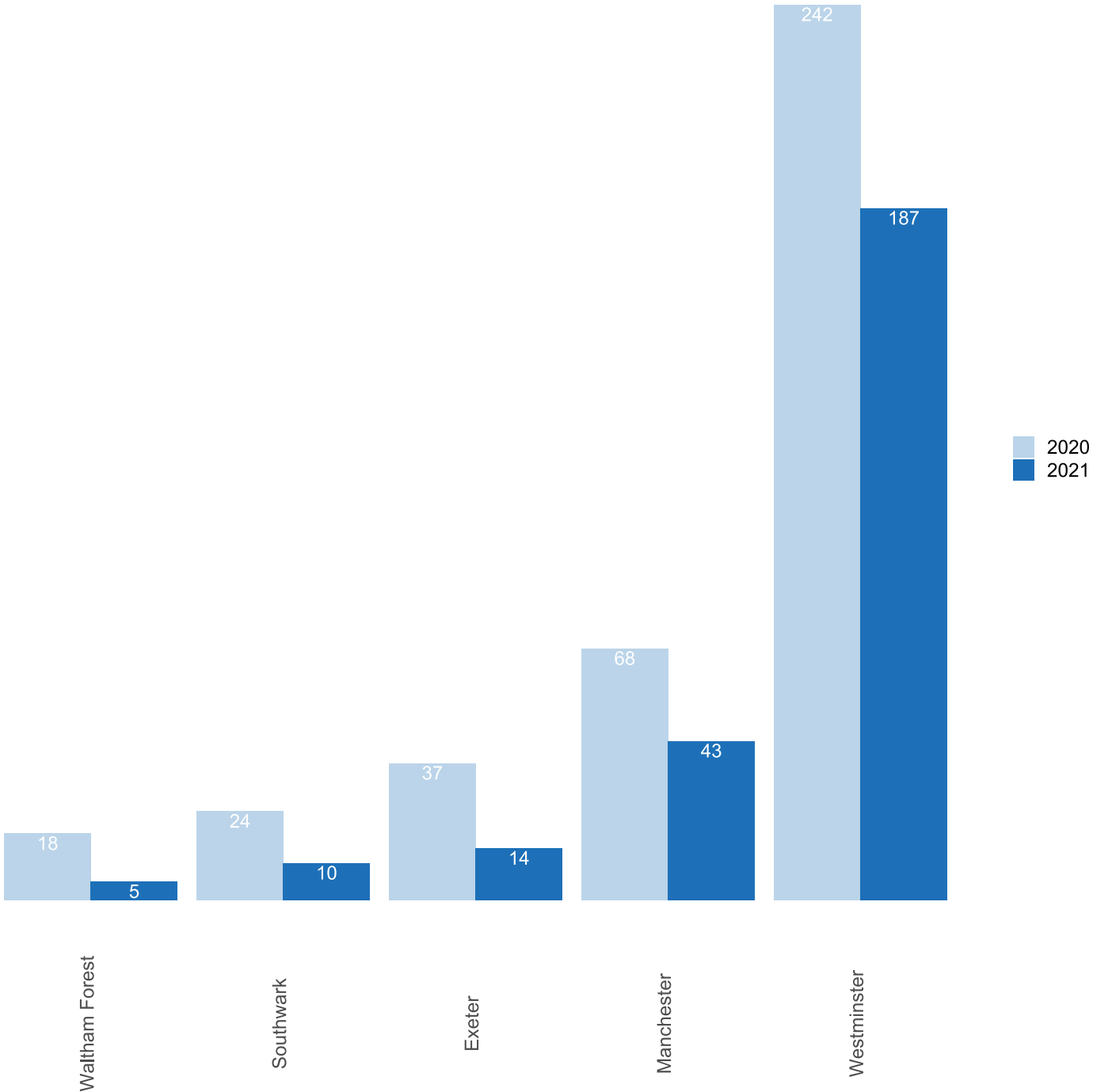
Generally, the largest decreases in the number of people sleeping rough, according to the local authorities involved, was due to government funding provided through 'Everyone In', RSI, RSAP and the Protect programme. Local authorities reported this funding has allowed them to expand their outreach services and increase the availability of emergency accommodation to better support people sleeping rough. When comparing the number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn across years, and between local authorities, there are a range of factors that should be considered. For example, the impact of COVID-19, the weather, where people choose to sleep, movement across local authority boundaries particularly in London, the date and time chosen for the snapshot and the availability of night shelters

Table 2.3.3: Local authorities with the largest decrease in the estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 compared to previous year.

Local Authority	2020	2021	Difference	% Change
Westminster	242	187	-55	-23
Manchester	68	43	-25	-37

Local Authority	2020	2021	Difference	% Change
Exeter	37	14	-23	-62
Southwark	24	10	-14	-58
Waltham Forest	18	5	-13	-72

Figure 2.3.3: Local authorities with the largest decrease in the estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 compared to previous year.



3. Demographics

Since 2016, the Rough sleeping snapshot has also included some basic demographic information about those people found sleeping rough, including age, gender and nationality. Consistent demographic data which used the same categories has been available from 2017 onwards^[footnote 2].

Demographic information was collected either by asking the person found sleeping rough or by referring to existing knowledge (if that person was already known). If a person refused to give, or did not want to share, their personal information, they would still be recorded as sleeping rough and demographic information including age, gender and nationality would be recorded as 'Not known', if unknown. If it was not possible to record demographic information, due to an individual sleeping for example, then it was recorded as 'Not known'.

3.1 Age

Most people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn were aged over 26 years old.

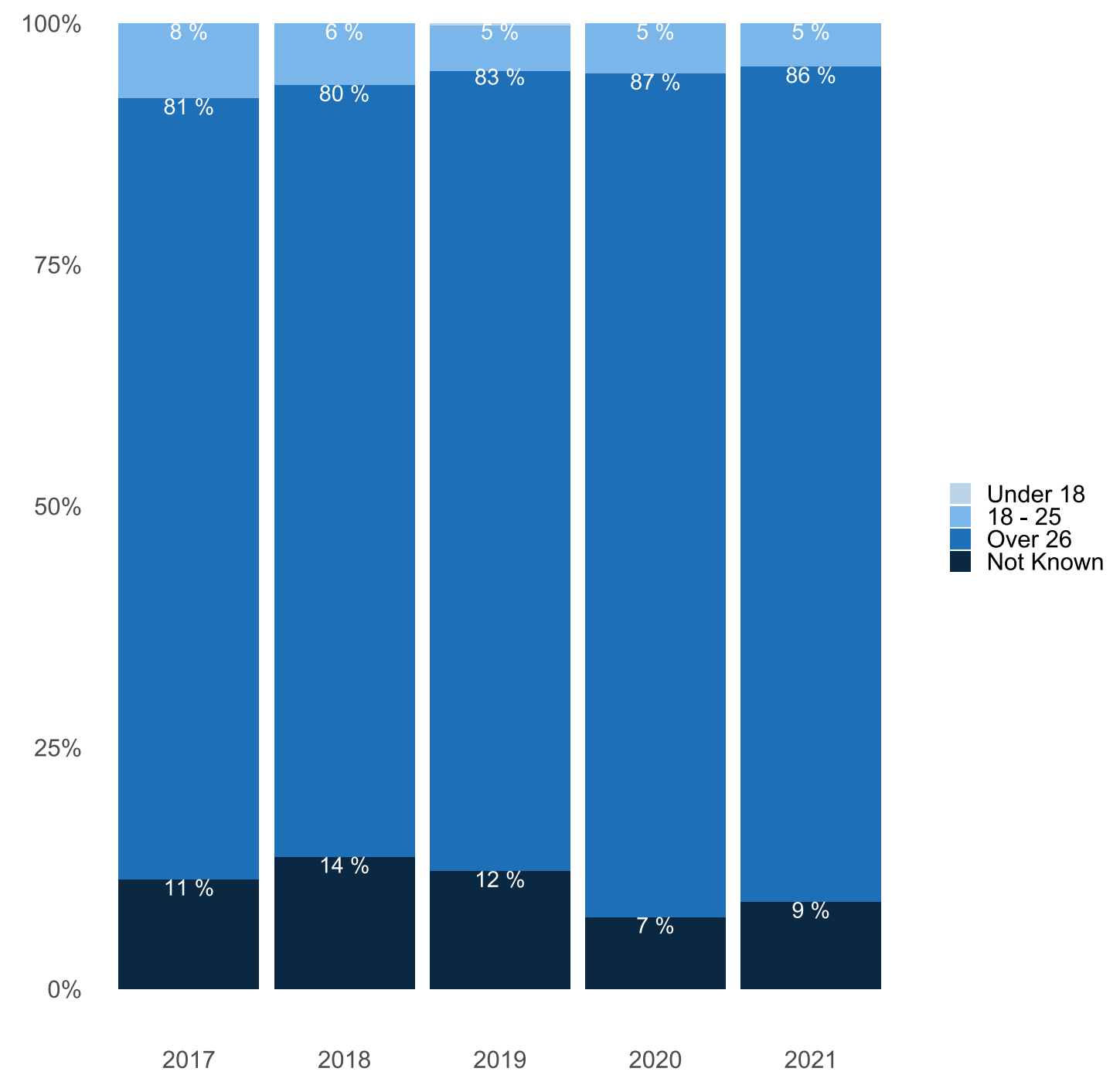
Most people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 were aged over 26 years old, which was similar to previous years. Under 18s who are homeless should be provided with accommodation by Children’s Services in their local authority. There were no people under the age of 18 found sleeping rough in this year’s snapshot.

In 2021, there were 2,110 people (86 % of the total) sleeping rough on a single night in autumn who were aged 26 years or over and 110 people (5 % of the total) who were aged between 18 and 25 years. The age of people sleeping rough was ‘Not known’ for 220 people, or 9 % of the total.

Table 3.1.1: Estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by age since 2017.

Year	Under 18	18 - 25	Over 26	Not Known	Total
2017	1 - 4	370	3,850	540	4,750
2018	1 - 4	300	3,740	640	4,680
2019	10	200	3,540	520	4,270
2020	1 - 4	140	2,350	200	2,690
2021	0	110	2,110	220	2,440

Figure 3.1.1: Proportion of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by age since 2017.



The age breakdown of people sleeping rough was broadly similar across all regions in England.

Table 3.1.2: Proportion of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by age and region.

Area	Under 18 %	18 - 25 %	Over 26 %	Not Known %
England	0	5	86	9
Rest of England	0	4	89	7
London	0	6	78	16

3.2 Gender

Most people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn were male.

Most people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn were male. In 2021, there were 2,080 men (85 % of the total) and 320 women (13 % of the total) sleeping rough on a single night in autumn. Gender was 'Not known' for 40 people (2 %). The gender breakdown of people sleeping rough was similar across all regions in England and was similar to previous years.

Table 3.2.1: Estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by gender since 2017.

Year	Male	Female	Not Known	Total
2017	3,970	650	130	4,750
2018	3,940	640	100	4,680
2019	3,530	610	120	4,270
2020	2,280	380	30	2,690
2021	2,080	320	40	2,440

Figure 3.2.1: Proportion of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by gender since 2017.

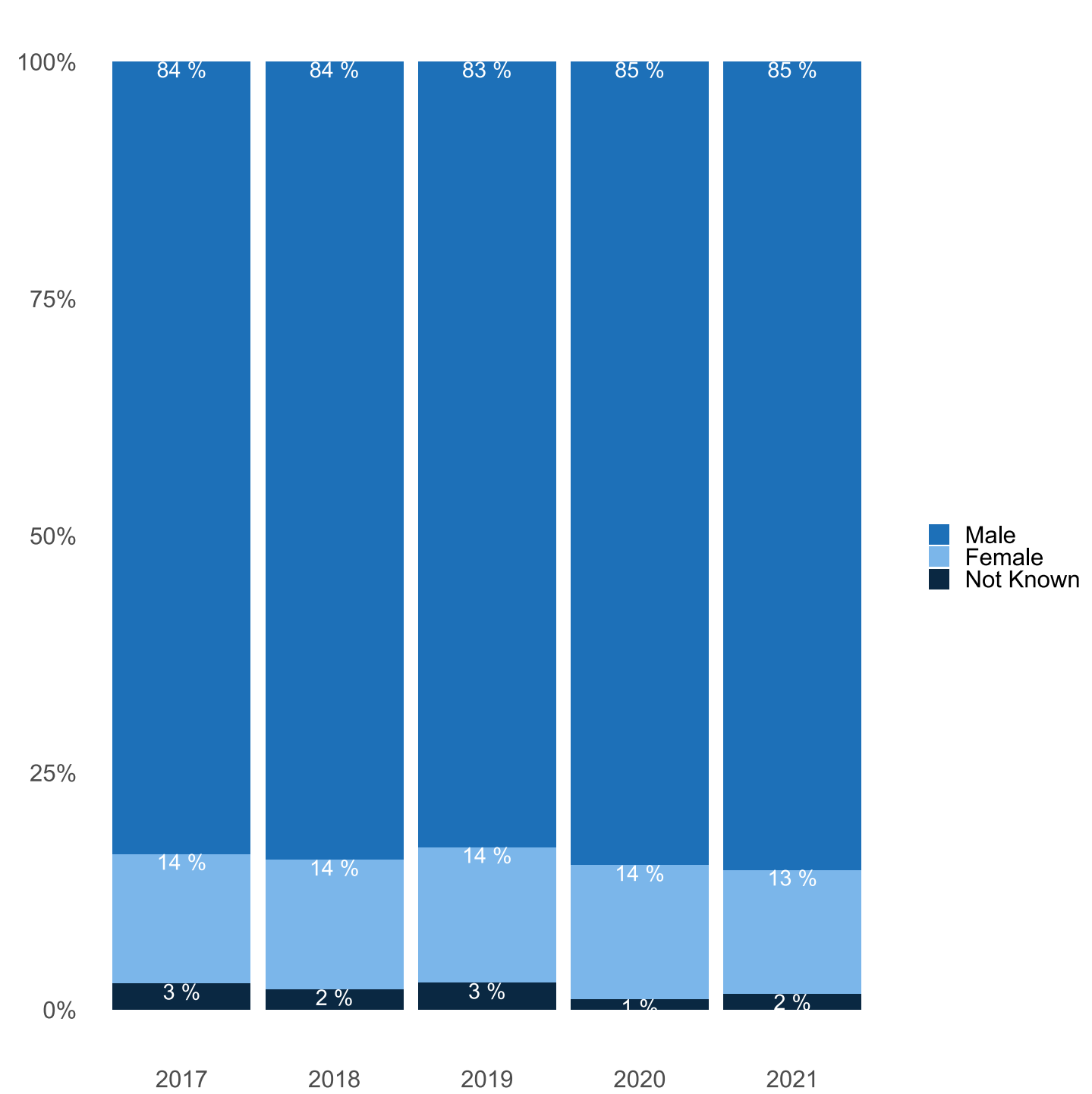


Table 3.2.2: Proportion of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by gender and region.

Area	Male %	Female %	Not Known %
England	85	13	2
Rest of England	86	13	2
London	84	14	3

3.3 Nationality

Most people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn were from the UK.

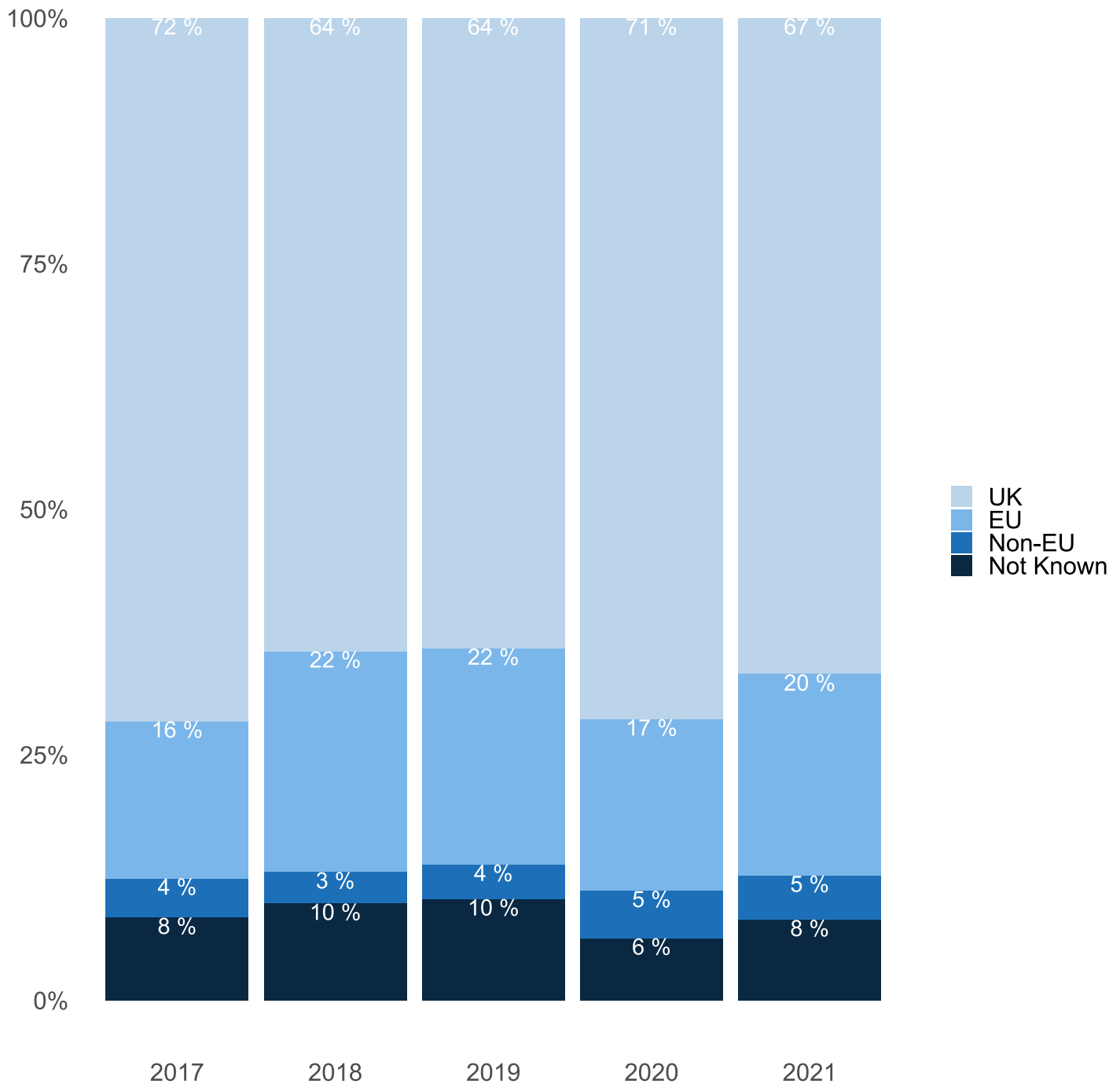
EU nationals make up a higher percentage of the total number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn compared to last year

Most people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 were from the UK. This is similar to previous years. In 2021, there were 1,630 people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night who were from the UK (67 % of the total), 500 people (20 % of the total) were EU nationals and 110 people (5 % of the total) were from outside the EU and the UK. The nationality of 200 people (8 % of the total) was 'Not known'.

Table 3.3.1: Estimated number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by nationality since 2017.

Year	UK	EU	Non-EU	Not Known	Total
2017	3,400	760	190	400	4,750
2018	3,010	1,050	150	460	4,680
2019	2,740	940	150	440	4,270
2020	1,920	470	130	170	2,690
2021	1,630	500	110	200	2,440

Figure 3.3.1: Proportion of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by nationality since 2017.



In London, nearly half of the people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn were from outside the UK in 2021. In total, 230 people were from the UK (36 % of the total), 260 people (41 % of the total) were EU nationals and 50 people (8 % of the total) were from outside the EU and the UK. The nationality of 100 people (16 % of the total) was 'Not known'.

Across the Rest of England, 1,410 people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn were from the UK (78 % of the total), 240 people were EU nationals (13 % of total), 60 people were from outside the EU and the UK (3 % of total) and for 100 people (6 % of the total) nationality was 'Not known'.

Table 3.3.2: Proportion of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by nationality and region.

Area	UK %	EU %	Non-EU %	Not Known %
England	67	20	5	8
Rest of England	78	13	3	6
London	36	41	8	16

The number of people estimated to be sleeping rough who were from the UK decreased the most compared to other nationalities. In 2021, there were 1,630 people from the UK estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night compared to 1,920 people in 2020, which is a decrease of 290 people. Consequently, UK nationals make up a lower percentage of the total number of people sleeping rough on a single night in 2021 (67 %) compared to 2020 (71 %).

EU nationals make up a higher percentage of the total number of people sleeping rough on a single night in 2021 (20 %) compared to 2020 (17 %). This is reflected by an increase in people from this year (500 people) compared to last year (470 people), which represents a 6 % increase in EU nationals.

There was also a large change in the number of people sleeping rough whose nationality was 'Not Known' compared to last year (18 % increase).

Table 3.3.3: Difference to previous year in the number of people sleeping rough on a single night in autumn by nationality.

Nationality	2020	2021	Difference	% change
UK	1,920	1,630	-290	-15
EU	470	500	30	6
Non-EU	130	110	-20	-15
Not Known	170	200	30	18
Total	2,690	2,440	-250	-9

4. Snapshot approach

Most local authorities (92 %) used the same approach for their Rough sleeping snapshot as they did last year.

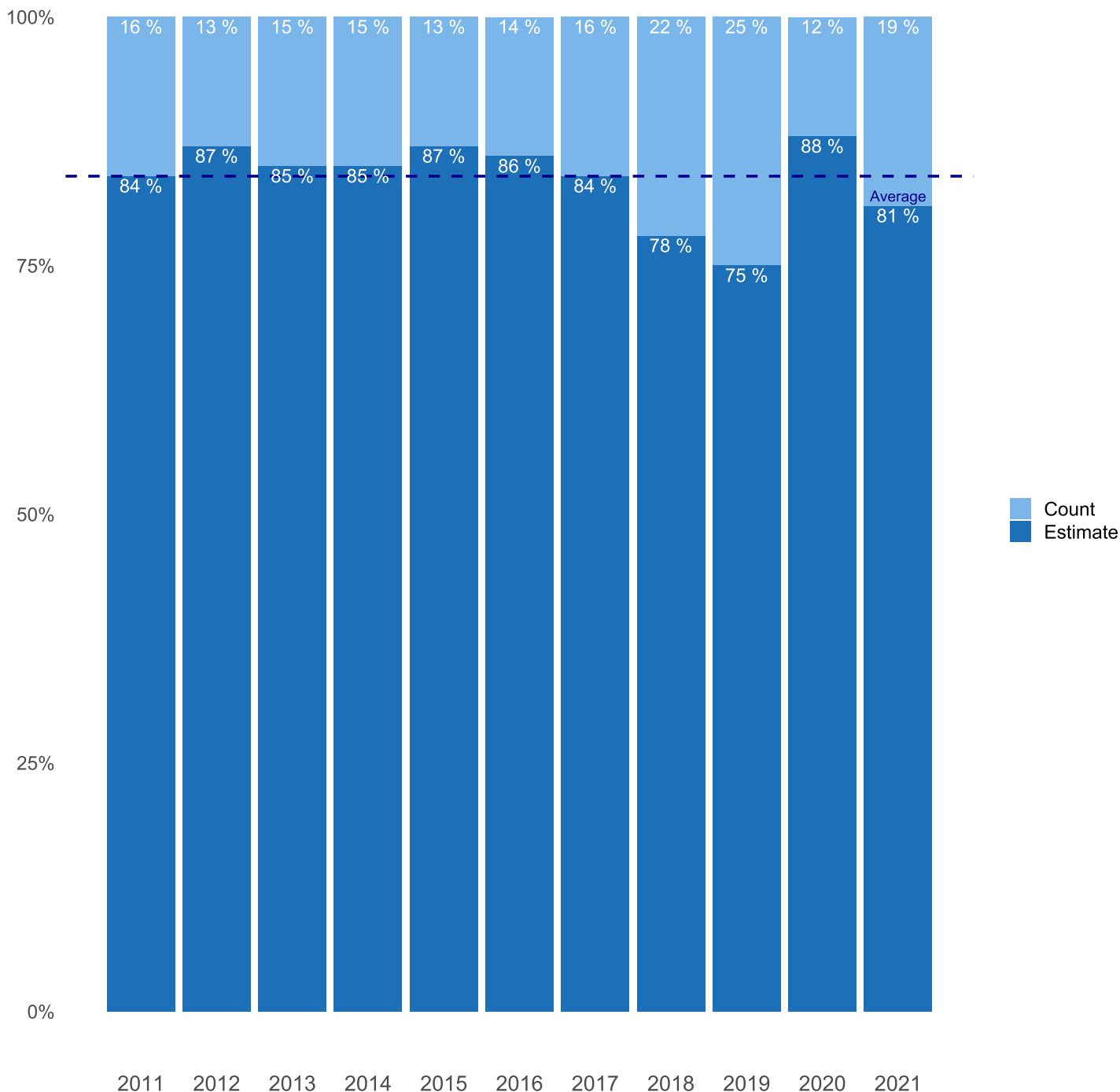
Most local authorities used an evidence-based meeting for their Rough sleeping snapshot, which is similar to previous years.

Local authorities, in conjunction with local agencies, decide which approach to use for their snapshot of rough sleeping. They are advised to use the approach that will most accurately reflect the number of people sleeping rough in their local authority and will provide an estimate that best meets the local context. There are different approaches a local authority can decide to use, this includes:

- **A count-based estimate** which is the number of people seen sleeping rough in the local authority on a 'typical night' - a single date chosen by the local authority between 1 October and 30 November.
- **An evidence-based estimate meeting** which is an evidence-based assessment by local agencies, leading to a single snapshot figure that represents the number of people thought to be sleeping rough in the local authority on a 'typical night' - a single date chosen by the local authority between 1 October and 30 November.
- **An evidence-based estimate meeting including a spotlight count** which is the same as above, but with one of the evidence sources also including a street count, which might not be as extensive as the count-based estimate but has taken place after midnight on the 'typical night'.

In 2021, 250 local authorities (81 %) used an evidence-based estimate meeting or an evidence-based estimate meeting including spotlight count for their Rough sleeping snapshot and 59 local authorities (19 %) used a count-based estimate.

Figure 4.1: Approach used by local authorities for their Rough sleeping snapshot since 2010.



As in previous years, most local authorities used an evidence-based estimate meeting for their Rough sleeping snapshot. More local authorities supplemented their evidence-based estimate meetings with a spotlight count compared to last year. However, we do not know how this compares with earlier years, as although this approach was available, only a distinction between evidence-based estimate meetings and count-based estimates were recorded and published at the time.

There was an increase in the number of local authorities that used a count-based estimate for the Rough sleeping snapshot compared to last year. This was likely due to areas changing approach following the [national restrictions in place](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-national-restrictions) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-national-restrictions>) for last year's count that have since been lifted.

Table 4.1: Approach used by local authorities for their Rough sleeping snapshot compared to previous year.

Approach	2020	2021
Count-based estimate	39	59
Evidence-based estimate meeting	149	102
Evidence-based estimate meeting (inc. spotlight count)	126	148
Total	314	309

Local authorities can change approach from year to year but any decision to do so must be guided by whether it will produce the most accurate figure. Homeless Link, who independently verified the Rough sleeping snapshot, ask for details of this decision-making as part of the verification process to ensure any changes meet the guidance. If the reasons given for an approach change were deemed

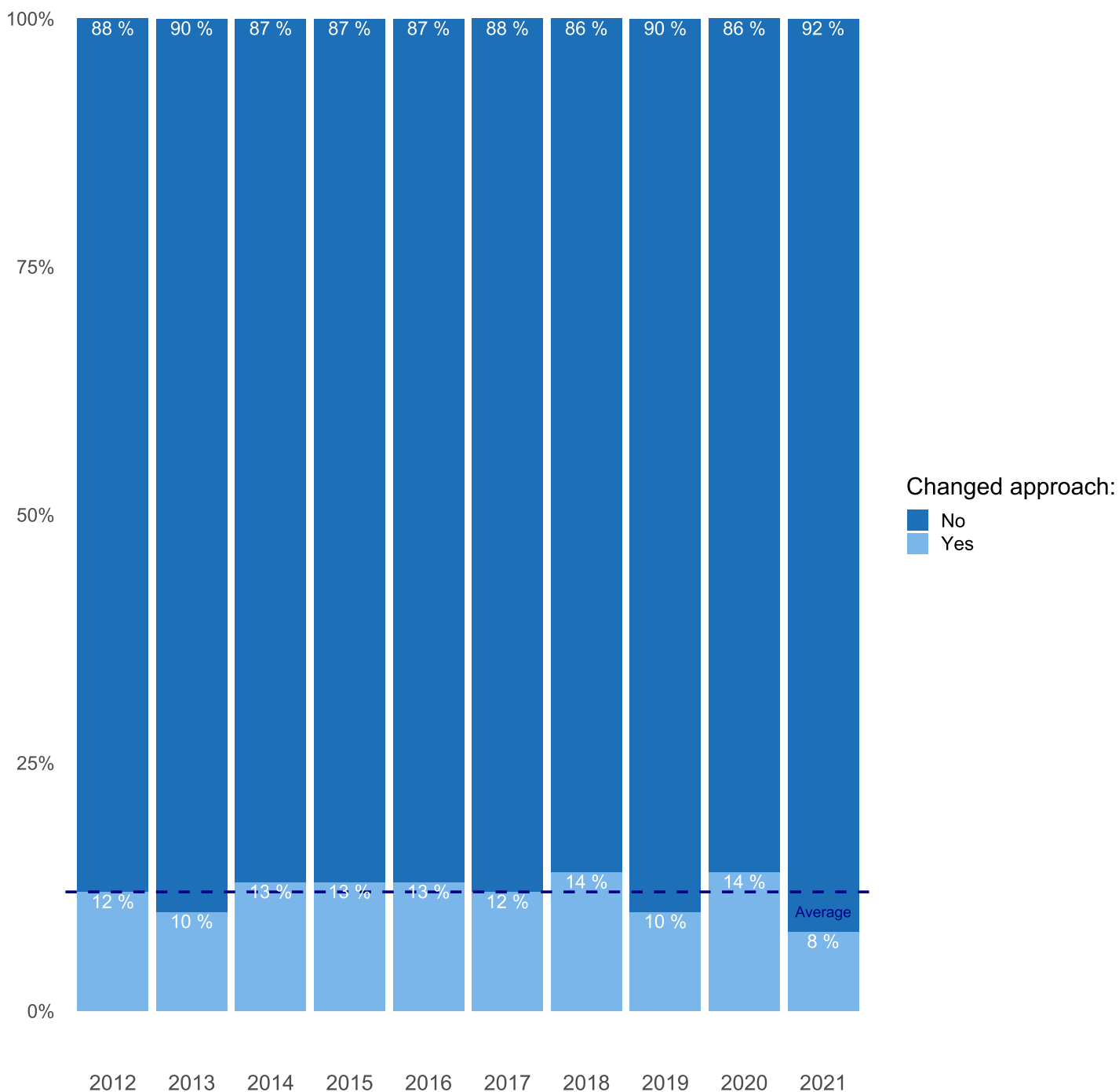
unsatisfactory, then the local authority snapshot figure would not be verified.

There are several reasons why a local authority may change from an evidence-based estimate to a count-based estimate or vice versa from year to year. For example, a local authority may change from an evidence-based estimate to a count-based estimate if there are a lack of local agencies with intelligence about where people are sleeping rough or if agencies refuse to share their data, making it difficult to form an accurate estimate. A local authority may change from a count-based estimate to an evidence-based estimate if there are new sleep sites which are inaccessible or unsafe to access, which would not be included in a count-based estimate.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, further verification was introduced for all areas for the 2020 snapshot and remained in place this year to ensure figures provided were accurate. Further information about verification is available in the [technical report](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report>).

The 2018 RSI impact evaluation found that local authorities changing their approach to measuring rough sleeping from count-based estimate to evidence-based estimate and vice versa, was unlikely to account for the fall in rough sleeping seen in these local authorities. A more detailed analysis of the Rough sleeping snapshot overtime was carried out to examine the possible effects of local authorities changing their snapshot approach. This is available in the [technical report](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report>).

Figure 4.2: Percentage of local authorities that changed approach^[footnote 3] for their Rough sleeping snapshot to previous year.



5. Consultation with local agencies

Nearly three quarters of local authorities consulted five or more agencies for their snapshot estimate.

Most local authorities involved the police, voluntary sector and outreach teams for their snapshot estimate.

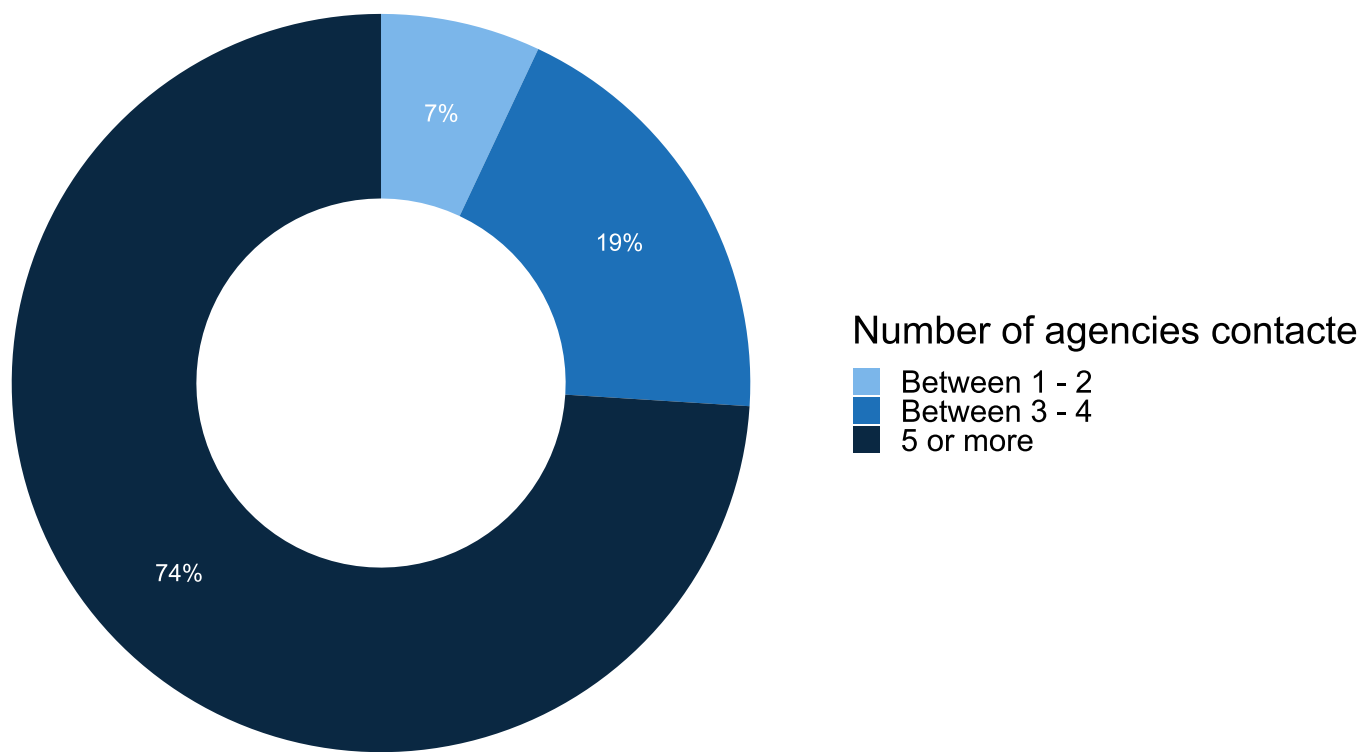
Local authorities consult local agencies to discuss what intelligence they have about rough sleeping locally to check if there are any factors that might affect the choice of a 'typical night' for the estimate. Furthermore, the local authority should involve those local agencies that have the most accurate information about who is sleeping rough. In 2021, every local authority reported that they had consulted with at least one type of local agency, and 74 % reported they had consulted five different groups or more.

The involvement of local agencies is an essential element of the Rough sleeping snapshot. It ensures transparency about how the snapshot was carried out and enables Homeless Link to speak to independent local agencies as part of the verification process. Homeless Link will not verify the process where no local agencies, or only those that are part of or commissioned by the local authority, are involved.

This year, 38 local authorities (12 %) provided figures that were unverified by Homeless Link. This was because either they did not involve independent, non-commissioned local partners, or the guidance was not properly followed, for example if the spotlight count, which forms part of the evidence-based estimate did not happen after midnight. These snapshots are still included in this year's publication but the lack of independence and concerns about the guidance not having been properly followed needs to be taken into consideration when interpreting these figures for these specific local authorities.

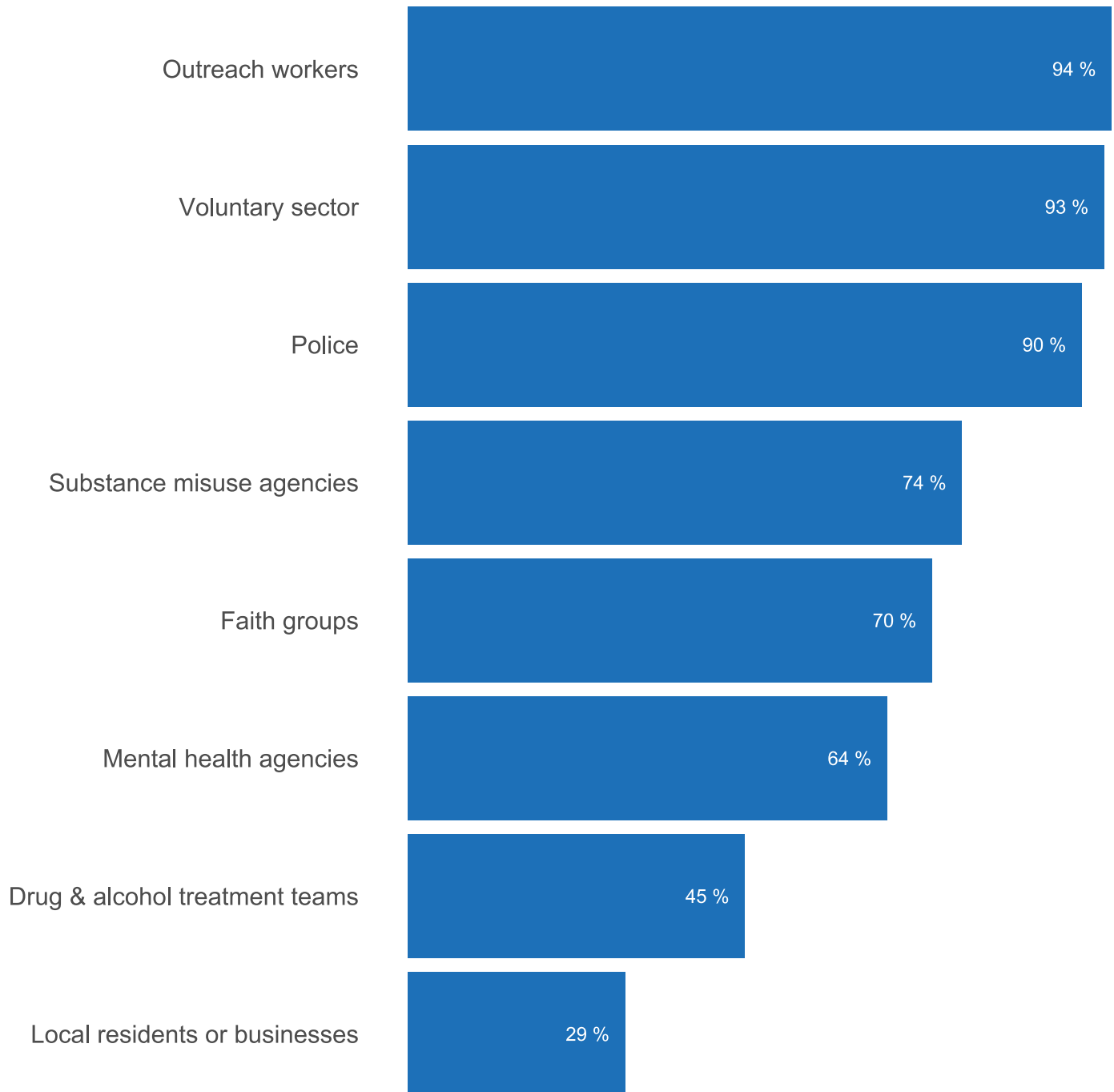
Local authorities may not have involved independent local partners for a number of reasons, including last minute cancellations, self-isolation so they could not be involved and difficulty finding independent partners who were not commissioned by local authority in some way or another to support people sleeping rough as services have been expanded. In some other cases, local authorities involved independent, non-commissioned local partners in the planning of the process but not the actual count-based estimate or evidence-based estimate meeting, so these were unverified. Further information about verification is available in the [technical report](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report>).

Figure 5.1: Number of agencies consulted by local authorities for their Rough sleeping snapshot this year.



In 2021, nearly all local authorities involved outreach workers, the police and the voluntary sector in their Rough sleeping snapshot. Most local authorities also involved substance misuse teams and faith groups.

Figure 5.2: Local agencies most involved in the 2021 Rough sleeping snapshot.



6. Technical Notes

6.1 Data tables, interactive dashboard and technical report

Four [accompanying tables](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1056209/rs_statistics2021.xlsx) (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1056209/rs_statistics2021.xlsx) are available alongside this release. These include the number of people sleeping rough, demographic information (i.e. age, gender, nationality), the snapshot approach used and any consultations that took place with local agencies. An [interactive dashboard](https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaMGNINDJkMjctNzFhYjMtYmQ0NzZmZGRjZGMxliwidCI6ImJmMzQ2ODEwLTljN2Q0NDNkZS1hODcyLTl0YTJlZjM5OTVhOCJ9) (<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaMGNINDJkMjctNzFhYjMtYmQ0NzZmZGRjZGMxliwidCI6ImJmMzQ2ODEwLTljN2Q0NDNkZS1hODcyLTl0YTJlZjM5OTVhOCJ9>) and [infographic](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1056930/infographic_2021.pdf) (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1056930/infographic_2021.pdf) enables users to explore trends in rough sleeping since 2010. A [technical report](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report>) explains in more detail how the rough sleeping data is collected and provides an assessment of data quality and data limitations.

6.2 Data quality and limitations

These statistics provide a way of estimating the number of people sleeping rough across England on a single night in autumn and assessing change over time. Accurately estimating the number of people sleeping rough within a local authority is inherently difficult given the hidden nature of rough sleeping. Furthermore, there are a range of factors that can impact on the number of people seen or thought to be sleeping rough on any given night. These include the weather, where people choose to sleep, the date and time chosen, and the availability of alternatives such as available night shelters.

We have suppressed small values between 1 and 4 and rounded national and regional totals to avoid any potential for disclosure. The demographic tables are also only displayed for regional and national breakdown. This has been done for historic figures as well for consistency purposes.

The [impact evaluation \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rough-sleeping-initiative-2018-impact-evaluation\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rough-sleeping-initiative-2018-impact-evaluation) of the 2018 RSI found that local authorities changing their approach to measuring rough sleeping was unlikely to account for the fall in rough sleeping observed in these local authorities. It also found that the weather on the night of, and leading up to, the snapshot was also unlikely to have impacted on the number of people sleeping rough.

Homeless Link have been funded by DLUHC since 2010 to provide guidance to local authorities who conduct the snapshot of rough sleeping and to independently verify all local authorities' snapshots. For more information about the quality assurance processes, data limitations and the role of Homeless Link please see the [technical report \(https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021-technical-report).

The [Office for Statistics Regulation \(OSR\) \(https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/\)](https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/) which is the regulatory arm of the [UK Statistics Authority \(https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/\)](https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/) completed a [compliance check of the Rough sleeping snapshot statistics \(https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/mark-pont-to-sandra-tudor-compliance-check-of-rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england/\)](https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/mark-pont-to-sandra-tudor-compliance-check-of-rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england/) against the [Code of Practice for Statistics \(https://code.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/\)](https://code.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/). This review considered the value, quality and trustworthiness of these statistics in relation to the Code.

6.3 Related statistics

Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN)

The Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN) is a multi-agency database recording information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in London. CHAIN is managed by [St Mungo's \(https://www.mungos.org/work-with-us/chain/\)](https://www.mungos.org/work-with-us/chain/), a London-based homeless charity and is used by organisations working with people sleeping rough in London. Information is recorded onto the CHAIN database by people who work directly with people sleeping rough in London (e.g. workers in outreach teams, day centres, hostels and resettlement teams). CHAIN does not cover 'hidden homeless' groups, such as those who are squatting or staying in inaccessible locations to outreach workers.

The [CHAIN data \(https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/chain-reports\)](https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/chain-reports), which is published quarterly and annually, is not directly comparable to the single night snapshot estimates presented in this release. The CHAIN data most similar to the single night snapshot provides a **total** count of all individuals seen sleeping rough by outreach teams in London on at least one night during the October to December 2021 quarter. Whereas, the DLUHC single night snapshot for autumn 2021 shows the number of people seen or thought to be sleeping rough on a single night between 1 October and 30 November 2021. The CHAIN database also records more detailed demographic information about people sleeping rough.

Although the CHAIN database provides more information about the flows and characteristics of people sleeping rough in London, DLUHC's Rough sleeping snapshot provides a way of estimating the number of people sleeping rough on a single night and measuring change over time. CHAIN data quality is influenced by the number of outreach workers active on any one night. A local authority which does not have a commissioned outreach team may appear to have fewer rough sleepers than an adjacent borough which does have an active outreach service.

Deaths of homeless people in England and Wales

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) publishes [experimental statistics on the number of deaths of homeless people in England and Wales \(https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsofhomelesspeopleinenglandandwales/2020registrations\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsofhomelesspeopleinenglandandwales/2020registrations).

Coronavirus and deaths of homeless people in England and Wales

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) also publishes statistics on the [number of identified deaths involving the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) of people who were homeless \(https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/articles/coronavirusanddeathsofhomelesspeopleenglandandwalesdeathsregisteredupto26june2020/2020-07-10\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/articles/coronavirusanddeathsofhomelesspeopleenglandandwalesdeathsregisteredupto26june2020/2020-07-10).

Hostels and support services

Homeless Link publishes an [Annual Review of Single Homelessness support \(https://www.homeless.org.uk/facts/our-research/annual-review-of-single-homelessness-support-in-england\)](https://www.homeless.org.uk/facts/our-research/annual-review-of-single-homelessness-support-in-england), which includes information about the number of hostels and shelters in England and available bed spaces, as well as the support and services available to single people who become homeless in England.

DLUHC Related Statistics

The rough sleeping statistics do not provide a definitive number of people or households affected by homelessness in England. The term 'homelessness' (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homelessness-data-notes-and-definitions>) is much broader than people sleeping rough. It is difficult to provide an accurate estimate of all homelessness across England. Data used to compile any estimate is collated from different datasets, which sample different subsets of the population over different time frames. Any estimate of homelessness in England will collate datasets that are not discrete from one another, which means some individuals may have been included more than once in the estimated total.

Management information about rough sleeping and the support for people sleeping rough in England

DLUHC also collect and publish management information about the support for rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping, as part of the ['Everyone In' \(https://www.gov.uk/government/news/3-2-million-emergency-support-for-rough-sleepers-during-coronavirus-outbreak\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/3-2-million-emergency-support-for-rough-sleepers-during-coronavirus-outbreak) support in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This management information provides more timely information about people sleeping rough but uses a similar collection approach to annual rough sleeping statistics, albeit without the greater verification of the annual statistics.

Alongside this year's snapshot statistics, we are also publishing for the first time a detailed commentary on the management information about rough sleeping and the support for people sleeping rough in England, [Annex A \(https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/annex-a-support-for-people-sleeping-rough-in-england-2021-not-official-statistics\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2021/annex-a-support-for-people-sleeping-rough-in-england-2021-not-official-statistics)

Rough sleeping questionnaire

In December 2020, DLUHC published the [initial report on the rough sleeping questionnaire \(RSQ\) \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rough-sleeping-questionnaire-initial-findings\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rough-sleeping-questionnaire-initial-findings), which represents one of the largest survey data collections on people who sleep rough ever attempted in the UK. The report provides insights into the experiences of people who have slept rough, including their support needs and vulnerabilities, experiences of homelessness and use of public services, as well as an estimate of the fiscal cost associated with someone who sleeps rough.

Statutory Homelessness

DLUHC also collect and publish quarterly statistics on the broad characteristics and circumstances of households owed a [statutory homelessness](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homelessness-statistics#statutory-homelessness) duty. This includes households who approach the council for help with housing who are sleeping rough. The Statutory Homelessness statistics includes some but not all of the people provided with accommodation in response to COVID-19 through the 'Everyone In' support. Not all individuals assisted through 'Everyone In' would have been owed a homelessness duty. Any individual not owed a homelessness duty would not be part of the local authority case level data submission to DLUHC and therefore would not be included in the Statutory Homelessness statistics. People sleeping rough will only be recorded in these statistics if they have made an application that has been accepted by the local authority.

Hidden Homelessness

DLUHC produce other statistical releases that can help build up the wider homelessness picture. For example, the English Housing Survey publishes [data](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-housing-survey-2018-to-2019-sofa-surfing-and-concealed-households-fact-sheet) on the number of people sofa surfing and concealed households in England, which are additional adults in a household who wanted to rent or buy but could not afford to do so. In addition, the CORE social housing lettings collection publishes [data](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/rents-lettings-and-tenancies) on those moving from homelessness into Local Authority/ Private Registered Providers accommodation.

Expenditure on homelessness

DLUHC publish [statistics](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing) on local authority revenue expenditure and financing in England. The RO4 return within the Revenue Outturn suite relates to housing services and includes information on local authorities' expenditure on homelessness activities.

6.4 Revisions policy

This policy has been developed in accordance with the UK Statistics Authority Code of Practice for statistics and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities [Revisions Policy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statistical-notice-dclg-revisions-policy). There are two types of revisions that the policy covers:

Non-Scheduled Revisions Where a substantial error has occurred as a result of the compilation, imputation or dissemination process the statistical release, live tables and other accompanying releases will be updated with a correction notice as soon as is practical.

If a local authority notifies DLUHC of an error in the information they have submitted after publication of the release, a decision on whether to revise will be made based upon the impact of any change and the effect it has on the interpretation of the data.

Scheduled Revisions There are no scheduled revisions for this release.

6.5 Uses of the data

The data in this statistical release provide evidence on the prevalence of and trends in rough sleeping in England.

Within DLUHC they are used:

- For ministerial briefing and correspondence, Parliamentary Questions, Freedom of Information Act cases and to answer public enquiries.
- As background to policy development.
- For monitoring policy, allocating resources, performance monitoring and to support bids for funding from the Treasury.

Outside of DLUHC users include:

- Local housing authorities for monitoring progress, planning and commissioning services to prevent and tackle rough sleeping.
- Other government departments (e.g. Department for Health and Social Care, Public Health Outcomes Framework).
- The voluntary sector and academics to monitor and evaluate housing policy and for campaigning and fundraising purposes.
- EU bodies to compare homelessness across Europe (e.g. [FEANTSA Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe](https://www.feantsa.org/en/report/2021/05/12/the-6th-overview-of-housing-exclusion-in-europe-2021?bcParent=27)).

6.6 User engagement

Users are encouraged to provide feedback on how these statistics are used and how well they meet user needs. Comments on any issues relating to this statistical release are welcomed and encouraged. Please contact roughsleepingstatistics@levellingup.gov.uk if you have any feedback or comments.

The department's engagement strategy to meet the needs of statistics users is published [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/engagement-strategy-to-meet-the-needs-of-statistics-users).

6.7 Devolved administration statistics

The devolved administrations publish their own statistics on homelessness which contain information on rough sleeping:

- The Scottish Government publishes [figures](https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-scotland-2020-2021/) on the number of households applying to the local authority for assistance under homelessness legislation who say they have slept rough the previous night or have reported their housing situation as 'long term roofless'.
- The Welsh Government publish a [national annual rough sleeping monitoring exercise](https://gov.wales/national-rough-sleeper-count), which includes a two week information gathering exercise followed by a one night snapshot count. This is carried out by local authorities, in partnership with other local agencies to gauge the extent of rough sleeping across Wales. This has not been carried out for the last 2 years due to the pandemic. The Welsh Government is also collecting and publishing [management information](https://gov.wales/homelessness-accommodation-provision-and-rough-sleeping-november-2021) on persons placed into temporary accommodation and rough sleepers in response to the pandemic.
- The governing legislation for homelessness in Northern Ireland is the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (as amended). Unlike the other three UK nations, housing is allocated by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), which covers the whole of Northern Ireland, rather than by local authorities. In Northern Ireland, statistics on homelessness are obtained from the NIHE. They carry out an [annual street count in Belfast](https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Housing-Help/Homelessness/Rough-sleeping) in partnership with other local agencies and homeless organisations.

Comparing between UK countries

The figures are not directly comparable between countries as they have a different methodology, coverage and are carried out at different time periods. ONS published a [report](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/articles/ukhomelessness/2005to2018) (<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/articles/ukhomelessness/2005to2018>) and an [interactive tool](https://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/dashboard/tools/homelessness-statistics/theme-home.html) (<https://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/dashboard/tools/homelessness-statistics/theme-home.html>) on the comparability and coherence of existing UK government data sources on homelessness. ONS have also published a [report](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/articles/roughsleepingintheuk/2002to2021) (<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/articles/roughsleepingintheuk/2002to2021>) on rough sleeping in the UK.

Pre-release access The [pre-release access list](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities/about/statistics#pre-release-access-to-official-statistics) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities/about/statistics#pre-release-access-to-official-statistics>) gives details about the officials who have 24 hours pre-release access to the department's rough sleeping statistics prior to publication.

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Information on Official Statistics is available via the [UK Statistics Authority website](https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/) (<https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/>).

Information about statistics at DLUHC is available via the [department's website](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities/about/statistics) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities/about/statistics>).

8. Regional Maps

The following regional maps detail the number of people estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in autumn 2021 for each local authority in England.

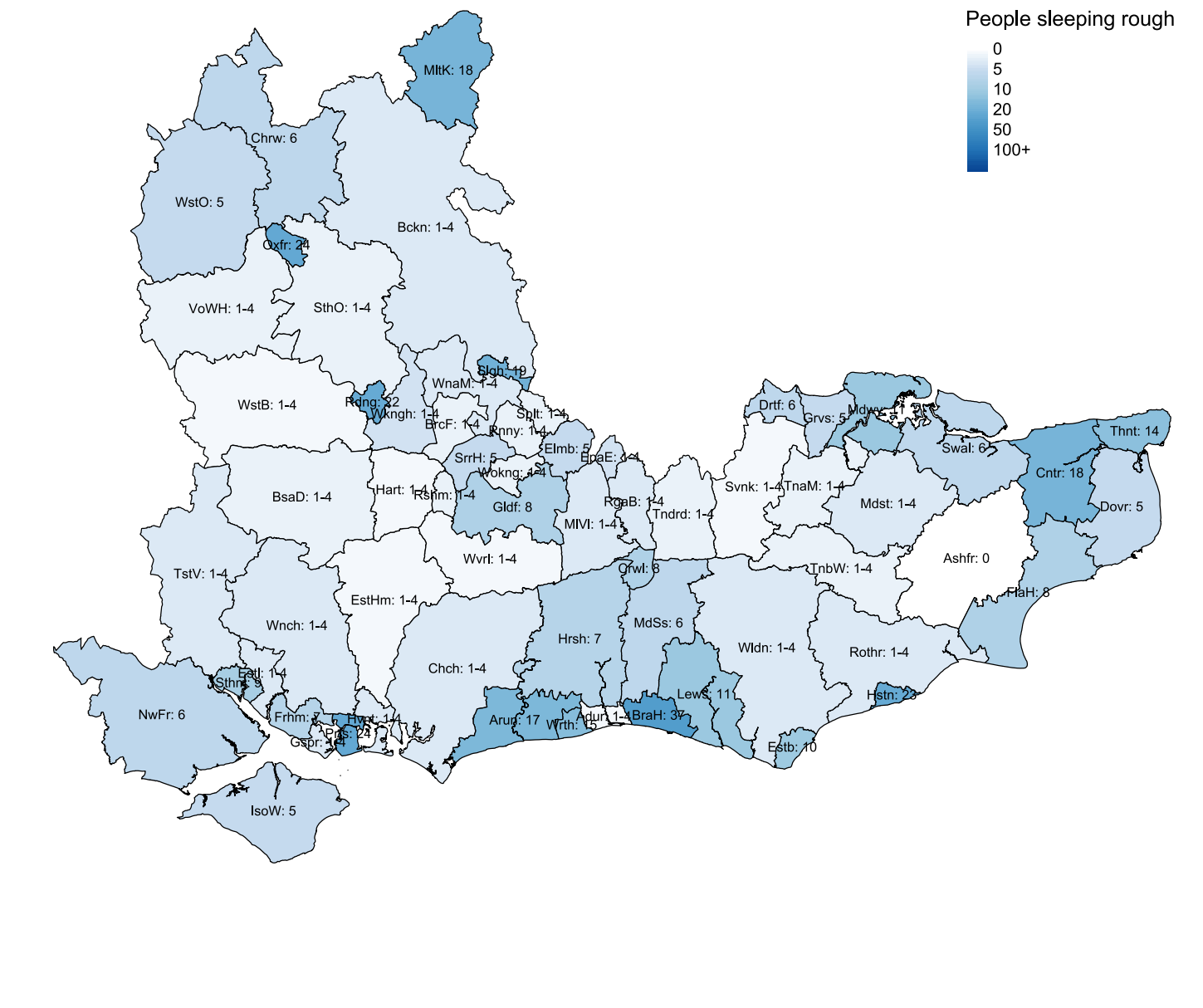
8.1 London



Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Barking and Dagenham	BraD	Count	1-4
Barnet	Barnt	Estimate including spotlight	13
Bexley	Bxly	Estimate	7
Brent	Brent	Estimate including spotlight	17
Bromley	Brml	Count	1-4
Camden	Cmdn	Count	97
City of London	CtoL	Estimate including spotlight	20
Croydon	Cryd	Count	11
Ealing	Elng	Count	23
Enfield	Enfl	Estimate including spotlight	21

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Greenwich	Grnw	Count	9
Hackney	Hckn	Count	11
Hammersmith and Fulham	HmaF	Count	1-4
Haringey	Hrng	Estimate including spotlight	10
Harrow	Hrrw	Count	1-4
Havering	Hvrn	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Hillingdon	Hlln	Count	9
Hounslow	Hnsl	Count	1-4
Islington	Isln	Estimate including spotlight	13
Kensington and Chelsea	KnaC	Count	11
Kingston upon Thames	KnuT	Count	28
Lambeth	Lmbt	Count	29
Lewisham	Lwsh	Count	7
Merton	Mrtn	Estimate including spotlight	5
Newham	Nwhm	Count	17
Redbridge	Rdbr	Estimate including spotlight	15
Richmond upon Thames	RcuT	Count	1-4
Southwark	Sthw	Count	10
Sutton	Sttn	Count	1-4
Tower Hamlets	TwrH	Estimate including spotlight	28
Waltham Forest	WltF	Estimate including spotlight	5
Wandsworth	Wnds	Count	18
Westminster	Wstm	Count	187

8.2 South East



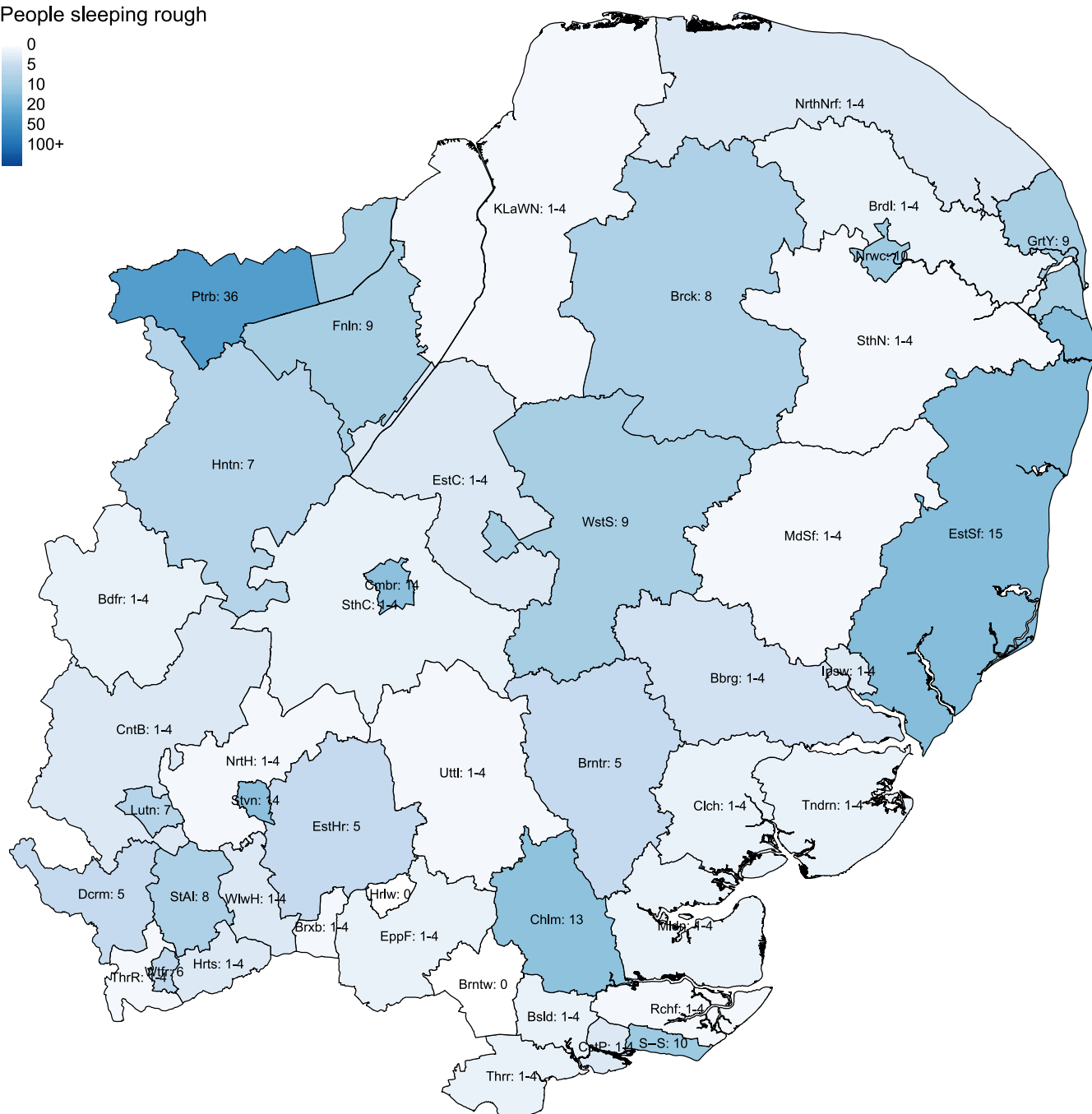
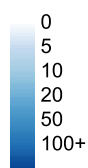
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Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Adur	Adur	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Arun	Arun	Estimate including spotlight	17
Ashford	Ashfr	Estimate including spotlight	0
Basingstoke and Deane	BsaD	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Bracknell Forest	BrcF	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Brighton and Hove	BraH	Count	37
Buckinghamshire	Bckn	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Canterbury	Cntr	Estimate including spotlight	18
Cherwell	ChrW	Estimate	6
Chichester	Chch	Estimate including spotlight	1-4

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Crawley	Crwl	Estimate	8
Dartford	Drtf	Estimate including spotlight	6
Dover	Dovr	Count	5
East Hampshire	EstHm	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Eastbourne	Estb	Estimate including spotlight	10
Eastleigh	Estl	Estimate	1-4
Elmbridge	Elmb	Estimate	5
Epsom and Ewell	EpaE	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Fareham	Frhm	Estimate including spotlight	7
Folkestone and Hythe	FlaH	Count	8
Gosport	Gspr	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Gravesham	Grvs	Estimate including spotlight	5
Guildford	Gldf	Estimate	8
Hart	Hart	Estimate	1-4
Hastings	Hstn	Estimate including spotlight	23
Havant	Hvnt	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Horsham	Hrsh	Estimate including spotlight	7
Isle of Wight	IsoW	Count	5
Lewes	Lews	Estimate including spotlight	11
Maidstone	Mdst	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Medway	Mdwy	Count	11
Mid Sussex	MdSs	Estimate including spotlight	6
Milton Keynes	MltK	Estimate including spotlight	18
Mole Valley	MlVl	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
New Forest	NwFr	Estimate	6
Oxford	Oxfr	Count	24
Portsmouth	Prts	Estimate	24
Reading	Rdng	Count	22
Reigate and Banstead	RgaB	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Rother	Rothr	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Runnymede	Rnny	Estimate	1-4
Rushmoor	Rshm	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Sevenoaks	Svnk	Count	1-4
Slough	Slgh	Estimate including spotlight	19
South Oxfordshire	SthO	Estimate	1-4
Southampton	Sthm	Estimate including spotlight	9
Spelthorne	Splt	Count	1-4
Surrey Heath	SrrH	Estimate	5
Swale	Swal	Estimate including spotlight	6
Tandridge	Tndrd	Estimate including spotlight	1-4

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Test Valley	TstV	Estimate	1-4
Thanet	Thnt	Estimate including spotlight	14
Tonbridge and Malling	TnaM	Estimate	1-4
Tunbridge Wells	TnbW	Count	1-4
Vale of White Horse	VoWH	Estimate	1-4
Waverley	Wvrl	Estimate	1-4
Wealden	Wldn	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
West Berkshire	WstB	Estimate	1-4
West Oxfordshire	WstO	Estimate	5
Winchester	Wnch	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Windsor and Maidenhead	WnaM	Estimate	1-4
Woking	Wokng	Estimate	1-4
Wokingham	Wkngh	Count	1-4
Worthing	Wrth	Estimate including spotlight	15

8.3 East of England



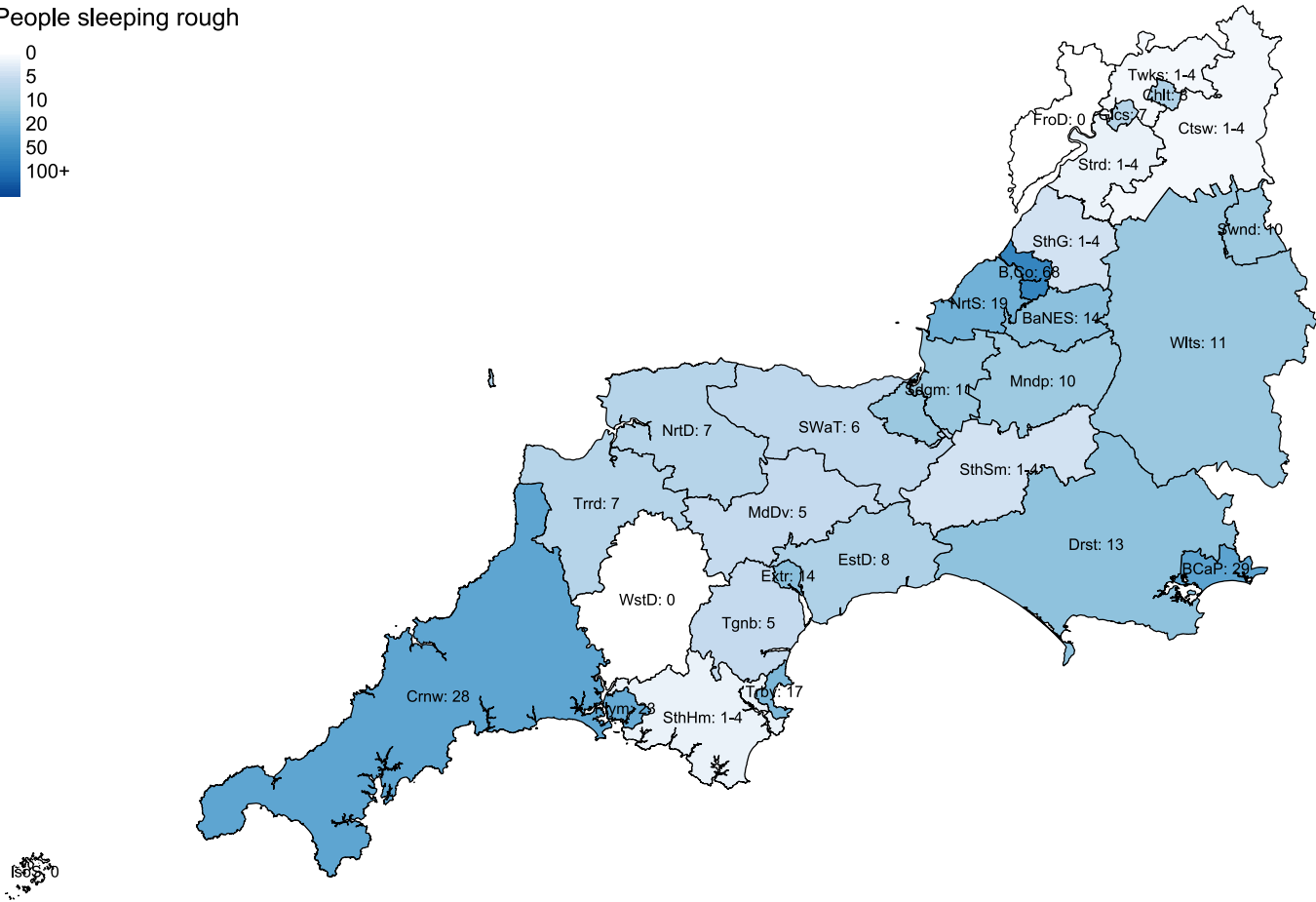
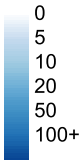
Number of people sleeping rough in the East of England on a single night in autumn 2021

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Babergh	Bbrg	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Basildon	Bsld	Count	1-4
Bedford	Bdfr	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Braintree	Brntr	Estimate	5
Breckland	Brck	Estimate	8
Brentwood	Brntw	Estimate	0
Broadland	Brdl	Estimate	1-4
Broxbourne	Brxb	Estimate	1-4
Cambridge	Cmbr	Count	14
Castle Point	CstP	Estimate	1-4

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Central Bedfordshire	CntB	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Chelmsford	Chlm	Estimate	13
Colchester	Clch	Count	1-4
Dacorum	Dcrm	Estimate including spotlight	5
East Cambridgeshire	EstC	Estimate	1-4
East Hertfordshire	EstHr	Estimate	5
East Suffolk	EstSf	Estimate including spotlight	15
Epping Forest	EppF	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Fenland	FnlN	Count	9
Great Yarmouth	GrTY	Estimate including spotlight	9
Harlow	Hrlw	Estimate	0
Hertsmere	Hrts	Estimate	1-4
Huntingdonshire	Hntn	Estimate	7
Ipswich	Ipsw	Count	1-4
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	KLaWN	Estimate	1-4
Luton	Lutn	Estimate including spotlight	7
Maldon	Mldn	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Mid Suffolk	MdSf	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
North Hertfordshire	NrtH	Estimate	1-4
North Norfolk	NrthNrf	Estimate	1-4
Norwich	Nrwc	Count	10
Peterborough	Ptrb	Estimate including spotlight	36
Rochford	Rchf	Estimate	1-4
South Cambridgeshire	SthC	Estimate	1-4
South Norfolk	SthN	Estimate	1-4
Southend-on-Sea	S-S	Count	10
St Albans	StAl	Estimate including spotlight	8
Stevenage	Stvn	Estimate	14
Tendring	Tndrn	Estimate	1-4
Three Rivers	ThrR	Estimate	1-4
Thurrock	Thrr	Estimate	1-4
Uttlesford	Uttl	Estimate	1-4
Watford	Wtfr	Count	6
Welwyn Hatfield	Wlwh	Estimate	1-4
West Suffolk	WstS	Estimate including spotlight	9

8.4 South West

People sleeping rough

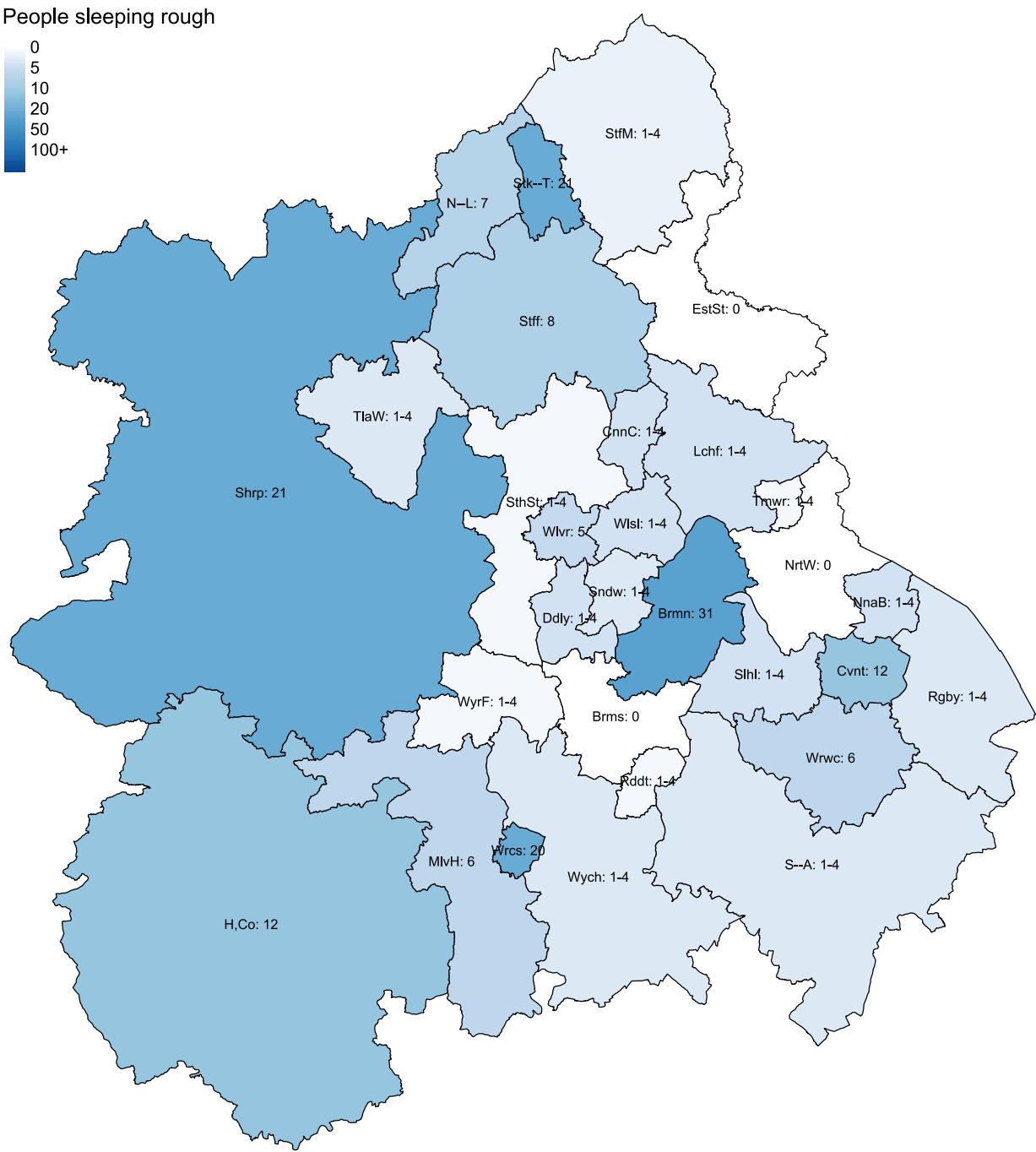


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Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Bath and North East Somerset	BaNES	Estimate including spotlight	14
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	BCaP	Count	29
Bristol, City of	B.Co	Count	68
Cheltenham	Chlt	Estimate including spotlight	8
Cornwall	Crnw	Estimate including spotlight	28
Cotswold	Ctsw	Estimate	1-4
Dorset	Drst	Estimate including spotlight	13
East Devon	EstD	Estimate	8
Exeter	Extr	Count	14
Forest of Dean	FroD	Estimate	0

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Gloucester	Glcs	Estimate including spotlight	7
Isles of Scilly	IsoS	Estimate including spotlight	0
Mendip	Mndp	Estimate including spotlight	10
Mid Devon	MdDv	Estimate	5
North Devon	NrtD	Estimate including spotlight	7
North Somerset	NrtS	Estimate including spotlight	19
Plymouth	Plym	Count	23
Sedgemoor	Sdgm	Estimate including spotlight	11
Somerset West and Taunton	SWaT	Count	6
South Gloucestershire	SthG	Estimate	1-4
South Hams	SthHm	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
South Somerset	SthSm	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Stroud	Strd	Estimate	1-4
Swindon	Swnd	Estimate including spotlight	10
Teignbridge	Tgnb	Estimate including spotlight	5
Tewkesbury	Twks	Estimate	1-4
Torbay	Trby	Estimate including spotlight	17
Torridge	Trrd	Estimate including spotlight	7
West Devon	WstD	Estimate	0
Wiltshire	Wlts	Estimate including spotlight	11

8.5 West Midlands

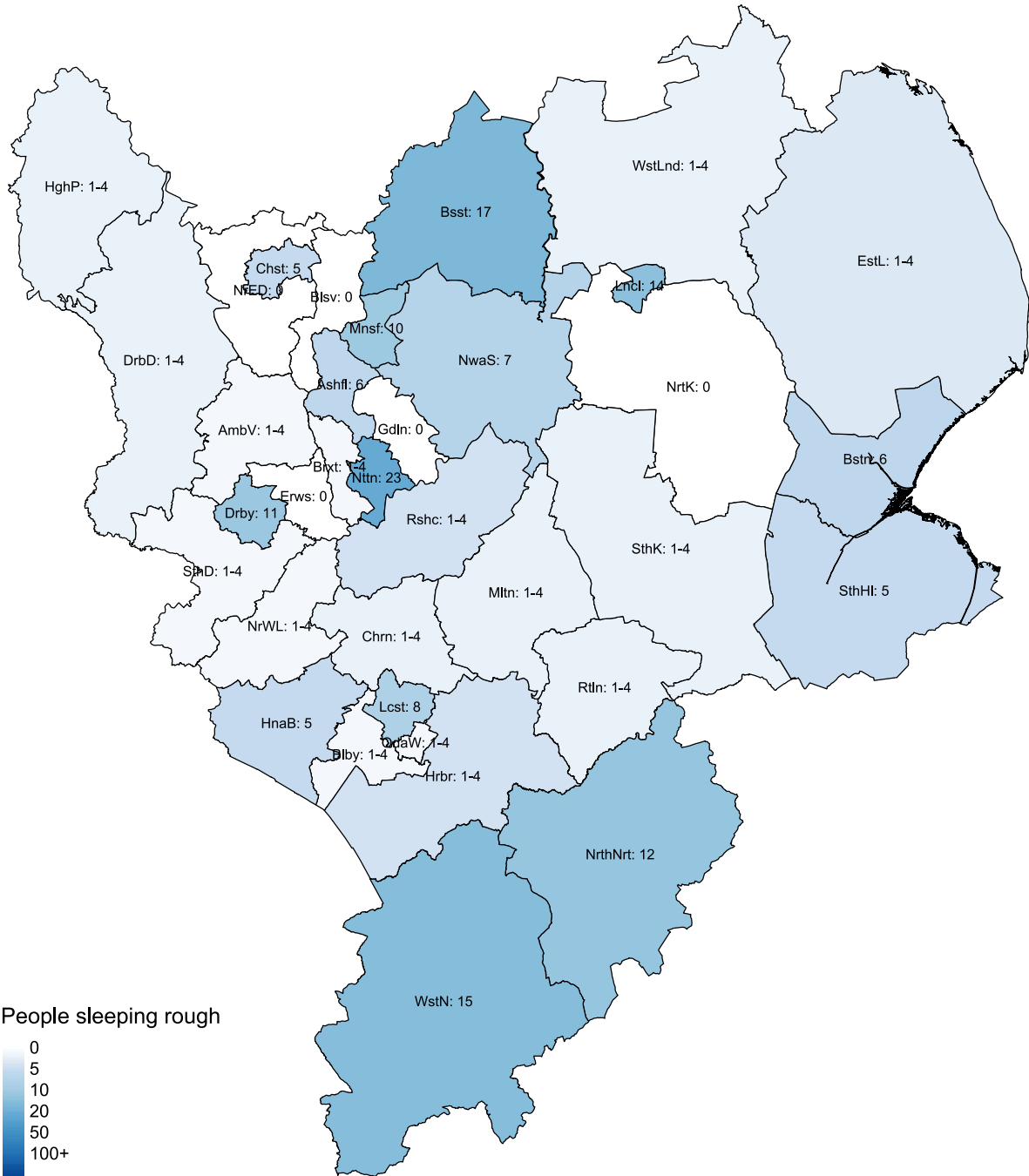


Number of people sleeping rough in the West Midlands on a single night in autumn 2021

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Birmingham	Brmn	Estimate including spotlight	31
Bromsgrove	Brms	Estimate	0
Cannock Chase	CnnC	Estimate	1-4
Coventry	Cvnt	Count	12
Dudley	Ddly	Estimate	1-4
East Staffordshire	EstSt	Count	0
Herefordshire, County of	H,Co	Estimate including spotlight	12
Lichfield	Lchf	Estimate	1-4
Malvern Hills	MlvH	Estimate	6
Newcastle-under-Lyme	N-L	Estimate	7

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
North Warwickshire	NrtW	Estimate including spotlight	0
Nuneaton and Bedworth	NnaB	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Redditch	Rddt	Estimate	1-4
Rugby	Rgby	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Sandwell	Sndw	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Shropshire	Shrp	Estimate including spotlight	21
Solihull	Slhl	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
South Staffordshire	SthSt	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Stafford	Stff	Estimate	8
Staffordshire Moorlands	StfM	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Stoke-on-Trent	Stk-T	Estimate	21
Stratford-on-Avon	S-A	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Tamworth	Tmwr	Estimate	1-4
Telford and Wrekin	TlaW	Estimate	1-4
Walsall	Wsl	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Warwick	Wrwc	Estimate including spotlight	6
Wolverhampton	Wlvr	Estimate including spotlight	5
Worcester	Wrcc	Estimate	20
Wychavon	Wych	Estimate	1-4
Wyre Forest	WyrF	Estimate	1-4

8.6 East Midlands

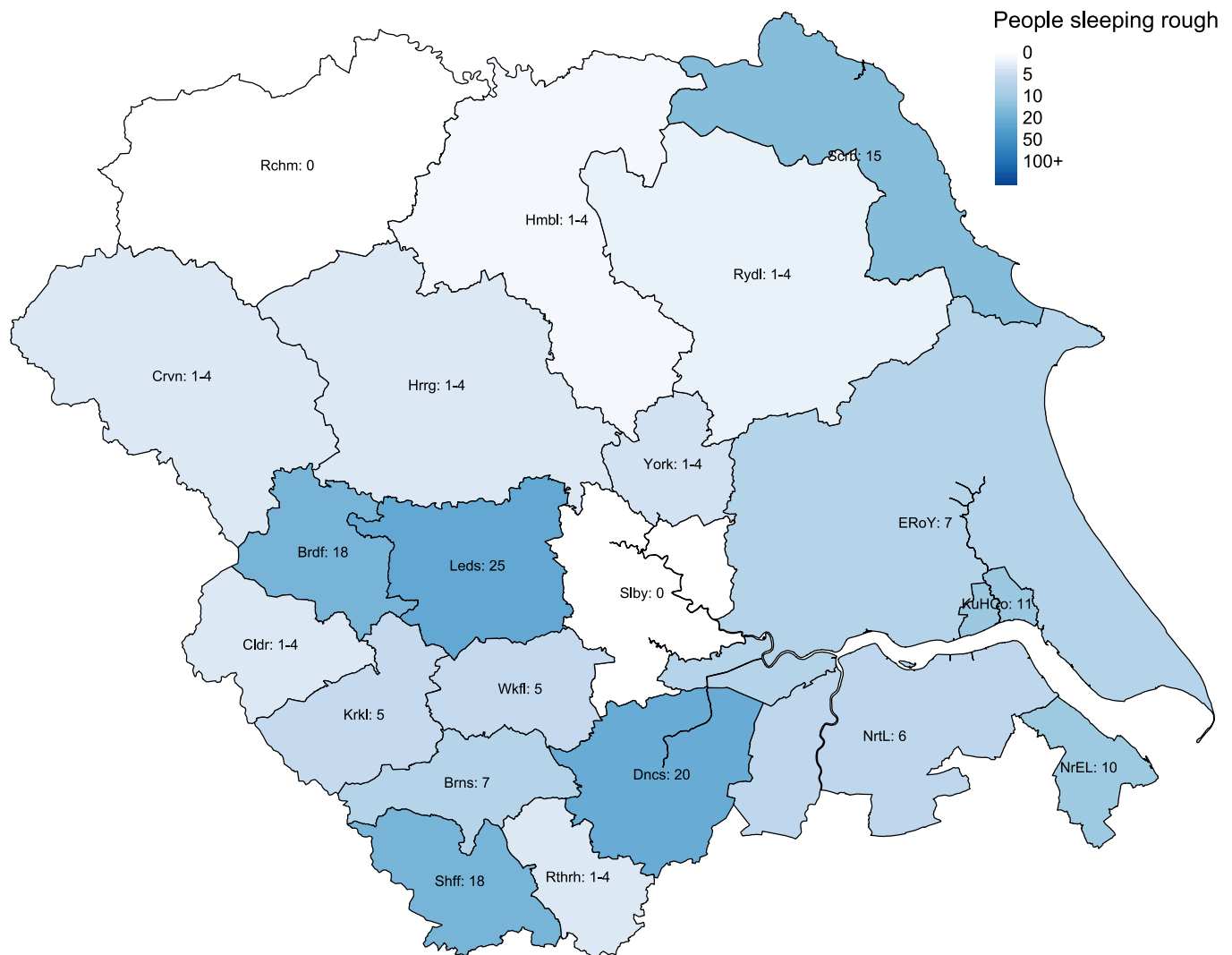


Number of people sleeping rough in the East Midlands on a single night in autumn 2021

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Amber Valley	AmbV	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Ashfield	Ashfl	Estimate including spotlight	6
Bassetlaw	Bsst	Estimate including spotlight	17
Blaby	Blby	Estimate	1-4
Bolsover	Blsv	Estimate including spotlight	0
Boston	Bstn	Estimate including spotlight	6
Broxtowe	Brxt	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Charnwood	ChrN	Estimate	1-4
Chesterfield	Chst	Estimate including spotlight	5
Derby	Drby	Estimate including spotlight	11

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Derbyshire Dales	DrbD	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
East Lindsey	EstL	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Erewash	Erws	Estimate including spotlight	0
Gedling	Gdln	Estimate including spotlight	0
Harborough	Hrbr	Estimate	1-4
High Peak	HghP	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Hinckley and Bosworth	HnaB	Estimate	5
Leicester	Lcst	Estimate including spotlight	8
Lincoln	Lncl	Estimate including spotlight	14
Mansfield	Mnsf	Estimate including spotlight	10
Melton	MLtn	Estimate	1-4
Newark and Sherwood	NwaS	Estimate including spotlight	7
North East Derbyshire	NrED	Estimate including spotlight	0
North Kesteven	NrtK	Estimate	0
North Northamptonshire	NrthNrt	Estimate including spotlight	12
North West Leicestershire	NrWL	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Nottingham	Nttn	Estimate including spotlight	23
Oadby and Wigston	OdaW	Estimate	1-4
Rushcliffe	Rshc	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Rutland	Rtln	Estimate	1-4
South Derbyshire	SthD	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
South Holland	SthHL	Estimate including spotlight	5
South Kesteven	SthK	Count	1-4
West Lindsey	WstLnd	Estimate	1-4
West Northamptonshire	WstN	Estimate including spotlight	15

8.7 Yorkshire and The Humber

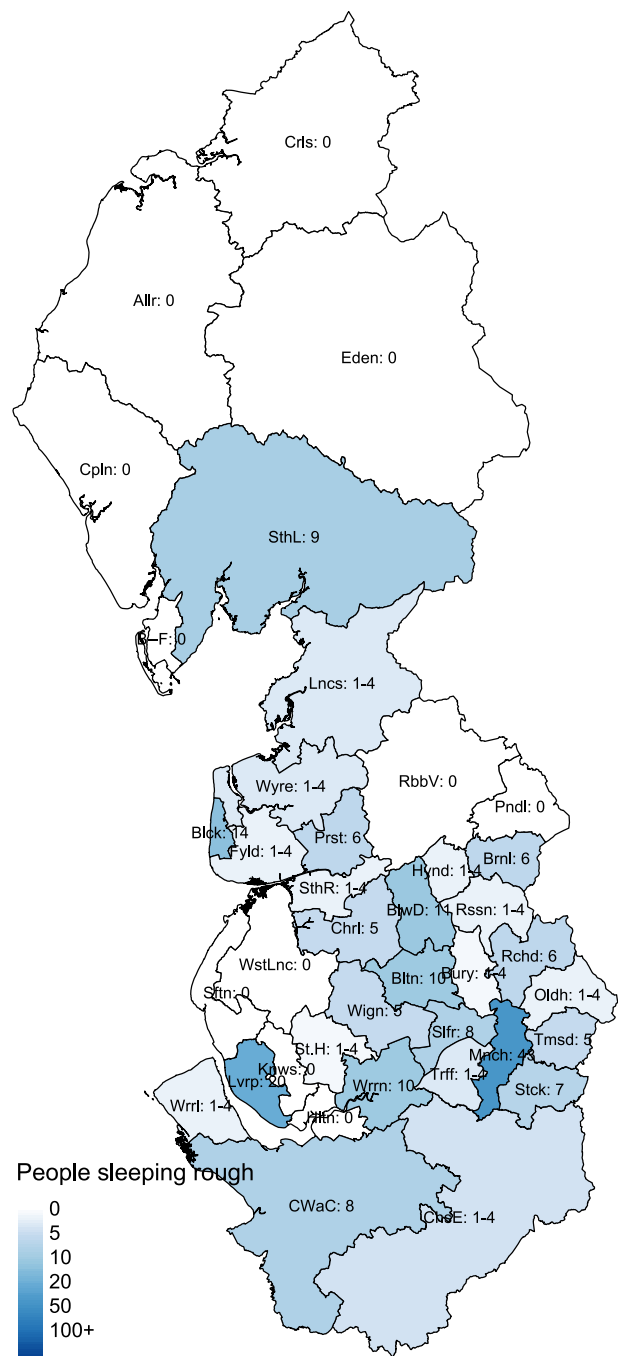


Number of people sleeping rough in Yorkshire and The Humber on a single night in autumn 2021

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Barnsley	Brns	Estimate including spotlight	7
Bradford	Brdf	Estimate including spotlight	18
Calderdale	Cldr	Estimate	1-4
Craven	Crvn	Estimate	1-4
Doncaster	Dncs	Estimate including spotlight	20
East Riding of Yorkshire	ERoY	Estimate including spotlight	7
Hambleton	Hmbl	Estimate	1-4
Harrogate	Hrrg	Estimate	1-4
Kingston upon Hull, City of	KuHCo	Estimate including spotlight	11
Kirklees	Krkl	Estimate	5

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Leeds	Leds	Count	25
North East Lincolnshire	NrEL	Estimate including spotlight	10
North Lincolnshire	NrtL	Estimate	6
Richmondshire	Rchm	Estimate	0
Rotherham	Rthrh	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Ryedale	Rydl	Estimate	1-4
Scarborough	Scrb	Estimate	15
Selby	Slby	Estimate including spotlight	0
Sheffield	Shff	Count	18
Wakefield	Wkfl	Estimate including spotlight	5
York	York	Estimate	1-4

8.8 North West

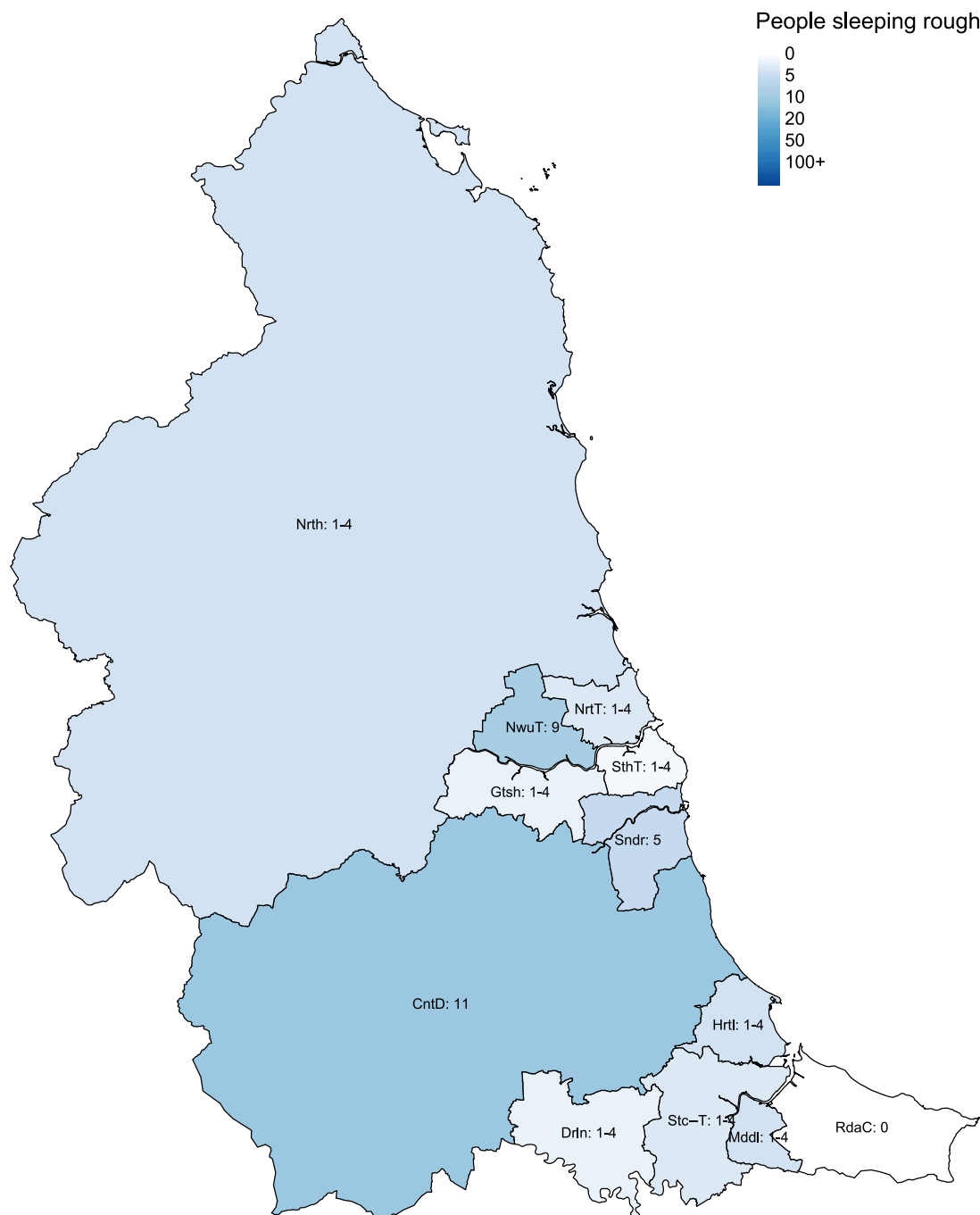


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Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Allerdale	Allr	Estimate	0
Barrow-in-Furness	B-F	Estimate	0
Blackburn with Darwen	BlwD	Estimate	11
Blackpool	Blck	Estimate including spotlight	14
Bolton	Bltn	Estimate including spotlight	10
Burnley	Brnl	Estimate	6
Bury	Bury	Count	1-4
Carlisle	Crls	Estimate	0
Cheshire East	ChsE	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Cheshire West and Chester	CWaC	Estimate including spotlight	8

Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
Chorley	Chrl	Estimate including spotlight	5
Copeland	Cpln	Estimate	0
Eden	Eden	Estimate	0
Fylde	Fyld	Estimate	1-4
Halton	Hltn	Estimate including spotlight	0
Hyndburn	Hynd	Count	1-4
Knowsley	Knws	Estimate including spotlight	0
Lancaster	Lncs	Estimate	1-4
Liverpool	Lvrp	Count	20
Manchester	Mnch	Count	43
Oldham	Oldh	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Pendle	Pndl	Estimate	0
Preston	Prst	Count	6
Ribble Valley	RbbV	Estimate	0
Rochdale	Rchd	Estimate including spotlight	6
Rossendale	Rssn	Estimate	1-4
Salford	Slfr	Estimate including spotlight	8
Sefton	Sftn	Estimate including spotlight	0
South Lakeland	SthL	Estimate	9
South Ribble	SthR	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
St. Helens	St.H	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Stockport	Stck	Estimate including spotlight	7
Tameside	Tmsd	Estimate including spotlight	5
Trafford	Trff	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Warrington	Wrrn	Estimate including spotlight	10
West Lancashire	WstLnc	Estimate	0
Wigan	Wign	Estimate including spotlight	5
Wirral	Wrri	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Wyre	Wyre	Estimate	1-4

8.9 North East



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Local Authority	Abbreviation	Approach	Single night estimate
County Durham	CntD	Estimate including spotlight	11
Darlington	Drln	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Gateshead	Gtsh	Estimate including spotlight	1-4
Hartlepool	Hrtl	Estimate	1-4
Middlesbrough	Mddl	Count	1-4
Newcastle upon Tyne	NwuT	Estimate including spotlight	9
North Tyneside	NrtT	Count	1-4
Northumberland	Nrth	Estimate	1-4
Redcar and Cleveland	RdaC	Estimate including spotlight	0
South Tyneside	SthT	Count	1-4

Footnotes:

1. This definition has been in place since the snapshot methodology was introduced in 2010.
2. Demographic information was collected for the first time in 2016. The totals included 'Not known' but not all local authorities were able to provide exact numbers of these 'Not known' responses. Therefore this information is not comparable with later years.
3. Only approach changes from a "Count-based estimate" to "Evidence-based estimate" or "Evidence-based estimate" to a "Count-based estimate" were considered as a change in approach. "Evidence-based estimate" to "Evidence-based estimate including spotlight" (or vice versa) were not recognised as a change in approach. We did not routinely collect and report information about evidence-based estimates including spotlight counts before 2018 despite this approach being available - these were all classified as estimates.

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