Empty Homes in England 2020

National and regional analysis of MHCLG data showing change since 2019

The largest rise in numbers on record

Government data shows a massive rise of over 42,000 to a total of 268,385 long-term empty homes in England, as nearly 100,000 families languish in temporary accommodation.

This is the biggest rise since current records began.

New Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government data shows a massive year on year rise of 42,540 to a total of 268,385 long-term empty homes in England.

This is the fourth consecutive year in which figures have risen. This year's rise of almost 20% means that the national total has increased by over a third (34%) since 2016.

In London over 30,000 homes lie long-term empty (30,616 in total). Inner London saw a huge rise of 27%, while outer London also saw a rise of 21%.

In 2019 London councils are spent over £700million on Temporary Accommodation for households they were unable to provide with homes.

Other cities facing housing pressures see similar big rises which the pandemic may be exacerbating - Manchester sees a rise of 19% to 1,455. Birmingham is up 18% to 5,386 long-term empty homes. Liverpool is up 17% to 4,631.

Areas in the North, where communities are blighted by under-investment and empty homes figures have remained stubbornly high in recent years see further big increases. Bradford now has a staggering 4,091 long-term empty homes (nearly 1 in every 50), while Hartlepool has over 1,000 after a massive 36% increase this year alone. Middlesborough sees a massive 29% increase to over 1,500 long-term empty homes; and Grimsby and North East Lincolnshire have 1,636 long-term empty homes (1 in every 45 homes).

Meanwhile in England 98,300 homeless families, including over 129,000 children languish in often unsuitable and over-crowded temporary accommodation at a cost of £1.2billion a year.

Director of Action on Empty Homes, Will McMahon said

“The new figures are exceptionally worrying. It can’t be right that in the last four years we have seen an escalating housing crisis while the number of long-term empty homes keeps rising. Today there are nearly 100,000 families languishing in overcrowded and temporary accommodation at a time when we know that overcrowded housing is being linked to the spread of the corona virus and to higher mortality.”

“During a national housing crisis we cannot afford to see over 268,000 homes stand empty across the country because of the lack of a government strategy to support councils to bring them back into use. It will be impossible to ‘build back better’ if we keep letting our housing crisis get worse.”

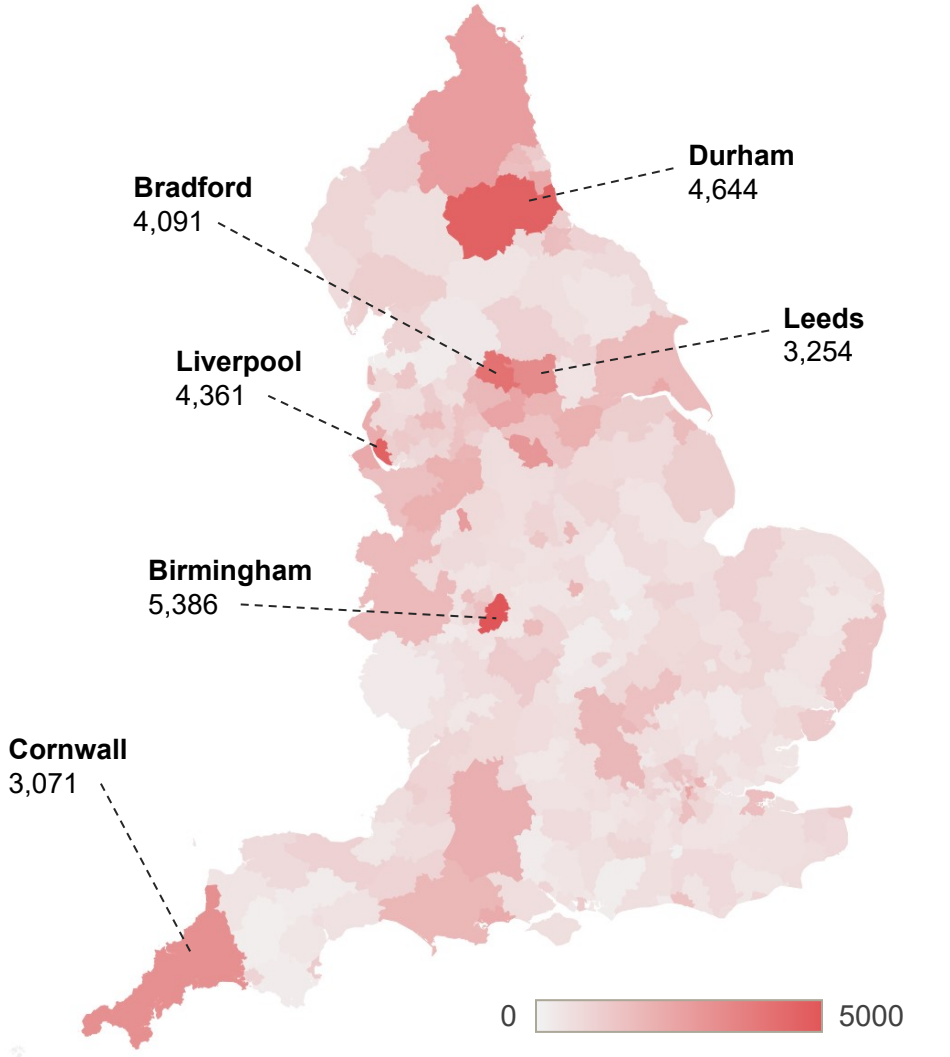
“Action on Empty Homes calls on Government to introduce a new national empty homes programme to create additional housing supply for those in most housing need, utilising properties currently left vacant or in need of renovation.”

Empty homes in England reached a record high in 2020…

268,385
total empty homes

▲ 42,540 (+19%)
change since 2019

Region	Total empties	Change	% change
North West	**44,560**	+5,365	+14%
South East	**35,818**	+6,256	+21%
Yorks & Humber	**32,327**	+3,443	+12%
London	**30,548**	+5,871	+24%
West Midlands	**28,740**	+5,225	+22%
East of England	**26,275**	+5,353	+25%
East Midlands	**24,807**	+4,483	+22%
South West	**24,530**	+3,968	+19%
North East	**20,780**	+2,626	+14%

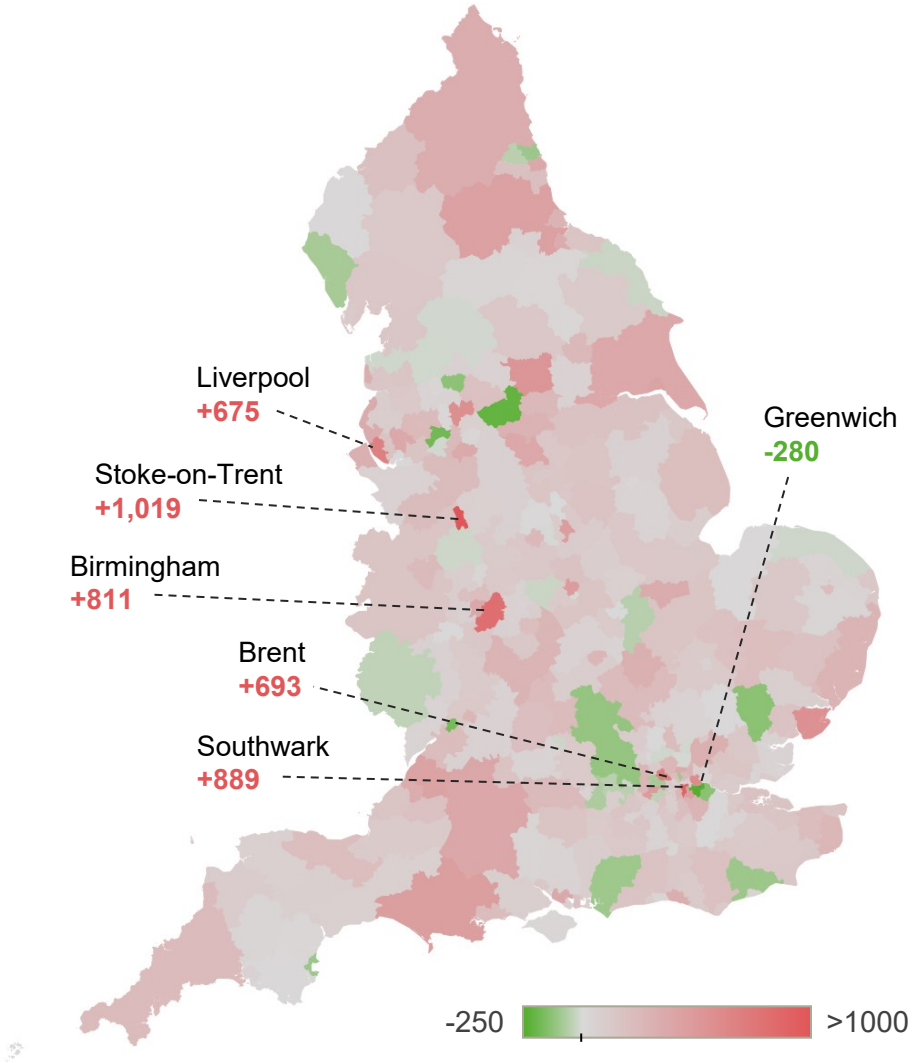


The biggest risers of 2020

278 local authorities reported a rise in empty homes in 2020

while just **36 reported falls**

Local authority	Total empties	Annual change	% change
Stoke-on-Trent	2,689	+1,019	+61%
Southwark	2,358	+889	+61%
Birmingham	5,386	+811	+18%
Brent	1,029	+693	+206%
Liverpool	4,631	+675	+17%
Newham	1,870	+595	+47%
Rochdale	1,409	+562	+66%
Tendring	1,206	+554	+85%
Leeds	3,254	+520	+19%
Hounslow	974	+482	+98%

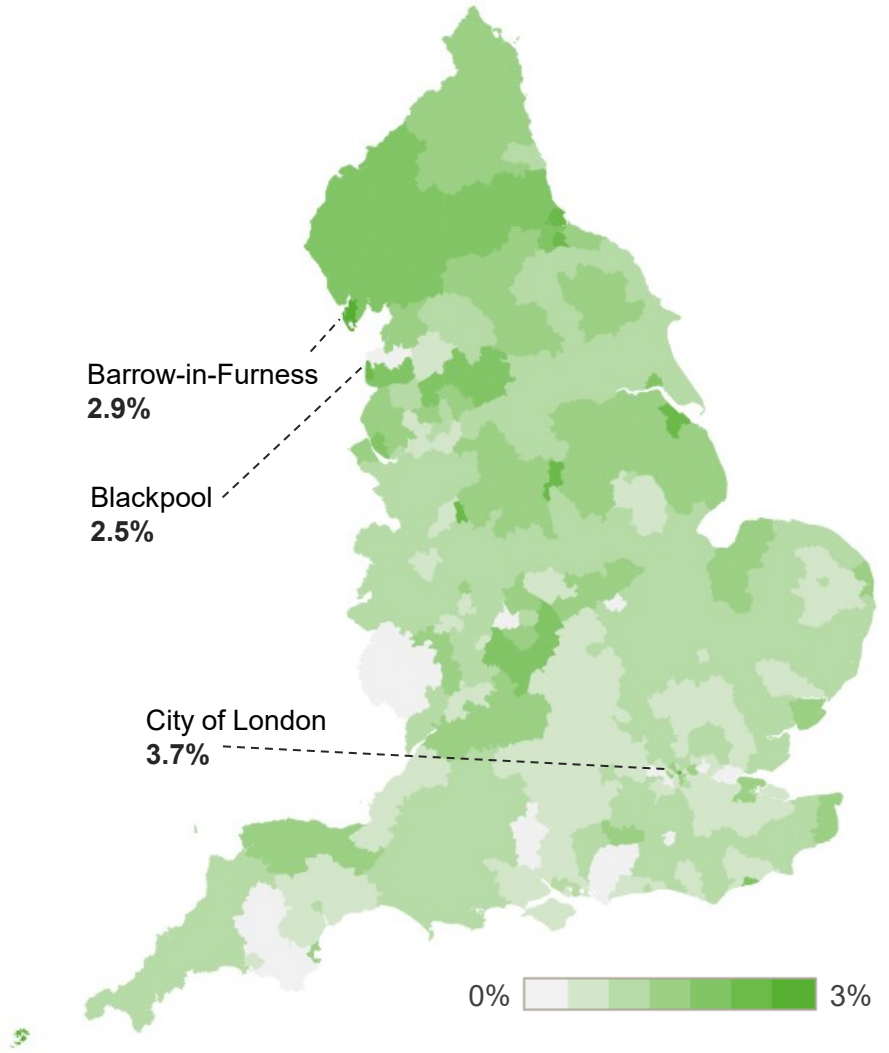


Empties as a portion of all homes

1.1%

of all homes in England were empty in 2020

Worst impacted areas	Empty homes	Total homes	% Empty
City of London	276	7,531	3.7%
Barrow-in-Furness	969	33,840	2.9%
Isles of Scilly	31	1,161	2.7%
Blackpool	1,769	71,973	2.5%
Hartlepool	1,061	44,300	2.4%
Middlesborough	1,501	64,334	2.3%
Stoke-on-Trent	2,689	117,683	2.3%
North East Lincolnshire	1,636	73,745	2.2%
Bolsover	797	36,818	2.2%
Eden	559	27,092	2.1%

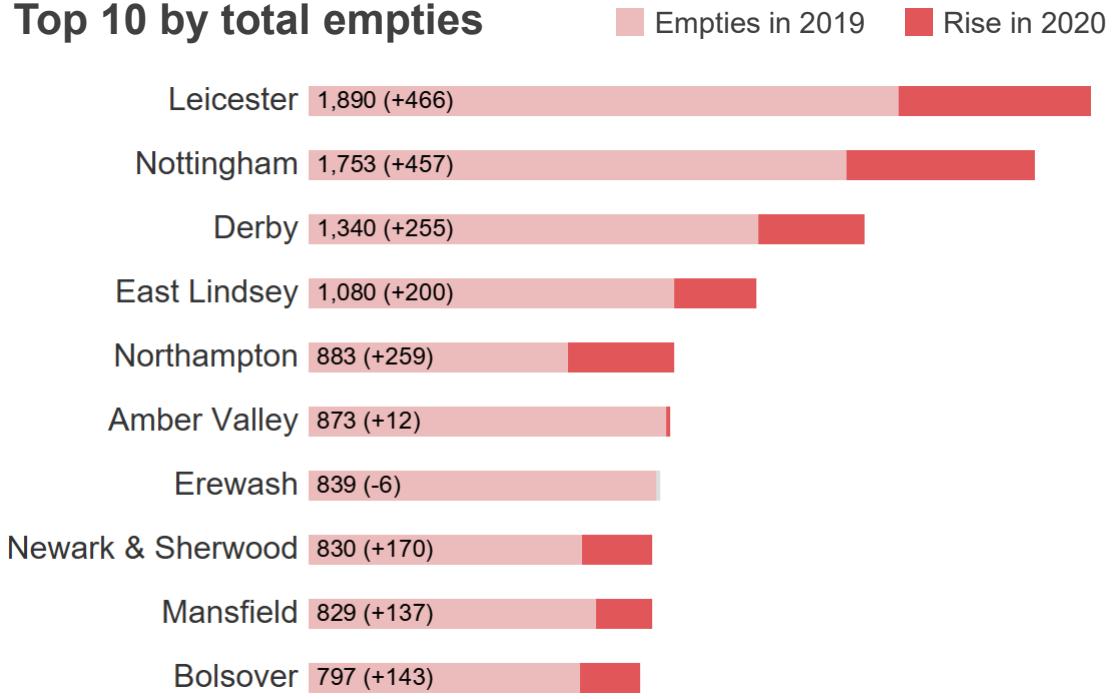


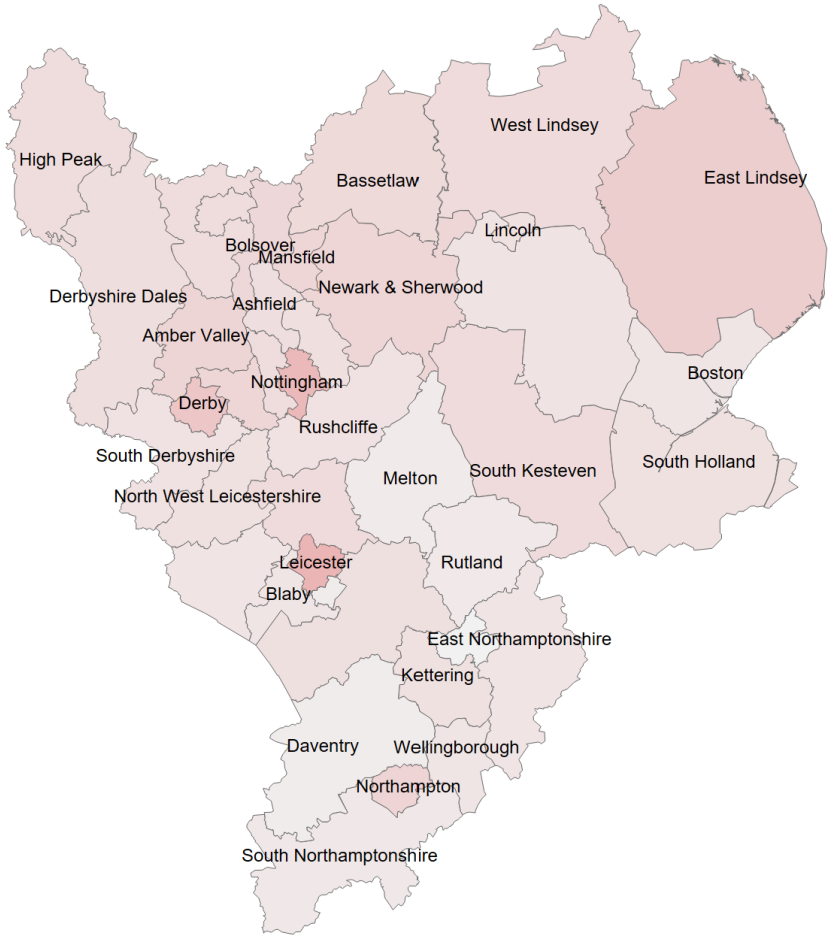
Empty homes in the East Midlands

24,807
total empties

+4,483 (+22%)
change since 2019

Top 10 by total empties





Fastest risers in the East Midlands

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Melton	140	216	+76	+54.3%	23,324	0.9%
S. Northamptonshire	189	276	+87	+46.0%	40,953	0.7%
Daventry	121	173	+52	+43.0%	37,308	0.5%
South Derbyshire	317	450	+133	+42.0%	46,311	1.0%
Northampton	624	883	+259	+41.5%	98,775	0.9%
Blaby	252	355	+103	+40.9%	43,472	0.8%
Harborough	379	528	+149	+39.3%	40,943	1.3%
Rutland	181	248	+67	+37.0%	17,664	1.4%
NW Leicestershire	353	483	+130	+36.8%	45,852	1.1%
South Holland	361	493	+132	+36.6%	41,825	1.2%
NE Derbyshire	450	612	+162	+36.0%	46,621	1.3%
Nottingham	1,296	1,753	+457	+35.3%	141,282	1.2%
Charnwood	507	683	+176	+34.7%	76,624	0.9%
Leicester	1,424	1,890	+466	+32.7%	141,071	1.3%
Boston	266	353	+87	+32.7%	30,577	1.2%
Bassetlaw	552	714	+162	+29.3%	53,556	1.3%
Kettering	372	477	+105	+28.2%	45,776	1.0%
Gedling	433	552	+119	+27.5%	53,157	1.0%
South Kesteven	533	672	+139	+26.1%	65,125	1.0%
Newark & Sherwood	660	830	+170	+25.8%	55,443	1.5%
Rushcliffe	368	462	+ 94	+25.5%	51,218	0.9%

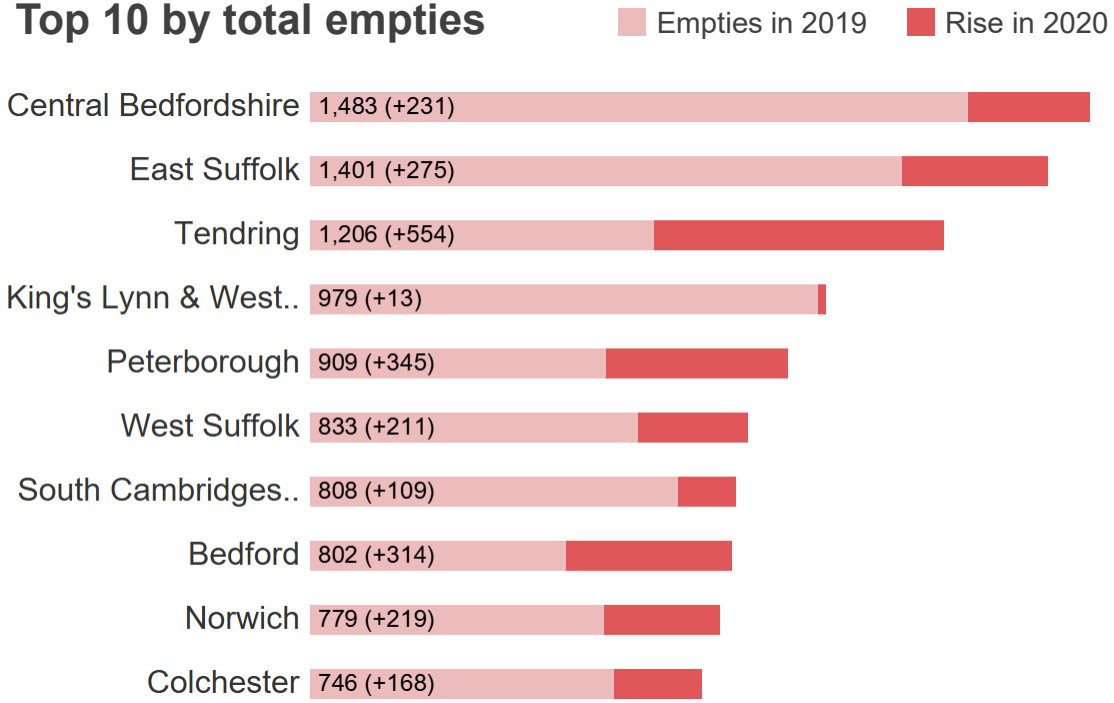
Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Chesterfield	523	655	+132	+25.2%	49,807	1.3%
Derby	1,085	1,340	+255	+23.5%	111,329	1.2%
East Lindsey	880	1,080	+200	+22.7%	69,988	1.5%
Bolsover	654	797	+143	+21.9%	36,818	2.2%
Broxtowe	499	598	+99	+19.8%	50,637	1.2%
Mansfield	692	829	+137	+19.8%	50,032	1.7%
Derbyshire Dales	512	570	+58	+11.3%	34,493	1.7%
High Peak	558	617	+59	+10.6%	42,496	1.5%
North Kesteven	396	436	+40	+10.1%	52,459	0.8%
Wellingborough	339	371	+32	+9.4%	35,684	1.0%
West Lindsey	615	672	+57	+9.3%	44,055	1.5%
Oadby & Wigston	145	152	+7	+4.8%	23,575	0.6%
Lincoln	475	491	+16	+3.4%	46,269	1.1%
Amber Valley	861	873	+12	+1.4%	58,537	1.5%
Ashfield	567	566	-1	-0.2%	56,407	1.0%
Erewash	845	839	-6	-0.7%	52,394	1.6%
Hinckley & Bosworth	434	410	-24	-5.5%	50,721	0.8%
East Northamptonshire	466	408	-58	-12.4%	41,249	1.0%
GRAND TOTAL	20,324	24,807	+4,483	+22.1%	2,134,251	1.2%

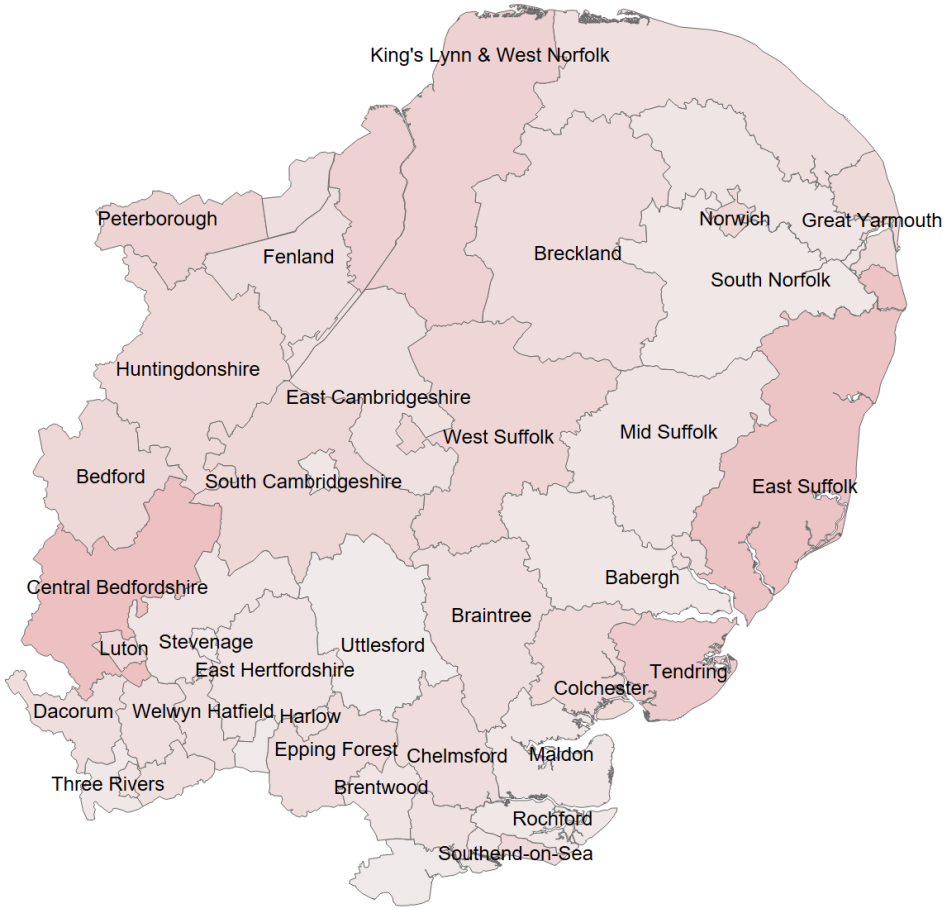
Empty homes in the East of England

26,275
total empties

+5,353 (+25%)
change since 2019

Top 10 by total empties





Fastest risers in East of England

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Epping Forest	300	612	312	+104.0%	57,163	1.1%
Tendring	652	1,206	554	+85.0%	71,766	1.7%
Welwyn Hatfield	285	503	218	+76.5%	49,325	1.0%
Mid Suffolk	252	435	183	+72.6%	45,539	1.0%
Ipswich	344	574	230	+66.9%	61,528	0.9%
Bedford	488	802	314	+64.3%	77,272	1.0%
Peterborough	564	909	345	+61.2%	87,189	1.0%
East Cambs	305	487	182	+59.7%	38,319	1.3%
Thurrock	166	261	95	+57.2%	68,836	0.4%
Brentwood	273	395	122	+44.7%	34,072	1.2%
Norwich	560	779	219	+39.1%	67,745	1.1%
Fenland	413	563	150	+36.3%	45,973	1.2%
Basildon	363	494	131	+36.1%	79,085	0.6%
West Suffolk	622	833	211	+33.9%	80,651	1.0%
Harlow	359	479	120	+33.4%	38,618	1.2%
Colchester	578	746	168	+29.1%	83,647	0.9%
Huntingdonshire	577	735	158	+27.4%	78,911	0.9%
Babergh	273	347	74	+27.1%	41,592	0.8%
Breckland	481	609	128	+26.6%	62,357	1.0%
Chelmsford	510	639	129	+25.3%	77,768	0.8%
East Suffolk	1,126	1,401	275	+24.4%	118,982	1.2%

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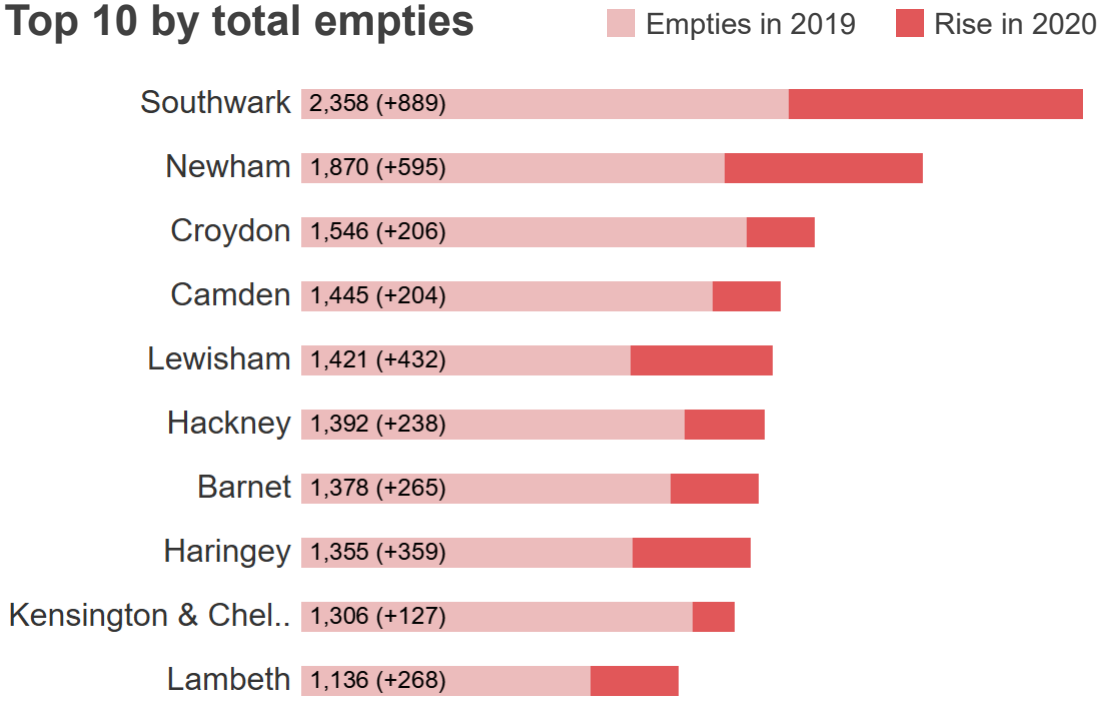
Three Rivers	237	292	55	+23.2%	38,300	0.8%
Great Yarmouth	586	712	126	+21.5%	48,381	1.5%
Cambridge	271	327	56	+20.7%	58,536	0.6%
Dacorum	480	571	91	+19.0%	65,266	0.9%
Central Bedfordshire	1,252	1,483	231	+18.5%	124,179	1.2%
Maldon	282	326	44	+15.6%	28,784	1.1%
South Cambridgeshire	699	808	109	+15.6%	68,726	1.2%
Luton	624	720	96	+15.4%	82,767	0.9%
Southend-on-Sea	630	724	94	+14.9%	82,202	0.9%
North Hertfordshire	349	400	51	+14.6%	58,131	0.7%
Rochford	277	313	36	+13.0%	36,491	0.9%
Stevenage	219	245	26	+11.9%	37,785	0.6%
Broadland	347	380	33	+9.5%	59,178	0.6%
South Norfolk	285	310	25	+8.8%	63,420	0.5%
East Hertfordshire	410	441	31	+7.6%	64,090	0.7%
Castle Point	332	356	24	+7.2%	38,908	0.9%
Uttlesford	209	224	15	+7.2%	38,433	0.6%
St Albans	543	558	15	+2.8%	61,723	0.9%
King's Lynn & W. Norfolk	966	979	13	+1.3%	74,157	1.3%
Watford	411	413	2	+0.5%	40,352	1.0%
North Norfolk	572	554	-18	-3.1%	55,390	1.0%
Hertsmere	528	511	-17	-3.2%	44,824	1.1%
Broxbourne	265	251	-14	-5.3%	41,038	0.6%
Braintree	707	568	-139	-19.7%	66,168	0.9%
GRAND TOTAL	20,972	26,275	+5,303	+25.3%	2,743,567	1.0%

Empty homes in London

30,548
total empties

+5,871 (+24%)
change since 2019

Top 10 by total empties



Fastest risers in London

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Brent	336	1,029	693	+206.3%	125,526	0.8%
Hounslow	492	974	482	+98.0%	105,749	0.9%
Wandsworth	156	269	113	+72.4%	148,336	0.2%
Southwark	1,469	2,358	889	+60.5%	143,229	1.6%
Kingston upon Thames	305	477	172	+56.4%	68,437	0.7%
Bromley	554	828	274	+49.5%	141,707	0.6%
Hillingdon	551	823	272	+49.4%	114,420	0.7%
Newham	1,275	1,870	595	+46.7%	122,033	1.5%
Lewisham	989	1,421	432	+43.7%	130,308	1.1%
Waltham Forest	733	1,008	275	+37.5%	106,684	0.9%
Haringey	996	1,355	359	+36.0%	110,498	1.2%
Lambeth	868	1,136	268	+30.9%	145,409	0.8%
Hammersmith & Fulham	296	380	84	+28.4%	91,266	0.4%
Barnet	1,113	1,378	265	+23.8%	154,303	0.9%
Havering	604	734	130	+21.5%	106,145	0.7%
Hackney	1,154	1,392	238	+20.6%	117,465	1.2%
Camden	1,241	1,445	204	+16.4%	111,542	1.3%
Croydon	1,340	1,546	206	+15.4%	160,688	1.0%
Harrow	708	816	108	+15.3%	94,017	0.9%
Merton	611	685	74	+12.1%	85,612	0.8%
Westminster	506	565	59	+11.7%	128,886	0.4%

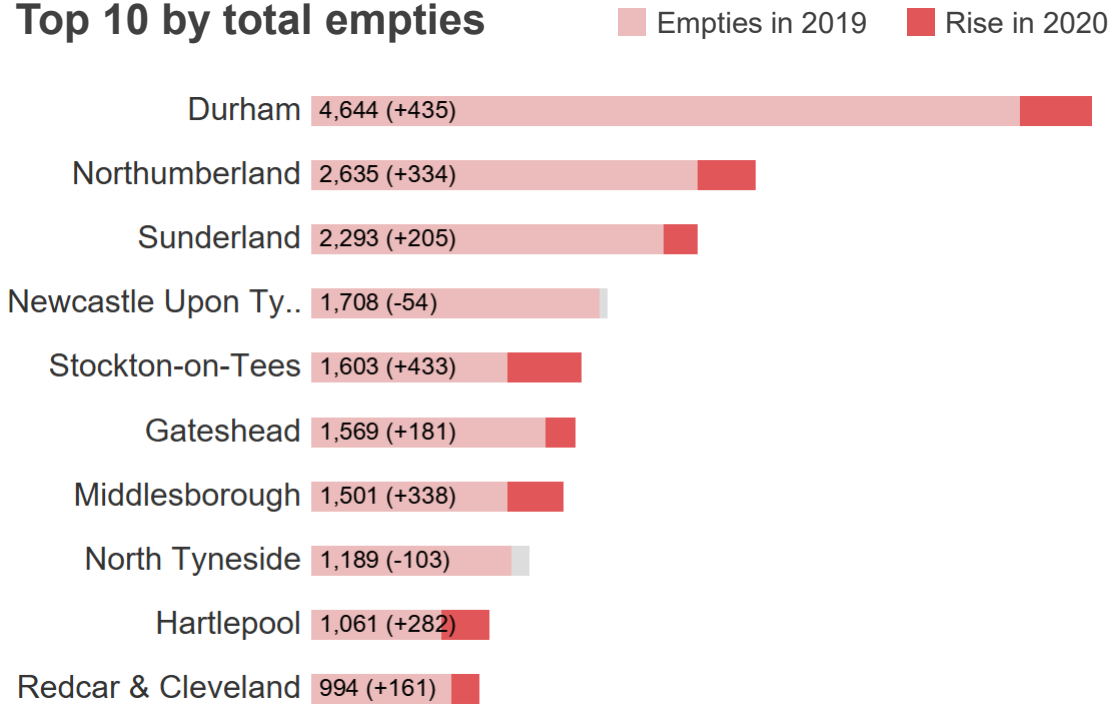
Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Kensington & Chelsea	1,179	1,306	127	+10.8%	89,308	1.5%
Redbridge	594	657	63	+10.6%	106,218	0.6%
Sutton	756	833	77	+10.2%	84,823	1.0%
Barking & Dagenham	206	224	18	+8.7%	76,650	0.3%
Tower Hamlets	984	1,035	51	+5.2%	137,688	0.8%
City of London	273	276	3	+1.1%	7,531	3.7%
Enfield	992	984	-8	-0.8%	126,063	0.8%
Richmond upon Thames	489	444	-45	-9.2%	85,068	0.5%
Islington	750	649	-101	-13.5%	110,420	0.6%
Ealing	516	430	-86	-16.7%	140,524	0.3%
Bexley	645	505	-140	-21.7%	99,439	0.5%
Greenwich	996	716	-280	-28.1%	120,301	0.6%
GRAND TOTAL	24,677	30,548	5,871	+23.8%	3,696,293	0.8%

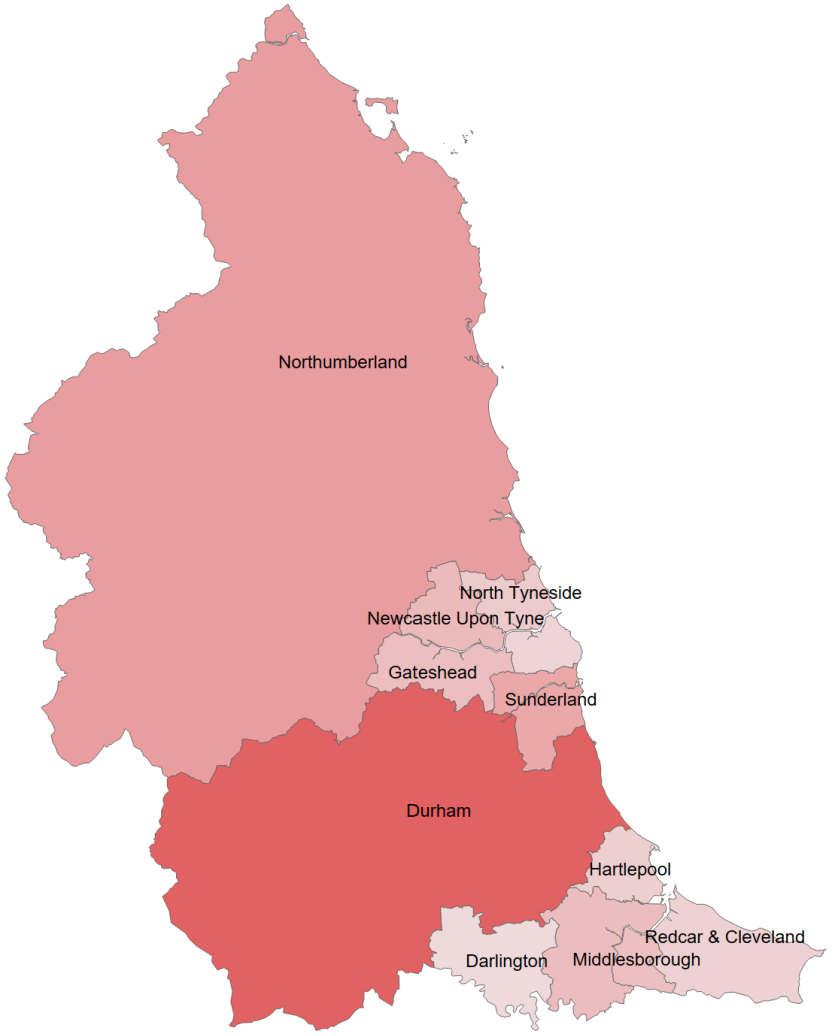
Empty homes in the North East

20,780
total empties

+2,626 (+14%)
change since 2019

Top 10 by total empties





Fastest risers in the North East

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
South Tyneside	518	886	368	+71.0%	72,308	1.2%
Stockton-on-Tees	1,170	1,603	433	+37.0%	88,359	1.8%
Hartlepool	779	1,061	282	+36.2%	44,300	2.4%
Middlesborough	1,163	1,501	338	+29.1%	64,334	2.3%
Redcar & Cleveland	833	994	161	+19.3%	65,107	1.5%
Northumberland	2,301	2,635	334	+14.5%	156,286	1.7%
Gateshead	1,388	1,569	181	+13.0%	94,243	1.7%
Durham	4,209	4,644	435	+10.3%	248,868	1.9%
Sunderland	2,088	2,293	205	+9.8%	130,783	1.8%
Darlington	651	697	46	+7.1%	51,510	1.4%
Newcastle Upon Tyne	1,762	1,708	-54	-3.1%	135,299	1.3%
North Tyneside	1,292	1,189	-103	-8.0%	99,806	1.2%
GRAND TOTAL	18,154	20,780	2,626	+14.5%	1,251,203	1.7%

Empty homes in the North West

44,560
total empties

+5,365 (+14%)
change since 2019

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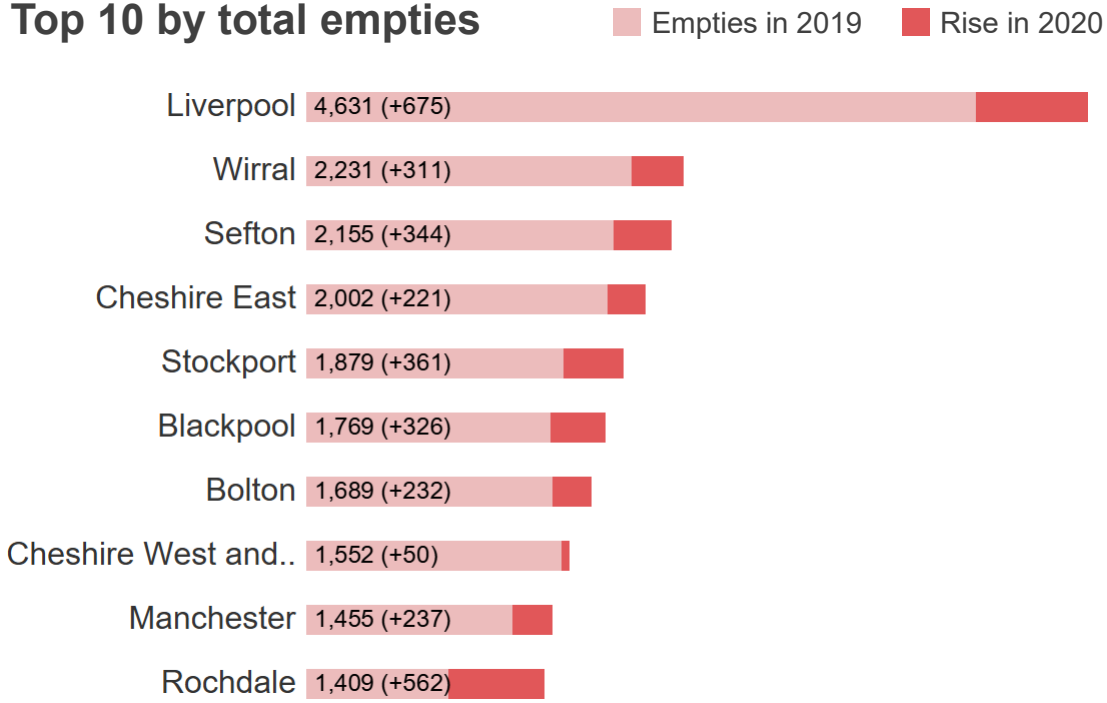

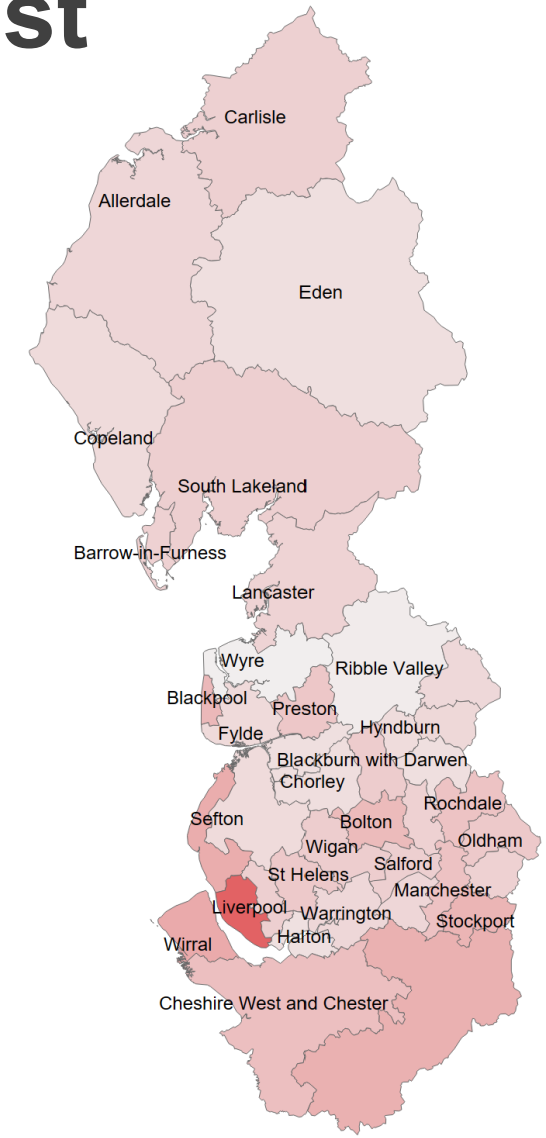

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Rochdale	847	1,409	562	+66.4%	95,207	1.5%
St Helens	852	1,223	371	+43.5%	84,449	1.4%
South Ribble	432	560	128	+29.6%	50,166	1.1%
Wigan	870	1,111	241	+27.7%	147,640	0.8%
Chorley	453	576	123	+27.2%	51,960	1.1%
Eden	440	559	119	+27.0%	27,092	2.1%
Fylde	569	714	145	+25.5%	39,824	1.8%
Stockport	1,518	1,879	361	+23.8%	131,134	1.4%
Warrington	645	797	152	+23.6%	93,742	0.9%
Carlisle	821	1,011	190	+23.1%	53,269	1.9%
Blackpool	1,443	1,769	326	+22.6%	71,973	2.5%
Manchester	1,218	1,455	237	+19.5%	236,069	0.6%
Sefton	1,811	2,155	344	+19.0%	128,434	1.7%
Lancaster	790	932	142	+18.0%	65,523	1.4%
Knowsley	902	1,056	154	+17.1%	69,306	1.5%
Liverpool	3,956	4,631	675	+17.1%	232,503	2.0%
Wirral	1,920	2,231	311	+16.2%	149,646	1.5%
Bolton	1,457	1,689	232	+15.9%	125,735	1.3%
South Lakeland	905	1,039	134	+14.8%	53,699	1.9%
Preston	1,143	1,304	161	+14.1%	64,678	2.0%
West Lancashire	607	687	80	+13.2%	50,403	1.4%

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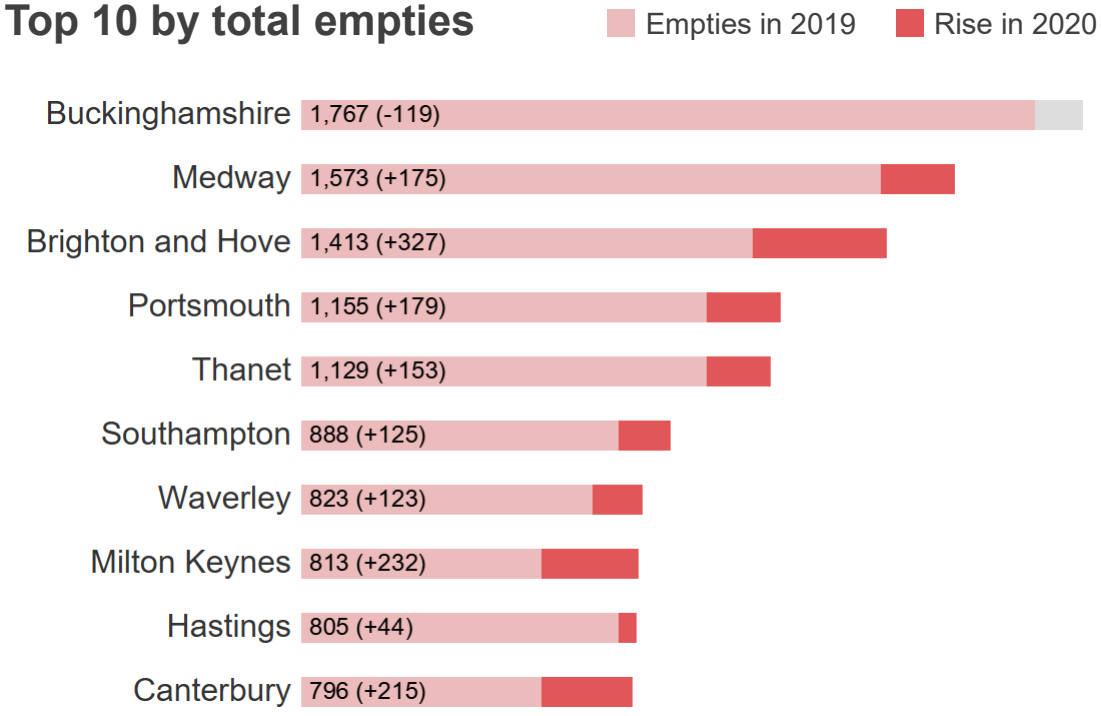
Barrow-in-Furness	859	969	110	+12.8%	33,840	2.9%
Cheshire East	1,781	2,002	221	+12.4%	180,505	1.1%
Pendle	708	765	57	+8.1%	40,671	1.9%
Rossendale	497	536	39	+7.8%	32,233	1.7%
Oldham	1,164	1,227	63	+5.4%	97,079	1.3%
Hyndburn	634	656	22	+3.5%	37,170	1.8%
Cheshire W. & Chester	1,502	1,552	50	+3.3%	160,819	1.0%
Blackburn with Darwen	1,122	1,155	33	+2.9%	61,784	1.9%
Tameside	962	982	20	+2.1%	103,441	0.9%
Bury	966	974	8	+0.8%	84,222	1.2%
Allerdale	823	827	4	+0.5%	47,577	1.7%
Halton	504	506	2	+0.4%	58,238	0.9%
Trafford	841	829	-12	-1.4%	100,855	0.8%
Ribble Valley	207	191	-16	-7.7%	27,714	0.7%
Copeland	764	677	-87	-11.4%	33,770	2.0%
Burnley	914	780	-134	-14.7%	41,889	1.9%
Salford	1,238	1,052	-186	-15.0%	122,682	0.9%
Wyre	110	93	-17	-15.5%	53,106	0.2%
GRAND TOTAL	39,195	44,560	5,365	+13.7%	3,340,047	1.3%

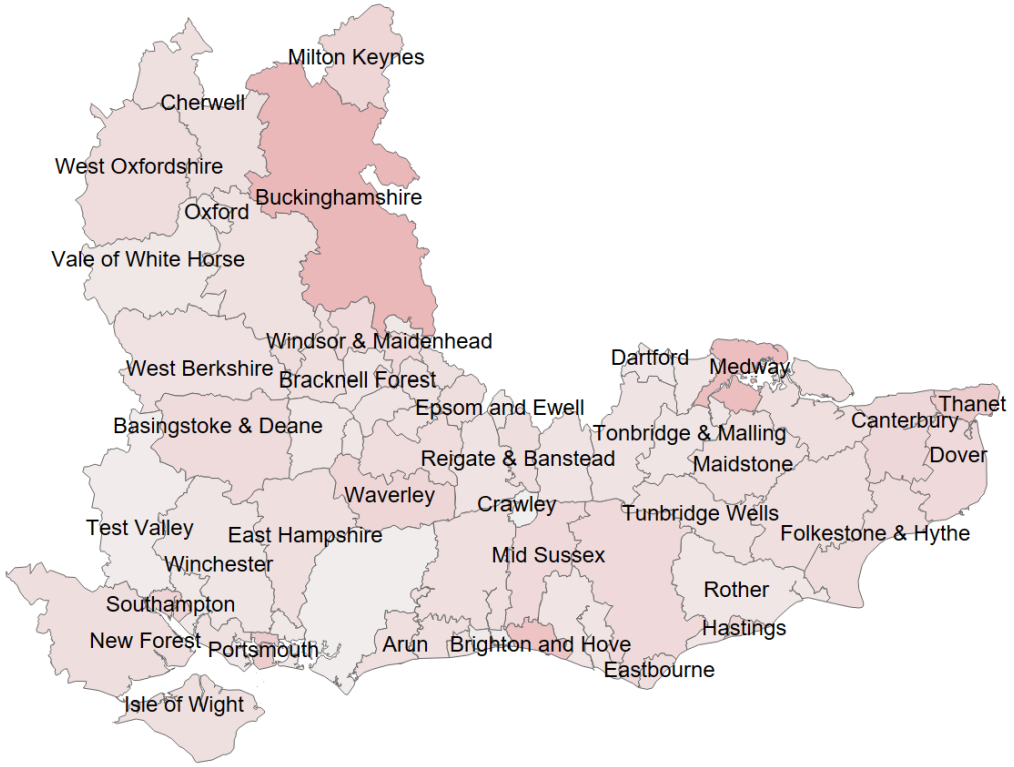
Empty homes in the South East

35,818
total empties

+6,266 (+21%)
change since 2019

Top 10 by total empties





Fastest risers in the South East

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Fareham	107	475	368	+343.9%	50,280	0.9%
Crawley	12	30	18	+150.0%	46,144	0.1%
West Berkshire	232	470	238	+102.6%	69,339	0.7%
Cherwell	279	503	224	+80.3%	67,744	0.7%
Epsom and Ewell	196	322	126	+64.3%	32,493	1.0%
Surrey Heath	258	414	156	+60.5%	37,355	1.1%
Rushmoor	210	336	126	+60.0%	41,131	0.8%
Gravesham	204	326	122	+59.8%	43,584	0.7%
Dover	460	725	265	+57.6%	53,523	1.4%
West Oxfordshire	451	656	205	+45.5%	50,167	1.3%
Hart	229	330	101	+44.1%	40,641	0.8%
Horsham	386	554	168	+43.5%	64,283	0.9%
Runnymede	333	474	141	+42.3%	37,299	1.3%
Milton Keynes	581	813	232	+39.9%	115,260	0.7%
Swale	388	541	153	+39.4%	64,159	0.8%
Arun	393	543	150	+38.2%	75,948	0.7%
Canterbury	581	796	215	+37.0%	68,846	1.2%
Lewes	284	385	101	+35.6%	45,573	0.8%
Wealden	540	723	183	+33.9%	70,838	1.0%
Bracknell Forest	278	366	88	+31.7%	51,639	0.7%
Guildford	469	616	147	+31.3%	59,082	1.0%

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Tunbridge Wells	377	494	117	+31.0%	50,233	1.0%
Tandridge	333	436	103	+30.9%	37,243	1.2%
Basingstoke & Deane	505	661	156	+30.9%	77,739	0.9%
Brighton and Hove	1,086	1,413	327	+30.1%	130,850	1.1%
Havant	235	305	70	+29.8%	55,639	0.5%
Spelthorne	393	504	111	+28.2%	43,328	1.2%
Reigate & Banstead	459	587	128	+27.9%	61,877	0.9%
Gosport	210	268	58	+27.6%	37,477	0.7%
Ashford	426	543	117	+27.5%	55,811	1.0%
South Oxfordshire	371	471	100	+27.0%	62,857	0.7%
Folkestone & Hythe	489	619	130	+26.6%	51,868	1.2%
Eastbourne	468	582	114	+24.4%	49,172	1.2%
Maidstone	433	537	104	+24.0%	73,125	0.7%
Worthing	397	485	88	+22.2%	51,052	1.0%
Mid Sussex	605	730	125	+20.7%	65,356	1.1%
Portsmouth	976	1,155	179	+18.3%	92,949	1.2%
East Hampshire	475	559	84	+17.7%	54,600	1.0%
Waverley	700	823	123	+17.6%	54,434	1.5%
Southampton	763	888	125	+16.4%	109,362	0.8%
Eastleigh	268	311	43	+16.0%	58,408	0.5%
Thanet	976	1,129	153	+15.7%	67,679	1.7%

Fastest risers in the South East / cont'd

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Test Valley	180	205	25	13.9%	56,140	0.4%
Vale of White Horse	277	315	38	13.7%	59,191	0.5%
New Forest	515	585	70	13.6%	82,411	0.7%
Adur	183	207	24	13.1%	28,469	0.7%
Medway	1,398	1,573	175	12.5%	116,873	1.3%
Tonbridge & Malling	331	370	39	11.8%	55,282	0.7%
Mole Valley	377	417	40	10.6%	38,738	1.1%
Elmbridge	531	587	56	10.5%	58,421	1.0%
Winchester	329	363	34	10.3%	54,200	0.7%
Woking	418	460	42	10.0%	42,970	1.1%
Reading	571	616	45	7.9%	73,599	0.8%
Hastings	761	805	44	5.8%	43,744	1.8%
Isle of Wight	490	510	20	4.1%	71,555	0.7%
Dartford	274	283	9	3.3%	47,500	0.6%
Sevenoaks	431	435	4	0.9%	51,415	0.8%
Oxford	367	349	-18	-4.9%	61,932	0.6%
Slough	320	300	-20	-6.3%	54,999	0.5%
Buckinghamshire	1,886	1,767	-119	-6.3%	228,133	0.8%
Windsor & Maidenhead	774	721	-53	-6.8%	65,371	1.1%
Wokingham	633	558	-75	-11.8%	70,810	0.8%
Rother	456	352	-104	-22.8%	45,551	0.8%

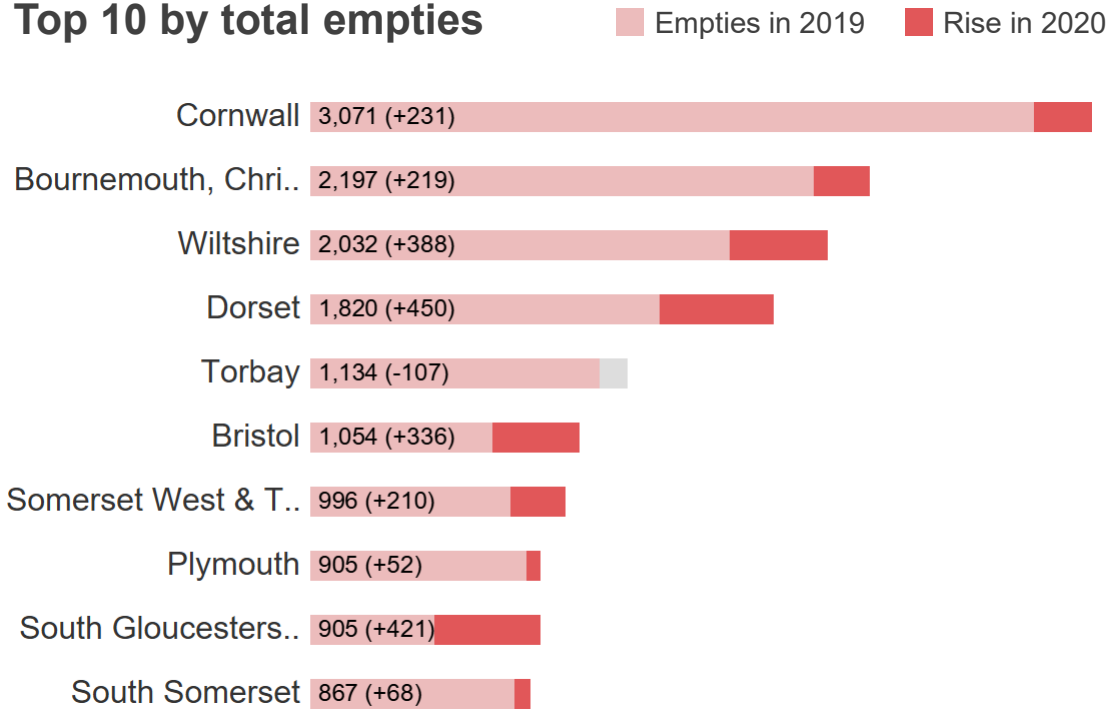
Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Chichester	244	142	-102	-41.8%	58,348	0.2%
GRAND TOTAL	29,562	35,818	6,256	+21.2%	3,992,039	0.9%

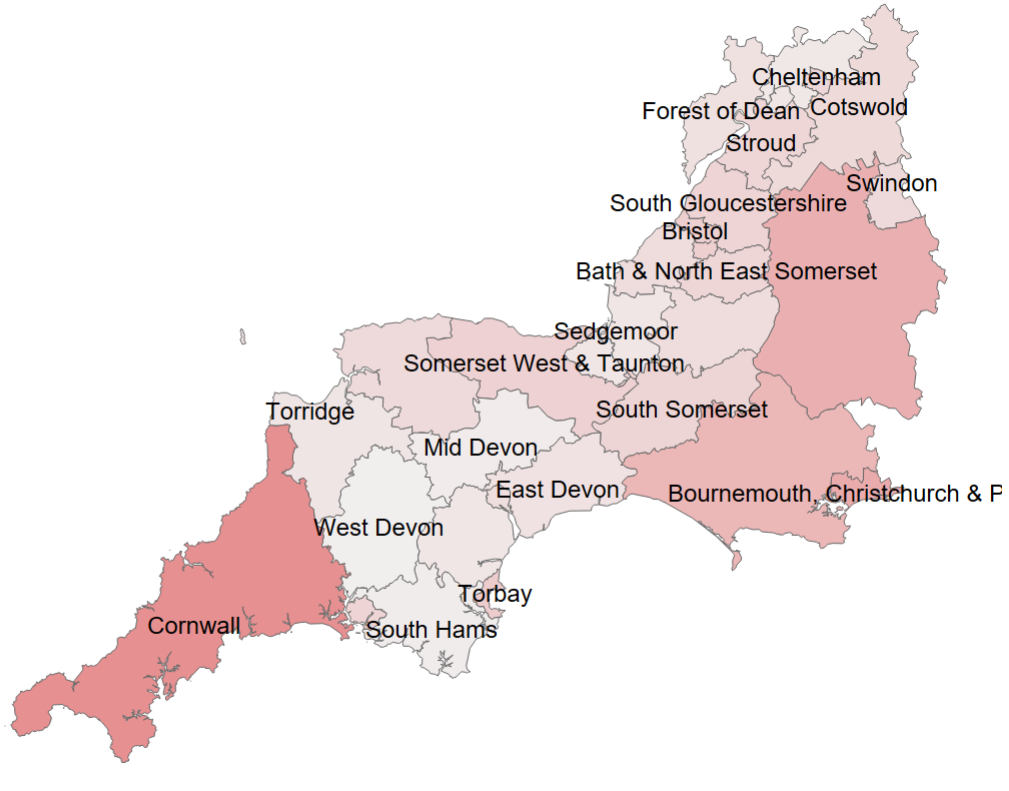
Empty homes in the South West

24,530
total empties

+3,968 (+19%)
change since 2019

Top 10 by total empties





Fastest risers in the South West

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
South Gloucestershire	484	905	421	+87.0%	121,444	0.7%
Mid Devon	123	198	75	+61.0%	36,947	0.5%
Tewkesbury	204	323	119	+58.3%	42,585	0.8%
Cheltenham	527	788	261	+49.5%	56,625	1.4%
Bristol	718	1,054	336	+46.8%	203,993	0.5%
Sedgemoor	241	346	105	+43.6%	56,156	0.6%
Isles of Scilly	22	31	9	+40.9%	1,161	2.7%
West Devon	77	107	30	+39.0%	26,061	0.4%
North Somerset	438	599	161	+36.8%	97,806	0.6%
Torridge	280	377	97	+34.6%	32,996	1.1%
Stroud	650	866	216	+33.2%	54,313	1.6%
Dorset	1,370	1,820	450	+32.8%	180,349	1.0%
Swindon	533	699	166	+31.1%	98,545	0.7%
Bath & North East Somerset	644	833	189	+29.3%	84,575	1.0%
Somerset West & Taunton	786	996	210	+26.7%	73,657	1.4%
Wiltshire	1,644	2,032	388	+23.6%	223,819	0.9%
Mendip	500	611	111	+22.2%	52,933	1.2%
Exeter	486	570	84	+17.3%	58,720	1.0%
East Devon	393	460	67	+17.0%	71,197	0.6%
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole	1,978	2,197	219	+11.1%	187,151	1.2%
Forest of Dean	442	486	44	+10.0%	38,945	1.2%

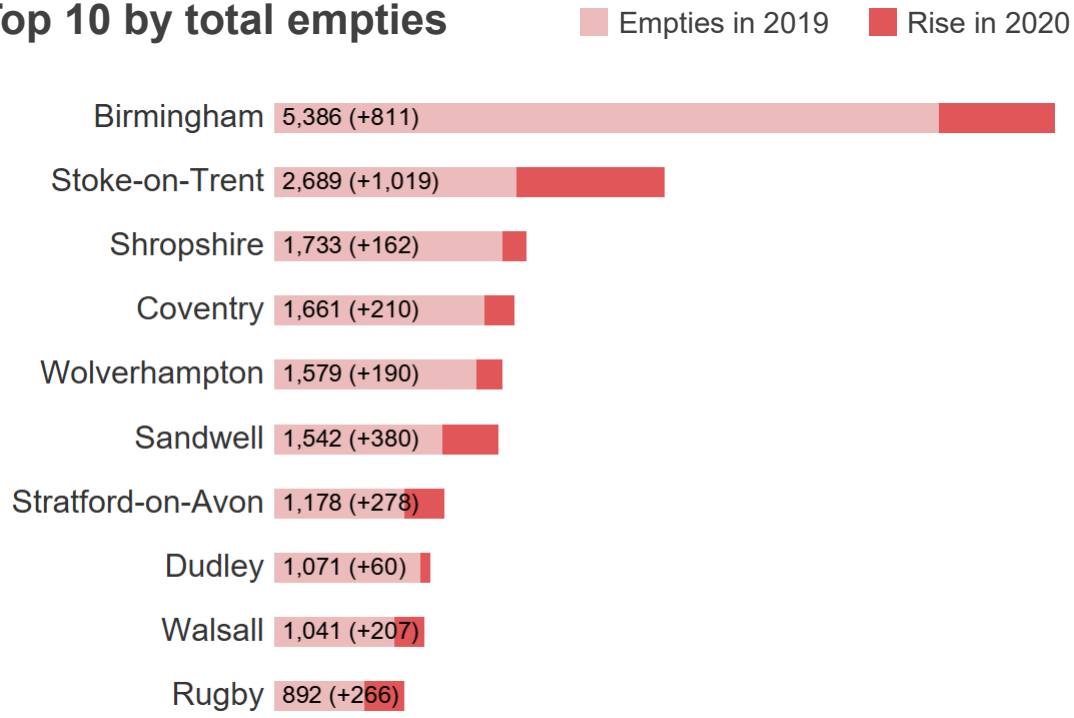
Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
North Devon	628	689	61	+9.7%	47,068	1.5%
South Hams	161	175	14	+8.7%	45,145	0.4%
South Somerset	799	867	68	+8.5%	78,587	1.1%
Cornwall	2,840	3,071	231	+8.1%	275,389	1.1%
Cotswold	661	709	48	+7.3%	44,644	1.6%
Teignbridge	323	345	22	+6.8%	63,244	0.5%
Plymouth	853	905	52	+6.1%	121,706	0.7%
Torbay	1,241	1,134	-107	-8.6%	67,860	1.7%
Gloucester	516	337	-179	-34.7%	58,059	0.6%
GRAND TOTAL	20,562	24,530	3,968	+19.3%	2,601,680	0.9%

Empty homes in the West Midlands

28,740
total empties

+5,225 (+22%)
change since 2019

Top 10 by total empties



Fastest risers in the West Midlands

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Redditch	173	299	126	+72.8%	37,304	0.8%
Telford & Wrekin	341	576	235	+68.9%	78,278	0.7%
Stoke-on-Trent	1,670	2,689	1,019	+61.0%	117,683	2.3%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	304	461	157	+51.6%	56,479	0.8%
Tamworth	218	313	95	+43.6%	33,424	0.9%
Rugby	626	892	266	+42.5%	48,429	1.8%
Bromsgrove	297	421	124	+41.8%	42,286	1.0%
Lichfield	365	488	123	+33.7%	46,436	1.1%
Sandwell	1,162	1,542	380	+32.7%	134,269	1.1%
Stratford-on-Avon	900	1,178	278	+30.9%	61,623	1.9%
Walsall	834	1,041	207	+24.8%	116,830	0.9%
South Staffordshire	353	432	79	+22.4%	47,588	0.9%
East Staffordshire	519	630	111	+21.4%	52,839	1.2%
Worcester	404	490	86	+21.3%	46,443	1.1%
Solihull	265	321	56	+21.1%	93,426	0.3%
Wychavon	569	674	105	+18.5%	59,190	1.1%
Birmingham	4,575	5,386	811	+17.7%	450,412	1.2%
Warwick	756	885	129	+17.1%	66,040	1.3%
Coventry	1,451	1,661	210	+14.5%	147,050	1.1%
North Warwickshire	355	404	49	+13.8%	28,645	1.4%
Wolverhampton	1,389	1,579	190	+13.7%	111,158	1.4%

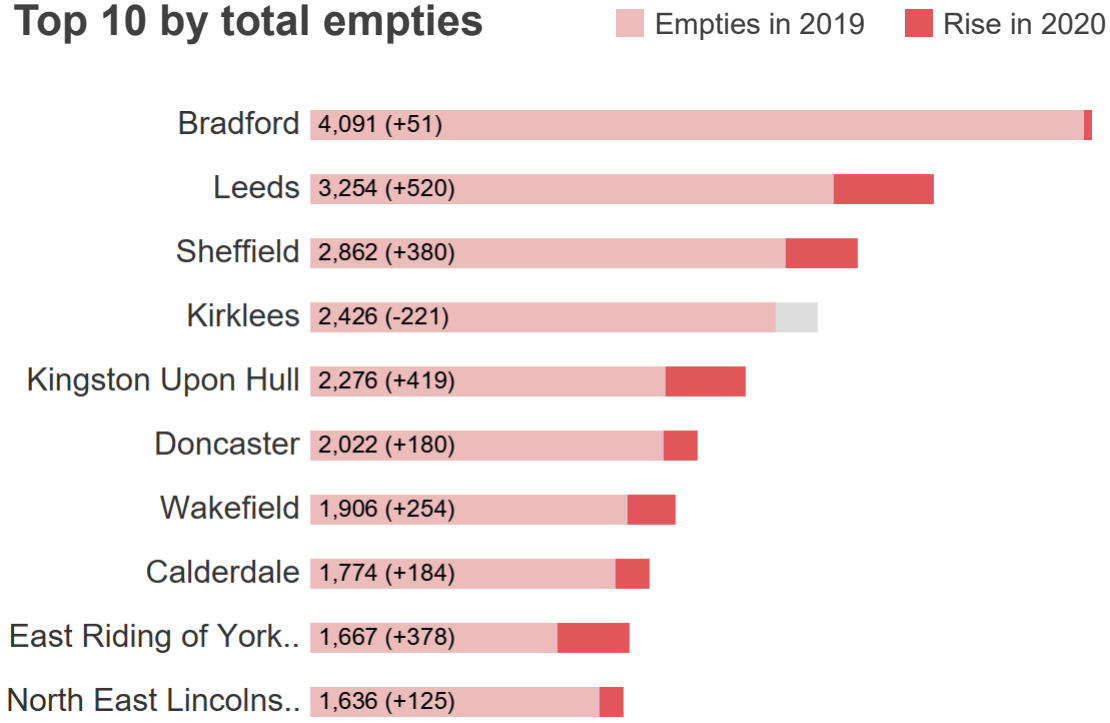
Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Nuneaton & Bedworth	730	815	85	+11.6%	58,049	1.4%
Malvern Hills	479	533	54	+11.3%	36,549	1.5%
Shropshire	1,571	1,733	162	+10.3%	145,953	1.2%
Staffordshire Moorlands	637	701	64	+10.0%	44,295	1.6%
Cannock Chase	360	386	26	+7.2%	44,440	0.9%
Dudley	1,011	1,071	60	+5.9%	139,699	0.8%
Wyre Forest	216	218	2	+0.9%	47,297	0.5%
Stafford	712	691	-21	-2.9%	61,707	1.1%
Herefordshire	273	230	-43	-15.8%	86,646	0.3%
GRAND TOTAL	23,515	28,740	5,255	+22.2%	2,540,467	1.1%

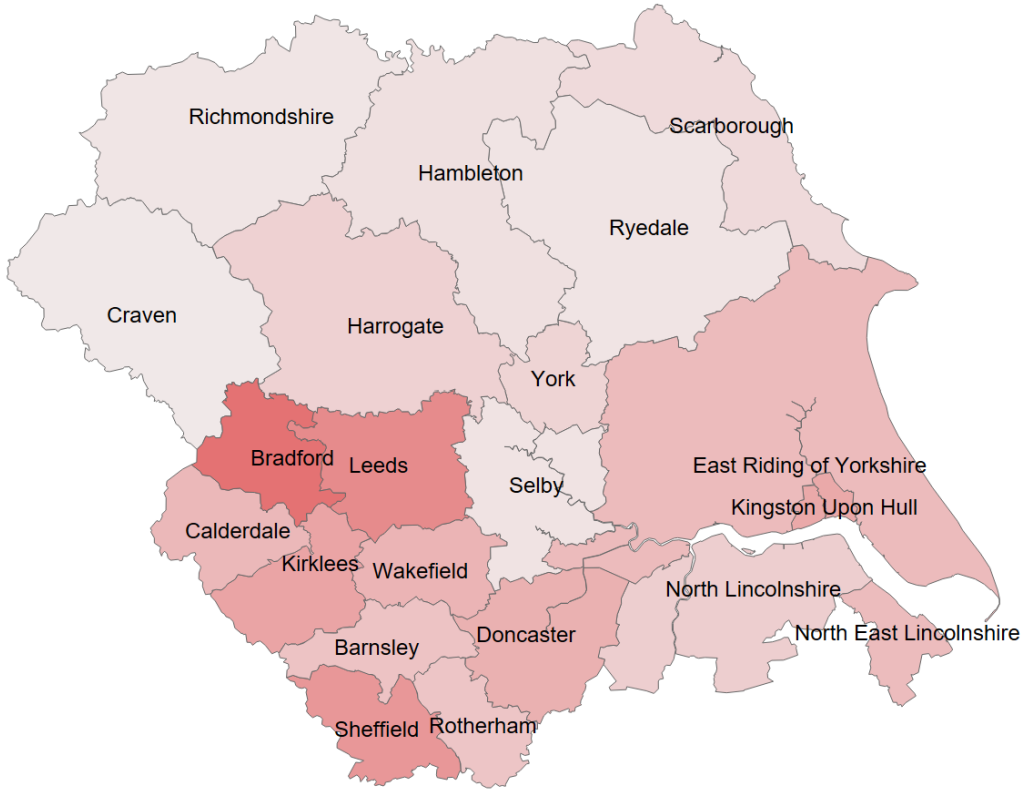
Empty homes in Yorks and Humber

32,327
total empties

+3,443
change since 2019

Top 10 by total empties





Fastest risers in Yorks and Humber

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
York	652	904	252	+38.7%	91,475	1.0%
Ryedale	297	408	111	+37.4%	26,462	1.5%
East Riding of Yorkshire	1,289	1,667	378	+29.3%	158,195	1.1%
Barnsley	1,125	1,419	294	+26.1%	112,983	1.3%
Kingston Upon Hull	1,857	2,276	419	+22.6%	122,693	1.9%
North Lincolnshire	910	1,088	178	+19.6%	76,069	1.4%
Leeds	2,734	3,254	520	+19.0%	359,142	0.9%
Harrogate	838	978	140	+16.7%	73,738	1.3%
Wakefield	1,652	1,906	254	+15.4%	159,694	1.2%
Sheffield	2,482	2,862	380	+15.3%	253,077	1.1%
Selby	381	433	52	+13.6%	40,542	1.1%
Calderdale	1,590	1,774	184	+11.6%	95,740	1.9%
Rotherham	1,216	1,353	137	+11.3%	118,448	1.1%
Doncaster	1,842	2,022	180	+9.8%	139,414	1.5%
North East Lincolnshire	1,511	1,636	125	+8.3%	73,745	2.2%
Richmondshire	341	368	27	+7.9%	23,655	1.6%
Hambleton	481	502	21	+4.4%	42,860	1.2%
Bradford	4,040	4,091	51	+1.3%	219,223	1.9%
Scarborough	716	690	-26	-3.6%	57,907	1.2%
Craven	283	270	-13	-4.6%	27,786	1.0%

Local Authority	Empty 2019	Empty 2020	Annual change	% annual rise	Total homes	% empty
Kirklees	2,647	2,426	-221	-8.3%	189,218	1.3%
GRAND TOTAL	28,884	32,327	3,443	+11.9%	2,462,066	1.3%

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