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Key Statistics Briefing:

How many shared owners are there?

Summary of key points:

- In the last decade (2005/06 to 2014/15) 93,905 households have been helped into shared ownership
- Last year (2014/15) 10,089 households were helped into shared ownership
- In total there are 278,703 shared ownership properties in England

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1. How did we get to this figure?

Every time a council or housing association sells a home they record information about the property and owner. This information is collated annually at a national level through the Continuous Recording of Lettings and Sales (CORE). Last year (2014/15) 10,089 households were helped into shared ownership¹.

All Private Registered Providers of social housing (PRPs) are required to complete an annual statistical data return (SDR) for the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), detailing the amount of stock they hold, where that stock is located and what rent is charged for it. The HCA publishes the SDR data in a range of formats², including a statistical bulletin, supporting tables and a full dataset. In 2015 there were 278,703 households in shared ownership³. This includes social leased homes where the purchaser has acquired 100% of the equity but not the freehold interest.

2. Can we get this at a regional level?

CORE datasets are available at a regional level. For individual years please contact the research team.

Number of households helped into shared ownership

	North East	North West	Y&H	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West
2014/15	78	549	295	756	778	1,228	2,918	2,262	1,225
Last decade	793	4,781	2,818	6,484	7,869	8,727	26,951	25,340	10,142
Last 15 years	1,171	6,731	3,438	8,606	10,617	9,387	36,032	34,792	12,650

¹ The different shared ownership schemes recorded in CORE sales are: shared ownership, HOLD, social home buy, older persons shared ownership, any other shared ownership, new build home buy, homebuy prior to 01/04/06, home buy (2000/01 to 2005/06) and 'DIYSO' (2000/01 to 2004/05)

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistical-data-return-2014-to-2015>

³ This stat is from SDR 2015 Tab 'Low Cost Housing', columns J (Total – LCHO accommodation owned and directly managed) plus column K (Total – LCHO accommodation owned but managed by other organisation).

Total number of shared ownership properties

North East	North West	Y&H	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West
3,278	12,546	6,153	10,684	13,918	17,383	42,965	34,664	15,193

Please note that the regional breakdown of the total number of shared ownership properties does not include households where the purchaser has acquired 100% of the equity, but not the freehold. Unfortunately this information is not available at a regional level.