

Rough sleeping in England

An analysis of 2014 rough sleeping counts and estimates data

On 26 February, 2015 the Department for Communities and Local Government released the autumn 2014 figures for rough sleeping. These statistics provide a snapshot figure of the number of people every local authority estimates or counts to be sleeping rough on any one night. The following analysis provides a regional breakdown and identifies the local authority areas that have seen the largest increases when compared with previous years.

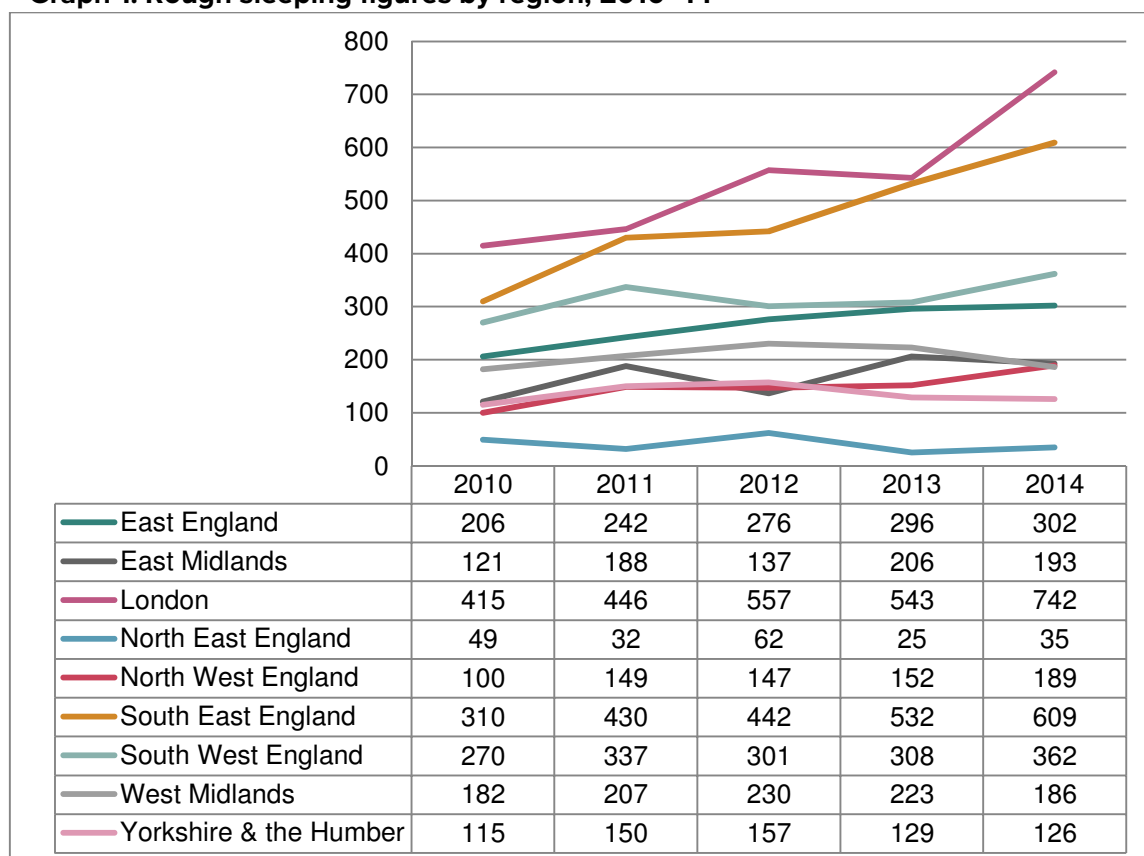
Headline figures

2,744 people were counted or estimated by local authorities to be sleeping rough on any one night in the 2014 count. This was up from **2,414** in 2013, **2,309** in 2012, **2,181** in 2011 and **1,768** in 2010.

Rough sleeping by region

Six regions reported an increase in the numbers of people rough sleeping compared to 2013; London (199), South East England (77), South West England (54), North West England (37), North East England (10) and East England (6), (Graph 1).

Graph 1: Rough sleeping figures by region, 2010–14



Source: DCLG

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The largest percentage increases compared to 2013 were seen in North East England (40%) and London (37%), (Table 1).

Table 1: Percentage changes in rough sleeping by region, 2010–14

	% change 2014 v 2013	% change 2014 v 2012	% change 2014 v 2011	% change 2014 v 2010
East England	2%	9%	25%	47%
East Midlands	-6%	41%	3%	60%
London	37%	33%	66%	79%
North East England	40%	-44%	9%	-29%
North West England	24%	29%	27%	89%
South East England	14%	38%	42%	96%
South West England	18%	20%	7%	34%
West Midlands	-17%	-19%	-10%	2%
Yorkshire & the Humber	-2%	-20%	-16%	10%
England	14%	19%	26%	55%

Source: DCLG

Cells highlighted have percentage changes above the average for England

Rough sleeping by local authority

The ten local authorities with the highest rates of rough sleeping can be seen in Table 2. The top three local authorities are all based in London.

Table 2: Changes in rough sleeping figures by local authority, 2010–14

Local Authority	Region	2013	2014	Change from 2013	% change on 2013
Westminster	London	140	265	125	89%
City of London	London	35	50	15	43%
Hillingdon	London	38	45	7	18%
Manchester	North West England	24	43	19	79%
Brighton & Hove	South East England	50	41	-9	-18%
Bristol	South West England	41	41	0	0%
Cornwall	South West England	77	40	-37	-48%
Canterbury	South East England	22	38	16	73%
Kensington & Chelsea	London	23	34	11	48%
Exeter	South West England	23	34	11	48%

Source: DCLG

Other local authorities that saw large increases in the number of people rough sleeping were Hounslow (15), Bournemouth (15). West Berkshire (15) and Torbay (12).

Other local authorities that saw large percentage increases in the number of people rough sleeping were Greenwich (1500%), North Somerset (600%), Runnymede (550%) and Ashford (400%). Please note, large percentage increases may reflect the fact that 2013 figures were low.

For more data, visit the Homeless Link website: <http://www.homeless.org.uk/facts/homelessness-in-numbers/rough-sleeping/rough-sleeping-explore-data>



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