

Communities and Local Government Housing Statistics

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- **Changes in the housing market – increased interest in and scrutiny of statistics, eg house prices, repossessions**
- **Pressure on public spending – important to understand what statistics users really need, and prioritise accordingly**
- **Opportunity to share ideas about how to get the most out of existing and new data sources**
- **Code of Practice for Official Statistics – focus on meeting user needs**

Code of Practice for Official Statistics

Principle 1: Meeting user needs

The production, management and dissemination of official statistics should meet the requirements of informed decision-making by government, public services, business, researchers and the public

Engage effectively with users of statistics to promote trust and maximise public value

Statistical governance and compliance with UK Statistics Authority code of practice

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/researchandstatistics/statistics/nationalstatistics/>

CLG's Statistical publication schedule

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/researchandstatistics/statistics/publicationschedule/>

Topics covered:

Stock (including vacants, conversions and demolitions)

Net housing supply & House building

Affordable housing supply

Housing Renewal (including Disabled Facility Grants)

Rents, lettings and tenancies

Homelessness

Housing Market and house prices

Household estimates & projections

Household characteristics

Topics covered (*continued*):

Housing finance and household expenditure

Social housing sales (including Right to Buy and transfers)

Housing conditions including decent homes

Local authority strategy and business plan data

Repossession activity

Rough sleeping in England

Data primarily collected from local authorities on either a quarterly or annual basis on a variety of forms.

Notable exceptions are:

CLG house price index which is calculated using monthly data from the Regulated mortgage Survey

Housing condition & household characteristic information from the English Housing Survey

Majority of the affordable housing supply statistics from the Homes & Communities Agency

Data disseminated via regular statistical releases or live tables on the CLG website.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/>

Is the main page from which you can fairly easily navigate to individual data.

CLG are also enhancing the Places website with a specific Housing and Planning view


<http://www.places.communities.gov.uk/>

Main avenues of user consultation:

Central & Local Information Partnership (CLIP) primarily through the housing and planning sub groups

<http://www.clip.local.gov.uk/>

Responses to individual statistical releases



House Price Index - August 2009

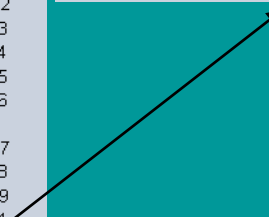
- UK house prices were 5.6 per cent lower than in August 2008 but 0.5 per cent higher than in July 2009 (seasonally adjusted).
- The mix-adjusted average house price in the UK stood at £196,510 in August 2009 (not seasonally adjusted).
- UK house prices rose by 2.6 per cent in the quarter ending August 2009. This compares with a fall of 1.7 per cent for the

Housing Statistical Release

13 October 2009

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Main avenues of user consultation (*continued*):

Responses to individual public consultations

e.g.

1st March publication of public consultation on methodological changes to the household projections

After Easter a public consultation on the English Housing Survey sample size and content

Main avenues of user consultation (*continued*):

Attendance at CLG analytical seminar

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/researchandstatistics/events/>

Invitation to sit on a specific user group

e.g.

Household projections expert group

English Housing Survey advisory group

Main avenues of user consultation (*continued*):

National Statistics status assessments by UKSA

Topics currently in the assessment programme or likely to be in the near future:

Housing stock estimates

Affordable housing supply

Sale of council house dwellings

English Housing Survey

House Price Index