

# Understanding Homelessness in Wirral



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This report presents an overview of homelessness in Wirral by looking at the economic context, the level of housing need, and service users' journeys, for both priority and non-priority applicants, including their outcomes. It is intended that this report will help your council to understand the drivers of homelessness within your local area, assess the efficacy of your service in preventing homelessness and enable you to identify interventions which could help you to improve the support you provide.

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# Local Economic Context

This section provides a summary overview of the local economic context for Wirral, more detailed information can be found in the [Financial Hardship and Economic Vulnerability Report](#).

## Measures of local deprivation

The Indices of Deprivation combine a range of economic, social and housing indicators to provide a measure of relative deprivation, i.e. they measure the position of areas against each other within different domains. This data therefore provides some useful baseline contextual information for localities in terms of existing deprivation levels, which will influence and inform the scale of impacts due to Covid-19.

- Wirral is ranked **76 most deprived** out of 333 authorities – based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) average rank. This measure is based on population weighted ranks of all neighbourhoods within an area, so an area that is more uniformly deprived will tend to rank higher on this measure. It is a weighted average of the seven IMD domains: Income Deprivation, Employment Deprivation, Health Deprivation and Disability, Education Skills and Training Deprivation, Barriers to Housing and Services, Living Environment Deprivation, and Crime.
- Wirral is ranked **42 most deprived** out of 333 authorities – based on the IMD average score. This measure is based on population weighted scores of all neighbourhoods within an area.
- 24.27% of Wirral neighbourhoods (Lower Super Output Areas) are in the 10% most deprived nationally. The domain measures the proportion of the population experiencing deprivation relating to low income.
- Specifically, with regards to income deprivation, Wirral is ranked **69 most deprived** out of 333 authorities – based on the IMD average rank. (County level data isn't available for this metric and will display as "no value" if chosen).

### Source:

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Indices of deprivation (IMD)

## Overall employment rate

Wirral has an employment rate of [70.7%](#) this has increased from [69.9%](#) for the previous 12 month period. This is below the All English metropolitan boroughs figure of 72.1% and below the England figure of 74.7%

## Median Gross Annual Pay of Employees (by Residence)

The Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) is conducted in April each year to obtain information about the levels, distribution and make-up of earnings and hours worked for employees. This data provides information about earnings of employees who are living in an area, who are on adult rates and whose pay for the survey pay-period was not affected by absence. This data therefore provides some useful context in terms of potential economic and financial resilience.

In Wirral, median gross annual earnings are [£28,977.0](#), this is above the All English metropolitan boroughs figure of £28,847.2 and below the England figure of [£31,766.0](#)

## Universal Credit

This data set highlights the total number of people claiming Universal Credit, including the numbers of those in and out of employment. The number of claimants in/out of employment are released one month later than the overall total. The latest month's total for overall number of people claiming is provisional.

[30,782](#) people were claiming Universal Credit in Wirral in Sep 2021. For the latest month available (Aug 2021) [19,169](#) of these claimants were not in employment, whilst [11,371](#) were in employment. The total number of claims has increased by [1%](#) compared to Sep 2020.

## Claimant Count

Claimant Count is an administrative measure of the number of people claiming benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed, using individual records from the benefit system. It therefore provides a useful indication of how unemployment is changing at a local level.

The claimant count rate in Wirral in Sep 2021 was [5.0%](#), an decrease from [6.6%](#) in Sep 2020. The All English metropolitan boroughs rate was 6.3% for the same month and 7.7 last year.

## **Total number of Local Council Tax Support claimants**

Each council has its own individually designed and owned Local Council Tax Support scheme to provide help to low-income (working age) council taxpayers. Local discretion means that the amount of discount varies between councils. Local Council Tax Support for pensioners is set at a national level. This data therefore provides a useful indication of levels of resident vulnerability within Wirral.

In 2021/22 Q1, there were a total of [31,022](#) Local Council Tax Support claimants in Wirral. This equals to a rate of 11.7% of the area's population aged 16 or over in receipt of a reduced council tax bill, which is higher than the All English metropolitan boroughs rate of 11.6%.

## **Council Tax arrears**

In Wirral, the total amount of council tax that was due to be collected for 2020/21, but which was not collected, was £34.21 per head of the total population, this is higher than the average amount of £28.32 per head of the total population for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The overall collection rate in 2020/21, for Wirral was 93.85%, compared to an average of 94.08% for All English metropolitan boroughs.

# Local Housing Context

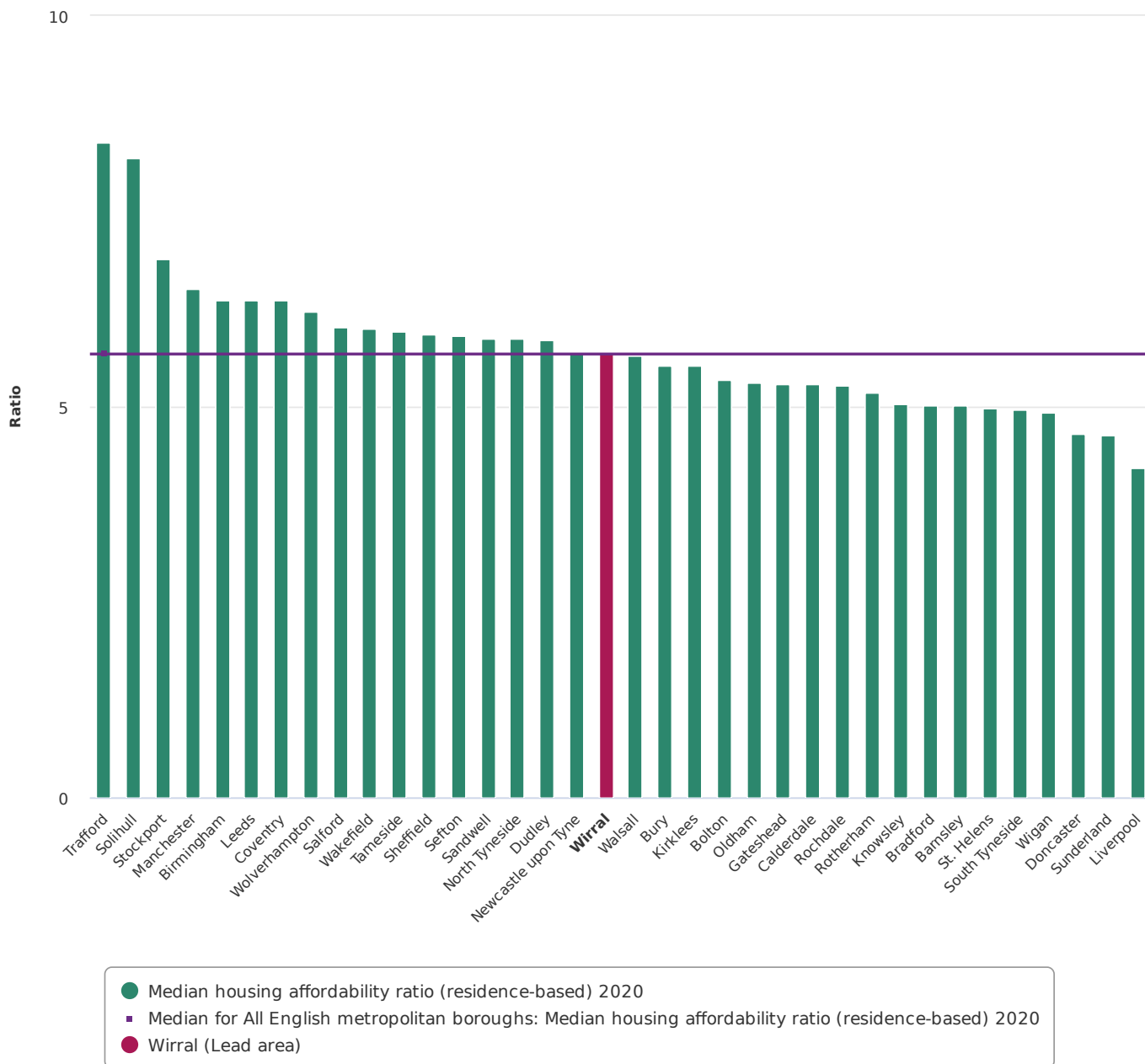
This section of the report brings together a number of metrics to provide an overview of the affordability of housing, the availability of social housing and the number of households experiencing difficulties paying for their housing.

## Ratio of median house price to median gross annual (workplace-based) earnings

This is the median housing affordability ratio (residence-based) and is calculated by dividing house prices by gross annual earnings, based on the median of both house prices and earnings. This measure of affordability shows what the people who live in a given area earn in relation to that area's house prices, even if they work elsewhere. This measure does not consider that people may be getting higher earnings from working in other areas. A higher ratio indicates that on average, it is less affordable for a resident to purchase a house.

The median housing affordability ratio for Wirral was [5.69](#) in 2020 which is below the All English metropolitan boroughs figure of 5.72.

### Ratio of median house price to median gross annual (residence-based) earnings (2020) for All English metropolitan boroughs



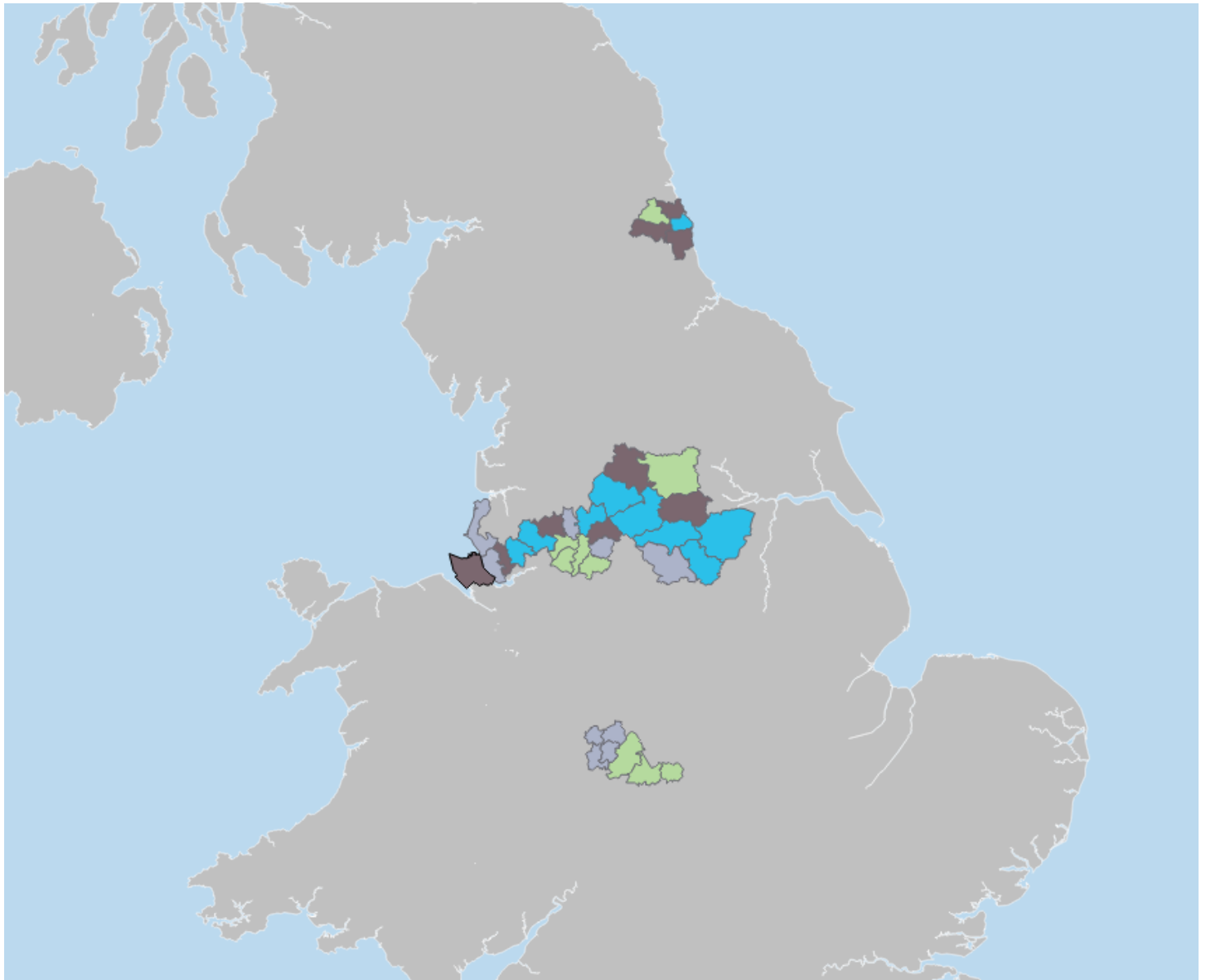
**Source:** Office for National Statistics, Housing affordability in England and Wales, [Ratio of median house price to median gross annual \(residence-based\) earnings](#), **Data updated:** 07 Apr 2021

## Average monthly private sector rent for a 2 bedroom property

This is the mean (average) gross monthly rent paid (ignoring any adjustment for services not eligible for housing benefit), for a 2 bedroom property. These statistics are simple price averages and not suitable for comparisons over time due to the changing composition of the underlying data.

The average monthly private sector rent for a 2 bedroom property in Wirral was £552 in 2020/2021 (Biannual 1), this is less than the average of £597 for All English metropolitan boroughs.

## Average monthly private sector rent for a 2 bedroom property (gross) (2020/2021 (Biannual 1)) for All English metropolitan boroughs



**Source:**

Valuation Office Agency, Private Sector Rents, [Average monthly private sector rent for a 2 bedroom property \(gross\)](#), **Data updated:** 18 Jun 2021

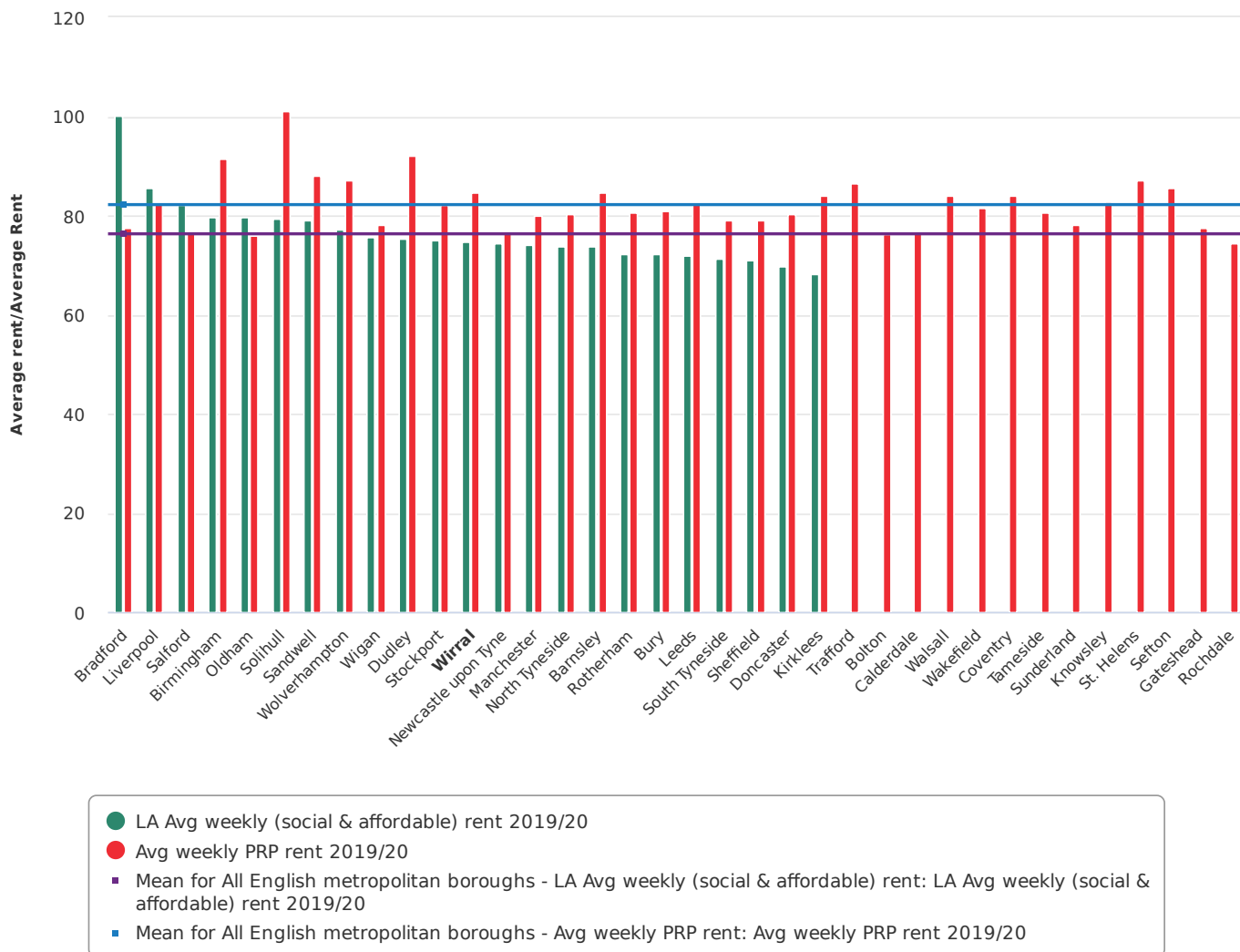
## Average weekly local authority and private registered provider rents

Local authority average weekly (social and affordable) rent is the average weekly local authority (social and affordable) rent in GBP for the financial year. Average rents data were based on a standardised 52 week collection calculated by MHCLG from figures provided by local authorities. Average weekly rents are a weighted average of both social rent and affordable rent units.

Private registered provider average weekly rent is the average weekly Private Registered Provider (PRP) rent in GBP for the financial year.

The average weekly local authority (social and affordable) rent in Wirral was [£74.66](#) in 2019/20 which is lower than the All English metropolitan boroughs figure of £76.38. The average weekly Private Registered Provider (PRP) rent for the same period was [£84.73](#) compared to a figure of £82.26 for All English metropolitan boroughs.

### Local authority average weekly (social and affordable) rent (2019/20) & Average weekly Private Registered Provider rent (2019/20) for All English metropolitan boroughs



**Source:**  
 Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Local authority housing data, [Local authority average weekly \(social and affordable\) rent](#), **Data updated:** 13 Apr 2021  
 Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Local authority housing data, [Average weekly Private Registered Provider rent](#), **Data updated:** 12 Apr 2021



## Social Housing Supply

This table shows the total number of dwellings owned by Registered Social Landlords (RSLs), the number of RSL owned dwellings as a percentage of all dwellings and the number of additional dwellings which became available during the most recent 12 month period available. The additional dwellings include new build and acquisitions.

### Number of dwellings in the area owned by Private Registered Providers (2020/21), Percentage of dwellings in the area owned by Private Registered Providers (2020/21) & Number of additional social rent dwellings provided (2019/20) for All English metropolitan boroughs

Area	<a href="#">No. of dwellings, PRP owned</a>	<a href="#">% of dwellings, PRP owned</a>	<a href="#">Additional social rent dwellings provided</a>
	Dwellings	%	Dwellings
	2020/21		2019/20
Knowsley	<a href="#">18,281</a>	<a href="#">27.0</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Sunderland	<a href="#">34,420</a>	<a href="#">26.6</a>	<a href="#">8</a>
Liverpool	<a href="#">58,539</a>	<a href="#">25.3</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Salford	<a href="#">29,786</a>	<a href="#">24.2</a>	<a href="#">72</a>
Walsall	<a href="#">27,888</a>	<a href="#">23.9</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Manchester	<a href="#">51,222</a>	<a href="#">22.2</a>	<a href="#">69</a>
Wakefield	<a href="#">35,376</a>	<a href="#">22.2</a>	<a href="#">102</a>
Rochdale	<a href="#">20,737</a>	<a href="#">22.0</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Tameside	<a href="#">22,177</a>	<a href="#">21.4</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Bolton	<a href="#">25,454</a>	<a href="#">20.4</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Sefton	<a href="#">17,186</a>	<a href="#">20.4</a>	<a href="#">48</a>
Oldham	<a href="#">18,506</a>	<a href="#">19.2</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Coventry	<a href="#">24,710</a>	<a href="#">17.1</a>	<a href="#">15</a>
Trafford	<a href="#">15,540</a>	<a href="#">15.4</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Wirral	<a href="#">22,816</a>	<a href="#">15.2</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Bradford	<a href="#">31,872</a>	<a href="#">14.7</a>	<a href="#">1</a>
St. Helens	<a href="#">18,808</a>	<a href="#">14.7</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Calderdale	<a href="#">13,908</a>	<a href="#">14.5</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Birmingham	<a href="#">51,959</a>	<a href="#">11.7</a>	<a href="#">163</a>
Newcastle upon Tyne	<a href="#">10,373</a>	<a href="#">7.8</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
South Tyneside	<a href="#">5,204</a>	<a href="#">7.2</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Sheffield	<a href="#">17,870</a>	<a href="#">7.1</a>	<a href="#">97</a>
North Tyneside	<a href="#">6,145</a>	<a href="#">6.1</a>	<a href="#">22</a>
Wolverhampton	<a href="#">6,590</a>	<a href="#">5.9</a>	<a href="#">2</a>
Bury	<a href="#">4,910</a>	<a href="#">5.8</a>	<a href="#">1</a>
Gateshead	<a href="#">5,373</a>	<a href="#">5.7</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Sandwell	<a href="#">7,209</a>	<a href="#">5.4</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Stockport	<a href="#">6,416</a>	<a href="#">4.9</a>	<a href="#">3</a>

Area	<u>No. of dwellings, PRP owned</u>	<u>% of dwellings, PRP owned</u>	<u>Additional social rent dwellings provided</u>
	Dwellings	%	Dwellings
	2020/21		2019/20
Leeds	<a href="#">17,320</a>	<a href="#">4.9</a>	<a href="#">136</a>
Rotherham	<a href="#">4,693</a>	<a href="#">4.0</a>	<a href="#">14</a>
Solihull	<a href="#">3,362</a>	<a href="#">3.6</a>	<a href="#">62</a>
Dudley	<a href="#">4,997</a>	<a href="#">3.6</a>	<a href="#">43</a>
Barnsley	<a href="#">4,048</a>	<a href="#">3.6</a>	<a href="#">80</a>
Kirklees	<a href="#">5,993</a>	<a href="#">3.1</a>	<a href="#">85</a>
Doncaster	<a href="#">4,170</a>	<a href="#">3.0</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Wigan	<a href="#">4,168</a>	<a href="#">2.8</a>	<a href="#">28</a>

**Source:**

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Dwelling stock (including vacants), **Data updated:** 11 Aug 2021

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Dwelling stock (including vacants), **Data updated:** 12 Aug 2021

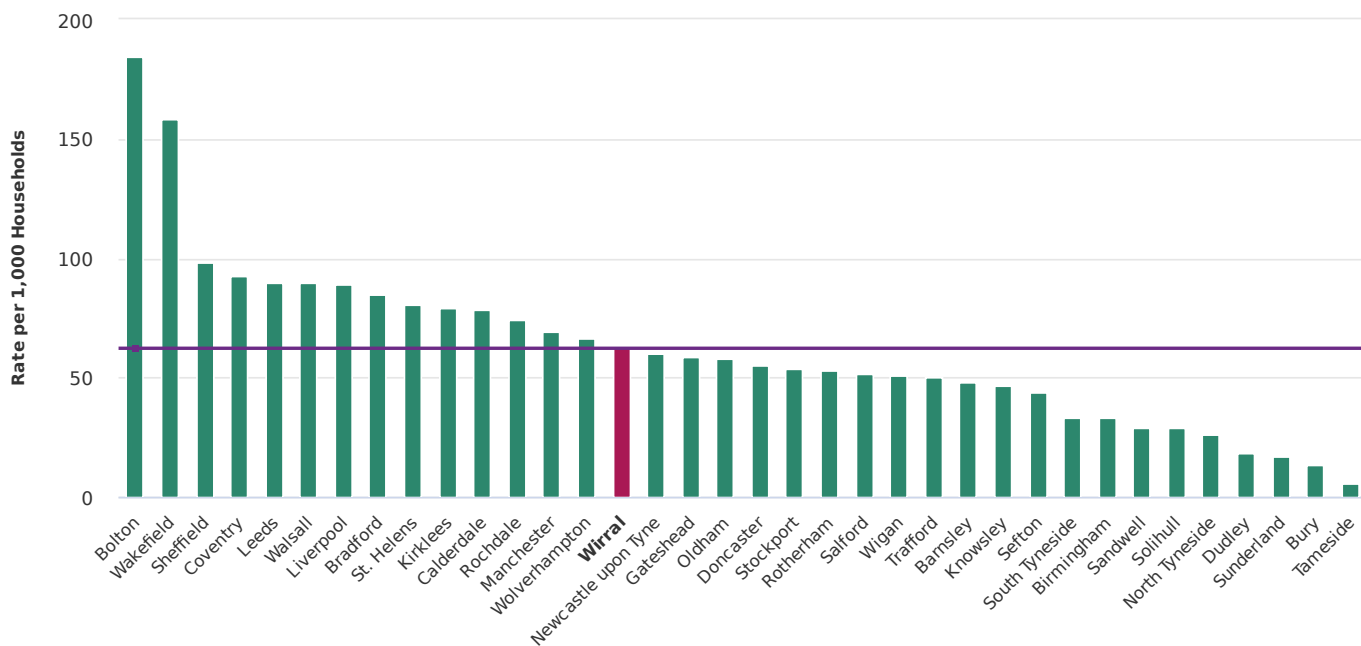
Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Live tables on affordable housing supply, **Data updated:** 10 Apr 2021

## Households on the housing waiting list

This is the total households on the housing waiting list at 31st March per 1,000 households. Local authorities are expected to keep a waiting list of housing applicants in order to deliver their statutory allocation functions. The housing waiting list should include both households in housing need and those not in housing need. However, this should exclude existing local authority tenants seeking a transfer within the authority's own stock.

There were a total of 9,060 households on the housing waiting list, equating to 62.9 per 1,000 households in Wirral at 31 March for the year 2019/20. The average for All English metropolitan boroughs was 9,096, equating to 62.0 per 1,000 households.

### Total households on the housing waiting list at 31st March per 1,000 households (2019/20) for All English metropolitan boroughs



- Total households on the housing waiting list at 31st March per 1,000 households 2019/20
- Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs: Total households on the housing waiting list at 31st March per 1,000 households 2019/20
- Wirral (Lead area)

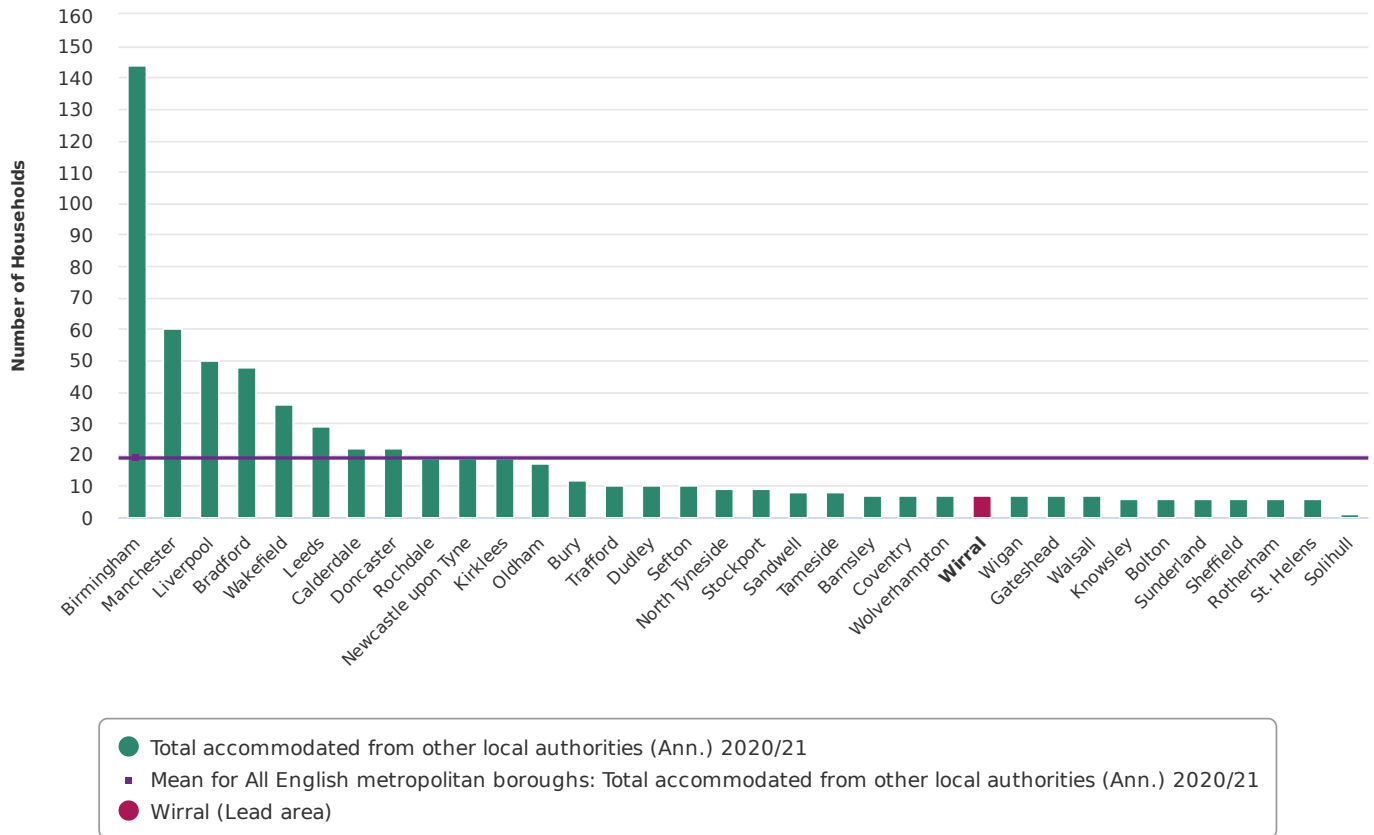
**Source:** Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Local Authority Housing Statistics (LAHS), [Total households on the housing waiting list at 31st March per 1,000 households](#), **Data updated:** 19 Oct 2021

## Households accommodated from other local authorities

This is the number of households accommodated within the local authority area who have been accepted from another local authority area where they were owed a prevention, relief or main duty to secure accommodation.

A total of 7 households from other local authorities were accommodated in Wirral in 2020/21, this is lower than the average of 19 for All English metropolitan boroughs.

### Total accommodated from other local authorities (Annual) (2020/21) for All English metropolitan boroughs



**Source:** Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Statutory homelessness live tables - Annual, [Total accommodated from other local authorities \(Annual\)](#), **Data updated:** 19 Sep 2021

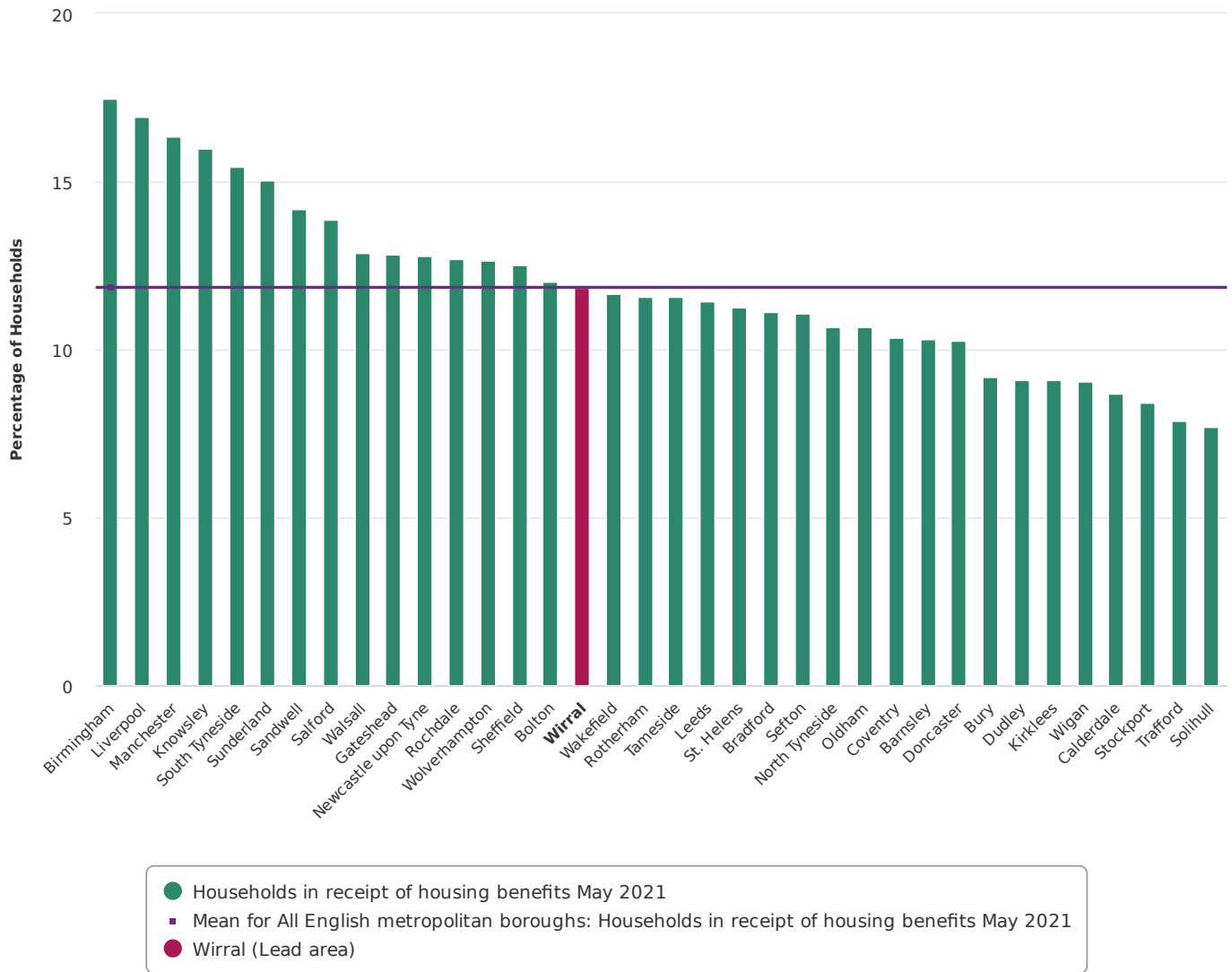
## Housing benefit recipients

This is the proportion of all households within a local authority area that are in receipt of housing benefit. It is compiled from monthly returns of housing benefit claimants provided by each individual local authority.

Household: a single person, or a group of people living at the same address who have the address as their only or main residence and either share one main meal a day or share living accommodation (or both).

There were [17,221](#) housing benefit recipients in Wirral in May 2021. This was [11.86%](#) of all households in Wirral which is higher than the average of 11.86% of all households for All English metropolitan boroughs.

### Proportion of households in receipt of housing benefits (May 2021) for All English metropolitan boroughs



**Source:**

Department for Work and Pensions, Stat-Xplore: Housing Benefit, [Proportion of households in receipt of housing benefits](#), Data updated: 18 Aug 2021

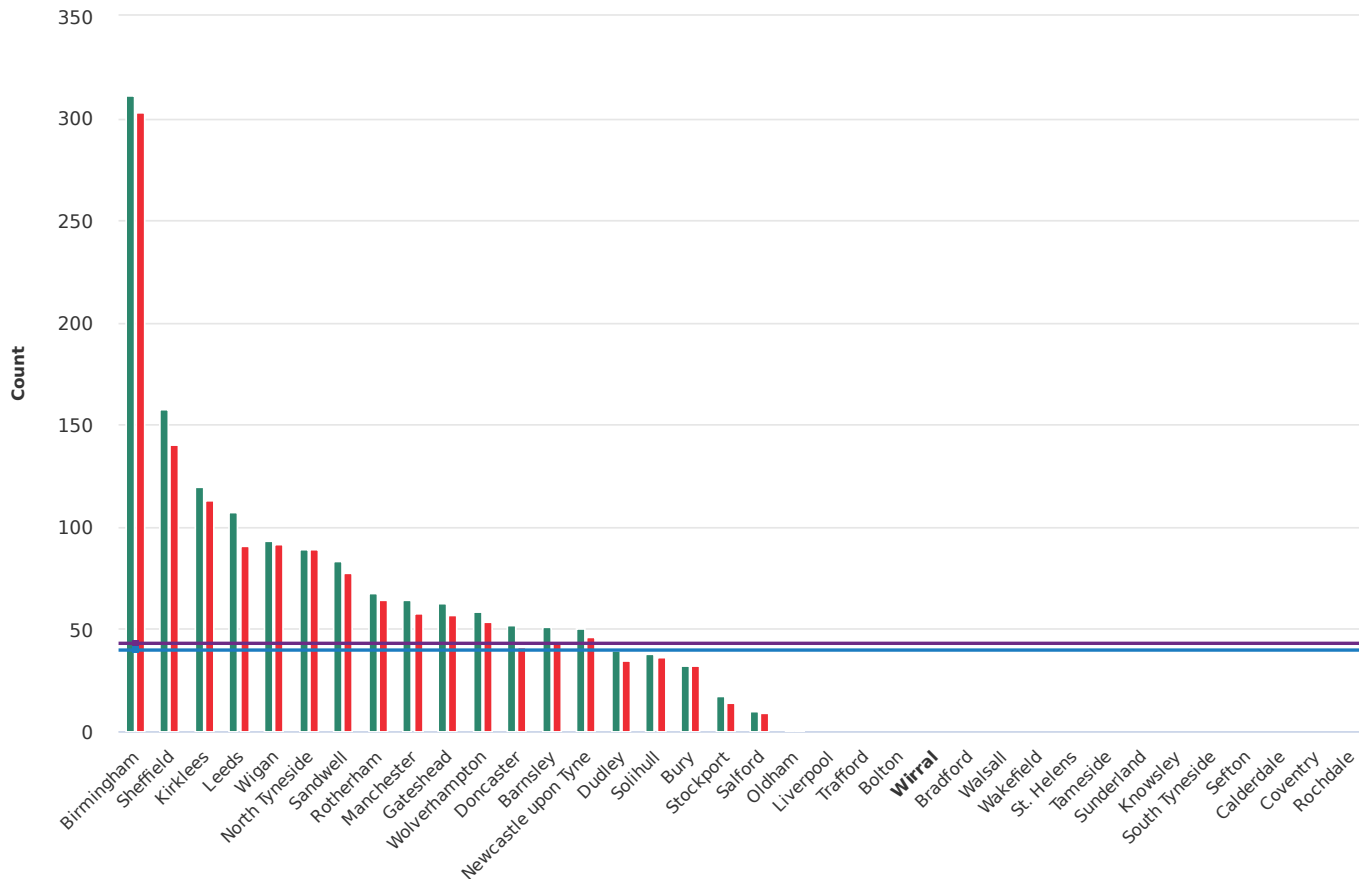
## Evictions obtained by local authority landlords

This chart shows the total number of evictions that a local authority has made during the reporting year under Section 82 of the Housing Act 1985 and Section 127 of the Housing Act 1996. It also highlights the number of dwellings where there was an eviction by a local authority because of rent arrears.

An eviction is defined here as a tenancy brought to an end by the execution of a warrant of possession by court bailiffs.

Evictions for rent arrears accounted for 0.0% of all evictions in Wirral in 2019/20, this is lower than the average of 52.5% for All English metropolitan boroughs.

### Total number of evictions obtained by local authority landlords (2019/20) & Evictions obtained by local authority landlords for rent arrears (2019/20) for All English metropolitan boroughs



- Total number of evictions obtained by LA landlords 2019/20
- Evictions obtained by LA landlords for rent arrears 2019/20
- Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs - Total number of evictions obtained by LA landlords: Total number of evictions obtained by LA landlords 2019/20
- Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs - Evictions obtained by LA landlords for rent arrears: Evictions obtained by LA landlords for rent arrears 2019/20

**Source:** Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Local Authority Housing Statistics (LAHS), [Total number of evictions obtained by local authority landlords](#), **Data updated:** 03 Sep 2021  
 Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Local Authority Housing Statistics (LAHS), [Evictions obtained by local authority landlords for rent arrears](#), **Data updated:** 03 Sep 2021

## Mortgage and landlord possession claims

A mortgage or landlord possession action starts when a mortgage lender or landlord completes and submits a claim to the courts to repossess a property. The most common reason for repossession is arrears of mortgage or rent. A claim is therefore a good indication of the extent to which families are struggling to keep up with their household costs and their potential exposure to losing their home. The Government's guidance due to Covid-19, was that lenders should not commence or continue any repossession proceedings against any borrower. This will have severely limited the number of potential cases during during the first two quarters of 2020/21.

During 2021/22 Q1, there were [46](#) landlord possession claims in Wirral, equating to [3.2](#) per 10,000 households. Additionally, there were [11](#) mortgage possession claims, representing [0.8](#) per 10,000 households.

### Possession claims issued in Wirral

Period	Possession claims issued by landlords		Possession claims issued by landlords per 10,000 households		Possession claim orders issued by mortgage lenders		
	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	
	Claims		Per 10,000 households		Claims		
2019/20 Q2	<a href="#">166</a>	185	<a href="#">11.5</a>	13.1	<a href="#">46</a>	49	<a href="#">3</a>
2019/20 Q3	<a href="#">143</a>	168	<a href="#">9.9</a>	12.1	<a href="#">30</a>	44	<a href="#">2</a>
2019/20 Q4	<a href="#">178</a>	160	<a href="#">12.3</a>	11.4	<a href="#">19</a>	33	<a href="#">1</a>
2020/21 Q1	<a href="#">51</a>	11	<a href="#">3.5</a>	0.8	<a href="#">0</a>	0	<a href="#">0</a>
2020/21 Q2	<a href="#">31</a>	19	<a href="#">2.1</a>	1.4	<a href="#">0</a>	1	<a href="#">0</a>
2020/21 Q3	<a href="#">64</a>	41	<a href="#">4.4</a>	2.9	<a href="#">1</a>	1	<a href="#">0</a>
2020/21 Q4	<a href="#">36</a>	33	<a href="#">2.5</a>	2.3	<a href="#">3</a>	5	<a href="#">0</a>
2021/22 Q1	<a href="#">46</a>	37	<a href="#">3.2</a>	2.7	<a href="#">11</a>	16	<a href="#">0</a>

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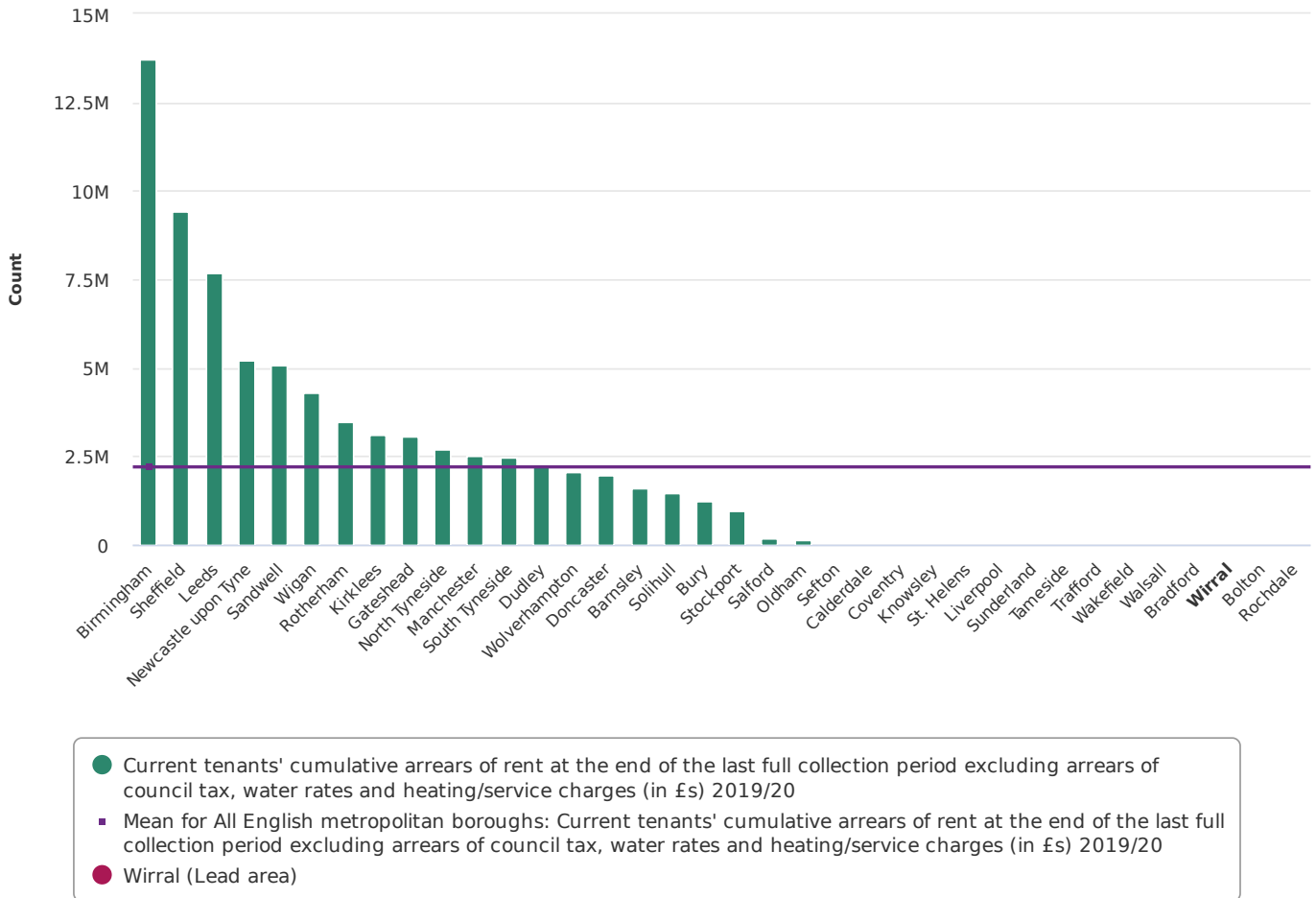
Ministry of Justice, Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics, **Data updated:** 03 Sep 2021  
 Ministry of Justice, Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics, **Data updated:** 04 Sep 2021

## Rent Arrears

This is the cumulative amount of arrears of rent owed by current tenants at the end of the last full collection period. This figure excludes arrears of council tax, water rates and heating/service charges.

The total amount owed in Wirral at the end of 2019/20 was £0, this was this is below the average of £2,196,207 for All English metropolitan boroughs.

### Current tenants' cumulative arrears of rent at the end of the last full collection period excluding arrears of council tax, water rates and heating/service charges (in £s) (2019/20) for All English metropolitan boroughs



**Source:** Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Local Authority Housing Statistics (LAHS), [Current tenants' cumulative arrears of rent at the end of the last full collection period excluding arrears of council tax, water rates and heating/service charges \(in £s\)](#), **Data updated:** 03 Sep 2021



## Local Homelessness overview

This section provides an overview of the current levels of vulnerability and homelessness within Wirral.

### Number of households seeking help for homelessness

This table shows a number of indicators relating to households seeking help for homelessness, including the total number of initial assessments completed, the number of households identified as being owed a homelessness prevention or relief duty and those assessed as being homeless or threatened with homelessness. This provides a useful indication of levels of resident vulnerability.

In 2020/21 Q4, a total of [326](#) households in Wirral were identified as being owed a prevention or relief duty, of which [271](#) households were assessed as homeless and [51](#) as threatened with homelessness.

#### Households assessed and owed a duty (quarterly data) for Wirral

Period	<a href="#">Total households assessed and owed a duty - initial assessments</a>		<a href="#">Total households assessed and owed a duty - due to Homelessness</a>		<a href="#">Total households assessed and owed a duty - as threatened with homelessness</a>	
	Households					
	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs
2019/20 Q1	<a href="#">304</a>	483	<a href="#">197</a>	247	<a href="#">106</a>	216
2019/20 Q2	<a href="#">316</a>	512	<a href="#">204</a>	270	<a href="#">109</a>	221
2019/20 Q3	<a href="#">258</a>	480	<a href="#">171</a>	250	<a href="#">87</a>	210
2019/20 Q4	<a href="#">319</a>	525	<a href="#">187</a>	269	<a href="#">127</a>	238
2020/21 Q1	<a href="#">304</a>	427	<a href="#">232</a>	260	<a href="#">67</a>	151
2020/21 Q2	<a href="#">258</a>	479	<a href="#">177</a>	265	<a href="#">74</a>	197
2020/21 Q3	<a href="#">260</a>	443	<a href="#">177</a>	250	<a href="#">77</a>	177
2020/21 Q4	<a href="#">326</a>	479	<a href="#">271</a>	273	<a href="#">51</a>	191

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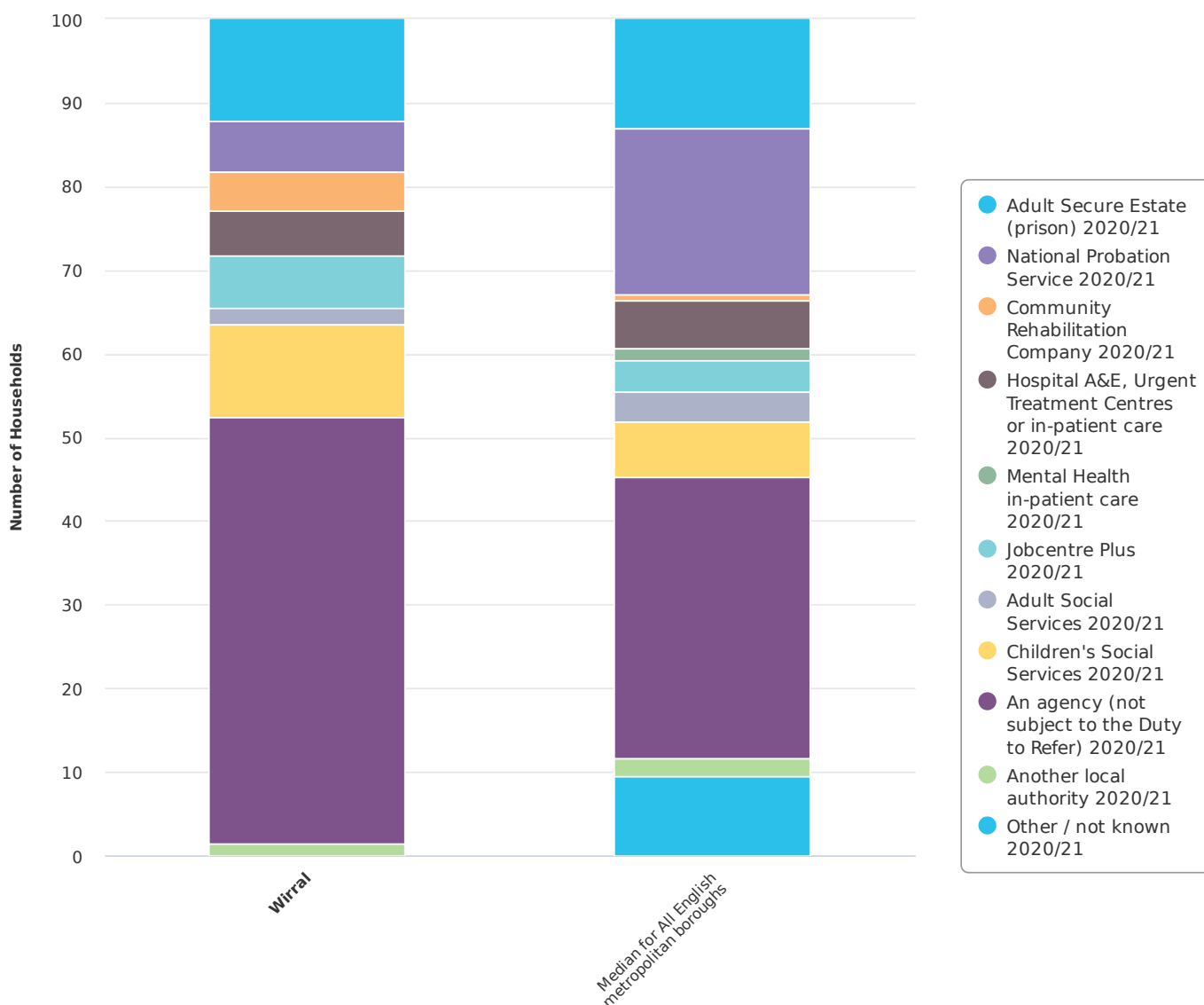
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## Households assessed as a result of a referral

This chart shows the proportion referrals, by referring body, of households assessed as a result of a referral, including under the Duty to Refer, in Wirral alongside the median figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The highest proportion of referrals in Wirral were from Households referred by an agency (not subject to the Duty to Refer) in 2020/21.

### Households assessed as a result of a referral by referring body



Source: Calculated by LG Inform, Data updated: 19 Sep 2021

## Priority need category of households owed a main duty

Households that are threatened with homelessness within 56 days are owed help from the local authority to prevent homelessness and the authority must work to relieve homelessness for those who are actually homeless. Main homelessness duty describes the duty a local authority has towards an applicant who is unintentionally homeless, eligible for assistance and has priority need. This definition has not been changed by the 2017 HRA. However, these households are now only owed a main duty if their homelessness has not been successfully prevented or relieved.

During 2020/21 Q4, 5 households were accepted as priority need and owed a main duty in Wirral, and 4 were identified as vulnerable households.

### Total households owed a main duty (acceptances) & Total vulnerable households for Wirral

Period	Total households owed a main duty (acceptances)		Total number of vulnerable households	
	Households			
	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs
2019/20 Q1	<u>9</u>	33	<u>5</u>	16
2019/20 Q2	<u>15</u>	59	<u>6</u>	24
2019/20 Q3	<u>7</u>	66	<u>2</u>	23
2019/20 Q4	<u>2</u>	77	no value	3
2020/21 Q1	<u>10</u>	74	<u>5</u>	30
2020/21 Q2	<u>17</u>	69	<u>10</u>	29
2020/21 Q3	<u>6</u>	77	<u>3</u>	30
2020/21 Q4	<u>5</u>	67	<u>4</u>	28

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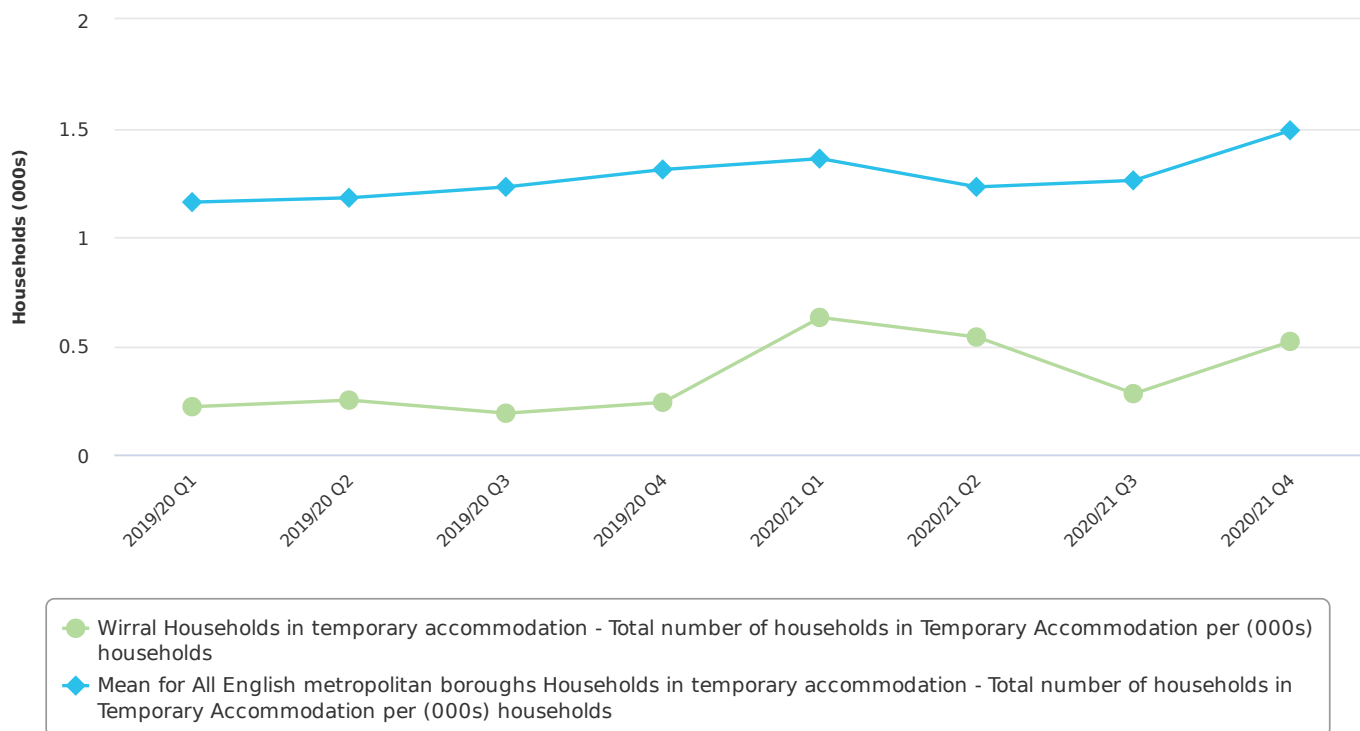
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## Number of households living in temporary accommodation

Households in temporary accommodations refers to households living in accommodation secured by a Local Housing Authority under their statutory homelessness functions. The majority of households in temporary accommodation have been placed under the main homelessness duty to secure suitable accommodation until the duty ends. This data therefore provides a useful indication of levels of potential resident vulnerability within Wirral.

In 2020/21 Q4, there were a total of [75](#) households in temporary accommodation in Wirral. This equates to a rate of [0.52](#) households per 1,000 households, which is lower than the All English metropolitan boroughs rate of 1.49.

### Total number of households in temporary accommodation per 1,000 households for Wirral



**Source:**

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Statutory homelessness live tables, **Data updated:** 21 Sep 2021

## Composition of Households in Temporary Accommodation

This table shows the proportion of households in temporary accommodation in Wirral by the composition of those households, alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs. Please note that the totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

In the latest reporting period (2020/21 Q4) most households in temporary accommodation in Wirral comprised of a Single adult - Male.

### Percentage of households in temporary accommodation by composition of household

Metric type	Value type	2020/21 Q4			
		Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
<a href="#">Couple with dependent children</a>	%	<a href="#">4.0</a>	9.3	8.5	23.0
<a href="#">Single male parent with dependent children</a>	%	<a href="#">4.0</a>	3.4	3.0	11.0
<a href="#">Single female parent with dependent children</a>	%	<a href="#">11.0</a>	24.2	22.0	59.0
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Other / gender not known</a>	%	<a href="#">0.0</a>	0.0	0.0	1.0
<a href="#">Single male adult</a>	%	<a href="#">55.0</a>	38.4	38.5	68.0
<a href="#">Single female adult</a>	%	<a href="#">15.0</a>	16.7	16.5	33.0
<a href="#">Single adult - Other / gender not known</a>	%	<a href="#">0.0</a>	0.1	0.0	2.0
<a href="#">All other household types</a>	%	<a href="#">12.0</a>	7.9	7.0	55.0

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 23 Jul 2021

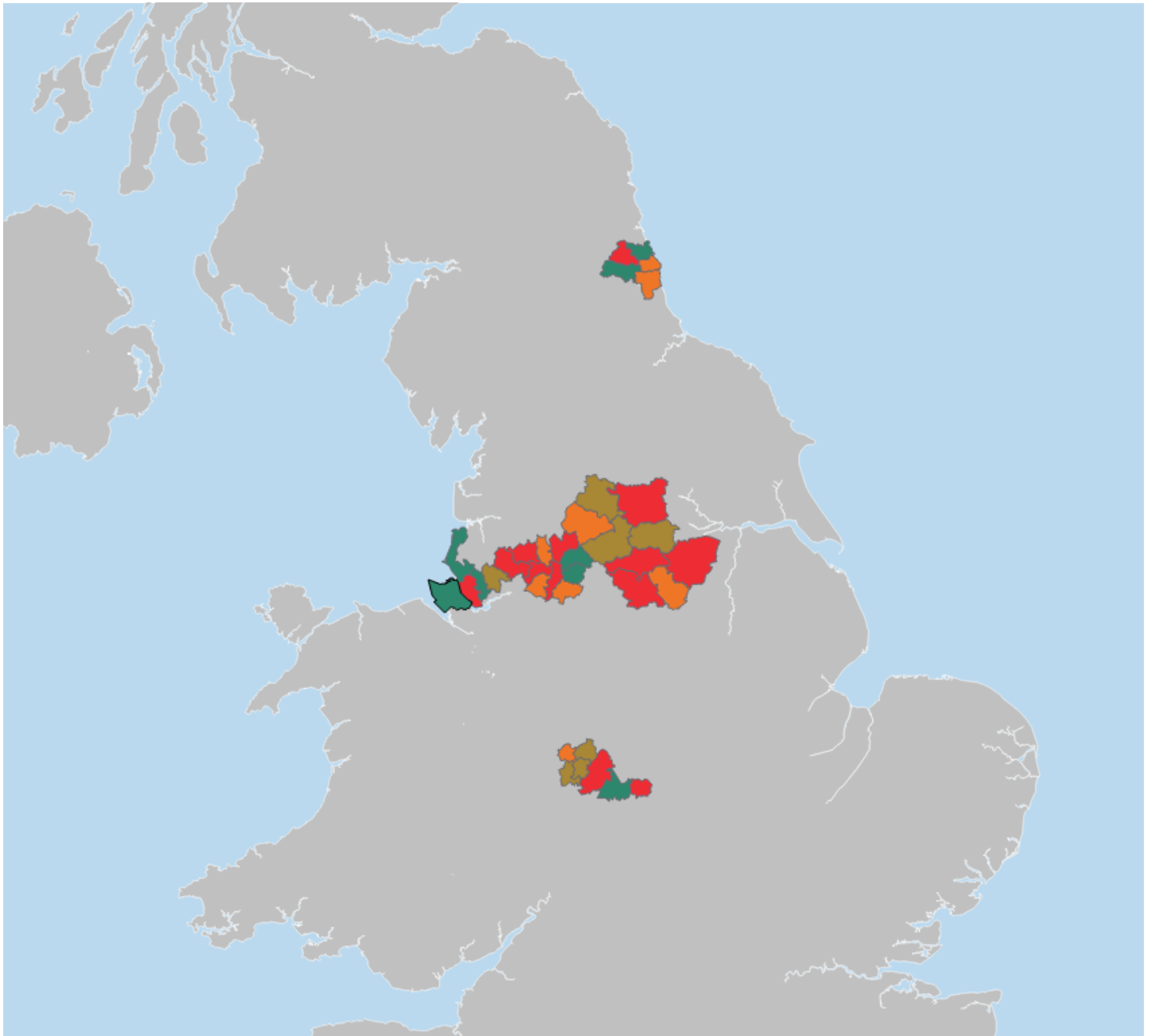
## Snapshot of the number of people sleeping rough

People sleeping rough are defined 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, sofa surfers or those in recreational or organised protest, squatter or traveller campsites. The snapshot records only those people seen, or thought to be, sleeping rough on a single night. The snapshot does not include everyone in an area with a history of sleeping rough, or everyone sleeping rough in areas across the October to November period.

The annual rough sleeping snapshot can take place on a single date chosen by the local authority between 1st October and 30th November. 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 there are more temporary night shelters set up to ensure people do not sleep on the streets in very cold weather.

The 2020 annual rough sleeping snapshot found a total of 0 people sleeping rough in Wirral, this is lower than the average of 9 for All English metropolitan boroughs.

### Total number of people sleeping rough (2020) for All English metropolitan boroughs



#### Source:

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Annual Rough Sleeping Snapshot in England: Autumn, **Data updated:** 10 Apr 2021

# Characteristics of Main Applicants Owed a Homelessness Duty

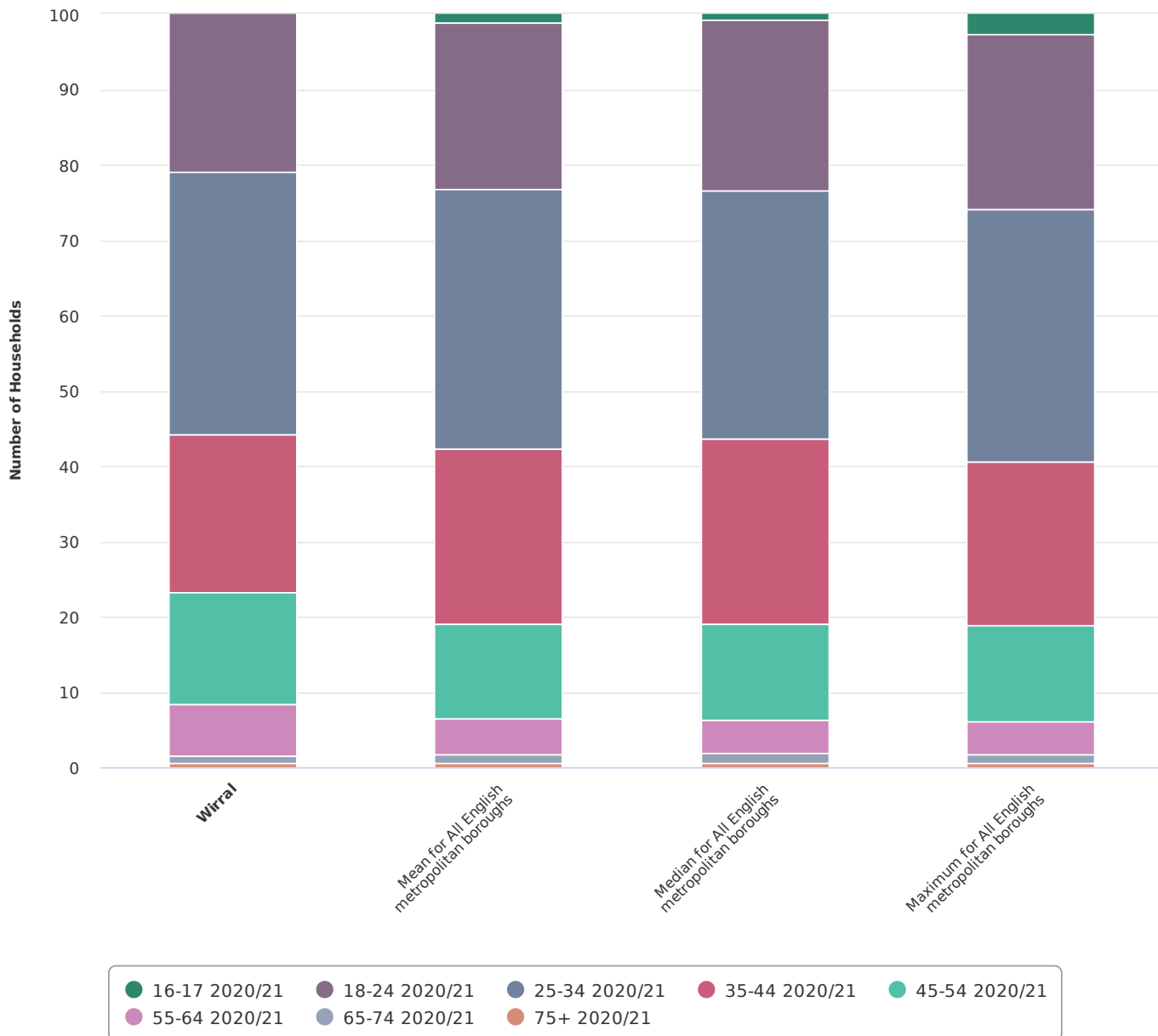
This section presents an overview of the personal characteristics of the main applicants within each household that has been assessed as owed a prevention or relief duty in Wirral during the financial year 2020/21.

## Age of main applicants owed a prevention or relief duty

This chart shows the proportion of main applicants from each household assessed as owed a prevention or relief duty by their age groups for Wirral alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The age group with the highest number of main applicants in Wirral in 2020/21 was 25-34.

**Age of main applicants assessed as owed a prevention or relief duty**



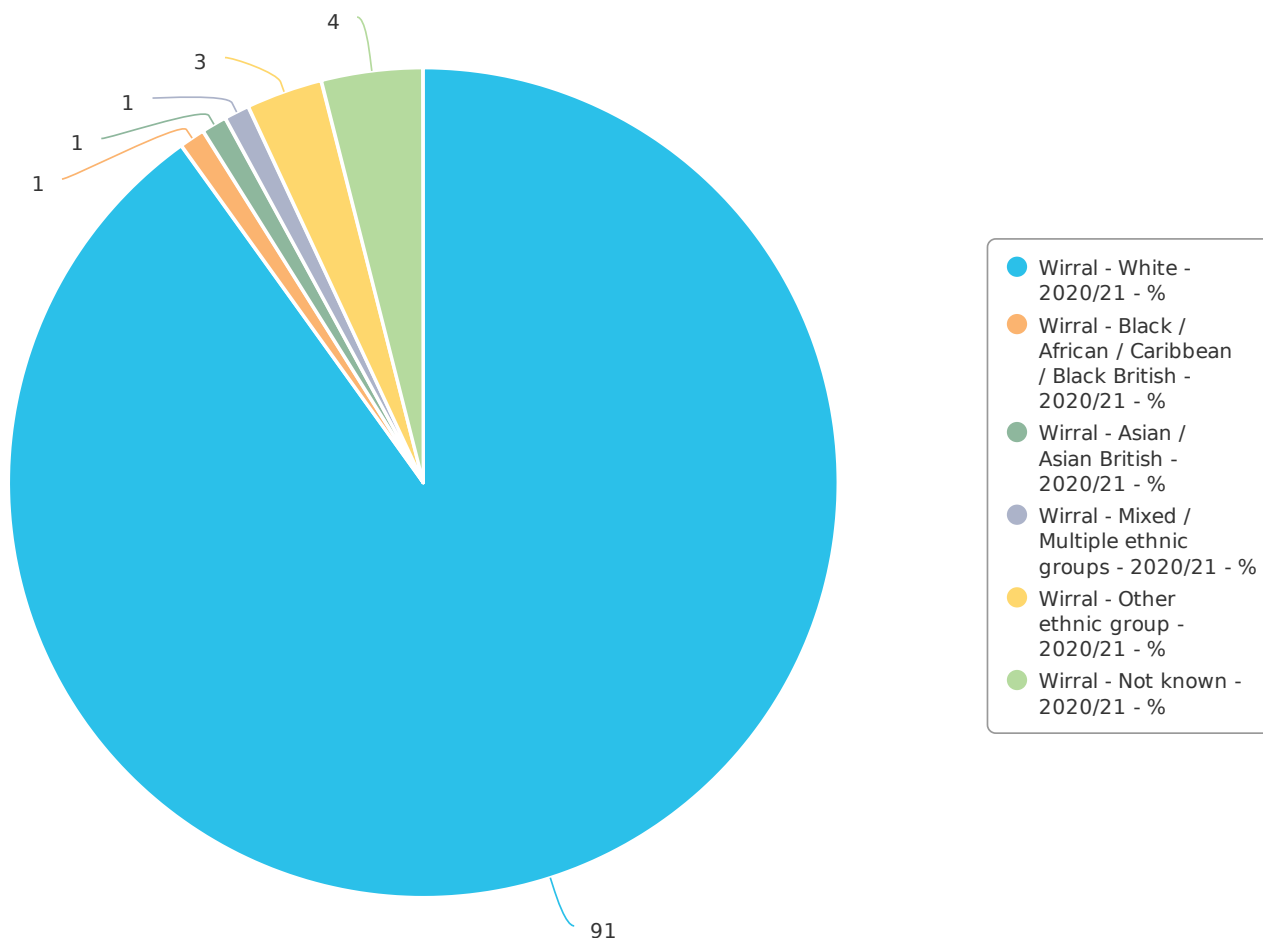
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## Ethnic group of main applicant

This chart shows the proportion of main applicants from each household assessed as owed a prevention or relief duty by their ethnic group.

In 2020/21 91% of main applicants in Wirral were from a White ethnic background.

### Ethnicity of main applicants assessed as owed a prevention or relief duty (%)



**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, N/A, **Data updated:** 14 Sep 2021

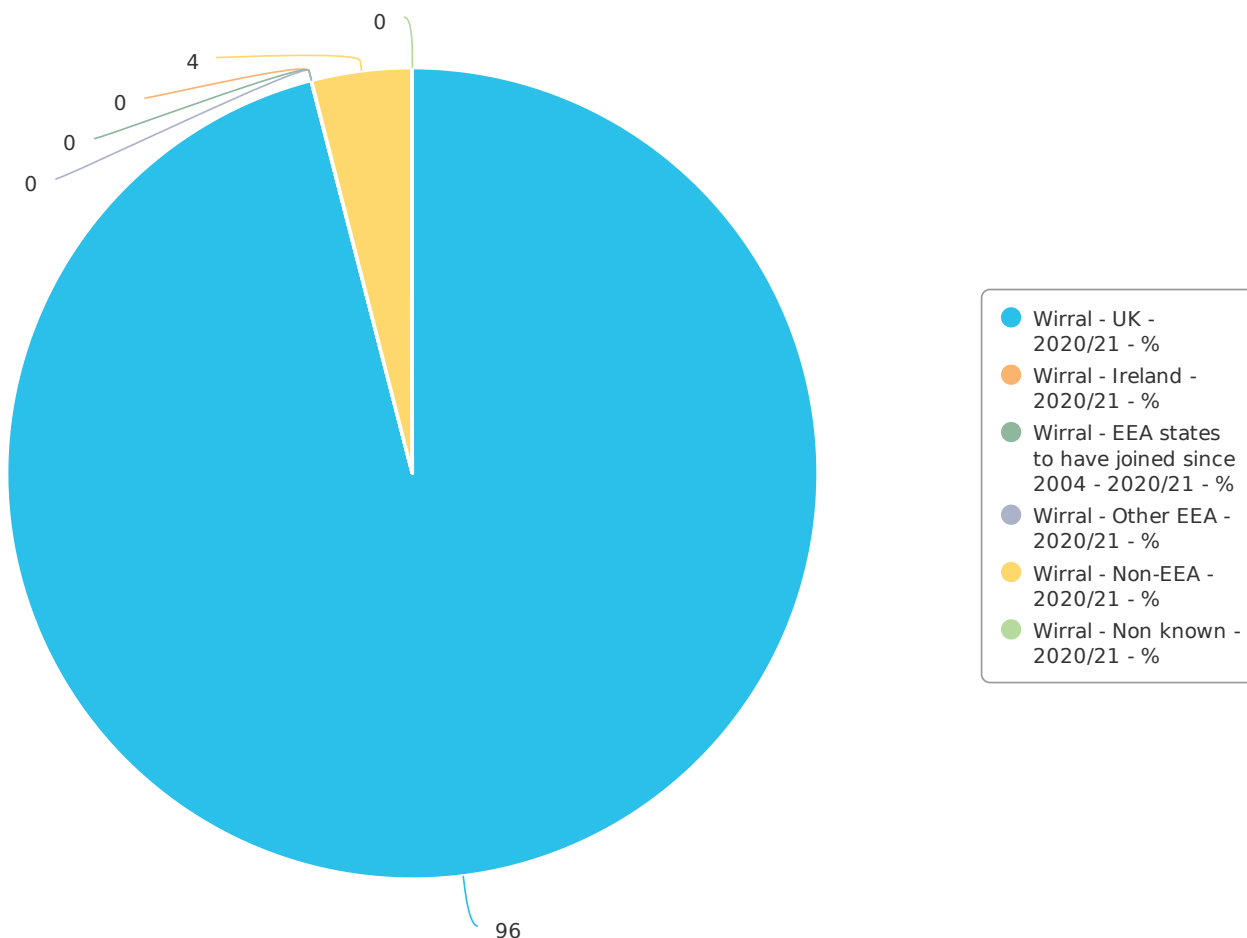


## Nationality of main applicant

This chart shows the proportion of main applicants from each household assessed as owed a prevention or relief duty by their nationality groupings.

In 2020/21 the highest represented nationality among main applicants in Wirral was UK.

### Nationality of main applicants assessed as owed a prevention or relief duty (%)



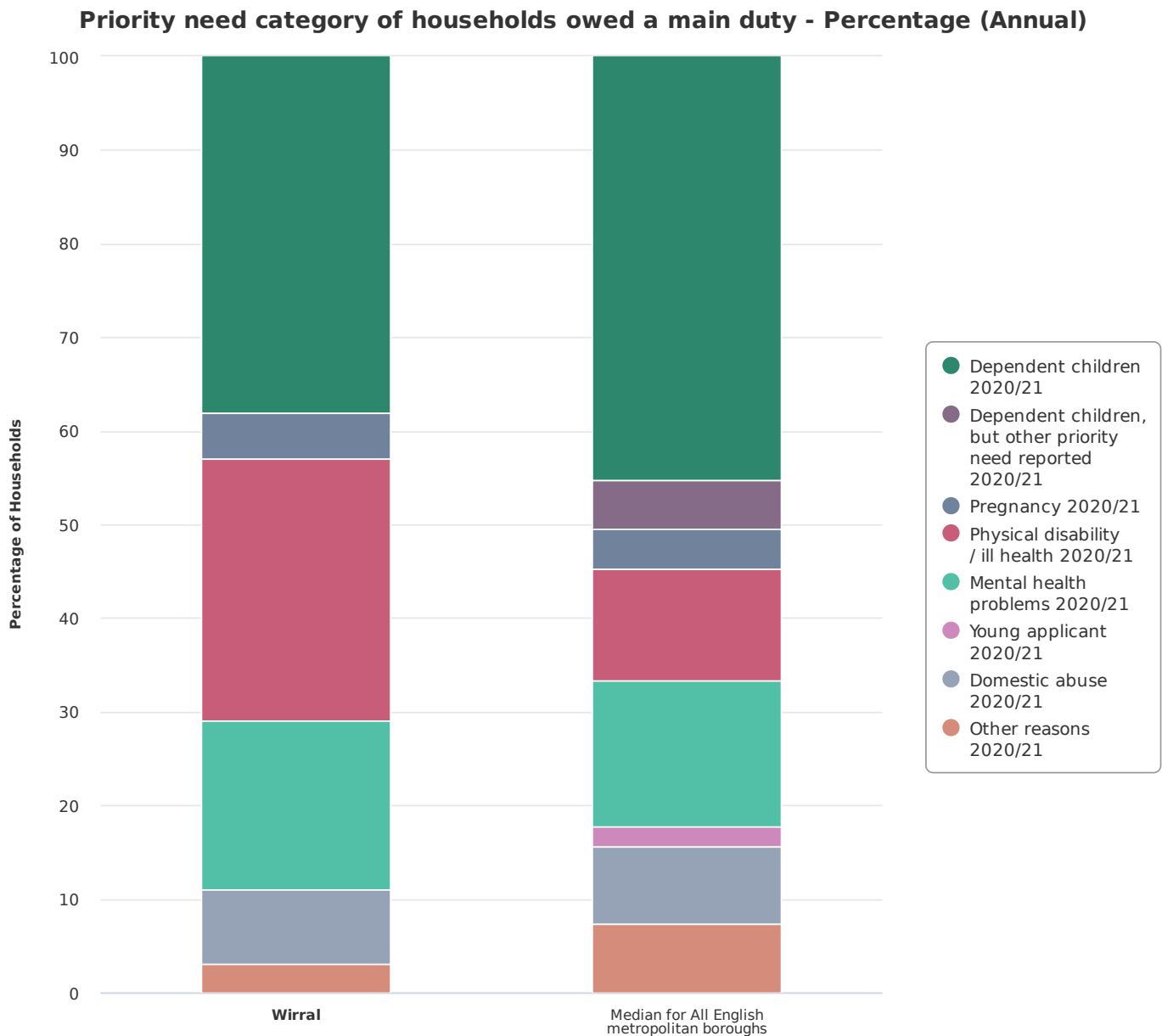
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## Priority need category of households owed a main duty

This chart shows the proportion of the priority needs of households assessed as owed a main duty for Wirral as well as the median proportions for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The largest priority need group owed a main duty in Wirral was Household includes dependent children, making up 38.00% of all priority needs households in 2020/21.



**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 14 Sep 2021

# Service Users' Journeys for Households Owed a Prevention Duty

Households that are threatened with homelessness within 56 days are owed help from the local authority to prevent homelessness. Prevention duties include any activities aimed at preventing a household threatened with homelessness from becoming homeless. This would involve activities to enable an applicant to remain in their current home or find alternative accommodation in order to prevent them from becoming homeless. The duty lasts for 56 days, but may be extended if the local authority is continuing with efforts to prevent homelessness.

## Reason for loss of last settled home for households owed a prevention duty

This table shows the reasons why applicants assessed as owed a prevention duty were threatened with homelessness in Wirral along with the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The most common reason for loss of last settled home for households owed a prevention duty in Wirral in 2020/21 was End of private rented tenancy - assured shorthold .

### Reason for loss of last settled home for households owed a prevention duty

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">End of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy</a>	<a href="#">77</a>	124	98	720
<a href="#">End of non-AST private rented tenancy</a>	<a href="#">8</a>	11	8	61
<a href="#">Family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate</a>	<a href="#">65</a>	253	172	2,019
<a href="#">Non-violent relationship breakdown with partner</a>	<a href="#">22</a>	57	36	447
<a href="#">Domestic abuse</a>	<a href="#">32</a>	75	47	609
<a href="#">Other violence or harrassment</a>	<a href="#">14</a>	27	15	259
<a href="#">End of social rented tenancy</a>	<a href="#">7</a>	22	8	150
<a href="#">Eviction from supported housing</a>	<a href="#">5</a>	20	10	162
<a href="#">Left institution with no accommodation available</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	13	9	40
<a href="#">Required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office as asylum support</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	21	14	96
<a href="#">Total owed a prevention duty</a>	<a href="#">269</a>	722	522	4,747

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 21 Sep 2021

## Reason for end of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy for households owed a prevention duty

This table provides a breakdown of the reasons for the end of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy for applicants assessed as owed a prevention duty were threatened with homelessness in Wirral as well as the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The most common reasons for the end of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy in Wirral in 2020/21 were Landlord wishing to sell or re-let the property followed by Rent arrears due to change in personal circumstances.

### Reason for end of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy for households owed a prevention duty

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">Rent arrears, Tenant difficulty budgeting or making other payment(s)</a>	<u>8</u>	6	4	26
<a href="#">Rent arrears and increase in rent</a>	<u>1</u>	1	0	8
<a href="#">Rent arrears, because of Reduction in employment income</a>	<u>4</u>	5	3	25
<a href="#">Rent arrears, because of changes in benefit entitlement</a>	<u>0</u>	2	1	13
<a href="#">Rent arrears, because of change in personal circumstances</a>	<u>9</u>	8	8	39
<a href="#">Breach of tenancy, not related to rent arrears</a>	<u>2</u>	2	1	13
<a href="#">Landlord wishing to sell or re-let the property</a>	<u>45</u>	75	54	462
<a href="#">Tenant complained to the council / agent / landlord about disrepair</a>	<u>3</u>	3	2	34
<a href="#">Illegal eviction</a>	<u>0</u>	3	1	27
<a href="#">Tenant abandoned property</a>	<u>0</u>	5	1	61
<a href="#">Other reasons / not known</a>	<u>5</u>	14	10	109
<a href="#">Total number of households owed a prevention duty due to end of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy</a>	<u>77</u>	124	98	720

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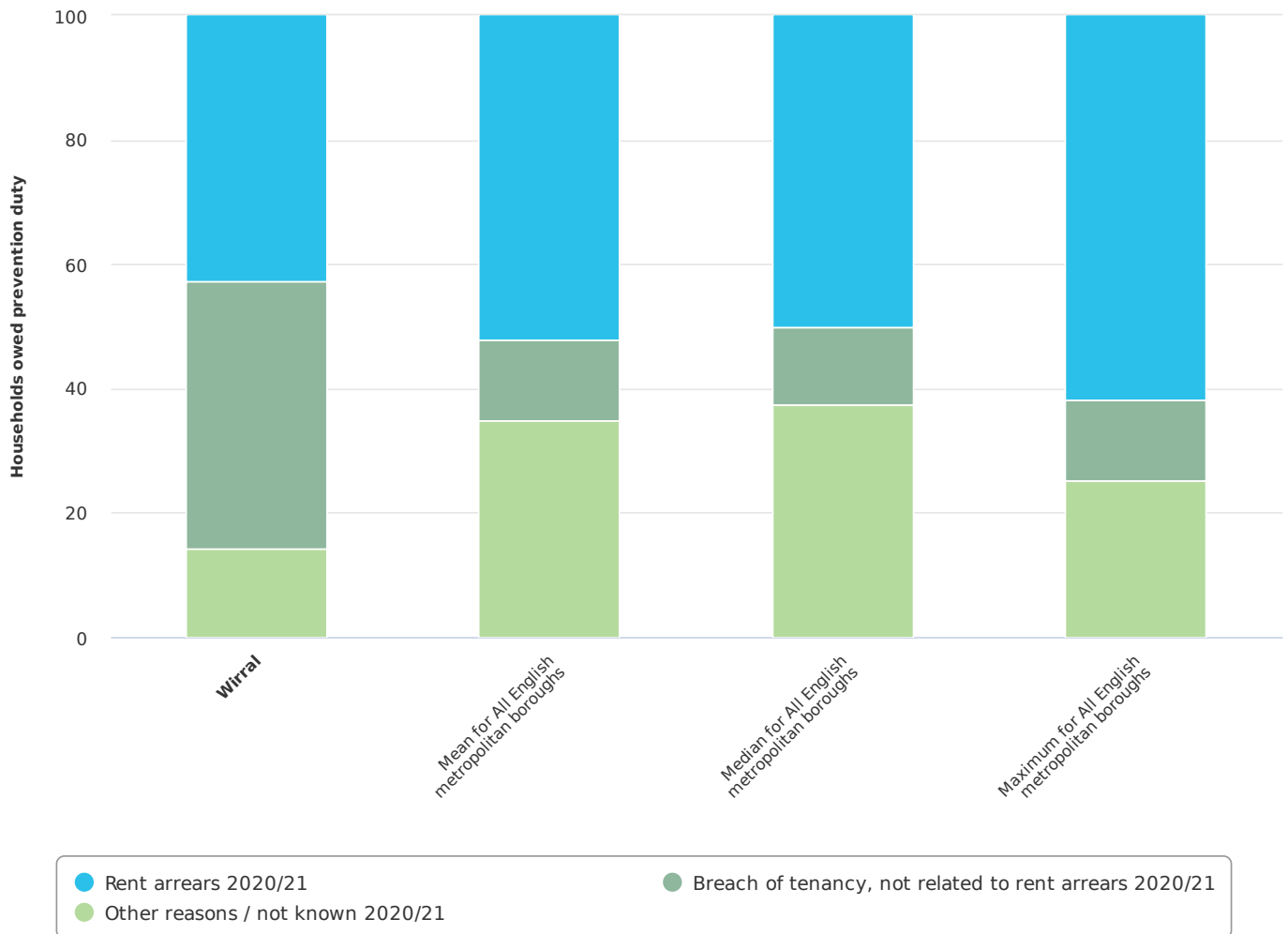
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## Reason for end of social rented tenancy for households owed a prevention duty

This chart shows the proportion of reasons for the end of social rented tenancy for applicants assessed as owed a prevention duty were threatened with homelessness in Wirral alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In 2020/21 Rent arrears was the most common reason for the end of social rented tenancy for households owed a prevention duty in Wirral.

### Reason for end of social rented tenancy for households owed a prevention duty



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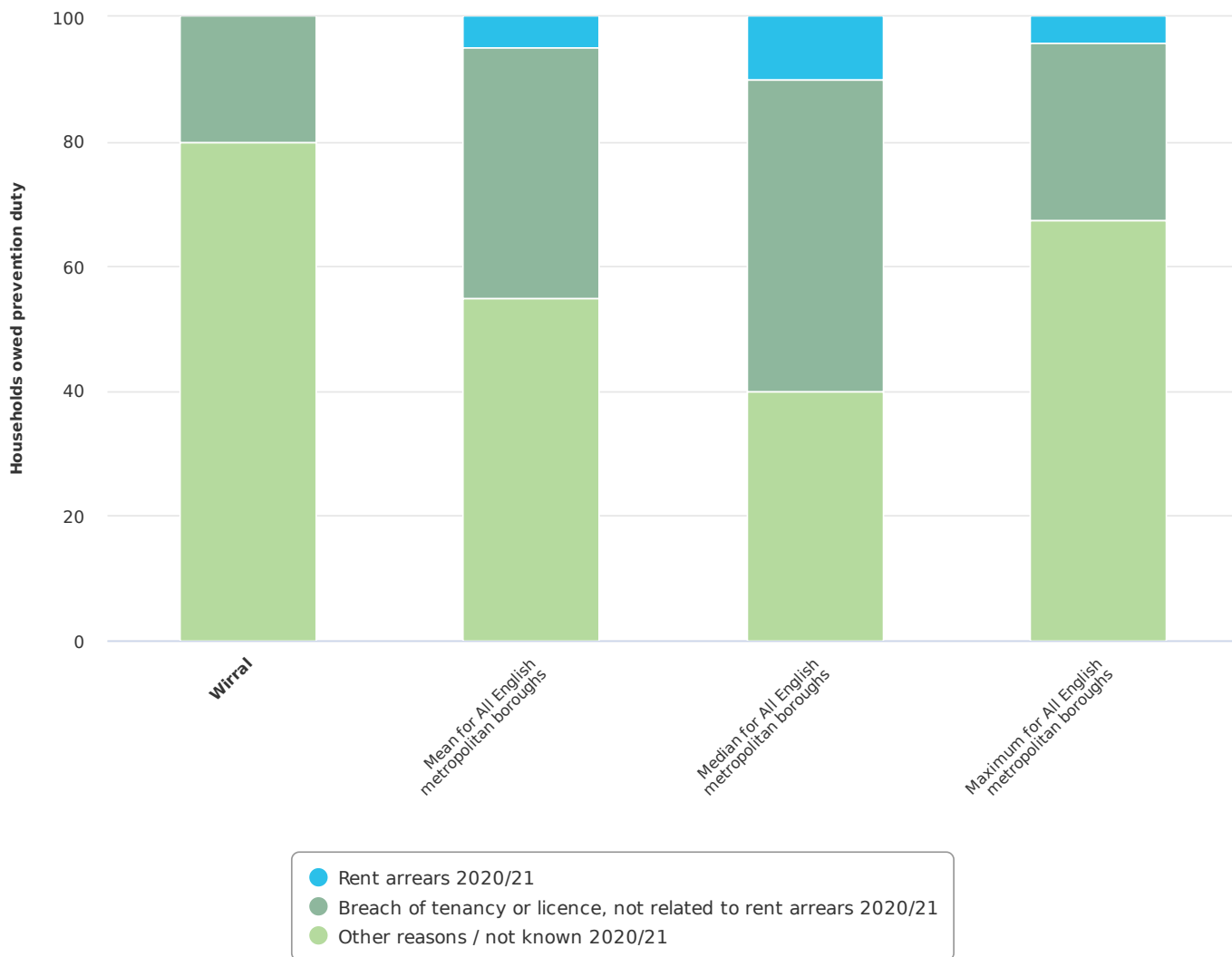
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## Reason for eviction from supported housing for households owed a prevention duty

This chart shows the proportion of reasons for eviction from supported housing for applicants assessed as owed a prevention duty were threatened with homelessness in Wirral along with the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The most common reason for eviction from supported housing in Wirral in 2020/21 was Other reasons / not known.

### Reason for eviction from supported housing for those owed a prevention duty



**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 21 Sep 2021

## Accommodation at time of application for households owed a prevention duty

This table shows the accommodation where households owed a prevention duty were staying at the time of their application for applicants in Wirral as well as the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the most common accommodation at the time of application was Private rented sector in 2020/21.

### Number of households owed a prevention duty by accommodation at time of application

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">Private rented sector</a>	<a href="#">121</a>	166	114	755
<a href="#">Social rented sector</a>	<a href="#">38</a>	84	39	698
<a href="#">Owner-occupier / shared ownership</a>	<a href="#">9</a>	12	9	58
<a href="#">Living with family</a>	<a href="#">72</a>	263	167	1,910
<a href="#">Living with friends</a>	<a href="#">12</a>	111	46	1,097
<a href="#">Temporary accommodation</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	4	1	42
<a href="#">No fixed abode</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	0	0	5
<a href="#">Rough sleeping</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	0	0	0
<a href="#">Refuge</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	3	1	19
<a href="#">NASS accommodation</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	21	13	95
<a href="#">Institution</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	27	17	133
<a href="#">Total owed a prevention duty</a>	<a href="#">269</a>	722	522	4,747

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 21 Sep 2021

## Household type at time of application for households owed a prevention duty

This table shows the composition of households owed a prevention duty at the time of their application in Wirral as well as the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In 2020/21 most of these households were comprised of Single parent - Female in Wirral.

### Household type at time of application for households owed a prevention duty

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Male</a>	<u>12</u>	21	12	226
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Female</a>	<u>128</u>	182	128	1,254
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Other / gender not known</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	1
<a href="#">Single adult - Male</a>	<u>43</u>	259	189	1,677
<a href="#">Single adult - Female</a>	<u>51</u>	156	108	1,074
<a href="#">Single adult - Other / gender not known</a>	<u>0</u>	1	0	6
<a href="#">Couple / two adults with dependent children</a>	<u>12</u>	52	30	234
<a href="#">Couple / two adults without dependent children</a>	<u>16</u>	35	23	197
<a href="#">Three or more adults with dependent children</a>	<u>3</u>	8	4	53
<a href="#">Three or more adults without dependent children</a>	<u>4</u>	8	5	37
<a href="#">Not known</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	3
<a href="#">Total owed a prevention duty</a>	<u>269</u>	722	522	4,747

**Source:**

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## Reason for households' prevention duty ending

This table shows the reasons for prevention duty ending, where prevention duty had ended, for households in Wirral along with the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral prevention duty most commonly ended due to Secured accommodation for 6+ months in 2020/21.

### Number of households whose prevention duty ended by reason for duty end

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21 Q4			
	Households			
<a href="#">Secured accommodation for 6+ months</a>	<u>40</u>	112	62	1,083
<a href="#">Homeless (including intentionally homeless)</a>	<u>22</u>	30	22	151
<a href="#">Refused suitable accommodation offer</a>	<u>0</u>	2	1	25
<a href="#">Refused to cooperate</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	3
<a href="#">Contact lost</a>	<u>9</u>	14	11	61
<a href="#">Withdrew application / applicant deceased</a>	<u>1</u>	7	4	30
<a href="#">56 days elapsed and no further action</a>	<u>4</u>	13	8	112
<a href="#">No longer eligible</a>	<u>0</u>	1	0	13
<a href="#">Not known</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	0
<a href="#">Total number of households where prevention duty ended</a>	<u>76</u>	179	117	1,214

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 11 Aug 2021

## Type of accommodation secured for households at end of prevention duty

This table shows the number of households where prevention duty ended with accommodation secured by the type of accommodation secured for applicants in Wirral, alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

Social rented sector and Private rented sector were the two most commonly secured types of accommodation in Wirral in 2020/21.

### Number of households whose prevention duty ended by type of accommodation secured

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21 Q4			
	Households			
<a href="#">Private rented sector</a>	<a href="#">10</a>	30	13	246
<a href="#">Social rented sector</a>	<a href="#">27</a>	46	33	176
<a href="#">Staying with family</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	21	5	436
<a href="#">Staying with friends</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	8	1	203
<a href="#">Owner/occupier</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	1	0	14
<a href="#">Other</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	3	1	37
<a href="#">Not known</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	3	1	28
<a href="#">Total number of households where prevention duty ended with accommodation secured</a>	<a href="#">40</a>	112	62	1,083

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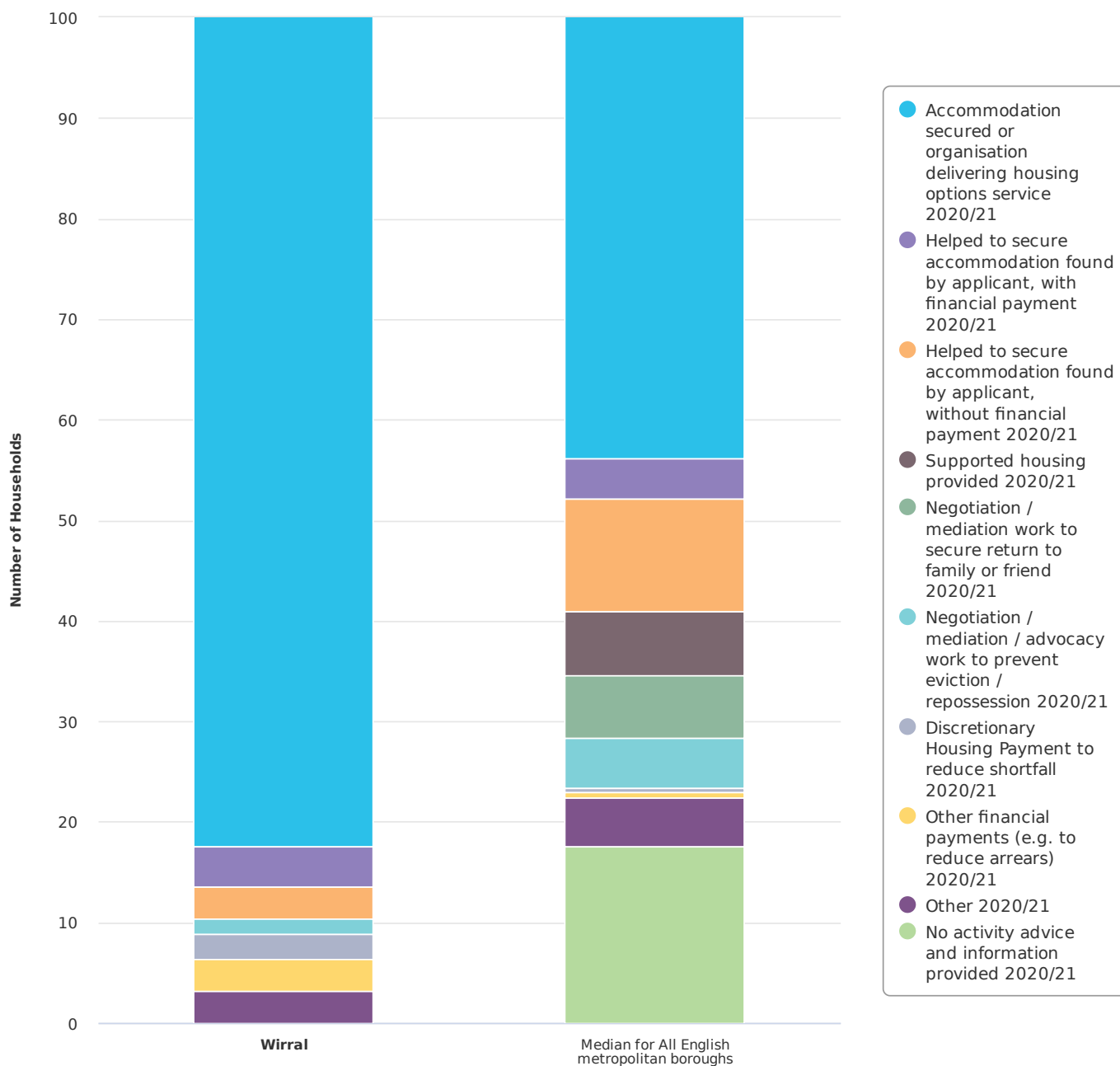
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## Main prevention activity that resulted in accommodation secured for households at end of prevention duty

This chart shows the proportion of activities which resulted in households in Wirral securing accommodation at end of prevention duty, as well as the median proportions for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the main prevention activity that most commonly resulted in households securing accommodation was Accommodation secured by local authority or organisation delivering housing options service in 2020/21.

### Main prevention activity that resulted in accommodation secured for households at end of prevention duty (Annual)



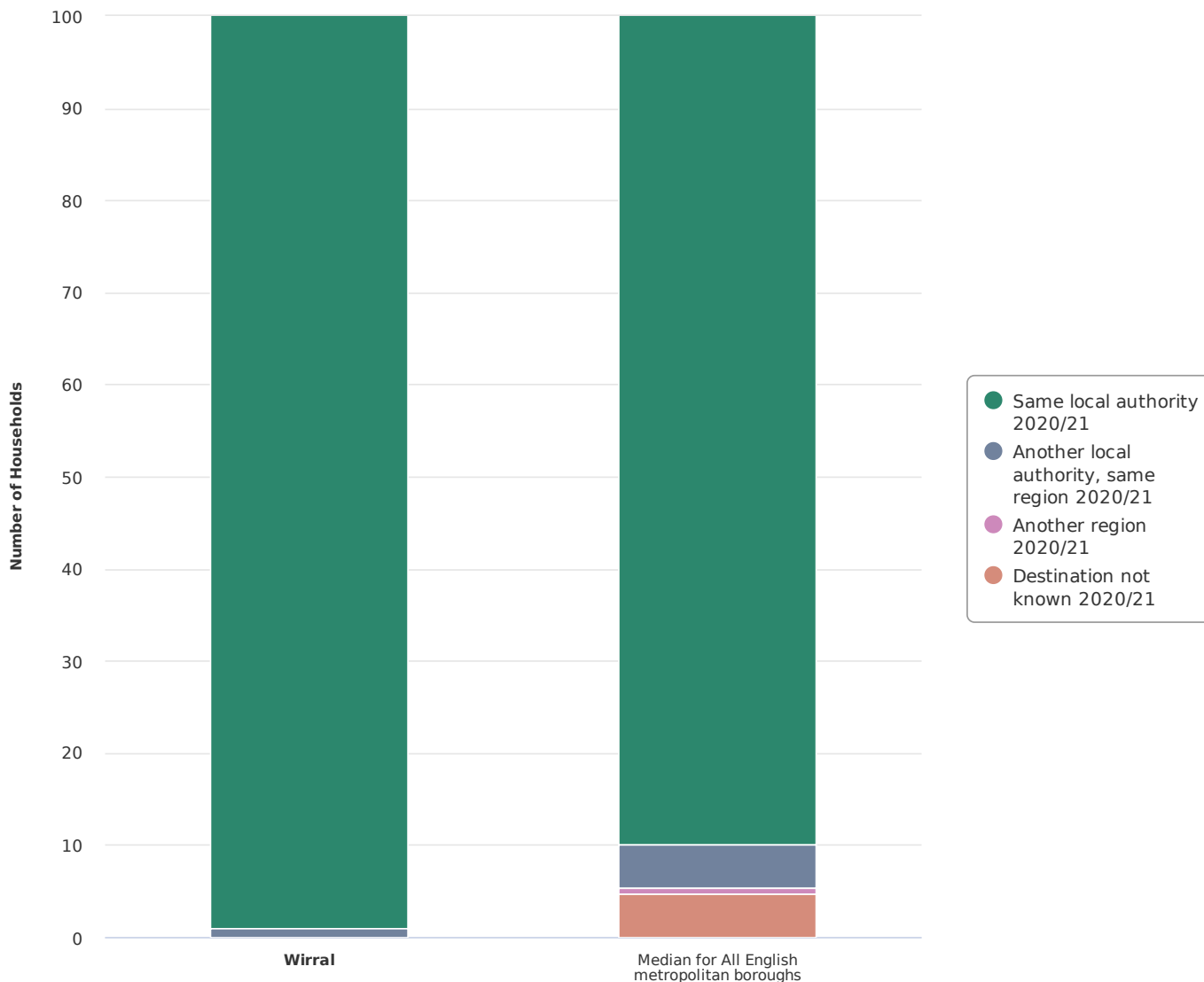
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## Destination of households with alternative accommodation secured at end of prevention duty

This chart shows the proportion of households who secured alternative accommodation at the end of prevention duty by their destination for Wirral along with the median proportions for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the most common destination in 2020/21 was Same local authority followed by Another local authority, same region.

### Destination of households with alternative accommodation secured at end of prevention duty (Annual)



**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 19 Sep 2021

## Household type of households with accommodation secured at end of prevention duty

This table shows the composition of the households that had secured accommodation at end of prevention duty for Wirral, alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the household type that most commonly secured accommodation at end of prevention duty in 2020/21 was Single parent - Female.

### Household type of households with accommodation secured at end of prevention duty

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Male</a>	<u>11</u>	14	6	210
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Female</a>	<u>54</u>	125	68	1,183
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Other / gender not known</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	1
<a href="#">Single adult - Male</a>	<u>26</u>	147	77	1,415
<a href="#">Single adult - Female</a>	<u>19</u>	95	54	947
<a href="#">Single adult - Other / gender not known</a>	<u>0</u>	1	0	4
<a href="#">Couple / two adults with dependent children</a>	<u>9</u>	37	19	234
<a href="#">Couple / two adults without dependent children</a>	<u>2</u>	23	16	189
<a href="#">Three or more adults with dependent children</a>	<u>0</u>	8	4	64
<a href="#">Three or more adults without dependent children</a>	<u>4</u>	5	3	33
<a href="#">Not known</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	2
<a href="#">Total with accommodation secured at end of prevention duty</a>	<u>125</u>	455	252	4,260

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 19 Sep 2021

## Service Users' Journeys for Households Owed a Relief Duty

Households who are statutorily homeless and require help to secure settled accommodation are owed a relief duty. The duty lasts 56 days, and can only be extended by a local authority if the households would not be owed the main homelessness duty.

### Reason for loss of last settled home for households owed a relief duty

This table shows the reasons why applicants assessed as owed a relief duty in Wirral were threatened with homelessness, along with the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The most common reason for loss of last settled home for households owed a relief duty in Wirral in 2020/21 was Family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate.

#### Reason for loss of last settled home for households owed a relief duty

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">End of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy</a>	<a href="#">58</a>	60	45	226
<a href="#">End of non-AST private rented tenancy</a>	<a href="#">5</a>	13	8	95
<a href="#">Family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate</a>	<a href="#">246</a>	342	243	1,257
<a href="#">Non-violent relationship breakdown with partner</a>	<a href="#">112</a>	105	78	313
<a href="#">Domestic abuse</a>	<a href="#">115</a>	179	122	745
<a href="#">Other violence or harrassment</a>	<a href="#">50</a>	55	42	167
<a href="#">End of social rented tenancy</a>	<a href="#">18</a>	23	16	79
<a href="#">Eviction from supported housing</a>	<a href="#">77</a>	53	29	194
<a href="#">Left institution with no accommodation available</a>	<a href="#">45</a>	45	37	119
<a href="#">Required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office as asylum support</a>	<a href="#">29</a>	22	13	108
<a href="#">Other reasons / not known</a>	<a href="#">103</a>	161	108	796
<a href="#">Total owed a relief duty</a>	<a href="#">858</a>	1,059	856	3,645

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 25 Sep 2021

## Reason for end of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy for households owed a relief duty

This table provides a breakdown of the reasons for the end of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy for applicants in Wirral assessed as owed a relief duty were threatened with homelessness, alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the two most common reasons for the end of assured shorthold private rented tenancies were Landlord wishing to sell or re-let the property and Other reasons / not known in 2020/21.

### Reason for end of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy for households owed a relief duty

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">Rent arrears, Tenant difficulty budgeting or making other payment(s)</a>	<u>7</u>	4	3	20
<a href="#">Rent arrears and increase in rent</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	4
<a href="#">Rent arrears, because of Reduction in employment income</a>	<u>1</u>	2	1	9
<a href="#">Rent arrears, because of changes in benefit entitlement</a>	<u>0</u>	1	0	5
<a href="#">Rent arrears, because of change in personal circumstances</a>	<u>6</u>	4	3	17
<a href="#">Breach of tenancy, not related to rent arrears</a>	<u>4</u>	3	2	19
<a href="#">Tenant complained to the council / agent / landlord about disrepair</a>	<u>2</u>	1	0	6
<a href="#">Illegal eviction</a>	<u>4</u>	6	5	22
<a href="#">Tenant abandoned property</a>	<u>3</u>	9	4	39
<a href="#">Other reasons / not known</a>	<u>13</u>	16	10	72
<a href="#">Total number of households owed a relief duty due to End of assured shorthold (AST) private rented tenancy</a>	<u>58</u>	60	45	226

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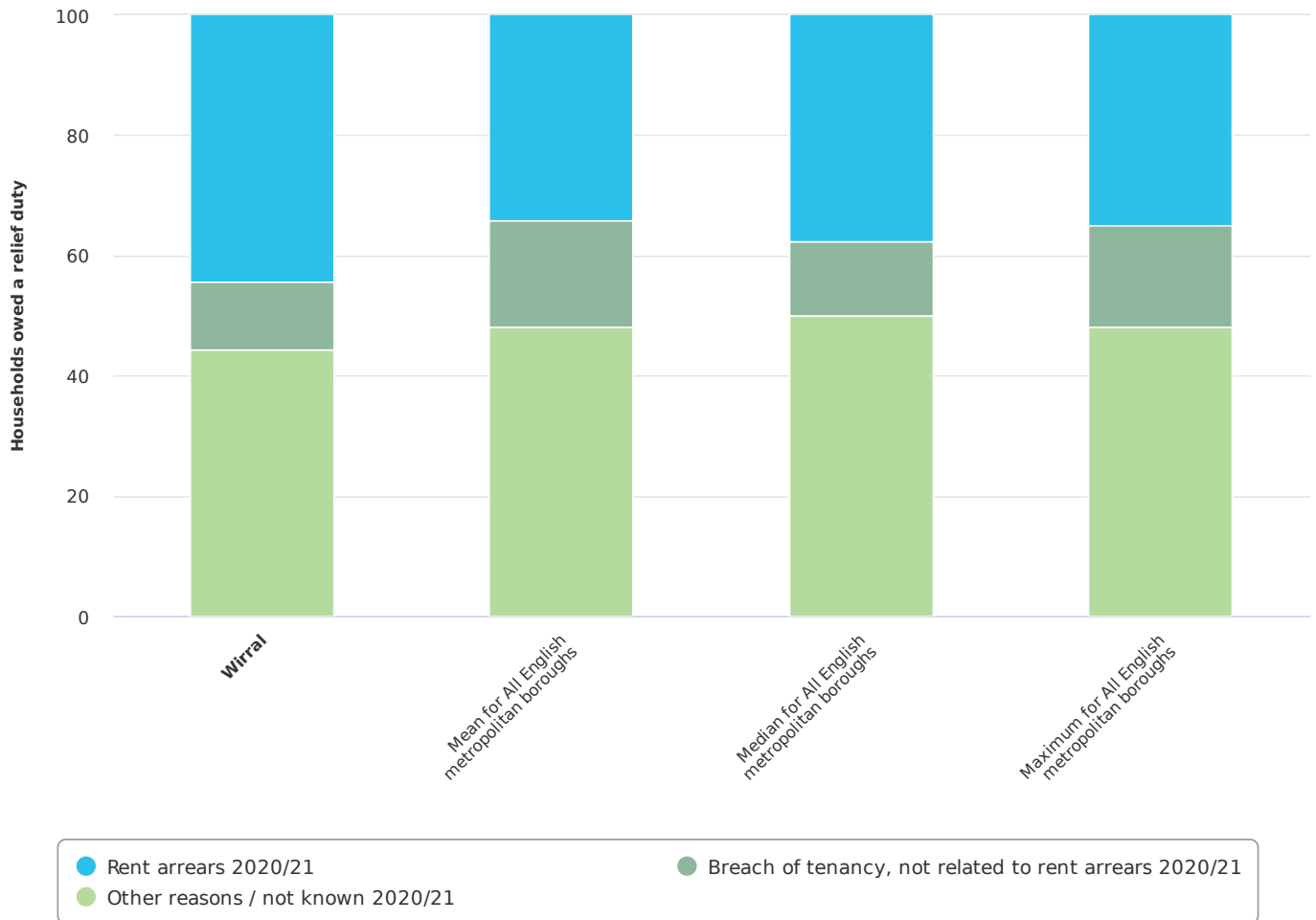
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## Reason for end of social rented tenancy for households owed a relief duty

This chart shows the proportion of the reasons for the end of social rented tenancy for applicants assessed as owed a relief duty were threatened with homelessness in Wirral, as well as the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The most common reason for the end of social rented tenancy in Wirral in 2020/21 was Rent arrears.

### Reason for end of social rented tenancy for households owed a relief duty



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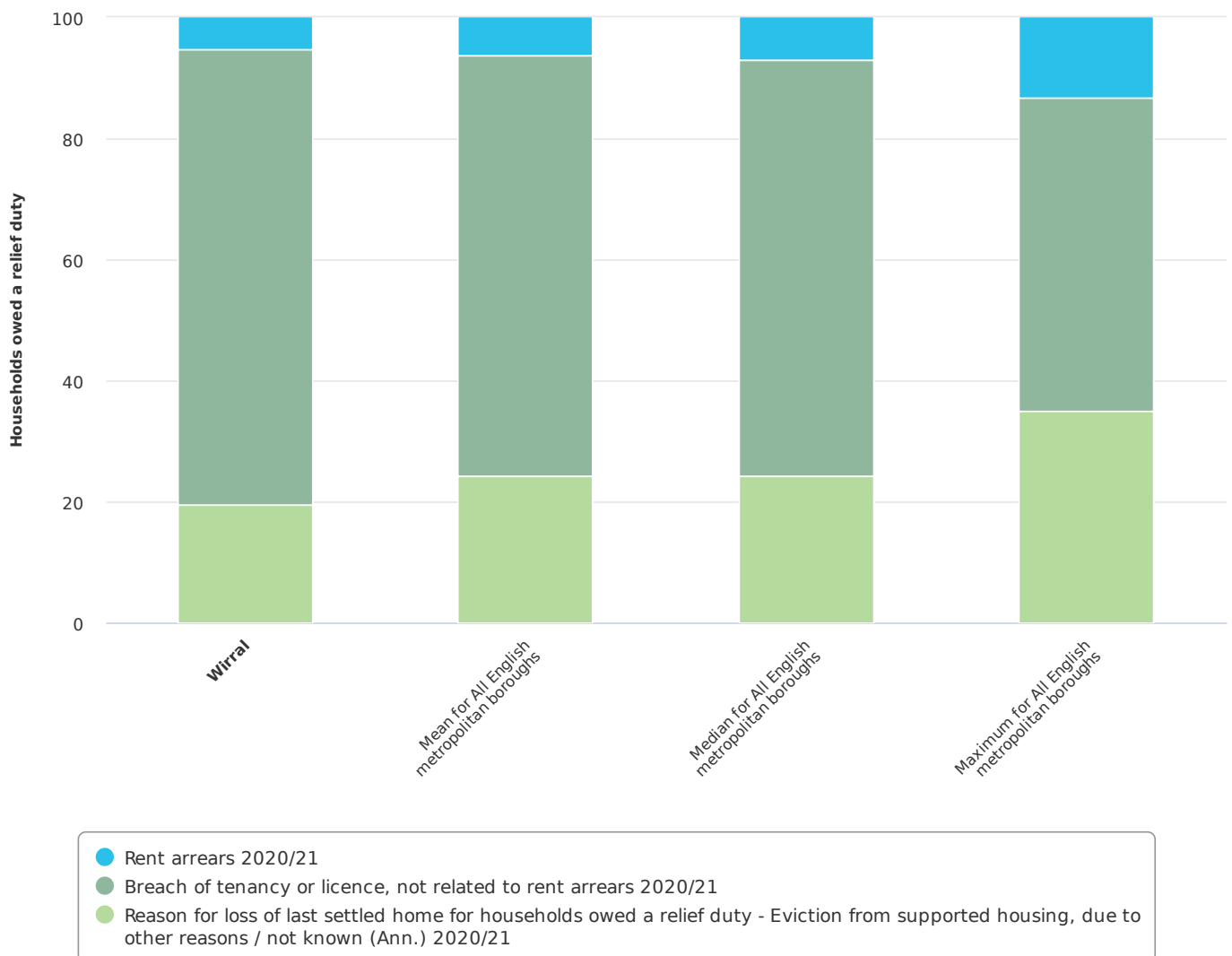


## Reason for eviction from supported housing for households owed a relief duty

This chart shows the proportion of reasons for eviction from supported housing for applicants assessed as owed a relief duty were threatened with homelessness for Wirral, as well as the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The most common reason for eviction from supported housing in Wirral in 2020/21 was Breach of tenancy or licence, not related to rent arrears.

### Reason for eviction from supported housing for those owed a relief duty



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## Accommodation at time of application for households owed a relief duty

This table shows the accommodation where households owed a relief duty were staying at the time of their application for Wirral, along with the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the most common accommodation at the time of application was No fixed abode in 2020/21.

### Number of households owed a relief duty by accommodation at time of application

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">Private rented sector</a>	<a href="#">59</a>	93	54	660
<a href="#">Social rented sector</a>	<a href="#">78</a>	98	71	517
<a href="#">Owner-occupier / shared ownership</a>	<a href="#">6.0</a>	9.1	6.0	39.0
<a href="#">Living with family</a>	<a href="#">186</a>	261	177	1,342
<a href="#">Living with friends</a>	<a href="#">102</a>	130	87	422
<a href="#">Temporary accommodation</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	23	9	137
<a href="#">No fixed abode</a>	<a href="#">275</a>	242	139	1,342
<a href="#">Rough sleeping</a>	<a href="#">12</a>	57	29	392
<a href="#">Refuge</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	15	10	71
<a href="#">NASS accommodation</a>	<a href="#">30</a>	18	10	87
<a href="#">Departure from institution</a>	<a href="#">77</a>	63	54	217
<a href="#">Other / not known</a>	<a href="#">20</a>	51	31	210
<a href="#">Total owed a relief duty</a>	<a href="#">858</a>	1,059	856	3,645

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 25 Sep 2021

## Household type at time of application for households owed a relief duty

This table shows the composition of households owed a relief duty at the time of their application for Wirral, alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral most households owed a relief duty were comprised of Single adult - Male in 2020/21.

### Household type at time of application for households owed a relief duty

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Male</a>	<a href="#">21</a>	21	15	107
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Female</a>	<a href="#">133</a>	180	133	1,196
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Other / gender not known</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	0	0	2
<a href="#">Single adult - Male</a>	<a href="#">463</a>	548	456	2,034
<a href="#">Single adult - Female</a>	<a href="#">175</a>	225	175	778
<a href="#">Single adult - Other / gender not known</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	1	0	6
<a href="#">Couple / two adults with dependent children</a>	<a href="#">20</a>	38	23	365
<a href="#">Couple / two adults without dependent children</a>	<a href="#">39</a>	37	24	150
<a href="#">Three or more adults with dependent children</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	4	2	29
<a href="#">Three or more adults without dependent children</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	3	2	24
<a href="#">Not known</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	0	0	3
<a href="#">Total owed a relief duty</a>	<a href="#">858</a>	1,059	856	3,645

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 21 Sep 2021

## Reason for households' relief duty ending

This table shows the reasons for households' prevention duty ending where relief duty ended for applicants in Wirral, as well as the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral relief duty most commonly ended due to Secured accommodation for 6+ months in 2020/21.

### Number of households whose relief duty ended by reason for duty end

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21 Q4			
	Households			
<a href="#">Secured accommodation for 6+ months</a>	<a href="#">163</a>	115	92	240
<a href="#">56 days elapsed</a>	<a href="#">9</a>	100	51	659
<a href="#">Local connection referral accepted by other LA</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	2	1	18
<a href="#">Intentionally homeless from accommodation provided</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	1	0	8
<a href="#">Refused final accommodation</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	6	2	75
<a href="#">Notice served due to refusal to cooperate</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	0	0	5
<a href="#">Contact lost</a>	<a href="#">24</a>	31	18	145
<a href="#">Withdrew application / applicant deceased</a>	<a href="#">14</a>	17	12	88
<a href="#">No longer eligible</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	2	1	11
<a href="#">Not known</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	0	0	1
<a href="#">Total number of households where relief duty ended</a>	<a href="#">227</a>	275	191	1,038

**Source:**

Calculated by LG Inform, **Data updated:** 11 Aug 2021

## Type of accommodation secured for households at end of relief duty

This table shows the number of households in Wirral where relief duty ended with accommodation secured by the type of accommodation secured alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

Social rented sector and Private rented sector were the two most commonly secured types of accommodation in Wirral in 2020/21.

### Number of households whose relief duty ended by type of accommodation secured

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21 Q4			
	Households			
<a href="#">Private rented sector</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	23	17	85
<a href="#">Social rented sector</a>	<a href="#">152</a>	72	60	203
<a href="#">Staying with family</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	6	4	37
<a href="#">Staying with friends</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	3	1	44
<a href="#">Owner/occupier</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	0	0	2
<a href="#">Other</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	4	2	21
<a href="#">Total number of households where relief duty ended with accommodation secured</a>	<a href="#">163</a>	115	92	240

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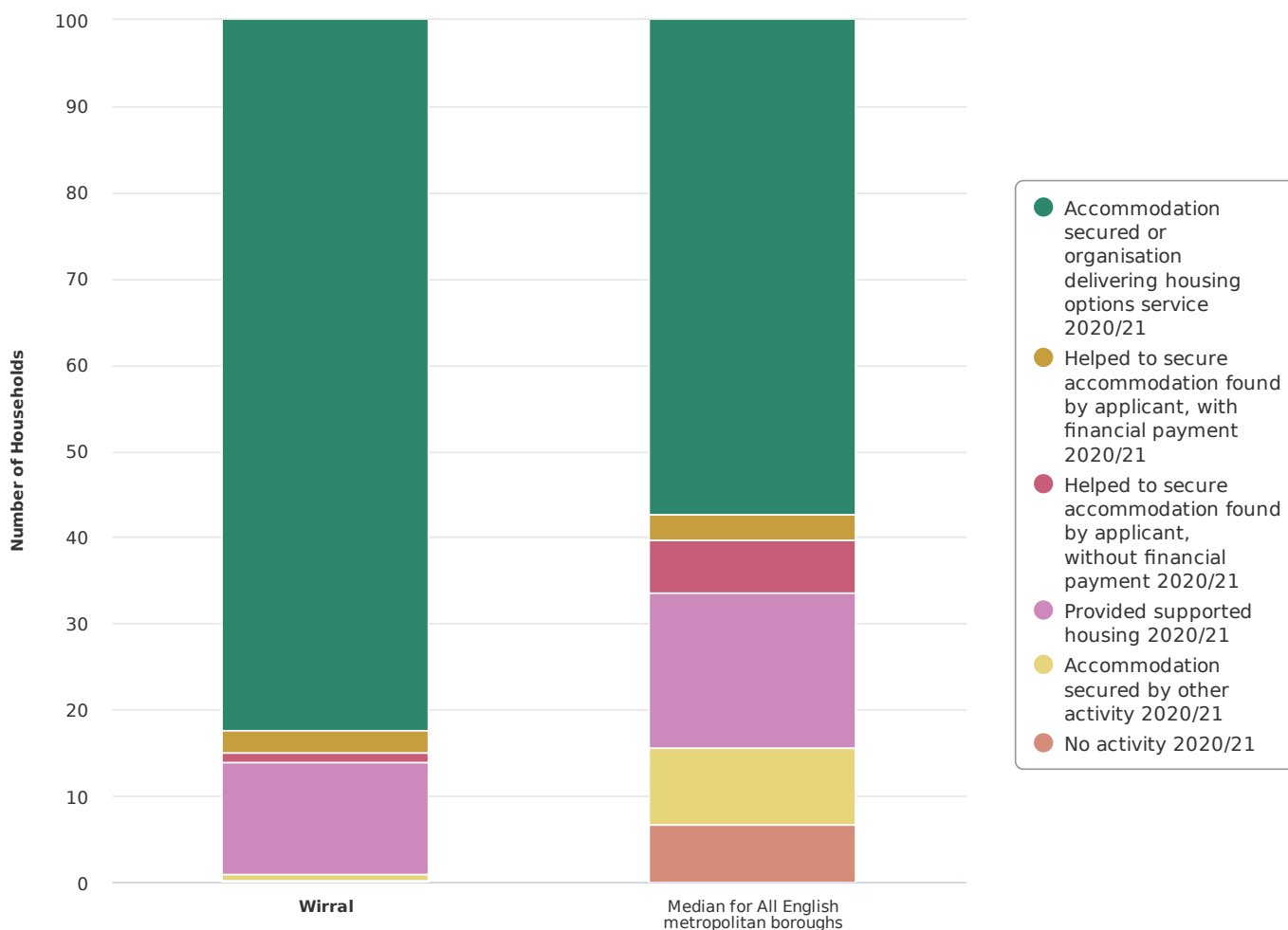
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## Main relief activity that resulted in accommodation secured for households at end of relief duty

This chart shows the proportion of activities which resulted in households securing accommodation at end of relief duty for Wirral as well as the median figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the main relief activity that most commonly resulted in households securing accommodation was Accommodation secured by local authority or organisation delivering housing options service in 2020/21.

### Main relief activity that resulted in accommodation secured for households at end of prevention duty



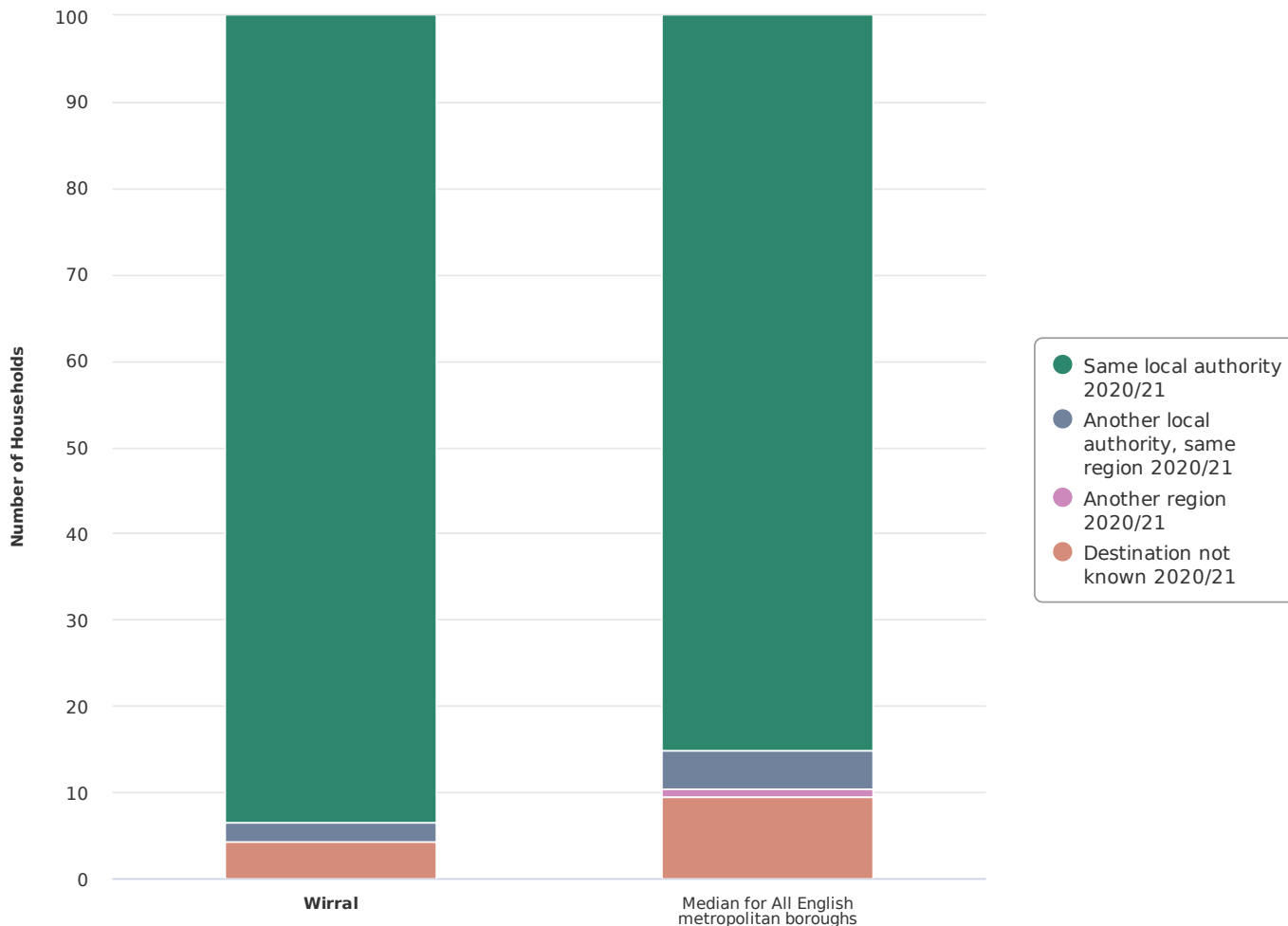
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## Destination of households with alternative accommodation secured at end of relief duty

This chart shows the proportion of households who secured alternative accommodation at the end of relief duty by their destination for Wirral as well as the median proportions for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the most common destination in 2020/21 was Same local authority followed by Not known.

### Destination of households with alternative accommodation secured at end of relief duty (Annual)



Source: Calculated by LG Inform, Data updated: 19 Sep 2021

## Household type of households with accommodation secured at end of relief duty

This table shows the composition of the households which had secured accommodation at end of relief duty. This chart shows the proportion of households who secured alternative accommodation at the end of prevention duty by their destination for Wirral along with the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral the household type that most commonly secured accommodation at end of relief duty in 2020/21 was Single adult - Male.

### Household type of households with accommodation secured at end of relief duty

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21			
	Households			
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Male</a>	<a href="#">15</a>	8	6	36
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Female</a>	<a href="#">120</a>	69	56	246
<a href="#">Single parent with dependent children - Other / gender not known</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	0	0	1
<a href="#">Single adult - Male</a>	<a href="#">295</a>	251	187	682
<a href="#">Single adult - Female</a>	<a href="#">114</a>	96	74	279
<a href="#">Single adult - Other / gender not known</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	1	0	3
<a href="#">Couple / two adults with dependent children</a>	<a href="#">14</a>	16	13	64
<a href="#">Couple / two adults without dependent children</a>	<a href="#">27</a>	18	14	77
<a href="#">Three or more adults with dependent children</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	2	1	12
<a href="#">Three or more adults without dependent children</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	2	1	9
<a href="#">Not known</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	0	0	0
<a href="#">Total number of households where relief duty ended with accommodation secured</a>	<a href="#">593</a>	462	362	1,384

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# Service Users' Journeys for Households Owed a Main Duty

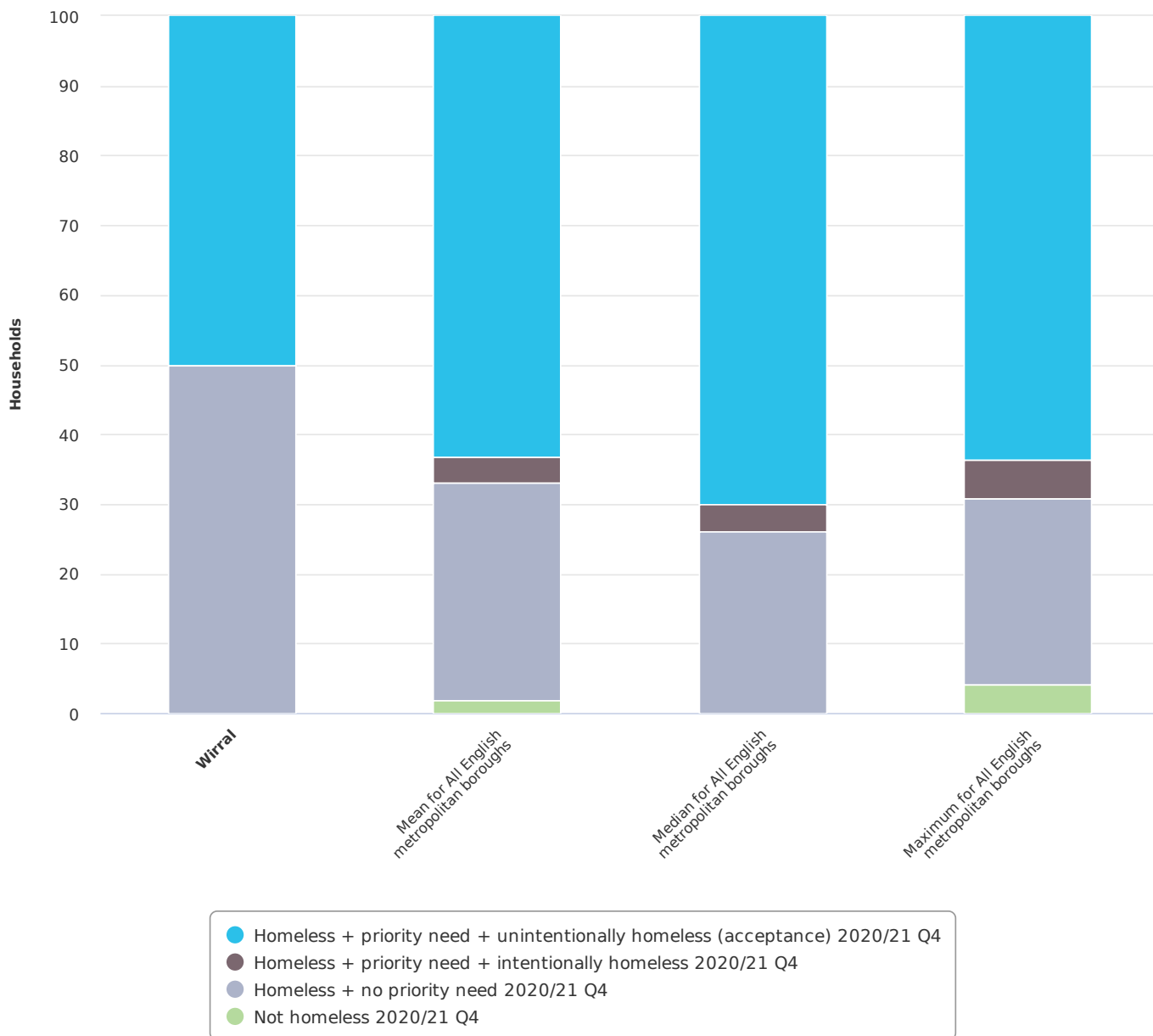
Households that are threatened with homelessness within 56 days are owed help from the local authority to prevent homelessness and the authority must work to relieve homelessness for those who are actually homeless. Main homelessness duty describes the duty a local authority has towards an applicant who is unintentionally homeless, eligible for assistance and has priority need 2. This definition has not been changed by the 2017 HRA. However, these households are now only owed a main duty if their homelessness has not been successfully prevented or relieved.

## Outcome of main duty decisions for eligible households

This chart shows the proportion the outcomes of main duty decisions made for households who reached the end of relief duty in Wirral as well as the median proportions for All English metropolitan boroughs.

The most common outcome for households owed a main duty in Wirral in 2020/21 Q4 was Homeless and in priority.

**Number of households by decision on duty owed at end of relief duty**



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## Number of households owed a main duty by priority need

This table shows the priority need category of households owed a main duty in Wirral along with the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

Most households in Wirral were owed a main duty due to Mental health problems in 2020/21 Q4.

### Number of households owed a main duty by priority need

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21 Q4			
	Households			
<a href="#">Household includes dependent children</a>	<u>1</u>	38	16	359
<a href="#">Household includes a pregnant woman</a>	<u>0</u>	3	1	31
<a href="#">Household member vulnerable as a result of old age</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	3
<a href="#">Household member vulnerable as a result of Physical disability / ill health</a>	<u>1</u>	6	3	35
<a href="#">Household member vulnerable as a result of Mental health problems</a>	<u>3</u>	10	6	61
<a href="#">Household member vulnerable as a result of young applicant</a>	<u>0</u>	1	1	6
<a href="#">Household member vulnerable as a result of Domestic abuse</a>	<u>0</u>	6	2	36
<a href="#">Household member vulnerable as a result of other reasons</a>	<u>0</u>	4	3	18
<a href="#">Homeless because of emergency</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	3
<a href="#">Total households owed a main duty</a>	<u>5</u>	67	35	536

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## Number of households whose main duty ended by reason for duty end

This table shows the reasons for households' main duty ending where main duty has ended for Wirral alongside the mean, median and maximum figures for All English metropolitan boroughs.

In Wirral main duty most commonly ended due to Housing Act 1996 Pt6 social housing offer - accepted in 2020/21.

### Number of households whose main duty ended by reason for duty end

Metric type	Wirral	Mean for All English metropolitan boroughs	Median for All English metropolitan boroughs	Maximum for All English metropolitan boroughs
	2020/21 Q4			
	Households			
<a href="#">Housing Act 1996 Pt6 social housing offer - Accepted</a>	<u>9</u>	36	25	128
<a href="#">Housing Act 1996 Pt6 social housing offer - Refused</a>	<u>1</u>	3	1	22
<a href="#">Private rented sector offer - Accepted</a>	<u>0</u>	3	1	36
<a href="#">Private rented sector offer - Refused</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	4
<a href="#">Refused suitable TA offer, withdrew or lost contact</a>	<u>0</u>	4	3	17
<a href="#">Ceased to be eligible</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	5
<a href="#">Became intentionally homeless from TA</a>	<u>0</u>	2	1	17
<a href="#">Voluntarily ceased to occupy accommodation</a>	<u>0</u>	4	0	41
<a href="#">Not known</a>	<u>0</u>	0	0	1
<a href="#">Total households no longer owed a main duty</a>	<u>10</u>	53	32	171

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