

Public health and housing, a Kent perspective

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Link between poor quality housing and health and wellbeing

Unhealthy

- Cold & Damp
- Hazardous



- Respiratory illness
- Cardiovascular problems
- Physical injury
- Domestic fires
- Poor diet

Unsuitable

- Overcrowded
- Inaccessible



- Respiratory illness
- Physical injury
- Tobacco harm
- Mental health problems
- Social isolation

Unstable

- No sense of safety
- No security

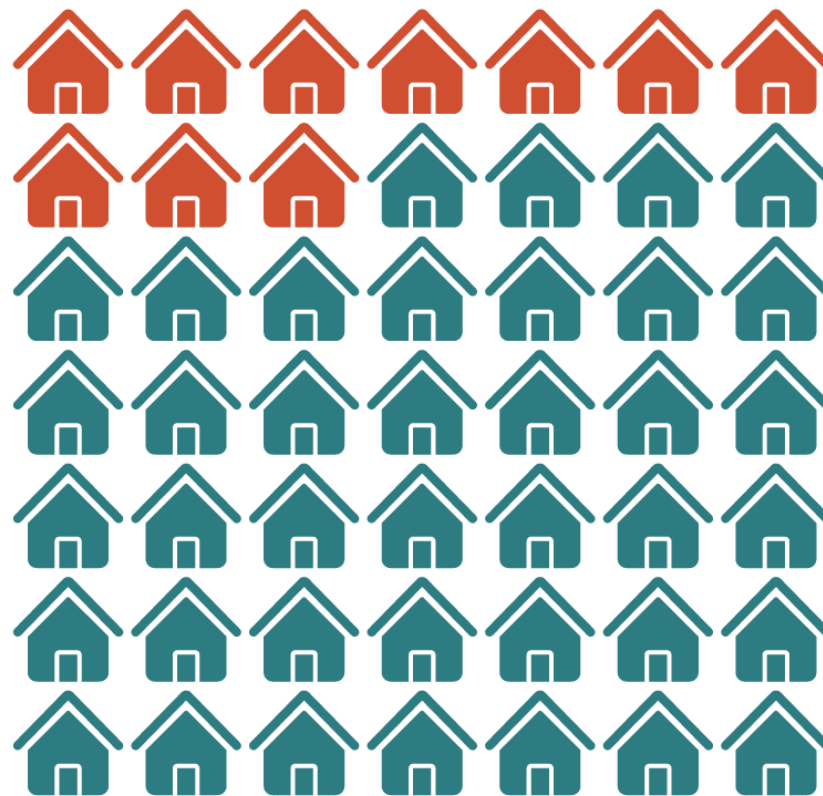


- Emotional, behavioural and mental health problems
- Missing immunisations
- Alcohol and drug misuse

Non decent homes

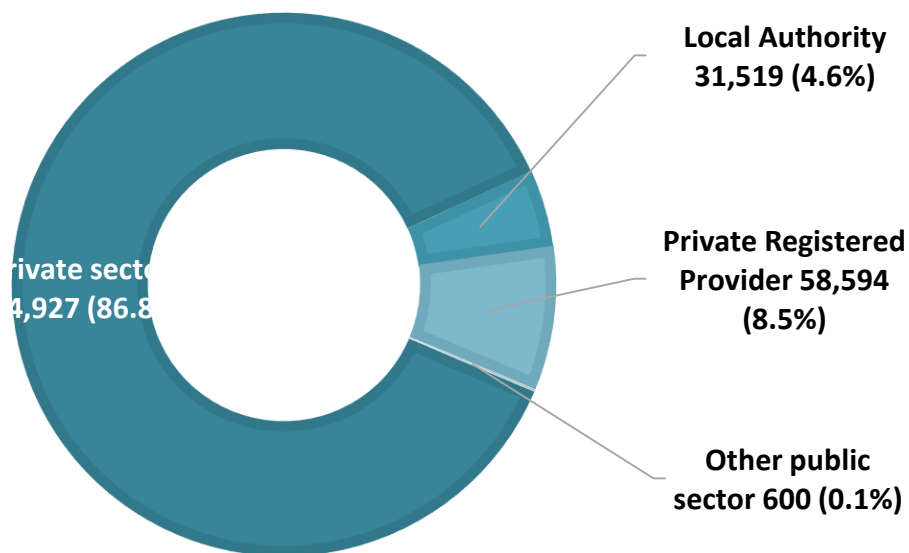
In 2020, **21%** of private rented dwellings, **16%** of owner occupied homes and **13%** in the social sector failed to meet the Decent Homes Standard.

- **Hazardous**
- **Excessive cold**
- **Poor facilities**



Local housing stock profile

KENT DWELLING STOCK, 2020



Between 2015 and 2020 the dwelling stock in Kent has risen 5.5%. In England during this time the increase was 4.7%

Affordable housing



- In 2020 the average house price in Kent was 9.7 times average earnings (England was 6.9).
- 23% of new dwellings in Kent in 2019/20 were affordable homes (England 23.6%).
- On average 1459 additional affordable homes have been delivered in Kent between 2010/11 and 2019/20.

Housing forecasts

Over the next 18 years, from 2022 to 2040 the population of Kent is estimated to grow from 1.6 million to 1.9 million, an increase of 18.2%.

The average annual increase in Kent dwellings between 2010/11 and 2019/20 was 5,664



Summary



- Poor quality housing affects physical and mental health
- Population growth will place additional pressure on housing availability
- Housing is less affordable in Kent than the national average
- Generally, a higher proportion of private rented housing does not meet decent homes standard