

Annual Rough Sleeping Snapshot

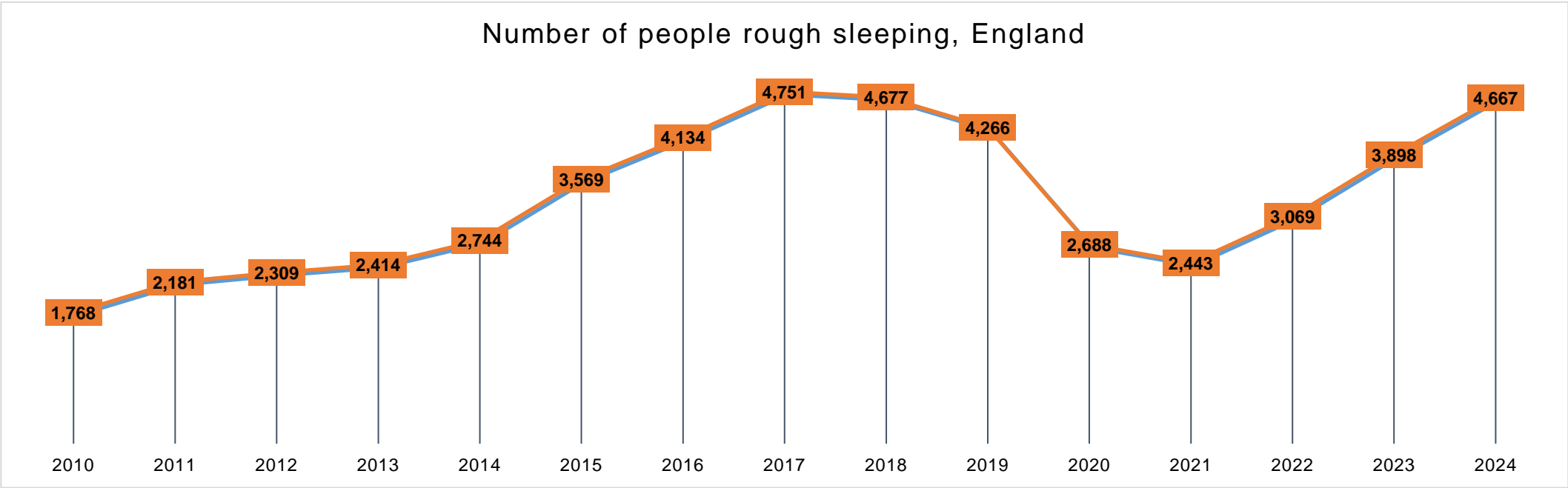
2024

Annual Snapshots

- Since 2010, all local authorities across England have undertaken an annual autumn snapshot of rough sleeping.
- The annual rough sleeping snapshot provides information about the number of people sleeping rough on a single night between 1 October and 30 November each year.
- These statistics provide a way of estimating the number of people sleeping rough across England on a single night and assessing changes and trends over time.
- The most recent snapshot data was published on 27th February 2025 for counts undertaken in autumn 2024.

At a national level

Between 2023 and 2024 England saw a 20% increase in the number of people sleeping rough on a single night; this represents the third year in a row that there has been an increase.



- 4,667 people were sleeping rough on a single night, **up by 20%** (769 people) on the previous year.
- A 164% increase when compared to 2010, when the annual snapshot count methodology was first introduced.
- The rate of people sleeping rough on a single night in England in 2024 is **8.1 people per 100,000**. This has increased since 2023 (6.8 per 100,000) and is only slightly lower than when figures peaked in 2017 (8.5 per 100,000).

At a regional level

The (wider) West Midlands region saw a 35% increase in the number of people sleeping rough on a single night between 2023 and 2024.

Region	Number of people sleeping rough		
	2023	2024	Percentage change
Yorkshire and The Humber	270	385	42.6%
North East	89	124	39.3%
East Midlands	287	393	36.9%
West Midlands	256	346	35.2%
East of England	337	412	22.3%
South East	670	795	18.7%
London	1,132	1,318	16.4%
South West	488	527	8.0%
North West	369	367	-0.5%



- In the (wider) West Midlands region 346 people were sleeping rough on a single night in 2024; this represents a 35% increase from 256 people in 2023. This is the fourth highest percentage increase regionally.
- The rate of people sleeping rough on a single night in the (wider) West Midlands region in 2024 is **5.7 people per 100,000**. This has increased since 2023 (4.2 per 100,000). However, is lower than the England figure of 8.1.
- The (wider) West Midlands region has the third lowest rate of people sleeping rough per 100,000 people of all English regions.

WMCA level

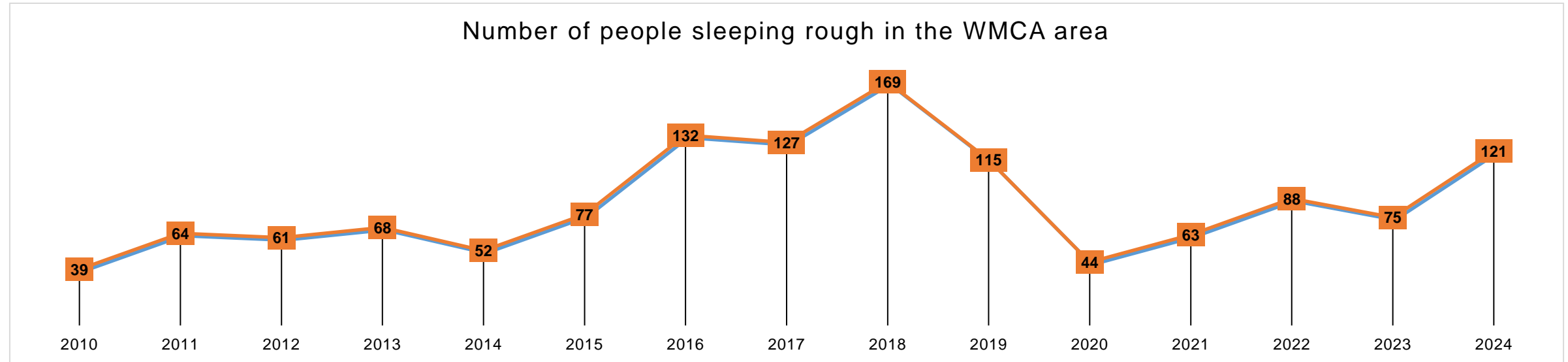
In 2024, 121 people were sleeping rough on a single night in the WMCA area.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Birmingham	9	7	8	14	20	36	55	57	91	52	17	31	39	36	59
Coventry	5	8	12	26	6	9	13	8	25	23	8	12	13	11	16
Dudley	3	4	4	6	6	3	3	11	5	4	4	4	7	5	5
Sandwell	2	15	14	3	2	4	11	10	14	10	4	3	2	3	8
Solihull	3	5	6	5	6	5	6	2	4	6	1	4	8	6	12
Walsall	8	13	9	8	5	7	26	20	11	6	4	4	8	8	13
Wolverhampton	9	12	8	6	7	13	18	19	19	14	6	5	11	6	8
WMCA area	39	64	61	68	52	77	132	127	169	115	44	63	88	75	121

- For most of the last decade, the headline trends for the WMCA area have showed an increase in rough sleeping from 39 in 2010, rising to 132 in 2016, and peaking at 169 in 2018.
- Numbers of affected people declined significantly to 44 (the lowest number in 10 years) in 2020, this is likely due to the exceptional circumstances of lockdowns and the 'Everyone In' initiative.
- In 2024, 46 more people were seen rough sleeping in the snapshot, compared to 2023, representing a 61% increase.
- Increases in the number of people sleeping rough were seen in each constituent local authority between 2023 and 2024, apart from Dudley where numbers remained the same.

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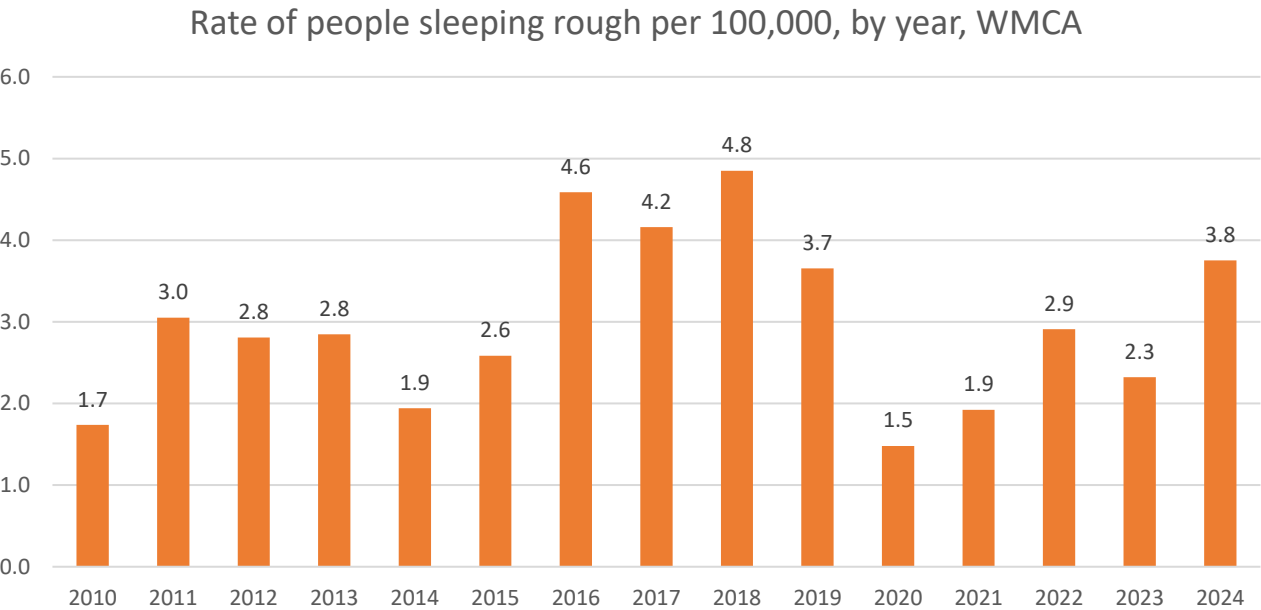
The WMCA saw a 61% increase in the number of people sleeping rough between 2023 and 2024.



- **In comparison:**

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority saw a 3% increase from 149 in 2023 to 154 in 2024.
- Liverpool City Region saw a 60% increase from 52 in 2023 to 83 in 2024.
- London saw a 16% increase from 1,132 in 2023 to 1,318 in 2024.

3.8 people per 100,000 were rough sleeping in the WMCA area in 2024.



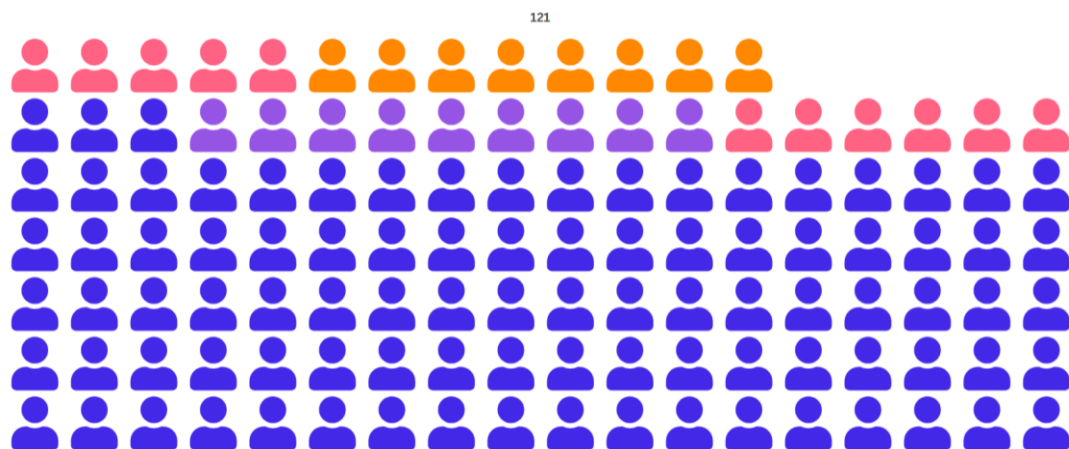
Area	Rate of people sleeping rough per 100,000, 2024
Birmingham	5.1
Coventry	4.4
Dudley	1.5
Sandwell	2.3
Solihull	5.5
Walsall	4.5
Wolverhampton	2.9
WMCA	3.8

- The rate of people sleeping rough on a single night in the WMCA area increased between 2023 and 2024 to **3.8 people per 100,000**. However, the rate is lower compared to the wider West Midlands region (5.7 people per 100,000) and England (8.1 people per 100,000).
- In 2024, the rate of people sleeping rough in the WMCA area was highest in Solihull at 5.5 people per 100,000 and the lowest in Dudley at 1.5 people per 100,000.

In 2024, most people sleeping rough in the WMCA area were male, aged over 26 and UK nationals.

Nationality of people sleeping rough in the WMCA, 2024

1 person = 1 icon
UK EU Non-EU Not-known



- In 2024, most people sleeping rough in the WMCA area were from the UK; this is similar to the national picture:
 - 77% (93 people) were from the UK, compared to 63% nationally
 - 7% (9 people) were EU nationals, compared to 16% nationally
 - 9% (11 people) were from outside the EU and the UK, compared to 11% nationally
 - 7% (8 people) were recorded as 'not known', compared to 10% nationally
- 93% of people (112 people) seen sleeping rough in the WMCA area were aged 26 and over. 6% of people (7 people) seen sleeping rough were aged between 18 and 25.
- In the WMCA area 15 out of the 121 people (12%) seen sleeping rough were women. This is a slightly lower proportion than seen nationally at 15%.