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Empty Homes

- Blackpool has a higher percentage of its total dwellings empty (4.8%) than in the Northwest Region (4.1%) and England (3.1%). (Source: HSSA 2008, DCLG)
- Blackpool has a higher percentage of its private sector dwellings empty (5.1%) than the Northwest Region (4.5%) and England (3.3%). (Source: HSSA 2008, DCLG)
- 94.2% of the empty dwellings in Blackpool were private sector dwellings compared to 88.1% in the Northwest Region and 91.3% nationally. (Source: HSSA 2008, DCLG)
- The Private Sector Stock Condition Survey 2007 estimated that 4.3% of private sector dwellings were vacant compared to the national average of approximately 3.5%. (Source: Blackpool Private Sector House Condition Survey 2007, Blackpool Council and CPC, April 2008)
- 46.4% of Blackpool's vacant private sector dwellings had been empty for more than six months compared to 54.4% in the Northwest and 47.9% nationally. (Source: HSSA 2008, DCLG).
- The Private Sector Stock Condition Survey 2007 estimated that there were 1,450 long-term vacant properties. This was 2.4% of private sector stock, which is above the approximate English average of 1.5%. (Source: Blackpool Private Sector House Condition Survey 2007, Blackpool Council and CPC, April 2008)

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Percentage Dwellings Empty as a Proportion of all Dwellings

Blackpool has a higher percentage of empty dwellings (4.8%) than in the Northwest Region (4.1%) and England (3.1%).

	Empty Dwellings	Percent of All Dwellings which are Empty	Total Dwellings
Blackpool	3,322	4.8%	69,240
Northwest	129,073	4.1%	3,111,257
England	697,055	3.1%	22,493,857

Source: HSSA 2008 Department of Communities and Local Government – Next update on release of 2009 data

Empty Dwellings in the Private Sector as a proportion of all Private Sector Dwellings

Blackpool had a higher percentage of its private sector dwellings empty (5.1%) than in the Northwest Region (4.5%) and England (3.3%).

	Total Private Sector Dwellings	Number of Private Sector Empty Dwellings	Percentage of Private Sector Dwellings which are Empty
Blackpool	61,935	3,129	5.1%
Northwest	2,526,242	113,729	4.5%
England	18,407,061	613,270	3.3%

Source: HSSA 2008, Department of Communities and Local Government – Next update on release of 2009 data

The Private Sector Stock Condition Survey took place in the latter part of 2007. It estimated that there were 2,640 vacant private sector dwellings. This was 4.3% of the private sector stock compared to the national average of approximately 3.5%.

(Source: Blackpool Private Sector House Condition Survey 2007 Blackpool Council and CPC, April 2008)

Empty Dwellings in the Private Sector as a proportion of all Empty Dwellings

94.2% of the empty dwellings in Blackpool were private sector dwellings compared to 88.1% in the Northwest Region and 91.3% in England.

	Empty Dwellings	Number of Private Sector Empty Dwellings	Percentage of Empty Dwellings in Private Sector
Blackpool	3,322	3,129	94.2%
Northwest	129,073	113,729	88.1%
England	697,055	613,270	91.3%

Source: HSSA 2008, Department of Communities and Local Government – Next update on release of 2009 data

Long Term Empty Dwellings

46.4% of Blackpool's vacant private sector dwellings had been empty for more than six months compared to just over half (54.4%) in the Northwest and 47.9% nationally. (These figures exclude those, which were empty due to agreements with private developer or partners for demolition/regeneration of housing scheme purposes.)

	Number of Private Sector Dwellings Empty More than Six Months	Number of Private Sector Dwellings Empty	Percentage of Private Sector Empty Dwellings Empty More than Six Months
Blackpool	1,451	3,129	46.4%
Northwest	61,913	113,729	54.4%
England	293,728	613,270	47.9%

Source: HSSA 2008, Department of Communities and Local Government – Next update on release of 2009 data

The Private Sector Stock Condition Survey estimated that there were 1,450 long-term vacant properties. This was 2.4% of private sector stock, which is above the English average of approximately 1.5%.

(Source: Blackpool Private Sector House Condition Survey 2007, Blackpool Council and CPC, April 2008)

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DCLG Department of Communities and Local Government

HMSO Her Majesty's Stationery Office

HSSA Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix

Where can I get further information on the issues covered in Blackpool Figures?

Blackpool Figures collects its summary information from a range of detailed reports and web sites. All sources are clearly acknowledged and referenced throughout the work. Much additional information is available within these original sources; a selection of the most frequently utilised web sites for this topic are presented below. This is not a definitive list but it does provide a useful starting point.

Selected Website Reference

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

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