

## Homelessness

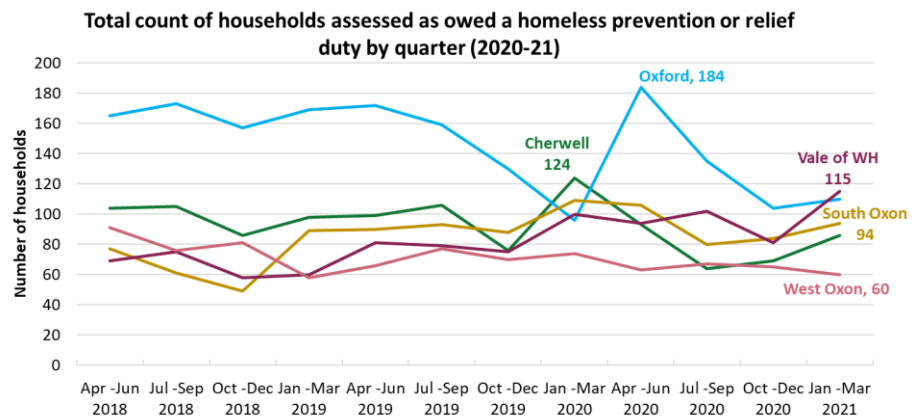
People without a home are in poorer health and live shorter lives than average. National data shows:

- 80% of homeless people reported that some form of mental health issue and 45% had a diagnosed mental health condition<sup>1</sup>.
- Two thirds of people cite drug or alcohol use as a reason for first becoming homeless<sup>2</sup>.
- 85% of people who are homeless smoke<sup>3</sup>.
- Almost two in five deaths of homeless people were related to drug poisoning<sup>4</sup>.
- People who are homeless die on average 30 years younger. In 2019, the average age at death for identified homeless deaths was 46 years for males and 43 years for females, compared with 76 years for men and 81 years for women (England and Wales)<sup>4</sup>.

In addition, research by Crisis has found that:

- Homeless people are 17 times more likely to be victims of violence<sup>5</sup>. Almost 1 in 4 female rough sleepers had been sexually assaulted<sup>6</sup>.

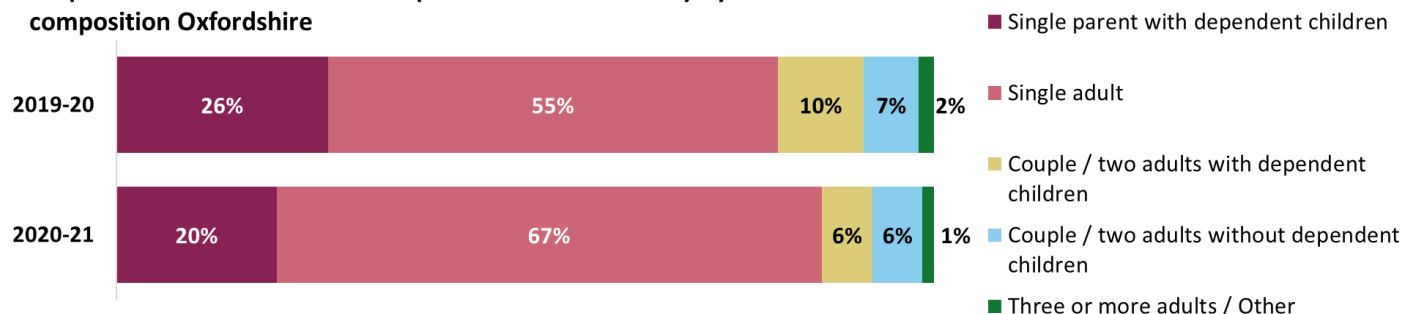
- For the financial year 2020-21, there was a total of 1,883 households assessed as owed a homelessness duty (prevention or relief) in Oxfordshire, below the previous year (1,964 in 2019-20).



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- In 2020-21, the group with the highest number of applications assessed as owed a prevention or relief duty in Oxfordshire was *Single adults* (1,254, 67%).
- Between 2019-20 and 2020-21, the proportion of households with children (single or couple) decreased and the proportion of single adult households increased.

### Proportion of households owed a prevention or relief duty by household composition Oxfordshire



- On a 'typical' night in November 2019, 64 people were sleeping rough in Oxfordshire. During the 2020 "Everyone In" response to the pandemic this figure had fallen to 38<sup>7</sup>.

[1] Homeless Link. (2014) [2] Crisis: Drugs and alcohol [3] Groundswell Report 2016 [4] ONS Deaths of homeless people 2019 [5] Crisis 2016 [6] Crisis 2013 [7] MHCLG Rough sleeping snapshot: autumn 2020