The most common reason for becoming homeless is loss of accommodation provided by relatives or friends.

- Loss of accommodation with relatives/friends: 33%
- Loss of tenancy: 20%
- Mortgage/rent arrears: 5%
- Relationship breakdown: 20%
- Other: 22%

Source: Statutory Homelessness England, Statistical Releases, DCLG; the data is for 2010; updated Mar 2011.