

## Housing in the UK

The United Kingdom has a diverse population of approximately 60 million with the majority living in England. The major towns and cities are fast expanding to cope with the increase in the population.

### **Urban Life or Countryside**

The UK offers the choice of living in urban areas or in the countryside.

In urban areas people often live in flats, although it is also possible to live in houses with gardens. It is, however, unusual for properties to have a large garden, a drive way or a garage.

In villages there is comfortable and spacious accommodation with good links to nearby city centre's which allows people to live outside of cities with the convenience of getting to work easily. This option also offers easy access to lakes, forest and woodlands during weekends.



Upon initially arriving in the UK many different types of accommodation are available to stay in. Options include renting a private house, flat sharing, staying in a hostel, private boarding or buying your own property.

### **Description of Houses**

Most houses are made of brick or stone and are joined together in rows. These are known as terraced houses. Other types of houses include detached or semi-detached houses.

Houses usually consist of bedroom(s), living and dining room, kitchen and bathroom. It is common for gardens to be located at the back of the house.

### **Architecture**

Victorian or Georgian styles are very characteristic of architecture in England and large houses have now been converted into flats.

Characteristics of Victorian houses include bay windows, iron railings, patterns in the brickwork, stained glass in doorways and windows, decorations on the walls and roofs made of slate

Characteristics of Georgian houses include pillars in the front of the house, square symmetrical shape, a paneled front door in the centre, sloping roof, paired chimneys and sash windows (windows which slide up and down).

### **Rentals:**

Once you have decided on which type of accommodation you would like, a location, and a price range, there are many different ways to find a property to buy or rent. You will find plenty to choose from, depending on your taste and budget!

Prices for renting or buying properties differ greatly depending on which part of the UK you wish to settle in; London being the most expensive.

The average rental cost in the UK was £588 per month in August 2008 when the average price of a new home in the UK was £255,787.

However, the average cost of renting in London is about:

- £110-£160 per week for a Self-contained bedsit or studio flat
  - £150-£180 per week for a 1 bedroom flat with a lounge, kitchen and bathroom
- In addition to the rent or mortgage, people need to pay Council tax and utility bills.

When you move into your accommodation you will need to find out who the current water, gas, electricity providers are. You may wish to compare their prices with their competitors and you will be free to open accounts with other providers, if you prefer to do so.

### **House/Flat Prices in the UK:**

House prices started from 100,000+ UK pounds in London.

Example

<u>Price</u>	Type	New Build	Address
£310,000	Flat	No	Flat 6, Murdoch House, Moodkee Street, London, Greater London, SE16 7BJ
£115,000	Flat	No	1013b, Finchley Road, London, Greater London, NW11 7ES
£1,100,000	Ter.	No	12, Charlton Place, London, Greater London, N1 8AJ
£279,500	Flat	No	Flat 3, Heathfielde, Lyttelton Road, London, Greater London, N2 0EE
£610,000	Semi	No	59, Heath Gardens, Twickenham, Greater London, TW1 4LY

In different parts of country:

Sale Date	<a href="#">Price</a>	Type	New Build	Address
24/08/2010	£69,995	Ter.	No	36, Lapwing Close, Bransholme, Hull, City Of Kingston Upon Hull, HU7 4SZ
23/08/2010	£63,000	Ter.	No	56, Rensburg Street, Hull, City Of Kingston Upon Hull, HU9 2NJ
23/08/2010	£87,500	Ter.	No	183, Blenheim Street, Hull, City Of Kingston Upon Hull, HU5 3PL
23/08/2010	£132,000	Semi	No	26, Cooks Gardens, Keyingham, Hull, East Riding Of Yorkshire, HU12 9SW
23/08/2010	£135,000	Det.	No	1a, Sylvia Close, Hull, City Of Kingston Upon Hull, HU6 8JF

Sale Date	<a href="#">Price</a>	Type	New Build	Address
26/08/2010	£110,000	Ter.	No	68, St Thomas Road, Birmingham, West Midlands, B23 7RG
25/08/2010	£83,000	Semi	No	141, Mill Lane, Quinton, Birmingham, West Midlands, B32 3BB
25/08/2010	£97,000	Semi	No	242, Kingstanding Road, Birmingham, West Midlands, B44 8JP
24/08/2010	£80,000	Ter.	No	75, Oak Croft, Birmingham, West Midlands, B37 5AT
24/08/2010	£60,000	Ter.	No	109, Stamford Road, Birmingham, West Midlands, B20 3PR

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27/08/2010	£115,000	Ter.	No	10, Shirley Street, Haworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD22 8DT
25/08/2010	£83,000	Ter.	No	58, Ambler Thorn, Queensbury, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD13 2DJ
24/08/2010	£137,000	Semi	No	188, Wheathead Lane, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD22 6LU
24/08/2010	£132,000	Ter.	No	10, Moor View Avenue, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD18 3LP
24/08/2010	£250,000	Det.	No	91, Mytholmes Lane, Haworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD22 8EZ

25/08/2010	£190,000	Semi	No	6, Borrowdale Crescent, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M20 2XU
25/08/2010	£133,500	Ter.	No	52, Linnets Wood Mews, Worsley, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M28 3WW
24/08/2010	£86,000	Ter.	No	29, Hallam Road, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M40 2SY
24/08/2010	£282,500	Semi	No	42, Medway Crescent, Altrincham, Greater Manchester, WA14 4UB
24/08/2010	£200,000	Det.	No	1, Hargate Close, Bury, Greater Manchester, BL9 5NU

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27/08/2010	£92,500	Det.	No	64, Hackington Road, Tyler Hill, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 9NQ
26/08/2010	£695,000	Det.	No	35, Culverden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9QU
26/08/2010	£198,000	Semi	No	13, Staffa Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 9ST
26/08/2010	£143,500	Ter.	No	4, West Marsh Close, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 8QS
26/08/2010	£210,000	Semi	No	2b, Cross Road, Birchington, Kent, CT7 9HN

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