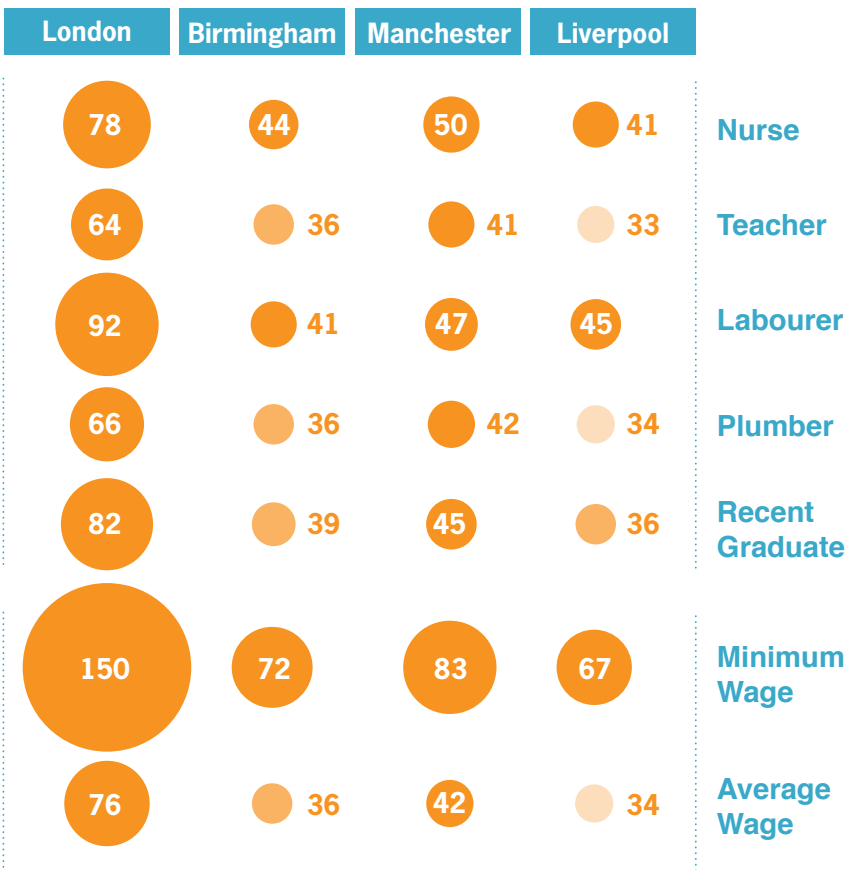


Housing is unaffordable for most people in normal jobs

PERCENTAGE OF INCOME SPENT ON HOUSING IN MAJOR UK CITIES



What does this mean?

The table below shows the percentage of wages that would be taken up by renting a 1-bedroom flat for people in different types of jobs in the 4 biggest cities in England. **For housing to be affordable it should not take up more than 35-40% of your income.**

This shows that even relatively basic accommodation (a one-bedroom flat) is barely affordable for most people with 'normal' jobs in most of the biggest cities in the UK; and is completely out of the reach of anyone with a normal job in London.

Explaining the data

Average housing costs are calculated using the Valuation Office Agency private rental market statistics, plus data on energy and water bills from the Department for Energy and Climate Change and Ofwat. Gross incomes are calculated using pay data from Government sources. These include the NHS Careers website, the government teaching careers website and the annual survey of hours and earnings. Income tax, national insurance and council tax for Band A properties net of 25% single person's discount (taken from a Department for Communities and Local Government report) are all considered.