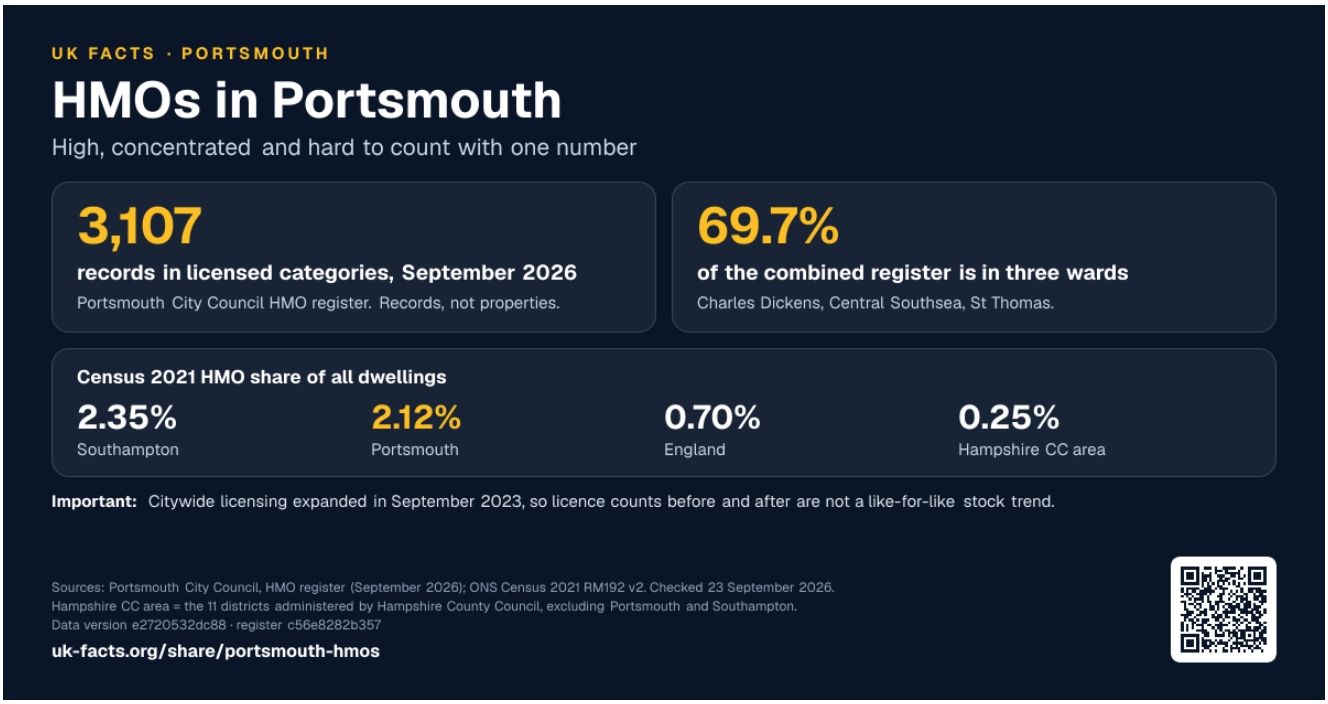
HMOs in Portsmouth

High, concentrated and hard to count with one number



Summary

3,107 records in licensed categories, September 2026. Portsmouth City Council HMO register. Records, not properties.

69.7% of the combined register is in three wards: Charles Dickens, Central Southsea, St Thomas.

Census 2021 HMO share of all dwellings: Southampton 2.35% | Portsmouth 2.12% | England 0.70% | Hampshire CC area 0.25%.

Important: Citywide licensing expanded in September 2023, so licence counts before and after are not a like-for-like stock trend.

Text description

Portsmouth had 3,107 records in licensed HMO categories in September 2026. 69.7% of the combined register was in Charles Dickens, Central Southsea and St Thomas. Census 2021 identified HMOs at 2.12% of Portsmouth dwellings, compared with 2.35% in Southampton, 0.70% in England and 0.25% in the Hampshire County Council area. Licence coverage expanded in September 2023, so licence counts are not a continuous measure of HMO stock.

Sources and version

Sources: Portsmouth City Council, HMO register (September 2026); ONS Census 2021 RM192 v2. Checked 23 September 2026.

Hampshire CC area = the 11 districts administered by Hampshire County Council, excluding Portsmouth and Southampton.

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