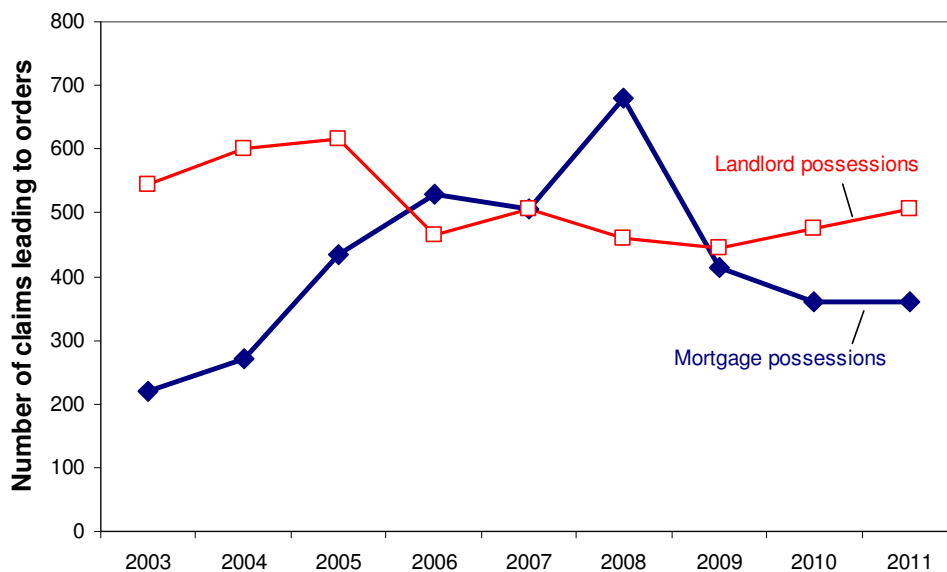


## Mortgage and Landlord possession claims leading to court orders in Somerset

In Somerset, as in the country as a whole, mortgage possession claims leading to orders have stabilised well below the levels of 2008. However, the number of landlord possession orders has reached a four-year high (see Figure 1 below).

Figure 1 Annual trends in mortgage and landlord possession claims leading to court orders in Somerset, 2003 to 2011



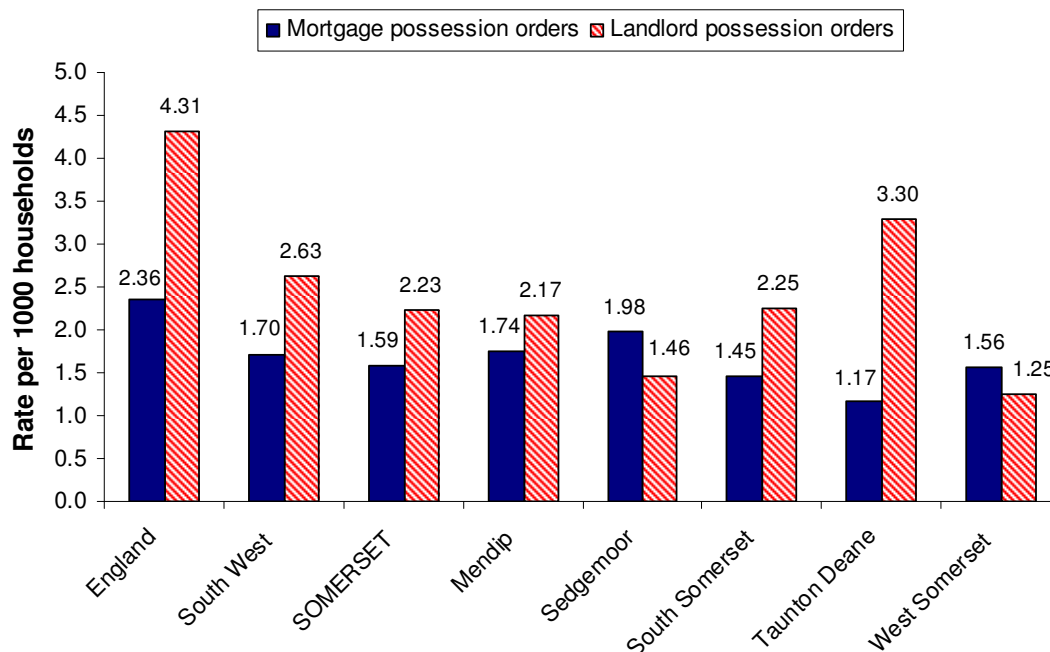
Source: Ministry of Justice

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/civil-justice/mortgage-possession>

Expressed as a rate per thousand households, Somerset has a small number of possession claims leading to court orders, for both mortgages and landlords, compared with England and the South West region (see Figure 2)

Of the five districts in the county, in 2011 South Somerset has the most claims leading to orders of both types. However, relative to the number of households in each district, Sedgemoor has the highest rate for mortgage possession orders and Taunton Deane the highest for landlord possession orders.

Figure 2 Mortgage and landlord possession claims leading to court orders as a rate per thousand households, 2011



Source: Ministry of Justice <http://www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/civil-justice/mortgage-possession>

Notes:

- The figures represent court actions for possession and not actual homes reposessed. Repossessions can occur without a court order being made, while not all court orders result in repossession taking place.
- The statistics on possession actions per 1,000 households in England up to and including 2009 are based on 2006 household estimates for England, published by the Department of Communities and Local Government. Those from 2010 onwards are based on 2008
- Figures below England and Wales level are rounded to the nearest 5. The 'per 1,000 households' figures are based on 2006 household estimates for England, published by the Department of Communities and Local Government. Those from 2010 onwards are based on 2008.