

Looking to rent social housing in Lichfield District?

What you can expect

We manage the [Lichfield District Homes Register](#) in partnership with housing associations across the district. The register lets eligible local people bid on social housing in the district. Because there is limited social housing in the district, housing is allocated to residents in the greatest housing need.



We've put this snapshot together to help anyone looking for a social rented home in the district (whether you are a new applicant or want to move between social rented homes) to understand what to expect¹.

How many people were on the register?

784 people applied or were waiting on the register to find a new home for them or their family.

784 people waiting

How many homes were advertised on the register?

553 homes were advertised. Of these, **329 homes were let** within the year. Homes that were not let, didn't meet people's needs – for example not enough bedrooms or not the right area.

553 homes advertised

Who were offered properties (based on their priority band)?

Nearly half (48%) of the properties advertised were let to residents in **priority band 1**, 37% were let to residents in the **emergency band** and the remainder (15%) to residents in **priority band 2**.

Every applicant on our register is given a priority band based on their circumstances. Their banding affects how their bids are shortlisted, and their chance of being offered a property. You can be placed in one of three bands – emergency, band 1 or band 2 – [find out more](#).



How many bedrooms did properties have?

Most properties had either **one bedroom** (36%) or **two bedrooms** (41%).

Only 68 properties had three bedrooms and just 5 had four bedrooms.

How many people are currently waiting for a new home on the register?

331 people are currently waiting for a new home. 145 people need a one-bedroom property, 55 need a two-bedroom property, 81 need a three-bedroom property and 50 need four or more bedrooms.

These figures are just a snapshot in time and change every day but give a good idea of who is on the register at any one time.

¹ Figures are based on 2021/2022. An updated report on 2022/2023's figures will be released in late 2023.

How long do people tend to wait?

Waiting times vary considerably and depend on your priority band, how many bedrooms you need, and what areas you are happy to live in. People who need one-bedroom properties (regardless of their banding) wait the shortest time (148 days), and those in the emergency band also have a shorter wait (156 days). Anyone looking for a four-bedroom property could wait more than a year and half for a property, depending on their priority band.

**Between
148 &
588 days**

Average wait times by priority band	
Emergency	156 days
Band 1	230 days
Band 2	203 days

Average wait times by bedroom need	
1 bedroom	148 days
2 bedrooms	185 days
3 bedrooms	312 days
4 or more bedrooms	588 days

Where were most properties advertised?

Most properties were let in Alrewas and Fradley, St John’s in Lichfield and Summerfield & All Saints in Burntwood ([download street maps](#)).

Area	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 or more bedrooms
Alrewas & Fradley	9	20	13	1
St John’s Lichfield	6	31	14	1
Summerfield & All Saints	3	24	25	0

Where did most people want to live?

Most people waiting on the register would prefer to live in Boley Park, Chase Terrace or Curborough. **Very few properties were available in these areas.**

Area	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 or more bedrooms
Boley Park	26	10	6	5
Chase Terrace	13	7	10	8
Curborough	12	7	9	10

Have any new social rented properties been built?

188 new build properties were created for social rent. New properties continue to be built, but the number of new build social rented properties are expected to drop in coming years.

**188 new
homes built**

How many people applied to join the register?

4,746 people applied. Just 17% of these (784) were eligible and were able to bid on properties. **The number of applications has contributed to customer wait times.**

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To view a map of where social rented properties are located visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/districthomesmap