

Looking to rent social housing in Lichfield District?

What you can expect 2023

Lichfield District Council manages 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 joined the register last year?

Of the 1,114 people who applied, 573 were eligible to join the housing register to find a new home for them or their family.

573 people joined

How many homes were advertised on the register?

627 homes were advertised. Of these, **448 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.

627 homes advertised

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

Just over half (52%) of the properties advertised were let to residents in **priority band 1**, 27% were let to residents in the **emergency band** and the remainder (21%) 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 (38%)** or **two bedrooms (39%)**.

Only 94 (21%) properties had three bedrooms and just 10 (2%) had four bedrooms.

How many people are currently waiting for a new home?

404 people are currently waiting for a new home. 169 people need a one-bedroom property, 84 need a two-bedroom property, 97 need a three-bedroom property and 54 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 2022/2023. An updated report on 2023/2024's figures will be released in late 2024.

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 (35 days), and those in the emergency band also have a shorter wait (154 days). Anyone looking for a four-bedroom property could wait more than a year for a property, depending on their priority band.

**Between
35 & 416
days**

Average wait times by priority band

Emergency	154 days
Band 1	203 days
Band 2	89 days

Average wait times by bedroom need

1 bedroom	35 days
2 bedrooms	91 days
3 bedrooms	248 days
4 or more bedrooms	416 days

Where were most properties advertised?

Most properties were let in St John's in Lichfield, Alrewas and Fradley and Stowe in Lichfield ([download street maps](#)).

Properties advertised in each area	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 or more bedrooms
St John's	23	55	13	1
Alrewas and Fradley	9	37	21	2
Stowe	19	29	8	2

Where did most people want to live?

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

People waiting in each area	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 or more bedrooms
Chase Terrace	15	19	18	7
Boley Park	28	10	12	5
Curborough	15	8	12	10

Have any new social rented properties been built?

166 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.

**166 new
homes built**

How many people applied to join the register?

1,114 people applied. Just 51% of these (573) were eligible and were able to bid on properties. **The number of applications has contributed to customer wait times.**

**1,114
applications**

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