

# Looking to rent social housing in Lichfield District?

## What you can expect 2024

Lichfield District Council manages the [Lichfield District Homes Register](#) in partnership with housing associations across the district. The register lets eligible 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 expect<sup>1</sup>.**

### How many people joined the register last year?

Of the 1,227 people who applied, 687 were eligible to join the housing register to find a new home for them or their family.

**687 people  
joined the  
register**

### 435 homes advertised

#### How many homes were advertised on the register?

435 homes were advertised. Of these, **377 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.

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

A third of properties advertised were let to residents in the **emergency band**, over half (64%) were let to residents in **priority band 1**, and the remainder (6%) 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 that we let had either **one bedroom** (40%) or **two bedrooms** (40%).

**Only 72 (19%) properties had three bedrooms, and just 4 (1%) had four bedrooms.**

### How many people are currently waiting for a new home?

**530 people** are currently waiting for a new home. 218 people need a one-bedroom property, 109 need a two-bedroom property, 135 need a three-bedroom property and 68 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.

<sup>1</sup> Figures are based on 2023/2024. An updated report on 2024/2025's figures will be released in late 2025.

## 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 two-bedroom properties (regardless of their banding) wait the shortest time (110 days), and those in the emergency band also have a shorter wait (110 days). **Anyone looking for a four-bedroom property could wait more than a year for a property, depending on their priority band.**

**Between  
103 &  
370 days**

Based on priority band **or** bedroom need alone, the average wait times last year were:

Average wait times by priority band	
Emergency	<b>110 days</b>
Band 1	<b>201 days</b>
Band 2	<b>195 days</b>

Average wait times by bedroom need	
1 bedroom	<b>160 days</b>
2 bedrooms	<b>110 days</b>
3 bedrooms	<b>308 days</b>
4 or more bedrooms	<b>256 days</b>

Based on priority band **and** bedroom need, the average waiting times last year were:

Average wait times - emergency band	
One bedroom	<b>141 days</b>
Two bedrooms	<b>125 days</b>
Three bedrooms	<b>182 days</b>
Four+ bedrooms	<b>256 days</b>

No data available for band 2, 3 bedrooms, or bands 1& 2, 4 bedrooms.

Average wait times – band 1 & 2	
Band 1, 1 bedroom	<b>161 days</b>
Band 1, 2 bedrooms	<b>103 days</b>
Band 1, 3 bedrooms	<b>370 days</b>
Band 2, 1 bedroom	<b>230 days</b>
Band 2, 2 bedrooms	<b>140 days</b>

## Where were most properties advertised?

Most properties were let in Whittington & Streethay, Alrewas & Fradley and Stowe. Visit [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/districthomesmap](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/districthomesmap) to see where local social rented homes are located.

Area	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4+ bedrooms
Whittington & Streethay	11	28	7	0
Alrewas and Fradley	12	13	6	1
Stowe, Lichfield City	15	6	9	1

## Where do most people want to live?

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

People waiting in each area	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4+ bedrooms
Boley Park	32	15	15	5
Curborough	19	8	17	12
Chasetown	19	11	17	4

## Have any new social rented properties been built?

190 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.

**190 new  
homes built**

## How many people applied to join the register?

1,227 people applied. Just 56% of these (687) were eligible and were able to bid on properties. **The number of applications has contributed to customer wait times.**

**1,227  
applications**