



Housing Key Facts

Housing Register Applications & Lettings

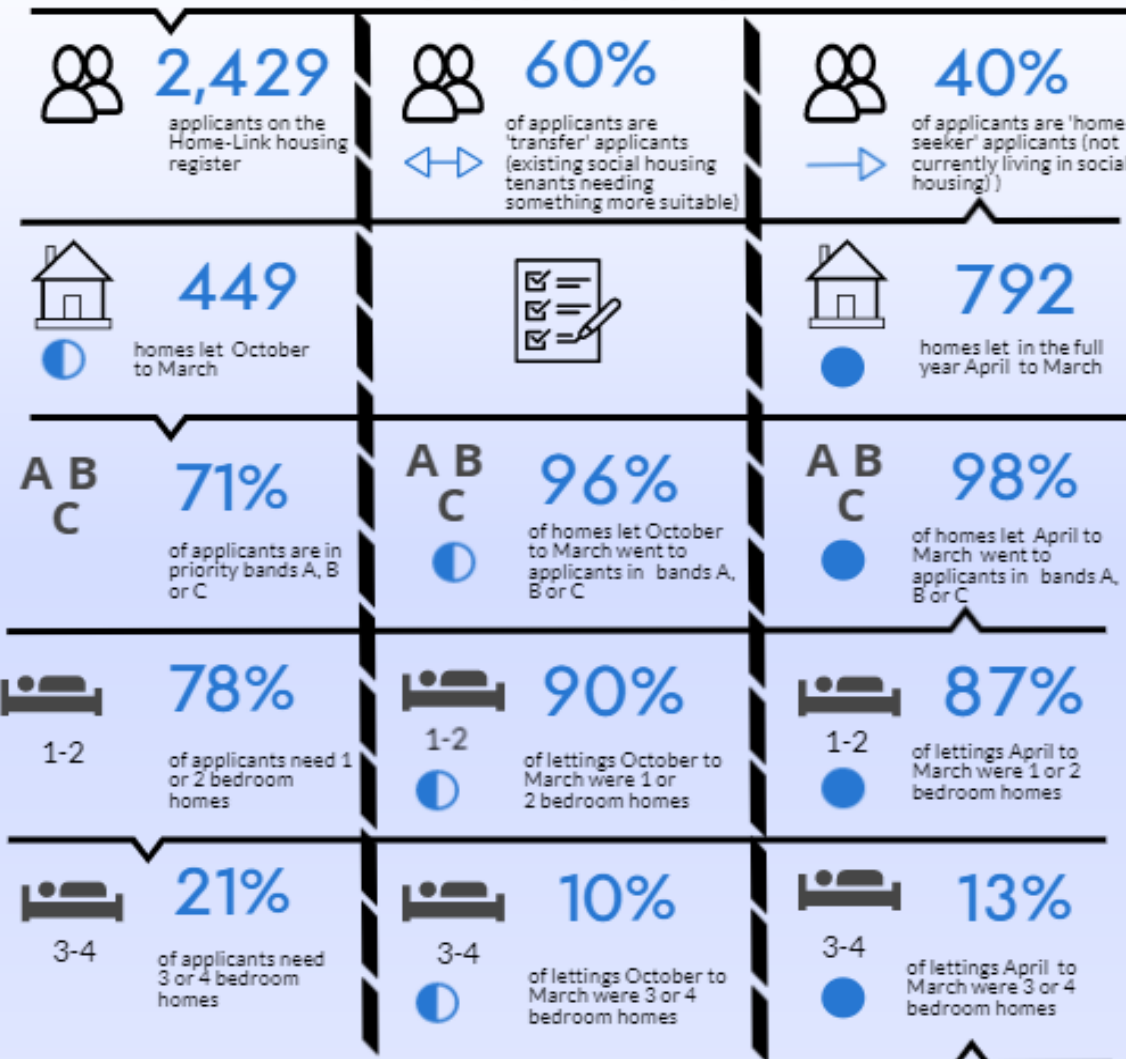
Summary, Commentary & Data Tables

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Applications and Lettings: Summary

- There are **2,429** applicant households on the housing register
- **60%** of applicants are 'transfer' applicants (existing social housing tenants needing something more suitable)
- **40%** of applicants are 'homeseeker' applicants (not currently living in social housing)
- **449** homes were let October last year to March this year
- **792** homes were let last April to March
- **71%** of applicants are in priority bands A, B or C
- **96%** of homes let October to March, and **98%** of homes let last April to March went to applicants in bands A,B or C
- **78%** of applicants need 1 or 2 bedroom homes
- **90%** of lettings October to March, and **87%** of lettings last April to March were 1 or 2 bedroom homes.
- **21%** of applicants need 3 or 4 bedroom homes
- **10%** of lettings October to March, and **13%** of lettings last April to March were 3 or 4 bedroom homes.

Applications and Lettings: Commentary

- There is high demand for social housing. Each year there are around three to four times more applicants on the register than homes let. The reality is that some of these may never be housed.
- Although housing register numbers dropped after 2019 when all applicants had to reapply, demand has been increasing year on year.
- Although demand still far outstrips supply, the number of lettings 2022-23 was considerably larger than in previous years. This was mainly due to the number of new-build homes becoming available, including through the council's own house-building programme and other Registered Providers.

- The main demand over recent years has been for one-bedroom homes, and the majority of lets are also of one and two bedroom homes.
 - Around one fifth of applicants on the register need three and four bedroom homes but a smaller proportion of those sizes of home have become available over recent years.
 - The current financial crisis is likely to lead to a further increase in demand for social housing.
 - See also the Council Housing, New Homes, and Homelessness & Rough Sleeping sections of Housing Key Facts.
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Housing Register Applicants Data

Explanation

Data shows applicant households with a status of 'live' on the council's Home-Link housing register, although not including those waiting to be validated.

Priority banding and size of home needed is based on the council's [Lettings Policy](#) and depends on the household's circumstances.

Homes let to applicants are a mixture of council homes and homes owned by Private Registered Providers (Housing Associations).

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Data source

Home-Link Housing Register

Home-seeker and transfer applicants

Table 1: Applicants: home-seekers and transfers, March

Date	Home-seeker applicants	Transfer applicants	Unknown applicant type	Total applicants
Mar-23	1,464	962	3	2,429

Figure 1: Applicants: home-seekers and transfers, March

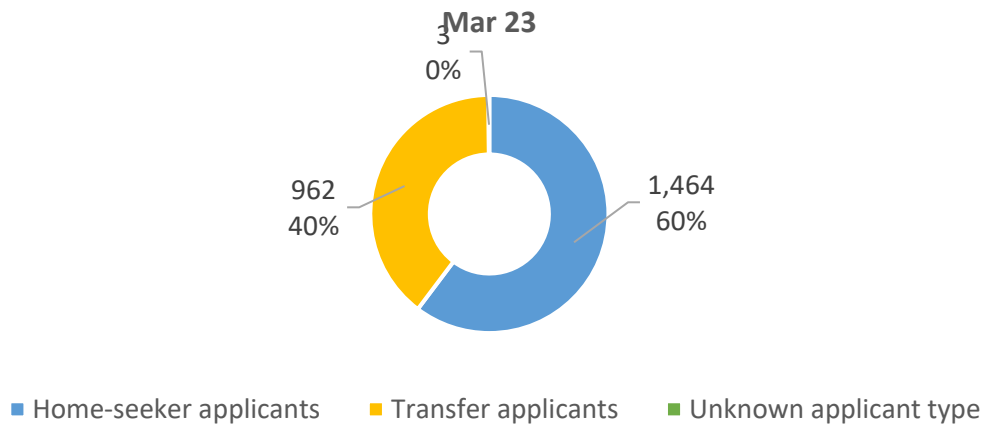


Table 2: Applicants: home-seekers and transfers, last five years

Date	Homeseeker applicants	Transfer applicants	Unknown applicant type	Total applicants
Mar-19	1,909	628	not available	2,537
Mar-20	946	627	not available	1,573
Mar-21	1,143	780	not available	1,923
Mar-22	1,260	928	2	2,190
Mar-23	1,464	962	3	2,429

Applicants by priority banding

Table 3: Applicants by priority banding, March

Date	Applicants Band A	Applicants Band B	Applicants Band C	Applicants Band D/D*	Unknown Banding	Total Applicants
Mar-23	202	612	904	711	0	2,429

Figure 2: Applicants by priority banding, March

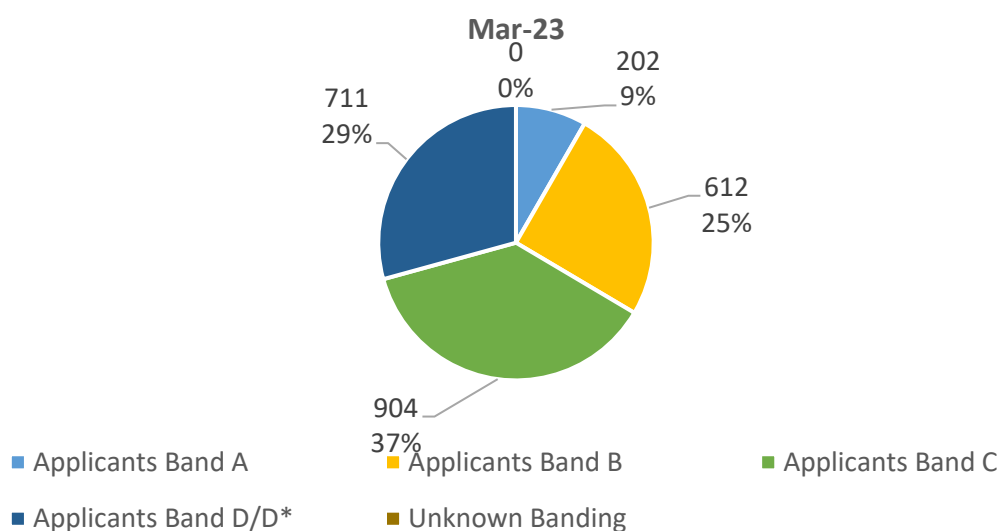


Table 4: Applicants by priority banding, last five years

Date	Applicants Band A	Applicants Band B	Applicants Band C	Applicants Band D/D*	Unknown Banding	Total Applicants
Mar-19	139	338	1,011	1,049	not available	2,537
Mar-20	126	386	631	430	not available	1,573
Mar-21	137	493	780	513	not available	1,923
Mar-22	188	569	781	652	0	2,190
Mar-23	202	612	904	711	0	2,429

Applicants by size of home required

Table 5: Applicants by size of home required, March

Date	Applicants 1 bed	Applicants 2 bed	Applicants 3 bed	Applicants 4 bed+	Unknown size need	Total applicants
Mar-23	1,328	581	405	115	0	2,429

Figure 3: Applicants by size of home required, March

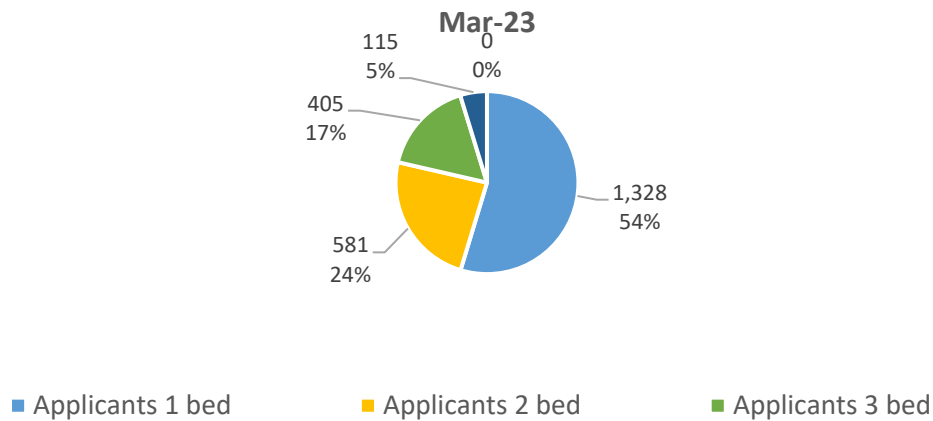


Table 6: Applicants by size of home required, by year, last five years

Date	Applicants 1 bed	Applicants 2 bed	Applicants 3 bed	Applicants 4 bed+	Unknown size need	Total applicants
Mar-19	1,700	609	178	51	not available	2,537
Mar-20	897	409	220	47	not available	1,573
Mar-21	1,096	481	269	77	not available	1,923
Mar-22	1,192	566	335	96	1	2,190
Mar-23	1,328	581	405	115	0	2,429

Lettings Data

Explanation

Data shows council and housing association homes let to applicant households on the council's Home-Link housing register. As stated previously, priority banding and size of home needed is based on the council's Lettings Policy and depends on the household's circumstances. Some applicants may have been housed outside of Cambridge.

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Home-Link Housing Register.

Sizes of homes let

Table 7: Lettings by size, October to March

Year	1 bed lets	2 bed lets	3 bed lets	4 bed+ lets	Total lettings
October 2022 to March 2023	219	185	35	10	449

Figure 4: Lettings by size, October to March

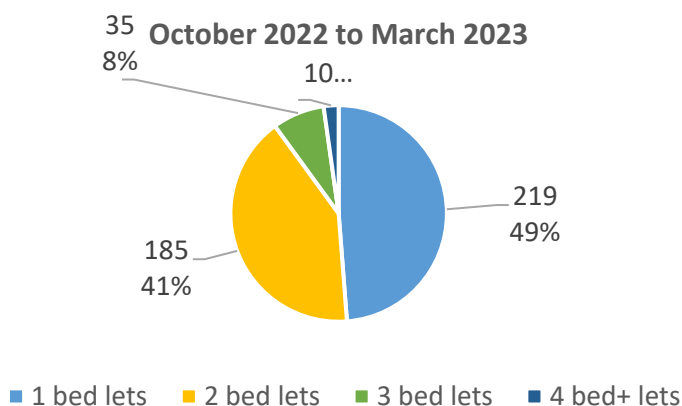


Table 8: Lettings by size, last five years

Year	1 bed lets	2 bed lets	3 bed lets	4 bed+ lets	Total lettings
April 2018-March 2019	216	243	71	10	540
April 2019-March 2020	234	232	71	4	541
April 2020-March 2021	242	220	64	8	534
April 2021-March 2022	227	204	68	5	504
April 2022-March 2023	342	348	89	13	792

Lettings by applicant priority banding

Table 9: Lettings by applicant priority banding, October to March

Date	Band A lets	Band B lets	Band C lets	Band D/D* lets	Banding Unknown	Total lettings
October 2022 to March 2023	195	166	72	16	0	449

Figure 5: Lettings by applicant priority banding, October to March

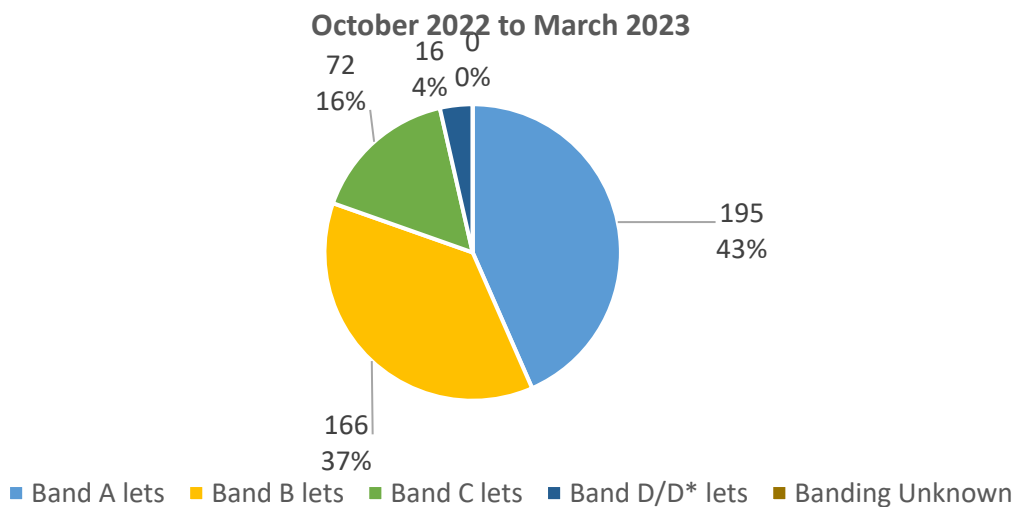


Table 10: Lettings by applicant priority banding, last five years

Year	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D/D*	Unknown	Total lettings
April 2018-March 2019	174	232	89	38	7	540
April 2019-March 2020	237	207	64	33	0	541
April 2020-March 2021	225	220	67	22	0	534
April 2021-March 2022	244	174	50	36	0	504
April 2022-March 2023	394	277	98	23	0	792

Table 11: Lettings by size by priority banding, April to March

April 2022 to March 2023	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D/D*	Unknown	Total
1 bed	144	105	77	16	0	342
2 beds	165	149	27	7	0	348
3 beds	69	20	0	0	0	89
4 beds plus	13	0	0	0	0	13