

(CCC) Homelessness

For each of the following questions, please provide the data from 2015-2021 (or as up-to-date as possible), divided by month. If you have a breakdown of details such as geographical area, sex, or age that would also be useful.

1. How many people in Cambridge have made a homeless application to the council?
2. How many people have been provided with interim accommodation pursuant to s.188 (1) of the Housing Act 1966?
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Response:

Please note the following additional points:

The spread sheet has individual worksheet for each calendar year. Data is only available for the period from April 2018 9the inception of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017). We have shown the data broken down by recorded Sex. It is unclear what was meant by 'geographical area' in relationship to this data, but it is not possible easily to show the area of the applicant's last settled home. It is also not clear how you would like applicant ages to be banded. If you require this information, please submit a separate request with your exact requirement specified.

Because the data is shown monthly, if a person has made more than one homeless presentation to the Council, they will be shown more than once. The sum of all records does not therefore equal the total number of unique applicants who have made a homeless application exactly.

Registration of a homeless application does not equate to the number of households accepted as owed a homelessness prevention or relief duty. Some applicants will have been found to be ineligible or not homeless / threatened with homelessness (or they withdrew their application before assessment).

'Provided with interim accommodation' for the purposes of this data means started a stay in interim accommodation of any length during that month. If the stay extended into a subsequent month, the stay is not counted in the numbers in subsequent month(s).

Many local authorities accommodated rough sleepers who are not in apparent priority need during the pandemic, using S189 powers. This authority has largely used alternative powers afforded by S1 of the Localism Act 2011, because many individuals did not want to make formal homeless applications. This means that the data here does not capture all the placements made during the pandemic – only those where a homeless application was made.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
