



Housing Key Facts

Housing Register Applications & Lettings

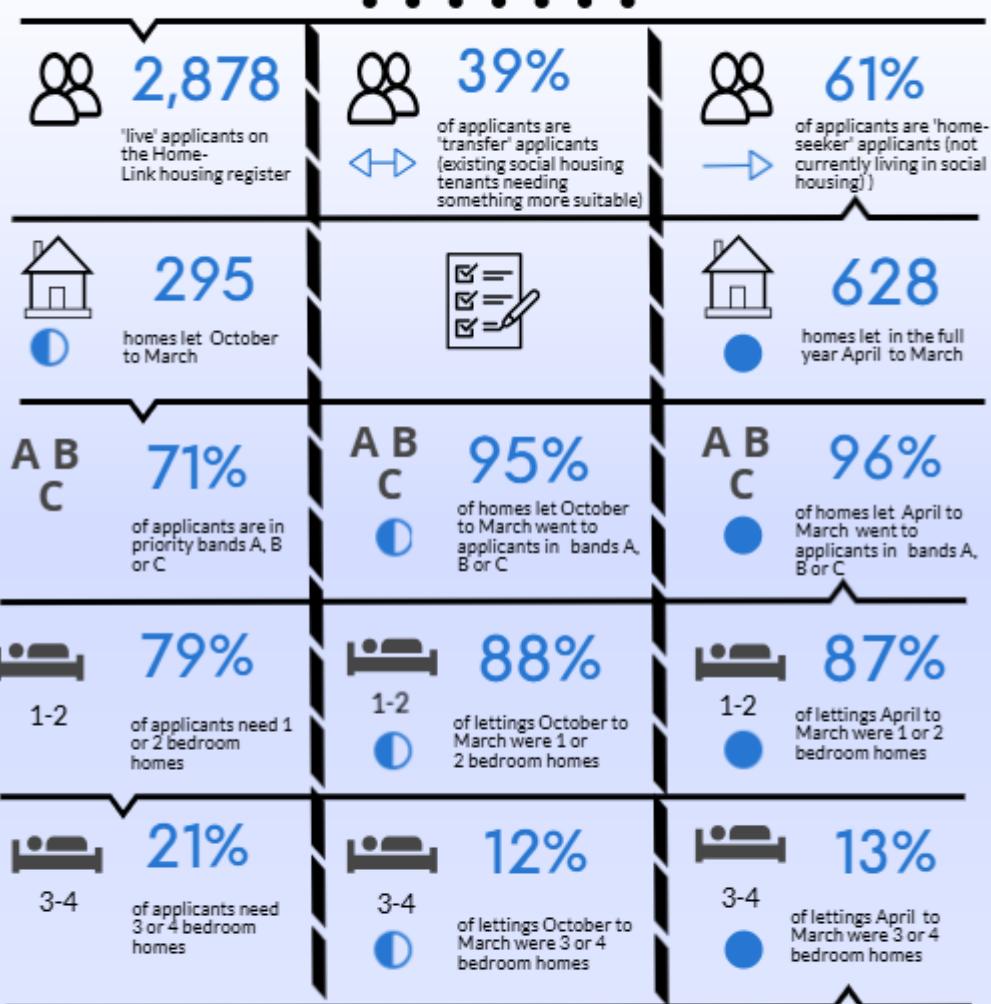
Summary, Commentary & Data Tables

March 2025

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Applications and Lettings: Summary

- There are 2,878 'live' applicant households on the housing register
- 39% of applicants are 'transfer' applicants (existing social housing tenants needing something more suitable)
- 61% of applicants are 'homeseeker' applicants (not currently living in social housing)
- 295 homes were let October last year to March this year
- 628 homes were let last April to March
- 71% of applicants are in priority bands A, B or C
- 95% of homes let October to March, and 96% of homes let last April to March went to applicants in bands A,B or C
- 79% of applicants need 1 or 2 bedroom homes
- 88% 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
- 12% of lettings October to March, and 13% of lettings last April to March were 3 or 4 bedroom homes.

Applications and Lettings: Commentary

- There remains high demand for social housing, with demand far outstripping supply.
- Lack of supply compared with demand is reflected in numbers of housing register applicants having risen steadily over the last five years. There is emerging evidence nationally that the number of private rental home may be reducing, with numbers of rentals coming onto the market falling and some private landlords reportedly withdrawing from the market. This, together with other factors such as ongoing issues with the economy may contribute towards further increases in demand going forward.
- Numbers of lettings over the last three full financial years were higher than in the previous years, due partly to the number of new-build homes becoming available, including through the council's own house-building programme.

- The gap between the number of applicants and the number of homes becoming available homes has narrowed slightly this year due to the higher number of lets. However, in March this year there were still over four times more applicants on the register than homes let during the year to that date. It remains the case that some applicants may never be housed.
- The main demand over recent years has been for one-bedroom homes, and the majority of lets are also of one & two bedroom homes.
- Around one fifth of applicants on the register need three & four bedroom homes but a smaller proportion of those sizes of home have become available over recent years, and during April to September this year, compared with applicant demand.
- 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-25	1,768	1,110	0	2,878

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

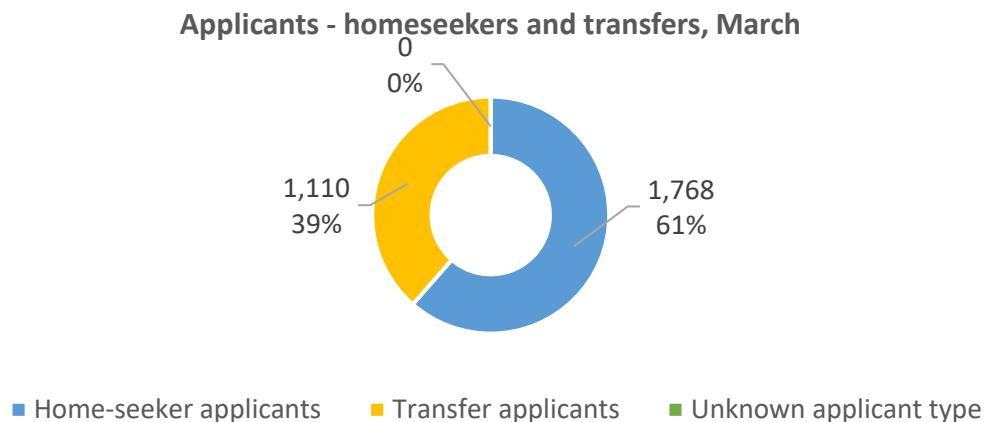


Table 2: Applicants: home-seekers and transfers, last five years

Date	Homeseeker applicants	Transfer applicants	Unknown applicant type	Total applicants
Mar-21	1,119	778	4	1,901
Mar-22	1,259	927	2	2,188
Mar-23	1,463	962	3	2,428
Mar-24	1,657	1,038	0	2,695
Mar-25	1,768	1,110	0	2,878

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-25	319	678	1,041	840	0	2,878

Figure 2: Applicants by priority banding, March

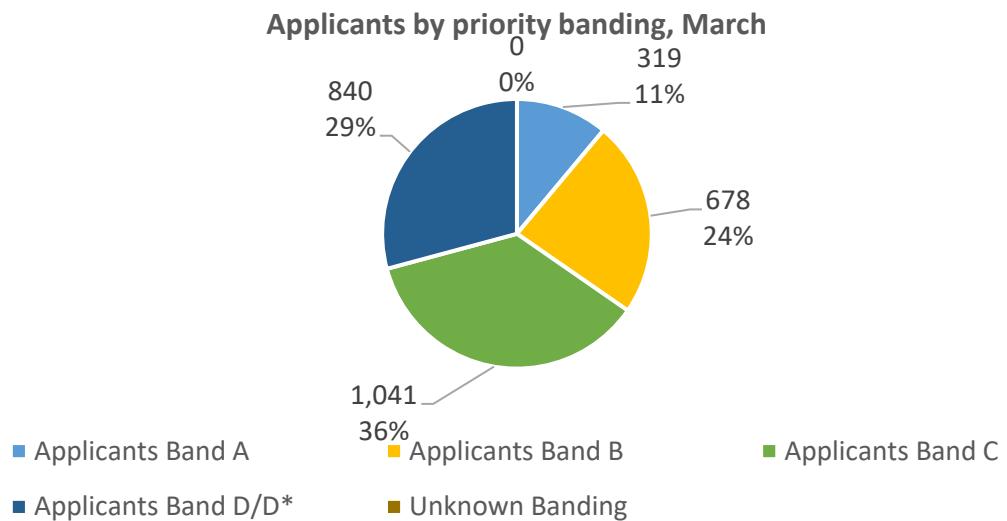


Table 4: Applicants by priority banding, last five years

Date	Applicants Band A	Applicants Band B	Applicants Band C	Applicants Band D/D*	Unknown Banding	Total Applicants
Mar-21	376	489	618	418	0	1,901
Mar-22	188	568	781	651	0	2,188
Mar-23	202	611	904	711	0	2,428
Mar-24	213	703	1,000	779	0	2,695
Mar-25	319	678	1,041	840	0	2,878

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-25	1,694	577	448	159	0	2,878

Figure 3: Applicants by size of home required, March

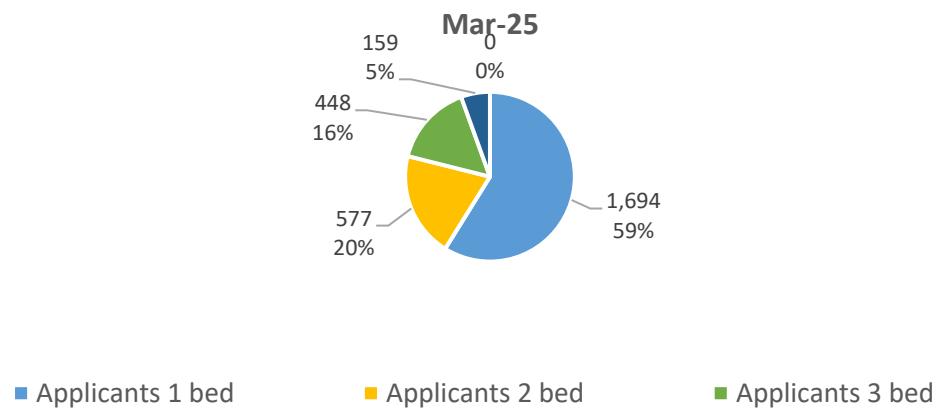


Table 6: Applicants by size of home required, by year, last five years

Date	Applicants 1 bed	Applicants 2 bed	Applicants 3 bed	Applicants 4 bed+	Unknown size need	Total applicants
Mar-21	1,031	464	309	97	0	1,901
Mar-22	1,191	566	335	95	1	2,188
Mar-23	1,328	581	405	114	0	2,428
Mar-24	1,528	577	449	141	0	2,695
Mar-25	1,694	577	448	159	0	2,878

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 2024 to March 2025	130	130	32	3	295

Figure 4: Lettings by size, October to March

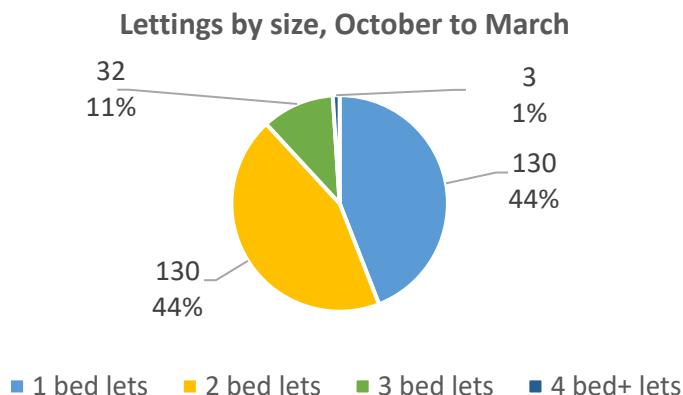


Table 8: Lettings by size, last five years

Year	1 bed lets	2 bed lets	3 bed lets	4 bed+ lets	Total lettings
April 2020-March 2021	153	149	43	7	352
April 2021-March 2022	197	129	41	3	370
April 2022-March 2023	309	237	67	2	615
April 2023-March 2024	254	199	72	3	528
April 2024-Mar 2025	290	257	72	9	628

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 2024 to March 2025	183	72	24	16	0	295

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

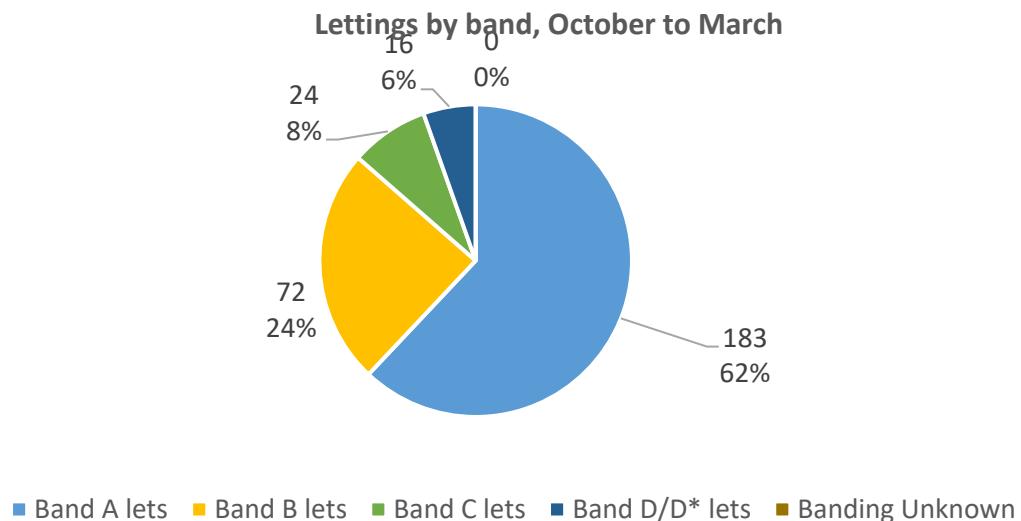


Table 10: Lettings by applicant priority banding, last five years

Year	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D/D*	Unknown	Total lettings
April 2020-March 2021	163	125	34	20	10	352
April 2021-March 2022	178	117	39	26	10	370
April 2022-March 2023	308	193	83	22	9	615
April 2023-March 2024	288	176	42	14	8	528
April 2024-March 2025	358	183	63	24	0	628

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

April 2024 to March 2025	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D/D*	Unknown	Total
1 bed	173	68	43	6	0	290
2 beds	120	106	19	12	0	257
3 beds	59	8	1	4	0	72
4 beds plus	6	1	0	2	0	9
Total lets	358	183	63	24	0	628