



## **Housing Key Facts**

# **Housing Register Applications & Lettings**

**Summary, Commentary & Data Tables**

**September 2023**

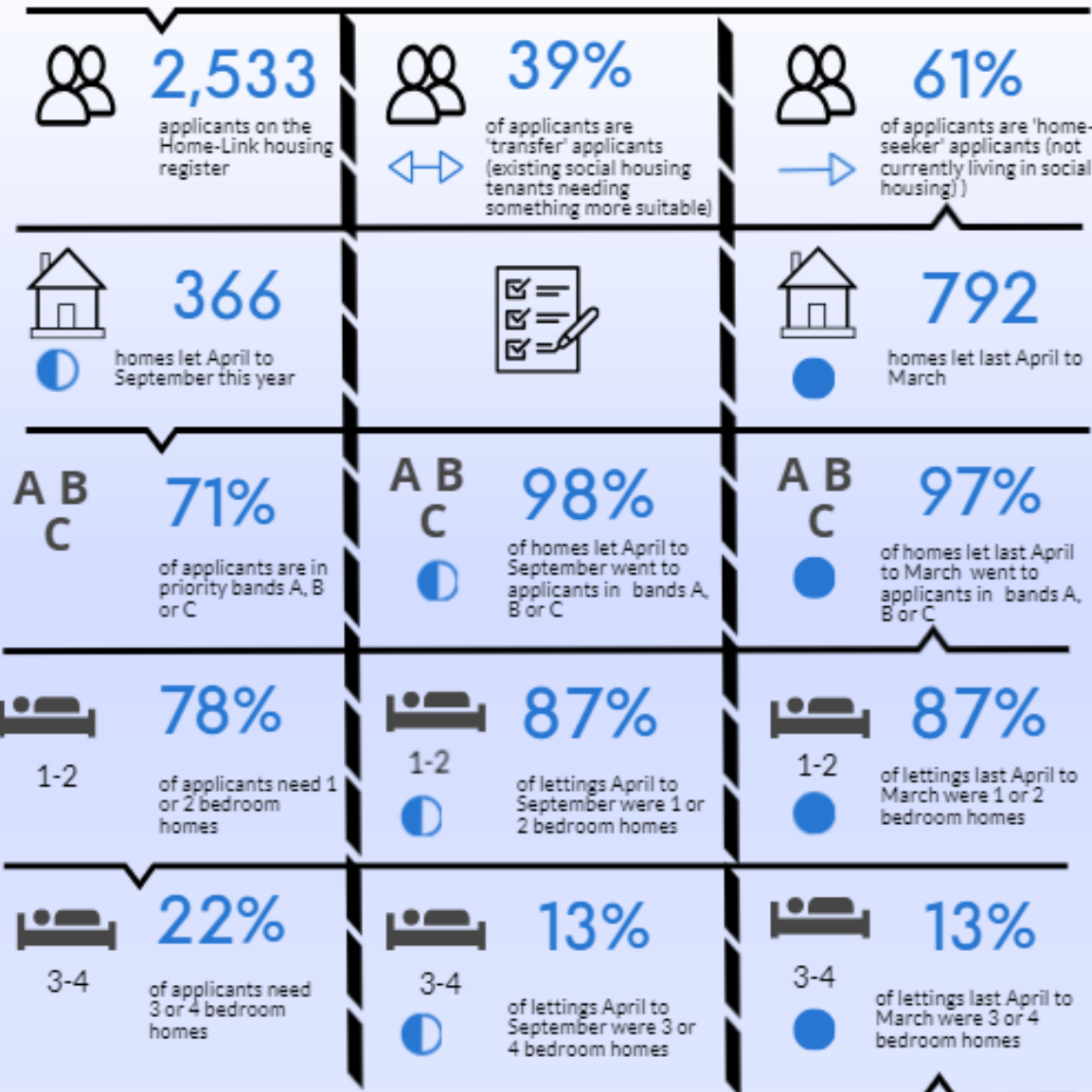
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# Housing Register Applications & Lettings Summary

September 2023



## Applications and Lettings: Summary

- There are **2,533** 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)
- **366** homes were let April to September this year
- **792** homes were let last April to March
- **71%** of applicants are in priority bands A, B or C
- **98%** of homes let April to September, and **97%** 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
- **87%** of lettings April to September, and **87%** of lettings last April to March were 1 or 2 bedroom homes.
- **22%** of applicants need 3 or 4 bedroom homes
- **13%** of lettings April to September, and **13%** of lettings last April to March were 3 or 4 bedroom homes.

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## Applications and Lettings: Commentary

- There is high demand for social housing, with demand far outstripping the number of homes becoming available each year.
- Although housing register numbers dropped after 2019 when all applicants had to re-apply they have since risen again to similar levels.
- Lettings were considerably higher in 2022-23 than in the previous four years, partly due to the number of new-build homes becoming available.
- 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 and during April to September this year.
  - 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.
  - The current financial crisis is likely to lead to a further increase in demand for social housing which could lead to further rises in the number of housing register applicants.
  - As well as existing homes being re-let when they become vacant, some of the supply coming forward is of new homes. Alongside homes delivered through other Registered Providers, the council is continuing to deliver more homes for applicants on the housing register through its own house-building programme.
  - 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

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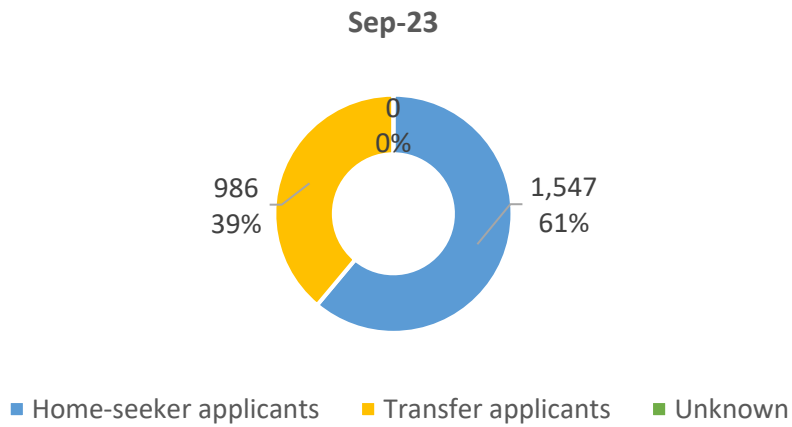
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## Home-seeker and transfer applicants

**Table 1: Applicants: home-seekers and transfers, September**

Date	Home-seeker applicants	Transfer applicants	Unknown	Total applicants
Sep-23	1,547	986	0	<b>2,533</b>

**Figure 1: Applicants: home-seekers and transfers, September**



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

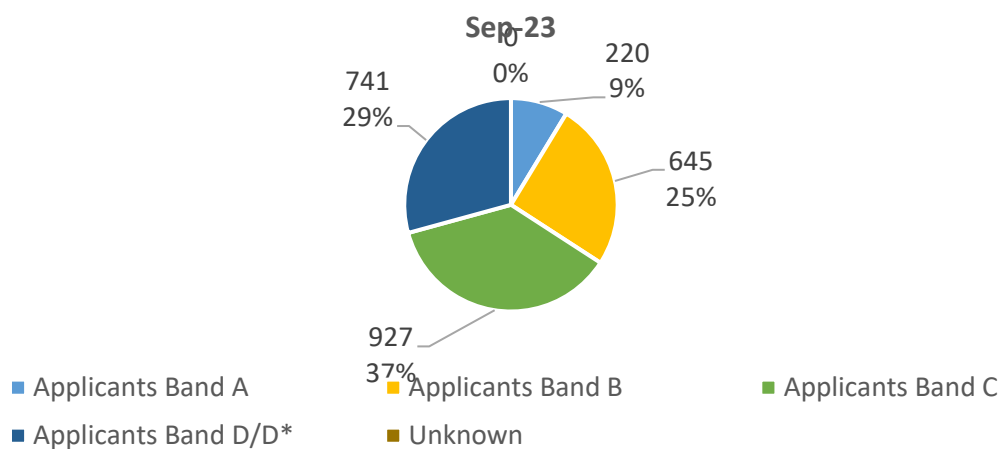
Date	Homeseeker applicants	Transfer applicants	Unknown applicant type	Total applicants
Mar-19	1,909	628	not available	<b>2,537</b>
Mar-20	946	627	not available	<b>1,573</b>
Mar-21	1,143	780	not available	<b>1,923</b>
Mar-22	1,260	928	2	<b>2,190</b>
Mar-23	1,464	962	3	<b>2,429</b>

## Applicants by priority banding

**Table 3: Applicants by priority banding, September**

Date	Applicants Band A	Applicants Band B	Applicants Band C	Applicants Band D/D*	Unknown	Total Applicants
Sep-23	220	645	927	741	0	<b>2,533</b>

**Figure 2: Applicants by priority banding, September**



**Table 4: Applicants by priority banding, last five years**

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

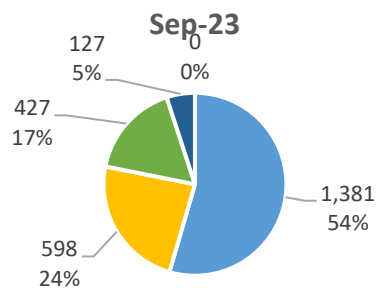


## Applicants by size of home required

Table 5: Applicants by size of home required, September

Date	Applicants 1 bed	Applicants 2 bed	Applicants 3 bed	Applicants 4 bed+	Unknown	Total applicants
Sep-23	1,381	598	427	127	0	2,533

Figure 3: Applicants by size of home required, September



■ Applicants 1 bed ■ Applicants 2 bed ■ Applicants 3 bed ■ Applicants 4 bed+ ■ Unknown

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	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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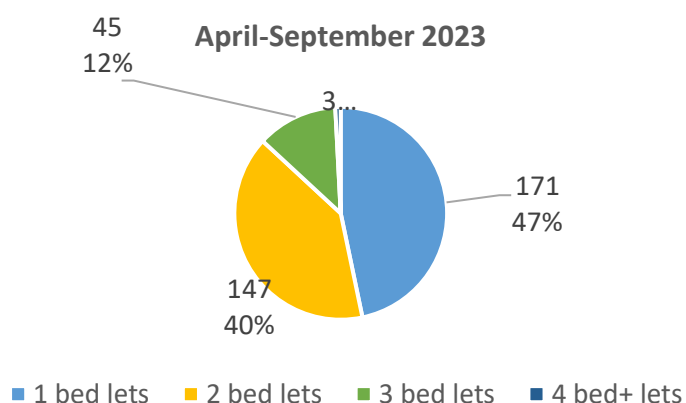
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## Sizes of homes let

**Table 7: Lettings by size, April to September**

Year	1 bed lets	2 bed lets	3 bed lets	4 bed+ lets	Total lettings
April-September 2023	171	147	45	3	366

**Figure 4: Lettings by size, April to September**



**Table 8: Lettings by size, last five years**

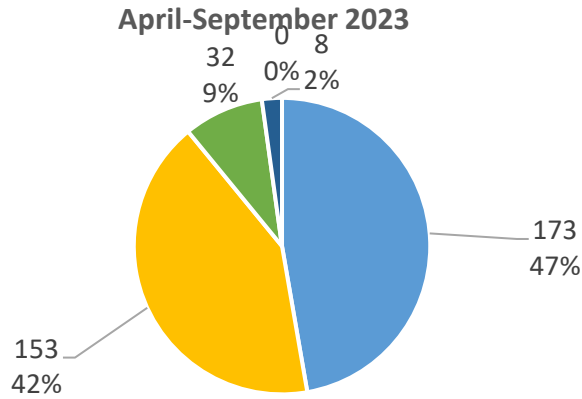
Year	1 bed lets	2 bed lets	3 bed lets	4 bed+ lets	Total lettings
April 2018-March 2019	216	243	71	10	<b>540</b>
April 2019-March 2020	234	232	71	4	<b>541</b>
April 2020-March 2021	242	220	64	8	<b>534</b>
April 2021-March 2022	227	204	68	5	<b>504</b>
April 2022-March 2023	342	348	89	13	<b>792</b>

## Lettings by applicant priority banding

**Table 9: Lettings by applicant priority banding, April to September**

Date	Band A lets	Band B lets	Band C lets	Band D/D* lets	Banding Unknown	Total lettings
April-September 2023	173	153	32	8	0	366

**Figure 5: Lettings by applicant priority banding, April to September**



■ Band A lets ■ Band B lets ■ Band C lets ■ Band D/D\* lets ■ Banding Unknown

**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 band, April to September**

April-September 2023	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D/D*	Unknown	Total
1 bed	57	82	25	7	0	<b>171</b>
2 beds	75	65	7	0	0	<b>147</b>
3 beds	39	6	0	0	0	<b>45</b>
4 beds plus	2	0	0	1	0	<b>3</b>

**Figure 6: Lettings by size by priority band, April to September**

