

**(CCC) Homeless**

Please provide average current waiting times for homeless households in each of the bands on the Housing Register for each bedroom size:

1. For those who have a need for accessible / adapted properties (due to a disability)
2. For those who do not have a need for accessible / adapted properties (i.e. those without a disability)

**Response**

Average current waiting times can only be calculated from households who have been housed rather than the 'live' households on the housing register. There are some questions on the housing register application form that relate to your questions for which I have provided responses below. Please note that sometime fields may not be completed.

Do any household members have a medical condition that is made worse by your current housing?

820 responses were recorded as "Yes".

Can you walk upstairs?

73 responses were recorded for "I cannot manage stairs or steps at all"

294 responses were recorded for "Stairs are difficult for me"

Can they walk upstairs?

10 responses were recorded for "I cannot manage stairs or steps at all"

32 responses were recorded for "Stairs are difficult for me"

Applicant Mobility Level

32 responses for 1, 16 wanted this level

85 response for 2, 13 wanted this level

329 responses for 3, 92 wanted this level, 2 of which had Level 2

Do you use a wheelchair?

47 responses were recorded as "Yes".

Do they use a wheelchair?

5 responses were recorded as "Yes".

It should be noted that any data on average current waiting times should be treated with caution. Actual time taken to rehouse individuals varies considerably. Figures will be affected by a number of factors, including: how often each applicant bids; which properties or areas applicants choose to bid on; priority given to bidders on new developments through local lettings plans; rent levels

being charged; suitability of properties for an applicant - e.g. sheltered or adapted properties. Armed forces applicants also affect the time average. Some figures can be given for previous years below by bands and bedroom sizes, which aimed to exclude those applicants where the bidding time may have been affected artificially though this is not guaranteed to be completely accurate. The methodology was revised for 2019-23 in an attempt to improve accuracy, though this is likely to make yearly comparisons even less accurate.

Bidding time by band, last five years

Year	Band A (days)	Band B (days)	Band C (days)	Band D/D* (days)
April 2017-March 2018	150	330	523	463
April 2018-March 2019	200	281	615	585
April 2019-March 2020	418	334	565	761
April 2020-March 2021	281	403	706	546
April 2021-March 2022	250	404	835	704
April 2022-March 2023	253	411	978	810

Bidding time by size, last five years

Year	1 bed (days)	2 bed (days)	3 bed (days)	4 bed+ (days)
April 2017-March 2018	344	261	283	470
April 2018-March 2019	356	392	323	616
April 2019-March 2020	369	465	352	152
April 2020-March 2021	408	397	430	500
April 2021-March 2022	470	319	380	562
April 2022-March 2023	492	349	485	534

I have also attempted to provide the average waiting times for the questions mentioned earlier for applicants housed with artificially affected members removed. This is from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023 combined as breaking it down further by year would make the data less statistically significant bearing in mind the data warning already given.

Do any household members have a medical condition that is made worse by your current housing?

755 responses were recorded as "Yes" with average waiting time of 382 days.

Can you walk upstairs?

71 responses were recorded for "I cannot manage stairs or steps at all" with average waiting time of 292 days.

responses were recorded for "Stairs are difficult for me" with average waiting time of 379 days.

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Can they walk upstairs?

11 responses were recorded for "I cannot manage stairs or steps at all" with average waiting time of 318 days.

38 responses were recorded for "Stairs are difficult for me" with average waiting time of 441 days.

Applicant Mobility Level

23 responses for 1, with average waiting time of 400 days. 7 wanted this level, with average waiting time of 390 days, 2 of which had Level 2.

175 response for 2, with average waiting time of 382 days. 15 wanted this level, with average waiting time of 371days, 3 of which had Level 3.

225 responses for 3, with average waiting time of 352 days. 33 wanted this level, with average waiting time of 288 days, 1 of which had Level 2.

Do you use a wheelchair?

43 responses were recorded as "Yes", with average waiting time of 382 days.

Do they use a wheelchair?

9 responses were recorded as "Yes", with average waiting time of 273 days.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to [foi@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)