

37426 Housing Waiting List

How many households were removed from the Housing Waiting List in 2021 (or the last full calendar year where figures are available)?

A total of 3,942 applications were removed from the EdIndex register during 2021.

Please provide a list of the reasons given for the removal from the list.

Please refer to the table below:

Reason	Total
Deceased	34
Cancelled at own request	602
Housed by Another Landlord	1
Other (reasons include applications where a new application was received, dummy applications for applicants that were monitored by the SAVOLO (Sexual and Violent Offenders Liaison Officer) team	194
Tenancy Terminated	16
Unreturned Annual Review	3,095
Total	3,942

How many households were removed from the list because of death?

Please refer to table above.

How many households have been on the list for:

(a) between five years and ten years?

3,761 applicants.

(b) ten years or more?

1,662 applicants.

With regards to households that have been on the list the longest, how long have they been on the list?

Anyone 16 years of age and over has the right to apply for social housing and to remain on a waiting list/common housing register. The longest relevant date an applicant has been on the waiting list is 31 years. This applicant is a 'Mover' applicant, explained below.

It is important to note the following which determines how an applicant waiting time is calculated - When an applicant is registered with EdIndex they are classified as either a 'Starter' or a 'Mover' based on their current housing circumstances.

Starters

Starters are generally people who do not have their own home:

- Homeless households.
- People in hostel, supported or temporary accommodation.
- People staying care of friends and family.
- New households.
- Private rented sector tenants.

Movers

Movers are people who do have a home but who wish to move:

- Council tenants (including joint tenants).
- Registered Social Landlords or other social rented sector tenants.
- Owner occupiers.
- Households in tied accommodation.

Waiting time for a 'Starter' is calculated from the date the housing application form is registered. For example, a 'Starter' who is registered with EdIndex for one year will have 365 waiting days and a further day is added for every day they are registered. Starters will have one waiting day when they first register with EdIndex.

Waiting time for 'Movers' is calculated from the date they move into their current home. For example, a 'Mover' who has been in their home for one year will have 365 waiting days when they first register with EdIndex and a further day is added for every day they are registered.

Under a choice-based letting system, which requires applicants to bid for suitable available homes, the average time to be housed will be dependent on how active applicants are in bidding for available homes, areas/property types they are prepared to consider and the homes that become available that meet a household's needs.