

Waltham Forest would like to give some information about how many people we housed in the last financial year (2009/10), and how long applicants had to wait.

There is extremely high demand for housing in the borough, and the following breakdown shows how many people are competing for each size of property.

Studio / 1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	Total
6,191	4,989	2,461	1,134	14,775

The **actual** number of applicants **housed** was:

- 547 in studio & one bedroom properties
- 258 in two bedrooms
- 185 in three bedrooms
- 29 in four bedrooms+

A further 175 homeless applicants were housed into temporary 3-year private sector leased accommodation.

Those with additional preference were ordinarily housed within 12 months. Customers with no preference are unlikely to be rehoused. The majority of those with reasonable preference were moved to flats and maisonettes, many above ground floor, on estates and out of the borough.

Bidding for a flat or maisonette may result in a quicker move than waiting indefinitely for a house or ground floor accommodation. Of the 1,019 permanent homes allocated last year, 189 were accepted by customers with reasonable preference, while the rest (830) were allocated to those with additional preference and those needing supported housing.

The following table shows the waiting times for those rehoused with reasonable preference.

	Average waiting time (years)	Longest waiting time (years)	Shortest waiting time (years)
Studio / 1 bedroom	3.5	12.25	2 (months)
2 bedrooms	3.75	15.5	1
3 bedrooms	4.25	13	0.75
4 bedrooms+	6.75	10.75	3.75

For more information about other housing options that may be available, please contact the housing Registration Team on 020 8496 3000.