

30 June 2025

Dear

ATISN 24775 - Social houses

Thank you for your request which I received on 3 June 2025. You asked for:

How many new social homes have been built by all LAs and RSLs in Wales for 2024-2025 and the numbers built for each of the 5 years prior (2019-20 to 2023-24).

The Welsh government's target to build homes in each year detailed above.

A breakdown of the number of existing stock (homes) sold to the private market by both LA and RSL for the same years as those above.

The cumulative total of new build completed for all years requested and the cumulative total dwellings sold.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. How many new social homes have been built by all LAs and RSLs in Wales for 2024-2025 and the numbers built for each of the 5 years prior (2019-20 to 2023-24).

Data on additional affordable housing for 2024-25 is currently in the collection process and is due be published by the end of the year.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Local Authorities	393	497	486	685	756
RSLs	2,470	3,018	2,130	2,366	2,433

Further information can be found here: [Affordable housing provision | GOV.WALES](#)

2. The Welsh government's target to build homes in each year detailed above.

The Welsh Government does not have an annual target to build homes.

We need to build more of all types of housing and so, whilst social housing remains our top priority as reflected in our commitment to deliver 20,000 low-carbon social homes for rent this government term, our support for market housing remains an important part of the housing solution.

Local authorities assess housing need through Local Housing Market Assessments (LHMAs). LHMAs provide crucial evidence to inform a local authority's Local Development Plan (LDP) process, which include targets for the number of affordable and market homes the authority aims to deliver over the plan period.

LDPs must set out how and where the authority intends to provide the affordable and market homes to meet the target they have established.

3. A breakdown of the number of existing stock (homes) sold to the private market by both LA and RSL for the same years as those above.

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Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in 2020, data on social landlord housing sales in Wales for 2019-20 were not collected.

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Local Authorities	40	15	16	7
RSLs	357	507	341	285

Further information can be found: [Social landlord housing sales | GOV.WALES](#)

4. The cumulative total of new build completed for all years requested and the cumulative total dwellings sold.

Data on new house building for 2024-25 is available for the 3 quarters from April 2024 to December 2024 only currently and provide a cumulative total of 3,549. The final quarter for 2024-25 is currently in the collection process and is due to be published by the end of the Summer.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
New build completed	6,040	4,620	5,270	5,790	4,770
Dwellings sold	-	397	522	357	292

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Further information can be found at: [New house building | GOV.WALES](#) and [Social landlord housing sales | GOV.WALES](#)

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Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ
or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely