**Scale of Kent's social housing crisis revealed as families wait years in cramped conditions**

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 Nearly 20,000 people are still waiting to be rehomed by local authorities across Kent with some families living in cramped conditions for more than two years as they wait for a home. There are average waits varying from eight-and-a-half months in [**Maidstone**](https://www.kentonline.co.uk/maidstone/), to 16 months in [**Folkestone & Hythe**](https://www.kentonline.co.uk/folkestone/), 20 months in [**Canterbury**](https://www.kentonline.co.uk/canterbury/) .

The area with the highest number of people on the waiting list **is Canterbury** with 2,812 people.

Since 1991, there has been **an average annual net loss of 24,000 social homes**, according to the homeless charity, Shelter.