

# Housing Pipeline

## Q1 2025 Report

The Housing Pipeline report provides quarterly statistics on the number of units and sites granted planning approval, offering insight into future housing supply.

## New housing pipeline

The number of residential units approved fell by 37% during the first quarter of 2025, in sharp contrast to the rise in approvals during the second half of last year. At 50,610 the number of units approved was 32% down on the first quarter of 2024 and the lowest quarterly total since 2012 Q2.

At 2,306, the number of housing projects granted planning permission in the first quarter dropped by 17% against the preceding quarter and was 22% lower than a year ago.

Housing schemes of 10 or more units during the first quarter accounted for 90% of approved units. At 38,955, the number of units on such schemes fell 39% against the preceding quarter and was 22% lower than a year earlier. The remaining 10% of units were on smaller new build projects of up to nine units, including self-build schemes, together with homes included within non-residential projects and from the conversion of non-residential properties.



At 1,481 the number of private sector housing projects (schemes of 3 or more units) securing approval was 17% lower than in the fourth quarter and was 23% down on a year earlier. At 45,154 the number of units on private sector projects granted planning permission was 37% down on the previous three months and 20% lower than a year earlier. The fall was led by a decline in the number of approvals on larger sites of 126 units or more.



At 74, the number of social housing projects (of three or more units) fell by 41% during the first quarter and was 46% lower than a year ago. At 4,616, the number of units was 42% lower than during the preceding quarter and 36% down on a year earlier.

Table 1: Number of residential units approved

	North of England	Midlands	Southern England	England - All	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
2021	78,303	58,908	178,810	316,021	11,806	35,509	363,336
2022	62,708	54,448	176,783	293,939	8,399	26,301	328,639
2023	57,251	47,873	143,259	248,383	7,062	23,867	279,312
2024	62,602	40,712	142,181	245,495	7,799	24,054	277,348
2025 Q1	9,732	8,225	27,564	45,521	905	4,184	50,610
Change on a year earlier							
2021	11%	-1%	12%	9%	62%	8%	10%
2022	-20%	-8%	-1%	-7%	-29%	-26%	-10%
2022	-19%	-16%	-18%	-18%	-40%	-31%	-20%
2024	9%	-15%	-1%	-1%	10%	1%	-1%
2025 Q1	-31%	-18%	-17%	-21%	-58%	-20%	-22%

Regionally, all parts of Great Britain suffered double-digit declines in the number of units approved during the first quarter. The number of units approved more than halved in Wales and London, with the approvals dropping by 54% and 57% respectively against the preceding three months. There were also strong declines in unit approvals in the North West (-40%), Yorkshire & the Humber (-44%) and East Midlands (-47%). The North East, West Midlands, South West and Scotland saw declines in unit approvals of 40%, 325%, 34% and 32% respectively against the fourth quarter of 2024.



## Housing approvals

There have been changes to the number of permissions reported in the Housing Pipeline reports from Q4 2020 onwards. See notes on page 9 for more information.

Table 2: Number of housing units securing detailed planning approval

	North of England			Midlands		Southern England							
	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
<b>Q1 2018</b>	3,101	9,857	6,341	6,831	7,323	7,451	13,217	14,930	7,436	76,487	2,489	8,455	87,431
<b>Q2 2018</b>	2,270	8,273	6,527	7,238	6,127	6,778	12,128	12,501	8,733	70,575	2,435	6,927	79,937
<b>Q3 2018</b>	2,445	9,830	6,932	6,693	7,747	10,116	13,249	12,092	7,473	76,577	2,434	6,375	85,386
<b>Q4 2018</b>	3,157	9,757	6,661	8,591	8,970	9,975	16,578	15,845	9,227	88,761	3,031	6,725	98,517
<b>Q1 2019</b>	1,892	9,240	6,706	7,578	9,492	12,471	17,951	15,048	7,656	88,034	2,953	6,658	97,645
<b>Q2 2019</b>	3,800	8,370	7,346	10,945	8,119	8,219	11,412	11,967	8,945	79,123	2,482	11,956	93,561
<b>Q3 2019</b>	1,706	7,322	5,335	7,682	6,399	9,392	11,901	12,439	7,978	70,154	4,144	9,644	83,942
<b>Q4 2019</b>	4,783	10,849	7,720	6,977	12,912	10,574	14,831	14,961	6,994	90,601	2,310	13,700	106,611
<b>Q1 2020</b>	1,326	8,948	6,346	7,760	6,500	9,151	16,526	9,311	9,225	75,093	3,319	7,033	85,445
<b>Q2 2020</b>	1,440	5,380	3,517	6,811	6,016	6,497	11,991	7,918	4,393	53,963	1,346	8,177	63,486
<b>Q3 2020</b>	3,411	13,515	7,049	9,621	6,420	9,587	9,822	11,488	5,677	76,590	1,488	7,609	85,687
<b>Q4 2020</b>	2,533	10,673	6,304	7,765	8,335	9,670	19,436	12,005	7,246	83,967	1,118	10,001	95,086
<b>Q1 2021</b>	4,401	13,454	6,695	9,224	10,097	11,288	19,699	13,759	7,858	96,475	2,469	8,278	107,222
<b>Q2 2021</b>	4,535	8,345	6,346	5,611	6,248	8,800	17,622	13,370	7,893	78,770	2,273	10,766	91,809
<b>Q3 2021</b>	2,409	9,095	7,475	7,533	4,988	9,207	9,688	9,501	6,825	66,721	2,960	7,838	77,519
<b>Q4 2021</b>	2,482	7,479	5,587	6,683	8,524	9,372	15,489	10,466	7,973	74,055	4,104	8,627	86,786

<b>Q1 2022</b>	2,929	8,273	5,853	11,202	6,109	10,714	20,902	10,889	6,832	83,703	2,478	7,283	93,464
<b>Q2 2022</b>	1,483	9,594	4,222	6,521	4,575	8,899	9,621	9,500	8,168	62,583	1,475	6,147	70,205
<b>Q3 2022</b>	1,834	9,496	4,284	7,577	6,821	7,952	15,781	11,302	5,259	70,306	2,146	5,128	77,580
<b>Q4 2022</b>	1,847	6,976	5,917	7,327	4,316	9,844	19,087	13,179	8,854	77,347	2,300	7,743	87,390
<b>Q1 2023</b>	1,788	7,502	5,110	7,530	4,464	7,062	12,559	9,649	6,804	62,468	2,123	5,911	70,502
<b>Q2 2023</b>	3,343	5,615	4,092	6,588	6,627	7,996	10,574	9,682	7,018	61,535	1,974	7,168	70,677
<b>Q3 2023</b>	1,204	7,393	4,798	4,165	4,928	5,906	9,732	10,668	5,104	53,898	1,375	6,579	61,852
<b>Q4 2023</b>	2,645	7,321	6,440	7,006	6,565	6,151	16,029	12,695	5,630	70,482	1,590	4,209	76,281
<b>Q1 2024</b>	2,245	8,030	3,794	4,592	5,452	6,783	9,869	10,042	6,514	57,321	2,156	5,241	64,718
<b>Q2 2024</b>	2,316	7,662	5,661	3,736	4,545	7,179	7,266	9,594	5,847	53,806	1,985	6,856	62,647
<b>Q3 2024</b>	1,177	12,256	3,576	5,990	3,477	5,727	14,053	10,566	4,920	61,742	1,679	5,806	69,227
<b>Q4 2024</b>	2,915	6,901	6,069	6,682	6,238	8,532	15,297	12,506	7,486	72,626	1,979	6,151	80,756
<b>Q1 2025</b>	2,240	4,110	3,382	3,550	4,675	5,080	6,562	10,996	4,926	45,521	905	4,184	50,610

Table 3: Number of housing projects securing detailed planning approval by region &amp; country

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Table 4: England - Number of housing projects by project size

	10 or more	3-9 Units	1 and 2 Units	Misc	
Q1 2016	890	1,728	1,521	12	4,151
Q2 2016	905	1,800	1,665	17	4,387
Q3 2016	908	2,008	1,644	15	4,575
Q4 2016	1,010	2,001	1,528	23	4,562
Q1 2017	1,052	2,014	1,497	15	4,578
Q2 2017	932	1,910	1,507	9	4,358
Q3 2017	930	1,964	1,556	20	4,470
Q4 2017	894	1,974	1,976	19	4,863
Q1 2018	965	1,876	2,505	17	5,363
Q2 2018	851	1,876	2,544	17	5,288
Q3 2018	825	1,875	2,434	15	5,149
Q4 2018	937	1,786	2,363	10	5,096
Q1 2019	944	1,688	2,285	15	4,932
Q2 2019	822	1,676	1,884	11	4,393
Q3 2019	787	1,759	1,610	10	4,166
Q4 2019	860	2,058	1,177	9	4,104
Q1 2020	777	1,655	1,258	7	3,697
Q2 2020	592	1,431	1,185	10	3,218
Q3 2020	768	1,571	1,271	10	3,620
Q4 2020	842	1,724	1,032	11	3,609
Q1 2021	870	1,653	1,071	8	3,602
Q2 2021	722	1,469	1,016	7	3,214
Q3 2021	682	1,663	1,139	9	3,493
Q4 2021	667	1,662	1,073	5	3,407
Q1 2022	763	1,633	975	5	3,376
Q2 2022	630	1,452	960	13	3,055
Q3 2022	628	1,485	943	3	3,059
Q4 2022	680	1,484	913	10	3,087
Q1 2023	628	1,382	797	4	2,811
Q2 2023	544	1,308	778	9	2,639
Q3 2023	511	1,224	900	6	2,641
Q4 2023	606	1,324	879	7	2,816
Q1 2024	551	1,290	762	7	2,610
Q2 2024	529	1,172	804	2	2,507
Q3 2024	522	1,156	629	6	2,313
Q4 2024	602	1,125	723	8	2,458
Q1 2025	426	977	656	5	2,064

Table 5: England - Number of housing units by project size

	10 or more	3-9 Units	1 and 2 Units	Misc	Total
Q1 2016	63,373	7,127	1,787	115	72,402
Q2 2016	70,494	7,422	1,943	206	80,065
Q3 2016	64,763	8,157	1,941	58	74,919
Q4 2016	76,069	8,271	1,832	465	86,637
Q1 2017	75,965	8,665	1,792	40	86,462
Q2 2017	71,439	8,039	1,814	20	81,312
Q3 2017	69,251	8,048	1,841	241	79,381
Q4 2017	65,840	8,217	2,335	240	76,632
Q1 2018	65,758	7,740	2,937	52	76,487
Q2 2018	59,653	7,802	3,022	98	70,575
Q3 2018	65,776	7,709	2,878	214	76,577
Q4 2018	78,246	7,475	2,811	229	88,761
Q1 2019	77,992	7,170	2,694	178	88,034
Q2 2019	70,039	6,828	2,218	38	79,123
Q3 2019	60,988	7,267	1,878	21	70,154
Q4 2019	81,201	8,007	1,375	18	90,601
Q1 2020	66,719	6,899	1,461	14	75,093
Q2 2020	46,835	5,738	1,359	31	53,963
Q3 2020	68,328	6,300	1,447	515	76,590
Q4 2020	76,100	6,631	1,202	34	83,967
Q1 2021	88,724	6,402	1,265	84	96,475
Q2 2021	71,952	5,605	1,195	18	78,770
Q3 2021	59,498	5,868	1,316	39	66,721
Q4 2021	66,721	6,080	1,244	10	74,055
Q1 2022	76,306	5,957	1,157	283	83,703
Q2 2022	56,013	5,371	1,145	54	62,583
Q3 2022	63,593	5,596	1,112	5	70,306
Q4 2022	70,770	5,472	1,056	49	77,347
Q1 2023	56,373	5,145	940	10	62,468
Q2 2023	55,790	4,750	914	81	61,535
Q3 2023	48,121	4,392	1,032	353	53,898
Q4 2023	64,513	4,873	1,036	60	70,482
Q1 2024	51,601	4,822	882	16	57,321
Q2 2024	48,502	4,292	935	77	53,806
Q3 2024	56,744	4,250	736	12	61,742
Q4 2024	67,562	4,214	827	23	72,626
Q1 2025	40,949	3,830	735	7	45,521

## Notes

This report is based on an analysis of housing projects being tracked by Glenigan and held on its database of construction projects. We have now extended the range of projects covered by this report in order to provide a more complete assessment of the residential development pipeline.

The following restrictions and filters apply to the analysis:

1. New build projects of all sizes are covered by the report (Coverage was previously restricted to approvals for 10 or more units.)
2. Housing schemes are included where the development is primarily identified as being: Apartments/ flats, Bungalows, Houses/ Luxury Housing or Sheltered Housing, Key Worker Accommodation or Sheltered Housing.
3. Conversions of non-residential properties for housing are included.
4. Private and social housing data includes schemes of 3 or more units.
5. Total residential approvals include 1 & 2 unit schemes together with residential units on mixed use developments.
6. Elderly people's homes, hostels and student accommodation have been excluded from the analysis.
7. Approvals are recorded at the detailed planning stage. Where a project has secured outline planning approval and the detailed consent is being resolved through the approval of reserve matters the date of 'detailed consent' is deemed to be that of the approval of reserve matters. In the case of some projects, the reserve matters are approved piecemeal; in these circumstances the earliest approval date has been used in order to avoid double counting.
8. The approvals data excludes Amendment of Planning Applications, Certificates of Lawfulness, Non-Building Applications, Removal or Variations of Conditions and responses by neighbouring planning authorities.
9. The late publication of planning approval decisions by local authorities may lead to the revision of planning approval data for the latest 12 months.

As a result of changes made by Glenigan to how they collect data on the number of permissions granted, there are some significant changes to the number of permissions reported in the Housing Pipeline reports from Q4 2020 onwards for quarters prior to that date, and to information in previous Housing Pipeline reports.

The procedural changes mean that the data collection is now more extensive and accurate than it was previously and so the numbers reported in the reports from Q4 2020, are a better reflection of the actual number of permissions being granted.

The revised methodology has been agreed with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (now called Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local

Government) who Glenigan also provide planning permission data for. Therefore this data set will match the official Government numbers.

In its [Taking stock: The geography of housing need, permissions and completions](#) report published in May 2021, Lichfields considered in detail why planning permission data reported prior to Q4 2020 was not wholly accurate (and included, for example re-submitted applications) and so not a fair reflection of the number of actual plots given a permission.

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The Home Builders Federation (HBF) is the representative body of the home building industry in England and Wales. HBF's members' accounts for 80% of all new homes built in England and Wales in any one year, and include companies of all sizes, ranging from multi-national, household names through regionally based businesses to small local companies.

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