

Housing Starts & Completions data 2018

Data released by the Office of National Statistics containing quarterly updates of the number of housing starts and completions for local authorities and LEP's to the end of December 2018.

Housing Starts

- The number of new homes started last year in the Black Country has bucked the national trend to show strong growth.
- A total of 2,320 new homes were started in the Black Country last year – an eighteen per cent increase on 2017; the highest within the WMCA 3 LEP area. Across England, the average national increase was zero.
- The Black Country ranked 7th highest out of 38 LEP's in terms of the number of housing starts compared to the previous year with only Liverpool City Region, Lancashire, South East, Thames Valley Berkshire, Coast to Capital and Oxfordshire LEP's with higher rates.
- Walsall had a 149 per cent rise in the number of new homes started in 2018 compared to the previous year seeing 970 houses started.
- Sandwell had the least amount of housing starts with 390 compared to 690 in 2017.

Geography	Starts 2017	Starts 2018	Change
WMCA 3 LEP	9,990	10,640	7%
Black Country LEP	1,960	2,320	18%
Coventry & Warwickshire LEP	3,560	3,630	2%
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP	4,470	4,690	5%
England	164,500	165,160	0%
Dudley	410	420	2%
Sandwell	690	390	-43%
Walsall	390	970	149%
Wolverhampton	470	540	15%
Birmingham	1,120	1,750	56%
Coventry	670	370	-45%
Solihull	640	440	-31%

Housing Completions

- Black Country housing completions decreased by 22 per cent to 2,370, compared to the average increase of one per cent in England and the 3rd lowest ranked LEP with only London and Coast to Capital LEP's ranked lower.
- The highest rise in housing completions were in Walsall and Wolverhampton, where 10 per cent more new homes were finished than in 2017.
- Sandwell had the largest decrease in housing completions when compared to the previous year (-52%) however in 2017 they had a large number of completions (1,380).
- The Black Country completions tenure saw local authorities had a 200% increase when compared to the previous year whereas private enterprise completions had 30% less than 2017.

Geography	Completions 2017	Completions 2018	Change
WMCA 3 LEP	9,680	10,960	13%
Black Country LEP	3,030	2,370	-22%
Coventry & Warwickshire LEP	3,370	4,020	19%
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP	3,280	4,570	39%
England	163,420	165,100	1%
Dudley	380	310	-18%
Sandwell	1,380	660	-52%
Walsall	770	850	10%
Wolverhampton	500	550	10%
Birmingham	690	850	23%
Coventry	650	690	6%
Solihull	500	680	36%

Housing Starts by LEP area:

Rank	LEP	Starts 2017	Starts 2018	Change
	England	164,500	165,160	0%
1	Liverpool City Region	2,870	3,950	38%
2	Lancashire	3,580	4,710	32%
3	South East	9,610	12,240	27%
4	Thames Valley Berkshire	2,570	3,230	26%
5	Coast to Capital	4,990	6,020	21%
6	Oxfordshire LEP	3,470	4,150	20%
7	Black Country	1,960	2,320	18%
8	York and North Yorkshire	3,410	3,990	17%
9	Greater Manchester	7,550	8,830	17%
10	Cumbria	1,300	1,470	13%
11	Solent	4,620	5,170	12%
12	West of England	2,910	3,250	12%
13	Sheffield City Region	3,930	4,340	10%
14	Greater Lincolnshire	3,130	3,440	10%
15	Humber	2,280	2,420	6%
16	Heart of the South West	5,620	5,900	5%
17	Greater Birmingham and Solihull	4,470	4,690	5%
18	Cheshire and Warrington	3,520	3,660	4%
19	Coventry and Warwickshire	3,570	3,630	2%
20	Buckinghamshire Thames Valley	2,040	2,030	0%
21	Enterprise M3	5,930	5,850	-1%
22	Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	5,780	5,670	-2%
23	London	17,900	17,440	-3%
24	The Marches	3,100	2,980	-4%



25	Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough	5,740	5,490	-4%
26	Leicester and Leicestershire	3,610	3,400	-6%
27	New Anglia	5,570	5,210	-6%
28	Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	2,450	2,270	-7%
29	Gloucestershire	3,030	2,800	-8%
30	Tees Valley	2,990	2,730	-9%
31	Worcestershire	2,480	2,250	-9%
32	Hertfordshire	2,520	2,230	-12%
33	North Eastern	6,570	5,810	-12%
34	South East Midlands	13,350	11,790	-12%
35	Swindon and Wiltshire	3,290	2,880	-12%
36	Dorset	1,420	1,160	-18%
37	Leeds City Region	9,570	7,740	-19%
38	Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire	5,560	3,430	-38%

Source : [Live Tables on House Building : new dwellings started and completions by Tenure, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government](#)