

# Housing and support when preparing for adulthood

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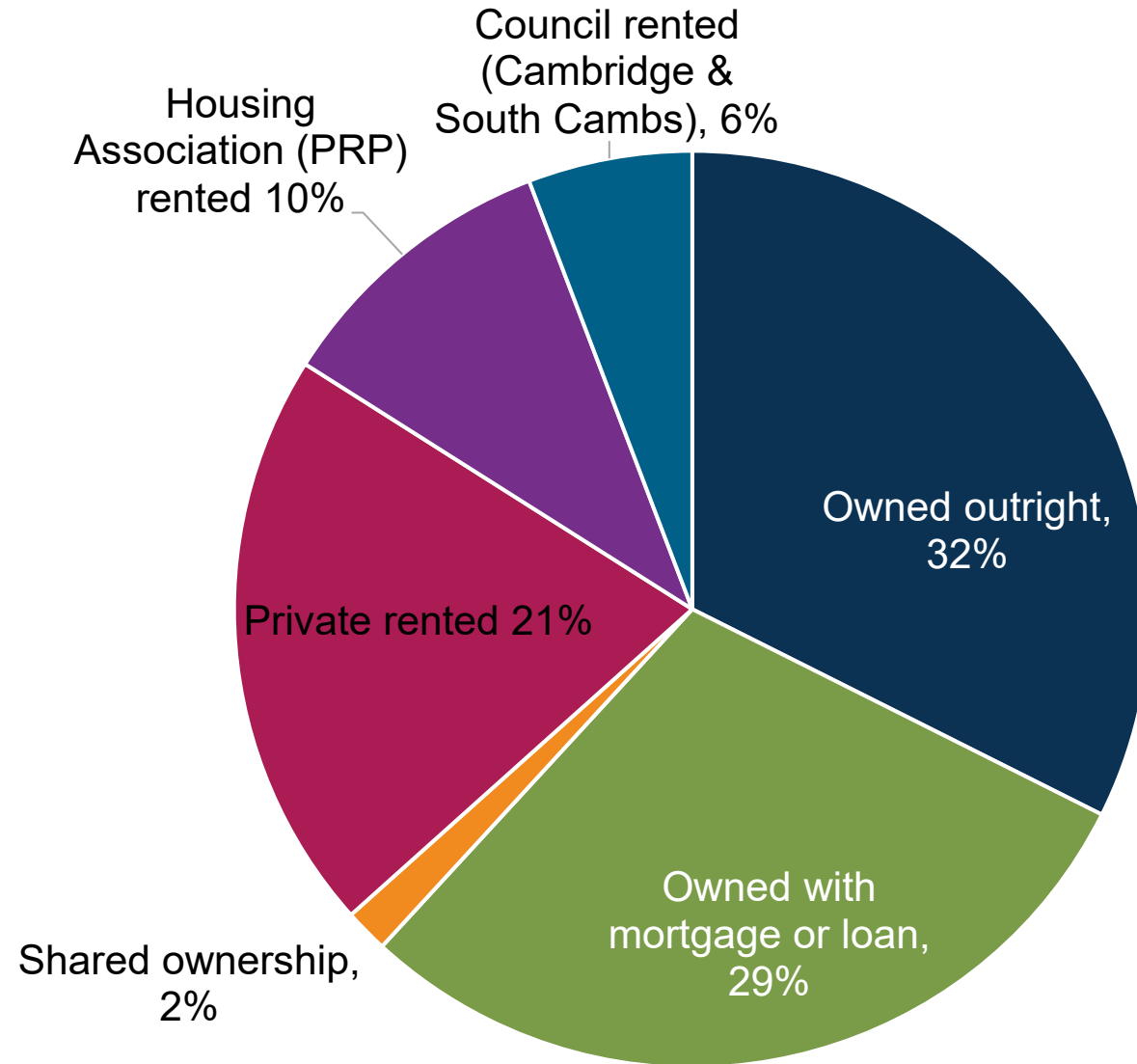
# A bit about Housing.....

- There are many housing agencies across Cambridgeshire
- There are also benefits advice teams and CAB's in each area
- Housing associations also build new and have their own homes – around 80 providers providing around 64,000 homes
- Across Cambridgeshire 'Homelink' is used for applying for and allocating social housing



# Who owns and manages the homes?

Tenure groups  
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Census 2021



# Other aspects of housing

There are also.....

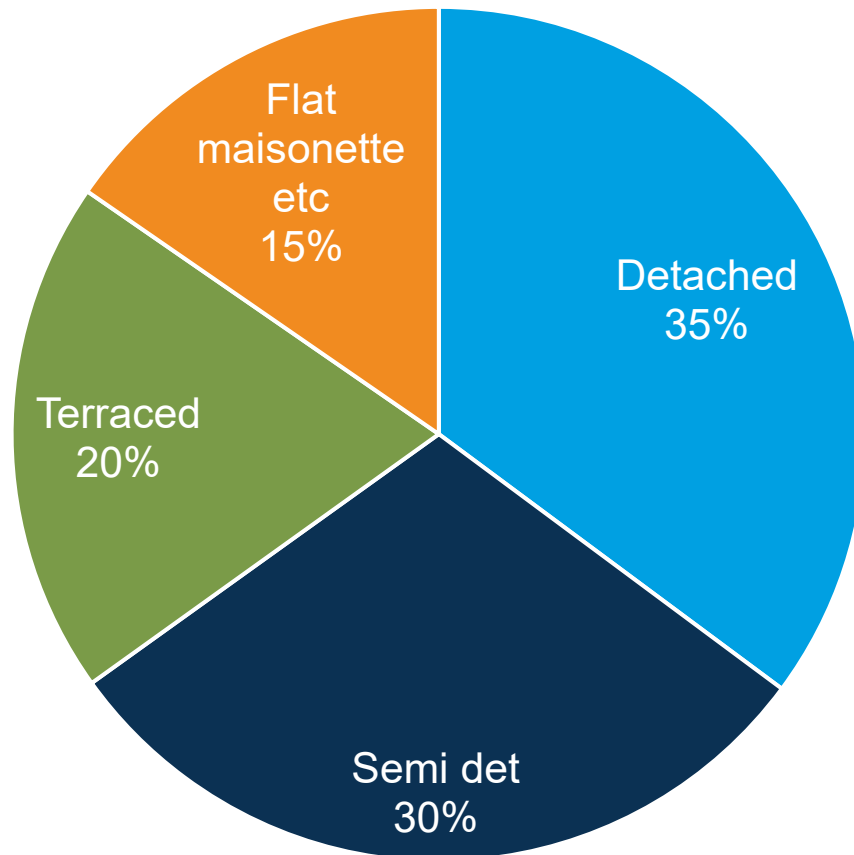
Grouped homes:

- Houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) – commonly a larger home with many doorbells
- Sheltered housing and care homes
- Homelessness hostels and other temporary accommodation

New types...

- Pods
- Converted containers / modules

Dwelling types, C&P 2021 Census



# Online local Housing Guide

## Housing guide

Our Housing guide sets out the range of housing services available in our area, with links to help you find out more and get in touch with the right team.

The Guide does **NOT** provide any kind of advice, it simply gives a picture of housing activities and how you can find out more – usually by providing a link to a partner’s website.

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Step 1: What kind of housing do you live in?	+
Step 2: Which district do you live in?	+
Step 3: Click on the page for your district...	+
Step 4: Ideas, suggestions, questions?	+

In each district,  
you can contact  
the district  
housing advice  
team if you don't  
know where to go

[www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing-guide](http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing-guide)



# Supported Housing

This is a broad term that covers a lot of different types of arrangements, but in all cases it will involve accommodation with some form of support provided.

This could include self contained or shared accommodation with;

- 24/7 support on site
- daytime support on site
- dedicated daytime support hours
- visiting support

Access to supported accommodation will generally depend on the assessed needs of an individual and whether they meet the eligibility criteria for the service.



# Long or short term...?

- A lot of Supported Housing can provide long term or permanent accommodation (e.g. Supported Living)
- Some may only be time limited with the aim of helping people to move on to independent living in the community, for example
  - a homeless services for young people
  - a 'step down' service that helps someone move to a more independent setting with less or no ongoing support

## *Example:*

*Russell Street in Cambridge is a supported housing service provided by CHS Group for people with learning disabilities and autism. The service is run across different locations which offer differing levels of support.*

*For more information on this service please visit*

Russells Streets Supporting Adults in Cambridge With Learning Disabilities  
([chsgroup.org.uk](http://chsgroup.org.uk))



# Other support

## Floating (or Visiting) Support

This can be provided to someone living in the community in their own home. Often this type of support will be time limited and focused on a specific area – e.g. providing support to help someone to sustain their accommodation or set up a new home/tenancy.

### *Example:*

*In Cambridgeshire P3 are commissioned to provide time limited tenancy sustainment support across the county area*

*For more information on this service and how to refer please visit*

<https://www.p3charity.org/services/cambridgeshire-floating-support-service->

## Home Adaptations

For some people having their home changed or ‘adapted’ will be a key part in helping them to live independently. Usually an Occupational Therapist will visit to help determine what changes or adaptations someone needs e.g. a walk-in shower, a stairlift, ramps outside the house.

A local ‘Home Improvement Agency’ will often then be able help an individual to arrange the changes or ‘adaptation’ they need. The individual may be able to get a ‘Disabled Facilities Grant’ to help with this.

*There are 2 Home Improvement Agencies in Cambridgeshire;*

- *Cambs HIA cover Hunts, City & South Cambs*  
[Home | Cambs HIA](#)
- *East Cambs HIA covers East Cambs & Fenland*  
[Care and repair services | East Cambridgeshire District Council \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Disabled Facilities Grants - Fenland District Council](#)  
[Disabled Facilities Grants](#)





# Challenges and things to consider

- Range of housing options may have very different access routes / Access to the right information
- Choice vs availability & eligibility
- Limited places / options
- Lengthy waiting times / early application
- The amount of rent charged in supported housing will be much higher than the rent in general housing. This is to reflect the additional costs of providing this type of accommodation.

**Thank you for listening.**

**Any questions?**