

# BOSTADSFÖRMEDLINGEN

– HOW IT WORKS



# THE PATH TO A NEW HOME

**The Stockholm Housing Agency (Bostadsförmedlingen) acts as an agent, helping people find vacant rental apartments in the Stockholm region. To apply for an apartment, you must first register for the housing queue.**

**This is how it works:**

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## JOIN THE QUEUE

Anyone who is aged 18 and over and who has a Swedish personal identity number (personnummer) or coordination number (samordningsnummer) can join the housing queue. It costs SEK 200 per year. You can sign up at [bostad.stockholm.se](https://bostad.stockholm.se).

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## SEARCH VACANT APARTMENTS

You need to search actively and register your interest for vacant apartments listed on our website. You can find available properties listed under [Sök bostad](#) (Search for properties). How long it takes to get an apartment varies depending on where you want to live and how much you can afford to pay.

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## VIEW AN APARTMENT

If you've been in the queue longer than the other applicants you may be invited to a viewing. It's important to attend a viewing if this is required by the landlord. Not all apartments are available for viewing.

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## ACCEPT OR DECLINE

After the viewing, you need to decide if you are still interested in the apartment. The way to do this is to go to [Mina sidor](#) (My Pages) at [bostad.stockholm.se](https://bostad.stockholm.se).

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### SHOW YOUR DOCUMENTATION

If you are first in line for the apartment we will contact you. You will then need to verify that you meet the requirements set by the landlord. Remember to have all your documents ready in advance. The requirements are stated in the apartment advert.

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### SIGN THE CONTRACT AND MOVE IN

Once you've provided sufficient documentation we will contact the landlord. Once you've been approved by the landlord, you and the landlord will sign the contract. It's now time to move in!

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### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW APARTMENT

If your lease is on a permanent basis your queue time will re-start automatically. Short-term lease and student apartments will not affect your queue time. Keep paying the annual fee in order to stay in the housing queue.

### NOTE!

If you're a tenant with a first-hand contract with one of Stockholm's municipal housing companies, there is an internal exchange queue. Find out more at [bostad.stockholm.se](https://bostad.stockholm.se).

# TYPES OF HOUSING

**As life changes, so might your housing needs. You can look for different kinds of housing and different types of contracts at Bostadsförmedlingen. You'll find a few examples below. You can read more on our website at [bostad.stockholm.se](https://bostad.stockholm.se).**

For example, if you're aged between 18 and 25 (sometimes even up to 30), you can apply for **youth housing** (ungdomslägenhet), which is often slightly smaller and cheaper to rent. If you're studying at university or you're in higher vocational education, you can apply for a **student housing** (studentbostad). If you're aged 55 or over, we can provide special apartments adapted to the needs of older people. A **short-term contract** (korttidskontrakt) offers temporary accommodation while you remain in the housing queue. A **'House-share'** (kompiskontrakt) means you can share an apartment and the contract with a friend.



# HOW LONG DO YOU HAVE TO WAIT ?

**How long you have to wait to get an apartment depends on a number of factors, including where you want to live and the kind of rent you can afford.**

The average time in the queue is a little over 10 years (2019) and the majority of people get an apartment within eight to 12 years, but this can vary. Last year, we arranged contracts for 251 customers who had queued less than one year and 260 apartments to customers who joined the queue over 20 years ago.

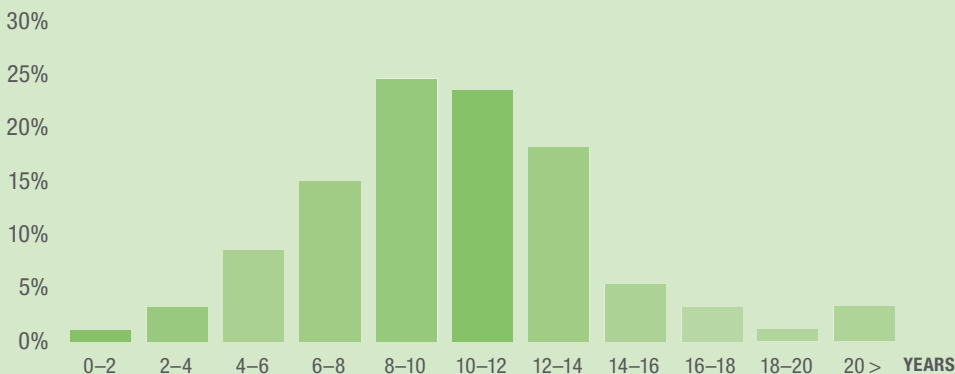
The population of Stockholm is growing, which means that it is getting more difficult to find available apartments. Many housing applicants are therefore starting to widen their search for housing outside Stockholm's urban area. Bostadsförmedlingen has started to assign housing in the greater Stockholm region and nearby municipalities such as Västerås, Eskilstuna and Nyköping.

**TIPS FOR FINDING AN APARTMENT!  
VISIT [BOSTAD.STOCKHOLM.SE](https://bostad.stockholm.se)**

## QUEUE TIMES 2019

The graph shows the length of queue times for apartments provided via Bostadsförmedlingen in 2019.

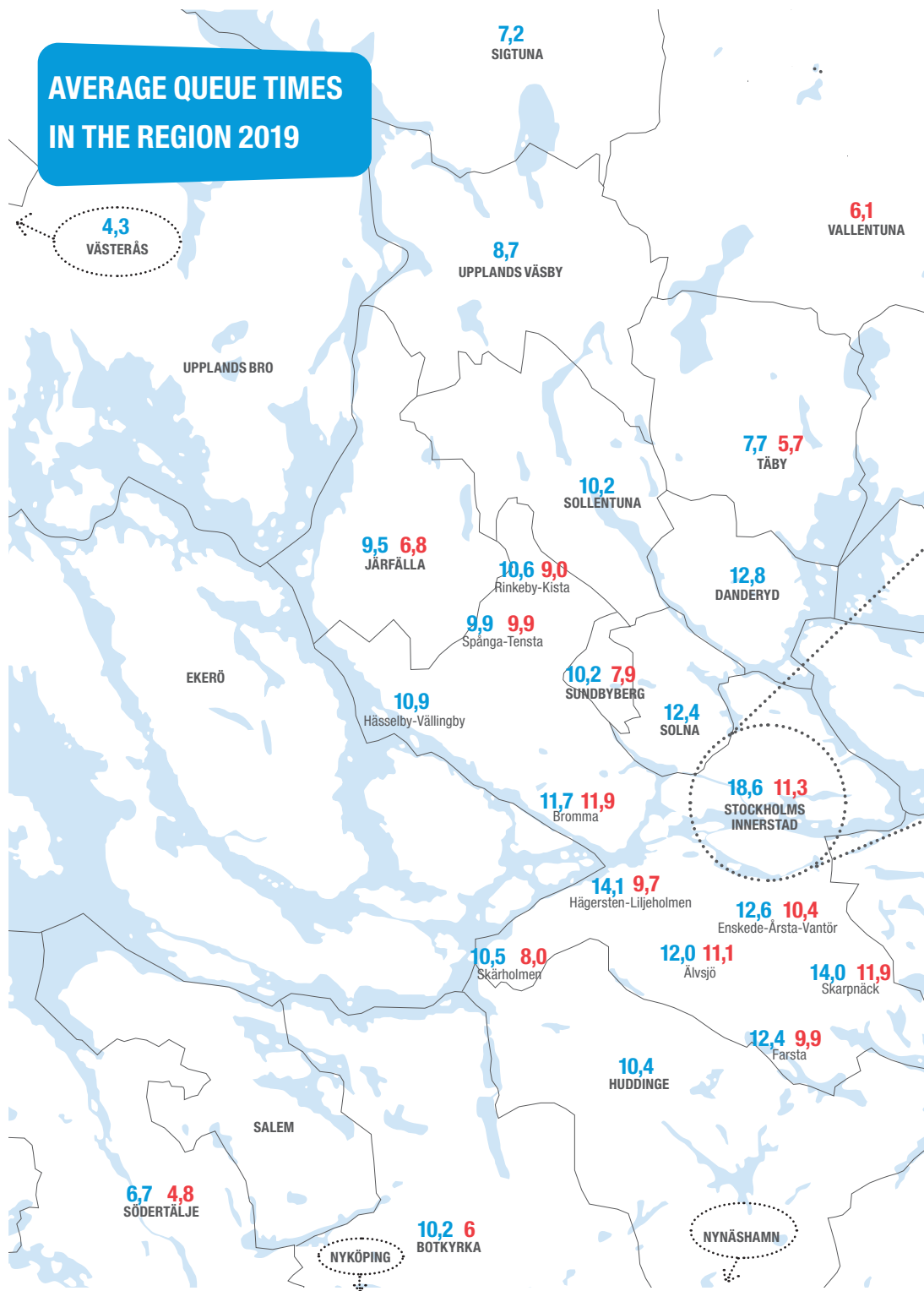
PERCENTAGE (of all assigned apartments in 2019)



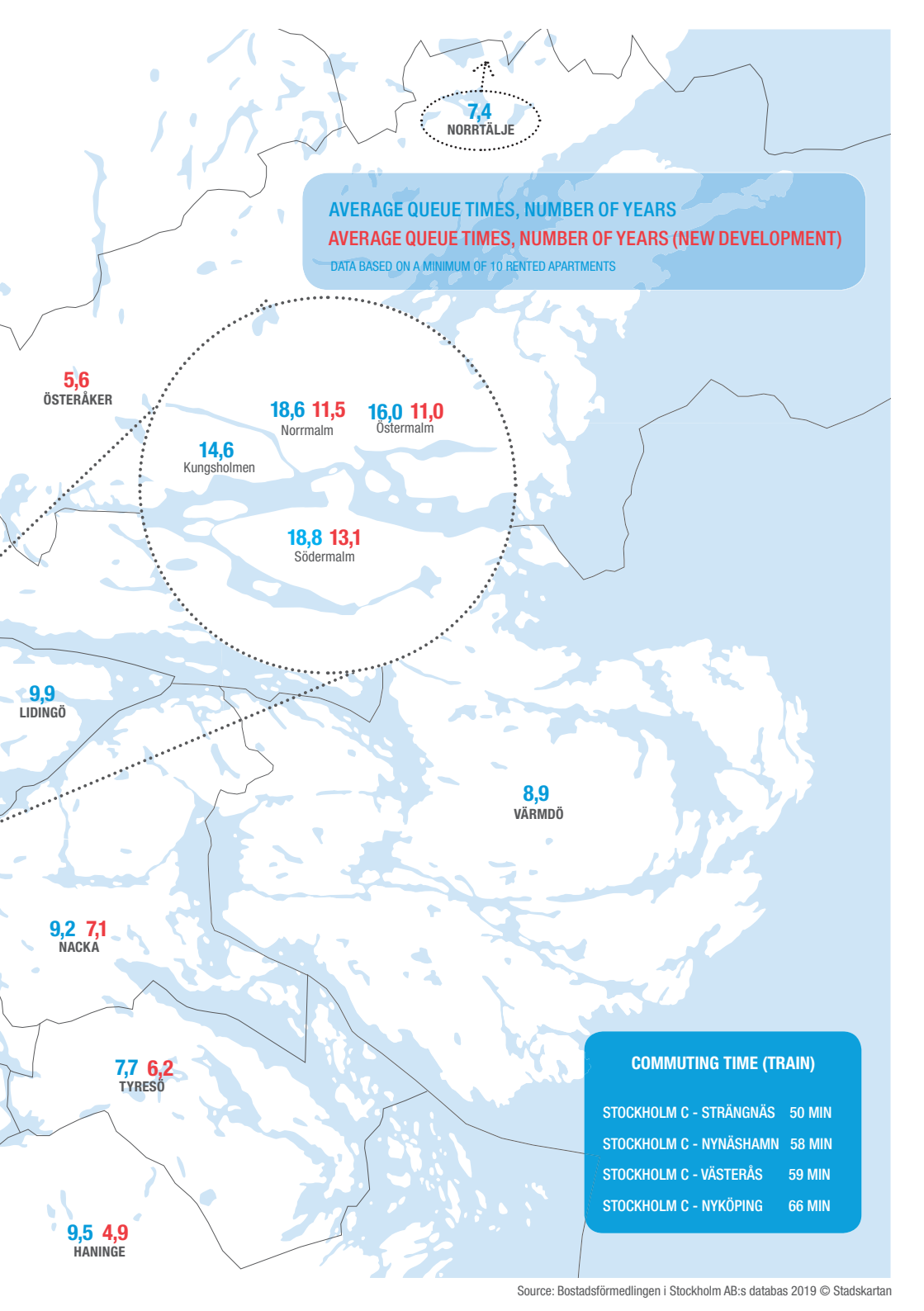
The statistics are for standard tenancies, not contracts for students or young people, retirement apartments or short-term contracts.

Source: Bostadsförmedlingen i Stockholm AB's database 2019.

# AVERAGE QUEUE TIMES IN THE REGION 2019







## AVERAGE QUEUE TIMES, NUMBER OF YEARS

### AVERAGE QUEUE TIMES, NUMBER OF YEARS (NEW DEVELOPMENT)

DATA BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 10 RENTED APARTMENTS

## COMMUTING TIME (TRAIN)

STOCKHOLM C - STRÄNGNÄS	50 MIN
STOCKHOLM C - NYNÄSHAMN	58 MIN
STOCKHOLM C - VÄSTERÅS	59 MIN
STOCKHOLM C - NYKÖPING	66 MIN

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## ABOUT THE HOUSING QUEUE

- It costs SEK 200 per year to remain in our queue.
- You can join the housing queue even if you don't live in Stockholm.
- You can join the queue from the day you reach the age of 18.
- You need to have a Swedish personal identity number (personnummer) or a coordination number (samordningsnummer) in order to join the housing queue.
- All vacant apartments are listed on our website.

Visit our website, where you'll find all the information you need: **[bostad.stockholm.se](https://bostad.stockholm.se)**