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FOXTONS LETTINGS MARKET REPORT

December 2025

Foxtons Lettings Market Report

As we reflect on 2025, we see a strong recovery from landlords looking to let their properties, particularly in the second half of the year. This increase in supply has continued to ease competitiveness across all regions of the capital. Rental prices have grown modestly throughout the year, aligned with a small increase in renters’ budgets. With interest rates expected to fall in 2026 and greater certainty around the Renters’ Rights Act coming into force on 1 May 2026, we anticipate a more buoyant market as both landlords and renters are increasingly able to plan ahead with confidence.



“Whilst the conversation was dominated by Renters’ Rights last year, we called it correctly: modest rent growth, with new listings steadily increasing despite the noise. That’s the real story – supply driving competition between landlords, not legislation stalling the market.

2026 follows the same script. Moderate growth with intensifying competition. The winners will be those landlords pricing their listings with surgical precision, using real-time data, not guesswork. The Renters’ Rights Act phases in from 1 May, and yes, it’ll change the lettings market. However, confidence tends to rebound once speculation ends and the rules become actionable. Your Foxtons agent knows exactly how to navigate this new landscape. So, let’s crack on.”

~ Gareth Atkins, Managing Director Lettings



“For landlords, 2026 is shaping up to be a year where organisation really pays off. With the Renters’ Rights Act beginning its phased introduction from 1 May, success will hinge on staying ahead of the finer points of compliance. It is the paperwork, processes and day-to-day management that will matter most. Those who prepare well will not only stay on the right side of the law, but be well placed to offer the kinds of homes renters increasingly expect: safe, well-maintained and professionally managed.”

~ Fran Giltinan, Managing Director Property Management & Customer Experience

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Year-To-Date Key Market Indicators

	Supply	Demand
	New Instructions YoY	New Renter Registrations YoY
All London	<div><div></div>3%</div>	<div><div></div>-8%</div>
Central	<div><div></div>-3%</div>	<div><div></div>-2%</div>
East	<div><div></div>20%</div>	<div><div></div>-6%</div>
North	<div><div></div>-5%</div>	<div><div></div>-5%</div>
South	<div><div></div>0%</div>	<div><div></div>-15%</div>
West	<div><div></div>4%</div>	<div><div></div>-17%</div>

		YTD 2025	YoY (YTD 2025 vs YTD 2024)
		December 2025	MoM (December vs November)
New Applicant Registrations per New Property Instructed			
<div></div>	Year to Date	13.8	-10.8%
	Last Month	11	20.0%

Average Rent Per Week Achieved			
<div></div>	Year to Date	£580	2%
	Last Month	£533	-3%

Average % Budget Spent on Rent			
<div></div>	Year to Date	98%	-1%
	Last Month	98%	-1%

Foxtons internal data based on long let tenancies (up to and including 31 December 2025)

Applicant Demand

Demand for rental properties eased in December 2025, which has traditionally been the quietest month of the year, as fewer renters choose to move during the festive season. Applicant registrations were 22% lower than in November.

Across the year, applicant demand was 8% lower than in 2024, with some notable regional variations. Demand in Central London proved resilient, at just 2% lower than the previous year, whilst South and West London saw larger reductions of 15% and 17% respectively.

Year-on-year

-8%

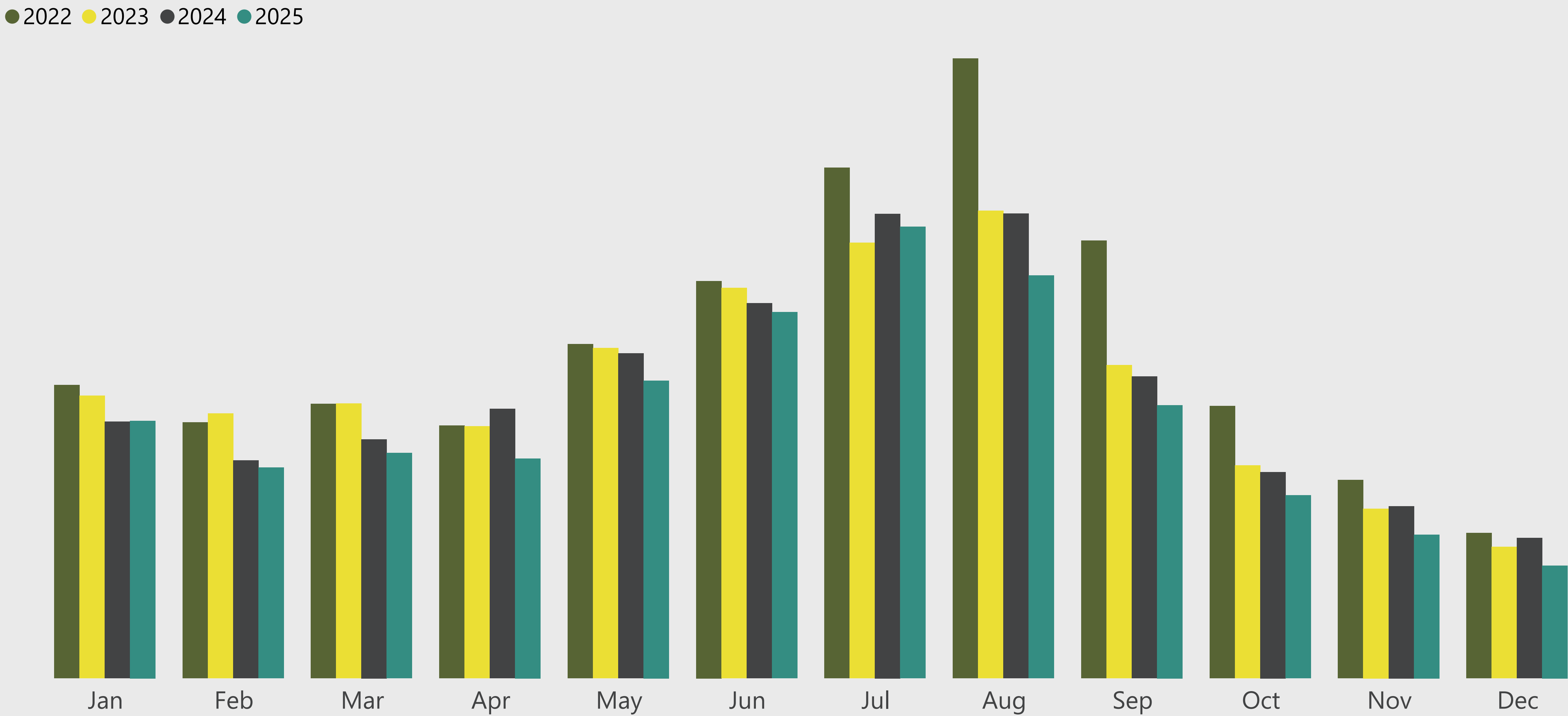
2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

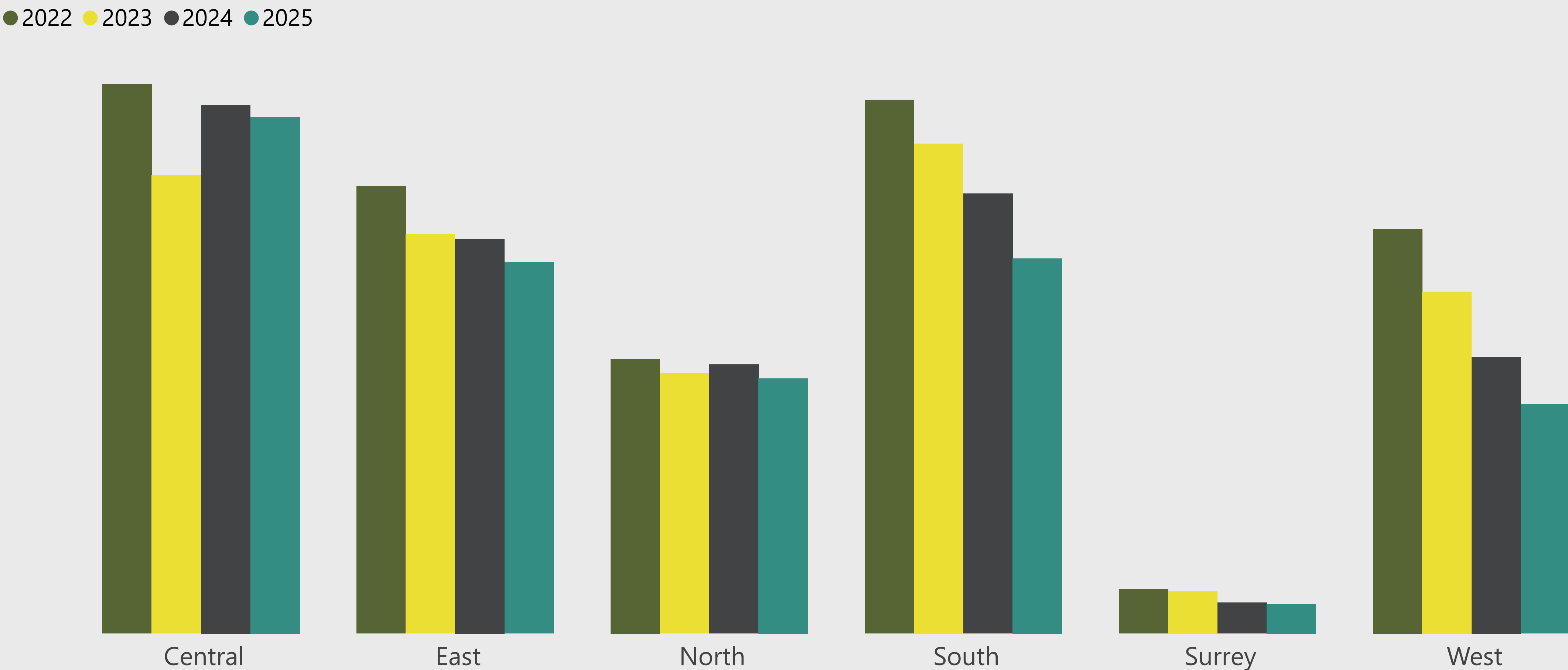
-22%

December vs November

Renter Registrations Over Time - Foxtons Network



Renter Registrations By Region - YTD





New Renters per New Instruction

The number of applicants per new instruction increased by almost 20% comparing December to November. However, across the full year, the number of new renters per new instruction reduced by 27.4% when compared to 2024, demonstrating how competition for properties has eased year on year.

Year-on-year

-8.5%

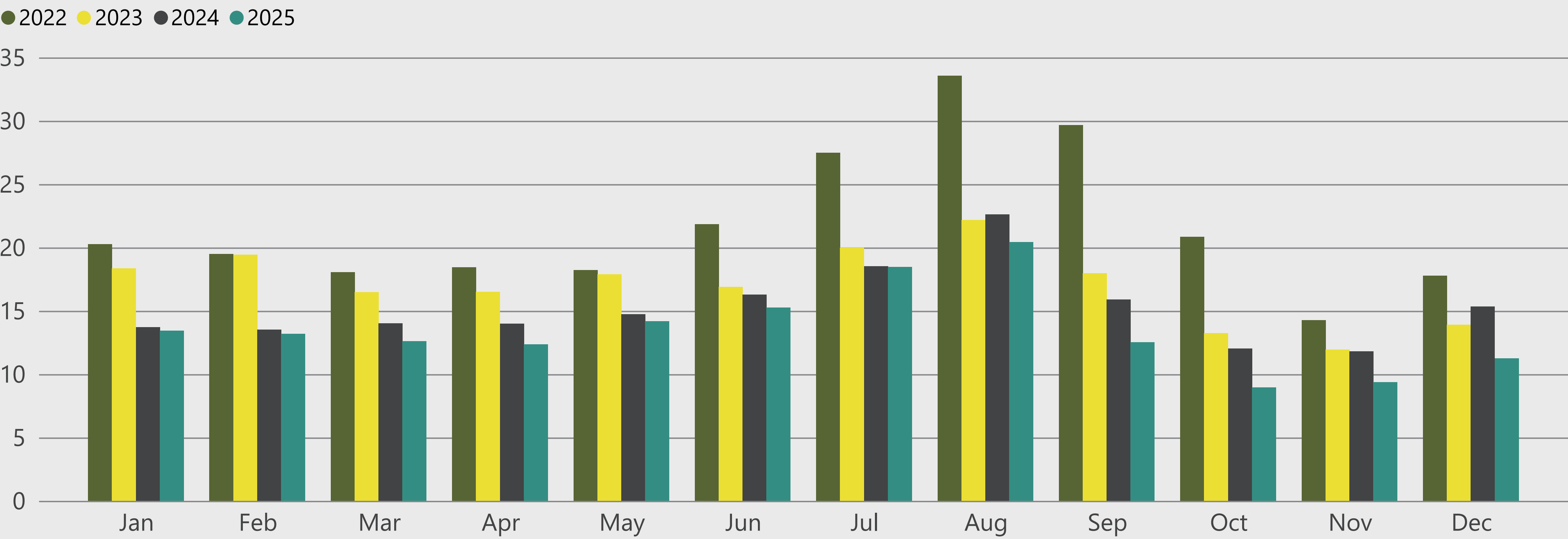
2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

20.0%

December vs November

New Renters per New Rental Instruction Over Time - Foxtons Network



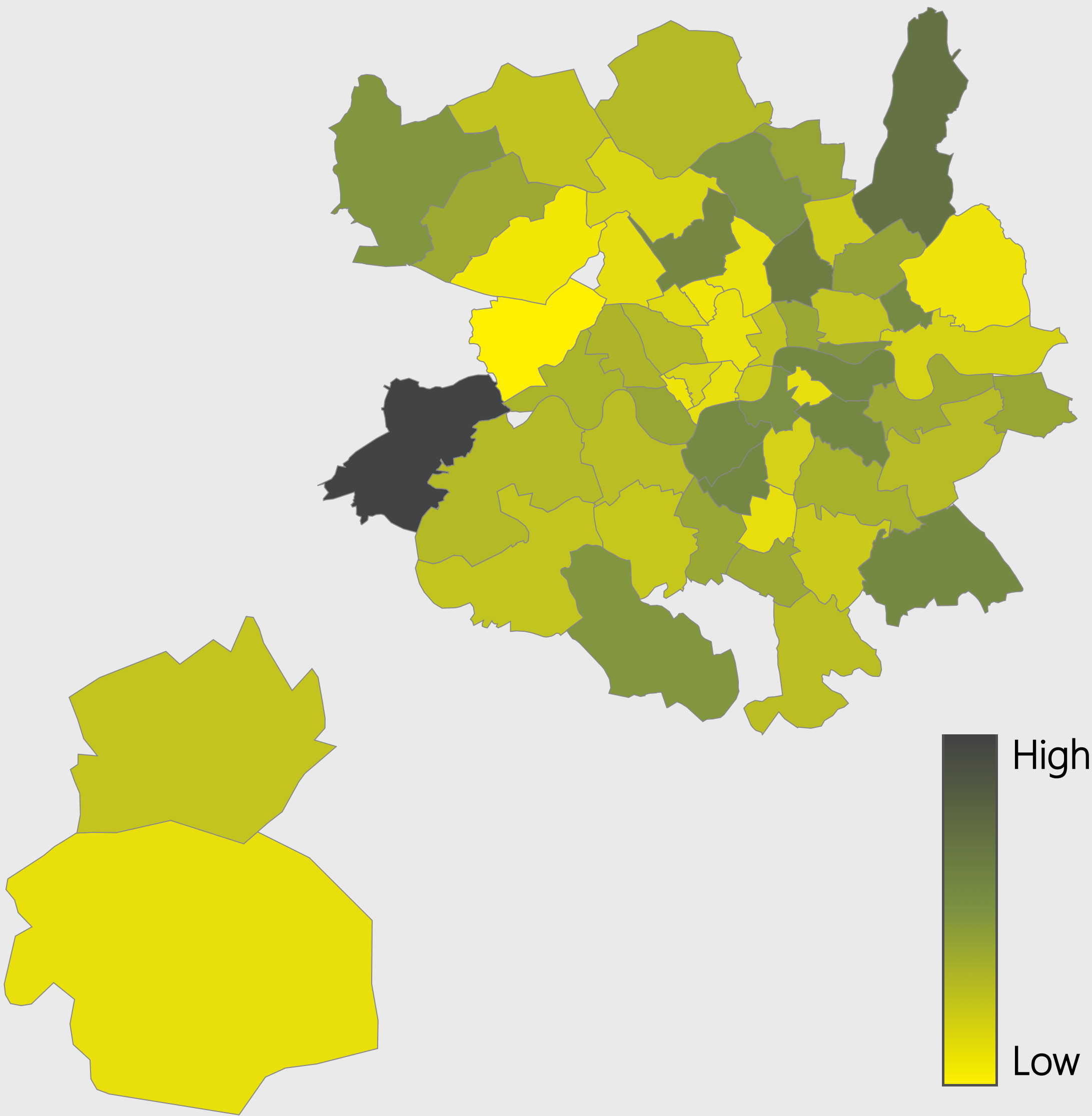
New Renters per New Instruction by Area

Areas	YTD	Last YTD	YoY %
Central	12.4	11.4	8.7%
East	13.7	18.5	-25.8%
North	16.2	15.6	4.0%
South	15.9	17.0	-6.6%
Surrey	10.5	20.5	-48.6%
West	12.7	16.3	-21.7%
Total	13.8	15.1	-8.5%

New Renters per New Instruction by Area

Areas	Last Month	2 Months Ago	MoM %
Surrey	16.6	9.1	81.9%
North	13.4	9.3	45.0%
South	12.3	10.6	16.3%
West	11.8	9.6	22.6%
East	10.4	7.5	38.9%
Central	9.7	10.1	-4.5%
Total	11.2	9.4	20.0%

New Renters per New Rental Instruction by Foxtons Office Area - YTD



Applicant Budgets

By the end of the year, average applicant budgets reached £553 per week, 2% higher than in 2024. Budgets cooled slightly in December, sitting 2% lower than in November. Across 2025, the largest reduction in budgets was for studio flats, which fell by 17%, whilst 1 bed, 2 bed and 3 bed flats all saw modest increases.

Year-on-year

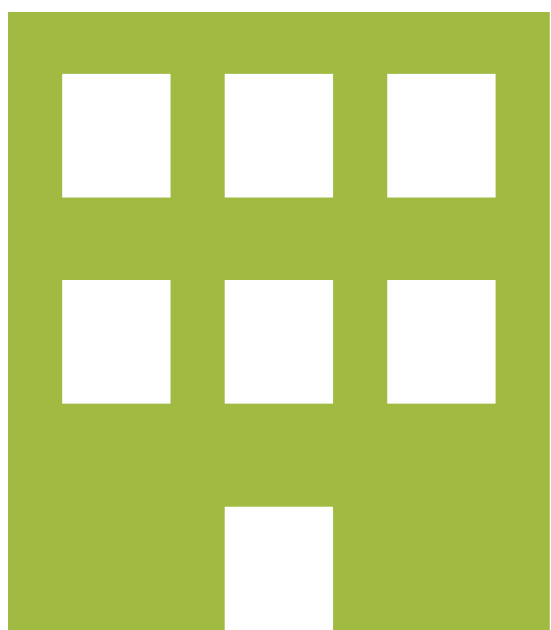
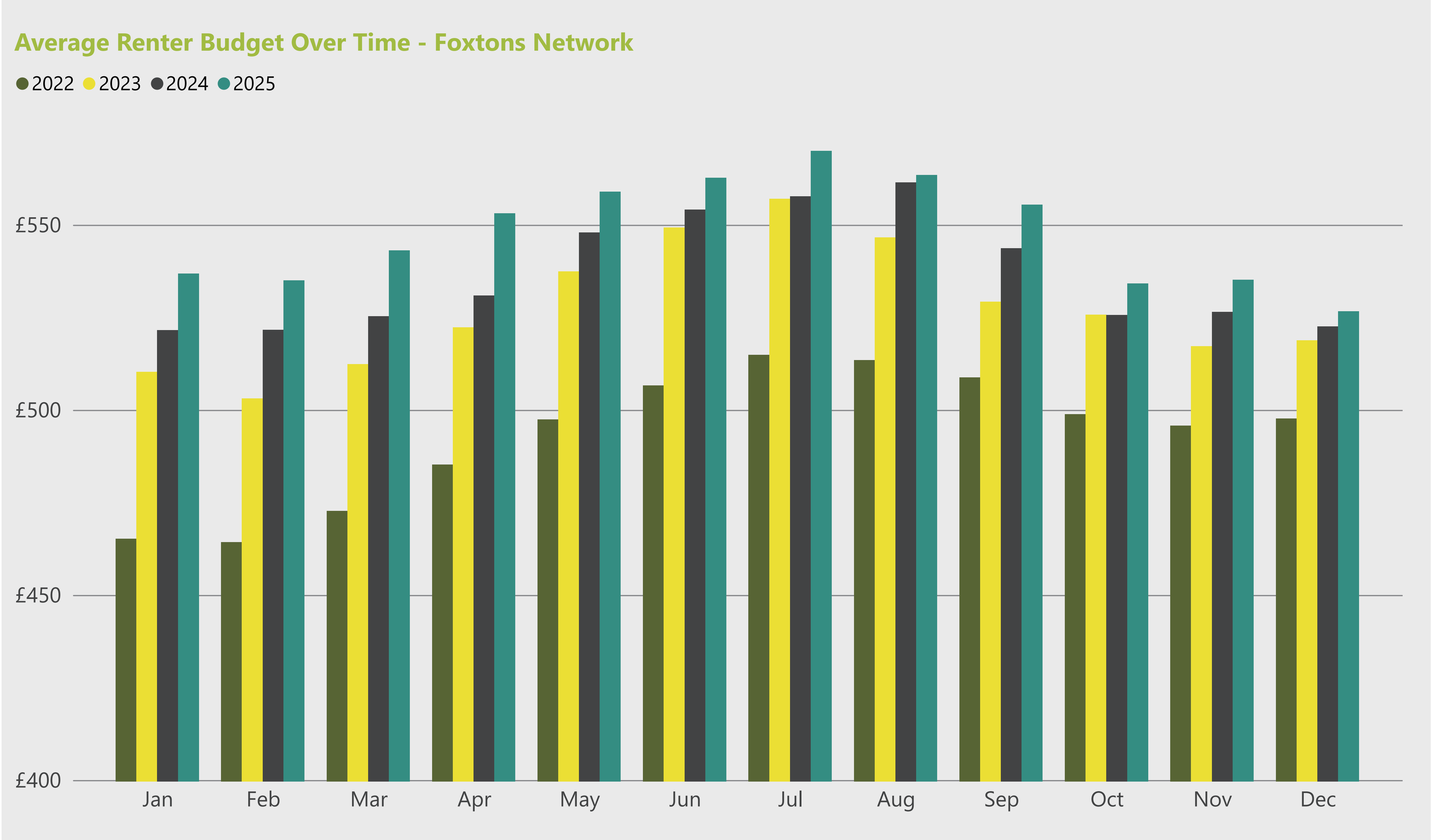
2%

2025 vs 2024

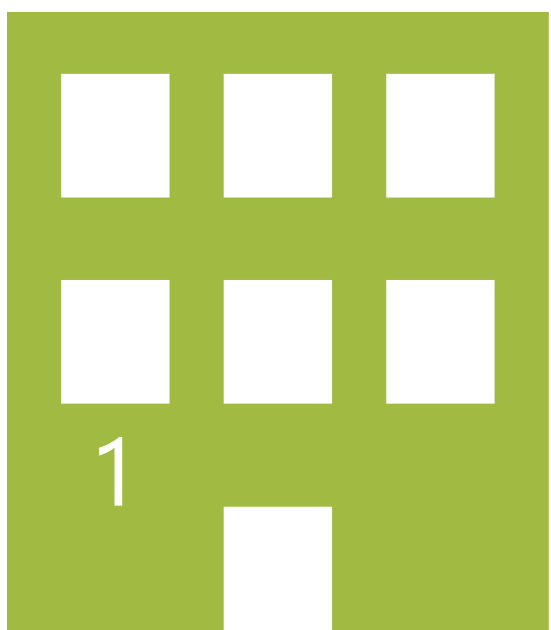
Month-on-month

-2%

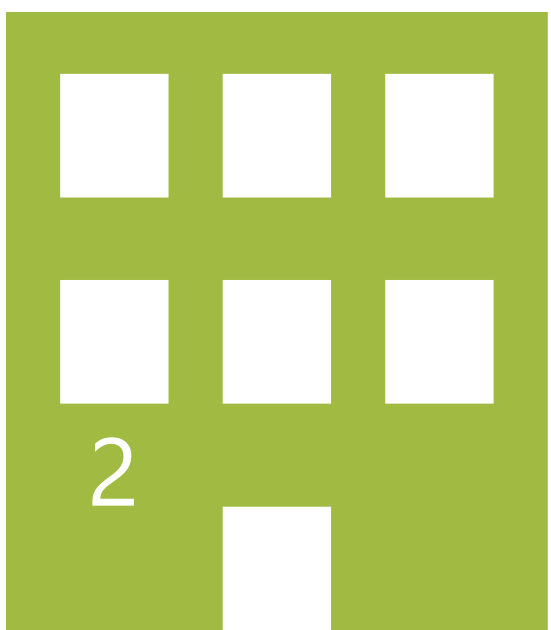
December vs November



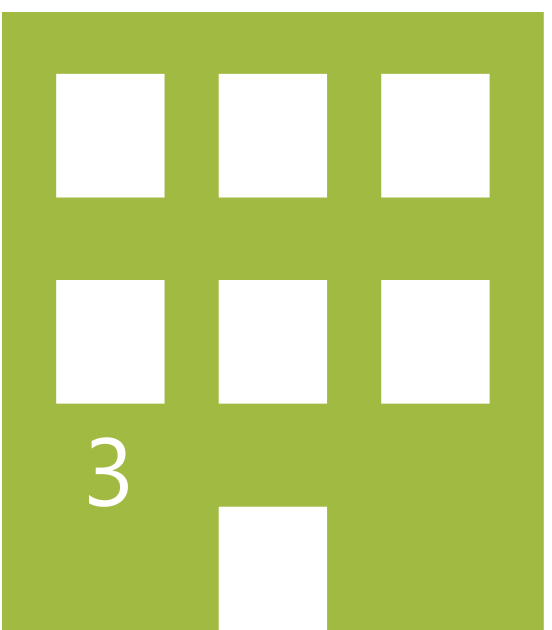
Studio



1 bed



2 bed



3 bed

Year to Date

£416

£485

£584

£681

YoY

-17%

2%

2%

1%

Renter Budgets by Area

Areas	YTD	Last YTD	YoY
Central	£604	£600	1%
East	£556	£545	2%
North	£541	£544	-1%
South	£524	£508	3%
Surrey	£477	£466	2%
West	£509	£492	3%
Total	£553	£541	2%

Market New Listings

All market data on this page is from Zoopla. Foxtons data is internal.

The supply of new rental listings increased by 6% from November. This uplift should support an expected recovery from November 2025, when many landlords appeared to pause activity whilst awaiting the Autumn Budget. Over the year, new instructions were 8% higher in 2025 compared to 2024.

Year-on-year

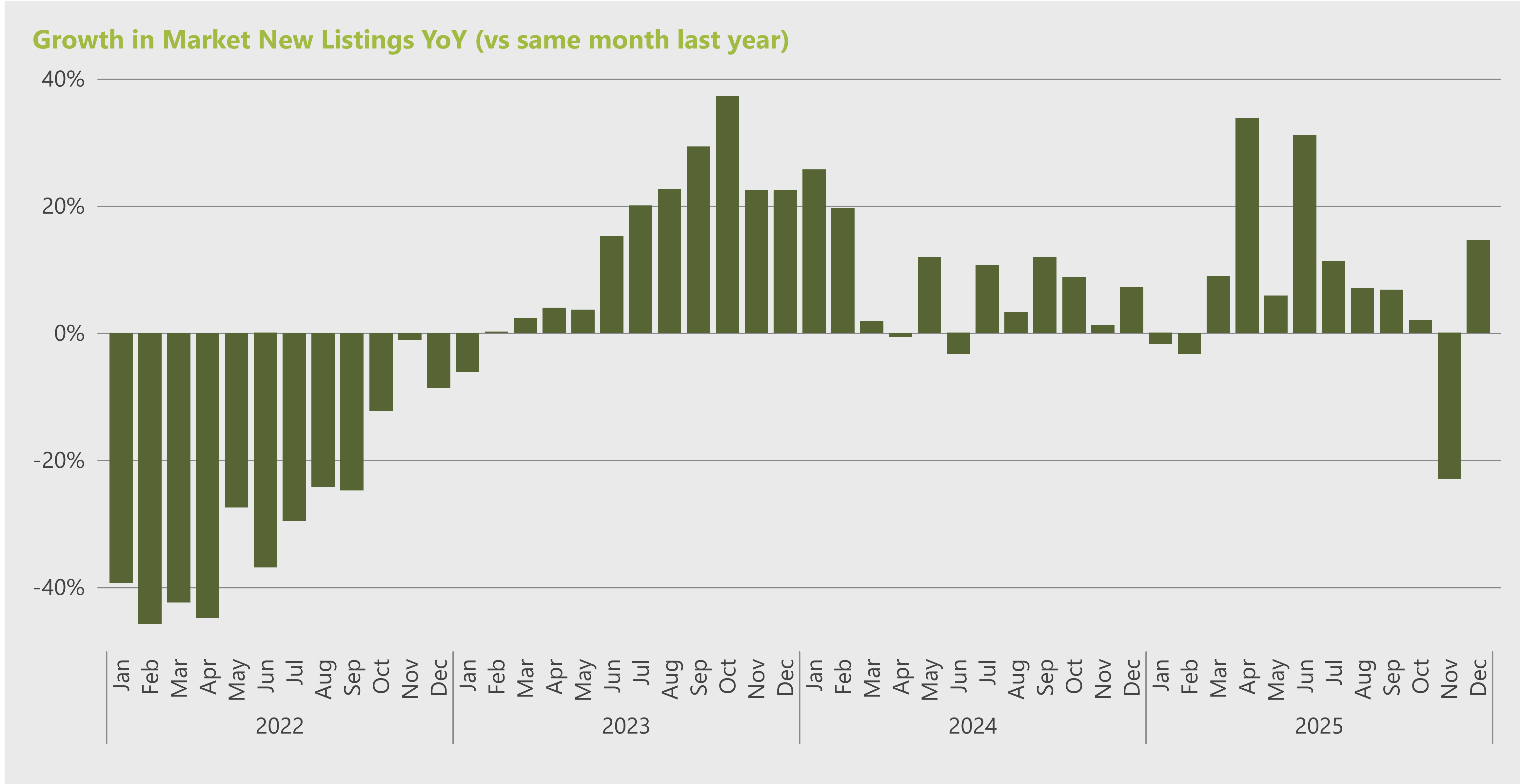
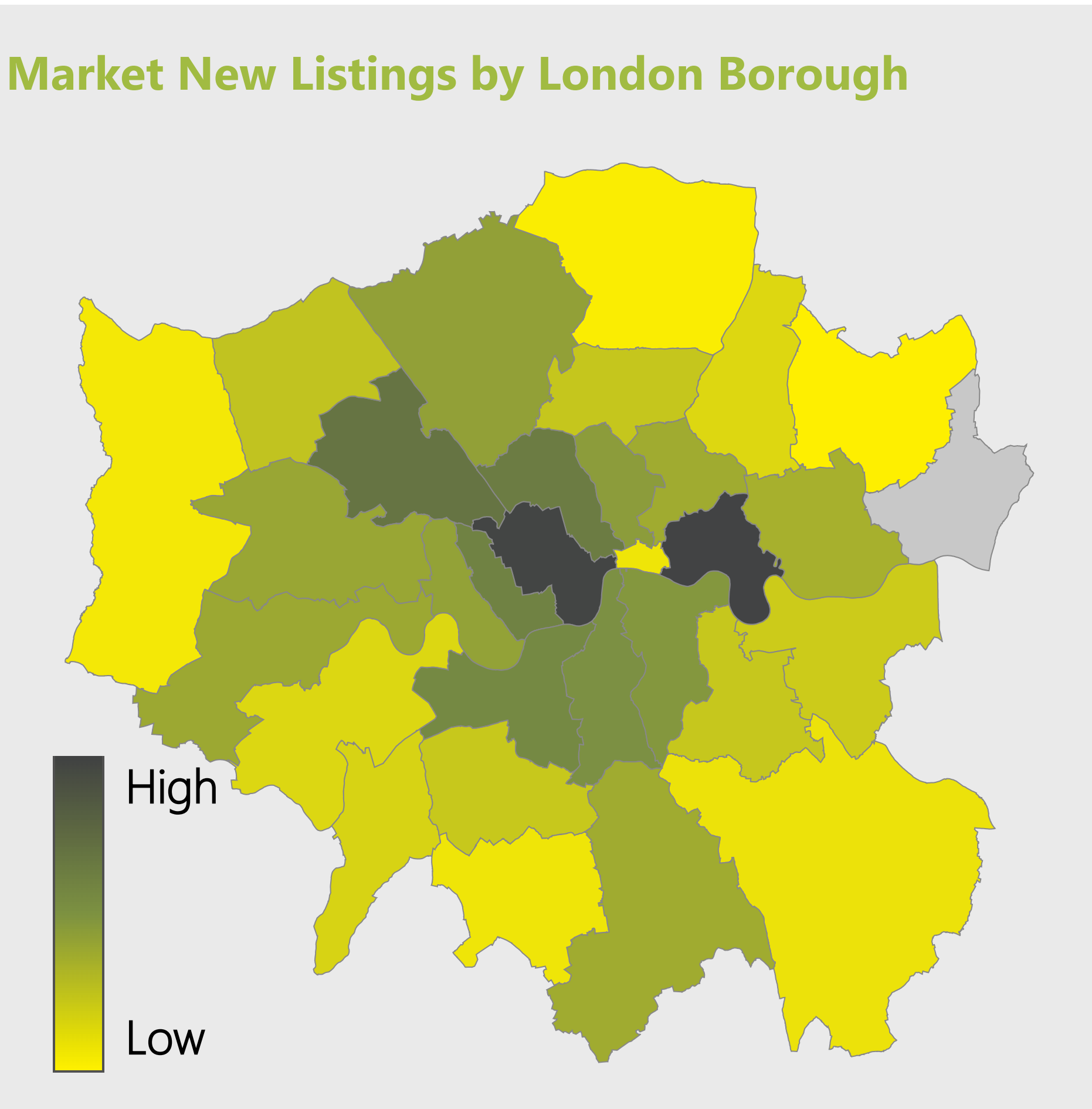
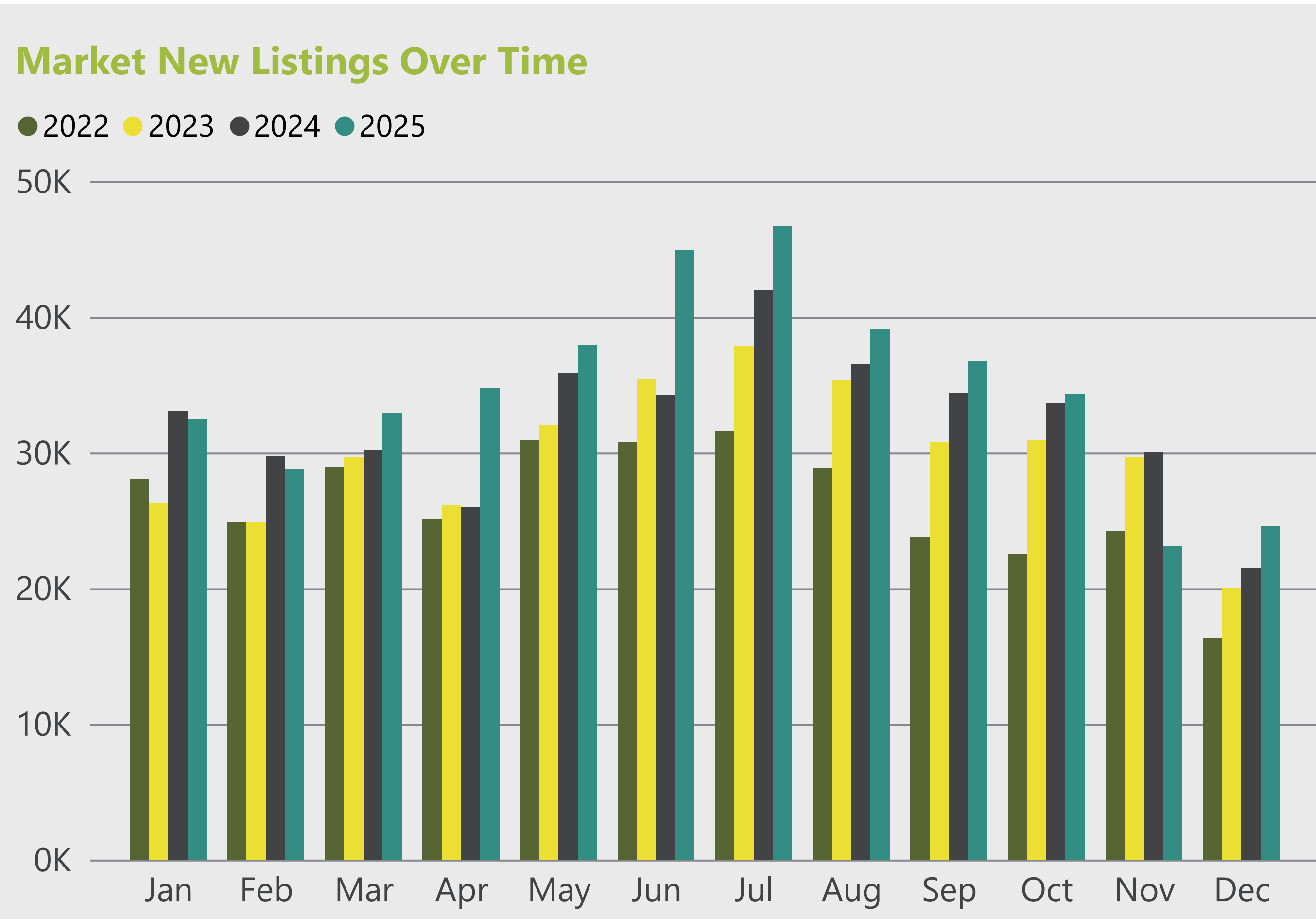
8%

2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

6%

December vs November



Rent Achieved

The average rent achieved was 3% lower than in November. Across 2025 as a whole, the average rental achieved was 2% higher than in 2024, with all London regions seeing slight increases except North London.

Average rents achieved rose to £580 per week in 2025, up from £569 per week in 2024.

Year-on-year

2%

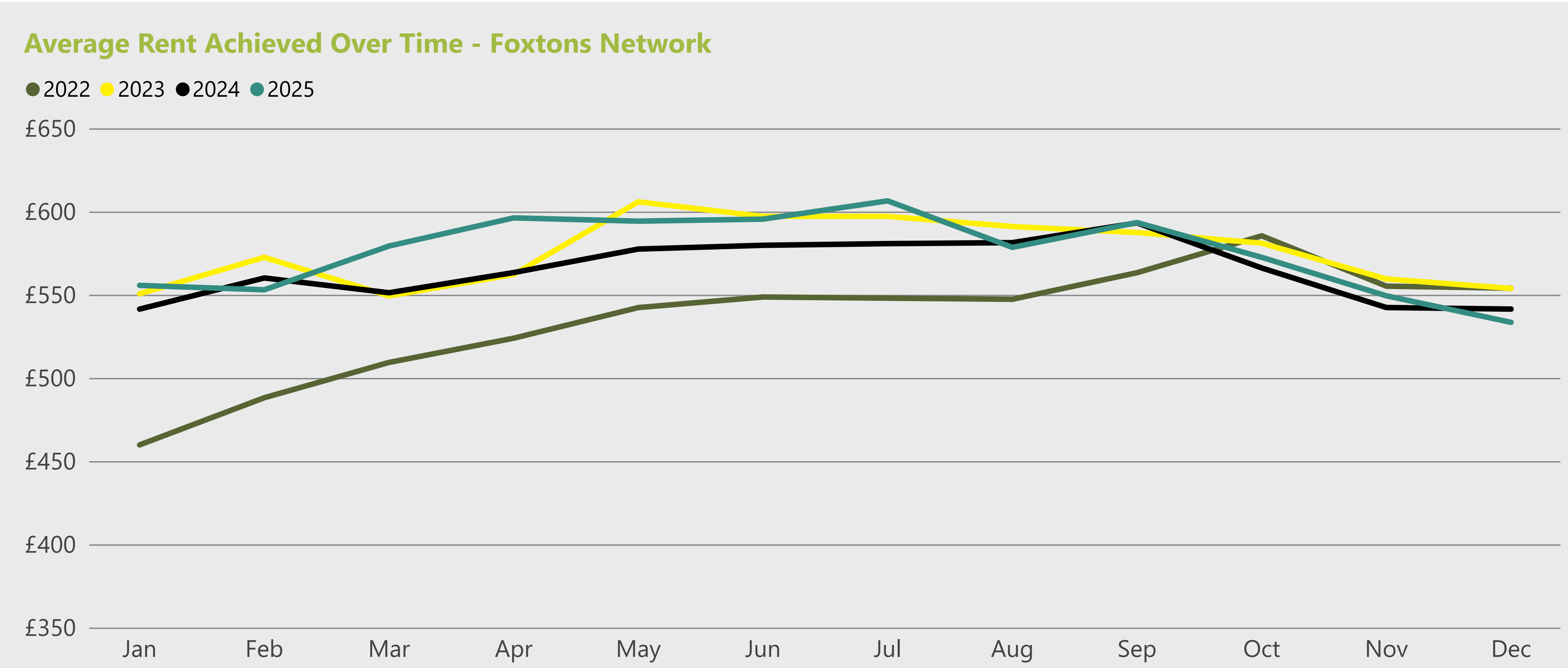
2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

-3%

December vs November

Average Weekly Rent Achieved YTD and YoY Change



Renter Spend

The proportion of their budget that renters spend to secure a home was 1% lower in December. This pattern remained stable across the year, with renter spend 1% lower than in 2024. Almost two-thirds of renters (63%) are securing homes below budget, while 30% are spending over budget.

Year-on-year

-1%

2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

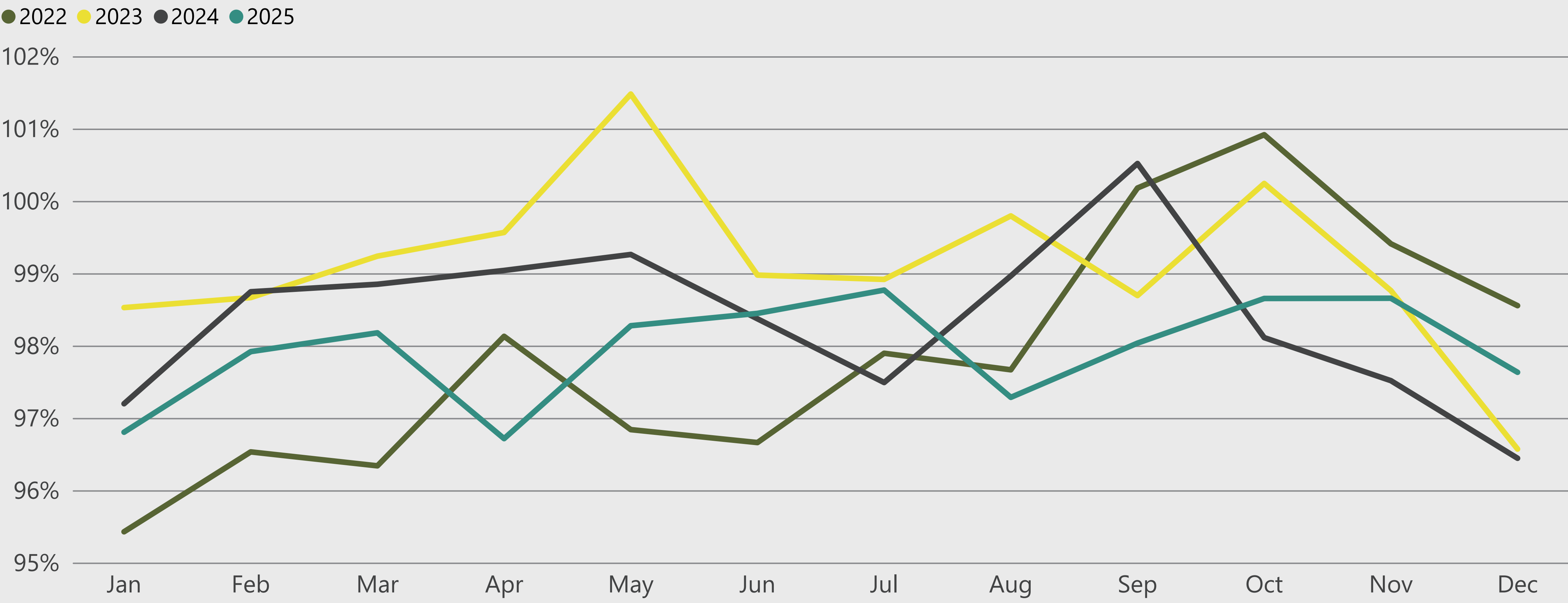
-1%

December vs November

Average % of Rental Budget Spent

100% means renters are spending exactly their budget. Anything over 100% means renters are spending over budget. Under 100% means renters are spending under budget.

Average % Renter Budget Spent on Rent Over Time - Foxtons Network

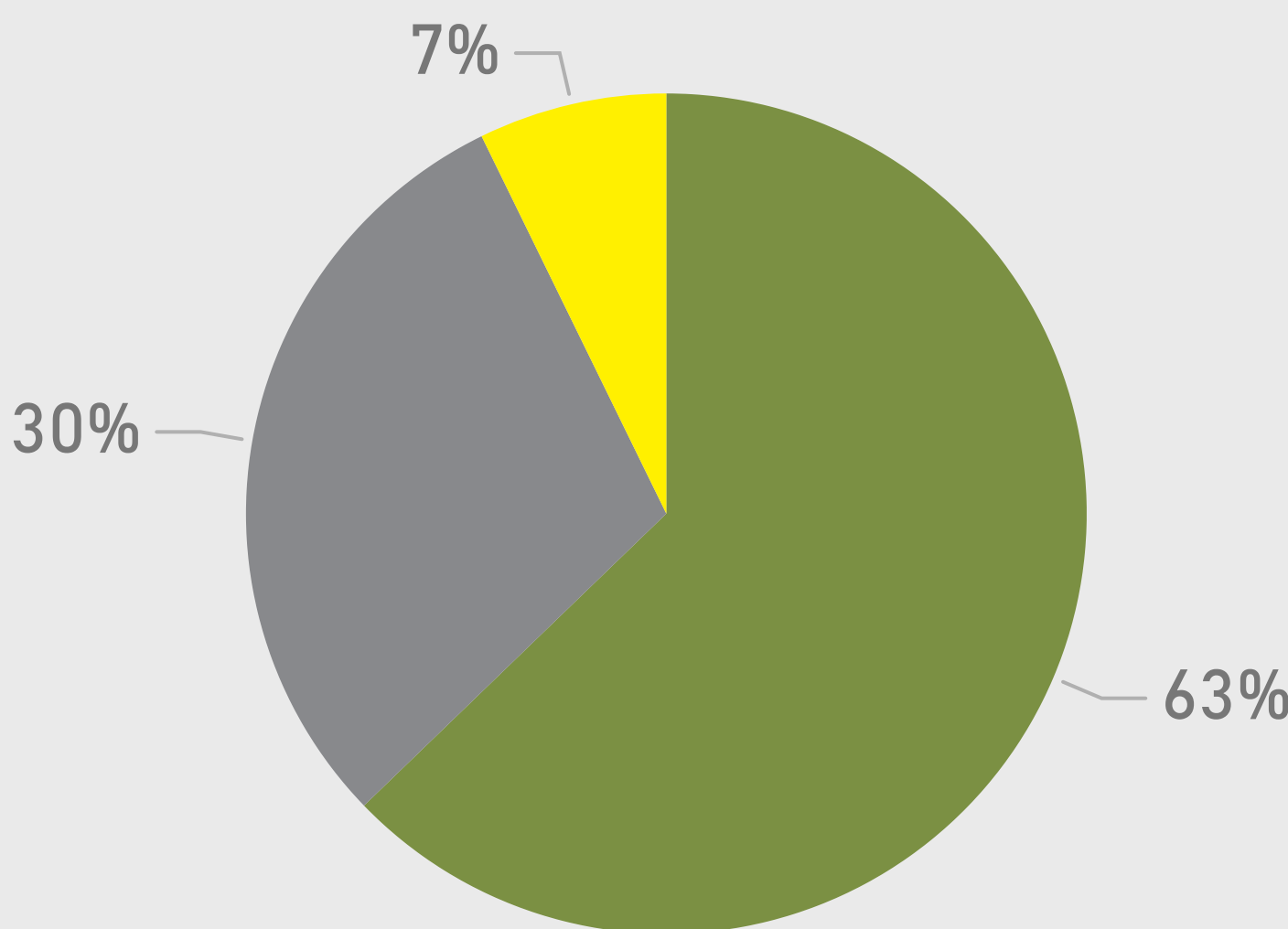


Average % Renter Budget Spent on Rent by Area

Areas	YTD	Last YTD	YoY	Last Month	2 Months Ago	MoM
Central	100%	102%	-2%	102%	97%	5%
East	98%	97%	0%	96%	99%	-3%
North	97%	97%	-0%	96%	100%	-4%
South	98%	98%	-0%	97%	100%	-3%
Surrey	94%	95%	-1%	95%	97%	-1%
West	97%	97%	-0%	96%	97%	-1%
Total	98%	99%	-1%	98%	99%	-1%

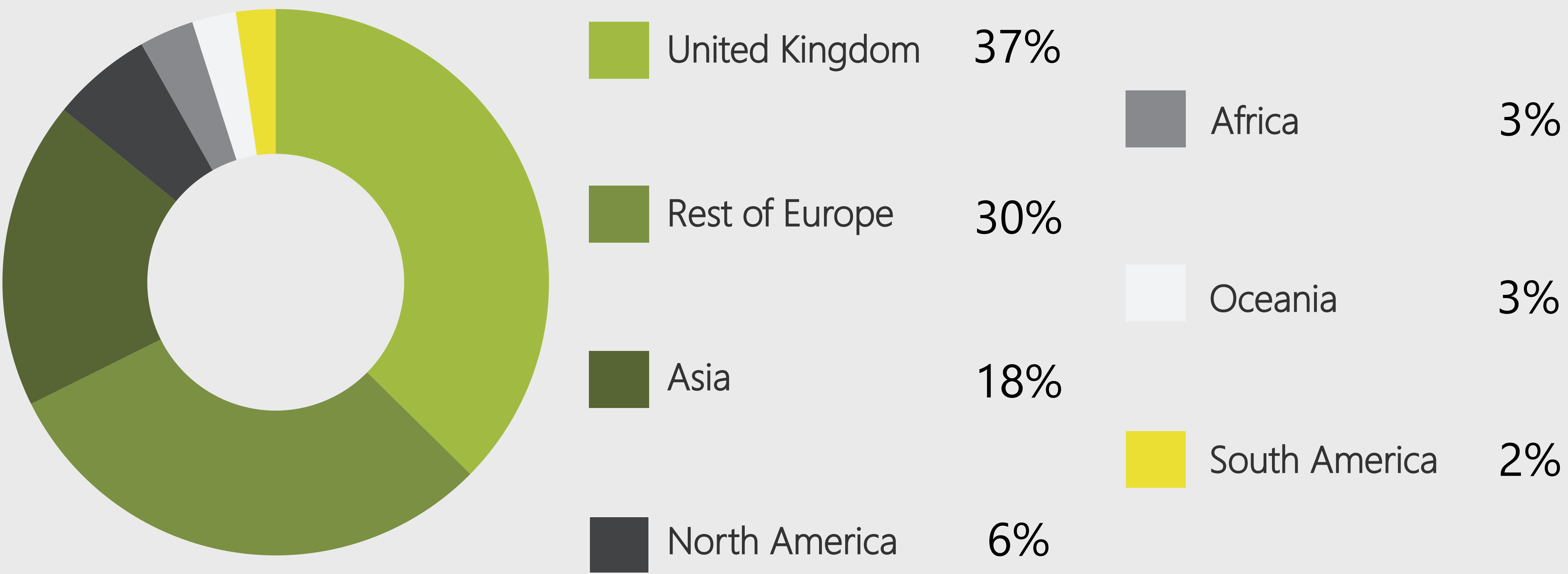
% of Renter Budget Spent by Category - YTD 2025

● Under Budget ● Over Budget ● On Budget



Tenant Demographics

Tenant Nationality



Tenant Gender



Male
47%

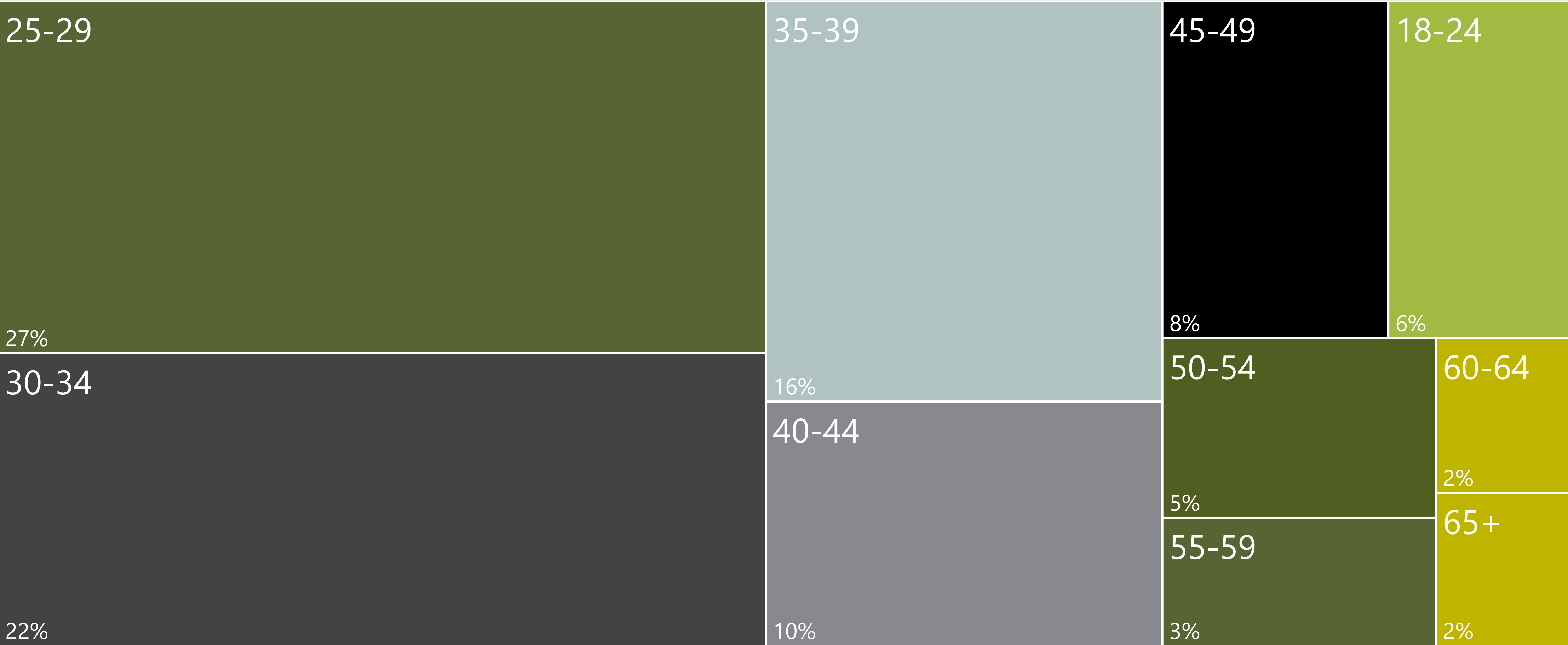


Female
50%



Unspecified
3%

Tenant Age Group



Appendix

Areas defined by Foxtons office groups:

CENTRAL

- Camden
- Earls Court
- Elephant & Castle
- Fulham Broadway
- London Bridge
- Maida Vale
- Marylebone & Mayfair
- Notting Hill
- Pimlico & Westminster
- Sloane Square
- South Kensington
- St John's Wood
- Vauxhall & Oval
- West End

EAST

- Blackheath
- Bow
- Canary Wharf
- Clerkenwell
- Greenwich
- Hackney
- Shoreditch
- Stratford
- Walthamstow
- Wapping
- Woolwich

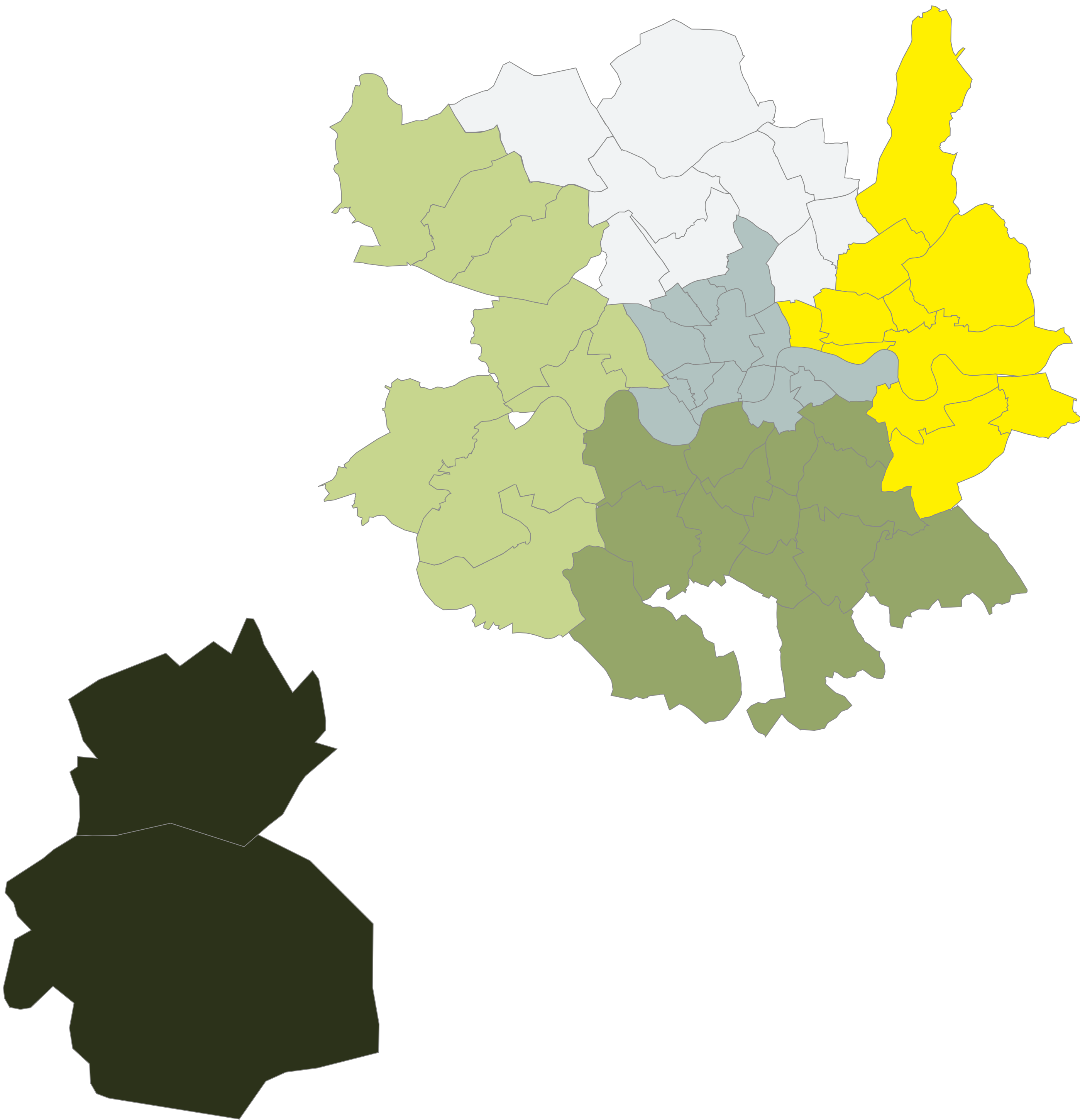
NORTH

- Crouch End
- Hampstead
- Islington
- North Finchley
- Stoke Newington
- Temple Fortune
- Willesden Green
- Wood Green
- Stanmore

SOUTH

- Balham
- Battersea
- Brixton
- Bromley
- Croydon
- Crystal Palace
- Dulwich
- New Malden
- Norbury
- Peckham
- Putney
- Streatham
- Tooting
- Wimbledon

● Central ● East ● North ● South ● Surrey ● West



SURREY

- Guildford
- Woking

WEST

- Chiswick
- Ealing
- Harrow
- Hounslow
- Kingston
- Pinner
- Richmond & Twickenham
- Shepherds Bush & Brook Green
- Wembley

Foxtons Specialist Departments

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