



20th May 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI & EIR 760

Your request for information received on 24 April 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) & Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Request

I am requesting the following information for the Belfast City area:

- *The number of individuals and households on the social housing waiting list for each year from 2019 to 2024 (or latest available).*
- *Social and private housing completions in Belfast City from 2019-2024 (or latest available).*

Our response

Further to your clarification of 29th April, in which you confirmed that you would like to have the requested information broken down for Belfast city centre and other areas. I can advise that the Belfast city centre waiting list will not be created until a development there is ready for allocation, therefore there are currently no up to date statistics to measure housing demand in this area. The Housing Executive consider, however, that the high demand for the adjacent areas suggests a strong demand for social housing in the city centre as well as other forms of housing tenure.

As discussed, the requested information has therefore been provided by Housing Executive Group Housing Need Assessment (Group HNA) Area, as the currently available applicable sub-geography to the Belfast LGD boundary.

The number of individuals and households on the social housing waiting list for each year from 2019 to 2024 (or latest available).

The tables below provide the requested information on the number of individuals and applicant households on the waiting list, the numbers of individuals and applicant households in Housing Stress and the number of allocations to individuals and applicant households. The information must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Applicant households

GROUP HNA AREA	Mar 2019			Mar 2020			Mar 2021			Mar 2022			Mar 2023			Mar 2024			Dec 2024		
	App	HS	Alloc	App	HS	Alloc	App	HS	Alloc	App	HS	Alloc	App	HS	Alloc	App	HS	Alloc	App	HS	Alloc
North Belfast	2636	1955	574	2568	1946	548	2906	2224	453	2951	2344	441	2955	2388	417	3029	2477	436	3092	2585	360
South & East Belfast	4395	3089	818	4417	3150	727	4741	3304	649	4971	3517	624	5008	3732	530	5262	4130	622	5549	4452	696
West Belfast	3716	2967	606	3834	3047	605	4211	3255	402	4315	3446	493	4212	3411	635	4435	3700	589	4556	3844	649
Grand Total	10747	8011	1998	10819	8143	1880	11858	8783	1504	12237	9307	1558	12175	9531	1582	12726	10307	1647	13197	10881	1705

Number of individuals within households

GROUP HNA AREA	Mar 2019			Mar 2020			Mar 2021			Mar 2022			Mar 2023			Mar 2024			Dec 2024		
	Pers	HS	Alloc	Pers	HS	Alloc	Pers	HS	Alloc	Pers	HS	Alloc	Pers	HS	Alloc	Pers	HS	Alloc	Pers	HS	Alloc
North Belfast	4616	3459	1067	4592	3506	1020	5188	4033	802	5228	4234	795	5312	4374	790	5482	4578	742	5487	4682	478
South & East Belfast	7693	5405	1404	7869	5640	1216	8234	5814	1052	8672	6218	1007	8848	6752	853	9264	7427	1014	9599	7842	817
West Belfast	7381	6073	1189	7661	6265	1199	8330	6672	755	8617	7110	925	8357	6958	1291	8686	7417	1135	8745	7582	1034
Grand Total	19690	14937	3660	20122	15411	3435	21752	16519	2609	22517	17562	2727	22517	18084	2934	23432	19422	2891	23831	20106	2329

Notes:

- Applicant information (all applicants and applicants in housing stress) is at 31st March annually, where available. The latest available statistics are as at 31st December 2024.
- Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12-month period.
- Please note that household make up (number of individuals to be rehoused) is recorded at point of application and may not reflect the current composition of the household.
- Social housing waiting list and allocations data held by the Housing Executive, form part of the Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin, which is published quarterly as a National Statistic by the Department for Communities. Therefore, in order to avoid breaches of the code of practice for statistics, the most recent data provided is based on the most recently published data (end December 2024).

Social and private housing completions in Belfast City from 2019-2024 (or latest available).

The Social Housing Development Programme is run on a financial year basis. The table below provides the number of social housing completions by Group HNA Area under the Social Housing Development Programme as at 31st March each financial year.

NIHE Local Office	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
South & East Belfast	99	111	145	49	117	178	129	828
West Belfast	192	68	104	31	122	238	146	901
North Belfast	95	140	54	33	166	3	43	534
Belfast LGD Total	386	319	303	113	405	419	318	2,263

The Housing Executive does not hold information on private sector completions. A possible source of figures for private housing could be the DfC 'Housing Statistics' publications at [Housing statistics | Department for Communities](#).

This concludes our response.