



07 July 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 814

Your request for information received on 24 June 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

I would like to request information regarding the points needed for 3 bedroom properties within all the Belfast CLAs.

I would like this data from the past one year please, May 2024 to May 2025.

Our response

Further to your clarification, received 1st July, in which you confirmed that you would accept a response for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 (the most recently available data that the Housing Executive can release at this time), the table below provides data on the number of housing allocations to applicants on the Social Housing Waiting List in all Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) in North Belfast, South & East Belfast and West Belfast Area Offices, narrowed down to 3-bedroom properties (houses, bungalows, maisonettes and flats), by Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Allocations 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025 to applicants on the waiting list in selected CLAs (narrowed down to 3-bedroom houses, bungalows, maisonettes and flats only) by Mean & Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation				
Area Office	NIHE Common Landlord Area (CLA) / Geography	No. of allocations	Mean Points at the point of allocation	Median Points at the point of allocation
		(3-bedroom properties only)		
North Belfast	Ardoyne CLA	<10	206.8	208.0
	Ballysillan CLA	<10	153.6	150.0
	Cavehill CLA	<10	183.3	190.0
	Gainsborough/Mountcollyer CLA	<10	196.0	196.0
	Gray Mount/Shore Crescent CLA	<10	184.0	191.0
	Lower Oldpark CLA	11	187.5	170.0
	Mount Vernon Estate CLA	<10	*	*

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	Oldpark CLA	<10	205.0	205.0
	Skegoneill/Ashfield/Fortwilliam CLA	<10	155.5	169.0
	Sunningdale CLA	<10	*	*
	Tigers Bay CLA	<10	*	*
	Westland CLA	<10	*	*
	Wheatfield CLA	<10	*	*
	White City CLA	<10	*	*
	Whitewell/Fairyknowe CLA	<10	*	*
South & East Belfast	Albertbridge Rd. CLA	<10	180.0	180.0
	Annadale CLA	<10	164.0	160.0
	Bloomfield/Ravenscroft CLA	<10	175.0	175.0
	Braniel CLA	<10	180.0	180.0
	Clarawood CLA	<10	183.0	183.0
	Cregagh Castlereagh CLA	<10	*	*
	Donegall Pass CLA	<10	*	*
	Garnerville CLA	<10	181.0	181.0
	Inverary CLA	<10	193.0	193.0
	Lisburn Road CLA	<10	176.0	176.0
	Lower Ormeau CLA	12	202.5	191.0
	Lwr Beersbridge/The Mount CLA	<10	*	*
	Newtownards Road CLA	<10	*	*
	Sandy Row CLA	<10	166.0	166.0
	Short Strand CLA	<10	*	*
	Sydenham/Sandbrook/Lisavon CLA	<10	*	*
	Taughmonagh CLA	<10	184.0	182.0
	Upper Ormeau CLA	<10	*	*
	Woodstock/Ravenhill CLA	<10	181.0	180.0
West Belfast	Andersonstown CLA	33	221.2	220.0
	Ballygomartin CLA	<10	*	*
	Ballymurphy CLA	<10	*	*
	Cambrai/Woodvale CLA	<10	145.7	146.0
	Divis Complex CLA	<10	*	*
	Falls Court/Clonard Cres CLA	<10	*	*
	Florence/Hopewell/Lwr Shankill CLA	<10	*	*
	Glencairn CLA	<10	*	*
	Hannahstown CLA	30	230.7	225.0
	Highfield CLA	<10	166.0	166.0
	Lawnbrook CLA	<10	*	*
	Lower Falls Grosvenor CLA	<10	204.3	200.0
	Lower Suffolk CLA	<10	154.7	150.0
	Mid Shankill CLA	<10	170.0	170.0
	Moyard CLA	<10	*	*
	New Barnsley CLA	<10	*	*
	Roden Street CLA	<10	188.0	188.0
	Springfield Park CLA	<10	*	*
	Springhill CLA	<10	*	*
	Springmartin CLA	<10	*	*
	St James CLA	<10	*	*
	Turf Lodge/Gortnamona CLA	<10	192.8	192.0
	Twinbrook-Poleglass CLA	<10	*	*

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	Upper Shankill CLA	<10	*	*
	Westrock CLA	<10	*	*
N. Ireland Total	N. Ireland Total	1,124	174.6	172.0

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data (allocations up to 31/03/2025)
- Allocations are aggregated over a 1-year period from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- When a question of “average waiting times” or “average points” is asked, MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided.

Reasons for this include:

The MEAN (arithmetic average) is useful for understanding overall trends but can be heavily skewed by outliers (unusually high or low values) – for example, applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years or who have just joined the waiting list.

The MEDIAN (middle value, a measure of central tendency) is less affected by outliers and represents a “typical” case better when the data is skewed.

By presenting both, we ensure that the analysis captures both central tendency and the potential impact of unusually high or low values.

We also note that when the number of applicants is small, statistical indicators become less reliable and have a much lower predictive value regarding the “typical” experience. In such cases, the figures may be more indicative of the specific circumstances of the individual applicant households rather than a broader trend. Caution must be exercised when interpreting the results.

- Where the number of applicants/allocations is less than 10, the figure has been shown as <10 in accordance with Data Protection and UK GDPR requirements.
- Further in the interest of Data Protection we have had to remove the points for some categories where there was only one allocation or less than 10 allocations and where the points were substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average points.

This concludes our response.