

14 October 2024

Our Ref: FOI 535

Request

We received your request on 30 September 2024 for the following information:

The number of children who were living in temporary accommodation on 1 January and 1 September in each of the last five years broken down by (a) age (b) sex (c) Assembly constituency (d) local council area.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our response

1. *The number of children who were living in temporary accommodation on 1 January and 1 September in each of the last five years broken down by (a) age (b) sex (c) Assembly constituency (d) local council area.*

Please see the tables below which outline the number of children in Temporary Accommodation by age, sex, and local Council Area for the period 01 Jan 2020 to 01 Jan 2024 and 01 Sept 2020 to 01 Sept 2023. The Housing Executive does not record data by Assembly Constituency.

Information on Homelessness is released on a regular basis and can be found on the DfC website [here](#). The current data release covers the period to 31 March 2024 and information for the 2024/25 year which will contain data relating to this request, will be released in December 2024. As a result, the Housing Executive cannot provide the information requested for September 2024 as this is currently exempt under FOI Act Section 22 -Information intended for future publication.

As this is a qualified exemption, we have considered the Public Interest Test.

Public interest factors in favour of disclosure: Promoting transparency, openness, accountability and understanding about how decisions are made.

Public interest factors in favour of maintaining the exemption: The information requested is due to be published on the Department for Communities website as part of the forthcoming data release in December 2024. As this information is of notable interest to the wider public, it is important that it can be accessed by all at the same time in an accurate form. This is in line with the Code of Practice for Statistics.

Outcome of the public interest test: It is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should not be disclosed until the future intended publication.

Children in TA on 01 Jan by Age					
Age/Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
0	185	209	225	221	229
1	233	250	274	265	295
2	232	244	254	277	263
3	227	234	255	267	297
4	202	232	243	257	289
5	188	194	231	254	269
6	174	194	212	257	284
7	168	181	210	238	288
8	169	169	204	231	273
9	184	192	207	236	265
10	150	201	191	227	236
11	162	152	202	206	260
12	139	184	175	223	243
13	148	138	185	202	259
14	121	165	143	195	237
15	112	127	169	163	236
16	90	116	123	197	200
17	82	84	116	142	200
Total	2966	3266	3619	4058	4623

Children in TA on 01 Jan by Gender					
Gender/Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Male	1539	1724	1870	2085	2404
Female	1427	1542	1749	1973	2219
Total	2966	3266	3619	4058	4623

Children in TA on 01 Jan by Council Area					
Council/Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Antrim & N'abbey	21	42	56	71	145
Ards & N. Down	162	146	174	197	235
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	78	96	137	273	329
Belfast	1930	2177	2409	2524	2754
Causeway & Glens	24	28	40	55	35
Derry & Strabane	352	364	364	402	469
Fermanagh & Omagh	49	39	64	86	97
Lisburn & C'reagh	128	105	90	96	126
Mid & East Antrim	60	60	58	104	143
Mid Ulster	53	60	79	87	92
Newry, Mourne & Down	109	149	148	163	198
Total	2966	3266	3619	4058	4623

Children in TA on 01 Sept by Age					
Age/Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
0	186	221	190	237	N/A
1	228	282	270	257	N/A
2	224	266	282	308	N/A
3	246	250	260	306	N/A
4	214	254	268	257	N/A
5	192	214	255	287	N/A
6	193	207	218	280	N/A
7	180	210	241	249	N/A
8	171	218	229	275	N/A
9	181	193	241	261	N/A
10	172	184	211	261	N/A
11	166	186	211	254	N/A
12	164	177	193	225	N/A
13	145	173	196	237	N/A
14	138	143	191	239	N/A
15	125	149	156	205	N/A
16	108	125	182	186	N/A
17	95	113	145	191	N/A
Total	3128	3565	3939	4515	

Children in TA on 01 Sept by Gender					
Gender/Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Male	1658	1844	2018	2328	N/A
Female	1470	1721	1921	2187	N/A
Total	3128	3565	3939	4515	

Children in TA on 01 Sept by Council Area					
Council/Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Antrim & N'abbey	32	57	64	152	N/A
Ards & N. Down	131	182	190	251	N/A
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	102	133	222	323	N/A
Belfast	2047	2392	2487	2665	N/A
Causeway & Glens	29	40	50	37	N/A
Derry & Strabane	379	363	405	466	N/A

Fermanagh & Omagh	33	43	80	92	N/A
Lisburn & C'reagh	115	83	103	119	N/A
Mid & East Antrim	68	54	90	128	N/A
Mid Ulster	63	66	95	86	N/A
Newry, Mourne & Down	129	152	153	196	N/A
Total	3128	3565	3939	4515	

This concludes our response.