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Our Ref: FOI 418

Request

We received your request on 24 May 2024 for the following information:

We wish to understand the current state of social housing in Northern Ireland. To that end, we request the most current (end March 2024) numbers and composition of (a) the social housing waiting list, (b) households in housing stress and (c) households with FDA status in Northern Ireland as a whole. Please provide the information broken down by family type in as much detail as possible (eg, with categories 'Single Male > 16 and <18', '2 Adults & 1 Child' etc).

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

Our response

The table below provides the requested information as at 31st March 2024. The table should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Household Type	All Applicants	HS Applicants	FDA	Allocations
Single male, >16 & <18	57	54	52	<10
Single male, 18-25	3234	2660	2234	301
Single male, 26-59	11094	8322	6527	1126
Single female, >16 & <18	66	62	57	12
Single female, 18-25	3037	2508	2120	368
Single female, 26-59	4518	3329	2731	563
H&W, >16 & <18	<10	<10	<10	0

Household Type	All Applicants	HS Applicants	FDA	Allocations
H&W, 18-25	80	61	48	12
H&W, 26-59	415	265	200	44
2 Adults, >16 & <18	<10	<10	<10	0
2 Adults 18-59	1778	1184	956	168
2 Adults & 1 child	1389	1013	882	143
2 Adults & 2 children	1286	888	793	97
1 Parent & 1 child	5739	4701	4109	814
1 Parent & 2 children	3321	2464	2250	501
2 Adults & 3 children	701	515	463	50
2 Adults & ≥4 children	470	370	335	29
1 Parent & 3 children	1370	1040	946	208
1 Parent & ≥4 children	632	488	442	96
≥3 adults & 2+ children	316	249	217	14
≥3 adults & 0-1 children	1072	745	616	99
Male 60+	2132	1389	1118	458
Female 60+	2762	1849	1357	402
H&W, either 60+	999	711	476	107
≥3 OAP's	14	10	<10	<10
2 Adults, either 60+	825	584	456	92
Northern Ireland	47312	35464	29394	5710

Notes:

- Please note that where there are less than 10 applicants, applicants in housing stress or allocations, they have been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements.
- Applicant Information (all applicants, applicants in housing stress and FDA) is as at end March 2024.
- Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12 month period.
- FDA refers to Full Duty Applicants – these are applicants accepted as being homeless, to whom the Housing Executive owes a duty under the Homelessness legislation, Article 10(2)

of the Housing (NI) Order, 1988 to “secure that accommodation becomes available for his/her occupation”.

- *Please note that household group 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.*

This concludes our response.