

11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Our Ref: FOI 675**

## **Request**

We received your request on 12 February 2025 for the following information:

- *Each nationality that has applied for housing and quantity that has been rehoused for each.*
- *Each ethnicity that has applied for housing and quantity that has been rehoused for each.*
- *The quantity of each gender (singles) that has applied for housing and the quantity of each that has been rehoused.*
- *The figure spent on interpreter funding in the year 2024.*

### Clarification received 13 February

- *The figures for 2024 and also the figures for the past 5 years.*
- *All of Northern Ireland*
- *The cost for telephone and face to face interpreting combined, disregarding sign language*

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

## **Our response**

Table 1 below provides data on the number of applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024 and the number of allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 & a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 in Northern Ireland by Ethnic Origin:

<b>Table 1: Number of Applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024 and Number of allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 &amp; a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024, by Ethnic Origin</b>			
<b>Ethnic Origin</b>	<b>No. of Applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024</b>	<b>No. of Allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024</b>	<b>No. of Allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024</b>
Bangladeshi	34	<10	17
Black African	1,235	64	231
Black Caribbean	36	<10	15
Black Other	262	21	75
Chinese	108	20	70
Indian	53	<10	15
Irish Traveller	322	74	314
Mixed	376	32	171
Pakistani	64	<10	21
White	43,125	5,709	27,721
Other	1,280	80	307
Unknown	1,382	129	699
Refused	48	4	15
<b>Northern Ireland Total</b>	<b>48,325</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>29,671</b>

Table 2 below provides data on the number of applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024 and the number of allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 & a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 in Northern Ireland by Nationality. Please note that the nationalities *Iranian* and *East Timorese* were added to the system as separate categories in 2024 and have only been selectable from December 2024.

<b>Table 2: Number of Applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024 &amp; Number of allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 &amp; a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024, by Nationality</b>			
<b>Nationality</b>	<b>No. of Applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024</b>	<b>No. of Allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024</b>	<b>No. of Allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024</b>
British/Irish/Northern Irish	38,391	5,270	25,733
Afghan	80	<10	<10
African	553	22	94
Albanian	8	-	<10
Armenian	8	<10	<10
Austrian	1	-	-
Bulgarian	81	<10	33
Chinese	76	14	44
Croatian	1	-	<10
Cypriot	2	-	<10
Czech Republic	45	<10	22
Danish	1	-	-
Dutch	27	-	<10
East Timorese	1	-	-
Estonian	5	<10	<10
Finnish	1	<10	<10
French	11	<10	<10
German	24	-	<10

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<b>Nationality</b>	<b>No. of Applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024</b>	<b>No. of Allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024</b>	<b>No. of Allocations to applicant households on the Waiting List for a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024</b>
Greek	7	-	-
Hungarian	50	12	33
Icelandic	1	-	-
Iranian	1	-	-
Italian	37	<10	10
Latvian	172	17	74
Liechtenstein	1	-	-
Lithuanian	476	50	212
Maltese	2	-	<10
Mixed	47	<10	17
Norwegian	3	-	<10
Philippine	24	<10	<10
Polish	936	80	366
Portuguese	510	59	233
Romanian	173	17	47
Russian	14	-	<10
Slovakian	163	19	72
Slovenian	3	-	<10
Spanish	34	<10	14
Swedish	12	-	<10
Syrian	585	19	122
Turkish	9	<10	<10
Ukrainian	204	30	53
Other	1,197	77	269
Unknown	4,319	419	2,126
Refused	29	<10	44
<b>Northern Ireland Total</b>	<b>48,325</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>29,671</b>

Table 3 below provides data on the number of Single person applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024 and the number of allocations to Single applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 & a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 in Northern Ireland by Sex:

<b>Table 3: Number of Single Applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024 &amp; Number of allocations to Single applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 &amp; a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024, by Sex</b>			
<b>Single Applicant Sex</b>	<b>No. of Single Applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/12/2024</b>	<b>No. of Allocations to Single applicant households on the Waiting List for a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024</b>	<b>No. of Allocations to Single applicant households on the Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024</b>
Single Female	10,497	7,012	1,425
Single Male	17,196	10,040	1,983

All tables above should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

In relation to question 4 of your request, the Housing Executive uses financial years for accounting and financial planning purposes. The amount spent on telephone and face-to-face interpreting (excluding Sign Language communication support) in the financial year 2023/2024 was £51,042.02.

**Notes:**

- Waiting List data is a snapshot of the social housing waiting list as it was on the last day of the specified quarter (31/12/2024).
- Allocations are aggregated over a 5-year period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 & over a 1-year period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- This response is based on the most recently published data (Waiting List data as at 31/12/2024 & Allocations data up to 31/12/2024).
- Nationality figures are based on the recorded nationality of the main applicant. Nationality and Ethnic Origin are as recorded in the Housing Management System.
- • UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 - It is important to note the GDPR & Data Protection Act 2018 regarding the potential risk of identifying individuals and individual households. Guidance from NISRA suggests that equality monitoring information should not be disclosed in sensitive cases where individuals or individual households could be identified. Also, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 'Anonymisation: Managing Data Protection Risk' Code of Practice states 'where less than 10 responses have been given to an answer that identifies something factual, all variables relating to that question have been suppressed'. However, 'it should be noted that attitudinal questions are not bound by this rule, in addition to responses of 'Don't know', 'Refused', 'Other' or similar'. As the information provided is considered sensitive, some statistical disclosure controls may have been placed on the tables with the omission of data in cases where there are less than ten Applicants.
- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10 allocations.
- In relation to question 3 of your request, we have defined Single applicant household as a combination of Single Person Household and Elderly/Older Small Household Type, which includes:
  - For Single Male applicants:
    - Single Male >16 and <18
    - Single Male 18 – 25
    - Single Male 26 – 59
    - Elderly/Older Male 60+
  - For Single Female applicants:
    - Single Female >16 and <18
    - Single Female 18 – 25
    - Single Female 26 – 59
    - Elderly/Older Female 60+

Please note that due to system limitations, the categories Elderly/Older 60+ Male and Elderly/Older 60+ Female might not have been included in our responses to similar requests made before 01/03/2024.

- Household Composition/Type is recorded on our systems at the point of application and may not reflect the composition of the household at the snapshot date (31/12/2024).

This concludes our response.