
Response to:
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Request for data (numbers/ characteristics) for homelessness for the financial year 2021/22

Request:

Please may I request the following information for the financial year 21/22:

- 1) Data (numbers/characteristics) collected on who turns down support offered by local authority outreach teams. This could include demographic/circumstantial information (i.e. why they refuse/where they are staying) on who disengages and the number of people
- 2) Data (numbers/characteristics) collected on people who stay in squats, including the number of people who are arrested or cautioned for squatting in the local authority
- 3) Data (numbers/characteristics) collected on people residing in unconventional accommodation types such as temporary structures
- 4) A breakdown of where people are counted in local rough sleeping snapshots (e.g., cars, sheds, doorways) and the numbers
- 5) Data collected on the number of people staying in overcrowded and concealed households and any accompanying demographic information such as sex, age, ethnicity.
- 6) Data (numbers/characteristics) collected on the number of people who “sofa surf” or stay temporarily in the homes of others.

Clarification:

I mean temporary structures such as tents or street shelters and also inadequate structures such as sheds etc. By concealed households I am referring to households living with another household in overcrowded conditions.

Response:

- 1) We do not hold the data requested

- 2) We do not hold the data requested.
- 3) We do not hold the data requested.
- 4) This is available on our website at [2021 Rough Sleeping snapshot statistics \(nihe.gov.uk\)](https://www.nihe.gov.uk/2021-Rough-Sleeping-snapshot-statistics)
- 5) The table below details those applicants on the Common Waiting List who have been awarded points for overcrowding. Please note that, owing to the 'no-detriment' policy applicable to statutorily homeless applicants, in some cases below the award of these points may have occurred at an earlier point in their housing journey and may not reflect the applicant's current circumstances.

Applicants on the Waiting List for Social Housing as at 31/03/22 awarded Points for Overcrowding by Religion at N. Ireland Level	
Religion	No. of Applicants
Catholic	5258
Protestant	2038
Mixed	81
None	925
Other	476
Refused	57
Unknown	2472
Total	11307

Applicants on the Waiting List for Social Housing as at 31/03/22 awarded Points for Overcrowding by Ethnic Origin at N. Ireland Level	
Ethnic Origin	No. of Applicants
Black African	167
Bangladeshi	<10
Black Caribbean	<10
Chinese	30
Indian	17
Irish Traveller	122
Pakistani	15
White	10278
Mixed	87
Black Other	27

Other	212
Refused	10
Unknown	326
Total	11307

Applicants on the Waiting List for Social Housing as at 31/03/22 awarded Points for Overcrowding by Age Group at N. Ireland Level	
Age Group	No. of Applicants
Under 18	17
18 - 25 Yrs	2701
26 - 29 Yrs	1596
30 - 39 Yrs	3546
40 - 49 Yrs	1838
50 - 59 Yrs	1008
60 - 64 Yrs	273
65+ Yrs	328
Total	11307

Applicants on the Waiting List for Social Housing as at 31/03/22 awarded Points for Overcrowding by Marital Status at N. Ireland Level	
Marital Status	No. of Applicants
Single	4048
Divorced	126
Civil Partnership (CP)	<10
CP Surviving Partner	<10
Married	668
Widow/Widower	52
CP Separated	<10
Separated	448
Co - Habitee	173
Other	<10
Unknown	5781
Total	11307

Applicants on the Waiting List for Social Housing awarded Points for Overcrowding by Applicants with and without Dependants at N. Ireland Level	
Applicants with & without Dependants Y/N	No. of Applicants
N	5788
Y	5519
Total	11307

Applicants on the Waiting List for Social Housing as at 31/03/22 awarded Points for Overcrowding by Sex at N. Ireland Level	
Sex	No. of Applicants
Female	7265
Male	4042
Total	11307

Notes:

- Overcrowding points will be awarded to an Applicant if, in the view of the Designated Officer, that Applicant's current accommodation does not have the number and size of bedrooms reasonably required by the Applicant's household and all others residing in that accommodation.
- Waiting List data is a snapshot of the waiting list as it was on the last day of the specified quarter in this case 31/03/22.
- Age, sex and marital status relate to the age, sex and marital status of the 1st applicant in the household. Religion, Ethnic Origin and Nationality reflects the Religion, Ethnic Origin and Nationality of the entire household.
- <10 are cases where numbers are less than 10.
- 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.

- 6) We do not hold the data requested.