

23 May 2024

Our Ref: FOI 388

Request

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

How many households are presently registered as homeless?
How many homeless households have children U18 in them?
How many young people aged 18-24 presently registered as homeless?
How many children living in temporary housing (most recent figures and comparable data for the last ten years)

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

Our response

Please be advised that Waiting List and allocations statistics are produced quarterly, therefore the most recently available are as at the end of March 2024. Further to your clarification of 2nd May, in which you advised you would accept the numbers of persons aged 18-25 years, in accordance with the Housing Executive Household Groups classifications, please see tables below which provide the information requested as at 31st March 2024. The tables must be read with the accompanying notes.

- **How many households on the Waiting List are presently accepted as homeless and awarded Full Duty Applicant (FDA) status?**

	Applicants	Housing Stress Applicants	FDA	Allocations	Allocations to FDA
Northern Ireland	47312	35464	29394	5710	5337

- How many homeless households have children U18 in them?

Household classifications including those aged under 18*	FDA	Allocations to FDA
Single Male, >16 and <18	52	<10
Single Female, >16 and <18	57	11
H&W, >16 and <18	<10	0
2 Adults, >16 and <18	<10	0
2 Adults and 1 child	882	138
2 Adults and 2 children	793	89
1 Parent and 1 child	4109	806
1 Parent and 2 children	2250	486
2 Adults and 3 children	463	50
2 Adults and ≥4 children	335	29
1 Parent and 3 children	946	206
1 Parent and ≥4 children	442	90
≥3 Adults and 2+ children	217	14
Total	10548	-

* Note there is an additional household classification of '≥3 Adults and 0-1 children', however this has not been included as it cannot be quantified from the available dataset which of those households actually have a child.

- The number of households on the Waiting List within the aged 18-25 household groups.

Household classifications including those aged 18-25**	Applicants	Housing Stress Applicants	FDA	Allocations	Allocations to FDA
Single Male, 18-25	3234	2660	2234	301	297

Household classifications including those aged 18-25**	Applicants	Housing Stress Applicants	FDA	Allocations	Allocations to FDA
Single Female, 18-25	3037	2508	2120	368	359
H&W, 18-25	80	61	48	12	12
Total	6351	5229	4402	681	668

****Note there may be persons aged 18-25 within other applicant household groups, e.g. adults/parents with children, however from the available dataset it is not possible to determine specific numbers of applicant households in those cases.**

General Notes

Applicant Information (all applicants and applicants in housing stress) is as at end March 2024.

Allocation information (allocations and allocations to FDA) 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.

- **How many children living in temporary housing (most recent figures and comparable data for the last ten years)**

Information on children in temporary accommodation placements, which will include historic data, is published routinely by the Department of Communities and can be accessed within tables 3.3 and 3.4 within the Homelessness Bulletin on the DfCNI website. The most recent data set published relates to June-Dec 2023 and can be accessed [here](#) although it should be noted that this data was not collected prior to January 2019 and therefore only a 5 year period (2019-2023) is currently available. Further information for early 2024 will be released in the autumn of 2024.

This concludes our response.