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Our Ref: FOI 402

Request

We received your request on 17 May 2024 for the following information:

I seek to gain data relating to housing allocation of single male applicants 18-40, 40-50, and 50+ by breakdown of ethnicity groups/religion within the last 5 years.

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

Our response

The tables below provide the requested information. The figures are based on the recorded religion and ethnic origin of the main applicant. Both tables should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes. Please be advised that Waiting List and Allocations data is produced quarterly so the latest available allocations data is for the 12 month period to 31st March 2024.

Table 1 provides data on the number of housing allocations to single male applicants on the waiting list in Northern Ireland by broad age group and religion for a 5-year period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024.

Table 1: Number of Allocations to Single Male Applicants from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 at N. Ireland Level by Age Group (broad) and Religion		
Age Group (Broad)	Religion	No. of Allocations
Under 18 Yrs	Catholic	<10
	Protestant	<10
	Mixed	<10
	None	<10
	Other	<10
	Unknown	<10
	Total	11
18 - 39 Yrs	Catholic	1,303

Table 1: Number of Allocations to Single Male Applicants from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 at N. Ireland Level by Age Group (broad) and Religion		
Age Group (Broad)	Religion	No. of Allocations
	Protestant	1,370
	Mixed	30
	None	500
	Other	122
	Refused	30
	Unknown	1203
	Total	4,558
40 - 49 Yrs	Catholic	486
	Protestant	439
	Mixed	10
	None	164
	Other	47
	Refused	12
	Unknown	436
	Total	1,594
50+ Yrs	Catholic	1,320
	Protestant	1,149
	Mixed	<10
	None	413
	Other	149
	Refused	23
	Unknown	1,033
	Total	4,092
N. Ireland Total	Catholic	3,110
	Protestant	2,960
	Mixed	46
	None	1,080
	Other	319
	Refused	65
	Unknown	2,675
	Total	10,255

Table 2 provides data on the number of housing allocations to single male applicants on the waiting list in Northern Ireland by broad age group and ethnic origin for the same 5-year period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024.

Table 2: Number of Allocations to Single Male Applicants from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 at N. Ireland Level by Age Group (broad) and Ethnic Origin

Age Group (Broad)	Ethnic Origin	No. of Allocations
Under 18 Yrs	White	11
	Total	11
18 - 39 Yrs	Black African	37
	Bangladeshi	<10
	Black Caribbean	<10
	Chinese	<10
	Indian	<10
	Irish Traveller	58
	Pakistani	<10
	White	4,304
	Mixed	15
	Black Other	10
	Other	28
	Refused	4
	Unknown	95
	Total	4,558
40 - 49 Yrs	Black African	14
	Bangladeshi	<10
	Black Caribbean	<10
	Chinese	<10
	Indian	<10
	Irish Traveller	10
	Pakistani	<10
	White	1,494
	Mixed	<10
	Black Other	<10
	Other	18
	Refused	2
	Unknown	37
	Total	1,594
50+ Yrs	Black African	16
	Bangladeshi	<10
	Black Caribbean	<10
	Chinese	15
	Indian	<10
	Irish Traveller	<10
	Pakistani	<10
	White	3,899
	Mixed	12
	Black Other	<10
	Other	30
	Refused	2

Table 2: Number of Allocations to Single Male Applicants from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 at N. Ireland Level by Age Group (broad) and Ethnic Origin		
Age Group (Broad)	Ethnic Origin	No. of Allocations
	Unknown	97
	Total	4,092
N. Ireland Total	Black African	67
	Bangladeshi	<10
	Black Caribbean	<10
	Chinese	18
	Indian	<10
	Irish Traveller	74
	Pakistani	<10
	White	9,708
	Mixed	34
	Black Other	21
	Other	76
	Refused	8
	Unknown	229
	Total	10,255

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data from our Housing Management System (allocations up to 31/03/2024).
- Allocations are aggregated over a 5-year period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- In relation to your question, we have defined single as a combination of Single Person Household and Elderly/Older Small Household Type, which includes the categories:
 - Single Male >16 and <18
 - Single Male 18 – 25
 - Single Male 26 – 59
 - Elderly/Older Male 60+
- Household Composition/Type is recorded on our systems at the point of application and may not reflect the composition of the household at the point of allocation.
- 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.

This concludes our response.