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Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 925

Your request for information received on 09 September 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

Please provide the mean and median points for housing allocations of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom properties in the Lisburn area from 01/08/24-01/08/25.

Please break this down by area of choice within the Lisburn catchment.

Our response

The table below provides data on the number of housing allocations to applicants on the Social Housing Waiting List in Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) in Lisburn & Castlereagh NIHE Area Office, by Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation for a 1-year period from 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Please be advised that waiting list and allocations statistics are produced quarterly and the most recently available are as at 30/06/2025.

Section 13(1) of the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 states that 'the person producing any official statistics which are designated under section 12 as National Statistics must ensure that the Code of Practice for Statistics under section 10 continues to be complied with in relation to those statistics.' Provision of the requested figures up to 01/08/2025 before publication of the DfC Housing Bulletin in which the dataset from which they would be drawn is published would be a failure to comply with the Code in respect of parts T3.3 and T3.4. The figures beyond the period already covered by the latest Housing Bulletin (after 30/06/2025) are therefore currently exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act – disclosure prohibited by other legislation, pending publication of the next Housing Bulletin.

No. of allocations from the Social Housing Waiting List for a 1-year period from 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025 in Lisburn & Castlereagh NIHE Area Office, by Common Landlord Area (CLA), no. of bedrooms and Mean & Median Points at the point of allocation					
Area Office	CLA	No. of bedrooms	No. of allocations (narrowed down to 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom properties)	Mean Points at the point of allocation	Median Points at the point of allocation
Lisburn & Castlereagh Area Office	Ballinderry CLA	2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Ballybeen CLA	1 bedroom	22	128.1	136.0
		2 bedrooms	34	140.4	140.0
		3 bedrooms	<10	176.9	172.0
	Ballymacoss CLA	1 bedroom	12	160.3	148.0
		2 bedrooms	17	162.8	162.0
		3 bedrooms	15	188.7	186.0
	Bests Hill CLA	2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Brooklands CLA	1 bedroom	<10	x	x
		2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
		3 bedrooms	<10	164.0	162.0
	Carryduff CLA	1 bedroom	<10	x	x
		2 bedrooms	<10	128.0	128.0
		3 bedrooms	<10	148.7	160.0
	Dromara CLA	2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Drumbo CLA	2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Galway Drive / Mews CLA	1 bedroom	<10	x	x
		2 bedrooms	<10	154.0	154.0
	Glenavy CLA	1 bedroom	<10	x	x
		2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
		3 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Greenwood CLA	1 bedroom	13	146.6	140.0
		2 bedrooms	43	181.5	180.0
		3 bedrooms	23	207.6	204.0
	Hilden CLA	1 bedroom	10	149.0	152.0
		2 bedrooms	19	150.7	156.0
		3 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Hill Street CLA	1 bedroom	<10	x	x
	Hillhall CLA	3 bedrooms	11	163.6	162.0
	Hillsborough CLA	1 bedroom	<10	131.7	134.0
		2 bedrooms	<10	155.3	157.5
	Knockmore CLA	1 bedroom	<10	x	x
		2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
		3 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Lambeg CLA	1 bedroom	13	134.1	137.0
		3 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Maze CLA	2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Milltown Derriaghy CLA	3 bedrooms	<10	176.7	180.0
	Moatview Park CLA	1 bedroom	<10	128.3	130.0
		2 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Moiria CLA	1 bedroom	<10	x	x
	Newtownbreda CLA	2 bedrooms	<10	163.3	149.0
	Old Warren CLA	1 bedroom	<10	161.5	158.0

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		2 bedrooms	11	162.7	162.0
		3 bedrooms	<10	177.2	180.0
	Purdysburn CLA	1 bedroom	<10	x	x
	Ravarnette CLA	3 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Seymour Hill & Conway CLA	1 bedroom	13	133.1	132.0
		2 bedrooms	25	149.3	144.0
		3 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Tonagh / Manor / Causeway End CLA	1 bedroom	14	149.4	143.0
		2 bedrooms	14	167.6	160.0
		3 bedrooms	<10	168.7	165.0
	Warren CLA	1 bedroom	10	131.1	130.0
		2 bedrooms	<10	165.4	180.0
		3 bedrooms	<10	x	x
	Lisburn & Castlereagh Area Office Total	1 bedroom	146	128.9	133.0
		2 bedrooms	200	160.9	158.0
		3 bedrooms	89	186.1	182.0
N. Ireland Total	N. Ireland Total	1 bedroom	1,937	132.2	138.0
		2 bedrooms	2,977	153.3	150.0
		3 bedrooms	1,146	171.8	170.0

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data (allocations up to 30/06/2025)
- Allocations are aggregated over a 1-year period from 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- When a question of “average waiting times” or “average points” is asked, MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided.

Reasons for this include:

The MEAN (arithmetic average) is useful for understanding overall trends but can be heavily skewed by outliers (unusually high or low values) – for example, applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years or who have just joined the waiting list.

The MEDIAN (middle value, a measure of central tendency) is less affected by outliers and represents a “typical” case better when the data is skewed.

By presenting both, we ensure that the analysis captures both central tendency and the potential impact of unusually high or low values.

We also note that when the number of applicants is small, statistical indicators become less reliable and have a much lower predictive value regarding the “typical” experience. In such cases, the figures may be more indicative of the specific circumstances of the individual applicant households rather than a broader trend. Caution must be exercised when interpreting the results.

- Where the number of applicants/allocations is less than 10, the figure has been shown as <10 in accordance with Data Protection and UK GDPR requirements.
- Further in the interest of Data Protection we have had to remove the points for some categories where there was only one allocation or less than 10 allocations and where the points were substantially different (we used a deviation of 20%) from the overall N. Ireland mean average points.

This concludes our response.