



19 September 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 907

Your request for information received on 26 August 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

I respectfully request the following information in relation to the nationality of the following groups of individuals who have been provided with NIHE Social Housing / Council Housing between 1st April 2023 to present date - 25th August 2025;

1. British 2. Irish 3. Northern Irish 4. Other 5. Unknown 6. Refused to Identify

Please provide the totals for each individual group above and please further break down these groups by gender - 1. Male & 2. Female.

Our response

The table below provides data on the number of allocations to applicant households from the Social Housing Waiting List for a 27-month period from 01/04/2023 to 30/06/2025 by nationality and sex. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

No. of allocations to applicant households from the Social Housing Waiting List from 01/04/2023 to 30/06/2025 in Northern Ireland by Nationality and Sex		
Nationality	Sex	No. of allocations
British	Female	3,994
	Male	2,631
	British Total	6,625
Irish	Female	2,362
	Male	1,549
	Irish Total	3,911
Northern Irish	Female	670
	Male	504
	Northern Irish Total	1,174
Other, incl. Mixed	Female	602

No. of allocations to applicant households from the Social Housing Waiting List from 01/04/2023 to 30/06/2025 in Northern Ireland by Nationality and Sex		
Nationality	Sex	No. of allocations
	Male	345
	<i>Other, incl. Mixed Total</i>	947
Refused	Female	5
	Male	3
	<i>Refused Total</i>	8
Unknown	Female	394
	Male	269
	<i>Unknown Total</i>	663
<i>N. Ireland Total</i>	<i>Female</i>	8,027
	<i>Male</i>	5,301
	<i>N. Ireland Total</i>	13,328

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data at the point of the request (allocations up to 30/06/2025).
- Allocations are aggregated over a 27-month period from 01/04/2023 to 30/06/2025 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- Other nationalities are nationalities other than British, Irish and Northern Irish.
- Equality data retrieval improvements were implemented in June 2025 in order to enhance data quality. Where there is no data on the household held on the system, the value is retrieved from the main applicant's record.

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 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 which is currently anticipated in November 2025.

This concludes our response.