

09 September 2024

Our Ref: FOI 504

Request

We received your request on 29 August 2024 for the following information:

I'm requesting a breakdown of all persons housed in greater Belfast area in last ten years not personal information I'm asking what criteria was required age , gender, colour, creed.

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

Our response

In your clarification of 2nd September you confirmed that you would accept allocations by age, gender and stated nationality, by NIHE Belfast Area Office boundary for the 10 years to 30th June 2024.

Table 1 below provides data on the number of allocations to applicants on the waiting list in North Belfast, West Belfast and South & East Belfast NIHE Area Offices by gender for a 10-year period from 01/07/2014 to 30/06/2024.

Table 1: Allocations 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2024 in North Belfast, West Belfast and South & East Belfast NIHE Area Offices by Sex	
Sex	No. of allocations
Female	11,127
Male	8,321
Total	19,448

Table 2 below provides data on the number of housing allocations to applicants on the waiting list in North Belfast, West Belfast and South & East Belfast NIHE Area Offices by age group for a 10-year period from 01/07/2014 to 30/06/2024.

Table 2: Allocations 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2024 in North Belfast, West Belfast and South & East Belfast NIHE Area Offices by Age Group	
Age Group at the point of allocation	No. of allocations
Under 18	54
18-25 years	4,719
26-29 years	2,537
30-39 years	4,610
40-49 years	2,559
50-59 years	2,233
60-64 years	900
65+ years	1,836
Total	19,448

Table 3 below provides data on the number of housing allocations to applicants on the waiting list in North Belfast, West Belfast and South & East Belfast NIHE Area Offices by nationality for a 10-year period from 01/07/2014 to 30/06/2024.

Table 3: Allocations 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2024 in North Belfast, West Belfast and South & East Belfast NIHE Area Offices by Nationality	
Nationality (Grouped)	No. of allocations
British / Irish / Northern Irish	15,210
Other, incl. Mixed	1,052
Refused	13
Unknown	3,173
Total	19,448

All three tables should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

It is important to note that all applicant households on the Waiting List are assessed and awarded points according to their housing need. Any eligible person may apply under the Housing Selection Scheme, and their position on the social housing waiting list is determined by the level of points awarded based on the criteria of the Housing Selection Scheme, rather than their sex, age or nationality.

The factors that may impact on the amount of time a person is on the Waiting List include:

- Housing need – number of points awarded under the Housing Selection Scheme
- Type of accommodation required
- Area of Choice selected:
 - being very high demand and requiring a high number of points
 - having a very low number of properties with low stock turnover.

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data (allocations up to 30/06/2024).
- Allocations are aggregated over a 10-year period from 01/07/2014 to 30/06/2024 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- Nationality figures are as recorded on the Housing Management System; age group figures are based on the main applicant's age at the point of allocation.

This concludes our response.