

19 August 2024

Our Ref: FOI 485

Request

We received your request on 07 August 2024 for the following information:

I am putting in a freedom of information request for about foreign males we are signal and single foreign females who have been getting home in Northern Ireland and need to know their nationality and their religion please

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

Our response

The tables below provide data on the number of housing allocations to single male applicants on the waiting list in Northern Ireland by nationality and religion (Table 1) and the number of housing allocations to single female applicants on the waiting list in Northern Ireland by nationality and religion (Table 2) for a 5-year period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024. Both tables should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

| Table 1: Number of Allocations to Single Male Applicants from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 at N. Ireland Level by Nationality & Religion | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Nationality | Religion | No. of allocations |
| British / Irish / Northern Irish | Catholic | 2,816 |
| | Protestant | 2,847 |
| | Mixed | 43 |
| | None | 1,011 |
| | Other | 215 |
| | Refused | 55 |
| | Unknown | 2,212 |
| | Total | 9,199 |
| Other, including Mixed | Catholic | 87 |
| | Protestant | <10 |
| | Mixed | <10 |
| | None | 47 |
| | Other | 68 |

| Table 1: Number of Allocations to Single Male Applicants from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 at N. Ireland Level by Nationality & Religion | | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Nationality | Religion | No. of allocations |
| | Unknown | 112 |
| | Total | 318 |
| Unknown | Catholic | 205 |
| | Protestant | 109 |
| | Mixed | <10 |
| | None | 20 |
| | Other | 35 |
| | Refused | <10 |
| | Unknown | 335 |
| | Total | 715 |
| Refused | Catholic | <10 |
| | None | <10 |
| | Other | <10 |
| | Refused | 2 |
| | Unknown | 16 |
| | Total | 23 |
| Allocations to Single Male Applicants, Total | | 10,255 |

| Table 2: Number of Allocations to Single Female Applicants from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 at N. Ireland Level by Nationality & Religion | | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Nationality | Religion | No. of allocations |
| British / Irish / Northern Irish | Catholic | 1,866 |
| | Protestant | 2,092 |
| | Mixed | 24 |
| | None | 621 |
| | Other | 155 |
| | Refused | 42 |
| | Unknown | 1,527 |
| | Total | 6,327 |
| Other, including Mixed | Catholic | 79 |
| | Protestant | <10 |
| | Mixed | <10 |
| | None | 28 |
| | Other | 53 |
| | Refused | 2 |
| | Unknown | 90 |
| | Total | 260 |
| Unknown | Catholic | 153 |
| | Protestant | 113 |
| | Mixed | <10 |
| | None | <10 |
| | Other | 21 |
| | Unknown | 218 |

| Table 2: Number of Allocations to Single Female Applicants from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 at N. Ireland Level by Nationality & Religion | | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Nationality | Religion | No. of allocations |
| | Total | 512 |
| Refused | Catholic | <10 |
| | Protestant | <10 |
| | None | <10 |
| | Refused | 1 |
| | Unknown | <10 |
| | Total | 9 |
| Allocations to Single Female Applicants, Total | | 7,108 |

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:
 - For Single Male applicants:
 - Single Male >16 and <18
 - Single Male 18 – 25
 - Single Male 26 – 59
 - Elderly/Older Male 60+
 - For Single Female applicants:
 - Single Female >16 and <18
 - Single Female 18 – 25
 - Single Female 26 – 59
 - Elderly/Older Female 60+

Please note that due to system limitations, the categories Elderly/Older 60+ Male and Elderly/Older 60+ Female might not have been included in our responses to similar requests made before 01/03/2024.

- 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.
- Nationality figures are based on the recorded nationality of the main applicant. Other nationalities are nationalities other than British, Irish and Northern Irish.
- 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.