

05 November 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 959

Your request for information received on 14 October 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

I would like to request the following information, broken down by Parliamentary Constituency:

The total number of applicants currently on the housing waiting list.

The number of applicants who have been awarded Full Duty Applicant (FDA) status.

The number of applicants who have been refused FDA status.

The number of applicants who have been awarded Complex Needs points.

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Our response

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Waiting list statistics are produced quarterly, so the most recently produced are as at 30th September 2025. However, 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 September 2025 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 of Practice 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, currently anticipated end November 25.

The table below provides the total number of applicants on the waiting list as at the end of June 2025 by Parliamentary Constituency as these are the most recent statistics available for release at this time. A further breakdown is provided to show the number of applicants in Housing Stress, the number of Full Duty Applicants and the number of applicants with Complex Needs points.

The figures must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Applicants on the waiting list by Parliamentary Constituency - June 2025				
Parliamentary Constituency	Total Applicants	Housing Stress Applicants (30+ points)	Full Duty Applicants	Complex Needs Applicants
Belfast East	2,121	1,647	1,387	243
Belfast East/South	496	371	312	62
Belfast North	4,627	3,844	3,400	854
Belfast South	3,493	2,954	2,707	395
Belfast South/Strangford	147	122	109	29
Belfast West	4,371	3,765	3,392	678
Belfast West/North	181	132	116	15
Belfast West/South	27	26	24	5
East Antrim	2,044	1,529	1,314	482
East Londonderry	2,723	1,810	1,480	677
Fermanagh South Tyrone	2,255	1,528	1,099	834
Foyle	5,193	4,246	3,848	1,252
Lagan Valley	1,969	1,609	1,368	299
Mid Ulster	1,394	978	755	463
Newry & Armagh	2,326	1,689	1,351	548
North Antrim	2,695	1,949	1,616	604
North Down	1,947	1,460	1,176	642
South Antrim	1,992	1,555	1,334	584
South Down	2,133	1,773	1,531	931
Strangford	1,732	1,300	1,081	557
Upper Bann	3,157	2,184	1,626	505
West Tyrone	2,106	1,468	1,133	852
Grand Total	49,129	37,939	32,159	11,511

The table below has been provided for additional context. It details the total number of allocations to applicants on the waiting list during the 12 months to end of June 2025 by Parliamentary Constituency. further breakdown is provided to show the number of applicants in Housing Stress, the number of Full Duty Applicants and the number of applicants with Complex Needs points.

Allocations by Parliamentary Constituency - June 2025				
Parliamentary Constituency	Total Allocations	Housing Stress Applicant Allocations	Full Duty Applicant Allocations	Complex Needs Applicant Allocations
Belfast East	394	376	364	146
Belfast East/South	48	47	45	17
Belfast North	613	596	583	272
Belfast South	338	332	325	142
Belfast South/Strangford	13	11	<10	<10
Belfast West	518	506	502	261
Belfast West/North	13	12	11	<10
Belfast West/South	33	33	32	23
East Antrim	419	413	409	195
East Londonderry	250	242	238	151
Fermanagh South Tyrone	266	258	238	176
Foyle	525	523	521	361
Lagan Valley	342	337	334	169
Mid Ulster	133	126	117	77
Newry & Armagh	297	291	275	174
North Antrim	408	400	389	211
North Down	277	275	270	204
South Antrim	261	256	253	147
South Down	164	163	162	127
Strangford	260	258	248	168
Upper Bann	262	249	227	102
West Tyrone	339	335	323	238
Grand Total	6,173	6,039	-	3,372

Notes:

- Applicant Information (all applicants / applicants in housing stress / FDA / Complex Needs) is as at end of June 2025.

- Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12-month period.
- Please note that where there are less than 10 allocations, they have been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements.
- FDA refers to Full Duty Applicants – these are applicants accepted as being homeless, to whom the Housing Executive owes a duty under the Homelessness legislation, Article 10(2) of the Housing (NI) Order, 1988 to “secure that accommodation becomes available for his/her occupation”.
- The reporting unit for applications is the Common Landlord Area (CLA) and in some places these CLAs traverse parliamentary boundaries so, for reporting purposes, a hybrid parliamentary category has been created. The table below lists the CLAs and the corresponding parliamentary category to provide context.

Common Landlord Area (CLA) and corresponding Parliamentary Constituency	
CLA	Parliamentary Constituency
Creagh Castlereagh	Belfast East/South
Willowfield/Upper Castlereagh Road	Belfast East/South
Carryduff	Belfast South/Strangford
Ainsworth	Belfast West/North
Twaddell/Upper Woodvale	Belfast West/North
Hamill St / John St	Belfast West/South
Carrick Hill / Unity Flats	Belfast West/North
Bridge End / Rotherdam Court	Belfast East/South

The number of applicants who have been refused FDA status.

In Northern Ireland the Housing (NI) Order 1988 (as amended) identifies the Northern Ireland Housing Executive as the agency tasked with responding to homelessness. The Order places a statutory duty on the Housing Executive to provide interim and/or permanent accommodation for certain homeless households, dependent upon investigations and assessment of their circumstances. In order to be ‘accepted’ as statutorily homeless, a household must meet the four tests of:

- Eligibility
- Homelessness
- Priority Need
- Intentionality

Any household that meets these four tests will be accepted as a ‘Full Duty Applicant’ (FDA) and will be owed a full housing duty.

Data containing the number of households who present to the Housing Executive and are accepted as a ‘full duty applicant’ (FDA) are published as part of the DfC Homelessness Bulletin.

The homelessness figures for 2024/25 are available on tab 1.1 of [this link](#) and the number of households who are accepted as a 'full duty applicant' (FDA) can be accessed on tab 2.1 of the above link. The number of those who did not meet all of the four criteria outlined above, can be found in identifying the difference between homelessness presentations on tab 1.1 and acceptances on tab 2.1.

The number of applicants who have been refused Complex Needs points.

NIHE do not hold the requested information.

This concludes our response.