

07 February 2025

Our Ref: FOI 648

Request

We received your request on 15 January 2025 for the following information:

Could you please provide an update to previous FOI figures from last year, by responding to the query below?

How many residential properties, as of February 14, are currently vacant in all areas of Belfast, broken down into area e.g. North, East etc, and property type e.g one bedroom, two bedroom etc.?

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

Our response

As of 20th January 2025, there were 173 *actionable and 656 **non-actionable void Housing Executive dwellings in the Belfast Area Offices. Table 1 (actionable) and Table 2 (non-actionable) set out the details as requested.

Table 1 Area/Property Type	Bedroom Count					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
NORTH BELFAST AREA	13	20	11	4	2	50
BUNG	3	3				6
GRFL	5	4				9
HOUS		6	10	4	2	22
UPFL	5	7	1			13
SOUTH AND EAST BELFAST AREA	23	65	13	2		103
BUNG	5	5				10
GRFL	10	14				24
HOUS	1	28	12	2		43
UPFL	7	18	1			26
WEST BELFAST AREA	4	11	5			20
BUNG	2	2				4

GRFL		1				1
HOUS		6	4			10
UPFL	2	2	1			5
Grand Total	40	96	29	6	2	173

Table 2 Area/Property type	Bedrooms						Grand Total
	Data Not Held***	1	2	3	4	5	
NORTH BELFAST AREA	14	31	117	19	5	2	188
BUNG		1	3				4
GRFL		3	3				6
HOUS	14		37	17	5	2	75
UPFL		27	74	2			103
SOUTH AND EAST BELFAST AREA	4	55	316	46	3		424
BUNG		11	1				12
GRFL		12	34				46
HOUS	2		6	31	2		41
UPFL	2	32	275	15	1		325
WEST BELFAST AREA		8	23	11	2		44
BUNG		5	4	1	1		11
GRFL		2	1				3
HOUS			16	10	1		27
UPFL		1	2				3
Grand Total	18	94	456	76	10	2	656

*Actionable voids are properties which are vacant while in the process of being allocated/ awaiting change of tenancy repairs. These may also include properties deemed difficult to let.

**Non-Actionable voids are properties that are not immediately available for allocation and are held vacant for operational reasons i.e. decanting purposes (where they are being used to house a tenant on a temporary basis pending works to their home), planned maintenance schemes, and properties which have been identified for sale/transfer or have approval for demolition

***Properties acquired by the Housing Executive, pending disposal, for which bedroom data is not held on our housing management system. These are not available for let.

This concludes our response.