



26 September 2025

Dear Applicant

**Our Ref: FOI 930**

Your request for information received on 11 September 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

### Request

*The total number of Full Duty Applicants on the Social Housing Waiting List for years prior to March 2025, as far back as records allow.*

### Our response

The table below provides waiting list and allocation data at NI level for the period March 2013-2025 and latest available dataset June 2025. To ensure consistency in reporting, figures go back to March 2013, which is the first March dataset following the introduction of the new Housing Management System and which includes the Full Duty Applicant (FDA) field.

Northern Ireland					
Date	Applicants	Applicants in HS	FDA Applicants	Allocations to Applicants	Allocations to FDA
Mar-13	41,356	22,414	12,431	8,145	6,194
Mar-14	39,967	21,586	12,276	8,809	6,623
Mar-15	39,338	22,097	13,644	8,129	6,187
Mar-16	37,586	22,645	15,075	7,805	6,217
Mar-17	37,611	23,694	16,356	7,672	6,446
Mar-18	36,198	24,148	17,520	7,373	6,467
Mar-19	37,859	26,387	19,629	7,696	6,949

Northern Ireland					
Date	Applicants	Applicants in HS	FDA Applicants	Allocations to Applicants	Allocations to FDA
Mar-20	38,745	27,745	20,951	6,654	6,018
Mar-21	43,971	30,288	22,217	5,844	5,295
Mar-22	44,426	31,407	23,978	6,010	5,379
Mar-23	45,105	32,633	26,310	5,796	5,293
Mar-24	47,312	35,464	29,394	5,710	5,337
Mar-25	49,083	37,635	31,719	6,054	5,761
Jun-25	49,129	37,939	32,159	6,173	5,875

#### Notes:

Applicant Information (all applicants, applicants in housing stress and FDA) is as at end of the respective month for the stated year.

Allocation information refers to the number of allocations in the preceding 12 month period.

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”.

Social housing waiting list and allocations data held by the Housing Executive, form part of the Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin, which is published quarterly as a National Statistic by the Department for Communities. Therefore, to avoid breaches of the code of practice for statistics, the most recent data provided is based on the most recently published data (June 2025).

This concludes our response.