



07 July 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 800

Your request for information received on 09 June 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

1. *Of the total number of people currently on the social housing waiting list:*
 - i. *Please provide a breakdown of applicants by both gender and age group using the following bands (under 18, 18-25, 26-29, 40-49, 50-59, 60-64, 65+)? (i.e. number of people in each gender category within each age bracket).*
 - ii. *Please provide a breakdown of applicants by both gender and household type (i.e. number of people in each gender category within each household type).*
2. *Of the total number of people currently on the waiting list with Full Duty Applicant (FDA) status:*
 - i. *Please provide a breakdown of FDA applicants by both gender and age group, using the same format as above.*
 - ii. *Please provide a breakdown of FDA applicants by both gender and household type, using the same format as above.*
3. *Can you provide the gender breakdown for both homelessness presentations and acceptances in Oct 24 – Mar 25 due to: (can you please provide this info by number of people rather than households if possible):*
 - i. *Domestic Violence*
 - ii. *Release from hospital/prison/other institution*
 - iii. *Sharing breakdown / family dispute*
 - iv. *Loss of rented accommodation*
 - v. *Marital / Relationship breakdown*
 - vi. *Accommodation not reasonable*

Our response

Table 1 below provides data on the total number of applicant households and number of Full Duty Applicant (FDA) households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/03/2025, by age group and sex of the main applicant. The Housing Executive cannot provide the requested gendered age data for the total number of persons within households, only based on the main applicant within the household.

If you would like to receive data total persons on the waiting list and total persons within FDA households without the gendered and age breakdown this may be provided under a separate request.

Table 1: No. of applicant households and no. of Full Duty Applicant (FDA) households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/03/2025, by age group and sex of the main applicant			
Age Group	Sex	No. of applicant households on the Waiting List	No. of FDA households on the Waiting List
Under 18 and 18 - 25 Yrs	Female	3,783	2,658
	Male	2,330	1,498
	18 - 25 Yrs Total	6,101	4,153
26 - 29 Yrs	Female	2,780	2,066
	Male	1,906	1,369
	26 - 29 Yrs Total	4,686	3,435
30 - 39 Yrs	Female	6,971	5,027
	Male	5,542	3,776
	30 - 39 Yrs Total	12,513	8,803
40 - 49 Yrs	Female	4,938	3,375
	Male	4,383	2,847
	40 - 49 Yrs Total	9,321	6,222
50 - 59 Yrs	Female	3,423	2,070
	Male	3,490	2,044
	50 - 59 Yrs Total	6,913	4,114
60 - 64 Yrs	Female	1,389	736
	Male	1,404	715
	60 - 64 Yrs Total	2,793	1,451
65+ Yrs	Female	3,781	1,933
	Male	2,963	1,605
	65+ Yrs Total	6,744	3,538
N. Ireland Total	Female	27,065	17,865
	Male	22,018	13,854
	N. Ireland Total	49,083	31,719

Table 2 below provides data on the total number of applicant households and number of Full Duty Applicant (FDA) households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/03/2025, by household type and sex of the main applicant:

Table 2: No. of applicant households and no. of Full Duty Applicant (FDA) households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 31/03/2025, by household type and sex of the main applicant			
Household Type	Sex	No. of applicant households on the Waiting List	No. of FDA households on the Waiting List
Elderly/Older Person	Female	3,816	1,966
	Male	3,082	1,632
	Elderly/Older Person Total	6,898	3,598
Large Adult	Female	790	483
	Male	345	207
	Large Adult Total	1,135	690
Large Family	Female	2,847	2,025
	Male	772	564
	Large Family Total	3,619	2,589
Single	Female	7,774	5,207
	Male	15,315	9,848
	Single Total	23,089	15,055
Small Adult	Female	1,446	816
	Male	851	472
	Small Adult Total	2,297	1,288
Small Family	Female	10,392	7,368
	Male	1,653	1,131
	Small Family Total	12,045	8,499
N. Ireland Total	Female	27,065	17,865
	Male	22,018	13,854
	N. Ireland Total	49,083	31,719

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data (waiting list as at 31/03/2025).
- Waiting List data is a snapshot of the waiting list as it was on the last day of the specified quarter.
- Age and sex relate to the age and sex of the 1st applicant in the household.
- A Full Duty Applicant is a person 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”.
- Household Composition/Type is recorded on our systems at the point of application and may not reflect the composition of the household at the snapshot date.

Please note that gender is recorded by the head of household and the following tables provides a breakdown for both homelessness presentations and acceptances as per the requested reasons.

Table 3: Homelessness Presentations 1st October 2024 - 31st March 2025

Homelessness Presentation Reason	Cases
Domestic Abuse:	
Female Head of Household	510
Male Head of Household	99
Release from Hospital/Prison/Other Institution:	
Female Head of Household	42
Male Head of Household	183
Sharing Breakdown/ Family Dispute:	
Female Head of Household	781
Male Head of Household	931
Loss of Private Rented Accommodation:	
Female Head of Household	612
Male Head of Household	521
Relationship Breakdown:	
Female Head of Household	230
Male Head of Household	445
Accommodation Not Reasonable:	
Female Head of Household	1,174
Male Head of Household	720
Total	6,248

Table 4: Homelessness Acceptances 1st October 2024- 31st March 2025

Homelessness Acceptance Reason	Cases
Domestic Abuse:	
Female Head of Household	491
Male Head of Household	100
Release from Hospital/Prison/Other Institution:	
Female Head of Household	40
Male Head of Household	113
Sharing Breakdown/ Family Dispute:	
Female Head of Household	532
Male Head of Household	425
Loss of Private Rented Accommodation:	
Female Head of Household	452
Male Head of Household	249
Relationship Breakdown:	
Female Head of Household	141
Male Head of Household	189
Accommodation Not Reasonable:	
Female Head of Household	986
Male Head of Household	574
Total	4,292

This concludes our response.