

23 January 2025

Our Ref: FOI 645

Request

We received your request on 16 January 2025 for the following information:

- 1) how many people are currently on the housing executive waiting list in Northern Ireland*
- 2) how many people that class themselves as Irish/Northern Irish/British have been housed in Northern Ireland in the last year.*
- 3) how many non nationals or people that have arrived in Northern Ireland as asylum seekers have been housed in the past year.*

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

Our response

- 1) how many people are currently on the housing executive waiting list in Northern Ireland***

There were 48,366 applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List in Northern Ireland as at 30/09/2024.

Waiting List figures are produced quarterly and so the most up to date figures are as at 31st December 2024. However, Waiting List Statistics are included in the Department for Communities Housing Bulletin which is designated as a National Statistic.

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 requested 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 in respect of parts [T3.3 and T3.4](#).

The December 2024 figures are therefore currently exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act - disclosure prohibited by other legislation. The December 2024 figures can be made available upon request subsequent to the publication of the next Bulletin.

2) how many people that class themselves as Irish/Northern Irish/British have been housed in Northern Ireland in the last year.

3) how many non nationals or people that have arrived in Northern Ireland as asylum seekers have been housed in the past year

The table below provides data on the number of housing allocations to applicants on the Social Housing Waiting List in Northern Ireland by Nationality Group for a 1-year period from 01/10/2023 to 30/09/2024. The figures are based on the recorded nationality of the main applicant. The table should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Allocations 01/10/2023 – 30/09/2024 at N. Ireland level by Nationality	
Nationality	No. of allocations
British/Irish/Northern Irish	5,033
Other, incl. Mixed	422
Refused	5
Unknown	403
N. Ireland Total	5,863

Notes:

- This response is based on the most recently published data (allocations up to 30/09/2024). Nationality figures are as recorded on the Housing Management System.
- Allocations are aggregated over a 1-year period from 01/10/2023 to 30/09/2024 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.
- The Housing Executive does not house Asylum Seekers. We do not require or collate information in terms of someone's former immigration status, therefore we do not hold information meeting the description of your request in respect of persons who arrived in NI as asylum seekers.

This concludes our response.