



12 June 2026

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 1181

Your request for information received on 14 May 2026 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

We wish to understand the current state of social housing need. To that end, we request

1/ the most current (end March 2026) numbers and composition of (a) the social housing waiting list, (b) households in housing stress and (c) households with FDA status in Northern Ireland as a whole. Please provide the information broken down by family type in as much detail as possible (eg, with categories 'Single Male > 16 and <18', '2 Adults & 1 Child' etc).

2/ the most current (end March 2026) numbers and composition of (a) the social housing waiting list, (b) households in housing stress and (c) households with FDA status in North, West and South/East Belfast, broken down by HNA area. Please provide the information by family type in as much detail as possible (eg, as per similar past FOI requests, using the most detailed list of applicant household type (eg Single Male > 16 and <18, 2 Adults & 1 Child etc).

Our response

1/ the most current (end March 2026) numbers and composition of (a) the social housing waiting list, (b) households in housing stress and (c) households with FDA status in Northern Ireland as a whole. Please provide the information broken down by family type in as much detail as possible (eg, with categories 'Single Male > 16 and <18', '2 Adults & 1 Child' etc).

The table below provides a breakdown by household type, at NI level, of applicant on the waiting list, applicants in housing stress, full duty applicants and allocations to applicants, as at end March 2026. The table must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Northern Ireland Level March 2026	Single Male, >16 and <18	Single Male, 18-25	Single Male, 26-59	Single Female, >16 and <18	Single Female, 18-25	Single Female, 26-59	H&W, >16 and <18	H&W, 18-25	H&W, 26-59	2 Adults, >16 and <18	2 Adults, 18-59	2 Adults and 1 child	2 Adults and 2 children	1 Parent and 2 children	2 Adults and 3 children	2 Adults and 24 children	1 Parent and 3 children	1 Parent and 24 children	≥3 Adults and 2+ children	≥3 Adults and 0-1 children	Male 60+	Female 60+	H&W, Either 60+	≥3 OAP's	2 Adults, either 60+	Grand Total	
Applicants	21	3,645	12,297	18	3,355	4,883	0	76	421	4	1,851	1,493	1,374	5,689	3,454	753	481	1,400	655	354	1,149	2,362	2,891	914	19	822	50,381
Housing Stress	19	3,059	9,518	14	2,657	3,756	0	59	275	2	1,312	1,004	1,004	4,800	2,688	550	396	1,087	527	299	844	1,551	1,972	640	12	589	39,008
FDA	17	2,665	7,919	13	2,501	3,179	0	50	227	1	1,095	1,031	916	4,251	2,460	530	364	995	483	267	726	1,268	1,511	457	10	476	33,412
Allocations	0	286	1165	<10	378	620	0	<10	50	0	207	165	94	899	456	66	49	213	76	19	109	441	403	125	0	109	5,943

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The tables below provide a breakdown by household type, for North, West and South/East Belfast, of applicants on the waiting list, applicants in housing stress, full duty applicants and allocations to applicants, as at end March 2026. The tables must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

All Applicants

LGD	Group HNA / HNA area	Single Male, >16 and <18	Single Male, 18-25	Single Male, 26-59	Single Female, >16 and <18	Single Female, 18-25	Single Female, 26-59	H&W, >16 and <18	H&W, 18-25	H&W, 26-59	2 Adults, >16 and <18	2 Adults, 18-59	2 Adults and 1 child	2 Adults and 2 children	1 Parent and 1 child	1 Parent and 2 children	2 Adults and 3 children	2 Adults and 24 children	1 Parent and 3 children	1 Parent and 24 children	23 Adults and 2+ children	23 Adults and 0-1 children	Male 60+	Female 60+	H&W, Either 60+	≥3 OAP's	2 Adults, either 60+	Grand Total
Belfast	North Belfast 1	0	244	675	0	161	191	0	1	6	0	74	56	352	165	33	30	61	23	23	21	32	81	51	8	0	18	2,342
Belfast	North Belfast 2	0	85	237	1	80	89	0	0	7	0	24	17	83	35	5	6	22	5	3	14	31	42	13	0	15	834	
Belfast	North Belfast	0	329	912	1	241	280	0	1	13	0	98	73	435	200	38	36	83	28	24	24	46	112	93	21	0	33	3,176
Belfast	Donegall Road	0	47	113	0	31	32	0	0	2	0	13	2	16	8	5	3	4	4	2	1	2	8	12	2	0	2	306
Belfast	Finaghy	0	21	89	0	36	40	0	0	3	0	14	11	14	38	19	10	12	10	3	6	6	8	14	5	0	8	367
Belfast	Inner East Belfast	1	103	296	0	79	98	0	3	11	0	36	30	72	46	13	7	17	17	5	5	10	29	23	5	0	6	919
Belfast	Lisburn Road	1	123	370	0	56	113	0	1	8	0	21	28	41	24	12	13	14	14	6	10	12	15	11	0	1	3	904
Belfast	Lower Ormeau	0	104	345	0	70	74	0	2	8	0	20	22	63	31	12	13	23	10	8	8	5	22	7	0	0	2	886
Belfast	Middle East Belfast	0	74	257	1	78	101	0	4	12	0	49	44	112	65	11	12	20	9	2	24	53	84	23	2	29	1,093	
Belfast	Outer East Belfast	0	57	187	0	57	65	0	0	6	0	23	20	34	87	8	6	26	8	3	15	33	38	29	0	20	772	
Belfast	Short Strand	0	19	34	0	11	13	0	0	1	0	5	1	3	17	6	1	0	4	1	1	0	6	2	0	0	125	
Belfast	Upper Ormeau	1	48	162	0	29	56	0	1	9	0	15	16	15	31	25	12	5	10	10	1	7	20	36	6	0	6	521
Belfast	South & East Belfast	3	596	1,853	1	447	592	0	11	60	0	196	174	477	274	84	71	128	54	54	37	81	194	227	70	3	76	5,863
Belfast	Alnsworth/Woodvale	0	17	60	0	21	21	0	0	4	0	4	5	1	24	7	2	0	2	4	2	1	13	10	5	0	5	208
Belfast	Ballygomartin	0	9	36	0	24	19	0	0	1	0	5	4	3	21	7	3	1	2	1	0	6	10	7	5	0	1	165
Belfast	Inner West Belfast	0	152	411	1	107	148	0	1	12	0	41	41	50	243	94	28	15	30	19	7	17	47	36	8	0	10	1,518
Belfast	Lower Shankill	0	21	34	0	12	11	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	3	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	101
Belfast	Mid Shankill	0	17	62	0	21	24	0	1	1	0	8	3	0	11	9	1	1	5	3	1	3	2	19	5	0	6	203
Belfast	Middle West Belfast	0	115	422	0	110	139	0	3	11	1	53	49	43	315	155	25	23	77	16	16	55	80	90	19	2	20	1,839
Belfast	Outer West Belfast	0	65	179	0	54	61	0	0	4	0	30	23	16	129	79	15	6	28	16	10	14	17	11	2	0	9	768
Belfast	West Belfast	0	396	1,204	1	349	423	0	5	34	1	144	126	114	746	355	74	46	147	59	36	96	173	176	44	2	51	4,802
Belfast	Belfast City Centre	1	64	151	0	39	36	0	0	2	0	9	3	4	18	9	2	2	2	1	1	2	5	5	0	0	0	355
Belfast	Grand Total	4	1,385	4,120	3	1,076	1,331	0	17	109	1	447	376	351	1,676	838	197	155	360	142	98	225	484	501	135	5	160	14,196

Applicants in FDA Status

LGD	Group HNA / HNA area	Single Male, >16 and <18	Single Male, 18-25	Single Female, >16 and <18	Single Female, 18-25	Single Female, 26-59	H&W, >16 and <18	H&W, 18-25	H&W, 26-59	2 Adults, >16 and <18	2 Adults, 18-59	2 Adults and 1 child	2 Adults and 2 children	1 Parent and 1 child	1 Parent and 2 children	2 Adults and 3 children	2 Adults and 24 children	1 Parent and 3 children	1 Parent and 24 children	≥3 Adults and 2+ children	≥3 Adults and 0-1 children	Male 60+	Female 60+	H&W, Either 60+	≥3 OAP's	2 Adults, either 60+	Grand Total
Belfast	North Belfast 1	0	201	511	0	147	160	0	0	4	59	51	52	295	135	31	29	52	19	20	25	46	30	2	0	10	1,879
Belfast	North Belfast 2	0	67	164	1	65	57	0	0	4	8	11	10	57	20	4	5	17	2	0	12	21	22	9	0	13	569
Belfast	North Belfast	0	268	675	1	212	217	0	0	8	67	62	62	352	155	35	34	69	21	20	37	67	52	11	0	23	2,448
Belfast	Donegall Road	0	35	84	0	20	25	0	0	2	6	1	1	11	4	5	1	2	1	1	1	4	9	1	0	1	215
Belfast	Finaghy	0	14	58	0	25	28	0	0	1	5	8	12	34	15	10	10	7	3	6	3	4	9	1	0	5	256
Belfast	Inner East Belfast	0	86	229	0	61	70	0	3	7	17	20	18	56	34	11	6	16	5	5	7	20	13	2	0	2	688
Belfast	Lisburn Road	1	111	325	0	51	90	0	1	6	15	24	19	37	21	11	12	12	5	9	11	12	3	0	0	1	777
Belfast	Lower Ormeau	0	93	292	0	64	61	0	2	6	18	19	15	55	26	10	12	22	9	8	5	15	5	0	0	2	739
Belfast	Middle East Belfast	0	56	153	1	49	56	0	1	2	29	28	18	80	50	8	10	15	7	1	17	25	36	12	1	21	676
Belfast	Outer East Belfast	0	35	107	0	41	42	0	0	2	13	18	29	60	33	7	4	22	7	2	11	19	24	14	0	15	505
Belfast	Short Strand	0	17	23	0	5	10	0	0	0	4	1	3	11	5	1	0	4	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	93
Belfast	Upper Ormeau	1	39	124	0	25	48	0	1	7	9	12	12	20	18	11	3	9	8	1	6	12	24	2	0	5	397
Belfast	South & East Belfast	2	466	1,395	1	341	430	0	8	33	116	131	127	364	206	74	58	109	46	34	61	116	125	32	1	52	4,348
Belfast	Answoth/Woodvale	0	9	32	0	15	17	0	0	1	0	3	1	13	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	7	7	1	0	5	116
Belfast	Ballygomartin	0	5	18	0	14	14	0	0	1	2	2	3	15	5	3	1	1	0	0	3	8	4	2	0	0	101
Belfast	Inner West Belfast	0	129	312	1	86	109	0	1	9	36	39	46	199	78	28	14	26	17	7	16	30	25	6	0	8	1,222
Belfast	Lower Shankill	0	11	22	0	10	8	0	0	1	2	1	1	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	69
Belfast	Mid Shankill	0	9	41	0	13	20	0	0	0	5	2	0	6	7	0	0	4	1	0	3	1	17	4	0	3	136
Belfast	Middle West Belfast	0	82	293	0	90	111	0	2	8	47	39	35	262	128	24	23	66	14	15	47	56	58	12	2	10	1,424
Belfast	Outer West Belfast	0	50	128	0	49	48	0	0	2	22	22	14	108	68	14	6	26	13	10	11	12	6	1	0	7	617
Belfast	West Belfast	0	295	846	1	277	327	0	3	22	114	108	100	606	292	69	44	126	45	33	81	115	120	26	2	33	3,665
Belfast	Belfast City Centre	1	50	95	0	34	26	0	0	1	5	3	3	15	6	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	5	0	0	0	256
Belfast	Grand Total	3	1099	3011	3	864	1000	0	11	64	302	304	292	1337	659	179	138	306	113	88	181	301	302	69	3	108	10,737

Allocations to All Applicants

LGD	Group HNA / HNA area	Single Male, >16 and <18	Single Male, 18-25	Single Male, 26-35	Single Female, >16 and <18	Single Female, 18-25	Single Female, 26-35	H&W, >16 and <18	H&W, 18-25	H&W, 26-59	2 Adults, >16 and <18	2 Adults, 18-35	2 Adults and 1 child	1 Parent and 1 child	1 Parent and 2 children	2 Adults and 3 children	1 Parent and 3 children	1 Parent and 2+ children	≥3 Adults and 0-1 children	Male 60+	Female 60+	H&W, Either 60+	≥3 OAP's	2 Adults, either 60+	Grand Total
Belfast	North Belfast 1	0	15	70	<10	16	<10	0	<10	0	<10	0	28	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	15	<10	<10	0	<10	0	210
Belfast	North Belfast 2	0	<10	22	<10	13	<10	0	<10	0	<10	12	0	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	144
Belfast	North Belfast	0	-	92	<10	29	<10	0	<10	0	<10	23	15	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	-	<10	<10	0	<10	354
Belfast	Donegall Road	0	<10	11	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	14	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	0	<10	53
Belfast	Finnaghy	0	0	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	0	0	0	21
Belfast	Inner East Belfast	0	10	21	<10	10	17	0	0	<10	0	<10	18	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	13	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	129
Belfast	Lisburn Road	0	<10	27	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	13	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	87
Belfast	Lower Ormeau	0	<10	13	0	<10	14	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	11	17	<10	0	<10	<10	47
Belfast	Middle East Belfast	0	<10	26	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	<10	<10	110
Belfast	Outer East Belfast	0	10	17	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	12	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	80
Belfast	Short Strand	0	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	<10	<10	25
Belfast	Upper Ormeau	0	<10	11	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	<10	<10	43
Belfast	South & East Belfast	0	42	138	<10	34	<10	0	<10	0	<10	22	17	<10	<10	26	<10	<10	11	64	47	<10	0	<10	995
Belfast	Alnsnorth/Woolvale	0	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	0	<10	41
Belfast	Ballygomartin	0	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	0	0	32
Belfast	Inner West Belfast	0	<10	24	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	31	<10	<10	12	<10	<10	11	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	117
Belfast	Lower Shankill	0	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	0	0	32
Belfast	Mid Shankill	0	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	0	<10	13	<10	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	0	0	50
Belfast	Middle West Belfast	0	<10	35	0	<10	13	0	0	<10	0	<10	55	<10	<10	24	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	0	<10	197
Belfast	Outer West Belfast	0	<10	30	0	11	11	0	<10	<10	0	<10	30	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	0	0	<10	<10	0	<10	135
Belfast	West Belfast	0	22	115	0	39	45	0	<10	<10	0	15	16	11	56	<10	<10	19	11	29	28	<10	0	12	604
Belfast	Belfast City Centre	0	0	<10	0	<10	<10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<10	0	<10	0	18
Belfast	Grand Total	0	83	-	<10	-	-	0	<10	11	0	-	42	-	-	14	<10	46	-	116	-	19	0	-	1,571

Notes:

Please note that where there are less than 10 allocations, this has been listed as <10 in compliance with Data Protection requirements.

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

Applicant Information (all applicants, applicants in housing stress and FDA) is as at 31st March 2026.

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, in order to avoid breaches of the code of practice for statistics, the most recent data provided is based on the most recently published data (end March 2026).



This concludes our response.

Review procedure

You can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, you should send an email to: foi@nihe.gov.uk or alternatively write to: Freedom of Information, Information Governance Team, Legal Services, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, The Housing Centre, 2 Adelaide Street, Belfast, BT2 8PB.

Your request for an internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of you having received this response.

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. A complaint can be made to the Information Commissioner, through the online portal at: [FOI and EIR complaints | ICO](#) or alternatively by post at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact: foi@nihe.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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