

FOI Homeless Applications 101003204349

*Please note that where numbers are low, they have been anonymised by inserting <5 instead, as release of this information could result in the identification of individuals. This information is therefore exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Personal Information.

1. How many homeless applications were made to the local authority in each year 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2018, 2011 and 2012. How many adults and children were affected in those applications.

The number of homeless applications received in the calendar year.

Year	Number of applications
2022	562
2021	502
2020	460
2019	528
2018	579
2012	560
2011	526

Number of Adults and children were affected in those applications in calendar year.

Year	No. Adults in House Hold at Application	No. Children in House Hold at Application
2022	650	282
2021	562	236
2020	490	175
2019	592	243
2018	653	285
2012	646	317
2011	587	212

2. How many of those applications in each year were assessed and accepted as homeless.

The number of applications were assessed and accepted as homeless in calendar year.

Year	Number of Homeless Unintentional
2022	322
2021	301
2020	272
2019	293
2018	283
2012	341
2011	295

3. How many in each year above were rejected and what were the reasons?

The number of that were rejected and the reasons in calendar year.

Year	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2012	2011
Reasons for Rejection							

Homeless, Intentional	9	5	27	38	51	65	55
Ineligible for assistance	5	<5*	<5	5	10	11	9
Lost contact before Decision	9	9	<5	6	5	0	0
Not Homeless/Potentially homeless	62	36	39	50	52	53	45
Resolved homelessness prior to decision	57	48	56	54	78	55	70
Threatened with homelessness intentional	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Threatened with homelessness unintentional	60	66	35	44	58	<5	14
Withdrew application before decision	26	32	21	33	37	32	34

3a. How many of those in each year were rejected because it was considered they were "intentionally homeless".

The applications were rejected because it was considered they were "intentionally homeless"s in calendar year.

Year	Number of Intentional homeless applications
2022	9
2021	5
2020	27
2019	38
2018	51
2012	65
2011	55

3b. How many of those in each year were rejected because they do not have a local connection? And when did the 'local connection' condition if it exists get brought in.

The number that were rejected because they do not have a local connection, in calendar year.

Year	Number of Intentional homeless applications
2022	12
2021	9
2020	5
2019	10
2018	15
2012	<5
2011	11

Local connection provisions in Scotland were introduced by the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, as amended. Section 33 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 enabled but does not compel the local

housing authority to consider referral of a duty to secure accommodation to another authority. Referrals can only be made in specific circumstances.

On 29 November 2022 the Homeless Persons (Scotland) Order 2022 came into force, effectively suspending referrals in Scotland (suspending but not permanently repealing the legislation). Where a homeless application is made on or after 29 November 2022, a local authority can no longer refer the applicant to another Scottish local authority under section 33(1) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987. This suspension does not apply to referrals to local authorities in England and Wales.

4. How many in each year were housed in temporary accommodation.

This is exempt under Section 25 – Information Otherwise Accessible and available e.g. published on a website etc.

This information used to be reported by the Scottish Housing Regulator through the annual return on the charter until 2019/2020 (Indicator 25.2, number of households who occupied temp accom)

<https://www.housingregulator.gov.scot/landlord-performance/statistical-information>

Refer to Charter data – all social landlords dataset. Thereafter the data is published by the Scottish government.

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/homelessness-statistics/>

Click on Homelessness in Scotland for the relevant year, click on the supporting document and look for Main Tables to Homelessness in Scotland: refer to table 40.

5. What was the average waiting times for such accommodation in each year.

This is exempt under Section 17 – Information Not Held. We do not hold information on average waiting times for temporary accommodation. (Gordon, please advice if you want to expand on this response as I understand no one would be waiting for temp accom, if nothing was available we would provide B&B)

6. What was the longest waiting time in each year.

See Q5

7. What was the longest current outstanding wait time.

See Q5

8. How many were taken off the waiting lists in each year and why?

See Q5

8a. How many people were taken off wait lists for temporary accommodation due to death?

See Q5

9. What is the average stay and the longest stay within temporary accommodation.

Average Stay:

This is exempt under Section 25 – Information Otherwise Accessible and available e.g. published on a website etc.

This information used to be reported by the Scottish Housing Regulator through the annual return on the charter until 2019/2020 (Indicator 25, number of households who occupied temp accom)

<https://www.housingregulator.gov.scot/landlord-performance/statistical-information>

Refer to Charter data – all social landlords dataset. Thereafter the data is published by the Scottish government.

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/homelessness-statistics/>

Click on Homelessness in Scotland for the relevant year, click on the supporting document and look for Main Tables to Homelessness in Scotland: refer to table 41.

Longest Stay:

Year	Longest Stay in Days
2022	552
2021	1147
2020	623
2019	584
2018	1258
2012	706
2011	1332

Social housing

10. How many people, including children, were on your waiting list for social housing as of December 1 this year, and on each December 1 in 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2011, and 2012? Feel free to use another date as a snapshot reference point if it is easier.

This is exempt under Section 17 – Information Not Held. We are unable to provide this level of detail retrospectively, we would have needed to have known in advance this information was required. However the number of applications on the waiting list at each point is published by the Scottish government.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/housing-statistics-management-of-local-authority-housing/>

Refer to Housing List Excel file and the TsApplicants tab in the file.

11. How many in each year were children?

See Q10.

12. How many in each year 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2018, 2011 and 2012 were offered homes?

This is exempt under Section 25 – Information Otherwise Accessible and available e.g. published on a website etc.

This information is reported by the Scottish Housing Regulator through the annual return on the charter. Refer to Charter data – all social landlords dataset (Refer to Indicator 14.1, number of tenancy offers made during the reporting year) However note that prior to 2019-20, it was known as indicator 18.1

<https://www.housingregulator.gov.scot/landlord-performance/statistical-information>

13. How many of those were rejected for inclusion on the waiting list for each year and what were the reasons.

The number of people that were rejected as they were not qualified for housing list.

Year	Number rejected
2022	<5
2021	6
2020	<5
2019	<5
2018	6
2012	<5
2011	9

14. How many were taken off the waiting lists in each year.

We assume you mean the number of cancelled applications, which are listed below.

Year	Number removed from the waiting list
2022	1555
2021	1712
2020	845
2019	850
2018	1387
2012	827
2011	1282

14a. How many of those were taken off waiting lists due to death in each year?

Year	Number removed due to Applicant deceased
2022	24
2021	28
2020	13
2019	13
2018	17
2012	14
2011	11

15. What is the average waiting time in each year?

We are unable to provide this information retrospectively as we would have needed to have known in advance this information was required but we have been able to source this information from scheduled reports held for statutory reporting purposes. However these figures relate to the 31st of March in each year.

Year	Average Waiting time in Years
2022	2.5 Years
2021	2.4 Years
2020	2.3 Years
2019	2.2 Years
2018	2.2 Years
2012	3.0 Years
2011	2.8 Years

16. How many have waited over five years to be housed in each year.

We are unable to provide this information retrospectively as we would have needed to have known in advance this information was required but we have been able to source this information from scheduled reports held for statutory reporting purposes. However these figures relate to the 31st of March in each year.

Year	Number waiting over 5 years
2022	400
2021	346
2020	378
2019	312
2018	282
2012	391
2011	402

17. What is the longest current outstanding waiting time for any individual and why did it take so long?

With the exception of homeless households who are normally rehoused in date order, we operate a needs based allocations policy. The total number of points on the application determines the position on the housing list at any given time and we do not award any points associated with length of time on the list. An applicant's circumstances may worsen or improve during the life of their housing application and this means their total number of points may be reassessed and their position can change frequently. Our policy is available at www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file125428.pdf

At 06 January 2023, the longest period of time an applicant has waited for social housing is 34 years however this application is at a non-offerable status i.e. they are not actively seeking rehousing at this time.

18. How many have been rejected for social housing in each of the above years.

Please refer to Q13. Note that if a homeless applicant were assessed as intentionally homeless, not homeless or had no local connection, they would not be awarded homeless status but their housing application would remain on the waiting list (if they had applied).

19. Do you impose a ban on people applying who do not have a local connection? If so, when was that ban introduced and how many people have been rejected on those grounds in all the years mentioned above?

We are unable to ban anyone from applying for housing or as homeless. Even if they have no connection to Moray, they would still be added to the waiting list but not considered for housing unless it was for a hard to let property, mainly in rural areas or a request for a nomination from an RSL as this is not included in their allocation policies.

From 29 November 2022, Local Connection was removed from assessing homeless applicants but previously this was taken into account unless there were special circumstances such as domestic abuse.

20. How many have been rejected because they are considered "intentionally homeless" in all the years mentioned above.

Same as Q3.