

FOI Request - Homeless Applications and Unsuitable Accommodation Orders – 101003573097

All the questions when referencing time periods includes the part year of 2024.

1. How many homeless applications were made to the local authority so far in 2024, in 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018 and in 2011 and 2012.

The number of homeless applications received in the calendar year.

Year	Number of applications
Until 28/05/2024	255
2023	548
2022	568
2021	502
2020	460
2019	528
2018	579
2012	560
2011	526

2. How many adults and separately children were affected in those applications.

Year	Number of Adults	Number of Children
Until 28/05/2024	255	64
2023	548	152
2022	568	164
2021	502	132
2020	460	96
2019	528	145
2018	579	164
2012	560	180
2011	526	131

3. How many in each year and part year were a) Ukranian asyllum seekers or refugees b) other non-UK asyllum seekers or refugees.

Year	Number of Adults	Number of Children
Until 28/05/2024	<5*	<5*
2023	16	11
2022	<5*	<5*

* The low numbers associated with this response may result in the identification of individuals. Therefore numbers between 1 and 5 have been redacted and marked with <5 instead. This response is exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – personal information.

c) Non-Scottish British, in other words from England, Wales or Northern Ireland d) Scottish Not Held. Information that is not held falls under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

4. How many of those applications in each year (including the 2024 part year) were assessed and accepted as homeless.

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

Year	Number of Homeless Application Assessed	Number of Homeless Unintentional	Number of Homeless Intentional
Until 28/05/2024	255	122	7
2023	548	288	16
2022	568	328	11
2021	502	301	<5*
2020	460	272	27
2019	528	293	38
2018	579	283	51
2012	560	341	65
2011**	526	295	55

* Low numbers exemption - Section 38(1)(b) FOISA

	TOTAL ASSESSED (500 ISH)	HL UNINTENTIONAL	HL NON PRIORITY NEED**	NO. OF HL UNINTENTIONAL ACCEPTED (INCL NON-PRI WHEN EXISTED)
2011	526	295	<5*	299 (but no duty to secure perm accom for 4)

** - Formerly homelessness was assessed within a category which included priority needs cases.

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

We have not rejected any applications, they have all been assessed in accordance with legislation and then provide the outcomes which were not assessed as homeless.

Year	2011	2012	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Until 28/05/2024
Ineligible for Assistance	9	11	10	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*	0
Lost contact before Decision (Post Apr 07)	0	0	<5*	6	<5*	9	9	7	6
Not Homeless/Potentially Homeless	45	53	52	50	39	36	67	70	32
Resolved Homelessness prior to decision	70	55	78	54	56	48	58	50	19
Threatened with Homelessness intentional	0	0	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*
Threatened with Homelessness Unintentional	14	<5*	58	44	35	66	61	63	34
Withdrew application before Decn	34	32	37	33	21	32	27	47	13

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5a. How many of those in each year and the part year were rejected because it was considered they were "intentionally homeless".

The number of applications were rejected because they were “intentionally homeless” in calendar year. This was the outcome of a statutory assessment, not a ‘rejection’ of the applications.

Year	Number of Homeless Intentional
Until 28/05/2024	7
2023	16
2022	11
2021	<5*
2020	27
2019	38
2018	51
2012	65
2011	55

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5b. How many of those in each year and part year were rejected because they do not have a local connection? And when did the 'local connection' condition if it exists get brought in.

Prior to the suspension of local connection (From 29 November 2022) we had a duty to assess homelessness/priority/intentionality and only then to consider local connection and refer under section 33 to transfer the duty to another local authority/RSL. Special circumstances such as domestic abuse was always taken into consideration.

Year	Number of Section 33 Referral
Until 28/05/2024	0
2023	0
2022	0
2021	0
2020	0
2019	<5*
2018	0
2012	0
2011	0

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6. How many homeless in each year and part year were housed in temporary or interim accommodation. 6a. How many of those housed in each year and part year were placed in bed and breakfast or hotel establishments. 6b. How many each in year and part year were housed immediately and directly into temporary accommodation

This is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002– 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 2018/2019 (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.

6c. How many in each year and part year were a) Ukrainian asylum seekers b) other non-UK asylum seekers

Part a – None

Part b – <5* Adults & <5* Children

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c) Non-Scottish British d) Scottish

This is exempt under Section 17 FOISA – Information Not Held.

7. How many in each year and part year were housed directly into settled or permanent accommodation (meaning that they did not go through an interim or temporary step first)

Year	Number of Homeless Intentional
Until 28/05/2024	182
2023	330
2022	325
2021	330
2020	234
2019	294
2018	292
2012	270
2011	302

7a. How many in each year and part year were a) Ukrainian asylum seekers b) other non-UK asylum seekers

Year	Number of Adults	Number of Children
Until 28/05/2024	0	0
2023	<5*	<5*
2022	<5*	<5*

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c) Non-Scottish British d) Scottish

This is exempt under Section 17 FOISA – Information Not Held.

8. What was the average waiting times for temporary/interim accommodation in each year (and the part year).

This is exempt under Section 17 FOISA – Information Not Held. We do not hold information on average waiting times for temporary accommodation. No one would be waiting for temporary accommodation; if nothing was available, we would provide B&B

9. What was the longest current outstanding wait time.

See Q8

10. How many were taken off the waiting lists for temporary/interim accommodation in each year and part year and why?

See Q8

11. How many people were taken off wait lists for temporary/interim accommodation due to death?

See Q8

12. What is the average stay and the longest stay within temporary/interim accommodation.

The average time an individual has spent in temporary accommodation in the Calendar year.

Year	Average Stay	Longest Stay
Until 28/05/2024	22.13	127
2023	48.64	327
2022	51.31	240
2021	65.42	282
2020	70.50	317
2019	58.95	311
2018	54.93	328
2012	Not Available	Not Available
2011	Not Available	Not Available

13. How many breaches of the unsuitable accommodation order has there been so far in 2024 and in 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018 and in 2011 and 2012.

Year	Number of Breaches
Until 28/05/2024	0
2023	<5*
2022	<5*
2021	0
2020	<5*
2019	0
2018	0
2012	Not Available
2011	Not Available

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14. How many properties were you able to call on for use as temporary accommodation for the homeless in each of the years and part year.

The below are the number of properties that were being used as temporary accommodation at the end of the financial year.

Year	Number of Properties
As at 29/05/2024	122
As at 31/03/2024	127
As at 31/03/2023	124
As at 31/03/2022	140
As at 31/03/2021	155
As at 30/04/2020	164
As at 31/03/2019	199
As at 31/03/2018	171

15. How many properties were you able to call on for use as settled/permanent accommodation for the homeless in each of the years and part year.

The below are the number of properties, that were being used for mainstream accommodation at the end of the financial year.

Year	Number of Properties
As at 29/05/2024	6288
As at 31/03/2024	6285
As at 31/03/2023	6250
As at 31/03/2022	6206
As at 31/03/2021	6146
As at 30/04/2020	6044
As at 31/03/2019	6008
As at 31/03/2018	5967

16. How many people were sleeping rough in your area in each of the years and part year.
This is a self-disclosure and no assessment/verification is carried out in this regard, little anecdotal evidence of rough sleeping in the district.

The below are the number of people that slept rough in the area before making an application, the numbers are categorised in to two sections as below

Financial Year		No of people Slept Rough Night Before Presenting	Number of people Slept rough in last 3 months
01-04-2024 to 29-05-24		8	12
2023-24		53	78
2022-23		24	49
2021-22		27	54
2020-21		22	68
2019-20		31	61
2018-19		35	86
2017-18		27	71
2012-13		32	59
2011-12		48	91
2010-11		38	80

17. How many people died in temporary/interim accommodation in each year and part year.
This is exempt under Section 25 FOISA – Information Otherwise Accessible and available e.g. published on a website etc.
Homeless deaths can be access from the Office of National Statistics: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/deaths/homeless-deaths>. However, the figures for 2023 have not been requested by the Scottish Government.
The Scottish Government will request and collate all homeless deaths and publish these later in the year in a format that protects individuals.