



I am writing to formally request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, pertaining to the provision of social housing within your local authority. I hereby request the disclosure of the following data:

- 1. Current Social Housing Occupancy:** The number of people currently placed in social housing.

20,818 tenancies (this is the figure for tenancies and not tenants or household members).
- 2. Temporary Accommodation Usage:** Of the individuals referenced in query 1, the number currently residing in temporary accommodation facilities, including but not limited to hotels and hostels.

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- 3. Local Residency in Social Housing:** Of the total number of individuals in social housing (Q1), the number who are native to the area, defined as having been born or raised within the region.

Cannot provide information on whether someone was born in the region or not, it would be a breakdown of white British etc as stored in HMIS.

2025 Data – Main tenants where nationality has been stated.

Main Tenants who are British Born -15881 – 92%
- 4. Home Office Placements:** The total number of individuals placed under the care of the council by the Home Office or any other governmental body since the beginning of the 2014 calendar year.

The Home Office (part of central government) has a statutory duty to provide accommodation for those seeking asylum. It has contracts with private sector providers to source this accommodation on its behalf.

Local authorities do not have a say in how many people seeking asylum are accommodated in their areas, where they stay or how long they will be staying for. These are decisions made by the Home Office.
- 5. Demographic Breakdown:** A breakdown of the individuals referenced in query 1, categorized by ethnicity and age range.

We capture the column “Nationality” which captures Ethnicity as well within our Housing Tenant View.

Please see attached for Age Cohort and Ethnicity/Nationality breakdown.

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| <p>6. Homelessness and Housing Instability: An estimation of the number of individuals within the council area who are currently experiencing homelessness or residing in unsuitable housing conditions.</p> | <p>As at 15/1/25 there are approximately 957 households experiencing or a risk of Homelessness.</p> |
| <p>7. Waiting List Duration: The current average waiting time for social housing, categorized by eligibility band as defined by the council's allocation policy.</p> | <p>Unable to answer – applicants can be on the waiting list but not place a bid, therefore counting the length of time they are on the waiting list is meaningless.</p> |
| <p>8. Social Housing Expenditure: A breakdown of the council's current expenditure on social housing, categorized by housing type (houses, flats, HMOs, hostels, hotels) Per year for the last 10 years.</p> | <p>We do not hold expenditure data in these categories</p> |
| <p>9. Asylum Seekers in Temporary Accommodation: Of those individuals residing in temporary accommodation (Q2), the number who are currently awaiting the adjudication of an asylum application.</p> | <p>We would not have any asylum seekers awaiting HO decision housed in temporary council accommodation as they should all be in Serco properties.</p> |
| <p>10. Asylum Seeker Housing Policy: A detailed explanation of the council's current policy for housing individuals whose asylum applications have been granted. This explanation should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Procedures for transitioning individuals from temporary to more permanent accommodation. o The eligibility band assigned to such individuals within the council's housing allocation scheme. o The criteria and scoring methodology used to determine the housing band for this specific cohort, including any deviations from the standard operating procedure for housing allocation. | <p>Once granted right to remain, there is no differential treatment or process in use. Housing applications are assessed in accordance with Wigan Council's Allocation policy. Additional priority points are not awarded based on nationality or ethnicity, points are awarded based on housing need and an applicant's individual circumstances. All applicants need to provide documentation showing they are eligible to apply for social housing if they are not a British Citizen.</p> |

Nationality / Ethnicity	Count	%
WHITE BRITISH	15879	76.28%
NOT KNOWN	3305	15.88%
AFRICAN	334	1.60%
WHITEOTHER	214	1.03%
PREFER NOT TO SAY	169	0.81%
ANY OTHER	134	0.64%
POLISH	132	0.63%
ASIAN OTHER	84	0.40%
WHITE IRISH	81	0.39%
LITHUANIAN	55	0.26%
LATVIAN	47	0.23%
WHITE SCOTISH	42	0.20%
OTHARAB	40	0.19%
BLACK OTHER	36	0.17%
MIXED ASIAN	31	0.15%
MIXED AFRICAN	29	0.14%
MIXED CARIBBEAN	27	0.13%
PAKISTANI	23	0.11%
ROMANIAN	19	0.09%
HUNGARIAN	19	0.09%
CARIBBEAN	19	0.09%
MIXED OTHER	17	0.08%
INDIAN	12	0.06%
SLOVAKIAN	11	0.05%
WHITE WELSH	11	0.05%
CHINESE	11	0.05%
BANGLADESH	11	0.05%
GYPSY OR IRISH TRAVELLER / ROMA	9	0.04%
CZECH	8	0.04%
ESTONIAN	3	0.01%
BULGARIAN	2	0.01%
SLOVENIAN	2	0.01%
VIETNAMESE	1	0.00%
Total	20817	100.00%

Age Cohort	Count	%
Not Known/Not Supplied	1	0.00%
18-26	617	2.96%
26-35	2708	13.01%
36-45	4032	19.37%
46-55	3833	18.41%
56-65	3963	19.04%
66-75	3061	14.70%
76-85	2001	9.61%
86 and older	601	2.89%
Total	20817	100%