



REQUEST 18265

1. How many asylum seekers are currently in the Wigan Borough?
2. How many asylum seekers in the Wigan Borough have been granted asylum and how many were denied?
3. How many asylum seekers in the Wigan Borough are currently awaiting a decision for asylum?
4. In the Wigan Borough, what percentage of the population are asylum seekers?
5. What types of accommodation are asylum seekers residing in Wigan Borough and what percentage? E.g. Hotels x%, Council houses/flats x%, Hostels x%, Homeless x% etc
6. Where in the Wigan Borough are asylum seekers residing?
7. What other amenities/expenses/benefits are given to asylum seekers other than accommodation by Wigan Council?
8. How many asylum seekers in the Wigan Borough have previous and/or outstanding convictions?
9. How many asylum seekers in the Wigan Borough have been denied asylum, appealed and had the decision overturned and granted asylum?

RESPONSE

Approximately 1200 but this figure can change daily.

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Approximately 0.36% based on Borough wide population in 2025.

All those seeking asylum reside in Serco accommodation funded by the Home Office. There are no asylum seekers residing in council houses, flats or hostels or presenting as homeless. There are no contingency hotels in the Wigan Borough.

Asylum seekers reside in Serco accommodation funded by the Home Office. These properties are dispersed across the Borough.

Asylum seekers are not given any amenities, expenses or benefits from Wigan Council.

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| 10. On average, how much taxpayer, council tax is used to pay accommodation and all other expenses to asylum seekers each month? | Council tax is not used to support asylum seekers. In terms of wider tax payments, this information is only held by the Home Office and not Wigan Council. |
| 11. On average, what percentage of asylum seekers in the Wigan Borough access healthcare from the NHS each month? | This information is only held by the NHS and not Wigan Council. |
| 12. What are the demographics of asylum seekers in the Wigan Borough and what percentage? E.g. Male x%, Female x%, Children x%, age x, x% etc | This information is only held by the Home Office and not Wigan Council. |
| 13. What are the originating countries of asylum seekers in the Wigan Borough? | This information is only held by the Home Office and not Wigan Council. |
| 14. What percentage of British nationals who were waiting for council housing were successfully accommodated in the last 6 months and what percentage of asylum seekers who were waiting for council housing were successfully accommodated in the last 6 months? | No asylum seekers were successfully housed in council accommodation as all asylum seekers are housed by Serco which is funded by the Home Office. |