



REQUEST 19000

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to gather information regarding the number of individuals and families classified as homeless and placed in “temporary accommodation” throughout the year.

1. Monthly Homelessness Data in Temporary Accommodation
2. Monthly Counts of Individuals and Households in Temporary Accommodation:

For each month in the past five years (November 2021- November 2025), please provide the total number of individuals and households recorded as homeless and residing in “temporary accommodation.”

Include a breakdown of the types of accommodation provided (e.g., hotels, B&Bs, hostels, caravans, shelters).

Please categorise those in temporary accommodation as follows:

- Single parents with children, identifying mothers and fathers separately if possible.
- Individuals without children.
- Family units, classified by family size (e.g., mother, father, and one child; mother, father, and two children, etc.).

RESPONSE

Please find attached document containing the data we have been able to provide.

We are unable to breakdown the data further than that provided in the attached document, as we do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the “appropriate limit”). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/ksi_2004324_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

This request would take 10 minutes per household, given the monthly placements vary from 121 up to 285 over the months, considering the month with 121 households, this would take $121 \times 10 = 1210$ minutes (20 hours) for one month alone.

Data provided as of end of each month	Overall number of placements	Self contained				Households	
		Hotel	hostel	Refuge	dispersed accommodation	Households with children	without children
30th Nov 2021	121	59	0	8	54	68	53
31st Dec 2021	118	59	0	8	51	56	62
31st Jan 2022	143	80	0	9	54	70	73
28th Feb 2022	153	86	0	8	59	86	67
31st Mar 2022	149	78	0	8	63	80	69
30th April 2022	136	65	0	9	62	63	73
31st May 2022	138	60	0	9	69	67	71
30th June 2022	159	76	0	9	74	81	78
31-Jul-22	153	67	0	9	77	81	72
31st August 2022	174	73	0	11	90	99	75
30-Sep-22	161	66	0	10	85	99	62
31st Oct 2022	160	63	0	11	86	98	62
30th Nov 2022	158	63	0	12	83	94	64
31st Dec 2022	164	66	0	15	83	96	68
31st Jan 2023	190	80	0	14	96	107	83
28th Feb 2023	197	74	0	13	110	121	76
31st Mar 2023	212	90	0	17	105	136	76
30th April 2023	216	95	0	15	106	132	84
31st May 2023	216	96	0	18	102	139	77
30th June 2023	227	105	0	17	105	149	78
31st July 2023	221	87	0	19	115	140	81
31st Aug 2023	238	114	0	17	107	152	86
30th Sep 2023	238	113	0	17	108	160	78
31st Oct 2023	232	96	0	18	118	155	77
30th Nov 2023	226	92	0	16	118	147	79
31st Dec 2023	202	76	0	13	113	131	71
31st Jan 2024	214	71	1	15	127	139	75
29th Feb 2024	214	82	1	15	116	136	78
31st March 2024	204	66	1	18	119	125	79
30th April 2024	200	70	1	15	114	130	70
31st May 2024	195	54	0	17	124	129	66
30th June 2024	193	55	0	14	124	132	61
31st July 2024	200	50	0	15	135	129	71
31st Aug 2024	212	45	0	14	153	130	82
30th Sep 2024	214	39	1	15	159	140	74
31st Oct 2024	219	35	1	16	167	139	80
30th Nov 2024	222	35	1	16	172	140	82
31st Dec 2024	211	29	1	11	170	135	76
31st Jan 2025	219	30	0	9	180	139	80
28th Feb 2025	230	31	0	9	190	145	85
31st March 2025	222	30	1	9	182	147	75
30th April 2025	241	27	1	16	197	148	93
31st May 2025	252	33	3	16	203	161	91
30th June 2025	243	26	3	18	196	156	87
31st Jul 2025	246	20	1	15	210	168	78
31st Aug 2025	252	16	2	17	217	181	71
30th Sep 2025	273	28	3	17	225	198	75
31st Oct 2025	285	24	1	15	245	209	76
27th Nov 2025	280	22	3	13	242	203	77