

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1 - how many a) new social housing (to include housing association and local authority run) tenants were there in i) 2007-8 and ii) 2011-12

Lettings from the Housing Register to new tenants:

2007-08 - 1487

2011-12 - 1634

2 - how many b) existing social housing tenants were there in i) 2007-08 and ii) 2011-12

2007-08 - 21,939

2011-12 - 21,881

This is the number of tenants of Leicester City Council (not including Hostels, Supported Housing or Gypsy and Traveller pitches) recorded on one day during the financial year. Information is not held for other social housing tenants.

3 - please include a breakdown by nationality of tenant of the above figures (for questions 1 and 2).

Nationality is currently held for less than 10% of our tenants. If you require this partial information please advise.

4 - please also state - if possible within FOI cost limits - how many tenants of each nationality had been in the country for a) less than one month b) less than three months c) less than six months d) less than one year before being given social housing.

This information is not held. Therefore, this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with this section of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

5 - please also state - if possible within FOI cost limits - how many British people a) were on waiting lists for social housing in 2007-08 and b) were on waiting lists for social housing in 2011-12.

Ethnicity information is optional information that households provide when applying to go on the housing register and is self-assessment. The number of households on the Housing Register who self-assessed as being British:

| | As At 01/04/08 | As At 01/04/12 |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Asian British | 973 | 2128 |
| Black British | 188 | 887 |
| White British | 2843 | 2253 |
| TOTAL BRITISH | 4004 | 5268 |

Note that this is not the same as nationality.

As at 01 April 2012 there were 9224 households on the housing register of which 5268 provided self-assessment of themselves as British. As this information is not mandatory, 32% of the total number of households on the housing register did not provide any information as to their ethnic origin.

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