

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – housing benefit

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

You asked:

1. **The current number of housing benefit claimants in Leicester City**

Answer: 41,944

2. **The number of those that are non-UK citizens but are EU/EEA citizens**
3. **The number that are neither UK nor EU/EEA citizens**
4. **The same figures for each of the previous 5 years**
5. **The current number of unemployed claimants in each of the three categories above (UK, EU and non EU)**
6. **The total spent on housing benefit in each of the last 5 years**
7. **The numbers of UK citizens, EU citizens and non-EU citizens resident in Leicester city**

For Q2 to Q7

We do not collate the nationality of a claimant. The only data we hold is the ethnicity of the individuals who choose to inform the Local Authority, as this information is not a prerequisite for claiming benefit. Therefore, this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

8. **If possible, the same information above for the county of Leicestershire (but please do not allow this to delay the Leicester City data)**

As advised in our acknowledgement of 22nd January 2014, we do not hold data for the County. Leicestershire County Council is its own data controller and you need to put these questions to them separately.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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