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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to people currently on a waiting list for social and council housing.

You have requested the following information:

1. What is the total number of people currently on a waiting list for social and council housing?

There are currently 8,436 households registered with Coventry Homefinder as at 13 December 2023.

Please note for context, Coventry no longer has any 'council housing' following the transfer of all the Council's housing stock to Whitefriars (now Citizen) in 2000. Therefore, the Homefinder register is the register for applicants for social housing provided by Registered Providers (Housing Associations) rather than council housing.

2. What is the total number of people currently on the waiting list for social and council housing that are non-UK nationals?

There are 1,961 applications where the main applicant has identified that they are not a British Citizen and/or their Nationality is not recorded as British.

However, please note that this data is incomplete. There are 1,552 applications where nationality data is not recorded in a reportable format - these applicants are households that have approached

the Council for homelessness assistance that have then been registered on Homefinder as part of the assistance given to them under the duties in the Housing Act 1996. The homelessness assessment will have verified that they are eligible for assistance however, the data on nationality is not transferred from the homelessness case IT system to the Homefinder IT system. This figure includes British Citizens/UK nationals as well as non-UK nationals.

3. What is the breakdown of non-UK nationals on the waiting list by nationality?

Where the main applicant has identified as being a non-UK national, they have stated their nationality as:

Nationality	Count
Austrian	2
Belgian	11
Bulgarian	2
Czech	10
Danish	5
Dutch	75
Estonian	2
Finnish	2
French	22
German	12
Greek	4
Hungarian	4
Irish	28
Italian	79
Latvian	81
Lithuanian	20
Norwegian	16
Other	1132
Polish	272
Portuguese	32
Romanian	64
Slovakian	26
Spanish	44
Swedish	16
Total	1961

Where the main applicant has selected 'other' as their Nationality, they are asked a further question about which country they originate from:

Country	Count
Afghanistan	99
Africa	4
Albania	6
Algeria	2
Angola	4
Antigua	1

Australia	1
Azerbaijan	1
Bangladesh	13
Barbados	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Botswana	1
Brazil	1
Burundi	13
Cameroon	13
Chad	1
China	2
Democratic Republic of the Congo	28
Croatia	3
Dominica	1
Egypt	4
El Salvador	1
Eritrea	173
Ethiopia	15
Gambia	4
Georgia	1
Ghana	63
Greece	1
Guinea	3
Guyana	1
Honduras	1
Hong Kong	1
India	25
Iran	93
Iraq	60
Ivory Coast	3
Jamaica	8
Jordan	1
Kenya	15
Kurdish	8
Kuwait	2
Latvia	2
Liberia	1
Libya	9
Malawi	6
Malaysia	2
Mali	1
Mauritius	1
Moldova	1
Mongolia	2
Morocco	1
Nepal	1

Netherlands	2
Nigeria	59
Pakistan	28
Palestine	1
Philippines	1
Russia	3
Rwanda	1
Senegal	2
Sierra Leone	2
Somalia	29
South Africa	6
Spain	3
Sri Lanka	18
Stateless	1
Sudan	106
Switzerland	3
Syria	49
Tanzania	7
Togo	1
Turkey	2
Uganda	5
Ukraine	6
United States of America	1
Unknown/unclear	5
Vietnam	6
Yemen	17
Zambia	3
Zimbabwe	58
Total	1132

Please note that these are self-reported by the applicant e.g. some applicants have stated 'Africa' rather than a specific country.

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Yours faithfully

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