



Access to Public Information Request

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Access to Public Information request regarding social housing waiting lists and occupancy

Request for information:

I would like to make a request for information under the "Code of Practice for Access to Public Information".

How many States Social Housing properties are there in the Bailiwick of Guernsey?

How many people are on the waiting list for States Social Housing, per annum from 2015 to the most recent available data in 2020?

How many States Social Housing properties are vacant, per annum from 2015 to the most recent available data in 2020?

How many States Social Housing properties are under-occupied? Eg. more bedrooms to the number of people living in it?

How many States Social Housing properties are over-occupied? Eg. Less bedrooms to the number of people living in it?

Please could the data provided be the most recent that is available in 2020.

Response (provided by the Office of the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security):

How many States Social Housing properties are there in the Bailiwick of Guernsey?

1649 States Social Rental Properties and 534 for Guernsey Housing Association (GHA).

How many people are on the waiting list for States Social Housing, per annum from 2015 to the most recent available data in 2020?

The statistics we are able to provide are based on 31st December of that year.

A change in Policy was made in 2018 whereby States of Guernsey Housing and GHA combined their waiting lists and included both new applicants and existing tenants (who were eligible for a transfer) within social housing. This change enabled a fairer and easier process for the allocation of social housing. Prior to 2018 only new applications were recorded for waiting list purposes.

Year (as at 31/12, unless specified)	Number on Waiting List *
2015	122
2016	53
2017	67
<i>Combined GHA and States applicants and transfers Oct 2018</i>	
2018	237
2019	264
2020 (31/07/2020)	275

How many States Social Housing properties are vacant, per annum from 2015 to the most recent available data in 2020?

The table below shows the number of properties that were vacant on the 31st of December for each year (31/7 in 2020)

Year (as at 31/12, unless specified)	Vacant properties undergoing renovation
2015	56
2016	63
2017	49
2018	65
2019	56
2020 (17/08/2020)	50

How many States Social Housing properties are under-occupied? E.g. more bedrooms to the number of people living in it?

Due to the combined waiting list, the figure provided includes both States and GHA social housing tenants and is those tenants that have been identified as meeting the criteria for eligibility to transfer. All tenants are obligated to inform housing of any changes to their circumstances which would include if the household size reduces.

As of 31 July 2020, there are 72 properties which are under-occupied.

Details for how property requirements are determined can be found here:

<https://www.gov.gg/applyhousing>

How many States Social Housing properties are over-occupied? E.g. less bedrooms to the number of people living in it?

Due to the combined waiting list, the figure provided includes both States and GHA social housing tenants and is those tenants that have been identified as meeting the criteria for eligibility to transfer. All tenants are obligated to inform housing of any changes to their circumstances which would include if the household size increases.

As of 31 July 2020, there are 12 properties which are over-occupied.

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