

## Request Details - FOI6078

I hope you are very well. I would like to please make a request for information from your council under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding homelessness and those people identified by the council as being at risk of losing their homes (eg: those fighting a losing battle to pay their rent/mortgage or those who may be forced out of their homes for other reasons):

1. How many residents in your council area have been identified by the council as currently being "at risk" of losing their homes? (eg: those in housing difficulty who have contacted the council for assistance in any of the above situations and those identified by the council as being at risk of becoming homeless), comparing figures September 2010 and September 2011.

2. Can you provide a breakdown of these residents by their tenure (privately renting, council tenants, private homeowners)?

3. Can you provide a breakdown of the reasons given by households in need of advice or assistance (eg: redundancy, family breakdown, domestic violence, financial difficulty etc)?

4. Does your council have an accurate figure or estimate for the number of people in the council area currently sleeping rough, as at your last rough sleeping count?

5. Does your council have an accurate figure or estimate for the number of people placed by the council and currently living in temporary accommodation? Comparing figures for September 2010 and September 2011.

6. What is the council's total budget for homelessness services in the 2011/12 financial year, and how does this compare to the budget for 2009/10 and 2010/11?

7. Has the council been forced to scale back its homelessness services/provision due to budget cuts in the past year?

Thank you so much.

I look forward to hearing from you within the statutory 20 working days.

Many thanks indeed and very best wishes,

## Response Details - FOI6078

Please find herewith the following:

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1. How many residents in your council area have been identified by the council as currently being "at risk" of losing their homes? (eg: those in housing difficulty who have contacted the council for assistance in any of the above situations and those identified by the council as being at risk of becoming homeless), comparing figures September 2010 and September 2011.

*The table below demonstrates the number of homeless applications from households who were homeless or threatened with homelessness within 28 days, as at the 30th September for each year.*

Month	Total
September 2010	1571
September 2011	655

2. Can you provide a breakdown of these residents by their tenure (privately renting, council tenants, private homeowners)?

Tenure	September 2010	September 2011
House tied to Job	1	4
Leaving Hosp/Nursing Home/Care/Prison/Hostel	52	20
Other	205	47
Owner Occupier	61	37
Social housing Tenant	572	275
Staying with relatives / friends	680	272
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1571</b>	<b>655</b>

3. Can you provide a breakdown of the reasons given by households in need of advice or assistance (eg: redundancy, family breakdown, domestic violence, financial difficulty etc)?

<b>Reason For Homelessness</b>	<b>September 2010</b>	<b>September 2011</b>
Breakdown of Relations DV	272	135
Breakdown of Relationship Part Non DV	99	34
Expiry of Assured Short Hold tenancy	100	79
Leaving Institute or Care le Hosp/Prison/Hostel	34	14
Other Reason	300	101
Other Relative/Friends Not Accommodate	210	85
Parents No Longer Willing To Accommodate	337	102
Rent / Mortgage Arrears	104	50
Violence / Harrassment	115	55
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1571</b>	<b>655</b>

**4. Does your council have an accurate figure or estimate for the number of people in the council area currently sleeping rough, as at your last rough sleeping count?**

*The council estimates that there are 9 rough sleepers in Birmingham.*

**5. Does your council have an accurate figure or estimate for the number of people placed by the council and currently living in temporary accommodation? Comparing figures for September 2010 and September 2011.**

*30th September 2010- 1096 households in TA  
30th September 2011 - 1063 Households in TA*

**6. What is the council's total budget for homelessness services in the 2011/12 financial year, and how does this compare to the budget for 2009/10 and 2010/11?**

*The Homeless Teams budget in 2009/10 = £3,003,324, 2010/11 - £3,339,578, 2011/12 - £3,414,814  
Additionally the council also funds, through central government grant and internal funding, a number of other schemes - 2011/12 = £1.6million, £956k in 09/10 & 10/11.*

**7. Has the council been forced to scale back its homelessness services/provision due to budget cuts in the past year?**

*No, Birmingham City Council has not been forced to scale back its services/provision*

