

55621 Hotel Use for Temporary Accommodation

I would like to ask for information about the use of hotel accommodation by the local authority for individuals you have a statutory or other duty to accommodate.

Please do not include the use of hotels for department business or staff in any capacity, for example work travel or conferences etc.

Please provide, broken down by month between January 2019 and the latest available month:

- The number of individuals
- The number of hotel sites used (for example, individual hotels that are part of a chain, independent hotels, B&Bs etc)
- Total amount spent
- Please also provide a broad description of the different groups of people accommodated in hotels and the reasons for using hotels

If the data is only available as households, please provide this and state clearly that this is what has been provided.

Please refer to the table below which provides the number of households accommodated on the first day of each month from January 2019 to June 2025.

	Households Accommodated on 1st of Month			
	No. of Households	B&B	Shared House	No. of Establishments Used
Jan-19	660	111	549	41
Feb-19	692	132	560	44
Mar-19	676	128	548	45
Apr-19	673	122	551	43
May-19	675	118	557	42
Jun-19	690	110	580	42
Jul-19	701	102	599	43
Aug-19	700	114	586	43

Sep-19	718	134	584	50
Oct-19	723	133	590	47
Nov-19	729	142	587	50
Dec-19	735	148	587	48
Jan-20	722	120	602	44
Feb-20	749	130	619	47
Mar-20	792	168	624	57
Apr-20	776	147	629	43
May-20	795	168	627	47
Jun-20	856	216	640	47
Jul-20	933	291	642	53
Aug-20	953	300	653	53
Sep-20	1,011	352	659	67
Oct-20	1,023	346	677	65
Nov-20	1,073	400	673	67
Dec-20	1,074	392	682	62
Jan-21*	1,101	407	694	65
Feb-21*	1,061	409	652	65
Mar-21	1,072	414	658	65
Apr-21	1,111	424	687	64
May-21	1,116	449	667	64
Jun-21	1,060	419	641	66
Jul-21	1,058	399	659	66
Aug-21	1,122	451	671	72
Sep-21	1,116	478	638	70
Oct-21	1,145	499	646	68
Nov-21	1,139	497	642	74
Dec-21	1,152	486	666	71
Jan-22	1,184	511	673	73
Feb-22	1,175	499	676	72

Mar-22	1,186	511	675	73
Apr-22	1,191	519	672	74
May-22	1,188	518	670	73
Jun-22	1,227	548	679	69
Jul-22	1,209	540	669	66
Aug-22	1,234	559	675	70
Sep-22	1,272	598	674	74
Oct-22	1,291	615	676	72
Nov-22	1,243	561	682	73
Dec-22	1,249	580	669	71
Jan-23	1,259	587	672	73
Feb-23	1,232	563	669	73
Mar-23	1,240	567	673	69
Apr-23	1,229	555	674	72
May-23	1,197	528	669	68
Jun-23	1,224	563	661	69
Jul-23	1,271	605	666	66
Aug-23	1,288	622	666	71
Sep-23	1,296	627	669	70
Oct-23	1,314	652	662	80
Nov-23	1,310	645	665	74
Dec-23	1,280	630	650	70
Jan-24	1,269	611	658	75
Feb-24	1,326	676	650	75
Mar-24	1,340	679	661	75
Apr-24	1,340	681	659	73
May-24	1,400	736	664	77
Jun-24	1,432	760	672	86
Jul-24	1,430	753	677	82
Aug-24	1,403	734	669	80

Sep-24	1,452	779	673	82
Oct-24	1,488	807	681	92
Nov-24	1,518	819	699	92
Dec-24	1,140	459	681	76
Jan-25	1,110	422	688	68
Feb-25	1,062	355	707	66
Mar-25	1,077	365	712	67
Apr-25	1,035	327	708	64
May-25	1,047	333	714	63
Jun-25	1,059	341	718	69

*The data provided for January and February 2021 is incomplete due to a move to a new database.

Please note that 'Hotel' is not a recorded accommodation type. This would be recorded as 'B&B', so there is no way to differentiate between these types of accommodation.

The cost of providing Hotel Accommodation (including B&Bs and Shared Houses) is provided in the table below.

Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Net Cost	£9,199,689	£10,161,795	£15,567,330	£17,918,632	£24,577,597	£25,440,349	£25,158,931

We are unable to provide these costs broken down by month as The City of Edinburgh Council does not process monthly accruals.

There is no specific description for clients placed in B&B/Shared Houses. People in Temporary Accommodation have either been assessed as homeless or have presented and are awaiting a full assessment.