

57092

In each year since 2020-21, including the current year to date, how many refugees and asylum seekers have been accommodated by the council?

Please provide all accommodation types e.g. Hotel, B&B, homeless accommodation, council houses, temporary accommodation etc.

Refugees:

Year	Number
20/21	6
21/22	124
22/23	124
23/24	415
24/25	550

The figures above include people resettled to Edinburgh under UK Government resettlement schemes and people who have moved to Edinburgh after leaving the national asylum system with a positive decision.

Everyone included in the above figures is initially provided with temporary accommodation (eg B&B, hotel, private sector leasing scheme) while they bid for permanent accommodation through the Council's EdIndex system.

Asylum Seekers:

20/21	36	
21/22	29	
22/23	25	(1)
23/24	52	(2)
24/25	101	(1)

Under current asylum arrangements, responsibility for accommodating unaccompanied asylum-seeking children sits with local authorities. Responsibility for accommodating all other people seeking asylum sits primarily with the Home Office and, in Scotland, with its contracted accommodation provider, Mears Group although in limited circumstances, local authorities can acquire that responsibility.

The above figures total the number of people seeking asylum accommodated by the Council. The numbers relate primarily to unaccompanied asylum-seeking children with the small number of other people seeking asylum included in brackets.

People included in the above figures have been placed in a range of accommodation including residential houses, foster care, host families, commissioned flats and temporary homeless accommodation as above.

In each year since 2020-21, including the current year to date, how much has been spent on accommodation for refugees and asylum seekers?

Year	Refugees £	Asylum Seekers £
20/21	22,898	2,935,000
21/22	153,883	2,370,000
22/23	179,791	1,910,000
23/24	1,630,072	2,949,500
24/25	7,726,857	4,179,500

These costs relate to expenditure on all accommodation options listed in the answer above i.e. B&B, hotel, private sector leasing scheme, residential houses, foster care, host families, commissioned flats.