

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Homeless people in Southampton



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**Data and information regarding homeless rough sleepers in Southampton over the past five years and to include:**

**Total number each year,  
age and sex,  
reasons for homelessness.**

**Q1 What was the number of people confirmed to be rough sleeping in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2014 – 2020?**

Response:

I can confirm that the City Council holds this information. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. The information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness#rough-sleeping-tables>

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**Q2 What was the age, sex and nationality of those people registered as rough sleeping?**

Response:

Please see answer to question 1.

**Q3 What was the number of people confirmed to be homeless in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 to 2020?**

Response:

Please see answer to question 1.

**Q4 How much was spent by the council on schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2020?**

Response:

Currently the council commissions housing related support services for single homeless people in the city, which totals £3.8m cost annually.

Government grant funding from 2017 – 2021

Homelessness Reduction Funding – (Formerly New Burdens) totals £1,029,479

Flexible Funding - £2,130,734

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