

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
19 December 2022
Our ref: 8715520

Thank you for your request received on 23 November 2022, for the following information:

1. How many Barnet residents are in receipt of Housing benefit from Barnet Council at the present time, or according to the latest figures?

2. What is the total number of Barnet residents, in receipt of 'council tax discount' from Barnet Council at the present time or according to latest figures?

3. How many Barnet residents are there currently in each 'income band' for receiving council tax discount, according to latest figures?

For clarity the 7 'income bands' of monthly earnings taken from Barnet Council website are:

Band1. no earnings

Band2. Up to £500 per month

Band3. £500.01 to £800 monthly

Band4. £800.01 to £1100 monthly

Band5. £1100.01 to £1400 monthly

Band6. £1400.01 to £1,7000 monthly

Band7. £1700.01 to £2,000 monthly

Please provide the number of Barnet residents that there are currently in each of these 7 'income bands'. So how many in Band 1, Band 2 etc.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

1. How many Barnet residents are in receipt of Housing benefit from Barnet Council at the present time, or according to the latest figures?

16,151

The data is from the end of November. Information provided is for live Housing Benefit claims. It does not include claims awaiting a decision or claims that are suspended

2. What is the total number of Barnet residents, in receipt of 'council tax discount' from Barnet Council at the present time or according to latest figures?

50,640

3. How many Barnet residents are there currently in each 'income band' for receiving council tax discount, according to latest figures?

For clarity the 7 'income bands' of monthly earnings taken from Barnet Council website are:

Band1. no earnings - 11,246

Band2. Up to £500 per month - 1,210

Band3. £500.01 to £800 monthly - 3,067

Band4. £800.01 to £1100 monthly - 2,200

Band5. £1100.01 to £1400 monthly - 1,806

Band6. £1400.01 to £1,7000 monthly - 924

Band7. £1700.01 to £2,000 monthly - 511

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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