

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
31 March 2023
Our ref: 9299047

Thank you for your request received on 3 March 2023, for the following information:

I would like to make the following freedom of information request:-

- 1. How many households are there in Barnet.**
- 2. How many of these are Single person households.**
- 3. How many are Lone parent households.**
- 4. How many single person households are there according to the electoral roll (if this is different to 2&3).**
- 5. How many of the total single person and lone parent households are currently paying full/100% council tax, while only listing a single voter on the electoral roll.**
- 6. How many single person and lone parent households are receiving a discount.**
- 7. Please list & split number 6 by discount type - without double counting. i.e. So if there are 200 households receiving at least one discount, the 200 should be listed/itemised as follows:-**

Single person discount only:- 127

Single person discount AND Old person discount:- 44

Single person discount AND Old person discount AND Disabled discount:- 29 etc. etc. for each type of discount and discount combination. So that all discount combinations add up to the original 200 receiving at least 1 discount. (Rather than listing a total number for each discount type that would likely give a number higher than 200 because of people eligible and receiving more than one type of discount.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

1. How many households are there in Barnet.

158,188 (total number of dwellings)

2. How many of these are Single person households.

46,518 (number of single persons discounts currently claimed)

3. How many are Lone parent households.

Not Held, the Council Tax department does not hold details regarding lone parent households..

4. How many single person households are there according to the electoral roll (if this is different to 2&3).

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5. How many of the total single person and lone parent households are currently paying full/100% council tax, while only listing a single voter on the electoral roll.

All residents that claim the single persons discount pay a maximum of 75%.

6. How many single person and lone parent households are receiving a discount.

46,518.

7. Please list & split number 6 by discount type - without double counting.

Single person discount only:- 46,405

Single person discount AND Old person discount:- There is no Council tax discount for old people

Single person discount AND disabled relief:- 92

Single person discount AND disregard: 21

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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