**Freedom of Information Act Request**

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Response: 24 September 2025

I can confirm that Essex County Council does not hold this information.

1. **I would like to know how many asylum seekers we have in Chelmsford and if possible, the Essex area. I’d like a breakdown of male, female and children.? Ages? Where they are all housed? What stage of processing they are? How you monitor their whereabouts.? How much new build housing is ear marked for asylum seekers? How much is this costing the taxpayers of Essex? How many have been arrested since settling here? I would like the data from the start of the new government July 2024**

It is The Home Office who allocate accommodation to migrants in hotels or alternative accommodation over 50 beds; you can contact them here: foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk

City, District and Borough Councils may be able to provide you with some of the information however: [Contact your local council | Essex County Council](https://www.essex.gov.uk/contact-your-local-council)

 Essex Police will be able to tell you how many arrests there have been: [Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) or Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) | Essex Police](https://www.essex.police.uk/foi-ai/essex-police/other-information/request-for-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act-foi-or-environmental-information-regulations-eir/)

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