



Homes England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 3 June 2024

Our Ref: RFI4748

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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By Email Only

Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4748

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

Could you help provide me with the following information to enable me to complete my PhD research work in labour productivity?

- 1. Total skilled labour in the U.K. construction sites.**
- 2. Total skilled labour in the U.K. housing sector (private and public).**
This should include each trade, such as bricklayers, concreters, tilers, steel benders, fixers, plumbers, mechanics, electricians, plasterers, tape and jointers, painting and decorators, carpenters, and others.
- 3. The total economic contribution to the GDP or Construction by each trade in either 2021, 2022, or 2023.**
- 4. Total number of unskilled labour in the U.K. housing sector sites?**
- 4b. Total number of unskilled labour in the U.K. construction sites?**
- 5. What is the total number of staff (management level) in the U.K. housing sector sites?**
- 6. How many contractors are in the U.K. construction industry?**
- 7. How many small and medium-sized contractors are in the U.K. housing sector for either 2021,2022, or 2023?**
- 8. How many small and medium-sized contractors are in the U.K. construction industry for either 2021,2022, or 2023?**

Response

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

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To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Research and Analysis team who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we can confirm the Office of National Statistics (ONS) publish information you may find useful in regard to your request. For example, they hold detailed construction statistics which you can access via this link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/constructionindustry/articles/constructionstatistics/2022>

In order to assist you further, we suggest contacting the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) who may also be a useful source for skills and labour related information in the construction industry. They have a website which you can access via this link:

<https://www.citb.co.uk/>

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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