

FOI DOF/2024-0354

Request

Please could I request information on staff officer vacancies on Northern Ireland as of today's date. I would like to know how many are available and the locations they are in.

DoF Response

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

Details of the total vacancies in each department is not held centrally by Department of Finance. Each Civil Service department is responsible for managing its resources – both financial and staff. Each department determines its individual workforce needs and is responsible for ensuring that any additional staffing resources are affordable. When a department identifies a vacancy that needs filled, the request is referred to NICS HR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICS HR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

As at the end of July 2024, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICS HR was managing a caseload of 220 General Service Staff Officer (SO) vacancies and 248 Non General Service Staff Officer vacancies. The tables below provide the breakdown of these vacancies by location.

General Service SO vacancies

Town	Number of vacancies
Armagh	1
Ballykelly	17
Ballymena	2
Bangor	10
Belfast	158
Carrickfergus	1
Coleraine	2
Cookstown	1
Craigavon	1
Derry-Londonderry	10
Downpatrick	7
Enniskillen	1
Lisburn	6
Newry	1
Newtownabbey	2
Grand Total	220

Non-General Service SO vacancies

Town	Number of vacancies
Antrim	3
Armagh	2
Ballykelly	4
Ballymena	3
Bangor	5
Belfast	177
Carrickfergus	3
Coleraine	1
Cookstown	3
Derry-Londonderry	1
Downpatrick	1
Enniskillen	7
Larne	4
Lisburn	23
Magherafelt	1
Newry	2
Omagh	5
Other	1
Strabane	2
Grand Total	248