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| **Indicator :** | **% population living in absolute and relative poverty (before housing costs)** |

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| **Responsible Statistician:** | Peter Martin, Department for Communities | |
| **Web Link to Statistical Publication:** | <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/topics/family-resources-survey#toc-1> | |
| **Frequency of update:** | Annual | |
| **Time lag:** | 12-14 months | |
| **Data Source:** | Survey (Family Resources Survey, Northern Ireland) | |
| **National Statistics Status** | National Statistics | |
| **Quality Report:** | <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/system/files/publications/communities/hbai-2017-18-quality-methodology-report.pdf> | |
| **Historic Data available from:** | 2002 / 2003 | |
| **Time-series trend:** | Between 2002/03 and the baseline Year of 2014/15 estimates of the percentage of the population in relative and absolute poverty (Before Housing Costs) remained fairly stable at approximately one fifth of the population. However 2015/16 saw statistically significant decreases for both poverty measures.  In 2018/19 both the Relative and Absolute poverty estimates were below estimates for the baseline year (3 percentage points and 4 percentage points respectively). Neither of these differences were statistically significant.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Poverty Measure | Relative Poverty Before Housing Costs (%) | Absolute Poverty Before Housing Costs (%) |  | | 2002/03 | 19 | 22 |  | | 2003/04 | 20 | 22 |  | | 2004/05 | 20 | 22 |  | | 2005/06 | 20 | 21 |  | | 2006/07 | 19 | 20 |  | | 2007/08 | 20 | 20 |  | | 2008/09 | 20 | 19 |  | | 2009/10 | 22 | 20 |  | | 2010/11 | 20 | 20 |  | | 2011/12 | 21 | 23 |  | | 2012/13 | 19 | 20 |  | | 2013/14 | 21 | 21 |  | | 2014/15 | 22 | 20 | Baseline Year | | 2015/16 | 17 | 15 |  | | 2016/17 | 18 | 15 |  | | 2017/18 | 16 | 14 |  | | 2018/19 | 19 | 16 |  | | |
| **For Survey Data**  **Sample size and confidence interval for the latest available year:** | Sample size: approx 2,000 households (2018/19)  Confidence intervals:  Relative poverty (Before Housing Costs)=18.9%, lower boundary 16.2%, upper boundary 21.4%.  Absolute Poverty (Before Housing Costs)=16.3%, lower boundary 14.2%, upper boundary 19.3%. | |
| **Please indicate whether UK/RoI/International Comparisons are available:** | UK: Available (Relative and Absolute)  UK Regional: Available (Relative and Absolute)  RoI: Available (Relative)  International (please specify countries):Available (Relative) Germany/Belgium/Greece/Spain/France/Portugal/Italy/Luxemburg/Netherlands/Austria/Finland  NOTE: relative income poverty rates are nation specific and so comparisons between countries can only be for comparison of change over time. | |
| **Please specify any issues in relation to this data. For example, data limitations, future data availability, any changes to methodology** | Median income is inflated using CPI inflation to current years’ prices when measuring absolute poverty. | |
| **Is this measure being used to monitor performance against your current/latest Departmental/ Agency Plan** | | No |
| **If yes, please specify any particular baseline point/year for the measure which is being for performance monitoring purposes** | | N/A |

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| **Technical Assessment Panel** |  |
| **Baseline Year** | 2014/15 |
| **Criteria for reporting change from the baseline** | Either,  (a) A statistically significant change, or  (b) A consistent (+ or -) change in the data over 3 consecutive years |

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| **Available groupings\*** | **Yes/No** | **Notes** |
| **NI Level** | Yes |  |
| **Parliamentary Constituency level** | No | Sample size too small – could be disclosive |
| **Local Government District (2014) level** | Yes | Only available using 3-year averages |
| **Deprivation Quintile** | Yes |  |
| **NISRA Geography Urban/Rural Measure** | Yes |  |
| **Gender** | Yes |  |
| **Age** | Yes | Age of head of family. Not published but can be provided on request |
| **Marital Status** | Yes | Not published but can be provided on request |
| **Religion** | Yes | Religion of adults in the household |
| **Political Opinion** | Yes | Not published but can be provided on request. Dependant on sample sizes meeting disclosure controls |
| **Disability** | Yes |  |
| **Dependants** | Yes | Not number of children but whether there are children in the family |
| **Sexual Orientation** | No | Sample size too small – could be disclosive |
| **Racial Group** | No | Sample size too small – could be disclosive |
| **Lowest level geography at which the measure is available:** | LGD 2014. NISRA Urban/Rural measure also available | |

\* Due to confidentiality constraints, in some instances breakdowns may not be available due to small numbers