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| **Indicator 8:** | **Number of households in housing stress** |

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| **Responsible Statistician:** | Michelle Crawford, Department for Communities |
| **Web Link to Statistical Publication:** | <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/topics/housing-statistics> (Northern Ireland Housing Statistics Report) |
| **Frequency of update:** | Annually |
| **Time lag:** | 7-8 months |
| **Data Source:** | Administrative |
| **National Statistics Status** | National Statistics |
| **Quality Report:** | <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/topics/housing-statistics>  (Appendix 3 of Northern Ireland Housing Statistics Report)  <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/quality-assurance-administrative-data-northern-ireland-housing-statistics>  (Quality Assurance of Administrative Data for NI Housing Statistics) |
| **Historic Data available from:** | Time series in latest publication starts at 2002-03 |
| **Time-series trend:** | The latest published time series from the 2017-18 report is available at the following link (Table 3.5) and partly replicated below:  <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/communities/ni-housing-stats-16-17-tables3_0.xls>  **Social Rented Sector Waiting Lists and Allocations 2002-03 to 2017-18 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Year** | **Common Waiting List at 31 March** | | | **Total Applicants** | **Number of Applicants in Housing Stress** | | | | **2002-03** | 26,248 | 13,042 | | **2003-04** | 27,515 | 14,152 | | **2004-05** | 29,608 | 15,527 | | **2005-06** | 31,908 | 17,223 | | **2006-07** | 36,182 | 19,703 | | **2007-08** | 39,688 | 21,364 | | **2008-09** | 38,923 | 20,481 | | **2009-10** | 38,120 | 19,716 | | **2010-11** | 39,891 | 20,967 | | **2011-12** | 34,533 | 20,211 | | **2012-13** | 41,356 | 22,414 | | **2013-14** | 39,967 | 21,586 | | **2014-15** | 39,338 | 22,097 | | **2015-16** | 37,586 | 22,645 | | **2016-17** | 37,611 | 23,694 | | **2017-18** | 36,198 | 24,148 |   1. See Appendix 3: Data Sources - Social Renting Demand.  2. 'Number of Allocations to Applicants' refers to the number of properties allocated by the Housing Executive and  housing associations to applicants on the Common Waiting List who were not already social sector tenants.  3. 'Number of Allocations to NIHE/Housing Association transfers' refers to the number of properties allocated by the Housing  Executive and housing associations to tenants on the Common Waiting List who had applied for a transfer from an existing tenancy.  4. 'Housing Stress' refers to those applicants who have 30 or more points under the Common Selection Scheme.  5. The waiting list figures cover new applicants only i.e. those with no existing NIHE/HA tenancy.  6. Allocations figures are based on offers accepted 1 April - 31 March.  7. Waiting list figures for 2011-12 (left hand columns in the table) were extracted on 1st May 2012 due to the implementation  of a new electronic Housing Management System.  8. Due to the introduction of the new Housing Management System and a change to the annual renewal process for applicants the number of waiting list applicants for 2011-12 (at 31 March) is considered to be a significant undercount.  ’Housing Stress’ refers to those applicants who have 30 or more points under the Common Selection Scheme. The ‘Number of applicants in Housing Stress’ published in the NI Housing Statistics report covers new applicants only to the Common Waiting List i.e. those with no existing Northern Ireland Housing Executive/Housing Association tenancy.  The number of applicants in housing stress was 24,148 in 2017-18; an increase of 1.9% from 2016-17 and 9.3% from the baseline period in 2014-15.  Note that due to the introduction of the new Housing Management System and a change to the annual renewal process for waiting list applicants the number of waiting list applicants for 2011-12 is considered to be a significant undercount. |
| **For Survey Data**  **Sample size and confidence interval for the latest available year:** | Sample size:  Confidence interval: |
| **UK/RoI/International comparisons:** | UK: No UK Regional: No  RoI: No  International (please specify countries): No |
| **Issues in relation to this data, e.g. data limitations, future data availability, changes to methodology** | **Note** - The ‘Number of applicants in Housing Stress’ published in the NI Housing Statistics report covers new applicants only i.e. those with no existing Northern Ireland Housing Executive/Housing Association tenancy.  Total figures for new applicants and those with an existing NIHE/HA tenancy are published at the following link on NINIS and may be of interest in relation to this measure:  <http://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/PivotGrid.aspx?ds=8020&lh=73&yn=1998-2015&sk=10&sn=People%20and%20Places&yearfilter>=  Also note that due to the introduction of the new Housing Management System and a change to the annual renewal process for waiting list applicants the number of waiting list applicants for 2011-12 is considered to be a significant undercount. |
| **Is this measure being used to monitor performance against your current/latest Departmental/ Agency Plan** | The time series of applicants in Housing Stress is included in the NIHE Homelessness Strategy:  <https://www.nihe.gov.uk/northern_ireland_homelessness_strategy.pdf>  However specific monitoring of this measure is not discussed. It should also be noted that the average length of time is significantly impacted by a small number of “outlier cases” where for a variety of reasons an individual has not been able to have their housing need addressed.  Please note the Department and NIHE also focus on a further subset of the Housing Stress figure: full duty applicants that are deemed statutorily homeless, for whom NIHE have a duty to provide suitable accommodation. No such duty applies to Housing stress applicants. |
| **If yes, please specify any particular baseline point/year for the measure which is being for performance monitoring purposes** |  |

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| **Available groupings\*** | **Yes/No** | **Notes** |
| **NI Level** | Yes |  |
| **Parliamentary Constituency level** | Yes |  |
| **Local Government District (2014) level** | Yes |  |
| **Deprivation Quintile** | No |  |
| **NISRA Geography Urban/Rural Measure** | No |  |
| **Gender** | Yes |  |
| **Age** | Yes |  |
| **Marital Status** | Yes |  |
| **Religion** | Yes |  |
| **Political Opinion** | No |  |
| **Disability** | No |  |
| **Dependants** | No |  |
| **Sexual Orientation** | No |  |
| **Racial Group** | No |  |
| **Lowest level geography at which the measure is available:** | Currently Parliamentary Constituency level | |

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