

Indicator:	Number of households in housing stress																																																		
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)																																																		
Historic Data available from:	Time series in latest publication starts at 2002-03																																																		
Time-series trend:	<p>The latest published time series from the 2016-17 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</p> <p>Social Rented Sector Waiting Lists and Allocations 2002-03 to 2016-17 ^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Year</th> <th colspan="2">Common Waiting List at 31 March</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Total Applicants</th> <th>Number of Applicants in Housing Stress</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2002-03</td><td>26,248</td><td>13,042</td></tr> <tr><td>2003-04</td><td>27,515</td><td>14,152</td></tr> <tr><td>2004-05</td><td>29,608</td><td>15,527</td></tr> <tr><td>2005-06</td><td>31,908</td><td>17,223</td></tr> <tr><td>2006-07</td><td>36,182</td><td>19,703</td></tr> <tr><td>2007-08</td><td>39,688</td><td>21,364</td></tr> <tr><td>2008-09</td><td>38,923</td><td>20,481</td></tr> <tr><td>2009-10</td><td>38,120</td><td>19,716</td></tr> <tr><td>2010-11</td><td>39,891</td><td>20,967</td></tr> <tr><td>2011-12</td><td>34,533</td><td>20,211</td></tr> <tr><td>2012-13</td><td>41,356</td><td>22,414</td></tr> <tr><td>2013-14</td><td>39,967</td><td>21,586</td></tr> <tr><td>2014-15</td><td>39,338</td><td>22,097</td></tr> <tr><td>2015-16</td><td>37,586</td><td>22,645</td></tr> <tr><td>2016-17</td><td>37,611</td><td>23,694</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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.</p> <p>'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.</p> <p>The number of applicants in housing stress was 23,694 in 2016-17; an increase of 4.6% from 2015-16 and 81.7% from the baseline period in 2002-03.</p> <p>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.</p>	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
	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																																																	
For Survey Data	<p>Sample size: Confidence interval:</p>																																																		

Sample size and confidence interval for the latest available year:	
UK/Rol/International comparisons:	UK: No UK Regional: No Rol: 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 <u>and</u> 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	

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