

Table 115a **Housing benefit caseload and payments by tenure, Northern Ireland**

| | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Numbers in receipt of Housing Benefit | | | |
| NIHE tenants | 64,206 | 59,494 | 53,566 |
| Housing association tenants | 30,419 | 29,389 | 27,702 |
| All social rented tenants | 94,625 | 90,485 | 81,268 |
| Private tenants | 62,241 | 52,384 | 45,551 |
| All households that rent their home | 158,389 | 142,869 | 126,819 |
| Percentage (%) | | | |
| NIHE tenants | 76 | 71 | 64 |
| Housing association tenants | 88 | 86 | 80 |
| All social rented tenants | 80 | 76 | 69 |
| Private tenants | 46 | 39 | 34 |
| All households that rent their home | 62 | 56 | 50 |

Sources: NIHE Annual Report, NI Housing Statistics, NI Family Resources Survey, NI House Condition Survey.

Notes: 1. Components may not sum to totals because of rounding and the exclusion of unknown and other small categories.

2. Figures are for end March 2019.

3. Figures exclude tenants in receipt of universal credit (UC) with housing costs included in the award. This largely explains the sharp fall in tenants in receipt of HB in 2019/20. The numbers in receipt of UC housing costs are not available.

4. Private renter figures for 2019/20 include 1,610 individuals in hostel provision.

Table 115b **Help with housing costs: income support and housing benefits in Northern Ireland**

£ million

| | 1990/91 | 1995/96 | 2000/01 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| NIHE tenants | 107 | 175 | 179 | 195 | 195 | 196 | 195 | 199 | 203 | 208 | 214 | 227 | 232 | 239 | 249 | 249 | 225 | 221 | 201 |
| + Private and housing association tenants | 27 | 65 | 104 | 183 | 197 | 217 | 230 | 263 | 324 | 361 | 387 | 404 | 410 | 417 | 416 | 411 | 407 | 396 | 358 |
| = All tenants | 134 | 240 | 283 | 378 | 392 | 413 | 425 | 462 | 527 | 569 | 601 | 631 | 642 | 656 | 665 | 660 | 632 | 617 | 559 |
| + Homeowners | 14 | 18 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 21 | 26 | 26 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 9 | - | - |
| = Total | 148 | 258 | 298 | 391 | 405 | 426 | 438 | 483 | 553 | 595 | 621 | 649 | 658 | 671 | 677 | 671 | 641 | 617 | 559 |

Sources: Northern Ireland Expenditure Plans and Priorities, NI Housing Statistics, NIHE Annual Reports and data supplied by NIHE.

Notes: 1. Income support and supplementary benefit figures for help with mortgage costs are from surveys undertaken in May each year, except 1997 which is for November.

2. From 1997/98, figures for help with mortgage costs include assistance given to people in receipt of jobseeker's allowance and income support. From 2008/09 support for mortgage interest (SMI) figures include help to people in receipt of income support, JSA, employment and support allowance (ESA) and pension credit.

3. For years prior to 2014/15 where figures are not available for help with homeowner housing costs, a trend-based estimate has been included.

4. From April 2018 support for mortgage interest (SMI) was replaced with the offer of an SMI loan.

5. Housing benefit expenditure excludes discretionary housing payments.