

Table 102 Northern Ireland lettings and homelessness

	1980/81	1990/91	2000/01	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	2020/21
Social allocations to new applicants	9,966	11,637	9,671	7,978	7,772	7,289	8,132	9,192	8,074	7,691	8,144	8,809	8,129	7,805	7,672	7,373	7,696	6,654	5,844
of which allocated to homeless:																			
No.		–	3,279	5,196	5,232	5,339	5,778	6,066	6,359	5,633	6,192	6,623	6,187	6,217	6,446	6,467	2,548	2,409	1,360
%		–	34	65	67	73	71	66	79	73	76	75	76	80	84	88	33	36	23
Homelessness:																			
presenting		9,187	12,694	20,121	20,013	19,030	18,076	18,664	20,158	19,737	19,354	18,862	19,621	18,628	18,573	18,180	18,202	16,802	15,991
accepted as full duty applicant		4,404	6,457	9,749	9,744	9,234	8,934	9,914	10,443	9,021	9,878	9,649	11,016	11,202	11,889	11,877	12,512	11,323	9,889
Placed in temporary accommodation		1,849	2,455	4,624	3,978	3,897	3,154	3,295	3,065	3,165	4,880	2,978	2,817	2,890	2,777	3,024	2,065	2,413	3,140

Sources: Northern Ireland Department for Communities Annual Housing Statistics, Homeless Statistics Bulletin and Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Notes: 1. Allocations figures are for both NIHE and housing association allocations excluding transfers.

2. Homeless legislation was only extended to Northern Ireland in April 1989.

3. From 2011/12, the table reports on homeless applicants 'accepted as full-duty applicants'. Previously, it reported on applicants 'awarded priority status'. The two terms are essentially the same, but accompanying changes in management procedures, the NIHE computer system and the range of possible outcome decisions, mean that figures from 2011/12 are not comparable with previous figures.

3. From 2018/19, households placed in temporary accommodation refers to snapshot numbers at January. Prior to this it the figures were said to be based on placements during the course of the financial year.

4. Figures for the number of new lettings allocated to homeless from 2018/19 appear to be an undercount stemming from changes in reporting systems and arrangements. We are endeavouring to investigate this matter but in the meantime these figures should be treated with extreme caution.