

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

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Numbers in receipt of housing benefit					
All social rented tenants	94,625	90,485	81,268	76,294	71,274
Of which:					
NIHE tenants	64,206	59,494	53,566	50,044	46,104
Housing association tenants	30,419	29,389	27,702	26,250	25,170
Private tenants	62,241	52,384	45,551	39,438	34,325
All households that rent their home	158,389	142,869	126,819	115,732	107,817
Percentage (%)					
All social rented tenants	79	75	69	64	68
Of which:	76	71	64	60	55
NIHE tenants	77	71	66	61	56
Housing association tenants	83	80	75	71	56
Private tenants	45	38	33	28	35
All households that rent their home	61	55	49	45	53

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

Notes: 1. Components may not sum to totals because of rounding and the exclusion of claimants living in hostel or unknown provision.

2. Percentage figures other than for NIHE are derived from the FRS and should be treated with caution due to the relatively small sample size during the pandemic.

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 from 2019/20. The numbers in receipt of UC housing costs are not available.

4. Private renter figures prior to 2019/20 included individuals in hostel provision.

5. A total of 2,218 hostel residents were in receipt of HB at the end of March 2022.

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

£ million

	1990/91	1995/96	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	2021/22
NIHE tenants	107	175	179	195	196	195	199	203	208	214	227	232	239	249	249	225	221	197	186	177
+ Private and housing association tenants	27	65	104	197	217	230	263	324	361	387	404	410	417	416	411	407	396	358	351	327
= All tenants	134	240	283	392	413	425	462	527	569	601	631	642	656	665	660	632	617	564	537	504
+ Homeowners	14	18	15	13	13	13	21	26	26	20	18	16	15	13	11	9	-	-	-	-
= Total	148	258	298	405	426	438	483	553	595	621	649	658	671	677	671	641	617	564	537	537

Sources: Northern Ireland Executive Expenditure Plans and Priorities, NI Housing Statistics, NIHE Annual Report plus data sourced direct from NIHE.

Notes: 1. Income support (IS) and supplementary benefit (SB) 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 help for mortgage holders in receipt of jobseeker's allowance (JSA) and IS. From 2008/09, figures also include mortgage holders in receipt of 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 (SMIL) was replaced with the offer of an SMI loan.

5. It is cautioned that this table no longer provides a complete picture. Universal credit-related expenditure on housing costs is not reported. Housing benefit expenditure excludes discretionary housing payments.