



Galway City Council Summary of Social Housing Assessment 2018

The 2018 SSHA was carried out by local authorities under Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Social Housing Assessment (Summary) Regulations 2016. To qualify for social housing support, households must be both eligible for and in need of social housing support.

The Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2018 brings together information provided by local authorities on households in their functional area that are qualified for social housing support yet that social housing need is not being met. It is a point-in-time assessment of the identified need for social housing support across the country. The 2018 HNA was conducted on the 11th June 2018.

Households must be qualified for social housing support. Households currently living in local authority rented accommodation, voluntary/ co-operative accommodation, accommodation provided under the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme, accommodation provided under the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), accommodation provided under the Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme (SHCEP) schemes or any household on a transfer list are not included in the net need number.

Number of Households Qualified for Social Housing Support

Local Authority	2017		2018		'17-'18	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Galway City	2,219	2.6	1,728	2.4	-491	-22.1
National Total	85,799	100.0	71,858	100.0	-13,941	-16.2

The number of households qualified for social housing support in Galway City at 1,728 excludes all HAP and RAS applicants and existing local authority applicants approved on the transfer list. The combined total number of ALL applicants on the HWL at December 2018 was 4,105.

Age Profile of Households (Main Applicant) Qualified for Social Housing Support

The greatest proportion of applicants (32%) are aged between 30 -39 years while over half of all applicants are aged less than 39. A relatively small (7%) of applicants are aged over 60. The age profile in the City is broadly similar to national averages within each age group.

Local authority/year	Less than 25 years	25-29 years	30-39 years	40-49 years	50-59 years	60-69 years	70 years old or more	TOTAL
2018	103	197	549	502	251	113	13	1,728
2018 %	6%	11%	32%	29%	14%	7%	1%	
2017	133	271	776	600	300	128	11	2,219

Source of Income of Main Applicant Qualified for Social Housing Support

58% of qualified households were in receipt of a social welfare payment only while 18% received employment income only.

Local authority/year	Social Welfare Only	Employment Only	Employment And Social Welfare	Other	TOTAL
2018	1,004	313	177	234	1,728
2018 %	58%	18%	10%	14%	
2017	1,360	329	244	286	2,219

Household Composition of Those Qualified for Social Housing Support

The greatest proportion of applicants are from single person households (54%) while only 23% of applicants are a couple with a child or children. The figure of 54% for single household applicants in the city is higher than the national average of 47 % for that category.

Local authority/year	Single Person Household	Single Person with child/children	Couple with or without child/children	Multi-Adult Household	TOTAL
2018	924	400	399	5	1,728
2018 %	54%	23%	23%	0%	
2017	1,125	527	559	8	2,219

Employment Status of Main Applicant Qualified for Social Housing Support

Nearly half (45%) of applicants are unemployed and in receipt of social welfare while just over one quarter (27%) are employed.

Local authority/year	Unemployed, in receipt of social welfare	Employed	Back-to-work/Solas scheme	Homemaker (no income)	One parent family support	Other	Retired	TOTAL
2018	785	475	34	88	78	241	27	1,728
2018 %	45%	27%	2%	6%	4%	14%	2%	
2017	1,128	527	45	112	121	261	25	2,219

Main Need for Support for Those Households Qualified for Social Housing

Key	Basis of Need	Key	Basis of Need
A	Dependent on Rent Supplement	H	Disability - Other
B	Unsuitable accommodation – household circumstances	I	Disability – intellectual
C	Require separate accommodation	J	Exceptional medical needs or compassionate grounds
D	Institution, emergency accommodation or hostel	K	Overcrowded accommodation
E	Disability – physical	L	Unfit accommodation
F	Disability – sensory	M	Unsustainable mortgage
G	Disability – mental health		

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	TOTAL
2018	455	595	300	130	80	10	67	1	46	4	31	1	8	1,728
2018 %	26%	34%	18%	7%	5%	1%	4%	0%	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%	
2017	717	754	361	103	95	10	75	2	43	6	45	1	7	2,219

26% of applicants were dependent on rent supplement as a basis of need while 34% were in unsuitable accommodation based on household circumstances. c.13% of applicants required accommodation based on disability grounds.

Nationality (Main Applicant) of Those Qualified for Social Housing Support

Local authority/year	Irish Citizen	EEA Citizen	Non-EEA Citizen	TOTAL
2018	1,167	421	140	1,728
2018%	67%	25%	8%	
2017	1,406	602	211	2,219

Roughly over two thirds of qualifying households were Irish citizens (67%) while 8% were non-EEA citizens.

Length of Time on Record of Qualified Households (Waiting List)

Local authority/year	Less than 6 months	6 - 12 months	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	5 - 7 years	More than 7 years	TOTAL
2018	107	123	141	126	171	179	324	557	1,728
2018%	7%	7%	8%	7%	10%	10%	19%	32%	
2017	123	131	187	251	263	230	451	583	2,219

Nearly a third (32%) were on the waiting list for more than 7 years while a combined total of over two thirds (71%) were on the waiting list for more than 3 years.

Accommodation Requirements of Those Qualified for Social Housing support

Local authority/ year	General (no specific requirements)	Enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual issue	Homeless	Traveller	Aged 65 years or more	TOTAL
2018	1,349	179	120	43	37	1,728
2018%	79%	10%	7%	2%	2%	
2017	1,836	198	95	53	37	2,219

79% of qualified households had no specific requirements while 10% were recorded as having a disability requirement.

Current Tenure of Households Qualified for Social Housing Support

Local authority/year	Private rented accom with/ without RS*	Living with parents	Living with relatives / friends	Emergency accom/ none	Owner occupier	Other	TOTAL
2018	1,259	198	108	102	16	45	1,728
2018 %	73%	11%	6%	6%	1%	3%	
2017	1,733	193	124	125	11	33	2,219

73% of applicants were in private rented accommodation with or without rent supplement while 6% were in emergency accommodation.