

Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2019

Key Findings





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Abbreviations and glossary

HAP:	Housing Assistance Payment. This form of social housing support involves the payment by a local authority of rent for a dwelling to a landlord on behalf of a qualified household in accordance with Part 4 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014.
HH:	Households.
LGMA:	Local Government Management Agency. The LGMA is a state agency under the aegis of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government established in 2012 to provide a range of services to the Local Government Sector.
Main need for support:	This is established with reference to Section 23 of the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011. Households may have specific accommodation requirements that are not captured under this heading.
Qualified for social housing support:	Households deemed as eligible for and in need of social housing support whose social housing need is not being met.
RAS:	Rental Accommodation Scheme. Originally a social housing support introduced to cater for the accommodation needs of persons who are in receipt of long-term rent supplement to bring them under the remit of the local authority. Under RAS, local authorities enter contracts with accommodation providers for specified time periods and/or tenancy terms.

RS:	Rent Supplement. A means-tested payment for certain people living in private rented accommodation who cannot provide for the cost of their accommodation from their own resources. In the past, you could apply for Rent Supplement if you were qualified for social housing support and were on the local authority's housing list. However, people in this situation now apply for the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).
SSHA:	Summary of Social Housing Assessments.
SHCEP:	Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme.
Specific accommodation requirements:	Refers to the classification of accommodation requirements as set out in the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011. Specific accommodation requirements are used to determine the form of social housing support appropriate for a qualified household.
Waiting list:	Being qualified for social housing support (see above) is commonly referred to as being on the waiting list. The terms are used interchangeably throughout the document.

Executive summary

The Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2019 brings together information provided by local authorities on households in their functional area that are qualified for social housing support but whose social housing need is not currently being met. It is a point-in-time assessment of the identified need for social housing support across the country.

Purpose of the Assessment: This is a statutory assessment to count the total number of households qualified for social housing support across the country on 24 June 2019, in order to better inform policy and plan for the delivery of the right types of housing support.

'Net need' or the total number of households qualified: This is the total number of households qualifying for social housing support whose social housing need is not being met. All the figures in this report are based on net need. The methodology used to produce these figures is outlined on pages 8-10.

Criteria: 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 total number.

Net Need Figures

Total Number of Qualified Households 2019

68,693

Total Number of Qualified Households 2018

71,858

Change between 2018 and 2019:

-3,165 (-4.4%)

Count date for the 2019 Assessment: 24 June 2019

Count date for the 2018 Assessment: 11 June 2018



Key findings 2019

- In total, 68,693 households were assessed as qualified for housing support as of 24 June 2019.



- The number of households on the waiting list decreased by 22,907 households (25%) compared to the assessment conducted in September 2016.



- The number of households on the waiting list decreased by 3,165 (4.4%) compared to the previous assessment in June 2018.

- The four Dublin Authorities (Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin) account for 43.2% of the national total.

- The majority (54.4%) of those qualified for social housing support are unemployed and in receipt of social welfare payments/assistance. The number of households in this category dropped by 1,609 (4.1%) since the previous assessment.



- One adult households are the predominant household grouping in need of social housing support.



- Nearly 30% of all households on the waiting list are in receipt of rent supplement, the most commonly cited basis of need for social housing support.



- About 53% of households qualified for social housing support are currently in the private rented sector.

- The number of households whose basis of need was listed as 'homeless, institution, emergency accommodation or hostel' rose by 10.8% (614 households) since the 2018 assessment.



- About 27% of all households qualified for support have been waiting for more than seven years for social housing support.

Introduction

What is it?

The purpose of the Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA) is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support across the country whose social housing need is not being met, in order to better understand the level of need for such support. It is a snap shot at a point in time of the housing lists of 31 local authorities. This year's count was carried out on 24 June 2019.

The format of this report provides a breakdown of the national social housing need by various categories, such as;

- Age profile and employment status of the primary applicant
- Source of household income
- Basis of need for housing support
- Specific accommodation requirements

A breakdown of all the main tables by local authority area is available in Appendix One. All the tables published here, along with those of previous assessments are available for download on the Housing Agency's website (www.housingagency.ie).

Need for social housing support

Sections of this report break down the identified net need for social housing supports with reference to each qualified households' main need for support (often referred to as the "basis of need"). When determining the main need for support, local authorities must consider the household's current accommodation and the household's circumstances at the time of applying. Regulation 23 of the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 details the types of needs that must be considered when making a determination on a household's main requirement for support. For example, under Regulation 23, local authorities must determine if the household applying for support is dependent on rent supplement or living in unfit accommodation. In addition, the regulations

require local authorities to determine if a member of the household is homeless, living in an institution, emergency accommodation or hostel. This category of need, and the method used to collect the data, differs from other counts of homelessness. The SSHA is administrative data that gives a point in time picture of those households recorded on local authority housing lists that are qualified for social housing support. National data reported on homelessness includes data on rough sleepers and individuals that are homeless who have never engaged with a local authority in relation to applying for social housing support. Therefore, the number of households recorded in this category of need will differ from figures on homelessness

Who is reported on?

The reported data refers only to households who have been deemed qualified for social housing support. This means that households who are already living in local authority or approved housing body accommodation, or accommodation provided via the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) or accommodation provided under the Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme, are excluded from this report. Households in these categories of social housing support are deemed to have had their housing need met.

Why produce the report?

The SSHA provides an up-to-date picture of the level of need for social housing support and the types of supports that are required. The 2019 Summary is the continuation of a process of annualised assessments of identified national housing need that commenced with the 2016 Summary. The results of the SSHA provide planners and policymakers important information so as to allow for the delivery of the right types of housing supports in the right locations to the people who need it most. The data contained in the SSHA is also an important reference point for assessing progress towards the realisation of the objectives in *Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness*.

Background and methodology

The SSHA is 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 and in need of social housing support.

The key figure reported in the SSHA is referred to as 'net need'. Net need is the total number of households qualified for social housing support whose need for support is not being met. This total excludes the following households:

- I. Duplicate applications – A standardised procedure for social housing assessments was introduced in 2011, which restricted households from applying to more than one local authority. Prior to this, households could apply for social housing support to multiple authorities. Where a household has applied to more than one authority for social housing support, only their first application was included in the count. In this Assessment, 1,305 duplicate applications were identified, representing an increase of 419 applications (i.e. 886 duplicates identified in the 2018 Assessment). The increase in the number of duplicate applications is partially explained by the alterations caused as a result of the boundary changes that came into effect in Cork City and County administrative areas on 21 May 2019.
- II. Those in receipt of social housing support—for example, households currently living in local authority rented accommodation, voluntary/co-operative accommodation, accommodation provided under the HAP scheme, accommodation provided under the RAS, or accommodation provided under the SHCEP schemes.
- III. Households on a transfer list—any household that has applied for a transfer from an existing form of social housing support including HAP.

Information on the profile of households qualified for social housing support is also collected as part of this process. This information informs social housing policy and enhances the capacity of local authorities to plan to provide the right types of housing support.

Rebuilding Ireland – An Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness commits Exchequer support of over €6 billion to provide 50,000 social housing tenancy supports by 2021. The SSHA helps to ensure the social housing supports delivered match more closely the profile of those in need.

The process used to carry out the SSHA is outlined on page 10. The purpose of this process is to ensure that the net need for social housing support on the count date is recorded as accurately as possible.

Local authorities were given detailed guidance in relation to the process to be carried out. Households entered on the waiting list or reviewed after 7 March 2018 could be included in the return without a need to update the existing record, unless the local authority was aware of a particular reason to update the file. All other qualified households (all households other than those entered on the list or assessed since 7 March 2018) were written to and requested to update their details, including the following information:

- I. Confirmation that they were still seeking social housing support.
- II. Updated information (including verification documentation, as required) to ensure that they qualify or continue to qualify in accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations.
- III. Any new household members.
- IV. Any changes in circumstances of the household— a recent change in marital status, for instance.

- V. Any change to employment status.
- VI. Income verification for all household members.
- VII. Details of rent or mortgage supplement, if in receipt of this form of state support.

In addition, any household on the system not yet fully assessed was required to have their details updated in order to finalise a decision on their application.

Typically, households received a letter that outlined the need to engage with the local authority regarding their application for housing support and a form asking them for relevant information. Follow-up letters were issued to non-respondents. In some areas, authorities also texted or telephoned applicants, and raised general awareness of the process by placing advertisements in local newspapers and in other public offices. The guidelines underpinning the SSHA allow an application to be closed, if a number of attempts to contact a household are made and there is no response. However, authorities were given discretion to reactivate an application where, within a reasonable time frame, a household that was removed from the list due to a failure to engage with the process, subsequently provided information that demonstrated they remained qualified for social housing support.

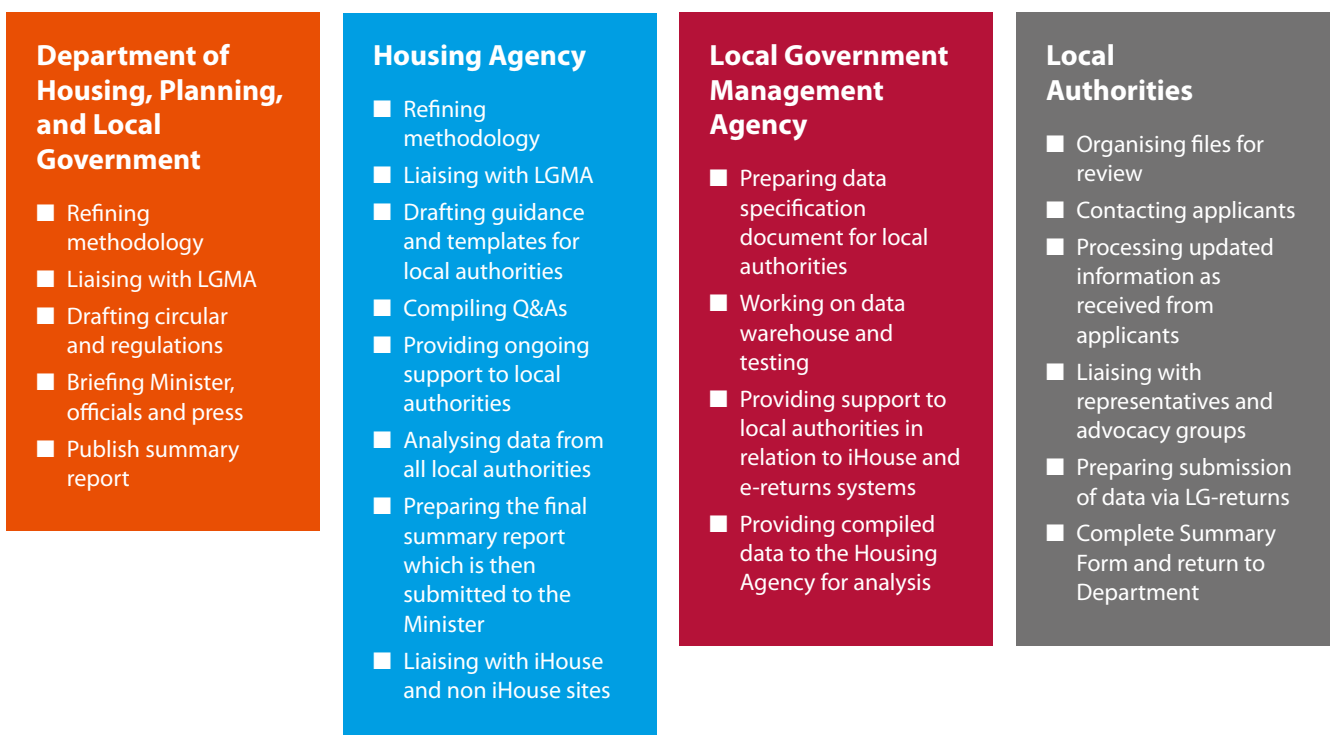
The data returned from applicants was verified and the waiting list updated based on the replies. Those assessed as not meeting the eligibility criteria for social housing were removed from the waiting list. It should be noted that due to the boundary change in Cork City and Cork County which came into effect on 21 May 2019, both authorities used an abridged process for this year's exercise.

The data was returned to the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), where further data checks were carried out and duplicate applications removed (see below for details). The data was then passed to the Housing Agency for analysis and reporting.

The summary data provided by local authorities is of all qualified households at 24 June 2019. The methodology underpinning SSHA 2019 is similar to the process carried out for the last Summary, which took place in June 2018. The results from the two counts are comparable.

The figure below provides a summary of the various parties involved in the SSHA, with some of the key actions carried out by the various parties highlighted.

Organisations Involved in the Summary of Social Housing Assessments



Summary of Social Housing Assessments Process Map

1. Identify Households to be Contacted

Starting point is to identify those households qualified for Social Housing Support that have not been reviewed since 7 March 2018 based on what is held in the housing I.T. systems in all Local Authorities across the country, i.e., all qualified households on the waiting list.



2. Contact Households & Update Data

Once households have been contacted, new data recorded and reviewed, all data on qualified households is securely fed into a central point via a report to LG-returns, by the deadline of 22 July 2019. Applications for households deemed to no longer qualify for support are closed.



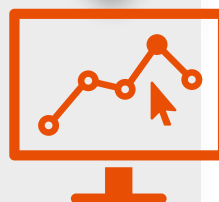
3. Data Processing

The data is processed through a central system to identify the national net need dataset. The net need figure is determined by removing duplicates, those households appearing on multiple lists in different authorities, and households already in receipt of social housing support—for example, those in RAS, in receipt of HAP, or those that have applied for a transfer.



4. Data Analysis & Reporting

The data collected for all households is analysed and a national report is produced, the Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2019. The report provides the overall figure and an analysis of the types of households on the waiting lists across the country.



National and local figures

68,693 households were assessed as qualified for social housing support as of 24 June 2019. The number of households qualified for support decreased by 3,165 (4.4%) compared to the assessment carried out in 2018.

The SSHA 2019 is the fourth annual assessment, following on from the assessments of need conducted in September 2016, June 2017, and June 2018.

Timely data on the requirement for social housing that is grounded in the application of clear guidelines provides a more precise snap shot of the scale of need and the types of supports required.

The results of this year's assessment are comparable to data derived from assessments conducted in 2013, 2016, 2017, and 2018, as these exercises were guided by a common legislative framework.

In total, 68,693 households were assessed as qualified for housing support as of 24 June 2019. The number of households on the waiting list decreased by 3,165 households (4.4%) compared to the assessment conducted in June 2018. Table 1.1 presents the number of households deemed qualified for social housing support by local authority area.

Of the 31 local authorities, Dublin City has by far the greatest identified need for social housing support, with 16,529 households on the waiting list, representing nearly one quarter (24.1%) of all households qualified for housing support. The four Dublin local authorities combined (Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire, Fingal and South Dublin) have 29,698

households on their waiting lists, a decrease of 1,498 households (4.8%) compared to June 2018. Together, the four Dublin authorities account for 43.2% of the national total.

The Mid-East (Kildare, Meath and Wicklow) and Louth, had 9,092 households identified as being qualified for social housing support. This figure was down by 8.6% (854 households) on the 2018 assessment. This region now accounts for 13.2% of the national figure.

Across the two Cork Authorities (Cork City and Cork County) there were a total of 7,172 households on the waiting list, which represents 10.4% of the national total. Compared to the previous assessment of 2018, this represents an increase of 545 households (8.2%). However, due to the boundary changes that came into effect on 21 May 2019, the size of the waiting list corresponding to each authority is not directly comparable with 2018 figures. As a result of the boundary extension, a significant number of applicants who had previously been on the county council's social housing waiting list were transferred to the expanded city's waiting list. Consequently, at least part of the increase in Cork City's social housing list numbers, and the corresponding decrease in Cork County's housing list, can be explained as an effect of the boundary extension.

Across the two Galway Authorities (Galway City and Galway County) there are a total of 3,146 households on the waiting list, a decrease of 401 households (11.3%) since June 2018. There is almost a 50/50 split between the two authorities, with 1,551 households within Galway City and 1,595 for Galway County. Overall, Galway accounts for just under 5% of the national total. Limerick City and County Council reported 2,363 households deemed qualified for social housing support, which represents 3.4% of the national total and a 6.1% drop on their 2018 figure.

As of the June 2019 count date, nearly two-thirds of local authorities (i.e. 19 out of 31) reported a decrease in the number of households on their respective waiting lists compared to the results of the previous assessment in June 2018 (Table 1.2 shows the ranking of local authorities according to the percentage change in the number of households qualified for support since the 2018 count date).

The largest decreases compared to results reported in 2018 were recorded in Leitrim, Westmeath, Laois, and Fingal, which registered a drop ranging between 20% and 37% in the number of households on the social housing waiting list.

Conversely, increases of up to 14% in the number of households qualified for social housing support were recorded in counties such as Donegal, Sligo, Clare, and Tipperary. That said, a closer look at housing list numbers in these counties reveals rather small fluctuations between the two assessments.

As mentioned above, both Cork City and Cork County are outliers in terms of the changes in social housing list numbers, which are largely due to the city boundary expansion.

Table 1.1: Number of Households Qualified for Social Housing Support by Local Authority

Local Authority	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Carlow	499	0.7	519	0.8	20	4.0
Cavan	737	1.0	608	0.9	-129	-17.5
Clare	1,004	1.4	1,065	1.6	61	6.1
Cork City ¹	3,118	4.3	4,639	6.8	1,521	48.8
Cork County ¹	3,509	4.9	2,533	3.7	-976	-27.8
Donegal	811	1.1	926	1.3	115	14.2
Dublin City	16,514	23.0	16,529	24.1	15	0.1
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	2,843	4.0	2,624	3.8	-219	-7.7
Fingal	6,993	9.7	5,607	8.2	-1,386	-19.8
Galway City	1,728	2.4	1,551	2.3	-177	-10.2
Galway County	1,819	2.5	1,595	2.3	-224	-12.3
Kerry	2,910	4.0	2,767	4.0	-143	-4.9
Kildare	3,962	5.5	3,386	4.9	-576	-14.5
Kilkenny	968	1.3	818	1.2	-150	-15.5
Laois	1,024	1.4	806	1.2	-218	-21.3
Leitrim	302	0.4	189	0.3	-113	-37.4
Limerick City and County	2,517	3.5	2,363	3.4	-154	-6.1
Longford	542	0.8	496	0.7	-46	-8.5
Louth	1,541	2.1	1,468	2.1	-73	-4.7
Mayo	1,175	1.6	1,205	1.8	30	2.6
Meath	1,966	2.7	1,715	2.5	-251	-12.8
Monaghan	505	0.7	530	0.8	25	5.0
Offaly	657	0.9	627	0.9	-30	-4.6
Roscommon	369	0.5	323	0.5	-46	-12.5
Sligo	442	0.6	501	0.7	59	13.3
South Dublin	4,846	6.7	4,938	7.2	92	1.9
Tipperary	1,201	1.7	1,266	1.8	65	5.4
Waterford City and County	1,117	1.6	1,094	1.6	-23	-2.1
Westmeath	1,585	2.2	1,222	1.8	-363	-22.9
Wexford	2,177	3.0	2,260	3.3	83	3.8
Wicklow	2,477	3.4	2,523	3.7	46	1.9
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

¹ 2018/2019 changes in the number of households qualified for social housing support in Cork City and Cork County are affected by the 2019 boundary changes that came into effect on 21 May 2019.

Table 1.2: Number of Households Qualified for Social Housing Support by Local Authority, Ordered by Percentage Change Since the 2018 SSHA

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²Percentage changes in social housing waiting list numbers in Cork City and Cork County should be interpreted with the caveat of the 2019 boundary changes.

Household profile

The majority of households qualified for social housing support on the June 2019 count date continue to reside in the private rented sector. Being in receipt of rent supplement is still the most cited main need for support. The SSHA 2019 has seen another significant drop in the number of households across both categories.

The 4.4% reduction in the overall number of households on the waiting list is reflected across most age categories of main applicants except for those below 25 years and above 60 years old (*see Table 2.1*). Households where the main applicant is between 30 and 39 years of age account for nearly a third (21,389 households) of all households in need of social housing support. This age group has seen a decrease of just over 7% (1,716 households) since last year's assessment. Similarly, households with a main applicant aged between 25 – 29 years old, saw a decrease of nearly 10% (992 households). Conversely, the number of households where the main applicant is aged 60 years or more increased by 4.4% (277 households).

With regard to the employment status of the main applicant for each household, those considered 'unemployed and in receipt of social welfare benefit' remain the largest category, accounting for over half (37,339 households) of all households assessed on the count date (*see Table 2.2*). Nevertheless, since 2018 this category has decreased by a further 4.1% (1,609 households). The number of households where the main applicant's employment status is defined as 'one parent family support only' dropped by 15.2% (769 households). The decreases in both categories are reflected in Table 2.3, where the number of households with an income source of social welfare only decreased by 6.6% (2,915 households).

The exceptions to the decrease in numbers across employment status categories was for households where the main applicant is employed or retired. These categories recorded slight increases of 5.4% (930 households) and 3.3% (64 households respectively) since the previous assessment. The increase in households where the main applicant is employed is also reflected in Table 2.3, which shows that the proportion of main applicants with an income source from employment increased by 7.5% (872 households).

For a more accurate description of the number of persons captured in each household type, "Household Composition" is replaced in this year's report by the "Household Size" profile category. As the data in Table 2.4 shows, 1 adult households represent the largest grouping of household size type, accounting for just under half (32,607 households) of the overall total. When combined, smaller-size households – such as, 1 adult, 1 adult and 1-2 children, and 1 couple – account for nearly 75% of all households on the waiting list.

Being in receipt of rent supplement is still the most commonly cited basis of need for social housing support, with the number standing at 19,617 households as of 24 June 2019 (*see Table 2.5*). This represents nearly 29% of all households on the waiting list. The number of such households has decreased by almost 22% (-5,406 households) over

the last year. The reduced share of households with a primary basis of need relating to the receipt of rent supplement may partly be explained by the continued roll-out of HAP. At the time of the 2018 Assessment there were a total of 37,095 active HAP tenancies. Since then the number of active HAP tenancies increased by 10,975 to 48,070 active HAP tenancies at the time of the 2019 Assessment.

'Unsuitable accommodation – particular household circumstances' is the second most frequently cited main need for social housing support, with over a quarter (19,422 households) of all households on the waiting list in this category. This category experienced a slight increase of 2.7% (502 households) since the previous assessment. This category includes households that are not in receipt of rent supplement but may have financial difficulty meeting their accommodation costs.

Among the other categories for main need that increased since June 2018, two continued to stand out. The number of households whose main need was listed as 'homeless, institution, emergency accommodation or hostel' rose by 10.8% (614 households) to 6,277. There was also a 14.4% (126 households) increase in the number of households whose main need was due to an unsustainable mortgage, which added up to 999 households.

The majority (80.5%) of households on the waiting list have no specific accommodation requirement (see Table 2.6). Among those that do have one, 4,126 households' specific requirement stems from a member(s) having a physical, sensory, mental or intellectual impairment. A further 1,882 households' specific requirement was due to a member(s) being aged 65 years or more.

The number of households with a specific requirement due to a household member(s) being homeless rose by 17% since the previous assessment reaching 6,237 households. This is in keeping with the increasing trend observed among households whose main need for support was categorised as 'homeless, institution, emergency accommodation or hostel'.

Most of the households qualified for social housing support reside in the private rented sector. Such households account for just under 53% (36,283 households) of the entire waiting list (see Table 2.7). Since the last assessment, the number of households

within this category has fallen by nearly 15% (6,184 households). This is in tandem with the 21.6% (5,406 households) reduction in the number whose main need for support was cited as 'dependent on rent supplement'.

Since the 2018 Assessment, all other categories of tenure have witnessed an increase. For example, the number of households qualified for social housing support and living with a parent, relative or friend increased by 9% (1,734 households). Such households account for nearly one third of the entire waiting list.

The number of households with a tenure described as 'emergency accommodation/ none' has increased by 22.2% (1,059 households) since the previous assessment. Owner occupier households in need of support have also increased by 18.3% (223 households) since June 2018. This is in parallel with the increase among households whose main need stemmed from an unsustainable mortgage.

Over a quarter (18,454) of the 68,693 households qualified for social housing support as of 24 June 2019 had been placed on the waiting list for more than seven years (see Table 2.8). There was a 3.8% (731 households) reduction in the number of households waiting for this length of time compared to the previous assessment. The biggest reduction in numbers was among households waiting for between four and five years, which decreased by 27.9% (1,940 households), while the number of households waiting between three and four years fell by just under 20% (1,267 households).

The majority of main applicants qualified for social housing support are Irish citizens; just under one quarter were non-Irish nationals, with the main applicant being from an EU/EAA country in most of these households (see Table 2.9).

Figure 2.1: Age Profile of Households (Main Applicant)

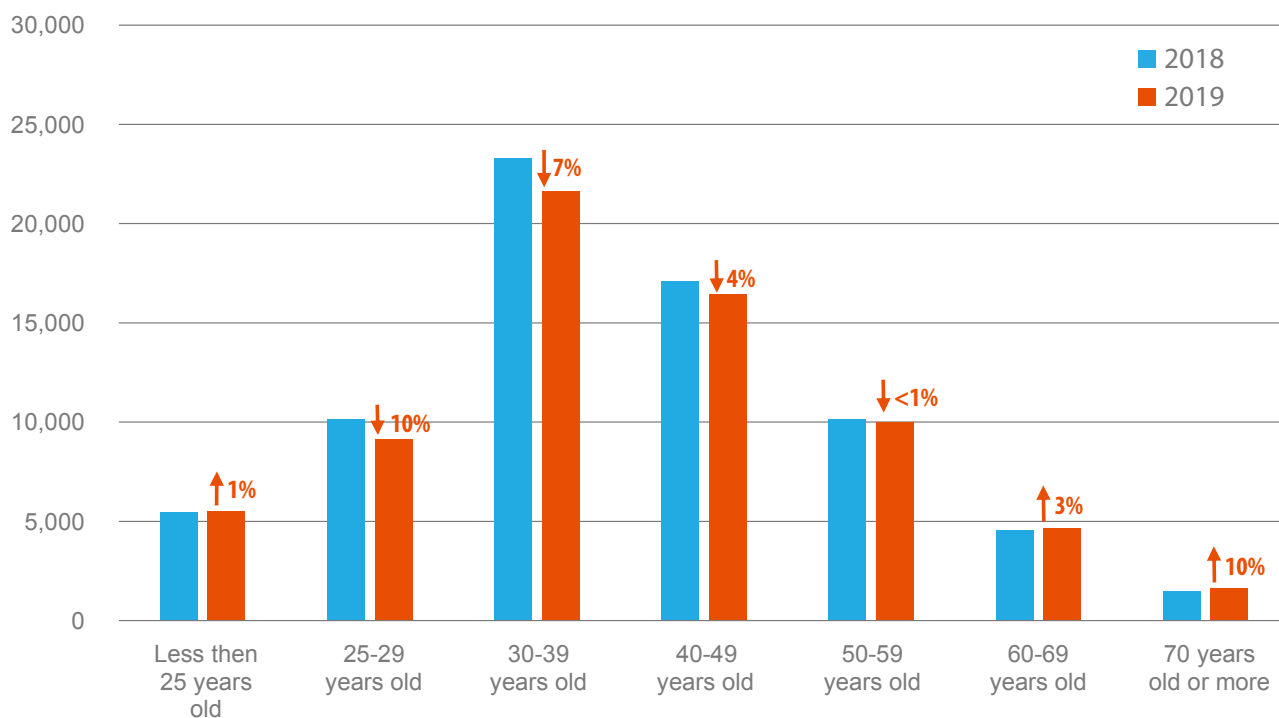
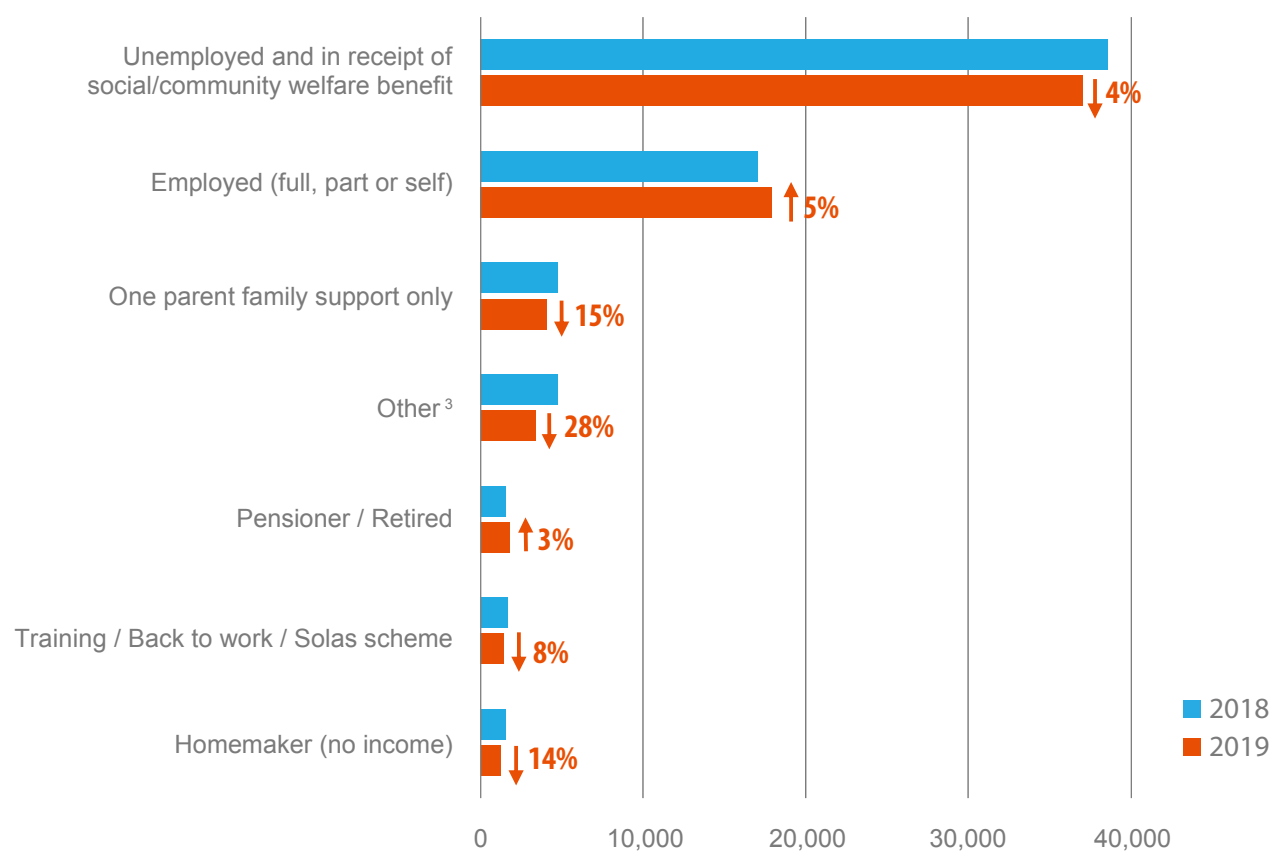


Table 2.1: Age Profile of Households (Main Applicant)

Age Group	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Less than 25 years old	5,444	7.6	5,483	8.0	39	0.7
25-29 years old	10,072	14.0	9,080	13.2	-992	-9.8
30-39 years old	23,105	32.2	21,389	31.1	-1,716	-7.4
40-49 years old	16,992	23.6	16,255	23.7	-737	-4.3
50-59 years old	10,006	13.9	9,970	14.5	-36	-0.4
60-69 years old	4,676	6.5	4,799	7.0	123	2.6
70 years old or more	1,563	2.2	1,717	2.5	154	9.9
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

Figure 2.2: Employment Status (Main Applicant)**Table 2.2: Employment Status (Main Applicant)**

Employment Status	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Unemployed and in receipt of social welfare benefit	38,948	54.2	37,339	54.4	-1,609	-4.1
Employed (full, part or self)	17,357	24.2	18,287	26.6	930	5.4
One parent family support only	5,043	7.0	4,274	6.2	-769	-15.2
Other ³	4,915	6.8	3,536	5.1	-1,379	-28.1
Pensioner / Retired	1,945	2.7	2,009	2.9	64	3.3
Training / Back-to-work / Solas scheme	1,828	2.5	1,683	2.5	-145	-7.9
Homemaker (no income)	1,822	2.5	1,565	2.3	-257	-14.1
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

³ Other includes children/students in full-time education.

Figure 2.3: Sources of Household Income

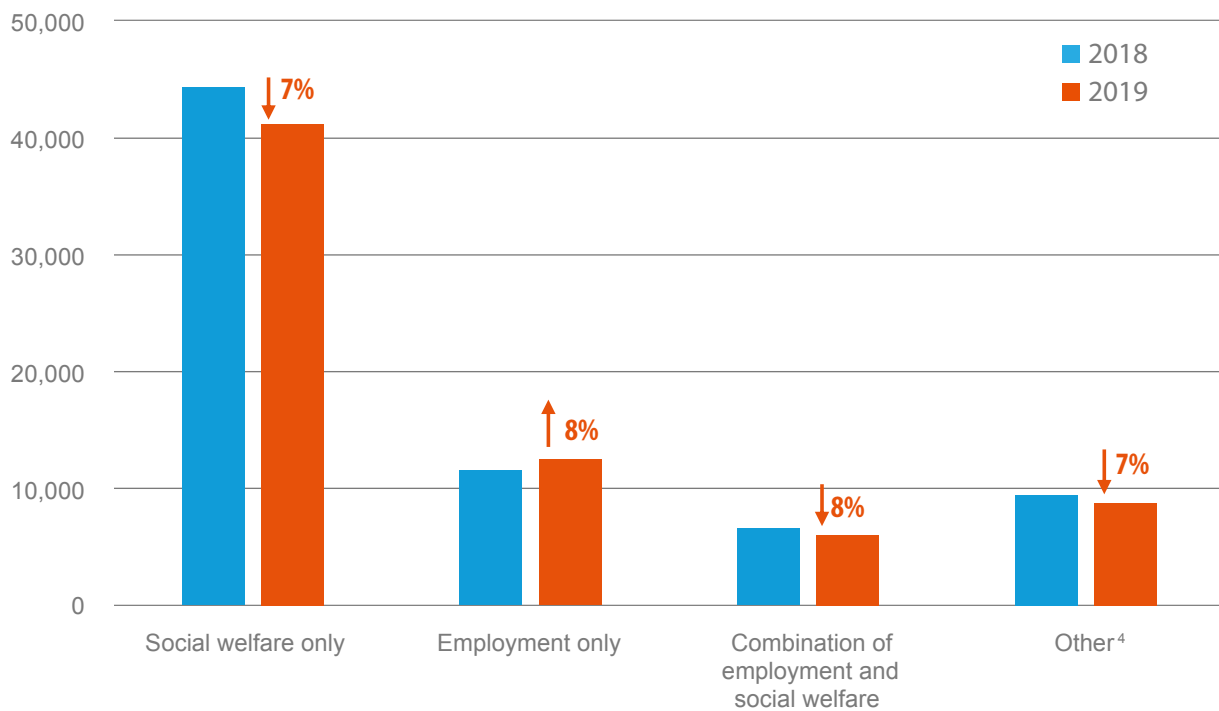


Table 2.3: Sources of Household Income

Source of Household Income	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Social welfare only	44,310	61.7	41,395	60.3	-2,915	-6.6
Employment only	11,551	16.1	12,423	18.1	872	7.5
Combination of employment & social welfare	6,589	9.2	6,091	8.9	-498	-7.6
Other ⁴	9,408	13.1	8,784	12.8	-624	-6.6
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

⁴ Other includes homemaker, pension only, no income, maintenance only and other combinations.

Figure 2.4: Household Size

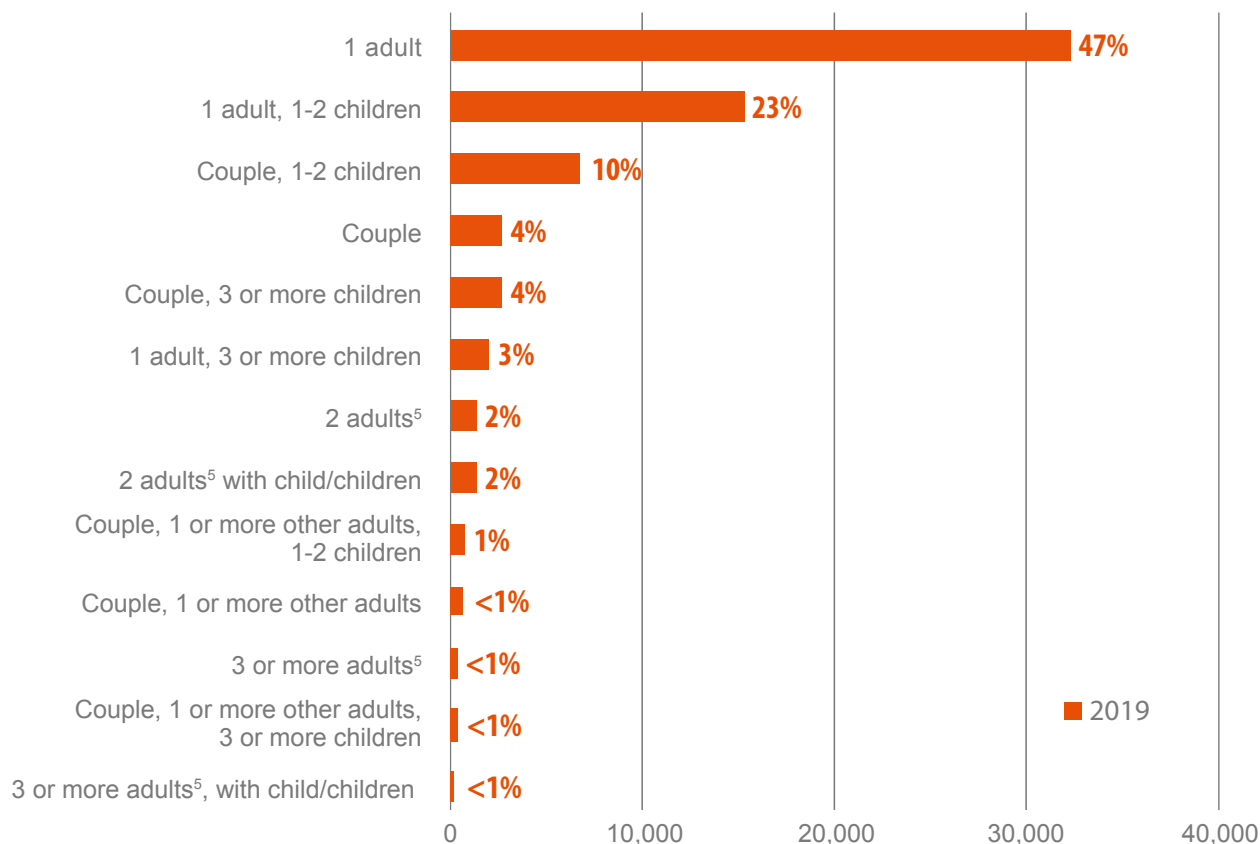


Table 2.4: Household Size

Household Composition	2019	
	No. of HH	%
1 adult	32,607	47.5
1 adult, 1-2 children	15,571	22.7
Couple, 1-2 children	6,743	9.8
Couple	2,984	4.3
Couple, 3 or more children	2,838	4.1
1 adult, 3 or more children	2,181	3.2
2 adults ⁵	1,613	2.3
2 adults ⁵ , with child/children	1,454	2.1
Couple, 1 or more other adults, 1-2 children	960	1.4
Couple, 1 or more other adults	641	0.9
3 or more adults ⁵	428	0.6
Couple, 1 or more other adults, 3 or more children	362	0.5
3 or more adults ⁵ , with child/children	311	0.5
TOTAL	68,693	100.0

⁵ These households do not include couples

Figure 2.5: Main Need for Social Housing Support

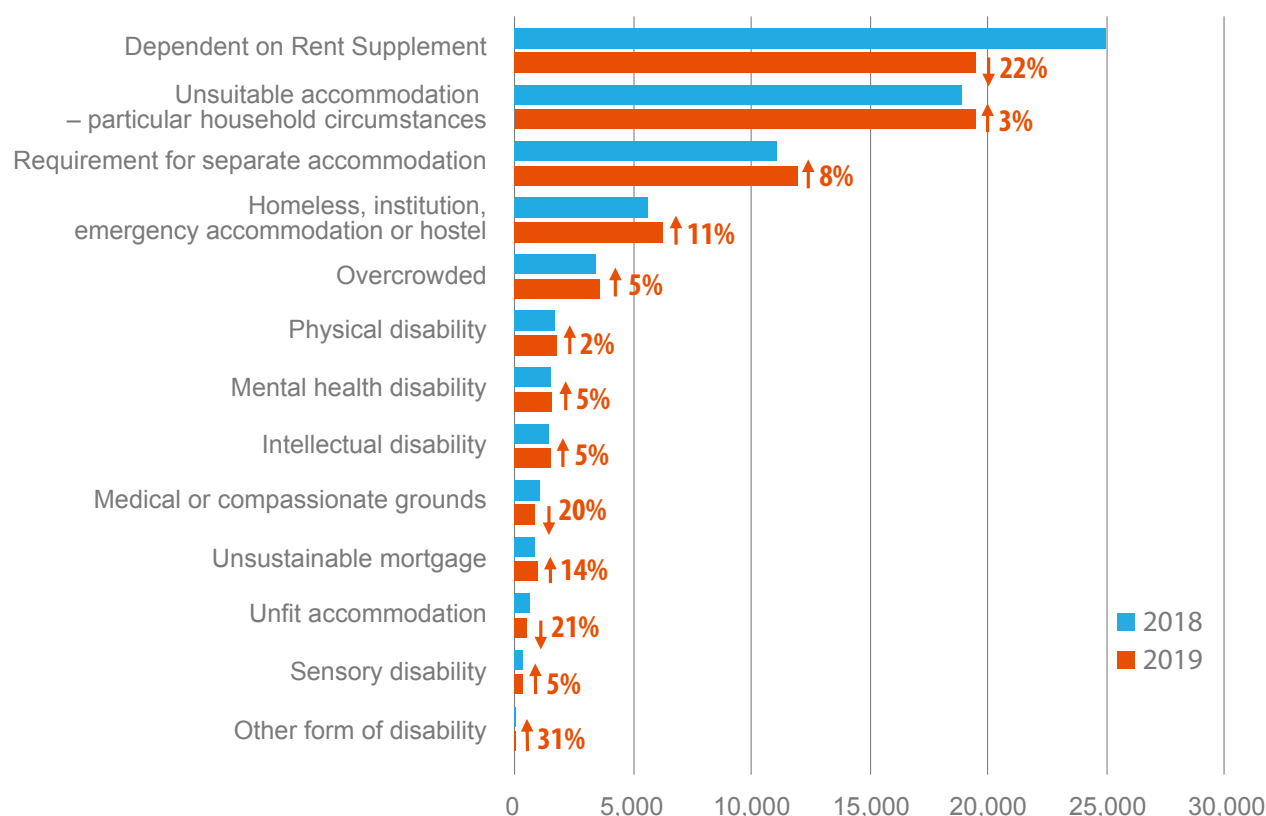
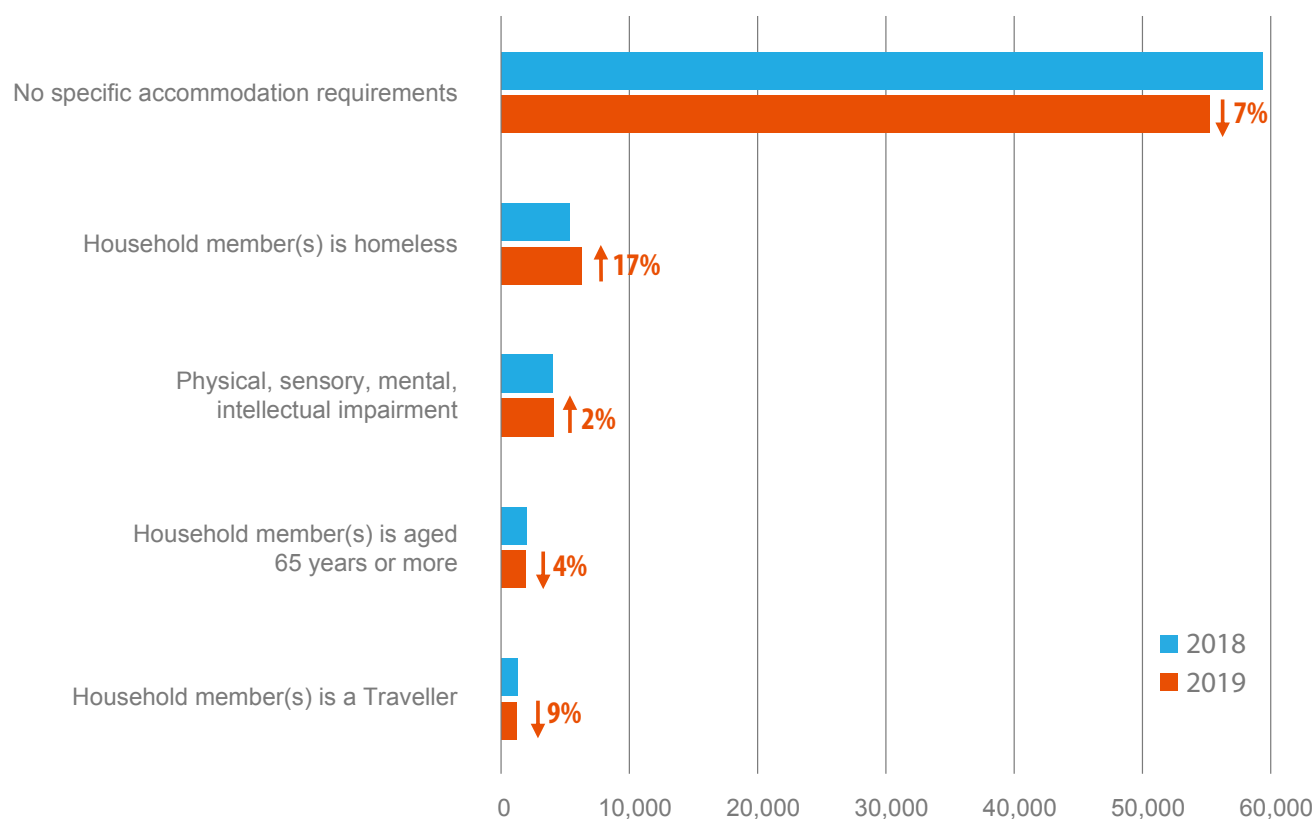


Table 2.5: Main Need for Social Housing Support

Main Need for Social Housing Support	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Dependent on Rent Supplement	25,023	34.8	19,617	28.6	-5,406	-21.6
Unsuitable accommodation – particular household circumstances	18,920	26.3	19,422	28.3	502	2.7
Requirement for separate accommodation	11,108	15.5	12,045	17.5	937	8.4
Homeless, institution, emergency accommodation or hostel	5,663	7.9	6,277	9.1	614	10.8
Overcrowded	3,465	4.8	3,649	5.3	184	5.3
Physical disability	1,696	2.4	1,731	2.5	35	2.1
Mental health disability	1,522	2.1	1,603	2.3	81	5.3
Intellectual disability	1,474	2.1	1,550	2.3	76	5.2
Medical or compassionate grounds	1,063	1.5	854	1.2	-209	-19.7
Unsustainable mortgage	873	1.2	999	1.5	126	14.4
Unfit accommodation	648	0.9	511	0.7	-137	-21.1
Sensory disability	361	0.5	380	0.6	19	5.3
Other form of disability	42	0.1	55	0.1	13	31.0
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

Figure 2.6: Breakdown of Specific Accommodation Requirements**Table 2.6: Breakdown of Specific Accommodation Requirements**

Specific accommodation requirements	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
No specific accommodation requirements	59,230	82.4	55,275	80.5	-3,955	-6.7
Household member(s) is homeless	5,329	7.4	6,237	9.1	908	17.0
Physical, sensory, mental or intellectual impairment	4,037	5.6	4,126	6.0	89	2.2
Household member(s) is aged 65 years or more	1,967	2.7	1,882	2.7	-85	-4.3
Household member(s) is a Traveller	1,295	1.8	1,173	1.7	-122	-9.4
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

Figure 2.7: Breakdown of the Current Tenure

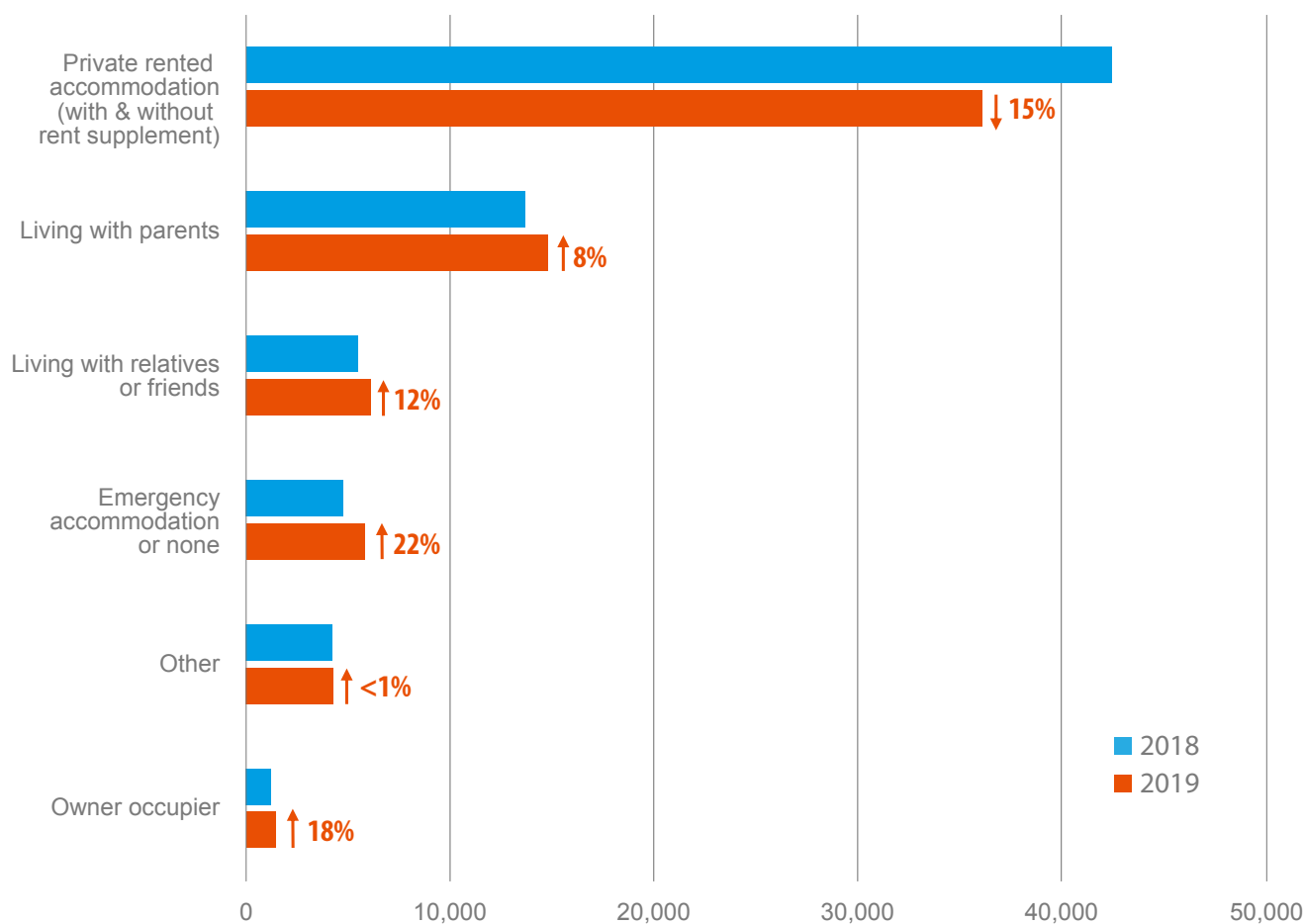
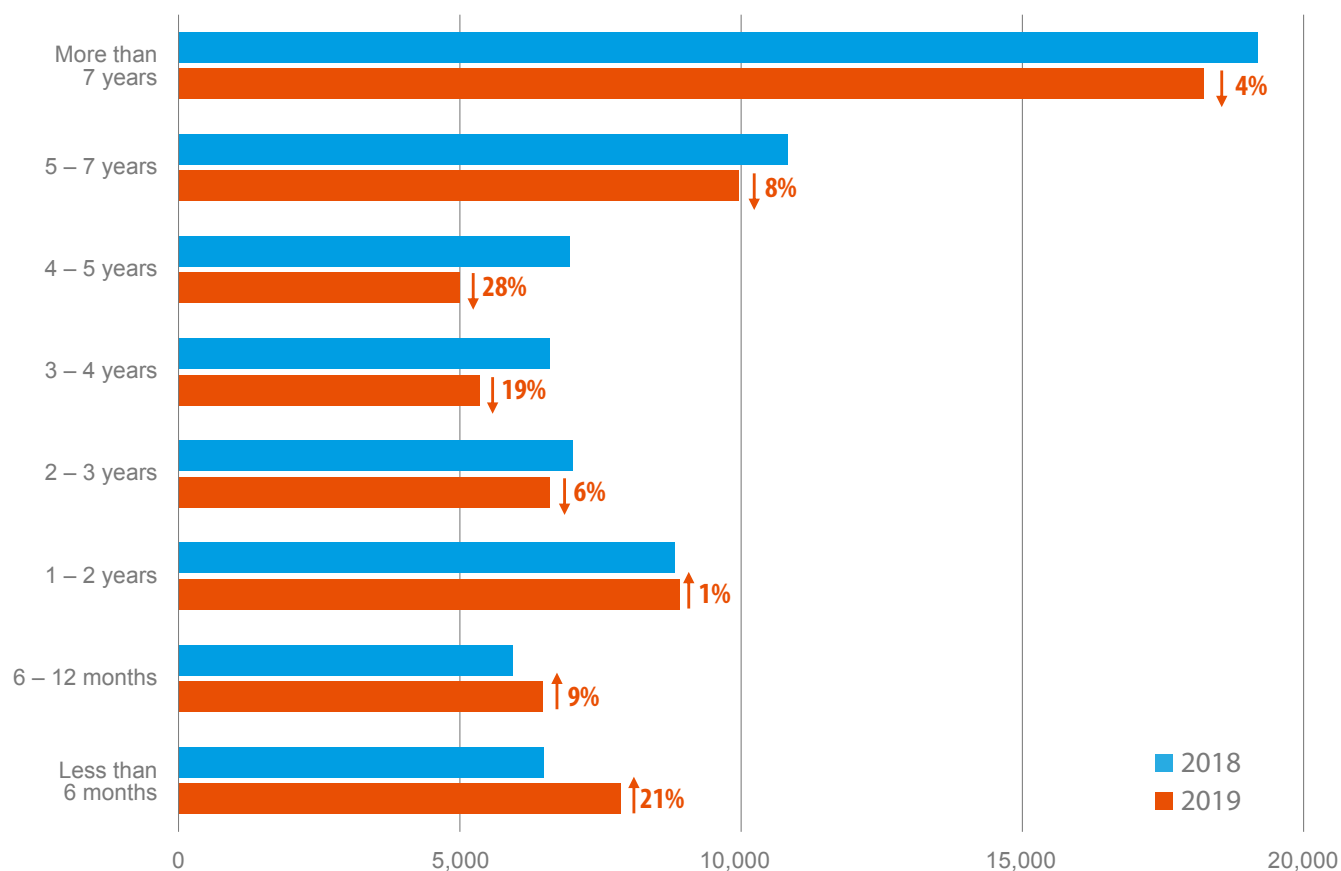


Table 2.7: Breakdown of the Current Tenure

Breakdown of the Current Tenure	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Private Rented (with and without Rent Supplement)	42,467	59.1	36,283	52.8	-6,184	-14.6
Living with Parents	13,694	19.1	14,773	21.5	1,079	7.9
Living with Relatives / Friends	5,476	7.6	6,131	8.9	655	12.0
Emergency Accommodation / none	4,775	6.6	5,834	8.5	1,059	22.2
Other	4,230	5.9	4,233	6.2	3	0.1
Owner Occupier	1,216	1.7	1,439	2.1	223	18.3
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

Figure 2.8: Length of Time on the Record of Qualified Households (the Waiting List)**Table 2.8: Length of Time on the Record of Qualified Households (the Waiting List)**

Length of time on record	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Less than 6 months	6,496	9.0	7,849	11.4	1,353	20.8
6-12 months	5,947	8.3	6,481	9.4	534	9.0
1-2 years	8,821	12.3	8,943	13.0	122	1.4
2-3 years	7,020	9.8	6,637	9.7	-383	-5.5
3-4 years	6,609	9.2	5,342	7.8	-1,267	-19.2
4-5 years	6,953	9.7	5,013	7.3	-1,940	-27.9
5-7 years	10,827	15.1	9,974	14.5	-853	-7.9
More than 7 years	19,185	26.7	18,454	26.9	-731	-3.8
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

Figure 2.9: Nationality (Main Applicant)

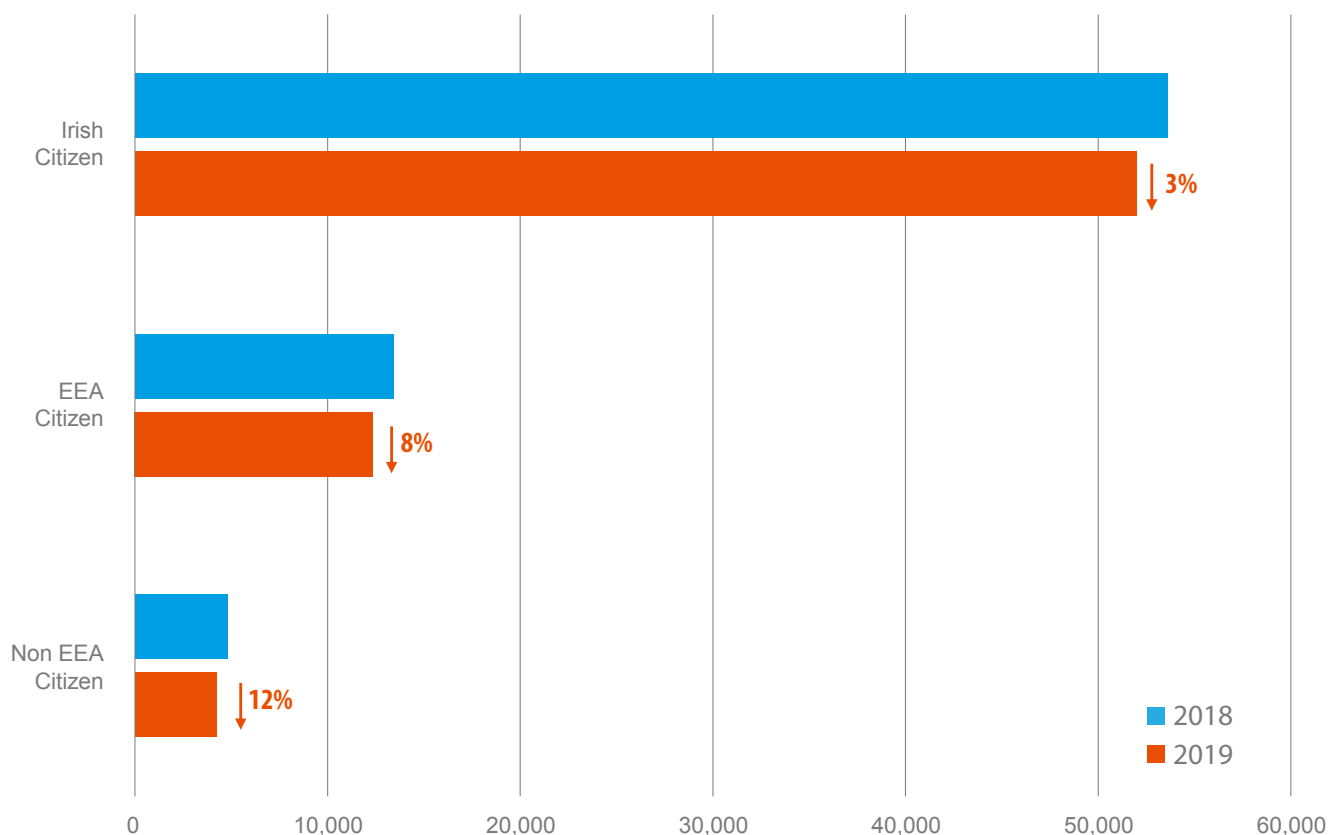


Table 2.9: Nationality (Main Applicant)

Nationality	2018		2019		Change 2018/2019	
	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%	No. of HH	%
Irish Citizen	53,611	74.6	52,125	75.9	-1,486	-2.8
EEA Citizen	13,432	18.7	12,310	17.9	-1,122	-8.4
Non-EEA Citizen	4,815	6.7	4,258	6.2	-557	-11.6
Of which:						
<i>Permission to remain in the State</i>	4,228	5.9	3,622	5.3	-606	-14.3
<i>Refugee</i>	484	0.7	508	0.7	24	5.0
<i>Subsidiary protection status</i>	103	0.1	128	0.2	25	24.3
TOTAL	71,858	100.0	68,693	100.0	-3,165	-4.4

Appendix One

Breakdown of Tables by Local Authority



Table A1.1: Age Profile of Households (Main Applicant) by Local Authority

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
Carlow								
2019	82	91	129	107	66	35	9	519
2018	66	91	125	114	67	30	6	499
Cavan								
2019	74	78	162	151	87	41	15	608
2018	89	108	209	164	106	41	20	737
Clare								
2019	128	151	278	233	141	87	47	1,065
2018	107	150	274	218	131	80	44	1,004
Cork City*								
2019	355	649	1,574	1,115	620	230	96	4,639
2018	251	468	1,069	739	401	149	41	3,118
Cork County*								
2019	154	262	723	595	446	260	93	2,533
2018	200	408	1,142	828	544	292	95	3,509
Donegal								
2019	120	136	261	188	120	67	34	926
2018	101	103	238	162	111	62	34	811
Dublin City								
2019	1,174	2,170	5,336	4,077	2,445	1,019	308	16,529
2018	1,211	2,435	5,401	3,912	2,271	987	297	16,514
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown								
2019	224	362	791	665	355	170	57	2,624
2018	232	407	883	704	371	183	63	2,843
Fingal								
2019	298	636	1,979	1,521	747	304	122	5,607
2018	347	862	2,526	1,959	844	343	112	6,993
Galway City								
2019	87	168	493	438	234	110	21	1,551
2018	103	197	549	502	251	113	13	1,728
Galway County								
2019	101	156	403	395	277	183	80	1,595
2018	98	206	501	444	312	193	65	1,819
Kerry								
2019	156	299	843	671	442	245	111	2,767
2018	152	379	874	707	466	233	99	2,910
Kildare								
2019	209	373	1,093	827	507	262	115	3,386
2018	226	467	1,298	1,031	562	270	108	3,962
Kilkenny								
2019	86	103	245	183	131	50	20	818
2018	84	124	294	240	158	51	17	968
Laois								
2019	63	119	246	194	109	64	11	806
2018	67	154	332	235	158	61	17	1,024
Leitrim								
2018	11	24	49	42	38	17	8	189
2017	16	36	73	79	58	27	13	302

* 2018/2019 changes in social housing list numbers in Cork City and Cork County should be interpreted with the caveat of the 2019 boundary changes.

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
Limerick City and County								
2019	276	378	666	547	310	136	50	2,363
2018	308	398	761	552	297	150	51	2,517
Longford								
2019	48	56	157	109	77	35	14	496
2018	53	71	158	120	85	45	10	542
Louth								
2019	143	219	431	311	202	130	32	1,468
2018	147	217	469	332	209	132	35	1,541
Mayo								
2019	86	159	327	275	190	118	50	1,205
2018	84	176	309	273	187	102	44	1,175
Meath								
2019	131	240	549	382	241	132	40	1,715
2018	117	281	686	440	273	129	40	1,966
Monaghan								
2019	44	70	148	124	94	36	14	530
2018	51	75	147	102	94	25	11	505
Offaly								
2019	77	97	157	120	97	60	19	627
2018	68	102	180	135	101	54	17	657
Roscommon								
2019	26	40	71	72	57	40	17	323
2018	30	42	98	73	66	42	18	369
Sligo								
2019	52	74	122	104	79	53	17	501
2018	37	72	111	92	72	46	12	442
South Dublin								
2019	445	797	1,734	1,080	564	247	71	4,938
2018	451	828	1,813	994	503	199	58	4,846
Tipperary								
2019	172	192	360	243	187	87	25	1,266
2018	164	183	348	214	180	85	27	1,201
Waterford City and County								
2019	167	172	339	196	128	61	31	1,094
2018	131	198	360	209	139	52	28	1,117
Westmeath								
2019	110	161	286	282	215	127	41	1,222
2018	134	187	409	392	276	143	44	1,585
Wexford								
2019	229	329	611	462	353	200	76	2,260
2018	168	300	658	473	332	180	66	2,177
Wicklow								
2019	155	319	826	546	411	193	73	2,523
2018	151	347	810	553	381	177	58	2,477
TOTAL 2019	5,483	9,080	21,389	16,255	9,970	4,799	1,717	68,693
TOTAL 2018	5,444	10,072	23,105	16,992	10,006	4,676	1,563	71,858

Table A1.2: Employment Status of Main Applicant by Local Authority

Local authority/ year	Unemployed, in receipt of social welfare	Employed	Back-to- work / Solas scheme	Homemaker (no income)	One parent family supports	Other	Retired	TOTAL
Carlow								
2019	289	119	21	40	23	15	12	519
2018	295	94	18	44	22	20	6	499
Cavan								
2019	423	103	17	14	13	15	23	608
2018	516	131	15	26	19	5	25	737
Clare								
2019	630	191	23	19	37	115	50	1,065
2018	622	163	20	20	43	84	52	1,004
Cork City*								
2019	2,059	1,487	107	102	322	466	96	4,639
2018	1,256	1,033	76	76	249	368	60	3,118
Cork County*								
2019	1,439	693	79	57	54	142	69	2,533
2018	1,902	986	95	99	107	233	87	3,509
Donegal								
2019	589	181	22	24	35	36	39	926
2018	503	164	26	21	30	29	38	811
Dublin City								
2019	8,612	5,329	387	305	1,381	72	443	16,529
2018	8,720	4,862	376	348	1,629	120	459	16,514
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown								
2019	1,430	704	12	7	95	309	67	2,624
2018	428	559	1	1	72	1,744	38	2,843
Fingal								
2019	3,249	1,086	197	0	842	61	172	5,607
2018	4,312	1,177	260	0	998	57	189	6,993
Galway City								
2019	692	463	24	80	62	201	29	1,551
2018	785	475	34	88	78	241	27	1,728
Galway County								
2019	945	252	57	65	57	120	99	1,595
2018	1,071	290	80	75	74	142	87	1,819
Kerry								
2019	1,596	690	91	42	83	150	115	2,767
2018	1,726	684	94	51	102	156	97	2,910
Kildare								
2019	1,860	973	78	94	110	156	115	3,386
2018	2,281	986	109	123	195	140	128	3,962
Kilkenny								
2019	432	223	18	23	11	98	13	818
2018	508	265	18	30	27	109	11	968
Laois								
2019	506	174	18	24	10	60	14	806
2018	682	200	24	27	21	55	15	1,024
Leitrim								
2019	135	25	2	4	2	14	7	189
2018	224	33	9	8	2	14	12	302

* 2018/2019 changes in social housing list numbers in Cork City and Cork County should be interpreted with the caveat of the 2019 boundary changes.

Local authority/ year	Unemployed, in receipt of social welfare	Employed	Back-to- work / Solas scheme	Homemaker (no income)	One parent family supports	Other	Retired	TOTAL
Limerick City and County								
2019	1,433	442	72	32	153	181	50	2,363
2018	1,511	420	84	44	178	219	61	2,517
Longford								
2019	316	95	17	37	8	8	15	496
2018	367	88	25	40	4	8	10	542
Louth								
2019	766	404	27	65	41	120	45	1,468
2018	812	398	31	82	48	121	49	1,541
Mayo								
2019	719	204	23	34	60	112	53	1,205
2018	687	198	25	41	67	103	54	1,175
Meath								
2019	769	632	41	37	74	111	51	1,715
2018	1,018	601	40	68	84	97	58	1,966
Monaghan								
2019	287	151	14	19	9	32	18	530
2018	284	143	19	14	11	21	13	505
Offaly								
2019	412	121	6	25	8	35	20	627
2018	429	142	9	26	9	25	17	657
Roscommon								
2019	212	53	4	14	3	22	15	323
2018	244	55	6	14	9	20	21	369
Sligo								
2019	298	86	25	12	7	61	12	501
2018	274	66	17	12	7	58	8	442
South Dublin								
2019	2,744	1,512	65	112	368	65	72	4,938
2018	2,603	1,376	75	123	533	64	72	4,846
Tipperary								
2019	880	232	41	32	18	47	16	1,266
2018	843	217	38	33	18	39	13	1,201
Waterford City and County								
2019	533	283	44	14	79	103	38	1,094
2018	629	300	29	12	59	63	25	1,117
Westmeath								
2019	734	228	31	43	32	94	60	1,222
2018	937	279	60	63	57	123	66	1,585
Wexford								
2019	929	458	68	113	209	369	114	2,260
2018	1,071	320	61	142	203	299	81	2,177
Wicklow								
2019	1,421	693	52	76	68	146	67	2,523
2018	1,408	652	54	71	88	138	66	2,477
TOTAL 2019	37,339	18,287	1,683	1,565	4,274	3,536	2,009	68,693
TOTAL 2018	38,948	17,357	1,828	1,822	5,043	4,915	1,945	71,858

Table A1.3: Sources of Household Income by Local Authority

Local authority/ year	Social Welfare Only	Employment Only	Employment & Social Welfare	Other	TOTAL
Carlow					
2019	300	58	64	97	519
2018	302	50	48	99	499
Cavan					
2019	415	47	59	87	608
2018	508	60	63	106	737
Clare					
2019	741	134	85	105	1,065
2018	734	108	82	80	1,004
Cork City*					
2019	2,597	1,008	482	552	4,639
2018	1,731	701	340	346	3,118
Cork County*					
2019	1,476	433	268	356	2,533
2018	1,961	572	409	567	3,509
Donegal					
2019	628	66	120	112	926
2018	548	63	108	92	811
Dublin City					
2019	9,500	3,616	1,488	1,925	16,529
2018	9,708	2,976	1,592	2,238	16,514
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown					
2019	1,264	611	68	681	2,624
2018	1,043	792	141	867	2,843
Fingal					
2019	3,704	1,007	336	560	5,607
2018	4,816	1,109	411	657	6,993
Galway City					
2019	876	318	154	203	1,551
2018	1,004	313	177	234	1,728
Galway County					
2019	1,111	127	155	202	1,595
2018	1,232	153	186	248	1,819
Kerry					
2019	1,762	462	284	259	2,767
2018	1,921	461	256	272	2,910
Kildare					
2019	2,018	692	288	388	3,386
2018	2,530	701	326	405	3,962
Kilkenny					
2019	473	156	81	108	818
2018	584	187	102	95	968
Laois					
2019	513	104	75	114	806
2018	672	109	102	141	1,024
Leitrim					
2019	139	17	16	17	189
2018	230	17	27	28	302

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Local authority/ year	Social Welfare Only	Employment Only	Employment & Social Welfare	Other	TOTAL
Limerick City and County					
2019	1,667	285	212	199	2,363
2018	1,792	276	222	227	2,517
Longford					
2019	326	62	42	66	496
2018	377	62	41	62	542
Louth					
2019	873	243	137	215	1,468
2018	934	222	153	232	1,541
Mayo					
2019	873	91	122	119	1,205
2018	833	78	128	136	1,175
Meath					
2019	882	433	184	216	1,715
2018	1,141	376	213	236	1,966
Monaghan					
2019	305	106	52	67	530
2018	299	102	54	50	505
Offaly					
2019	417	62	53	95	627
2018	443	74	61	79	657
Roscommon					
2019	238	15	37	33	323
2018	279	16	43	31	369
Sligo					
2019	332	66	54	49	501
2018	314	39	47	42	442
South Dublin					
2019	2,652	1,046	385	855	4,938
2018	2,697	931	419	799	4,846
Tipperary					
2019	839	145	115	167	1,266
2018	814	124	117	146	1,201
Waterford City and County					
2019	694	163	118	119	1,094
2018	732	164	120	101	1,117
Westmeath					
2019	867	140	113	102	1,222
2018	1,158	146	167	114	1,585
Wexford					
2019	1,442	273	184	361	2,260
2018	1,481	176	166	354	2,177
Wicklow					
2019	1,471	437	260	355	2,523
2018	1,492	393	268	324	2,477
TOTAL 2019	41,395	12,423	6,091	8,784	68,693
TOTAL 2018	44,310	11,551	6,589	9,408	71,858

Table A1.4: Household Size by Local Authority

Key	Household Size							Key	Household Size						
A	1 adult							H	2 adults*, with child/children						
B	1 adult, 1-2 children							I	Couple, 1 or more other adults, 1-2 children						
C	Couple, 1-2 children							J	Couple, 1 or more other adults						
D	Couple							K	3 or more adults*						
E	Couple, 3 or more children							L	Couple, 1 or more other adults, 3 or more children						
F	1 adult, 3 or more children							M	3 or more adults*, with child/children						
G	2 adults*														
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	TOTAL	
Carlow															
2019	219	162	43	28	14	16	11	11	5	5	1	2	2	519	
Cavan															
2019	270	136	63	32	22	24	17	14	13	4	4	5	4	608	
Clare															
2019	571	240	64	41	33	33	25	24	10	4	12	7	1	1,065	
Cork City**															
2019	2,158	1,131	494	202	185	137	109	81	48	35	19	23	17	4,639	
Cork County**															
2019	1,187	573	277	131	107	66	68	48	25	15	18	10	8	2,533	
Donegal															
2019	482	213	81	35	26	23	29	12	4	6	4	5	6	926	
Dublin City															
2019	9,154	3,474	1,254	675	557	438	303	227	168	113	71	49	46	16,529	
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown															
2019	1,396	584	198	66	105	90	34	53	35	22	12	16	13	2,624	
Fingal															
2019	1,679	1,367	833	258	371	266	165	182	167	104	63	82	70	5,607	
Galway City															
2019	866	261	169	57	70	35	31	21	21	10	2	7	1	1,551	
Galway County															
2019	811	290	164	81	68	49	39	34	18	18	11	5	7	1,595	
Kerry															
2019	1,391	508	300	146	120	58	87	56	35	23	24	7	12	2,767	
Kildare															
2019	1,564	658	434	163	139	90	80	89	67	51	21	16	14	3,386	
Kilkenny															
2019	405	205	72	33	20	23	22	11	8	5	6	5	3	818	
Laois															
2019	309	183	112	51	39	24	22	18	19	14	7	5	3	806	
Leitrim															
2019	116	22	11	16	6	8	3	0	5	0	1	1	0	189	

* These households do not include any couples.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	TOTAL
Limerick City and County														
2019	1,187	533	193	85	89	106	55	44	21	14	10	15	11	2,363
Longford														
2019	201	96	56	44	34	16	15	12	7	9	2	3	1	496
Louth														
2019	795	324	123	61	41	37	23	20	15	8	9	6	6	1,468
Mayo														
2019	638	205	102	47	56	39	26	31	21	14	12	8	6	1,205
Meath														
2019	735	417	225	75	75	43	51	30	22	15	11	10	6	1,715
Monaghan														
2019	265	96	46	28	22	21	11	15	10	6	5	1	4	530
Offaly														
2019	250	157	80	42	30	12	18	10	8	13	3	2	2	627
Roscommon														
2019	180	49	29	19	17	2	8	3	7	6	2	0	1	323
Sligo														
2019	305	107	27	13	16	8	9	8	2	1	1	3	1	501
South Dublin														
2019	1,825	1,502	444	139	256	223	128	207	76	42	22	48	26	4,938
Tipperary														
2019	588	324	109	66	42	47	25	31	14	8	7	4	1	1,266
Waterford City and County														
2019	580	275	80	44	27	32	13	22	8	7	2	1	3	1,094
Westmeath														
2019	592	207	138	85	55	38	35	26	15	14	7	4	6	1,222
Wexford														
2019	936	603	222	111	92	102	64	51	28	22	18	4	7	2,260
Wicklow														
2019	952	669	300	110	104	75	87	63	58	33	41	8	23	2,523
TOTAL 2019	32,607	15,571	6,743	2,984	2,838	2,181	1,613	1,454	960	641	428	362	311	68,693

Table A1.5: Main Need for Social Housing Support by Local Authority

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		
Carlow																
2019	52	143	137	25	27	10	34	0	20	1	35	6	29	519		
2018	79	124	100	24	32	10	30	0	22	5	40	12	21	499		
Cavan																
2019	47	352	126	3	12	0	7	0	4	15	15	13	14	608		
2018	77	410	120	1	15	0	7	0	5	20	30	17	35	737		
Clare																
2019	425	160	110	148	54	3	31	2	43	17	25	22	25	1,065		
2018	259	362	83	123	35	1	30	6	27	14	29	27	8	1,004		
Cork City*																
2019	1,018	1,708	1,055	365	106	22	136	9	50	53	72	7	38	4,639		
2018	834	1,006	754	224	57	11	76	2	23	34	72	6	19	3,118		
Cork County*																
2019	699	1,239	170	74	153	27	70	2	13	16	11	3	56	2,533		
2018	1,088	1,626	279	51	193	32	99	0	22	43	17	2	57	3,509		
Donegal																
2019	35	511	226	12	17	5	27	0	18	14	15	22	24	926		
2018	72	402	209	10	17	4	17	0	15	15	12	14	24	811		
Dublin City																
2019	4,523	3,595	3,665	2,724	167	47	65	3	36	17	1,653	0	34	16,529		
2018	5,309	3,333	3,696	2,381	128	39	33	2	41	21	1,360	128	43	16,514		
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown																
2019	250	340	1,262	312	27	6	49	0	100	136	91	41	10	2,624		
2018	514	453	1,051	315	36	8	52	0	98	191	106	0	19	2,843		
Fingal																
2019	2,912	1,113	921	397	74	27	76	9	22	4	42	9	1	5,607		
2018	4,098	1,250	980	483	44	22	38	5	15	6	42	9	1	6,993		
Galway City																
2019	309	598	289	134	67	10	61	1	44	5	24	1	8	1,551		
2018	455	595	300	130	80	10	67	1	46	4	31	1	8	1,728		
Galway County																
2019	910	15	186	77	89	4	135	1	51	10	16	52	49	1,595		
2018	1,124	18	143	60	132	6	159	0	51	7	23	64	32	1,819		
Kerry																
2019	1,654	103	299	163	154	61	210	0	32	12	41	0	38	2,767		
2018	1,802	140	305	110	167	57	204	0	33	17	41	2	32	2,910		
Kildare																
2019	370	2,088	257	179	37	5	70	2	177	61	84	19	37	3,386		
2018	661	2,243	343	186	28	3	53	3	154	94	106	21	67	3,962		
Kilkenny																
2019	237	306	45	31	9	1	9	7	61	21	62	13	16	818		
2018	267	378	48	34	23	1	9	6	83	34	49	24	12	968		
Laois																
2019	483	103	83	32	14	0	14	1	18	1	10	8	39	806		
2018	700	139	64	16	13	2	17	1	21	0	11	6	34	1,024		

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	TOTAL
Leitrim														
2019	31	43	24	1	10	6	21	0	12	21	1	6	13	189
2018	102	48	31	0	10	10	29	0	14	48	0	3	7	302
Limerick City and County														
2019	647	676	280	274	89	33	71	0	57	53	130	10	43	2,363
2018	903	589	230	307	57	23	57	1	57	66	174	12	41	2,517
Longford														
2019	146	220	66	5	10	1	7	1	0	11	6	7	16	496
2018	221	181	64	9	11	1	9	2	2	16	7	7	12	542
Louth														
2019	128	708	169	130	49	8	34	1	148	9	79	5	0	1,468
2018	202	755	144	96	47	5	29	1	177	13	68	4	0	1,541
Mayo														
2019	694	184	88	17	29	5	58	1	26	20	39	9	35	1,205
2018	767	131	80	7	29	3	42	1	24	24	33	7	27	1,175
Meath														
2019	304	643	296	59	50	24	43	0	31	44	85	45	91	1,715
2018	584	599	315	33	58	35	39	0	37	46	104	45	71	1,966
Monaghan														
2019	65	232	16	0	6	3	2	0	16	108	15	45	22	530
2018	85	184	19	0	5	0	2	0	14	116	16	52	12	505
Offaly														
2019	80	144	195	41	25	4	19	3	14	6	29	13	54	627
2018	256	116	89	37	29	1	17	0	12	6	32	20	42	657
Roscommon														
2019	160	40	24	11	14	3	13	0	21	5	5	7	20	323
2018	198	51	11	6	15	0	23	0	23	4	12	7	19	369
Sligo														
2019	16	198	103	40	6	3	14	0	79	4	5	5	28	501
2018	26	136	89	55	4	2	16	0	85	4	6	6	13	442
South Dublin														
2019	1,125	922	1,166	605	123	18	58	2	238	2	646	26	7	4,938
2018	1,395	817	911	636	103	31	53	2	195	3	662	31	7	4,846
Tipperary														
2019	295	500	125	39	45	9	60	1	18	56	30	24	64	1,266
2018	314	407	139	35	52	6	67	2	15	56	33	26	49	1,201
Waterford City and County														
2019	174	511	88	146	20	2	20	3	45	6	55	18	6	1,094
2018	139	567	103	111	24	4	26	4	48	15	51	14	11	1,117
Westmeath														
2019	432	456	89	67	29	4	21	2	13	10	43	14	42	1,222
2018	661	582	70	79	29	4	24	2	10	17	52	18	37	1,585
Wexford														
2019	804	414	340	56	182	18	117	2	100	12	115	37	63	2,260
2018	1,129	211	218	38	196	21	156	0	67	14	62	31	34	2,177
Wicklow														
2019	592	1,157	145	110	37	11	51	2	43	104	170	24	77	2,523
2018	702	1,067	120	66	27	9	42	1	38	110	184	32	79	2,477
TOTAL 2019	19,617	19,422	12,045	6,277	1,731	380	1,603	55	1,550	854	3,649	511	999	68,693
TOTAL 2018	25,023	18,920	11,108	5,663	1,696	361	1,522	42	1,474	1,063	3,465	648	873	71,858

Table A1.6: Breakdown of Specific Accommodation Requirements by Local Authority

Local authority/ year	General (no specific requirements)	Enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual issue	Homeless	Traveller	Aged 65 years or more	TOTAL
Carlow						
2019	417	55	20	27	0	519
2018	396	57	14	31	1	499
Cavan						
2019	561	36	5	0	6	608
2018	676	39	3	19	0	737
Clare						
2019	792	103	129	19	22	1,065
2018	847	75	36	21	25	1,004
Cork City*						
2019	3,929	227	371	53	59	4,639
2018	2,662	159	231	27	39	3,118
Cork County*						
2019	2,311	123	52	35	12	2,533
2018	3,283	139	40	38	9	3,509
Donegal						
2019	879	26	6	3	12	926
2018	766	25	4	1	15	811
Dublin City						
2019	12,125	368	2,795	117	1,124	16,529
2018	12,590	218	2,353	128	1,225	16,514
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown						
2019	2,283	15	304	5	17	2,624
2018	2,559	19	237	5	23	2,843
Fingal						
2019	4,800	51	539	129	88	5,607
2018	6,095	67	559	160	112	6,993
Galway City						
2019	1,197	159	128	34	33	1,551
2018	1,349	179	120	43	37	1,728
Galway County						
2019	1,302	145	21	59	68	1,595
2018	1,483	155	32	97	52	1,819
Kerry						
2019	2,050	455	125	93	44	2,767
2018	2,244	472	75	96	23	2,910
Kildare						
2019	2,881	256	168	15	66	3,386
2018	3,492	222	164	34	50	3,962
Kilkenny						
2019	701	72	27	11	7	818
2018	820	107	30	8	3	968
Laois						
2019	753	18	26	8	1	806
2018	973	24	15	11	1	1,024
Leitrim						
2019	118	59	2	4	6	189
2018	177	97	4	13	11	302

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Local authority/ year	General (no specific requirements)	Enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual issue	Homeless	Traveller	Aged 65 years or more	TOTAL
Limerick City and County						
2019	1,684	220	329	106	24	2,363
2018	1,872	184	325	113	23	2,517
Longford						
2019	449	12	7	12	16	496
2018	483	18	8	14	19	542
Louth						
2019	1,142	178	105	35	8	1,468
2018	1,207	191	88	42	13	1,541
Mayo						
2019	1,016	74	8	77	30	1,205
2018	1,029	51	4	75	16	1,175
Meath						
2019	1,395	186	46	54	34	1,715
2018	1,617	212	25	63	49	1,966
Monaghan						
2019	504	23	1	1	1	530
2018	478	23	1	1	2	505
Offaly						
2019	529	42	25	21	10	627
2018	574	46	9	17	11	657
Roscommon						
2019	272	24	6	13	8	323
2018	318	34	2	2	13	369
Sligo						
2019	334	114	23	17	13	501
2018	268	116	31	20	7	442
South Dublin						
2019	3,829	447	578	37	47	4,938
2018	3,723	417	608	38	60	4,846
Tipperary						
2019	1,053	126	35	40	12	1,266
2018	1,007	107	27	46	14	1,201
Waterford City and County						
2019	822	75	138	45	14	1,094
2018	878	88	101	34	16	1,117
Westmeath						
2019	1,069	66	59	13	15	1,222
2018	1,407	77	73	15	13	1,585
Wexford						
2019	1,857	244	47	53	59	2,260
2018	1,742	305	29	49	52	2,177
Wicklow						
2019	2,221	127	112	37	26	2,523
2018	2,215	114	81	34	33	2,477
TOTAL 2019	55,275	4,126	6,237	1,173	1,882	68,693
TOTAL 2018	59,230	4,037	5,329	1,295	1,967	71,858

Table A1.7: Breakdown of the Current Tenure by Local Authority

Local authority/ year	Private rented accom with/ without RS	Living with parents	Living with relatives/ friends	Emergency accom/ none	Owner occupier	Other	TOTAL
Carlow							
2019	213	170	50	24	40	22	519
2018	237	135	49	24	26	28	499
Cavan							
2019	400	124	38	5	18	23	608
2018	502	121	44	5	38	27	737
Clare							
2019	392	266	114	100	40	153	1,065
2018	434	249	107	95	19	100	1,004
Cork City*							
2019	2,631	1,024	373	264	61	286	4,639
2018	1,906	678	226	130	24	154	3,118
Cork County*							
2019	1,676	400	186	48	90	133	2,533
2018	2,462	558	219	51	86	133	3,509
Donegal							
2019	450	262	104	31	60	19	926
2018	407	217	95	16	52	24	811
Dublin City							
2019	8,356	3,925	1,190	2,729	38	291	16,529
2018	9,116	3,708	1,078	2,140	39	433	16,514
Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown							
2019	794	472	328	272	0	758	2,624
2018	1,011	442	270	198	11	911	2,843
Fingal							
2019	4,020	780	382	350	12	63	5,607
2018	5,324	777	377	455	19	41	6,993
Galway City							
2019	1,068	202	105	100	14	62	1,551
2018	1,259	198	108	102	16	45	1,728
Galway County							
2019	981	241	113	76	77	107	1,595
2018	1,253	240	116	39	63	108	1,819
Kerry							
2019	1,828	437	215	116	106	65	2,767
2018	2,154	389	172	88	74	33	2,910
Kildare							
2019	1,663	737	443	223	70	250	3,386
2018	2,158	734	435	167	97	371	3,962
Kilkenny							
2019	311	213	103	40	34	117	818
2018	401	217	127	47	26	150	968
Laois							
2019	458	139	49	18	64	78	806
2018	730	127	54	6	65	42	1,024
Leitrim							
2019	111	37	16	0	20	5	189
2018	218	42	21	0	16	5	302

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Local authority/ year	Private rented accom with/ without RS	Living with parents	Living with relatives/ friends	Emergency accom/ none	Owner occupier	Other	TOTAL
Limerick City and County							
2019	1,054	594	241	159	65	250	2,363
2018	1,162	594	253	164	65	279	2,517
Longford							
2019	286	99	45	13	26	27	496
2018	342	90	55	7	22	26	542
Louth							
2019	618	375	180	165	8	122	1,468
2018	778	349	140	123	11	140	1,541
Mayo							
2019	726	190	92	22	36	139	1,205
2018	803	173	66	13	28	92	1,175
Meath							
2019	732	483	200	68	100	132	1,715
2018	1,098	462	175	52	77	102	1,966
Monaghan							
2019	272	120	52	0	16	70	530
2018	301	110	48	0	12	34	505
Offaly							
2019	236	175	76	71	55	14	627
2018	314	169	59	23	38	54	657
Roscommon							
2019	200	56	18	5	23	21	323
2018	263	40	16	2	20	28	369
Sligo							
2019	161	115	60	38	42	85	501
2018	173	77	46	35	22	89	442
South Dublin							
2019	2,012	1,422	575	573	11	345	4,938
2018	2,230	1,290	491	549	6	280	4,846
Tipperary							
2019	541	313	175	49	95	93	1,266
2018	556	312	132	41	82	78	1,201
Waterford City and County							
2019	444	254	139	120	6	131	1,094
2018	520	251	116	93	15	122	1,117
Westmeath							
2019	801	191	75	31	53	71	1,222
2018	1,179	190	82	36	40	58	1,585
Wexford							
2019	1,397	388	175	63	77	160	2,260
2018	1,604	273	112	33	43	112	2,177
Wicklow							
2019	1,451	569	219	61	82	141	2,523
2018	1,572	482	187	41	64	131	2,477
TOTAL 2019	36,283	14,773	6,131	5,834	1,439	4,233	68,693
TOTAL 2018	42,467	13,694	5,476	4,775	1,216	4,230	71,858

Table A1.8: Length of Time on the Record of Qualified Households (the Waiting List) by Local Authority

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
Carlow									
2019	75	95	97	66	50	25	59	52	519
2018	95	66	88	54	32	47	68	49	499
Cavan									
2019	61	67	157	101	66	55	88	13	608
2018	77	145	145	116	86	73	78	17	737
Clare									
2019	142	148	198	173	69	62	113	160	1,065
2018	121	150	214	84	83	82	100	170	1,004
Cork City*									
2019	489	411	726	491	371	292	690	1,169	4,639
2018	351	295	367	286	260	278	462	819	3,118
Cork County*									
2019	347	282	394	283	203	155	415	454	2,533
2018	399	419	540	380	265	349	550	607	3,509
Donegal									
2019	213	175	175	117	92	49	55	50	926
2018	151	117	167	125	77	64	52	58	811
Dublin City									
2019	1,723	1,396	1,744	1,341	1,019	1,244	2,419	5,643	16,529
2018	1,303	1,202	1,683	1,397	1,404	1,539	2,359	5,627	16,514
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown									
2019	273	193	315	262	206	211	379	785	2,624
2018	174	184	330	265	298	286	433	873	2,843
Fingal									
2019	507	349	640	463	413	381	755	2,099	5,607
2018	452	406	639	598	562	541	1,192	2,603	6,993
Galway City									
2019	107	106	154	100	96	136	273	579	1,551
2018	107	123	141	126	171	179	324	557	1,728
Galway County									
2019	173	157	206	132	101	132	359	335	1,595
2018	139	143	181	144	210	252	409	341	1,819
Kerry									
2019	255	199	296	248	295	190	385	899	2,767
2018	216	143	304	364	242	248	430	963	2,910
Kildare									
2019	404	305	329	255	245	216	493	1,139	3,386
2018	354	197	369	355	324	385	558	1,420	3,962
Kilkenny									
2019	105	82	102	57	123	65	107	177	818
2018	94	72	86	180	101	98	150	187	968
Laois									
2019	99	99	121	104	78	91	168	46	806
2018	114	109	147	107	139	159	172	77	1,024
Leitrim									
2019	32	25	41	22	26	14	18	11	189
2018	46	34	53	52	45	26	27	19	302

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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
Limerick City and County									
2019	259	230	371	267	177	205	413	441	2,363
2018	295	266	404	241	265	268	408	370	2,517
Longford									
2019	73	90	96	60	43	48	56	30	496
2018	90	77	109	74	69	30	74	19	542
Louth									
2019	216	172	212	130	76	84	207	371	1,468
2018	145	211	185	95	99	147	245	414	1,541
Mayo									
2019	119	107	189	177	117	99	191	206	1,205
2018	120	124	191	120	133	163	121	203	1,175
Meath									
2019	212	196	262	177	114	141	318	295	1,715
2018	186	158	234	138	218	256	475	301	1,966
Monaghan									
2019	90	61	104	71	57	21	61	65	530
2018	92	69	82	74	23	41	68	56	505
Offaly									
2019	70	89	132	68	56	40	95	77	627
2018	104	133	94	58	49	56	77	86	657
Roscommon									
2019	68	45	58	48	41	22	31	10	323
2018	77	50	79	64	41	38	12	8	369
Sligo									
2019	125	61	101	38	31	36	28	81	501
2018	98	46	67	44	64	31	15	77	442
South Dublin									
2019	550	449	503	418	360	303	678	1,677	4,938
2018	420	392	530	384	352	468	663	1,637	4,846
Tipperary									
2019	219	190	255	172	123	74	123	110	1,266
2018	245	216	230	134	85	95	114	82	1,201
Waterford City and County									
2019	168	144	176	168	96	79	131	132	1,094
2018	124	101	226	117	123	102	167	157	1,117
Westmeath									
2019	184	128	158	142	109	83	185	233	1,222
2018	166	133	260	201	165	161	246	253	1,585
Wexford									
2019	230	243	370	294	304	268	296	255	2,260
2018	0	11	443	414	403	285	333	288	2,177
Wicklow									
2019	261	187	261	192	185	192	385	860	2,523
2018	141	155	233	229	221	206	445	847	2,477
TOTAL 2019	7,849	6,481	8,943	6,637	5,342	5,013	9,974	18,454	68,693
TOTAL 2018	6,496	5,947	8,821	7,020	6,609	6,953	10,827	19,185	71,858

Table A1.9: Nationality (Main Applicant) by Local Authority

Local authority/year	Irish Citizen	EEA Citizen	Non-EEA Citizen	TOTAL
Carlow				
2019	425	74	20	519
2018	409	71	19	499
Cavan				
2019	416	159	33	608
2018	505	182	50	737
Clare				
2019	872	165	28	1,065
2018	827	139	38	1,004
Cork City*				
2019	3,388	934	317	4,639
2018	2,281	608	229	3,118
Cork County*				
2019	1,799	652	82	2,533
2018	2,431	920	158	3,509
Donegal				
2019	786	124	16	926
2018	684	112	15	811
Dublin City				
2019	11,977	3,040	1,512	16,529
2018	12,050	2,948	1,516	16,514
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown				
2019	2,203	246	175	2,624
2018	2,289	319	235	2,843
Fingal				
2019	4,593	595	419	5,607
2018	5,317	1,011	665	6,993
Galway City				
2019	1,054	367	130	1,551
2018	1,167	421	140	1,728
Galway County				
2019	1,256	295	44	1,595
2018	1,398	372	49	1,819
Kerry				
2019	2,013	627	127	2,767
2018	2,038	727	145	2,910
Kildare				
2019	2,439	754	193	3,386
2018	2,806	904	252	3,962
Kilkenny				
2019	680	115	23	818
2018	780	157	31	968
Laois				
2019	585	168	53	806
2018	708	241	75	1,024
Leitrim				
2019	132	47	10	189
2018	197	84	21	302

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Local authority/year	Irish Citizen	EEA Citizen	Non-EEA Citizen	TOTAL
Limerick City and County				
2019	1,988	232	143	2,363
2018	2,086	268	163	2,517
Longford				
2019	329	132	35	496
2018	349	149	44	542
Louth				
2019	1,048	315	105	1,468
2018	1,128	309	104	1,541
Mayo				
2019	939	230	36	1,205
2018	893	235	47	1,175
Meath				
2019	1,303	358	54	1,715
2018	1,449	436	81	1,966
Monaghan				
2019	377	140	13	530
2018	340	152	13	505
Offaly				
2019	523	92	12	627
2018	528	114	15	657
Roscommon				
2019	251	58	14	323
2018	266	87	16	369
Sligo				
2019	424	52	25	501
2018	376	45	21	442
South Dublin				
2019	3,717	850	371	4,938
2018	3,635	826	385	4,846
Tipperary				
2019	1,053	198	15	1,266
2018	998	184	19	1,201
Waterford City and County				
2019	887	153	54	1,094
2018	887	191	39	1,117
Westmeath				
2019	848	274	100	1,222
2018	1,050	394	141	1,585
Wexford				
2019	1,792	420	48	2,260
2018	1,727	402	48	2,177
Wicklow				
2019	2,028	444	51	2,523
2018	2,012	424	41	2,477
TOTAL 2019	52,125	12,310	4,258	68,693
TOTAL 2018	53,611	13,432	4,815	71,858





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