

HOMELESSNESS IN MORAY 2014 – 2015

Table 1: homeless applications and assessments in Moray from Scottish Government HL1 data

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Applications received in period	901	662	520	552	524	562
Assessments completed in period	888	732	526	544	501	547

Table 2: homeless applications by age group

Age group	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
16-17	77	8.5	51	7.7	48	9.2	38	6.9	43	8.2	38	6.8
18-25	272	30.2	229	34.6	184	35.4	194	35.2	174	33.2	198	35.2
26-59	492	54.6	359	54.2	266	51.2	294	53.4	289	55.2	307	54.6
60+	60	6.7	23	3.5	22	4.2	25	4.5	18	3.4	19	3.4
Total	901	100	662	100	520	100	551	100	524	100	562	100

Table 3: homeless applications by household type

Household type	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Single person	526	58.4	445	67.2	337	64.8	334	60.6	295	56.3	333	59.3
Single parent	174	19.3	122	18.4	110	21.2	126	22.9	127	24.2	126	22.4
Couple	102	11.3	45	6.8	37	7.1	47	8.5	39	7.5	42	7.5
Couple with children	82	9.1	44	6.6	30	5.8	37	6.7	41	7.8	50	8.9
Other	7	0.8	3	0.5	2	0.4	1	0.2	11	2.1	3	0.5
Other with children	10	1.1	3	0.5	4	0.8	6	1.1	11	2.1	8	1.4
Total	901	100	662	100	520	100	551	100	524	100	562	100

Table 4: reason for homeless application

Reason	2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Termination of tenancy / mortgage due to arrears / default on payments	29	5.3	48	9.1	30	5.3
Other action by landlord resulting in the termination of the tenancy	41	7.4	49	9.4	58	10.3
Applicant terminated secure accommodation	3	0.5	6	1.2	10	1.8
Loss of service / tied accommodation	13	2.4	14	2.7	13	2.3
Discharge from prison / hospital / care / other institution	27	4.9	15	2.9	24	4.3
Emergency (fire, flood, storm, closing order from Env Health etc.)	1	0.2	5	1.0	10	1.8
Forced division and sale of matrimonial home	10	1.8	13	2.5	14	2.5
Other reason for loss of accommodation	6	1.1	5	1.0	3	0.5
Dispute within household: violent or abusive	81	14.7	71	13.5	67	11.9
Dispute within household / relationship breakdown: non-violent	95	17.2	84	16.0	82	14.6
Fleeing non-domestic violence	10	1.8	2	0.4	6	1.1
Harassment	21	3.8	10	1.9	12	2.1
Overcrowding	15	2.7	17	3.2	22	3.9
Asked to leave	141	25.6	147	28.0	189	33.6
Other reason for leaving accommodation / household	58	10.5	38	7.2	22	3.9
Total	551	100	524	100	562	100

Table 5: reason for failing to maintain accommodation (Multiple responses allowed)

Reason	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Financial difficulties/debt/unemployment	65	103	127
Welfare Reform-Under occupancy penalty/RSRS	0	4	5
Welfare Reform-Benefit Cap	0	0	2
Welfare reform-Other	0	6	6
Physical health reasons	18	28	29
Mental health reasons	35	59	70
Unmet need for support from housing/social work/health services	11	12	7
Lack of support from friends/family	49	56	66
Difficulties managing on own	17	33	37
Drug/alcohol dependency	39	36	33
Criminal/anti-social behaviour	28	20	22
Not to do with applicant household	69	57	68
Refused	15	21	14

Table 6: local connection

Local connection	2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Local connection with this Local Authority	532	97.8	487	97.0	537	98.2
Local connection with another Local Authority	4	0.7	6	1.3	2	0.4
No local connection with any Local Authority	8	1.5	8	1.7	8	1.5
Total	544	100.0	501	100	547	100

Table 7: local connection reasons with this local authority (Multiple responses allowed)

Local connection reason	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Residency (at least 6 months of previous year, or 3 years out of previous 5)	497	459	499
Current employment	166	175	189
Family associations (family member resident for at least 5 years)	428	410	462
Special circumstances	2	9	4

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Table 8: homeless assessment decisions

Decision	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Homeless - priority unintentional	435	49.0	307	41.9	317	60.3	333	61.2	281	56.1	288	52.7
Homeless - priority intentional	21	2.4	52	7.1	41	7.8	64	11.8	59	11.8	51	9.3
Homeless - non-priority	178	20.0	132	18.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Potentially homeless - priority unintentional	19	2.1	7	1.0	14	2.7	1	0.2	9	1.8	28	5.1
Potentially homeless - priority intentional	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	5	0.9
Potentially homeless - non-priority	10	1.1	4	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Neither homeless nor potentially homeless	67	7.5	56	7.7	49	9.3	45	8.3	47	9.4	59	10.8
Applicant resolved homelessness prior to assessment decision	62	7.0	86	11.7	61	11.6	55	10.1	49	9.8	44	8.0
Lost contact before assessment decision (from 1 April 2007)	34	3.8	7	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.8	2	0.4
Withdrew application before assessment decision (from 1 April 2007)	60	6.8	76	10.4	35	6.7	35	6.4	47	9.4	65	11.9
Ineligible for assistance (from 1 April 2007)	1	0.1	4	0.5	9	1.7	11	2.0	5	0.9	5	0.9
Total	888	100	732	100	526	100	544	100	501	100	547	100

Table 9: local connection by reason of current employment

Local connection by reason of current employment		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No local connection by reason of employment (unemployed)		366	67.0	352	63.5	366	63.1

Note: The figures for this table were extracted from our internal system iWorld as opposed to the Scottish Government HL1 data to give us more detail in relation to unemployment.