

HOMELESSNESS IN MORAY 2015 – 2016

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

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Applications received in period	662	520	552	524	562	536
Assessments completed in period	732	526	544	501	547	546

Table 2: homeless applications by age group

Age group	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
16-17	51	7.7	48	9.2	38	6.9	43	8.2	38	6.8	41	7.6
18-25	229	34.6	184	35.4	194	35.2	174	33.2	198	35.2	159	29.7
26-59	359	54.2	266	51.2	294	53.4	289	55.2	307	54.6	317	59.1
60+	23	3.5	22	4.2	25	4.5	18	3.4	19	3.4	19	3.5
Total	662	100	520	100	551	100	524	100	562	100	536	100

Table 3: homeless applications by household type

Household type	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Single person	445	67.2	337	64.8	334	60.6	295	56.3	333	59.3	306	57.1
Single parent	122	18.4	110	21.2	126	22.9	127	24.2	126	22.4	127	23.7
Couple	45	6.8	37	7.1	47	8.5	39	7.5	42	7.5	51	9.5
Couple with children	44	6.6	30	5.8	37	6.7	41	7.8	50	8.9	37	6.9
Other	3	0.5	2	0.4	1	0.2	11	2.1	3	0.5	5	0.9
Other with children	3	0.5	4	0.8	6	1.1	11	2.1	8	1.4	10	1.9
Total	662	100	520	100	551	100	524	100	562	100	536	100

Table 4: reason for homeless application

Reason	2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Termination of tenancy / mortgage due to arrears / default on payments	29	5.3	48	9.1	30	5.3	41	7.6
Other action by landlord resulting in the termination of the tenancy	41	7.4	49	9.4	58	10.3	58	10.8
Applicant terminated secure accommodation	3	0.5	6	1.2	10	1.8	9	1.7
Loss of service / tied accommodation	13	2.4	14	2.7	13	2.3	4	0.7
Discharge from prison / hospital / care / other institution	27	4.9	15	2.9	24	4.3	20	3.7
Emergency (fire, flood, storm, closing order from Env Health etc.)	1	0.2	5	1.0	10	1.8	2	0.4
Forced division and sale of matrimonial home	10	1.8	13	2.5	14	2.5	7	1.3
Other reason for loss of accommodation	6	1.1	5	1.0	3	0.5	1	0.2
Dispute within household: violent or abusive	81	14.7	71	13.5	67	11.9	63	11.8
Dispute within household / relationship breakdown: non-violent	95	17.2	84	16.0	82	14.6	76	14.2
Fleeing non-domestic violence	10	1.8	2	0.4	6	1.1	7	1.3
Harassment	21	3.8	10	1.9	12	2.1	9	1.7
Overcrowding	15	2.7	17	3.2	22	3.9	22	4.1
Asked to leave	141	25.6	147	28.0	189	33.6	199	37.1
Other reason for leaving accommodation / household	58	10.5	38	7.2	22	3.9	18	3.4
Total	551	100	524	100	562	100	536	100

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

Reason	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Financial difficulties/debt/unemployment	65	103	127	151
Welfare Reform-Under occupancy penalty/RSRS	0	4	5	2
Welfare Reform-Benefit Cap	0	0	2	2
Welfare reform-Other	0	6	6	1
Physical health reasons	18	28	29	23
Mental health reasons	35	59	70	51
Unmet need for support from housing/social work/health services	11	12	7	10
Lack of support from friends/family	49	56	66	26
Difficulties managing on own	17	33	37	29
Drug/alcohol dependency	39	36	33	21
Criminal/anti-social behaviour	28	20	22	15
Not to do with applicant household	69	57	68	35
Refused	15	21	14	16

Table 6: local connection

Local connection	2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Local connection with this Local Authority	532	97.8	487	97.0	537	98.2	537	98.4
Local connection with another Local Authority	4	0.7	6	1.3	2	0.4	6	1.1
No local connection with any Local Authority	8	1.5	8	1.7	8	1.5	3	0.5
Total	544	100.0	501	100	547	100	546	100

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

Local connection reason	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Residency (at least 6 months of previous year, or 3 years out of previous 5)	497	459	499	509
Current employment	166	175	189	236
Family associations (family member resident for at least 5 years)	428	410	462	472
Special circumstances	2	9	4	5

Table 8: homeless assessment decisions

Decision	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Homeless - priority unintentional	307	41.9	317	60.3	333	61.2	281	56.1	288	52.7	277	50.7
Homeless - priority intentional	52	7.1	41	7.8	64	11.8	59	11.8	51	9.3	51	9.3
Homeless - non-priority	132	18.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potentially homeless - priority unintentional	7	1.0	14	2.7	1	0.2	9	1.8	28	5.1	48	8.8
Potentially homeless - priority intentional	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	5	0.9	2	0.4
Potentially homeless - non-priority	4	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither homeless nor potentially homeless	56	7.7	49	9.3	45	8.3	47	9.4	59	10.8	37	6.8
Applicant resolved homelessness prior to assessment decision	86	11.7	61	11.6	55	10.1	49	9.8	44	8.0	56	10.3
Lost contact before assessment decision (from 1 April 2007)	7	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.8	2	0.4	3	0.5
Withdrew application before assessment decision (from 1 April 2007)	76	10.4	35	6.7	35	6.4	47	9.4	65	11.9	66	12.1
Ineligible for assistance (from 1 April 2007)	4	0.5	9	1.7	11	2.0	5	0.9	5	0.9	6	1.1
Total	732	100	526	100	544	100	501	100	547	100	546	100

Table 9: local connection by reason of current employment

Local connection by reason of current employment	2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No local connection by reason of employment (unemployed)	366	67.0	352	63.5	366	63.1	321	55.44

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.