

Table 115b **Social Security help with housing costs in Northern Ireland, 1990/91 to 2024/25**

£ 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	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total Housing Benefit and Income Support	148	258	298	405	426	438	483	553	595	621	649	658	671	677	671	641	612	564	537	500	473	471	465
Of which:																							
NIHE tenants	107	175	179	195	196	195	199	203	208	214	227	232	239	249	249	225	216	197	186	177	167	168	162
+ Private and housing associations	27	65	104	197	217	230	263	324	361	387	404	410	417	416	411	407	396	367	351	323	307	303	303
= All tenants	134	240	283	392	413	425	462	527	569	601	631	642	656	665	660	632	612	564	537	500	473	471	465
+ Homeowners	14	18	15	13	13	13	21	26	26	20	18	16	15	13	11	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estimated total universal credit housing benefit payments (all renters)																5	61	147	225	258	297	357	521
Estimated welfare spending on housing cost support																646	673	711	762	758	770	827	986

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. Annual expenditure on homeowner financial support with ongoing housing costs has been below £1 million since 2018/19.
  5. Housing benefit expenditure also excludes discretionary housing payments (DHPs). Some 13,325 households benefitted from DHP expenditure of £5.9 million in 2023/24.
  6. Universal credit expenditure on housing benefit payments to renters cannot currently be broken down by tenure.