



Irish Housing Dynamics: Insights from a 6-Year Time Series Analysis of Social Housing Assessment Records and Housing Assistance Payment Tenancies

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Age of Heads of Household

Year	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
Age of Principal Applicant	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)
18-34 Year Olds	42	43	40	44	38	44	37	43	38	44	37	44
35-54 Year Olds	45	46	46	45	46	45	46	45	44	45	44	45
55 and Over	12	11	13	11	14	11	15	11	16	11	17	11

Household Composition

Year	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)
Household Composition												
Single	42	32	42	30	44	29	47	28	52	28	55	29
Single with 1 - 2 Children	24	32	24	34	25	35	23	35	22	37	20	38
Single with 3 or more children	3	7	3	7	4	7	3	7	3	7	3	6
Couple	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Couple with 1 - 2 Children	13	15	12	16	10	17	10	17	8	17	7	16
Couple with 3 or more children	5	9	5	9	5	9	4	9	3	8	3	7
Other Household Type	10		10		9		8		8		8	

Sex of Head of Household

Year	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
Sex of Principal Applicant	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)	SHA (%)	HAP (%)
Female	53	57	53	60	53	61	52	63	50	63	50	63
Male	47	43	47	40	47	39	48	37	50	37	50	37

Household Types

- ▶ The heads of household in both the SHA and HAP data are predominantly female (57%) and single (73%).
- ▶ SHA applicants have a slightly higher mean age at 38.57 than HAP recipients whose mean age was 38.04.
- ▶ The most common household type when both data sets are considered is single FHH with children (28%).
- ▶ Just over half of these households (57%) had one child.
- ▶ The mean age of female lone parents in the SHA data was 31.46 and in the HAP data was 33.47.

Household Income and Rent

Demographic Variables	SHA Median Income	Median Rent Supplement	Rent* as Percent of Income and Rent Supplement	HAP Median Income	Median HAP Limit	Rent* as Percent of Income and HAP
Female	€993.14	€238.33	85%	€1,516.67	€712.50	47%
Male	€871.00	€251.33	93%	€1,359.78	€712.50	51%
18 - 34	€943.80	€229.67	89%	€1,516.67	€712.50	47%
35 - 54	€881.83	€260.00	92%	€1,549.60	€712.50	46%
55 and Over	€884.00	€238.33	93%	€1,027.00	€712.50	60%

* Median rent calculated as €1,049.2 per month

Household Income Quartiles and Gender

Data Source	SHA		HAP	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Percentile				
25	€12,714	€10,556	€10,296	€9,776
50	€18,200	€16,317	€12,324	€10,556
75	€25,048	€24,544	€17,254	€17,784

Gender and Income

- ▶ Female headed households had a higher median income than male.
- ▶ The gender pay gap in Ireland at this time was 9.6% (Central Statistics Office, 2022d)
- ▶ Male headed households were smaller (SHA = 1.93; HAP = 2.24), than FHH (SHA = 2.37; HAP = 2.58).
- ▶ Single males in the SHA data had the lowest median income of all groups considered (€ 10,036.00 per annum)
- ▶ As single households had the lowest income and men were more likely to be single, this has skewed the median incomes to look like men have lower incomes. Per person, female headed multi- person households had lower incomes than their male peers.

Homelessness and Gender

Experienced Homelessness	SHA (%)	HAP (%)
Female	8%	20%
Male	13%	20%
Total	10%	20%

Experiences of Homelessness

- ▶ When both the SHA and HAP data are combined, 14% of the households considered in this research were identified as experiencing homelessness.
- ▶ Those in the HAP data had a higher rate of experiencing homelessness (20%) than those in the SHA data (10%).
- ▶ Those who experienced homelessness in the HAP data were also more likely to be Female Headed Households (64%) than those in the SHA data (40%).
- ▶ The SHA results reflect more closely the Emergency Accommodation using population during this time, in which adults were more likely to be men (60%).

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