

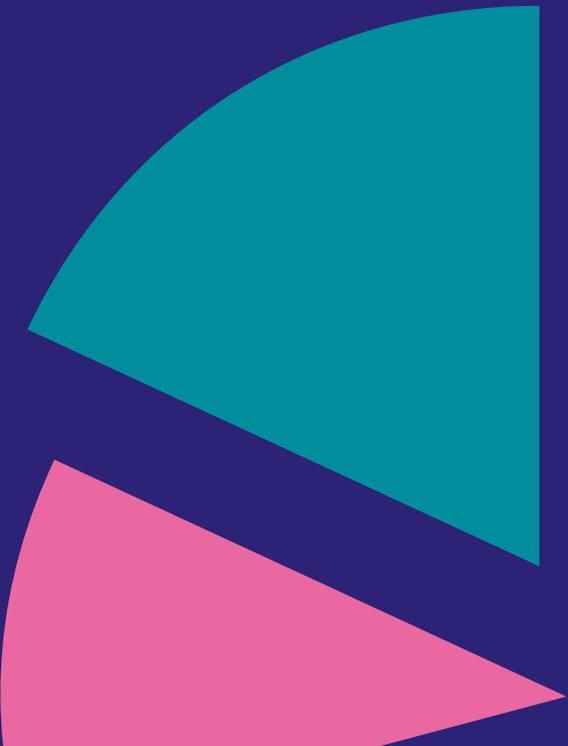
Housing
Executive

IRISH
TRAVELLER

Accommodation
Survey

2018/19

Northern Ireland
Local Government District
Key Findings



INTRODUCTION

The Housing Executive, which is responsible for the provision and management of accommodation for the Irish Traveller community in Northern Ireland, commissioned a survey to inform its Irish Traveller Housing Strategy and Needs Assessment.

Interviews with respondents representing 540 Irish Traveller households, comprising a total of 1,628 individuals, were carried out between May 2019 and January 2020.

In May 2020 we published the findings of the research, which provide an updated and robust insight into the housing circumstances and preferences of Irish Travellers in Northern Ireland and important evidence to inform our Irish Travellers Accommodation Strategy 2020-25.

The full report and tables are available on the Housing Executive website.

PRESENTATION

We have produced infographics for Northern Ireland and each Local Government District, with the exception of North Down and Ards and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Councils; this is due to the small number of Irish Travellers identified and interviewed in these areas. Mid and East Antrim and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Councils have been combined due to the number of Irish Travellers identified and interviewed in each area.

The infographics provide a breakdown of key findings relating to:

- Current accommodation
- Future accommodation
- Nomadic lifestyle
- Communication channels
- Welfare Reform
- Social and Health issues
- Household information

POTENTIAL NEWLY-FORMING HOUSEHOLDS

The research also looked at the potential for newly-forming households.

Respondents were asked if any member of their current household was likely to seek their own accommodation in the next five years and, if yes, at what location. Almost one-fifth (19%) expected a household member to seek their own accommodation within the next five years.

The Northern Ireland figure suggests around 165 household members would form a total of approximately 150 households; the council infographics provide a breakdown for each area.

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NORTHERN IRELAND

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed: **540**

Numbers in households: **1,628**

Households with one or more members disabled: **65%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

10% In work

29% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

4% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

7% Plan to travel in next 3 years

151

HOUSEHOLDS say they may seek new accommodation in the next 5 years

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

- 1
- 2-3
- 4-5
- 6-7
- 8+

Accommodation type %

Internet access (multi answers)

- 2% Outside the home
- 38% Home access
- 21% Smartphone
- 45% Don't access

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

- Satisfied (71%)
- Neither (11%)
- Dissatisfied (18%)

Reported feelings of safety in local area

- Safe (87%)
- Neither (4%)
- Unsafe (9%)

Informed about welfare reform

- Well informed (38%)
- Neither (32%)
- Poorly informed (30%)

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

- Not concerned (57%)
- Some concern (21%)
- Very concerned (22%)

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed: **122**

Numbers in households: **339**

Households with one or more members disabled: **35%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

26% In work

34% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

2% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

1% Plan to travel in next 3 years

8

HOUSEHOLDS say they may seek new accommodation in the next 5 years

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

| | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 | 10% |
| 2-3 | 40% |
| 4-5 | 30% |
| 6-7 | 10% |
| 8+ | 10% |

Accommodation type %

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Permanent/serviced site (NIHE) | 10% |
| Emergency halting site | 10% |
| Social housing | 50% |
| Privately owned | 10% |
| Privately rented | 20% |

Internet access (multi answers)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Outside the home | 1% |
| Home access | 25% |
| Smartphone | 19% |
| Don't access | 57% |

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Satisfied | 67% |
| Neither | 23% |
| Dissatisfied | 10% |

Reported feelings of safety in local area

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Safe | 92% |
| Neither | 6% |
| Unsafe | 2% |

Informed about welfare reform

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Well informed | 54% |
| Neither | 31% |
| Poorly informed | 15% |

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Not concerned | 71% |
| Some concern | 13% |
| Very concerned | 16% |

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BELFAST

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed **48**

Numbers in households **112**

Households with one or more members disabled **52%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

2% In work

54% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

2% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

8% Plan to travel in next 3 years

21

HOUSEHOLDS

say they may seek new accommodation in the next 5 years

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

| | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 | 10% |
| 2-3 | 40% |
| 4-5 | 30% |
| 6-7 | 10% |
| 8+ | 10% |

Accommodation type %

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Permanent/serviced site (NIHE) | 40% |
| Grouped accommodation | 30% |
| Social housing | 20% |
| Mobile caravan/trailer | 5% |
| Other | 5% |

Internet access (multi answers)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Outside the home | 10% |
| Home access | 29% |
| Smartphone | 13% |
| Don't access | 71% |

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Satisfied | 69% |
| Neither | 0% |
| Dissatisfied | 31% |

Reported feelings of safety in local area

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Safe | 85% |
| Neither | 2% |
| Unsafe | 13% |

Informed about welfare reform

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Well informed | 15% |
| Neither | 2% |
| Poorly informed | 83% |

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Not concerned | 56% |
| Some concern | 15% |
| Very concerned | 29% |

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DERRY & STRABANE

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed **50**

Numbers in households **154**

Households with one or more members disabled **68%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

4% In work

22% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

8% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

12% Plan to travel in next 3 years

15

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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

- 1
- 2-3
- 4-5
- 6-7
- 8+

Accommodation type %

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Transit site (basic amenities) | Social housing |
| Grouped accommodation | Privately rented |

Internet access (multi answers)

| | | | |
|------------------|----|--------------|-----|
| Outside the home | 0% | Home access | 58% |
| Smartphone | 8% | Don't access | 36% |

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

- Satisfied (72%)
- Neither (6%)
- Dissatisfied (22%)

Reported feelings of safety in local area

- Safe (92%)
- Neither (2%)
- Unsafe (6%)

Informed about welfare reform

- Well informed (32%)
- Neither (52%)
- Poorly informed (16%)

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

- Not concerned (62%)
- Some concern (36%)
- Very concerned (2%)

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed **60**

Numbers in households **202**

Households with one or more members disabled **58%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

7% In work

27% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

7% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

13% Plan to travel in next 3 years

22

HOUSEHOLDS say they may seek new accommodation in the next 5 years

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

Accommodation type %

Internet access (multi answers)

Outside the home: **2%**

Home access: **38%**

Smartphone: **10%**

Don't access: **52%**

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

Reported feelings of safety in local area

Informed about welfare reform

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed **30**

Numbers in households **108**

Households with one or more members disabled **90%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

3% In work

20% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

3% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

3% Plan to travel in next 3 years

13

HOUSEHOLDS

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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

| | |
|-----|------|
| 1 | 100% |
| 2-3 | 0% |
| 4-5 | 0% |
| 6-7 | 0% |
| 8+ | 0% |

Accommodation type %

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Social housing | 97% |
| Privately owned | 3% |

Internet access (multi answers)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Outside the home | 0% |
| Home access | 70% |
| Smartphone | 0% |
| Don't access | 30% |

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Satisfied | 70% |
| Neither | 7% |
| Dissatisfied | 23% |

Reported feelings of safety in local area

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Safe | 80% |
| Neither | 3% |
| Unsafe | 17% |

Informed about welfare reform

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Well informed | 13% |
| Neither | 13% |
| Poorly informed | 74% |

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Not concerned | 43% |
| Some concern | 17% |
| Very concerned | 40% |

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MID & EAST ANTRIM / ANTRIM & NEWTOWNABBEY

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed: **39**

Numbers in households: **114**

Households with one or more members disabled: **74%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

8% In work

15% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

5% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

3% Plan to travel in next 3 years

10 HOUSEHOLDS say they may seek new accommodation in the next 5 years

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

- 1: 10%
- 2-3: 40%
- 4-5: 30%
- 6-7: 10%
- 8+: 10%

Accommodation type %

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Grouped accommodation | Unauthorised site | Privately rented | Social housing |
| 5% | 10% | 15% | 70% |

Internet access (multi answers)

- Outside the home: 3%
- Home access: 51%
- Smartphone: 36%
- Don't access: 28%

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

- Satisfied: 64%
- Neither: 5%
- Dissatisfied: 31%

Reported feelings of safety in local area

- Safe: 90%
- Neither: 0%
- Unsafe: 10%

Informed about welfare reform

- Well informed: 21%
- Neither: 59%
- Poorly informed: 21%

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

- Not concerned: 72%
- Some concern: 23%
- Very concerned: 5%

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MID ULSTER

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed: **121**

Numbers in households: **335**

Households with one or more members disabled: **83%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

5% In work

5% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

2% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

3% Plan to travel in next 3 years

14 HOUSEHOLDS say they may seek new accommodation in the next 5 years

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

- 1
- 2-3
- 4-5
- 6-7
- 8+

Accommodation type %

Internet access (multi answers)

- Outside the home: **1%**
- Home access: **38%**
- Smartphone: **31%**
- Don't access: **31%**

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

- Satisfied (83%)
- Neither (8%)
- Dissatisfied (10%)

Reported feelings of safety in local area

- Safe (96%)
- Neither (2%)
- Unsafe (3%)

Informed about welfare reform

- Well informed (54%)
- Neither (23%)
- Poorly informed (23%)

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

- Not concerned (42%)
- Some concern (25%)
- Very concerned (33%)

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HOUSEHOLD PROFILES

Households surveyed: **69**

Numbers in households: **263**

Households with one or more members disabled: **81%**

EMPLOYMENT Household level

10% In work

15% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)

3% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

19% Plan to travel in next 3 years

45

HOUSEHOLDS say they may seek new accommodation in the next 5 years

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

% Household size

| | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 | 10% |
| 2-3 | 40% |
| 4-5 | 30% |
| 6-7 | 10% |
| 8+ | 10% |

Accommodation type %

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Grouped accommodation | 5% |
| Social housing | 85% |
| Privately owned | 5% |
| Privately rented | 5% |

Internet access (multi answers)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Outside the home | 0% |
| Home access | 32% |
| Smartphone | 36% |
| Don't access | 45% |

HOUSEHOLD ATTITUDINAL DATA

Satisfaction with accommodation/site

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Satisfied | 61% |
| Neither | 8% |
| Dissatisfied | 30% |

Reported feelings of safety in local area

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Safe | 81% |
| Neither | 1% |
| Unsafe | 17% |

Informed about welfare reform

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Well informed | 25% |
| Neither | 26% |
| Poorly informed | 49% |

Reported concerns about welfare reforms

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Not concerned | 26% |
| Some concern | 35% |
| Very concerned | 39% |

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This report can be found on the Housing Executive website: <https://www.nihe.gov.uk>

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