

03 March 2025

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Request

We received your request on 03 February 2025 for the following information:

- *How many PRS households are in receipt of LHA via Housing Benefit / UC housing costs*
- *Of these how many have a shortfall between contractual rent and LHA*
- *What the average shortfall is in each BRMA*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our response

On 1 March 2025, 14,907 Housing Benefit claims were subject to the current LHA rates. Of these, 6,797 cases had a shortfall between the contractual rent and the LHA rate applied to the claim.

The Housing Executive has no access to information relating to customers in receipt of the housing costs element of Universal Credit.

Category	No. of cases	No. with shortfall	Average shortfall
HB LHA caseload	14,907	6,797	£9.33
South BRMA	1,574	640	£8.14
North BRMA	837	182	£4.05
Lough Neagh Lower BRMA	1,591	880	£12.28
North West BRMA	2,089	1,181	£9.92
South West BRMA	1,471	854	£11.70
South East BRMA	2,144	931	£10.82
Lough Neagh Upper BRMA	2,697	1,590	£13.02
Belfast BRMA	2,504	539	£4.74

This concludes our response.