

# Housing Association Activity Report 2017

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Housing associations (also known as approved housing bodies, AHBs) provide social housing in communities throughout Ireland. In recent years, housing associations have been actively working to increase the number of homes they provide in response to the housing crisis. In 2017, housing associations provided 2,330 homes for social housing from a number of delivery streams. The Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) continues to support its members to provide much-needed homes and to overcome challenges to delivery.

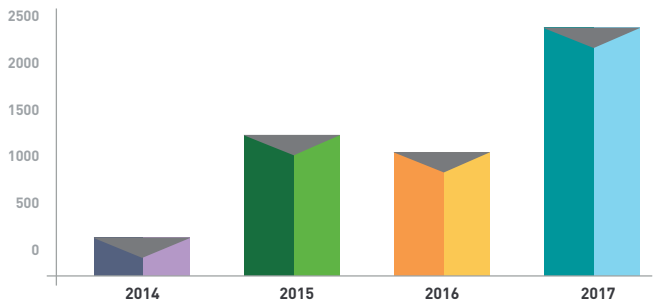
Housing associations work in partnership with every local authority in the delivery of new homes with the common aim of reducing local authority social housing waiting lists. Below is a report on the output of housing associations in 2017.

AHBs delivered

# 1/3

of long-term social housing in 2017

## House Completions by Housing Associations 2014 – 2017



## State Supported Housing

Housing associations provide and manage 33,000 homes throughout Ireland for families, older people, homeless people and people with disabilities.

# 20,306

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

# 31,200

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

# 34,378

Rent Supplement

# 33,000

Housing Association

# 141,504

Local Authority



# Number of homes provided by housing associations in 2017

3,160  
Homes

Off the  
waiting list



Build,  
Acquisition,  
Leasing

2,330



Re-lets of  
existing  
homes

830

1,891

**Under Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SHCEP)**  
Housing for families & single-person households

439

**Under the Capital Assistance Scheme**  
Housing for older people, people who are homeless and people with disabilities

# How are we progressing?

## 28,351 tenancies

from over 300 housing associations registered with the RTB providing tenancy security and dispute resolution processes.

## 16 housing associations

have certified borrower status from the Housing Finance Agency (HFA). The HFA approved €340 million loan finance for the provision of 2,180 homes.

173

people in homelessness were accommodated via Housing First.

## 15 family hubs

delivered by housing associations in 2017.

## 4 in 5 tenants

are satisfied (or very satisfied) with the services that they receive from their housing association\*.

*\*Source: ICSH Tenant Satisfaction Survey 2017*

## 250+ housing associations

have signed up to the Voluntary Regulation Code.

## 90% of NAMA Properties

(over 2,200)

for social housing were delivered by housing associations.

## 619 applications

under the Mortgage to Rent scheme assisted homeowners at risk of losing their homes.

# What's in the pipeline?

5,756

homes in the delivery pipeline\*.

*\* Source: ICSH Development Survey*

15,500

## social homes

to be delivered by housing associations out of a total of 50,000 under Rebuilding Ireland by 2021.

**Rebuilding  
Ireland**  
Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness

# Enabling factors to increase sector housing supply

**Access to a planned pipeline of sites for new housing association development.**  
An affordable housing model for the delivery of homes at sub-market rent levels by housing associations.



**Streamline the approvals process** for new build and acquisitions under the capital assistance scheme for homes for people who are homeless, older persons, people with disabilities and young people leaving state care.



**Work with the sector in reversing the reclassification** decision placing housing associations on the Government's balance sheet.



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