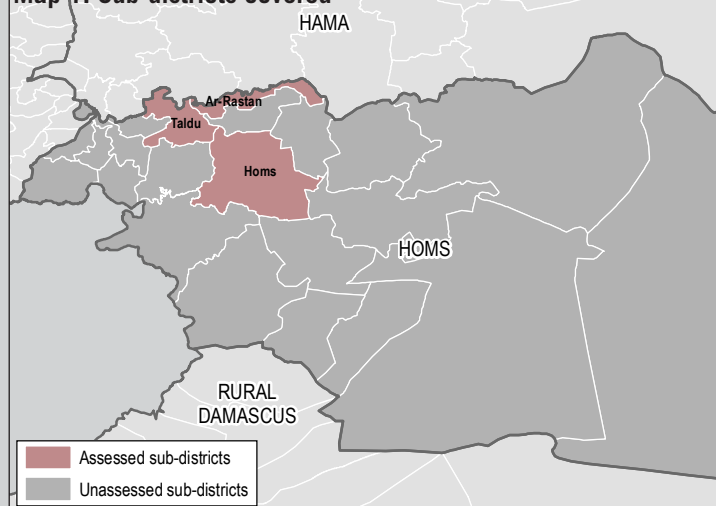


OVERVIEW

The Syria Shelter and Non-food Item (NFI) assessment aims to provide comprehensive information on the shelter status and NFI access of populations across Syria. This factsheet presents findings drawn from a representative sample of 336 households surveyed across 3 sub-districts in Homs¹. Data was collected from 6 July to 10 August 2017. Results are representative of assessed communities in each sub-district at a 95% confidence level and 10% margin of error. The factsheet occasionally refers to data from a [similar assessment](#) carried out in December 2016 for the purpose of comparison, although these comparisons are only indicative due to differences in sub-districts covered between the two assessments.

Overall, assessed sub-districts of Homs had the highest proportion of non-displaced people amongst assessed governorates, at 78%. In addition, over 80% of households possessed documentation to prove their shelter occupancy status, higher than other assessed governorates. However, over 50% of households reported shelter damage. While households reported fewer NFI availability and affordability issues than in many other governorates, clothing, fuel and sleeping mats were frequently reported as priority NFI needs.

Map 1: Sub-districts covered



DEMOGRAPHICS

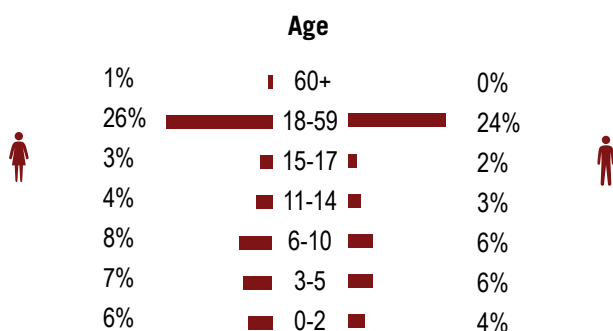
Estimated total population across the governorate²:

1,417,566 people

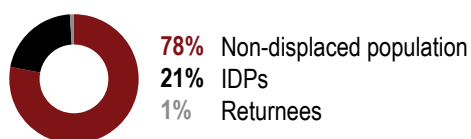
Estimated population of assessed sub-districts²:

154,817 people

Population distribution by gender and age:



Population displacement status:

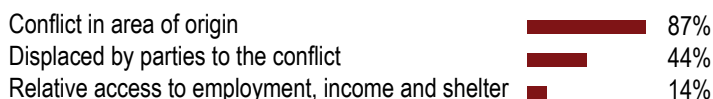


Average household size:

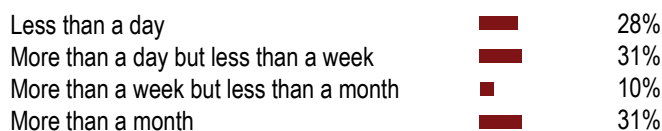
4.7 people

DISPLACEMENT

For the 22% of households that include IDPs, top 3 reasons for moving to their current location³:



For the 22% of households that include IDPs, amount of time to prepare before most recent displacement:



Average time since IDPs arrived in their current location:

2.3 years

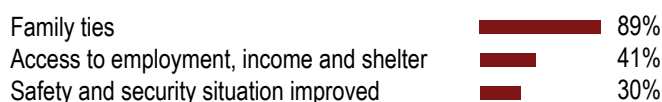
Average amount of time that IDPs have spent in current shelter:

1.5 years

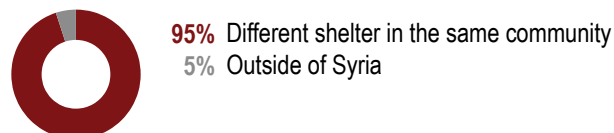
Average number of times IDPs have been displaced before arriving in their current location:

1.8

For the 1% of households that include returnees, top 3 reasons for returning to their areas of origin³:



1% of households intend to leave their current location within the next month, with intended destinations as follows:



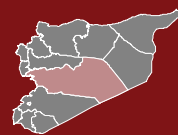
For these 1%, top 3 reasons for intending to leave their current location³:

1. Improve access to or upgrade shelter
2. Proximity to relatives/friends
3. Cheaper rent or housing prices elsewhere

1. As Homs city was largely inaccessible, the findings for Homs sub-district apply only to accessible communities outside the city.

2. NPM Mobility Dynamics and Services Monthly Report June 2017.

3. Multiple choices allowed.



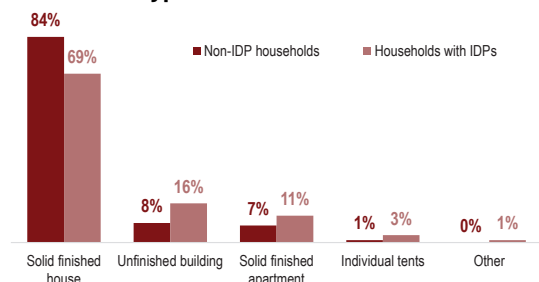
SHelter

Average number of households per shelter: **1.2**

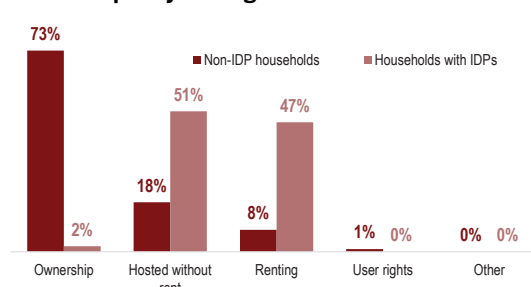
Average number of people per shelter: **5.5**

Average number of people per bedroom: **3.2**

Percentage of households with IDPs and non-IDP households living in each shelter type:



Percentage of households with IDPs and non-IDP households living in each occupancy arrangement:

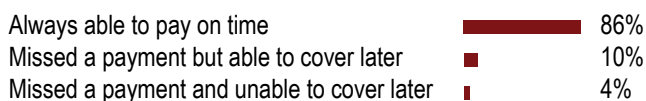


Average monthly rent over the past three months: **12 USD¹**
(Dec 2016: 23 USD)

17% of households reported renting. Change in rental price over the past 3 months:



Of these **17%**, ability to pay rent on time over the past 3 months:



HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY (HLP)

80% of households reported possessing legal documentation to prove their occupancy status. Of these, top 3 most common types of documentation:

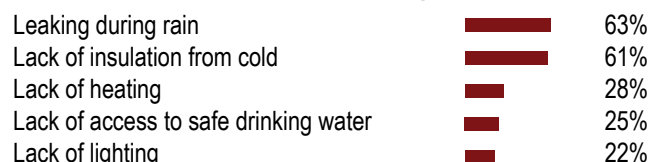


11% of households reported HLP problems, most commonly due to No data.

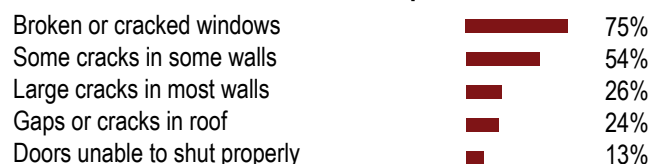
Of these **11%**, **4%** reported that HLP problems made them uncertain of their ability to remain in their shelter.

SHelter ADEQUACY/DAMAGE

33% of households reported shelter adequacy issues (compared with **34%** in December 2016). Of those, top 5 issues²:

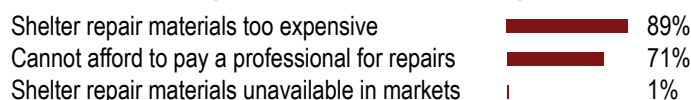


55% of households reported shelter damage (compared with **87%** in December 2016). Of those, the top 5 issues were²:

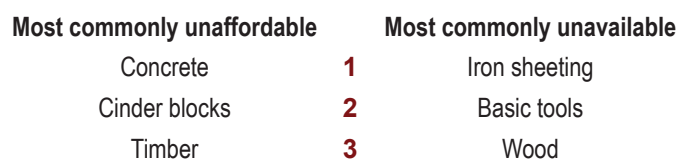


SHelter REPAIR AND SUPPORT

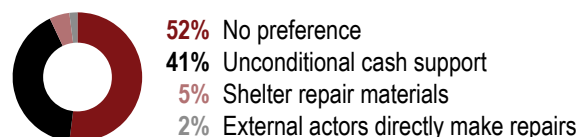
Of the **55%** of households reporting shelter damage, **59%** were unable to conduct repairs to shelter. Of those, top 3 reasons²:



Top 3 unavailable and unaffordable shelter repair materials reported²:



Reported preference for shelter support:

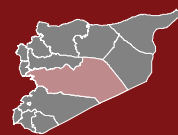


41% of households reported receiving no information about shelter support in the last year.

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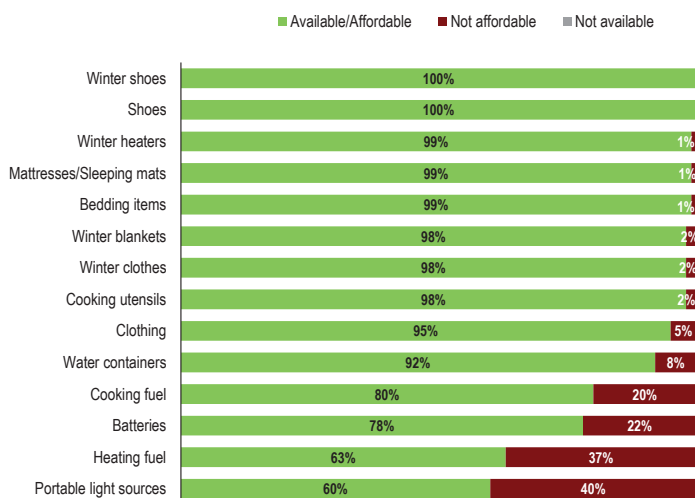
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NFIs

Reported availability and affordability of NFIs on markets (July 2017):



Change in NFI availability over the past 3 months:



Priority NFI needs reported per age and gender groups¹:

	1.	2.	3.
Girls (0-17y)	Clothing	Shoes	Mattresses/sleeping mats
Boys (0-17y)	Clothing	Shoes	Mattresses/sleeping mats
Women (18-59y)	Clothing	Cooking fuel	Cooking utensils
Men (18-59y)	Heating fuel	Cooking fuel	Clothing
Elderly (60+ y)	Heating fuel	Winter clothes	Winter blankets

46% of households adopted coping strategies in response to a lack of NFIs, most commonly¹:

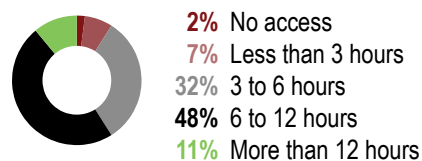
1. Borrowing money or buying on credit
2. Reducing non food expenses
3. Selling household assets

ELECTRICITY

1% of households reported no main source of electricity. For the remaining 99%, the main sources were as follows:



Reported hours of electricity available per day:



95% of households reportedly adopted coping strategies in response to a lack of electricity, most commonly¹:

1. Use battery powered devices such as torches
2. Use electricity for certain purposes only
3. Use battery powered devices such as torches

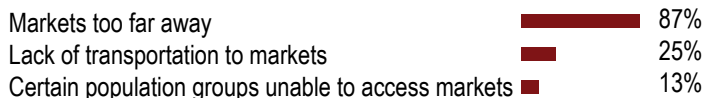
FUEL

Top 3 main sources of heating and cooking fuel:

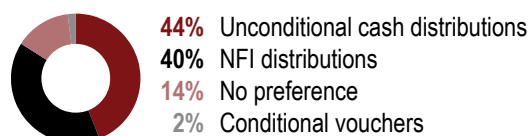
Cooking fuel	% of households using the source	Heating fuel	% of households using the source
Gas	77%	Wood/charcoal	60%
Wood/charcoal	11%	Diesel	33%
Other	5%	Other	6%

ACCESS TO MARKETS AND NFI SUPPORT

6% of households reported challenges accessing a market, most commonly¹:



Reported preference for NFI support:

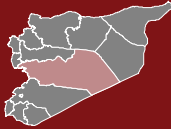


7% of households reported receiving no information about NFI support in the past year.

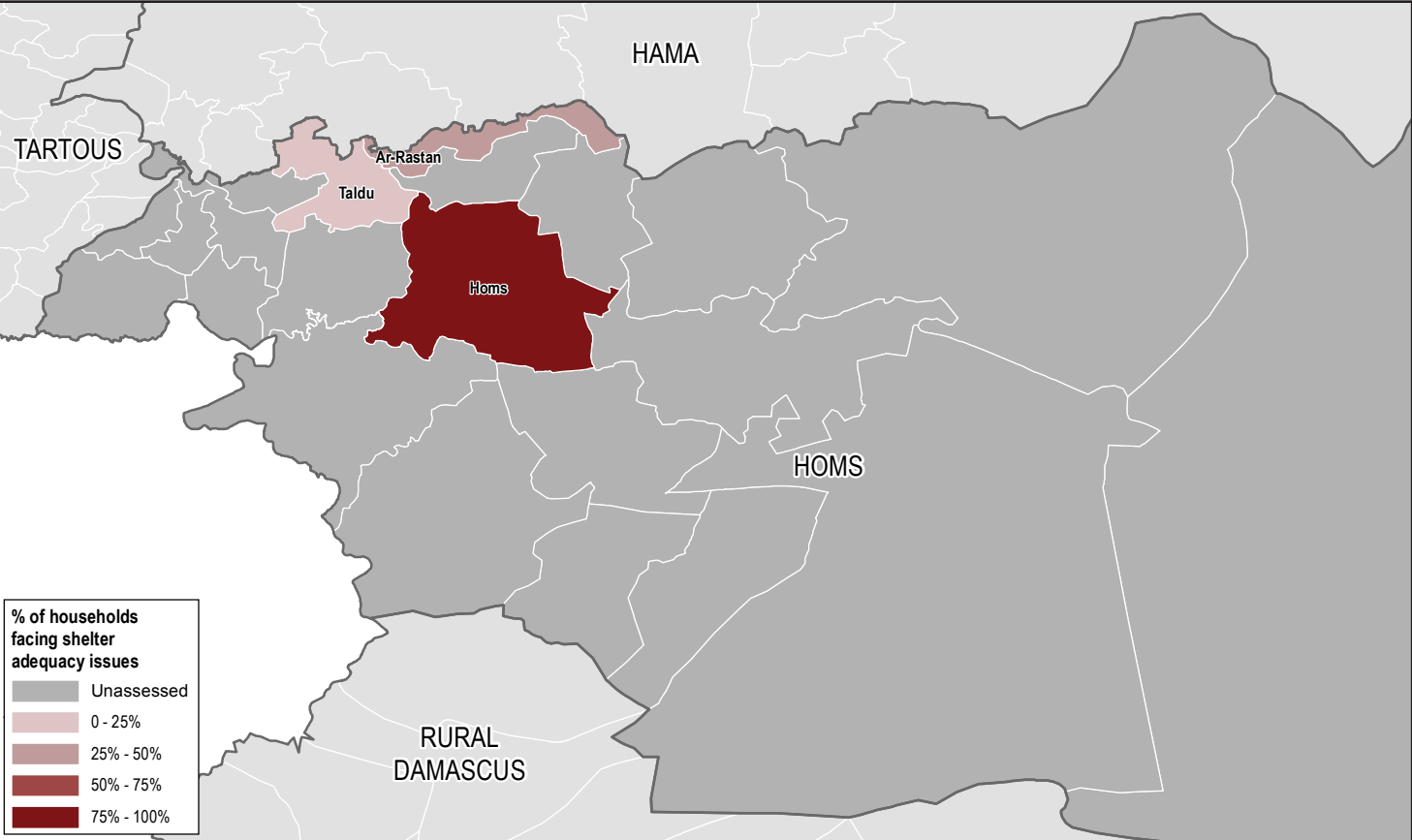
Top 5 most likely NFIs to be purchased with cash/voucher-based aid¹:



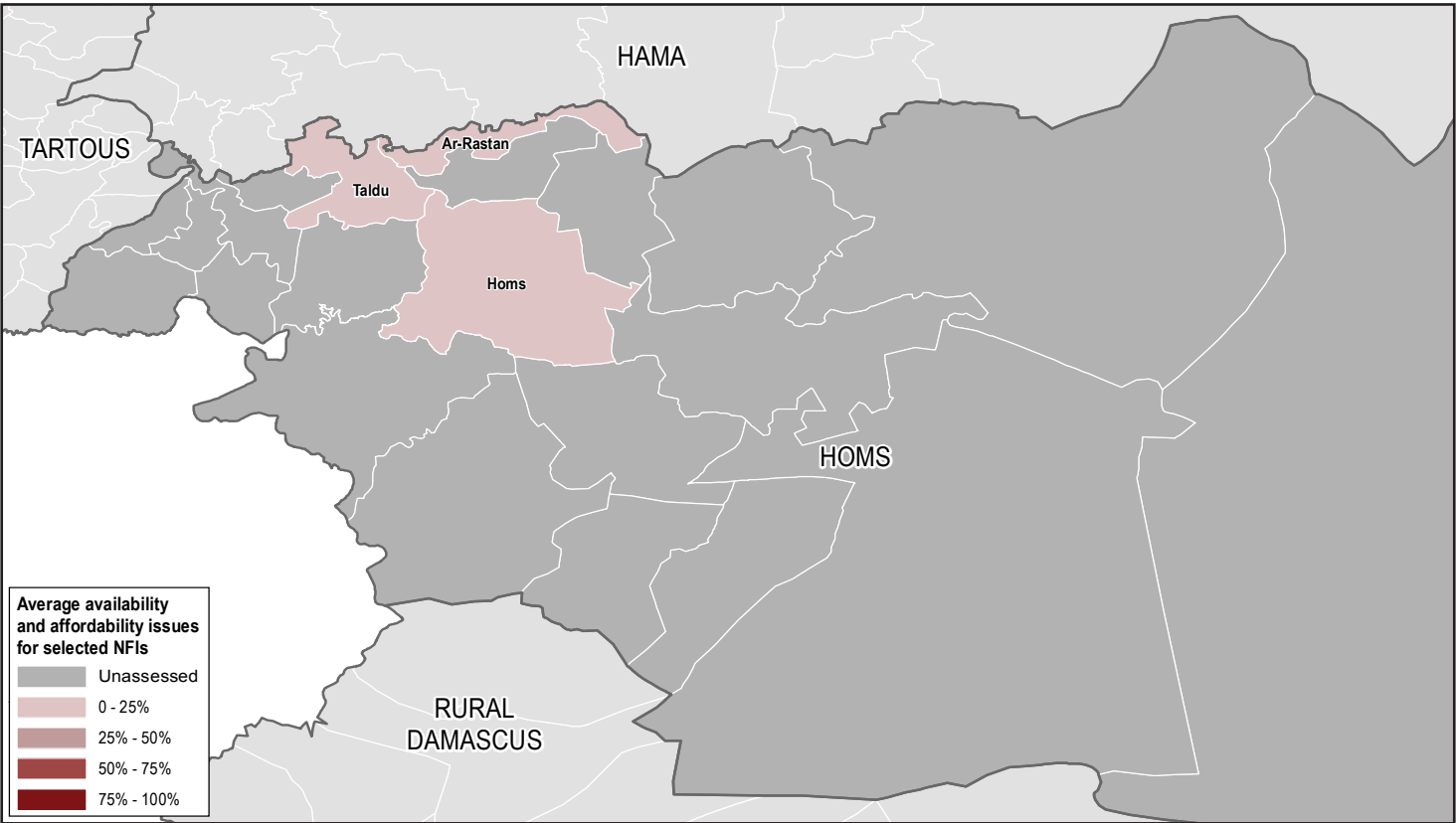
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Map 2: Proportion of households reporting shelter adequacy issues (by sub-district)



Map 3: Average levels of NFI availability and affordability problems¹ (by sub-district)



1. Calculated as an average of the percentage unavailability/unaffordability reported for each NFI item displayed in the availability/affordability graph on the previous page.