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# Grassroots sport in Northern Ireland: A summary of participation and potential challenges

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This research paper seeks to describe current levels of participation in grassroots sport in Northern Ireland, and to highlight some potential issues and challenges.

**Facilities Planning Model – Shortfall Identified**

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## Annex 1: Unmet demand in sports halls across 26 council areas

| Council area   | Shortfall by population |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Moyle          | 3.11                    |
| Derry          | 2.69                    |
| Down           | 2.43                    |
| Armagh         | 2.29                    |
| Ballymoney     | 2.02                    |
| Antrim         | 1.87                    |
| Ballymena      | 1.82                    |
| Coleraine      | 1.80                    |
| Ards           | 1.80                    |
| Banbridge      | 1.79                    |
| Craigavon      | 1.72                    |
| Newry & Mourne | 1.66                    |
| Cookstown      | 1.60                    |
| Magherafelt    | 1.59                    |
| Lisburn        | 1.53                    |
| Newtownabbey   | 1.50                    |
| Belfast        | 1.48                    |
| Carrickfergus  | 1.40                    |
| Castlereagh    | 1.36                    |
| North Down     | 1.36                    |
| Dungannon      | 1.22                    |
| Fermanagh      | 1.12                    |
| Strabane       | 1.11                    |
| Larne          | 1.04                    |
| Limavady       | 0.82                    |
| Omagh          | 0.66                    |

Unmet demand for sports halls in Northern Ireland<sup>1</sup>

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This information is taken from: Sport NI, 2009, *Active Places Research Report 2009: Bridging the Gap*:  
[www.sportni.net/activeplaces](http://www.sportni.net/activeplaces)