

10. Claims and schemes in assessment

Summary

- This chapter shows information on the schemes¹⁹ that were in a PPF assessment period as at 31 March 2020. Once they have made a claim, all schemes go through an assessment period to determine their ability to pay PPF levels of compensation before they are able to enter the PPF. The changes over the year since 31 March 2019 reflect new schemes entering and remaining in assessment, schemes transferring into the PPF and schemes being rescued, rejected or withdrawn.
- The following table sets out some of the statistics about schemes in PPF assessment as at 31 March 2020, including comparisons with both the previous year and schemes in the universe.

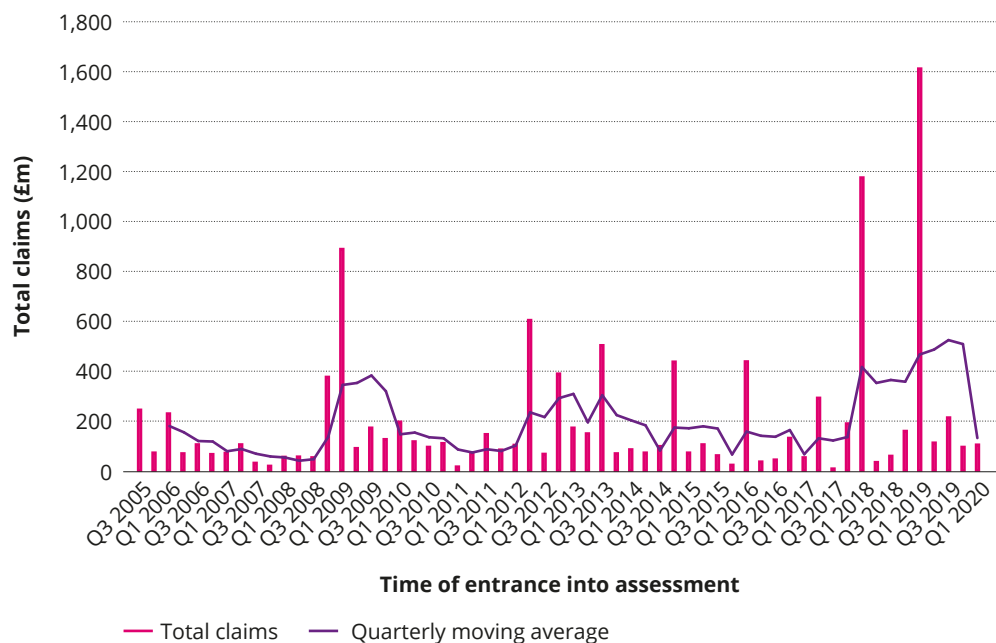
	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
Schemes in assessment ²⁰	Number of schemes	80
	Number of records in respect of all members ²¹	159,000
	Total assets	£10.3bn
	Total PPF liabilities	£13.6bn
	Funding ratio	76%
Schemes in universe	Funding ratio	95%

Schemes entering assessment

Figure 10.1 | Total s179 claims for schemes entering an assessment period

The total s179 deficit of schemes entering assessment in the year to 31 March 2020 was £519 million.

Source: PPF



19 For the purpose of this chapter we treat separate sections and segregated parts of the same scheme as one single scheme. We also include overfunded schemes. This is different from the approach in the PPF's Annual Report and Accounts which treats all segregated parts of schemes as separate schemes, and generally excludes overfunded schemes.

20 These figures differ from those in the Annual Report and Accounts because of the exclusion of expected reapplications in *The Purple Book* and the use of a different set of actuarial assumptions.

21 Some members have more than one record in the data.

Figure 10.2 | Number of schemes in assessment each year as at 31 March

80 schemes were in PPF assessment at 31 March 2020, up from 73 last year.

Source: PPF

Note: the figures in the chart exclude those schemes that came into assessment and were subsequently rescued, rejected or withdrawn in the same year.

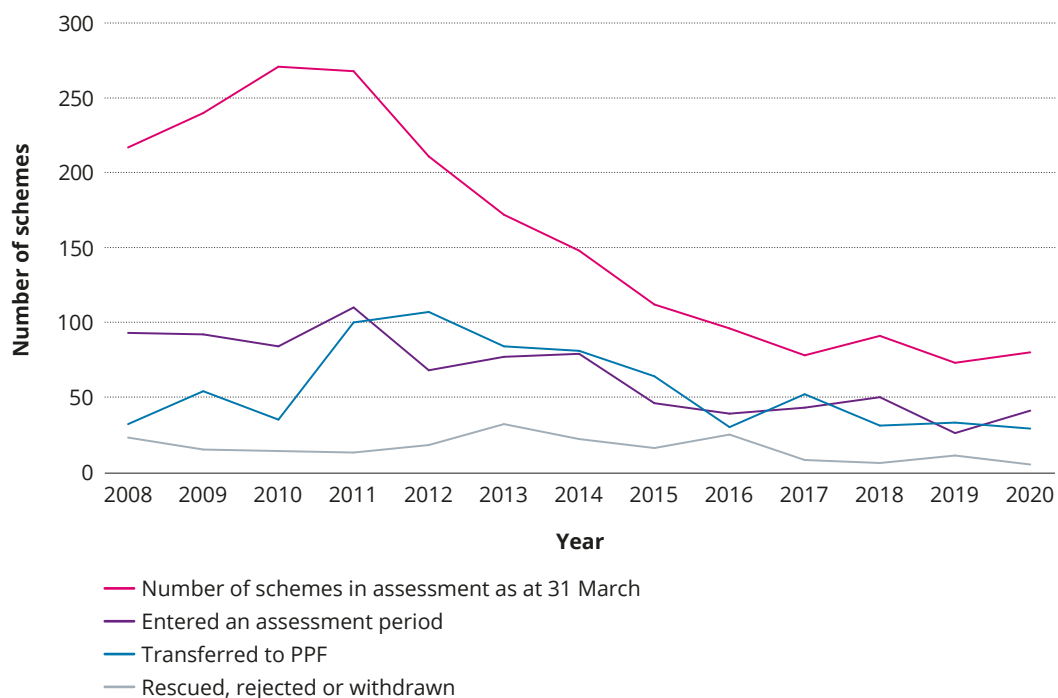


Figure 10.3 | Funding statistics for schemes in assessment each year as at 31 March

The funding ratio of schemes in assessment at 31 March 2020 increased to 76 per cent from last year's 69 per cent. Conversely, the funding ratio of all PPF-eligible schemes fell to 95 per cent from 99 per cent over the same period.

Source: PPF

Year	Assets (£bn)	Liabilities (£bn)	(Deficit)/surplus (£bn)	Funding ratio	Universe funding ratio
2007	4.0	4.7	-0.7	85%	109%
2008	4.2	5.4	-1.2	78%	99%
2009	6.7	9.4	-2.8	71%	80%
2010	8.9	10.0	-1.1	89%	104%
2011	9.5	10.9	-1.4	87%	100%
2012	6.2	8.4	-2.2	74%	83%
2013	5.8	7.6	-1.8	77%	84%
2014	5.8	7.6	-1.7	77%	97%
2015	5.3	7.5	-2.3	70%	84%
2016	5.0	7.4	-2.4	68%	86%
2017	5.6	6.6	-1.0	85%	91%
2018	6.9	9.3	-2.4	74%	96%
2019	7.7	11.2	-3.5	69%	99%
2020	10.3	13.6	-3.3	76%	95%

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Scheme demographics

Figure 10.4 | Percentage of schemes and percentage of s179 liabilities grouped by size of liabilities for schemes in assessment as at 31 March 2020

Schemes in PPF assessment that have liabilities of over £250 million represent around 11 per cent of schemes and 78 per cent of liabilities.

Source: PPF

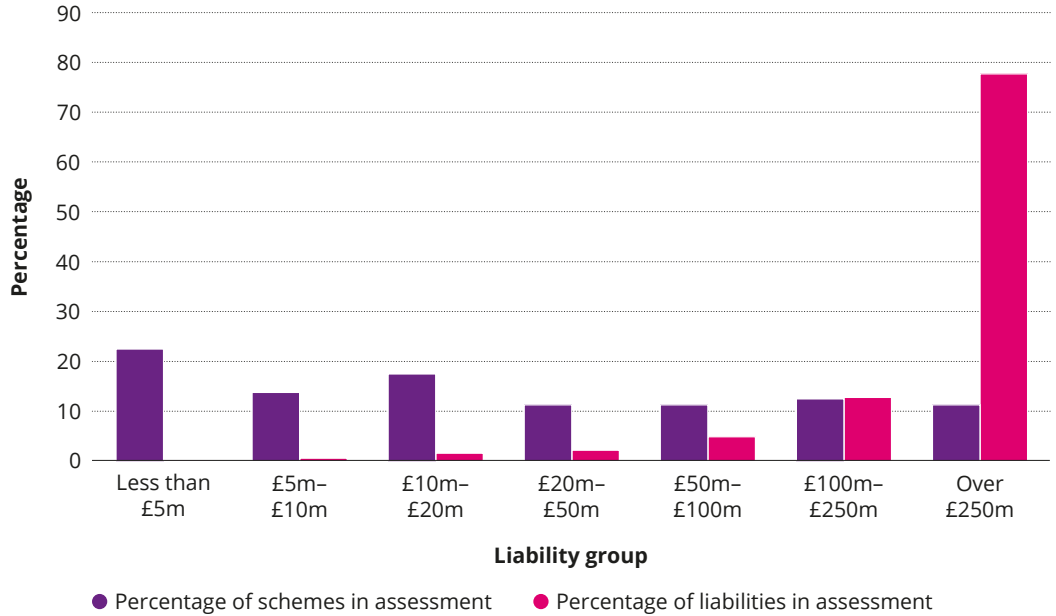


Figure 10.5 | Proportion of schemes in assessment by membership size

75 per cent of schemes in assessment have fewer than 1,000 members.

Source: PPF

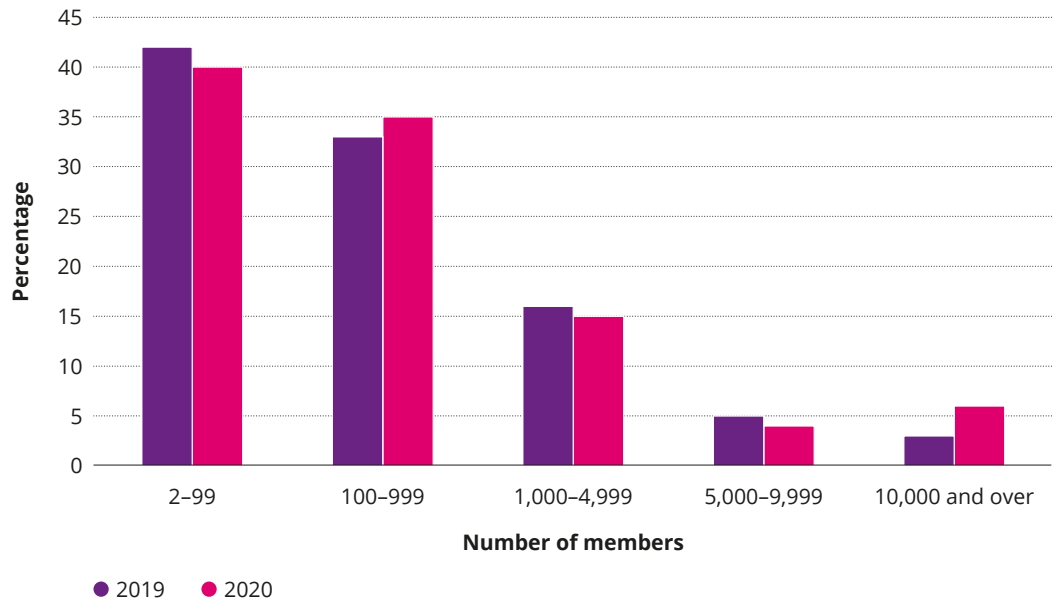


Figure 10.6 | Maturity of schemes in assessment by membership size

Broadly half of members in schemes in assessment are pensioners and half are deferred members.

Source: PPF



Figure 10.7 | Total s179 deficit of schemes in assessment by liability size

86 per cent of the deficit from schemes in assessment relates to schemes with liabilities of over £100 million, down from 92 per cent last year.

Source: PPF

