

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government

Homelessness Report April 2017

The long-term solution to the current homeless issue is to increase the supply of homes; accordingly Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness is designed to accelerate all types of housing supply – social, private and rental. In particular, Rebuilding Ireland seeks the delivery of increased volumes of social housing over the coming years (47,000 units by 2021) and places a focus on delivering long-term housing solutions for homeless households. Successes are being achieved in this regard, for example housing authorities assisted in more than 3,000 sustainable exits from homeless during 2016.

It is recognised that hotel accommodation is inappropriate for accommodating families for anything other than a short period of time. Accordingly Rebuilding Ireland included an explicit commitment to ensure that by mid-2017 hotels will only be relied on for emergency accommodation in limited circumstances. To meet this objective, in addition to providing for long-term housing needs, an emphasis is being placed on the delivery of additional and enhanced family-focussed facilities to provide better short-term accommodation solutions for families, than can be delivered in hotels, while longer-term accommodation options are identified and secured.

While the overall numbers in emergency accommodation showed an increase during April, progress is being made in relation to the hotels / B&Bs objective – at the end of March a total of 870 homeless families were housed in commercial hotels and B&Bs in the Dublin Region; at the end of April this figure had fallen to 695.

Details of households accessing local authority managed emergency accommodation during the week of 24 – 30 April 2017

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	3337	1785	1552	548	2098	645	46	1459	1823	75	0
Mid-East	234	134	100	35	140	50	9	123	82	29	0
Midlands	78	36	42	18	52	7	1	37	0	41	0
Mid-West	324	189	135	45	202	71	6	83	203	38	0
North-East	151	87	64	19	100	28	4	113	40	0	0
North-West	52	36	16	6	24	21	1	0	27	12	13
South-East	282	195	87	53	153	66	10	102	161	3	16
South-West	332	218	114	37	210	77	8	140	196	0	0
West	182	113	69	32	85	62	3	70	105	2	5
TOTAL	4972	2793	2179	793	3064	1027	88	2127	2637	200	34

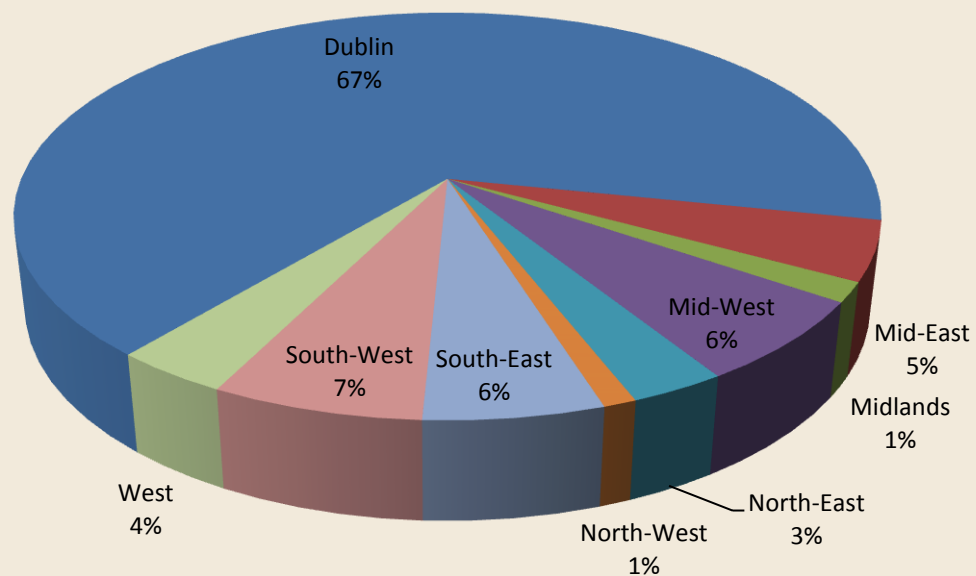
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

STA - Supported Temporary Accommodation: accommodation, including hostels, with onsite professional support

TEA - Temporary Emergency Accommodation: emergency accommodation with no (or minimal) support

* Note: clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week

Homelessness by region during the week of 24 – 20 April 2017



<u>Dublin</u>	3337	<u>North-West</u>	
		Donegal	21
<u>Mid-East</u>		Leitrim	0
Kildare	121	Sligo	31
Meath	78	<u>South-East</u>	
Wicklow	35	Carlow	14
<u>Midlands</u>		Kilkenny	67
Laois	14	Tipperary	65
Longford	13	Waterford	91
Offaly	34	Wexford	45
Westmeath	17	<u>South-West</u>	
<u>Mid-West</u>		Cork	278
Clare	35	Kerry	54
Limerick	289	<u>West</u>	
<u>North-East</u>		Galway	165
Louth	148	Mayo	8
Monaghan	1	Roscommon	9
Cavan	2		

Family homelessness during the week of 24 – 30 April 2017

Region	Total Families	Total adults	(of which) single parent families	Total dependents
Dublin	1091	1465	717	2262
Mid-East	36	51	21	75
Midlands	25	37	13	38
Mid-West	46	59	33	86
North-East	18	32	4	44
North-West	2	2	2	7
South-East	9	13	5	15
South-West	54	73	35	126
West	21	29	13	55
TOTAL	1302	1761	843	2708