

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government

Homelessness Report December 2016

There have been significant increases in rates of homelessness in recent times. However it is important to note that much is being done to address homelessness and to secure sustainable tenancies for homeless households. For example, housing authorities assisted in more than 2,000 sustainable exits from homeless in the first three-quarters of 2016. While final details are awaited, it is anticipated that 2,700 sustainable exits will have been achieved in 2016.

The root cause of increased homelessness is the supply shortage across the housing sector, which in turn is a result of the recent economic collapse and the associated damage to the construction sector. Accordingly the long-term solution to the current homeless issue is to increase the supply of homes. Rebuilding Ireland – an Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness was launched in July 2016 and provides a multi-stranded, action-oriented approach to achieving the Government’s key housing objectives, and to tackle homelessness in a comprehensive manner.

The Action Plan is designed to accelerate all types of housing supply – social, private and rental. Over the next six years, some 47,000 new social houses will be provided and housing output generally will be progressively increased towards the target of producing 25,000 houses per year through all channels. The Plan provides for early solutions to address the high number of households in emergency accommodation, such as:

- 1,500 rapid-build units;
- 1,600 vacant units sourced by the Housing Agency; and
- 1,750 HAP Homeless Tenancies.

This whole-of-Government Plan has been developed in close collaboration with other key Government Departments and Agencies, under the oversight of a dedicated Cabinet Committee chaired by An Taoiseach. The Plan sets out the path to achieving the critical national ambition of ensuring that all our people have access to quality and affordable housing.

The Action Plan is available through the Department’s website at: <http://rebuildingireland.ie/>

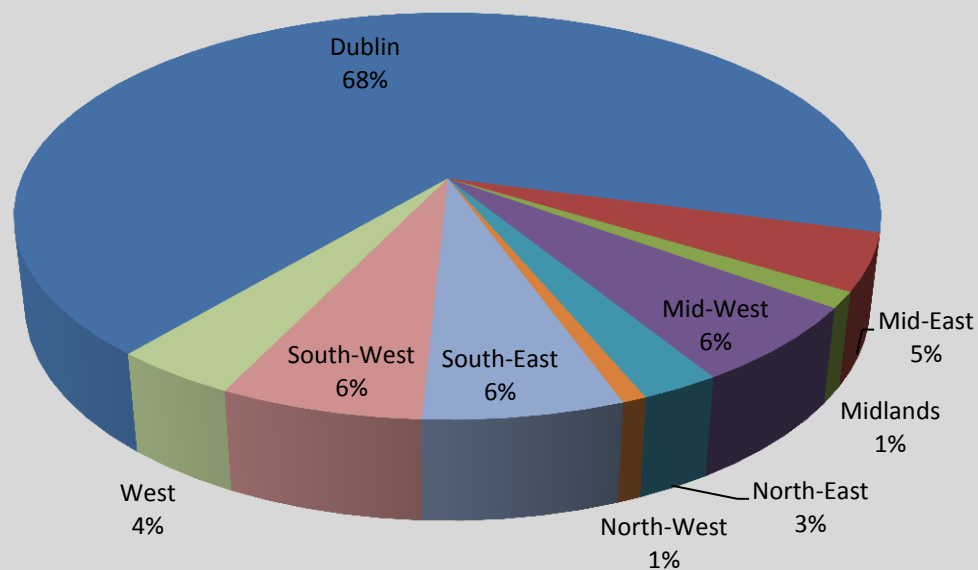
Details of households accessing local authority managed emergency accommodation during the week of 19–25 December 2016

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	3162	1713	1449	533	1987	599	43	1755	1394	68	0
Mid-East	210	123	87	28	127	48	7	92	84	34	0
Midlands	59	32	27	17	28	13	1	23	0	36	0
Mid-West	288	183	105	43	164	73	8	54	201	33	0
North-East	116	72	44	20	68	23	5	70	44	2	0
North-West	36	26	10	5	19	12	0	1	20	7	8
South-East	293	201	92	56	156	69	12	104	170	4	15
South-West	296	206	90	34	184	71	7	106	195	0	0
West	183	131	52	29	96	57	1	63	97	18	6
TOTAL	4643	2687	1956	765	2829	965	84	2268	2205	202	29

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 19-25 December 2016



Dublin 3162

Mid-East

Kildare 107
Meath 67
Wicklow 36

Midlands

Laois 11
Longford 10
Offaly 20
Westmeath 18

Mid-West

Clare 31
Limerick 257

North-East

Louth 111
Monaghan 1
Cavan 4

North-West

Donegal 15
Leitrim 0
Sligo 21

South-East

Carlow 15
Kilkenny 70
Tipperary 68
Waterford 92
Wexford 48

South-West

Cork 258
Kerry 38

West

Galway 165
Mayo 12
Roscommon 6

Family homelessness during the week of 19-25 December 2016

Region	Total Families	Total adults	(of which) single parent families	Total dependents
Dublin	1028	1382	674	2096
Mid-East	28	43	13	75
Midlands	13	17	9	22
Mid-West	39	49	29	86
North-East	18	32	4	36
North-West	1	1	1	1
South-East	19	26	12	36
South-West	38	48	28	91
West	21	29	13	62
TOTAL	1205	1627	783	2505