

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government

Homelessness Report February 2017

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 3,000 sustainable exits from homeless during 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 lifetime of the Plan, some 47,000 new social houses will be provided, supported by Exchequer investment of over €5 billion, and housing output generally will be progressively increased towards the target of producing 25,000 houses per year through all channels.

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 20 – 26 February 2017

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	3310	1791	1519	550	2080	634	46	1768	1537	72	0
Mid-East	227	127	100	32	138	48	09	116	81	30	0
Midlands	67	31	36	16	40	10	1	24	0	43	0
Mid-West	301	192	109	41	177	75	8	61	201	39	0
North-East	105	67	38	8	66	28	3	61	44	0	0
North-West	44	33	11	7	21	15	1	1	24	8	11
South-East	282	194	88	47	157	64	14	98	164	4	16
South-West	341	228	113	40	212	83	6	139	205	0	0
West	198	134	64	35	94	67	2	64	123	29	5
TOTAL	4875	2797	2078	776	2985	1024	90	2332	2379	225	32

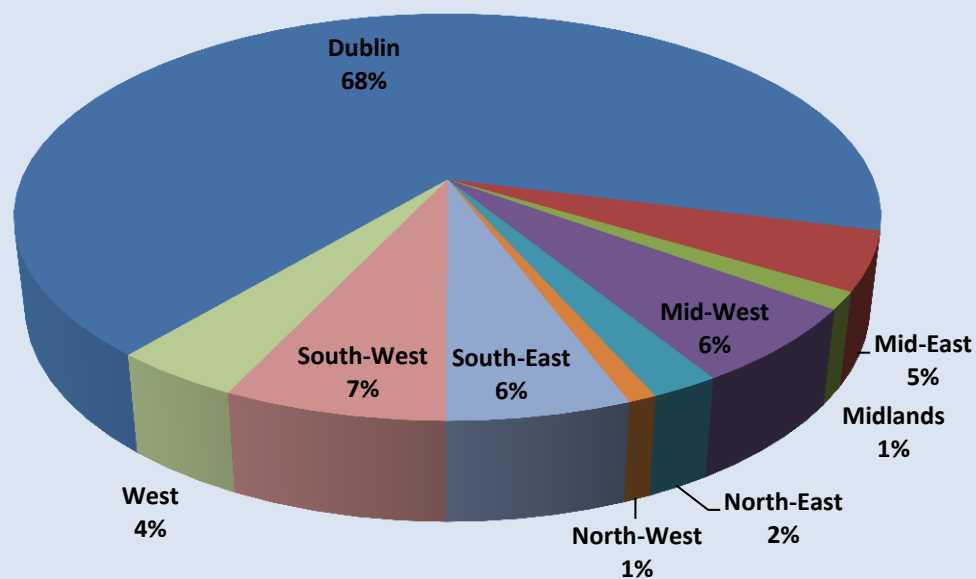
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 20 – 26 February 2017



<u>Dublin</u>	3310	<u>North-West</u>	
		Donegal	18
<u>Mid-East</u>		Leitrim	0
Kildare	118	Sligo	26
Meath	74		
Wicklow	35	<u>South-East</u>	
		Carlow	12
<u>Midlands</u>		Kilkenny	66
Laois	14	Tipperary	66
Longford	10	Waterford	91
Offaly	26	Wexford	47
Westmeath	17		
		<u>South-West</u>	
<u>Mid-West</u>		Cork	293
Clare	34	Kerry	48
Limerick	267		
		<u>West</u>	
<u>North-East</u>		Galway	182
Louth	104	Mayo	9
Monaghan	0	Roscommon	7
Cavan	1		

Family homelessness during the week of 20 – 26 February 2017

Region	Total Families	Total adults	(of which) single parent families	Total dependents
Dublin	1055	1410	700	2129
Mid-East	28	40	16	74
Midlands	18	22	14	34
Mid-West	42	53	31	85
North-East	10	15	5	17
North-West	2	2	2	4
South-East	10	12	8	15
South-West	50	67	33	125
West	24	35	13	63
TOTAL	1239	1656	822	2546