

## The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government

### Homelessness Report July 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/individuals. For example, during the course of 2015, housing authorities assisted in 2,313 sustainable exits from homelessness i.e. into independent social housing or supported private rented tenancies. Also, in particular for the Dublin Region where homelessness is most acute, 825 households/individuals made the transition from homelessness into sustainable tenancies in the first half of 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 25-31 July**

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	2922	1586	1336	487	1827	568	40	1585	1289	65	0
Mid-East	202	125	77	29	118	47	8	73	83	46	0
Midlands	49	23	26	11	31	5	2	16	0	33	0
Mid-West	228	155	73	22	139	58	9	17	199	12	0
North-East	81	50	31	13	48	18	2	39	41	1	0
North-West	30	28	2	2	14	14	0	0	22	8	0
South-East	278	188	90	58	136	69	15	88	175	4	11
South-West	235	167	68	21	137	72	5	46	196	0	0
West	152	100	52	24	80	46	2	56	98	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4177</b>	<b>2422</b>	<b>1755</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>2530</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1920</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>11</b>

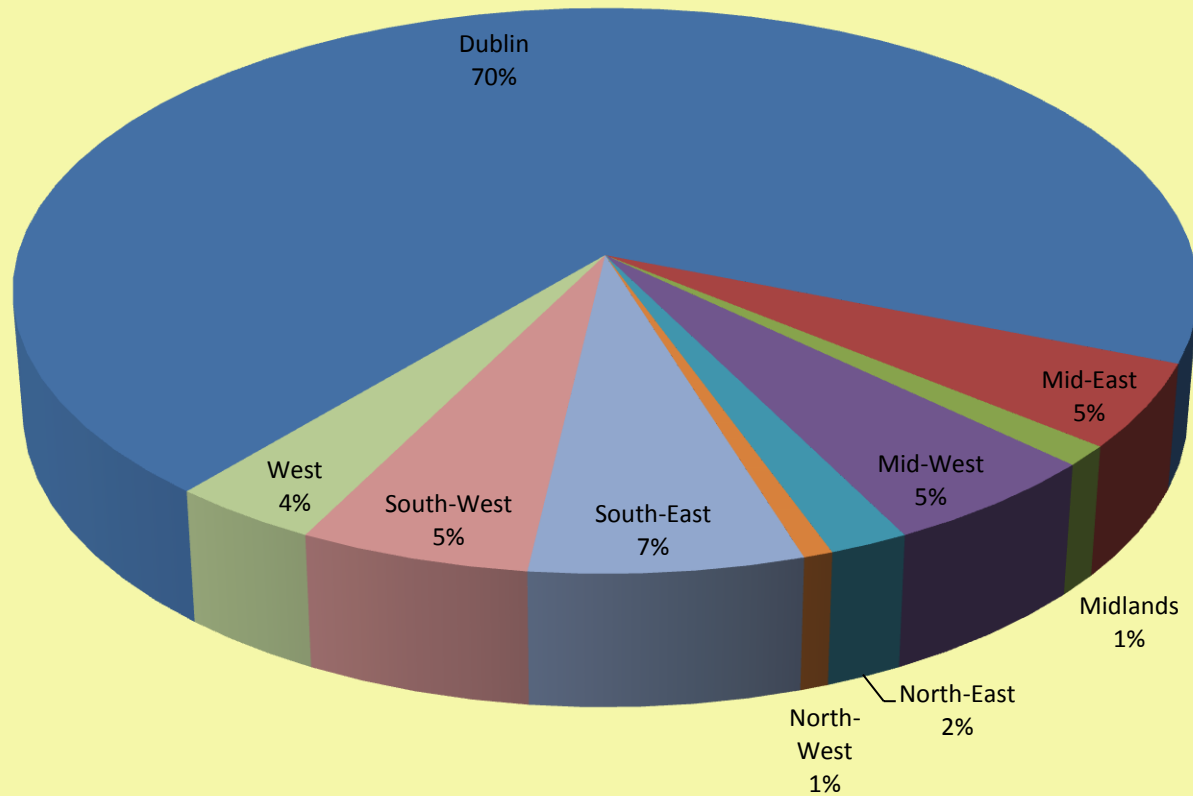
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 25-31 July 2016



<b>Dublin</b>	2922	<b>North-West</b>	
<b>Mid-East</b>		Donegal	0
Kildare	119	Leitrim	0
Meath	47	Sligo	30
Wicklow	36	<b>South-East</b>	
<b>Midlands</b>		Carlow	10
Laois	7	Kilkenny	73
Longford	10	Tipperary	55
Offaly	21	Waterford	98
Westmeath	11	Wexford	42
<b>Mid-West</b>		<b>South-West</b>	
Clare	19	Cork	206
Limerick	209	Kerry	29
<b>North-East</b>		<b>West</b>	
Louth	76	Galway	139
Monaghan	3	Mayo	6
Cavan	2	Roscommon	7

***Family homelessness during the week of 25-31 July 2016***

<b>Region</b>	<b>Total Families</b>	<b>Total adults</b>	<b>(of which) single parent families</b>	<b>Total dependents</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	993	1331	655	2020
<b>Mid-East</b>	21	29	13	73
<b>Midlands</b>	18	20	16	33
<b>Mid-West</b>	14	20	8	34
<b>North-East</b>	6	8	4	12
<b>North-West</b>	2	2	2	4
<b>South-East</b>	24	35	13	39
<b>South-West</b>	25	28	22	64
<b>West</b>	27	37	17	69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>2348</b>