



The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government

Homelessness Report June 2017

The long-term solution to the current homeless issue is to increase the supply of homes. 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 900 sustainable exits from homeless in the first quarter of 2017 (over 3,000 exits were achieved 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 a commitment that by mid-2017 hotels will only be used for emergency accommodation in very limited circumstances. To address this, 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 June, progress is being made in relation to moving families out of hotels / B&Bs – 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 June this figure had fallen to 638. Since the end of June family facilities have opened in Mater Dei, Drumcondra and Kylemore House, Swords. Over the coming months a number of further such facilities will come on stream.

Details of households accessing local authority managed emergency accommodation during the week of 19 – 25 June 2017

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	3406	1833	1573	573	2111	674	48	1471	1959	78	0
Mid-East	251	144	107	36	148	53	14	138	86	27	0
Midlands	82	36	46	21	49	11	1	41	41	0	0
Mid-West	317	185	132	42	196	72	7	82	204	32	0
North-East	115	70	45	11	77	23	4	61	54	0	0
North-West	56	47	9	6	34	16	0	4	28	10	14
South-East	298	200	98	49	165	73	11	114	162	3	19
South-West	313	203	110	34	190	81	8	127	191	0	0
West	208	132	76	30	100	74	4	93	115	2	4
TOTAL	5046	2850	2196	802	3070	1077	97	2131	2840	152	37

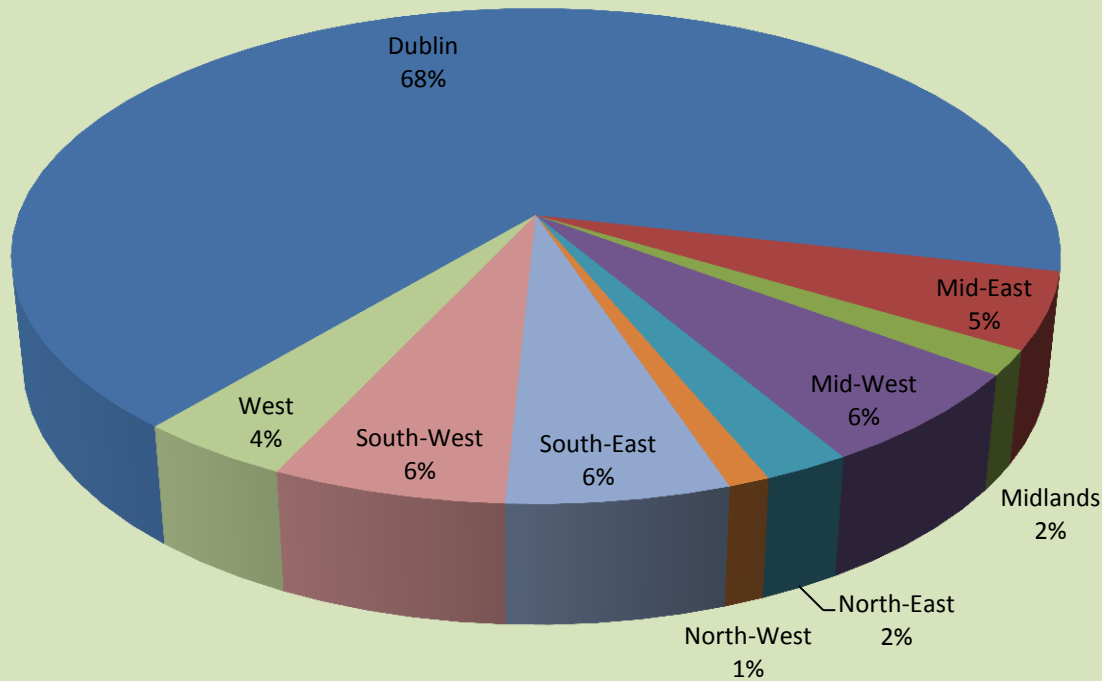
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 June 2017



<u>Dublin</u>	3406	<u>North-West</u>	
		Donegal	24
<u>Mid-East</u>		Leitrim	0
Kildare	133	Sligo	32
Meath	83		
Wicklow	35	<u>South-East</u>	
		Carlow	15
<u>Midlands</u>		Kilkenny	69
Laois	13	Tipperary	76
Longford	19	Waterford	93
Offaly	34	Wexford	45
Westmeath	16		
		<u>South-West</u>	
<u>Mid-West</u>		Cork	265
Clare	39	Kerry	48
Limerick	278		
		<u>West</u>	
<u>North-East</u>		Galway	189
Louth	110	Mayo	12
Monaghan	1	Roscommon	7
Cavan	4		

Family homelessness during the week of 19 – 25 June 2017

Region	Total Families	Total adults	(of which) single parent families	Total dependents
Dublin	1115	1492	738	2270
Mid-East	28	42	14	76
Midlands	27	37	17	51
Mid-West	53	68	38	112
North-East	14	21	7	40
North-West	3	3	3	10
South-East	18	27	9	34
South-West	61	79	43	165
West	46	71	21	137
TOTAL	1365	1840	890	2895