

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

### Homelessness Report November 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, more than 1,350 exits were achieved nationally in the first half of this year and in Dublin a further 411 exits have been achieved in the third quarter. A total of 1,761 exits nationally.

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 21–27 November 2016**

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	3024	1612	1412	511	1888	586	39	1661	1301	76	0
Mid-East	208	123	85	28	125	48	7	91	82	35	0
Midlands	74	38	36	18	40	15	1	36	0	38	0
Mid-West	246	150	96	29	145	65	7	42	191	13	0
North-East	116	71	45	26	67	21	2	73	42	1	0
North-West	34	24	10	5	14	15	0	2	15	8	9
South-East	286	196	90	61	151	61	13	98	173	4	11
South-West	287	197	90	29	178	74	6	100	190	0	0
West	161	114	47	22	82	56	1	64	97	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4436</b>	<b>2525</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>2690</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2167</b>	<b>2091</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>20</b>

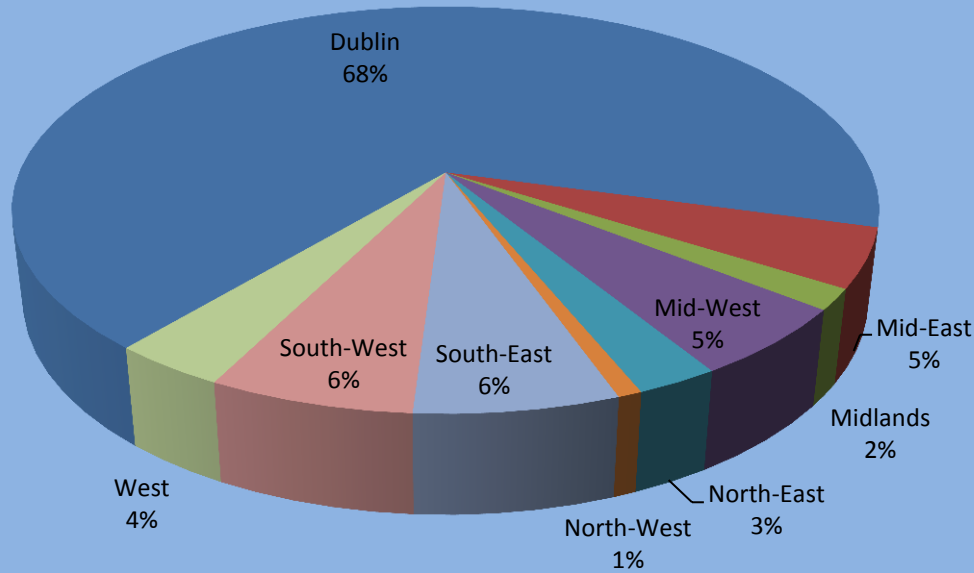
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 21-27 November 2016**



<b><u>Dublin</u></b>	3024	<b><u>North-West</u></b>	
		Donegal	18
<b><u>Mid-East</u></b>		Leitrim	0
Kildare	111	Sligo	16
Meath	36		
Wicklow	61	<b><u>South-East</u></b>	
		Carlow	17
<b><u>Midlands</u></b>		Kilkenny	70
Laois	16	Tipperary	62
Longford	10	Waterford	90
Offaly	27	Wexford	47
Westmeath	21		
		<b><u>South-West</u></b>	
<b><u>Mid-West</u></b>		Cork	250
Clare	27	Kerry	37
Limerick	219		
		<b><u>West</u></b>	
<b><u>North-East</u></b>		Galway	144
Louth	112	Mayo	11
Monaghan	1	Roscommon	6
Cavan	3		

***Family homelessness during the week of 21-27 November 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>	1023	1368	678	2110
<b>Mid-East</b>	27	42	12	75
<b>Midlands</b>	22	29	15	50
<b>Mid-West</b>	33	42	24	79
<b>North-East</b>	18	32	4	36
<b>North-West</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>South-East</b>	21	27	15	39
<b>South-West</b>	40	53	27	104
<b>West</b>	20	28	12	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1205</b>	<b>1622</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>2549</b>