

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government

Homelessness Report October 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 24-30 October 2016

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	3036	1633	1403	510	1909	580	37	1699	1311	78	0
Mid-East	206	127	79	28	119	50	9	86	80	40	0
Midlands	54	28	26	9	34	11	0	15	0	39	0
Mid-West	235	149	86	27	140	60	8	32	190	13	0
North-East	84	56	28	15	48	20	1	38	45	1	0
North-West	43	32	11	10	18	15	0	4	11	17	12
South-East	282	191	91	67	142	60	13	102	166	3	11
South-West	271	184	87	36	161	68	6	81	192	0	0
West	166	115	51	31	85	48	2	61	100	0	5
TOTAL	4377	2515	1862	733	2656	912	76	2118	2095	191	28

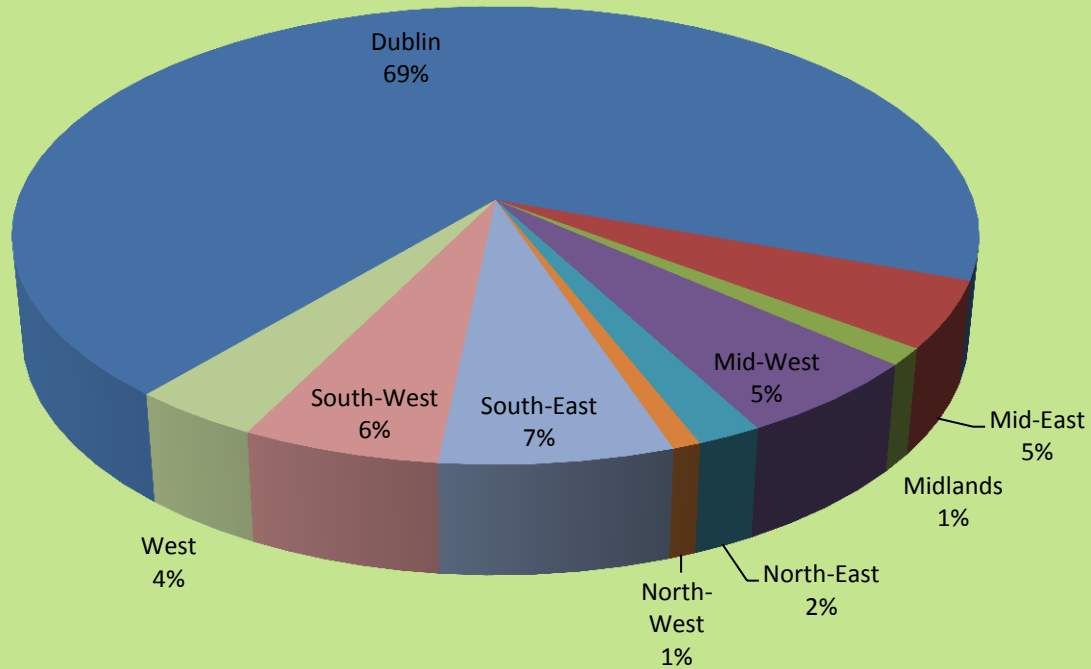
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 24-30 October 2016



Dublin 3036

Mid-East

Kildare 113
Meath 57
Wicklow 36

Midlands

Laois 11
Longford 10
Offaly 14
Westmeath 19

Mid-West

Clare 27
Limerick 208

North-East

Louth 77
Monaghan 2
Cavan 5

North-West

Donegal 23
Leitrim 0
Sligo 20

South-East

Carlow 14
Kilkenny 68
Tipperary 62
Waterford 94
Wexford 44

South-West

Cork 240
Kerry 31

West

Galway 149
Mayo 11
Roscommon 6

Family homelessness during the week of 24-30 October 2016

Region	Total Families	Total adults	(of which) single parent families	Total dependents
Dublin	1026	1376	676	2110
Mid-East	27	43	11	71
Midlands	13	15	11	31
Mid-West	22	28	16	45
North-East	9	12	6	15
North-West	2	2	2	3
South-East	21	27	15	39
South-West	36	50	22	98
West	22	30	14	58
TOTAL	1178	1583	773	2470