

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

### Homelessness Report September 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, during the course of 2015, housing authorities assisted in 2,322 sustainable exits from homelessness i.e. into independent social housing or supported private rented tenancies. 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 19-25 September 2016**

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
<b>Dublin</b>	2988	1612	1376	501	1864	583	40	1624	1308	71	0
<b>Mid-East</b>	205	127	78	28	118	50	9	86	80	39	0
<b>Midlands</b>	55	29	26	13	35	7	0	16	0	39	0
<b>Mid-West</b>	237	151	86	29	140	59	9	27	198	12	0
<b>North-East</b>	62	37	25	7	40	14	1	28	33	1	0
<b>North-West</b>	38	26	12	5	19	14	0	2	6	20	10
<b>South-East</b>	283	193	90	62	145	63	13	102	167	3	11
<b>South-West</b>	249	167	82	32	149	64	4	57	193	0	0
<b>West</b>	166	111	55	28	86	50	2	62	101	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4283</b>	<b>2453</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>2596</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>25</b>

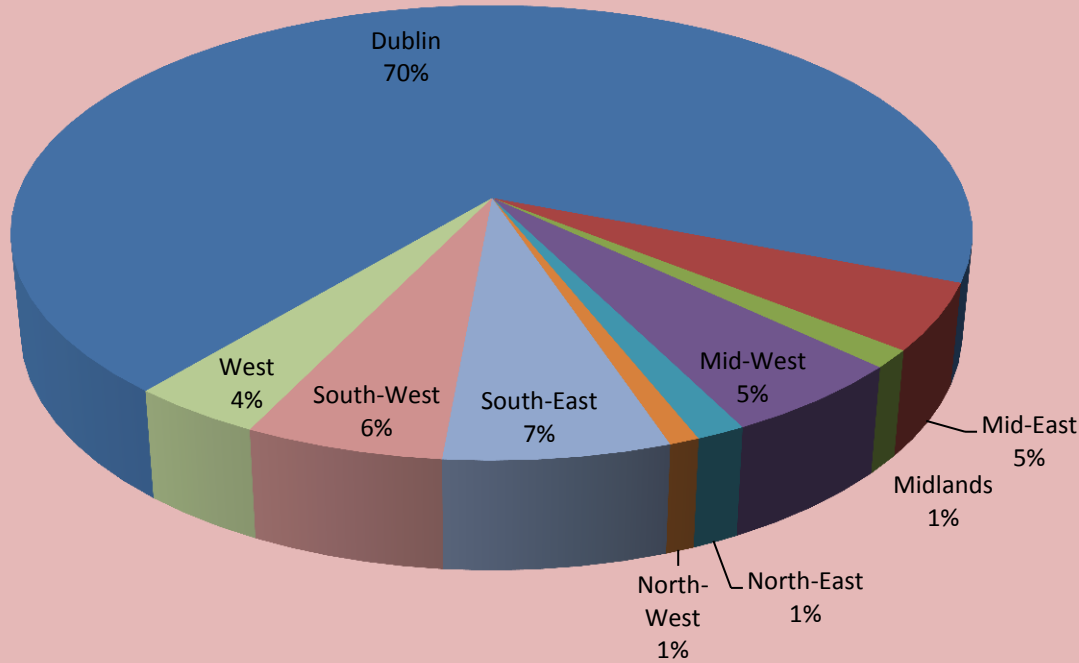
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 19-25 September 2016**



**Dublin** 2988

**Mid-East**  
 Kildare 119  
 Meath 50  
 Wicklow 36

**Midlands**  
 Laois 6  
 Longford 11  
 Offaly 21  
 Westmeath 17

**Mid-West**  
 Clare 20  
 Limerick 217

**North-East**  
 Louth 59  
 Monaghan 1  
 Cavan 2

**North-West**  
 Donegal 19  
 Leitrim 0  
 Sligo 19

**South-East**  
 Carlow 12  
 Kilkenny 68  
 Tipperary 62  
 Waterford 93  
 Wexford 48

**South-West**  
 Cork 214  
 Kerry 35

**West**  
 Galway 148  
 Mayo 12  
 Roscommon 6

***Family homelessness during the week of 19-25 September 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>	1014	1357	671	2065
<b>Mid-East</b>	27	42	12	69
<b>Midlands</b>	16	20	12	37
<b>Mid-West</b>	33	40	26	67
<b>North-East</b>	9	10	8	12
<b>North-West</b>	3	3	3	6
<b>South-East</b>	21	29	13	38
<b>South-West</b>	30	39	21	80
<b>West</b>	20	28	12	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>1568</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>2426</b>