

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

### Homelessness Report January 2017

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, housing authorities assisted in more than 2,000 sustainable exits from homeless in the first three-quarters of 2016. While final details are awaited, it is anticipated that 2,700 sustainable exits will have been achieved in 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 lifetime of the Plan, 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 23 – 29 January 2017***

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	3247	1766	1481	559	2027	615	46	1723	1515	72	0
Mid-East	211	120	91	31	131	41	8	93	83	35	0
Midlands	66	35	31	16	38	11	1	19	0	47	0
Mid-West	281	187	94	41	156	74	10	41	203	24	13
North-East	121	74	47	18	69	30	4	79	41	1	0
North-West	41	32	9	7	22	12	0	2	19	9	11
South-East	276	188	88	49	150	65	12	101	155	4	16
South-West	312	217	95	33	195	77	7	113	203	0	0
West	205	144	61	35	106	62	2	66	112	34	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4760</b>	<b>2763</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>2894</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2237</b>	<b>2331</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>46</b>

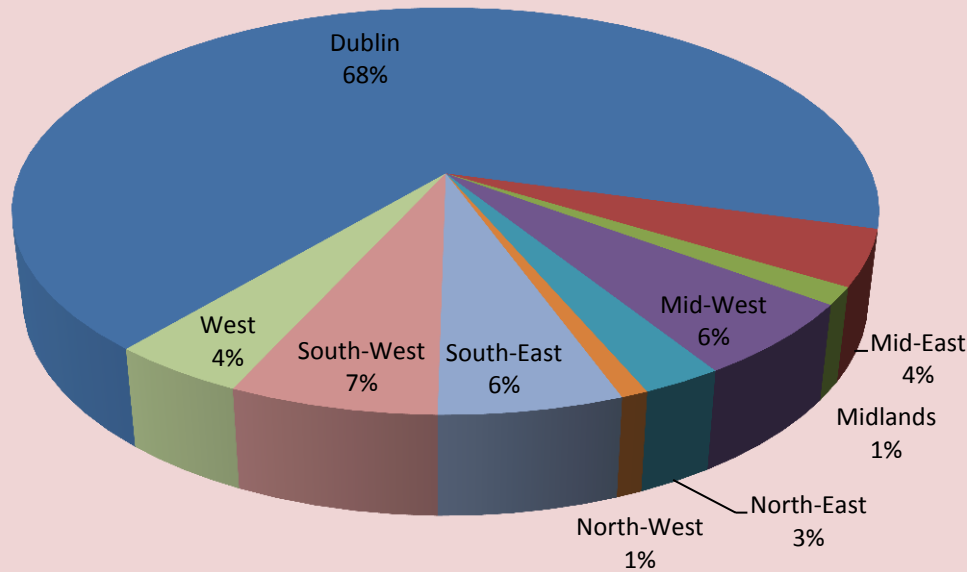
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 23 – 29 January 2017



**Dublin** 3247

**Mid-East**

Kildare 108  
Meath 68  
Wicklow 35

**Midlands**

Laois 13  
Longford 10  
Offaly 26  
Westmeath 17

**Mid-West**

Clare 29  
Limerick 252

**North-East**

Louth 117  
Monaghan 1  
Cavan 3

**North-West**

Donegal 20  
Leitrim 0  
Sligo 21

**South-East**

Carlow 8  
Kilkenny 63  
Tipperary 67  
Waterford 90  
Wexford 48

**South-West**

Cork 269  
Kerry 43

**West**

Galway 187  
Mayo 12  
Roscommon 6

***Family homelessness during the week of 23 – 29 January 2017***

<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>	1007	1353	661	2046
<b>Mid-East</b>	26	40	14	79
<b>Midlands</b>	18	21	15	30
<b>Mid-West</b>	27	34	20	52
<b>North-East</b>	16	26	6	24
<b>North-West</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>South-East</b>	11	15	7	16
<b>South-West</b>	41	55	27	106
<b>West</b>	25	36	14	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>2407</b>