



# The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government

## Homelessness Report April 2016

The Government's Homelessness Policy Statement was published in February 2013. The Statement makes explicit the Government's commitment to a housing-led approach to end long-term homelessness. The Statement is available on the Department's website:

<http://www.environ.ie/housing/homelessness/homelessness-policy-statement>

There have been significant increases in rates of homelessness in recent times. 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.

The long-term solution to the current homeless issue is to increase the supply of homes; in this regard the Social Housing Strategy sets out to provide 35,000 new social housing units and a further 75,000 units of long-term accommodation to meet housing needs through local authority housing supports schemes by 2020. The Strategy is available on the Department's website:

<http://www.environ.ie/housing/social-housing/social-housing-strategy/social-housing-strategy-2020>

While housing supply picks up, and units are awaited for social housing purposes at the scale envisioned under the Social Housing Strategy, a range of measures are being taken to secure a ring-fenced supply of accommodation for homeless households and to mobilise the necessary supports. These measures have been identified in the Government's Implementation Plan on the State's Response to Homelessness. This Plan represents a whole-of-Government approach to dealing with homelessness to the end of 2016 and the implementation of measures is being overseen by a group of senior officials drawn from key State agencies dealing with homelessness and the associated issues of housing, welfare, healthcare, etc. This Plan and progress reports are available on the Department's website: <http://www.environ.ie/housing/homelessness/policy/homelessness>

**Details of households accessing local authority managed emergency accommodation during the week of 18-24 April**

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	2806	1535	1271	467	1777	523	39	1512	1236	74	0
Mid-East	210	135	75	29	125	46	10	92	71	47	0
Midlands	63	32	31	17	28	18	0	22	0	41	0
Mid-West	213	142	71	29	121	52	11	11	188	11	3
North-East	74	53	21	16	36	17	5	26	32	16	0
North-West	41	33	8	5	23	13	0	1	11	17	12
South-East	275	194	81	60	135	71	9	87	176	1	11
South-West	247	162	85	26	151	67	3	52	200	0	0
West	139	95	44	15	74	47	3	42	97	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4068</b>	<b>2381</b>	<b>1687</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>2470</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1845</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>26</b>

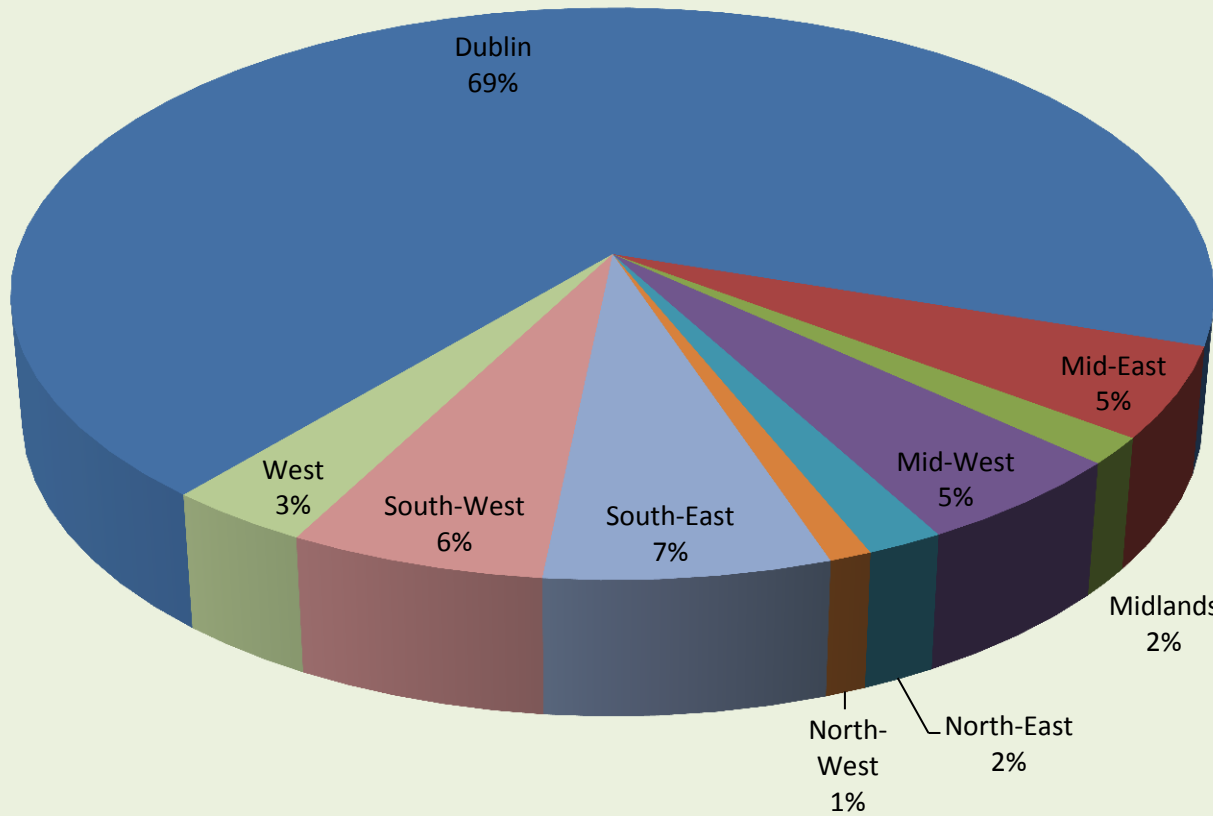
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 18-24 April**



<b><u>Dublin</u></b>	2806	<b><u>North-West</u></b>	
		Donegal	20
<b><u>Mid-East</u></b>		Leitrim	0
Kildare	112	Sligo	21
Meath	61		
Wicklow	37	<b><u>South-East</u></b>	
		Carlow	16
<b><u>Midlands</u></b>		Kilkenny	67
Laois	10	Tipperary	58
Longford	10	Waterford	91
Offaly	25	Wexford	43
Westmeath	18		
		<b><u>South-West</u></b>	
<b><u>Mid-West</u></b>		Cork	217
Clare	16	Kerry	30
Limerick	197		
		<b><u>West</u></b>	
<b><u>North-East</u></b>		Galway	133
Louth	66	Mayo	4
Monaghan	6	Roscommon	2
Cavan	2		

***Family homelessness during the week of 18-24 April***

<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>	888	1188	588	1786
<b>Mid-East</b>	31	49	13	86
<b>Midlands</b>	23	24	22	39
<b>Mid-West</b>	20	25	15	48
<b>North-East</b>	2	4	0	2
<b>North-West</b>	2	2	2	5
<b>South-East</b>	16	23	9	27
<b>South-West</b>	33	36	30	75
<b>West</b>	22	28	16	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1037</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>2121</b>