



The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government

Homelessness Report March 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 21-27 March

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	2750	1510	1240	461	1733	513	43	1469	1224	71	0
Mid-East	202	132	70	30	117	43	12	74	81	47	0
Midlands	55	29	26	11	26	18	0	16	0	39	0
Mid-West	212	144	68	31	126	45	10	11	187	11	3
North-East	73	53	20	16	37	15	5	27	32	14	0
North-West	40	31	9	3	22	14	1	1	11	17	12
South-East	259	186	73	60	120	70	9	79	172	0	8
South-West	239	169	70	20	144	72	3	52	0	189	0
West	139	98	41	10	75	50	4	39	104	0	0
TOTAL	3969	2352	1617	642	2400	840	87	1768	1811	388	23

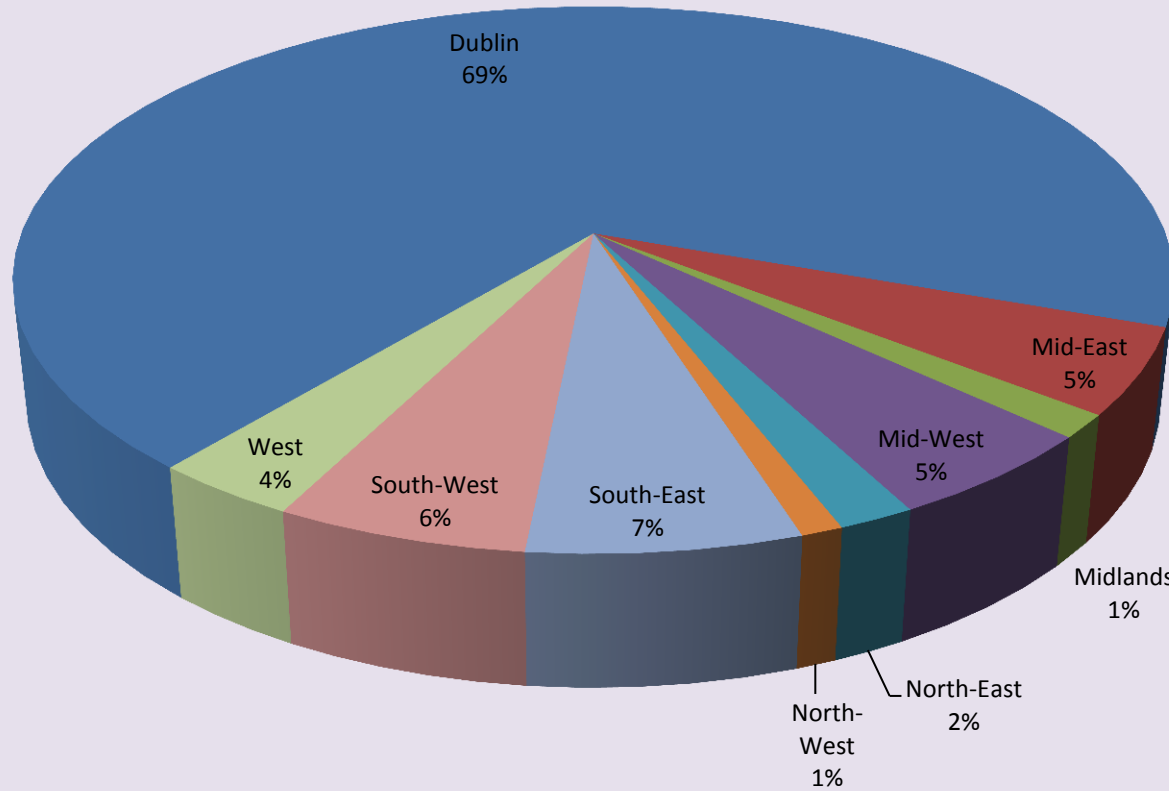
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 March



Dublin 2750

Mid-East

Kildare 110
Meath 53
Wicklow 39

Midlands

Laois 11
Longford 12
Offaly 14
Westmeath 18

Mid-West

Clare 19
Limerick 193

North-East

Louth 65
Monaghan 5
Cavan 3

North-West

Donegal 19
Leitrim 0
Sligo 21

South-East

Carlow 14
Kilkenny 62
Tipperary 54
Waterford 90
Wexford 39

South-West

Cork 213
Kerry 26

West

Galway 127
Mayo 5
Roscommon 7

Family homelessness during the week of 21-27 March

Region	Total Families	Total adults	(of which) single parent families	Total dependents
Dublin	839	1132	546	1723
Mid-East	24	40	8	69
Midlands	16	19	13	32
Mid-West	13	14	12	28
North-East	1	2	0	1
North-West	2	2	2	5
South-East	14	21	7	25
South-West	29	33	25	64
West	17	22	12	47
TOTAL	955	1285	625	1994