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# **The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government**

## **Homelessness Report February 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 22-28 February***

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	2692	1482	1210	465	1685	501	41	1411	1224	71	0
Mid-East	187	122	65	24	112	40	11	54	90	43	0
Midlands	51	28	23	8	26	16	1	12	0	39	0
Mid-West	220	148	72	25	133	51	11	14	192	11	3
North-East	77	56	21	15	40	17	5	43	34	2	0
North-West	43	30	13	5	21	17	0	1	6	23	13
South-East	260	193	67	55	125	71	9	80	175	0	5
South-West	260	181	79	31	155	71	3	73	0	189	0
West	140	99	41	8	77	51	4	31	110	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	3930	2339	1591	636	2374	835	85	1719	1831	378	21

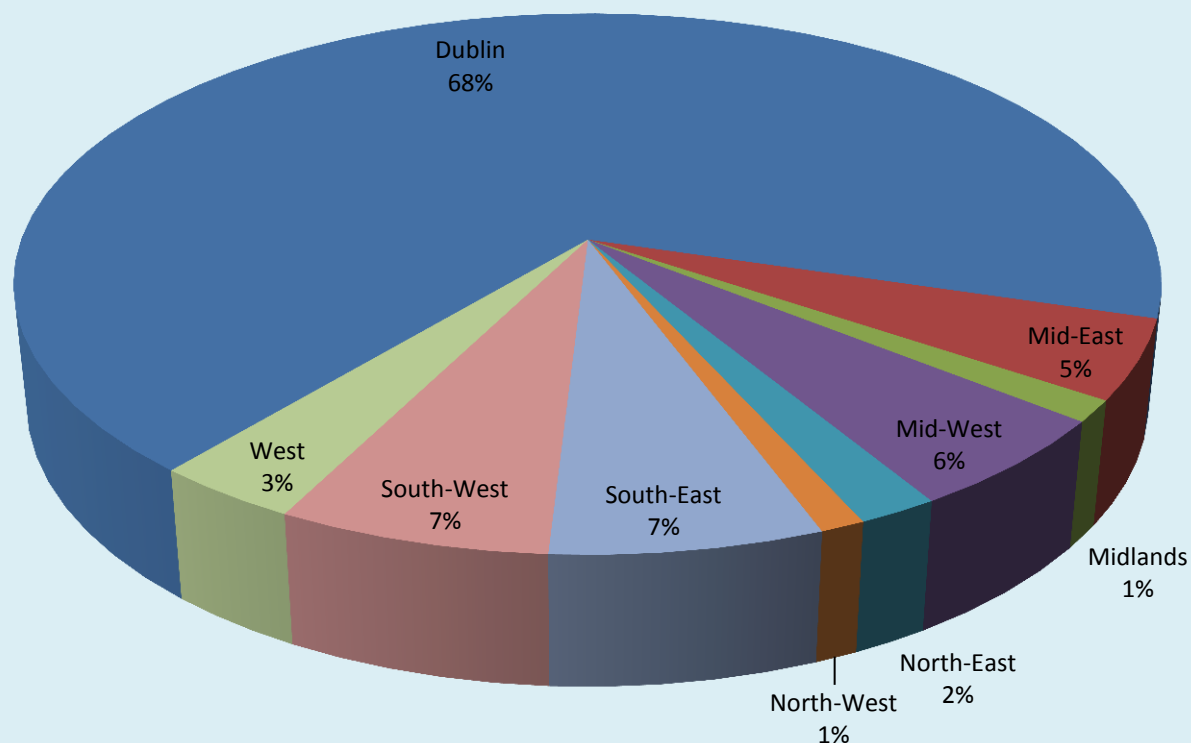
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 22-28 February



**Dublin** 2692

### **Mid-East**

Kildare 98  
Meath 50  
Wicklow 39

### **Midlands**

Laois 6  
Longford 11  
Offaly 15  
Westmeath 19

### **Mid-West**

Clare 13  
Limerick 207

### **North-East**

Louth 69  
Monaghan 3  
Cavan 5

### **North-West**

Donegal 22  
Leitrim 0  
Sligo 21

### **South-East**

Carlow 13  
Kilkenny 58  
Tipperary 54  
Waterford 98  
Wexford 37

### **South-West**

Cork 229  
Kerry 31

### **West**

Galway 130  
Mayo 5  
Roscommon 5

***Family homelessness during the week of 22-28 February***

<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>	790	1063	517	1616
<b>Mid-East</b>	21	34	8	54
<b>Midlands</b>	13	15	11	25
<b>Mid-West</b>	16	19	13	36
<b>North-East</b>	11	18	4	15
<b>North-West</b>	2	2	2	4
<b>South-East</b>	12	17	7	21
<b>South-West</b>	30	36	24	67
<b>West</b>	17	20	14	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1881</b>