HOW CAN HOMELESSNESS BE SUCH A BIG ISSUE IN A WEALTHY CITY LIKE DUBLIN?
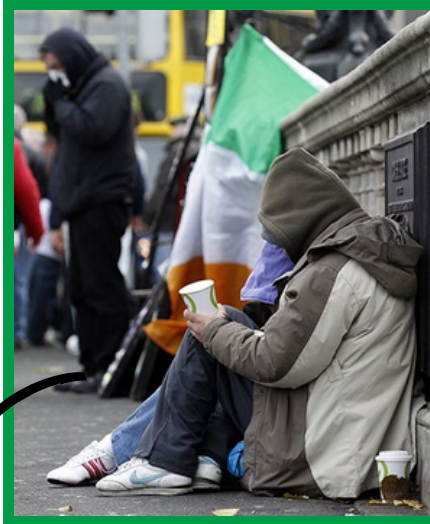
Ranked by GDP Per Capita

RANK	CITY	COUNTRY	GDP(PER CAPITA)
1	Dublin	Ireland	$115,094
2	Frankfurt	Germany	$102,941
3	Helsinki	Finland	$96,667
4	Milan	Italy	$87,786
5	Stockholm	Sweden	$81,395
6	Leeds	United Kingdom	$80,000
7	Turin	Italy	$74,725
8	London (Greater London)	United Kingdom	$73,377
9	Copenhagen	Denmark	$70,183
10	Brussels	Belgium	$69,748
11	Vienna	Austria	$58,140
12	Paris	France	$57,027
13	Rome	Italy	$55,385
14	Munich	Germany	$46,377
15	Madrid	Spain	$44,487
16	Hamburg	Germany	$41,111
17	Birmingham	United Kingdom	$40,000
18	Warsaw	Poland	$39,766
19	Lisbon	Portugal	$38,732
20	Manchester	United Kingdom	$38,117
21	Barcelona	Spain	$35,976
22	Athens	Greece	$34,759
23	Lyon	France	$32,243
24	Budapest	Hungary	$30,460
25	Berlin	Germany	$28,529

(1) *Dublin ranked as the wealthiest city in Europe with a per capita income of $115,094 in October 22, 2022.*
(Reference: https://www.worldlistmania.com/25-richest-cities-in-europe/)

(2) *Yet, there are at least 11,000 homeless people in Ireland and nearly half of all homeless people are in Dublin, with 5,356 people.*
(Reference: https://www.irishmirror.ie/news/irish-news/record-number-homeless-people-ireland-28353342)

(3) *So, what causes homelessness in Ireland, and in Dublin?*

a. Structural: Nationwide economic and social problems. These causes may be results of lack of social and affordable housing, or an economic crisis.

b. Institutional: Institutions affect a number of individuals in Ireland, but the causes are not directly linked to a person's personality. An example of institutional causes can be children leaving daycare.

c. Personal: Challenges specific to an individual person. These challenges can be having difficulty with managing addiction, challenging mental health issues, abusive relationships or the sudden break-up of a family.

(Reference: https://homelessnessinireland.ie/causes-of-homelessness/)

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(4) *One great plan to end homelessness: Focus Ireland*

Many households on low and middle incomes are struggling to keep a roof over their heads. To decrease this situation, Focus Ireland, found in 1985, ran #FocusOnHomes campaign and planning to solve homelessness with the following steps:

1. build at least 35.000 new homes a year

2. develop a dedicated "Family Homelessness" strategy

3. develop a new "Youth Housing and Homeless" strategy

4. hold referendum to put stronger housing rights in the Constitution

5. establish a national commission on housing

(Reference:https://focusireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Focus-Ireland-Five-Point-Plan-2020.pdf)

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