

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

### **Homelessness Report August 2016**

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, during the course of 2015, housing authorities assisted in 2,313 sustainable exits from homelessness i.e. into independent social housing or supported private rented tenancies. Also, in particular for the Dublin Region where homelessness is most acute, 825 individuals made the transition from homelessness into sustainable tenancies in the first half of 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 next six years, 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 22-28 August 2016***

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
<b>Dublin</b>	2950	1587	1363	497	1838	571	44	1599	1304	69	0
<b>Mid-East</b>	201	125	76	30	119	43	9	88	71	42	0
<b>Midlands</b>	52	29	23	8	35	8	1	15	0	37	0
<b>Mid-West</b>	240	161	79	27	146	58	9	19	209	12	0
<b>North-East</b>	80	49	31	11	49	17	3	42	37	1	0
<b>North-West</b>	35	25	10	4	18	13	0	0	14	10	11
<b>South-East</b>	287	190	97	58	146	67	16	98	174	4	11
<b>South-West</b>	244	173	71	24	149	67	4	56	192	0	0
<b>West</b>	159	106	53	31	78	48	2	56	101	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4248</b>	<b>2445</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>2578</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>2102</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>25</b>

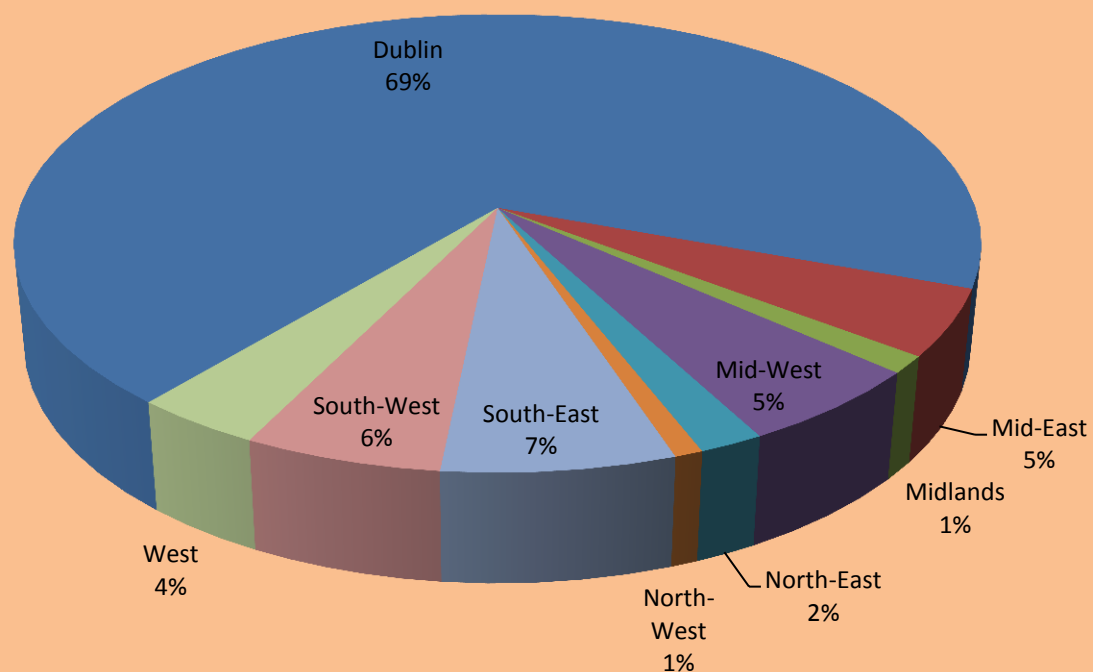
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 22-28 August 2016



### Dublin

2950

### Mid-East

Kildare	119
Meath	46
Wicklow	36

### Midlands

Laois	6
Longford	12
Offaly	19
Westmeath	15

### Mid-West

Clare	18
Limerick	222

### North-East

Louth	75
Monaghan	3
Cavan	2

### North-West

Donegal	19
Leitrim	0
Sligo	16

### South-East

Carlow	10
Kilkenny	74
Tipperary	55
Waterford	101
Wexford	47

### South-West

Cork	211
Kerry	33

### West

Galway	147
Mayo	8
Roscommon	4

***Family homelessness during the week of 22-28 August 2016***

<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>	998	1338	658	2012
<b>Mid-East</b>	27	42	12	67
<b>Midlands</b>	16	20	12	34
<b>Mid-West</b>	22	28	16	48
<b>North-East</b>	6	8	4	12
<b>North-West</b>	2	2	2	5
<b>South-East</b>	25	33	17	44
<b>South-West</b>	25	31	19	71
<b>West</b>	30	41	19	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>1543</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>2363</b>