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The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government

Homelessness Report May 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 23-29 May***

REGION	HOMELESS ADULTS	GENDER		AGE GROUPS				ACCOMMODATION TYPE *			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	2767	1486	1281	478	1720	531	38	1514	1197	65	0
Mid-East	197	126	71	25	119	43	10	78	68	51	0
Midlands	46	24	22	6	23	16	1	8	0	38	0
Mid-West	211	140	71	28	118	56	9	15	184	12	0
North-East	81	55	26	13	47	17	4	42	36	3	0
North-West	39	27	12	1	22	16	0	0	27	0	12
South-East	270	186	84	63	132	65	10	87	171	1	11
South-West	245	164	81	19	146	74	6	46	201	0	0
West	137	95	42	13	75	47	2	36	101	0	1
TOTAL	3993	2303	1690	646	2402	865	80	1826	1985	170	24

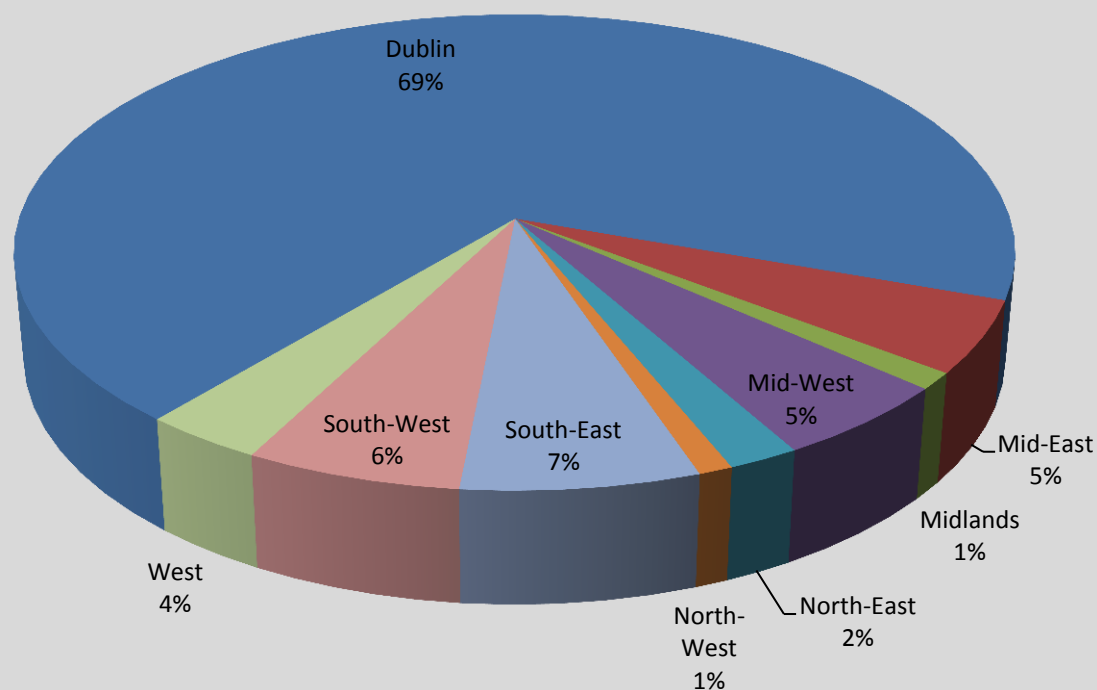
PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

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 23-29 May



Dublin

2767

Mid-East

Kildare	113
Meath	47
Wicklow	37

Midlands

Laois	6
Longford	10
Offaly	12
Westmeath	18

Mid-West

Clare	17
Limerick	194

North-East

Louth	70
Monaghan	4
Cavan	7

North-West

Donegal	17
Leitrim	0
Sligo	22

South-East

Carlow	11
Kilkenny	70
Tipperary	56
Waterford	95
Wexford	38

South-West

Cork	222
Kerry	23

West

Galway	132
Mayo	4
Roscommon	1

Family homelessness during the week of 23-29 May

Region	Total Families	Total adults	(of which) single parent families	Total dependents
Dublin	913	1218	608	1847
Mid-East	27	44	10	76
Midlands	9	10	8	17
Mid-West	19	22	16	39
North-East	6	8	4	7
North-West	2	2	2	5
South-East	23	34	12	37
South-West	33	37	29	87
West	22	28	16	62
TOTAL	1054	1403	705	2177