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Note on July 2021 Monthly Homelessness Report and upgrade of the system for recording and reporting homelessness data

Homeless monthly reports are collated on a regional basis and are based on data provided by housing authorities and produced through the Pathway Accommodation & Support System (PASS).

PASS is the live shared emergency bed management and client support tool for people experiencing homelessness in Ireland managed by the National PASS Office in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE). An upgrade of the system has taken effect from July 2021 onwards, which was noted on the publication of the Homelessness Report for June 2021, which was published on 30 July 2021.

One effect of this change is to allow for the accurate identification of the numbers of children within homeless families, which are now being reported for the first time in the July 2021 report. Up to this point the monthly reports enumerated the number of individuals accessing homeless services broken down by adults and dependants. This resulted in a number of adults being listed among these dependants, most frequently in the case of children over 18 being associated with a homeless household, but also other adult family members.

Notwithstanding this, the dependants figure was widely used as a proxy for the number of children in emergency accommodation. The upgrade of the recording and reporting system has allowed for the reporting of the number of persons under 18 years of age within homeless families in emergency accommodation. From the July report onwards, the term 'dependant' has been replaced by 'child dependant'. All those over 18 years of age in families continue to be counted in the family homelessness statistics, and are counted as adults.

The Monthly Homeless Report includes information on the number of families who are in emergency accommodation. The number of single parent families has also been reported from within this group. As the changes to the new system are being implemented, the data for single parent families has not been included in the table for July 2021. This data for single parent families will be included in all future reports.

The changes to the Pathway Accommodation & Support System will also allow for additional data to be reported in the Homeless Progress Report, which is published quarterly by the Department. The quarterly reports include details of the numbers of individuals exiting homelessness into tenancies and the duration of stay in emergency accommodation. A greater level of detail will now be capable of being produced for these data. The change to the new system will also enable the recording of the numbers of households in emergency accommodation in addition to the number of individuals, as is the case currently. The next quarterly report is due for publication on 29 October 2021.

Details of adults accessing local authority managed emergency accommodation during the week of 19-25 July 2021

Region	Homeless adults	Male	Female
Dublin	4,220	2,743	1,477
Mid-East	306	197	109
Midlands	77	50	27
Mid-West	275	189	86
North-East	96	70	26
North-West	77	54	23
South-East	180	129	51
South-West	492	347	145
West	280	163	117
TOTAL	6,003	3,942 (66%)	2,061 (34%)

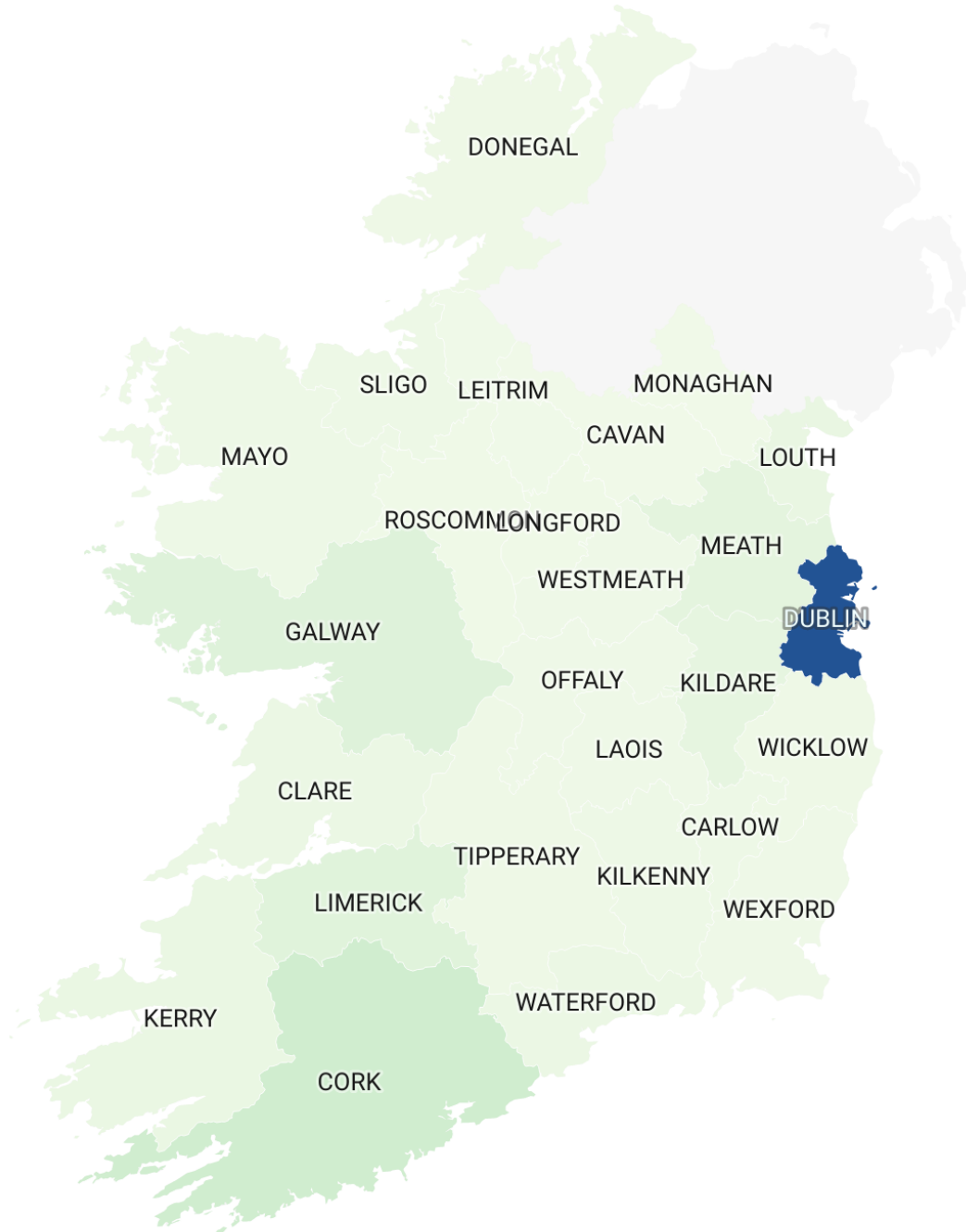
Region	Ages 18-24	Ages 25-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Dublin	668	2,385	1,111	56
Mid-East	52	151	92	11
Midlands	19	46	11	1
Mid-West	32	155	82	6
North-East	10	47	32	7
North-West	17	37	21	2
South-East	30	101	43	6
South-West	61	275	138	18
West	54	129	86	11
TOTAL	943 (16%)	3,326 (55%)	1,616 (27%)	118 (2%)

Accommodation Types*				
Region	PEA	STA	TEA	Other
Dublin	2,295	2,036	36	0
Mid-East	177	122	3	4
Midlands	51	11	15	0
Mid-West	31	216	28	0
North-East	17	57	22	0
North-West	38	26	13	0
South-East	40	140	0	0
South-West	328	167	0	0
West	155	125	0	0
TOTAL	3,132	2,900	116	4

* Note: clients may have accessed multiple accommodation types during the week

Adults in Emergency Accommodation

19-25 July 2021 adults in emergency accommodation by county



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Homelessness by county during the week of 19-25 July 2021

Counties ¹		
Dublin	Dublin	4,220 (70%)
Mid-East	Kildare	125
	Meath	155
	Wicklow	26
	Sub-Total	306 (5%)
Midlands	Laois	21
	Longford	12
	Offaly	22
	Westmeath	22
	Sub-Total	77 (1%)
Mid-West	Clare	65
	Limerick	210
	Sub-Total	275 (5%)
North-East	Louth/Monaghan/Cavan	96
	Sub-Total	96 (2%)
North-West	Donegal/Leitrim	36
	Sligo	41
	Sub-Total	77 (1%)
South-East	Carlow	33
	Kilkenny	33
	Tipperary	28
	Waterford	64
	Wexford	22
	Sub-Total	180 (3%)
South-West	Cork (Cork City and County councils)	413
	Kerry	79
	Sub-Total	492 (8%)
West	Galway (Galway City and County councils)	234
	Mayo	34
	Roscommon	12
	Sub-Total	280 (5%)
National		6,003

¹ Where fewer than ten individuals are recorded in a county, data are aggregated in line with best practice described in the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice (ISSCOP).

Family homelessness during the week of 19-25 July 2021

Region	Total families	Total adults	Total child dependants
Dublin	700	1,187	1,657
Mid-East	46	70	89
Midlands	5	6	9
Mid-West	27	33	41
North-East	8	10	18
North-West	8	9	16
South-East	18	24	31
South-West	52	64	103
West	66	99	165
TOTAL	930	1,502	2,129

Homeless statistics and regional structures

The Department's official homelessness statistics are published on a monthly basis and refer to the number of homeless persons accommodated in emergency accommodation funded and overseen by housing authorities during a specific count week, typically the last full week of the month. The reports are produced through the Pathway Accommodation & Support System (PASS), collated on a regional basis and compiled and published by the Department. Homelessness reporting commenced in this format in 2014.

Monthly homelessness data are published to www.housing.gov.ie on the last working Friday of every month. These data are also available in open format on www.data.gov.ie and are made available under the [Creative Commons CC BY 4.0 License](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/), and are available for reproduction elsewhere, subject to appropriate credit being given to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The administration of homeless services is organised across nine administrative regions, with one local authority in each of the regions, "the lead authority", having overall responsibility for the disbursement of Exchequer funding. In each region a Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum exists which includes representation from the relevant State and non-governmental organisations involved in the delivery of homeless services in a particular region. Delegated arrangements are governed by an annually agreed protocol between the Department and the lead authority in each region. These protocols set out the arrangements, responsibilities and financial/performance data reporting requirements for the delegation of funding from the Department.

Under *Sections 38 and 39 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009* a statutory Management Group exists for each regional forum. This is comprised of representatives from the relevant housing authorities and the Health Service Executive, and it is the responsibility of the Management Group to consider issues around the need for homeless services and to plan for the implementation, funding and co-ordination of such services.

Glossary:

PEA - Private Emergency Accommodation: this may include hotels, B&Bs and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis. Supports are provided to services users on a visiting supports basis.

STA - Supported Temporary Accommodation: accommodation, including family hubs, hostels, with onsite professional support.

TEA - Temporary Emergency Accommodation: emergency accommodation with no (or minimal) support

Region	Lead Authority	Local Authorities in region
Dublin	Dublin City Council	Dublin City Council
		Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
		Fingal County Council
		South Dublin County Council
Mid-East	Kildare County Council	Kildare County Council
		Meath County Council
		Wicklow County Council
Midlands	Westmeath County Council	Laois County Council
		Longford County Council
		Offaly County Council
		Westmeath County Council
Mid-West	Limerick City and County Council	Clare County Council
		Limerick City and County Council
North-East	Louth County Council	Louth County Council
		Cavan County Council
		Monaghan County Council
North-West	Sligo County Council	Donegal County Council
		Leitrim County Council
		Sligo County Council
South-East	Waterford City and County Council	Carlow County Council
		Kilkenny County Council
		Tipperary County Council
		Waterford City and County Council
	Wexford County Council	
South-West	Cork City Council	Cork City Council
		Cork County Council
		Kerry County Council
West	Galway City Council	Galway City Council
		Galway County Council
		Mayo County Council
		Roscommon County Council