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Details of adults accessing local authority managed emergency accommodation during the week of 20-26 December 2021

Region	*Homeless adults*	*Male*	*Female*
Dublin	4,489	2,961	1,528
Mid-East	340	224	116
Midlands	93	52	41
Mid-West	308	196	112
North-East	82	61	21
North-West	61	41	20
South-East	214	162	52
South-West	528	373	155
West	351	215	136
TOTAL	**6,466**[1]	**4,285 (66%)**	**2,181 (34%)**

Region	*Ages 18-24*	*Ages 25-44*	*Ages 45-64*	*Ages 65+*
Dublin	784	2,432	1,211	62
Mid-East	59	162	108	11
Midlands	25	50	17	1
Mid-West	41	166	94	7
North-East	10	46	20	6
North-West	9	32	19	1
South-East	38	118	50	8
South-West	61	302	148	17
West	63	190	86	12
TOTAL	**1,090 (17%)**	**3,498 (54%)**	**1,753 (27%)**	**125 (2%)**

*Accommodation Types**				
Region	*PEA*	*STA*	*TEA*	*Other*
Dublin	2,553	1,960	36	0
Mid-East	192	140	5	3
Midlands	67	0	26	0
Mid-West	46	228	34	0
North-East	13	59	10	0
North-West	17	31	13	0
South-East	66	148	0	0
South-West	357	171	0	0

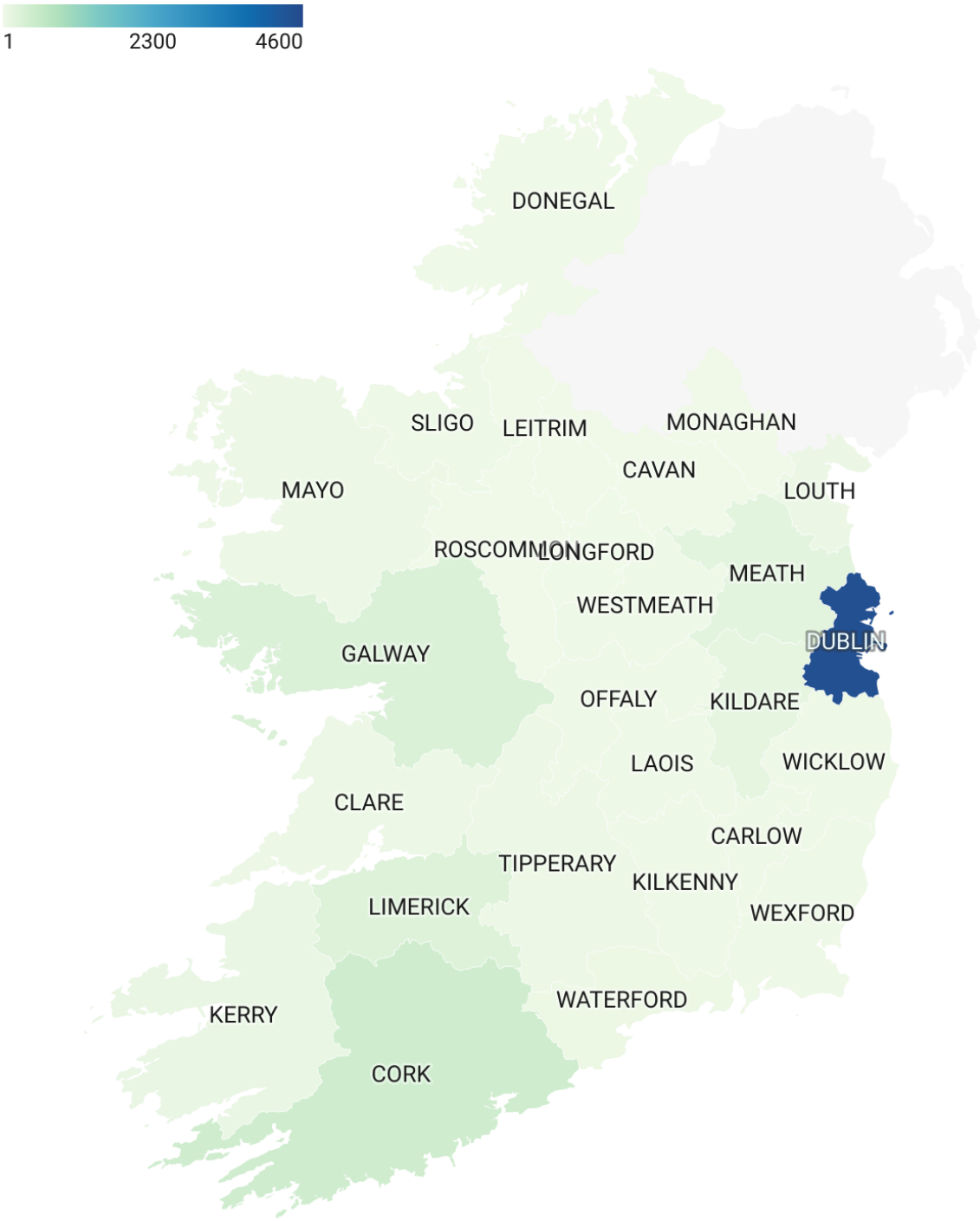
[1] Subsequent to publication of December 2021 Homeless Report, the Dublin Region submitted a revision in respect of family data for December 2021. The revision notified have been reflected above. The adult figure has increased by three, from 6,463 to 6,466.

West	165	186	0	0
TOTAL	**3,476**	**2,923**	**124**	**3**

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

Adults in Emergency Accommodation

20-26 December 2021 adults in emergency accommodation



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Homelessness by county during the week of 20-26 December 2021

Counties[2]		
Dublin	**Dublin**	**4,489 (69%)**
Mid-East	Kildare	141
	Meath	172
	Wicklow	27
	Sub-Total	**340 (5%)**
Midlands	Laois	23
	Longford	11
	Offaly	23
	Westmeath	36
	Sub-Total	**93 (1%)**
Mid-West	Clare	53
	Limerick	255
	Sub-Total	**308 (5%)**
North-East	Louth/Monaghan/Cavan	82
	Sub-Total	**82 (1%)**
North-West	Donegal/Leitrim	19
	Sligo	42
	Sub-Total	**61 (1%)**
South-East	Carlow	29
	Kilkenny	39
	Tipperary	56
	Waterford	60
	Wexford	30
	Sub-Total	**214 (3%)**
South-West	Cork (Cork City and County councils)	438
	Kerry	90
	Sub-Total	**528 (8%)**
West	Galway (Galway City and County councils)	296
	Mayo/Roscommon	55
	Sub-Total	**351 (5%)**
National		**6,466**

[2] 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 20-26 December 2021

Region	Total families	Total adults	Total child dependants
Dublin	802	1,356	1,891
Mid-East	55	84	119
Midlands	15	18	24
Mid-West	46	60	69
North-East	10	12	27
North-West	7	8	10
South-East	24	32	45
South-West	55	77	113
West	63	97	153
TOTAL	**1,077**	**1,744**	**2,451**

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, 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 comprises 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

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