

Spring 2021 Count of Rough Sleepers in the Dublin Region

Over the week **April 19 to 25th 2021**, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) arranged for the Dublin Simon Outreach team to engage in a full region assessment of people sleeping rough. Over **7 days** the outreach teams visited all known areas of rough sleeping in the Dublin region. Additional staff were deployed to ensure more intense coverage of city centre areas. There was planning and communication with Gardaí and staff in the 4 Dublin Local Authorities to ensure that they were fully informed about any individuals who were known to be rough sleeping, particularly in isolated areas. A total of **125** unique individuals were encountered over the course of the week. This represents a reduction of 14 (10%) on the 139 individuals found to be rough sleeping in the Winter count that took place in November 2020.

Of the 125 individuals, 110 had PASS records. The other 15 individuals are known to the outreach team.

Table 1 – Total Unique Individuals rough sleeping during the week of the count

Count	April 2021	November 2020
Total Found	125	139
Total with PASS records	110	127

Further details in relation to the 110 individuals with PASS records in the region are contained in the tables below. Please note that of these 110 individuals, 10 were people with active tenancies. These tenants have been referred for additional tenancy support services and/or health and addiction supports.

Table 2 – Gender Breakdown

Gender	April 2021	%	November 2020	%
Male	85	77%	93	73%
Female	25	23%	34	27%
Total	110	100%	127	100%

Table 3 – Age Profile

Age	Number of Individuals (April 2021)
20 - 25	14
26 - 45	79
46 - 61	17
Total	110

The youngest person found rough sleeping was 20 years old and the oldest person found was 61 years old. When compared to the November 2020 count the age profile is similar.

Table 4 – Comparison of those found Rough Sleeping with and without tents

Tents	Number April 2021
Number Found in Tents	65
Number Found without Tents	45
Total	110

For the first time in this count we recorded tent usage due to the visible increase in tents around the city.

Table 5 - Citizenship recorded on PASS

Citizenship	Number April 2021	
Irish	92	83%
EU	11	10%
Non EU	3	3%
Unknown	4	4%
Total	110	100%

Table 6 - Local Authority Area

Local Authority	Number April 2021
DCC	56
SDCC/ FCC/ DLRCC	26
Outside Dublin Region	18
Unknown	10
Total	110

Table 7 - Housing Needs Assessments Recorded on PASS

Housing Needs Assessment Completed	Number April 2021
Yes	61
Incomplete/Not eligible/unknown	49
Total	110

Table 8 - Emergency Accommodation (EA) Usage by Individuals found during the week of the count

EA Accommodation Use	April 2021	November 2020
On night of engagement	32	25
Over the assessment week	44	48
In the 3 months preceding the assessment week	78	83
Any time prior to the assessment week	99	113

Of the 110 individuals assessed over the week, 90% had used emergency accommodation at some point previously. A total of 71% had used emergency accommodation in the 3 months preceding the assessment week, and 40% had an allocated bed in emergency accommodation on at least one of the nights where they have been counted as sleeping rough. Since the week of the count, 45 of the 110 individuals have used emergency accommodation.

Summary of Key Points from Spring 2021 Rough Sleeper Count:

- ✓ The number of people sleeping rough in the Dublin region has reduced from 139 individuals in November 2020 to 125 in April 2021. This is a reduction of 14 (10%).
- ✓ Just 16 individuals in the November 2020 count were also found in the April 2021 count.
- ✓ The majority of those counted were Irish, male, and aged between 26-45 years.
- ✓ 59% of those found rough sleeping in April 2021 were using tents.
- ✓ 40% of those engaged had emergency accommodation available to them during the week of the count, and 90% had used accommodation in the past.
- ✓ 75% of those counted are associated with one of the four local authorities within the Dublin Region.

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