

Winter 2021 Count of Rough Sleepers in the Dublin Region

Over the week **October 25th to 31st 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 **94** unique individuals were encountered over the course of the week. This represents a reduction of 31 (25%) on the 125 individuals found to be rough sleeping in the Spring count that took place in April 2021.

Of the 94 individuals, 82 had PASS¹ records, indicating they had been assessed as homeless by a Local Authority. The other 12 individuals are known to the outreach team.

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

Count	October 2021	April 2021
Total Found	94	125
Total with PASS records	82	110

Of the 94 found rough sleeping, 87% (or 82 individuals) have active PASS records or had PASS records created during the week of the count, indicating they were engaging with homeless services. Several people identified at the beginning of the count registered with a local authority over the course of the week or soon after. Further details in relation to the 82 individuals with PASS records in the region are contained in the tables below.

Table 2 – Gender Breakdown

Gender	October 2021	%	April 2021	%
Male	65	79%	85	77%
Female	17	21%	25	23%
Total	82	100%	110	100%

¹ PASS is the shared bed and case management tool used by homeless services.

Table 3 – Age Profile

Age	Number of Individuals October 2021
19- 25	9
26 - 45	56
46 - 61	14
62+	3
Total	82

The youngest person found rough sleeping was 19 years old and the oldest person found was 68 years old. When compared to the April 2021 count the age profile is similar.

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

Tents	Number October 2021	Number April 2021
Number Found in Tents	37	65
Number Found without Tents	45	45
Total	82	110

Table 5 - Citizenship recorded on PASS

Citizenship	Number October 2021	%	Number April 2021	%
Irish	70	83%	92	83%
EU	10	10%	11	10%
Non EU	1	4%	3	3%
Unknown	1	3%	4	4%
Total	82	100%	110	100%

Table 6 - Local Authority Area

Local Authority	Number October 2021	Number April 2021
DCC	50	56
SDCC/ FCC/ DLRCC	19	26
Outside Dublin Region	12	18
Unknown	1	10
Total	82	110

Table 7 - Housing Needs Assessments Recorded on PASS

Housing Needs Assessment Completed	Number October 2021
Yes	35
Incomplete/Not Qualified/Not Known	47
Total	82

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

EA Accommodation Use	October 2021	April 2021
On night of engagement	29	32
Over the assessment week	35	44
In the 3 months preceding the assessment week	43	78
Any time prior to the assessment week	66	99

35% of those engaged with had an emergency accommodation booking on PASS on the same night of their engagement and they were no-shows at their accommodation on the night. During the course of the count week, 43% of those found on one night used Emergency Accommodation on another night during the week of the count. 52% of people had used Emergency Accommodation in the three months prior to the count, and after the week of the count 39% were in Emergency Accommodation. 13 individuals have never used Emergency Accommodation. 2 individuals have a tenancy and were found rough sleeping once during the count week.

Summary of Key Points from October 2021 Rough Sleeper Count:

- ✓ The number of people sleeping rough in the Dublin region has reduced from 125 individuals in April 2021 to 94 in October 2021. This is a reduction of 31 (25%).
- ✓ 11 individuals in the April 2021 count were also found in the October 2021 count.
- ✓ 2 individuals rough sleeping had an existing tenancy.
- ✓ The majority of those counted were Irish, male, and aged between 26-45 years.
- ✓ 47% of those found rough sleeping in October 2021 were using tents.
- ✓ 35% of those engaged with had an open booking for emergency accommodation on the same night of their engagement. They were no-shows at their accommodation on the night.
- ✓ 84% have been assessed as homeless by one of the four local authorities within the Dublin Region.

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