

Media Release Re: Rough Sleeper Count 20th to 26th October 2025

19th December 2025

Winter 2025 Count of People who are Sleeping Rough in the Dublin Region

The official Winter Count of people sleeping rough in the Dublin Region¹ was carried out over the week of the 20th to 26th October 2025. A total of 145 unique individuals were confirmed as rough sleeping across the Dublin region over the week of the count. This represents an increase of 11 individuals (8%) on the same period last year, with 134 individuals found to be rough sleeping during the week-long Winter Rough Sleeper count on the week of the 4th to 10th November 2024.

The count was arranged by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) and carried out by the Dublin Simon Community Outreach Team. Additional Outreach workers were deployed to ensure intense coverage of city centre areas. Staff in all four Dublin local authorities, Park Rangers and An Garda Síochána provided additional information about people who were rough sleeping, especially those in isolated areas.

The purpose of the count is to gather information on the patterns of rough sleeping, identify chronic rough sleepers for the Housing First programme and identify the health services and/or accommodation required to meet each individual's need. A number of these individuals are being targeted for a Housing First response, which will provide them with permanent housing and visiting supports to help them sustain their tenancy.

Of the 145 people met rough sleeping, 125 (86%) had previously been assessed or were assessed during the count week by the Local Authority, while the Outreach team are actively engaged with the remaining 20 persons.

The main characteristics of the 125 individuals with PASS IDs were as follows:

- The majority of the people confirmed as rough sleeping were **male, Irish** and aged between **26-45 years**.
- 90% were linked with one of the **four Dublin local authorities**.
- 54% were **using tents** and 46% were not.
- **24 unique couples** comprising of 48 individuals were found rough sleeping in the Winter 2025 count, highlighting the need for an increased number of couple's beds.
- In the Winter 2025 count, 23 individuals (18%) used Emergency Accommodation at some stage **during the count week**. A further 25 individuals (20%) had an Emergency Accommodation booking during the count week which they did not use (i.e. were no-shows).

¹ This number does not include International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) clients since these individuals are under the remit of the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

- 80 individuals (64%) had a booking for Emergency Accommodation at some stage in the **three months prior the count,**
- A total of 28 individuals were found rough sleeping in **both the Winter 2025 and Spring 2025 counts.**

It can take several intensive engagements by the Outreach team with people who are rough sleeping to support them into emergency accommodation, but in the majority of cases the team is successful in doing so within a short time frame. 94% (n=117) of those found rough sleeping during the Winter 2025 count had booked homeless accommodation at some point in the past, while 64% (n=80) had booked at some stage in the 3 months prior to the count, and 38% (n=48) had an open booking for emergency accommodation on at least one of the nights during the week long count.

The number of people rough sleeping in the Dublin Region changes from night to night. While there is a core group who regularly sleep rough, and may or may not engage with services, there is a larger group that alternates between rough sleeping, accessing emergency accommodation, sleeping in insecure accommodation, and staying with family or friends. Others may engage in rough sleeping for a very brief transitional period. Conducting the count over the course of a week allows for a more comprehensive understanding of the experiences of those who engage in rough sleeping

The DRHE sincerely thanks Dublin Simon Community, An Garda Síochána, Park Rangers, the HSE and staff in the four Dublin Local Authorities for their coordinated and dedicated response in addressing and working to bring an end to rough sleeping.

The full report is available on the DRHE website www.homelessdublin.ie

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Notes for editors:

If an individual / family is presenting as homeless for the first time in Dublin, their respective Local Authority will carry out a comprehensive assessment.

Central Placement Service for singles and couples; Tel: 01 - 222 6944 Monday to Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm. Email: homelesscps@dublincity.ie

Central Placement Service for families; Tel: 01 – 222 6977 Monday to Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm. Email: family.support@dublincity.ie

Homeless FREEPHONE 1800 707 707; for access to emergency accommodation out of hours for the Dublin Region, extended hours – 10am to 10pm 7 days a week;

Housing Support Officers providing housing advice and move on options to families in emergency accommodation. Tel: 01 222 7414 Monday to Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm. Email: housingsupport@dublincity.ie

Homeless HAP Tel: 01 – 222 6955 Monday to Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm. Email: homelesshap@dublincity.ie

Fingal County Council Homeless Section Tel 01 890 5090
Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm email homeless@fingal.ie

South Dublin County Council Homeless Section Tel: 01 414 9364
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Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council Homeless Section Tel; 01 205 4804
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If a member of the public would like to alert us to anyone who may be sleeping rough in the Dublin region, please contact us here
<http://www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper>
or via our free app **Dublin Rough Sleeper Alert**