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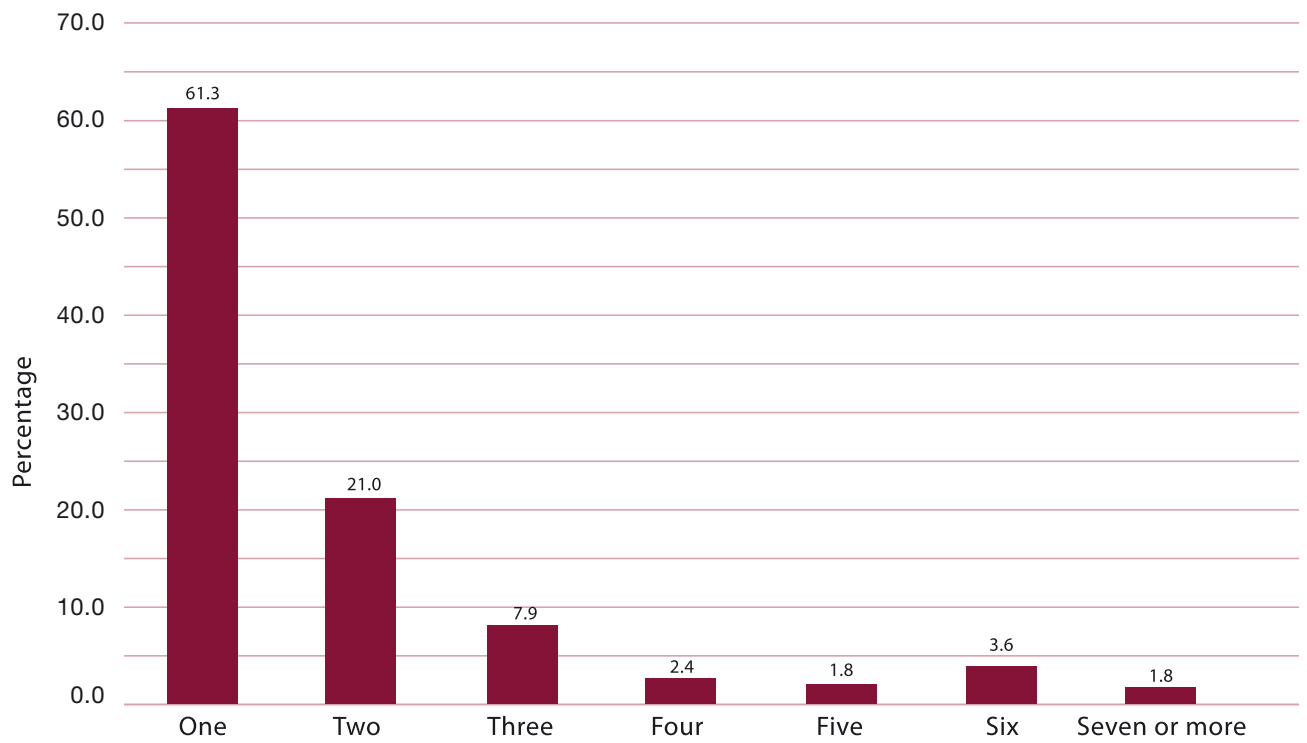
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**Figure 1** Percentage of treated cases by number of treatment interventions availed of (NDTRS 2010)

**Table 1** Cases entering treatment, by regional drugs task force area of residence and by treatment status (NDTRS 2005–2010)

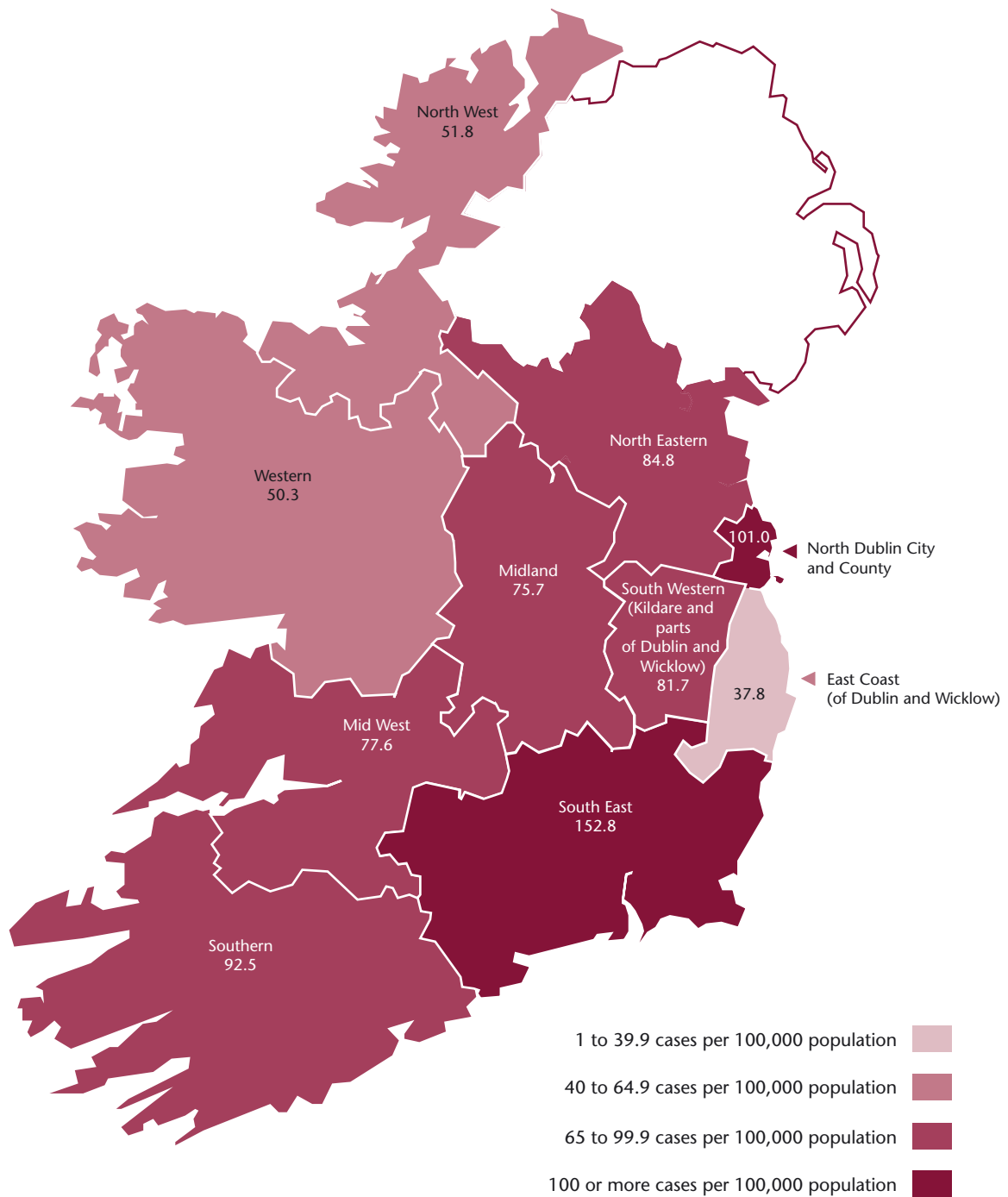
	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
<b>All cases</b>	<b>4877</b>		<b>5238</b>		<b>5749</b>		<b>6322</b>		<b>6497</b>		<b>7593</b>	
Southern	490	(10.0)	513	(9.8)	556	(9.7)	629	(9.9)	812	(12.5)	1255	(16.5)
North West	108	(2.2)	102	(1.9)	120	(2.1)	149	(2.4)	147	(2.3)	160	(2.1)
Midland	175	(3.6)	195	(3.7)	267	(4.6)	235	(3.7)	249	(3.8)	299	(3.9)
Western	178	(3.6)	193	(3.7)	290	(5.0)	404	(6.4)	331	(5.1)	430	(5.7)
Mid West	184	(3.8)	286	(5.5)	408	(7.1)	385	(6.1)	348	(5.4)	429	(5.6)
North Eastern	365	(7.5)	470	(9.0)	436	(7.6)	449	(7.1)	427	(6.6)	439	(5.8)
South East	609	(12.5)	636	(12.1)	708	(12.3)	734	(11.6)	1000	(15.4)	1286	(16.9)
East Coast (of Dublin and Wicklow)	236	(4.8)	300	(5.7)	334	(5.8)	321	(5.1)	348	(5.4)	319	(4.2)
South Western (part of Dublin and Wicklow and all of Kildare)	1403	(28.8)	1487	(28.4)	1528	(26.6)	1719	(27.2)	1587	(24.4)	1629	(21.5)
North Dublin City and County	1119	(22.9)	1052	(20.1)	1094	(19.0)	1293	(20.5)	1241	(19.1)	1342	(17.7)
Ireland, full address unknown	10	(0.2)	4	(0.1)	8	(0.1)	4	(0.1)	7	(0.1)	5	(0.1)
<b>New cases</b>	<b>1976</b>		<b>2229</b>		<b>2430</b>		<b>2658</b>		<b>2930</b>		<b>3207</b>	
Southern	317	(16.0)	332	(14.9)	317	(13.0)	359	(13.5)	474	(16.2)	665	(20.7)
North West	79	(4.0)	68	(3.1)	75	(3.1)	96	(3.6)	98	(3.3)	106	(3.3)
Midland	105	(5.3)	116	(5.2)	139	(5.7)	141	(5.3)	136	(4.6)	141	(4.4)
Western	97	(4.9)	92	(4.1)	134	(5.5)	190	(7.1)	155	(5.3)	200	(6.2)
Mid West	123	(6.2)	174	(7.8)	250	(10.3)	210	(7.9)	182	(6.2)	243	(7.6)
North Eastern	224	(11.3)	303	(13.6)	236	(9.7)	264	(9.9)	206	(7.0)	192	(6.0)
South East	420	(21.3)	392	(17.6)	435	(17.9)	402	(15.1)	612	(20.9)	704	(22.0)
East Coast (of Dublin and Wicklow)	50	(2.5)	89	(4.0)	93	(3.8)	88	(3.3)	134	(4.6)	114	(3.6)
South Western (part of Dublin and Wicklow and all of Kildare)	293	(14.8)	334	(15.0)	345	(14.2)	392	(14.7)	441	(15.1)	498	(15.5)
North Dublin City and County	264	(13.4)	327	(14.7)	400	(16.5)	515	(19.4)	489	(16.7)	342	(10.7)
Ireland, full address unknown	4	(0.2)	2	(0.1)	6	(0.2)	1	(0.0)	3	(0.1)	2	(0.1)
<b>Previously treated cases</b>	<b>2760</b>		<b>2825</b>		<b>3144</b>		<b>3510</b>		<b>3439</b>		<b>4217</b>	
Southern	165	(6.0)	165	(5.8)	228	(7.3)	257	(7.3)	329	(9.6)	569	(13.5)
North West	22	(0.8)	33	(1.2)	42	(1.3)	49	(1.4)	46	(1.3)	51	(1.2)
Midland	66	(2.4)	77	(2.7)	118	(3.8)	82	(2.3)	112	(3.3)	154	(3.7)
Western	75	(2.7)	101	(3.6)	153	(4.9)	211	(6.0)	173	(5.0)	226	(5.4)
Mid West	56	(2.0)	102	(3.6)	144	(4.6)	166	(4.7)	163	(4.7)	179	(4.2)
North Eastern	125	(4.5)	148	(5.2)	189	(6.0)	176	(5.0)	205	(6.0)	222	(5.3)
South East	183	(6.6)	242	(8.6)	260	(8.3)	323	(9.2)	378	(11.0)	563	(13.4)
East Coast (of Dublin and Wicklow)	180	(6.5)	196	(6.9)	225	(7.2)	220	(6.3)	207	(6.0)	189	(4.5)
South Western (part of Dublin and Wicklow and all of Kildare)	1065	(38.6)	1087	(38.5)	1138	(36.2)	1287	(36.7)	1092	(31.8)	1082	(25.7)
North Dublin City and County	817	(29.6)	672	(23.8)	645	(20.5)	736	(21.0)	730	(21.2)	980	(23.2)
Ireland, full address unknown	6	(0.2)	2	(0.1)	2	(0.1)	3	(0.1)	4	(0.1)	2	(0.0)
<b>Treatment status not known</b>	<b>141</b>		<b>184</b>		<b>175</b>		<b>154</b>		<b>128</b>		<b>169</b>	

**Table 2** Cases entering treatment, by local health office (LHO) area of residence and by treatment status (NDTRS 2005–2010)

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
<b>All cases</b>	<b>4877</b>		<b>5238</b>		<b>5749</b>		<b>6322</b>		<b>6497</b>		<b>7593</b>	
Dublin South	87	(1.8)	119	(2.3)	115	(2.0)	125	(2.0)	135	(2.1)	126	(1.7)
Dublin South East	60	(1.2)	68	(1.3)	98	(1.7)	80	(1.3)	84	(1.3)	71	(0.9)
Dublin South City	344	(7.1)	336	(6.4)	349	(6.1)	430	(6.8)	349	(5.4)	335	(4.4)
Dublin South West	422	(8.7)	493	(9.4)	499	(8.7)	564	(8.9)	531	(8.2)	549	(7.2)
Dublin West	528	(10.8)	481	(9.2)	509	(8.9)	531	(8.4)	552	(8.5)	459	(6.0)
Dublin North West	329	(6.7)	355	(6.8)	403	(7.0)	576	(9.1)	520	(8.0)	572	(7.5)
Dublin North Central	524	(10.7)	414	(7.9)	399	(6.9)	406	(6.4)	440	(6.8)	497	(6.5)
Dublin North	266	(5.5)	283	(5.4)	292	(5.1)	311	(4.9)	281	(4.3)	273	(3.6)
Kildare/West Wicklow	109	(2.2)	177	(3.4)	171	(3.0)	194	(3.1)	155	(2.4)	286	(3.8)
Wicklow East	89	(1.8)	113	(2.2)	121	(2.1)	116	(1.8)	129	(2.0)	122	(1.6)
Kerry	69	(1.4)	63	(1.2)	68	(1.2)	73	(1.2)	122	(1.9)	286	(3.8)
Donegal	53	(1.1)	56	(1.1)	69	(1.2)	71	(1.1)	85	(1.3)	73	(1.0)
Sligo/Leitrim	55	(1.1)	46	(0.9)	51	(0.9)	78	(1.2)	62	(1.0)	87	(1.1)
Longford/Westmeath	66	(1.4)	119	(2.3)	164	(2.9)	118	(1.9)	169	(2.6)	180	(2.4)
Laois/Offaly	109	(2.2)	76	(1.5)	103	(1.8)	117	(1.9)	80	(1.2)	119	(1.6)
Galway	115	(2.4)	124	(2.4)	196	(3.4)	275	(4.3)	218	(3.4)	291	(3.8)
Mayo	41	(0.8)	35	(0.7)	53	(0.9)	70	(1.1)	64	(1.0)	69	(0.9)
Roscommon	22	(0.5)	34	(0.6)	41	(0.7)	59	(0.9)	49	(0.8)	70	(0.9)
Limerick	111	(2.3)	172	(3.3)	300	(5.2)	269	(4.3)	221	(3.4)	299	(3.9)
Clare	37	(0.8)	67	(1.3)	65	(1.1)	56	(0.9)	58	(0.9)	77	(1.0)
Tipperary NR	35	(0.7)	47	(0.9)	43	(0.7)	60	(0.9)	69	(1.1)	53	(0.7)
Louth	205	(4.2)	220	(4.2)	150	(2.6)	146	(2.3)	148	(2.3)	178	(2.3)
Meath	113	(2.3)	175	(3.3)	182	(3.2)	196	(3.1)	202	(3.1)	178	(2.3)
Cavan/Monaghan	47	(1.0)	74	(1.4)	104	(1.8)	107	(1.7)	77	(1.2)	83	(1.1)
Carlow/Kilkenny	168	(3.4)	159	(3.0)	161	(2.8)	194	(3.1)	264	(4.1)	319	(4.2)
Tipperary SR	78	(1.6)	86	(1.6)	117	(2.0)	142	(2.2)	198	(3.0)	252	(3.3)
Wexford	185	(3.8)	203	(3.9)	238	(4.1)	213	(3.4)	281	(4.3)	332	(4.4)
Waterford	178	(3.6)	188	(3.6)	192	(3.3)	183	(2.9)	256	(3.9)	383	(5.0)
Cork	421	(8.6)	445	(8.5)	488	(8.5)	556	(8.8)	687	(10.6)	961	(12.7)
LHO area not known	11	(0.2)	10	(0.2)	8	(0.1)	6	(0.1)	11	(0.2)	13	(0.2)
<b>New cases</b>	<b>1976</b>		<b>2229</b>		<b>2430</b>		<b>2658</b>		<b>2930</b>		<b>3207</b>	
Dublin South	19	(1.0)	33	(1.5)	26	(1.1)	35	(1.3)	50	(1.7)	42	(1.3)
Dublin South East	12	(0.6)	30	(1.3)	32	(1.3)	15	(0.6)	28	(1.0)	29	(0.9)
Dublin South City	53	(2.7)	56	(2.5)	53	(2.2)	74	(2.8)	81	(2.8)	66	(2.1)
Dublin South West	93	(4.7)	93	(4.2)	133	(5.5)	127	(4.8)	153	(5.2)	172	(5.4)
Dublin West	79	(4.0)	89	(4.0)	94	(3.9)	110	(4.1)	144	(4.9)	133	(4.1)
Dublin North West	66	(3.3)	92	(4.1)	140	(5.8)	226	(8.5)	182	(6.2)	146	(4.6)
Dublin North Central	111	(5.6)	147	(6.6)	149	(6.1)	160	(6.0)	179	(6.1)	131	(4.1)
Dublin North	87	(4.4)	88	(3.9)	111	(4.6)	129	(4.9)	128	(4.4)	65	(2.0)
Kildare/West Wicklow	68	(3.4)	96	(4.3)	65	(2.7)	81	(3.0)	63	(2.2)	127	(4.0)
Wicklow East	19	(1.0)	26	(1.2)	35	(1.4)	38	(1.4)	56	(1.9)	43	(1.3)
Kerry	42	(2.1)	44	(2.0)	41	(1.7)	50	(1.9)	73	(2.5)	161	(5.0)
Donegal	41	(2.1)	37	(1.7)	43	(1.8)	47	(1.8)	61	(2.1)	49	(1.5)
Sligo/Leitrim	38	(1.9)	31	(1.4)	32	(1.3)	49	(1.8)	37	(1.3)	57	(1.8)
Longford/Westmeath	30	(1.5)	70	(3.1)	83	(3.4)	60	(2.3)	79	(2.7)	70	(2.2)
Laois/Offaly	75	(3.8)	46	(2.1)	56	(2.3)	81	(3.0)	57	(1.9)	71	(2.2)
Galway	58	(2.9)	55	(2.5)	95	(3.9)	144	(5.4)	106	(3.6)	148	(4.6)
Mayo	27	(1.4)	19	(0.9)	24	(1.0)	23	(0.9)	28	(1.0)	24	(0.7)
Roscommon	12	(0.6)	18	(0.8)	15	(0.6)	23	(0.9)	21	(0.7)	28	(0.9)
Limerick	70	(3.5)	108	(4.8)	192	(7.9)	134	(5.0)	106	(3.6)	154	(4.8)

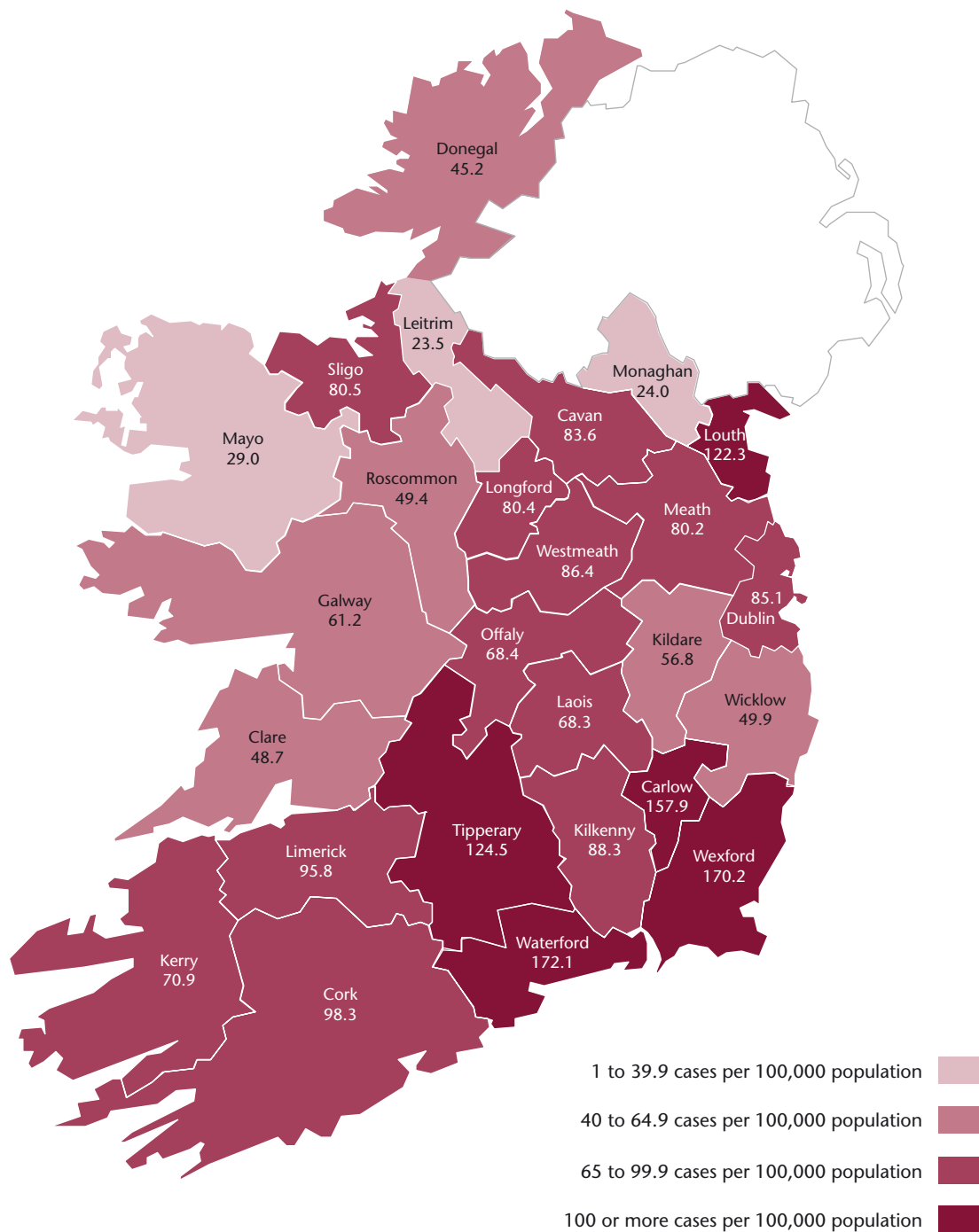
	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
Clare	28	(1.4)	40	(1.8)	36	(1.5)	37	(1.4)	33	(1.1)	49	(1.5)
Tipperary NR	24	(1.2)	26	(1.2)	22	(0.9)	39	(1.5)	43	(1.5)	40	(1.2)
Louth	115	(5.8)	138	(6.2)	80	(3.3)	91	(3.4)	72	(2.5)	89	(2.8)
Meath	79	(4.0)	111	(5.0)	111	(4.6)	106	(4.0)	93	(3.2)	66	(2.1)
Cavan/Monaghan	30	(1.5)	53	(2.4)	45	(1.9)	67	(2.5)	41	(1.4)	37	(1.2)
Carlow/Kilkenny	108	(5.5)	85	(3.8)	86	(3.5)	98	(3.7)	130	(4.4)	160	(5.0)
Tipperary SR	55	(2.8)	56	(2.5)	70	(2.9)	91	(3.4)	148	(5.1)	155	(4.8)
Wexford	126	(6.4)	133	(6.0)	162	(6.7)	117	(4.4)	192	(6.6)	212	(6.6)
Waterford	131	(6.6)	118	(5.3)	117	(4.8)	96	(3.6)	141	(4.8)	177	(5.5)
Cork	275	(13.9)	286	(12.8)	276	(11.4)	309	(11.6)	399	(13.6)	501	(15.6)
LHO area not known	5	(0.3)	5	(0.2)	6	(0.2)	1	(0.0)	6	(0.2)	5	(0.2)
<b>Previously treated cases</b>	<b>2760</b>		<b>2825</b>		<b>3144</b>		<b>3510</b>		<b>3439</b>		<b>4217</b>	
Dublin South	65	(2.4)	84	(3.0)	87	(2.8)	82	(2.3)	85	(2.5)	80	(1.9)
Dublin South East	47	(1.7)	35	(1.2)	61	(1.9)	63	(1.8)	54	(1.6)	38	(0.9)
Dublin South City	286	(10.4)	265	(9.4)	288	(9.2)	348	(9.9)	260	(7.6)	262	(6.2)
Dublin South West	315	(11.4)	379	(13.4)	356	(11.3)	423	(12.1)	349	(10.1)	361	(8.6)
Dublin West	424	(15.4)	368	(13.0)	400	(12.7)	415	(11.8)	402	(11.7)	307	(7.3)
Dublin North West	249	(9.0)	243	(8.6)	246	(7.8)	338	(9.6)	331	(9.6)	417	(9.9)
Dublin North Central	396	(14.3)	246	(8.7)	232	(7.4)	227	(6.5)	249	(7.2)	363	(8.6)
Dublin North	172	(6.2)	183	(6.5)	167	(5.3)	171	(4.9)	150	(4.4)	200	(4.7)
Kildare/West Wicklow	40	(1.4)	75	(2.7)	94	(3.0)	101	(2.9)	81	(2.4)	152	(3.6)
Wicklow East	68	(2.5)	77	(2.7)	77	(2.4)	75	(2.1)	68	(2.0)	71	(1.7)
Kerry	27	(1.0)	17	(0.6)	27	(0.9)	22	(0.6)	48	(1.4)	121	(2.9)
Donegal	8	(0.3)	19	(0.7)	25	(0.8)	22	(0.6)	24	(0.7)	22	(0.5)
Sligo/Leitrim	14	(0.5)	14	(0.5)	17	(0.5)	27	(0.8)	22	(0.6)	29	(0.7)
Longford/Westmeath	33	(1.2)	47	(1.7)	76	(2.4)	53	(1.5)	90	(2.6)	106	(2.5)
Laois/Offaly	33	(1.2)	30	(1.1)	42	(1.3)	29	(0.8)	22	(0.6)	48	(1.1)
Galway	52	(1.9)	69	(2.4)	99	(3.1)	128	(3.6)	110	(3.2)	139	(3.3)
Mayo	14	(0.5)	16	(0.6)	29	(0.9)	47	(1.3)	36	(1.0)	45	(1.1)
Roscommon	9	(0.3)	16	(0.6)	25	(0.8)	36	(1.0)	27	(0.8)	42	(1.0)
Limerick	36	(1.3)	58	(2.1)	97	(3.1)	128	(3.6)	113	(3.3)	140	(3.3)
Clare	9	(0.3)	25	(0.9)	26	(0.8)	18	(0.5)	25	(0.7)	28	(0.7)
Tipperary NR	11	(0.4)	19	(0.7)	21	(0.7)	20	(0.6)	25	(0.7)	11	(0.3)
Louth	79	(2.9)	70	(2.5)	66	(2.1)	50	(1.4)	68	(2.0)	72	(1.7)
Meath	32	(1.2)	59	(2.1)	64	(2.0)	86	(2.5)	102	(3.0)	107	(2.5)
Cavan/Monaghan	14	(0.5)	19	(0.7)	59	(1.9)	40	(1.1)	35	(1.0)	43	(1.0)
Carlow/Kilkenny	59	(2.1)	74	(2.6)	65	(2.1)	92	(2.6)	131	(3.8)	148	(3.5)
Tipperary SR	23	(0.8)	30	(1.1)	46	(1.5)	50	(1.4)	50	(1.5)	93	(2.2)
Wexford	55	(2.0)	70	(2.5)	75	(2.4)	95	(2.7)	87	(2.5)	117	(2.8)
Waterford	46	(1.7)	68	(2.4)	74	(2.4)	86	(2.5)	110	(3.2)	205	(4.9)
Cork	138	(5.0)	145	(5.1)	201	(6.4)	235	(6.7)	280	(8.1)	443	(10.5)
LHO area not known	6	(0.2)	5	(0.2)	2	(0.1)	3	(0.1)	5	(0.1)	7	(0.2)
<b>Treatment status unknown</b>	<b>141</b>		<b>184</b>		<b>175</b>		<b>154</b>		<b>128</b>		<b>169</b>	

In order to adjust for variation in population size by geographical area, the actual incidence of treated drug use in each area was calculated using the average number of new cases over the six-year period living in each of the 10 regional drugs task force areas, 26 counties and 32 HSE local health office areas; this average was divided by the population aged 15–64 years living in the respective regional drugs task force areas and counties, using the census figures for 2005 and 2006 and CSO estimated figures for 2007 to 2010, and for local health office areas using CSO estimated figures for 2010 only (CSO 2011).



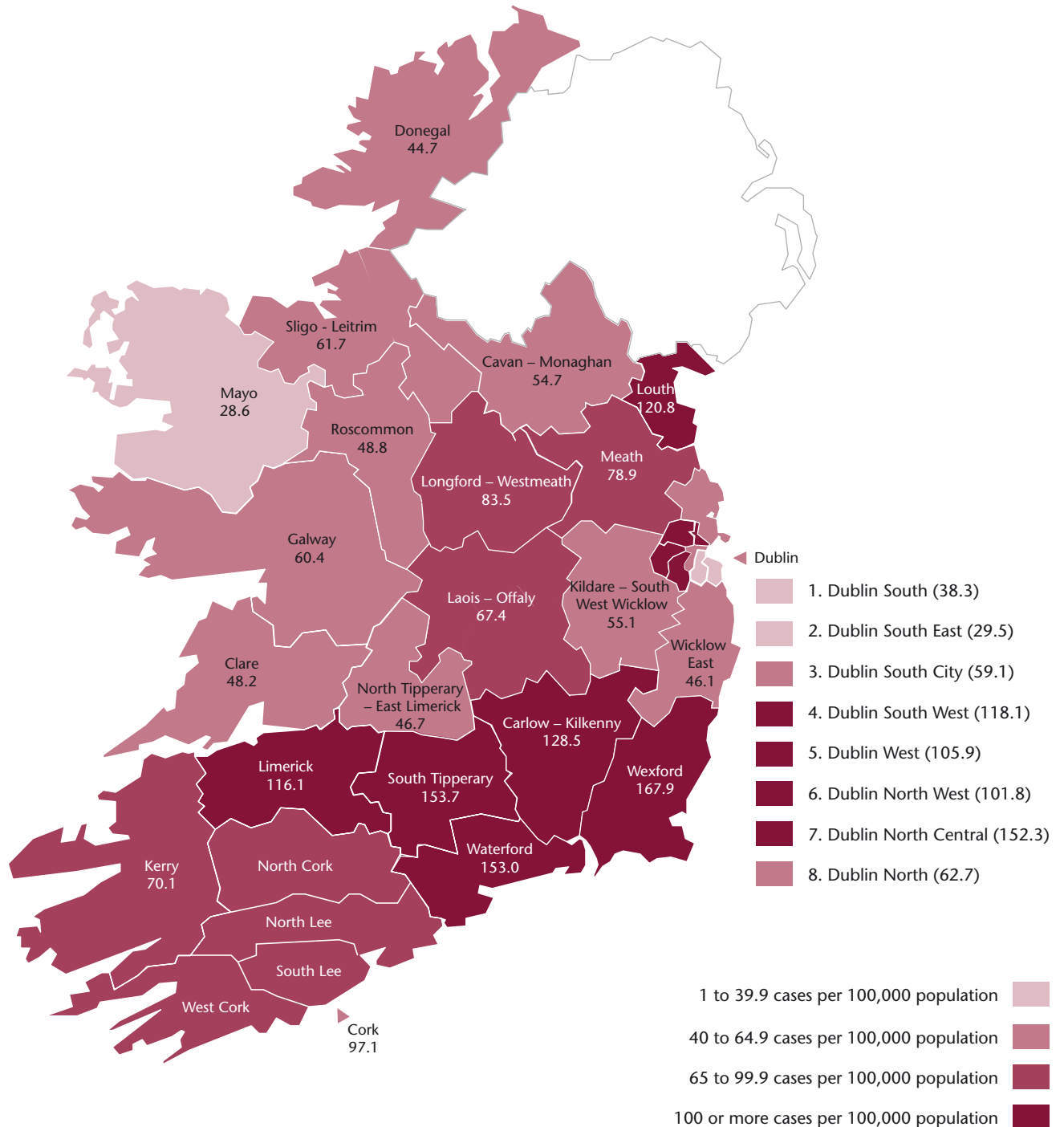
**Figure 2** Average annual incidence of treated problem drug use per 100,000 15–64-year-olds, by regional drugs task force area of residence (NDTRS 2005–2010; CSO 2011)

The average incidence of new cases was examined by county for the period 2005 to 2010.



**Figure 3** Average annual incidence of cases treated for problem drug use per 100,000 15–64-year-olds, by county of residence (NDTRS 2005–2010; CSO 2011)

The average incidence of new cases was examined by local health office area for the period 2005 to 2010.



**Figure 4** Average annual incidence of cases treated for problem drug use per 100,000 15-64-year-olds, by local health office area of residence (NDTRS 2005-2010; CSO 2011)



**Table 3** Number of problem substances, by treatment status (NDTRS 2005–2010)

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
<b>All cases</b>	<b>4877</b>		<b>5238</b>		<b>5749</b>		<b>6322</b>		<b>6497</b>		<b>7593</b>	
One drug	1476	(30.3)	1506	(28.8)	1899	(33.0)	1892	(29.9)	2173	(33.4)	2680	(35.3)
Two drugs	1385	(28.4)	1420	(27.1)	1557	(27.1)	1682	(26.6)	1832	(28.2)	2221	(29.3)
Three drugs	1103	(22.6)	1213	(23.2)	1289	(22.4)	1495	(23.6)	1399	(21.5)	1549	(20.4)
Four drugs	913	(18.7)	1099	(21.0)	1004	(17.5)	1253	(19.8)	1093	(16.8)	1143	(15.1)
<b>New cases</b>	<b>1976</b>		<b>2229</b>		<b>2430</b>		<b>2658</b>		<b>2930</b>		<b>3207</b>	
One drug	602	(30.5)	673	(30.2)	818	(33.7)	838	(31.5)	1004	(34.3)	1189	(37.1)
Two drugs	573	(29.0)	626	(28.1)	632	(26.0)	739	(27.8)	842	(28.7)	952	(29.7)
Three drugs	430	(21.8)	479	(21.5)	563	(23.2)	578	(21.7)	629	(21.5)	620	(19.3)
Four drugs	371	(18.8)	451	(20.2)	417	(17.2)	503	(18.9)	455	(15.5)	446	(13.9)
<b>Previously treated cases</b>	<b>2760</b>		<b>2825</b>		<b>3144</b>		<b>3510</b>		<b>3439</b>		<b>4217</b>	
One drug	826	(29.9)	781	(27.6)	1000	(31.8)	978	(27.9)	1103	(32.1)	1408	(33.4)
Two drugs	774	(28.0)	745	(26.4)	878	(27.9)	908	(25.9)	958	(27.9)	1217	(28.9)
Three drugs	646	(23.4)	682	(24.1)	696	(22.1)	896	(25.5)	753	(21.9)	908	(21.5)
Four drugs	514	(18.6)	617	(21.8)	570	(18.1)	728	(20.7)	625	(18.2)	684	(16.2)
<b>Treatment status unknown</b>	<b>141</b>		<b>184</b>		<b>175</b>		<b>154</b>		<b>128</b>		<b>169</b>	

The following tables present an analysis of new cases entering treatment for problem drug use in Ireland between 2005 and 2010, by HSE region of residence.

**Table 4** New cases: main problem drug, by HSE region of residence (NDTRS 2005–2010)

	Dublin North East		Dublin Mid-Leinster		South		West	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
<b>New cases</b>	<b>3762</b>		<b>3667</b>		<b>5429</b>		<b>2572</b>	
Opiates	2103	(55.9)	2011	(54.8)	1350	(24.9)	770	(29.9)
Ecstasy	37	(1.0)	39	(1.1)	217	(4.0)	84	(3.3)
Cocaine	493	(13.1)	736	(20.1)	781	(14.4)	319	(12.4)
Amphetamines	6	(0.2)	8	(0.2)	107	(2.0)	28	(1.1)
Benzodiazepines	106	(2.8)	82	(2.2)	224	(4.1)	116	(4.5)
Volatile inhalants	21	(0.6)	11	(0.3)	56	(1.0)	31	(1.2)
Cannabis	952	(25.3)	745	(20.3)	2580	(47.5)	1166	(45.3)
Other	44	(1.2)	35	(1.0)	114	(2.1)	58	(2.3)

**Table 5** New cases: use of more than one drug, by HSE region of residence (NDTRS 2005–2010)

	Dublin North East		Dublin Mid-Leinster		South		West	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
<b>New cases</b>	<b>3762</b>		<b>3667</b>		<b>5429</b>		<b>2572</b>	
Using more than one drug	2442	(64.9)	2359	(64.3)	3898	(71.8)	1607	(62.5)

**Table 6** New cases: number of problem substances used, by HSE region of residence (NDTRS 2005–2010)

	Dublin North East		Dublin Mid-Leinster		South		West	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
New cases	3762		3667		5429		2572	
One drug	1320	(35.1)	1308	(35.7)	1531	(28.2)	965	(37.5)
Two drugs	1060	(28.2)	1058	(28.9)	1490	(27.4)	756	(29.4)
Three drugs	780	(20.7)	787	(21.5)	1234	(22.7)	498	(19.4)
Four drugs	602	(16.0)	514	(14.0)	1174	(21.6)	353	(13.7)

**Table 7** New cases: additional problem substances used, by HSE region of residence (NDTRS 2005–2010)

	Dublin North East		Dublin Mid-Leinster		South		West	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
New cases*	2442		2359		3898		1607	
Opiates	478	(19.6)	384	(16.3)	220	(5.6)	72	(4.5)
Ecstasy	359	(14.7)	322	(13.6)	1119	(28.7)	417	(25.9)
Cocaine	753	(30.8)	716	(30.4)	1115	(28.6)	421	(26.2)
Amphetamines	57	(2.3)	41	(1.7)	413	(10.6)	68	(4.2)
Benzodiazepines	752	(30.8)	514	(21.8)	584	(15.0)	198	(12.3)
Volatile inhalants	14	(0.6)	13	(0.6)	34	(0.9)	18	(1.1)
Cannabis	916	(37.5)	1090	(46.2)	1339	(34.4)	539	(33.5)
Alcohol	882	(36.1)	982	(41.6)	2439	(62.6)	999	(62.2)
Other	215	(8.8)	111	(4.7)	217	(5.6)	79	(4.9)
Not recorded	0	(0.0)	1	(0.0)	0	(0.0)	0	(0.0)

\* New cases who reported use of one, two or three additional drugs.

**Table 8** New cases: reported risk behaviours, by HSE region of residence (NDTRS 2005–2010)

	Dublin North East		Dublin Mid-Leinster		South		West	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
New cases	3762		3667		5429		2572	
Ever injected	1229	(32.7)	848	(23.1)	566	(10.4)	198	(7.7)
Of whom								
Ever shared	582	(47.4)	327	(38.6)	261	(46.1)	55	(27.8)
Currently injecting	536	(43.6)	395	(46.6)	318	(56.2)	99	(50.0)
Median age (range*) started drug use, in years	14	(11–22)	15	(11–24)	15	(11–24)	15	(12–26)
Median age (range*) started injecting, in years	20	(15–33)	20	(15–32)	21	(15–35)	24	(16–35)

\* Age range presented is the 5th to 95th percentile (90% of cases are included within this range).

**Table 9** New cases: socio-economic characteristics, by HSE region of residence (NDTRS 2005–2010)

	Dublin North East		Dublin Mid-Leinster		South		West	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
New cases	3762		3667		5429		2572	
Median age (range*)	26	(15–42)	25	(16–41)	22	(15–40)	24	(15–43)
Under 18 years	513	(13.6)	375	(10.2)	1018	(18.8)	389	(15.1)
Male	2873	(76.4)	2774	(75.6)	4264	(78.5)	1953	(75.9)
Living with parents / family	2034	(54.1)	2023	(55.2)	3235	(59.6)	1369	(53.2)
Homeless	147	(3.9)	102	(2.8)	201	(3.7)	83	(3.2)
Non-Irish national	129	(3.4)	122	(3.3)	277	(5.1)	166	(6.5)
Early school leaver	695	(18.5)	708	(19.3)	597	(11.0)	320	(12.4)
Still at school	338	(9.0)	208	(5.7)	684	(12.6)	295	(11.5)
Employed (aged 16–64)	638	(18.0)	778	(22.1)	1110	(21.9)	465	(19.1)

\* Age range presented is the 5th to 95th percentile (90% of cases are included within this range).