

2021

Deaths among people who were homeless in Ireland

HRB Health Research Board

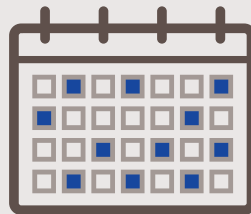
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Number of deaths

128

deaths

among people who were **homeless** in 2021



11 deaths

per month

County

63% Dublin city and county

10% Cork city and county

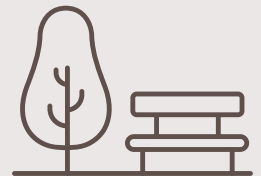
27% Rest of Ireland

Place of death

44% died in emergency accommodation



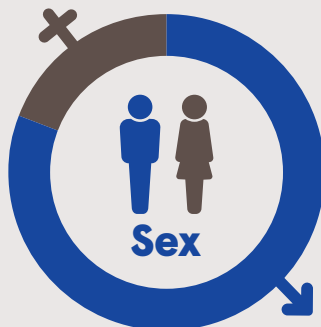
31% died in a public place, public building, or derelict building



Breakdown by sex

80.5%
Male

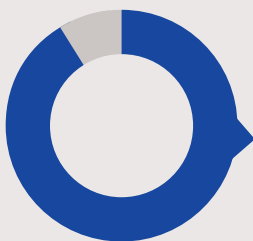
44 yrs
Median age of death



19.5%
Female

37 yrs
Median age of death

Substance use



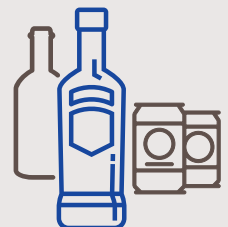
86%
had a history of substance use or dependency



40%
Drugs only



21%
Alcohol & drugs

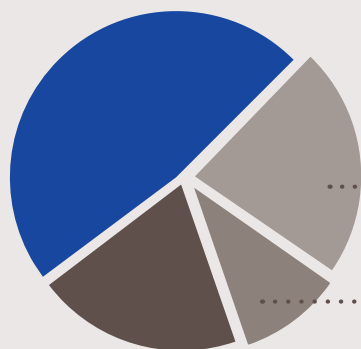


25%
Alcohol only

Cause of death

48%
Poisoning

52%
Non-poisoning



Of non-poisoning deaths:

21% deaths due to cardiovascular conditions

10% deaths due to hanging

Mental health



52%
of females



29%
of males



Substance use treatment



38%
in receipt of substance use treatment

52%
of females



34%
of males



Most common drugs implicated in poisoning deaths



Ever Injected

21%
ever injected



NEED ADVICE

If you have any concerns regarding drugs you should contact:
www.drugs.ie or call 1800 459 459