

2022

Deaths among people who were homeless in Ireland

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40
YEARS

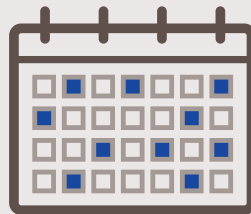
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Number of deaths _____

124 deaths

among people who
were **homeless** in 2022

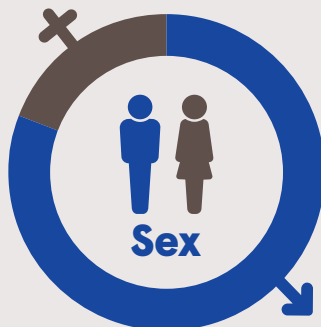


10 deaths
per month

Breakdown by sex _____

80.6%
Male

47 yrs
Median age
of death



19.4%
Female

41 yrs
Median age
of death

County _____

57% Dublin city
and county

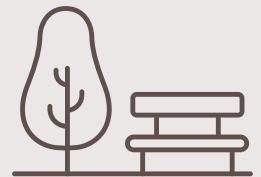
11% Cork city
and county

31% Rest of Ireland

Place of death _____

29%

died in a **public place,**
public building, or derelict
building



27%

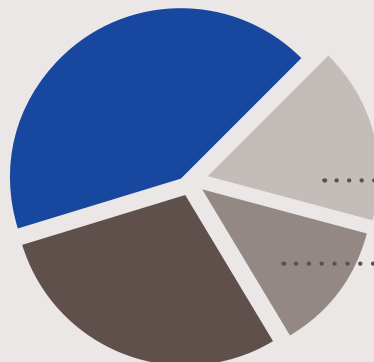
died in **emergency**
accommodation



Cause of death _____

64%
Non-poisoning

36%
Poisoning



Of non-poisoning deaths:

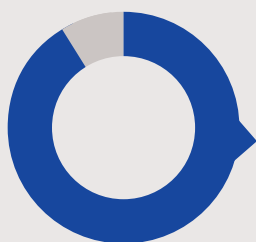
15%

deaths due to cardiovascular conditions

11%

deaths due to hanging

Substance use



84%
had a history of substance
use or dependency



32%
Drugs only



29%
Alcohol & drugs



23%
Alcohol only

Mental health

38%

had a mental
health issue



46%

of females



36%

of males



Substance use treatment

41%

in receipt of substance
use treatment



58%

of females



37%

of males



Most common drugs implicated in poisoning deaths



Opioids



Benzodiazepines



Cocaine



Alcohol

Ever Injected

22%

ever injected



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mental health, please contact:
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