2019 Deaths among people who were homeless in Ireland

**Number of deaths**

- 84 deaths among people who were homeless in 2019
- 7 deaths per month

**Place of death**

- 60% in Dublin
- 7% in Cork
- 33% Rest of Ireland

**Breakdown by sex**

- 81% Male
- 19% Female
- 40.5 yrs Median age of death
- 39.5 yrs Median age of death

**Substance use**

- 93% had a history of substance use or dependency
- 48% Drugs only
- 23% Alcohol only
- 23% Alcohol & drugs

**Sexual orientation**

- 40% died in a public place, public building, or derelict building
- 32% died in emergency accommodation
**Cause of death**

- 55% Poisoning
- 45% Non-poisoning

**Most common drugs implicated in poisoning deaths**

- Opioids
- Benzodiazepines
- Z-drugs
- Alcohol

**Mental health**

- 75% of females
- 29% of males

38% had a mental health issue

**Contact with medical services**

- 63% of females
- 33% of males

39% were in contact with medical services

**Epilepsy prevalence**

Epilepsy present in 7% of deaths

**NEED ADVICE**

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