

**Monthly Report**

**on Homelessness**

This report focuses on the situation in the Dublin region (inclusive of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities) at the end of **October 2024**. There are **43** more households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, with **135** more individuals. This reflects an increase in families and an increase in single adult households.

*Number of individuals in Emergency Accommodation in the **Dublin Region** – from October 2023 to October 2024, as published nationally:*

| Month            | Families | Adults in Families | Children | Singles | Total Adults | Total Individuals | Total Households |
|------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Oct 2024</b>  | 1,512    | 2,632              | 3,448    | 4,756   | 7,388        | 10,836            | 6,268            |
| <b>Sep 2024</b>  | 1,499    | 2,587              | 3,388    | 4,726   | 7,313        | 10,701            | 6,225            |
| <b>Aug 2024</b>  | 1,467    | 2,544              | 3,273    | 4,664   | 7,208        | 10,481            | 6,131            |
| <b>July 2024</b> | 1,488    | 2,564              | 3,289    | 4,634   | 7,198        | 10,487            | 6,122            |
| <b>June 2024</b> | 1,496    | 2,567              | 3,285    | 4,544   | 7,111        | 10,396            | 6,040            |
| <b>May 2024</b>  | 1,464    | 2,524              | 3,233    | 4,534   | 7,058        | 10,291            | 5,998            |
| <b>Apr 2024</b>  | 1,445    | 2,501              | 3,188    | 4,527   | 7,028        | 10,216            | 5,972            |
| <b>Mar 2024</b>  | 1,453    | 2,512              | 3,181    | 4,487   | 6,999        | 10,180            | 5,940            |
| <b>Feb 2024</b>  | 1,457    | 2,516              | 3,165    | 4,419   | 6,935        | 10,100            | 5,876            |
| <b>Jan 2024</b>  | 1,423    | 2,429              | 3,083    | 4,385   | 6,814        | 9,897             | 5,808            |
| <b>Dec 2023</b>  | 1,400    | 2,424              | 3,020    | 4,330   | 6,754        | 9,774             | 5,730            |
| <b>Nov 2023</b>  | 1,445    | 2,474              | 3,116    | 4,316   | 6,790        | 9,906             | 5,761            |
| <b>Oct 2023</b>  | 1,419    | 2,415              | 3,060    | 4,238   | 6,653        | 9,713             | 5,657            |

## 1. Family Homelessness

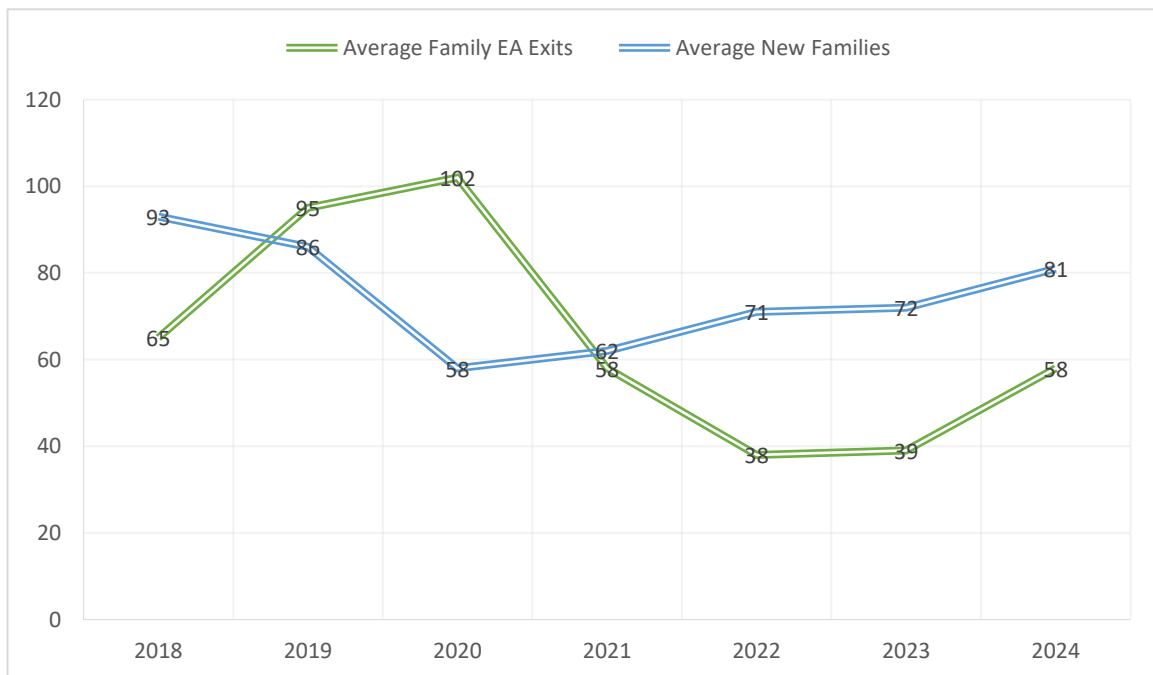
In Dublin at the end of October 2024, there were **1,512** families in emergency accommodation. This is an increase of **13** on the September 2024 number, and an increase of **93** when compared with October 2023 when there were **1,419** families in emergency accommodation. There has been a **6%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

**Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 735 (49%), DLRCC – 86 (6%), FCC – 324 (21%), SDCC – 367 (24%)**

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of October was **3,448**. This is an increase of **60** when compared to the September 2024 figure and **388** more than the October 2023 figure of **3,060**.

New family presentations have averaged at **81** per month for the year to date. The average number of families leaving homelessness to a tenancy is **58** per month. **Fewer families exiting homeless accommodation to tenancies is the main driver of the increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Dublin region.**

Table 1: Average presentations and exits (families)



### 1.1. Use of Commercial Hotels

The numbers of families residing in commercial hotels has decreased. By the end of October 2024, there were **416** families using commercial hotels. This represents an increase of **8** families from **408** in September 2024 and compared with **387** in October 2023, an increase of **29** families in this type of accommodation over 12 months. The highest level was in March 2017, when the number of families in commercial hotels reached **871**. The DRHE is entering contracts with some of these facilities to reduce our vulnerability to shortages during times of peak demand.

### 1.2. New Family Presentations – October 2024

**82** families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in October 2024. This is a decrease of **5** on the number of families that entered for the first time in September 2024. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

| Oct 2023 | Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Mar 2024 | April 2024 | May 2024 | June 2024 | July 2024 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 63       | 85       | 43       | 101      | 78       | 75       | 74         | 73       | 76        | 79        | 82       | 82       |

### 1.3. New Family Presentations – Demographic information and reasons for presentation to Homeless Services

| Citizenship         | Irish    | EU/ EEA  | Non-EU   | UK    | Total            |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|------------------|
| <b>October 2024</b> | 37 (45%) | 20 (24%) | 25 (30%) | 0(0%) | <b>82 (100%)</b> |

Below are the presenting reasons to aid understanding of the drivers of homelessness:

| Family Reason for Homelessness      | October 2024 | %   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| NOTs                                | 33           | 40% |
| Family Reunification                | 7            | 9%  |
| Leaving Direct Provision            | 6            | 8%  |
| Left Informal tenancies             | 6            | 8%  |
| Relationship breakdown parent       | 5            | 6%  |
| Overcrowding                        | 5            | 6%  |
| Domestic Violence - Leaving Refuge  | 5            | 6%  |
| Newly Arrived from Abroad           | 3            | 4%  |
| Domestic Violence                   | 3            | 4%  |
| Relationship Breakdown - Partner    | 2            | 2%  |
| Relationship Breakdown Other Family | 2            | 2%  |

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|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Other                | 2         | 2%          |
| Family Circumstances | 1         | 1%          |
| Left without NOT     | 1         | 1%          |
| Leaving HSE Care     | 1         | 1%          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>82</b> | <b>100%</b> |
|                      |           |             |

**Notice of Terminations**

15– Property to be sold, 8– Landlord’s own or family home, 2– unsuitable accommodation, 3- Rent Arrears, 1- Substantial Renovation, 3- Other (including part 4 tenancies), 1- unknown

**Presented to Local Authority:** DCC – 37 (45%), DLRCC – 10 (12%), FCC – 19 (23%), SDCC –16 (20%)

*1.4. Prevention – Family Homelessness*

In October 2024, **236** families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HHAP Scheme (**48**) and Social Housing (**188**). This prevention figure does not include tenancies protected by the (DRHE funded) Threshold Tenancy Protection Service or other prevention services. The higher level of preventions to social housing this month reflects an administrative exercise to ensure all preventions this year to date were captured on the homeless data system (PASS).

*1.5. Families – Exit to Tenancies*

In October 2024, **69** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. **16** moved to HAP, and **53\*** to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

| <b>Oct 2023</b> | <b>Nov 2023</b> | <b>Dec 2023</b> | <b>Jan 2024</b> | <b>Feb 2024</b> | <b>Mar 2024</b> | <b>April 2024</b> | <b>May 2024</b> | <b>June 2024</b> | <b>July 2024</b> | <b>Aug 2024</b> | <b>Sept 2024</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 33              | 50              | 76              | 43              | 38              | 80              | 71                | 50              | 33               | 66               | 77              | 51               |

*\*Additional social housing exits are completed by each Local Authority, under their respective Schemes of Lettings, to homeless families coming from long-term supported accommodation or from non-Section 10-funded accommodation that may not be included here.*

In the first ten months of this year, **578** families in the Dublin Region have exited emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority (**216**) / AHB (**197**) / LTA (**6**) / HAP (**154**), RAS (**3**) & HAA (**2**). The number of families moving to HAP from emergency accommodation was **16** in October, which was the same as the previous month.

The monthly average number of families exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2024 is **58**, compared with **39** in 2023, **33** in 2022, **57** in 2021, **94** in 2020, and **95** in 2019.

### 1.6. Support to Families

Residents in family hubs/supported temporary accommodation receive onsite support in NGO run accommodation. Families in private operated emergency facilities (PEAs) receive in-reach housing advice/social support from NGO and DRHE teams, as well as access to services provided by the HSE and TUSLA.

## 2. Single Adult Homelessness

There were **4,756** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of October 2024, which represents an increase of **50** on last month. This figure was **4238** for October 2023. That is a **12%** increase in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

### 2.1. New Single Adult Presentations – October 2024

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **203** in October 2024. This represents an increase of **29** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

| Oct 2023 | Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Mar 2024 | April 2024 | May 2024 | June 2024 | July 2024 | Aug 2024 | Sept 2024 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 172      | 194      | 145      | 216      | 156      | 160      | 172        | 207      | 151       | 224       | 176      | 174       |

### 2.2. New Single Adult Presentations – Demographic Information and Reasons for Presentation to Homeless Services

| Citizenship  | Irish    | EU/EEA   | Non-EU   | UK     | Total      |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|------------|
| October 2024 | 78 (38%) | 29 (14%) | 93 (46%) | 3 (1%) | 203 (100%) |

Below are the presenting reasons to aid understanding of the drivers of homelessness:

| Singles - Reason for Homelessness | October 24 | %   |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----|
| Leaving Direct Provision          | 54         | 24% |
| NOTs                              | 21         | 10% |
| Relationship breakdown parent     | 21         | 10% |

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|--|------------|-------------|
| Newly arrived from abroad - less than 6 months | 17         | 9%          |
| Left Informal tenancy                          | 16         | 8%          |
| Relationship Breakdown - Partner               | 13         | 7%          |
| Rough Sleeping                                 | 9          | 4%          |
| Relationship Breakdown Other family            | 7          | 3%          |
| Leaving Hospital/Treatment                     | 7          | 3%          |
| Release From Prison                            | 6          | 3%          |
| Returning From Abroad                          | 5          | 2%          |
| Other: left without NOT                        | 4          | 2%          |
| Family Circumstances                           | 3          | 2%          |
| Overcrowding                                   | 3          | 2%          |
| Family Reunification                           | 3          | 2%          |
| Insufficient funds/Affordability of PR         | 3          | 2%          |
| Presenting from Outside region                 | 3          | 2%          |
| Leaving Childcare Services                     | 3          | 2%          |
| Domestic Violence - Leaving refuge             | 2          | 1%          |
| Substance Abuse                                | 2          | 1%          |
| Domestic Violence                              | 1          | 1%          |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>203</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 137(67%), DLRCC – 10(5%), FCC – 23(12%), SDCC – 33(16%)**

### *2.3. Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness*

In October 2024, **107 single adults** were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (**56**), LTA (**1**) and Social Housing (**50**)\*. This is additional to tenancies protected by the (DRHE funded) Threshold Tenancy Protection Service and other prevention services. In DCC, these lettings include those to Older Persons at risk of homelessness as prioritised under the changes to the adopted 2018 Allocations Policy. The higher level of preventions to social housing this month reflects an administrative exercise to ensure all preventions this year to date were captured on the homeless data system (PASS).

#### 2.4. Single Adult Homeless – Exit to Tenancies

**68 single adults** exited to tenancies in October 2024: **20** (HAP), **42** (AHB/LA)\*, and **6** (LTA). The table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

| Oct 2023 | Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Mar 2024 | April 2024 | May 2024 | June 2024 | July 2024 | Aug 2024 | Sept 2024 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 27       | 50       | 85       | 46       | 58       | 77       | 74         | 82       | 55        | 84        | 84       | 47        |

*\*Additional social housing exits are completed by each Local authority, under their respective Schemes of Lettings, to homeless single households coming from long-term supported accommodation or from non-Section 10-funded accommodation, that are not included here.*

The monthly average number of singles exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2024 is **68**, compared with **46** in 2023, **44** in 2022, **81** in 2021, **84** in 2020, and **48** in 2020.

#### 2.5. Housing Support Officers and Other Supports to Private operated facilities (PEA)

Housing Support Officers visit private emergency accommodation facilities to give housing support. In-reach health and addiction services are provided by the HSE and an integrated Care and Case Management Team is now providing case management and clinics in private emergency accommodation across the region.

### 3. Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP)

The Homeless HAP Scheme remains an important tool in the response to homelessness. DRHE Housing Support Officers and Place-Finders, as well as NGO staff, assist households to move out of emergency accommodation or prevent them from entering in the first place. **140** new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in October 2024.

#### **Breakdown of household type and previous accommodation of those accessing HHAP in October 2024:**

| Previous Accommodation    | Singles/Couples | Families  | Total      |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| Leaving hotels/PEA        | 14              | 9         | 23         |
| Leaving STA               | 6               | 7         | 13         |
| Prevention/did not use EA | 56              | 48        | 104        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>76</b>       | <b>64</b> | <b>140</b> |

### 4. Duration accessing emergency accommodation

#### 4.1. Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services

| Duration in EA – October 2024(as at 31/10/2024) | Total Families | %   |
|---|----------------|-----|
| 24+ months                                      | 376            | 25% |
| 18-24months                                     | 150            | 11% |

|                  |             |             |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 12-18 months     | 238         | 16%         |
| 6-12 months      | 320         | 21%         |
| 6 months or less | 410         | 27%         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>1494</b> | <b>100%</b> |

\* This figure differs to the 1,499 figure for September because it is calculated using a point in time. The monthly family figure is calculated by counting all families using emergency accommodation over the final week of each month.

When compared to October 2023, the percentage of families in the 6 months or less, 12-18 months and 18-24 months' categories has decreased. The percentage of families in the 6-12 months and 24+ months categories has increased.

#### 4.2. Single Adults – Duration in Services

| <b>Duration in EA – October 2024<br/>(as at 31/10/24) One Night Only</b> | <b>Total Singles</b> | <b>%</b>    |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| 24+ months   | 911                  | 20%         |
| 18-24 month  | 319                  | 7%          |
| 12-18 months   | 559                  | 12%         |
| 6-12 months  | 873                  | 19%         |
| 6 months or less   | 1959                 | 42%         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>4621</b>          | <b>100%</b> |

## 5. Housing First

Housing First in the Dublin Region is provided by Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) on behalf of the DRHE. As of the end of October 2024, there were a total of **549** active Housing First tenancies. **10** Housing First tenancies were created in October 2024: DCC – 4, DLRCC – 2, FCC-1 and SDCC-3

The service is currently being tendered by the National Housing First Office and referrals are paused for the month of October.

## 6. Reports/Data

The DRHE is in the process of moving the data from this report onto our website. Much of the data that is in this monthly report will be available in a more accessible format that will better allow for an assessment of trends over time. The website data will updated monthly. [Dublin Homeless Trends - Homeless Dublin](#)

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