

Monthly Report on Homelessness in the Dublin Region

This report focuses on the situation in the Dublin region (inclusive of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities) at the end of **December 2025**. There was a decrease of **32** households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, this represents a decrease of 76 individuals. This reflects a decrease in families (37) and a decrease (11) in single adult households.

*Number of individuals in Emergency Accommodation in the **Dublin Region** – from December 2024 to December 2025, as published nationally:*

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
Dec 2025	1,766	3,159	3,883	5,025	8,184	12,067	6,791
Nov 2025	1,787	3,178	3,929	5,036	8,214	12,143	6,823
Oct 2025	1,750	3,110	3,883	5,031	8,141	12,024	6,781
Sep 2025	1,732	3,079	3,887	4,986	8,065	11,952	6,718
Aug 2025	1,693	2,998	3,813	4,971	7,969	11,782	6,664
July 2025	1,648	2,933	3,719	4,915	7,848	11,567	6,563
June 2025	1,626	2,873	3,666	4,882	7,755	11,421	6,508
May 2025	1,589	2,822	3,589	4,912	7,734	11,323	6,501
Apr 2025	1,565	2,760	3,559	4,892	7,652	11,211	6,457
Mar 2025	1,546	2,713	3,487	4,824	7,537	11,024	6,370
Feb 2025	1,520	2,671	3,434	4,843	7,514	10,948	6,363
Jan 2025	1,507	2,649	3,415	4,848	7,497	10,912	6,355
Dec 2024	1,467	2,575	3,366	4,745	7,320	10,686	6,212

Family Homelessness

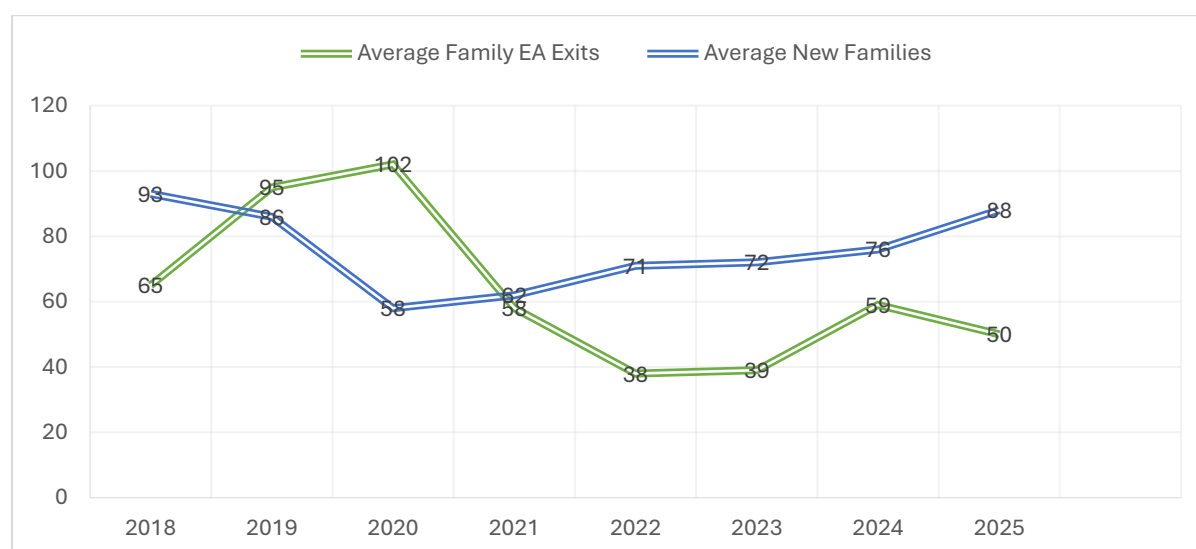
In Dublin at the end of **December 2025**, there were **1,766** families in emergency accommodation. This is a decrease of **21** on the **November 2025** number, and an increase of **299** when compared with **December 2024**. There has been a **20%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 960 (55%), DLRCC – 75 (4%), FCC – 373 (21%), 358 – 359 (20%)

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of **December 2025** was **3,883**. This is a decrease of **46** when compared to the **November 2025** figure and an increase of **517** more than in **December 2024**.

New family presentations have averaged at **88** per month for **2025**. The average number of families leaving homelessness to a tenancy is **50** per month. There is an upward trend in family presentations and there are consistently more families coming into than leaving emergency accommodation to tenancies. The average number of families increased in 2025 after a period of relative predictability in the preceding years.

Table 1: Average presentations and exits (families)



New Family Presentations – December 2025

65 families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in **December 2025**. This is a decrease of 35 on the number of families that entered in the previous month but still high for the time of year. (We expect lower family presentations in December). The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025
42	96	76	89	74	103	75	109	83	99	89	100

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/ EEA	Non-EU	Total
Dec 2025	27 (41.5%)	9 (14%)	29 (44.5%)	65 (100%)

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

Family Reason for Homelessness	Dec-25	%
NOTs	20	31%
Family Reunification	9	13%
Other: Birth of Child (Transition from Single)	8	11%
Relationship breakdown parent	6	9%
Leaving Direct Provision	6	9%
Overcrowding	3	5%
Newly Arrived from Abroad	3	5%
Returning From Abroad	2	3%
Domestic Violence	2	3%
Relationship Breakdown - Other Family	2	3%
Left Informal tenancy	1	2%
Other: Surrendered LA Tenancy (AHB)	1	2%
Other: Left Property without NOT	1	2%
Other: Presenting from Outside Dublin Region	1	2%
Total	65	100%

Notice of Terminations

5 - Property to be sold, **4** – Rent arrears, **4** – Unsuitable accommodation, **2** – Substantial Renovations, **2** – Landlords Own or Family House, **2** – Other, **1** – Landlord bankrupt/receivership

Presented to Local Authority: **DCC** – 34 (52%), **DLRCC** – 2 (3%), **FCC** – 15 (23%), **SDCC** – 14 (22%)

Prevention – Family Homelessness

In **December 2025**, 66 families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HAP Scheme (38) and Social Housing (22) and TIS (6). This prevention figure

does not include tenancies protected by the (DRHE funded) Threshold Tenancy Protection Service or other prevention services.

Families – Exit to Tenancies

In **December 2025**, **74** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. **11** to HAP, and **63*** to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025
75	46	42	52	51	48	58	61	35	43	52	41

**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 are not included here.*

In 2025, **604** families in the Dublin Region have moved out of emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority (**200**) / AHB (**261**) / HAP (**133**) / RAS (**2**) / LTA (**7**)

The monthly average number of families exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2025 is **50**, compared with **59** in 2024, **39** in 2023, **38** in 2022, **58** in 2021, **102** in 2020, and **95** in 2019.

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.

Single Adult Homelessness

There were **5,025** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of **December 2025**, which represents a decrease of 11 on last month. This figure was **4,745** for **December 2024**. That is a **6%** increase in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

New Single Adult Presentations – November 2025

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **123** in **December 2025**. This represents a decrease of **5** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025
136	167	152	133	188	155	161	177	172	142	137	128

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/EEA	Non-EU	UK	Total
December 2025	56 (46%)	19 (15%)	48 (39%)	0 (0%)	123 (100%)

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

Singles - Reason for Homelessness	Dec-25	%
Leaving Direct Provision	23	17%
Left Informal Tenancy	18	14%
Relationship Breakdown - Parents	18	14%
Relationship Breakdown - Partner	8	7%
NOTs	7	6%
Hospital - Leaving Institution	7	6%
Overcrowding	6	5%
HSE Care - Leaving Institution	5	4%
Rough Sleeper	5	4%
Prison - Leaving Institution	4	3%
Insufficient Funds / Affordability of P. R	3	2%
Irish resident returning from abroad	3	2%
Substance Misuse	2	2%
Relationship Breakdown - Other Family	2	2%
Other: Leaving Addiction Treatment	2	2%
Newly Arrived from Abroad - Less than 6 Months	2	2%
Other: Presenting from outside Region	2	2%
Other: Placed on Humanitarian Grounds	2	2%
Refuge - Leaving Institution	1	1%
Family Circumstances	1	1%
Other: Victim of Antisocial Behaviour	1	1%
Domestic Violence	1	1%
Total	123	100%

Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 81 (66%), DLRCC – 8 (6%), FCC – 17 (14%) SDCC – 17 (14%)

Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness

In **December 2025**, **66** single adults were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (**38**) and Social Housing (**24**) *, and **4** (LTA). 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.

Single Adult Homeless – Exit to Tenancies

75 single adults exited to tenancies in **December 2025: 24** (HAP), **45** (AHB/LA) * and **6** (LTA). The table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025
80	54	57	81	76	69	60	47	66	48	54	60

**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 2025 is **62** compared with **68** in 2024, **46** in 2023, **42** in 2022, **81** in 2021, **84** in 2020, and **48** in 2019.

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.

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. **111** new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in December 2025.

Breakdown of household type and previous accommodation of those accessing HHAP in December 2025:

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families	Total
Leaving hotels/PEA	18	7	25
Leaving STA	6	4	10
Prevention/did not use EA	38	38	76
Total	62	49	111

Duration accessing emergency accommodation

Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services

Duration in EA – December (as at 31/12/2025)	Total Families	%
24+ months	485	28%
18-24months	223	13%
12-18 months	280	16%
6-12 months	384	21%
6 months or less	386	22%
Total	1758*	100%

* This figure differs to the 1,766 figure for December 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 December 2024, the percentage of families in the 6-12 Months has remained the same. The 12-18 months, 18-24 months and the 24+ months categories have all increased, while the percentage of families in the 6 months or less category has decreased.

Single Adults – Duration in Services

Duration in EA –December 2025 (as at 31/12/2025) One Night Only	Total Singles	%
24+ months	1,080	22%
18-24 month	583	12%
12-18 months	682	14%
6-12 months	996	20%
6 months or less	1,636	32%
Total	4,977	100%

Housing First

Housing First in the Dublin Region is provided by DePaul Ireland, Focus Ireland, & Peter McVerry Trust on behalf of the DRHE. As of the end of **December 2025**, there were a total of **510** clients in Housing First tenancies.

The service is currently being tendered by the National Housing First Office and referrals are paused. Lots 2 and 3 have been awarded and Lot 1 has recently been retendered by the Housing Agency.

Key Information

The main driver of **family** homelessness in **2025** continued to be Notices of Termination from Private Rental at 37% of all reasons for new presentation, and the main driver of **single** adult homelessness in **2025**, at 25% of all reasons for new presentation was Leaving Direct Provision in the preceding 6 months.

In DCC the vast majority of families of families over 2 years in emergency accommodation require larger housing, 3, 4 and 5 bedrooms which is the key challenge.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff of the 4 Dublin LAs, the HSE social inclusion teams, DSP, TUSLA and the frontline staff in NGOs who worked together throughout the year.

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