

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 **February 2026**. There were **3** fewer households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month; this represents an increase of 119 individuals. There was an increase in families in emergency accommodation (+34) and a decrease in the number of single adult households (-37).

*Number of individuals in Emergency Accommodation in the **Dublin Region** – from February 2025 to February 2026, as published nationally:*

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
Feb 2026	1,828	3,263	4,021	5,033	8,296	12,317	6,861
Jan 2026	1,794	3,197	3,931	5,070	8,267	12,198	6,864
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

Family Homelessness

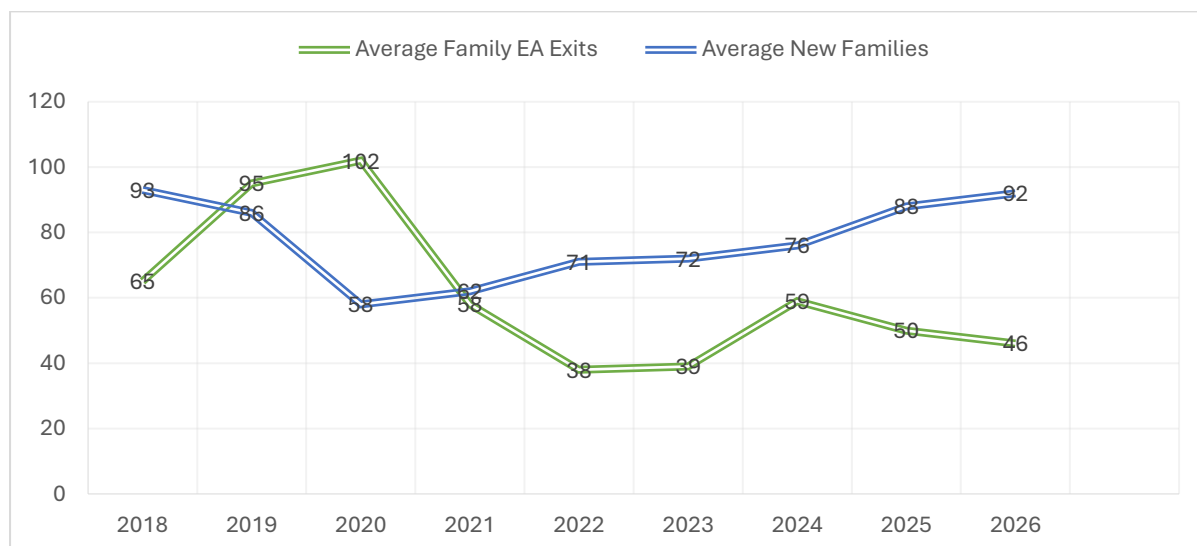
In Dublin at the end of **February 2026**, there were **1,828** families in emergency accommodation. This is an increase of **34** on **January 2026**, and an increase of **308** when compared with **February 2025**. There has been a **20%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

New Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 990 (55%), DLRCC – 79 (4%), FCC – 389 (21%), SDCC – 370 (20%)

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of **February 2026** was **4,021**. This is an increase of **90** on **January 2026**, and an increase of **587** when compared with **February 2025**.

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 relative predictability in the preceding years.

Table 1: Average presentations and exits (families)



New Family Presentations – February 2026

85 families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in **February 2026**. This is a decrease of 13 on the number of families that entered in the previous month.. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026
76	89	74	103	75	109	83	99	89	100	65	98

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/ EEA	Non-EU	Total
Feb 2026	45 (53%)	19 (22%)	21 (25%)	85 (100%)

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

Family Reason for Homelessness	Feb-26	%
NOTs	45	53%
Other: Birth/Custody of Child (Transition from Single)	6	7%
Left Informal tenancy	5	6%
Relationship breakdown parent	4	5%
Overcrowding	4	5%
Relationship Breakdown - Other family	3	4%
Family Reunification	2	2%
Family Circumstances	2	2%
Domestic Violence - Leaving Refuge	2	2%
Domestic Violence	2	2%
Other: Left HAP/PR without NOT	2	2%
Leaving Direct Provision (6 months)	1	1%
Newly Arrived from Abroad	1	1%
Relationship Breakdown - Partner	1	1%
Other: NOT LA Tenancy (AHB)	1	1%
Other Surrendered LA Tenancy	1	1%
Other: Booked on Humanitarian Grounds	1	1%
Other: Victim of Antisocial Behaviour	1	1%
Other: Illegal Eviction	1	1%
Total	85	100%

Notice of Terminations

25 - Property to be sold, **7** – Rent Arrears, **4** – Unsuitable Accommodation, **4** – Other (including Part 4 tenancies), **2** – Substantial Renovations, **2** – Landlord bankrupt/receivership and **1** – Landlords Own or Family House.

Prevention – Family Homelessness

In **February 2026**, 64 families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HAP Scheme (50), Social Housing (9) and TIS (5). This prevention figure does not include tenancies protected by the (DRHE funded) Threshold Tenancy Protection Service or other prevention interventions.

Families – Exit to Tenancies

In February of this year, **52** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. **4** to HAP, **1** to LTA and **47*** to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026
42	52	51	48	58	61	35	43	52	41	74	39

**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 2026 to date **91** families in the Dublin Region have moved out of emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority (**26**) / AHB (**51**) / HAP (**11**) / LTA (**3**), a monthly average of **45**.

The monthly average number of families exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2025 was **50**, **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 **5,033** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of **February 2026**, which represents a **decrease** of 34 on last month. This figure was **4,843** for **February 2025**. That is a **4%** increase in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

New Single Adult Presentations – January 2026

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **127** in **February 2026**. This is an increase of **1** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026
152	133	188	155	161	177	172	142	137	128	123	126

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/EEA	Non-EU	UK	Total
February 2026	62 (49%)	14 (11%)	50 (39%)	1 (1%)	127 (100%)

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

Singles - Reason for Homelessness	Feb-26	%
Leaving Direct Provision (6 months)	25	18%
NOTs	16	12%
Relationship Breakdown - Parents	15	11%
Left Informal Tenancy	9	7%
Tusla Care/HSE Care - Leaving Institution	9	7%
Relationship Breakdown - Partner	7	6%
Overcrowding	7	6%
Hospital - Leaving Institution	6	5%
Rough Sleeper	6	5%
Prison - Leaving Institution	3	2%
Other: Leaving Addiction Treatment	3	2%
Newly Arrived from Abroad - Less than 6 Months	3	2%
Family Circumstances	3	2%
Relationship Breakdown - Other Family	2	2%
Other: AHB Eviction	2	2%
Refuge - Leaving Institution	2	2%
Other - Leaving Psychiatric Services	2	2%
Family Reunification	1	1%
Other: Left PR without NOT / Reason	1	1%
Irish resident returning from abroad	1	1%
Substance Misuse	1	1%
Other: Presenting from outside Region	1	1%
Other: Mental Health Issues	1	1%
Domestic Violence	1	1%
Total	127	100%

**Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 84 (67%), DLRCC – 12 (9%), FCC – 14 (11%)
SDCC – 17 (13%)**

Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness

In **February 2026**, **49** single adults were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (**27**) and Social Housing (**18**) *, TiS (**3**) and LTA (**1**). 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

28 single adults exited to tenancies in **February 2026: 14** (HAP) and **14** (LA/AHB) * The table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026
57	81	76	69	60	47	66	48	54	60	75	70

**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 is **49** year to date in 2026, **75** in 2025, **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. **95** new Homeless HAP tenancies were created in February 2026.

Breakdown of household type and previous accommodation of those accessing HHAP in February 2026:

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families	Total
Leaving Emergency Accommodation	14	4	18
Prevention/did not use EA	27	50	77
Total	41	54	95

Duration accessing emergency accommodation

Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services

Duration in EA – February (as at 28/02/2026)	Total Families	%
24+ months	515	28%
18-24months	211	12%
12-18 months	293	16%
6-12 months	386	21%
6 months or less	429	23%
Total	1,834*	100%

* This figure differs to the 1,794 figure for January 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 February 2025, the percentage of families in the 6-12 Months, 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 – February 2026 (as at 28/02/2026) One Night Only	Total Singles	%
24+ months	1,149	23%
18-24 month	593	12%
12-18 months	647	13%
6-12 months	1,041	21%
6 months or less	1,493	31%
Total	4,923	100%

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