

**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 **March 2026**. There was an increase of **37** households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, this represents an increase of 148 individuals. This reflects an increase in families (38) and a decrease in single adult households (1).

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

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
<b>Mar 2026</b>	1,866	3,315	4,118	5,032	8,347	12,465	6,898
<b>Feb 2026</b>	1,828	3,263	4,021	5,033	8,296	12,317	6,861
<b>Jan 2026</b>	1,794	3,197	3,931	5,070	8,267	12,198	6,864
<b>Dec 2025</b>	1,766	3,159	3,883	5,025	8,184	12,067	6,791
<b>Nov 2025</b>	1,787	3,178	3,929	5,036	8,214	12,143	6,823
<b>Oct 2025</b>	1,750	3,110	3,883	5,031	8,141	12,024	6,781
<b>Sep 2025</b>	1,732	3,079	3,887	4,986	8,065	11,952	6,718
<b>Aug 2025</b>	1,693	2,998	3,813	4,971	7,969	11,782	6,664
<b>July 2025</b>	1,648	2,933	3,719	4,915	7,848	11,567	6,563
<b>June 2025</b>	1,626	2,873	3,666	4,882	7,755	11,421	6,508
<b>May 2025</b>	1,589	2,822	3,589	4,912	7,734	11,323	6,501
<b>Apr 2025</b>	1,565	2,760	3,559	4,892	7,652	11,211	6,457
<b>Mar 2025</b>	1,546	2,713	3,487	4,824	7,537	11,024	6,370

## Family Homelessness

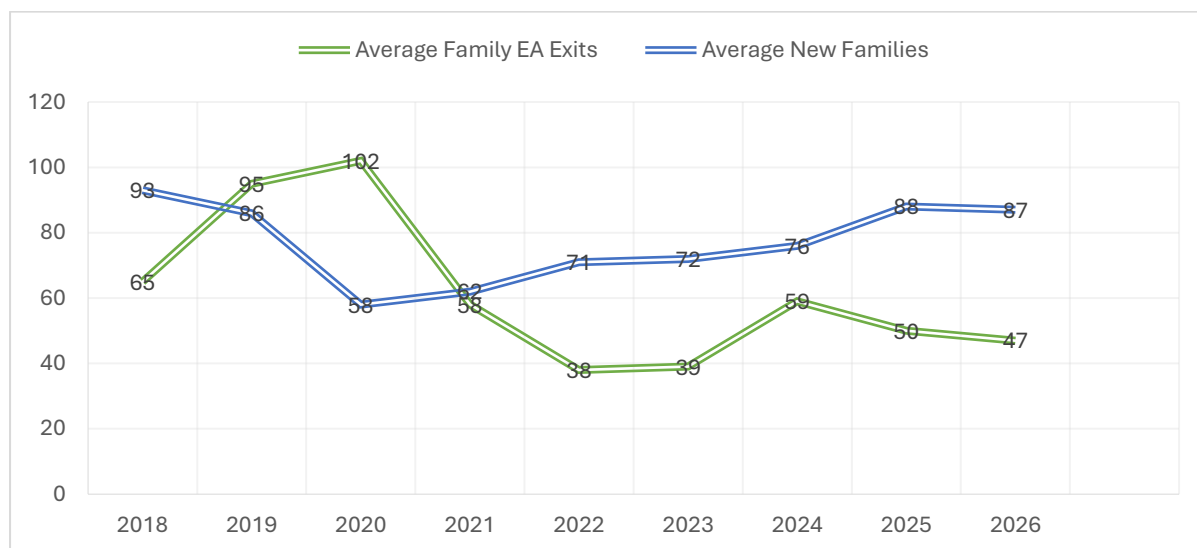
In Dublin at the end of **March 2026**, there were **1,866** families in emergency accommodation. This is an increase of **38** on the **February 2026** number, and an increase of **320** when compared with **March 2025**. There has been a **21%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

**New Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 1023 (56%), DLRCC – 86 (4%), FCC – 394 (21%), SDCC – 363 (19%)**

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of **March 2026** was **4,118**. This is an increase of **97** when compared to the **February 2026** figure and an increase of **631** more than in **March 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 – March 2026

**79** families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in **March 2026**. This is a decrease of 6 on the number of families that entered in the previous month. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
89	74	103	75	109	83	99	89	100	65	98	85

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/ EEA	Non-EU	Total
Mar 2026	31 (39%)	23 (29%)	25 (32%)	<b>79 (100%)</b>

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

Family Reason for Homelessness	Mar-26	%
NOTs	37	47%
Left Informal tenancy	10	13%
Domestic Violence - Leaving Refuge	7	9%
Relationship breakdown parent	6	8%
Transitioning from Single to Family	3	4%
Relationship Breakdown - Partner	3	4%
Overcrowding	2	3%
Relationship Breakdown - Other family	2	3%
Family Reunification	2	3%
Newly Arrived from Abroad	2	3%
Irish Resident Returning from Abroad	2	3%
Leaving Institution - Addiction treatment	1	1%
Other: NOT LA Tenancy (AHB)	1	1%
Other Left Property without NOT	1	1%
Total	79	100%

#### *Notice of Terminations*

**23** - Property to be sold, **6** – Rent Arrears, **6** – Unsuitable Accommodation, **8** – Landlords Own or Family House, **8** – Other (including Part 4 tenancies), **2** – Substantial Renovations and **1** – Landlord bankrupt/receivership.

#### *Prevention – Family Homelessness*

In **March 2026**, 67 families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HAP Scheme (50), Social Housing (8), TIS (2) and AHB (7). 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 March of this year, **49** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. **13** to HAP and **36\*** to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

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

*\*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, **140** families in the Dublin Region have moved out of emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority (**38**) / AHB (**75**) / HAP (**24**) / LTA (**3**)

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 **5,032** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of **March 2026**, which represents a decrease of 1 on last month. This figure was 4,824 for **March 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 – March 2026*

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **126** in **March 2026**. This represents a decrease of **1** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

<b>Mar 2025</b>	<b>April 2025</b>	<b>May 2025</b>	<b>June 2025</b>	<b>July 2025</b>	<b>Aug 2025</b>	<b>Sep 2025</b>	<b>Oct 2025</b>	<b>Nov 2025</b>	<b>Dec 2025</b>	<b>Jan 2026</b>	<b>Feb 2026</b>
133	188	155	161	177	172	142	137	128	123	126	127

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

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Irish</b>	<b>EU/EEA</b>	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>March 2026</b>	69 (55%)	14 (11%)	43 (34%)	0 (0%)	<b>126 (100%)</b>

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

<b>Singles - Reason for Homelessness</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>%</b>
Leaving Direct Provision	23	18%
NOTs	17	13%
Left Informal Tenancy	13	10%
Hospital - Leaving Institution	10	8%
Tusla Care/HSE Care - Leaving Institution	8	6%
Relationship Breakdown - Parents	7	6%
Relationship Breakdown - Partner	7	6%
Family Circumstances	6	5%
Prison - Leaving Institution	5	4%
Rough Sleeper	4	3%
Domestic Violence	3	2%
Other: Mental Health Issues	3	2%
Other: Illegal Eviction	3	2%
Overcrowding	3	2%
Substance Misuse	3	2%
Property Repossessed	2	2%
Relationship Breakdown - Other Family	2	2%
Irish resident returning from abroad	1	1%
Leaving Institution: Addiction Treatment	1	1%
Other - Leaving Psychiatric Services	1	1%
Other: Surrendered LA Tenancy	1	1%
Other; Placed on Humanitarian Grounds	1	1%
Other: AHB Eviction	1	1%
Other: Left PR without NOT / Reason	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 79 (63%), DL RCC – 11 (8%), FCC – 15 (12%)  
SDCC – 21 (17%)**

#### *Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness*

In **March 2026**, **52** single adults were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (**29**) and Social Housing (**19**) \*, TiS (**1**) and LTA (**3**). 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*

**89 single adults** exited to tenancies in **March 2026**: **20** (HAP) and **59** (AHB/LA) \*, **1** (PR), **6** (LTA) and **3** (RAS)The table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

<b>Mar 2025</b>	<b>April 2025</b>	<b>May 2025</b>	<b>June 2025</b>	<b>July 2025</b>	<b>Aug 2025</b>	<b>Sept 2025</b>	<b>Oct 2025</b>	<b>Nov 2025</b>	<b>Dec 2025</b>	<b>Jan 2026</b>	<b>Feb 2026</b>
81	76	69	60	47	66	48	54	60	75	70	28

*\*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 was **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. **112** new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in March 2026.

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

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families	Total
Leaving hotels/PEA	15	8	23
Leaving STA	5	5	10
Prevention/did not use EA	29	50	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>112</b>

**Duration accessing emergency accommodation**

*Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services*

Duration in EA – March (as at 31/03/2026)	Total Families	%
24+ months	515	28%
18-24months	233	13%
12-18 months	300	16%
6-12 months	388	21%
6 months or less	420	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* This figure differs to the 1828 figure for February 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 March 2025, the percentage of families in 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 and 6-12 months categories has decreased.

### Single Adults – Duration in Services

Duration in EA – February 2026 (as at 31/03/2026) One Night Only	Total Singles	%
24+ months	1,161	24%
18-24 month	595	12%
12-18 months	658	13%
6-12 months	1,026	21%
6 months or less	1,445	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,885</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Key Information

The DRHE strongly welcomes the development of a national Child and Family Homeless Action Plan.

Of note, in the Dublin Region the HSE has announced the development of a Families First Team that will work alongside the DRHE funded NGO teams that provide inreach families in emergency accommodation.

### Families First Team Structure & Staffing

Coordinator	Dietitian x 1
Family Liaison Officers x 3	Occupational Therapist /
Public Health Nurse x 1	Physiotherapist x .5 each
Family Support Workers	Social Work Practitioner x 1
Play Therapists x 1	Administrator x 1

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