

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 April 2026. There was a decrease of 8 households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, this represents an increase of 10 individuals. This reflects an increase in families (19) and a decrease in single adult households (27).

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

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
April 2026	1,885	3,344	4,126	5,005	8,349	12,475	6,890
Mar 2026	1,866	3,315	4,118	5,032	8,347	12,465	6,898
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

Family Homelessness

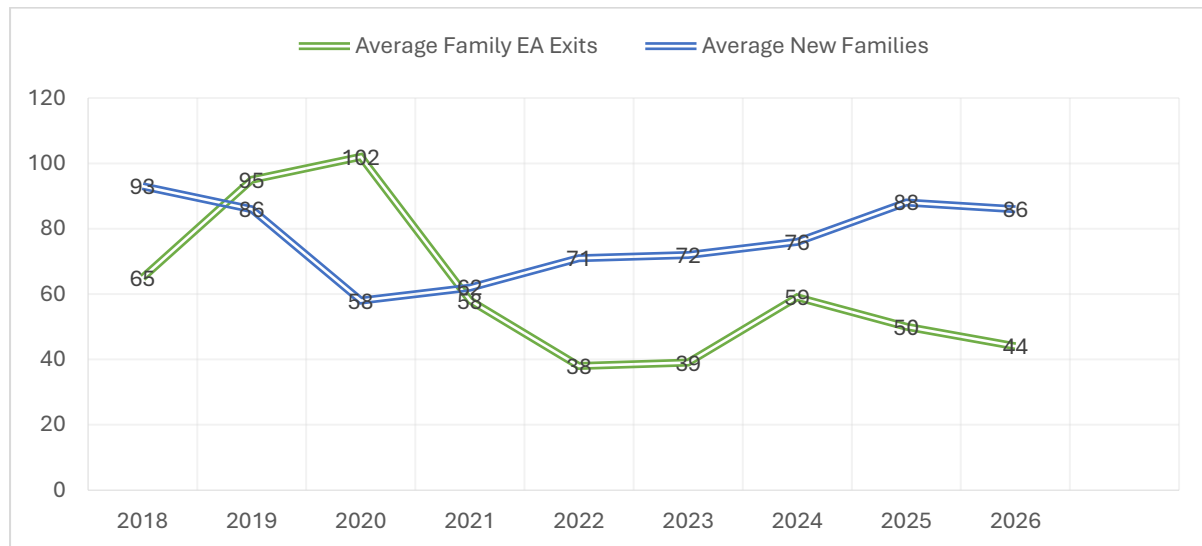
In Dublin at the end of **April 2026**, there were **1,885** families in emergency accommodation. This is an increase of **19** on the **March 2026** number, and an increase of **320** when compared with **April 2025**. There has been a **20%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 1030 (55%), DLRCC – 83 (4%), FCC – 407 (22%), SDCC – 365 (19%)

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of **April 2026** was **4,126**. This is an increase of **62** when compared to the **March 2026** figure and an increase of **567** more than in **April 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 – April 2026

82 families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in **April 2026**. This is a increase of 3 on the number of families that entered in the previous month. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026
74	103	75	109	83	99	89	100	65	98	85	79

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/ EEA	Non-EU	Total
April 2026	38 (46%)	18 (22%)	26 (32%)	82 (100%)

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

Family Reason for Homelessness	Apr-26	%
NOTs	31	38%
Birth of child & Child Custody	18	23%
Leaving Refuge	9	11%
Relationship breakdown - parent	6	6%
Overcrowding	5	6%
Family Reunification	3	4%
Newly Arrived from abroad	3	4%
Left informal tenancy	2	2%
Leaving Direct Provision	2	2%
Relationship Breakdown - Other Family	1	1%
Left without NOT	1	1%
Family Circumstances	1	1%
Victim of Antisocial Behaviour	1	1%
Intercountry Protocol	1	1%
Total	82	100%

Notice of Terminations

14 - Property to be sold, **5** – Rent Arrears, **3** – Unsuitable Accommodation, **3** – Landlords Own or Family House, **4** – Other (including Part 4 tenancies), **1** – Substantial Renovations and **1** – Breach of Tenant Responsibilities.

Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 37(45%), DLRCC – 7 (9%), FCC – 20 (24%), SDCC – 18 (22%)

Prevention – Family Homelessness

In **April 2026**, 68 families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HAP Scheme (49), Social Housing (8) and AHB (11). 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 April of this year, **36** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. **14** to HAP and **22*** to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026
51	48	58	61	35	43	52	41	74	39	52	49

**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, **176** families in the Dublin Region have moved out of emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority (41) / AHB (94) / HAP (38)/ 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 **5005** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of **April 2026**, which represents a decrease of 27 on last month. This figure was 4,892 for **April 2025**. That is a **2%** increase in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

New Single Adult Presentations – April 2026

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **135** in **April 2026**. This represents an increase of **9** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

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

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/EEA	Non-EU	UK	Total
April 2026	70 (52%)	21 (16%)	43 (32%)	1 (1%)	135 (100%)

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

Singles - Reason for Homelessness	Apr-26	%
Leaving Direct Provision	23	17%
Relationship breakdown - parent	16	12%
Left Informal tenancy	17	12%
NOTs	15	11%
Leaving Hospital (Incl Psychiatric Services)	15	11%
Relationship Breakdown - partner	7	5%
Newly arrived from abroad	4	4%
Rough Sleeping	5	4%
Release From Prison	5	4%
Overcrowding	4	3%
Relationship Breakdown - other family	4	3%
Family Circumstances	3	2%
Substance Abuse	3	2%
Leaving TUSLA/HSE Childcare Services	3	2%
Domestic Violence	2	1%
Returning From Abroad	2	1%
Domestic Violence - Leaving Refuge	2	1%
Mental Health Issues	1	1%
Leaving Residential Treatment	1	1%
Evicted by Local Authority	1	1%
Left without NOT	1	1%
Family Reunification	1	1%
Total	135	100%

**Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 80 (59%), DLRC – 17 (13%), FCC – 16 (12%)
SDCC – 22 (16%)**

Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness

In **April 2026**, **54** single adults were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (29) and Social Housing (22) *, TiS (1) and LTA (2). 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

46 single adults exited to tenancies in **April 2026: 19 (HAP) and 22 (AHB/LA) *, 5 (LTA)** and The table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026
76	69	60	47	66	48	54	60	75	70	28	89

**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. **111** new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in April 2026.

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

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families	Total
Leaving hotels/PEA	9	7	16
Leaving STA	10	7	17
Prevention/did not use EA	29	49	78
Total	48	63	111

Duration accessing emergency accommodation

Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services

Duration in EA – April (as at 30/04/2026)	Total Families	%
24+ months	535	29%
18-24months	245	13%
12-18 months	292	16%
6-12 months	380	20%
6 months or less	416	22%
Total	1868	100%

When compared to April 2025, the percentage of families in the 12-18 months, 18-24 months , 24+ months categories have all increased and 6-12 months and 6 months or less categories have decreased.

Single Adults – Duration in Services

Duration in EA – April 2026 (as at 30/04/2026) One Night Only	Total Singles	%
24+ months	1190	25%
18-24 month	593	12%
12-18 months	687	14%
6-12 months	978	20%
6 months or less	1422	29%
Total	4870	100%

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