

Monthly Report on Emergency Accommodation 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 May 2026. There was a decrease of 55 households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, this represents a decrease of 105 individuals. This reflects a decrease in families (16) and a decrease in single adult households (39).

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

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
May 2026	1,869	3,289	4,106	4,966	8,264	12,370	6,835
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

1. Family Homelessness

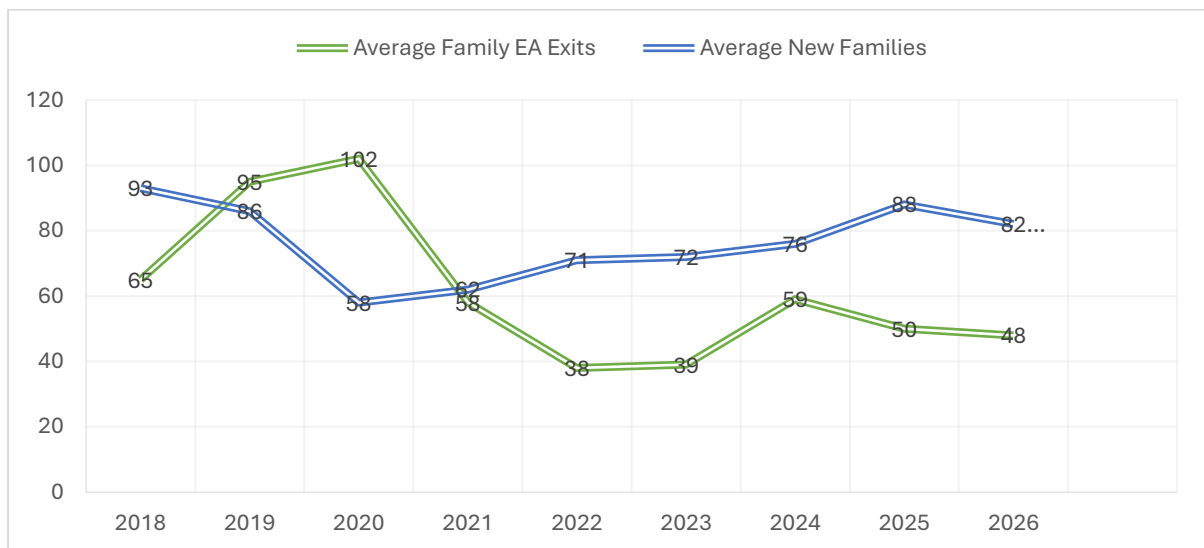
In Dublin at the end of **May 2026**, there were **1,869** families in emergency accommodation. This is a decrease of **16** families on the **April 2026** number, and an increase of **280** when compared with **May 2025**. There has been a **18%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 1029 (55%), DLRCC – 81 (4%), FCC – 398 (21%), SDCC – 361 (20%)

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of **May 2026** was **4,106**. This is a decrease of **20** when compared to the **April 2026** figure and an increase of **517** more than in **May 2025**.

This month saw lower new presentations at 68 families 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 – May 2026

68 families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in **May 2026**. This is a decrease of 14 on the number of families that entered in the previous month. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
103	75	109	83	99	89	100	65	98	85	79	82

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/ EEA	Non-EU	Total
May 2026	40 (59%)	11 (16%)	17 (25%)	68 (100%)

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

Family Reason for Homelessness	May-26	%
NOTs	21	31%
Domestic Violence - Leaving Refuge	8	13%
Overcrowding	8	12%
Relationship breakdown - parent	7	11 %
Leaving Direct Provision	4	7%
Left Informal tenancy	3	4%
Family Reunification	3	4%
Relationship Breakdown - Other Family	3	4%
Birth of child & Child Custody	2	3%
AHB Eviction	2	2%
Relationship Breakdown - Partner	2	2%
Irish Resident returning From Abroad	1	2%
Family Circumstances	1	2%
Victim of Antisocial Behaviour	1	1%
Newly Arrived from Abroad	1	1%
Domestic Violence	1	1%
Total	68	100%

Notice of Terminations

10 - Property to be sold, **3** – Rent arrears, **2** - Other (including part 4 tenancies), **2** - Landlords own or Family house, **1** – First six months, **1** – Change of use, **1** – Unsuitable accommodation, **1** – Breach of tenant responsibilities.

New Families Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 44 (65%), SDCC – 12 (17%) FCC – 8 (11%), DLRCC – 4 (7%),

Prevention – Family Homelessness

In **May 2026**, 78 families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HAP Scheme (58), Social Housing (13) 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 May of this year, **64** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. **16** to HAP and **48*** to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
48	58	61	35	43	52	41	74	39	52	49	36

**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, **240** families in the Dublin Region have moved out of emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority (54) / AHB (128) / HAP (54)/ LTA (3) / PR (1)

The monthly average number of families exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2026 is **48**, **50** in 2025, **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.

2. Single Adult Homelessness

There were **4,966** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of **May 2026**, which represents a decrease of 39 on last month. This figure was 4,912 for **May 2025**. That is a **1%** increase in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

New Single Adult Presentations – May 2026

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **130** in **May 2026**. This represents a decrease of **5** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
155	161	177	172	142	137	128	123	126	127	126	135

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/EEA	Non-EU	UK	Total
May 2026	68 (52%)	13 (10%)	47 (36%)	2 (2%)	130 (100%)

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

Singles - Reason for Homelessness	May-26	%
Leaving direct provision	24	18%
NOTs	21	16%
Left Informal tenancy	14	11%
Relationship breakdown – parent	10	7%
Leaving TUSLA/HSE/Childcare Services	10	7%
Other	6	4%
Relationship breakdown – partner	5	4%
Overcrowding	5	4%

Rough Sleeping	4	3%
Release from prison	4	3%
Leaving Residential Treatment	4	3%
Leaving Hospital (Incl Psychiatric Services)	4	3%
Family Circumstances	3	3%
Returning From Abroad	3	2%
Property Repossessed	3	2%
Domestic Violence	2	2%
Left without NOT	2	2%
Relationship Breakdown – other family	1	1%
Newly arrived from abroad	1	1%
Domestic Violence – Leaving Refuge	1	1%
Presenting from outside Dublin region	1	1%
Illegal Tenancy	1	1%
Unknown	1	1%
Total	130	100%

**New Single Adult Household Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 70 (54%), DLRCC – 8 (6%), FCC – 22 (17%)
SDCC – 30 (23%)**

Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness

In **May 2026**, **61** single adults were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (30), AHB (21) and LTA (6) and LA (4). 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

66 single adults exited to tenancies in **May 2026: 16 (HAP) and 50 (AHB/LA) *** and the table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	April 2026
69	60	47	66	48	54	60	75	70	28	89	46

**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.

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. **120** new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in May 2026.

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

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families	Total
Leaving hotels/PEA	11	7	18
Leaving STA	5	9	14
Prevention/did not use EA	30	58	88
Total	46	74	120

4. Duration accessing emergency accommodation

Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services

Duration in EA – May (as at 31/05/2026)	Total Families	%
24+ months	536	29%
18-24months	253	14%
12-18 months	295	16%
6-12 months	360	19%
6 months or less	410	22%
Total	1854	100%

When compared to May 2025, the percentage of families in the 6 months or less and the 6-12 months categories have decreased, while all others have increased.

Single Adults – Duration in Services

Duration in EA – May 2026 (as at 31/05/2026) One Night Only	Total Singles	%
24+ months	1,230	26%
18-24 month	580	12%
12-18 months	687	14%
6-12 months	995	20%
6 months or less	1,335	28%
Total	4,827	100%

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