

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 August 2026. There was an increase of 40 households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, this represents an increase of 131 individuals. This reflects an increase in families (28) and an increase in single adult households (12).

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

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
Aug 2026	1,899	3,390	4,158	4,881	8,271	12,429	6,780
July 2026	1,871	3,340	4,089	4,869	8,209	12,298	6,740
June 2026	1,863	3,308	4,102	4,908	8,216	12,318	6,771
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

Family Homelessness

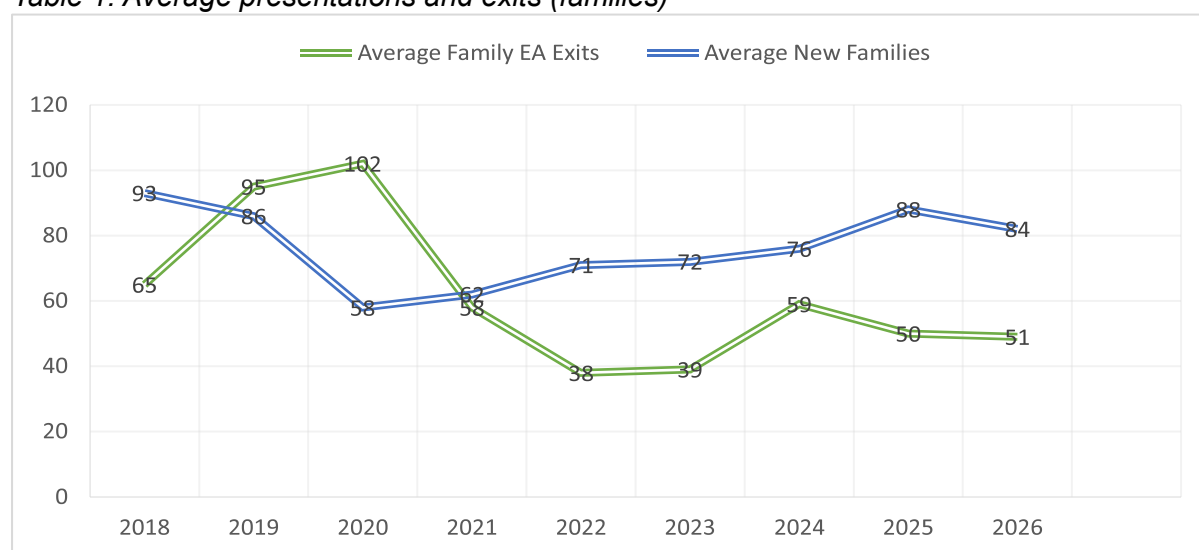
In Dublin at the end of **August 2026**, there were **1,899** families in emergency accommodation. This is an Increase of 28 on the **July 2026** number, and an increase of **206** families when compared with **August 2025**. There has been a **12%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 1,070 (56%), DLRCC – 87 (5%), FCC – 388 (20%), SDCC – 354 (19%)

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of **August 2026** was **4,158**. This is an increase of **69** when compared to the **July 2026** figure and an increase of **345** compared to **August 2025**.

The average number of families entering EA for the first time has decreased slightly from 88 per month in 2025 to an average of 84 per month in 2026 but remains high and there are consistently more families coming into than leaving emergency accommodation to tenancies. The average number of families entering EA increased in 2025 after relative predictability in the preceding years.

Table 1: Average presentations and exits (families)



New Family Presentations – August 2026

90 families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in **August 2026**. This is a increase of 1 on the number of families that entered in the previous month. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026
83	99	89	100	65	98	85	79	82	68	79	89

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/ EEA	Non-EU	Total
Aug 2026	34 (38%)	15 (17%)	41 (45%)	90 (100%)

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

Family Reason for Homelessness	August-26	%
NOTs	31	34%
Leaving Direct Provision	18	20%
Birth of Child & Child Custody	10	11%
Domestic Violence – Leaving Refuge	6	7%
Relationship Breakdown – Parent	6	7%
Left Informal Tenancy	6	7%
Family Reunification	5	6%
Newly Arrived from Abroad	2	2%
Overcrowding	1	1%
Domestic Violence	1	1%
AHB Eviction	1	1%
Left without NOT	1	1%
Intercounty Protocol	1	1%
Surrendered LA/AHB Tenancy	1	1%
Total	90	100%

Notice of Terminations

14 – Property to be Sold (HAP), 8 – Property to be sold (Other), 4 - Landlords Own or Family House (HAP), 1 – Landlords own or Family House, 2 – Unsuitable Accommodation (HAP), 1 – Rent Arrears, 1 – Rent Arrears (HAP),

Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 53 (60%), SDCC – 15 (16%) FCC – 15 (16%), DLRCC – 7 (8%),

Prevention – Family Homelessness

In **August 2026**, **88** families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HAP Scheme (61) and AHB (27). 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 August of this year, **52** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. **19** to HAP and **33*** to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026
35	43	52	41	74	39	52	49	36	64	56	59

****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, **405** families in the Dublin Region have moved out of emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority / AHB (310) / HAP (93)/ LTA (4) / PR (1) / RAS (1). This is an average of **51** per month to date. 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 HSE, NGO and DRHE teams, as well as access to services provided by the HSE and TUSLA.

Single Adult Homelessness

There were **4,881** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of **August 2026**, which represents an increase of 12 on last month. This figure was **4,971** for **August 2025**. That is a **2%** decrease in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

New Single Adult Presentations – August 2026

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **108** in **August 2026**. This represents a decrease of **26** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026
172	142	137	128	123	126	127	126	135	130	133	134

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/EEA	Non-EU	Total
August 2026	60 (55%)	11 (10%)	37 (35%)	108 (100%)

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

Singles - Reason for Homelessness	Aug-26	%
Relationship Breakdown - Parent	21	19%
Leaving Direct Provision in Previous 18 Months	16	14%
NOT's	11	10%
Leaving TUSLA/HSE childcare	10	9%
Leaving Hospital (Including Psychiatric)	8	7%
Left Informal Tenancy	6	5%
Relationship Breakdown - Partner	6	5%
Substance Abuse	5	5%
Rough Sleeping	3	4%
Overcrowding	3	3%
Leaving Addiction Treatment	3	3%
Relationship Breakdown – Other	2	2%
Returning From Abroad	2	2%
Domestic Violence – Leaving Refuge	2	2%
Mental Health Issues	2	2%
Release from prison	1	1%
Family Circumstances	1	1%
Domestic Violence	1	1%
Newly Arrived from Abroad	1	1%
Left without NOT	1	1%
Property Repossessed	1	1%
Unknown	1	1%
Victim of anti-social behaviour	1	1%
Total	108	100%

**Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 54 (50%), DLRCC – 15 (14%), FCC – 14 (13%)
SDCC – 25 (23%)**

Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness

In **August 2026**, 87 single adults were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (38), AHB (27), LA (20) 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

87 single adults exited to tenancies in **August 2026: 24** (HAP), **6** (LTA) and **57** (social housing)* and the table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
47	66	48	54	60	75	70	28	89	46	66	79

****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. **142** new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in August 2026.

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

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families	Total
Leaving hotels/PEA	12	10	22
Leaving STA	12	9	21
Prevention/did not use EA	38	61	99
Total	62	80	142

Duration accessing emergency accommodation

Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services

Duration in EA – August (as at 31/08/2026)	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	1,854	100%

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

Single Adults – Duration in Services

Duration in EA – Aug 2026 (as at 31/08/2026) One Night Only	Total Singles	%
24+ months	1,230	25%
18-24 month	580	12%
12-18 months	687	14%
6-12 months	995	21%
6 months or less	1,335	28%
Total	4,827	100%

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

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