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Dublin Region Homeless Executive

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 September 2026. There was an increase of 60 households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, this represents an increase of 69 individuals. This reflects an increase in families (1) and an increase in single adult households (59).

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

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
Sep 2026	1,900	3,391	4,167	4,940	8,331	12,498	6,840
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

Family Homelessness

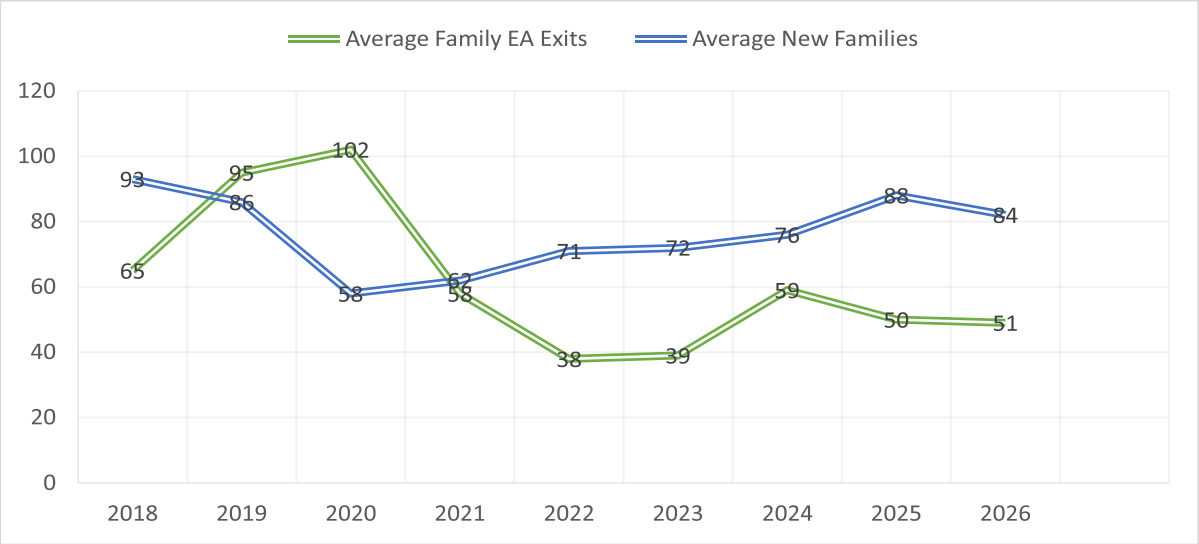
In Dublin at the end of **September 2026**, there were **1,900** families in emergency accommodation. This is an Increase of 1 on the **August 2026** number, and an increase of **168** families when compared with **September 2025**. There has been a **10%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 1,078 (57%), **DLRCC –** 86 (5%), **FCC –** 389 (20%), **SDCC –** 347 (18%)

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of **September 2026** was **4,167**. This is an increase of **9** when compared to the **August 2026** figure and an increase of **280** compared to **September 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 – September 2026

62 families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in **September 2026**. This is a decrease of 28 on the number of families that entered in the previous month. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026
99	89	100	65	98	85	79	82	68	79	89	90

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

Citizenship	**Irish**	**EU/ EEA**	**Non-EU**	**Total**
Sep 2026	28 (45%)	18 (29%)	16 (26%)	**62 (100%)**

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

Family Reason for Homelessness	**Sep-26**	**%**
NOTs	29	47%
Domestic Violence – Leaving Refuge	5	8%
Birth of child & Child Custody	4	6%
Relationship breakdown – parent	3	5%
Left Informal Tenancy	3	5%
Overcrowding	3	5%
Other	3	5%
Leaving Direct Provision	2	4%
Newly Arrived from Abroad	2	4%
Family Circumstances	2	4%
Family Reunification	1	1%
Relationship Breakdown – Partner	1	1%
Relationship Breakdown – Other Family	1	1%
Irish Resident returning from Abroad	1	1%
Illegal Eviction	1	1%
Property Repossessed	1	1%
Total	**62**	**100%**

Notice of Terminations

12 – Property to be Sold (HAP), 2 – Property to be sold, 4 – Rent Arrears (HAP), 2 – Rent Arrears, 3 – Landlords Own or Family House (HAP), 1 – Landlords Own or Family House, 3 – Unsuitable Accommodation (HAP), 1 – Unsuitable Accommodation, 1 – Other (including Part 4 tenancies) (HAP)

Presented to Local Authority: DCC – 34 (55%), SDCC – 15 (24%) FCC – 12 (19%), DLRCC – 1 (2%),

Prevention – Family Homelessness

In **September 2026**, **99** families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HAP Scheme (83) and Social Housing (16). 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 September of this year, **58** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. **12** to HAP and **46*** to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026
43	52	41	74	39	52	49	36	64	56	59	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, **463** families in the Dublin Region have moved out of emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority / AHB (349) / HAP (105)/ LTA (4) / PR (1) / RAS (2) HAA (2). This is an average of **51** per month to date**.** The monthly average number of families exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies was **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 HSE, NGO and DRHE teams, as well as access to services provided by the HSE and TUSLA.

Single Adult Homelessness

There were **4,940** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of **September 2026**, which represents an increase of 59 on last month. This figure was **4,986** for **September 2025**. That is a **1%** decrease in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

New Single Adult Presentations – September 2026

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **145** in **September 2026.** This represents an increase of **37** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026
142	137	128	123	126	127	126	135	130	133	134	108

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

Citizenship	**Irish**	**EU/EEA**	**Non-EU**	**Total**
Sep 2026	72 (49%)	16 (11%)	57 (40%)	**145 (100%)**

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

Singles - Reason for Homelessness	**Sep-26**	**%**
Leaving Direct Provision	36	25%
NOTs	19	13%
Relationship Breakdown – Parent	16	11%
Relationship Breakdown – Partner	14	10%
Left Informal Tenancy	10	7%
Leaving TUSLA Care Services	6	4%
Rough Sleeping	6	4%
Overcrowding	5	3%
Returning from Abroad	5	3%
Leaving Addiction Treatment	4	3%
Substance Abuse	4	3%
Family Circumstances	4	3%
Leaving Hospital (Inc Psych Services)	3	2%
Release from Prison	3	2%
Relationship Breakdown – Other	2	1%
Domestic Violence	2	1%
Mental Health Issues	2	1%
Property Repossessed	1	1%
Other	1	1%
Evicted by Local Authority	1	1%
Presenting from Outside Region	1	1%
Total	**145**	**100%**

Presented to Local Authority: **DCC** – 79 (55%), **DLRCC** – 18 (12%), **FCC** – 18 (12%), SDCC – 30 (21%)

Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness

In **September 2026**, 73 single adults were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (57), AHB (9), LA (4) 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

91 single adults exited to tenancies in **September 2026**: **29** (HAP), **2** (LTA) and **60** (social housing) * and the table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026
48	54	60	75	70	28	89	46	66	78	79	87

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 currently **70** 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.
181 new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in September 2026.

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

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families	Total
Leaving hotels/PEA	12	6	18
Leaving STA	17	6	23
Prevention/did not use EA	83	57	140
Total	**112**	**69**	**181**

Duration accessing emergency accommodation

Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services

Duration in EA – Sep 2026 (as at 30/09/2026)	**Total Families**	**%**
24+ months	541	29%
18-24months	273	14%
12-18 months	296	16%
6-12 months	355	19%
6 months or less	421	22%
Total	**1,886**	**100%**

When compared to September 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 – Sep 2026 (as at 30/09/2026) One Night Only	**Total Singles**	**%**
24+ months	1,023	21%
18-24 month	620	13%
12-18 months	712	15%
6-12 months	805	17%
6 months or less	1,640	34%
Total	**4,800**	**100%**

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

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