

### 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 2024**. There are **32** more households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, with **36** more individuals. This reflects a decrease in families and an increase in single adult households.

*Number of individuals in Emergency Accommodation in the **Dublin Region** – from April 2023 to April 2024, as published nationally:*

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
Apr 2024	1,445	2,501	3,188	4,527	7,028	10,216	5,972
Mar 2024	1,453	2,512	3,181	4,487	6,999	10,180	5,940
Feb 2024	1,457	2,516	3,165	4,419	6,935	10,100	5,876
Jan 2024	1,423	2,429	3,083	4,385	6,814	9,897	5,808
Dec 2023	1,400	2,424	3,020	4,330	6,754	9,774	5,730
Nov 2023	1,445	2,474	3,116	4,316	6,790	9,906	5,761
Oct 2023	1,419	2,415	3,060	4,238	6,653	9,713	5,657
Sep 2023	1,377	2,340	2,966	4,085	6,425	9,391	5,462
Aug 2023	1,370	2,339	2,964	3,966	6,305	9,269	5,336
July 2023	1,347	2,302	2,908	4,274	6,576	9,484	5,621
June 2023	1,313	2,232	2,841	4,192	6,424	9,265	5,505
May 2023	1,295	2,217	2,802	4,141	6,358	9,160	5,436
Apr 2023	1,263	2,160	2,722	4,128	6,288	9,010	5,391

## 1. Family Homelessness

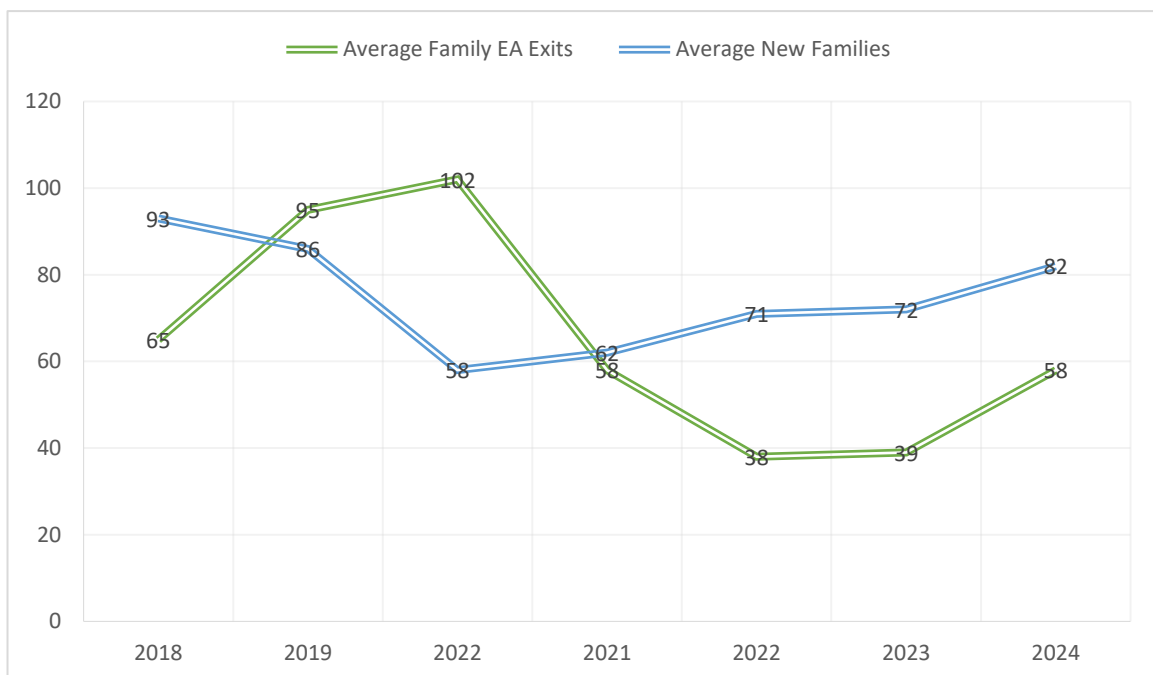
In Dublin at the end of April 2024, there were **1,445** families in emergency accommodation. This is a decrease of **8** on the March 2024 number, and an increase of **182** when compared with April 2023 when there were **1,263** families in emergency accommodation. That is a **14%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

**Family Households by Local Authority: DCC – 728, DLRCC – 84, FCC – 264, SDCC – 369**

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of April was **3,188**. This is an increase of **7** when compared to the March 2024 figure and **466** more than the April 2023 figure of **2,722**.

New family presentations have averaged at **82** per month for the first four months of 2024. The average number of families leaving homelessness to a tenancy is **58** per month. **Fewer families exiting homeless accommodation to tenancies is the main driver of the increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Dublin region.**

Table 1: Average presentations and exits (families)



### 1.1. Use of Commercial Hotels

The numbers of families residing in commercial hotels has increased. By the end of April 2024, there were **441** families using commercial hotels. This represents an increase of **3** families from **438** in March 2024 and compared with **333** in April 2023, an increase of **121** families in this type of accommodation over 12 months. The highest level was in March 2017, when the number of families

in commercial hotels reached **871**. The DRHE is entering contracts with some of these facilities to reduce our vulnerability to shortages during times of peak demand.

*1.2. New Family Presentations – April 2024*

**74** families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in April 2024. This is a decrease of **1** on the number of families that entered for the first time in March 2024. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

<b>Apr 2023</b>	<b>May 2023</b>	<b>June 2023</b>	<b>July 2023</b>	<b>Aug 2023</b>	<b>Sept 2023</b>	<b>Oct 2023</b>	<b>Nov 2023</b>	<b>Dec 2023</b>	<b>Jan 2024</b>	<b>Feb 2024</b>	<b>Mar 2024</b>
79	81	74	75	82	82	63	85	43	101	78	75

*1.3. New Family 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>April 2024</b>	38 (51%)	12 (16%)	23 (31%)	1 (2%)	<b>74 (100%)</b>

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

<b>Family Reason for Homelessness</b>	<b>Apr 2024</b>	<b>%</b>
Notice of Termination	28	38%
Relationship Breakdown – parent/partner/other	21	28%
Left Informal Tenancy	7	10%
Overcrowding	5	8%
Domestic Violence	2	3%
Newly Arrived from Abroad – less than 6 months	2	3%
Family Reunification	2	3%
Property Repossessed	1	1%
Returning from Abroad	1	1%
Leaving Direct Provision – less than 6 months	1	1%
Other – Unsuitable Tenancy	1	1%
Other – HHAP Fire Damage	1	1%
Left without NOT	1	1%
Illegal Eviction	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Notice of Terminations

**14** – Property to be sold, **6** – Landlord’s own or family home, **3** – unsuitable accommodation, **2** – Other (including Part 4 tenancies), **2** - Rent Arrears & **1** – Substantial Renovations

The Tenant in Situ scheme is used where possible by every Local Authority to avoid homelessness.

***It is very important tenants with a Notice of Termination engage with their Local Authority at an early stage.***

**Presented to Local Authority:** DCC – 40, DLRCC – 7, FCC – 16, SDCC – 11

### *1.4. Prevention – Family Homelessness*

In April 2024, **107** families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HHAP Scheme (73) and Social Housing (34). This prevention figure does not include tenancies protected by the (DRHE funded) Threshold Tenancy Protection Service or other prevention services.

### *1.5. Families – Exit to Tenancies*

In April 2024, **71** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. 20 moved to HAP, 1 to LTA, 1 to Housing Agency Acquisitions and 49\* to Social Housing. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

<b>Apr 2023</b>	<b>May 2023</b>	<b>June 2023</b>	<b>July 2023</b>	<b>Aug 2023</b>	<b>Sept 2023</b>	<b>Oct 2023</b>	<b>Nov 2023</b>	<b>Dec 2023</b>	<b>Jan 2024</b>	<b>Feb 2024</b>	<b>Mar 2024</b>
21	42	30	33	39	50	33	50	76	43	38	80

*\*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 may not be included here.*

In the first four months of this year, **232** families in the Dublin Region have exited emergency accommodation to housing: Local Authority (94) / AHB (62) / LTA (3) / HAP (68), RAS (3) & HAA (2). The number of families moving to HAP from emergency accommodation was **20** in April, which was a decrease of 1 on the previous month.

The monthly average number of families exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2024 is **58**, compared with **39** in 2023, **33** in 2022, **57** in 2021, **94** in 2020, and **95** in 2019.

### *1.6. 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 **4,527** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of April 2024, which represents an increase of **40** on last month. This figure was **4,128** for April 2023. That is a 10% increase in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

### 2.1. New Single Adult Presentations – April 2024

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **172** in April 2024. This represents an increase of **12** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

Apr 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
132	166	184	157	155	173	172	194	145	216	156	160

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

Citizenship	Irish	EU/EEA	Non-EU	UK	Total
<b>April 2024</b>	85 (50%)	33 (19%)	54 (31%)	0 (0%)	172 (100%)

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

Singles - Reason for Homelessness	Apr 24	%
Relationship Breakdown – parent/partner/other	40	22%
Leaving Direct Provision – less than 6 months	39	21%
Notice of Termination	17	9%
Newly arrived from abroad – less than 6 months	13	8%
Left Informal Tenancy	12	7%
Overcrowding	8	5%
Rough Sleeping	6	4%
Leaving Hospital / Treatment	5	3%
Release from Prison	5	3%
Leaving Childcare Services	4	2%
Family Circumstances	3	2%
Insufficient Funds / Affordability of P.R	3	2%
Domestic Violence	2	1%
Family Reunification	2	1%
Presenting from outside region	2	1%

Substance Addiction	2	1%
Unknown	2	1%
Property Repossessed	1	1%
Returning from Abroad	1	1%
Illegal Eviction	1	1%
Local Authority / AHB NOT	1	1%
Victim of Antisocial Behaviour	1	1%
Other – Illegal Tenancy – Squatting	1	1%
Other – Mental Health Issues	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Presented to Local Authority:** DCC – 103, DLRCC – 12, FCC – 14, SDCC – 43

### *2.3. Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness*

In April 2024, **76 single adults** were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (53), LTA (2) and Social Housing (21). This is additional to tenancies protected by the (DRHE funded) Threshold Tenancy Protection Service and other prevention services.

### *2.4. Single Adult Homeless – Exit to Tenancies*

**74 single adults** exited to tenancies in April 2024: 22 (HAP), 47 (AHB/LA)\* and 5 (LTA). The table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

<b>Apr 2023</b>	<b>May 2023</b>	<b>June 2023</b>	<b>July 2023</b>	<b>Aug 2023</b>	<b>Sept 2023</b>	<b>Oct 2023</b>	<b>Nov 2023</b>	<b>Dec 2023</b>	<b>Jan 2024</b>	<b>Feb 2024</b>	<b>Mar 2024</b>
33	44	43	55	36	43	27	50	85	46	58	77

*\*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 in 2024 is **64**, compared with **46** in 2023, **44** in 2022, **81** in 2021, **84** in 2020, and **48** in 2020.

### *2.5. 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. **168** new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in April 2024.

#### **Breakdown of household type and previous accommodation of those accessing HHAP in April 2024:**

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families
Leaving hotels/PEA	15	13
Leaving STA	7	7
Prevention/did not use EA	53	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>93</b>

### 4. Duration accessing emergency accommodation

#### *4.1. Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services*

Duration in EA – April 2024 (as at 30/04/2024)	Total Families	%
24+ months	340	24%
18-24months	179	12%
12-18 months	208	14%
6-12 months	270	19%
6 months or less	446	31%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* This figure differs to the 1,445 figure for April 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 April 2023, the percentage of families in the 6 months or less, the 6-12 months and the 12-18 months categories has decreased. The percentage of families in the 18-24 months and 24+ months' categories has increased.

#### *4.2. Single Adults – Duration in Services*

Duration in EA – April 2024 (as at 30/04/2024)	Total Single Adults	%
24+ months	825	19%
18-24months	379	9%
12-18 months	434	10%

6-12 months	833	19%
6 months or less	1,942	43%
<b>Total Adults (Singles)</b>	<b>4,413</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 5. Housing First

Housing First in the Dublin Region is provided by Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) on behalf of the DRHE. As of the end of April 2024, there were a total of **523** active Housing First tenancies. **7** Housing First tenancies were created in April 2024: DCC – 4, DLRCC – 1, FCC – 1, SDCC – 1.

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