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Background

Under arrangements in place between the Department and the housing authorities, performance reports are submitted on a quarterly basis through the regional lead authorities[1]. The quarterly performance reports include details of the numbers of individuals prevented from entering emergency accommodation and exiting emergency accommodation into tenancies and the duration of stay in emergency accommodation.

The Homeless Quarterly Progress Report summarises the data submitted to the Department in respect of Quarter 2 2026. The report also includes details on the number of Housing First tenancies created during the Quarter and the number of tenancies in place at the end of Quarter 2 2026.

Scale of Homelessness

There were 17,482 individuals accessing emergency accommodation at the end of Quarter 2 2026, a decrease of 35 individuals (0.2%) on the position at the end of Quarter 1 2026 and an increase of 1,567 (9.8%) on the total recorded at the end of Quarter 2 2025.

There were 2,706 families accessing emergency accommodation at the end of Quarter 2 2026, an increase of 47 families (1.8%) on the position at the end of Quarter 1 2026 and an increase of 386 families (16.6%) on the total recorded at the end of Quarter 2 2025.

[1] The administration of homeless services is organised across nine administrative regions, with one local authority in each of the regions, “the lead authority”, having overall responsibility for the disbursement of Exchequer funds.

Q2 2026 – Preventions and Exits to a Secure Tenancy

The table below outlines details of households and individuals prevented from entering homeless emergency accommodation through the creation of a secure tenancy as well as details of households and individuals that exited homeless emergency accommodation to a secure tenancy during the quarter.

	Households			Individuals		
	Single Households	**Family Households**	**Total Households**	**Adults**	**Children Under 18**	**Total Individuals**
Preventions	343	405	748	953	644	1,597
Exits	337	276	613	768	539	1,307
Total Exits and Preventions	**680**	**681**	**1,361**	**1,721**	**1,183**	**2,904**

Preventions and Exits

- A total of 2,904 individuals were either prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the creation of a secure tenancy or exited from emergency accommodation to a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026. These 2,904 individuals comprised 1,721 adults and 1,183 children under 18.
- A total of 1,361 households were either prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the creation of a secure tenancy or exited from emergency accommodation to a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026. These 1,361 households comprised 680 single households and 681 family households.

Preventions achieved by means of a Secure Tenancy

- A total of 1,597 individuals were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the creation of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026. These 1,597 individuals comprised 953 adults and 644 children under 18.
- Of these 1,597 individuals, 610 adults and 644 children under 18 were in 405 family households. The other 343 adults were single adult households.

Exits from Homeless Emergency Accommodation to a Secure Tenancy

- A total of 1,307 individuals exited emergency accommodation to a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026. These 1,307 individuals comprised 768 adults and 539 children under 18.
- Of these 1,307 individuals, 431 adults and 539 children under 18 were in 276 family households. The other 337 adults were single adult households.

Preventions and Exits from Homelessness to a Secure Tenancy

Preventions to a Secure Tenancy

- The 748 households prevented from entering emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 14.9% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 3.0% on Q2 2025.
- The 953 adults prevented from entering emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 15.5% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 6.4% on Q2 2025.
- The 405 families prevented from entering emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 20.9% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 6.7% on Q2 2025.

Exits to a Secure Tenancy

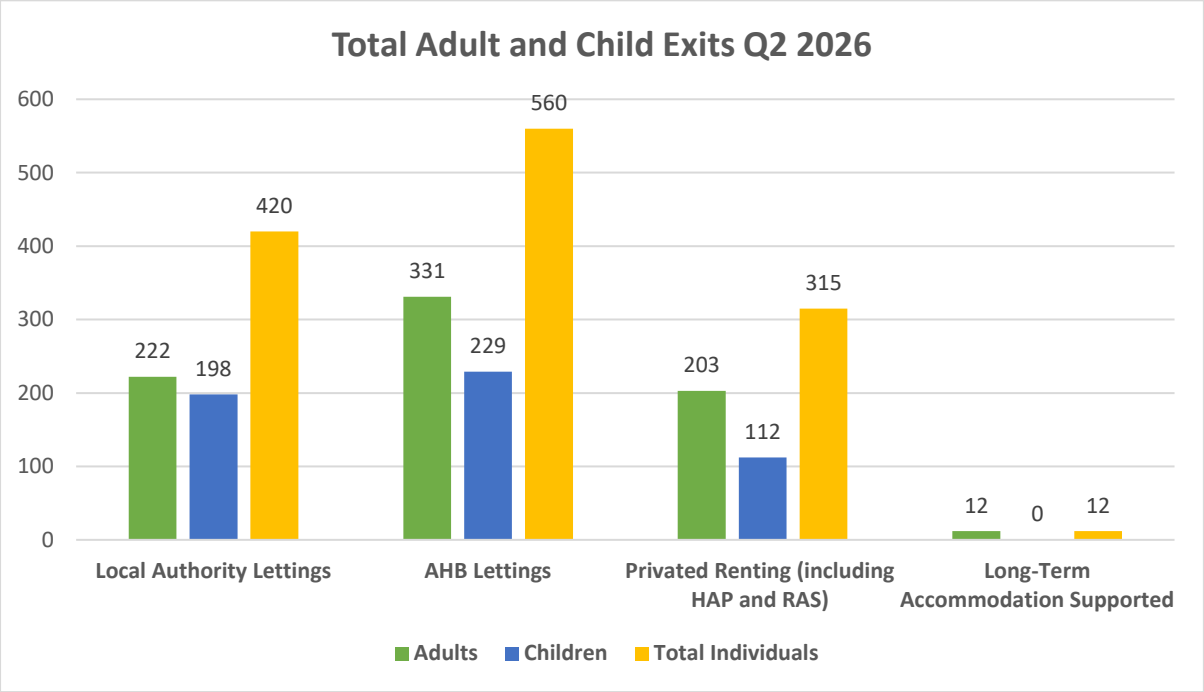
- The 613 households that exited homeless emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 5.1% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 10.4% on Quarter 2 2025.
- The 768 adults that exited homeless emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 6.7%% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 8.5% on Quarter 2 2025.
- The 276 families that exited homeless emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 9.1% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 6.4%% on Q2 2025.

Preventions and Exits to a Secure Tenancy

- The 1,361 households that were prevented from entering or exited homeless emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 10.3% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 6.5% on Q2 2025.
- The 1,721 adults that were prevented from entering or exited homeless emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 11.4% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 7.3% on Q2 2025.
- The 681 families that were prevented from entering or exited homeless emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy in Quarter 2 2026 represents an increase of 15.8% on Quarter 1 2026 and a decrease of 6.6% on Q2 2025.

Individuals Exiting Emergency Accommodation

The graph below illustrates adult and children under 18 exits from emergency accommodation to a secure tenancy by tenancy type in Q2 2026.



The table below sets out the total number of individual exits from emergency accommodation by tenancy type in Q2 2026 on a national basis.

	Adults Q2 2026	**Children under 18 Q2 2026**	**Total Individuals Q2 2026**
Local Authority Lettings	222 (28.9%)	198 (36.7%)	420 (32.1%)
AHB Lettings	331 (43.1%)	229 (42.5%)	560 (42.9%)
Long-Term Supported Accommodation	12 (1.6%)	0 (0%)	12 (0.9%)
Private rented (including HAP and RAS)	203 (26.4%)	112 (20.8%)	315 (24.1%)
Total	**768**	**539**	**1,307**

The table below sets out the number of individuals exiting from emergency accommodation by region in Quarter 2 2026.

Individuals exiting emergency accommodation by region			
Region	**Adults Q2 2026**	**Children under 18 Q2 2026**	**Total Individuals Q2 2026**
Dublin	446	292	738
Mid-East	50	43	93
Midlands	37	21	58
Mid-West	45	43	88
North-East	36	22	58
North-West	14	9	23
South-East	25	8	33
South-West	85	63	148
West	30	38	68
Totals	**768**	**539**	**1,307**

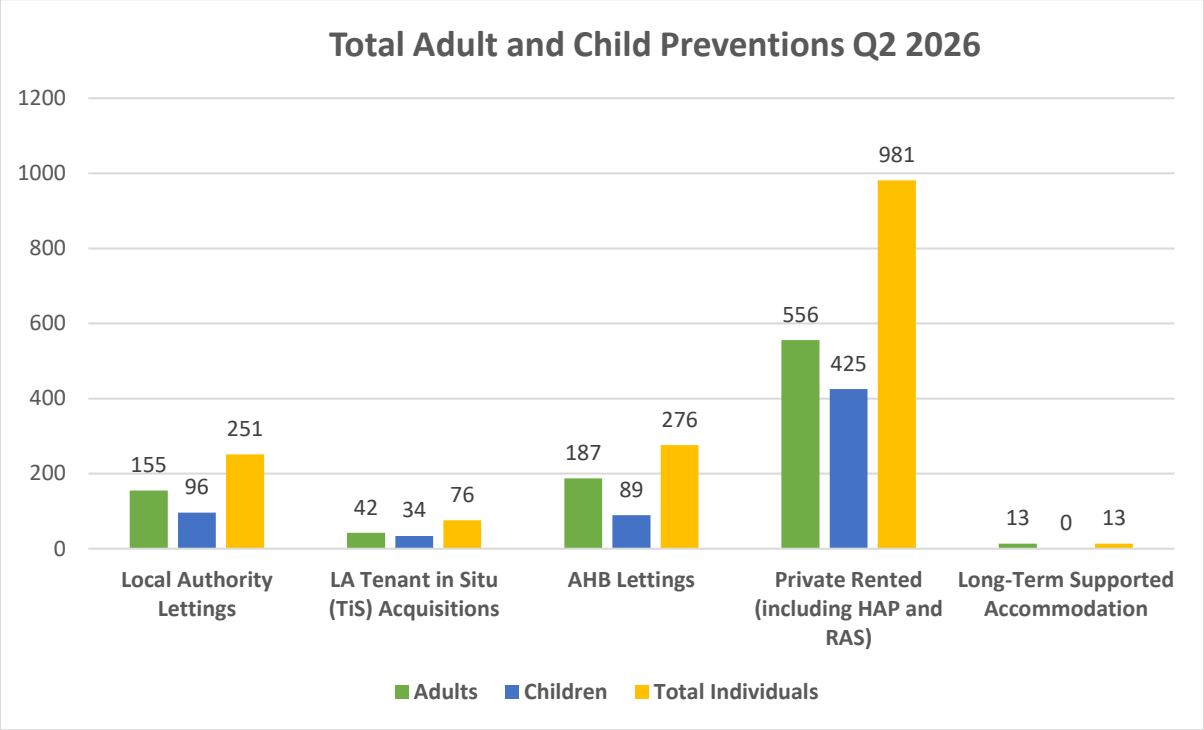
The table below sets out exits by household and tenancy type on a national basis in Quarter 2 2026[2].

Households exiting emergency accommodation by household and tenancy type			
	Single Households	**Family Households**	**Total Households**
Local Authority Lettings	80	85	165
AHB lettings	141	126	267
Long-term Supported Accommodation	12	0	12
Private rented (including HAP and RAS)	104	65	169
Total	**337**	**276**	**613**

[2] A small minority of the individuals listed as 'single' households in this context are couples without children so the number of 'single' households may be slightly overstated.

Individuals Prevented from Entering Emergency Accommodation

The graph below illustrates adults and children under 18 prevented from entering emergency accommodation by tenancy type in Q2 2026.



The table below sets out the number of individuals prevented from entering emergency accommodation by tenancy type in Q2 2026 on a national basis.

Individuals prevented from entering emergency accommodation			
	Adults Q2 2026	**Children under 18 Q2 2026**	**Total Individuals Q2 2026**
Local Authority Lettings	155 (16.3%)	96 (14.9%)	251 (15.7%)
LA Tenant in Situ (TiS) Acquisitions[3]	42 (4.4%)	34 (5.3%)	76 (4.8%)
AHB lettings	187 (19.6%)	89 (13.8%)	276 (17.3%)
Long-Term Supported Accommodation	13 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)	13 (0.8%)
Private rented (including HAP and RAS)	556 (58.3%)	425 (66.0%)	981 (61.4%)
Total	**953**	**644**	**1,597**

[3] It should be noted that the official record for TiS acquisitions will be included in the social housing and cost rental delivery figures.

The table below sets out the number of individuals prevented from entering emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy by region in Quarter 2 2026.

Individuals prevented from entering emergency accommodation by region			
Region	**Adults Q2 2026**	**Children under 18 Q2 2026**	**Total Individuals Q2 2026**
Dublin	531	354	885
Mid-East	52	47	99
Midlands	42	18	60
Mid-West	43	24	67
North-East	64	81	145
North-West	17	20	37
South-East	64	26	90
South-West	101	60	161
West	39	14	53
Totals	**953**	**644**	**1,597**

The table below sets out the number of single and family households prevented from entering emergency accommodation by tenancy type on a national basis in Quarter 2 2026.

Households prevented from entering emergency accommodation by household and tenancy type			
	Single Households	**Family Households**	**Total Households**
Local Authority Lettings	54	56	110
LA Tenant in Situ (TiS) Acquisition[4]	3	20	23
AHB lettings	99	61	160
Long-term Supported Accommodation	13	0	13
Private rented (including HAP and RAS)	174	268	442
Total	**343**	**405**	**748**

[4] It should be noted that the official record for TiS acquisitions will be included in the social housing and cost rental delivery figures.

Reasons for Presentation

Since Q2 2023, local authorities have been reporting the reasons for presentation cited by households who newly enter emergency accommodation in the most recent quarter. The Q2 2026 data is summarised below:

Household reasons for presentation – Q2 2026			
Category	**Family Households**	**Single Households**	**Total**
Notice of Termination of tenancy in private rental property	183	156	339
Relationship breakdown/Family Circumstance	94	240	334
No Income Source	0	0	0
Insufficient funds/Affordability	1	7	8
Property Repossessed	1	10	11
Overcrowding	38	23	61
Leaving IPAS[5]	13	82	95
Domestic Violence	27	21	48
Newly Arrived to Ireland	4	9	13
Family Reunification	14	3	17
Leaving an Institution (Addiction Treatment Centre/Care/Hospital/Prison/Refuge)	33	124	157
Left Informal Tenancy	17	87	104
Irish Resident Returning from Abroad	4	16	20
Substance Misuse	0	55	55
Entrenched Rough Sleeper	0	21	21
Transitioning from Single to Family	24	0	24
Other Reason Given	19	60	79
Total	**472**	**914**	**1,386**

[5] From Q2 2026 this category is recorded in 0-6, 6-12, 12-18-month bands.

National Family Presentations, Preventions and Exits

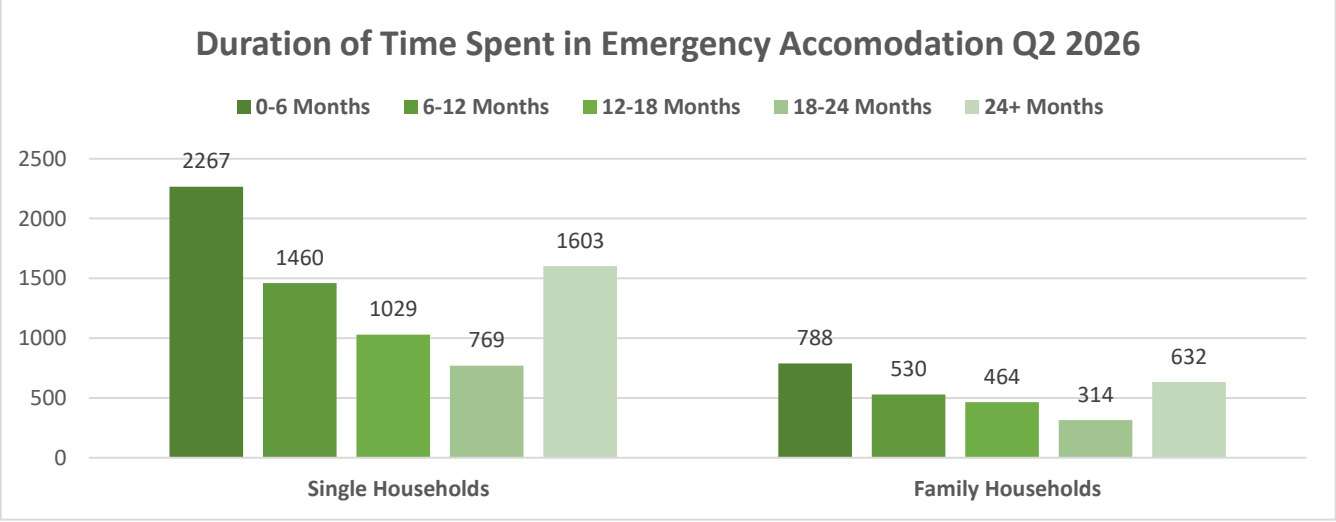
- The total number of families presenting has increased by 4.8% when compared to Q1 2026 (from 837 to 877).
- The net number of new families entering emergency accommodation has decreased by 6.0% when compared to Q1 2026 (from 502 to 472).
- The number of families prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the creation of a secure tenancy has increased by 20.9% when compared to Q1 2026 (from 335 to 405).
- The number of families exiting from emergency accommodation by means of a secure tenancy has increased by 9.1% when compared to Q1 2026 (from 253 to 276).

The table below outlines the homeless family presentations, preventions and exits at a national level:

Quarter	Total families Presenting	Less families prevented from entering emergency accommodation	Net new families entering emergency accommodation	Families leaving emergency accommodation
Q1 2026	837	335	502	253
Q2 2026	877	405	472	276
YTD	**1,714**	**740**	**974**	**529**

Length of Stay in Emergency Accommodation

The performance reports provide data on the length of time spent in emergency accommodation. Data on length of stay is reported as six-monthly bands ranging from less than six months to more than two years and is also disaggregated by household type. These bands refer to consecutive stays in emergency accommodation and are based on a point-in-time count, informed by emergency accommodation usage on the last night in the quarter.



Duration of stay by Single Households in Emergency Accommodation as of the last night in the Quarter (30/06/2026)										
Monthly bands	**Dublin**	**Mid East**	**Mid West**	**Midlands**	**North East**	**North West**	**South East**	**South West**	**West**	**Total**
0-6	1,359	135	167	69	60	17	104	268	88	2,267
6-12	933	66	101	42	29	30	56	154	49	1,460
12-18	712	56	50	22	10	45	28	61	45	1,029
18-24	547	27	42	22	19	3	13	67	29	769
24+	1,232	62	49	40	15	22	29	96	58	1,603
Totals	**4,783**	**346**	**409**	**195**	**133**	**117**	**230**	**646**	**269**	7,128

Duration of stay by Family Households in Emergency Accommodation as of the last night in the Quarter (30/06/2026)										
Monthly bands	**Dublin**	**Mid East**	**Mid West**	**Midlands**	**North East**	**North West**	**South East**	**South West**	**West**	**Total**
0-6	424	72	81	32	13	9	46	75	36	788
6-12	329	41	50	17	1	9	16	36	31	530
12-18	320	34	41	8	2	10	8	22	19	464
18-24	243	13	20	9	0	3	3	10	13	314
24+	541	22	23	4	2	3	3	4	30	632
Totals	1,857	182	215	70	18	34	76	147	129	2,728

Housing First

Housing First provides housing and wrap-around supports to rough sleepers and long-term users of emergency accommodation with complex health needs. A new National Implementation Plan, which provides for a further 1,319 tenancies covering the period 2022-2026, was published in December 2021.

In Quarter 2 2026, 46 new Housing First tenancies commenced. A total of 1,154 tenancies have been established under the current National Implementation Plan and 1,032 individuals are currently in a Housing First tenancy. The table below sets out:

- The total number of Housing First tenancies created in each region in Q2 2026;
- The total number of individuals in a Housing First tenancy at the end of Quarter 2 2026 (including those housed prior to the current plan); and
- The total number of tenancies created under the current Housing First Implementation Plan (2022-2026).

Region	Total tenancies created in Q2 2026	Total number of individuals currently in a tenancy	Total number of tenancies created under current Plan 2022-2026[6]
Dublin	5	489	413
Mid-East	1	79	95
Midlands	0	49	53
Mid-West	1	59	65
North-East	0	52	46
North-West	0	35	31
South-East	15	110	165
South-West	3	79	188
West	21	80	98
Total	**46**	**1,032**	**1,154**

[6] In Housing First, tenancies created towards the end of a period may not be captured in the reporting in the Quarter they are created. In these cases, local authorities back date the tenancy on the system. As a result, the number of tenancies and unique individuals in a tenancy in a Quarter may be understated. The figure reported for the entire plan includes all tenancies.