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# Headline Data – July 2024

## Child Protection & Welfare

- **7,294 referrals in July 2024**, 500 (7%) more than June 2024 (6,794) and 191 (3%) more than July 2023 (7,103). This brings to **55,102** the number of referrals for the **first seven months of 2024**, 1,004 (2%) more than the same period in 2023 (54,098).
- **20,695 cases open to social work** at the end of July 2024, 713 (3%) fewer than June 2024 (21,408) and 1,244 (6%) fewer than July 2023 (21,939). *Open cases include child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*
- **78% (16,073) of cases open to social work at the end of July 2024 had an allocated worker**, up one percentage point from June 2024 (77%). (Ref note on Page 4).
- **4,622 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of July 2024, 277 (6%) fewer than June 2024 (4,899). Second consecutive monthly decrease. Cases awaiting allocation are down 503 (10%) from July 2023 (5,125).
- Six areas account for 65% (2,995) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South Central (1,066), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (432), Cork (416), Louth/Meath (399), Midwest (348) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (334).
- **11% (491) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2024 were categorised as high priority**, nine fewer than June 2024 (500) and 47 (11%) more than July 2023 (444).

## Children in Care

- **5,803 children (0-17 years) in care at the end of July 2024**, one fewer than June 2024 (5,804). Figure includes 144 children under the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SCSIP, three more than June 2024 (141).
- **87.2% (5,062)\* of all children in care are in foster care** (3,588 general foster care, and 1,474 relative foster), **8.7% (505)** are in **residential care** (492 general residential care and 13 special care) and **4.1% (236)** are in “**other**” **care placements**.
- Across Tusla’s 17 areas 89% (5,036/5,659) of children in care are in foster care.
- **971 (17%) children in care at the end of July 2024 were in placements with private providers**, 25 (3%) more than June 2024 (946) and the fourth consecutive monthly increase.
- **81% (4,710)** of children in care at the end of July 2024 had **an allocated worker** with three areas reporting 100%. A total of 1,093 children were awaiting allocation, 40 (4%) fewer than June 2024 (1,133).
- **85% (4,922) of children in care at the end of July 2024 had an up-to-date care plan**. A total of 881 children were awaiting an up-to-date care plan, 76 (8%) fewer than June 2024 (957).

*\*Decrease from previous months in the overall percentage of children in care in foster care is due to the inclusion of SCSIP as the majority of these children are placed in residential care.*

## Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- **1,081 children listed as “active”** on the CPNS at the end of July 2024, 57 (6%) more than June 2024 (1,024).
- There were 172 (19%) more children “active” at the end of July 2024 than at the end of July 2023 (909).
- All but three children listed as “active” at the end of July 2024 had an **allocated social worker**. The three children were subsequently allocated.

## Children’s Services Regulation

- **4,008 early years services on the register at the end of July 2024**, 18 (<1%) fewer than June 2024 (4,026) and 20 (<1%) fewer than July 2023 (4,028).
- **157 inspections** of early years services done in July 2024. This brings to 1,326 the number of inspections for the first seven months of 2024, 69 (5%) fewer than the same period in 2023 (1,395).
- **2,602 children on the register for home education at the end of July 2024**, 66 (3%) more than June 2024 (2,536) and 399 (18%) more than July 2023 (2,203).
- **845 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of July 2024**, 31 (4%) fewer than June 2024 (876) and 488 (37%) fewer than July 2023 (1,333).

## Tusla Education Support Services

- **107 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in July 2024. This brings to 7,854 the number of referrals for the first 11 months of the academic year 2023-2024, 706 (10%) more than the same period in 2022-2023 (7,148).
- **3,670 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of July 2024, 495 (12%) fewer than June 2024 (4,165).
- 137 (4%) fewer referrals on a waiting list at the end of July 2024 (3,670) compared to July 2023 (3,807).
- **170 new individual children worked with** in July 2024. This brings to 3,749 the number of new individual children worked with for the first 11 months of the academic year 2023-2024, 565 (18%) more than the same period in 2022-2023 (3,184).

# Child Protection and Welfare

## Referrals<sup>1</sup>

- **7,294 referrals** in July 2024, 500 (7%) more than June 2024 (6,794) and 191 (3%) more than July 2023 (7,103).
- This brings to 55,102 the number of referrals for the first seven months of 2024, 1,004 (2%) more than the same period in 2023 (54,098).

*It should be noted that the data presented for the first three months of 2024 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for this period. Data for Apr-Jul 2024 is based on referrals logged on the Tusla Case Management (TCM) system at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until quarterly validation is complete.*

## Open Cases

- **20,695 cases open to social work** at the end of July 2024, 713 (3%) fewer than June 2024 (21,408) and 1,244 (6%) fewer than July 2023 (21,939). *Open cases from September 2023 include cases awaiting categorisation. See note below.*

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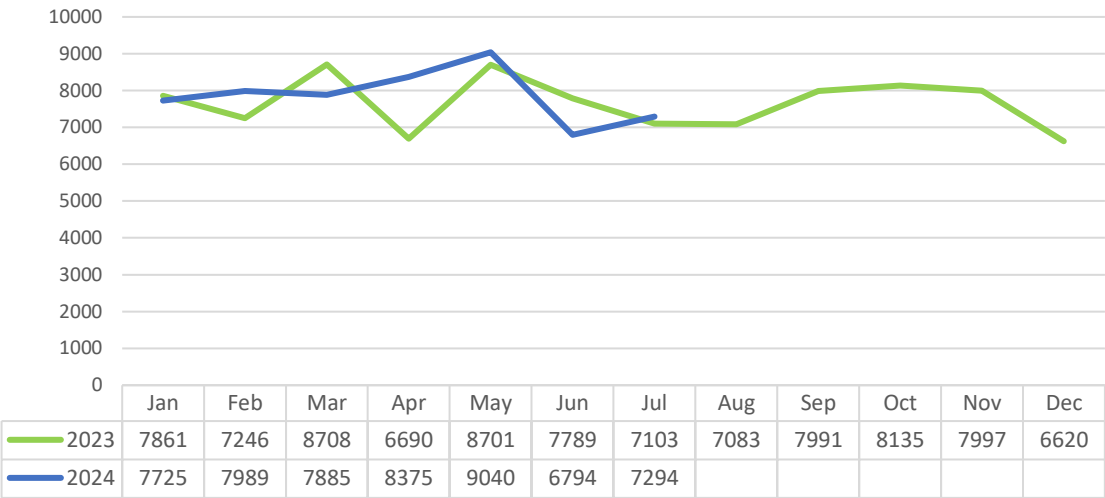
- 1) *From September 2023, open cases (allocated/unallocated) include cases “awaiting categorisation” at month end. This is in addition to cases categorised as high, medium and low. The category “awaiting categorisation” was introduced this year to reflect better questions being asked at screening and awaiting information for slightly longer.*
- 2) *Open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*
- 3) *The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the TCM at month end.*

## Allocated Cases

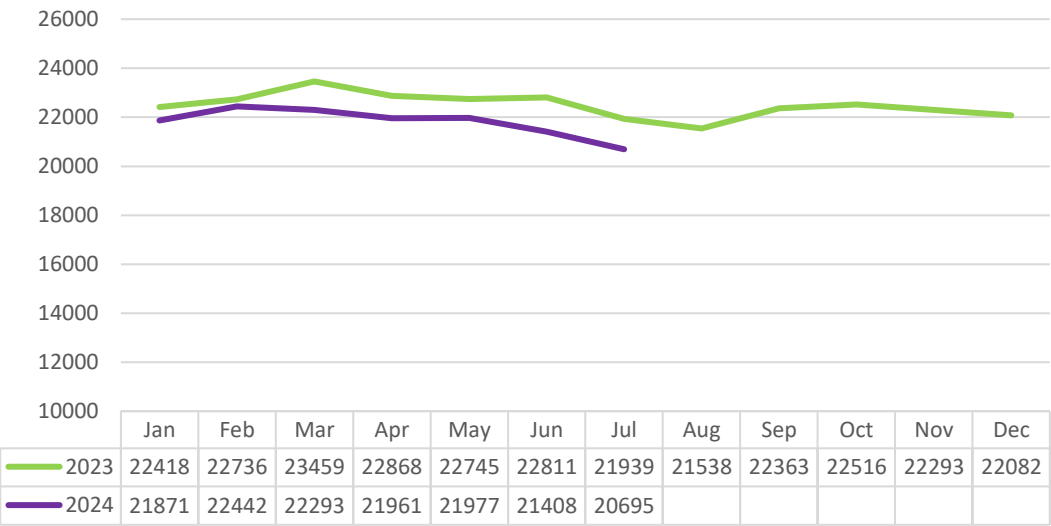
- **16,073 open cases were allocated** at the end of July 2024, 436 (3%) fewer than June 2024 (16,509) and 741 (4%) fewer than July 2023 (16,814).
- Allocated cases account for 78% of open cases, up one percentage point from June 2024 (77%) and July 2023 (77%).

*These numbers of allocated cases reflect a changing environment in Tusla where allocation of cases to a social worker has become more difficult with reduced availability of social workers nationally. Many cases are now allocated to other professionals also reflecting the changing nature of social work teams. In many instances where cases are unallocated to a social worker there is a social care worker or leader allocated to the case.*

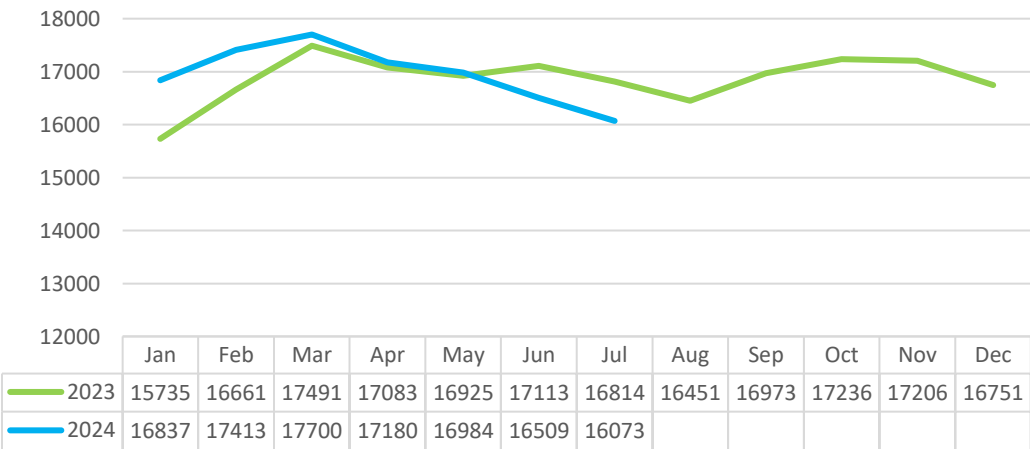
# Referrals



Number of Open Cases



Number of Allocated Cases



<sup>1</sup> Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare include: a request for diversion to another agency; a report in which there are no reasonable grounds for concern or no harm identified to a child indicated; a report that does not warrant a Tusla child protection and welfare led intervention (these could be children who need additional supports to stop problems or difficulties worsening but social work led intervention is not required and diversion to Prevention Partnership and Family Support is considered).

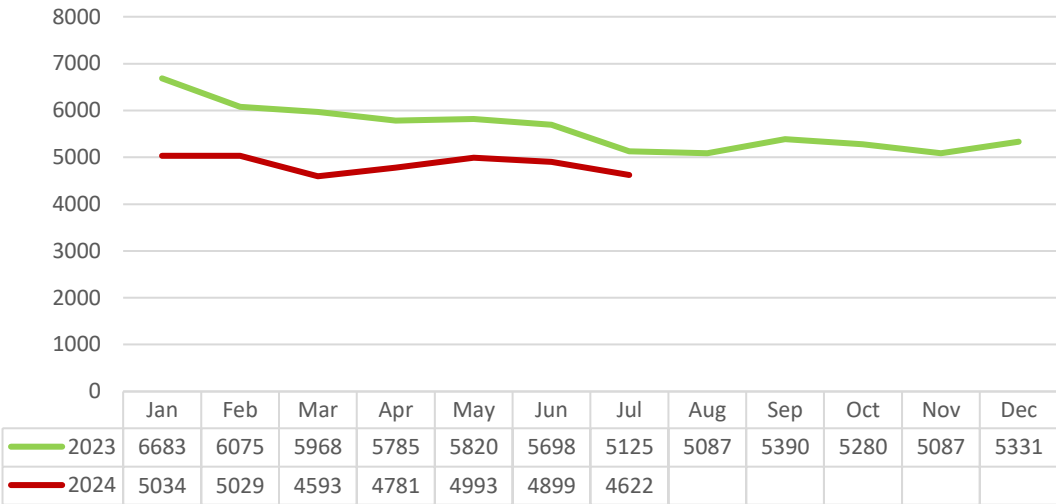
# Child Protection & Welfare

## Cases Awaiting Allocation

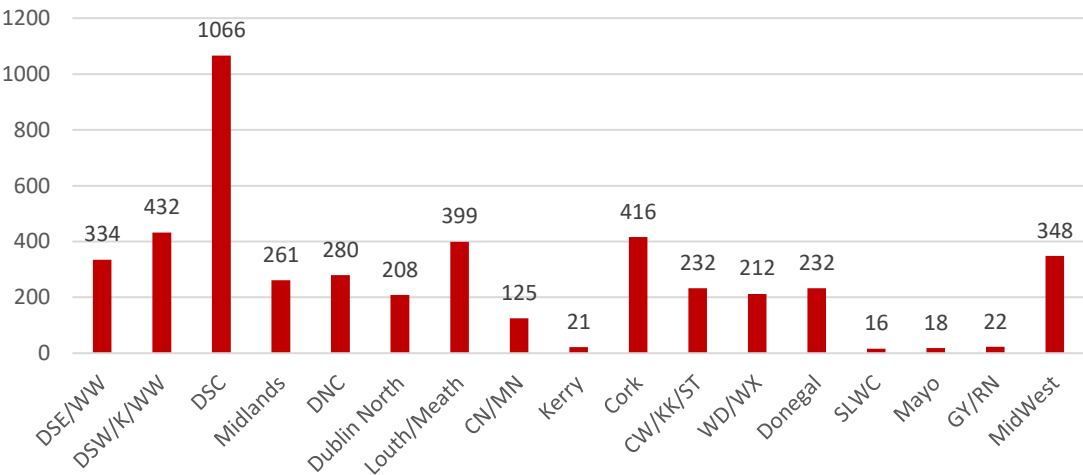
Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care

- **4,622 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of July 2024, 277 (6%) fewer than June 2024 (4,899). Second consecutive monthly decrease.
- Cases awaiting allocation are down 503 (10%) from July 2023 (5,125).
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 22% of open cases (20,695), down one percentage point from June 2024 (23%).
- **37% (1,698) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2024 were “active on duty”.** *This means that actions were undertaken by dedicated duty teams or rotating social workers on a duty roster to progress the protection and welfare of the cases. Examples of actions undertaken include telephone calls relating to the concern, visits to see children, completing initial assessments and child in care reviews or care plans.*
- Highest number of cases awaiting allocation reported by Dublin South Central (1,066) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (432), Cork (416), Louth/Meath (399), Midwest (348) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (334). These six areas account for 65% (2,995) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- **491 cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2024 were categorised as high priority**, nine fewer than June 2024 (500) and 47 (11%) more than July 2023 (444).
- High priority cases account for 11% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 57% (2,642) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority, 30% (1,383) were low priority while the remaining 2% (106) were awaiting categorisation.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Midwest (97), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (63), Donegal (61), Dublin South Central (52), Midlands (49) and Louth/Meath (49). These six areas account for 76% (371) of all high priority cases awaiting.

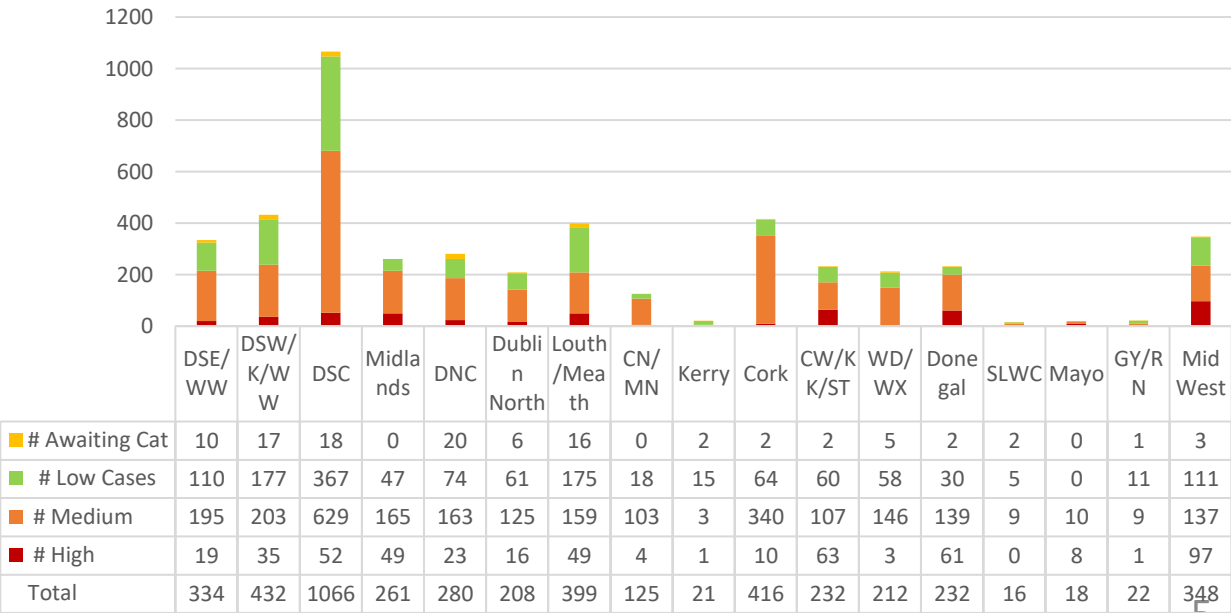
Number of Unallocated Cases



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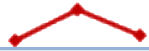






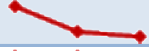



Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



# Child Protection & Welfare

## Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 11/17 areas reported a decrease in cases awaiting allocation from June 2024.
- Largest decreases reported by Dublin South Central (down 128), Cork (down 66), Galway/Roscommon (down 62), Waterford/Wexford (down 59) and Louth/Meath (down 51).
- 6/17 areas reported an increase in cases awaiting allocation from June 2024. Largest increases reported by Dublin North (up 61), Dublin North City (up 51), Donegal (up 19) and Midwest (up 11).
- Nationally 22% of open cases were awaiting allocation at the end of July 2024. Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 22%. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (48%), Dublin South East/Wicklow (37%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (36%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (29%) and Donegal (27%).
- 9/17 areas had fewer cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2024 than at the end of July 2023. Largest decreases reported by Cork (down 330), Waterford/Wexford (down 288) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 239).
- 8/17 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2024 than at the end of July 2023. Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 190), Louth/Meath (up 138), Dublin South Central (up 127) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 102).

Area	Jul-23 # Unallocated	Jul-23 % Unallocated	May-24 # Unallocated	Jun-24 # Unallocated	Jul-24 # Unallocated	Jul-24 % Unallocated	 May-Jul	Jul-24 v Jul-23	% Δ	Jul-24 v Jun-24	% Δ1
DSE/WW	232	24%	350	340	334	37%		102	44%	-6	-2%
DSW/K/WW	671	40%	423	462	432	29%		-239	-36%	-30	-6%
DSC	939	46%	1196	1194	1066	48%		127	14%	-128	-11%
Midlands	227	13%	248	262	261	15%		34	15%	-1	0%
DNC	261	16%	209	229	280	17%		19	7%	51	22%
Dublin North	263	10%	194	147	208	11%		-55	-21%	61	41%
Louth/Meath	261	21%	475	450	399	26%		138	53%	-51	-11%
CN/MN	165	25%	122	140	125	18%		-40	-24%	-15	-11%
Kerry	52	13%	34	31	21	6%		-31	-60%	-10	-32%
Cork	746	27%	453	482	416	18%		-330	-44%	-66	-14%
CW/KK/ST	280	34%	233	227	232	36%		-48	-17%	5	2%
WD/WX	500	32%	325	271	212	17%		-288	-58%	-59	-22%
Donegal	220	26%	259	213	232	27%		12	5%	19	9%
SLWC	80	24%	18	11	16	6%		-64	-80%	5	45%
Mayo	13	4%	25	19	18	5%		5	38%	-1	-5%
GY/RN	57	5%	85	84	22	2%		-35	-61%	-62	-74%
MidWest	158	13%	344	337	348	26%		190	120%	11	3%
TOTAL	5125	23%	4993	4899	4622	22%		-503	-10%	-277	-5.7%

Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care



# Child Protection & Welfare

## Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Jun-24	Jul-24	Δ	Jun-24	Jul-24	Δ2	Jun-24	Jul-24	Δ3	Jun-24	Jul-24	Δ4
DSE/WW	287	248	-39	1,023	911	-112	683	577	-106	340	334	-6
DSW/K/WW	693	727	34	1,512	1,487	-25	1,050	1,055	5	462	432	-30
DSC	547	509	-38	2,370	2,199	-171	1,176	1,133	-43	1194	1,066	-128
Midlands	666	820	154	1,767	1,739	-28	1,505	1,478	-27	262	261	-1
DNC	355	422	67	1,619	1,663	44	1,390	1,383	-7	229	280	51
Dublin North	680	677	-3	1,835	1,822	-13	1,688	1,614	-74	147	208	61
Louth/Meath	517	523	6	1,594	1,513	-81	1,144	1,114	-30	450	399	-51
CN/MN	216	232	16	774	708	-66	634	583	-51	140	125	-15
Kerry	169	230	61	400	377	-23	369	356	-13	31	21	-10
Cork	585	679	94	2,381	2,343	-38	1,899	1,927	28	482	416	-66
CW/KK/ST	315	357	42	714	652	-62	487	420	-67	227	232	5
WD/WX	506	503	-3	1,279	1,221	-58	1,008	1,009	1	271	212	-59
Donegal	221	227	6	866	858	-8	653	626	-27	213	232	19
SLWC	132	117	-15	268	264	-4	257	248	-9	11	16	5
Mayo	78	113	35	370	341	-29	351	323	-28	19	18	-1
GY/RN	316	375	59	1,302	1,275	-27	1,218	1,253	35	84	22	-62
MidWest	511	535	24	1,334	1,322	-12	997	974	-23	337	348	11
Total	6,794	7,294	500	21,408	20,695	-713	16,509	16,073	-436	4,899	4,622	-277

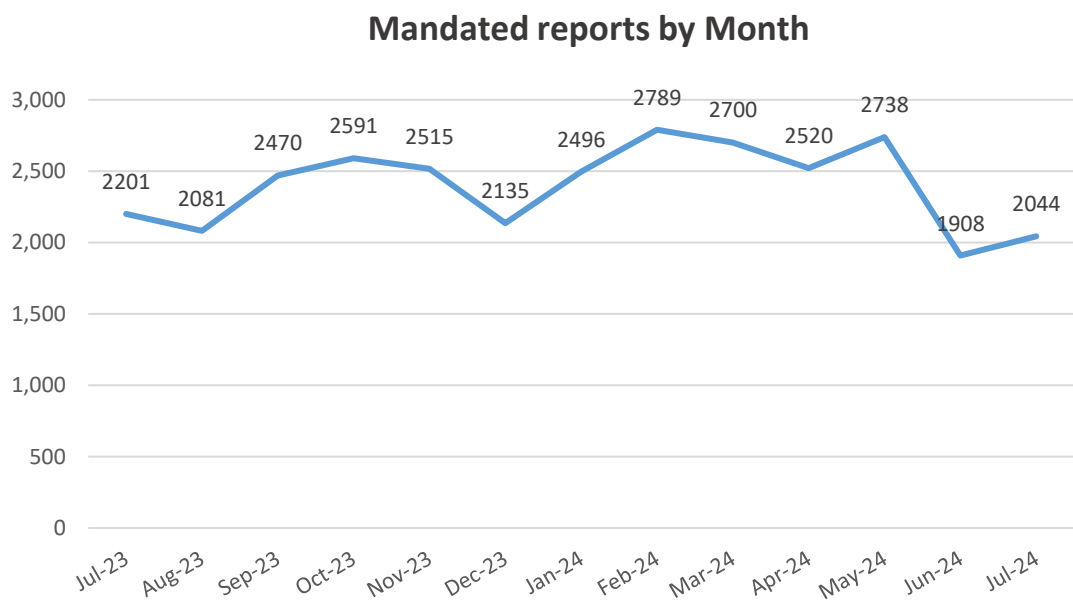
High Priority Awaiting				Medium Priority Awaiting			Low Priority Awaiting			Awaiting Categorisation		
Area	Jun-24	Jul-24	Δ	Jun-24	Jul-24	Δ 2	Jun-24	Jul-24	Δ 3	Jun-24	Jul-24	Δ 4
DSE/WW	28	19	-9	196	195	-1	103	110	7	13	10	-3
DSW/K/WW	35	35	0	252	203	-49	166	177	11	9	17	8
DSC	102	52	-50	674	629	-45	412	367	-45	6	18	12
Midlands	53	49	-4	163	165	2	46	47	1	0	0	0
DNC	18	23	5	143	163	20	55	74	19	13	20	7
Dublin North	8	16	8	92	125	33	40	61	21	7	6	-1
Louth/Meath	56	49	-7	176	159	-17	200	175	-25	18	16	-2
CN/MN	2	4	2	117	103	-14	20	18	-2	1	0	-1
Kerry	0	1	1	3	3	0	25	15	-10	3	2	-1
Cork	5	10	5	404	340	-64	73	64	-9	0	2	2
CW/KK/ST	36	63	27	125	107	-18	66	60	-6	0	2	2
WD/WX	3	3	0	181	146	-35	81	58	-23	6	5	-1
Donegal	30	61	31	144	139	-5	39	30	-9	0	2	2
SLWC	0	0	0	5	9	4	5	5	0	1	2	1
Mayo	7	8	1	12	10	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	21	1	-20	35	9	-26	28	11	-17	0	1	1
MidWest	96	97	1	133	137	4	106	111	5	2	3	1
TOTAL	500	491	-9	2,855	2,642	-213	1,465	1,383	-82	79	106	27

# Mandated Reports<sup>1</sup> – Child Protection & Welfare

- **2,044 mandated reports of abuse** received in July 2024, 136 (7%) more than June 2024 (1,908) and 157 (7%) fewer than July 2024 (2,201). This brings to 17,195 the number of reports for the first seven months of 2024, 328 (2%) more than the same period in 2023 (16,867).

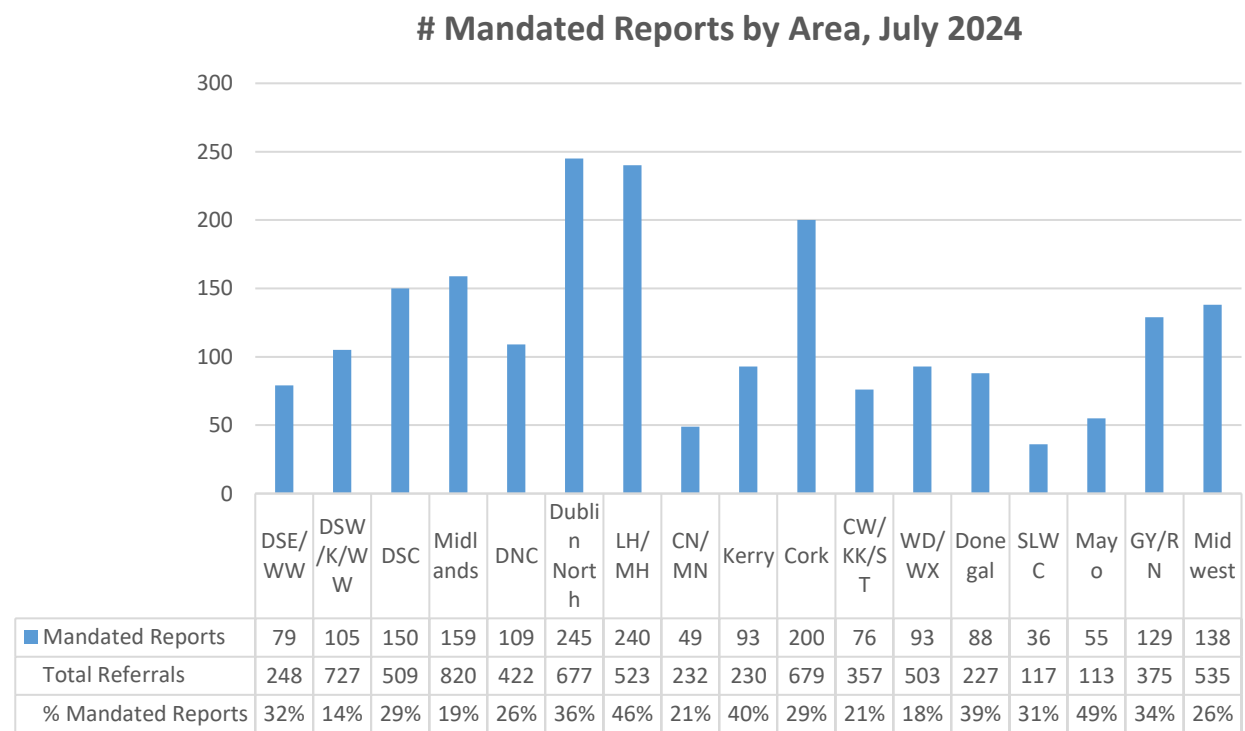
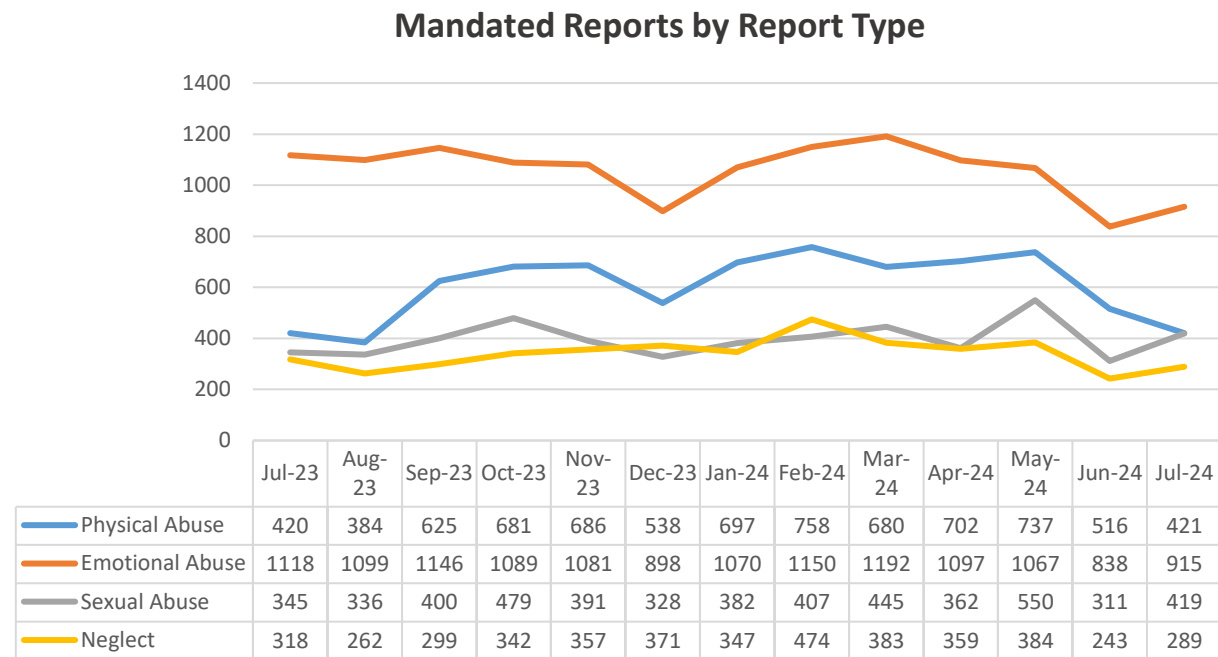
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- Mandated reports accounted for 28% (2,044) of all referrals received (7,294) in July 2024.



- The number of mandated reports for July 2024, by area ranged from 36 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 245 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (49%) was reported by Mayo.
- The lowest percentage (14%) was reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow.

- Highest number of reports for July 2024 were for emotional abuse (915; 45%) followed by physical abuse (421; 21%), sexual abuse (419; 20%) and neglect (289; 14%).



<sup>1</sup> Mandated reports are included in the data on referrals (slide 4)



# Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

## Source of Reports

- Highest number of reports for July 2024 from An Garda Síochána (886; 43%) followed by social workers (317; 16%); safeguarding officer (299; 15%); social care workers (100; 5%) and medical practitioners (81; 4%). These five sources account for 82%% (1,683) of reports for July 2024.
- Highest number of reports for 2024 YTD from An Garda Síochána (6,526; 38% followed by teachers (2,372; 14%), safeguarding officers (2,259; 13%), social workers (2,002; 12%), social care workers (785; 5%) and medical practitioners (608; 4%). These six sources account for 85% (14,552) of reports for 2024 YTD.

Source (Schedule 2 Children First 2015)	# July 2024	% July 2024	Total 2024 YTD	% Total 2024
Medical practitioner (Registered)	81	4.0%	608	3.5%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	57	2.8%	356	2.1%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	5	0.2%	34	0.2%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	0.1%	21	0.1%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	6	0.3%	35	0.2%
Registered dentist	*	0.1%	10	0.1%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	46	2.3%	404	2.3%
Social care worker	100	4.9%	785	4.6%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	317	15.5%	2002	11.6%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic	*	0.1%	15	0.1%
Probation officer	*	0.0%	20	0.1%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	31	1.5%	2372	13.8%
An Garda Síochána Member	886	43.3%	6526	38.0%
Guardian ad litem	12	0.6%	37	0.2%
Domestic violence shelter manager	60	2.9%	496	2.9%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	24	1.2%	158	0.9%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	7	0.3%	37	0.2%
Addiction counsellor	0	0.0%	25	0.1%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling	45	2.2%	436	2.5%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside	*	0.0%	*	0.0%
Clergy member	*	0.0%	*	0.0%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	*	0.1%	13	0.1%
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer	299	14.6%	2259	13.1%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service	14	0.7%	71	0.4%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management	5	0.2%	64	0.4%
Youth worker employed in a youth work service	34	1.7%	319	1.9%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	0	0.0%	20	0.1%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act	*	0.1%	67	0.4%
Total (includes suppressed values)	2,044	100.0%	17,195	100.0%

\*Values suppressed for confidentiality purposes. Suppressed figures included in totals.

# Children in Care

- **5,803 children (0-17 years) in care at the end of July 2024, one fewer than June 2024 (5,804).** Figure includes 144 children under the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SCSIP)<sup>1</sup>.
- Breakdown of children in care by Tusla’s 17 areas and SCSIP as follows:

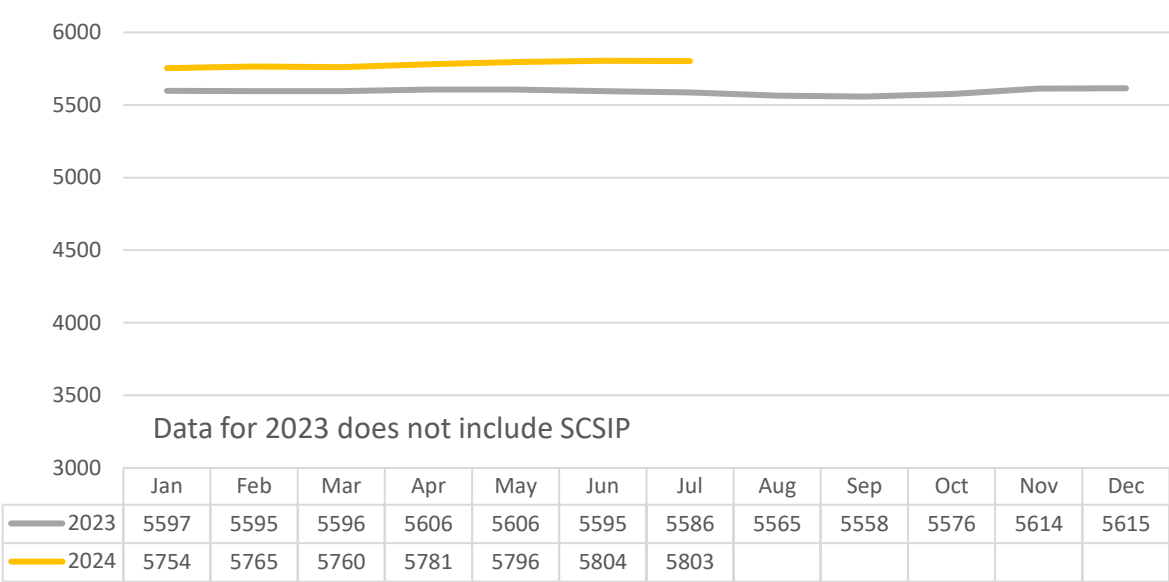
	Jul-23	Jun-24	Jul-24	Jul-24 v Jul-23	Jul-24 v Jun-24
17 Areas	5,586	5,663	<b>5,659</b>	+73	-4
SCSIP	NA	141	<b>144</b>	-	+3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,586</b>	<b>5,804</b>	<b>5,803</b>	<b>+73</b>	<b>-1</b>
- Breakdown of children in care by placement type as follows (July 2024):

Placement Type	17 areas	SCSIP	Total
Residential Care	426 (7.5%)	79 (54.9%)	<b>505 (8.7%)</b>
Foster Care	5,036 (89%)	26 (18.1%)	<b>5,062 (87.2%)</b>
Other*	197 (3.5%)	39 (27.1%)	<b>236 (4.1%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,659 (100%)</b>	<b>144 (100%)</b>	<b>5,803 (100%)</b>
- Residential care includes 13 children in special care. Of the children in foster care (5,062), 71% (3,588) were in general foster care and 29% (1,474) were in relative foster care.
- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (683) followed by Midwest (501) and Dublin North City (464).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (115) followed by the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (144) and Mayo (145).
- Across the 17 Areas the highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (9.3) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.3).
- Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.3) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.6) and Dublin North (4.1).
- Nine areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.6/1,000 children.

Notes:

1. The Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection has an additional **248 children accommodated under Section 5 Child Care Act 1991**.
2. **\*Other care placements** includes children at home under a care order, in a detention centre, disability unit, mental health unit, drugs/alcohol rehabilitation unit, hospital, special emergency arrangement, supported lodgings etc.

Children in Care by Month



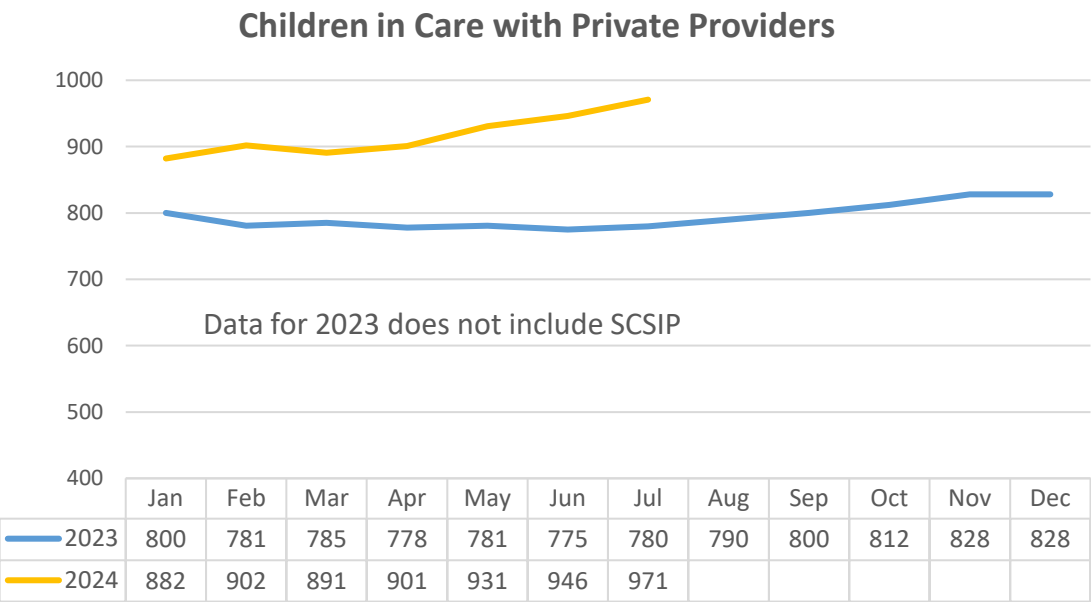
Rate of Children in Care / 1,000 population 0-17 years (ranked by rate/1,000)

Area	Jul-23	Jun-24	Jul-24	Jul-24 v Jul-23	Jul-24 v Jun-24	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin North City	477	468	464	-13	-4	49,682	9.3
Waterford/Wexford	407	429	436	29	7	69,239	6.3
Donegal	211	227	228	17	1	42,144	5.4
Midwest	506	503	501	-5	-2	96,764	5.2
Cork	708	676	683	-25	7	136,786	5.0
CW/KK/ST	310	312	309	-1	-3	62,366	5.0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	119	114	115	-4	1	24,312	4.7
Dublin South Central	349	331	328	-21	-3	70,259	4.7
Kerry	152	164	163	11	-1	34,994	4.7
Mayo	145	143	145	0	2	31,911	4.5
Cavan/Monaghan	153	165	163	10	-2	37,336	4.4
Louth/Meath	405	423	419	14	-4	96,531	4.3
Galway/Roscommon	357	351	348	-9	-3	81,799	4.3
Midlands	316	335	331	15	-4	80,962	4.1
Dublin North	373	416	423	50	7	103,508	4.1
DSW/K/WW	396	397	396	0	-1	108,927	3.6
Dublin South East/Wicklow	202	209	207	5	-2	91,047	2.3
Total Areas	5,586	5,663	5,659	73	-4	1,218,567	4.6
SCSIP	NA	141	144		3		
Total National	5,586	5,804	5,803		-1		

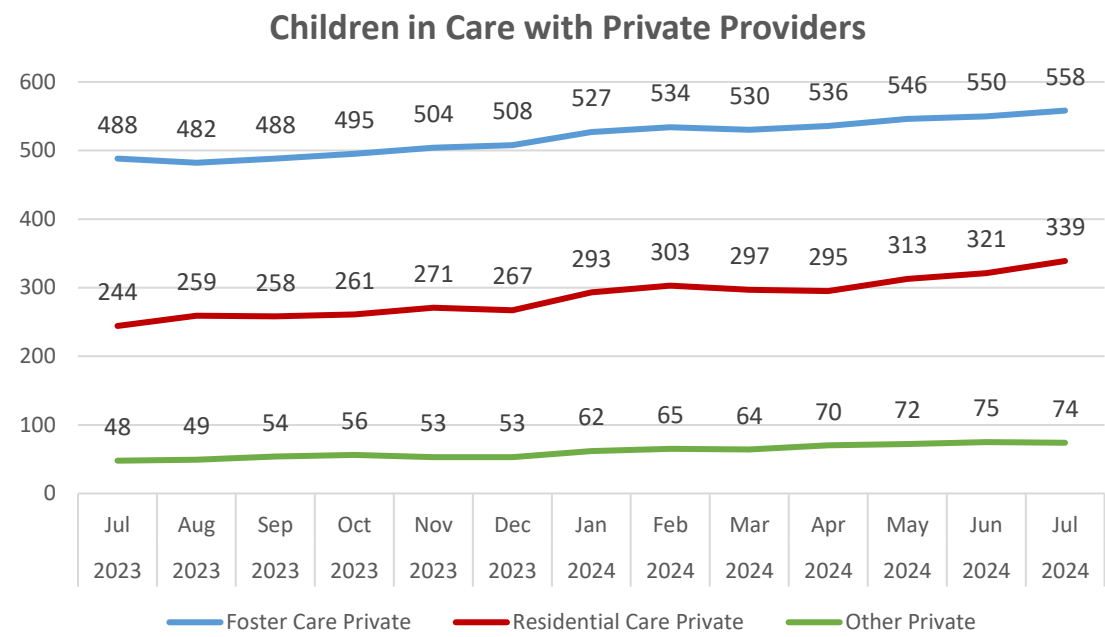
Population: CSO Census 2022

# Children in Care

- 971 (17%) children in care at the end of July 2024 were in placements with private providers, 25 (3%) more than June 2024 (946) and the fourth consecutive monthly increase.



- 558 (57%) children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, 8 (1%) more than June 2024 (550). Fourth consecutive monthly increase.
- 339 (35%) children were in **residential care**, 18 (6%) more than June 2024 (321). Third consecutive increase.
- The remaining 74 (8%) children were in **“Other” care placements**, one fewer than June 2024 (75). “Other” care placements include, disability units, mental health units, drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres etc.
- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin North City (119) followed by Dublin North (113), Dublin South Central (112), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (111), and Midlands (79). These five areas account for 55% (534) of children in placements with private providers.



Note: data for 2023 does not include data for the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection.

## Children in Care with Private Providers

Children in Care (Private)	Jul-23	Jun-24	Jul-24	Jul-24 v Jul-23	Jul-24 v Jun-24
Dublin North City	99	119	119	20	0
Dublin North	94	102	113	19	11
Dublin South Central	100	110	112	12	2
DSW/K/WW	106	109	111	5	2
Midlands	55	80	79	24	-1
SCSIP	NA	71	73	-	2
Cork	63	60	60	-3	0
Waterford/Wexford	43	46	52	9	6
Louth/Meath	43	51	51	8	0
Dublin South East/Wicklow	47	51	50	3	-1
Midwest	31	39	38	7	-1
Kerry	21	33	33	12	0
CW/KK/ST	22	22	23	1	1
Donegal	20	18	19	-1	1
Galway/Roscommon	17	14	15	-2	1
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	11	12	12	1	0
Cavan/Monaghan	6	8	8	2	0
Mayo	2	1	3	1	2
Total	780*	946	971	-	25

\*Data for July 2023 does not include data for the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection.

# Children in Care

- **81% (4,710) of children in care at the end of July 2024 had an allocated worker with three areas reporting 100% (Donegal, Mayo and Galway/Roscommon)**

*These numbers of allocated cases reflect a changing environment in Tusla where allocation of cases to a social worker has become more difficult with reduced availability of social workers nationally. Many cases are now allocated to other professionals also reflecting the changing nature of social work teams. In many instances where cases are unallocated to a social worker there is a social care worker or leader allocated to the case.*

- A total of 1,093 children were awaiting allocation, 40 (4%) fewer than June 2024 (1,133).
- Highest number awaiting allocation reported by Midwest (238; 48%) followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (198; 64%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (158; 40%), Dublin South Central (96; 29%) and Louth/Meath (72; 17%). These five services account for 70% (762) of all cases awaiting allocation.

- **85% (4,922) of children in care at the end of July 2024 had an up-to-date care plan.**

- A total of 881 children were awaiting an up-to-date care plan, 76 (8%) fewer than June 2024 (957).

- Highest numbers awaiting an up-to-date care plan reported by Dublin North City (130; 28%), Midwest (99; 20%), Cork (93; 14%), Dublin South Central (90; 27%) and Louth/Meath (84; 20%).

*Note:*

*Tusla has moved to reporting on children in care with an up-to-date care plan and not just children having a care plan, hence this data is not comparable with data previously reported. An up-to-date care plan is a care plan that has been updated following a statutory child in care review.*

Area breakdown of children in care with an allocated worker –July 2024

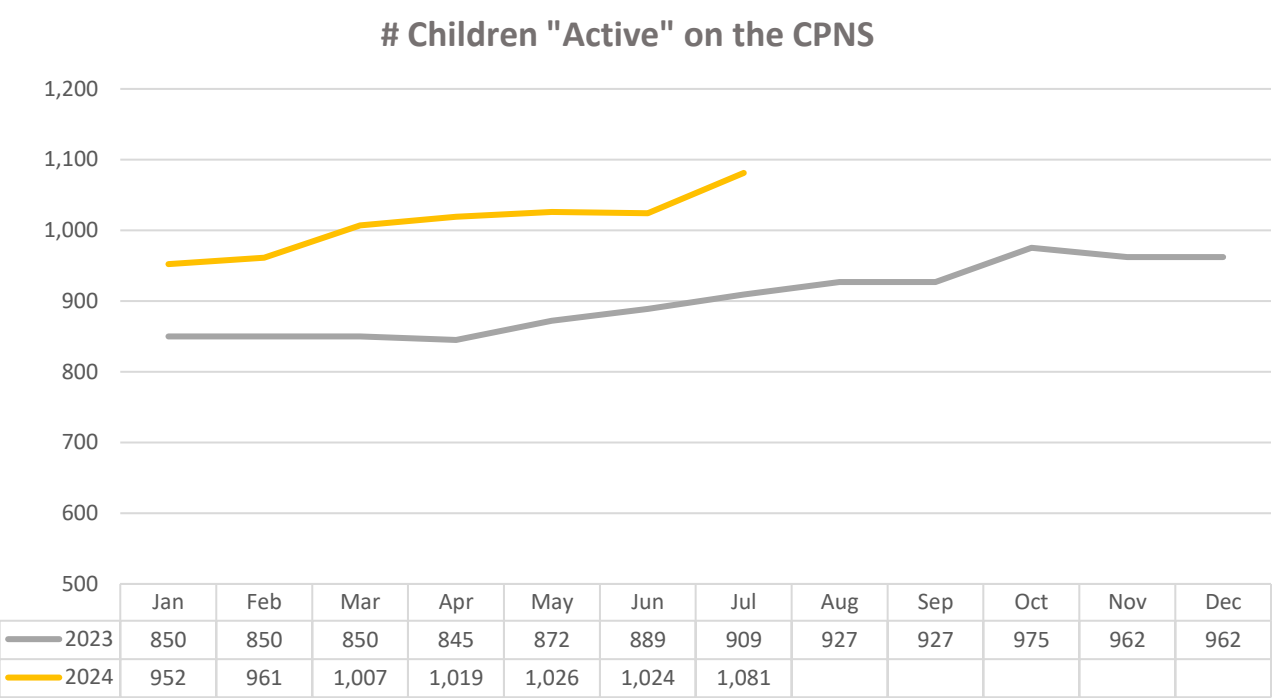
Area	Allocated	Awaiting Allocation	Total	% Allocated
Dublin South East/Wicklow	188	19	207	91%
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	238	158	396	60%
Dublin South Central	232	96	328	71%
Midlands	279	52	331	84%
Dublin North City	408	56	464	88%
Dublin North	362	61	423	86%
Louth/Meath	347	72	419	83%
Cavan/Monaghan	133	30	163	82%
Kerry	147	16	163	90%
Cork	655	28	683	96%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	111	198	309	36%
Waterford/Wexford	402	34	436	92%
Donegal	228	0	228	100%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	103	12	115	90%
Mayo	145	0	145	100%
Galway/Roscommon	348	0	348	100%
Midwest	263	238	501	52%
SCSIP	121	23	144	84%
Total	4,710	1,093	5,803	81%

Area breakdown of children in care with an up-to-date care plan– July 2024

Area	UTD Care Plan	Awaiting UTD Care Plan	Total	% UTD Care Plan
Dublin South East/Wicklow	163	44	207	79%
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	342	54	396	86%
Dublin South Central	238	90	328	73%
Midlands	330	1	331	100%
Dublin North City	334	130	464	72%
Dublin North	372	51	423	88%
Louth/Meath	335	84	419	80%
Cavan/Monaghan	140	23	163	86%
Kerry	149	14	163	91%
Cork	590	93	683	86%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	295	14	309	95%
Waterford/Wexford	408	28	436	94%
Donegal	193	35	228	85%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	98	17	115	85%
Mayo	134	11	145	92%
Galway/Roscommon	316	32	348	91%
Midwest	402	99	501	80%
SCSIP	83	61	144	58%
Total	4,922	881	5,803	85%

# Child Protection Notification System

- **1,081 children listed as “active”** on the Child Protection Notification System (CPNS) at the end of July 2024, 57 (6%) more than June 2024 (1,024).
- There were 172 (19%) more children “active” at the end of July 2024 than at the end of July 2023 (909).
- All but three children listed as “active” at the end of July 2024 had an **allocated social worker**. The three children were subsequently allocated.
- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of July 2024 was reported by Midwest (142) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (127), Dublin North City (110) and Cork (110).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Mayo (17) followed by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (20) and Cavan/Monaghan (21).
- The number of children “active” equates to about 9 children per 10,000 under 18 years.
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (22.1) followed by Midwest (14.7), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (11.7) and Midlands (11.2).
- Lowest rates reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (3.2), Waterford/Wexford (4.6), Mayo (5.3) and Galway/Roscommon (5.6).
- Seven areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 8.9/10,000
- 11/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of July 2024 than at the end of June 2024. Largest increases reported by Midlands (up 15) and Dublin North City (up 12).
- 3/17 areas reported a decrease, Dublin North (down 3), Donegal (down 3) and Waterford/Wexford (down 2). The remaining three areas, Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and Cavan/Monaghan and Mayo reported no change.
- 11/17 areas had more children active at the end of July 2024 than at the end of July 2023. Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 90), Dublin North City (42), Louth/Meath (up 41) and Midlands (up 33).
- 6/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Dublin North (down 36), Waterford/Wexford (down 26) and Donegal (down 18).



Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Jul-23	Jun-24	Jul-24	Jul-24 v Jul-23	Jul-24 v Jun-24	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	68	98	110	42	12	49,682	22.1
Mid West	52	139	142	90	3	96,764	14.7
DSW/K/WW	117	121	127	10	6	108,927	11.7
Midlands	58	76	91	33	15	80,962	11.2
Dublin South Central	61	70	71	10	1	70,259	10.1
Donegal	60	45	42	-18	-3	42,144	10.0
CW/K/ST	53	61	61	8	0	62,366	9.8
Kerry	35	25	29	-6	4	34,994	8.3
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	19	15	20	1	5	24,312	8.2
Cork	97	103	110	13	7	136,786	8.0
Louth / Meath	27	61	68	41	7	96,531	7.0
Dublin North	101	68	65	-36	-3	103,508	6.3
Cavan / Monaghan	16	21	21	5	0	37,336	5.6
Galway / Roscommon	30	44	46	16	2	81,799	5.6
Mayo	18	17	17	-1	0	31,911	5.3
Waterford / Wexford	58	34	32	-26	-2	69,239	4.6
Dublin South East / Wicklow	39	26	29	-10	3	91,047	3.2
Total	909	1024	1081	172	57	1,218,567	8.9

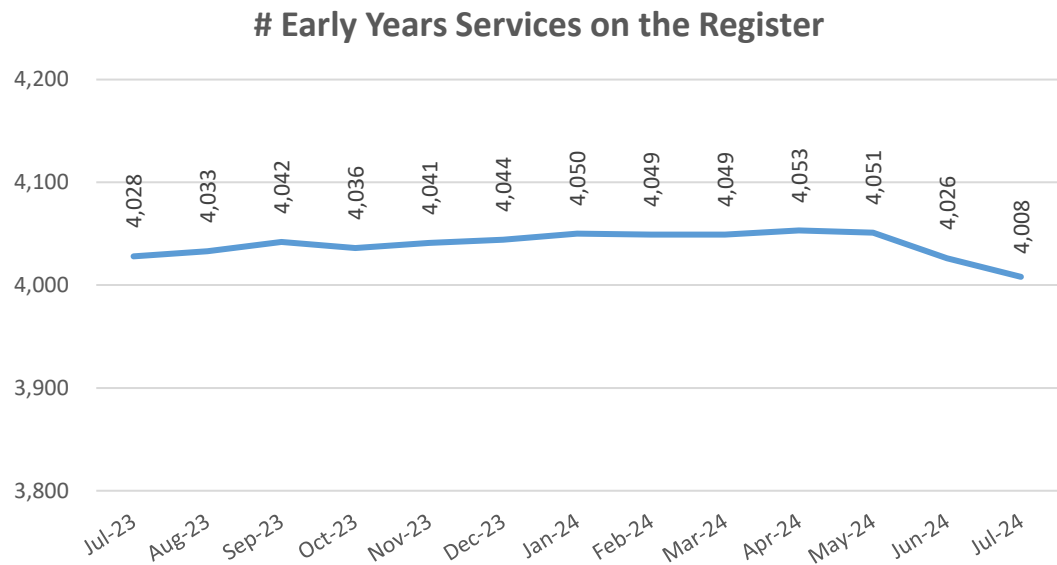
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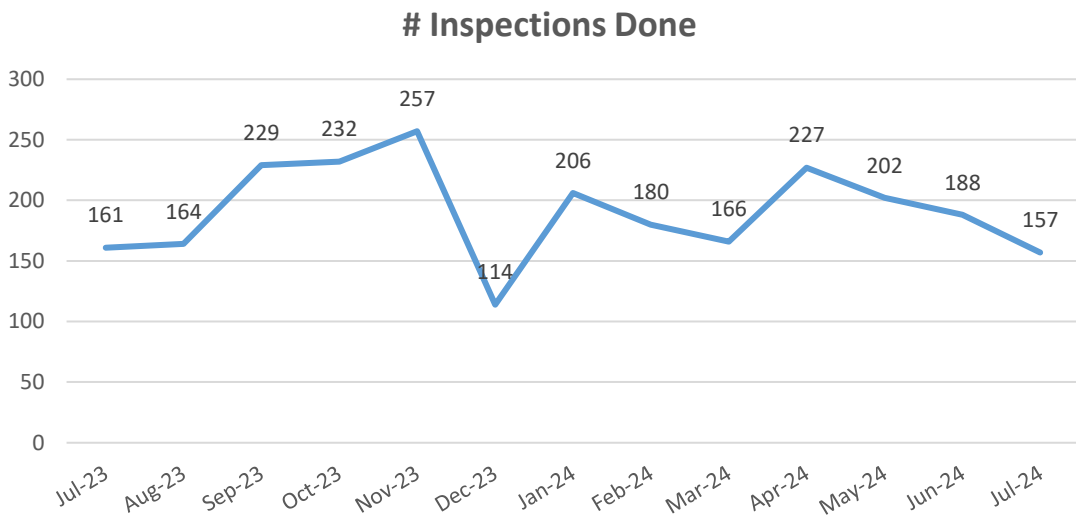
# Children’s Services Regulation

## EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,008 early years services on the register at the end of July 2024**, 18 (<1%) fewer than June 2024 (4,026) and 20 (<1%) fewer than July 2023 (4,028).

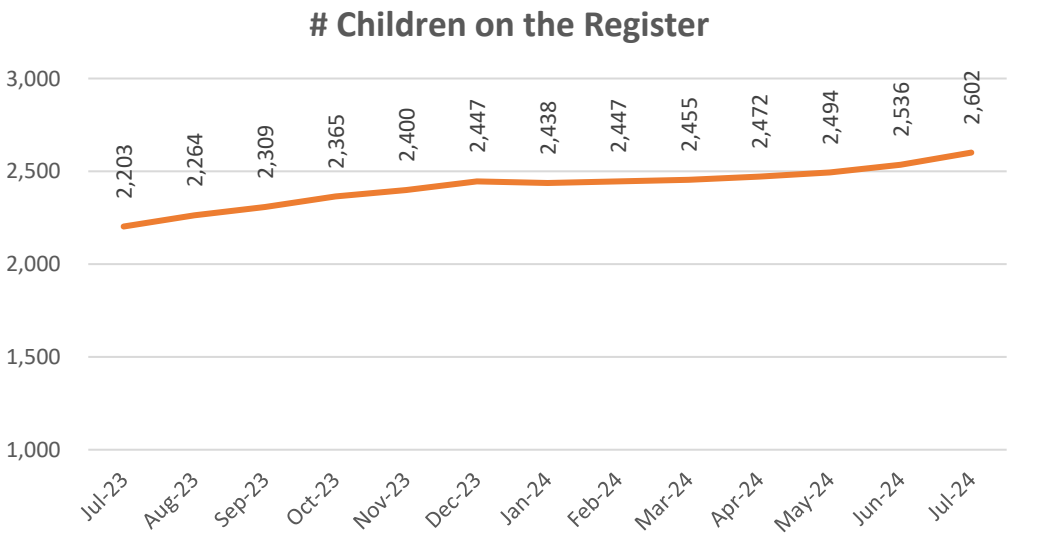


- **157 inspections** of early years services done in July 2024. This brings to 1,326 the number of inspections for the first seven months of 2024, 69 (5%) fewer than the same period in 2023 (1,395).

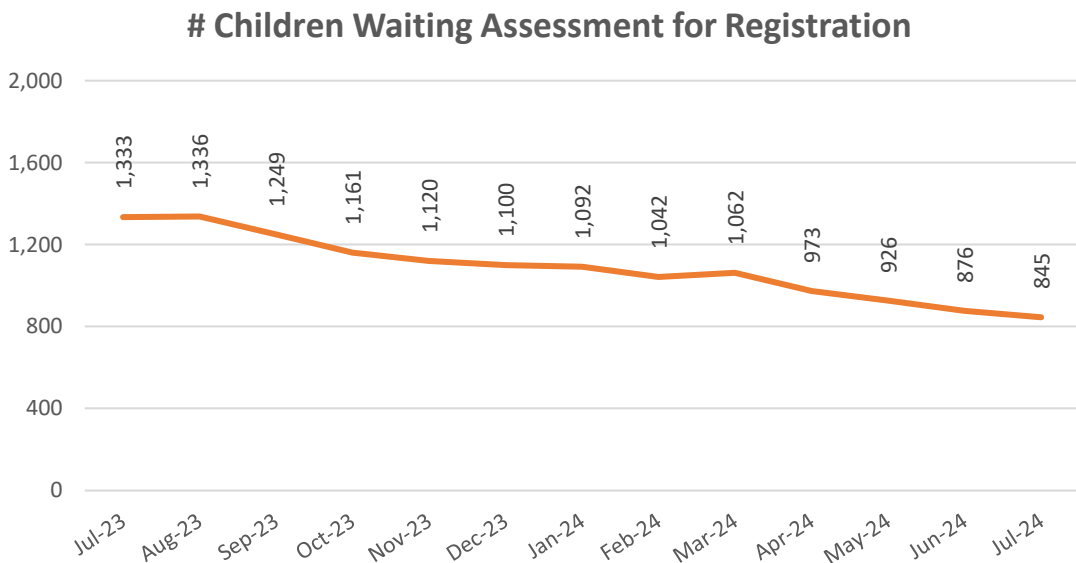


## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **2,602 children on the register for home education at the end of July 2024**, 66 (3%) more than June 2024 (2,536) and 399 (18%) more than July 2023 (2,203).



- **845 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of July 2024**, 31 (4%) fewer than June 2024 (876) and 488 (37%) fewer than July 2023 (1,333).

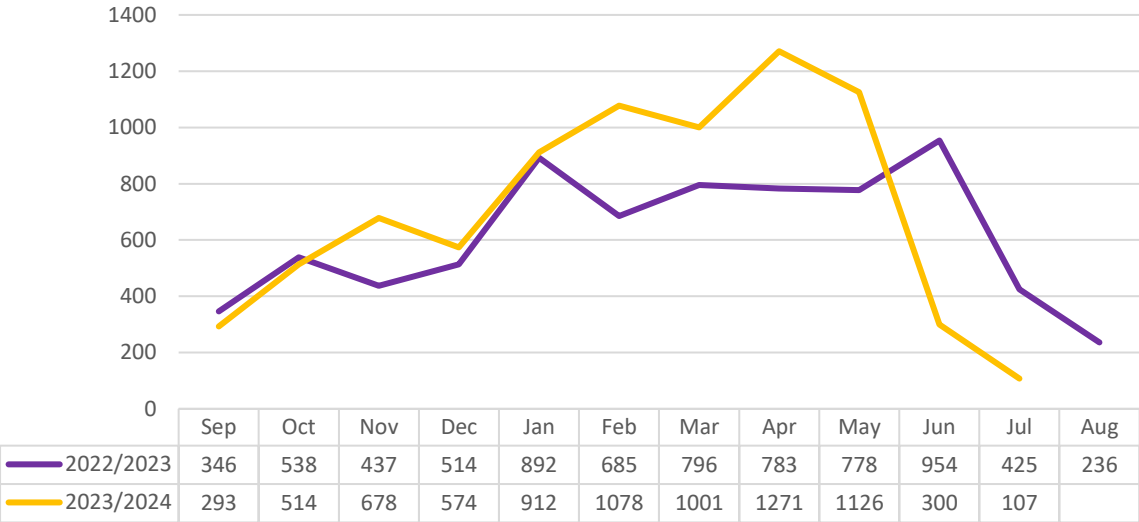




# Tusla Education Support Services

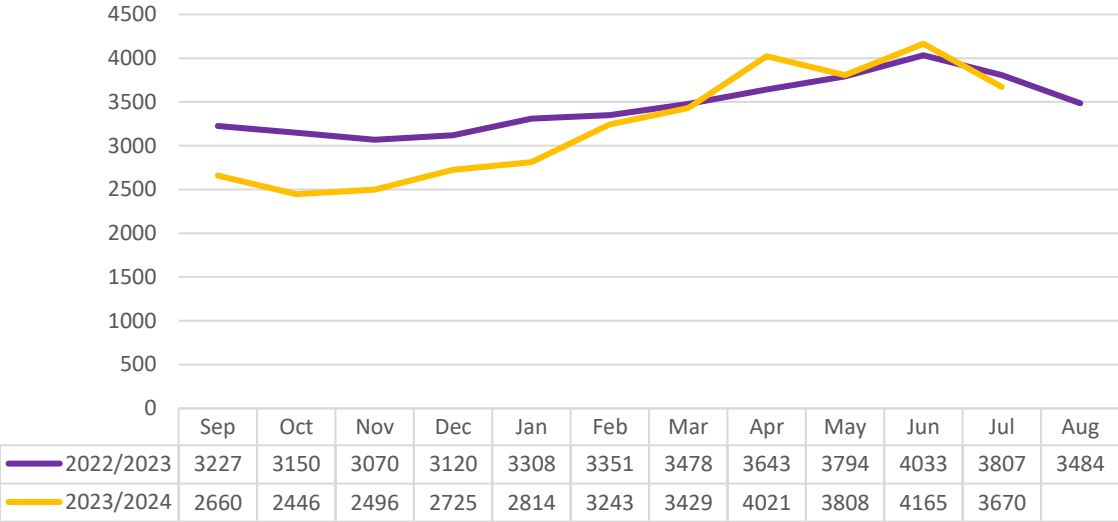
- **107 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in July 2024. This brings to 7,854 the number of referrals for the first 11 months of the academic year 2023-2024, 706 (10%) more than the same period in 2022-2023 (7,148).

Referrals for Educational Welfare Service



- **3,670 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of July 2024, 495 (12%) fewer than June 2024 (4,165).
- 137 (4%) fewer referrals on a waiting list at the end of July 2024 (3,670) compared to July 2023 (3,807).

# Referrals on a Waiting List at Month End



- **170 new individual children worked with** in July 2024. This brings to 3,749 the number of new individual children worked with for the first 11 months of the academic year 2023-2024, 565 (18%) more than the same period in 2022-2023 (3,184).

Number of New Individual Children Worked with in the Month

