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Headline Data – July 2025

Child Protection & Welfare

- **8,527 referrals** in July 2025, 146 (2%) more than June 2025 (8,381) and 1,166 (16%) more than July 2024 (7,361). This brings to 60,892 the number of referrals for the first seven months of 2025, 5,447 (10%) more than the same period in 2024 (55,445).
- **23,197 cases open to social work** at the end of July 2025, 258 (1%) fewer than June 2025 (23,455) and 2,502 (12%) more than July 2024 (20,695). *Open cases include child protection and welfare cases and children in care.*
- **79% (18,318) of cases** open to social work at the end of July 2025 had an **allocated case worker**. Of these, 81% (14,828) were allocated to a social worker and 19% (3,490) were allocated to a another professional. (Ref to note on Page 4).
- **4,879 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of July 2025, 108 (2%) fewer than June 2025 (4,987) and 257 (6%) more than July 2024 (4,622). *Data needs to be interpreted in the context of the change to the reporting of allocated cases.*
- Five areas account for account for 72% (3,509) of all cases awaiting allocation: Cork (993), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (862), Dublin South Central (699), Midlands (555) and Dublin North City (400).
- **4% (181) of cases awaiting allocation** at the end of July 2025 were categorised as **high priority**, **8 (4%)** fewer than June 2025 (189) and the fewest number for all months January – July 2025.

Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP)

- **43 referrals assigned** to CASP Teams in July 2025. This brings to 300 the number of referrals assigned for the first seven months of 2025, 86 (22%) fewer than the same period in 2024 (386).
- **95% (421/443) of assessments open at the end of July 2025** were allocated to a social worker, no change from June 2025 and up 27 percentage points from July 2024 (68%). The remaining 5% (22) were awaiting allocation with one fewer assessment awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025 than at the end of June 2025 (23).
- 202 (90%) fewer assessments awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025 than at the end of July 2024 (224).

Children in Care

- **5,835 children (0-17 years) in care at the end of July 2025**, **28** more than June 2025 (5,807) and 32 more than July 2024 (5,803). Figure includes 106 children under the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SCSIP).
- 86.5% (5,046) of all children in care (17 Areas and SCSIP) are in foster care (3,549 general foster care, and 1,497 relative foster), 9.8% (573) are in residential care (558 general residential care and 15 special care) and 3.7% (216) are in “other” care placements.
- Across Tusla’s 17 areas **87.7% (5,027/5,729) of children in care are in foster care**.

Children in Care (contd.)

- **1,085 (19%) children in care at the end of July 2025 were in placements with private providers**, 8 (1%) more than June 2025 (1,077) and 114 (12%) more than July 2024 (971).
- **98% (5,710) of children in care at the end of July 2025 had an allocated case worker**. Of the 5,710 children allocated, 89% (5,104) were allocated to a social worker and 11% (606) were allocated to another professional.

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- **1,079 children listed as ‘active’** on the Child Protection Notification System (CPNS) at the end of July 2025, 63 (6%) more than June 2025 (1,016), first increase after three consecutive decreases.
- There were two fewer children ‘active’ at the end of July 2025 than at the end July 2024 (1,081).
- It should be noted that a small number of large sibling groups can have a significant effect on numbers reported.
- 99% (1,067) of children ‘active’ had an allocated social worker, 12 children were awaiting allocation to a social worker across four areas.

Children’s Services Regulation

- **3,930 early years services (pre-schools) on the register at the end of July 2025**, 11 fewer than June 2025 (3,941) and 78 (2%) fewer than July 2024 (4,008).
- **196 inspections** of early years services (pre-schools) in July 2025. This brings to 1,493 the number of inspections for the first seven months of 2025, 167 (13%) more than the same period in 2024 (1,326).
- **2,545 children on the register** for home education at the end of July 2025, 43 (2%) more than June 2025 (2,502) and 220 (9%) more than Dec 2024 (2,325). Increasing trend continues.
- **273 children on a waiting list for assessment for home education at the end of July 2025**, 39 (13%) fewer than June 2025 (312) and 572 (68%) fewer than July 2024 (845). Decreasing trend continues.

Tusla Education Support Services

- **107 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in July 2025. This brings to 9,166 the number of referrals for the first 11 months of the academic year 2024 – 2025, some 1,312 (17%) more than the same period in the previous academic year (7,854).
- **4,019 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of July 2025, 343 (8%) fewer than June 2025 (4,362).
- **182 new individual children worked with** in July 2025. This brings to 4,020 the number of new individual children worked with in the first 11 months of the academic year 2024-2025, some 271 (7%) more than the previous academic year (3,749).

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Referrals¹

- **8,527 referrals** in July 2025, 146 (2%) more than June 2025 (8,381) and 1,166 (16%) more than July 2024 (7,361).
- This brings to 60,892 the number of referrals for the first seven months of 2025, 5,447 (10%) more than the same period in 2024 (55,445).

It should be noted that the data presented for first three months of 2025 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for this period. Data for the remaining months 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

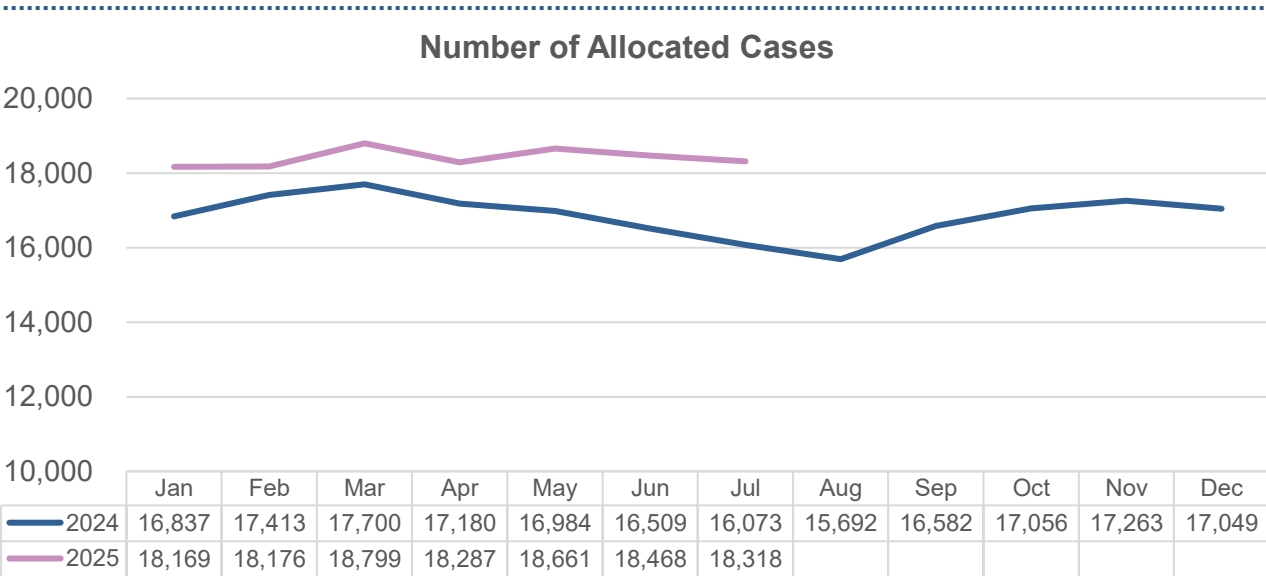
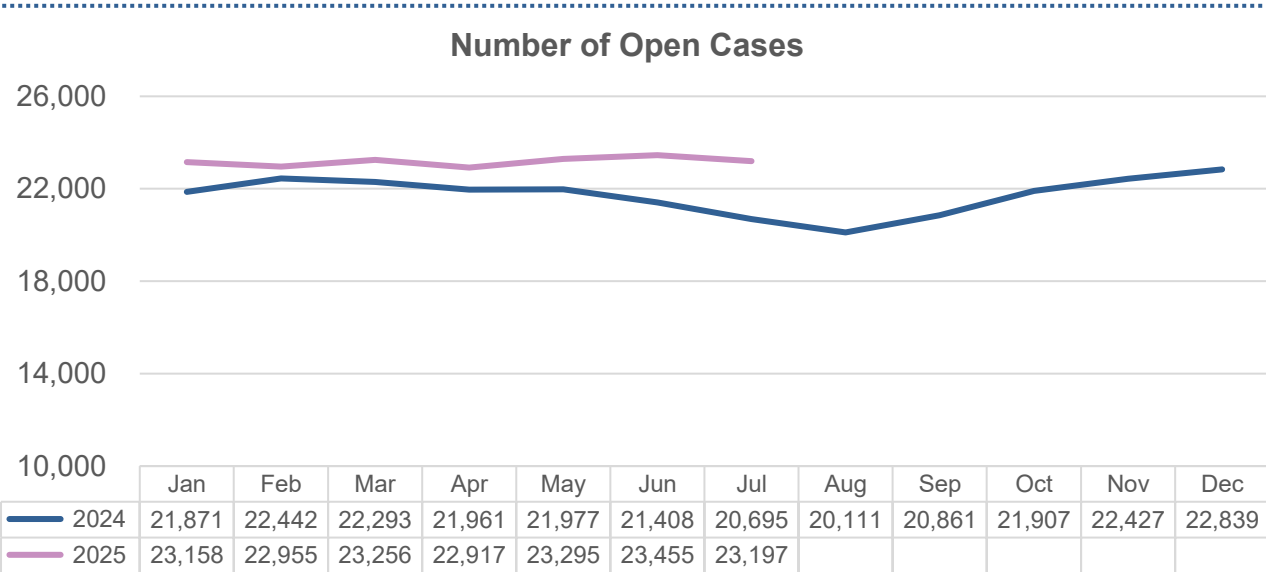
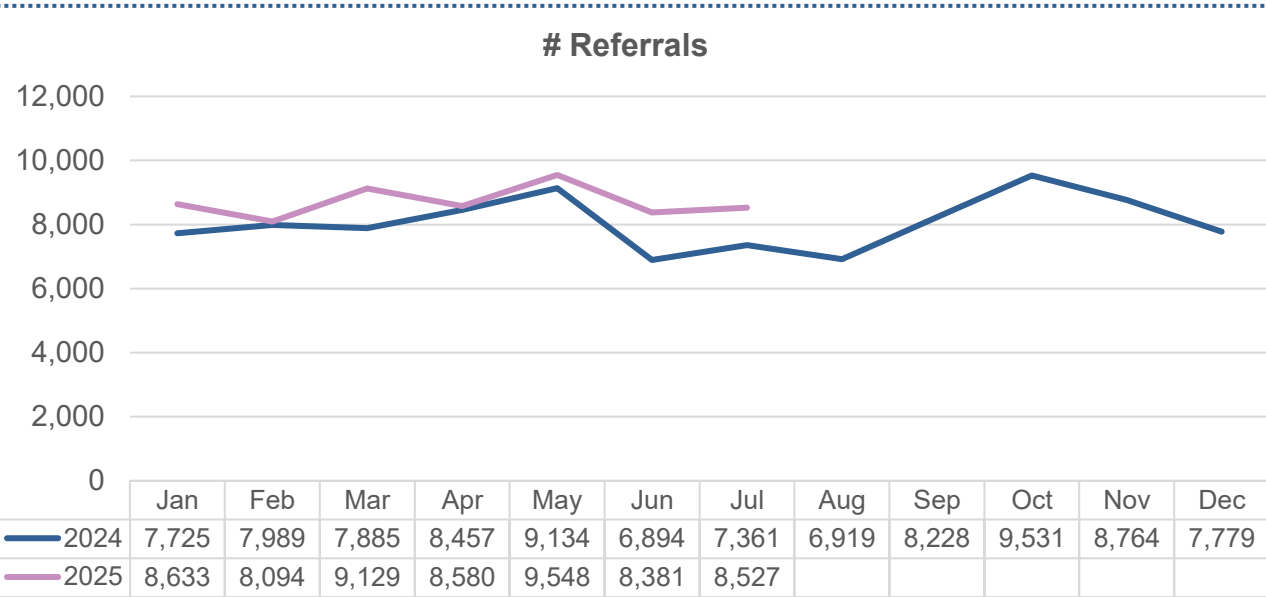
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- 1) *Open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*
 - 2) *The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the TCM at month end.*

Allocated Cases

- **18,318 open cases were allocated** to a case worker at the end of July 2025, 150 (1%) fewer than June 2025 (18,468) and 2,245 (14%) more than July 2024 (16,073).
- Allocated cases account for 79% of open cases, no change from June 2025.

Reflecting an ongoing changing environment and significant social work vacancies, Tusla has moved to a more multi-disciplinary way of working with children now allocated to social workers and other professional grades where necessary and appropriate to ensure they have the support of a key worker. All children continue to be overseen by social work management.

¹ 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).



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Allocated Cases

To improve transparency and ensure the data reported reflects our practice change, reports (from January 2025) now reflect where a child is allocated a social worker and where they are allocated to another professional. Other professionals include professionally qualified social care leaders, social care workers, family support workers, therapists etc..

- Of the cases allocated (18,318) at the end of July 2025, 81% (14,828) were allocated to a social worker and 19% (3,490) were allocated to a another professional.

Breakdown of cases allocated by area and role of worker, July 2025

Area	Allocated Social Worker	Allocated Other Professional	Total
Dublin South East/Wicklow	695	170	865
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	887	462	1349
Dublin South Central	855	430	1285
Midlands	1159	224	1383
Dublin North City	1114	301	1415
Dublin North	1501	193	1694
Louth/Meath	1081	273	1354
Cavan/Monaghan	535	169	704
Kerry	340	102	442
Cork	1865	170	2035
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	438	309	747
Waterford/Wexford	935	249	1184
Donegal	539	72	611
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	321	28	349
Mayo	353	28	381
Galway/Roscommon	1196	45	1241
Midwest	1014	265	1279
Total	14,828	3,490	18,318

Percentage breakdown of cases allocated by area and role of worker, July 2025

Area	% Allocated Social Worker	% Allocated Other Professional	Total
Dublin South East/Wicklow	80%	20%	100%
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	66%	34%	100%
Dublin South Central	67%	33%	100%
Midlands	84%	16%	100%
Dublin North City	79%	21%	100%
Dublin North	89%	11%	100%
Louth/Meath	80%	20%	100%
Cavan/Monaghan	76%	24%	100%
Kerry	77%	23%	100%
Cork	92%	8%	100%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	59%	41%	100%
Waterford/Wexford	79%	21%	100%
Donegal	88%	12%	100%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	92%	8%	100%
Mayo	93%	7%	100%
Galway/Roscommon	96%	4%	100%
Midwest	79%	21%	100%
Total	81%	19%	100%

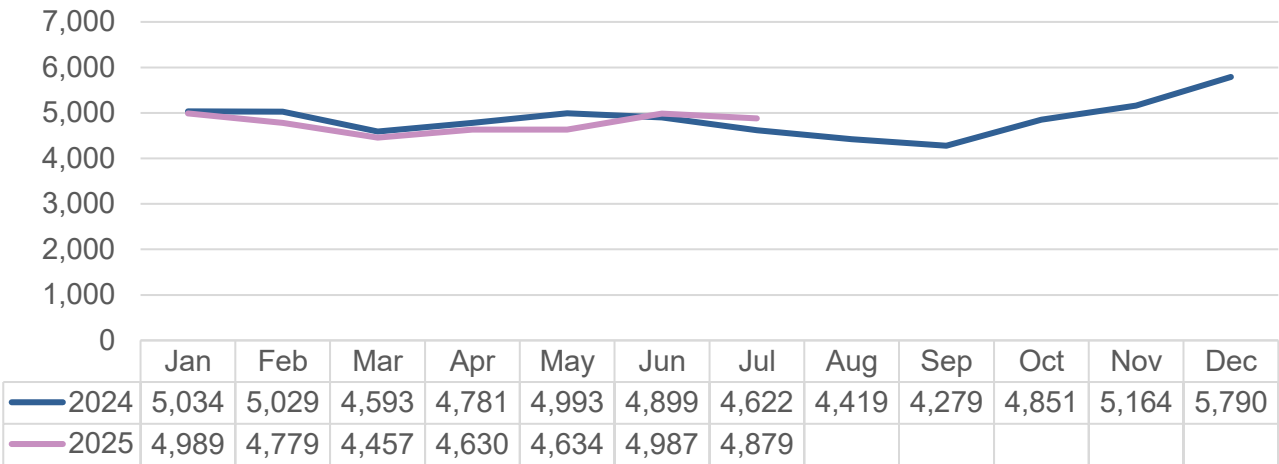
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Cases Awaiting Allocation

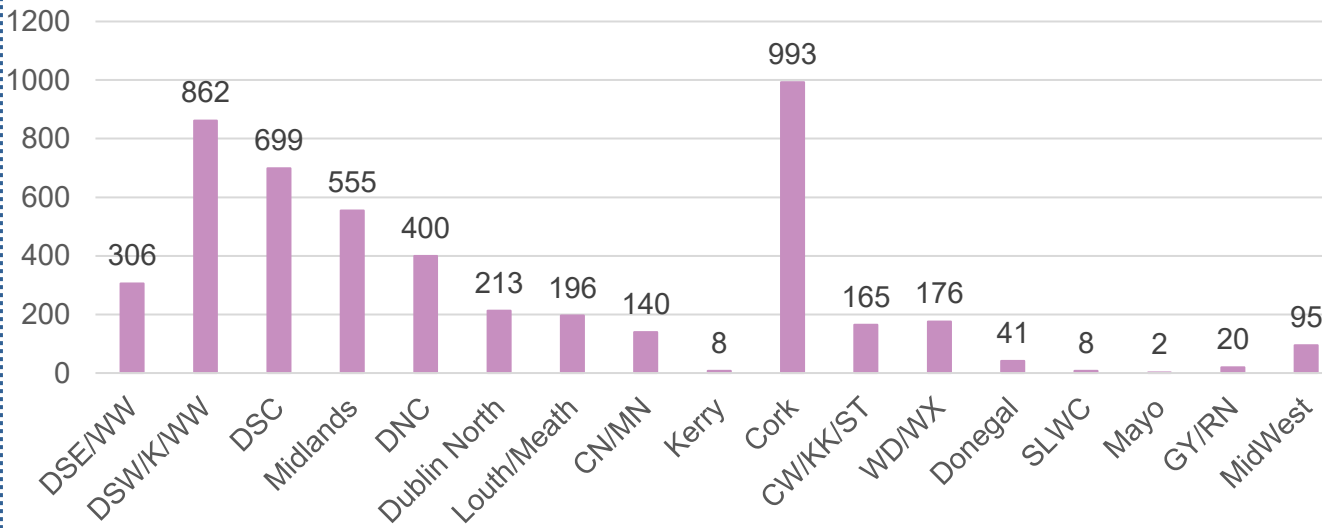
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- Cases awaiting allocation account for 21% of open cases (23,197), no change from June 2025.
- 47% (2,271) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025 were “active on duty”.** *This means that actions were undertaken by dedicated duty teams 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 Cork (993) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (862), Dublin South Central (699), Midlands (555) and Dublin North City (400). These five areas account for 72% (3,509) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- 181 cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025 were categorised as high priority**, 8 (4%) fewer than June 2025 (189) and the fewest number for all months January – July 2025.
- High priority cases account for 4% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 68% (3,315) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority, 26% (1,249) were low priority while the remaining 3% (134) were awaiting categorisation.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Dublin South Central (36), Cork (33), Midlands (29), Louth/Meath (18) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (12). These five areas account for 71% (128) of all high priority cases awaiting.

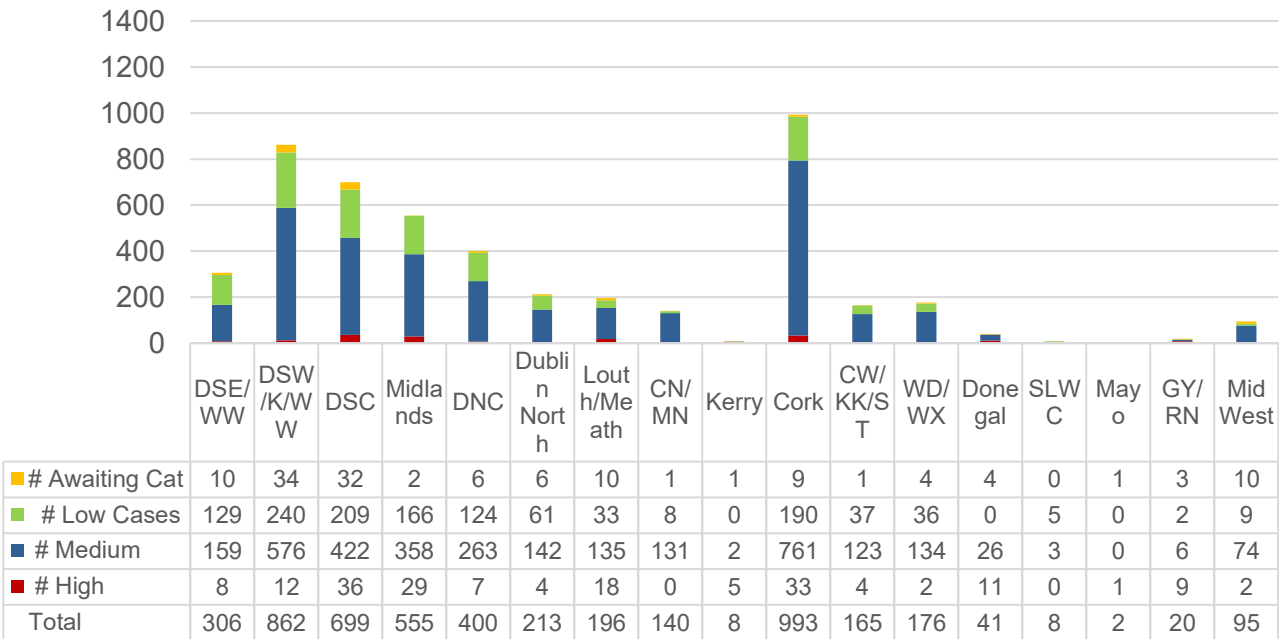
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Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



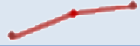



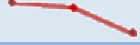













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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 7 of the 17 areas reported an increase in cases awaiting allocation from June 2025.
- Largest increase reported by Dublin North City (up 109) followed to a lesser extent by Midlands (up 34), Midwest (up 19) and Cavan/Monaghan (up 17).
- 10 of the 17 areas reported a decrease in cases awaiting allocation from June 2025.
- Largest decreases reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 80) followed by Louth/Meath (down 74) and Dublin North (down 51).

- Nationally 21% of open cases were awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025. Six areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 21%. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (39%), Dublin South Central (35%), Cork (33%), Midlands (29%) and Dublin south East/Wicklow (26%)
- 6 of the 17 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025 than at the end of July 2024. Largest increases reported by Cork (up 577), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 430), Midlands (up 294) and Dublin North City (up 120). *Data needs to be interpreted in the context of the change to the reporting of allocated cases introduced in January 2025.*
- 11 of the 17 areas had fewer cases awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025 than at the end of July 2024. Largest decreases reported by Dublin South Central (down 367), Midwest (down 253), Louth/Meath (down 203) and Donegal (down 191).

Area	Jul-24 # Unallocated	Jul-24 % Unallocated	May-25 # Unallocated	Jun-25 # Unallocated	Jul-25 # Unallocated	Jul-25 % Unallocated	May-Jul	Jul-25 v Jul-24	% Δ	Jul-25 v Jun-25	% Δ1
DSE/WW	334	37%	255	352	306	26%		-28	-8%	-46	-13%
DSW/K/WW	432	29%	910	942	862	39%		430	100%	-80	-8%
DSC	1,066	48%	652	686	699	35%		-367	-34%	13	2%
Midlands	261	15%	431	521	555	29%		294	113%	34	7%
DNC	280	17%	277	291	400	22%		120	43%	109	37%
Dublin North	208	11%	221	264	213	11%		5	2%	-51	-19%
Louth/Meath	399	26%	284	270	196	13%		-203	-51%	-74	-27%
CN/MN	125	18%	151	123	140	17%		15	12%	17	14%
Kerry	21	6%	1	13	8	2%		-13	-62%	-5	-38%
Cork	416	18%	991	990	993	33%		577	139%	3	0%
CW/KK/ST	232	36%	103	169	165	18%		-67	-29%	-4	-2%
WD/WX	212	17%	158	191	176	13%		-36	-17%	-15	-8%
Donegal	232	27%	65	54	41	6%		-191	-82%	-13	-24%
SLWC	16	6%	40	18	8	2%		-8	-50%	-10	-56%
Mayo	18	5%	2	9	2	1%		-16	-89%	-7	-78%
GY/RN	22	2%	16	18	20	2%		-2	-9%	2	11%
MidWest	348	26%	77	76	95	7%		-253	-73%	19	25%
TOTAL	4622	22%	4634	4987	4879	21%		257	6%	-108	-2%

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

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Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Jun-25	Jul-25	Δ	Jun-25	Jul-25	Δ2	Jun-25	Jul-25	Δ3	Jun-25	Jul-25	Δ4
DSE/WW	374	302	-72	1,172	1,171	-1	820	865	45	352	306	-46
DSW/K/WW	775	761	-14	2,247	2,211	-36	1,305	1,349	44	942	862	-80
DSC	588	637	49	1,919	1,984	65	1,233	1,285	52	686	699	13
Midlands	810	778	-32	1,939	1,938	-1	1,418	1,383	-35	521	555	34
DNC	463	535	72	1,801	1,815	14	1,510	1,415	-95	291	400	109
Dublin North	929	743	-186	2,044	1,907	-137	1,780	1,694	-86	264	213	-51
Louth/Meath	601	604	3	1,627	1,550	-77	1,357	1,354	-3	270	196	-74
CN/MN	222	252	30	850	844	-6	727	704	-23	123	140	17
Kerry	245	237	-8	453	450	-3	440	442	2	13	8	-5
Cork	727	706	-21	3,071	3,028	-43	2,081	2,035	-46	990	993	3
CW/KK/ST	525	534	9	888	912	24	719	747	28	169	165	-4
WD/WX	584	702	118	1,339	1,360	21	1,148	1,184	36	191	176	-15
Donegal	228	324	96	677	652	-25	623	611	-12	54	41	-13
SLWC	121	138	17	388	357	-31	370	349	-21	18	8	-10
Mayo	141	139	-2	388	383	-5	379	381	2	9	2	-7
GY/RN	398	421	23	1,274	1,261	-13	1,256	1,241	-15	18	20	2
MidWest	650	714	64	1,378	1,374	-4	1,302	1,279	-23	76	95	19
Total	8,381	8,527	146	23,455	23,197	-258	18,468	18,318	-150	4,987	4,879	-108

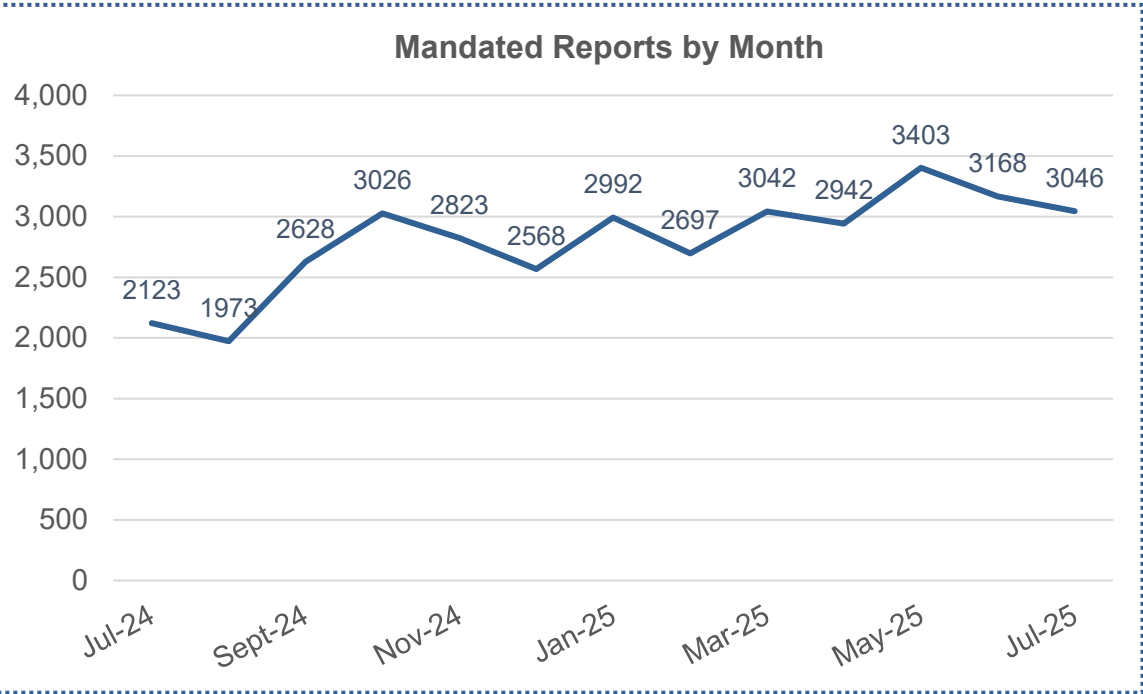
High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority			Awaiting		
Area	Jun-25	Jul-25	Δ	Jun-25	Jul-25	Δ 2	Jun-25	Jul-25	Δ 3	Jun-25	Jul-25	Δ 4
DSE/WW	15	8	-7	175	159	-16	145	129	-16	17	10	-7
DSW/K/WW	10	12	2	599	576	-23	300	240	-60	33	34	1
DSC	24	36	12	435	422	-13	203	209	6	24	32	8
Midlands	38	29	-9	336	358	22	140	166	26	7	2	-5
DNC	7	7	0	196	263	67	81	124	43	7	6	-1
Dublin North	18	4	-14	146	142	-4	82	61	-21	18	6	-12
Louth/Meath	20	18	-2	174	135	-39	63	33	-30	13	10	-3
CN/MN	0	0	0	108	131	23	14	8	-6	1	1	0
Kerry	0	5	5	10	2	-8	3	0	-3	0	1	1
Cork	22	33	11	764	761	-3	197	190	-7	7	9	2
CW/KK/ST	7	4	-3	104	123	19	48	37	-11	10	1	-9
WD/WX	3	2	-1	145	134	-11	39	36	-3	4	4	0
Donegal	10	11	1	44	26	-18	0	0	0	0	4	4
SLWC	0	0	0	13	3	-10	5	5	0	0	0	0
Mayo	7	1	-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	-1
GY/RN	5	9	4	8	6	-2	2	2	0	3	3	0
MidWest	3	2	-1	66	74	8	5	9	4	2	10	8
TOTAL	189	181	-8	3,323	3,315	-8	1,327	1,249	-78	148	134	-14

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **3,046 mandated reports of abuse** received in July 2025. This brings to 21,290 the number of reports for the first seven months of 2025, 3,668 (21%) more than the same period in 2024 (17,622).

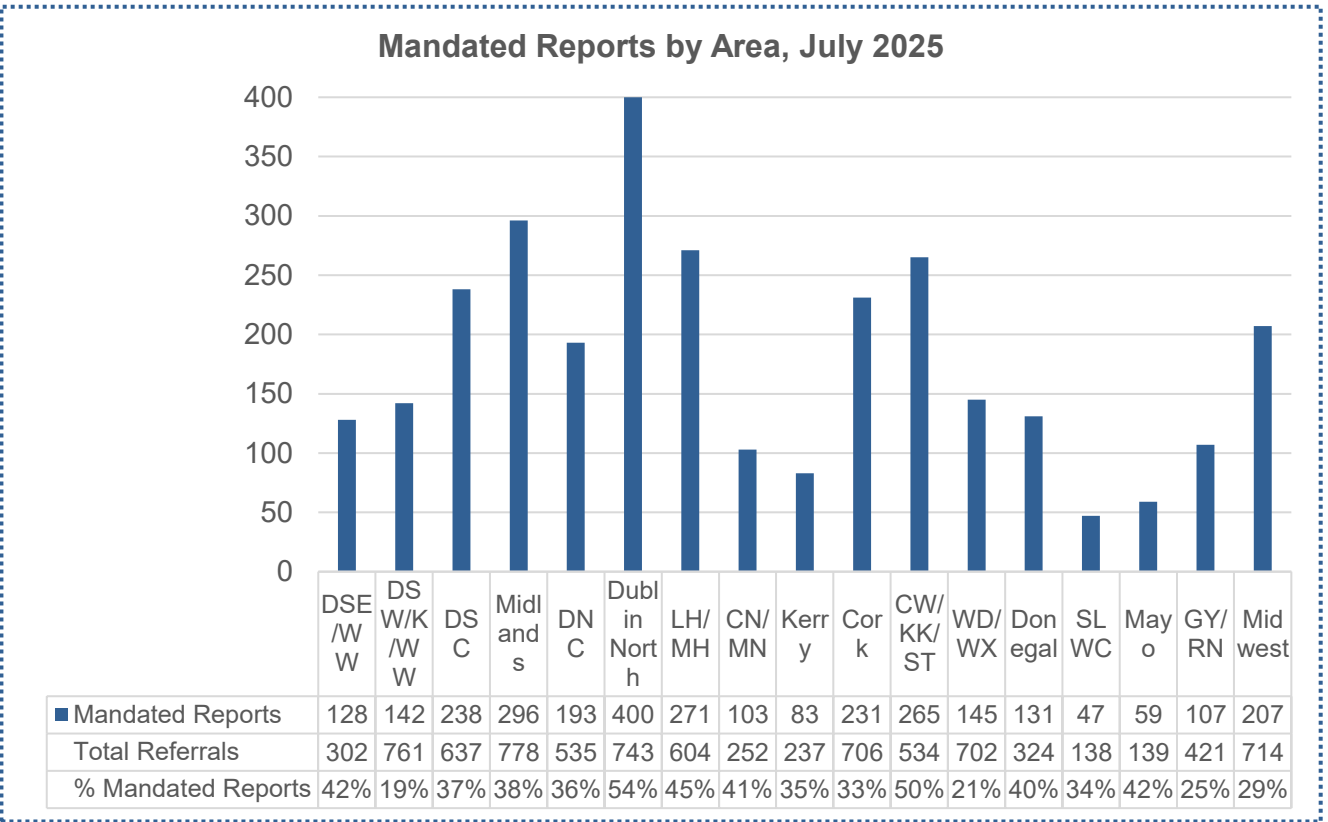
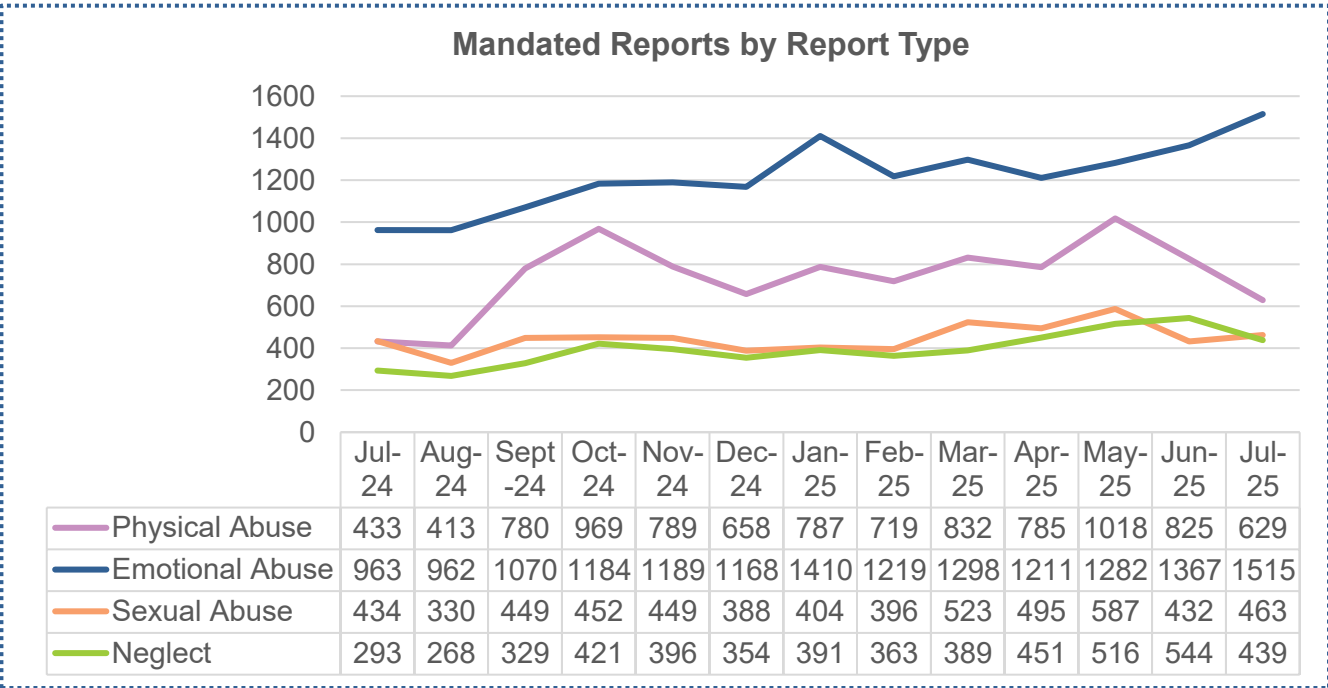
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- Mandated reports accounted for 36% (3,046) of all referrals received (8,527) in July 2025.



- The number of mandated reports for July 2025, by area ranged from 47 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 400 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (54%) was reported by Dublin North
- The lowest percentage (19%) was reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow.

- Highest number of reports for July 2025 were for emotional abuse (1,515; 50%) followed by physical abuse (629; 21%), sexual abuse (463; 15%) and neglect (439; 14%).



¹ 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 2025 from An Garda Síochána (1,387; 45.5%) followed by safeguarding officer (428; 14.1%), social workers (321; 10.5%), social care workers (236; 7.8%). These four sources account for 78% (2,372) of reports for July 2025.
- Highest number of reports for 2025 YTD from An Garda Síochána (8,301; 39%) followed by teachers (2,831; 13.3%), safeguarding officer (2,687; 12.6%); social workers (2,095; 9.8%) and social care workers (1,208; 5.7%). These five sources account for 80% (17,122) of reports for received for the first seven months of 2025.

Source (Schedule 2 Children First 2015)	# Jul-25	% Total	# 2025 YTD	% Total
An Garda Síochána Member	1,387	45.54%	8,301	38.99%
Teacher	40	1.31%	2,831	13.30%
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer	428	14.05%	2,687	12.62%
Social worker	321	10.54%	2,095	9.84%
Social care worker	236	7.75%	1,208	5.67%
Medical practitioner	95	3.12%	639	3.00%
Domestic violence shelter manager	85	2.79%	625	2.94%
Psychologist	81	2.66%	543	2.55%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling	89	2.92%	516	2.42%
Nurse or registered midwife	67	2.20%	460	2.16%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification..	73	2.40%	379	1.78%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	39	1.28%	173	0.81%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	10	0.33%	124	0.58%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service	13	0.43%	100	0.47%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management	6	0.20%	92	0.43%
Speech & language therapist	13	0.43%	77	0.36%
Probation officer	*	0.07%	68	0.32%
Guardian ad litem	15	0.49%	64	0.30%
Pre-school service	6	0.20%	57	0.27%
Physiotherapist	6	0.20%	54	0.25%
Occupational therapist	6	0.20%	49	0.23%
Addiction counsellor	*	0.10%	36	0.17%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	7	0.23%	31	0.15%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic	5	0.16%	30	0.14%
Not specified	8	0.26%	29	0.14%
Clergy member	*	0.07%	8	0.04%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside	*	0.03%	6	0.03%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	*	0.03%	*	0.03%
Dentist	*	0.03%	*	0.01%
Total	3,046	100.00%	21,290	100.00%

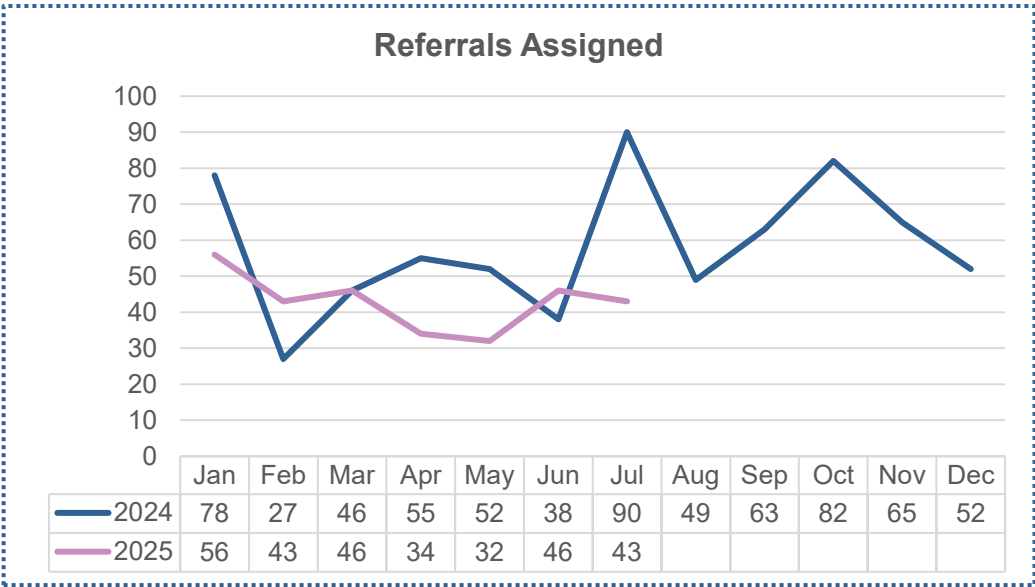
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Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP)

It is Tusla’s statutory obligation and responsibility to promote the welfare of children under Section 3 of the Child Care Act 1991 and under Section 8 (1)(b) of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013. In meeting this obligation and responsibility, where there is a need to share information with a relevant third party to protect an identified child or yet to be identified child or children from harm, Tusla must carry out an assessment of allegations of child abuse in line with fair procedures. This is called a ‘substantiation assessment’ – an assessment that examines and weighs up all the evidence and decides if the allegation is founded or unfounded on the balance of probabilities. If the allegation is founded a determination is made that the person who is the subject of the abuse allegations poses a potential risk to a child or children. Tusla calls this process the CASP – Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure.

Referrals

- **43 referrals assigned** to CASP Teams in July 2025.
- This brings to 300 the number of referrals assigned for the first seven months of 2025, 86 (22%) fewer than the same period in 2024 (386).

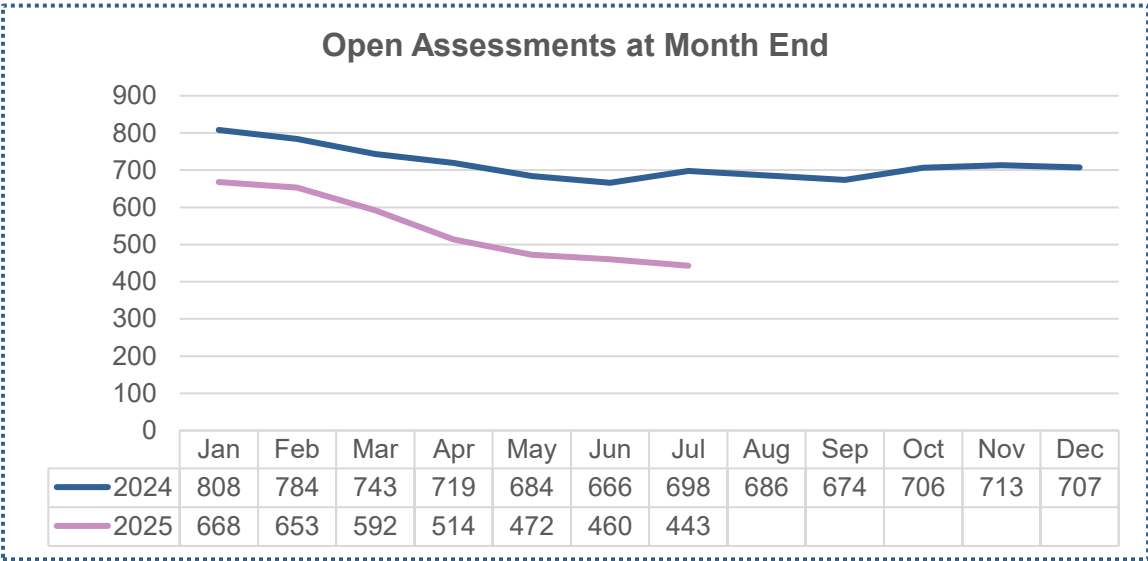
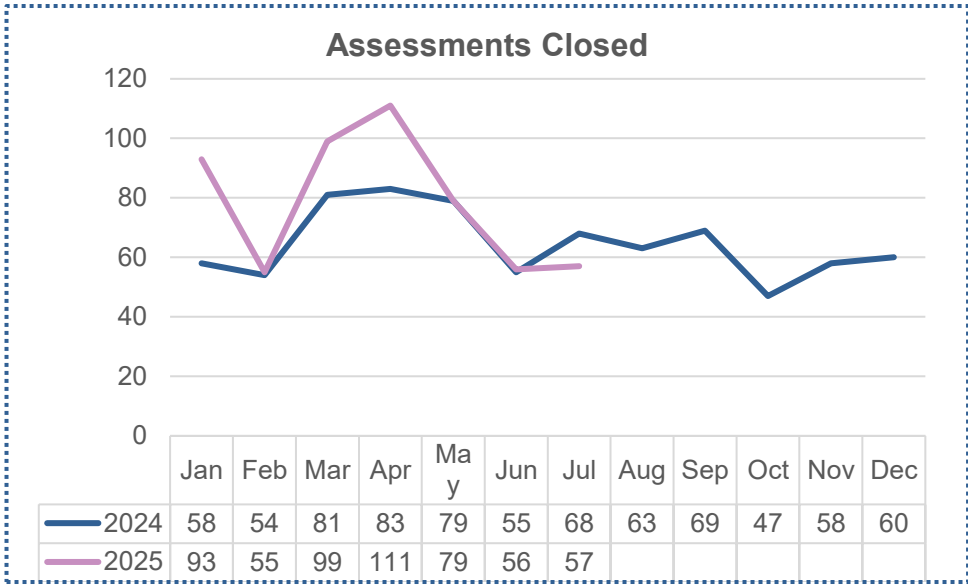


Open Assessments

- **443 assessments open at the end of July 2025**, 17 (4%) fewer than June 2025 (460) and the fewest number for the period January 2024 – July 2025.
- There were 255 (37%) fewer assessments open at the end of July 2025 than at the July 2024 (698).

Assessments Closed

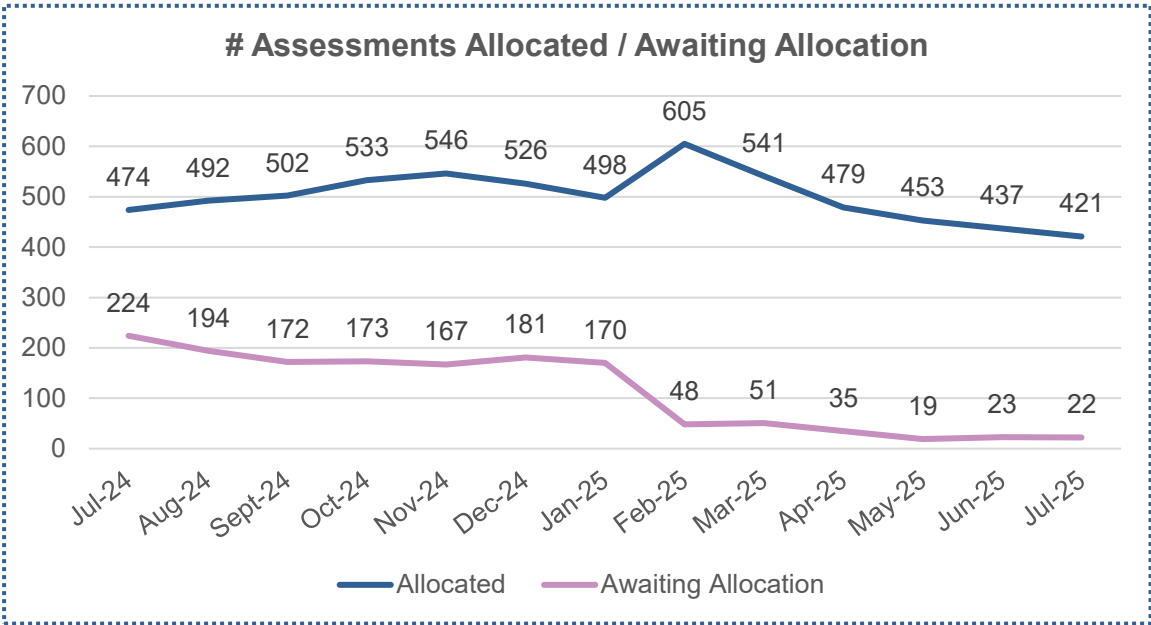
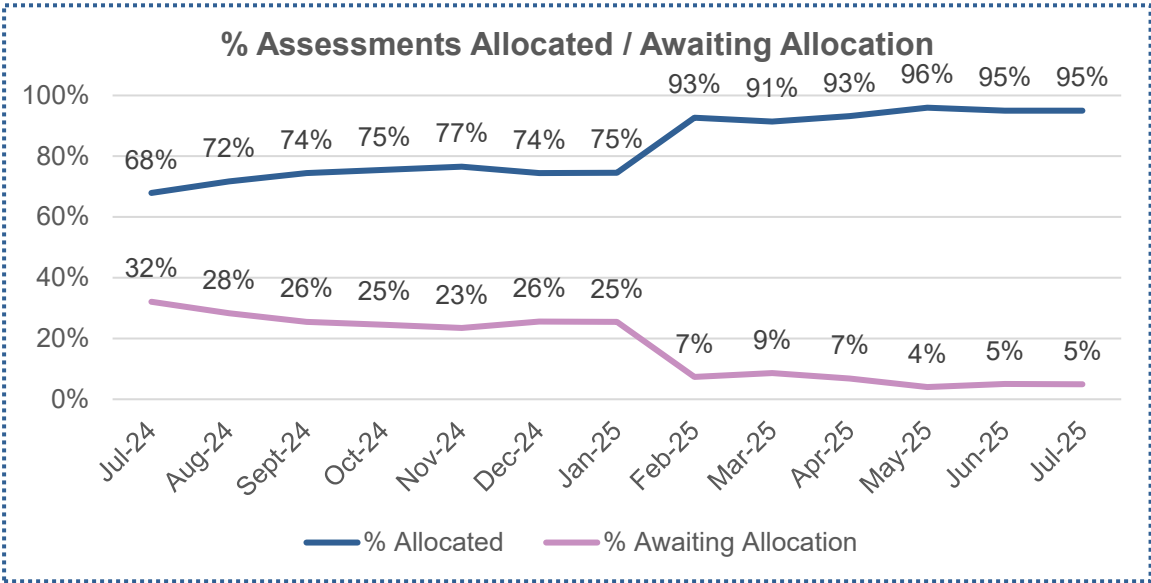
- **57 assessments closed** in July 2025.
- This brings to 550 the number of assessments closed for the first seven months of 2025, 72 (25%) more than the same period in 2024 (478).



Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP)

Allocation Status of Open Assessments

- **95% (421/443) of assessments open at the end of July 2025** were allocated to a social worker, no change from June 2025 and up 27 percentage points from July 2024 (68%).
- The remaining 5% (22) were awaiting allocation with one fewer assessment awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025 than at the end of June 2025 (23).
- 202 (90%) fewer assessments awaiting allocation at the end of July 2025 than at the end of July 2024 (224).



Children in Care

- **5,835 children (0-17 years) in care at the end of July 2025, 28 more than June 2025 (5,807) and 32 more than July 2024 (5,803).** Figure includes 106 children under the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SCSIP)¹.

- **Breakdown of children in care by Tusla’s 17 areas and SCSIP as follows:**

	Jul-24	Jun-25	Jul-25	Jul-25 v Jul-24	Jul-25 v Jun-25
17 Tusla Areas	5,659	5,699	5,729	+70	+30
SCSIP	144	108	106	-38	-2
Total	5,803	5,807	5,835	+32	+28

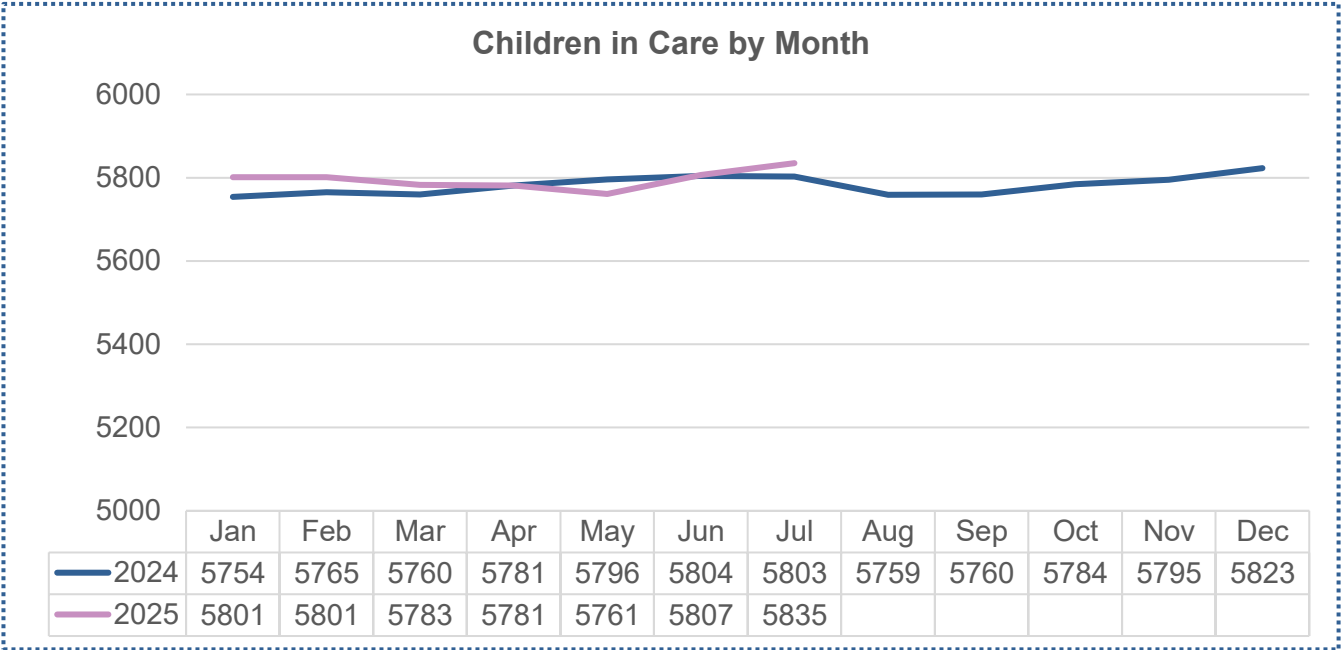
- **Breakdown of children in care by placement type as follows (Jul-25):**

Placement Type	17 areas	SCSIP	Total
Residential Care	491 (8.6%)	82 (77.4%)	573 (9.8%)
Foster Care	5,027 (87.7%)	19 (17.9%)	5,046 (86.5%)
Other*	211 (3.7%)	5 (4.7%)	216 (3.7%)
Total	5,729 (100.0%)	106 (100.0%)	5,835 (100.0%)

- Residential care (573) includes 15 children in special care. Of the children in foster care (5,046), 70% (3,549) were in general foster care and 30% (1,497) were in relative foster care.
- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (657) followed by Midwest (500) and Dublin North City (489).
- Fewest number reported by the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (106) and Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (116).
- Across the 17 Areas the highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.0) followed by Donegal (5.9) and Waterford/Wexford (5.9).
- Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.2) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.8).
- Ten areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.7/1,000 children.

Notes:

1. The Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection has an additional **408 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.



Rate of children in care / 1,000 child population 0-17 years (ranked by rate/1,000)

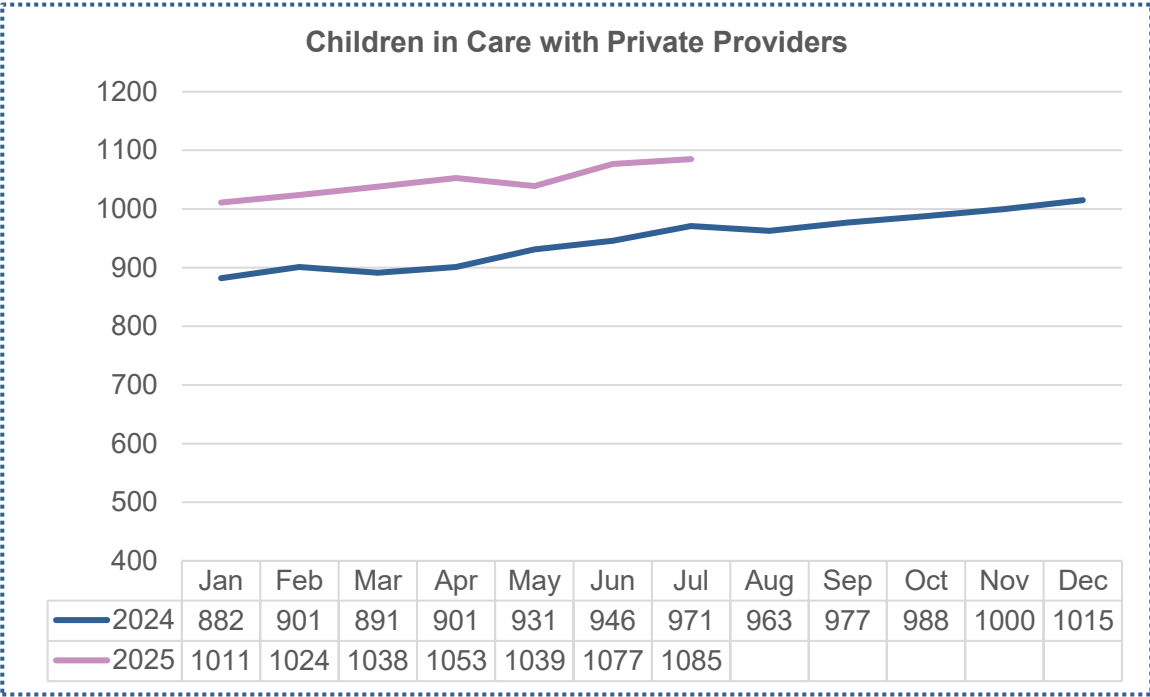
Area	Jul-24	Jun-25	Jul-25	Jul-25 v Jul-24	Jul-25 v Jun-25	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin North City	464	475	489	25	14	48,909	10.0
Donegal	228	245	249	21	4	42,144	5.9
Waterford/Wexford	436	411	406	-30	-5	69,239	5.9
Midwest	501	496	500	-1	4	96,764	5.2
CW/KK/ST	309	321	320	11	-1	62,366	5.1
Kerry	163	173	175	12	2	34,994	5.0
Cork	683	656	657	-26	1	136,786	4.8
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	115	117	116	1	-1	24,312	4.8
Mayo	145	149	151	6	2	31,911	4.7
Dublin South Central	328	326	331	3	5	70,259	4.7
Louth/Meath	419	426	433	14	7	96,531	4.5
Cavan/Monaghan	163	163	166	3	3	37,336	4.4
Galway/Roscommon	348	362	362	14	0	81,799	4.4
Midlands	331	351	349	18	-2	80,962	4.3
Dublin North	423	419	418	-5	-1	104,281	4.0
DSW/K/WW	396	410	411	15	1	108,927	3.8
Dublin South East/Wicklow	207	199	196	-11	-3	91,047	2.2
Total Areas	5,659	5,699	5,729	70	30	1,218,567	4.7
SCSIP	144	108	106	-38	-2		
Total National	5,803	5,807	5,835	32	28		

Population: CSO Census 2022

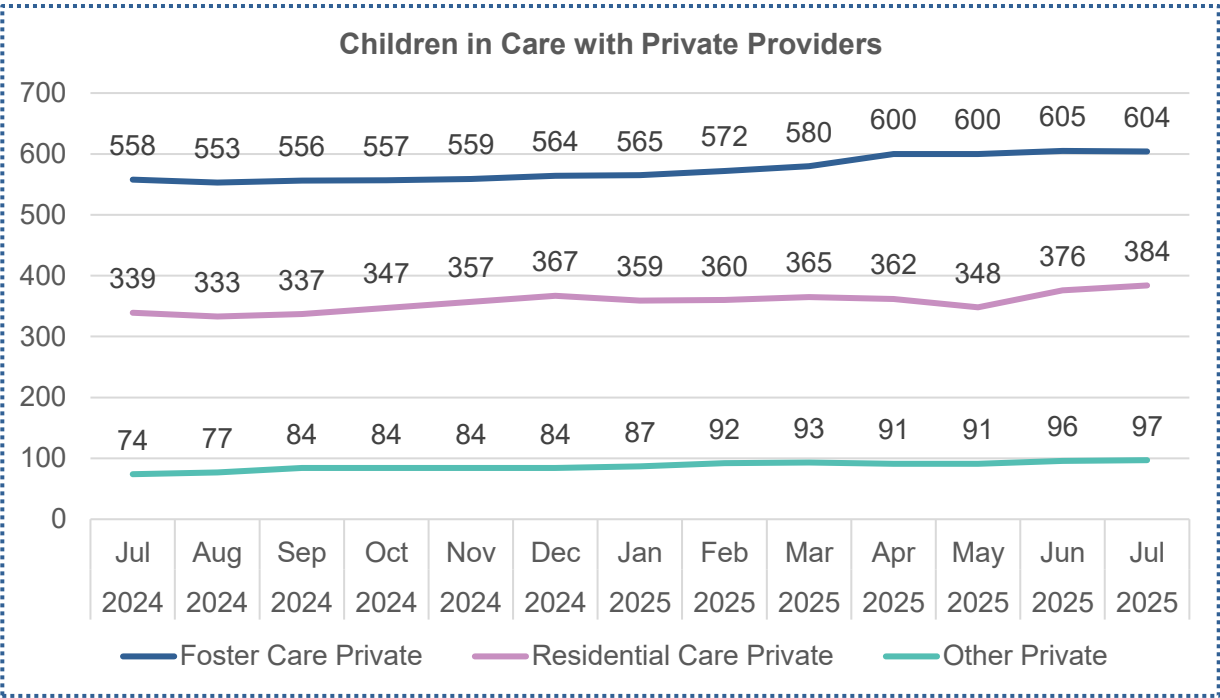
Children in Care

Private Providers

- **1,085 (19%) children in care at the end of July 2025 were in placements with private providers**, 8 (1%) more than June 2025 (1,077) and 114 (12%) more than July 2024 (971).



- **604 (56%) children in placements with private providers were in foster care**, one fewer than June 2025 (605) and 46 (8%) more than July 2024 (558).
- **384 (35%) children were in residential care**, 8 (2%) more than June 2025 (376) and 45 (13%) more than July 2024 (339).
- The remaining **97 (9%) children were in “Other” care placements**, one more than June 2025 (96) and 23 (31%) more than July 2024 (74). *“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 (143), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (124), Dublin North (124), Dublin South Central (116) and Midlands (104). These five areas account for 56% (611) of children in placements with private providers.



Children in Care with Private Providers

Children in Care (Private)	Jul-24	Jun-25	Jul-25	Jul-25 v Jul-24	Jul-25 v Jun-25
Dublin North City	119	141	143	24	2
DSW/K/WW	111	123	124	13	1
Dublin North	113	126	124	11	-2
Dublin South Central	112	116	116	4	0
Midlands	79	105	104	25	-1
SCSIP	73	73	80	7	7
Cork	60	65	68	8	3
Louth/Meath	51	53	54	3	1
Waterford/Wexford	52	56	53	1	-3
Midwest	38	44	45	7	1
Dublin South East/Wicklow	50	46	44	-6	-2
Kerry	33	34	34	1	0
Donegal	19	30	31	12	1
CW/KK/ST	23	25	26	3	1
Galway/Roscommon	15	16	16	1	0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	12	15	13	1	-2
Cavan/Monaghan	8	7	7	-1	0
Mayo	3	2	3	0	1
Total	971	1,077	1,085	114	8

Children in Care

Allocated Cases

Reflecting an ongoing changing environment and significant social work vacancies, Tusla has moved to a more multi-disciplinary way of working with children now allocated to social workers and other professional grades where necessary and appropriate to ensure they have the support of a key worker. All children continue to be overseen by social work management.

To improve transparency and ensure the data reported reflects our practice change, reports (from January 2025) now reflect where a child is allocated a social worker and where they are allocated to another professional. Other professionals include professionally qualified social care leaders, social care workers, family support workers, therapists etc.

- **98% (5,710) of children in care at the end of July 2025 had an allocated case worker.**
- Of the 5,710 children allocated, 89% (5,104) were allocated to a social worker and 11% (606) were allocated to another professional.
- A total of 125 (2%) children were awaiting allocation, 15 (11%) fewer than June 2025 (140).
- 8 of the 17 areas report no cases awaiting allocation with a further five areas and the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection reporting fewer than 10 cases awaiting allocation.
- Of the remaining four areas, the highest number of cases awaiting allocation was reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (34), followed by Louth/Meath (25), Dublin South central (24) and Cork (17).

Breakdown of allocation status by area and role of worker, July 2025. Ranked by % Allocated

Area	Allocated SW	% Allocated SW	Allocated OP	% Allocated OP	Total Allocated	% Allocated to Case Worker	Awaiting Allocation	% Awaiting Allocation	Total in Care
Dublin South East/Wicklow	188	96%	8	4%	196	100%	0	0%	196
Midlands	340	97%	9	3%	349	100%	0	0%	349
Dublin North City	447	91%	42	9%	489	100%	0	0%	489
Cavan/Monaghan	163	98%	3	2%	166	100%	0	0%	166
Kerry	172	98%	3	2%	175	100%	0	0%	175
Donegal	248	100%	1	0%	249	100%	0	0%	249
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	102	88%	14	12%	116	100%	0	0%	116
Mayo	139	92%	12	8%	151	100%	0	0%	151
Waterford/Wexford	374	92%	31	8%	405	99%	1	<1%	406
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	149	47%	169	53%	318	99%	2	1%	320
Galway/Roscommon	356	99%	3	1%	359	99%	3	1%	362
Dublin North	385	93%	29	7%	414	99%	4	1%	418
Mid West	362	74%	130	26%	492	98%	8	2%	500
Cork	637	100%	3	0%	640	97%	17	3%	657
Louth/Meath	370	91%	38	9%	408	94%	25	6%	433
SCSIP	99	100%	0	0%	99	93%	7	7%	106
Dublin South Central	271	88%	36	12%	307	93%	24	7%	331
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	302	80%	75	20%	377	92%	34	8%	411
Total	5104	89%	606	11%	5710	98%	125	2%	5,835

Children in Care

Care Plan

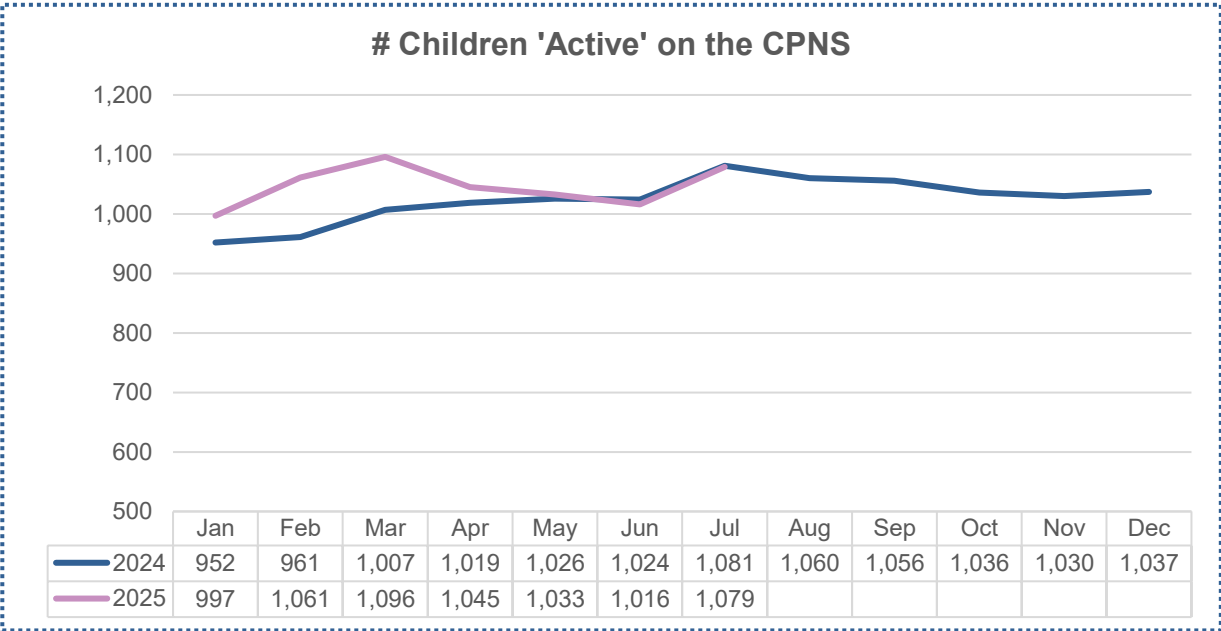
- **83% (4,849) of children in care at the end of July 2025 had an up-to-date care plan**, no change from June 2025.
- A total of 986 (17%) children were awaiting an up-to-date care plan, 17 (2%) fewer than June 2025 (1,003).
- Highest numbers awaiting an up-to-date care plan reported by Dublin North City (138; 28%); Louth/Meath (119; 27%), Dublin South Central (107; 32%) and Midwest (100; 20%).

Area breakdown of children in care with an up-to-date care plan– July 2025

Area	UTD Care Plan	Awaiting UTD Care Plan	Total	% UTD Care Plan
Dublin South East/Wicklow	149	47	196	76%
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	350	61	411	85%
Dublin South Central	224	107	331	68%
Midlands	340	9	349	97%
Dublin North City	351	138	489	72%
Dublin North	338	80	418	81%
Louth/Meath	314	119	433	73%
Cavan/Monaghan	137	29	166	83%
Kerry	138	37	175	79%
Cork	580	77	657	88%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	301	19	320	94%
Waterford/Wexford	378	28	406	93%
Donegal	233	16	249	94%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	109	7	116	94%
Mayo	135	16	151	89%
Galway/Roscommon	298	64	362	82%
Mid West	400	100	500	80%
SCSIP	74	32	106	70%
Total	4,849	986	5,835	83%

Child Protection Notification System

- **1,079 children listed as ‘active’** on the Child Protection Notification System (CPNS) at the end of July 2025, 63 (6%) more than June 2025 (1,016), first increase after three consecutive decreases.
- There were two fewer children ‘active’ at the end of July 2025 than at the end July 2024 (1,081).
- It should be noted that a small number of large sibling groups can have a significant effect on numbers reported.
- 99% (1,067) of children ‘active’ had an allocated social worker, 12 children were awaiting allocation to a social worker across four areas. Eight of the 12 children were subsequently allocated to a social worker. The remaining four cases are allocated to another professional.
- Highest numbers of children listed as ‘active’ at the end of July 2025, reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (140), Cork (131), Dublin North City (104) and Midlands (104).
- Fewest numbers reported by Kerry (18) and Cavan/Monaghan (22).
- The number of children ‘active’ equates to 9 children per 10,000 under 18 years.
- Highest rates reported by Dublin North City (21.3), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (14.8) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (12.9).
- Lowest rates reported by Louth/Meath (4.2) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (4.6).
- 9 of the 17 areas had more children listed as ‘active’ at the end of July 2025 than at the end of June 2025. Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 18), Cork (up 15), Galway/Roscommon (up 13) and Dublin South Central (up 10).
- 6 of the 17 areas reported fewer children ‘active’ with the largest decreases reported by Mayo (down 6) and Dublin North (down 3). The remaining two areas (Louth/Meath and Dublin South East/Wicklow) reported no change.
- 10 of the 17 areas had more children active at the end of July 2025 than at the end of July 2024. Largest increases reported by Galway/Roscommon (up 51), Cork (up 21) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (up 16).
- 7 of the 17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Midwest (down 63), Louth/Meath (down 27) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 23).



Number and rate of children ‘active’ on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

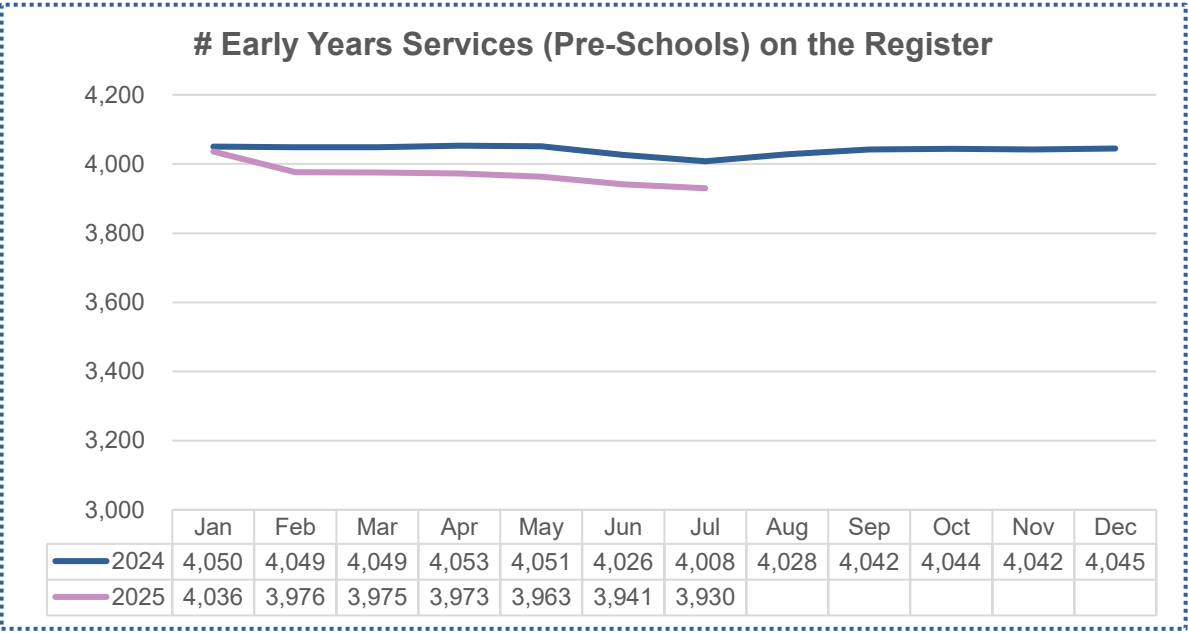
Area	Jul-24	Jun-25	Jul-25	Jul-25 v Jul-24	Jul-25 v Jun-25	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	110	106	104	-6	-2	48,909	21.3
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	20	33	36	16	3	24,312	14.8
DSW/K/WW	127	142	140	13	-2	108,927	12.9
Midlands	91	96	104	13	8	80,962	12.8
Galway / Roscommon	46	84	97	51	13	81,799	11.9
Dublin South Central	71	63	73	2	10	70,259	10.4
Cork	110	116	131	21	15	136,786	9.6
Donegal	42	35	36	-6	1	42,144	8.5
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Dublin South East / Wicklow	29	42	42	13	0	91,047	4.6
Louth / Meath	68	41	41	-27	0	96,531	4.2
Total	1,081	1,016	1,079	-2	63	1,218,567	8.9

Population 0-17 years – source CSO Census 2022

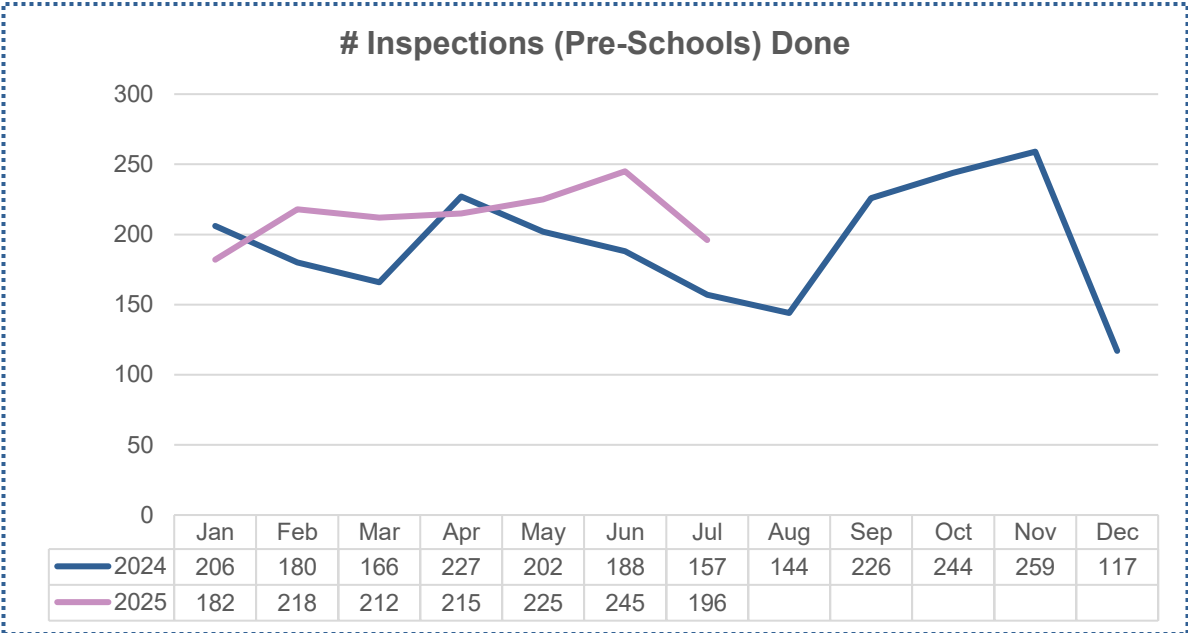
Children’s Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **3,930 early years services (pre-schools) on the register at the end of July 2025**, 11 fewer than June 2025 (3,941) and 78 (2%) fewer than July 2024 (4,008). *The reduction between January and February 2025 is partly explained by the transfer of a number of registered childminders from the Pre-School Register to the new Childminder Register of Services.*

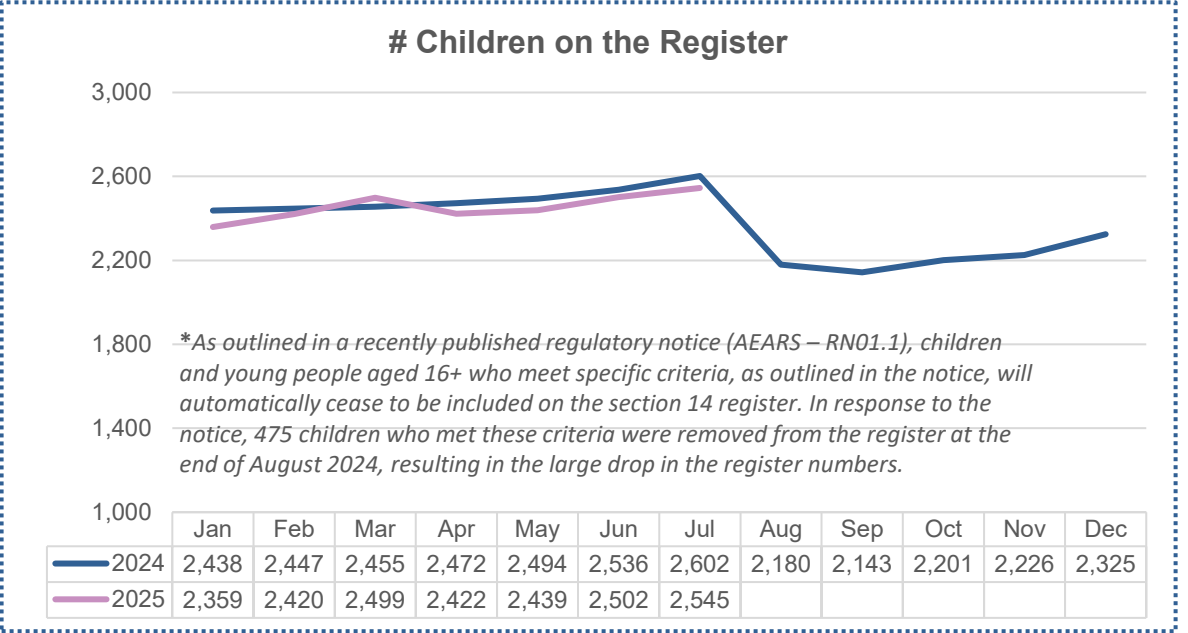


- **196 inspections** of early years services (pre-schools) in July 2025.
- This brings to 1,493 the number of inspections for the first seven months of 2025, 167 (13%) more than the same period in 2024 (1,326).

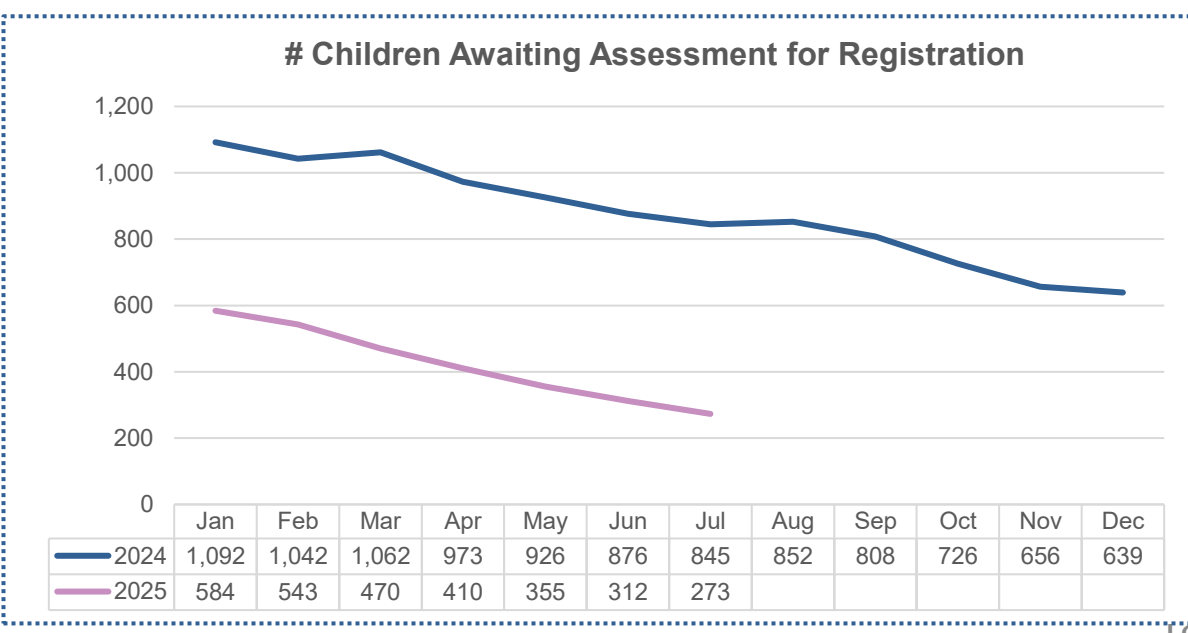


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **2,545 children on the register** for home education at the end of July 2025, 43 (2%) more than June 2025 (2,502) and 220 (9%) more than Dec 2024 (2,325). Increasing trend continues.



- **273 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of July 2025**, 39 (13%) fewer than June 2025 (312) and 572 (68%) fewer than July 2024 (845). Decreasing trend continues.



Tusla Education Support Services

- **107 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in July 2025. This brings to 9,166 the number of referrals for the first 11 months of the academic year 2024 – 2025, some 1,312 (17%) more than the same period in the previous academic year (7,854).

- **4,019 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of July 2025, 343 (8%) fewer than June 2025 (4,362).
- 349 (10%) more referrals on a waiting list at the end of July 2025 than at the end of July 2024 (3,670).

- **182 new individual children worked with** in July 2025. This brings to 4,020 the number of new individual children worked with in the first 11 months of the academic year 2024-2025, some 271 (7%) more than the previous academic year (3,749).

