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Headline Data – June 2024

Child Protection & Welfare

- **6,794 referrals in June 2024**, 2,246 (25%) fewer than May 2024 (9,040) and 995 (13%) fewer than June 2023 (7,789). This brings to **47,808 the number of referrals for the first six months of 2024**, 813 (2%) more than the same period in 2023 (46,995).
- **21,408 cases open to social work at the end of June 2024**, 569 (3%) fewer than May 2024 (21,977) and 1,403 (6%) fewer than June 2023 (22,811). *Open cases include child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*
- **77% (16,509) of cases open to social work at the end of June 2024 had an allocated worker**, no change from May 2024. (Ref note on Page 4).
- **4,899 cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2024**, 94 (2%) fewer than May 2024 (4,993). First decrease following two consecutive monthly increases. Cases awaiting allocation are down 799 (14%) from June 2023 (5,698).
- Six areas account for 67% (3,265) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South Central (1,194), Cork (482), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (462), Louth/Meath (450), Dublin South East/Wicklow (340) and Midwest (337).
- **10% (500) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2024 were categorised as high priority**, five fewer than May 2024 (505) and 24 (5%) more than June 2023 (524).

Children in Care

- **5,804 children (0-17 years) in care at the end of June 2024**, 8 (<1%) more than May 2024 (5,796). Figure includes 141 children under the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SCSIP)
- **87.4% (5,072)* of all children in care are in foster care** (3,599 general foster care, and 1,473 relative foster), 8.4% (488) are in residential care (473 general residential care and 15 special care) and 4.2% (244) are in “other” care placements.
- Across Tusla’s 17 areas 89.1% (5,046/5,663) of children in care are in foster care.
- **946 (16%) children in care at the end of June 2024 were in placements with private providers**, 15 (2%) more than May 2024 (931) and the third consecutive monthly increase.
- **80% (4,671) of children in care at the end of June 2024 had an allocated worker**. A total of 1,133 children were awaiting allocation, 83 (8%) more than May 2024 (1,050).
- **84% (4,847) of children in care at the end of June 2024 had an up-to-date care plan**. A total of 957 children were awaiting an up-to-date care plan, 15 (2%) more than May 2024 (942).

**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)

- **1,024 children listed as “active”** at the end of June 2024, two fewer than May 2024 (1,026) and the first decrease after four consecutive monthly increases.
- There were 135 (15%) more children “active” at the end of June 2024 than at the end of June 2023 (889).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of June 2024 had an **allocated social worker**.

Children’s Services Regulation

- **4,026 early years services on the register at the end of June 2024**, 25 (<1%) fewer than May 2024 (4,051) and 23 (<1%) fewer than June 2024 (4,049).
- **188 inspections** of early years services done in June 2024. This brings to 1,169 the number of inspections for the first six months of 2024, 65 (5%) fewer than the same period in 2023 (1,234).
- **2,536 children on the register for home education at the end of June 2024**, 42 (2%) more than May 2024 (2,494) and 373 (17%) more than June 2023 (2,163).
- **876 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of June 2024**, 50 (5%) fewer than May 2024 (926) and 479 (35%) fewer than June 2023 (1,355).

Tusla Education Support Services

- **300 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in June 2024. This brings to 7,747 the number of referrals for the first 10 months of the academic year 2023-2024, 1,024 (15%) more than the same period in 2022-2023 (6,723).
- **4,165 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of June 2024, 357 (9%) fewer than May 2024 (3,808).
- 132 (3%) more referrals on a waiting list at the end of June 2024 (4,165) compared to June 2023 (4,033).
- **167 new individual children worked with** in June 2024. This brings to 3,579 the number of new individual children worked with for the first 10 months of the academic year 2023-2024, 536 (18%) more than the same period in 2022-2023 (3,043).

Child Protection and Welfare

Referrals¹

- **6,794 referrals** in June 2024, 2,246 (25%) fewer than May 2024 (9,040) and 995 (13%) fewer than June 2023 (7,789).
- This brings to 47,808 the number of referrals for the first six months of 2024, 813 (2%) more than the same period in 2023 (46,995).

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-Jun 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

- **21,408 cases open to social work** at the end of June 2024, 569 (3%) fewer than May 2024 (21,977) and 1,403 (6%) fewer than June 2023 (22,811). *Open cases from September 2023 include cases awaiting categorisation. See note below.*

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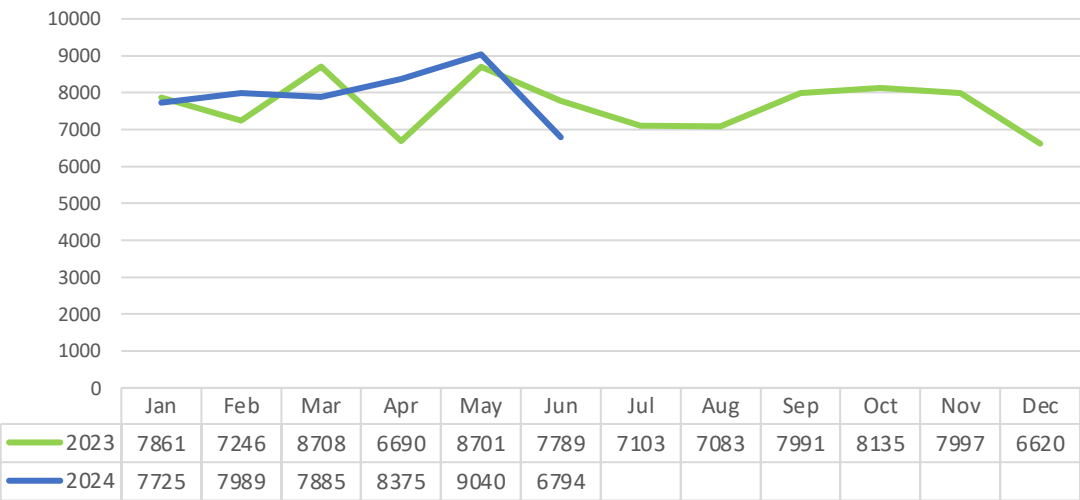
- 1) *From September 2023, open cases (allocated/unallocated) include cases “awaiting categorisation” at month end. This is in addition to cases categorised as high, medium and low. The category “awaiting categorisation” was introduced this year to reflect better questions being asked at screening and 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

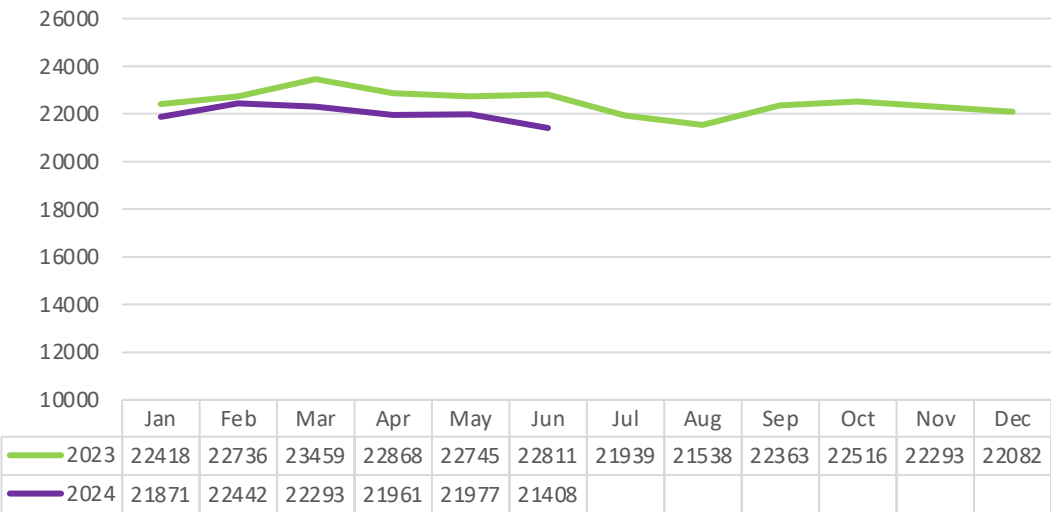
- **16,509 open cases were allocated** at the end of June 2024, 475 (3%) fewer than May 2024 (16,984) and 604 (3%) fewer than June 2023 (17,113).
- Allocated cases account for 77% of open cases, no change from May 2024 and up two percentage points from June 2023 (75%).

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.

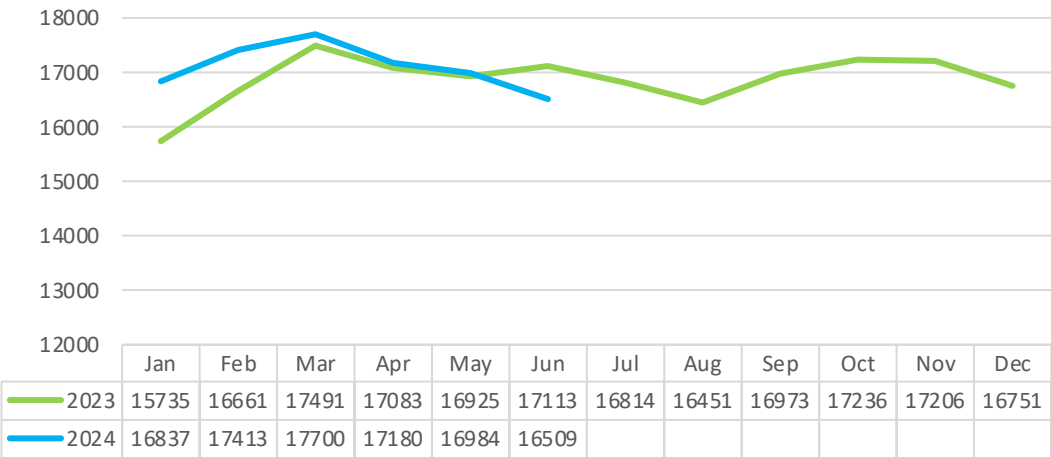
Referrals



Number of Open Cases



Number of Allocated Cases



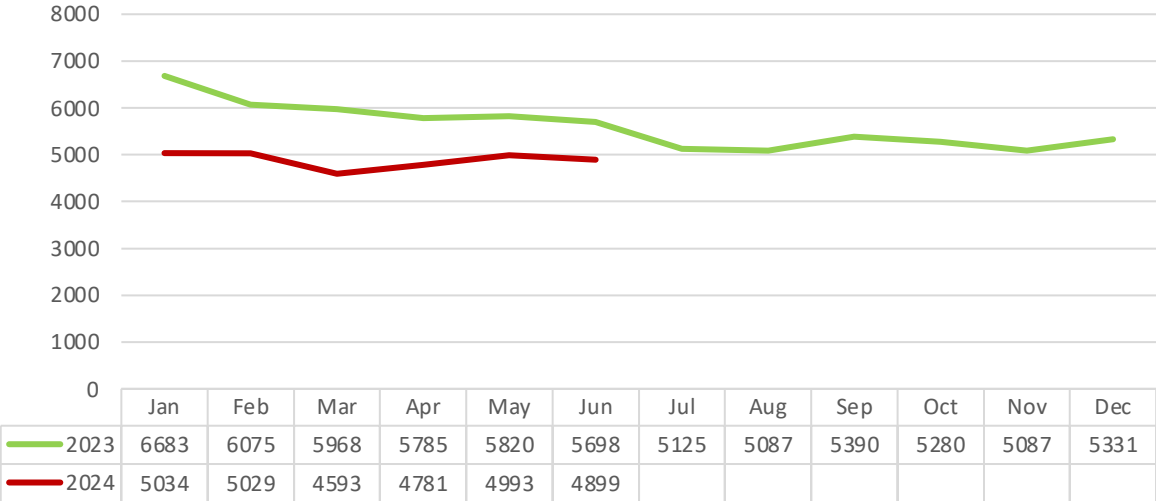
¹ Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection 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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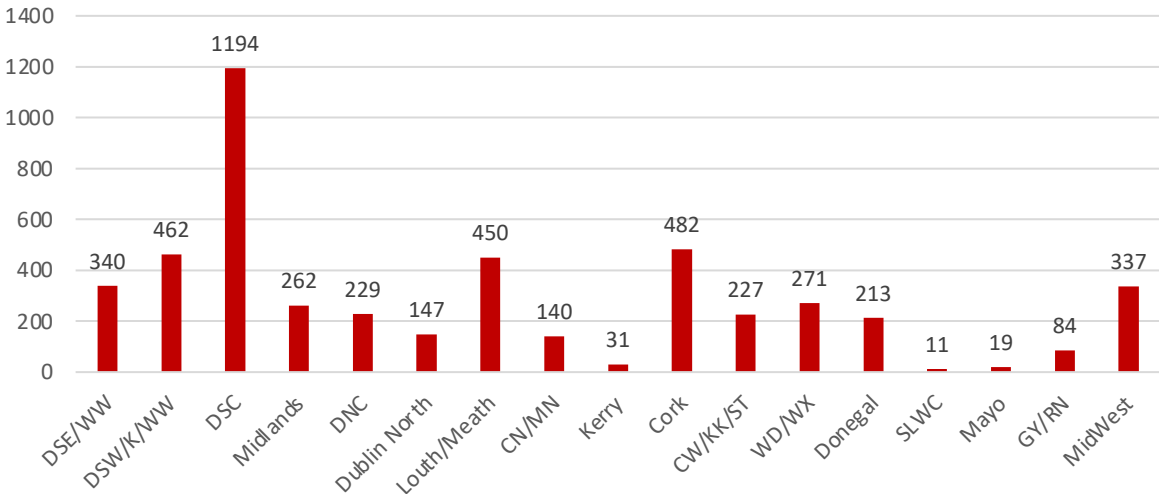
Cases Awaiting Allocation

- Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care
- **4,899 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2024, 94 (2%) fewer than May 2024 (4,993). First decrease following two consecutive monthly increases.
 - Cases awaiting allocation are down 799 (14%) from June 2023 (5,698).
 - Cases awaiting allocation account for 23% of open cases (21,408), no change from May 2024.
 - **33% (1,627) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 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 (1,194) followed by Cork (482), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (462), Louth/Meath (450), Dublin South East/Wicklow (340) and Midwest (337). These six areas account for 67% (3,265) of all cases awaiting allocation.
 - **500 cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2024 were categorised as high priority**, five fewer than May 2024 (505) and 24 (5%) fewer than June 2023 (524).
 - High priority cases account for 10% of cases awaiting allocation.
 - 58% (2,855) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority, 30% (1,465) were low priority while the remaining 2% (79) were awaiting categorisation.
 - Highest number of high priority cases reported by Dublin South Central (102) followed by Midwest (96), Louth/Meath (56) and Midlands (53). These four areas account for 61% (307) of all high priority cases awaiting.

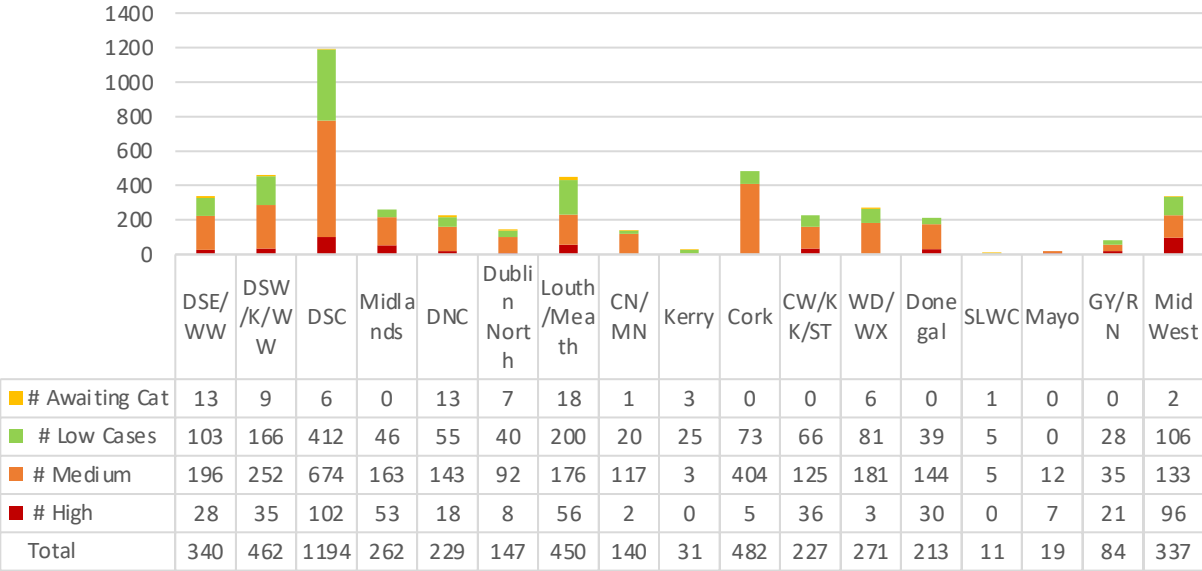
Number of Unallocated Cases



Number of Unallocated Cases



Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 12/17 areas reported a decrease in cases awaiting allocation from May 2024.
- Largest decreases reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 54), Dublin North (down 47) and Donegal (down 46).
- 5/17 areas reported an increase in cases awaiting allocation from May 2024. Largest increases reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 39), Cork (up 29), Dublin North City (up 20) and Cavan/Monaghan (up 18).
- Nationally 23% of open cases were awaiting allocation at the end of June 2024. Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 23%. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (50%), Dublin South East/Wicklow (33%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (32%) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (31%).
- 10/17 areas had fewer cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2024 than at the end of June 2023. Largest decreases reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 340), Cork (down 290), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 263) and Dublin North (down 162).
- 7/17 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2024 than at the end of June 2023. Largest increases reported by Dublin South Central (up 202), Louth/Meath (up 169) and Midwest (up 129).

Area	Jun-23		Apr-24		May-24		Jun-24		Jun-24 v		Jun-24 v	
	# Unallocated	% Unallocated	# Unallocated	# Unallocated	# Unallocated	% Unallocated	Apr-Jun	Jun-23	% Δ	May-24	% Δ1	
DSE/WW	287	27%	286	350	340	33%		53	18%	-10	-3%	
DSW/K/WW	725	42%	351	423	462	31%		-263	-36%	39	9%	
DSC	992	49%	1156	1196	1194	50%		202	20%	-2	0%	
Midlands	228	11%	298	248	262	15%		34	15%	14	6%	
DNC	272	16%	168	209	229	14%		-43	-16%	20	10%	
Dublin North	309	11%	143	194	147	8%		-162	-52%	-47	-24%	
Louth/Meath	281	22%	527	475	450	28%		169	60%	-25	-5%	
CN/MN	185	25%	142	122	140	18%		-45	-24%	18	15%	
Kerry	45	13%	36	34	31	8%		-14	-31%	-3	-9%	
Cork	772	28%	462	453	482	20%		-290	-38%	29	6%	
CW/KK/ST	290	35%	228	233	227	32%		-63	-22%	-6	-3%	
WD/WX	611	37%	284	325	271	21%		-340	-56%	-54	-17%	
Donegal	312	37%	228	259	213	25%		-99	-32%	-46	-18%	
SLWC	120	34%	16	18	11	4%		-109	-91%	-7	-39%	
Mayo	11	3%	29	25	19	5%		8	73%	-6	-24%	
GY/RN	50	4%	96	85	84	6%		34	68%	-1	-1%	
MidWest	208	17%	331	344	337	25%		129	62%	-7	-2%	
TOTAL	5698	25%	4781	4993	4899	23%		-799	-14%	-94	-1.9%	

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	May-24	Jun-24	Δ	May-24	Jun-24	Δ2	May-24	Jun-24	Δ3	May-24	Jun-24	Δ4
DSE/WW	330	287	-43	1,063	1,023	-40	713	683	-30	350	340	-10
DSW/K/WW	772	693	-79	1,520	1,512	-8	1,097	1,050	-47	423	462	39
DSC	774	547	-227	2,432	2,370	-62	1,236	1,176	-60	1196	1,194	-2
Midlands	954	666	-288	1,791	1,767	-24	1,543	1,505	-38	248	262	14
DNC	416	355	-61	1,631	1,619	-12	1,422	1,390	-32	209	229	20
Dublin North	894	680	-214	1,904	1,835	-69	1,710	1,688	-22	194	147	-47
Louth/Meath	709	517	-192	1,679	1,594	-85	1,204	1,144	-60	475	450	-25
CN/MN	275	216	-59	814	774	-40	692	634	-58	122	140	18
Kerry	271	169	-102	402	400	-2	368	369	1	34	31	-3
Cork	871	585	-286	2,392	2,381	-11	1,939	1,899	-40	453	482	29
CW/KK/ST	365	315	-50	717	714	-3	484	487	3	233	227	-6
WD/WX	671	506	-165	1,413	1,279	-134	1,088	1,008	-80	325	271	-54
Donegal	314	221	-93	880	866	-14	621	653	32	259	213	-46
SLWC	158	132	-26	288	268	-20	270	257	-13	18	11	-7
Mayo	111	78	-33	380	370	-10	355	351	-4	25	19	-6
GY/RN	481	316	-165	1,310	1,302	-8	1,225	1,218	-7	85	84	-1
MidWest	674	511	-163	1,361	1,334	-27	1,017	997	-20	344	337	-7
Total	9,040	6,794	-2246	21,977	21,408	-569	16,984	16,509	-475	4,993	4,899	-94

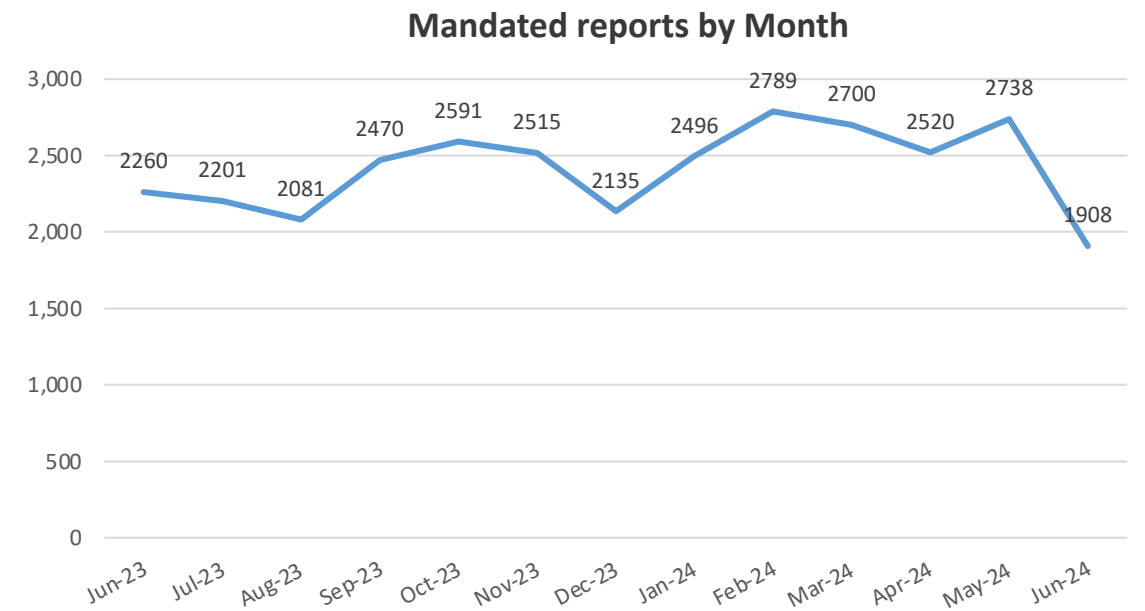
High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority			Awaiting Categorisation		
Area	May-24	Jun24	Δ	May-24	Jun-24	Δ 2	May-24	Jun-24	Δ 3	May-24	Jun-24	Δ 4
DSE/WW	15	28	13	202	196	-6	131	103	-28	2	13	11
DSW/K/WW	28	35	7	209	252	43	176	166	-10	10	9	-1
DSC	96	102	6	662	674	12	431	412	-19	7	6	-1
Midlands	43	53	10	174	163	-11	31	46	15	0	0	0
DNC	9	18	9	98	143	45	51	55	4	51	13	-38
Dublin North	10	8	-2	117	92	-25	66	40	-26	1	7	6
Louth/Meath	35	56	21	176	176	0	243	200	-43	21	18	-3
CN/MN	5	2	-3	94	117	23	23	20	-3	0	1	1
Kerry	0	0	0	5	3	-2	28	25	-3	1	3	2
Cork	2	5	3	387	404	17	64	73	9	0	0	0
CW/KK/ST	37	36	-1	134	125	-9	62	66	4	0	0	0
WD/WX	9	3	-6	223	181	-42	86	81	-5	7	6	-1
Donegal	51	30	-21	160	144	-16	48	39	-9	0	0	0
SLWC	1	0	-1	9	5	-4	8	5	-3	0	1	1
Mayo	7	7	0	13	12	-1	0	0	0	5	0	-5
GY/RN	35	21	-14	31	35	4	18	28	10	1	0	-1
MidWest	122	96	-26	111	133	22	111	106	-5	0	2	2
TOTAL	505	500	-5	2,805	2,855	50	1,577	1,465	-112	106	79	-27

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **1,908 mandated reports of abuse** received in June 2024, 830 (30%) fewer than May 2024 (2,738) and 352 (16%) fewer than June 2024 (2,260). This brings to 15,151 the number of reports for the first six months of 2024, 485 (3%) more than the same period in 2023 (14,666).

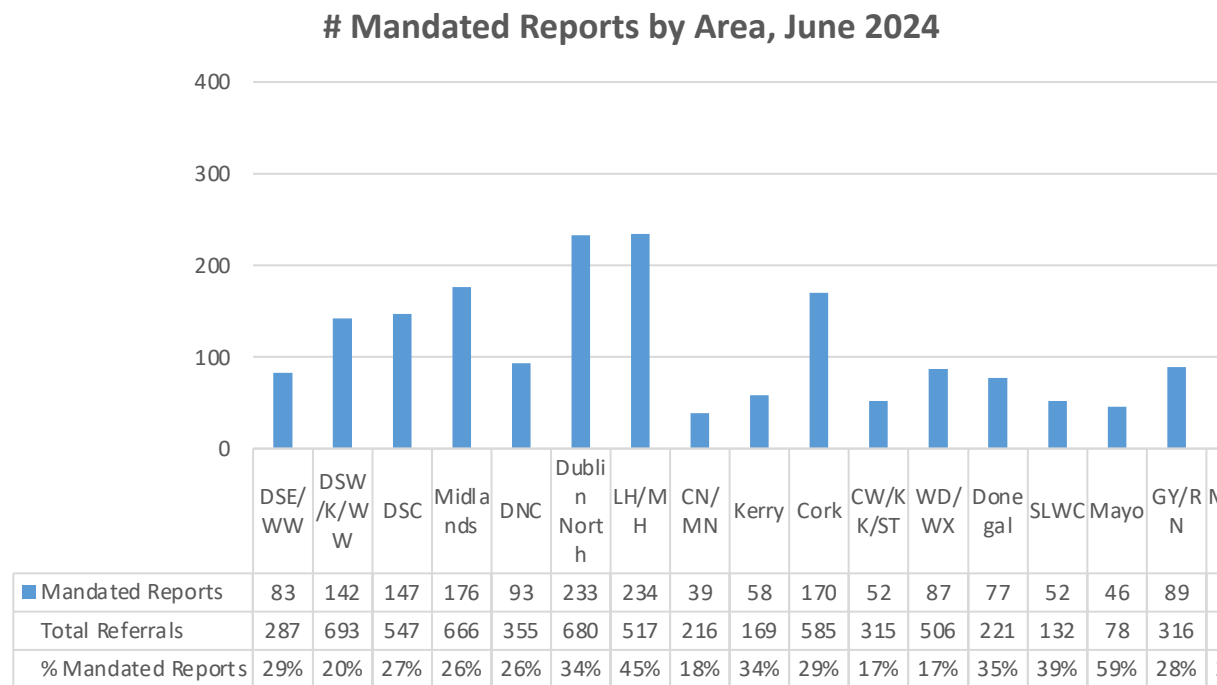
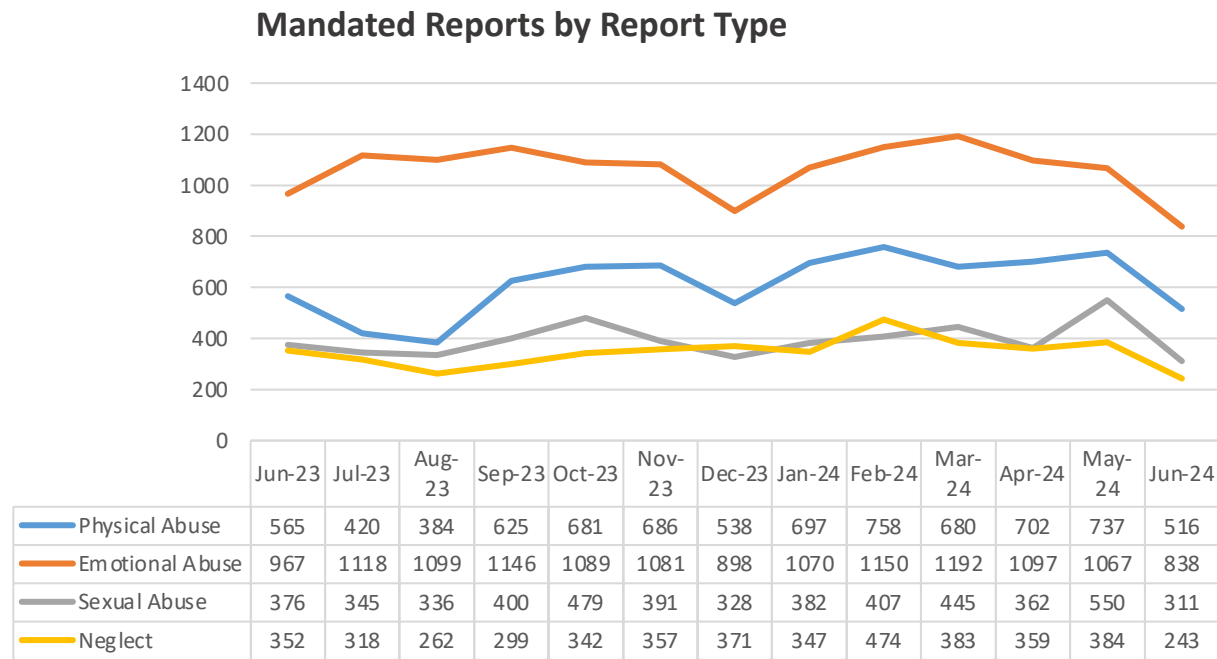
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- Mandated reports accounted for 28% (1,908) of all referrals received (6,794) in April 2024.



- The number of mandated reports for June 2024, by area ranged from 39 (Cavan/Monaghan) to 234 (Louth Meath).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (59%) was reported by Mayo.
- The lowest percentage (17%) was reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and Waterford/Wexford.

- Highest number of reports for June 2024 were for emotional abuse (838; 44%) followed by physical abuse (516; 27%), sexual abuse (311; 16%) and neglect (243; 13%)



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 June 2024 from An Garda Síochána (759; 40%) followed by safeguarding officers (261; 14%), social workers (219; 12%); teachers (213; 11%) and social care workers (73; 4%). These five sources account for 80%% (1,525) of reports for June 2024.
- Highest number of reports for 2024 YTD from An Garda Síochána (5,640; 37%) followed by teachers (2,341; 16%), safeguarding officers (1,960; 13%), social workers (1,685; 11%), social care workers (685; 5%) and medical practitioners (527; 4%). These six sources account for 85% (12,838) of reports for 2024 YTD.

Source (Schedule 2 Children First 2015)	# June 2024	% June 2024	Total 2024 YTD	% Total 2024
Medical practitioner (Registered)	62	3.2%	527	3.5%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	40	2.1%	299	2.0%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	8	0.4%	29	0.2%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	5	0.3%	19	0.1%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	0.1%	29	0.2%
Registered dentist	*	0.1%	8	0.1%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	70	3.7%	358	2.4%
Social care worker	73	3.8%	685	4.5%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	219	11.5%	1,685	11.1%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic	*	0.1%	12	0.1%
Probation officer	*	0.1%	19	0.1%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	213	11.2%	2,341	15.5%
An Garda Síochána Member	759	39.8%	5,640	37.2%
Guardian ad litem	*	0.2%	25	0.2%
Domestic violence shelter manager	57	3.0%	436	2.9%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	21	1.1%	134	0.9%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	6	0.3%	30	0.2%
Addiction counsellor	5	0.3%	25	0.2%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling	51	2.7%	391	2.6%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside	0	0.0%	*	<0.1%
Clergy member	0	0.0%	*	<0.1%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	*	0.1%	11	0.1%
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer	261	13.7%	1,960	12.9%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service	*	0.2%	57	0.4%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management	5	0.3%	59	0.4%
Youth worker employed in a youth work service	33	1.7%	285	1.9%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	*	0.2%	20	0.1%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act	*	0.2%	64	0.4%
Total (includes suppressed values)	1,908	100.0%	15,151	100.0%

*Values suppressed for confidentiality purposes

Children in Care

- **5,804 children (0-17 years) in care at the end of June 2024, 8 (<1%) more than May 2024 (5,796).** Figure includes 141 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:

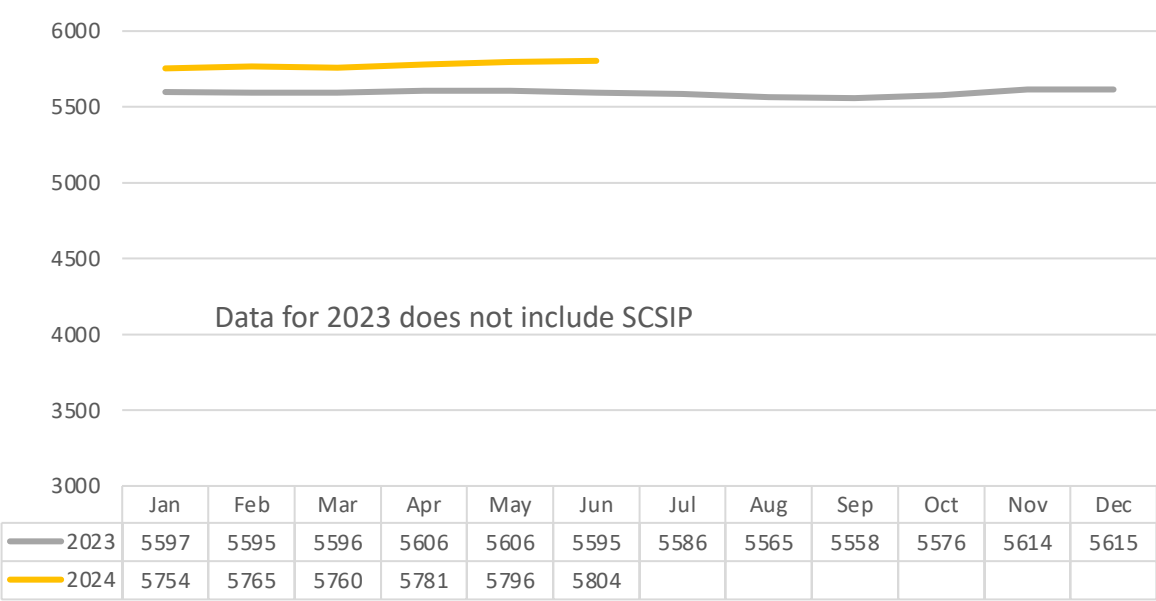
	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	Jun-24 v Jun-23	Jun-24 v May-24
17 Areas	5,595	5,654	5,663	68	9
SCSIP	NA	142	141	NA	-1
Total	5,995	5,796	5,804	-	8

- Breakdown of children in care by placement type as follows:

Placement Type	17 areas	SCSIP	Total
Residential Care	411 (7.3%)	77 (54.6%)	488 (8.4%)
Foster Care	5,046 (89.1%)	26 (18.4%)	5,072 (87.4%)
Other	206 (3.6%)	38 (27.0%)	244 (4.2%)
Total	5,663 (100%)	141 (100%)	5,804 (100%)

- Residential care includes 15 children in special care. Of the children in foster care (5,072), 71% (3,599) were in general foster care and 29% (1,473) were in relative foster care. *“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.*
- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (676) followed by Midwest (503) and Dublin North City (468).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (114) followed by the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (141) and Mayo (143).
- Across the 17 Areas the highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (9.4) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.2).
- Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.3) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.6) and Dublin North (4.0).
- Nine areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.6/1,000 children.

Children in Care by Month



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

Area	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	Jun-24 v Jun-23	Jun-24 v May-24	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin North City	475	474	468	-7	-6	49,682	9.4
Waterford/Wexford	408	427	429	21	2	69,239	6.2
Donegal	213	216	227	14	11	42,144	5.4
Midwest	510	506	503	-7	-3	96,764	5.2
CW/KK/ST	312	310	312	0	2	62,366	5.0
Cork	709	682	676	-33	-6	136,786	4.9
Dublin South Central	354	331	331	-23	0	70,259	4.7
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	118	113	114	-4	1	24,312	4.7
Kerry	148	164	164	16	0	34,994	4.7
Mayo	143	141	143	0	2	31,911	4.5
Cavan/Monaghan	155	164	165	10	1	37,336	4.4
Louth/Meath	412	423	423	11	0	96,531	4.4
Galway/Roscommon	360	351	351	-9	0	81,799	4.3
Midlands	315	334	335	20	1	80,962	4.1
Dublin North	367	410	416	49	6	103,508	4.0
DSW/K/WW	392	398	397	5	-1	108,927	3.6
Dublin South East/Wicklow	204	210	209	5	-1	91,047	2.3
Total Areas	5,595	5,654	5,663	68	9	1,218,567	4.6
SCSIP	NA	142	141	-	-1	-	-
Total National	5,595	5,796	5,804	-	8	-	-

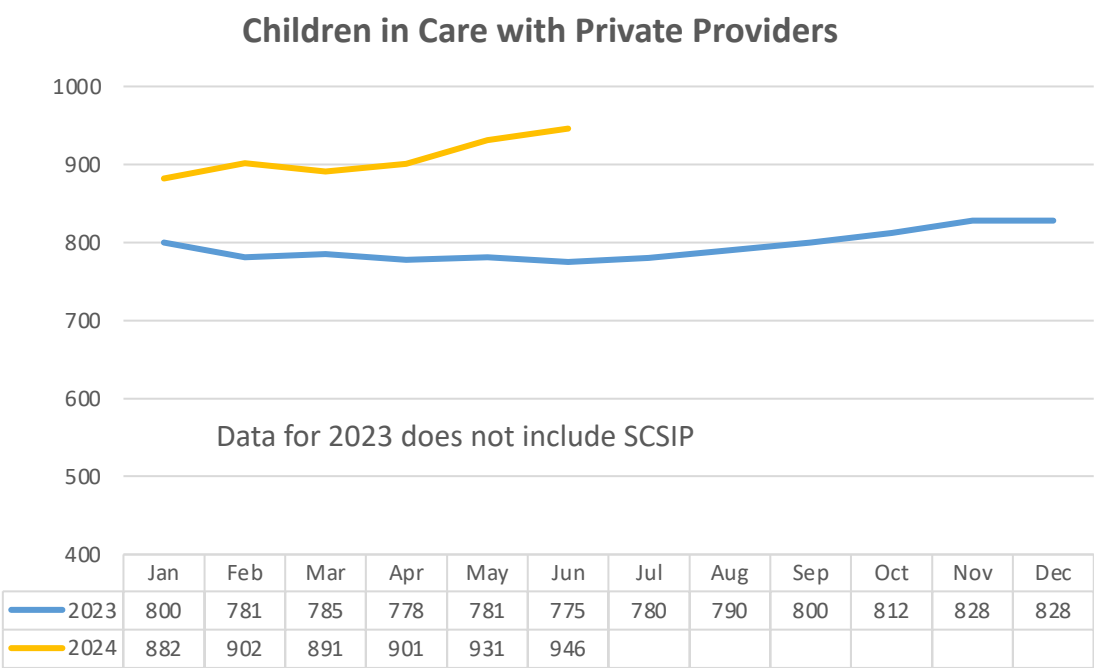
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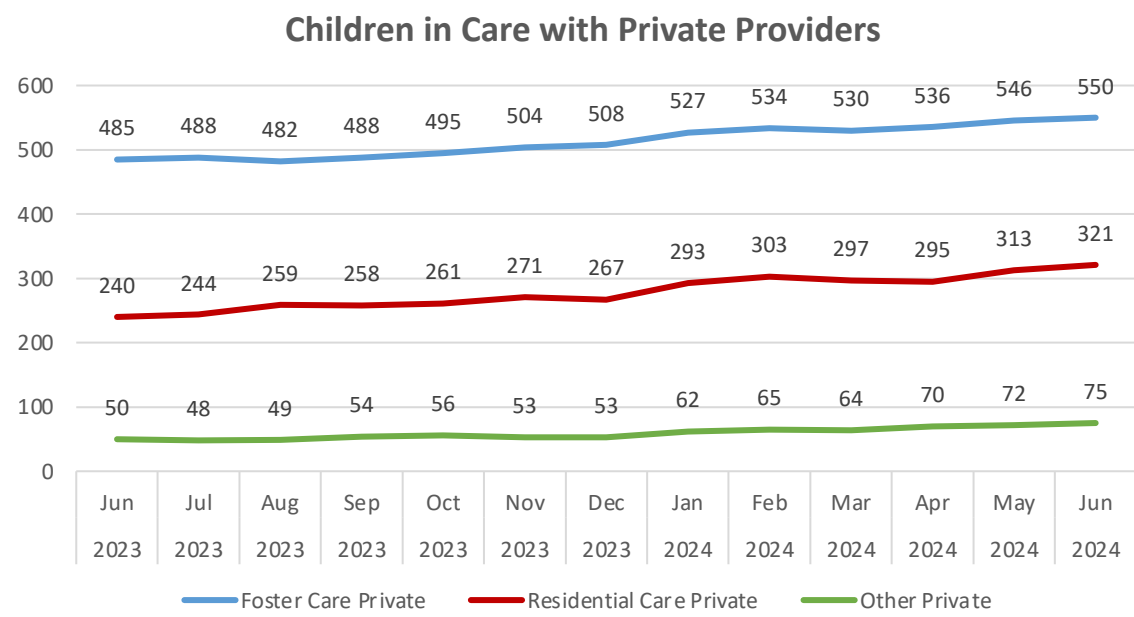
1. The Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection has an additional **219 children accommodated under Section 5 Child Care Act 1991.**

Children in Care

- **946 (16%) children in care at the end of June 2024 were in placements with private providers**, 15 (2%) more than May 2024 (931) and the third consecutive monthly increase.



- **550 (58%) children in placements with private providers were in foster care**, 4 (<1%) more than May 2024 (546).
- **321 (34%) children were in residential care**, 8 (3%) more than May 2024 (313).
- The remaining 75 (8%) children were in **“Other” care placements**, 3 (4%) more than May 2024 (72). “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 South Central (110), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (109), Dublin North (102) and Midlands (80). These five areas account for 55% (520) 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)	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	Jun-24 v Jun-23	Jun-24 v May-24
Dublin North City	97	121	119	22	-2
Dublin South Central	104	109	110	6	1
DSW/K/WW	104	108	109	5	1
Dublin North	95	104	102	7	-2
Midlands	54	77	80	26	3
SCSIP	NA	58	71		13
Cork	61	59	60	-1	1
Dublin South East/Wicklow	46	52	51	5	-1
Louth/Meath	44	49	51	7	2
Waterford/Wexford	42	47	46	4	-1
Midwest	33	41	39	6	-2
Kerry	20	32	33	13	1
CW/KK/ST	19	21	22	3	1
Donegal	20	20	18	-2	-2
Galway/Roscommon	18	13	14	-4	1
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	10	12	12	2	0
Cavan/Monaghan	6	7	8	2	1
Mayo	2	1	1	-1	0
Total	775	931	946	171	15

Children in Care

- **80% (4,671) of children in care at the end of June 2024 had an allocated worker.**

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 1,133 children were awaiting allocation, 83 (8%) more than May 2024 (1,050).
- Highest number awaiting allocation reported by Midwest (241; 48%) followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (194; 62%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (154; 39%), Dublin South Central (93; 28%) and Louth/Meath (79; 19%). These five services account for 67% (761) of all cases awaiting allocation.

- **84% (4,847) of children in care at the end of June 2024 had an up-to-date care plan.**
- A total of 957 children were awaiting an up-to-date care plan, 15 (2%) more than May 2024 (942).
- Highest numbers awaiting an up-to-date care plan reported by Dublin North City (164; 35%), Midwest (108; 21%), Cork (94; 14%), Dublin South Central (91; 27%) and Louth/Meath (76; 18%).

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 –June 2024

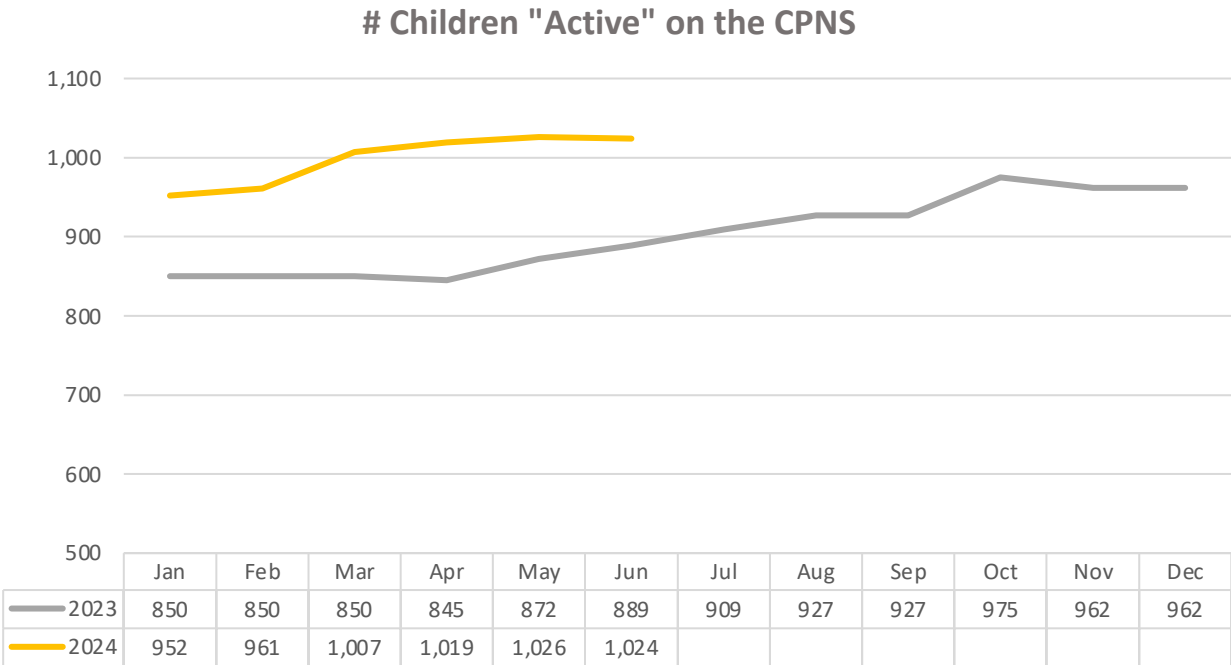
Area	Allocated	Awaiting Allocation	Total	% Allocated
Dublin South East/Wicklow	194	15	209	93%
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	243	154	397	61%
Dublin South Central	238	93	331	72%
Midlands	280	55	335	84%
Dublin North City	416	52	468	89%
Dublin North	380	36	416	91%
Louth/Meath	344	79	423	81%
Cavan/Monaghan	141	24	165	85%
Kerry	140	24	164	85%
Cork	656	20	676	97%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	118	194	312	38%
Waterford/Wexford	363	66	429	85%
Donegal	227	0	227	100%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	106	8	114	93%
Mayo	143	0	143	100%
Galway/Roscommon	351	0	351	100%
Midwest	262	241	503	52%
SCSIP	69	72	141	49%
Total	4,671	1,133	5,804	80%

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

Area	UTD Care Plan	Awaiting UTD Care Plan	Total	% UTD Care Plan
Dublin South East/Wicklow	167	42	209	80%
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	351	46	397	88%
Dublin South Central	240	91	331	73%
Midlands	332	3	335	99%
Dublin North City	304	164	468	65%
Dublin North	357	59	416	86%
Louth/Meath	347	76	423	82%
Cavan/Monaghan	147	18	165	89%
Kerry	141	23	164	86%
Cork	582	94	676	86%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	292	20	312	94%
Waterford/Wexford	401	28	429	93%
Donegal	207	20	227	91%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	94	20	114	82%
Mayo	130	13	143	91%
Galway/Roscommon	289	62	351	82%
Midwest	395	108	503	79%
SCSIP	71	70	141	50%
Total	4,847	957	5,804	84%

Child Protection Notification System

- **1,024 children listed as “active”** at the end of June 2024, two fewer than May 2024 (1,026) and the first decrease after four consecutive monthly increases.
- There were 135 (15%) more children “active” at the end of June 2024 than at the end of June 2023 (889).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of June 2024 had an **allocated social worker**.
- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of June 2024 was reported by Midwest (139) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (121), Cork (103) and Dublin North City (98).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (15) followed by Mayo (17) and Cavan/Monaghan (21).
- The number of children “active” equates to about 8 children per 10,000 under 18 years.
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (19.7) followed by Midwest (14.4), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (11.1) and Donegal (10.7).
- Lowest rates reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.9), Waterford/Wexford (4.9), Mayo (5.3) and Galway/Roscommon (5.4).
- Seven areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 8.4/10,000
- 7/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of June 2024 than at the end of May 2024. Largest increases reported by Dublin South Central (up 12), Midlands (up 10) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 6).
- 9/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Dublin North (down 12), Dublin North City (down 8), Waterford/Wexford (down 5) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 5). The remaining area, Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow reported no change.
- 10/17 areas had more children active at the end of June 2024 than at the end of June 2023. Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 82), Louth/Meath (up 31) and Dublin North City (up 18).
- 7/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Dublin North (down 32), Waterford/Wexford (down 22) and Donegal (down 14).



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

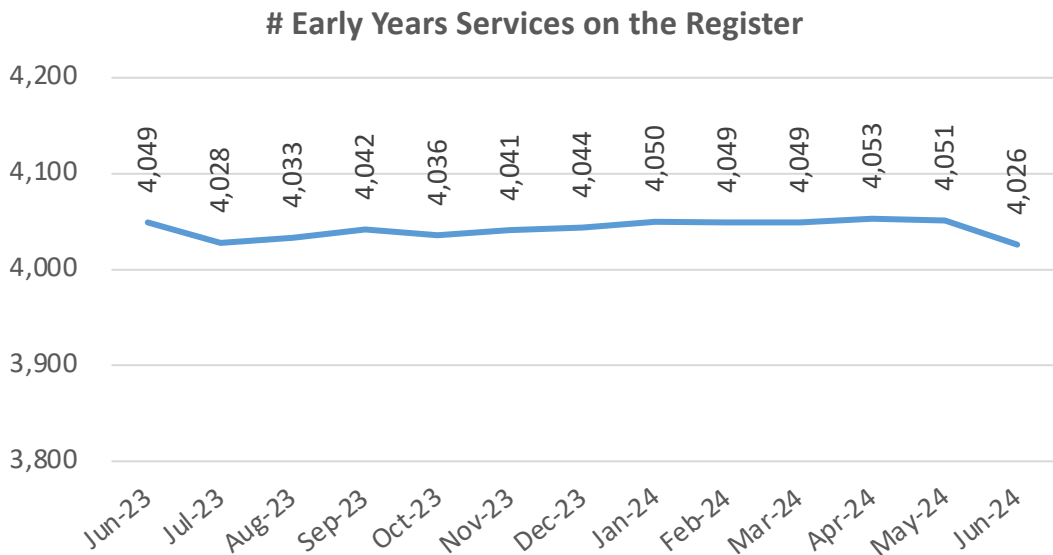
Area	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	Jun-24 v Jun-23	Jun-24 v May-24	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	80	106	98	18	-8	49,682	19.7
Mid West	57	135	139	82	4	96,764	14.4
DSW/K/WW	105	121	121	16	0	108,927	11.1
Donegal	59	47	45	-14	-2	42,144	10.7
Dublin South Central	62	58	70	8	12	70,259	10.0
CW/K/ST	48	66	61	13	-5	62,366	9.8
Midlands	59	66	76	17	10	80,962	9.4
Cork	92	107	103	11	-4	136,786	7.5
Kerry	27	20	25	-2	5	34,994	7.1
Dublin North	100	80	68	-32	-12	103,508	6.6
Louth / Meath	30	64	61	31	-3	96,531	6.3
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	16	13	15	-1	2	24,312	6.2
Cavan / Monaghan	14	22	21	7	-1	37,336	5.6
Galway / Roscommon	27	46	44	17	-2	81,799	5.4
Mayo	24	16	17	-7	1	31,911	5.3
Waterford / Wexford	56	39	34	-22	-5	69,239	4.9
Dublin South East / Wicklow	33	20	26	-7	6	91,047	2.9
Total	889	1,026	1,024	135	-2	1,218,567	8.4

Population – source CSO Census 2022

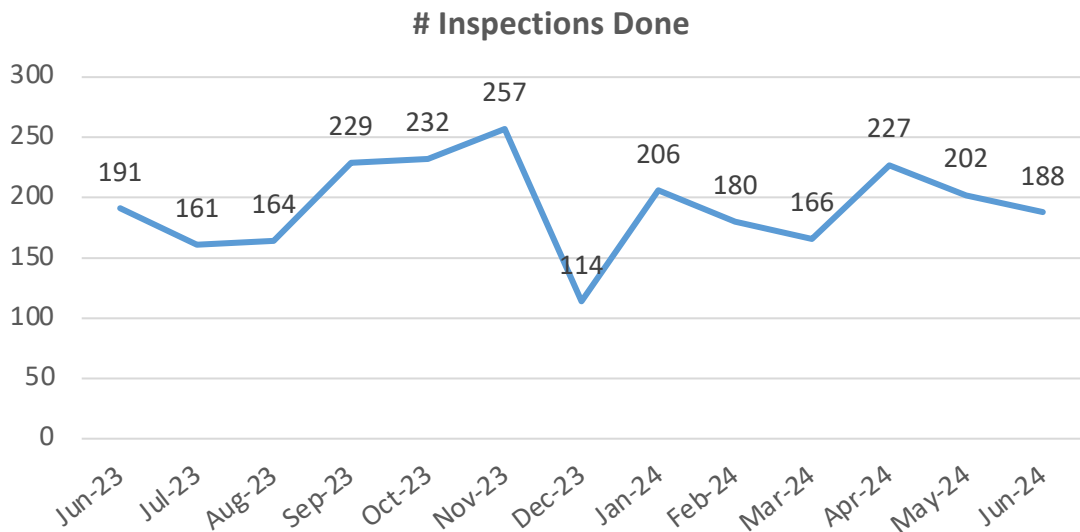
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EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,026 early years services on the register at the end of June 2024**, 25 (<1%) fewer than May 2024 (4,051) and 23 (<1%) fewer than June 2024 (4,049).

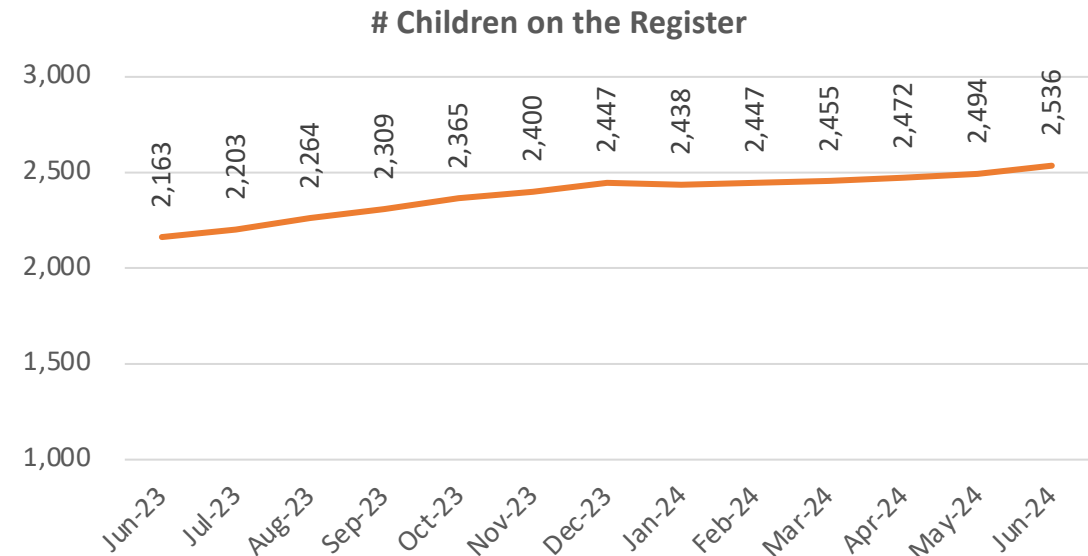


- **188 inspections** of early years services done in June 2024. This brings to 1,169 the number of inspections for the first six months of 2024, 65 (5%) fewer than the same period in 2023 (1,234).

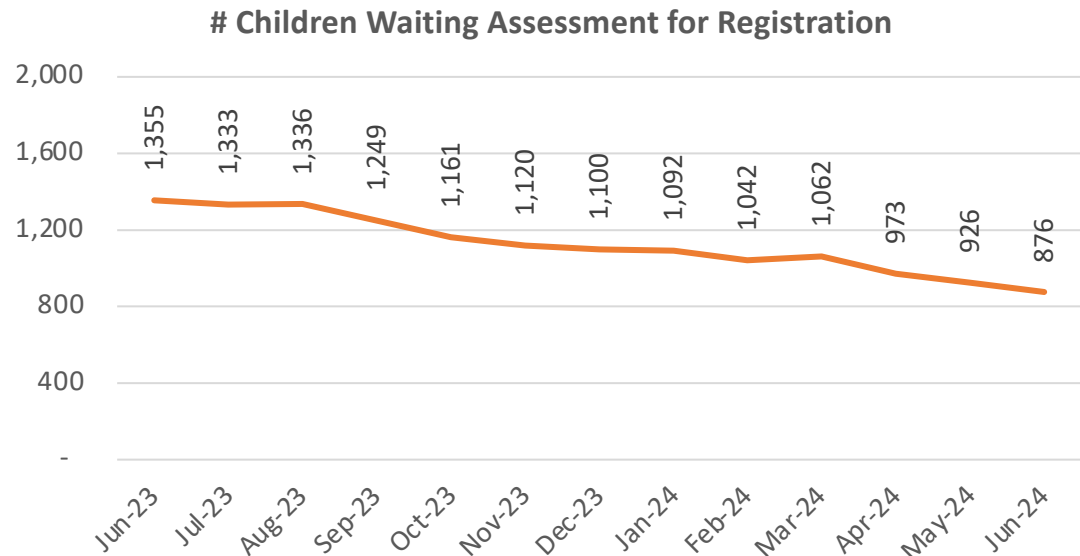


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **2,536 children on the register for home education at the end of June 2024**, 42 (2%) more than May 2024 (2,494) and 373 (17%) more than June 2023 (2,163).



- **876 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of June 2024**, 50 (5%) fewer than May 2024 (926) and 479 (35%) fewer than June 2023 (1,355).



Tusla Education Support Services

- **300 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in June 2024. This brings to 7,747 the number of referrals for the first 10 months of the academic year 2023-2024, 1,024 (15%) more than the same period in 2022-2023 (6,723).

- **4,165 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of June 2024, 357 (9%) fewer than May 2024 (3,808).
- 132 (3%) more referrals on a waiting list at the end of June 2024 (4,165) compared to June 2023 (4,033).

- **167 new individual children worked** with in June 2024. This brings to 3,579 the number of new individual children worked with for the first 10 months of the academic year 2023-2024, 536 (18%) more than the same period in 2022-2023 (3,043).

