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Headline Data – June 2025

Child Protection & Welfare

- **8,381 referrals** in June 2025, 1,167 (12%) fewer than May 2025 (9,548) and 1,487 (22%) more than June 2024 (6,894). This brings to 52,365 the number of referrals for the first six months of 2025, 4,281 (9%) more than the same period in 2024 (48,084).
- **23,455 cases open to social work** at the end of June 2025, 160 (1%) more than May 2025 (23,295) and 2,047 (10%) more than June 2024 (21,408). *Open cases include child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*
- **79% (18,468) of cases** open to social work at the end of June 2025 had an **allocated case worker**. Of these, 81% (14,878) were allocated to a social worker and 19% (3,590) were allocated to a another professional. (Ref to note on Page 4).
- **4,987 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2025, 353 (8%) more than May 2025 (4,634) and 88 (2%) more than June 2024 (4,899). *Data needs to be interpreted in the context of the change to the reporting of allocated cases.*
- Four areas account for account for 63% (3,139) of all cases awaiting allocation: Cork (990), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (942), Dublin South Central (686) and Midlands (521).
- **4% (189) of cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2025 were categorised as **high priority**, 43 (19%) fewer than May 2025 (232) and the fewest number for all months January – June 2025.

Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP)

- **46 referrals assigned** to CASP Teams in June 2025. This brings to 260 the number of referrals assigned for the first six months of 2025, 36 (12%) fewer than the same period in 2024 (296).
- **95% (437 / 460) of assessments open at the end of June 2025** were allocated to a social worker, down one percentage point from May 2025 (96%) and up 26 percentage points from June 2024 (69%). Remaining 5% (23) were awaiting allocation with four more assessments awaiting allocation at the end of June 2025 than at the end of May 2025 (19).
- 184 (89%) fewer assessments awaiting allocation at the end of June 2025 than at the end of June 2024 (207).

Children in Care

- **5,807 children (0-17 years) in care at the end of June 2025, 46** more than May 2025 (5,761) and three more than June 2024 (5,804). *Figure includes 108 children under the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SCSIP).*
- 86.8% (5,043) of all children in care (17 Areas and SCSIP) are in foster care (3,563 general foster care, and 1,480 relative foster), 9.6% (556) are in residential care (542 general residential care and 14 special care) and 3.6% (208) are in “other” care placements.
- Across Tusla’s 17 areas **88.1% (5,023/5,699) of children in care are in foster care.**

Children in Care (contd.)

- **1,077 (19%) children in care at the end of June 2025 were in placements with private providers**, 38 (4%) more than May 2025 (1,039) and 131 (14%) more than June 2024 (946).
- **98% (5,667) of children in care at the end of June 2025 had an allocated case worker.** Of the 5,667 children allocated, 88% (5,004) were allocated to a social worker and 12% (663) were allocated to another professional.

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- **1,016 children listed as ‘active’** on the Child Protection Notification System (CPNS) at the end of June 2025, 17 (2%) fewer than May 2025 (1,033), third consecutive decrease.
- There were 8 (<1%) fewer children ‘active’ at the end of June 2025 than at the end June 2024 (1,024).
- It should be noted that a small number of large sibling groups can have a significant effect on numbers reported.
- 98% (1,000) of children ‘active’ had an allocated social worker, 16 children were awaiting allocation to a social worker across two areas of which five were subsequently allocated.

Children’s Services Regulation

- **3,941 early years services (pre-schools) on the register at the end of June 2025**, 22 fewer than May 2025 (3,963) and 85 (2%) fewer than June 2024 (4,026).
- **245 inspections** of early years services (pre-schools) in June 2025. This brings to 1,297 the number of inspections for the first six months of 2025, 128 (11%) more than the same period in 2024 (1,169).
- **2,502 children on the register** for home education at the end of June 2025, 63 (3%) more than May 2025 (2,439) and 177 (8%) more than Dec 2024 (2,325). Increasing trend continues.
- **312 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of June 2025**, 43 (12%) fewer than May 2025 (355) and 564 (64%) fewer than June 2024 (876). Decreasing trend continues.

Tusla Education Support Services

- **400 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in June 2025. This brings to 9,059 the number of referrals for the first 10 months of the academic year 2024 – 2025, some 1,312 (17%) more than the same period in the previous academic year (7,747).
- **4,362 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of June 2025, 522 (11%) fewer than May 2025 (4,884).
- 197 (5%) more referrals on a waiting list at the end of June 2025 than at the end of June 2024 (4,165).

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Referrals¹

- **8,381 referrals** in June 2025, 1,167 (12%) fewer than May 2025 (9,548) and 1,487 (22%) more than June 2024 (6,894).
- This brings to 52,365 the number of referrals for the first six months of 2025, 4,281 (9%) more than the same period in 2024 (48,084).

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

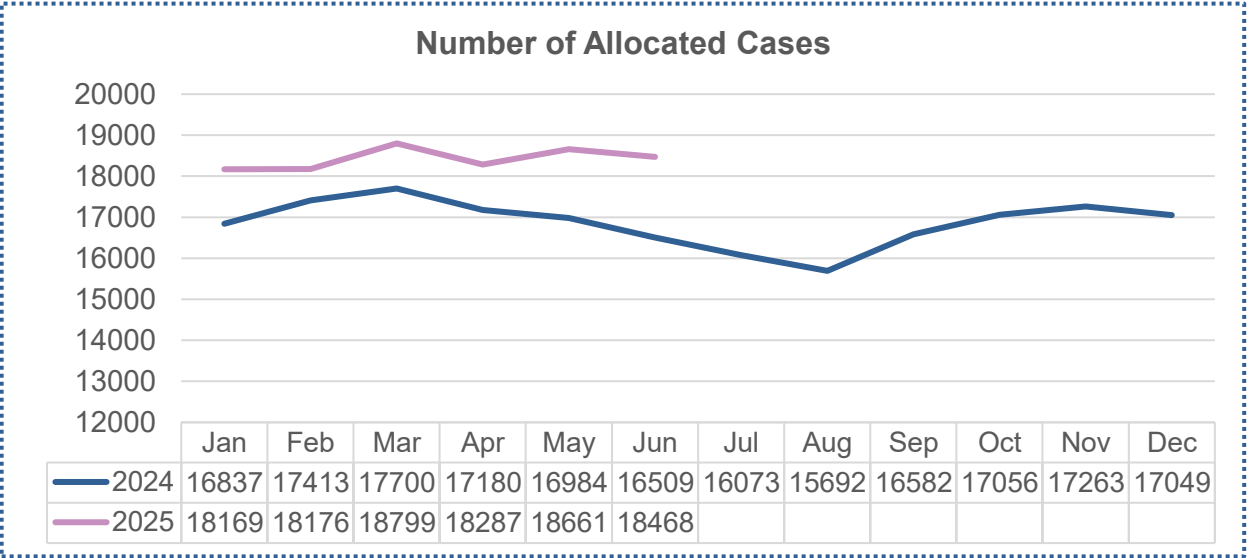
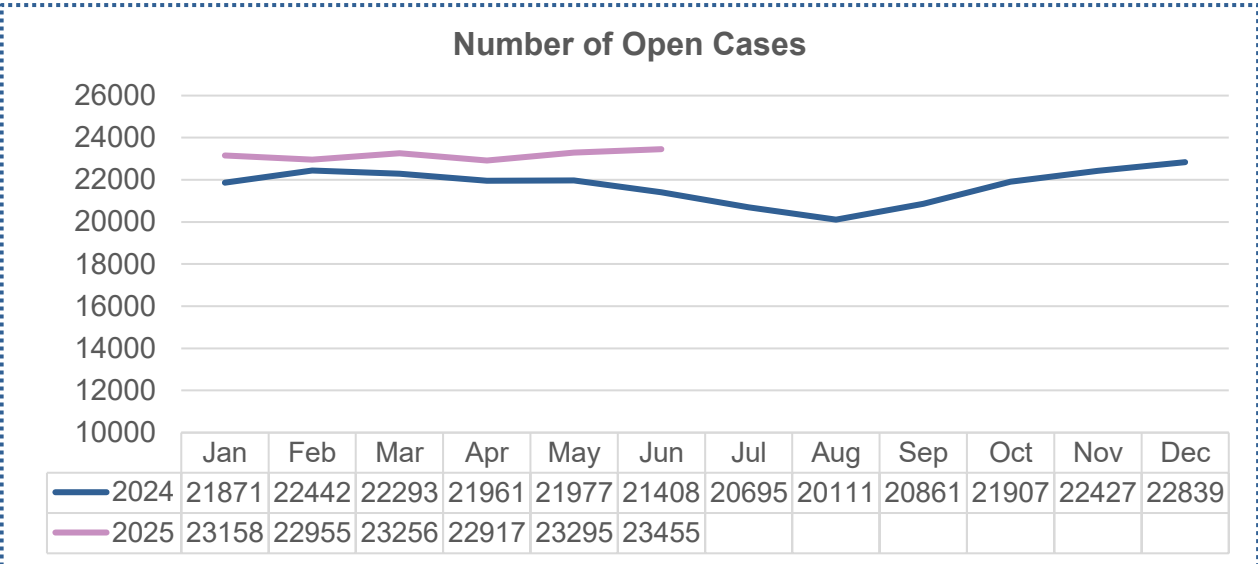
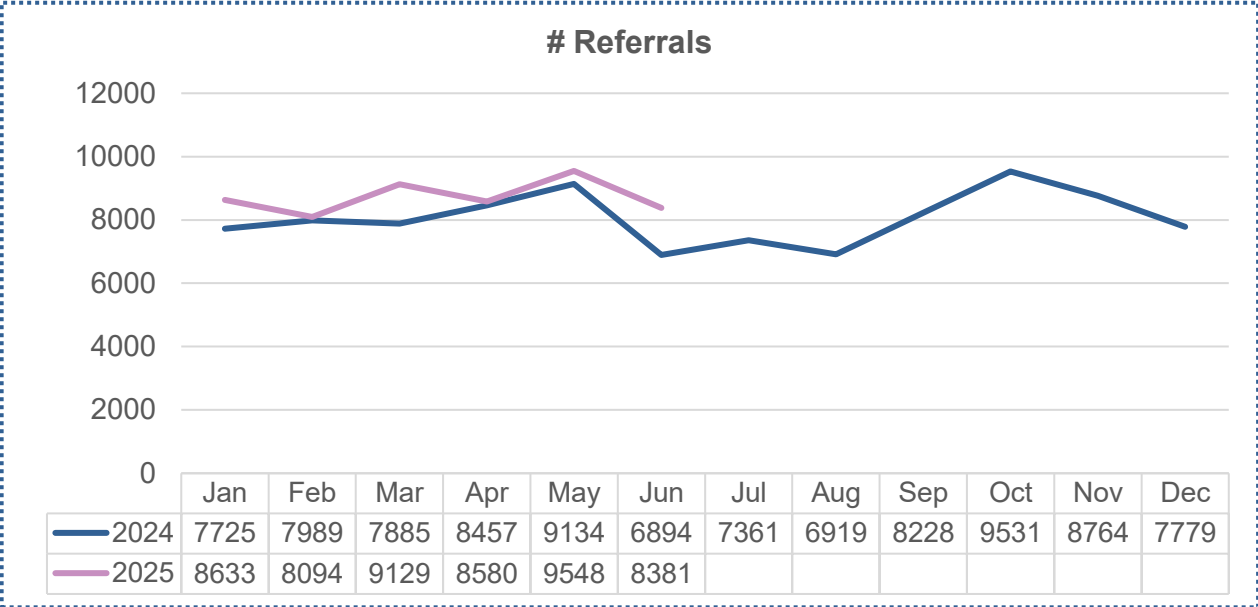
- **23,455 cases open to social work** at the end of June 2025, 160 (1%) more than May 2025 (23,295) and 2,047 (10%) more than June 2024 (21,408).
- 1) *Open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*
 - 2) *The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the TCM at month end.*

Allocated Cases

- **18,468 open cases were allocated** to a case worker at the end of June 2025, 193 (1%) fewer than May 2025 (18,661) and 1,959 (12%) more than June 2024 (16,509).
- Allocated cases account for 79% of open cases, down one percentage point from May 2025 (80%).

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 (18,468) at the end of June 2025, 81% (14,878) were allocated to a social worker and 19% (3,590) were allocated to a another professional.

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

Area	Allocated Social Worker	Allocated Other Professional	Total
Dublin South East/Wicklow	668	152	820
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	883	422	1,305
Dublin South Central	864	369	1,233
Midlands	1,175	243	1,418
Dublin North City	1,174	336	1,510
Dublin North	1,562	218	1,780
Louth/Meath	1,001	356	1,357
Cavan/Monaghan	562	165	727
Kerry	333	107	440
Cork	1,891	190	2,081
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	424	295	719
Waterford/Wexford	902	246	1148
Donegal	525	98	623
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	351	19	370
Mayo	353	26	379
Galway/Roscommon	1,186	70	1,256
Midwest	1,024	278	1,302
Total	14,878	3,590	18,468

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

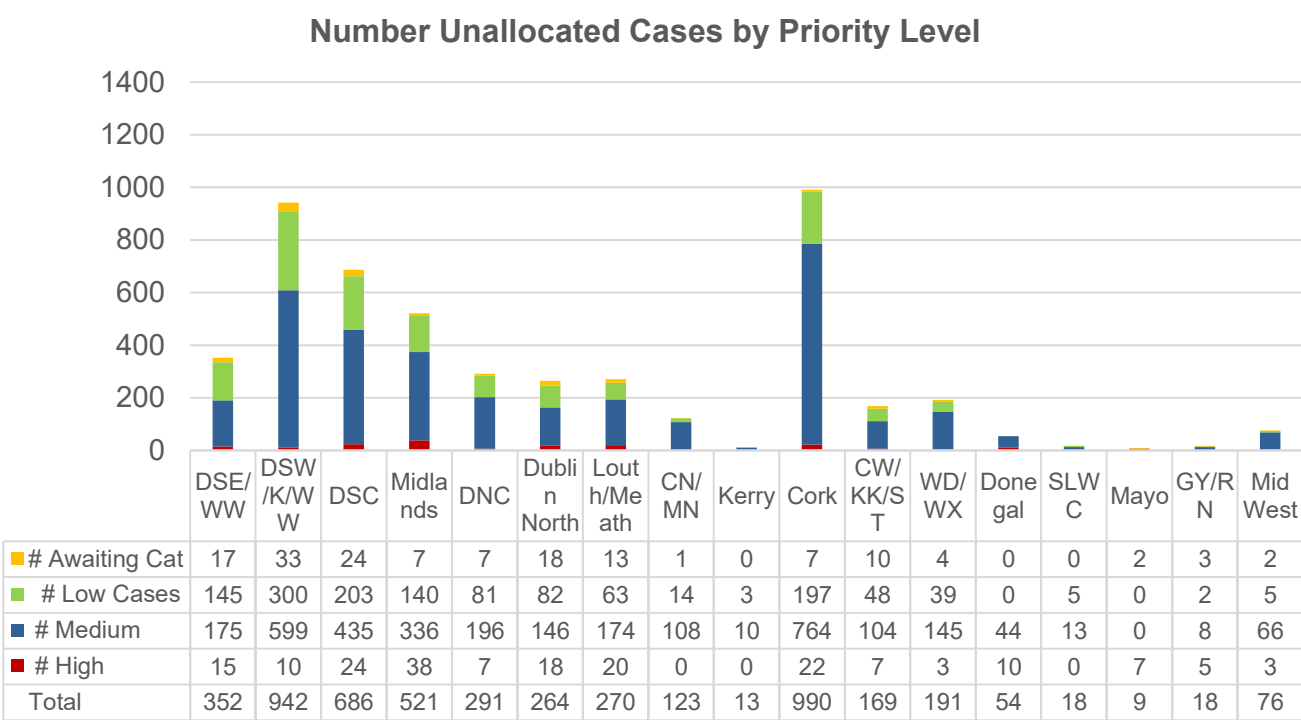
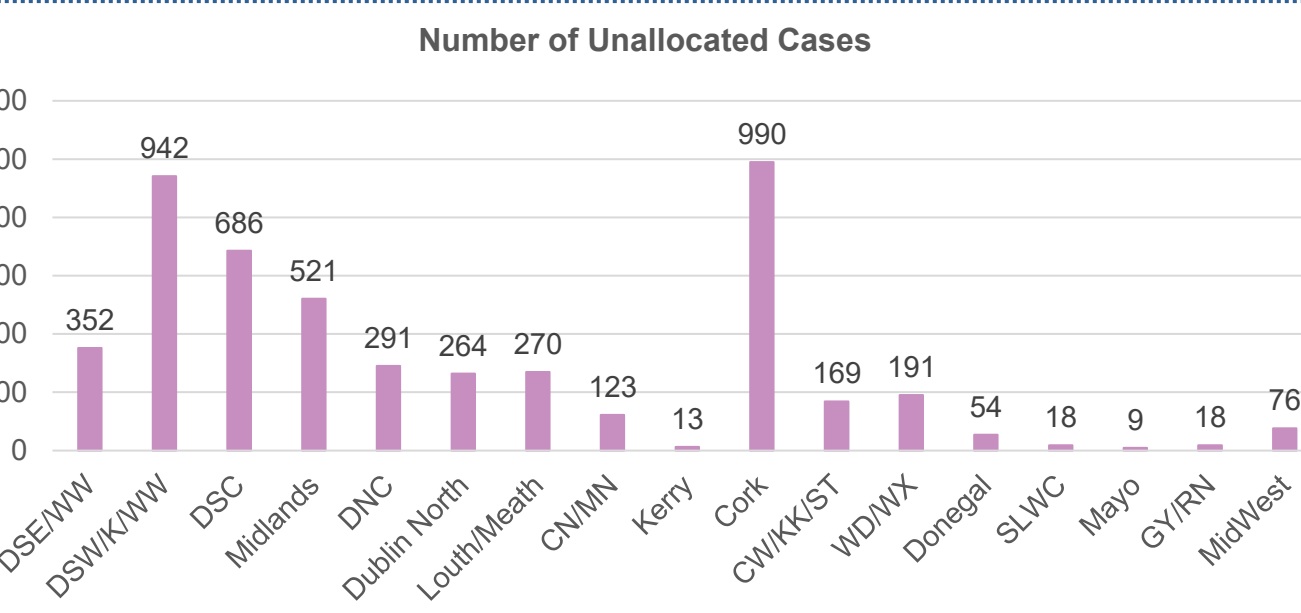
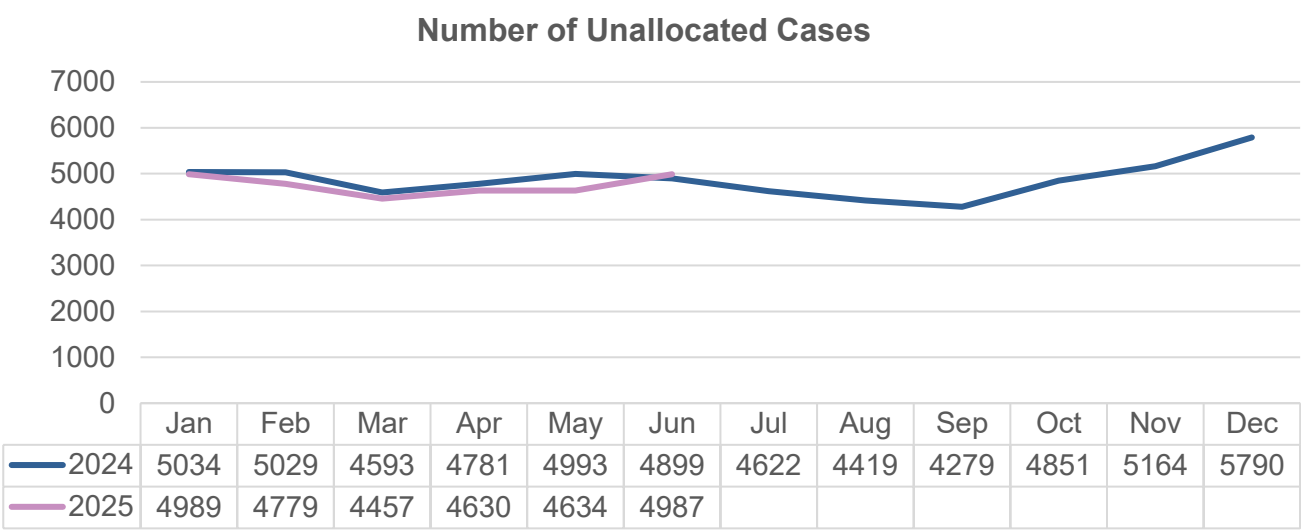
Area	% Allocated Social Worker	% Allocated Other Professional	Total
Dublin South East/Wicklow	81%	19%	100%
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	68%	32%	100%
Dublin South Central	70%	30%	100%
Midlands	83%	17%	100%
Dublin North City	78%	22%	100%
Dublin North	88%	12%	100%
Louth/Meath	74%	26%	100%
Cavan/Monaghan	77%	23%	100%
Kerry	76%	24%	100%
Cork	91%	9%	100%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	59%	41%	100%
Waterford/Wexford	79%	21%	100%
Donegal	84%	16%	100%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	95%	5%	100%
Mayo	93%	7%	100%
Galway/Roscommon	94%	6%	100%
Midwest	79%	21%	100%
Total	81%	19%	100%

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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

- **4,987 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2025, 353 (8%) more than May 2025 (4,634) and 88 (2%) more than June 2024 (4,899). *Data needs to be interpreted in the context of the change to the reporting of allocated cases introduced in January 2025.*
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 21% of open cases (23,455), up one percentage point from May 2025.
- **49% (2,435) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 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 (990) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (942), Dublin South Central (686) and Midlands (521). These four areas account for 63% (3,139) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- **189 cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2025 were categorised as high priority**, 43 (19%) fewer than May 2025 (232) and the fewest number for all months January – June 2025.
- High priority cases account for 4% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 67% (3,323) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority, 27% (1,327) were low priority while the remaining 3% (148) were awaiting categorisation.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Midlands (38), Dublin South Central (24), Cork (22), Louth/Meath (20) and Dublin North (18). These five areas account for 65% (122) of all high priority cases awaiting.



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 11 of the 17 areas reported an increase in cases awaiting allocation from May 2025.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 97), Midlands (up 90), and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (up 66).
- 6 of the 17 areas reported a decrease in cases awaiting allocation from May 2025.
- Largest decreases reported by Cavan/Monaghan (down 28), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (down 22) and Louth/Meath (down 14).

- Nationally 21% of open cases were awaiting allocation at the end of June 2025. Five areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 21%. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (42%), Dublin South Central (36%), Cork (32%), Dublin South East/Wicklow (30%) and Midlands (27%).
- 7 of the 17 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2025 than at the end of June 2024. Largest increases reported by Cork (up 508), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 480), Midlands (up 259) and Dublin North City (up 117). *Data needs to be interpreted in the context of the change to the reporting of allocated cases introduced in January 2025.*
- 10 of the 17 areas had fewer cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2025 than at the end of June 2024. Largest decreases reported by Dublin South Central (down 508), Midwest (down 261), Louth/Meath (down 180) and Donegal (down 159).

Area	Jun-24 # Unallocated	Jun-24 % Unallocated	Apr-25 # Unallocated	May-25 # Unallocated	Jun-25 # Unallocated	Jun-25 % Unallocated	Apr-Jun	Jun-25 v Jun-24	% Δ	Jun-25 v May-25	% Δ1
DSE/WW	340	33%	235	255	352	30%		12	4%	97	38%
DSW/K/WW	462	31%	825	910	942	42%		480	104%	32	4%
DSC	1,194	50%	610	652	686	36%		-508	-43%	34	5%
Midlands	262	15%	645	431	521	27%		259	99%	90	21%
DNC	229	14%	237	277	291	16%		62	27%	14	5%
Dublin North	147	8%	196	221	264	13%		117	80%	43	19%
Louth/Meath	450	28%	428	284	270	17%		-180	-40%	-14	-5%
CN/MN	140	18%	152	151	123	14%		-17	-12%	-28	-19%
Kerry	31	8%	10	1	13	3%		-18	-58%	12	1200%
Cork	482	20%	798	991	990	32%		508	105%	-1	0%
CW/KK/ST	227	32%	105	103	169	19%		-58	-26%	66	64%
WD/WX	271	21%	196	158	191	14%		-80	-30%	33	21%
Donegal	213	25%	85	65	54	8%		-159	-75%	-11	-17%
SLWC	11	4%	14	40	18	5%		7	64%	-22	-55%
Mayo	19	5%	2	2	9	2%		-10	-53%	7	350%
GY/RN	84	6%	4	16	18	1%		-66	-79%	2	13%
MidWest	337	25%	88	77	76	6%		-261	-77%	-1	-1%
TOTAL	4899	23%	4630	4634	4987	21%		88	2%	353	8%

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-25	Jun-25	Δ	May-25	Jun-25	Δ2	May-25	Jun-25	Δ3	May-25	Jun-25	Δ4
DSE/WW	417	374	-43	1,076	1,172	96	821	820	-1	255	352	97
DSW/K/WW	983	775	-208	2,313	2,247	-66	1,403	1,305	-98	910	942	32
DSC	629	588	-41	1,824	1,919	95	1,172	1,233	61	652	686	34
Midlands	982	810	-172	1,877	1,939	62	1,446	1,418	-28	431	521	90
DNC	596	463	-133	2,037	1,801	-236	1,760	1,510	-250	277	291	14
Dublin North	868	929	61	1,947	2,044	97	1,726	1,780	54	221	264	43
Louth/Meath	664	601	-63	1,711	1,627	-84	1,427	1,357	-70	284	270	-14
CN/MN	346	222	-124	847	850	3	696	727	31	151	123	-28
Kerry	246	245	-1	413	453	40	412	440	28	1	13	12
Cork	927	727	-200	3,016	3,071	55	2,025	2,081	56	991	990	-1
CW/KK/ST	463	525	62	801	888	87	698	719	21	103	169	66
WD/WX	685	584	-101	1,311	1,339	28	1,153	1,148	-5	158	191	33
Donegal	232	228	-4	732	677	-55	667	623	-44	65	54	-11
SLWC	160	121	-39	378	388	10	338	370	32	40	18	-22
Mayo	114	141	27	363	388	25	361	379	18	2	9	7
GY/RN	496	398	-98	1,243	1,274	31	1,227	1,256	29	16	18	2
MidWest	740	650	-90	1,406	1,378	-28	1,329	1,302	-27	77	76	-1
Total	9,548	8,381	-1167	23,295	23,455	160	18,661	18,468	-193	4,634	4,987	353

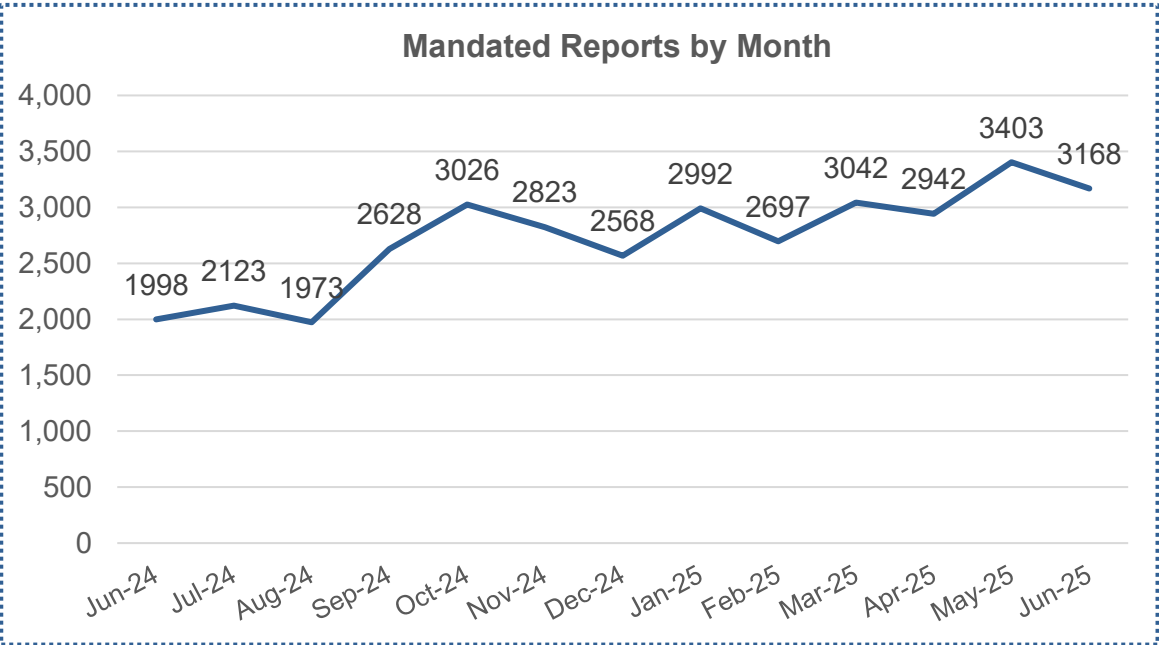
High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority			Awaiting Categorisation		
Area	May-25	Jun-25	Δ	May-25	Jun-25	Δ 2	May-25	Jun-25	Δ 3	May-25	Jun-25	Δ 4
DSE/WW	11	15	4	129	175	46	100	145	45	15	17	2
DSW/K/WW	13	10	-3	599	599	0	277	300	23	21	33	12
DSC	46	24	-22	405	435	30	172	203	31	29	24	-5
Midlands	36	38	2	326	336	10	66	140	74	3	7	4
DNC	12	7	-5	185	196	11	62	81	19	18	7	-11
Dublin North	12	18	6	107	146	39	87	82	-5	15	18	3
Louth/Meath	26	20	-6	203	174	-29	51	63	12	4	13	9
CN/MN	1	0	-1	115	108	-7	22	14	-8	13	1	-12
Kerry	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	3	3	1	0	-1
Cork	43	22	-21	762	764	2	179	197	18	7	7	0
CW/KK/ST	4	7	3	74	104	30	22	48	26	3	10	7
WD/WX	0	3	3	125	145	20	29	39	10	4	4	0
Donegal	24	10	-14	35	44	9	4	0	-4	2	0	-2
SLWC	0	0	0	35	13	-22	3	5	2	2	0	-2
Mayo	0	7	7	1	0	-1	0	0	0	1	2	1
GY/RN	4	5	1	1	8	7	5	2	-3	6	3	-3
MidWest	0	3	3	55	66	11	12	5	-7	10	2	-8
TOTAL	232	189	-43	3,157	3,323	166	1,091	1,327	236	154	148	-6

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **3,168 mandated reports of abuse** received in June 2025. This brings to 18,244 the number of reports for the first six months of 2025, 2,745 (18%) more than the same period in 2024 (15,499).

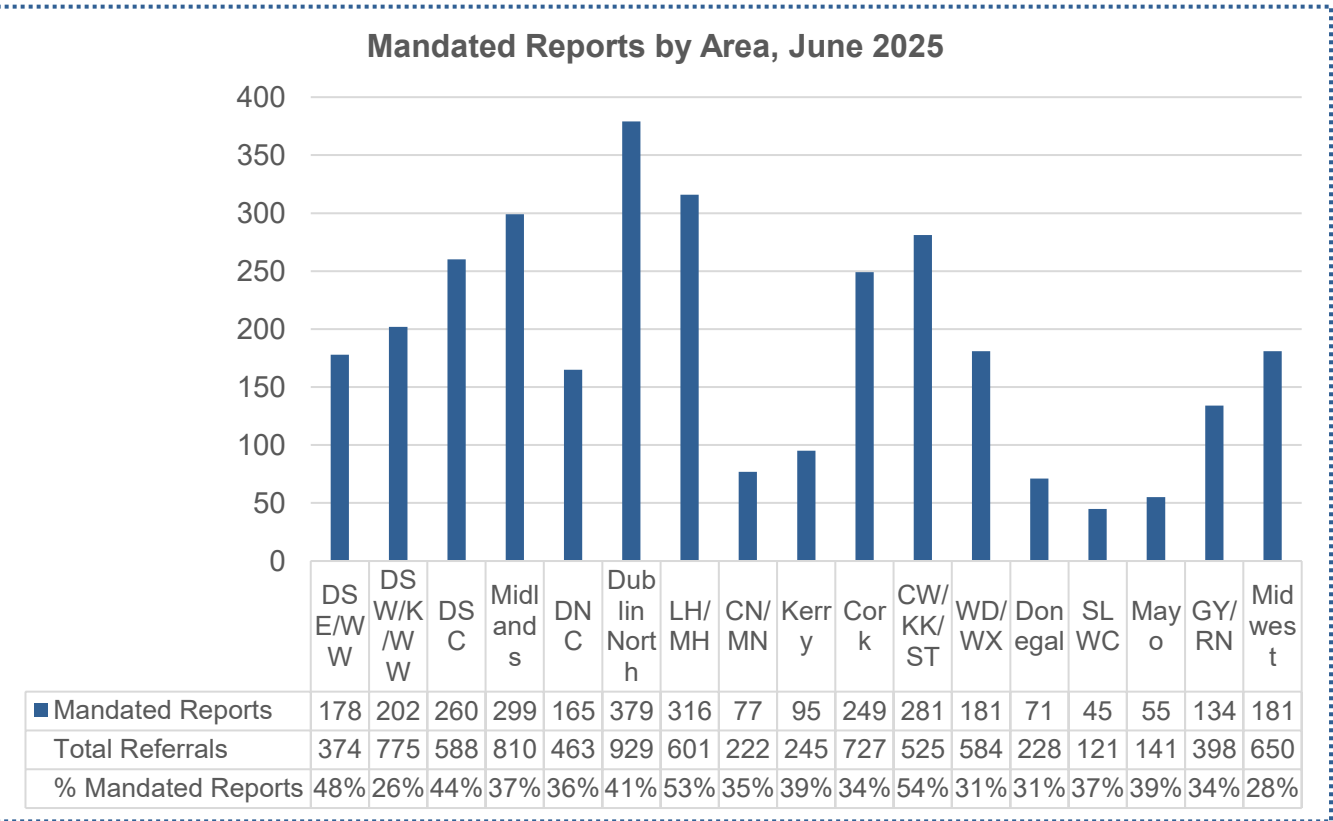
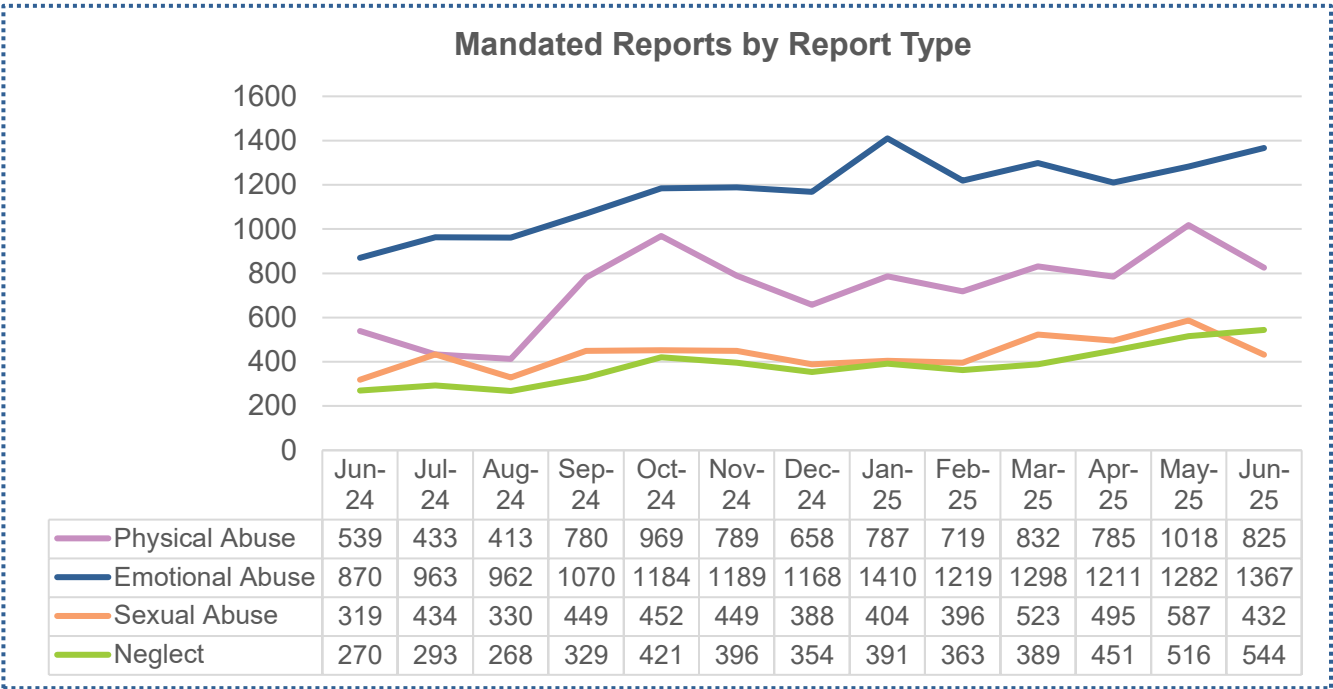
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- Mandated reports accounted for 38% (3,168) of all referrals received (8,381) in June 2025.



- The number of mandated reports for June 2025, by area ranged from 45 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 379 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (54%) was reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary
- The lowest percentage (26%) was reported by Dublin south West/Kildare/West Wicklow.

- Highest number of reports for June 2025 were for emotional abuse (1,367; 43%) followed by physical abuse (825; 26%), neglect (544; 17%) and sexual abuse (432; 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 June 2025 from An Garda Síochána (1,208; 38.1%) followed by safeguarding officer (468; 14.8%), social workers (343; 10.8%), teachers (335; 10.6%), and social care workers (189; 6.0%). These five sources account for 80% (2,543) of reports for June 2025.
- Highest number of reports for 2025 YTD from An Garda Síochána (6,914; 37.9%) followed by teachers (2,791; 15.3%), safeguarding officer (2,259; 12.4%); social workers (1,774; 9.7%) and social care workers (972; 5.3%). These five sources account for 81% (14,710) of reports for received for the first six months of 2025.

Source (Schedule 2 Children First 2015)	# Jun-25	% Total	# 2025 YTD	% Total
An Garda Síochána Member	1,208	38.13%	6,914	37.90%
Teacher	335	10.57%	2,791	15.30%
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer	468	14.77%	2,259	12.38%
Social worker	343	10.83%	1,774	9.72%
Social care worker	189	5.97%	972	5.33%
Medical practitioner	84	2.65%	544	2.98%
Domestic violence shelter manager	86	2.71%	540	2.96%
Psychologist	86	2.71%	462	2.53%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling	74	2.34%	427	2.34%
Nurse or registered midwife	82	2.59%	393	2.15%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification..	58	1.83%	306	1.68%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facilitymanager	18	0.57%	134	0.73%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	23	0.73%	114	0.62%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service	16	0.51%	87	0.48%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management	11	0.35%	86	0.47%
Probation officer	12	0.38%	66	0.36%
Speech & language therapist	6	0.19%	64	0.35%
Pre-school service	15	0.47%	51	0.28%
Guardian ad litem	10	0.32%	49	0.27%
Physiotherapist	10	0.32%	48	0.26%
Occupational therapist	7	0.22%	43	0.24%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded	10	0.32%	33	0.18%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic	6	0.19%	25	0.14%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	6	0.19%	24	0.13%
Not specified	*	0.13%	21	0.12%
Clergy member	*	0.03%	6	0.03%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside	0	0.00%	5	0.03%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.00%	*	0.03%
Dentist	0	0.00%	*	0.01%
Total	3,168	100.00%	18,244	100.00%

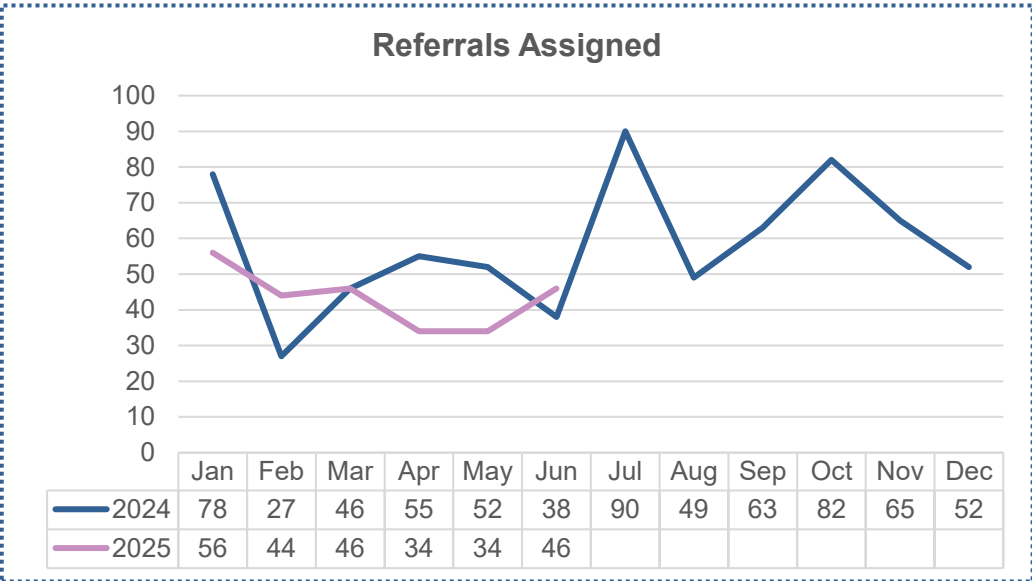
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Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP)

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

- **46 referrals assigned** to CASP Teams in June 2025.
- This brings to 260 the number of referrals assigned for the first six months of 2025, 36 (12%) fewer than the same period in 2024 (296).

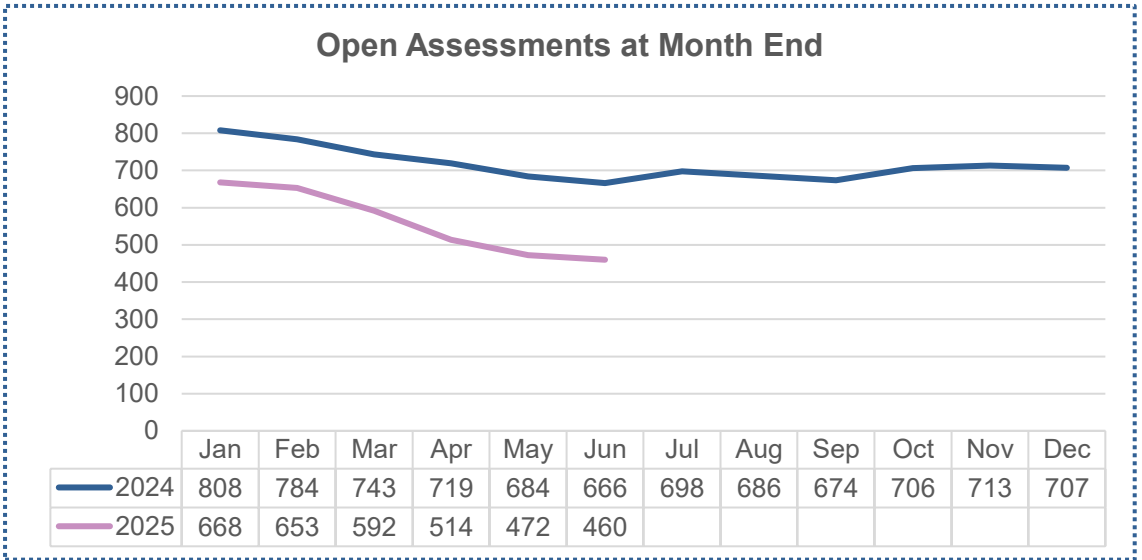
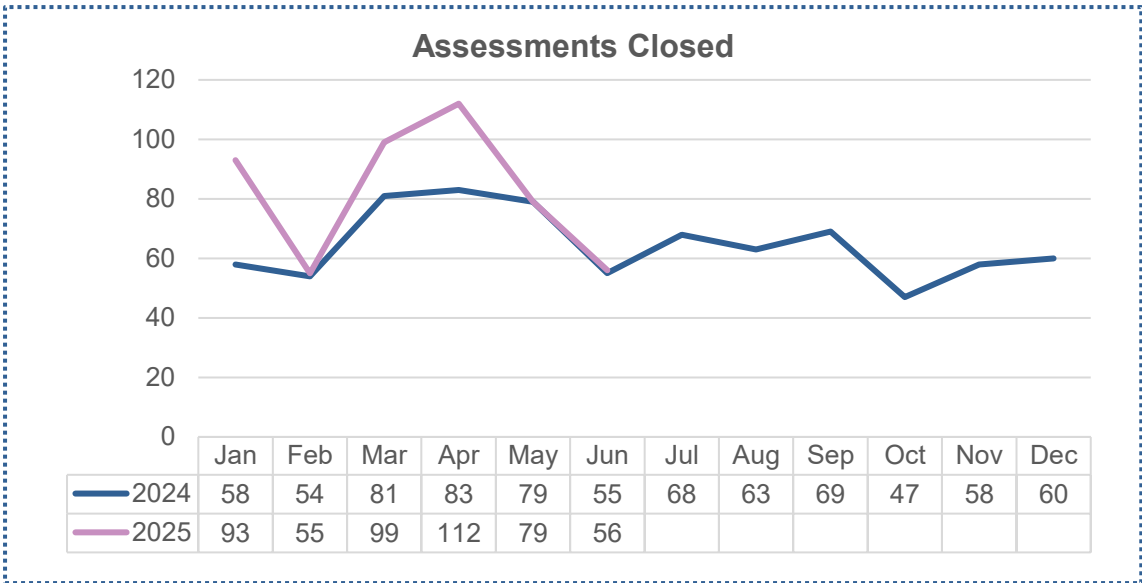


Open Assessments

- **460 assessments open at the end of June 2025**, 12 (3%) fewer than May 2025 (472) and the fewest number for the period January 2024 – June 2025.
- There were 206 (31%) fewer assessments open at the end of June 2025 than at the June 2024 (666).

Assessments Closed

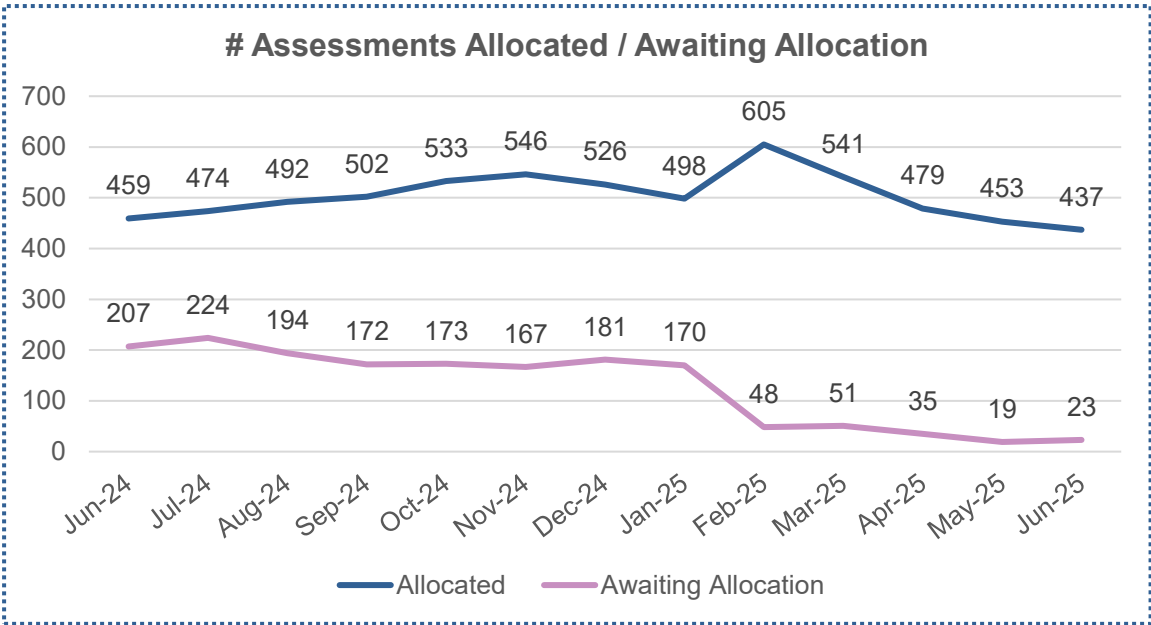
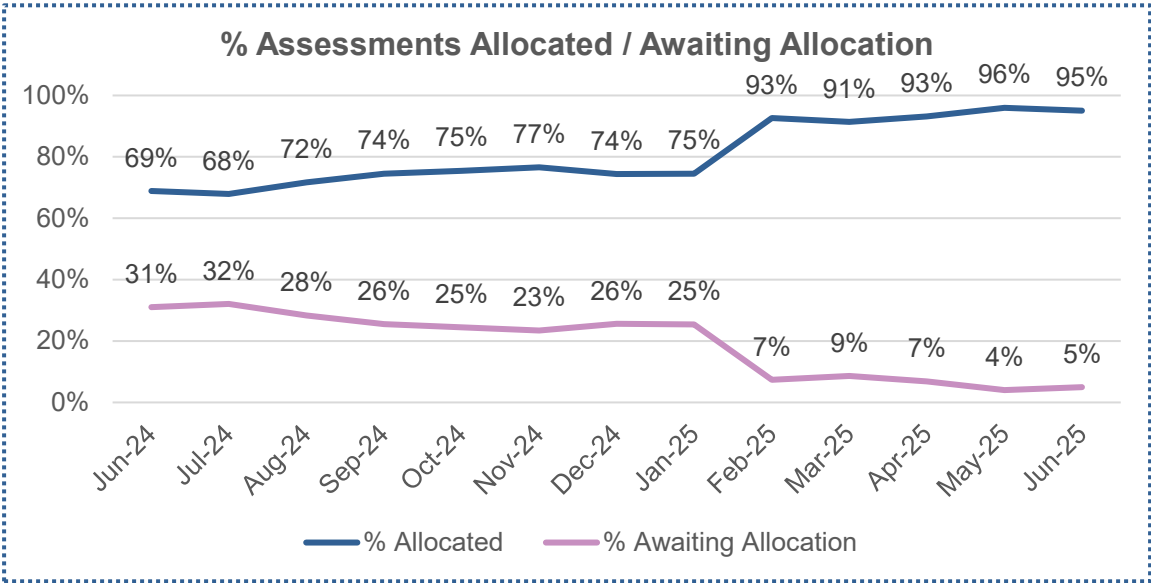
- **56 assessments closed** in June 2025.
- This brings to 494 the number of assessments closed for the first six months of 2025, 84 (20%) more than the same period in 2024 (410).



Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP)

Allocation Status of Open Assessments

- **95% (437 / 460) of assessments open at the end of June 2025** were allocated to a social worker, down one percentage point from May 2025 (96%) and up 26 percentage points from June 2024 (69%).
- The remaining 5% (23) were awaiting allocation with four more assessments awaiting allocation at the end of June 2025 than at the end of May 2025 (19).
- 184 (89%) fewer assessments awaiting allocation at the end of June 2025 than at the end of June 2024 (207).



Children in Care

- **5,807 children (0-17 years) in care at the end of June 2025, 46** more than May 2025 (5,761) and three more than June 2024 (5,804). Figure includes 108 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:**

	June-24	May-25	Jun-25	Jun-25 v Jun-24	Jun-25 v May-25
17 Tusla Areas	5,663	5,677	5,699	+36	+22
SCSIP	141	84	108	-33	+24
Total	5,804	5,761	5,807	+3	+46

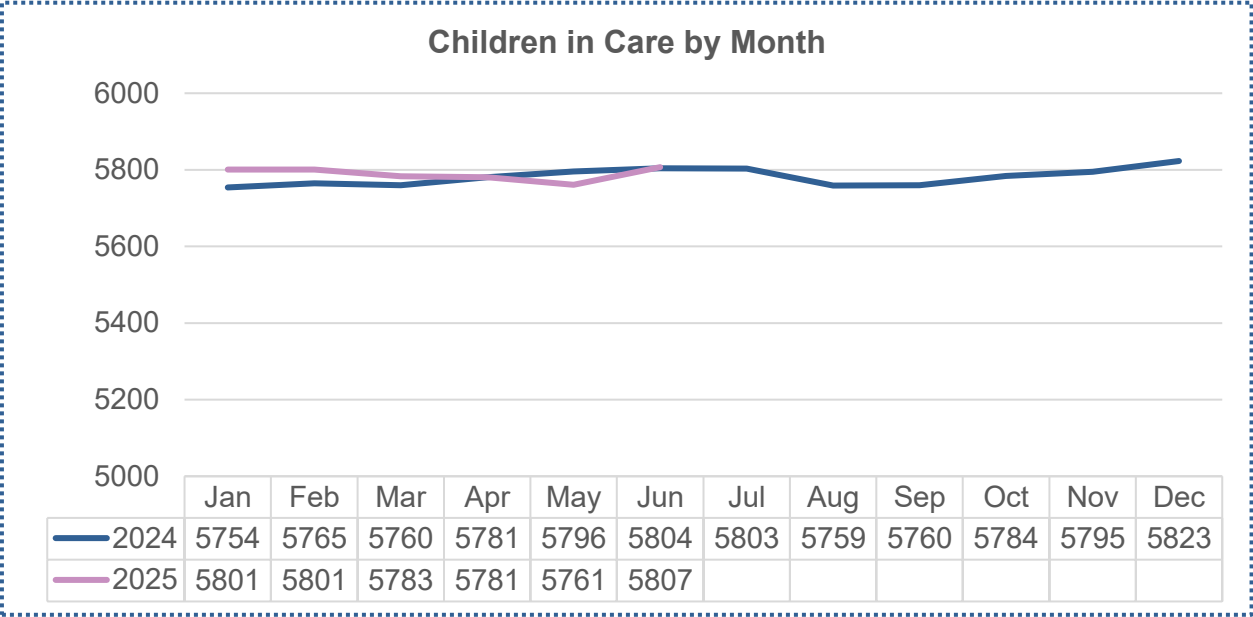
- **Breakdown of children in care by placement type as follows (Jun-25):**

Placement Type	17 areas	SCSIP	Total
Residential Care	475 (8.3%)	81 (75.0%)	556 (9.6%)
Foster Care	5,023 (88.1%)	20 (18.5%)	5,043 (86.8%)
Other*	201 (3.5%)	7 (6.5%)	208 (3.6%)
Total	5,699 (100%)	108 (100%)	5,807 (100%)

- Residential care (556) includes 14 children in special care. Of the children in foster care (5,043), 71% (3,563) were in general foster care and 29% (1,480) were in relative foster care.
- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (656) followed by Midwest (496) and Dublin North City (475).
- Fewest number reported by the Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (108) and Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (117).
- Across the 17 Areas the highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (9.7) followed by Waterford/Wexford (5.9) and Donegal (5.8).
- Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.2) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.8).
- Nine 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 **370 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)

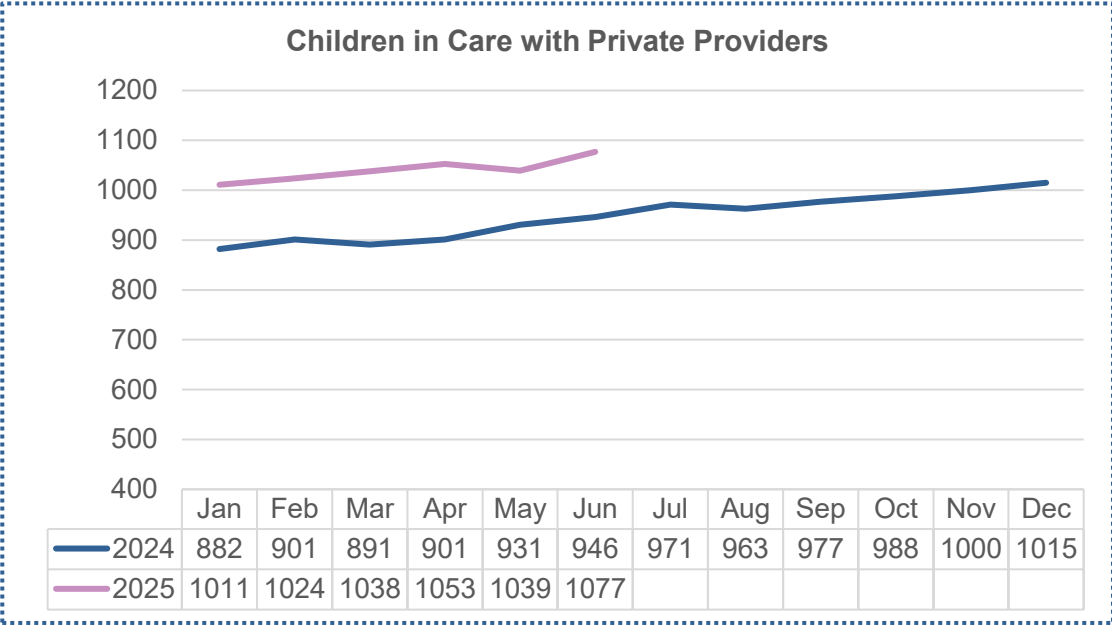
Area	Jun-24	May-25	Jun-25	Jun-25 v Jun-24	Jun-25 v May-25	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin North City	468	471	475	7	4	48,909	9.7
Waterford/Wexford	429	411	411	-18	0	69,239	5.9
Donegal	227	243	245	18	2	42,144	5.8
CW/KK/ST	312	308	321	9	13	62,366	5.1
Midwest	503	495	496	-7	1	96,764	5.1
Kerry	164	172	173	9	1	34,994	4.9
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	114	118	117	3	-1	24,312	4.8
Cork	676	650	656	-20	6	136,786	4.8
Mayo	143	148	149	6	1	31,911	4.7
Dublin South Central	331	330	326	-5	-4	70,259	4.6
Galway/Roscommon	351	358	362	11	4	81,799	4.4
Louth/Meath	423	426	426	3	0	96,531	4.4
Cavan/Monaghan	165	165	163	-2	-2	37,336	4.4
Midlands	335	346	351	16	5	80,962	4.3
Dublin North	416	416	419	3	3	104,281	4.0
DSW/K/WW	397	421	410	13	-11	108,927	3.8
Dublin South East/Wicklow	209	199	199	-10	0	91,047	2.2
Total Areas	5,663	5,677	5,699	36	22	1,218,567	4.7
SCSIP	141	84	108	-33	24		
Total National	5,804	5,761	5,807	3	46		

Population: CSO Census 2022

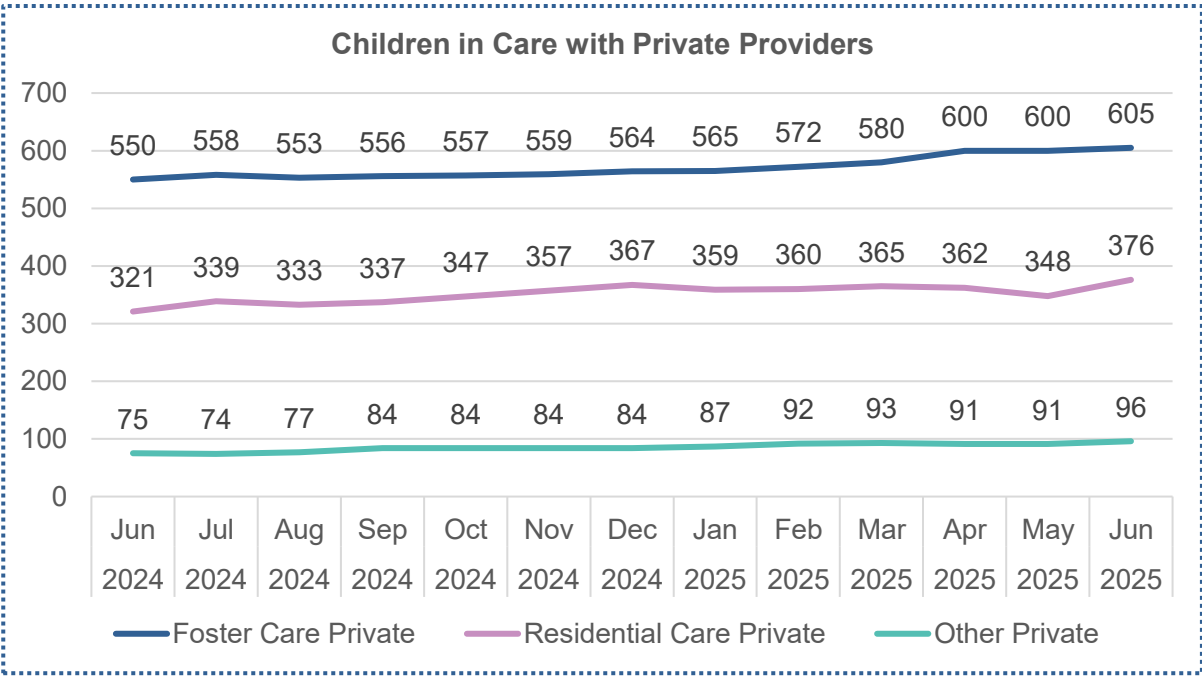
Children in Care

Private Providers

- 1,077 (19%) children in care at the end of June 2025 were in placements with private providers, 38 (4%) more than May 2025 (1,039) and 131 (14%) more than June 2024 (946).



- 605 (56%) children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, 5 (<1%) more than May 2025 (600) and 55 (10%) more than June 2024 (550).
- 376 (35%) children were in **residential care**, 28 (8%) more than May 2025 (348) and 55 (17%) more than June 2024 (321).
- The remaining **96 (9%)** children were in **“Other” care placements**, 5 (5%) more than May 2025 (91) and 21 (28%) more 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 (141), Dublin North (126), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (123), Dublin South Central (116) and Midlands (105). These five areas account for 57% (611) of children in placements with private providers.



Children in Care with Private Providers

Children in Care (Private)	Jun-24	May-25	Jun-25	Jun-25 v Jun-24	Jun-25 v May-25
Dublin North City	119	139	141	22	2
Dublin North	102	119	126	24	7
DSW/K/WW	109	126	123	14	-3
Dublin South Central	110	115	116	6	1
Midlands	80	103	105	25	2
SCSIP	71	55	73	2	18
Cork	60	62	65	5	3
Waterford/Wexford	46	51	56	10	5
Louth/Meath	51	51	53	2	2
Dublin South East/Wicklow	51	46	46	-5	0
Midwest	39	44	44	5	0
Kerry	33	34	34	1	0
Donegal	18	26	30	12	4
CW/KK/ST	22	25	25	3	0
Galway/Roscommon	14	17	16	2	-1
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	12	15	15	3	0
Cavan/Monaghan	8	9	7	-1	-2
Mayo	1	2	2	1	0
Total	946	1039	1077	131	38

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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% (5,667) of children in care at the end of June 2025 had an allocated case worker.**
- Of the 5,667 children allocated, 88% (5,004) were allocated to a social worker and 12% (663) were allocated to another professional.
- A total of 140 (2%) children were awaiting allocation, 13 (10%) more than May 2025 (127).
- 5 of the 17 areas report no cases awaiting allocation with a further nine 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 Cork (35), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (28), Dublin South Central (25), Louth/Meath (25),

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

Area	Allocated SW	% Allocated SW	Allocated OP	% Allocated OP	Total Allocated	% Allocated	Awaiting Allocation	% Awaiting Allocation	Total in Care
Dublin North City	435	92%	40	8%	475	100%	0	0%	475
Cavan/Monaghan	159	98%	4	2%	163	100%	0	0%	163
Kerry	169	98%	4	2%	173	100%	0	0%	173
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	160	50%	161	50%	321	100%	0	0%	321
Mayo	139	93%	10	7%	149	100%	0	0%	149
Midlands	338	97%	12	3%	350	100%	1	0%	351
Mid West	351	71%	143	29%	494	100%	2	0%	496
Donegal	221	91%	23	9%	244	100%	1	0%	245
Waterford/Wexford	374	91%	35	9%	409	100%	2	0%	411
Galway/Roscommon	355	99%	4	1%	359	99%	3	1%	362
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	100	87%	15	13%	115	98%	2	2%	117
Dublin North	378	92%	33	8%	411	98%	8	2%	419
Dublin South East/Wicklow	190	97%	5	3%	195	98%	4	2%	199
SCSIP	104	100%	0	0%	104	96%	4	4%	108
Cork	605	97%	16	3%	621	95%	35	5%	656
Louth/Meath	361	90%	40	10%	401	94%	25	6%	426
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	302	79%	80	21%	382	93%	28	7%	410
Dublin South Central	263	87%	38	13%	301	92%	25	8%	326
Total	5,004	88%	663	12%	5,667	98%	140	2%	5,807

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Care Plan

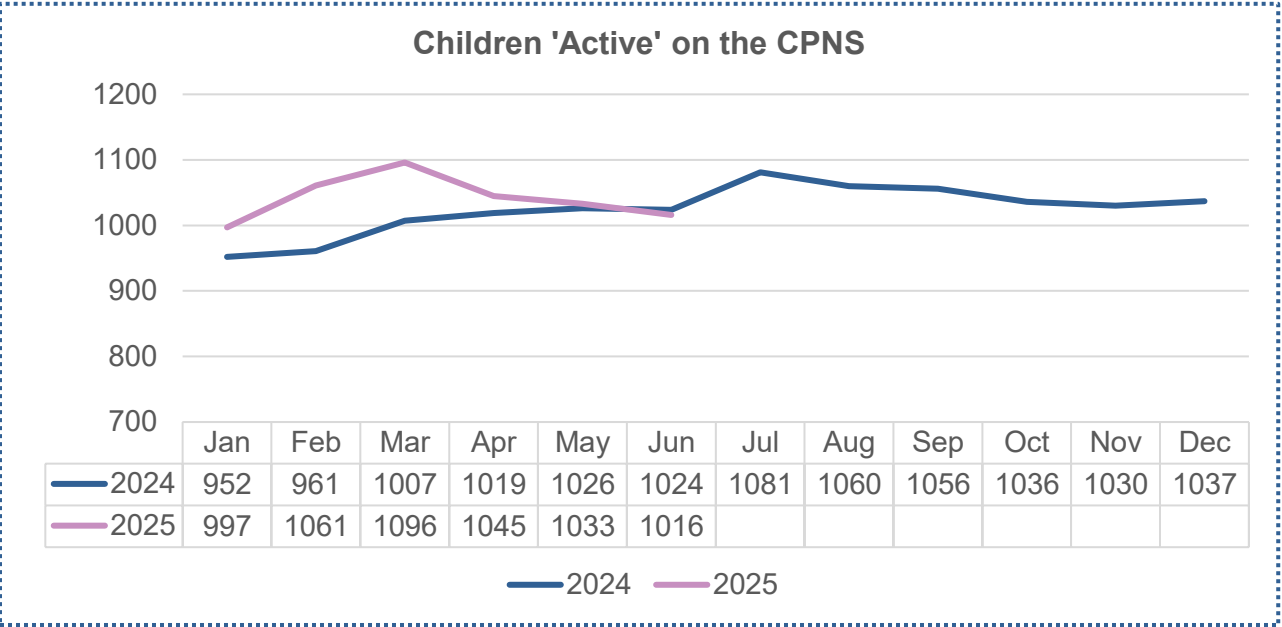
- **83% (4,804) of children in care at the end of June 2025 had an up-to-date care plan**, no change from May 2025.
- A total of 1,003 (17%) children were awaiting an up-to-date care plan, 45 (5%) more than May 2025 (958).
- Highest numbers awaiting an up-to-date care plan reported by Dublin North City (132; 28%); Dublin South Central (121; 37%), Midwest (115; 23%) and Cork (107; 16%)

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

Area	UTD Care Plan	Awaiting UTD Care Plan	Total	% UTD Care Plan
Dublin South East/Wicklow	132	67	199	66%
Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow	362	48	410	88%
Dublin South Central	205	121	326	63%
Midlands	350	1	351	99.7%
Dublin North City	343	132	475	72%
Dublin North	338	81	419	81%
Louth/Meath	323	103	426	76%
Cavan/Monaghan	144	19	163	88%
Kerry	138	35	173	80%
Cork	549	107	656	84%
Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary	306	15	321	95%
Waterford/Wexford	382	29	411	93%
Donegal	235	10	245	96%
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	106	11	117	91%
Mayo	136	13	149	91%
Galway/Roscommon	295	67	362	81%
Midwest	381	115	496	77%
SCSIP	79	29	108	73%
Total	4,804	1,003	5,807	83%

Child Protection Notification System

- **1,016 children listed as ‘active’** on the Child Protection Notification System (CPNS) at the end of June 2025, 17 (2%) fewer than May 2025 (1,033), third consecutive decrease.
- There were 8 (<1%) fewer children ‘active’ at the end of June 2025 than at the end June 2024 (1,024).
- It should be noted that a small number of large sibling groups can have a significant effect on numbers reported.
- 98% (1,000) of children ‘active’ had an allocated social worker, 16 children were awaiting allocation to a social worker across two areas of which five were subsequently allocated.



- Highest numbers of children listed as ‘active’ at the end of June 2025, reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (142), Cork (116), Dublin North City (106) and Midlands (96).

- Fewest numbers reported by Kerry (19) and Cavan/Monaghan (24).

- The number of children ‘active’ equates to 8 children per 10,000 under 18 years.

- Highest rates reported by Dublin North City (21.7), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (13.6) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (13.0).

- Lowest rates reported by Waterford/Wexford (4.0), 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 June 2025 than at the end of May 2025. Largest increases reported by Cork (5) and Midlands (4),

- 8 of the 17 areas reported fewer children ‘active’ with the largest decreases reported by Midwest (9), Dublin North (9), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (7) and Dublin North City (7).

- 9 of the 17 areas had more children active at the end of June 2025 than at the end of June 2024. Largest increases reported by Galway/Roscommon (up 40), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 21) and Midlands (up 20).

- 8 of the 17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Midwest (down 78), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 27) and Louth/Meath (down 20).

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

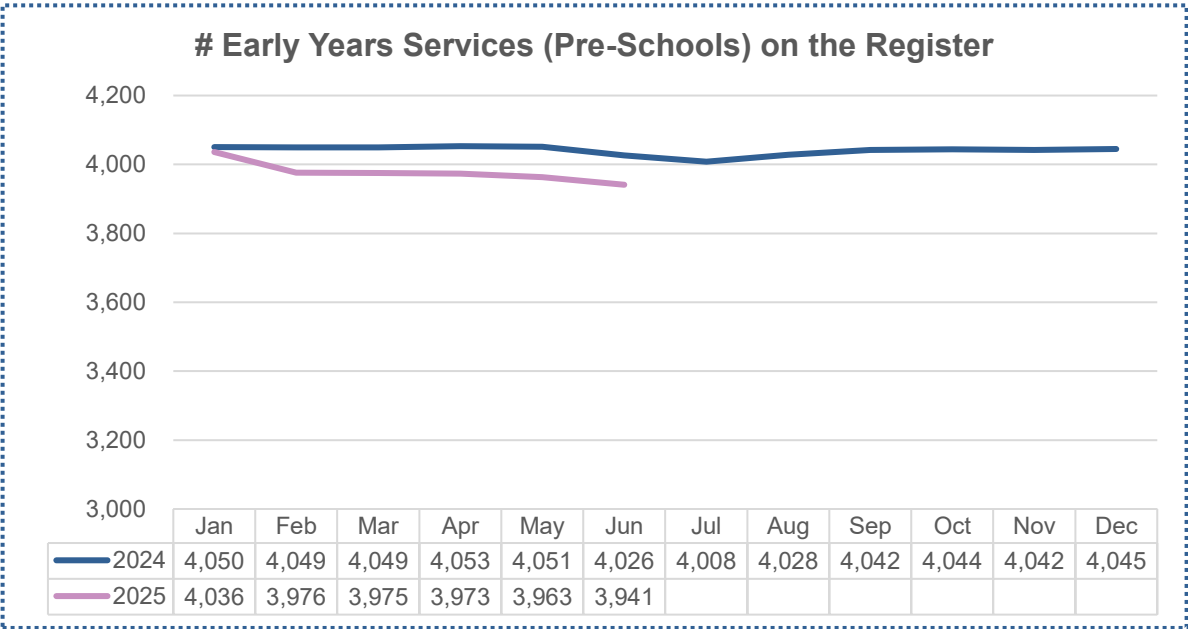
Area	Jun-24	May-25	Jun-25	Jun-25 v Jun-24	Jun-25 v May-25	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	98	113	106	8	-7	48,909	21.7
SLWC	15	34	33	18	-1	24,312	13.6
DSW/K/WW	121	143	142	21	-1	108,927	13.0
Midlands	76	92	96	20	4	80,962	11.9
Galway / Roscommon	44	81	84	40	3	81,799	10.3
Mayo	17	28	29	12	1	31,911	9.1
Dublin South Central	70	60	63	-7	3	70,259	9.0
Cork	103	111	116	13	5	136,786	8.5
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Kerry	25	23	19	-6	-4	34,994	5.4
DSE/WW	26	41	42	16	1	91,047	4.6
Louth / Meath	61	38	41	-20	3	96,531	4.2
Waterford / Wexford	34	30	28	-6	-2	69,239	4.0
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Population 0-17 years – source CSO Census 2022

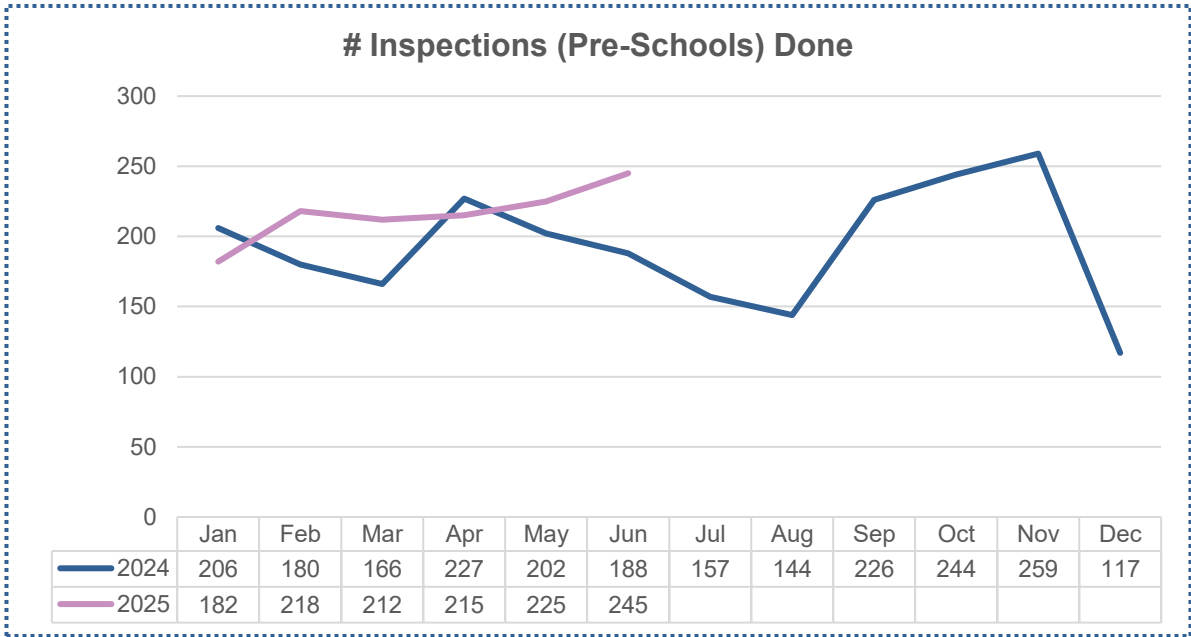
Children’s Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **3,941 early years services (pre-schools) on the register at the end of June 2025**, 22 fewer than May 2025 (3,963) and 85 (2%) fewer than June 2024 (4,026). *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.*

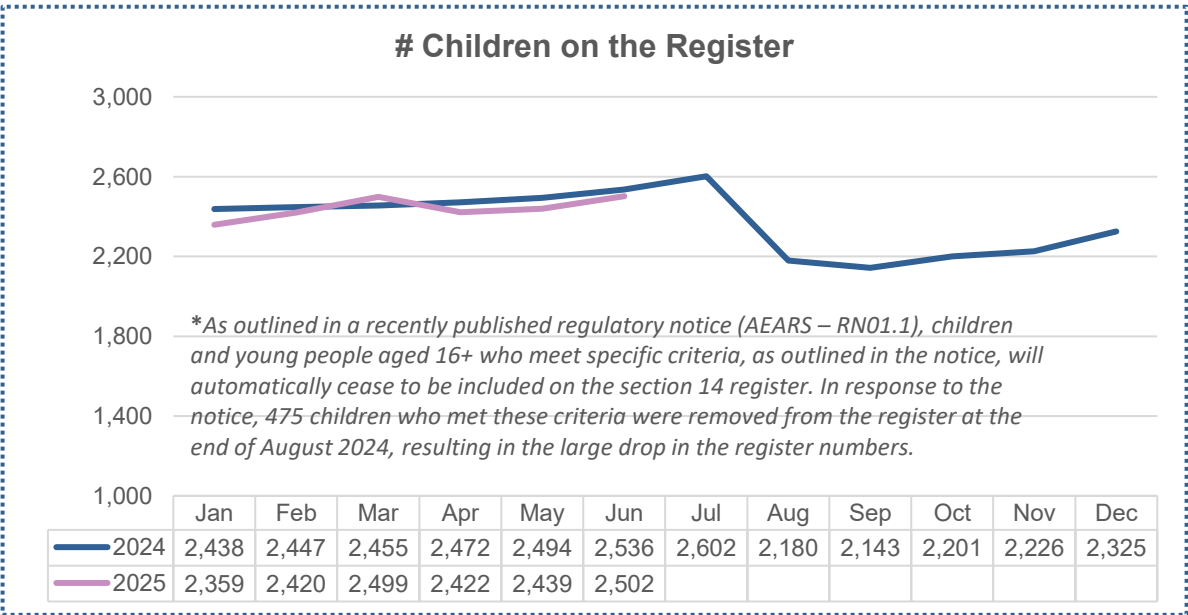


- **245 inspections** of early years services (pre-schools) in June 2025.
- This brings to 1,297 the number of inspections for the first six months of 2025, 128 (11%) more than the same period in 2024 (1,169).

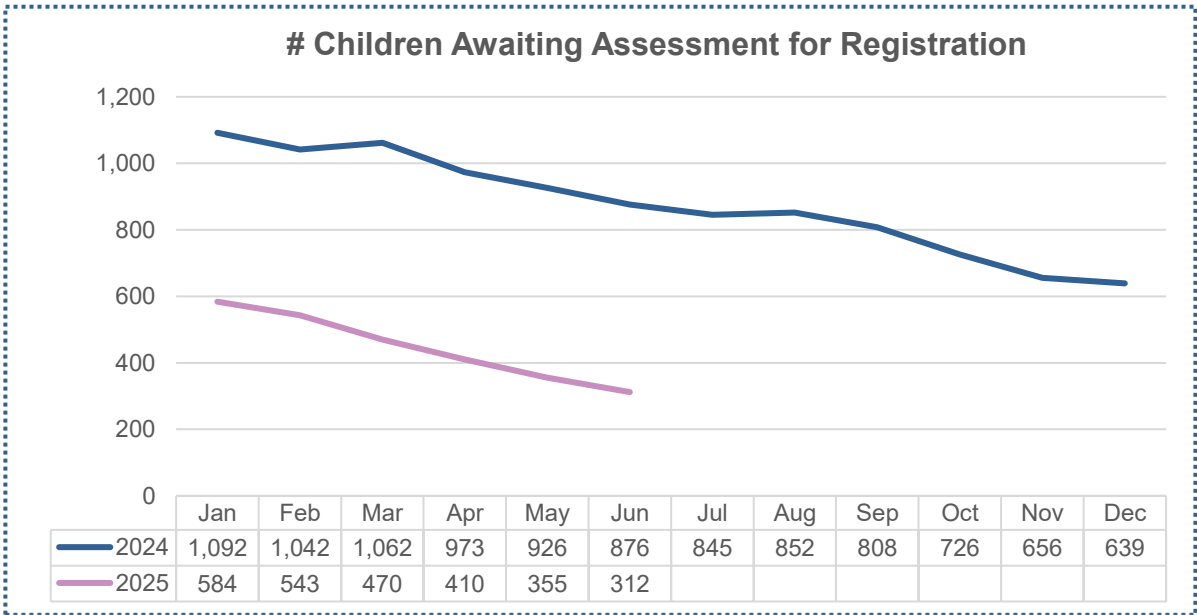


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **2,502 children on the register** for home education at the end of June 2025, 63 (3%) more than May 2025 (2,439) and 177 (8%) more than Dec 2024 (2,325). Increasing trend continues.



- **312 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of June 2025**, 43 (12%) fewer than May 2025 (355) and 564 (64%) fewer than June 2024 (876). Decreasing trend continues.



Tusla Education Support Services

- **400 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in June 2025. This brings to 9,059 the number of referrals for the first 10 months of the academic year 2024 – 2025, some 1,312 (17%) more than the same period in the previous academic year (7,747).

- **4,362 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of June 2025, 522 (11%) fewer than May 2025 (4,884).
- 197 (5%) more referrals on a waiting list at the end of June 2025 than at the end of June 2024 (4,165).

- **219 new individual children worked** with in June 2025. This brings to 3,838 the number of new individual children worked with in the first 10 months of the academic year 2024-2025, some 259 (7%) more than the previous academic year (3,579).

