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Notes

Data relating to Recipients and Beneficiaries, unless otherwise stated, refer to the numbers on the 31st December each year. See introduction for further details.

ABBREVIATIONS

- Not Applicable

n.a. Not Available

Cúrsaí Ginearálta

Is é seo an seachtú eagrán déag don bhfoilsíúcháin bliantúil ‘Eolas Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh’ a ullmhaíonn An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha, Pobail agus Teaghlaigh. Leagann sé amach sonraí cuimsitheach maidir leis na seirbhísí atá curtha ar fáil ag an Roinn.

Baineann na staitistic san eagrán seo le 1999 agus níos luaithe. Maidir leis na sonraí i leith na n-daoine atá ag fáil íocaíochtaí nó íocaíochtaí ar a son is iad na figiúirí ar 31 Nollaig gach bliain atá luaite, ach amháin nuair a deirtear a mhalairt. Tá a lán de na táblaí a léiríonn miondealaithe i leith daoine ag fáil íocaíochtaí, no íocaíochtaí ar a son, de réir treith áirithe mar an meid deithiúnaithe, nó aois luaithe mar ‘measta’. Ciallaíonn sé seo gur bunáíodh na miondealaithe, atá measaithe a bheith údarásach, ar dháta seachas 31 Nollaig ach gar don dáta sin.

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Foinse na Sonraí

Is í An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha, Pobail agus Teaghlaigh foinse na staitistic atá leirithe, ach amháin nuair a deirtear a mhalairt.

Miondealú De Réir Ranna

Tá ath-chumadh deanta ar an eolai agus tá sí roinnte anois i naoi gcuid mar leanas:

Cuid A	Coimriú agus Airgeadais
Cuid B	Seanaois
Cuid C	Baintreacha Fir & Mná agus Teaghlaigh le Tuismitheoir Amháin
Cuid D	Íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le Páistí
Cuid E	Tinneas, Míchumas agus Cúram
Cuid F	Tacaíochtaí Dífhostaíochta
Cuid G	Tacaíochtaí Fostaíochta
Cuid H	Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach
Cuid J	Íocaíochtaí Ilghnéitheach agus Deontais

Tá na h-íocaíochtaí i ngach earnáil leagtha amach in Aguisín 2 (leath. 93).

Tugann **Cuid A** sonraí maidir le caiteachas, le faighteoirí íocaíochtaí seachtainiúil leasa shóisialaigh, le daoine inárachais agus le rátaí íocaíochtaí.

Tugann **Cuid B** eolas maidir le caiteachas agus faighteoirí íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le seanaois.

Tugann **Cuid C** eolas maidir le caiteachas ar agus faighteoirí íocaíochtaí do bhaintreacha fir agus mná agus teaghlaigh le tuismitheoir amháin. Tá roinnt staitistic maidir le h-íocaíochtaí do mhná chéile tréigthe agus do mhná chéile príosúnaigh san áireamh sa chuid seo freisin.

Tugann **Cuid D** eolas maidir le caiteachas ar agus faighteoirí íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le páistí, Sochar Leanáí, Pinsean Dílleachta agus Sochar Maithreachais san áireamh.

Tugann **Cuid E** eolas maidir le caiteachas ar agus faighteoirí Sochar Míchumais, Pinsean Easláinte, Liúntas Míchumais, Pinsean na nDall, Liúntas Cúraim agus Sochair Gortú Ceirde.

Tugann **Cuid F** eolas maidir le h-íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le dífhostaíocht.

Tugann **Cuid G** eolas maidir le tacaíochtaí fostaíochta, an Liúntas Filleadh ar Obair, Liúntas Fiontar Filleadh ar Obair, Liúntas Filleadh ar Oideachais, Forlíonadh d'Ioncam Teaghlaigh agus Liúntas Cúnamh Feirme san aireamh.

Tugann **Cuid H** eolas maidir leis na h-íocaíochtaí eagsula a chuirtear ar fáil faoin Scéim Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach

Tugann **Cuid J** eolas maidir le Sochar Cóireála, Saorscéimeanna agus íocaíochtaí ilgnéitheach eile. Ina theannta san, tugann an chuid seo eolas maidir le Seirbhísí Deonacha agus Pobail chomh maith le Seirbhísí Teaghlach a riarann an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha, Pobail agus Teaghlaigh

Íocaíochtaí Nua

Cuireadh ar fail Liúntas Cúnamh Feirme i Mí Aibreán 1999 in áit an Liúntas Dífhostaíochta d'Fheirmeoirí Beaga. Cuireann an scéim nua forlíonadh ioncain ar fáil d'fheirmeoirí ar ioncain íseal. D'aistrigh morchuid dóibh siud a bhí ag fáil Liúntas Dífhostaíochta d'Fheirmeoirí Beaga cheana féin chuig an Liúntas Cúnamh Feirme i rith 1999. Tá na sonraí maidir le caiteachas ar Liúntas Cúnamh Feirme agus maidir le faighteoirí Liúntas Cúnamh Feirme/Liúntas Dífhostaíochta d'Fheirmeoirí Beaga ar fail i gCuid G (Tacaíochtaí Fostaíochta). Tá na sonraí faoi caiteachas ar Liúntas Dífhostaíochta d'Fheirmeoirí Beaga le fáil i gCuid F (Tacaíochtaí Dífhostaíochta).

Amsraith agus Athraithe ar Íocaíochtaí

Tugtar sonraí ar amsraith nuair atá siad ar fáil. I gcásanna áirithe, áfach, cuireann íocaíochtaí nua, m. sh. Liúntas Cúnamh Feirme, nó athraithe ar íocaíochtaí, isteach ar chomparáid idir blianta. Tá fonóta leis na tablaí cuí nuair is gá.

Achomair

Tá achomair de Staitistic Gnóthaí Sóisialacha, Pobail agus Teaghlaigh i bhfoirm Bileog foilsithe leis an tuairisc seo. Tá achomhair dos na sonraí caiteachas agus uimhreacha faighteoirí chomh maith leis na bun rátaí leasa shóisialaigh i bhfeidhm ó Bhealtaine 2000, ar fáil sa bhileog seo.

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General

This is the seventeenth issue of the annual “Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services” prepared by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. It sets out comprehensive data relating to services provided by the Department.

The statistics set out in this report relate to 1999 and earlier years. In the case of data relating to recipients and beneficiaries, the figures, unless otherwise stated, refer to the 31st December each year. Several tables, which provide a breakdown of recipients or beneficiaries by some characteristic such as number of dependants or age, are referred to as “estimated”. This means that the proportionate breakdown, which is considered to be a reliable estimate, was established at a date other than, but close to, 31st December.

Expenditure figures for 1999 are provisional pending certification by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Source of Data

The source for the statistics presented, unless otherwise stated, is the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

Breakdown by Section

The report has been redesigned and is now divided into nine sections as follows:

Section A	Summary and Financial
Section B	Old Age
Section C	Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families
Section D	Child Related Payments
Section E	Illness, Disability and Caring
Section F	Unemployment Supports
Section G	Employment Supports
Section H	Supplementary Welfare Allowance
Section J	Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

Appendix 2 (page 93) lists the payments covered by each category.

Section A provides details of expenditure, recipients of weekly Social Welfare Payments, insured persons and rates of payment.

Section B provides details of expenditure and recipients of payments relating to old age.

Section C provides details of expenditure and recipients of payments to widows, widowers and one-parent families. It also includes some statistics on payment to deserted wives and prisoners' wives.

Section D provides details of expenditure and recipients of child related payments including Child Benefit, Orphan's Pensions and Maternity Benefit.

Section E provides details of expenditure and recipients of Disability Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Disability Allowance, Blind Person's Pension, Carers Allowance and Occupational Injury Benefits.

Section F provides details of unemployment payments.

Section G provides details of employment supports including Back to Work Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Education Allowance, the Student's Summer Jobs Scheme, Family Income Supplement and Farm Assist.

Section H provides details of the range of payments available under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance scheme.

Section J provides details of Treatment Benefits, Free Schemes and other miscellaneous payments. In addition this section includes information on the Voluntary and Community Services as well as the Family Services administered by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

New Payments

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaces the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The new scheme provides an income supplement for low income farmers. The great majority of existing recipients of Smallholders Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999. Data on expenditure on Farm Assist and recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders is contained in Section G (Employment Supports). Data on expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance is shown in Section F (Unemployment Supports).

Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

Time Series data are given, where available. However, the introduction of new payments e.g. Farm Assist and changes to existing payments affect the comparability of different years' figures in some instances. Relevant tables are footnoted where appropriate.

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Summary

A Social, Community and Family Affairs Leaflet to complement this report has been published. It contains, in summary form, details of expenditure and recipient numbers along with the social welfare payment rates applicable from May 2000.

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The Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs also publishes an Annual Report which provides details of all major developments during the year in question. The Report is a progress report to the Minister and the Government on the implementation of the Department's Strategy Statement. In addition, the "Guide to Social Welfare Services" provides comprehensive information on all social welfare services and is available directly from any office of the Department and on the Internet.

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Section A: Summary and Financial

Expenditure

Total Social Welfare expenditure in 1999 was £4,948 million, an increase of 3.9% over 1998. Expenditure in 1999 represented 26% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 8.5% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Old Age (24.3%), Widow's, Widower's and One Parent Families (18.6%), Unemployment Supports (14.5%), Employment Supports (4.0%), Child Related Payments (9.9%), Illness, Disability and Caring (14.9%) and Supplementary Welfare Allowance (3.8%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 4.9% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (54.7%) and by the Social Insurance Fund (45.3%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (74%), employees (20%) and the self-employed (6%). See Table A7 and Graph A3.

Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Almost 881,000 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 1999. As these payments included increases in respect of over 130,000 Qualified Adults and nearly 465,000 Children, there were over 1,476,000 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients and beneficiaries increased by 2,509 and 592 respectively, year on year.

Graph A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 1999

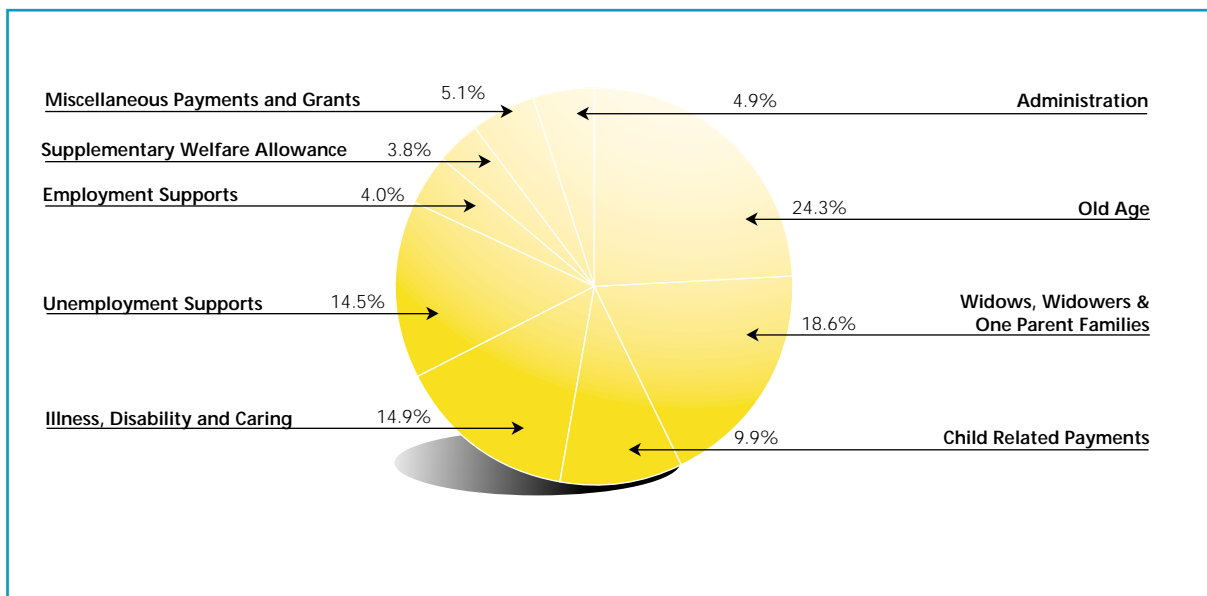


Table A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 1998 and 1999

Programme	1998	1999 Provisional	Change 1999 over 1998
	£000	£000	%
Old Age	1,122,671	1,201,418	7.0%
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	857,296	918,139	7.1%
Child Related Payments	460,595	491,195	6.6%
Illness, Disability and Caring	673,842	736,671	9.3%
Unemployment Supports	843,110	716,324	-15.0%
Employment Supports	157,634	197,746	25.4%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	175,673	188,796	7.5%
Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	238,187	253,916	6.6%
Administration	233,267	243,883	4.6%
Total Expenditure	4,762,275	4,948,088	3.9%

Table A2

Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1990 to 1999

Year	Total Social Welfare Expenditure ⁽¹⁾ (£m)	Index of Expenditure	Consumer Price Index ⁽³⁾	Social Welfare Expenditure as a percentage of: ⁽⁴⁾			
				Gross Current Government Expenditure	Net Current Government Expenditure	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
1990	2,809	100.0	100.0	27.0	33.4	11.0	9.8
1991	3,092	110.1	103.6	27.4	34.1	11.5	10.5
1992	3,432	122.2	106.0	28.3	35.0	12.2	10.9
1993	3,628	129.2	107.6	27.9	34.5	11.9	10.7
1994	3,761	133.9	110.1	27.4	33.6	11.4	10.3
1995 ⁽²⁾	4,199	149.5	112.8	28.9	34.9	11.5	10.2
1996 ⁽²⁾	4,377	155.8	114.9	28.4	34.4	10.9	9.7
1997 ⁽²⁾	4,524	161.1	117.1	26.7	32.3	9.9	8.7
1998 ⁽²⁾	4,762	169.5	119.1	27.0	33.0	9.1	8.0
1999 ⁽²⁾	4,948	176.1	123.1	26.0	31.8	8.5	7.4

(1) Includes the full cost of Supplementary Welfare Allowance which is administered by the Health Boards.

(2) Total Social Welfare expenditure for these years includes expenditure on the Redundancy and Insolvency Schemes which are administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

(3) Re-based from Consumer Price Index data published by the Central Statistics Office.

(4) Source: Central Statistics Office and Department of Finance.

Table A3

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999	Change %
	£000	Provisional £000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	363,063	392,260	8.0%
Retirement Pension	365,027	402,882	10.4%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	334,389	346,023	3.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	60,192	60,253	0.1%
Total Old Age	1,122,671	1,201,418	7.0%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	407,529	431,510	5.9%
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	66,260	69,592	5.0%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	69,772	67,709	-3.0%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,681	6,583	-1.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	15	15	0.0%
One Parent Family Payment	307,039	342,730	11.6%
Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	857,296	918,139	7.1%
Maternity Benefit	38,208	41,530	8.7%
Health and Safety Benefit	89	129	44.9%
Adoptive Benefit	119	166	39.5%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,348	2,965	26.3%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,061	1,421	33.9%
Child Benefit	418,770	444,984	6.3%
Total Child Related Payments	460,595	491,195	6.6%
Disability Benefit	190,147	206,892	8.8%
Invalidity Pension	208,121	220,176	5.8%
Injury Benefit	7,115	7,332	3.0%
Disablement Benefit	37,875	38,940	2.8%
Death Benefit	3,257	3,451	6.0%
Disability Allowance	172,910	193,079	11.7%
Medical Care	139	129	-7.2%
Carer's Allowance	45,099	57,410	27.3%
Blind Person's Pension	9,179	9,262	0.9%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	673,842	736,671	9.3%
Unemployment Benefit	236,668	231,481	-2.2%
Unemployment Assistance	606,442	484,843	-20.1%
Total Unemployment Supports	843,110	716,324	-15.0%
Family Income Supplement	28,656	32,396	13.1%
Employment Support Services ⁽²⁾	128,978	149,708	16.1%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	-	15,642	-
Total Employment Supports	157,634	197,746	25.4%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	175,673	188,796	7.5%
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Treatment Benefits ⁽²⁾	30,873	35,572	15.2%
Rent Allowance	650	630	-3.1%
Free Schemes ⁽²⁾	153,358	154,995	1.1%
Miscellaneous ⁽²⁾	31,105	39,492	27.0%
Equal Treatment - Insurance payments	6,786	3,234	-52.3%
Equal Treatment- Assistance payments	326	154	-52.8%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽³⁾	15,089	19,839	31.5%
Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	238,187	253,916	6.6%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	102,620	107,405	4.7%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	130,647	136,478	4.5%
Total Administration	233,267	243,883	4.6%
Grand Total	4,762,275	4,948,088	3.9%

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999; prior to this, farmers, like other self-employed people on low incomes, could apply for Unemployment Assistance.

(2) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

(3) These Schemes are administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Table A4

Additional Expenditure Details, 1998 and 1999

Additional Details	1998	1999 Provisional	Change %
	£000	£000	
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES			
Back to Work Allowance	67,754	89,427	32.0%
Student's Summer Jobs Scheme	7,992	5,298	-33.7%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	35,013	33,010	-5.7%
Back to Education Allowance	16,335	19,886	21.7%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,475	1,328	-10.0%
Other	409	759	85.6%
TOTAL	128,978	149,708	16.1%
FREE SCHEMES			
Fuel Allowances	44,894	43,953	-2.1%
Free Travel	32,630	33,701	3.3%
Free Electricity	30,396	31,064	2.2%
Free Bottled Gas	54	58	7.4%
Free Natural Gas	1,059	1,262	19.2%
Free Television Licence	15,385	15,037	-2.3%
Free Telephone Rental	28,940	29,920	3.4%
TOTAL	153,358	154,995	1.1%
TREATMENT BENEFITS			
Dental	22,587	26,618	17.8%
Optical	7,156	7,910	10.5%
Medical and Surgical	1,130	1,044	-7.6%
TOTAL	30,873	35,572	15.2%
MISCELLANEOUS			
Bereavement Grants	958	5,622	486.8%
School Meals	786	563	-28.4%
Grants for Marriage & Family Counselling Services	1,500	2,160	44.0%
Combat Poverty Agency	2,273	2,400	5.6%
Programme for Peace & Reconciliation	950	1,507	58.6%
National Social Services Board	3,365	4,375	30.0%
Grants for Community & Family Support Groups	12,497	15,074	20.6%
Money Advice and Budgeting Services	3,215	4,210	30.9%
Scheme of Community Support for Older People	4,993	2,963	-40.7%
Other Grants/Payments	568	618	8.8%
TOTAL	31,105	39,492	27.0%

Table A5

Social Insurance and Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	Expenditure £000		Change %
	1998	1999	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	363,063	392,260	8.0%
Retirement Pension	365,027	402,882	10.4%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	407,529	431,510	5.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	69,772	67,709	-3.0%
Maternity Benefit	38,208	41,530	8.7%
Health and Safety Benefit	89	129	44.9%
Adoptive Benefit	119	166	39.5%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,348	2,965	26.3%
Disability Benefit	190,147	206,892	8.8%
Invalidity Pension	208,121	220,176	5.8%
Injury Benefit	7,115	7,332	3.0%
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Death Benefit Pension	3,257	3,451	6.0%
Unemployment Benefit	236,668	231,481	-2.2%
Treatment Benefit	30,873	35,572	15.2%
Bereavement Grant	958	5,622	486.8%
Equal Treatment Payments	6,786	3,234	-52.3%
Redundancy and Insolvency Administration	15,089	19,839	31.5%
	102,620	107,405	4.7%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	2,085,803	2,219,224	6.4%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	334,389	346,023	3.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	60,192	60,253	0.1%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	66,260	69,592	5.0%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,681	6,583	-1.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	15	15	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	307,039	342,730	11.6%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,061	1,421	33.9%
Child Benefit	418,770	444,984	6.3%
Disability Allowance	172,910	193,079	11.7%
Blind Person's Pension	9,179	9,262	0.9%
Carer's Allowance	45,099	57,410	27.3%
Unemployment Assistance	606,442	484,843	-20.1%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	-	15,642	-
Employment Support Services	128,978	149,708	16.1%
Family Income Supplement	28,656	32,396	13.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	175,673	188,796	7.5%
Rent Allowance	650	630	-3.1%
Free Schemes	153,358	154,995	1.1%
Miscellaneous	30,147	33,870	12.3%
Equal Treatment Payments	326	154	-52.8%
Administration	130,647	136,478	4.5%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	2,676,472	2,728,864	2.0%
GRAND TOTAL	4,762,275	4,948,088	3.9%

(1) Farm Assist was introduced from April, 1999; prior to this, farmers, like other self-employed people on low incomes, could apply for Unemployment Assistance.

Table A6

Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 1998 and 1999

Sources of Finance	1998		1999 Provisional	
	£000	%	£000	%
State	2,668,392	56.0%	2,705,613	54.7%
Social Insurance Fund	2,085,803	43.8%	2,219,224	44.9%
National Lottery	7,848	0.2%	22,665	0.4%
Other Receipts	232	0.0%	586	0.0%
TOTAL	4,762,275	100.0%	4,948,088	100.0%

Table A7

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 1998 and 1999

Income	1998		1999 Provisional	
	£000	%	£000	%
Employer PRSI ⁽¹⁾	1,580,740	73.9%	1,834,498	73.8%
Employee PRSI ⁽¹⁾	427,163	20.0%	504,296	20.3%
Self-Employed PRSI	130,555	6.1%	145,915	5.9%
Other Receipts	1,444	0.1%	2,733	0.1%
Total Income	2,139,902	100.0%	2,487,442	100.0%
Total Expenditure	2,085,803		2,219,224	
Surplus	54,099		268,218	

(1) The breakdown between employer and employee contributions requires a detailed analysis of data collected by the Revenue Commissioners which does not become available for some 18 months after the end of the year in question. The breakdown for 1998 and 1999 is based on the latest available data which refers to the 1996/97 contribution year.

Graph A2

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 1999

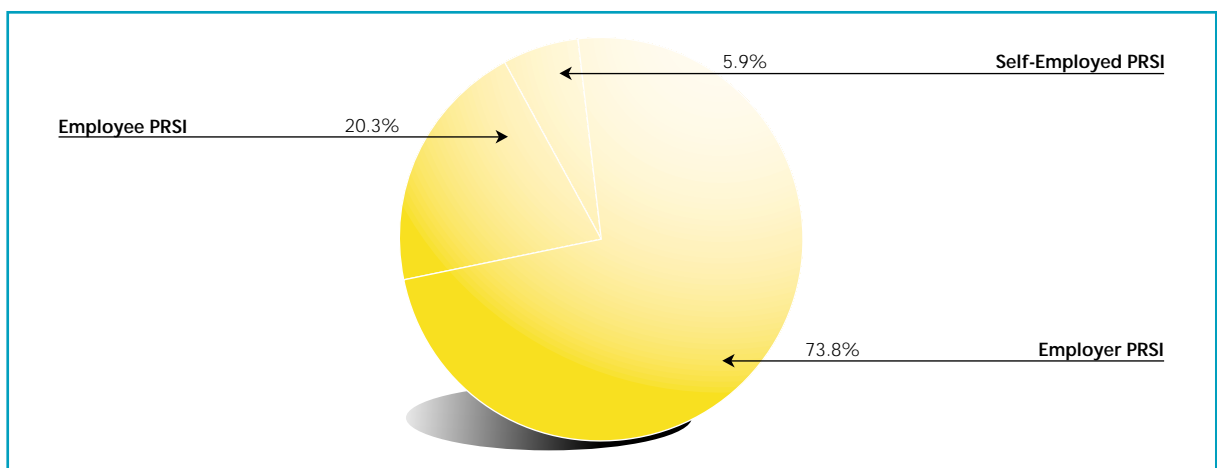


Table A8

Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1990 to 1999

Year	Number of Recipients		Number of Beneficiaries	
1990	715,540 ⁽¹⁾		1,298,827 ⁽¹⁾	
1991	733,297 ⁽¹⁾		1,318,455 ⁽¹⁾	
1992	776,982 ⁽¹⁾		1,390,050 ⁽¹⁾	
1993	814,235 ⁽¹⁾		1,454,335 ⁽¹⁾	
1994	832,822 ⁽¹⁾		1,483,200 ⁽¹⁾	
1995	823,308 ⁽¹⁾		1,443,531 ⁽¹⁾	
1996	839,633 ⁽¹⁾		1,465,557 ⁽¹⁾	
1997	874,335 ⁽¹⁾		1,485,943 ⁽¹⁾	
1998	841,983 ⁽¹⁾	878,249 ⁽²⁾	1,387,372 ⁽¹⁾	1,475,496 ⁽²⁾
1999	838,061 ⁽¹⁾	880,758 ⁽²⁾	1,371,730 ⁽¹⁾	1,476,088 ⁽²⁾

(1) These series are included for comparability purposes and do not include the number of recipients and beneficiaries of certain Employment Supports (Back to Work Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Education Allowance, Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme and earlier analogous payments). This arises as fully comprehensive data in relation to the number of recipients and beneficiaries of these schemes is not available.

(2) These series shows the number of recipients and beneficiaries, as appropriate, of social welfare weekly payments, including all Employment Supports. See Tables A9 and A11.

Graph A3

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, by Programme, 1999

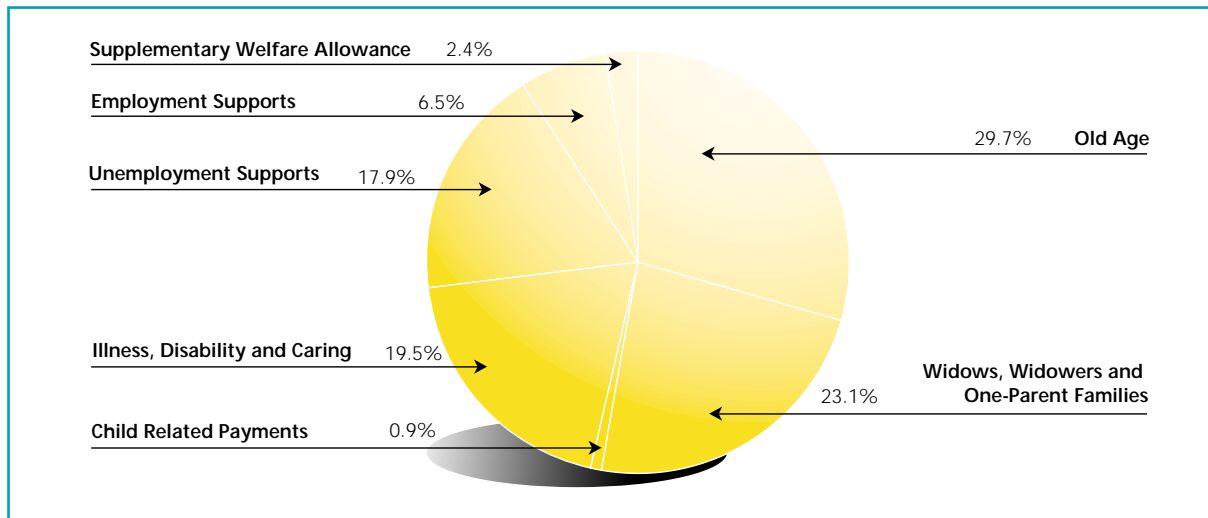


Table A9

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	1998	1999	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	71,706	76,241	6.3%
Retirement Pension	75,316	78,868	4.7%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	95,890	93,023	-3.0%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,897	13,149	-5.4%
TOTAL OLD AGE	256,809	261,281	1.7%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	98,518	99,771	1.3%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,382	17,978	-2.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,835	13,242	-4.3%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,807	1,709	-5.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	4	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	65,548	70,387	7.4%
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES	198,094	203,091	2.5%
Maternity Benefit	5,453	6,008	10.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	18	34	88.9%
Adoptive Benefit	12	25	108.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	886	956	7.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	531	617	16.2%
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	6,900	7,640	10.7%
Disability Benefit	43,766	45,535	4.0%
Invalidity Pension	44,925	46,946	4.5%
Injury Benefit	746	748	0.3%
Interim Disability Benefit	439	514	17.1%
Disablement Benefit	10,182	10,577	3.9%
Death Benefit Pension	630	662	5.1%
Disability Allowance	47,126	50,431	7.0%
Blind Person's Pension	2,358	2,304	-2.3%
Carer's Allowance	11,416	14,387	26.0%
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	161,588	172,104	6.5%
Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	61,591	56,576	-8.1%
Unemployment Assistance ⁽¹⁾	120,496	93,129	-22.7%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	182,087	149,705	-17.8%
Back to Work Allowance	24,128	31,931	32.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	7,431	5,681	-23.5%
Back to Education Allowance	4,139	4,518	9.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	568	567	-0.2%
Family Income Supplement	13,143	14,549	10.7%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	6,476	7,874	21.6%
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	55,885	65,120	16.5%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	16,300	21,269	30.5%
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES	16,300	21,269	30.5%
Rent Allowance	586	548	-6.5%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	586	548	-6.5%
GRAND TOTAL	878,249	880,758	0.3%

(1) 1998 Unemployment Benefit and Assistance recipients have been revised.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only. See Section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments.

Table A10

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	1998	1999	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	71,706	76,241	6.3%
Retirement Pension	75,316	78,868	4.7%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	98,518	99,771	1.3%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,835	13,242	-4.3%
Maternity Benefit	5,453	6,008	10.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	18	34	88.9%
Adoptive Benefit	12	25	108.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	886	956	7.9%
Disability Benefit	43,766	45,535	4.0%
Invalidity Pension	44,925	46,946	4.5%
Injury Benefit	746	748	0.3%
Interim Disability Benefit	439	514	17.1%
Disablement Benefit	10,182	10,577	3.9%
Death Benefit Pension	630	662	5.1%
Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	61,591	56,576	-8.1%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	428,023	436,703	2.0%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	95,890	93,023	-3.0%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,897	13,149	-5.4%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,382	17,978	-2.2%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,807	1,709	-5.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	4	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	65,548	70,387	7.4%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	531	617	16.2%
Disability Allowance	47,126	50,431	7.0%
Blind Person's Pension	2,358	2,304	-2.3%
Carer's Allowance	11,416	14,387	26.0%
Unemployment Assistance ⁽¹⁾	120,496	93,129	-22.7%
Family Income Supplement	13,143	14,549	10.7%
Back to Work Allowance	24,128	31,931	32.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	7,431	5,681	-23.5%
Back to Education Allowance	4,139	4,518	9.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	568	567	-0.2%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	6,476	7,874	21.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	16,300	21,269	30.5%
Rent Allowance	586	548	-6.5%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	450,226	444,055	-1.4%
GRAND TOTAL	878,249	880,758	0.3%

(1) 1998 Unemployment Benefit and Assistance recipients have been revised.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only. See section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments.

Table A11

Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	1998	1999	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	89,438	95,832	7.1%
Retirement Pension	100,124	104,065	3.9%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	103,129	99,754	-3.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	22,907	20,911	-8.7%
TOTAL OLD AGE	315,598	320,562	1.6%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	115,043	115,840	0.7%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,382	17,978	-2.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	31,102	28,058	-9.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,807	1,709	-5.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	4	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	170,927	183,282	7.2%
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES	337,265	346,871	2.8%
Maternity Benefit	5,453	6,008	10.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	35	48	37.1%
Adoptive Benefit	12	25	108.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	886	956	7.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	531	617	16.2%
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	6,917	7,654	10.7%
Disability Benefit	89,163	92,853	4.1%
Invalidity Pension	82,146	82,557	0.5%
Injury Benefit	1,921	1,564	-18.6%
Interim Disability Benefit	1,055	976	-7.5%
Disablement Benefit	11,196	11,661	4.2%
Death Benefit Pension	875	908	3.8%
Disability Allowance	61,136	65,315	6.8%
Blind Person's Pension	3,102	3,015	-2.8%
Carer's Allowance	19,441	26,853	38.1%
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	270,035	285,702	5.8%
Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	126,450	117,928	-6.7%
Unemployment Assistance ⁽¹⁾	234,945	181,926	-22.6%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	361,395	299,854	-17.0%
Back to Work Allowance ⁽²⁾	63,006	83,251	32.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance ⁽²⁾	19,150	14,647	-23.5%
Back to Education Allowance ⁽²⁾	5,400	5,893	9.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	568	567	-0.2%
Family Income Supplement	46,477	50,275	8.2%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	18,929	22,121	16.9%
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	153,530	176,754	15.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾	30,170	38,143	26.4%
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES	30,170	38,143	26.4%
Rent Allowance	586	548	-6.5%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	586	548	-6.5%
GRAND TOTAL	1,475,496	1,476,088	0.0%

(1) 1998 Unemployment Benefit and Assistance figures have been revised.

(2) 1998 figures are estimated.

(3) Includes basic weekly payments only. See section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments.

Table A12

Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries ⁽¹⁾		Change %
	1998	1999	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	89,438	95,832	7.1%
Retirement Pension	100,124	104,065	3.9%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	115,043	115,840	0.7%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	31,102	28,058	-9.8%
Maternity Benefit	5,453	6,008	10.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	35	48	37.1%
Adoptive Benefit	12	25	108.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	886	956	7.9%
Disability Benefit	89,163	92,853	4.1%
Invalidity Pension	82,146	82,557	0.5%
Injury Benefit	1,921	1,564	-18.6%
Interim Disability Benefit	1,055	976	-7.5%
Disablement Benefit	11,196	11,661	4.2%
Death Benefit Pension	875	908	3.8%
Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	126,450	117,928	-6.7%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	654,899	659,279	0.7%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	103,129	99,754	-3.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	22,907	20,911	-8.7%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,382	17,978	-2.2%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,807	1,709	-5.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	4	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	170,927	183,282	7.2%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	531	617	16.2%
Disability Allowance	61,136	65,315	6.8%
Blind Person's Pension	3,102	3,015	-2.8%
Carer's Allowance	19,441	26,853	38.1%
Unemployment Assistance ⁽¹⁾	234,945	181,926	-22.6%
Family Income Supplement	46,477	50,275	8.2%
Back to Work Allowance ⁽²⁾	63,006	83,251	32.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance ⁽²⁾	19,150	14,647	-23.5%
Back to Education Allowance ⁽²⁾	5,400	5,893	9.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	568	567	-0.2%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	18,929	22,121	16.9%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾	30,170	38,143	26.4%
Rent Allowance	586	548	-6.5%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	820,597	816,809	-0.5%
GRAND TOTAL	1,475,496	1,476,088	0.0%

(1) 1998 Unemployment Benefit and Assistance figures have been revised.

(2) 1998 figures are estimated.

(3) Includes basic weekly payments only. See section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments.

Table A13

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Sex, Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 1999

Type of Payment	Recipients		Total %
	Male	Female	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	48,856	27,385	76,241
Retirement Pension	58,589	20,279	78,868
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	9,013	90,758	99,771
Deserted Wife's Benefit	-	13,242	13,242
Maternity Benefit	-	6,008	6,008
Health and Safety Benefit	-	34	34
Adoptive Benefit	-	25	25
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance ⁽¹⁾	478	478	956
Disability Benefit	17,371	28,164	45,535
Invalidity Pension	27,150	19,796	46,946
Injury Benefit	568	180	748
Interim Disability Benefit	384	130	514
Disablement Benefit	8,876	1,701	10,577
Death Benefit Pension	4	658	662
Unemployment Benefit	25,460	31,116	56,576
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	196,749	239,954	436,703
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	39,930	53,093	93,023
Pre-Retirement Allowance	10,731	2,418	13,149
-	-	-	-
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	140	17,838	17,978
Deserted Wife's Allowance	-	1,709	1,709
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	-	4	4
One-Parent Family Payment	1,937	68,450	70,387
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	309	308	617
Disability Allowance	30,180	20,251	50,431
Blind Person's Pension	1,149	1,155	2,304
Carer's Allowance	3,023	11,364	14,387
Unemployment Assistance	67,319	25,810	93,129
Family Income Supplement	7,826	6,723	14,549
Back to Work Allowance	27,132	4,799	31,931
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,773	908	5,681
Back to Education Allowance	2,423	2,095	4,518
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾	278	289	567
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,350	524	7,874
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	13,291	7,978	21,269
Rent Allowance	394	154	548
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	218,185	225,870	444,055
GRAND TOTAL	414,934	465,824	880,758

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated.

Table A14

Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1999

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾		
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	76,241	17,896	1,089	606	-	95,832
Retirement Pension	78,868	22,985	1,783	429	-	104,065
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	93,023	5,551	935	245	-	99,754
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,149	5,021	2,417	324	-	20,911
Total Old Age	261,281	51,453	6,224	1,604	-	320,562
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	99,771	-	16,069	-	-	115,840
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,978	-	-	-	-	17,978
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,242	-	14,816	-	-	28,058
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,709	-	-	-	-	1,709
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	-	-	-	-	4
One-Parent Family Payment	70,387	-	112,895	-	-	183,282
Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	203,091	-	143,780	-	-	346,871
Maternity Benefit	6,008	-	-	-	-	6,008
Health and Safety Benefit	34	-	-	14	-	48
Adoptive Benefit	25	-	-	-	-	25
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	956	-	-	-	-	956
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	617	-	-	-	-	617
Total Child Related Payments	7,640	-	-	14	-	7,654
Disability Benefit	45,535	6,546	7,738	33,034	-	92,853
Invalidity Pension	46,946	11,521	10,133	13,957	-	82,557
Injury Benefit	748	144	274	398	-	1,564
Interim Disability Benefit	514	75	144	243	-	976
Disablement Benefit	10,577	353	370	361	-	11,661
Death Benefit Pension	662	-	246	-	-	908
Disability Allowance	50,431	3,762	6,790	4,332	-	65,315
Blind Person's Pension	2,304	164	358	189	-	3,015
Carer's Allowance	14,387	-	566	11,900	-	26,853
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	172,104	22,565	26,619	64,414	-	285,702
Unemployment Benefit	56,576	8,270	12,545	40,537	-	117,928
Unemployment Assistance	93,129	24,502	49,820	14,475	-	181,926
Total Unemployment Supports	149,705	32,772	62,365	55,012	-	299,854
Back to Work Allowance	31,931	13,591	32,577	5,152	-	83,251
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	5,681	2,329	5,028	1,609	-	14,647
Back to Education Allowance	4,518	211	501	663	-	5,893
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	567	-	-	-	-	567
Family Income Supplement	14,549	-	-	-	35,726	50,275
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,874	3,857	8,143	2,247	-	22,121
Total Employment Supports	65,120	19,988	46,249	9,671	35,726	198,875
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	21,269	3,926	12,948	-	-	38,143
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowances	21,269	3,926	12,948	-	-	38,143
Rent Allowance	548	-	-	-	-	548
Total Miscellaneous Payments	548	-	-	-	-	548
GRAND TOTAL ⁽³⁾	880,758	130,704	298,185	130,715	35,726	1,476,088
As a percentage of total population ⁽⁴⁾	23.5%	3.5%	8.0%	3.5%	1.0%	39.4%

(1) A Qualified Child increase is payable at half rate where a spouse living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse may receive half the Qualified Child increase where both spouses are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. This can result in some double counting of the actual number of Qualified Children.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only.

(3) The total figures include a small element of double counting as some persons could be in receipt of more than one payment, the second of which might be, for example, Disablement Benefit, Rent Allowance or Family Income Supplement

(4) Estimated based on Population Estimates, December 1999. Source Central Statistics Office.

Table A15

Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 1997/98 and 1998/99

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number insured	
		1997/98 ⁽¹⁾	1998/99 ⁽²⁾
A	All Benefits ⁽³⁾	1,505,300	1,574,300
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and limited Injuries Benefits.	37,700	37,000
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant and Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance.	1,400	1,340
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	121,400	117,100
E	All benefits except Unemployment Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	159	164
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Widow/er's Contributory Pension (in certain cases) during service.	11,200	10,500
J	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	28,000	24,670
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution.	50,700	47,000
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	105,400	104,800
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Unemployment and Disability Benefits.	38	35
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	174,500	187,700
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate: Retirement Pension, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Benefit and Bereavement Grant.	1,850	2,200
	Low Rate: Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Bereavement Grant.		
	TOTAL INSURED POPULATION	2,037,647	2,106,809

(1) Revised figures.

(2) Provisional figures.

(3) This includes 188,337 and 187,315 persons in 1997/98 and 1998/99 respectively who were in receipt of credited contributions only.

Table A16

Number of Insured Persons, 1994/95 to 1998/99

Year	Insured Population	Index
1994/95	1,769,920	100
1995/96	1,858,492	105
1996/97	1,925,453	109
1997/98 ⁽¹⁾	2,037,647	115
1998/99 ⁽²⁾	2,106,809	119

(1) Revised.
(2) Provisional.

Graph A4

Analysis of Insured Population, 1998/99

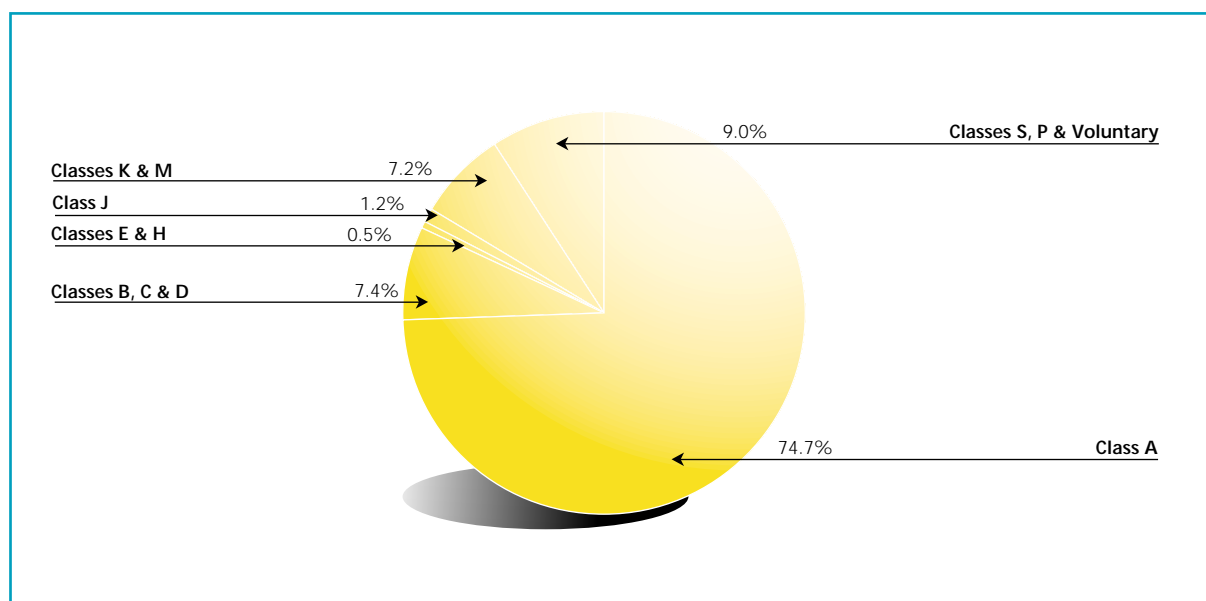


Table A17

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from June 1999

Type of Payment	Personal	Qualified		Personal	Qualified	
		Adult	Child		Adult	Child
	£	£	£		€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE						
Long Term						
Old Age (Contributory) Pension / Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	£89.00	£55.50	£15.20	€113.01	€70.47	€19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	£75.20	£49.50	£15.20	€95.48	€62.85	€19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	£77.10	-	£17.00	€97.90	-	€21.59
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	£51.60	-	-	€65.52	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	£95.40	-	£17.00	€121.13	-	€21.59
Disablement Pension	£97.20	-	-	€123.42	-	-
Short Term						
Disability / Unemployment Benefit	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20	€93.33	€54.85	€16.76
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE						
Long Term						
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	£78.50	£44.20	£13.20	€99.67	€56.12	€16.76
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	£73.50	-	-	€93.33	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	£73.50	-	-	€93.33	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	£73.50	-	£15.20	€93.33	-	€19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	£51.60	-	-	€65.52	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	£76.50	-	£13.20	€97.14	-	€16.76
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20	€93.33	€54.85	€16.76
Pre-Retirement Allowance	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20	€93.33	€54.85	€16.76
Disability Allowance	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20	€93.33	€54.85	€16.76
Farm Assist	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20	€93.33	€54.85	€16.76
Short Term						
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	£72.00	£43.20	£13.20	€91.42	€54.85	€16.76
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	£72.00	£43.20	£13.20	€91.42	€54.85	€16.76
OTHER PAYMENTS						
Living Alone Allowance	£6.00	-	-	€7.62	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	£5.00	-	-	€6.35	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	£34.50	-	-	€43.81	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	£46.00	-	-	€58.41	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is aged 66 years or over a rate of £59.90 (€76.06) is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is aged 65 or over a rate of £89.00 (€113.01) is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £82.10 (€104.25) is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £78.50 (€99.67) is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £81.50 (€103.50) is payable.

(6) These rates applied from September 1999.

Table A18

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from May 2000

Type of Payment	Personal	Qualified		Personal	Qualified	
		Adult	Child		Adult	Child
	£	£	£	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE						
Long Term						
Old Age (Contributory) Pension / Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	£96.00	£60.20	£15.20	€121.89	€76.44	€19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	£81.10	£53.30	£15.20	€102.98	€67.68	€19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	£81.10	-	£17.00	€102.98	-	€21.59
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	£55.60	-	-	€70.60	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	£99.40	-	£17.00	€126.21	-	€21.59
Disablement Pension	£101.20	-	-	€128.50	-	-
Short Term						
Disability / Unemployment Benefit	£77.50	£47.00	£13.20	€98.43	€59.68	€16.76
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE						
Long Term						
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	£85.50	£51.70	£13.20	€108.56	€65.65	€16.76
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	£77.50	-	-	€98.40	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	£77.50	-	-	€98.40	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	£77.50	-	£15.20	€98.40	-	€19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	£55.60	-	-	€70.60	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	£80.50	-	£13.20	€102.21	-	€16.76
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	£77.50	£47.00	£13.20	€98.43	€59.68	€16.76
Pre-Retirement Allowance	£77.50	£47.00	£13.20	€98.43	€59.68	€16.76
Disability Allowance	£77.50	£47.00	£13.20	€98.43	€59.68	€16.76
Farm Assist	£77.50	£47.00	£13.20	€98.43	€59.68	€16.76
Short Term						
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	£76.00	£47.00	£13.20	€96.50	€59.68	€16.76
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	£76.00	£47.00	£13.20	€96.50	€59.68	€16.76
OTHER PAYMENTS						
Living Alone Allowance	£6.00	-	-	€7.62	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	£5.00	-	-	€6.35	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	£42.50	-	-	€53.96	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	£56.00	-	-	€71.11	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is aged 66 years or over a rate of £64.60 (€82.03) is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is aged 65 or over a rate of £96.00 (€121.89) is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £89.10 (€113.13) is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £85.50 (€108.56) is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £88.50 (€112.40) is payable.

(6) These rates apply from September 2000.

Table A19

Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1990 to 1999

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 Children	Couple with 4 Children	Couple with 2 children Including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children Including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1990	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991	104.2	105.1	105.1	105.8	104.8	105.2	103.1	104.5
1992	110.4	110.5	110.3	110.9	109.6	110.9	106.4	108.5
1993	115.8	115.3	114.6	114.9	115.4	116.7	107.9	114.6
1994	127.1	123.5	121.8	121.5	122.1	122.8	110.4	117.8
1995	130.2	126.6	124.2	123.4	127.3	130.1	113.2	120.2
1996	134.4	130.4	127.1	125.8	130.9	133.6	115.0	124.1
1997	140.6	136.1	131.5	129.5	135.4	138.8	116.8	127.0
1998	146.9	141.4	135.7	132.9	139.9	143.4	119.6	133.5
1999	153.1	147.7	140.6	136.9	145.8	149.3	121.5	140.8

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.

Note: Based on the rates of Unemployment Benefit and Disability Benefit.

Table A20

Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1990 to 1999

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 Children	Couple with 4 Children	Couple with 2 children Including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children Including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1990	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991	104.1	104.1	105.1	105.7	104.9	105.2	103.1	104.5
1992	108.3	108.2	109.4	110.0	108.9	110.1	106.3	108.5
1993	112.0	112.0	112.9	113.4	113.6	115.0	107.9	114.6
1994	115.4	115.4	116.1	119.4	116.6	120.7	110.4	117.8
1995	118.4	120.1	119.8	122.5	122.6	128.3	113.2	120.2
1996	122.0	123.6	122.6	124.9	126.0	131.6	115.1	124.1
1997	126.8	128.1	126.2	128.0	129.7	136.1	116.8	127.0
1998	135.0	134.6	131.4	132.4	135.1	141.3	119.6	133.5
1999	144.7	143.5	138.5	138.4	142.8	148.8	121.5	140.8

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.

Note: Based on the rates of Old Age (Contributory) Pension.

Table A21

Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment for the Long-Term Unemployed, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1990 to 1999

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 Children	Couple with 4 Children	Couple with 2 children Including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children Including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1990	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991	105.8	106.0	106.7	107.1	106.2	106.4	103.1	104.5
1992	110.0	110.2	111.0	111.4	110.2	111.4	106.4	108.5
1993	113.8	114.1	114.6	114.9	115.3	116.6	107.9	114.6
1994	117.3	117.6	118.1	118.4	118.6	120.1	110.4	117.8
1995	120.2	120.5	120.4	120.3	123.7	127.1	113.2	120.2
1996	124.0	124.1	123.2	122.7	127.1	130.6	115.0	124.1
1997	129.8	129.5	127.5	126.2	131.6	135.7	116.8	127.0
1998	135.6	134.6	131.5	129.5	135.9	140.1	119.6	133.5
1999	141.3	140.6	136.3	133.5	141.6	145.9	121.5	140.8

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.

Note: Based on the rates of Long-Term Unemployment Assistance.

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Section B: Old Age

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Old Age payments was over £1,201 million in 1999. This represents an increase of 7.0% on 1998.

The overall number of Old Age payments rose by 4,472 in 1999, an increase of 1.7%. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (Old Age Contributory Pension and Retirement Pension) based on social insurance contributions rose by 8,087 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 2,867. The number of persons in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 748 in 1999.

Over the last ten years, the number of recipients of Old Age (Contributory) Pension rose by 1,771 and the number of recipients of Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 25,200. On the other hand, the number of recipients of Retirement Pension increased by 30,393 in the same period. Pre-Retirement Allowance was introduced in March 1990 and the number of recipients has increased by 7,045 since then. See Table B3 and Graph B1 for details.

Graph B1

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions, 1990 to 1999

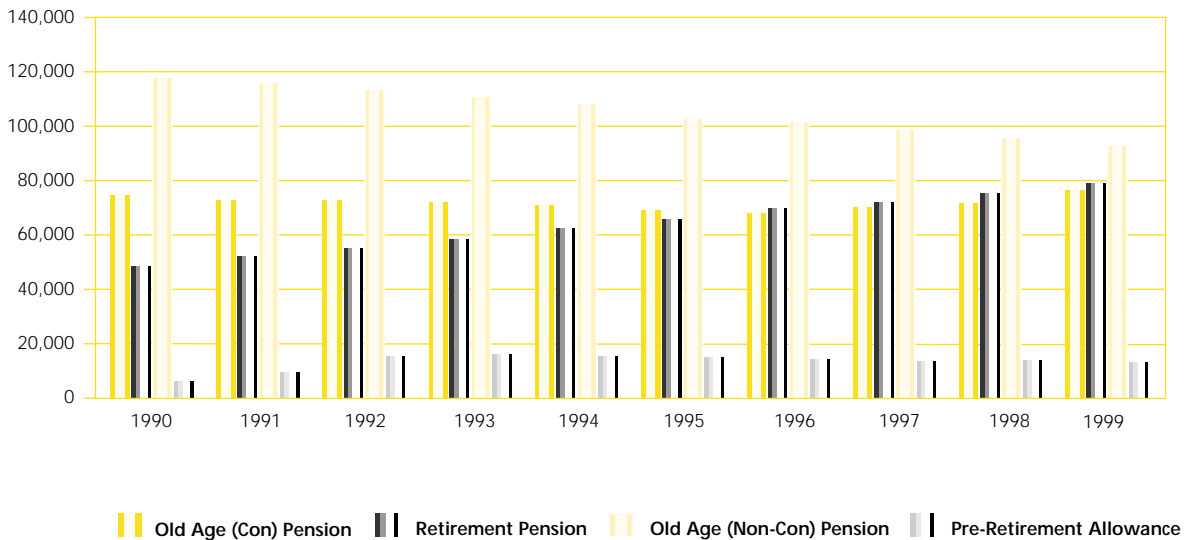


Table B1

Expenditure on Old Age by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Payment Type	1998	1999 Provisional	Change 1999 over 1998
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	363,063	392,260	8.0%
Retirement Pension	365,027	402,882	10.4%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	334,389	346,023	3.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	60,192	60,253	0.1%
TOTAL	1,122,671	1,201,418	7.0%

Table B2

Expenditure on Old Age by Pension Type, 1990 to 1999

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1990	290,409	174,461	301,543	13,448	779,861
1991	297,538	196,442	308,838	27,047	829,865
1992	311,746	217,828	317,227	41,834	888,635
1993	312,204	234,100	318,431	57,185	921,920
1994	314,996	256,130	319,076	58,906	949,108
1995	316,911	280,293	308,749	57,253	963,206
1996	320,253	305,677	310,294	58,069	994,293
1997	324,983	336,175	316,795	57,396	1,035,349
1998	363,063	365,027	334,389	60,192	1,122,671
1999 ⁽³⁾	392,260	402,882	346,023	60,253	1,201,418

(1) Includes expenditure on Blind Person's Pension up to and including 1994. This expenditure is now included in the Illness, Disability and Caring Section.

(2) Pre-Retirement Allowance was introduced in March 1990.

(3) Provisional.

Table B3

Number of Recipients by Type of Old Age Pension, 1990 to 1999

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Total
1990	74,470	48,475	118,223	6,104	247,272
1991	72,764	52,236	115,950	9,441	250,391
1992	72,711	55,185	113,555	15,438	256,889
1993	71,861	58,400	111,011	15,882	257,154
1994	70,820	62,211	108,301	15,284	256,616
1995	69,179	65,761	102,984	15,023	252,947
1996	67,988	69,740	101,624	14,151	253,503
1997	70,022	71,793	98,835	13,647	254,297
1998	71,706	75,316	95,890	13,897	256,809
1999	76,241	78,868	93,023	13,149	261,281

(1) Pre-Retirement Allowance was introduced in March 1990.

Table B4

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 1999

Dependency Status	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Total
Personal Rate only	57,128	54,223	86,633	6,421	204,405
With Qualified Adult under 66	7,671	12,528	5,551	5,021	51,453
With Qualified Adult over 66	10,225	10,457			
With 1 Qualified Child	886	1,265	617	1,061	3,829
With 2 Qualified Children	228	292	148	413	1,081
With 3 Qualified Children	72	63	42	140	317
With 4 Qualified Children	20	31	23	50	124
With 5 Qualified Children	9	4	5	24	42
With 6 or more Qualified Children	2	5	4	19	30
Total Number of Recipients	76,241	78,868	93,023	13,149	261,281
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	1,217	1,660	839	1,707	5,423
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	1.6%	2.1%	0.9%	13.0%	2.1%
Total number of Qualified Adults	17,896	22,985	5,551	5,021	51,453
Total Number of Children	1,695	2,212	1,180	2,741	7,828

(1) An age breakdown for Qualified Adults is not available.

Table B5

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 1999
(Estimated)

Age Group	Old Age (Contributory) Pension		Retirement Pension		Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 70	14,450	6,007	25,572	8,540	7,169	9,156	47,191	23,703
70 under 75	12,906	6,500	17,720	6,247	10,712	12,789	41,338	25,536
75 under 80	10,875	6,689	9,844	3,157	10,348	12,304	31,067	22,150
80 under 85	6,827	4,673	3,675	1,305	6,995	8,888	17,497	14,866
85 and over	3,798	3,516	1,778	1,030	4,705	9,957	10,281	14,503
Total	48,856	27,385	58,589	20,279	39,929	53,094	147,374	100,758
OVERALL TOTAL	76,241		78,868		93,023		248,132	

Table B6

Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
55	418	163	581
56	765	153	918
57	887	217	1,104
58	961	197	1,158
59	1,041	215	1,256
60	1,062	215	1,277
61	1,114	239	1,353
62	1,205	243	1,448
63	1,291	300	1,591
64	1,316	284	1,600
65	671	192	863
Total	10,731	2,418	13,149

Table B7

Number of Recipients of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Pension Type, 1999
(Estimated)

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	22,246	18,904
Retirement Pension	16,763	7,788
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	24,893	30,545
Total	63,902	57,237

Table B8

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and County, 1999
(Estimated)

County	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	804	863	1,138	147
Cavan	859	792	2,888	206
Clare	1,386	1,299	3,895	325
Cork	8,126	8,542	10,455	1,443
Donegal	1,673	2,713	5,695	1,215
Dublin	26,255	25,105	9,887	3,319
Galway	2,565	2,839	7,788	607
Kerry	1,873	2,025	5,579	551
Kildare	1,898	1,889	1,592	259
Kilkenny	1,142	1,247	2,126	239
Laois	833	834	1,638	197
Leitrim	449	649	1,485	96
Limerick	2,911	3,255	4,159	637
Longford	570	505	1,473	101
Louth	2,225	2,450	1,930	389
Mayo	1,575	2,408	6,020	549
Meath	1,840	1,596	2,213	246
Monaghan	795	856	2,358	104
Offaly	1,074	1,066	1,732	184
Roscommon	861	855	2,841	86
Sligo	896	1,131	2,295	177
Tipperary	2,667	2,418	4,823	561
Waterford	1,659	2,184	2,200	431
Westmeath	1,242	1,203	1,889	186
Wexford	1,811	2,129	3,063	566
Wicklow	1,985	2,042	1,813	328
Others	6,267	5,973	48	-
Total	76,241	78,868	93,023	13,149

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widows, widowers & one-parent families



Section C: Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families increased by 7.1% overall. The largest percentage increase (11.6%) was in expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment, representing an increase of over £35 million. There were 70,387 recipients of this payment at the end of 1999, an increase of 7.4% over 1998.

The payment in this programme group with both the largest expenditure and number of recipients is Widow's and Widower's (Contributory) Pension. At the end of 1999, there were 99,771 recipients (90,758 widows and 9,013 widowers). Expenditure in 1999 was over £431 million which represented an increase of 5.9% over 1998.

Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance declined during 1999 as did the number of recipients. This arises as a result of the discontinuation of these payments for new claimants with effect from January 1997. One Parent Family Payment replaced these payments, Prisoners Wife's Allowance and Lone Parent's Allowance from that date.

Graph C1

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 1999

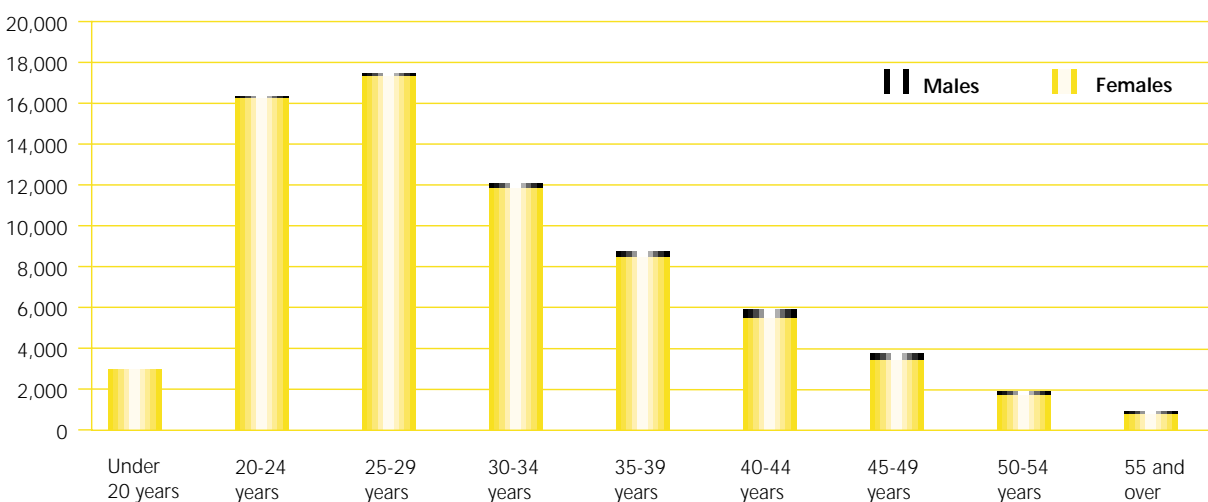


Table C1

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Payment Type	1998	1999 Provisional	Change 1999 over 1998
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	407,529	431,510	5.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	69,772	67,709	-3.0%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	66,260	69,592	5.0%
Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	6,681	6,583	-1.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	15	15	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	307,039	342,730	11.6%
TOTAL	857,296	918,139	7.1%

(1) Lone Parent's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Prisoners Wife's Allowance were discontinued for new claimants from the end of December 1996. A new unified payment, One-Parent Family Payment was introduced in January 1997 for all parents who are bringing up children on their own.

Table C2

Expenditure on Widow/er's Pensions, 1990 to 1999

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000
1990	252,969	43,600	296,569
1991	265,970	47,582	313,552
1992	282,456	51,901	334,357
1993	292,588	54,056	346,644
1994	306,236	56,509	362,745
1995	342,154	58,171	400,325
1996	359,945	60,768	420,713
1997	377,160	62,547	439,707
1998	407,529	66,260	473,789
1999 ⁽³⁾	431,510	69,592	501,102

(1) Payment was extended in October 1994 to include widowed men.

(2) Recipients of Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension with children transferred to Lone Parent's Allowance from November 1990. Expenditure on Orphan's Non-Contributory Pension is included up to and including 1994.

(3) Provisional.

Table C3

Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoners Wife's Allowance and Lone Parent's Allowance/One-Parent Family Payment, 1990 to 1999

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Prisoners Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Lone Parent's Allowance/One-Parent Family Payment ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1990	45,148	4,650	27	92,400	142,225
1991	51,480	5,216	33	110,546	167,275
1992	58,136	5,724	38	133,780	197,678
1993	61,672	5,957	29	150,995	218,653
1994	65,834	6,359	20	170,493	242,706
1995	70,092	6,671	26	194,263	271,052
1996	73,152	6,950	22	218,223	298,347
1997 ⁽³⁾	74,296	6,968	18	266,614	347,896
1998	69,772	6,681	15	307,039	383,507
1999 ⁽⁴⁾	67,709	6,583	15	342,730	417,037

(1) Recipients of Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoners Wife's Allowance and Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension with children transferred to Lone Parent's Allowance from November 1990.

(2) Lone Parent's Allowance was introduced in November 1990 and discontinued in December, 1996.

(3) One Parent Family Payment was introduced in January, 1997.

(4) Provisional.

Table C4

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, 1990 to 1999

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
1990	84,011	17,877	101,888
1991	84,493	18,287	102,780
1992	85,503	18,577	104,080
1993	86,371	18,825	105,196
1994	90,671	19,043	109,714
1995	94,713	19,108	113,821
1996	96,107	19,046	115,153
1997	97,340	18,786	116,126
1998	98,518	18,382	116,900
1999	99,771	17,978	117,749

(1) Payment was extended in October 1994 to include both widowed men and women.

(2) Recipients with children transferred to Lone Parent's Allowance from November 1990. Payment was extended, in October 1997 to include both widowed men and women.

Table C5

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension and Deserted Wife's Benefit by Number of Qualified Children, 1999

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	90,620	5,649	96,269
With 1 child	4,807	3,240	8,047
With 2 children	2,600	2,506	5,106
With 3 children	1,155	1,137	2,292
With 4 children	414	474	888
With 5 children	121	159	280
With 6 or more children	54	77	131
Total Recipients	99,771	13,242	113,013
Total Recipients with children	9,151	7,593	16,744
% of Recipients with children	9.2%	57.3%	14.8%
Total Number of children	16,069	14,816	30,885

Table C6

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pension			Overall Total
	Widow's	Widower's	Total	Widow's	Widower's	Total	
Under 25 years	7	1	8	-	-	-	8
25 to 29 years	56	10	66	2	-	2	68
30 to 34 years	273	63	336	5	-	5	341
35 to 39 years	684	187	871	11	3	14	885
40 to 44 years	1,279	381	1,660	34	8	42	1,702
45 to 49 years	2,287	689	2,976	104	9	113	3,089
50 to 54 years	4,154	1,210	5,364	310	20	330	5,694
55 to 59 years	6,231	1,534	7,765	708	26	734	8,499
60 to 64 years	9,758	1,975	11,733	1,443	32	1,475	13,208
65 to 69 years	12,329	1,141	13,470	2,671	27	2,698	16,168
70 to 74 years	15,303	659	15,962	3,680	7	3,687	19,649
75 to 79 years	16,738	546	17,284	4,152	4	4,156	21,440
80 years and over	21,659	617	22,276	4,718	4	4,722	26,998
TOTAL	90,758	9,013	99,771	17,838	140	17,978	117,749

Table C7

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance and Lone Parent's Allowance/One-Parent Family Payment, 1990 to 1999

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Lone Parent's Allowance ⁽²⁾	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽³⁾	Total
1990	10,462	1,793	225	25,231	-	37,711
1991	11,358	1,895	9	29,184	-	42,446
1992	12,270	1,971	12	32,927	-	47,180
1993	12,949	2,051	9	36,653	-	51,662
1994	13,662	2,095	8	40,700	-	56,465
1995	14,284	2,125	7	45,779	-	62,195
1996	14,738	2,138	8	50,557	-	67,441
1997	14,387	1,960	5	-	58,960	75,312
1998	13,835	1,807	4	-	65,548	81,194
1999	13,242	1,709	4	-	70,387	85,342

(1) Recipients with children transferred to Lone Parent's Allowance from November 1990.

(2) Lone Parent's Allowance replaced Unmarried Mother's Allowance in November 1990.

(3) Lone Parent's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Prisoners Wife's Allowance were discontinued for new claimants from the end of December 1996. A new unified payment, One-Parent Family Payment was introduced in January 1997 for all parents who are bringing up children on their own.

Table C8

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, by Age, 1999 (Estimated)

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	2	-	-
25 to 29 years	58	-	-
30 to 34 years	618	-	-
35 to 39 years	1,785	-	-
40 to 44 years	2,640	24	-
45 to 49 years	2,815	122	1
50 to 54 years	2,429	306	1
55 to 59 years	1,487	389	1
60 to 64 years	832	367	1
65 years and over	576	501	-
TOTAL	13,242	1,709	4

Table C9

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Qualified Children, 1999 (Estimated)

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total
With 1 child	42,920	774	43,694
With 2 children	16,087	399	16,486
With 3 children	6,194	215	6,409
With 4 children	2,375	83	2,458
With 5 children	818	52	870
With 6 or more children	442	28	470
Total Recipients	68,836	1,551	70,387
Total Number of Children	109,918	2,977	112,895

Table C10

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 20 years	24	2,982	-	-	24	2,982
20 to 24 years	92	16,277	-	9	92	16,286
25 to 29 years	98	17,336	3	40	101	17,376
30 to 34 years	194	11,801	10	83	204	11,884
35 to 39 years	304	8,358	22	116	326	8,474
40 to 44 years	385	5,339	44	178	429	5,517
45 to 49 years	301	3,230	61	209	362	3,439
50 to 54 years	159	1,427	63	284	222	1,711
55 to 59 years	60	372	44	209	104	581
60 to 64 years	29	50	25	106	54	156
65 years and over	5	13	14	31	19	44
Total	1,651	67,185	286	1,265	1,937	68,450
Overall Total	68,836		1,551		70,387	

Table C11

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance in receipt of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances, 1999 (Estimated)

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance
Widow/er's (Con) Pension	37,341	22,276
Deserted Wife's Benefit	241	19
Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension	7,818	4,722
Deserted Wife's Allowance	200	55
Total	45,600	27,072

Table C12

Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 1999 (Estimated)

County	Widow/er's (Con) Pension	Widow's (Non-Con) Pension	One-Parent Family Payment	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Carlow	1,150	203	912	143	21	-
Cavan	1,275	700	597	83	18	-
Clare	1,981	787	1,346	227	47	-
Cork	11,150	1,984	7,109	1,254	149	-
Donegal	3,059	976	2,470	267	92	-
Dublin	27,429	1,653	26,983	5,795	538	1
Galway	4,101	1,675	2,727	405	98	-
Kerry	3,062	988	1,692	272	73	1
Kildare	2,957	323	2,468	476	46	-
Kilkenny	1,583	364	963	184	31	-
Laois	1,268	346	704	92	13	-
Leitrim	860	301	245	46	4	-
Limerick	4,406	855	3,285	568	71	-
Longford	836	351	539	95	9	-
Louth	2,611	289	2,348	497	43	-
Mayo	3,174	1,120	1,325	185	58	1
Meath	2,408	447	1,540	342	54	-
Monaghan	1,099	514	732	124	31	-
Offaly	1,459	386	926	135	16	1
Roscommon	1,214	597	459	82	16	-
Sligo	1,490	442	814	205	18	-
Tipperary	3,794	1,000	2,164	381	54	-
Waterford	2,692	331	2,108	335	44	-
Westmeath	1,901	472	1,158	230	26	-
Wexford	2,774	574	2,471	336	74	-
Wicklow	2,519	299	2,289	483	65	-
Others	7,519	1	13	-	-	-
Total	99,771	17,978	70,387	13,242	1,709	4

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Section D : Child Related Payments

Expenditure and Recipients

This section relates to payments made in respect of children such as Child Benefit, Orphan's Pensions, and Maternity related payments. For ease of reference, this section also gives details of increases in respect of qualified children which are payable with social welfare payments (See Table D10). It should be noted, however, that for the purpose of apportioning expenditure between programmes, the cost of qualified child increases are included with the main payment e.g. Qualified Child increases paid with Old Age pensions are included in the 'Old Age' programme.

Expenditure on payments in this programme group rose by 6.6% in 1999. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 72.4% of recipient families in 1999 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1992 was 65%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 3,693 to 508,504. However, the total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid declined by 10,869 to 1,028,877.

Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by £26 million in 1999, an increase of 6.3% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by over £3 million, an increase of 8.7%.

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Data on Back to School Clothing and Footwear which previously appeared in this section is now in Section H (Supplementary Welfare Allowance).

Graph D1

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1991 to 1999

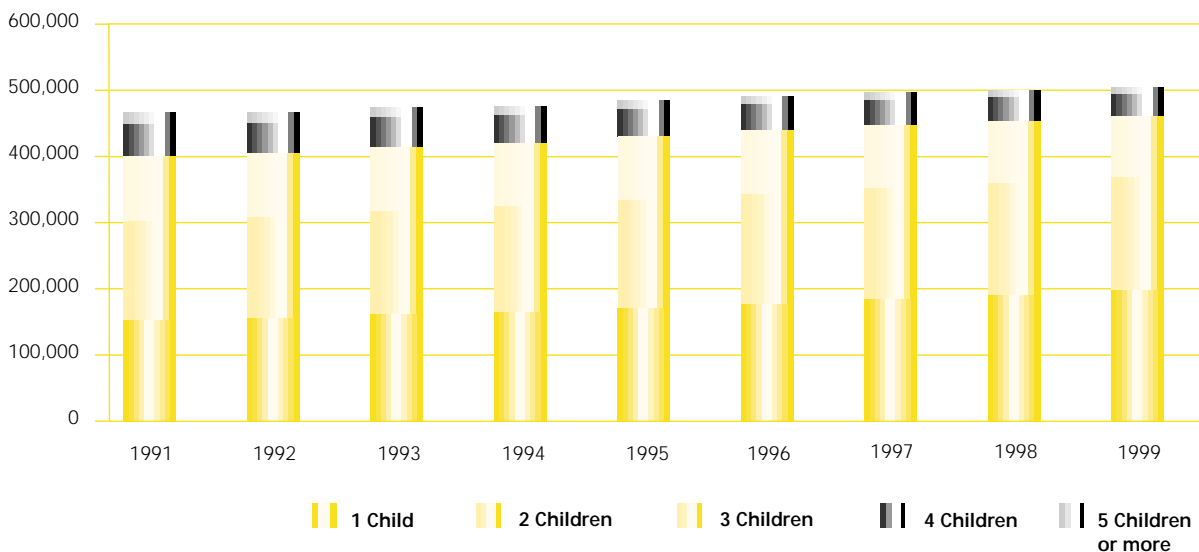


Table D1

Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Payment Type	1998	1999 Provisional	Change 1999 over 1998
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Maternity Benefit	38,208	41,530	8.7%
Adoptive Benefit	119	166	39.5%
Health and Safety Benefit	89	129	44.9%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,348	2,965	26.3%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,061	1,421	33.9%
OTHER			
Child Benefit	418,770	444,984	6.3%
TOTAL	460,595	491,195	6.6%

Table D2

Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1990 to 1999

Year	Expenditure
	£000
1990	209,723
1991	215,787
1992	219,088
1993	231,315
1994	265,469
1995	300,947
1996	375,986
1997	398,340
1998	418,770
1999 ⁽¹⁾	444,984

(1) Provisional.

Table D3

Expenditure on Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, 1990 to 1999

Year	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾
	£000	£000
1990	1,355	-
1991	1,390	-
1992	1,414	-
1993	1,477	-
1994	1,521	-
1995	1,735	598
1996	1,864	728
1997	2,071	856
1998	2,348	1,061
1999 ⁽²⁾	2,965	1,421

(1) Prior to 1995 Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension expenditure was included in expenditure on Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension.

(2) Provisional

Table D4

Expenditure on Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 1990 to 1999⁽¹⁾

Year	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit
	£000	£000
1990	20,825	-
1991	22,702	-
1992	21,957	-
1993	22,206	-
1994	24,353	-
1995	27,273	61
1996	29,839	54
1997	34,058	81
1998	38,208	119
1999 ⁽²⁾	41,530	166

(1) Adoptive Benefit was introduced in April 1995.

(2) Provisional.

Table D5

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Pensions, 1998 and 1999

Payment	1998	1999	% Change 1999 over 1998
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	886	956	7.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	531	617	16.2%
Total	1,417	1,573	11.0%

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Table D6

Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 1998 and 1999

Payment	1998	1999	% Change 1999 over 1998
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	5,453	6,008	10.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	18	34	88.9%
Adoptive Benefit	12	25	108.3%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	22,384	23,851	6.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	93	125	34.4%
Adoptive Benefit	88	110	25.0%

Table D7

Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1990 to 1999

Year	Families	Children
1990	473,232	1,108,561
1991	479,411	1,097,447
1992	476,086	1,078,690
1993	482,300	1,074,735
1994	482,592	1,055,156
1995	491,520	1,065,471
1996	497,252	1,060,496
1997	502,318	1,053,401
1998	504,811	1,039,746
1999	508,504	1,028,877

Table D8

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1991 to 1999

Number of Eligible Children in Family	Number of Recipient Families								
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995 ⁽¹⁾	1996	1997	1998	1999
1	151,878	155,424	160,499	164,809	169,625	176,126	183,271	190,083	197,457
2	150,199	152,071	157,000	159,275	163,278	166,364	168,421	169,509	170,777
3	97,932	96,633	96,782	95,536	96,811	96,218	95,450	93,671	92,172
4	47,757	45,877	44,105	41,631	41,323	39,682	37,836	35,932	33,979
5	18,090	16,582	15,272	13,834	13,464	12,557	11,652	10,592	9,651
6	6,614	5,990	5,479	4,829	4,538	4,099	3,746	3,304	2,965
7	2,351	2,114	1,923	1,653	1,521	1,385	1,201	1,071	980
8	964	844	724	586	556	465	433	401	324
9	373	323	312	254	230	201	179	145	107
10	151	149	118	105	104	94	83	57	56
11	68	46	51	50	42	31	20	22	22
12	22	21	26	20	20	19	17	16	11
13	6	7	6	6	4	7	5	6	2
14	3	4	1	2	2	3	3	2	1
15	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	-	-
Total	476,411	476,086	482,300	482,592	491,520	497,252	502,318	504,811	508,504
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,097,447	1,078,690	1,074,735	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877

(1) Payment was extended in September 1995 to include 18 year olds in full-time education.

Table D9

Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 1992 to 1999 (Estimated)

Age (in years)	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	41,554	36,305	38,263	43,255	43,689	46,470	46,962	46,390
1 under 2	52,512	51,301	49,242	47,869	49,032	50,341	52,805	54,123
2 under 3	53,845	53,639	51,541	49,808	48,514	49,741	51,086	53,690
3 under 4	52,845	55,242	53,598	51,818	50,283	49,187	50,430	51,871
4 under 5	54,810	53,981	54,794	53,639	52,306	50,877	49,779	51,028
5 under 6	57,686	55,676	53,764	54,813	54,044	52,823	51,379	50,386
6 under 7	60,048	58,620	55,613	53,431	55,160	54,456	53,288	51,851
7 under 8	60,323	61,260	58,442	55,743	53,737	55,567	54,800	53,723
8 under 9	61,744	61,257	60,905	58,327	56,048	54,098	55,940	55,213
9 under 10	64,442	63,104	61,107	60,453	58,628	56,405	54,357	56,299
10 under 11	67,692	65,242	62,569	61,012	60,628	58,896	56,645	54,662
11 under 12	69,313	68,940	65,233	62,495	61,219	60,861	59,085	56,952
12 under 13	71,586	70,298	68,357	65,473	62,506	61,389	60,993	59,352
13 under 14	70,509	72,762	70,026	68,185	65,571	62,702	61,457	61,203
14 under 15	68,605	71,967	72,263	69,903	68,301	65,698	62,741	61,640
15 under 16	67,572	69,776	71,054	70,445	68,302	66,839	64,637	61,771
16 under 17	52,424	50,771	54,351	58,581	60,780	59,091	56,615	54,216
17 under 18	51,180	54,594	54,034	53,487	57,032	58,836	56,915	55,592
18 under 19 ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	26,734	34,716	39,124	39,832	38,915
Total	1,078,690	1,074,735	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877

(1) Underestimates the number eligible because of the time lag in applying for benefit.

(2) Payment was extended to this age group on 1 September 1995.

Table D10

Number of Recipients of Qualified Child Increases by Payment Type, 1999 (Estimated)

Payment	1 Qualified Child		2 Qualified Children		3 Qualified Children		4 Qualified Children		5 Qualified Children		6+ Qualified Children		Total Children		Total Families with Children	
	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate
Old Age Contributory Pension	591	295	144	84	42	30	13	7	4	5	2	-	1,089	606	796	421
Retirement Pension	998	267	231	61	54	9	29	2	3	1	5	-	1,783	429	1,320	340
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	467	150	120	28	36	6	19	4	4	1	4	-	935	245	650	189
Pre-Retirement Allowance	886	164	369	44	131	9	44	6	22	3	19	1	2,417	324	1,471	227
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	4,807	-	2,600	-	1,155	-	414	-	121	-	56	-	16,069	-	9,153	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	3,240	-	2,506	-	1,137	-	474	-	159	-	77	-	14,816	-	7,593	-
One-Parent Family Payment	43,694	-	16,486	-	6,409	-	2,458	-	870	-	470	-	112,895	-	70,387	-
Health and Safety Benefit	-	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	11
Disability Benefit	1,601	5,879	1,142	6,166	656	3,126	288	949	83	247	53	69	7,738	33,034	3,823	16,436
Invalidity Pension	2,679	3,279	1,462	2,426	745	1,151	312	394	129	97	67	52	10,133	13,957	5,394	7,399
Injury Benefit	29	69	35	78	25	40	18	8	2	3	3	1	274	398	112	199
Interim Disability Benefit	17	39	25	61	10	16	8	7	3	-	-	1	144	243	63	124
Disablement Benefit	40	70	50	71	27	30	21	8	5	3	6	2	370	361	149	184
Death Benefit Pension	72	-	39	-	15	-	9	-	3	-	-	-	246	-	138	-
Disability Allowance	1,370	780	813	628	505	338	249	165	133	68	103	47	6,790	4,332	3,173	2,026
Blind Person's Pension	57	27	54	25	33	12	14	10	4	6	3	1	358	189	165	81
Carer's Allowance	165	1,643	88	1,543	40	1,020	17	557	5	205	2	143	566	11,900	317	5,111
Unemployment Benefit	1,874	6,987	1,725	8,022	1,095	3,849	556	1,084	198	250	111	56	12,545	40,537	5,559	20,248
Unemployment Assistance	5,701	1,936	5,452	2,110	3,850	1,304	2,206	633	1,067	226	1,251	124	49,820	14,475	19,356	6,320
Farm Assist / Smallholders	683	207	804	246	650	207	430	126	212	51	169	26	8,143	2,247	2,948	863
Back to Work Allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,577	5,152	12,859	2,263
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	477	244	628	294	471	143	255	67	94	11	60	4	5,028	1,609	1,985	763
Back to Education Allowance	59	106	82	114	33	60	26	25	4	6	8	3	501	663	212	314
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	2,822	-	1,638	-	925	-	444	-	203	-	214	-	12,948	-	6,246	-
TOTAL	72,329	22,150	36,493	22,004	18,044	11,350	8,304	4,052	3,328	1,183	2,683	530	298,185	130,715	153,869	63,519

Table D11

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Allowance/Pension and Child Benefit by County, 1999 (Estimated)

County	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Child Benefit
Carlow	17	10	6,737
Cavan	4	4	6,926
Clare	12	12	13,112
Cork	75	33	58,389
Donegal	51	33	17,735
Dublin	386	258	143,962
Galway	38	26	25,561
Kerry	16	25	16,429
Kildare	33	19	22,808
Kilkenny	16	10	9,882
Laois	14	4	7,049
Leitrim	4	17	3,134
Limerick	37	18	23,350
Longford	8	5	4,283
Louth	16	10	14,135
Mayo	23	10	14,627
Meath	16	14	17,039
Monaghan	14	1	6,760
Offaly	16	7	8,303
Roscommon	7	7	6,000
Sligo	23	15	7,347
Tipperary	41	25	19,111
Waterford	25	21	13,737
Westmeath	11	4	9,877
Wexford	18	10	16,001
Wicklow	17	19	16,168
Others	18	-	42
Total	956	617	508,504

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Section E : Illness, Disability and Caring

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 8.8% and 5.8% respectively. Disability Allowance was introduced in October 1996 and replaced Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance (DPMA) which was administered by the Health Boards. Expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 11.9% to £193 million. There are now 50,431 recipients of the scheme.

Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990. Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by £12.3 million in 1999, an increase of 27.3%. There are now 14,387 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 2,971 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1991 to 1999.

Graph E1

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1991 to 1999

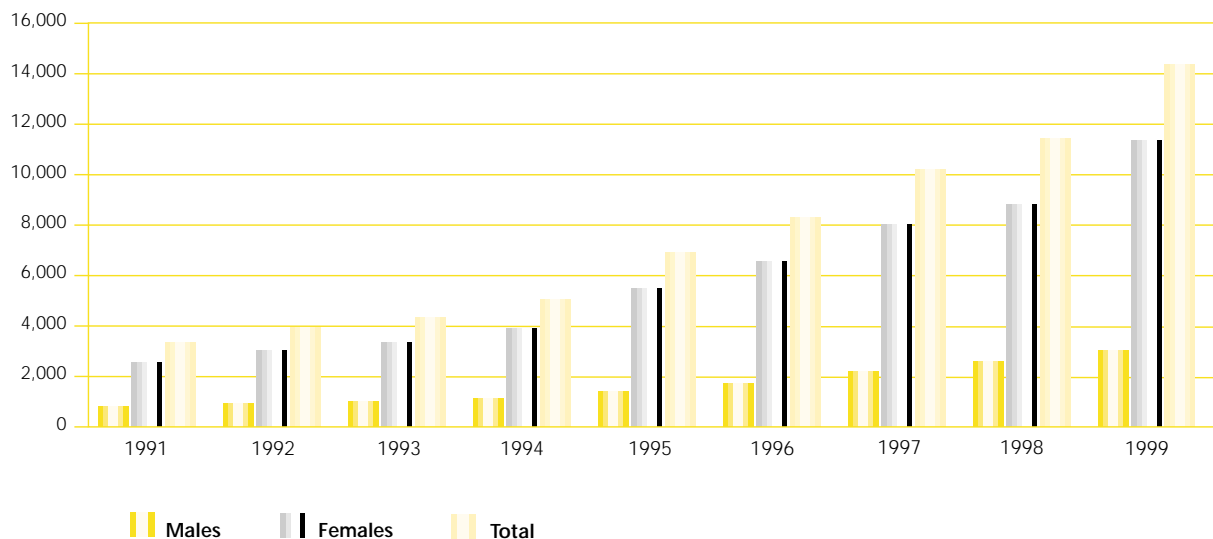


Table E1

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999 Provisional	Change 1999 over 1998
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Disability Benefit	190,147	206,892	8.8%
Invalidity Pension	208,121	220,176	5.8%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Disability Allowance	172,910	193,079	11.7%
Blind Person's Pension	9,179	9,262	0.9%
Carer's Allowance	45,099	57,410	27.3%
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS			
Injury Benefit	7,115	7,332	3.0%
Disablement Benefit	37,875	38,940	2.8%
Death Benefit	3,257	3,451	6.0%
Medical Care	139	129	-7.2%
TOTAL	673,842	736,671	9.3%

Table E2

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1990 to 1999

	Disability Benefit	Occupational Injuries	Invalidity Pension	Pay-Related Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Blind Person's Pension ⁽²⁾	Disability Allowance ⁽³⁾	Carer's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	Total
Year	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1990	175,691	34,235	121,886	7,812	-	-	97	339,721
1991	172,985	37,001	134,001	7,742	-	-	6,056	357,785
1992	172,917	36,052	144,647	5,498	-	-	10,500	369,614
1993	166,990	36,748	157,302	747	-	-	11,514	373,301
1994	165,411	38,192	171,165	19	-	-	14,370	389,157
1995	167,476	40,694	176,455	-	8,500	48,000	20,219	461,344
1996	167,433	42,923	189,830	-	8,700	124,067	27,002	559,955
1997	179,910	47,866	199,272	-	8,769	151,860	36,514	624,191
1998	190,147	48,386	208,121	-	9,179	172,910	45,099	673,842
1999 ⁽⁵⁾	206,892	49,852	220,176	-	9,262	193,079	57,410	736,671

(1) Pay-Related Benefit with Disability Benefit and Injury Benefit was discontinued for new claimants from 6th April 1992.

(2) Expenditure on Blind Person's Pension was included in the expenditure on Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension up to and including 1994.

(3) Disability Allowance was funded by the Department of Health up to August 1995.

(4) Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990.

(5) Provisional.

Table E3

Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999	Change 1999 over 1998
Disability Benefit	43,766	45,535	4.0%
Invalidity Pension	44,925	46,946	4.5%
Disability Allowance	47,126	50,431	7.0%
Occupational Injury Benefit	746	748	0.3%
Interim Disability Benefit	439	514	17.1%
Blind Person's Pension	2,358	2,304	-2.3%
Carer's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	11,416	14,387	26.0%
Death Benefit Pension	630	662	5.1%
Disablement Pension	10,182	10,577	3.9%
TOTAL	161,588	172,104	6.5%

(1) There were also 68 persons in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 1999. Prescribed Relatives Allowance was replaced by Carer's Allowance in 1990.

Table E4

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Disability Allowance and Carer's Allowance, 1990 to 1999

Year	Invalidity Pension	Disability Benefit	Disability Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Carer's Allowance
1990	24,068	52,765	-	-
1991	36,156	49,726	-	3,355
1992	36,849	47,733	-	3,938
1993	38,894	43,924	-	4,328
1994	40,226	41,869	-	5,056
1995	42,092	41,830	-	6,917
1996	43,046	42,460	37,054	8,298
1997	43,633	43,500 ⁽²⁾	43,192	10,196
1998	44,925	43,766	47,126	11,416
1999	46,946	45,535	50,431	14,387

(1) Disability Allowance was administered by the Health Boards up to October 1996.

(2) Estimated.

Table E5

Number of Recipients of Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	878	1,014	1,892
25 to 29 Years	990	2,439	3,429
30 to 34 years	1,138	4,349	5,487
35 to 39 years	1,602	4,683	6,285
40 to 44 years	1,844	4,032	5,876
45 to 49 years	2,113	3,455	5,568
50 to 54 years	2,580	3,299	5,879
55 to 59 years	2,800	2,714	5,514
60 to 64 years	3,212	2,006	5,218
65 years and over	214	173	387
Total	17,371	28,164	45,535

Table E6

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Sex and Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	4	1	5
25 to 29 years	35	51	86
30 to 34 years	178	356	534
35 to 39 years	735	1,316	2,051
40 to 44 years	1,580	2,055	3,635
45 to 49 years	2,905	2,617	5,522
50 to 54 years	4,735	3,305	8,040
55 to 59 years	6,052	3,724	9,776
60 to 64 years	8,766	4,550	13,316
65 years and over	2,160	1,821	3,981
TOTAL	27,150	19,796	46,946

Table E7

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	42	132	174
25 to 29 years	76	278	354
30 to 34 years	154	671	825
35 to 39 years	299	1,037	1,336
40 to 44 years	444	1,370	1,814
45 to 49 years	548	1,685	2,233
50 to 54 years	568	1,929	2,497
55 to 59 years	373	1,553	1,926
60 to 64 years	300	1,397	1,697
65 years and over	219	1,312	1,531
Total	3,023	11,364	14,387

Table E8

Number of Recipients of Blind Person's Pension by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	81	64	145
25 to 29 years	83	79	162
30 to 34 years	93	65	158
35 to 39 years	100	82	182
40 to 44 years	81	89	170
45 to 49 years	87	106	193
50 to 54 years	113	88	201
55 to 59 years	110	97	207
60 to 64 years	100	106	206
65 years and over	301	379	680
Total	1,149	1,155	2,304

Table E9

Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	5,173	4,016	9,189
25 to 29 years	3,090	2,264	5,354
30 to 34 years	3,036	2,156	5,192
35 to 39 years	3,001	1,993	4,994
40 to 44 years	2,836	1,863	4,699
45 to 49 years	2,934	1,876	4,810
50 to 54 years	3,268	2,107	5,375
55 to 59 years	3,029	1,826	4,855
60 to 64 years	3,161	1,810	4,971
65 years and over	652	340	992
Total	30,180	20,251	50,431

Table E10

Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	-	-
25 to 29 years	-	2	2
30 to 34 years	-	14	14
35 to 39 years	-	24	24
40 to 44 years	-	32	32
45 to 49 years	-	59	59
50 to 54 years	-	68	68
55 to 59 years	-	71	71
60 to 64 years	-	92	92
65 years and over	4	296	300
Total	4	658	662

Table E11

Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit and Interim Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Disability Benefit		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	100	20	120	54	25	79
25 to 29 years	57	27	84	59	18	77
30 to 34 years	73	26	99	57	24	156
35 to 39 years	82	29	111	53	10	63
40 to 44 years	87	24	111	61	14	75
45 to 49 years	47	18	65	44	16	138
50 to 54 years	57	14	71	26	14	40
55 to 59 years	42	13	55	15	7	22
60 to 64 years	23	9	32	12	3	62
65 years and over	-	-	-	2	-	2
Total	568	180	748	383	131	514

Table E12

Number of Recipients of Disablement Pension by Age and Sex, 1999

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 66 years	7,374	1,475	8,849
Over 66 years	1,502	226	1,728
Total	8,876	1,701	10,577

Table E13

Number of Recipients of Disablement Benefit by Degree of Disablement, 1999

Type of Payment	Number of Recipients	
Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement ⁽¹⁾ :	Under 20%	1,343
	20%	2,768
	30%	2,849
	40%	1,553
	50%	791
	60%	510
	70%	251
	80%	207
	90%	60
	100%	245
Total	10,577	

(1) The rate of Disablement Benefit depends on the degree of disablement, which is medically assessed.

For assessments of up to 19% disablement, benefit will normally be a lump sum and from 20% upwards, a pension is payable.

Table E14

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependents, 1999 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Disability Benefit	Incapacity Pension	Injury Benefit	Interim Disability Benefit	Death Benefit Pensions	Disability Allowance	Blind Person's Pension	Carer's Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	21,806	n.a.	396	312	524	44,643	1,660	8,959	78,300
With Qualified Adult only	3,470	n.a.	41	15	-	589	398	-	4,513
With 1 full rate child allowance	1,601	2,679	29	17	72	1,370	57	165	5,990
With 2 full rate child allowances	1,142	1,462	35	25	39	813	54	88	3,658
With 3 full rate child allowances	656	745	25	10	15	505	33	40	2,029
With 4 full rate child allowances	288	312	18	8	9	249	14	17	915
With 5 full rate child allowances	83	129	2	3	3	133	4	5	362
With 6+ full rate child allowances	53	67	3	-	-	103	3	2	231
With 1 half rate child allowance	5,879	3,279	69	39	-	780	27	1,643	11,716
With 2 half rate child allowances	6,166	2,426	78	61	-	628	25	1,543	10,927
With 3 half rate child allowances	3,126	1,151	40	16	-	338	12	1,020	5,703
With 4 half rate child allowances	949	394	8	7	-	165	10	557	2,090
With 5 half rate child allowances	247	97	3	-	-	68	6	205	626
With 6+ half rate child allowances	69	52	1	1	-	47	1	143	314
Total number of recipients	45,535	46,946	748	514	662	50,431	2,304	14,387	127,374
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	20,259	12,793	311	187	138	5,199	246	5,428	44,561
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child allowances	44.5%	27.3%	41.6%	36.4%	20.8%	10.3%	10.7%	37.7%	35.0%
Total number of Qualified Adults	6,546	11,521	144	75	-	3,762	164	-	22,212
Total number of children⁽¹⁾	41,032	24,142	673	387	246	11,542	550	12,557	91,129

(1) An increase in respect of a Qualified Child is payable at half rate where a spouse/partner living with the recipient is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/partner may receive half the Qualified Child allowance where both are in receipt of a social welfare payment. This can result in some double counting of the actual number of Qualified Children.

Table E15

Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1991 to 1999

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined	Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination
1991	5,496	4,654	842
1992	5,729	4,772	957
1993	6,155	5,297	858
1994	5,551	4,804	747
1995	5,375	4,688	687
1996	6,355	5,269	1,086
1997	6,588	5,379	1,209
1998	6,386	5,032	1,354
1999	6,604	5,080	1,524

Table E16

Number of Disability Benefit Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1990 to 1999

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined and found to be		Number of Persons who did not attend for Examination	
		Incapable of Work	Capable of Work	Medically Certified Unfit to Attend	Others
1990	66,381	37,127	13,721	2,519	13,014
1991	69,106	38,453	13,614	2,586	14,453
1992	66,732	38,440	12,052	2,437	13,803
1993	63,318	36,310	9,846	1,982	15,180
1994	59,274	33,299	7,995	1,677	16,303
1995	54,226	29,131	8,029	1,264	15,802
1996	52,059	27,927	6,665	1,138	16,329
1997	55,089	30,684	7,137	566	16,702
1998	63,927	35,458	7,574	415	20,480
1999	59,224	33,254	7,410	386	18,174

Table E17

Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1997 to 1999

Year	Number of Examinations Scheduled ⁽¹⁾	Number of Persons Examined and found to be		Number of Persons who did not attend for Examination
		Qualified for Disability Allowance	Not qualified for Disability Allowance	
1997	6,423 ⁽²⁾	3,001	1,806	1,616
1998	7,229	3,032	2,288	1,909
1999	8,862	3,801	2,631	2,430

(1) Includes cases where more than one examination was scheduled for individuals who did not attend for their first examination.

(2) 1997 data includes data relating to applications received from October 1996.

Table E18

Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances By Payment Type, 1999 (Estimated)

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Invalidity Pension	81	448
Death Benefit Pension	-	161
Blind Person's Pension	111	159
Total	192	768

Table E19

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and County, 1999 (Estimated)

County	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Blind Person's Pension	Injury Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Interim Disability Benefit	Disablement Pension
Carlow	815	744	665	217	27	17	12	12	160
Cavan	612	488	692	320	35	11	8	8	150
Clare	866	812	1,263	399	46	5	9	6	188
Cork	5,652	6,578	6,071	1,269	195	101	95	69	1,641
Donegal	1,973	1,278	2,358	1,054	139	29	17	9	266
Dublin	13,979	15,920	11,680	2,034	580	171	156	132	2,811
Galway	1,643	1,301	3,191	1,071	135	37	25	25	401
Kerry	1,065	1,056	2,252	800	99	22	17	9	254
Kildare	1,827	1,414	1,547	393	43	32	27	19	367
Kilkenny	651	717	1,087	316	43	15	18	15	199
Laois	472	480	770	214	32	6	3	4	118
Leitrim	424	343	470	175	43	5	7	4	85
Limerick	2,417	2,530	2,744	773	90	46	35	25	590
Longford	452	419	494	244	30	11	8	5	122
Louth	2,031	1,936	1,129	313	67	26	28	18	453
Mayo	1,198	1,080	2,109	1,000	113	16	13	22	265
Meath	1,228	1,050	1,101	354	55	30	17	16	388
Monaghan	698	477	665	321	38	8	11	7	144
Offaly	738	770	825	308	42	21	12	14	182
Roscommon	534	468	833	329	41	10	18	7	161
Sligo	645	562	1,023	279	89	13	7	6	158
Tipperary	1,364	1,466	2,317	726	70	37	47	21	444
Waterford	1,089	1,216	1,223	315	47	27	13	23	317
Westmeath	807	855	840	302	64	15	14	9	156
Wexford	1,141	1,242	1,715	490	92	20	18	15	270
Wicklow	1,214	1,199	1,360	370	47	15	17	13	262
Others	-	545	7	1	2	2	10	1	25
Total	45,535	46,946	50,431	14,387	2,304	748	662	514	10,577

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unemployment supports

Section F: Unemployment Supports

The statistics in this section of the report relate to the Live Register, expenditure and recipients of unemployment payments.

Live Register and Unemployment Payments

The Live Register is a monthly statistical count compiled by the Central Statistics Office of certain categories of persons registered with the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs for Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance and credited Social Insurance contributions.

The Live Register comprises of the following classes of persons under the age of 65 years:

- (i) all claimants of Unemployment Benefit excluding systematic short-time workers,
- (ii) applicants for Unemployment Assistance excluding smallholders and self-employed persons,
- (iii) other registrants, including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

This means that not all persons who are in receipt of Unemployment Benefit or Assistance are on the Live Register. Some persons who are included on the Live Register e.g. applicants for credited contributions, are not in receipt of an unemployment benefit or assistance payment.

Changes to Existing Payments

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaces the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The new scheme provides an income supplement for low-income farmers. The great majority of existing recipients of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999. There were 7,874 recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders at the end of 1999, of which 750 continued to be in receipt of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance.

Data on expenditure on Farm Assist and recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders is contained in Section G (Employment Supports). Expenditure on Unemployment Assistance shown in this Section includes expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance in 1999 and earlier years. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this Section and in Section G.

Trends

Overall expenditure on Unemployment Supports decreased by 15% over 1998. Expenditure on Unemployment Assistance fell by nearly £122 million over 1998, a decrease of 20.1%. Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit fell by over £5 million, a decrease of 2.2% over 1998.

These decreases reflect the fall in the numbers on these payments, including those on the Live Register. The Live Register declined by 33,586 during 1999, a decrease of 14.8%

Table F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Supports by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999 Provisional	Change 1999 over 1998
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Unemployment Benefit	236,668	231,481	-2.2%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Unemployment Assistance ⁽¹⁾	606,442	484,843	-20.1%
TOTAL⁽¹⁾	843,110	716,324	-15.0%

(1) Data on expenditure on Unemployment Assistance includes expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance. Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999. Data on Farm Assist expenditure is included in Section G. This affects the comparability of different years' expenditure figures in this section.

Table F2

Expenditure on Unemployment Supports by Payment Type, 1990 to 1999

	Unemployment Benefit Year	Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Unemployment Assistance ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
1990	172,211	11,981	522,030	706,222
1991	213,291	14,760	602,333	830,384
1992	242,380	18,662	719,379	980,421
1993	240,073	19,396	788,710	1,048,179
1994	215,108	16,047	799,529	1,030,684
1995	200,716	3,764	799,011	1,003,491
1996	207,380	49	803,723	1,011,152
1997	215,239	1	708,647	923,887
1998	236,668	-	606,442	843,110
1999 ⁽³⁾	231,481	-	484,843	716,324

(1) Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit was discontinued for new claimants from July 28, 1994

(2) Data on expenditure on Unemployment Assistance includes expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance. Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999. Data on Farm Assist expenditure is included in Section G. This affects the comparability of different years' expenditure figures in this section.

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Table F3

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1990 to 1999

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
1990	65,754	152,042	217,796
1991	74,262	165,539	239,801
1992	79,872	196,467	276,339
1993	73,803	207,084	280,887
1994	65,480	200,198	265,678
1995	62,050	200,587	262,637
1996	62,751	184,031	246,782
1997	63,914	159,777	223,691
1998	61,591	120,496	182,087
1999	56,576	93,129	149,705

Table F4

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance by Number of Dependants, 1999 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
Personal Rate only	28,058	62,307	90,365
With Qualified Adult only	2,711	5,146	7,857
1 full rate Qualified Child	1,874	5,701	7,575
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,725	5,452	7,177
3 full rate Qualified Children	1,095	3,850	4,945
4 full rate Qualified Children	556	2,206	2,762
5 full rate Qualified Children	198	1,067	1,265
6+full rate Qualified Children	111	1,080	1,191
1 half rate Qualified Child	6,987	1,936	8,923
2 half rate Qualified Children	8,022	2,110	10,132
3 half rate Qualified Children	3,849	1,304	5,153
4 half rate Qualified Children	1,084	633	1,717
5 half rate Qualified Children	250	226	476
6+ half rate Qualified Children	56	111	167
Total Number of Recipients	56,576	93,129	149,705
Number of Qualified Adults	8,270	24,502	32,772
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	14.6%	26.3%	21.9%
Number of Recipients with Qualified Children	25,807	25,676	51,483
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	45.6%	27.6%	34.4%
Total Number of Children ⁽¹⁾	53,082	64,295	117,377

(1) A Qualified Child Increase is payable at half rate where a spouse, living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse may receive half the Qualified Child Increase where both are in receipt of a social welfare payment. This can result in some double counting of the actual number of Qualified Children.

Table F5

Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1990 to 1999

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Others	Total Live Register
1990	60,445	147,792	16,474	224,711
1991	71,537	167,141	15,269	253,947
1992	76,609	189,783	16,733	283,125
1993	74,885	202,500	16,894	294,279
1994	65,788	202,157	14,468	282,413
1995	61,508	200,708	15,530	277,746
1996	62,597	198,927	17,707	279,231
1997	64,955	171,755	17,669	254,379
1998	68,088	142,649	16,358	227,095
1999	64,945	113,276	15,288	193,509

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F6

Number of Persons on the Live Register, on the last Friday of each month, 1999

Month	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Others	Total Live Register
January	70,293	128,120	15,601	214,014
February	68,880	123,422	15,309	207,611
March	67,030	119,235	14,969	201,234
April	64,788	116,797	15,267	196,852
May	63,042	115,178	15,105	193,325
June	64,927	117,109	15,359	197,395
July	69,171	115,367	16,021	200,559
August	68,428	114,052	16,190	198,670
September	61,838	108,940	15,405	186,183
October	60,362	102,640	14,943	177,945
November	58,003	99,354	14,429	171,786
December	62,576	99,101	14,862	176,539
Average	64,945	113,276	15,288	193,509

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F7

Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 1999

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register ⁽¹⁾	Net Change
January	29,589	31,336	214,014	-1,747
February	21,117	27,520	207,611	-6,403
March	17,983	24,360	201,234	-6,377
April	29,002	33,688	196,852	-4,686
May	19,776	24,094	193,325	-4,318
June	25,927	22,638	197,395	3,289
July	31,380	26,340	200,559	5,040
August	19,448	21,337	198,670	-1,889
September	20,270	32,757	186,183	-12,487
October	26,764	35,002	177,945	-8,238
November	20,289	26,448	171,786	-6,159
December	22,561	17,808	176,539	4,753
Total	284,106	323,328	193,509	-39,222

(1) Average Live Register.
Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit/Pay Related Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1990 -1999

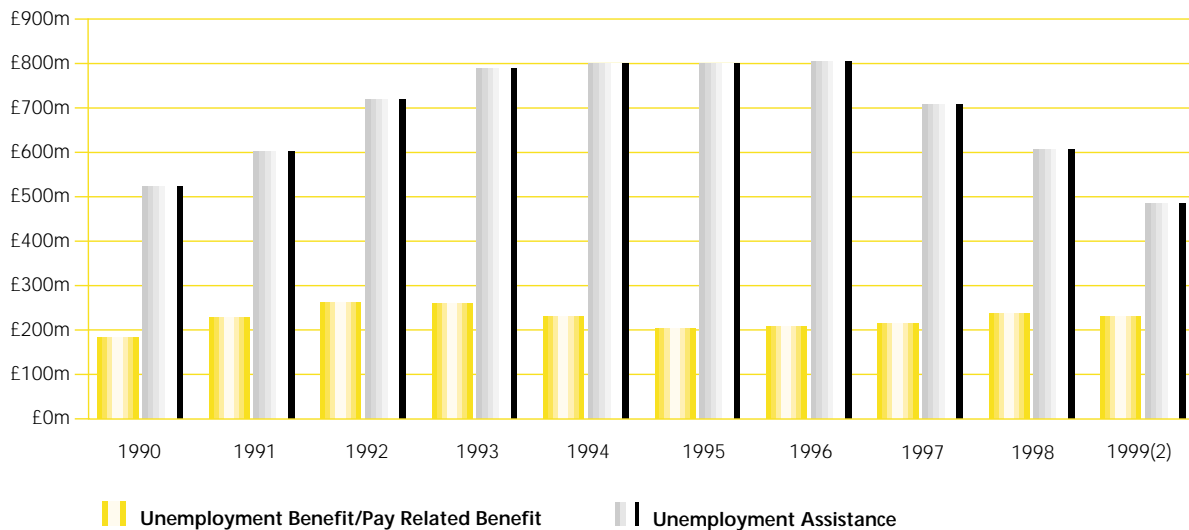


Table F8

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 1999 (Estimated)

Age Group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	3,458	3.4%	3,087	4.1%	6,545	3.7%
20 to 24 years	13,087	13.0%	10,697	14.2%	23,784	13.5%
25 to 34 years	26,156	25.9%	22,887	30.3%	49,043	27.8%
35 to 44 years	23,769	23.5%	19,889	26.3%	43,658	24.7%
45 to 54 years	23,243	23.0%	12,860	17.0%	36,103	20.5%
55 to 59 years	7,026	7.0%	3,953	5.2%	10,979	6.2%
60 to 64 years	4,290	4.2%	2,137	2.8%	6,427	3.6%
Total Live Register	101,029	100%	75,510	100%	176,539	100%

Table F9

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 1999, Classified by Age and Sex

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	< 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	> 3 yrs	
Males							
< 20 yrs	1,503	854	666	365	62	26	3,476
20 - 24 yrs	4,333	2,474	2,046	1,698	1,096	1,508	13,155
25 - 34 yrs	7,070	3,763	3,985	3,414	1,950	6,109	26,291
35 - 44 yrs	5,156	2,723	3,190	2,784	1,659	8,381	23,893
45 - 54 yrs	3,944	2,061	2,701	3,784	1,643	9,231	23,364
55 - 59 yrs	1,441	836	1,011	1,439	496	1,840	7,063
60 - 64 yrs	949	545	781	780	293	964	4,312
Total Males	24,396	13,256	14,380	14,264	7,199	28,059	101,554
Females							
< 20 yrs	1,367	715	600	352	48	14	3,096
20 - 24 yrs	4,136	2,074	1,584	1,284	786	865	10,729
25 - 34 yrs	8,146	3,710	4,106	2,902	1,220	2,873	22,957
35 - 44 yrs	6,296	2,774	3,251	2,673	1,311	3,644	19,949
45 - 54 yrs	4,152	1,596	1,901	1,892	870	2,488	12,899
55 - 59 yrs	1,209	518	664	603	339	632	3,965
60 - 64 yrs	694	277	381	296	167	328	2,143
Total Females	26,000	11,664	12,487	10,002	4,741	10,844	75,738
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	2,870	1,569	1,266	717	110	40	6,572
20 - 24 yrs	8,469	4,548	3,630	2,982	1,882	2,373	23,884
25 - 34 yrs	15,216	7,473	8,091	6,316	3,170	8,982	49,248
35 - 44 yrs	11,452	5,497	6,441	5,457	2,970	12,025	43,842
45 - 54 yrs	8,096	3,657	4,602	5,676	2,513	11,719	36,263
55 - 59 yrs	2,650	1,354	1,675	2,042	835	2,472	11,028
60 - 64 yrs	1,643	822	1,162	1,076	460	1,292	6,455
Total	50,396	24,920	26,867	24,266	11,940	38,903	177,292

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F10

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1990 to 1999

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
1990	74,439	72,756	147,195	45,778	25,285	71,063	218,258
1991	91,473	79,120	170,593	55,749	29,266	85,015	255,608
1992	95,219	89,704	184,923	61,795	34,366	96,161	281,084
1993	91,177	96,991	188,168	60,307	37,800	98,107	286,275
1994	81,701	95,451	177,152	58,069	37,647	95,716	272,868
1995	81,675	93,766	175,441	60,117	39,976	100,093	275,534
1996	75,092	93,409	168,501	59,614	40,915	100,529	269,030
1997	70,938	78,128	149,066	57,413	37,002	94,415	243,481
1998	62,255	63,503	125,758	53,860	31,852	85,712	211,470
1999	52,032	49,522	101,554	50,151	25,587	75,738	177,292

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Graph F2

Number of persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 1999

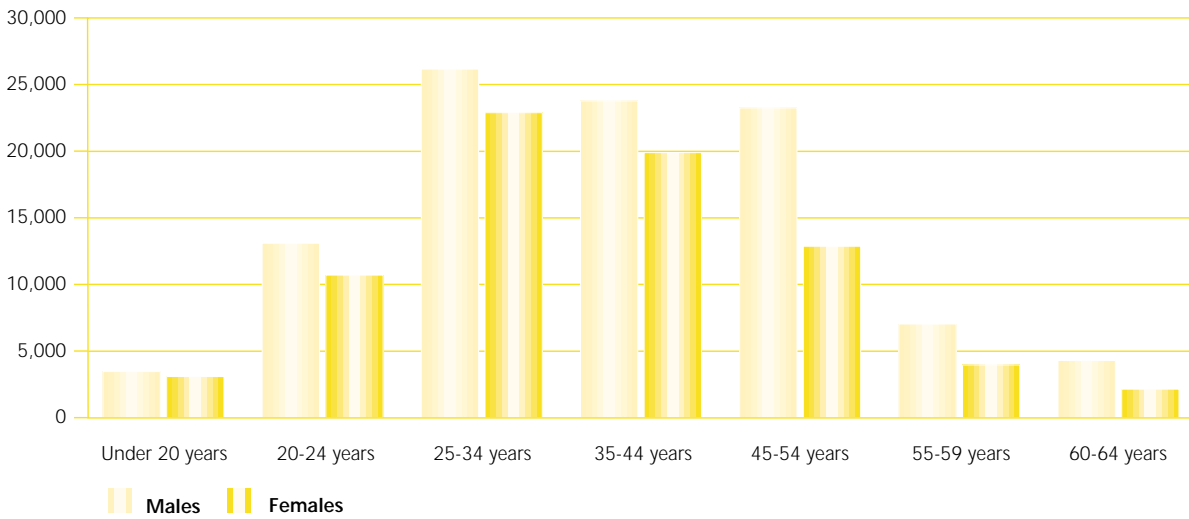


Table F11

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, in each Month during 1999

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
January	4,211	2,545	741
February	4,226	2,541	718
March	4,024	2,499	718
April	3,738	2,396	737
May	3,840	2,357	748
June	3,602	2,270	792
July	3,473	2,274	872
August	3,264	2,225	866
September	3,383	2,184	858
October	3,502	2,128	754
November	3,292	2,129	739
December	3,151	2,122	789
Average	3,642	2,306	778

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F3

Number of persons on the Live Register in October, 1999, by Sex and Duration

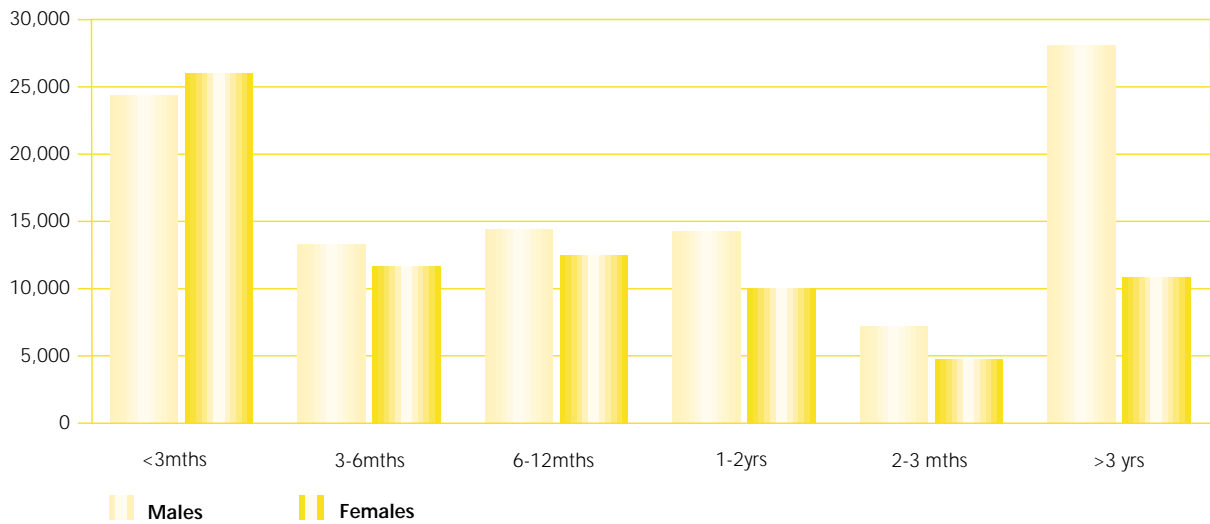


Table F12

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, 1990 to 1999

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed ⁽¹⁾	Persons Aged 65 years and over
1990	3,690	-	1,060
1991	5,258	-	834
1992	6,713	3,711	794
1993	8,136	3,897	685
1994	6,111	3,697	605
1995	6,159	3,541	523
1996	6,908	3,251	651
1997	4,925	3,073	752
1998	4,380	2,771	691
1999	3,642	2,306	778

(1) The Self-Employed are excluded from the Live Register from May 1992.

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F13

Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 1990 to 1999

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force	Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate
1990	224,711	1,310,000	13.3
1991	253,947	1,342,000	14.7
1992	283,125	1,361,800	15.5
1993	294,279	1,381,800	15.6
1994	282,413	1,407,000	14.1
1995	277,746	1,439,500	12.1
1996	279,230	1,488,500	11.5
1997	254,379	1,517,300	9.8
1998	227,095	1,581,200	7.4
1999	193,509	1,640,400	5.6

Source: Central Statistics Office

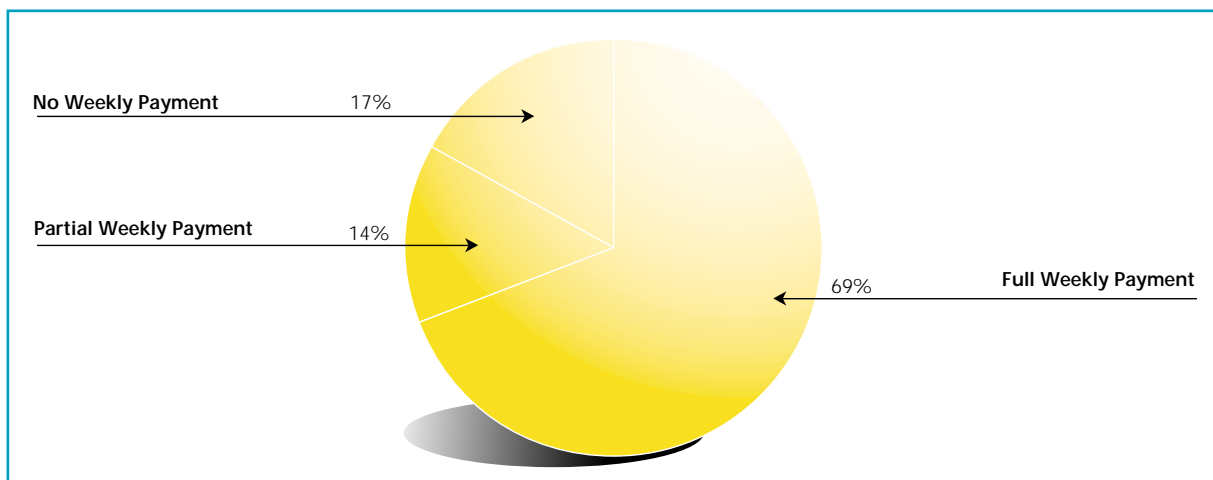
Table F14

Numbers on the Live Register by County, 1999

County	Live Register ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	2,496
Cavan	2,019
Clare	3,602
Cork	17,855
Donegal	11,699
Dublin	45,483
Galway	9,862
Kerry	7,587
Kildare	4,347
Kilkenny	2,703
Laois	2,131
Leitrim	1,406
Limerick	7,595
Longford	2,054
Louth	7,020
Mayo	7,629
Meath	2,753
Monaghan	2,743
Offaly	2,623
Roscommon	1,876
Sligo	2,794
Tipperary	4,318
Waterford	6,573
Westmeath	3,283
Wexford	6,885
Wicklow	4,784
Other	2,419
Total	176,539

(1) Source: Central Statistics Office.

Graph F4

The Live Register and Weekly Unemployment Payments, December 1999 (Estimated)⁽¹⁾

(1) The number of persons on the Live Register at December 1999 receiving a full weekly payment was approximately 122,200. There were a further 24,500 in receipt of payments for part of the week (part-time/casual workers). The remainder of the register (29,800) was made up of those signing for credited contributions and others not entitled to payment.

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employment supports

Section G: Employment Supports

The statistics in this section of the report relate to expenditure and recipients of a range of Employment Supports provided by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. These include:

- Family Income Supplement
- Back to Work Allowance
- Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
- Back to Education Allowance
- Student Summer Job Scheme
- Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme
- Farm Assist

New Payment

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaces the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance Scheme. The new scheme provides an income supplement for low-income farmers. The great majority of existing recipients of Smallholders Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999. There were 7,874 recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders at the end of 1999, of which 750 continued to be in receipt of Smallholders Assistance.

Data on expenditure on Farm Assist and recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders is contained in this Section. Expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance is contained in Section F (Unemployment Supports). This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this Section and in Section F.

Trends

Overall expenditure on Employment Supports increased by £40million in 1999, an increase of 25.4% over 1998. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports increased by 8,899 an increase of over 15%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 13.1%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement increased by 1,406 an increase of 10.7%. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance increased by nearly £22million, an increase of 32%, reflecting an increase of 7,803 in the number of recipients. Expenditure on Back to Education Allowance increased by 21.7%.

Meanwhile, expenditure on Back to Work Enterprise Allowance decreased by 5.7% in 1999 and the number of recipients of this scheme has declined by 1,750 to 5,681. Expenditure on the Students Summer Jobs Scheme declined by 33.7% over 1998 reflecting the decline of 4,419 in the number of students who participated in the scheme.

Table G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999 Provisional	Change 1999 over 1998
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Family Income Supplement	28,656	32,396	13.1%
Back to Work Allowance	67,754	89,427	32.0%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	35,013	33,010	-5.7%
Back to Education Allowance	16,335	19,886	21.7%
Students Summer Jobs Scheme	7,992	5,298	-33.7%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1,475	1,328	-10.0%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	-	15,642	-
Other ⁽²⁾	409	759	85.6%
TOTAL⁽¹⁾	157,634	197,746	25.4%

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaces the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance Scheme transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999. Data on expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance is contained in Section F. This affects the comparability of different years' expenditure figures.

(2) Includes Technical Assistance/Training Grants to Back to Work participants, Credit Union loan guarantee scheme for Back to Work participants, Small Project grants, STEP, and continued payment for qualified children.

Table G2

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement and Other Employment Supports, 1990 to 1999

Year	Family Income Supplement	Other Employment Supports	Total
	£000	£000	£000
1990	8,745	629	9,374
1991	10,370	1,005	11,375
1992	12,631	1,911	14,542
1993	16,438	5,992	20,683
1994	20,825	20,515	41,340
1995	21,326	44,408	65,734
1996	21,888	62,330	84,218
1997	25,989	97,400	123,389
1998	28,656	128,978	157,634
1999 ⁽¹⁾	32,396	165,350 ⁽²⁾	197,746 ⁽²⁾

(1) Provisional

(2) Includes expenditure on Farm Assist. Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaces the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance Scheme transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999. Data on expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance is contained in Section F. This affects the comparability of different years' expenditure figures.

Table G3

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999	Change 1999 over 1998
Back to Work Allowance	24,128	31,931	32.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	7,431	5,681	-23.5%
Back to Education Allowance	4,475	4,518	1.0%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	568	567	-0.2%
Family Income Supplement	13,143	14,549	10.7%
Farm Assist/Smallholders ⁽¹⁾	6,476	7,874	21.6%
Total⁽¹⁾	56,221	65,120	15.8%

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaces the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance Scheme transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999. At the end of 1999, 7,124 persons were in receipt of Farm Assist and 750 continued to be in receipt of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance. The 1998 figures show recipients of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance at the end of that year. This affects the comparability of different years' expenditure figures.

Table G4

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1990 to 1999

Year	Number of Recipient Families
1990	6,569
1991	7,157
1992	7,735
1993	9,605
1994	10,671
1995	11,398
1996	11,847
1997	12,888
1998	13,143
1999	14,549

Table G5

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 1999

Weekly Rate (£)	Family Size (Number of Children)						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
1 - 20	1,150	670	397	180	40	28	2,465
21 - 40	2,051	1,722	1,029	470	177	70	5,519
41 - 60	1,023	1,147	980	570	236	113	4,069
61 - 80	163	316	432	346	185	130	1,572
81 - 100	50	131	160	141	106	76	664
101 - 120	5	22	47	49	36	29	188
Over 120	-	-	11	16	27	18	72
Total	4,442	4,008	3,056	1,772	807	464	14,549
Number of Children	4,442	8,016	9,168	7,088	4,035	2,977	35,726

(1) Provisional.

Table G6

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 1999

Age of Recipient	Family Income Group (£s per week)						Total
	0 - 100	101 - 140	141 - 170	171 - 200	201 - 230	231 or more	
15 to 24	27	170	710	1,034	287	25	2,253
25 to 34	126	395	1,138	1,743	1,074	371	4,847
35 to 44	147	480	1,004	1,579	1,250	664	5,124
45 to 60	92	232	551	718	453	221	2,267
60 over	4	13	9	17	12	3	58
Total	396	1,290	3,412	5,091	3,076	1,284	14,549

Table G7

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Marital Status of Recipient and Family Income Group, 1999

Marital Status	Family Income Group (£s per week)						Total
	0 - 100	101 - 140	141 - 170	171 - 200	201 - 230	231 or more	
Married	304	867	1,855	2,699	2,081	1,113	8,919
Single	25	243	1,111	1,651	482	34	3,546
Other	67	180	446	741	513	137	2,084
Total	396	1,290	3,412	5,091	3,076	1,284	14,549

Table G8

Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 1999

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	15,046	2,643	17,689
Self-Employed	12,086	2,156	14,242
Total	27,132	4,799	31,931

Table G9

Number of Recipients of Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Work Allowance and Back to Education Allowance, by Age and Sex, 1999

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education Allowance	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	211	53	945	432	575	500
25 to 29 years	633	230	4,428	1,480	1,008	792
30 to 34 years	818	204	4,877	1,049	355	311
35 to 39 years	900	162	4,985	704	208	198
40 to 44 years	781	108	4,432	489	122	123
45 to 49 years	689	79	3,751	359	79	79
50 to 54 years	477	51	2,363	199	49	54
55 to 59 years	204	19	1,019	66	15	34
60 to 64 years	56	2	310	18	11	4
65+ years	4	-	21	4	1	-
Total	4,773	908	27,131	4,800	2,423	2,095

Table G10

Number of recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders⁽¹⁾, 1990 to 1999

Year	Recipients
1990	12,657
1991	12,496
1992	12,216
1993	11,253
1994	10,071
1995	9,912
1996	9,004
1997	8,031
1998	6,578
1999	7,874

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999. The number of recipients at the end of 1999 is the number of persons in receipt of a Farm Assist or Smallholders payment. The source of the data for the period 1990 to 1998 is the Central Statistics Office. This data is the number of persons claiming Smallholders Unemployment Assistance and includes claims awaiting decision or not otherwise in payment. The equivalent figure (Farm Assist and Small Holders) for 1999 is 8,446.

Table G11

Data on Sponsors and Students Participating in the Students Summer Jobs Scheme, 1994 to 1999

Details	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Sponsors						
Applications Received	2,325	3,384	4,240	4,460	4,599	4,671
Applications Rejected	41	60	53	39	31	31
Applications Approved	2,284	3,324	4,188	4,421	4,568	4,640
Number of Jobs offered	11,249	21,761	29,960	30,189	31,552	23,473
Number who Participated	1,806	2,900	3,454	3,592	3,572	3,190
Students						
Applications Received	13,815	22,899	25,400	23,237	20,930	15,833
Applications Rejected	1,637	3,601	6,428	4,622	4,326	3,414
Applications Approved	11,961	18,893	18,275	18,172	16,104	11,903
Number who Participated	9,200	15,839	15,764	15,542	13,521	9,200

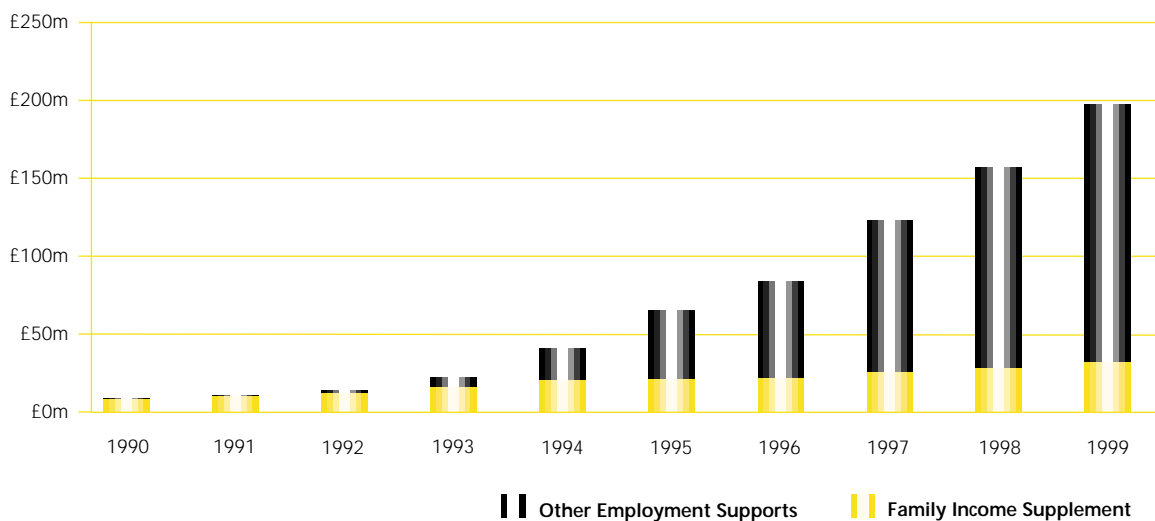
Table G12

Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 1999

County	Family Income Supplement	Back to Work Allowance	Student's Summer Jobs Scheme	Back to Education Allowance Scheme	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Farm Assist/ Small-Holders
Carlow	284	489	110	77	66	57
Cavan	286	371	233	27	72	306
Clare	302	736	310	94	223	472
Cork	1,231	3,357	780	540	488	469
Donegal	808	1,351	879	239	255	1,071
Dublin	3,240	10,576	142	1,363	1,921	10
Galway	677	1,645	637	359	359	871
Kerry	521	868	737	141	181	759
Kildare	435	1,032	117	122	134	42
Kilkenny	339	464	265	94	104	84
Laois	249	322	185	33	63	75
Leitrim	85	204	214	21	57	229
Limerick	567	1,177	415	215	133	189
Longford	156	351	210	25	50	105
Louth	558	934	200	129	178	28
Mayo	434	1,119	805	159	206	1,531
Meath	474	612	118	62	111	61
Monaghan	290	446	250	35	113	379
Offaly	290	579	269	35	67	68
Roscommon	175	298	356	31	56	348
Sligo	188	435	230	108	89	275
Tipperary	804	1,095	629	150	165	174
Waterford	527	655	240	175	128	35
Westmeath	294	745	319	63	98	76
Wexford	750	1,142	370	112	179	110
Wicklow	457	921	82	99	185	50
Other	128	7	-	10	-	-
Total	14,549	31,931	9,102	4,518	5,681	7,874

Graph G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1990 to 1999



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Supplementary Welfare Allowance

Section H: Supplementary Welfare Allowance

This Section relates to payments made under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, and includes

- Basic Payments
- Rent and Mortgage Interest Supplements
- Heating and Diet Supplements
- Exceptional and Urgent Needs Payments
- The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme.

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance amounted to almost £189 million in 1999 and represents an increase of 7.5% on 1998. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over £12 million in 1999, an increase of 14.3% and accounted for 53.3% of total Supplementary Welfare Allowance expenditure. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement was 41,873, an increase of 4.7% on 1998. Approximately 4,500 recipients of Rent Supplement were asylum seekers.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements fell to just over £6 million, a decrease of 29.1%. The number of recipients fell to 5,108, a decrease of 23.3%.

In 1999 a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 183,708 children, a decrease of 25,592 on 1998. Expenditure on the scheme fell by 11.9% to just over £9 million.

Net expenditure on Basic Payments in 1999 was £53.3 million, an increase of 34.1% on 1998. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (£73.6 million) on Basic Payments in 1999. This represents the gross amount of expenditure on such payments before inter scheme adjustments and refunds have been taken into account. There were 21,269 recipients of Basic Payments at the end of 1999, an increase of nearly 6,000 (30.5%) on 1998. Approximately 6,600 recipients of Basic Payments were asylum seekers.

Table H2 and Graph H1 shows expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1990 to 1999.

Table H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999 ⁽¹⁾	Change 1999 over 1998
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	£000	£000	
Basic SWA Payments	39,900	53,500	34.1%
Rent Supplements	88,000	100,574	14.3%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	9,100	6,448	-29.1%
Other Supplements	5,573	5,852	5.0%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	21,400	21,936	2.5%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear	10,353	9,120	-11.9%
Sub-Total ⁽²⁾	174,326	197,430	-
Balances Held by Health Boards	1,347	-8,634	-
Total	175,673	188,796	7.5%

(1) Provisional.

(2) Because of a change in the method of funding expenditure of SWA arising from the computerisation of the Scheme, balances are noted in the Department's accounts only from 1999 on. The balance shown in respect of 1998 relates only to the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme.

Table H2

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1990 to 1999

Year	£000
1990	48,900
1991	61,925
1992	89,598
1993	97,759
1994	108,106
1995	119,539
1996	136,708
1997	157,663
1998	175,673
1999 ⁽¹⁾	188,796

(1) Provisional.

Graph H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance, 1990 to 1999

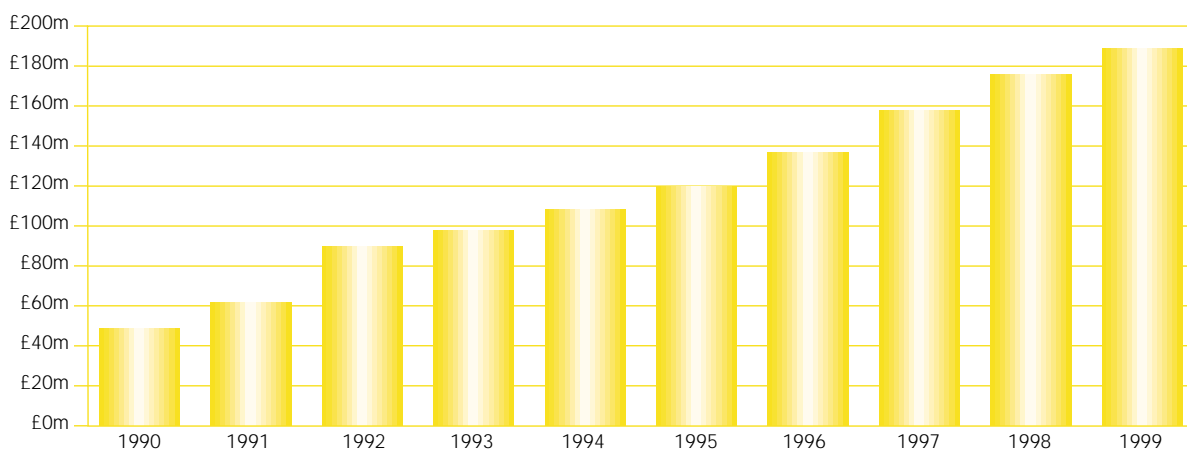


Table H3

Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 1999

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Basic Payments ⁽¹⁾	36,196	3,276	5,115	4,728	2,602	6,500	8,400	6,794	73,611
Supplements									
Rent	50,405	3,143	5,450	4,483	2,781	8,265	15,790	10,257	100,574
L.A.Mortgage ⁽²⁾	782	58	110	86	84	205	273	186	1,784
Other Mortgage	2,498	73	283	393	155	235	612	415	4,664
Heating	130	35	52	27	2	22	117	16	401
Diet	1,999	180	190	227	68	361	457	196	3,678
Other	914	35	100	53	5	116	413	137	1,773
Exceptional Needs Payments	10,478	1,045	1,435	1,568	604	2,009	2,910	1,810	21,859
Urgent Needs Payments	30	6	3	5	5	10	14	4	77
Administration Costs ⁽³⁾	9,018	1,069	1,648	1,461	1,136	2,105	2,852	2,366	21,655
Grand Total ⁽⁴⁾	112,450	8,920	14,386	13,031	7,442	19,828	31,838	22,181	230,076

(1) This is the gross expenditure on Basic Payments before inter scheme adjustments and refunds are taken into account.

(2) Local Authority Mortgage.

(3) This is estimated based on current levels of expenditure as the Health Board's accounts for 1998 have not yet been finalised.

(4) These totals are not the final outturn because: (i) inter scheme adjustments are not reflected
(ii) the cost of administration shown does not include balancing payments made in 1999 in respect of previous years.

Table H4

Expenditure on Exceptional Needs Payments, Other Exceptional Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Urgent Needs Payments, 1999

Type of Payment	Expenditure £000	Total Expenditure £000
<u>Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments</u>		
Housing		
Household Appliances	3,881	
Furniture	1,536	
Rent Deposit	1,947	
Bedding	1,143	
Floor Covering	874	
Repair/maintenance	488	9,869
Clothing		
Child Clothing	2,482	
Adult Clothing	1,875	4,357
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	1,260	
Burial Expenses	145	1,405
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	868	
Cot	505	
Homeless Children	2	1,375
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	1,090	
Household	452	1,542
Illness		
Confinement Costs	275	
Hospital Requirements	160	435
General		
Travel Costs	650	
Insufficient Means	371	
Household Budget	52	
Heating	82	
Lost/Stolen Money	62	
Other	1,661	2,878
<u>Urgent Needs Payments</u>	76	76
Grand Total		21,937

Table H5

Number of Recipients of Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 1999

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payment									
Recipients	10,484	904	1,532	1,186	684	2,024	2,387	2,068	21,269
Qualified Adults	2,119	166	246	217	91	359	399	329	3,926
Qualified Children	5,780	690	1,045	864	414	1,298	1,689	1,168	12,948
Total Beneficiaries	18,383	1,760	2,823	2,267	1,189	3,681	4,475	3,565	38,143
Supplements:									
Rent	18,683	1,576	2,790	1,976	1,752	3,641	6,828	4,627	41,873
L.A. Mortgage ⁽¹⁾	833	64	117	98	104	241	294	225	1,976
Other Mortgage	1,558	59	211	319	121	195	366	303	3,132
Heating	407	78	187	64	6	83	315	51	1,191
Diet	4,553	460	479	613	163	877	1,015	411	8,571
Other	1,633	78	140	99	15	182	528	247	2,922

(1) Local Authority mortgage

Table H6

Number of Recipients of Basic Payments, Rent Supplements and Mortgage Interest Supplements, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999	Change 1999 over 1998
Basic Payments	16,300	21,269	30.5%
Rent Supplements	40,000	41,873	4.7%
L.A. Mortgage Interest Supplements ⁽¹⁾	2,500	1,976	-21.0%
Other Mortgage Interest Supplements	3,800	3,132	-17.6%
Total	62,600	68,250	9.0%

(1) Local Authority mortgage

Table H7

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Sex, 1999

Sex	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Male	20,396	1,994	1,321
Female	21,477	1,138	655
Total	41,873	3,132	1,976

Table H8

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age, 1999

Age Group	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Under 20	1,466	-	-
21 - 24	5,611	9	4
25 - 29	9,212	138	41
30 - 34	6,867	413	94
35 - 39	4,940	686	298
40 - 44	3,685	623	435
45 - 49	2,931	470	391
50 - 54	2,345	373	331
55 - 59	1,633	238	194
60 - 64	1,089	132	115
65 - 69	754	34	51
70 plus	1,340	16	22
Total	41,873	3,132	1,976

Table H9

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 1999

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Old Age Pensions	1,214	22	18
Pre-Retirement Allowance	544	45	58
Widows and Widower's Pensions	377	33	73
One-Parent Family Payment	8,458	445	263
Invalidity Pension	879	123	141
Disability Benefit	712	318	97
Disability Allowance	3,225	186	143
Long-Term Unemployment Assistance	7,704	661	525
Short-Term Unemployment Assistance	3,015	140	39
Unemployment Benefit	1,759	294	102
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	6,993	199	86
Employment Support Services ⁽²⁾	5,360	455	312
DSS (UK)	251	3	1
Other	1,382	208	118
Total	41,873	3,132	1,976

(1) Includes approximately 4,500 asylum seekers.

(2) Includes Back to Work Allowance, Community Employment, Back to Education Allowance, VTOS and FAS.

Table H10

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Claim Duration, 1999

Months	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	3,838	151	55
3 to 6	3,354	151	49
6 to 9	2,094	148	51
9 to 12	1,866	91	54
12 plus	12,038	1,033	934
Total ⁽¹⁾	23,190	1,574	1,143

(1) Does not include data in respect of Eastern Health Board as computerisation of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme was not completed until June 1999.

Table H11

Number of Recipients of Basic Payment by Age and Sex, 1999

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	1,635	981	2,616
21 - 24	2,127	1,276	3,403
25 - 34	4,825	2,896	7,721
35 - 44	2,526	1,516	4,042
45 - 54	1,449	869	2,318
55 - 64	611	367	978
65 plus	119	72	191
Total	13,292	7,977	21,269

Table H12

Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 1999

Health Board	Age 2 to 11	Age 12 to 17	Age 18 to 22	Total
Eastern Health Board ⁽¹⁾	34,123	19,111	2,982	56,216
Midland Health Board	5,783	4,567	398	10,748
Mid Western Health Board	8,608	6,134	644	15,386
North Eastern Health Board	9,685	7,172	1,072	17,929
North Western Health Board	7,904	5,969	1,106	14,979
South Eastern Health Board	12,047	8,430	1,091	21,568
Southern Health Board	12,258	10,246	242	22,746
Western Health Board	12,619	9,502	2,015	24,136
Total	103,027	71,131	9,550	183,708

(1) The number of children in the 12 - 17 and 18 - 22 age groups are estimated for the Eastern Health Board Region.

Table H13

Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 1998 and 1999

Health Board	1998	1999
	£000	£000
Eastern Health Board	3,324	2,749
Midland Health Board	626	537
Mid Western Health Board	851	771
North Eastern Health Board	898	895
North Western Health Board	836	752
South Eastern Health Board	1,213	1,070
Southern Health Board	1,300	1,135
Western Health Board	1,305	1,211
Total Expenditure	10,353	9,120

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Section J: Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

This programme group contains details of a range of payments and services provided by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs, including:

- Treatment Benefits
- Free Schemes
- Bereavement Grants
- Redundancy and Insolvency Payments
- Money Advice and Budgeting Service
- Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
- Funding of projects under the Community Development Programme
- Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services

Also included in this Section are details of methods of payments for benefits and allowances which are processed by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs on a day to day basis.

Graph J1

Expenditure on Free Schemes, 1999

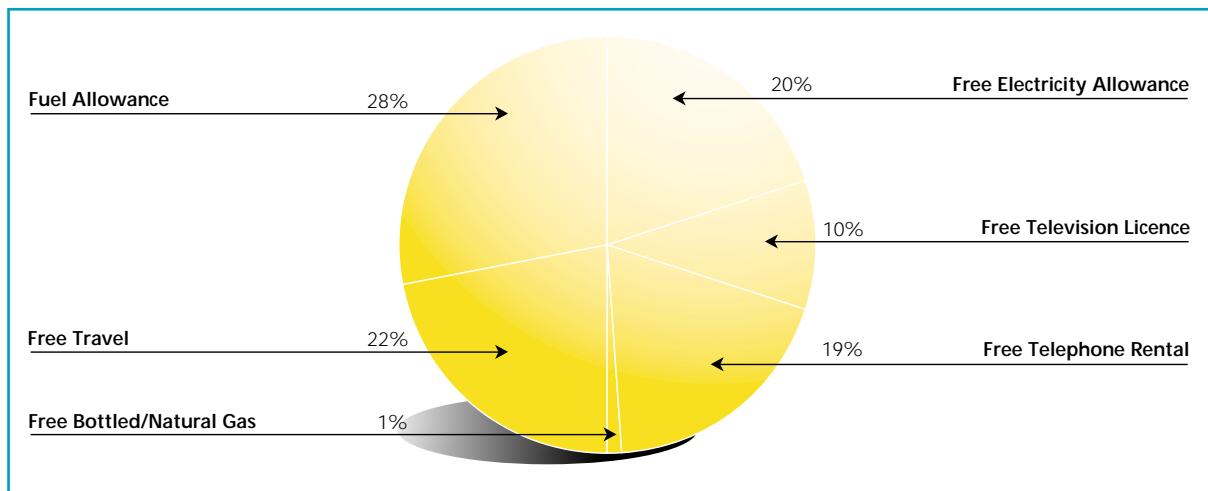


Table J1

Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment Type, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999 ⁽¹⁾	Change
	£000	£000	%
Free Schemes	153,358	154,995	1.1%
Treatment Benefit	30,873	35,572	15.2%
Bereavement Grants	958	5,622	486.8%
Rent Allowance	650	630	-3.1%
Equal Treatment Payments	7,112	3,388	-52.4%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	15,089	19,839	31.5%
Combat Poverty Agency	2,273	2,400	5.6%
School Meals	786	563	-28.4%
Programme for Peace and Reconciliation	950	1,507	58.6%
National Social Services Board	3,365	4,375	30.0%
Grants for Marriage & Family Counselling Services	1,500	2,160	44.0%
Grants for Community and Family Support Groups	12,497	15,074	20.6%
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	3,215	4,210	30.9%
Scheme of Community Support for Older People	4,993	2,963	-40.7%
Other Grants/Payments	568	618	8.8%
Total	215,414	253,916	17.9%

(1) Provisional

(2) These schemes are administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Table J2

Total Expenditure on Free Schemes, 1991 to 1999

	Free Electricity Allowance	Free Television Licence	Free Telephone Rental	Free Bottled Gas	Free Natural Gas	Free Travel	Fuel Allowance	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1991	22,769	7,369	13,674	95	116	28,167	34,422	106,612
1992	23,571	7,546	14,206	90	264	29,442	37,356	112,475
1993	24,171	8,449	15,984	77	363	29,330	37,525	115,899
1994	25,022	9,696	19,797	76	515	29,561	39,903	124,570
1995	26,037	10,381	23,193	69	561	31,264	42,746	134,251
1996	27,295	12,384	24,616	64	822	32,038	44,338	141,557
1997	29,074	14,281	27,062	66	884	32,357	44,946	148,670
1998	30,396	15,385	28,940	54	1,059	32,630	44,894	153,358
1999 ⁽¹⁾	31,064	15,037	29,920	58	1,262	33,701	43,953	154,995

(1) Provisional.

Table J3

Funding of Money Advice and Budgeting Service by County, 1998 and 1999

County	1998 £'s	1999 £'s
Carlow	61,800	90,398
Cavan	51,620	87,460
Clare	188,065	143,018
Cork	246,500	341,205
Donegal	35,000	66,000
Dublin	993,815	1,460,204
Galway	136,425	167,736
Kerry	88,815	135,889
Kildare	108,277	134,464
Kilkenny	48,000	80,724
Laois	46,500	49,085
Leitrim	-	5,000
Limerick	187,300	211,788
Longford	56,500	64,715
Louth	72,550	115,399
Mayo	57,150	54,756
Meath	77,500	97,635
Monaghan	49,000	54,500
Offaly	75,250	47,589
Roscommon	36,850	62,570
Sligo	51,000	54,000
Tipperary	162,688	195,289
Waterford	115,100	203,183
Westmeath	94,500	98,024
Wexford	60,000	57,546
Wicklow	114,420	131,822
Total	3,214,625	4,209,999

Table J4

Grants to Voluntary & Community Organisations, 1998 and 1999

Type of Grant	1998	1999
Grants to Voluntary Groups		
Allocation	£1,443,154	£1,545,478
Number of Applications	987	1,021
Number of Grants	369	330
Grants for Older People		
Allocation	£4,996,538	£2,963,124
Number of Applications	1,020	655
Number of Grants	1,020	619
Locally-Based Community and Family Support Groups⁽¹⁾		
Allocation	£1,290,458	£796,640
Number of Applications	1,453	1,262
Number of Grants	756	670
Community Development Education and Training Grants		
Allocation	£116,489	£152,925
Number of Applications	181	194
Number of Grants	85	101

(1) Locally-Based Community and Family Support Groups include Women's Grants, Men's Grants and Grants to Lone Parents.

Table J5

Funding of Projects under Community Development Programme, 1998 and 1999

Type of Project ⁽¹⁾	1998 £'s	1999 £'s
General Projects	5,578,306	7,101,703
Support Agencies	1,039,771	1,534,659
Islands Development Programme	233,493	262,230
Family Resource Centres	824,830	1,189,899
Core-funding: Others	82,600	171,000
Programme of Core Funding to Community Groups	-	823,016
Total	£7,759,000	£11,082,507

(1) See Appendix 4 for an explanation of the different categories of projects funded under the Community Development Programme.

Table J6

Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services, 1998 and 1999

Type of Grant ⁽¹⁾	1998	1999
Marriage Counselling		
Expenditure	£309,500	£1,482,695
Number of Applications	56	121
Number of Grants	51	109
Marriage Preparation		
Expenditure	£75,450	£124,945
Number of Applications	45	61
Number of Grants	44	61
Child Counselling in relation to Parental Separation		
Expenditure	£56,550	£203,460
Number of Applications	37	91
Number of Grants	35	83
Bereavement Counselling and Support		
Expenditure	£141,155	£348,900
Number of Applications	150	238
Number of Grants	144	233
Amalgam of Marriage/Child/Bereavement Counselling⁽²⁾		
Expenditure	£917,345	-
Number of Applications	81	-
Number of Grants	75	-
Total Expenditure	£1,500,000	£2,160,000

(1) See Appendix 5 for further details of grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services.

(2) The introduction of a new computer based system in 1999 facilitated the provision of an accurate breakdown of the four types of grant. In total, some 300 groups received funding in 1999. However, such a breakdown for 1998 could not be produced owing to the system then in place. Therefore, an amalgam figure representing the funding which could not be readily attributed to one form of grant or another, was utilised so as to reflect the total funding allocated under the scheme for that year.

Table J7

Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 1998 and 1999

Type of Payment	1998	1999	Change 1999 over 1998
Bereavement Grants	9,675	16,898	74.7%
Treatment Benefit:			
Dental	399,199	430,537	7.9%
Optical	172,754	182,931	5.9%
Medical and Surgical	4,199	3,506	-16.5%
Rent Allowance	21	30	42.9%
Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾	277,000	274,300	-1.0%

(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance and Smokeless Fuel Allowance.

Table J8

Number of Recipients of Free Schemes by Type of Payment Received, 1999

Type of Payment	Free Electricity Allowance	Free Television Licence ⁽¹⁾	Free Telephone Rental	Free Bottled Gas	Free Natural Gas	Free Travel ⁽²⁾
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	38,426	37,348	32,100	35	2,808	70,456
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	41,542	38,257	34,829	163	472	90,695
Retirement Pension	40,099	38,852	29,112	50	2,838	68,965
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	41,867	40,054	41,397	7	2,484	62,031
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	9,182	8,462	8,908	13	133	14,757
Invalidity Pension	15,842	15,374	9,305	18	946	34,548
Garda Widow's Pension ⁽³⁾	204	196	230	0	11	1,353
Disability Allowance	12,337	12,138	8,493	83	377	59,214
British Pension ⁽³⁾	4,156	3,894	3,700	7	121	5,569
Others	10,573	10,038	21,491	17	396	150,173
Total	214,228	204,613	189,565	393	10,586	557,761

(1) Refers to the number of Licences issued.

(2) Refers to the number of persons in respect of whom travel passes have been issued.

(3) These Pensions are not administered by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

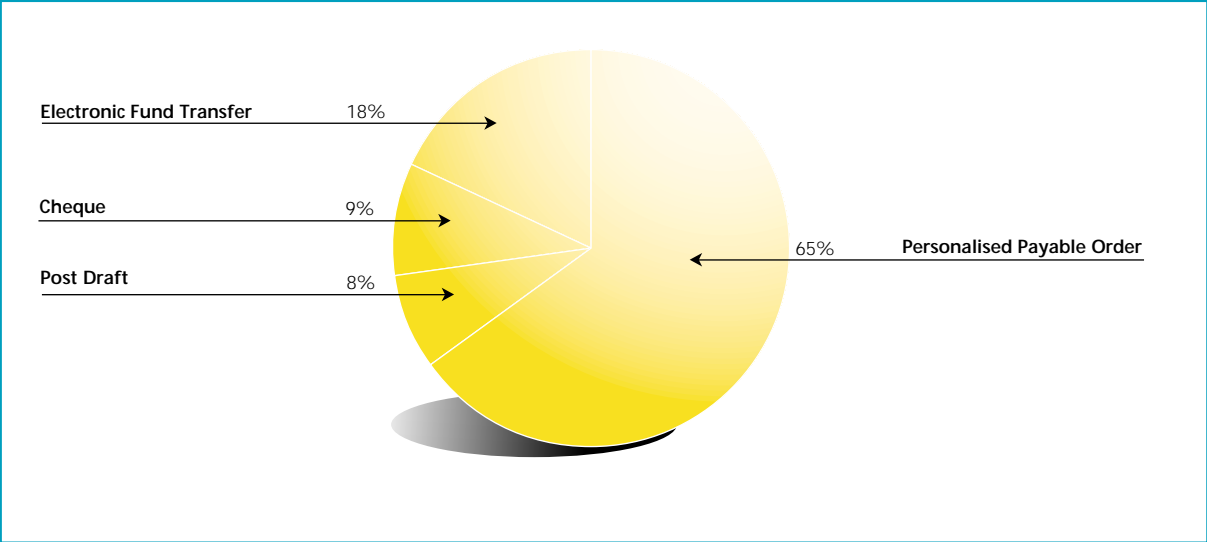
Table J9

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 1999

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Postal Voucher Transfer	Post Draft	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Total
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	58,468	-	-	1,248	16,525	76,241
Retirement Pension	63,999	-	-	1,217	13,652	78,868
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	89,289	-	-	34	3,700	93,023
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,149	-	-	-	-	13,149
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	80,627	-	-	2,096	17,048	99,771
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,478	-	-	-	500	17,978
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,613	-	-	-	629	13,242
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,687	-	-	-	22	1,709
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	-	-	-	-	4
One-Parent Family Payment	64,951	-	-	10	5,426	70,387
Maternity Benefit	-	-	-	3,834	2,174	6,008
Health and Safety Benefit	-	-	-	34	-	34
Adoptive Benefit	-	-	-	25	-	25
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	826	-	-	8	122	956
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	584	-	-	-	33	617
Child Benefit (families)	396,044	-	-	-	112,460	508,504
Disability Benefit	4,241	-	-	41,294	-	45,535
Invalidity Pension	41,775	-	-	26	5,145	46,946
Disability Allowance	43,195	-	-	-	7,236	50,431
Injury Benefit	-	-	-	748	-	748
Interim Disability Benefit	-	-	-	514	-	514
Disablement Benefit	-	-	-	10,577	-	10,577
Death Benefit	608	-	-	6	48	662
Carer's Allowance	-	-	-	14,387	-	14,387
Blind Person's Pension	2,300	-	-	2	2	2,304
Unemployment Benefit	-	65	32,343	16,508	7,660	56,576
Unemployment Assistance	-	138	73,488	8,497	11,006	93,129
Back to Work Allowance	1,578	-	-	-	30,353	31,931
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	-	-	-	-	5,681	5,681
Back to Education Allowance	-	-	-	-	4,518	4,518
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	-	-	-	-	567	567
Family Income Supplement	14,549	-	-	-	-	14,549
Smallholders	-	-	716	25	9	750
Farm Assist	-	-	6,251	40	833	7,124
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	-	-	21,269	-	21,269
Rent Allowance	-	-	-	548	-	548
Total	905,723	203	112,798	122,947	244,754	1,389,262

Graph J2

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 1999



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Appendix 1

SOCIAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs provides a range of payments which can be classified as follows.

SOCIAL INSURANCE

Payments made under the social insurance system are funded, in part, by contributions from employers, employees and the self-employed. Any deficit in the fund is met by Exchequer subvention. Entitlement to social insurance benefits is conditional upon the claimants having a certain number of contributions paid or credited in a specific period of time. The contributions conditions vary according to the different insurance schemes.

Social insurance schemes comprise Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Retirement Pension, Widow's/Widower's (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit and Bereavement Grants.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Social Assistance schemes are financed entirely by the Exchequer. One of the basic requirements to qualify for payment under the social assistance schemes is that the claimant must satisfy a means test.

Social Assistance schemes comprise Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, One-Parent Family Payment, Unemployment Assistance, Farm Assist, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Person's Pension and Rent Allowance.

CHILD BENEFIT

Child Benefit is funded entirely by the Exchequer; it is payable in respect of all children regardless of family means.

Appendix 2

CLASSIFICATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEMES

1. OLD AGE

Old Age (Contributory) Pension
 Retirement Pension
 Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension
 Pre-Retirement Allowance

2. WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES

Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension
 Deserted Wife's Benefit
 Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension
 Deserted Wife's Allowance
 Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
 One-Parent Family Payment

3. CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS

Maternity Benefit
 Adoptive Benefit
 Health and Safety Benefit
 Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance
 Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension
 Child Benefit

4. ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

Disability Benefit
 Invalidity Pension
 Disability Allowance
 Blind Person's Pension
 Carer's Allowance
 Injury Benefit
 Disablement Benefit
 Death Benefit
 Medical Care

5. UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Unemployment Benefit
 Unemployment Assistance

6. EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Family Income Supplement
 Back to Work Allowance
 Student's Summer Jobs Scheme
 Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
 Back to Education Allowance
 Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme
 Farm Assist

7. SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCE

Basic Payments
 Rent and Mortgage Interest Supplements
 Heating and Diet Supplements
 Exceptional and Urgent Needs Payments
 The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme

8. MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS AND GRANTS

Treatment Benefits
 Free Schemes
 Bereavement Grants
 Money Advice and Budgeting Service
 Grant to Voluntary and Community Organisations
 Funding of projects under the Community Development Programme
 Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services

Appendix 3

GLOSSARY

RECIPIENT:	Person actually receiving a social welfare payment.
QUALIFIED ADULT:	Person in respect of whom an Qualified Adult Allowance is paid to the recipient.
QUALIFIED CHILD:	Child in respect of whom a Qualified Child Increase is paid to the recipient. This allowance is payable at half the rate where a spouse/partner, living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/partner may receive half the Qualified Child Increase where both are in receipt of a social welfare payment.
BENEFICIARIES:	Total of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children.
CLAIM/CLAIMANT:	An application/applicant for a social welfare payment.
SOCIAL INSURANCE PAYMENTS:	These comprise Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Retirement Pension, Widow's/Widower's (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit and Bereavement Grants.
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS:	These comprise Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, One Parent Family Payment, Unemployment Assistance, Farm Assist, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Person's Pension and Rent Allowance.

Appendix 4

VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

The Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs grant schemes concentrate on a wide range of support for local self-help groups, community development, welfare rights and information work, and on the provision of seed money to enable community groups to pilot initiatives identified as meeting new and emerging community needs. To be eligible for funding, groups must subscribe to a self-help, community ethos and must involve the intended beneficiaries in the management and the design of the project. These grant schemes are aimed at developing people and their capacity to participate in society, rather than at the provision of services or at the direct economic development or job creation initiatives.

ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

A programme of core funding to five off-shore islands, which is geared towards the specific needs of island communities, funded under the Community Development Programme.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

The aim of a Family and Community Services Resource Centre is to help combat disadvantage by improving the functioning of the family unit. Centres can provide special services for lone parent families, young mothers and others considered in need of extra support and can act as a first step to community participation and social inclusion for the most vulnerable and marginalised families. Centres are also concerned with initiatives to enhance their parenting skills and initiatives to promote the greater involvement of young men in the life of the community.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The programme provides financial assistance to projects towards the staffing and equipping of local resource centres which provide a focal point for community development activities in the area and to other specialised community developed projects and initiatives having a strategic importance. The projects provide a range of supports, development opportunities and services to community groups and individuals within their areas.

MONEY ADVICE AND BUDGETING SERVICE

At the end of 1999, the Department's Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) supported 50 projects around the country which address the problems of moneylending and overindebtedness.

Appendix 5

FAMILY AFFAIRS UNIT

A new Family Affairs Unit was established in the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs in 1998. The role of the unit is to co-ordinate family policy, pursue the findings of the Commission on the Family's final report following their consideration by the Government, to undertake research, and promote awareness about family issues.

The Unit has responsibility for a number of family services including the provision of grant aid to support activity in the areas of :-

- Marriage Counselling
- Marriage Preparation Courses
- Child Counselling in relation to parental separation
- Bereavement Counselling and Support on the death of a family member

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Voluntary organisations providing:-

- marriage counselling services helping people to deal with difficulties they experience in their relationships
- marriage preparation programmes
- counselling services to children whose lives have been affected by parental separation
- bereavement counselling and support to families on the death of a family member

may apply for funding towards the cost of these services.

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