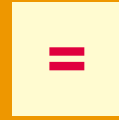
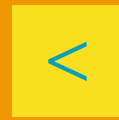
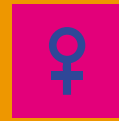


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ABBREVIATIONS

- Not Applicable

n.a. Not Available



Foreword from the Minister

I welcome the publication of the 2000 Annual Statistical Report, the eighteenth edition of this Report. It provides comprehensive statistical information on all Social Welfare Services operated by this Department as well as trends over the past ten years.

The Department is central to the provision of social protection in this country. The broad range of schemes and services it operates benefit individuals, families as well as the wider community. The Report will be of significant value in the development, both internally in the Department and externally, of policies responsive to the needs of people in a wide variety of circumstances.

The changing social and economic environment over recent years within which the Department operates is also reflected in the Report. Important developments in 2000 highlighted in the Report include:

- Substantial overall annual resources (nearly £5.3 billion) were made available in 2000 to finance Social Welfare services generally. The expenditure of the Department comprises 26% of total Gross Government Expenditure.
- The introduction of a new Carer's Benefit which facilitates persons who are required to leave work in order to provide care for sick or incapacitated persons
- The introduction of Widowed Parent Grants to assist widowed parents with dependant children,
- Improved levels of supports for people with disabilities, carers, pensioners and children.
- Major reductions in expenditure on Unemployment Supports in recent years reflecting the dramatic decreases in the Live Register.
- Ongoing significant expenditure on a comprehensive range of schemes designed to help those on low incomes and to facilitate entry or re-entry into the workforce,

I am committed to the ongoing maintenance and development of social services as the cornerstone of a socially inclusive society for everybody. Timely and accurate information is a key input to this process and this Report makes an important contribution in this regard.

Finally, I would like to thank the wide range of staff in the Department who contributed to the compilation of this Report.

Dermot Ahern TD
Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs

Cúrsaí Ginearálta

Is é seo an ochtú 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 2000 agus níos luaithe. Maidir leis na sonraí i leith na n-daoine atá ag fáil íocaíochtaí no íocaíochtaí ar a son is iad na figiúirí ar 31 Nollaig gach bliain atá luaite, ach amháin nuair a deirtear a mhalairt. Tá a lan de na táblaí a leiríonn miondealaithe i leith daoine ag fail íocaíochtaí, no íocaíochtaí ar a son, de réir treith áirithe mar an meid deithiúnaithe, nó aois luaithe mar 'measta'. Ciallaíonn sé seo gur bunaidh na miondealaithe, ata measaithe a bheith údarásach, ar dháta seachas 31 Nollaig ach gar don dáta sin.

Is figiúirí sealadach iad na figiúirí caiteachas le haghaidh 2000 go dtí go mbeidh siad deimhnithe ag An Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste.

Foinse na Sonraí

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

Amsraith agus Athraithe ar Íocaíochtaí

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

Miondealú De Réir Ranna

Tá an eolai roinnte 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** Tacáíochtaí 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 95)

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, Sochair Cúram, 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 Liuntas Filleadh ar Obair, Liuntas Fiontar Filleadh ar Obair, Liuntas Filleadh ar Oideachais, Forlíonadh d'Ioncam Teaghlaigh agus Liuntas Cunamh 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 Coireála, 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 tús leis an Deontas Tuismitheor Bhaintrigh ag deireadh Mí na Nollag 1999. Bhi an céad deontas íocaithe amach ag tosach na bliana 2000. Íocaíocht aon uair amháin ag £1,000 ata sa deontas seo a dhéanfar le baintrigh le páistí spléacha chun tacaíocht i nga ioncam a thabhairt tar eis bás ceile. Ta an scéim seo fa choinne baintrigh a bhfuair a gcéile bas ar an 1 Nollag 1999 no on lá sin chun cinn agus a bhfuil páiste spléacha amháin ar a laghad acu. Braithníonn se ar dhuine cailitheach a bheith acu ar Phinsean Baintrigh, Íocaíocht Teaghlaigh le Tuismitheoir Amháin no ar an Deontas Báis le bheith i dteideal an deontais seo.

Cuireadh tús le Sochar Seirbhís Cúram i Mí Deireadh Fómhair 2000. Tá an íocaíocht seo bunaithe ar íocaíochtaí árachas shóisialta agus tugann sé ioncam cothaithe seachtainiúil do dhaoine intofa ar mhian leo éirí as a gcuid oibre chun aire a thabhairt do dhaoine tinn nó míchumasacha gur gá dóibh cúram lánaimseartha a bheith acu. Is féidir Sochar Seirbhís Cúram a fháil suas le 15 mhí i leith dhuine aosta nó míchusasach amháin.

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 Aibreán 2000, ar fáil sa bhileog seo.

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Foilsíonn an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha, Pobail agus Teaghlaigh Tuairisc Bliantúil a thugann sonraí ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta sa bhliain atá i gceist. Is tuairisc í chuig an Aire agus an Rialtas ar dul chun cinn maidir le cur i bhfeidhm Ráiteas Straitéiseach na Roinne. Chomh maith le sin tugann an 'Treoirleabhar ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh' eolas cuimsitheach ar na seirbhísí leasa shóisialaigh ar fad agus tá sé seo ar fáil ó aon oifig den Roinn agus ar an idir-líne.

General

This is the eighteenth 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 2000 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 2000 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.

Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

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

Breakdown by Section

The report is 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 95) 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, Carer's Benefit, Carer's 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

A Widowed Parent Grant was introduced at the end of December 1999 and payments commenced in early 2000. This grant is a once-off payment of £1,000 and is payable in respect of bereavements which occurred on or after 1 December 1999. The grant applies to widows and widowers with dependent children who qualify for a Widow/er's Contributory Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Bereavement Grant.

Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000. The payment is social insured based and provides a weekly income maintenance payment to eligible persons who wish to leave the workforce in order to care for ill or incapacitated persons who are in need of full time care and attention. Carer's Benefit may be payable for up to 15 months in respect of any one care recipient.

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 April 2001.

Readers views and comments on this report are welcome and should be addressed to:

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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 2000 was £5,287 million, an increase of 6.9% over 1999. Expenditure in 2000 represented 25.9% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 7.8% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Old Age (25.4%), Widow's, Widower's and One Parent Families (18.9%), Illness, Disability and Caring (15.6%), Unemployment Supports (10.9%), Child Related Payments (10.5%), Supplementary Welfare Allowance (4.4%), and Employment Supports (4.2%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 4.8% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (53%) and by the Social Insurance Fund (47%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (74.5%), employees (19.7%), the self-employed (5.1%) and investment income (0.7%). See Table A7 and Graph A3.

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Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Almost 870,000 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2000. As these payments included increases in respect of almost 128,000 Qualified Adults and nearly 404,000 Children, there were nearly 1,433,000 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients and beneficiaries decreased by 10,764 and 43,314 respectively, year on year.

Graph A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2000

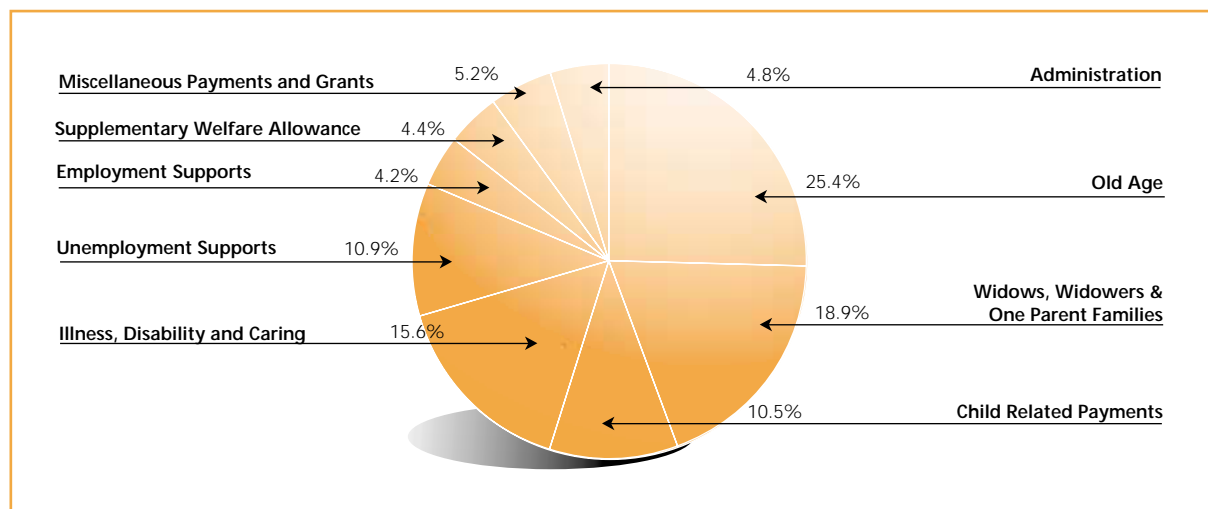


Table A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 1999 and 2000

Programme	1999	2000 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2000 over 1999
	£000	£000	%
Old Age	1,201,422	1,344,397	11.9%
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	918,045	996,871	8.6%
Child Related Payments	491,149	554,404	12.9%
Illness, Disability and Caring	736,685	825,894	12.1%
Unemployment Supports	716,205	578,321	-19.3%
Employment Supports	197,746	224,680	13.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	188,796	232,257	23.0%
Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	253,669	275,889	8.8%
Administration	243,883	254,432	4.3%
Total Expenditure	4,947,600	5,287,145	6.9%

(1) The 2000 outturn excludes a payment of £120 million from the Social Insurance Fund to the National Training Fund, which was established at end 2000. From 2001, this Fund, which is under the aegis of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, is being financed by way of a new National Training Fund Levy.

Table A2

Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1990 to 2000

Year	Total Social Welfare Expenditure ⁽¹⁾ (£m)	Index of Expenditure	Consumer Price Index ⁽²⁾	Social Welfare Expenditure as a percentage of: ⁽³⁾			
				Gross Current Government Expenditure	Net Current Government Expenditure	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
1991	3,092	100.0	100.0	27.4	34.0	11.7	10.4
1992	3,432	111.0	103.1	28.2	35.0	12.3	10.9
1993	3,628	117.3	104.6	27.9	34.5	11.9	10.7
1994	3,761	121.6	107.0	27.4	33.7	11.4	10.3
1995 ⁽⁴⁾	4,199	135.8	109.8	28.7	34.7	11.4	10.1
1996 ⁽⁴⁾	4,377	141.6	111.6	28.5	34.5	10.8	9.6
1997 ⁽⁴⁾	4,524	146.3	113.2	26.7	32.3	9.7	8.6
1998 ⁽⁴⁾	4,762	154.0	115.9	27.1	33.1	9.0	7.9
1999 ⁽⁴⁾	4,948	160.0	117.9	26.0	31.9	8.4	7.2
2000 ⁽⁴⁾	5,287	171.0	124.5	25.9	32.3	7.8	6.6

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

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

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

(4) 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.

Table A3

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999	2000 Provisional	Change %
	£000	£000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	392,273	454,705	15.9%
Retirement Pension	402,873	467,966	16.2%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	346,023	359,310	3.8%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	60,253	62,416	3.6%
Total Old Age	1,201,422	1,344,397	11.9%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	431,408	470,483	9.1%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	69,592	74,719	7.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	67,717	66,087	-2.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,583	6,611	0.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	15	12	-20.0%
One Parent Family Payment	342,730	378,120	10.3%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory/Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	-	839	-
Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	918,045	996,871	8.6%
Maternity Benefit	41,531	45,703	10.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	129	135	4.7%
Adoptive Benefit	166	146	-12.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,918	4,424	51.6%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,421	1,890	33.0%
Child Benefit	444,984	502,106	12.8%
Total Child Related Payments	491,149	554,404	12.9%
Disability Benefit	206,895	221,139	6.9%
Invalidity Pension	220,184	245,282	11.4%
Injury Benefit	7,333	7,712	5.2%
Disablement Benefit	38,942	39,920	2.5%
Death Benefit	3,451	3,704	7.3%
Disability Allowance	193,079	219,869	13.9%
Medical Care	129	140	8.5%
Carer's Allowance	57,410	78,411	36.6%
Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	-	28	-
Blind Person's Pension	9,262	9,689	4.6%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	736,685	825,894	12.1%
Unemployment Benefit	231,362	208,881	-9.7%
Unemployment Assistance	484,843	369,440	-23.8%
Total Unemployment Supports	716,205	578,321	-19.3%
Family Income Supplement	32,396	31,019	-4.3%
Employment Support Services ⁽²⁾	149,708	161,036	7.6%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	15,642	32,625	-
Total Employment Supports	197,746	224,680	13.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	188,796	232,257	23.0%
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Treatment Benefits ⁽²⁾	35,568	45,521	28.0%
Rent Allowance	630	599	-4.9%
Free Schemes ⁽²⁾	154,995	160,906	3.8%
Miscellaneous ⁽²⁾	39,492	50,657	28.3%
Equal Treatment - Payments	3,260	197	-94.0%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽³⁾	19,724	18,009	-8.7%
Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	253,669	275,889	8.8%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	107,405	114,510	6.6%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	136,478	139,922	2.5%
Total Administration	243,883	254,432	4.3%
Grand Total ⁽⁴⁾	4,947,600	5,287,145	6.9%

(1) Widowed Parent Grant was introduced in December 1999; Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000; Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999.

(2) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

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

(4) The 2000 outturn excludes a payment of £120 million from the Social Insurance Fund to the National Training Fund, which was established at end-2000. From 2001, this Fund, which is under the aegis of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, is being financed by way of a new National Training Fund Levy.

Table A4

Additional Expenditure Details, 1999 and 2000

Additional Details	1999	2000 Provisional	Change
	£000	£000	%
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES			
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	122,437	132,184	8.0%
Student's Summer Jobs Scheme	5,298	3,455	-34.8%
Back to Education Allowance	19,886	22,905	15.2%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,328	1,262	-5.0%
Other	759	1,230	62.1%
TOTAL	149,708	161,036	7.6%
TREATMENT BENEFITS			
Dental	26,614	35,758	34.4%
Optical	7,910	8,573	8.4%
Medical and Surgical	1,044	1,190	14.0%
TOTAL	35,568	45,521	28.0%
FREE SCHEMES ⁽¹⁾			
Social Insurance			
Fuel Allowances	-	8,642	-
Free Electricity	-	14,226	-
Free Bottled Gas	-	14	-
Free Natural Gas	-	918	-
Free Television Licence	-	7,352	-
Free Telephone Rental	-	15,291	-
TOTAL	-	46,443	-
FREE SCHEMES ⁽¹⁾			
Social Assistance			
Fuel Allowances	43,953	35,058	-
Free Travel	33,701	35,296	4.7%
Free Electricity	31,064	17,387	-
Free Bottled Gas	58	55	-
Free Natural Gas	1,262	592	-
Free Television Licence	15,037	8,556	-
Free Telephone Rental	29,920	17,519	-
TOTAL	154,995	114,463	-
MISCELLANEOUS			
Bereavement Grants	5,622	9,792	74.2%
School Meals	563	682	21.1%
Grants for Marriage & Family Counselling Services	2,160	3,750	73.6%
Combat Poverty Agency	2,400	2,540	5.8%
Programme for Peace & Reconciliation	1,507	975	-35.3%
Comhairle ⁽²⁾	4,375	6,431	47.0%
Grants for Community & Family Support Groups	15,074	17,964	19.2%
Money Advice and Budgeting Services	4,210	4,844	15.1%
Scheme of Community Support for Older People	2,963	3,176	7.2%
Other Grants/Payments	618	503	-18.6%
TOTAL	39,492	50,657	28.3%

(1) From April 2000, expenditure on Free Schemes (apart from Free Travel) for persons in receipt of a weekly social insurance payment was charged to the Social Insurance Fund.

(2) Formerly called the National Social Services Board.

Table A5

Social Insurance and Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	Expenditure £000		Change %
	1999	2000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	392,273	454,705	15.9%
Retirement Pension	402,873	467,966	16.2%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	431,408	470,483	9.1%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	-	812	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	67,717	66,087	-2.4%
Maternity Benefit	41,531	45,703	10.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	129	135	4.7%
Adoptive Benefit	166	146	-12.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,918	4,424	51.6%
Disability Benefit	206,895	221,139	6.9%
Invalidity Pension	220,184	245,282	11.4%
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Carer's Benefit	-	28	-
Medical Care	129	140	8.5%
Disablement Benefit	38,942	39,920	2.5%
Death Benefit Pension	3,451	3,704	7.3%
Unemployment Benefit	231,362	208,881	-9.7%
Treatment Benefit	35,568	45,521	28.0%
Bereavement Grant	5,622	9,792	74.2%
Free Schemes ⁽²⁾	-	46,443	-
Equal Treatment Payments	3,106	190	-93.9%
Redundancy and Insolvency	19,724	18,009	-8.7%
Administration	107,405	114,510	6.6%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE ⁽³⁾	2,218,736	2,471,732	11.4%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	346,023	359,310	3.8%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	60,253	62,416	3.6%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	69,592	74,719	7.4%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	-	27	-
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,583	6,611	0.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	15	12	-20.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	342,730	378,120	10.3%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,421	1,890	33.0%
Child Benefit	444,984	502,106	12.8%
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Employment Support Services	149,708	161,036	7.6%
Family Income Supplement	32,396	31,019	-4.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	188,796	232,257	23.0%
Rent Allowance	630	599	-4.9%
Free Schemes ⁽²⁾	154,995	114,463	-
Miscellaneous	33,870	40,865	20.7%
Equal Treatment Payments	154	7	-95.5%
Administration	136,478	139,922	2.5%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	2,728,864	2,815,413	3.2%
GRAND TOTAL	4,947,600	5,287,145	6.9%

(1) Widowed Parent Grant was introduced in December 1999; Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000; Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999.

(2) From April 2000, expenditure on Free Schemes (apart from Free Travel) for persons in receipt of a weekly social insurance payment was charged to the Social Insurance Fund.

(3) The 2000 outturn excludes a payment of £120 million to the National Training Fund, which was established at end-2000. From 2001, this Fund, which is under the aegis of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, is being financed by way of a new National Training Fund Levy.

Table A6

Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 1999 and 2000

Sources of Finance	1999		2000 Provisional	
	£000	%	£000	%
State	2,705,613	54.7%	2,788,726	52.7%
Social Insurance Fund ⁽¹⁾	2,218,736	44.8%	2,471,732	46.7%
National Lottery	22,665	0.5%	26,487	0.5%
Other Receipts	586	0.0%	200	0.0%
TOTAL	4,947,600	100.0%	5,287,145	100.0%

(1) The 2000 outturn excludes a payment of £120 million from the Social Insurance Fund to the National Training Fund, which was established at end-2000. From 2001, this Fund, which is under the aegis of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, is being financed by way of a new National Training Fund Levy.

Table A7

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 1999 and 2000

Income	1999		2000 Provisional	
	£000	%	£000	%
Employer PRSI ⁽¹⁾	1,834,010	73.7%	2,187,930	74.5%
Employee PRSI ⁽¹⁾	489,014	19.7%	576,833	19.7%
Self-Employed PRSI ⁽²⁾	161,810	6.5%	149,695	5.1%
Investment Income	2,716	0.1%	20,942	0.7%
Other Receipts	17	0.0%	165	0.0%
Total Income	2,487,567	100.0%	2,935,565	100.0%
Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes	2,218,736	-	2,471,732	-
Payment to the National Training Fund ⁽³⁾	-	-	120,000	-
Surplus	268,831	-	343,833	-

(1) The breakdown between employer and employee contributions requires a detailed analysis of data collected by the Revenue Commissioners. The contributions are apportioned on the basis of the most recently available information and are, of necessity, provisional.

(2) The Self-Employed PRSI figures incorporate several Accounting Adjustments which render the Provisional 2000 figure artificially low by comparison with 1999.

(3) A payment of £120 million was made from the Social Insurance Fund to the National Training Fund, which was established at end-2000. From 2001, this Fund, which is under the aegis of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, is being financed by way of new National Training Fund Levy.

Graph A2

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2000

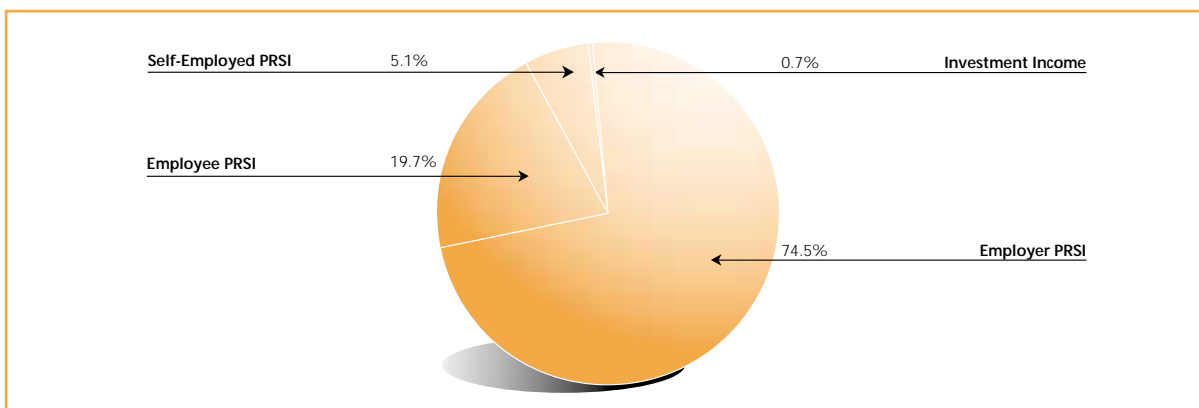


Table A8

Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1991 to 2000

Year	Number of Recipients		Number of Beneficiaries	
1991	776,982 ⁽¹⁾		1,318,455 ⁽¹⁾	
1992	814,235 ⁽¹⁾		1,390,050 ⁽¹⁾	
1993	832,822 ⁽¹⁾		1,454,335 ⁽¹⁾	
1994	823,308 ⁽¹⁾		1,483,200 ⁽¹⁾	
1995	839,633 ⁽¹⁾		1,443,531 ⁽¹⁾	
1996	874,335 ⁽¹⁾		1,465,557 ⁽¹⁾	
1997	870,852 ⁽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⁾
2000	826,274 ⁽¹⁾	869,994 ⁽²⁾	1,327,377 ⁽¹⁾	1,432,774 ⁽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 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, 2000

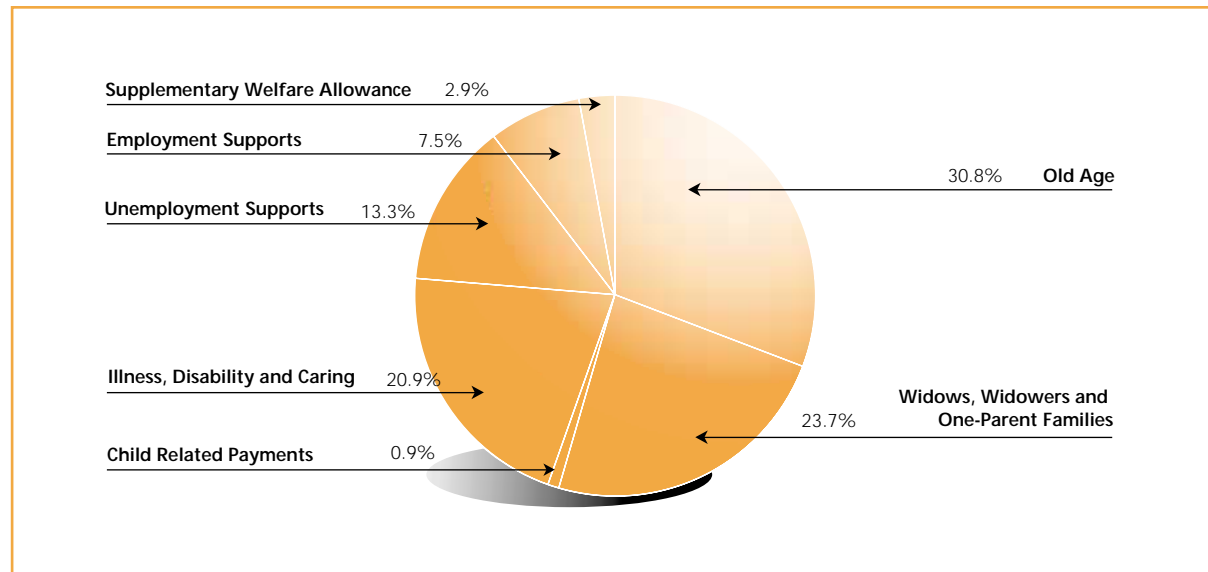


Table A9

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	1999	2000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	76,241	86,217	13.1%
Retirement Pension	78,868	78,370	-0.6%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	93,023	90,652	-2.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,149	12,521	-4.8%
TOTAL OLD AGE	261,281	267,760	2.5%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	99,771	100,374	0.6%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,978	17,367	-3.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,242	12,654	-4.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,709	1,613	-5.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	3	-25.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	70,387	74,119	5.3%
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES	203,091	206,130	1.5%
Maternity Benefit	6,008	6,130	2.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	34	30	-11.8%
Adoptive Benefit	25	10	-60.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	956	1,148	20.1%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	617	749	21.4%
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	7,640	8,067	5.6%
Disability Benefit	45,535	46,940	3.1%
Invalidity Pension	46,946	48,663	3.7%
Injury Benefit	748	828	10.7%
Interim Disability Benefit	514	488	-5.1%
Disablement Benefit	10,577	10,925	3.3%
Death Benefit Pension	662	665	0.5%
Carer's Benefit	-	50	-
Disability Allowance	50,431	54,303	7.7%
Blind Person's Pension	2,304	2,229	-3.3%
Carer's Allowance	14,387	16,478	14.5%
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	172,104	181,569	5.5%
Unemployment Benefit	56,576	46,565	-17.7%
Unemployment Assistance	93,129	69,504	-25.4%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	149,705	116,069	-22.5%
Back to Work Allowance	31,931	34,506	8.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	5,681	4,503	-20.7%
Back to Education Allowance	4,518	4,237	-6.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	567	474	-16.4%
Family Income Supplement	14,549	13,062	-10.2%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,874	8,051	2.2%
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	65,120	64,833	-0.4%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	21,269	25,094	18.0%
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES	21,269	25,094	18.0%
Rent Allowance	548	472	-13.9%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	548	472	-13.9%
GRAND TOTAL	880,758	869,994	-1.2%

(1) 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, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change
	1999	2000	%
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	76,241	86,217	13.1%
Retirement Pension	78,868	78,370	-0.6%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	99,771	100,374	0.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,242	12,654	-4.4%
Maternity Benefit	6,008	6,130	2.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	34	30	-11.8%
Adoptive Benefit	25	10	-60.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	956	1,148	20.1%
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Disablement Benefit	10,577	10,925	3.3%
Death Benefit Pension	662	665	0.5%
Carer's Benefit	-	50	-
Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	56,576	46,565	-17.7%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	436,703	440,057	0.8%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	93,023	90,652	-2.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,149	12,521	-4.8%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,978	17,367	-3.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,709	1,613	-5.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	3	-25.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	70,387	74,119	5.3%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	617	749	21.4%
Disability Allowance	50,431	54,303	7.7%
Blind Person's Pension	2,304	2,229	-3.3%
Carer's Allowance	14,387	16,478	14.5%
Unemployment Assistance	93,129	69,504	-25.4%
Family Income Supplement	14,549	13,062	-10.2%
Back to Work Allowance	31,931	34,506	8.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	5,681	4,503	-20.7%
Back to Education Allowance	4,518	4,237	-6.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	567	474	-16.4%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,874	8,051	2.2%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	21,269	25,094	18.0%
Rent Allowance	548	472	-13.9%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	444,055	429,937	-3.2%
GRAND TOTAL	880,758	869,994	-1.2%

(1) 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, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	1999	2000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	95,832	109,832	14.6%
Retirement Pension	104,065	104,244	0.2%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	99,754	96,828	-2.9%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	20,911	19,675	-5.9%
TOTAL OLD AGE	320,562	330,579	3.1%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	115,840	116,030	0.2%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,978	17,367	-3.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	28,058	25,174	-10.3%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,709	1,613	-5.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	3	-25.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	183,282	192,755	5.2%
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES	346,871	352,942	1.8%
Maternity Benefit	6,008	6,130	2.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	48	54	12.5%
Adoptive Benefit	25	10	-60.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	956	1,148	20.1%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	617	749	21.4%
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	7,654	8,091	5.7%
Disability Benefit	92,853	95,038	2.4%
Invalidity Pension	82,557	83,271	0.9%
Injury Benefit	1,564	1,643	5.1%
Interim Disability Benefit	976	914	-6.4%
Disablement Benefit	11,661	11,888	1.9%
Death Benefit Pension	908	893	-1.7%
Carer's Benefit	-	114	
Disability Allowance	65,315	70,885	8.5%
Blind Person's Pension	3,015	2,910	-3.5%
Carer's Allowance	26,853	30,901	15.1%
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	285,702	298,457	4.5%
Unemployment Benefit	117,928	93,080	-21.1%
Unemployment Assistance	181,926	132,212	-27.3%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	299,854	225,292	-24.9%
Back to Work Allowance	83,251	87,481	5.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	14,647	11,510	-21.4%
Back to Education Allowance	5,893	5,932	0.7%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	567	474	-16.4%
Family Income Supplement	50,275	44,336	-11.8%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	22,121	21,760	-1.6%
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	176,754	171,493	-3.0%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	38,143	45,448	19.2%
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES	38,143	45,448	19.2%
Rent Allowance	548	472	-13.9%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	548	472	-13.9%
GRAND TOTAL	1,476,088	1,432,774	-2.9%

(1) 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, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries ⁽¹⁾		Change %
	1999	2000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	95,832	109,832	14.6%
Retirement Pension	104,065	104,244	0.2%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	115,840	116,030	0.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	28,058	25,174	-10.3%
Maternity Benefit	6,008	6,130	2.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	48	54	12.5%
Adoptive Benefit	25	10	-60.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	956	1,148	20.1%
Disability Benefit	92,853	95,038	2.4%
Invalidity Pension	82,557	83,271	0.9%
Injury Benefit	1,564	1,643	5.1%
Interim Disability Benefit	976	914	-6.4%
Disablement Benefit	11,661	11,888	1.9%
Death Benefit Pension	908	893	-1.7%
Carer's Benefit	-	114	-
Unemployment Benefit	117,928	93,080	-21.1%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	659,279	649,463	-1.5%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	99,754	96,828	-2.9%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	20,911	19,675	-5.9%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,978	17,367	-3.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,709	1,613	-5.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	3	-25.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	183,282	192,755	5.2%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	617	749	21.4%
Disability Allowance	65,315	70,885	8.5%
Blind Person's Pension	3,015	2,910	-3.5%
Carer's Allowance	26,853	30,901	15.1%
Unemployment Assistance	181,926	132,212	-27.3%
Family Income Supplement	50,275	44,336	-11.8%
Back to Work Allowance	83,251	87,481	5.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	14,647	11,510	-21.4%
Back to Education Allowance	5,893	5,932	0.7%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	567	474	-16.4%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	22,121	21,760	-1.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	38,143	45,448	19.2%
Rent Allowance	548	472	-13.9%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	816,809	783,311	-4.1%
GRAND TOTAL	1,476,088	1,432,774	-2.9%

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

Table A 13

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Sex, Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2000

Type of Payment	2000				Total
	Male	%	Female	%	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	55,650	64.5%	30,567	35.5%	86,217
Retirement Pension	57,699	73.6%	20,671	26.4%	78,370
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	9,581	9.5%	90,793	90.5%	100,374
Deserted Wife's Benefit	-	0.0%	12,654	100.0%	12,654
Maternity Benefit	-	0.0%	6,130	100.0%	6,130
Health and Safety Benefit	-	0.0%	30	100.0%	30
Adoptive Benefit	-	0.0%	10	100.0%	10
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance ⁽¹⁾	574	50.0%	574	50.0%	1,148
Disability Benefit	17,767	37.9%	29,173	62.1%	46,940
Invalidity Pension	27,496	56.5%	21,167	43.5%	48,663
Injury Benefit	646	78.0%	182	22.0%	828
Interim Disability Benefit	361	74.0%	127	26.0%	488
Disablement Benefit	9,062	82.9%	1,863	17.1%	10,925
Death Benefit Pension	4	0.6%	661	99.4%	665
Carer's Benefit	2	4.0%	48	96.0%	50
Unemployment Benefit	21,816	46.9%	24,749	53.1%	46,565
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	200,658	45.6%	239,399	54.4%	440,057
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	38,744	42.7%	51,908	57.3%	90,652
Pre-Retirement Allowance	10,169	81.2%	2,352	18.8%	12,521
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	188	1.1%	17,179	98.9%	17,367
Deserted Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	1,613	100.0%	1,613
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	3	100.0%	3
One-Parent Family Payment	1,947	2.6%	72,172	97.4%	74,119
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	374	49.9%	375	50.1%	749
Disability Allowance	32,401	59.7%	21,902	40.3%	54,303
Blind Person's Pension	1,102	49.4%	1,127	50.6%	2,229
Carer's Allowance	3,473	21.1%	13,005	78.9%	16,478
Unemployment Assistance	51,221	73.7%	18,283	26.3%	69,504
Family Income Supplement	6,430	49.2%	6,632	50.8%	13,062
Back to Work Allowance	29,123	84.4%	5,383	15.6%	34,506
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,702	82.2%	801	17.8%	4,503
Back to Education Allowance	2,301	54.3%	1,936	45.7%	4,237
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾	251	53.0%	223	47.0%	474
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,515	93.3%	536	6.7%	8,051
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	15,468	61.6%	9,626	38.4%	25,094
Rent Allowance	339	71.8%	133	28.2%	472
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	204,748	47.6%	225,189	52.4%	429,937
GRAND TOTAL	405,406	46.6%	464,588	53.4%	869,994

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated.

Table A14

Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2000

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾		
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	86,217	21,728	1,158	729	-	109,832
Retirement Pension	78,370	23,799	1,634	441	-	104,244
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	90,652	5,171	808	197	-	96,828
Pre-Retirement Allowance	12,521	4,732	2,142	280	-	19,675
TOTAL OLD AGE	267,760	55,430	5,742	1,647	-	330,579
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	100,374	-	15,656	-	-	116,030
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,367	-	-	-	-	17,367
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,654	-	12,520	-	-	25,174
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,613	-	-	-	-	1,613
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	3	-	-	-	-	3
One-Parent Family Payment	74,119	-	118,636	-	-	192,755
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES	206,130	-	146,812	-	-	352,942
Maternity Benefit	6,130	-	-	-	-	6,130
Health and Safety Benefit	30	-	-	24	-	54
Adoptive Benefit	10	-	-	-	-	10
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,148	-	-	-	-	1,148
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	749	-	-	-	-	749
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	8,067	-	-	24	-	8,091
Disability Benefit	46,940	7,421	7,636	33,041	-	95,038
Invalidity Pension	48,663	11,539	9,178	13,891	-	83,271
Injury Benefit	828	151	229	435	-	1,643
Interim Disability Benefit	488	81	129	216	-	914
Disablement Benefit	10,925	227	358	378	-	11,888
Death Benefit Pension	665	-	228	-	-	893
Disability Allowance	54,303	4,299	7,875	4,408	-	70,885
Carer's Benefit	50	-	3	61	-	114
Blind Person's Pension	2,229	159	322	200	-	2,910
Carer's Allowance	16,478	-	979	13,444	-	30,901
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	181,569	23,877	26,937	66,074	-	298,457
Unemployment Benefit	46,565	6,423	10,059	30,033	-	93,080
Unemployment Assistance	69,504	17,086	38,875	6,747	-	132,212
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	116,069	23,509	48,934	36,780	-	225,292
Back to Work Allowance	34,506	14,047	32,957	5,971	-	87,481
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,503	1,771	3,949	1,287	-	11,510
Back to Education Allowance	4,237	263	655	777	-	5,932
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	474	-	-	-	-	474
Family Income Supplement	13,062	-	-	-	31,274	44,336
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,051	3,870	7,789	2,050	-	21,760
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	64,833	19,951	45,350	10,085	31,274	171,493
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	25,094	5,136	15,218	-	-	45,448
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES	25,094	5,136	15,218	-	-	45,448
Rent Allowance	472	-	-	-	-	472
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	472	-	-	-	-	472
GRAND TOTAL ⁽³⁾	869,994	127,903	288,993	114,610	31,274	1,432,774
As a percentage of total population ⁽⁴⁾	23.0%	3.4%	7.6%	3.0%	0.8%	37.8%

(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, April 2000. Source Central Statistics Office.

Table A15

Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 1998/99 and 1999/00

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number insured	
		1998/99 ⁽¹⁾	1999/00 ⁽²⁾
A	All Benefits ⁽³⁾	1,598,700	1,686,100
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Carer's Benefit and limited Injuries Benefits.	36,930	35,670
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Orphans (Contributory) Allowance.	1,355	1,160
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	116,100	114,800
E	All benefits except Unemployment Benefit, Carer's Benefit Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	145	140
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service.	10,220	9,000
J	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	24,430	19,800
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution.	36,700	44,521
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	131,900	123,700
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Unemployment and Disability Benefits.	19	19
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	241,700	263,000
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate: Retirement Pension, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Bereavement Grant. Low Rate: Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Bereavement Grant.	2,200	2,000
	TOTAL INSURED POPULATION	2,200,399	2,299,910

(1) Revised figures.

(2) Provisional figures.

(3) This includes 187,315 and 173,360 persons in 1998/99 and 1999/00, respectively, in receipt of credited contributions.

Table A16

Number of Insured Persons, 1994/5 to 1999/00

Year	Insured Population	Index
1994/95	1,769,920	100
1995/96	1,858,492	105
1996/97	1,925,453	109
1997/98	2,037,647	115
1998/99 ⁽¹⁾	2,200,399	124
1999/00 ⁽²⁾	2,299,910	130

(1) Revised.
 (2) Provisional.

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Analysis of Insured Population, 1999/00

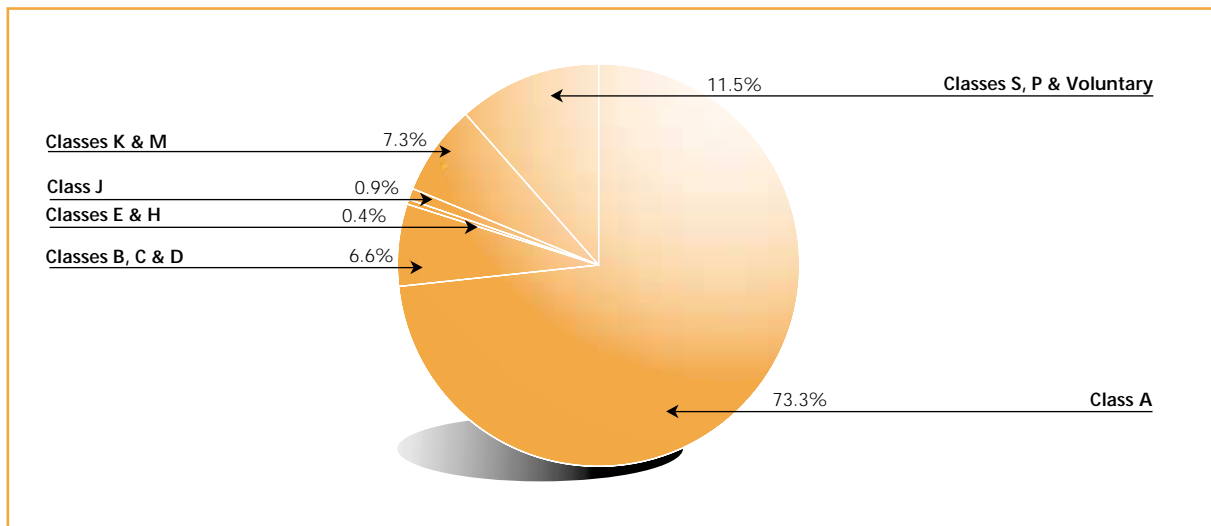


Table A17

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from May 2000

Type of Payment	Qualified			Qualified		
	Personal	Adult	Child	Personal	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
Carer's Benefit ⁽⁴⁾	88.50	-	13.20	112.37	-	16.76
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE						
Long Term						
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	85.50	51.70	13.20	108.56	65.65	16.76
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁵⁾	77.50	-	-	98.40	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	77.50	-	-	98.40	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁵⁾	77.50	-	15.20	98.40	-	19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	55.60	-	-	70.60	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁶⁾	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 ⁽⁷⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	42.50	-	-	53.96	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	56.00	-	-	71.11	-	-

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

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

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

(4) Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000.

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

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

(7) These rates apply from September 2000.

Table A18

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from April 2001

Type of Payment	Qualified			Qualified		
	Personal	Adult	Child	Personal	Adult	Child
	£	£	£	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE						
Long Term						
Old Age (Contributory) Pension/Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	106.00	68.20	15.20	134.59	86.60	19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	89.10	60.30	15.20	113.13	76.57	19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension/Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	89.10	-	17.00	113.13	-	21.59
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	63.60	-	-	80.76	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	107.40	-	17.00	136.37	-	21.59
Disablement Pension	109.20	-	-	138.66	-	-
Short Term						
Disability/Unemployment Benefit	85.50	54.00	13.20	108.56	68.57	16.76
Carer's Benefit	96.50	-	13.20	122.53	-	16.76
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE						
Long Term						
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	95.50	60.70	13.20	121.26	77.07	16.76
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	85.50	-	-	108.56	-	-
Deserted/Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	85.50	-	-	108.56	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	85.50	-	15.20	108.56	-	19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	63.60	-	-	80.76	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	88.50	-	13.20	108.56	-	16.76
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	85.50	54.00	13.20	108.56	68.57	16.76
Pre-Retirement Allowance	85.50	54.00	13.20	108.56	68.57	16.76
Disability Allowance	85.50	54.00	13.20	108.56	68.57	16.76
Farm Assist	85.50	54.00	13.20	108.56	68.57	16.76
Short Term						
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	84.00	54.00	13.20	106.66	68.57	16.76
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	84.00	54.00	13.20	106.66	68.57	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	67.50	-	-	85.71	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	86.00	-	-	109.20	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of £79.60 (101.07 Euros) is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of £106.00 (134.59 Euros) is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £102.00 (129.51 Euros) is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £95.50 (121.26 Euros) is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £98.50 (125.07 Euros) is payable.

(6) These rates apply from June 2001.

Table A19

Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1991 to 2000

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children Including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children Including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1991	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1992	106.0	105.2	104.6	105.4	103.1	103.8
1993	111.2	109.8	110.2	110.9	104.6	109.7
1994	122.0	117.6	116.6	116.8	107.0	112.7
1995	125.0	120.5	121.5	123.6	109.8	115.1
1996	129.0	124.1	124.9	127.0	111.6	120.6
1997	135.0	129.5	129.3	132.0	113.2	124.4
1998	141.0	134.6	133.5	136.3	115.9	129.8
1999	147.0	140.6	139.1	141.9	117.9	137.0
2000	155.0	150.0	149.2	153.0	124.5	144.4

(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, 1991 to 2000

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children Including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children Including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1991	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1992	104.1	104.0	103.9	104.7	103.1	103.8
1993	107.7	107.6	108.4	109.3	104.6	109.7
1994	110.9	110.9	111.2	114.7	107.0	112.7
1995	113.8	115.4	116.9	121.9	109.8	115.1
1996	117.2	118.8	120.1	125.1	111.6	120.6
1997	121.9	123.1	123.7	129.3	113.2	124.4
1998	129.7	129.3	128.8	134.3	115.9	129.8
1999	139.1	137.9	136.2	141.5	117.9	137.0
2000	150.0	149.0	147.2	153.1	124.5	144.4

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

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

Table A21

Index of Rates of Payment for the Long-Term Unemployed Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1991 to 2000

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children Including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children Including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1991	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1992	104.0	104.0	103.8	104.7	103.1	103.8
1993	107.6	107.6	108.6	109.6	104.6	109.7
1994	110.9	110.9	111.7	112.9	107.0	112.7
1995	113.6	113.6	116.4	119.5	109.8	115.1
1996	117.3	117.0	119.7	122.8	111.6	120.6
1997	122.7	122.2	123.8	127.6	113.2	124.4
1998	128.2	126.9	127.9	131.8	115.9	129.8
1999	133.6	132.6	133.3	137.2	117.9	137.0
2000	140.9	141.5	142.9	147.9	124.5	144.4

*(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 £1,344 million in 2000. This represents an increase of 11.9% on 1999.

The overall number of Old Age payments rose by 6,479 in 2000, an increase of 2.5%. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (Old Age Contributory Pension and Retirement Pension) based on social insurance contributions rose by 9,478 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 2,371. The number of persons in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 628 in 2000.

Over the last ten years, the number of recipients of Old Age (Contributory) Pension rose by 13,453 and the number of recipients of Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 25,298. On the other hand, the number of recipients of Retirement Pension increased by 26,134, and the number of recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance has increased by 3,080 in the same period. See Table B3 and Graph B1 for details.

Graph B1

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions, 1991 to 2000

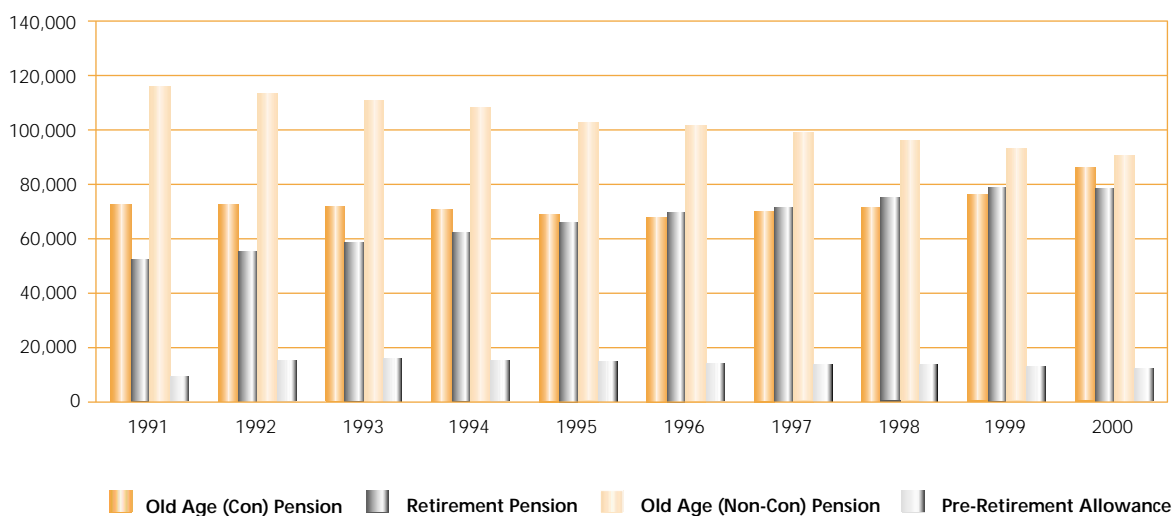


Table B1

Expenditure on Old Age by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Payment Type	1999	2000 Provisional	Change 2000 over 1999
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	392,273	454,705	15.9%
Retirement Pension	402,873	467,966	16.2%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	346,023	359,310	3.8%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	60,253	62,416	3.6%
TOTAL	1,201,422	1,344,397	11.9%

Table B2

Expenditure on Old Age by Pension Type, 1991 to 2000

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
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	392,273	402,873	346,023	60,253	1,201,422
2000 ⁽²⁾	454,705	467,966	359,310	62,416	1,344,397

(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) Provisional.

Table B3

Number of Recipients by Type of Old Age Pension, 1991 to 2000

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
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
2000	86,217	78,370	90,652	12,521	267,760

Table B4

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2000

Dependency Status	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Total
With Qualified Adult under 66	9,895	13,932	5,171	4,732	55,430
With Qualified Adult over 66	11,833	9,867			
With 1 Qualified Child	988	1,245	511	973	3,718
With 2 Qualified Children	275	263	137	357	1,032
With 3 Qualified Children	66	53	39	120	278
With 4 Qualified Children	26	24	15	48	113
With 5 Qualified Children	4	6	5	19	34
With 6 or more Qualified Children	4	3	3	13	23
Total Number of Recipients	86,217	78,370	90,652	12,521	267,760
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	1,363	1,594	710	1,531	5,198
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	1.6%	2.0%	0.8%	12.2%	1.9%
Total number of Qualified Adults	21,728	23,799	5,171	4,732	55,430
Total Number of Children	1,887	2,075	1,005	2,422	7,389

(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, 2000 (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	17,174	7,439	24,587	8,519	6,618	8,951	48,379	24,909
70 under 75	16,104	7,726	17,314	6,225	10,333	12,444	43,751	26,395
75 under 80	11,132	6,777	10,060	3,508	10,138	12,035	31,330	22,320
80 under 85	7,205	4,927	4,041	1,415	6,898	8,962	18,144	15,304
85 and over	4,035	3,698	1,697	1,004	4,757	9,516	10,489	14,218
Total	55,650	30,567	57,699	20,671	38,744	51,908	152,093	103,146
OVERALL TOTAL	86,217		78,370		90,652		255,239	

Table B6

Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
55	107	14	121
56	540	165	705
57	812	209	1,021
58	851	205	1,056
59	1,049	228	1,277
60	962	238	1,200
61	1,112	222	1,334
62	1,090	236	1,326
63	1,106	214	1,320
64	1,197	251	1,448
65	1,343	370	1,713
Total	10,169	2,352	12,521

Table B7

Number of Recipients of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Pension Type, 2000 (Estimated)

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	23,315	19,865
Retirement Pension	17,355	8,157
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	24,808	30,133
Total	65,478	58,155

Table B8

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and County, 2000 (Estimated)

County	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	878	908	1,121	166
Cavan	949	832	2,781	176
Clare	1,544	1,339	3,820	289
Cork	8,758	8,849	10,219	1,406
Donegal	1,799	2,718	5,568	1,146
Dublin	27,650	25,965	9,730	3,278
Galway	2,936	2,918	7,494	535
Kerry	2,116	2,031	5,340	568
Kildare	2,051	1,985	1,554	269
Kilkenny	1,269	1,276	2,140	245
Laois	973	851	1,587	191
Leitrim	490	633	1,416	70
Limerick	3,217	3,358	4,075	548
Longford	625	524	1,447	87
Louth	2,312	2,521	1,895	390
Mayo	1,743	2,416	5,783	406
Meath	2,052	1,643	2,206	257
Monaghan	857	868	2,257	120
Offaly	1,177	1,078	1,667	172
Roscommon	960	858	2,707	79
Sligo	1,008	1,130	2,221	145
Tipperary	2,987	2,461	4,737	526
Waterford	1,857	2,264	2,188	394
Westmeath	1,366	1,235	1,815	152
Wexford	2,052	2,168	3,078	608
Wicklow	2,164	2,114	1,753	298
Others	10,427	3,427	53	-
Total	86,217	78,370	90,652	12,521

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widows, widowers & one-parent families

Section C: Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families

New Payment

A Widowed Parent Grant was introduced at the end of December 1999 and payments commenced in early 2000. This grant is a once-off payment of £1,000 and is payable in respect of bereavements which occurred on or after 1 December 1999. The grant applies to widows and widowers with dependent children who qualify for a Widow/er's Contributory Pension, a One-Parent Family Payment or a Bereavement Grant.

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families increased by 8.6% overall. The largest percentage increase (10.3%) was in expenditure on One Parent Family Payment, representing an increase of over £35 million. There were 74,119 recipients of this payment at the end of 2000, an increase of 5.3% over 1999.

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 2000, there were 100,374 recipients (90,793 widows and 9,581 widowers). Expenditure in 2000 was over £470 million which represented an increase of 9% over 1999.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance declined during 2000. 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, 2000

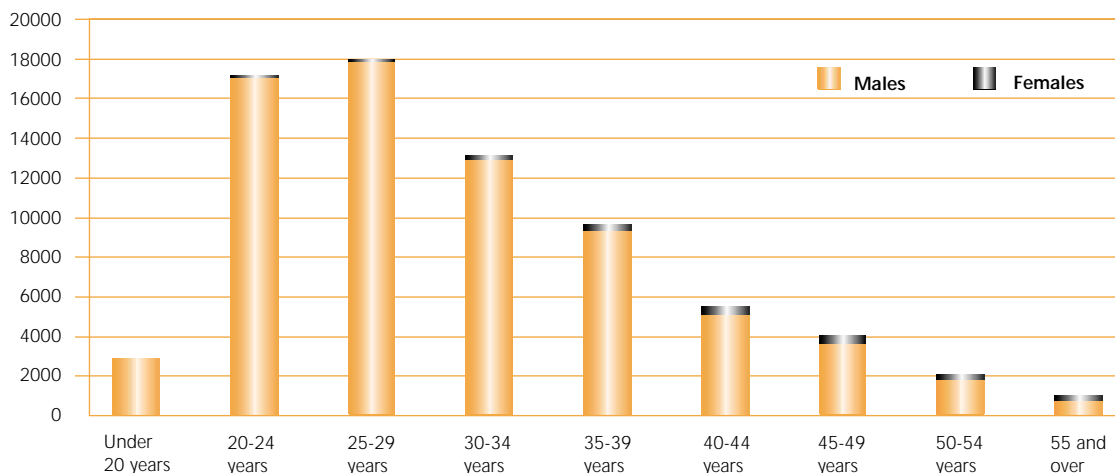


Table C1

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Payment Type	1999	2000 Provisional	Change 2000 over 1999
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	431,408	470,483	9.1%
Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	67,717	66,087	-2.4%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory) ⁽²⁾	-	812	-
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	69,592	74,719	7.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	6,583	6,611	0.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	15	12	-20.0%
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	342,730	378,120	10.3%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory) ⁽²⁾	-	27	-
TOTAL	918,045	996,871	8.6%

(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.

(2) Widowed Parent Grants were introduced in December 1999.

Table C2

Expenditure on Widow/er's Pensions, 1991 to 2000

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000
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	431,408	69,592	501,000
2000 ⁽³⁾	470,483	74,719	545,202

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

(2) Payment was extended in October 1997 to include widowed men. Expenditure on Orphan's Non-Contributory Pension is included up to and including 1994. Data on expenditure on this scheme from 1995 to date is contained, in Section D.

(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, 1991 to 2000

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoners Wife's Allowance	Lone Parent's Allowance/ One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
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 ⁽²⁾	74,296	6,968	18	266,614	347,896
1998	69,772	6,681	15	307,039	383,507
1999	67,717	6,583	15	342,730	417,045
2000 ⁽³⁾	66,087	6,611	12	378,120	450,830

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

(2) One-Parent Family Payments was introduced in January, 1997.

(3) Provisional.

Table C4

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, 1991 to 2000

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
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
2000	100,374	17,367	117,741

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

(2) 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, 2000

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	91,325	5,992	97,317
With 1 child	4,853	3,042	7,895
With 2 children	2,548	2,177	4,725
With 3 children	1,106	889	1,995
With 4 children	388	376	764
With 5 children	112	131	243
With 6 or more children	42	47	89
Total Recipients	100,374	12,654	113,028
Total Recipients with children	9,049	6,662	15,711
% of Recipients with children	9.0%	52.6%	13.9%
Total Number of children	15,656	12,520	28,176

Table C6

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pensions			Overall Total
	Widows	Widowers	Total	Widows	Widowers	Total	
Under 25 years	6	1	7	-	-	-	7
25 to 29 years	46	8	54	2	-	2	56
30 to 34 years	256	57	313	5	-	5	318
35 to 39 years	681	184	865	14	3	17	882
40 to 44 years	1,297	397	1,694	36	8	44	1,738
45 to 49 years	2,290	735	3,025	106	14	120	3,145
50 to 54 years	4,109	1,206	5,315	266	22	288	5,603
55 to 59 years	6,299	1,659	7,958	658	45	703	8,661
60 to 64 years	9,478	2,054	11,532	1,285	35	1,320	12,852
65 to 69 years	12,152	1,240	13,392	2,417	40	2,457	15,849
70 to 74 years	15,091	752	15,843	3,430	9	3,439	19,282
75 to 79 years	16,634	574	17,208	3,964	4	3,968	21,176
80 years and over	22,454	714	23,168	4,996	8	5,004	28,172
TOTAL	90,793	9,581	100,374	17,179	188	17,367	117,741

Table C7

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, Lone Parent's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1991 to 2000

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	Lone Parent's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
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
2000	12,654	1,613	3	-	74,119	88,389

(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 C8

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, by Age, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	1	-	-
25 to 29 years	23	-	-
30 to 34 years	410	-	-
35 to 39 years	1,476	-	-
40 to 44 years	2,421	14	-
45 to 49 years	2,709	98	-
50 to 54 years	2,480	276	1
55 to 59 years	1,616	364	1
60 to 64 years	908	363	-
65 years and over	610	498	1
TOTAL	12,654	1,613	3

Table C9

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Qualified Children, 2000 (Estimated)

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total
With 1 child	45,380	680	46,060
With 2 children	17,045	328	17,373
With 3 children	6,637	167	6,804
With 4 children	2,481	74	2,555
With 5 children	853	41	894
With 6 or more children	408	25	433
Total Recipients	72,804	1,315	74,119
Total Number of Children	116,096	2,540	118,636

Table C10

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 20 years	26	2,879	-	1	26	2,880
20 to 24 years	105	16,987	-	7	105	16,994
25 to 29 years	98	17,823	4	31	102	17,854
30 to 34 years	192	12,830	8	72	200	12,902
35 to 39 years	312	9,217	15	108	327	9,325
40 to 44 years	392	5,825	30	138	422	5,963
45 to 49 years	305	3,458	51	175	356	3,633
50 to 54 years	178	1,592	49	242	227	1,834
55 to 59 years	65	431	42	192	107	623
60 to 64 years	31	44	22	87	53	131
65 years and over	5	9	13	28	18	37
Total	1,709	71,095	234	1,081	1,943	72,176
Overall Total	72,804		1,315		74,119	

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, 2000

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance
Widow/er's (Con) Pension	38,330	23,168
Deserted Wife's Benefit	259	24
Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension	7,667	5,004
Deserted Wife's Allowance	206	60
Total	46,462	28,256

Table C12

Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 2000 (Estimated)

County	Widow/er's (Con) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension	One-Parent Family Payment	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Carlow	1,152	191	1,011	137	17	-
Cavan	1,293	670	663	82	17	-
Clare	2,030	767	1,435	213	50	-
Cork	11,167	1,896	7,502	1,199	137	-
Donegal	3,066	965	2,642	247	86	-
Dublin	27,392	1,581	27,774	5,496	496	1
Galway	4,151	1,616	2,907	393	93	-
Kerry	3,076	954	1,855	268	75	1
Kildare	3,064	316	2,649	475	43	-
Kilkenny	1,621	352	1,022	180	28	-
Laois	1,300	333	782	90	13	-
Leitrim	874	290	252	44	6	-
Limerick	4,448	819	3,445	543	67	-
Longford	859	334	553	91	9	-
Louth	2,611	278	2,526	480	33	-
Mayo	3,165	1,073	1,445	172	54	1
Meath	2,438	433	1,639	336	56	-
Monaghan	1,119	500	763	115	29	-
Offaly	1,471	374	976	132	15	-
Roscommon	1,231	574	474	81	17	-
Sligo	1,492	432	866	200	18	-
Tipperary	3,849	976	2,330	356	54	-
Waterford	2,705	325	2,232	326	44	-
Westmeath	1,924	460	1,234	216	24	-
Wexford	2,812	567	2,646	327	70	-
Wicklow	2,552	291	2,466	455	62	-
Others	7,512	-	30	-	-	-
Total	100,374	17,367	74,119	12,654	1,613	3

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child related payments

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 12.9% in 2000. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 73.4% of recipient families in 2000 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 2,336 to 510,840. However, the total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid declined by 10,702 to 1,018,175.

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Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by £57 million in 2000, an increase of 12.8% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by over £4 million, an increase of 10%.

Graph D1

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1992 to 2000

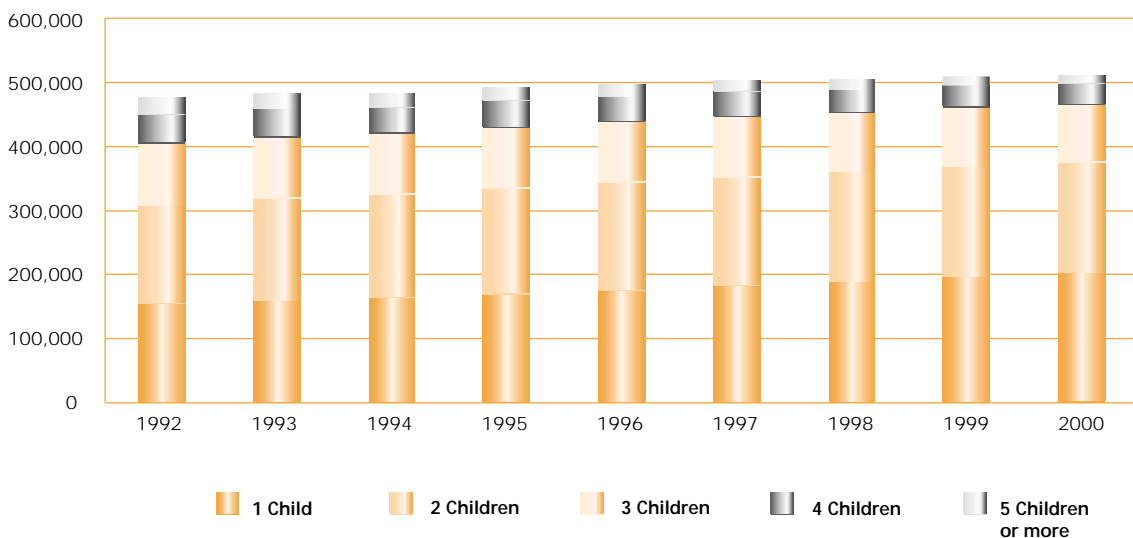


Table D1

Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Payment Type	1999	2000 Provisional	Change 2000 over 1999
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Maternity Benefit	41,531	45,703	10.0%
Adoptive Benefit	166	146	-12.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	129	135	4.7%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,918	4,424	51.6%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,421	1,890	33.0%
OTHER			
Child Benefit	444,984	502,106	12.8%
TOTAL	491,149	554,404	12.9%

Table D2

Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1991 to 2000

Year	Expenditure
	£000
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	444,984
2000 ⁽¹⁾	502,106

(1) Provisional

Table D3

Expenditure on Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, 1991 to 2000

Year	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾
	£000	£000
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	2,918	1,421
2000 ⁽²⁾	4,424	1,890

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

(2) Provisional

Table D4

Expenditure on Maternity, Adoptive and Health & Safety Benefits, 1991 to 2000

Year	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Health & Safety Benefit ⁽²⁾
	£000	£000	£000
1991	22,702	-	-
1992	21,957	-	-
1993	22,206	-	-
1994	24,353	-	-
1995	27,273	61	53
1996	29,839	54	89
1997	34,058	81	124
1998	38,208	119	89
1999	41,531	166	129
2000 ⁽³⁾	45,703	146	135

(1) Adoptive Benefit was introduced in April 1995.

(2) Health & Safety Benefit was introduced in October 1994.

(3) Provisional.

Table D5

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Pensions, 1999 and 2000

Payment	1999	2000	% Change 2000 over 1999
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	956	1,148	20.1%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	617	749	21.4%
Total	1,573	1,897	20.6%

Table D6

Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 1999 and 2000

Payment	1999	2000	% Change 2000 over 1999
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	6,008	6,130	2.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	34	30	-11.8%
Adoptive Benefit	25	10	-60.0%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	23,851	24,848	4.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	125	96	-23.2%
Adoptive Benefit	110	105	-4.5%

Table D7

Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1991 to 2000

Year	Families	Children
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
2000	510,840	1,018,175

Table D8

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1992 to 2000

Number of Eligible Children in Family	1992	1993	1994	1995 ⁽¹⁾	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
1	155,424	160,499	164,809	169,625	176,126	183,271	190,083	197,457	203,342
2	152,071	157,000	159,275	163,278	166,364	168,421	169,509	170,777	171,646
3	96,633	96,782	95,536	96,811	96,218	95,450	93,671	92,172	90,667
4	45,877	44,105	41,631	41,323	39,682	37,836	35,932	33,979	32,431
5	16,582	15,272	13,834	13,464	12,557	11,652	10,592	9,651	8,795
6	5,990	5,479	4,829	4,538	4,099	3,746	3,304	2,965	2,628
7	2,114	1,923	1,653	1,521	1,385	1,201	1,071	980	869
8	844	724	586	556	465	433	401	324	294
9	323	312	254	230	201	179	145	107	89
10	149	118	105	104	94	83	57	56	48
11	46	51	50	42	31	20	22	22	20
12	21	26	20	20	19	17	16	11	7
13	7	6	6	4	7	5	6	2	3
14	4	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	1
15	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Total	476,086	482,300	482,592	491,520	497,252	502,318	504,811	508,504	510,840
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,078,690	1,074,735	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175

(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 2000 (Estimated)

Age (in years)	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	41,554	36,305	38,263	43,255	43,689	46,470	46,962	46,390	46,094
1 under 2	52,512	51,301	49,242	47,869	49,032	50,341	52,805	54,123	54,032
2 under 3	53,845	53,639	51,541	49,808	48,514	49,741	51,086	53,690	55,066
3 under 4	52,845	55,242	53,598	51,818	50,283	49,187	50,430	51,871	54,521
4 under 5	54,810	53,981	54,794	53,639	52,306	50,877	49,779	51,028	52,435
5 under 6	57,686	55,676	53,764	54,813	54,044	52,823	51,379	50,386	51,569
6 under 7	60,048	58,620	55,613	53,431	55,160	54,456	53,288	51,851	50,827
7 under 8	60,323	61,260	58,442	55,743	53,737	55,567	54,800	53,723	52,261
8 under 9	61,744	61,257	60,905	58,327	56,048	54,098	55,940	55,213	54,195
9 under 10	64,442	63,104	61,107	60,453	58,628	56,405	54,357	56,299	55,573
10 under 11	67,692	65,242	62,569	61,012	60,628	58,896	56,645	54,662	56,584
11 under 12	69,313	68,940	65,233	62,495	61,219	60,861	59,085	56,952	54,937
12 under 13	71,586	70,298	68,357	65,473	62,506	61,389	60,993	59,352	57,220
13 under 14	70,509	72,762	70,026	68,185	65,571	62,702	61,457	61,203	59,529
14 under 15	68,605	71,967	72,263	69,903	68,301	65,698	62,741	61,640	61,396
15 under 16	67,572	69,776	71,054	70,445	68,302	66,839	64,637	61,771	60,940
16 under 17	52,424	50,771	54,351	58,581	60,780	59,091	56,615	54,216	50,772
17 under 18	51,180	54,594	54,034	53,487	57,032	58,836	56,915	55,592	52,398
18 under 19 ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	26,734	34,716	39,124	39,832	38,915	37,826
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	1,018,175

(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, 2000 (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	632	356	161	114	34	32	17	9	4	-	2	-	1,158	729	850	513
Retirement Pension	970	275	205	58	45	8	20	4	4	2	3	-	1,634	441	1,247	347
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	386	125	117	20	34	5	12	3	4	1	3	-	808	197	556	154
Pre-Retirement Allowance	824	149	318	39	107	13	47	1	17	2	13	-	2,142	280	1,326	204
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	4,853	-	2,548	-	1,106	-	388	-	112	-	42	-	15,656	-	9,049	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	3,042	-	2,177	-	889	-	376	-	131	-	47	-	12,520	-	6,662	-
One-Parent Family Payment	46,060	-	17,373	-	6,804	-	2,555	-	894	-	433	-	118,636	-	74,119	-
Health and Safety Benefit	-	12	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	18
Disability Benefit	1,651	5,981	1,148	6,385	602	3,080	280	906	92	223	48	50	7,636	33,041	3,821	16,625
Incapacity Pension	2,592	3,345	1,296	2,529	697	1,104	246	378	102	81	62	41	9,178	13,891	4,995	7,478
Injury Benefit	29	85	36	78	17	40	14	16	3	2	1	-	229	435	100	221
Interim Disability Benefit	21	47	19	46	13	17	6	4	-	2	1	-	129	216	60	116
Disablement Benefit	36	72	57	67	30	35	17	10	3	3	5	2	358	378	148	189
Death Benefit Pension	63	-	33	-	17	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	228	-	124	-
Disability Allowance	1,562	847	995	607	591	319	266	182	159	67	103	48	7,875	4,408	3,676	2,070
Carer's Benefit	1	8	1	14	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	3	61	7	27
Blind Person's Pension	56	25	58	26	31	12	7	10	3	7	2	2	322	200	157	82
Carer's Allowance	230	1,867	143	1,690	73	1,171	27	580	16	254	8	163	979	13,444	497	5,725
Unemployment Benefit	1,680	5,487	1,516	5,969	827	2,804	406	795	152	152	72	41	10,059	30,033	4,653	15,248
Unemployment Assistance	4,671	907	4,305	866	2,945	567	1,690	321	812	111	849	86	38,875	6,747	15,272	2,858
Farm Assist/Smallholders	717	190	816	206	596	190	413	119	210	45	142	26	7,789	2,050	2,894	776
Back to Work Allowance ⁽¹⁾	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	32,957	5,971	14,840	3,381
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	374	194	552	231	355	125	171	50	76	10	53	1	3,949	1,287	1,581	611
Back to Education Allowance	70	105	91	144	44	65	30	31	12	9	13	3	655	777	260	357
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	3,733	-	1,965	-	1,057	-	511	-	223	-	175	-	15,218	-	7,664	-
TOTAL (1)	74,253	20,077	35,930	19,095	16,914	9,588	7,506	3,423	3,033	971	2,077	466	288,993	114,610	154,551	56,973

(1) A breakdown by family size for Back To Work Allowance is not available. Accordingly, the totals shown for each family type does not include data in respect of this scheme.

Table D11

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Allowance/Pension, Child Benefit, Maternity Benefit, and Health & Safety Benefit by County, 2000. (Estimated)

County	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Child Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	18	11	6,872	76	1
Cavan	6	6	6,969	67	-
Clare	13	10	13,175	154	-
Cork	93	45	58,524	733	7
Donegal	49	39	17,907	180	-
Dublin	433	303	143,189	1,770	9
Galway	42	30	25,752	322	-
Kerry	38	25	16,492	174	1
Kildare	43	25	23,328	349	-
Kilkenny	24	18	9,914	116	-
Laois	14	8	7,151	73	1
Leitrim	8	12	3,133	21	-
Limerick	40	17	23,311	292	2
Longford	14	6	4,261	27	-
Louth	21	14	14,442	178	2
Mayo	29	15	14,745	154	1
Meath	24	19	17,458	229	3
Monaghan	17	3	6,747	76	-
Offaly	14	10	8,294	100	1
Roscommon	11	8	6,025	71	-
Sligo	32	17	7,347	79	-
Tipperary	40	29	19,193	205	-
Waterford	39	39	13,827	165	-
Westmeath	14	8	10,151	125	-
Wexford	25	12	16,204	176	1
Wicklow	35	22	16,380	196	1
Others	13	-	49	22	-
Total	1,148	749	510,840	6,130	30

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illness, disability and caring

Section E : Illness, Disability and Caring

Expenditure and Recipients

Overall expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring Payments increased by over £89 million, an increase of 12.1% over 1999. Expenditure on Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 6.9% and 11.4% 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 13.9% to £220 million. There are now 54,303 recipients of the scheme.

Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990. Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by £21 million in 2000, an increase of 36.6%. There are now 16,478 recipients of the scheme, an increase of 2,091 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1991 to 2000.

New Payment

A new Carer's Benefit scheme was introduced in October 2000. Carer's Benefit is a payment made to insured persons who leave the workforce to care for a person(s) who require full time care and attention

Graph E1

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1991 to 2000

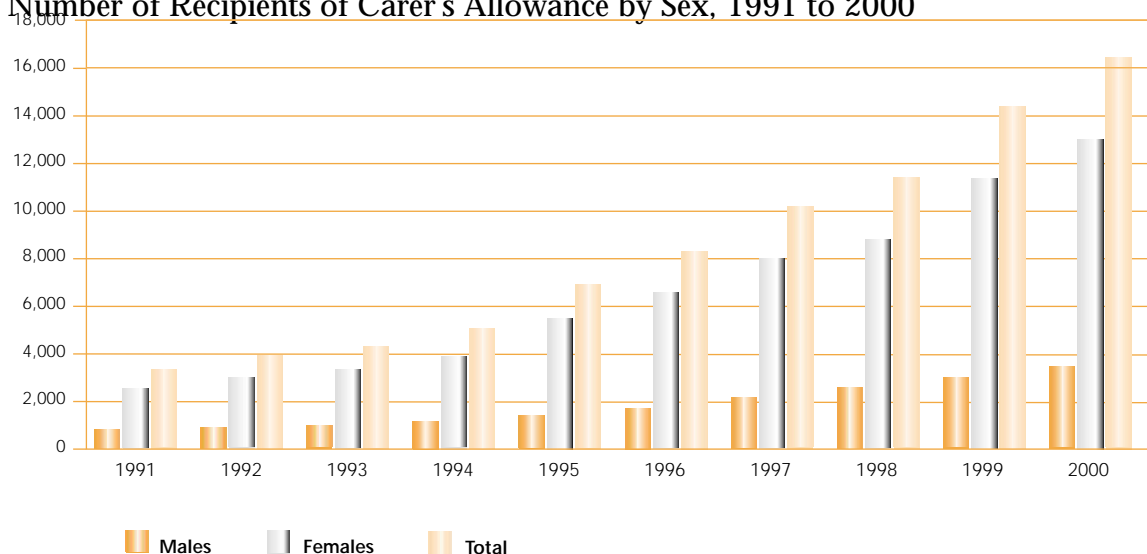


Table E1

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999	2000 Provisional	Change 2000 over 1999
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Disability Benefit	206,895	221,139	6.9%
Invalidity Pension	220,184	245,282	11.4%
Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	-	28	-
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Disability Allowance	193,079	219,869	13.9%
Blind Person's Pension	9,262	9,689	4.6%
Carer's Allowance	57,410	78,411	36.6%
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS			
Injury Benefit	7,333	7,712	5.2%
Disablement Benefit	38,942	39,919	2.5%
Death Benefit	3,451	3,704	7.3%
Medical Care	129	140	8.5%
TOTAL	736,685	825,893	12.1%

(1) Carer's Benefit was introduced in October, 2000.

Table E2

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1991 to 2000

Year	Disability Benefit	Occupational Injuries	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Blind Person's Pension ⁽²⁾	Disability Allowance ⁽³⁾	Carer's Allowance	Total ⁽⁴⁾
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1991	172,985	37,001	134,001	-	-	-	6,056	357,785
1992	172,917	36,052	144,647	-	-	-	10,500	369,614
1993	166,990	36,748	157,302	-	-	-	11,514	373,301
1994	165,411	38,192	171,165	-	-	-	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	206,895	49,855	220,184	-	9,262	193,079	57,410	736,685
2000 ⁽⁵⁾	221,139	51,475	245,282	28	9,689	219,869	78,411	825,893

(1) Carer's Benefit was introduced in October, 2000.

(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, formerly Disabled Person's Maintenance Allowance, was funded by the Department of Health up to August 1995.

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

The total includes expenditure on Pay-Related Benefit in the years 1991 to 1994 inclusive.

(5) Provisional

Table E3

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999	2000	Change 2000 over 1999
Disability Benefit	45,535	46,940	3.1%
Invalidity Pension	46,946	48,663	3.7%
Interim Disability Benefit	514	488	-5.1%
Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	-	50	-
Disability Allowance	50,431	54,303	7.7%
Carer's Allowance ⁽²⁾	14,387	16,478	14.5%
Blind Person's Pension	2,304	2,229	-3.3%
Injury Benefit	748	828	10.7%
Death Benefit Pension	662	665	0.5%
Disablement Pension ^{(3) (4) (5)}	10,577	10,925	3.3%
TOTAL	172,104	181,569	5.5%

(1) Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000.

(2) There were also 53 persons in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2000. Prescribed Relatives Allowance was replaced by Carer's Allowance in 1990.

(3) Disablement Pension is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It can be paid in addition to other Social Welfare payments such as Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

(4) Unemployability Supplement is paid as an increase to Disablement Pension where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment. 885 persons were in receipt of an Unemployability Supplement payment at the end of 2000.

(5) Constant Attendance Allowance is paid as an increase to Disablement Pension where the degree of disablement is assessed at between 50% and 100% and the person has been certified as being in need of constant care and attention. 60 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2000.

Table E4

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Disablement Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Death Benefit Pension & Blind Person's Pension, 1991 to 2000

Year	Invalidity Pension	Disability Benefit	Disablement Pension ⁽¹⁾	Disability Allowance ⁽²⁾	Carer's Allowance	Death Benefit Pension	Blind Persons Pension ⁽³⁾
1991	36,156	49,726	7,530	-	3,355	481	-
1992	36,849	47,733	7,855	-	3,938	486	-
1993	38,894	43,924	8,301	-	4,328	501	-
1994	40,226	41,869	8,646	-	5,056	499	-
1995	42,092	41,830	8,977	-	6,917	500	2,476
1996	43,046	42,460	9,364	37,054	8,298	502	2,450
1997	43,633	43,500 ⁽⁴⁾	9,748	43,192	10,196	558	2,404
1998	44,925	43,766	10,182	47,126	11,416	630	2,358
1999	46,946	45,535	10,577	50,431	14,387	662	2,304
2000	48,663	46,940	10,925	54,303	16,478	665	2,229

(1) Disability Pension is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It can be paid in addition to other Social Welfare payments such as Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

(2) Disability Allowance, formerly Disabled Person's Maintenance Allowance, was administered by the Health Boards up to October, 1996.

(3) Blind Person's Pension was included with Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension up to and including 1994.

(4) Estimated

Table E5

Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances By Payment Type, 2000

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Invalidity Pension	92	560
Death Benefit Pension	-	171
Blind Person's Pension	170	147
Total	262	878

Table E6

Number of Recipients of Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	1,098	1,211	2,309
25 to 29 Years	1,087	2,461	3,548
30 to 34 years	1,250	4,470	5,720
35 to 39 years	1,628	4,884	6,512
40 to 44 years	1,917	4,143	6,060
45 to 49 years	2,180	3,594	5,774
50 to 54 years	2,598	3,425	6,023
55 to 59 years	2,671	2,815	5,486
60 to 64 years	3,146	2,072	5,218
65 years and over	192	98	290
Total	17,767	29,173	46,940

Table E7

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Sex and Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	5	-	5
25 to 29 years	36	57	93
30 to 34 years	165	347	512
35 to 39 years	674	1,272	1,946
40 to 44 years	1,514	2,116	3,630
45 to 49 years	2,796	2,819	5,615
50 to 54 years	4,706	3,509	8,215
55 to 59 years	6,227	4,086	10,313
60 to 64 years	8,747	4,742	13,489
65 years and over	2,626	2,219	4,845
TOTAL	27,496	21,167	48,663

Table E8

Number of Recipients of Carer's Benefit and Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Carer's Benefit			Carer's Allowance		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	-	-	49	151	200
25 to 29 years	-	3	3	90	329	419
30 to 34 years	-	10	10	178	789	967
35 to 39 years	-	9	9	312	1,264	1,576
40 to 44 years	-	7	7	491	1,592	2,083
45 to 49 years	-	7	7	627	1,860	2,487
50 to 54 years	-	6	6	650	2,084	2,734
55 to 59 years	2	3	5	450	1,838	2,288
60 to 64 years	-	3	3	342	1,543	1,885
65 years and over	-	-	-	284	1,555	1,839
Total	2	48	50	3,473	13,005	16,478

Table E9

Number of Recipients of Blind Person's Pension by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	75	60	135
25 to 29 years	76	61	137
30 to 34 years	81	79	160
35 to 39 years	106	82	188
40 to 44 years	89	86	175
45 to 49 years	83	101	184
50 to 54 years	104	97	201
55 to 59 years	108	91	199
60 to 64 years	97	98	195
65 years and over	283	372	655
Total	1,102	1,127	2,229

Table E10

Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	5,355	4,079	9,434
25 to 29 years	3,269	2,413	5,682
30 to 34 years	3,152	2,265	5,417
35 to 39 years	3,270	2,202	5,472
40 to 44 years	3,132	2,044	5,176
45 to 49 years	3,155	2,062	5,217
50 to 54 years	3,608	2,331	5,939
55 to 59 years	3,351	2,116	5,467
60 to 64 years	3,427	1,983	5,410
65 years and over	682	407	1,089
Total	32,401	21,902	54,303

Table E11

Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension and Disablement Pension by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Death Benefit Pension			Disablement Pension		
	Male ⁽¹⁾	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	-	-	129	29	158
25 to 29 years	-	3	3	261	72	333
30 to 34 years	-	13	13	482	193	675
35 to 39 years	-	20	20	728	236	964
40 to 44 years	-	35	35	986	245	1,231
45 to 49 years	-	54	54	1,191	250	1,441
50 to 54 years	-	70	70	1,348	253	1,601
55 to 59 years	-	74	74	1,244	206	1,450
60 to 64 years	-	87	87	986	126	1,112
65 years and over	4	305	309	1,707	253	1,960
Total	4	661	665	9,062	1,863	10,925

(1) Before April 1997, Death Benefit Pension was not generally available for widowers.

Table E12

Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit and Interim Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Disability Benefit		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	120	26	146	53	24	77
25 to 29 years	60	25	85	54	23	77
30 to 34 years	87	19	106	53	17	70
35 to 39 years	92	26	118	51	18	69
40 to 44 years	81	23	104	44	11	55
45 to 49 years	72	28	100	39	16	55
50 to 54 years	61	12	73	33	10	43
55 to 59 years	38	14	52	22	5	27
60 to 64 years	31	8	39	12	2	14
65 years and over	4	1	5	-	1	1
Total	646	182	828	361	127	488

Table E13

Number of Recipients of Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement, 2000

	Degree of Disablement ⁽¹⁾	Number of Recipients
Disablement Pension ⁽²⁾	Under 20%	1,430
	20%	2,813
	30%	2,966
	40%	1,631
	50%	798
	60%	518
	70%	257
	80%	212
	90%	58
	100%	242
	Total	10,925

(1) Depending on the degree of disablement, which is medically assessed, Disability Benefit can be paid as a once off gratuity or as a pension. For assessments of up to 19% disablement, benefit is normally a once-off gratuity, although in certain cases it can be paid as a pension. For assessments of 20% and over, a pension is always payable. 2,808 Disablement Gratuities were paid in 2000.

(2) Where a person dies as a result of an accident at work or occupational disease or if s/he was getting a Disablement Pension assessed at 50% or more at the time of his/her death a grant of £500 is paid toward the cost of the funeral expenses. 20 Funeral Grants were paid in 2000.

Table E14

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2000 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Disability Benefit	Death Benefit Pensions	Disability Allowance	Blind Person's Pension	Carer's Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	22,894	n.a ⁽¹⁾	20	456	291	541	47,079	1,930	10,256	83,467 ⁽¹⁾
With Qualified Adult only	3,600	n.a	-	51	21	-	1,478	60	-	5,210 ⁽¹⁾
With 1 full rate child allowance	1,651	2,592	1	29	21	63	1,562	56	230	6,205
With 2 full rate child allowances	1,148	1,296	1	36	19	33	995	58	143	3,729
With 3 full rate child allowances	602	697	-	17	13	17	591	31	73	2,041
With 4 full rate child allowances	280	246	-	14	6	7	266	7	27	853
With 5 full rate child allowances	92	102	-	3	-	4	159	3	16	379
With 6+ full rate child allowances	48	62	-	1	1	-	103	2	8	225
With 1 half rate child allowance	5,981	3,345	8	85	47	-	847	25	1,867	12,205
With 2 half rate child allowances	6,385	2,529	14	78	46	-	607	26	1,690	11,375
With 3 half rate child allowances	3,080	1,104	1	40	17	-	319	12	1,171	5,744
With 4 half rate child allowances	906	378	4	16	4	-	182	10	580	2,080
With 5 half rate child allowances	223	81	-	2	2	-	67	7	254	636
With 6+ half rate child allowances	50	41	1	-	0	-	48	2	163	305
Total number of recipients	46,940	48,663	50	828	488	665	54,303	2,229	16,478	170,644
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	20,446	12,473	30	321	176	124	5,746	239	6,222	45,777
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child allowances	43.6%	25.6%	60.0%	38.8%	36.1%	18.6%	10.6%	10.7%	37.8%	26.8%
Total number of Qualified Adults	7,421	11,539	-	151	81	-	4,299	159	-	23,650
Total number of children⁽¹⁾	40,677	23,069	64	664	345	228	12,283	522	14,423	92,755

(1) The number of Invalidity Pensioners without children is 36,190. However, a separate breakdown between the number of recipients in receipt of a personal rate only and with a qualified adult only is not available.

(2) 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 Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and County, 2000 (Estimated)

County	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Disablement Pension	Injury Benefit	Interim Disability Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Person's Pension	Carer's Allowance
Carlow	821	778	-	173	27	15	12	739	28	248
Cavan	599	498	1	150	7	9	9	741	36	364
Clare	935	826	1	209	16	5	8	1,367	43	454
Cork	5,751	6,876	4	1,567	98	64	93	6,538	185	1,542
Donegal	2,043	1,361	2	291	28	12	20	2,519	139	1,193
Dublin	14,016	16,270	17	2,794	215	133	157	12,794	553	2,390
Galway	1,735	1,357	3	439	37	18	24	3,469	133	1,228
Kerry	1,102	1,097	2	268	24	15	19	2,413	98	893
Kildare	1,885	1,508	-	397	30	14	27	1,663	41	440
Kilkenny	646	771	-	216	22	16	17	1,148	46	356
Laois	498	496	-	123	10	8	5	833	30	244
Leitrim	426	365	1	88	7	-	7	484	38	198
Limerick	2,408	2,686	2	630	47	38	33	2,944	89	871
Longford	417	446	2	118	8	2	8	526	29	275
Louth	2,098	2,011	-	460	41	18	28	1,232	63	378
Mayo	1,260	1,112	4	283	19	12	13	2,228	110	1,119
Meath	1,371	1,125	-	406	28	11	19	1,180	48	403
Monaghan	730	486	1	152	21	3	11	716	40	361
Offaly	796	783	1	186	11	8	12	883	39	344
Roscommon	617	495	2	169	16	3	18	847	40	375
Sligo	659	599	1	167	14	8	7	1,038	84	303
Tipperary	1,367	1,504	1	468	29	30	44	2,520	70	812
Waterford	1,121	1,267	-	345	19	12	13	1,305	46	359
Westmeath	885	856	2	165	14	15	16	909	62	354
Wexford	1,245	1,299	2	277	18	12	17	1,809	86	576
Wicklow	1,274	1,217	1	271	17	7	17	1,449	50	397
Others	235	574	-	113	5	-	11	9	3	1
Total	46,940	48,663	50	10,925	828	488	665	54,303	2,229	16,478

Table E16

Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1991 to 2000

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
2000	4,589	3,428	1,161

Table E17

Number of Disability Benefit Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1991 to 2000

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
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
2000	45,037	25,323	7,036	226	12,452

Table E18

Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1997 to 2000

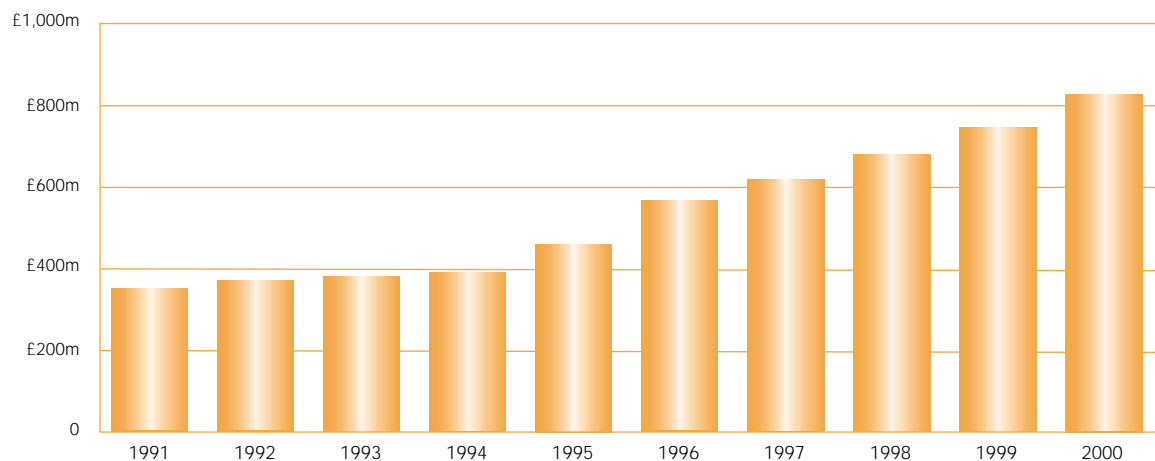
Year	Number of Examinations Scheduled ⁽¹⁾	Number of Persons Examined and found to be		Number of Persons who did not attend for Examination
		Qualified for Disability Allowance	Not qualified for Disability Allowance	
1997	6,423 ⁽²⁾	3,001	1,806	1,616
1998	7,229	3,032	2,288	1,909
1999	8,862	3,801	2,631	2,430
2000	10,285	4,017	2,840	3,428

(1) This figure includes Disability Allowance Appeal and Disability Allowance Review examinations.

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

Graph E2

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring, 1991 to 2000



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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:

- all claimants of Unemployment Benefit excluding systematic short-time workers,
- applicants for Unemployment Assistance excluding smallholders and self-employed persons,
- 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.

Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced 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 and 2000. There were 750 recipients of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance at the end of 1999 and 163 at the end of December 2000.

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 2000, 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 over 19% over 1999.

Expenditure on Unemployment Assistance fell by over £115 million over 1999, a decrease of 23.8%. Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit fell by over £22 million, a decrease of 9.7% over 1999.

These decreases reflect the fall in the numbers on these payments, including those on the Live Register. The Live Register declined by 34,953 during 2000, a decrease of 19.8%. Table F14 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County in 1999 and 2000 and the percentage decrease in each county.

Table F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Supports by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999	2000 Provisional	Change 2000 over 1999
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Unemployment Benefit	231,362	208,881	-9.7%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Unemployment Assistance	484,843	369,440	-23.8%
TOTAL	716,205	578,321	-19.3%

(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 & 2000. Data on Farm Assist expenditure is included in Section G. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this section.

Table F2

Expenditure on Unemployment Payments by Payment Type, 1991 to 2000

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Unemployment Assistance ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
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	231,362	-	484,843	716,205
2000 ⁽³⁾	208,881	-	369,440	578,321

(1) Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit was discontinued for new claimants from July 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 & 2000. Data on Farm Assist expenditure is included in Section G. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this section.

(3) Provisional

Table F3

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1991 to 2000

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
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
2000	46,565	69,504	116,069

Table F4

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance, by Number of Dependants, 2000 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
Personal Rate only	24,127	46,999	71,126
With Qualified Adult only	2,537	4,375	6,912
1 full rate Qualified Child	1,680	4,671	6,351
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,516	4,305	5,821
3 full rate Qualified Children	827	2,945	3,772
4 full rate Qualified Children	406	1,690	2,096
5 full rate Qualified Children	152	812	964
6+ full rate Qualified Children	72	849	921
1 half rate Qualified Child	5,487	907	6,394
2 half rate Qualified Children	5,969	866	6,835
3 half rate Qualified Children	2,804	567	3,371
4 half rate Qualified Children	795	321	1,116
5 half rate Qualified Children	152	111	263
6+ half rate Qualified Children	41	86	127
Total Number of Recipients	46,565	69,504	116,069
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	6,423	17,086	23,509
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	13.8%	24.6%	20.3%
Number of Recipients with			
Qualified Children	19,886	18,130	38,016
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	42.7%	26.1%	32.8%
Total Number of Children⁽¹⁾	40,092	45,622	85,714

(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, 1991 to 2000

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Others	Total Live Register
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
2000	57,198	85,013	13,187	155,398

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F6

Number of Persons on the Live Register on the last Friday of each Month, 2000

Month	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Others	Total Live Register
January	63,684	98,376	14,102	176,162
February	63,524	94,795	13,774	172,093
March	59,613	90,429	13,447	163,489
April	60,140	87,910	13,746	161,796
May	54,851	84,799	13,221	152,871
June	58,013	85,389	13,351	156,753
July	60,564	85,627	13,723	159,914
August	60,215	85,065	13,746	159,026
September	52,150	80,191	12,591	144,932
October	50,179	76,837	12,173	139,189
November	49,660	75,211	12,091	136,962
December	53,779	75,531	12,276	141,586
Average	57,198	85,013	13,187	155,398

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F7

Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2000

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	25,728	26,105	176,162	-377
February	20,915	24,984	172,093	-4,069
March	22,328	30,932	163,489	-8,604
April	20,945	22,638	161,796	-1,693
May	16,359	25,284	152,871	-8,925
June	28,251	24,369	156,753	3,882
July	21,628	18,467	159,914	3,161
August	17,211	18,099	159,026	-888
September	21,396	35,490	144,932	-14,094
October	18,230	23,973	139,189	-5,743
November	19,685	21,912	136,962	-2,227
December	21,494	16,870	141,586	4,624
Total	254,170	289,123	155,398	-34,953

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit/Pay Related Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1991 -2000

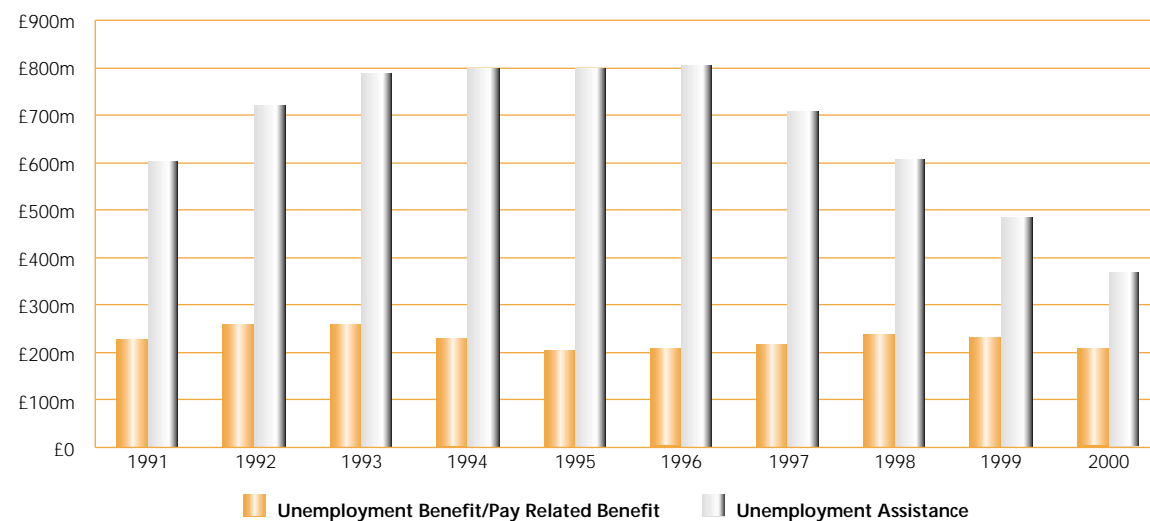


Table F8

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2000 (Estimated)

Age Group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	2,698	3.3%	2,389	4.0%	5,087	3.6%
20 to 24 years	10,211	12.5%	7,839	13.2%	18,050	12.7%
25 to 34 years	20,562	25.1%	16,912	28.4%	37,474	26.5%
35 to 44 years	18,831	22.9%	15,810	26.5%	34,641	24.5%
45 to 54 years	18,929	23.0%	11,020	18.5%	29,949	21.2%
55 to 59 years	6,431	7.9%	3,568	6.0%	9,999	7.1%
60 to 64 years	4,355	5.3%	2,031	3.4%	6,386	4.5%
Total Live Register	82,017	100.0%	59,569	100.0%	141,586	100.0%

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F9

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2000. 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	1,224	608	498	272	32	10	2,644
20 - 24 yrs	3,777	1,980	1,601	1,093	636	915	10,002
25 - 34 yrs	6,019	3,131	3,258	2,446	1,331	3,959	20,144
35 - 44 yrs	4,543	2,355	2,707	2,115	1,263	5,461	18,444
45 - 54 yrs	3,684	1,730	2,275	1,942	2,255	6,657	18,543
55 - 59 yrs	1,577	703	961	760	896	1,404	6,301
60 - 64 yrs	1,347	519	709	536	407	748	4,266
Total Males	22,171	11,026	12,009	9,164	6,820	19,154	80,344
Females							
< 20 yrs	1,109	547	443	226	48	7	2,380
20 - 24 yrs	3,309	1,578	1,109	813	494	508	7,811
25 - 34 yrs	6,419	2,682	3,025	2,053	853	1,822	16,854
35 - 44 yrs	5,240	2,181	2,631	2,142	1,026	2,539	15,759
45 - 54 yrs	3,649	1,380	1,585	1,366	918	2,085	10,983
55 - 59 yrs	1,195	478	604	453	335	491	3,556
60 - 64 yrs	717	275	306	292	147	286	2,023
Total Females	21,638	9,121	9,703	7,345	3,821	7,738	59,366
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	2,333	1,155	941	498	80	17	5,024
20 - 24 yrs	7,086	3,558	2,710	1,906	1,130	1,423	17,813
25 - 34 yrs	12,438	5,813	6,283	4,499	2,184	5,781	36,998
35 - 44 yrs	9,783	4,536	5,338	4,257	2,289	8,000	34,203
45 - 54 yrs	7,333	3,110	3,860	3,308	3,173	8,742	29,526
55 - 59 yrs	2,772	1,181	1,565	1,213	1,231	1,895	9,857
60 - 64 yrs	2,064	794	1,015	828	554	1,034	6,289
Total	43,809	20,147	21,712	16,509	10,641	26,892	139,710

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table F10

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1991 to 2000.

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
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
2000	45,206	35,138	80,344	40,462	18,904	59,366	139,710

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Graph F2

Number of persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2000

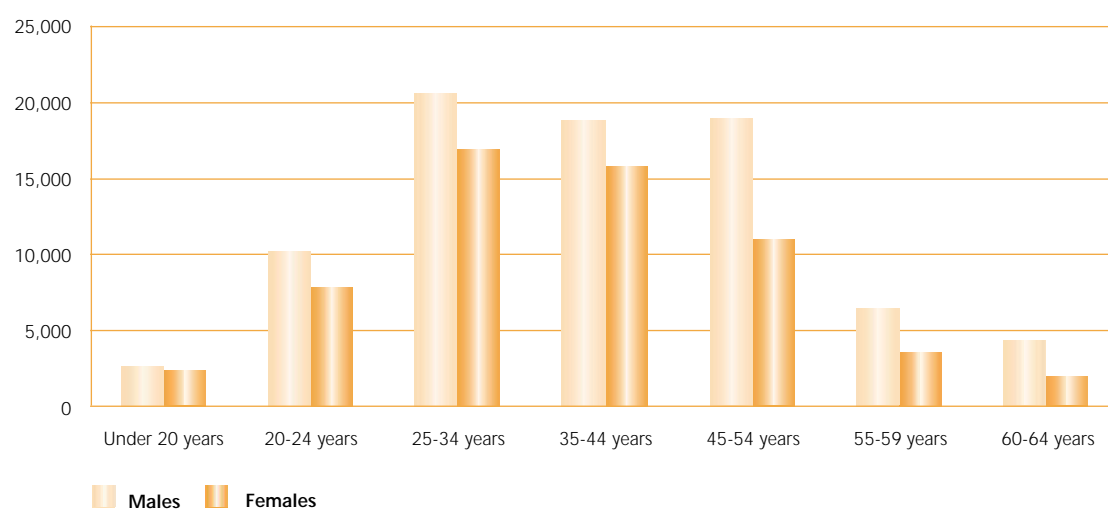


Table F11

Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, in each Month during 2000

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
January	3,145	2,102	771
February	3,201	2,049	754
March	3,337	2,020	738
April	3,040	1,944	761
May	2,794	1,890	735
June	2,792	1,842	738
July	2,732	1,811	762
August	2,635	1,787	759
September	2,357	1,771	759
October	2,363	1,758	700
November	2,467	1,767	689
December	2,626	1,765	726
Average	2,791	1,876	741

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F3

Number of persons on the Live Register in October 2000, by Sex and Duration

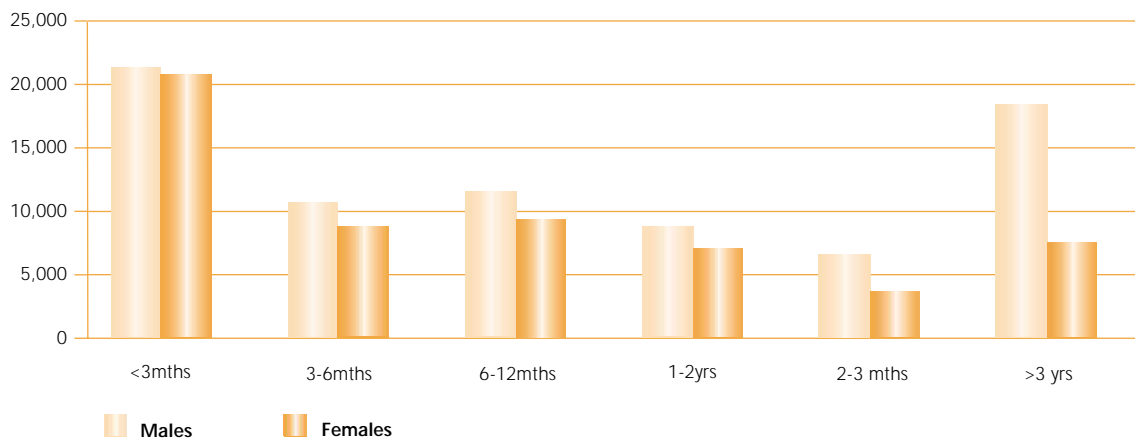


Table F12

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, 1991 to 2000

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed ⁽¹⁾	Persons Aged 65 years and over
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
2000	2,626	1,765	726

*(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, 1991 to 2000

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force ⁽¹⁾	Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate
1991	253,947	1,354,400	14.7
1992	283,125	1,371,800	15.5
1993	294,279	1,403,200	15.6
1994	282,413	1,431,600	14.1
1995	277,746	1,459,200	12.1
1996	279,230	1,507,500	11.5
1997	254,379	1,539,000	9.8
1998	227,095	1,621,100	7.4
1999	193,509	1,688,100	5.6
2000	155,398	1,745,600	4.1

*(1) Data refers to the position at April for the years 1991 to 1997 inclusive and May thereafter.
Source: Central Statistics Office*

Table F14

Numbers on the Live Register by County, 1999 and 2000

County	Live Register 1999 ⁽¹⁾	Live Register 2000 ⁽¹⁾	% Change
Carlow	2,496	1,964	-21.3%
Cavan	2,019	1,736	-14.0%
Clare	3,602	3,003	-16.6%
Cork	17,855	14,538	-18.6%
Donegal	11,699	10,088	-13.8%
Dublin	45,483	33,186	-27.0%
Galway	9,862	8,011	-18.8%
Kerry	7,587	6,025	-20.6%
Kildare	4,347	3,268	-24.8%
Kilkenny	2,703	2,047	-24.3%
Laois	2,131	1,798	-15.6%
Leitrim	1,406	1,216	-13.5%
Limerick	7,595	6,306	-17.0%
Longford	2,054	1,715	-16.5%
Louth	7,020	6,075	-13.5%
Mayo	7,629	6,140	-19.5%
Meath	2,753	2,085	-24.3%
Monaghan	2,743	2,482	-9.5%
Offaly	2,623	2,222	-15.3%
Roscommon	1,876	1,528	-18.6%
Sligo	2,794	2,372	-15.1%
Tipperary	6,737	5,775	-14.3%
Waterford	6,573	5,699	-13.3%
Westmeath	3,283	2,618	-20.3%
Wexford	6,885	5,938	-13.8%
Wicklow	4,784	3,751	-21.6%
Total	176,539	141,586	-19.8%

(1) Source: Central Statistics Office.

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

Time series and Existing Payments

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced 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 and 2000. There were 8,051 recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders at the end of 2000, of which 163 continued to be in receipt of Smallholders Unemployment 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 nearly £27million in 2000, an increase of 13.6% over 1999. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports decreased by 287, a decrease of 0.4%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement decreased by 4.3%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement decreased by 1,487, a decrease of 10.2% over 1999. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance (including Back to Work Enterprise Allowance) increased by nearly £10m, an increase of 8%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance increased by 2,575, an increase of 8.1%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance decreased by 1,178, a decrease of 20.7%. The number of recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders increased by 177, an increase on 2.2% over the previous year.

Expenditure on the Students Summer Jobs Incentive Scheme declined by 34.8% over 1999 reflecting the decline of 3,322 in the number of students who participated in the scheme.

Table G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999	2000 Provisional	Change 2000 over 1999
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Family Income Supplement	32,396	31,019	-4.3%
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	122,437	132,184	8.0%
Back to Education Allowance	19,886	22,905	15.2%
Students Summer Jobs Scheme	5,298	3,455	-34.8%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1,328	1,262	-5.0%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	15,642	32,625	-
Other ⁽²⁾	759	1,230	62.1%
TOTAL⁽¹⁾	197,746	224,680	13.6%

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced 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 and 2000. 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, 1991 to 2000

Year	Family Income Supplement	Other Employment Supports	Total
	£000	£000	£000
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	32,396	165,350 ⁽¹⁾	197,746
2000 ⁽²⁾	31,019	193,661 ⁽¹⁾	224,680

(1) Includes expenditure on Farm Assist. Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced 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 and 2000. Data on expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance is contained in Section F. This affects the comparability of different years' expenditure figures.

(2) Provisional

Table G3

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999	2000	Change 2000 over 1999
Back to Work Allowance	31,931	34,506	8.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	5,681	4,503	-20.7%
Back to Education Allowance	4,518	4,237	-6.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	567	474	-16.4%
Family Income Supplement	14,549	13,062	-10.2%
Farm Assist/Smallholders ⁽¹⁾	7,874	8,051	2.2%
Total	65,120	64,833	-0.4%

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced 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 and 2000. At the end of 2000, 7,888 persons were in receipt of Farm Assist and 163 continued to be in receipt of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance.

Table G4

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1991 to 2000

Year	Number of Recipient Families
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
2000	13,062

Graph G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1991 to 2000

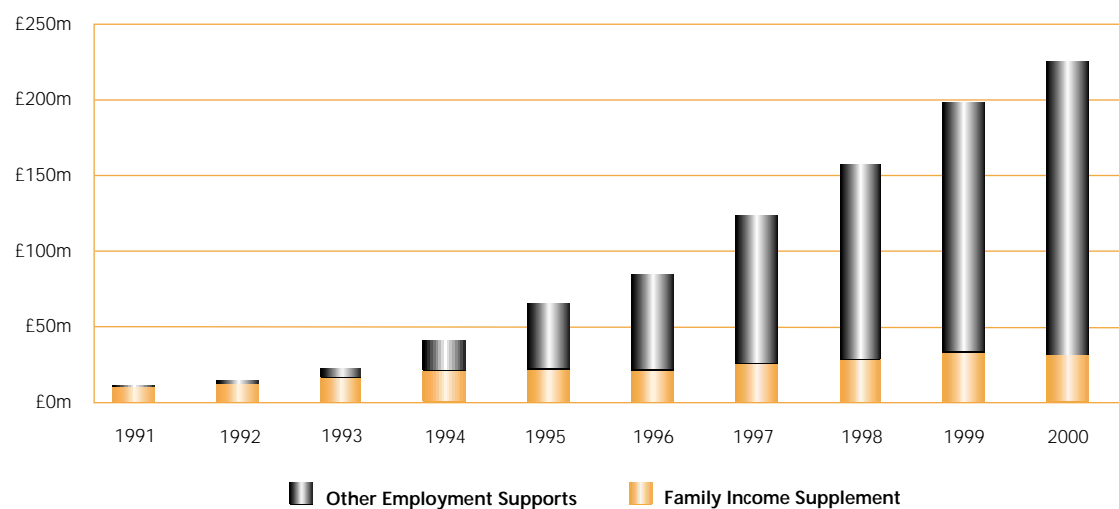


Table G5

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2000

Weekly Rate (£)	Family Size (Number of Children)						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
1 - 20	1,131	723	403	163	54	32	2,506
21 - 40	2,292	1,613	885	432	115	52	5,389
41 - 60	581	852	800	472	208	95	3,008
61 - 80	144	279	321	281	147	89	1,261
81 - 100	69	150	141	102	69	70	601
100 - 120	4	29	64	59	37	34	227
Over 120	-	1	2	23	20	24	70
Total	4,221	3,647	2,616	1,532	650	396	13,062
Number of Children	4,221	7,294	7,848	6,128	3,250	2,533	31,274

Table G6

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2000

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	20	65	269	1,236	741	83	2,414
25 to 34	87	240	540	1,581	1,471	748	4,667
35 to 44	125	263	499	1,218	1,152	946	4,203
45 to 60	47	128	243	538	421	294	1,671
60 or more	2	4	19	41	27	14	107
Total	281	700	1,570	4,614	3,812	2,085	13,062

Table G7

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Marital Status of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2000

Marital Status	Family Income Group (£s per week)						Total
	0 - 100	101 - 140	141 - 170	171 - 200	201 - 230	231 or more	
Married	232	519	962	2,135	1,831	1,608	7,287
Single	15	78	402	1,847	1,274	149	3,765
Other	34	103	206	632	707	328	2,010
Total	281	700	1,570	4,614	3,812	2,085	13,062

Table G8

Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2000

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	21,896	4,117	26,013
Self-Employed	7,227	1,266	8,493
Total	29,123	5,383	34,506

Table G9

Number of Recipients of Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Work Allowance, Back to Education Allowance and Farm Assist/Smallholders, by Age and Sex, 2000

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education Allowance		Farm Assist/ Smallholders	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	82	28	670	287	320	280	31	2
25 to 29 years	398	145	4,006	1,304	968	709	105	12
30 to 34 years	583	185	4,748	1,123	439	326	229	32
35 to 39 years	683	157	5,089	923	239	222	463	56
40 to 44 years	657	127	4,784	709	150	165	758	89
45 to 49 years	590	83	4,420	508	79	113	1,103	84
50 to 54 years	465	46	3,372	361	59	71	1,650	83
55 to 59 years	175	22	1,512	124	35	39	1,533	111
60 to 64 years	68	8	465	45	11	11	1,266	50
65+ years	1	-	57	-	1	-	377	17
Total	3,702	801	29,123	5,383	2,301	1,936	7,515	536

Table G10

Number of Recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders, 1991 to 2000⁽¹⁾

Year	Recipients
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
2000	8,051

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999. The number of recipients at the end of 1999 and 2000 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. These data are the number of persons claiming Smallholders Unemployment Assistance and includes claims awaiting decision or not otherwise in payment. The equivalent figures for 1999 and 2000 are 8,446 and 8,094 respectively.

Table G11

Data on Sponsors and Students Participating in the Students Summer Jobs Scheme, 1994 to 2000

Details	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Sponsors							
Applications Received	2,325	3,384	4,240	4,460	4,599	4,671	3,980
Applications Rejected	41	60	53	39	31	31	16
Applications Approved	2,284	3,324	4,188	4,421	4,568	4,640	3,964
Number of Jobs offered	11,249	21,761	29,960	30,189	31,552	23,473	20,961
Number who Participated	1,806	2,900	3,454	3,592	3,572	3,190	2,406
Students							
Applications Received	13,815	22,899	25,400	23,237	20,930	15,833	10,078
Applications Rejected	1,637	3,601	6,428	4,622	4,326	3,414	2,337
Applications Approved	11,961	18,893	18,275	18,172	16,104	11,903	7,379
Number who Participated	9,200	15,839	15,764	15,542	13,521	9,200	5,878

Table G12

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2000

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/ Smallholders	Part Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	243	573	92	63	67	61	1
Cavan	283	438	154	13	33	309	8
Clare	293	872	230	75	171	478	5
Cork	1,098	3,442	414	648	456	530	32
Donegal	757	1,591	687	241	254	1,100	14
Dublin	2,983	11,151	48	1,145	1,233	13	201
Galway	587	1,815	401	419	290	910	16
Kerry	436	1,025	494	105	178	731	12
Kildare	367	1,124	43	159	132	44	9
Kilkenny	280	540	169	58	65	100	16
Laois	190	378	136	23	56	85	3
Leitrim	84	275	184	13	43	241	3
Limerick	499	1,175	221	244	137	190	15
Longford	148	391	148	23	44	120	2
Louth	519	1,028	101	127	120	29	18
Mayo	388	1,165	619	130	181	1,483	26
Meath	412	695	50	35	76	60	4
Monaghan	263	513	155	34	114	380	1
Offaly	253	601	165	22	57	70	3
Roscommon	153	337	220	20	76	347	-
Sligo	168	454	135	127	69	298	8
Tipperary	675	1,189	407	117	149	182	21
Waterford	492	724	145	135	123	39	16
Westmeath	250	762	141	64	88	85	6
Wexford	745	1,194	264	95	133	120	20
Wicklow	364	1,046	55	83	158	46	14
Other	132	8	-	19	-	-	-
Total	13,062	34,506	5,878	4,237	4,503	8,051	474

(1) Based on the number of recipients at each Social Welfare Local Office

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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 over £232 million in 2000.

This represents an increase of 17.7% on 1999, having excluded balances held by Health Boards in that year. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over £18 million in 2000, an increase of 18% and accounted for 51.1% of total Supplementary Welfare Allowance expenditure. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement was 42,683, an increase of 1.9% on 1999. Approximately 4,700 recipients of Rent Supplement were asylum seekers.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements fell to under £5 million, a decrease of 28.2%. The number of recipients fell to 4,233, a decrease of 20.7%.

In 2000, a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 158,766 children, a decrease of 24,942, on 1999. Expenditure on the scheme increased by 19.1% to just under £11 million.

Net expenditure on Basic Payments in 2000 was £67.5 million, an increase of 26.2% on 1999. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (£93.3 million) on Basic Payments in 2000. This represents the gross amount of expenditure on such payments before inter scheme adjustments and refunds have been taken into account. There were 25,094 recipients of Basic Payments at the end of 2000, an increase of nearly 4,000 (18%) on 1999.

Table H2 and Graph H1 shows expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1991 to 2000.

Table H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Scheme, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999 £000	2000 ⁽¹⁾ £000	Change 2000 over 1999
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments	53,500	67,529	26.2%
Rent Supplements	100,574	118,718	18.0%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	6,448	4,629	-28.2%
Other Supplements	5,852	6,632	13.3%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	21,936	24,043	9.6%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear	9,120	10,862	19.1%
Sub-total⁽²⁾	197,430	232,413	17.7%
Balances Held by Health Boards	-8,634	-	-
Total	188,796	232,413	-

(1) Provisional.

(2) Because of a change in the method of funding expenditure of Supplementary Welfare Allowance arising from the computerisation of the Scheme, balances are noted in the Department's accounts for 1999.

Table H2

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1991 to 2000

Year	Expenditure £000
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	188,796
2000 ⁽¹⁾	232,413

(1) Provisional.

Graph H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance, 1991 to 2000

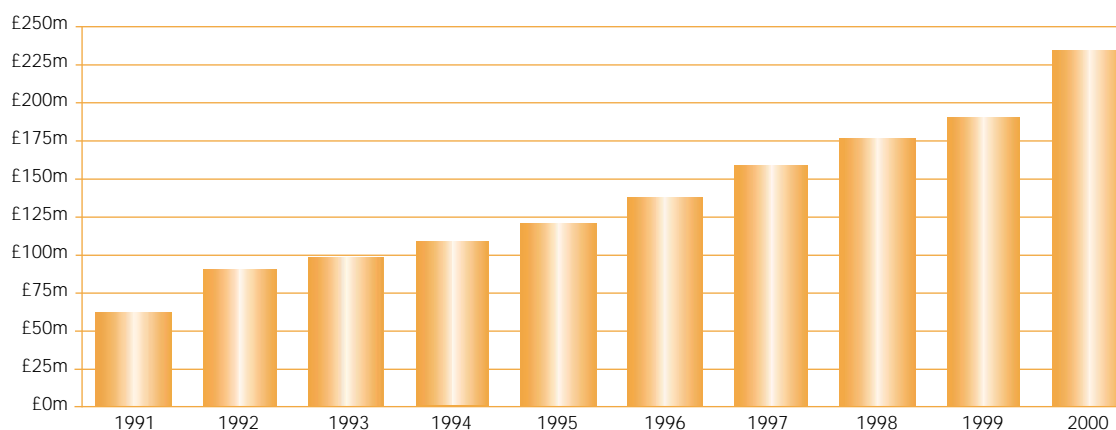


Table H3

Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 2000

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern ⁽¹⁾	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Basic Payments⁽²⁾	44,777	4,102	6,586	6,371	3,140	9,631	10,204	8,484	93,295
Supplements									
Rent	61,728	3,691	6,646	5,333	3,679	10,282	16,126	11,233	118,718
Local Authority Mortgage	573	37	87	54	62	145	183	141	1,282
Other Mortgage	1,723	47	227	276	119	207	453	294	3,347
Heating	144	39	90	27	5	37	149	25	516
Diet	2,117	212	237	258	81	416	506	220	4,047
Other	986	44	154	46	56	199	408	176	2,069
Exceptional Needs Payments	10,756	647	2,213	704	877	2,737	3,516	2,472	23,922
Urgent Needs Payments	47	7	9	3	8	29	9	9	121
Administration Costs⁽³⁾	7,691	1,293	1,871	1,835	1,086	2,047	3,264	2,503	21,590
Grand Total⁽⁴⁾	130,542	10,119	18,120	14,907	9,113	25,730	34,818	25,557	268,907

(1) Refers to the Eastern Regional Health Authority.

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

(3) This is estimated based on current levels of expenditure as the Health Board's accounts for 2000 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 total for the Mid-Western Health Board includes a balancing payment of £29,000 made in 2000 in respect of 1999.

Table H4

Expenditure on Exceptional Needs Payments, Other Exceptional Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Urgent Needs Payments, 2000

Type of Payment	Expenditure £000	Total Expenditure £000
Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments		
Housing		
Household Appliances	3,676	
Furniture	1,463	
Rent Deposit	2,059	
New accomodation kit	1,020	
Bedding	1,143	
Floor Covering	977	
Repair/maintenance	562	10,900
Clothing		
Child Clothing	1,496	
Adult Clothing	2,120	3,616
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	1,165	
Burial Expenses	257	1,422
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	950	
Cot	573	
Homeless Children	1	1,524
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	1,356	
Household	553	1,909
Illness		
Confinement Costs	384	
Hospital Requirements	194	578
General		
Travel Costs	871	
Insufficient Means	514	
Household Budget	59	
Heating	187	
Lost/Stolen Money	75	
Other	2,267	3,973
Urgent Needs Payments	121	121
Grand Total		24,043

Table H5

Number of Recipients of Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 2000

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern ⁽¹⁾	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payment									
Recipients	10,874	1,177	1,903	1,785	941	2,693	3,112	2,609	25,094
Qualified Adults	2,395	264	289	439	137	566	573	473	5,136
Qualified Children	6,288	949	1,055	1,302	514	1,846	1,675	1,579	15,208
Total Beneficiaries	19,557	2,390	3,247	3,526	1,592	5,105	5,360	4,661	45,438
Supplements:									
Rent	18,609	1,606	2,975	2,292	1,924	3,995	6,579	4,703	42,683
Local Authority Mortgage	648	50	97	67	74	186	214	171	1,507
Other Mortgage	1,267	48	191	262	107	189	378	284	2,726
Heating	441	97	313	66	15	144	424	62	1,562
Diet	4,891	544	631	700	190	1,100	1,181	499	9,736
Other	1,679	137	226	84	59	273	523	251	3,232

(1) Refers to the Eastern Regional Health Authority

Table H6

Number of Recipients of Basic Payments, Rent Supplements and Mortgage Interest Supplements, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999	2000	Change 2000 over 1999
Basic Payments	21,269	25,094	18.0%
Rent Supplements	41,873	42,683	1.9%
L.A. Mortgage Interest Supplements ⁽¹⁾	1,976	1,507	-23.7%
Other Mortgage Interest Supplements	3,132	2,726	-13.0%
Total	68,250	72,010	5.5%

(1) Local Authority Mortgage

Table H7

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Sex, 2000

Sex	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Male	20,518	1,683	995
Female	22,165	1,043	512
Total	42,683	2,726	1,507

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Table H8

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age, 2000

Age Group	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Under 20	735	-	-
20 - 24	7,271	13	9
25 - 29	8,595	106	31
30 - 34	7,272	373	56
35 - 39	5,107	607	202
40 - 44	3,714	563	318
45 - 49	2,812	379	284
50 - 54	2,452	313	269
55 - 59	1,613	225	169
60 - 64	1,120	108	122
65 - 69	731	26	36
70 plus	1,261	13	11
Total	42,683	2,726	1,507

Table H9

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 2000

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Old Age Pensions	1,190	14	9
Pre-Retirement Allowance	511	35	47
Widows and Widower's Pensions	249	22	36
One-Parent Family Payment	8,619	373	210
Invalidity Pension	902	115	110
Disability Benefit	839	302	86
Disability Allowance	3,554	188	126
Long-Term Unemployment Assistance	5,914	454	384
Short-Term Unemployment Assistance	2,818	130	32
Unemployment Benefit	1,573	261	69
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	8,873	259	71
Employment Support Services ⁽²⁾	5,366	404	242
DSS (UK)	252	2	2
Other	2,023	167	83
Total	42,683	2,726	1,507

(1) Includes approximately 4,700 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, 2000

Months	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	3,493	139	26
3 to 6	6,548	367	81
6 to 9	5,113	266	95
9 to 12	4,118	190	67
12 plus	23,411	1,764	1,238
Total	42,683	2,726	1,507

Table H11

Number of Recipients of Basic Payment by Age and Sex, 2000

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	915	1,116	2,031
21 - 24	2,624	2,313	4,937
25 - 34	6,374	3,437	9,811
35 - 44	2,886	1,437	4,323
45 - 54	1,816	892	2,708
55 - 64	712	341	1,053
65 plus	141	90	231
Total	15,468	9,626	25,094

Table H12

Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 2000

Health Board	Age 2 to 11	Age 12 to 17	Age 18 to 22	Total
Eastern Regional Health Authority	28,563	15,728	1,278	45,569
Midland Health Board	5,120	3,990	388	9,498
Mid Western Health Board	7,808	5,246	587	13,641
North Eastern Health Board	9,793	7,200	1,106	18,099
North Western Health Board	7,462	5,544	1,057	14,063
South Eastern Health Board	10,818	7,525	1,059	19,402
Southern Health Board	11,864	8,243	1,430	21,537
Western Health Board	8,976	6,470	1,511	16,957
Total	90,404	59,946	8,416	158,766

Table H13

Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 1999 and 2000

Health Board	1999 £000	2000 £000
Eastern Regional Health Authority	2,749	3,301
Midland Health Board	537	664
Mid Western Health Board	771	955
North Eastern Health Board	895	1,265
North Western Health Board	752	953
South Eastern Health Board	1,070	1,000 ⁽¹⁾
Southern Health Board	1,135	1,502
Western Health Board	1,211	1,222
Total Expenditure	9,120	10,862

(1) Expenditure by the South-Eastern Health Board is estimated at £1.352m in 2000. The total of £1m represents the funding issued by the Department to the South-Eastern Health Board in 2000. Any balance due to the South-Eastern Health Board will be issued when their accounts are finalised. The overall value of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance payments in 2000 is therefore estimated as £11.214m.

Table H14

Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments by County, 2000 (Estimated)

County	Number of Recipients
Carlow	350
Cavan	189
Clare	506
Cork	2,240
Donegal	673
Dublin	9,707
Galway	1,797
Kerry	872
Kildare	740
Kilkenny	540
Laois	379
Leitrim	66
Limerick	833
Longford	141
Louth	863
Mayo	595
Meath	543
Monaghan	190
Offaly	242
Roscommon	217
Sligo	202
Tipperary	1,143
Waterford	633
Westmeath	415
Wexford	591
Wicklow	427
Total	25,094

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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

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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, 2000

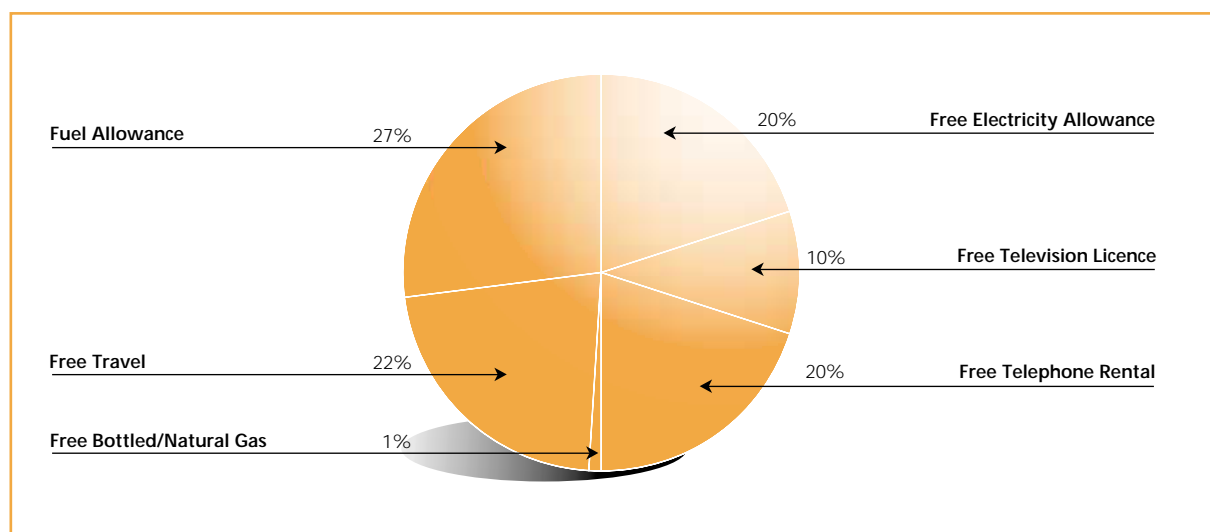


Table J1

Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment Type, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999 £000	2000 ⁽¹⁾ £000	Change %
Free Schemes	154,995	160,906	3.8%
Treatment Benefit	35,568	45,521	28.0%
Bereavement Grants	5,622	9,792	74.2%
Rent Allowance	630	599	-4.9%
Equal Treatment Payments	3,260	197	-94.0%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	19,724	18,009	-8.7%
Combat Poverty Agency	2,400	2,540	5.8%
School Meals	563	682	21.1%
Programme for Peace and Reconciliation	1,507	975	-35.3%
Comhairle ⁽³⁾	4,375	6,431	47.0%
Grants for Marriage & Family Counselling Services	2,160	3,750	73.6%
Grants for Community and Family Support Groups	15,074	17,964	19.2%
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	4,210	4,843	15.0%
Scheme of Community Support for Older People	2,963	3,176	7.2%
Other Grants/Payments	618	503	-18.6%
Total	228,644	275,888	20.7%

(1) Provisional

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

(3) Formerly called the National Social Services Board.

Table J2

Total Expenditure on Free Schemes, 1991 to 2000

Year	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	31,064	15,037	29,920	58	1,262	33,701	43,953	154,995
2000 ⁽¹⁾	31,613	15,908	32,810	69	1,510	35,296	43,700	160,906

(1) Provisional

Table J3

Funding of Money Advice and Budgeting Service by County, 1999 and 2000

County	1999 £'s	2000 £'s
Carlow	90,398	94,813
Cavan	87,460	98,200
Clare	143,018	128,800
Cork	341,205	353,270
Donegal	66,000	102,300
Dublin	1,460,204	1,512,145
Galway	167,736	164,886
Kerry	135,889	320,050
Kildare	134,464	121,898
Kilkenny	80,724	81,430
Laois	49,085	55,500
Leitrim	5,000	62,817
Limerick	211,788	174,000
Longford	64,715	62,232
Louth	115,399	125,569
Mayo	54,756	217,773
Meath	97,635	104,068
Monaghan	54,500	66,500
Offaly	47,589	65,400
Roscommon	62,570	58,800
Sligo	54,000	58,351
Tipperary	195,289	248,229
Waterford	203,183	220,000
Westmeath	98,024	106,726
Wexford	57,546	80,400
Wicklow	131,822	159,175
Total	4,209,999	4,843,332

Table J4

Grants to Voluntary & Community Organisations, 1999 and 2000

Type of Grant	1999	2000
Grants to Voluntary Groups		
Allocation	£1,545,478	£1,689,660
Number of Applications	1,021	957
Number of Grants	330	334
Grants for Older People		
Allocation	£2,963,124	£3,175,989
Number of Applications	655	621
Number of Grants	619	571
Locally-Based Community and Family Support Groups ⁽¹⁾		
Allocation	£796,640	£743,819
Number of Applications	1,262	1,193
Number of Grants	670	636
Community Development Education and Training Grants		
Allocation	£152,925	£110,720
Number of Applications	194	168
Number of Grants	101	81

(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, 1999 and 2000

Type of Project ⁽¹⁾	1999 £'s	2000 £'s
General Projects	7,101,703	7,931,323
Support Agencies	1,534,659	2,865,921
Islands Development Programme	262,230	288,936
Family Resource Centres	1,189,899	1,573,980
Core-funding: Others	171,000	73,395
Programme of Core Funding to Community Groups	823,016	1,259,653
Total	£11,082,507	£13,993,208

(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, 1999 and 2000

Type of Grant ⁽¹⁾	1999	2000
Marriage Counselling		
Expenditure	£1,482,695	£2,261,020
Number of Applications	121	134
Number of Grants	109	133
Marriage Preparation		
Expenditure	£124,945	£405,755
Number of Applications	61	67
Number of Grants	61	67
Child Counselling in relation to Parental Separation		
Expenditure	£203,460	£496,825
Number of Applications	91	129
Number of Grants	83	128
Bereavement Counselling and Support		
Expenditure	£348,900	£586,400
Number of Applications	238	332
Number of Grants	233	326
Total Expenditure	£2,160,000	£3,750,000

(1) In their grant application, voluntary groups may request funding under all or some of the grant categories referred to above. In total, some 400 voluntary groups received funding in 2000.

Table J7

Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 1999 and 2000

Type of Payment	1999	2000	Change 2000 over 1999
Bereavement Grants	16,898	20,857	23.4%
Treatment Benefit:			
Dental	430,537	452,928	5.2%
Optical	182,931	192,913	5.5%
Medical and Surgical	3,506	4,373	24.7%
Rent Allowance	30	17	-43.3%
Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾	274,300	269,000	-1.9%

(1) Refers to the average number of recipients of Fuel Allowance in 2000. There was an average of 109,000 recipients of a Smokeless Fuel Allowance in 2000.

Table J8

Number of Recipients of Free Schemes by Type of Payment Received, 2000

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	40,285	39,607	34,540	35	3,441	76,597
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	41,748	38,597	35,898	168	582	88,471
Retirement Pension	41,687	38,039	31,841	46	3,397	70,814
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	43,016	41,490	42,937	5	2,904	62,586
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	9,328	8,618	9,044	17	145	14,401
Invalidity Pension	16,032	15,705	10,063	21	1,101	37,402
Garda Widow's Pension ⁽³⁾	178	173	213	0	10	1,346
Carer's Allowance	4,595	4,467	5,898	14	312	16,059
Disability Allowance	13,082	12,968	9,199	108	469	62,779
British Pension ⁽³⁾	4,033	3,786	3,700	7	127	5,474
Others	16,785	16,427	16,649	21	1,261	146,999
Total	230,769	219,877	199,982	442	13,749	582,928

(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.

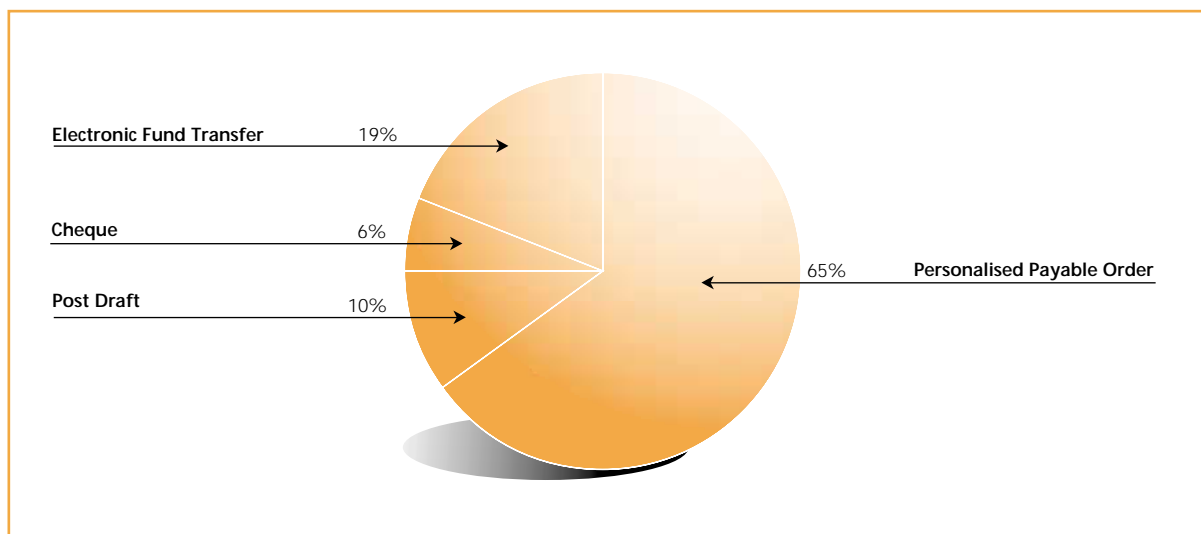
Table J9

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2000

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Post Draft	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Total
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	59,717	-	1,677	24,823	86,217
Retirement Pension	64,789	-	499	13,082	78,370
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	86,051	1	38	4,562	90,652
Pre-Retirement Allowance	-	12,040	171	310	12,521
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	79,648	27	1,863	18,836	100,374
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	16,789	2	-	576	17,367
Deserted Wife's Benefit	11,916	664	-	74	12,654
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,581	28	-	4	1,613
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	3	-	-	-	3
One-Parent Family Payment	66,924	6,814	2	379	74,119
Maternity Benefit	-	3,167	-	2,963	6,130
Health and Safety Benefit	-	-	30	-	30
Adoptive Benefit	-	-	10	-	10
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	992	-	6	150	1,148
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	699	-	-	50	749
Child Benefit (families)	384,942	-	-	124,153	509,095
Disability Benefit	-	2,101	39,125	5,714	46,940
Invalidity Pension	41,873	283	27	6,480	48,663
Disability Allowance	45,875	474	-	7,954	54,303
Injury Benefit	-	-	783	45	828
Interim Disability Benefit	-	-	460	28	488
Disablement Benefit	-	10,925	-	-	10,925
Death Benefit	608	-	4	53	665
Carer's Benefit	-	50	-	-	50
Carer's Allowance	16,404	-	-	74	16,478
Blind Person's Pension	2,170	-	2	57	2,229
Unemployment Benefit	-	24,819	15,892	5,854	46,565
Unemployment Assistance	-	60,852	6,855	1,797	69,504
Farm Assist/Smallholders	-	6,835	53	1,163	8,051
Back to Work Allowance	-	476	1,791	32,239	34,506
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	-	64	216	4,223	4,503
Back to Education Allowance	-	572	95	3,570	4,237
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	312	101	44	17	474
Family Income Supplement	13,062	-	-	-	13,062
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	9,400	15,534	160	25,094
Rent Allowance	-	-	472	--	472
Total	894,355	136,528	88,816	259,390	1,379,089

Graph J2

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2000



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Appendix 1

SOCIAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

SOCIAL INSURANCE

Payments made under the social insurance system are funded 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, Carer's Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed Parent Grant, Bereavement Grants and Free Schemes.

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, Rent Allowance and Free Schemes.

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
 Widowed Parent Grant

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
 Carer's Benefit
 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 a 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, Carer's Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed Parent Grant, Bereavement Grants and Free Schemes.
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, Rent Allowance and Free Schemes.

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 the provision of services or direct economic development or job creation initiatives.

ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

A programme of core funding to five off-shore islands, Inishboffin, Inishturk, Sherkin, Clare Island and Bere Island, which is geared towards the specific needs of island communities and is funded under the Community Development Programme.

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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.

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 and to other specialised community development 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 2000, 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

The 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

The Unit also has responsibility for the Family Mediation Service as well as a number of other family services, including a pilot programme to improve services to families from local offices of the Department through the one-stop shop model, and the introduction of an information programme on parenting issues in consultation with the Department of Health and Children.

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