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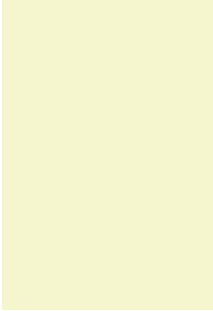
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Data relating to Recipients and Beneficiaries, unless otherwise stated, refer to the numbers on the 31st December each year. See introduction for further details.

ABBREVIATIONS

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Is é seo an naoú 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.

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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** Tacaíochtaí Dífhostaíochta
- Cuid G** Tacaíochtaí Fostaíochta
- Cuid H** Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach
- Cuid J** Íocaíochtaí Ilghnéitheach agus Deontais

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General

This is the nineteenth 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 2001 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 2001 are provisional pending certification by the Comptroller and Auditor General. All Expenditure figures have been converted to Euro amounts.

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, Carers Allowance and Occupational Injury Benefits.

Section F provides details of unemployment payments.

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

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

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

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 January 2002.

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Section A

summary and financial

Section A: Summary and Financial

Expenditure

Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2001 was €7,842 million, an increase of 16.8% over 2000. Expenditure in 2001 represented 26.2% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 8.2% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Old Age (25.3%), Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Families (18%), Illness, Disability and Caring (15.7%), Unemployment Support (9.2%), Child Related Payments (13.5%), Supplementary Welfare Allowance (4.6%), and Employment Support (3.6%). 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 (75.1%), employees (19.7%), the self-employed (4.4%) and investment income (1.1%). See Tables A6 and A7.

Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Over 903,000 people were in receipt of a weekly welfare payment at the end of 2001. As these payments included increases in respect of nearly 127,000 Qualified Adults and over 404,000 Children, there were over 1,460,000 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients and beneficiaries increased by 33,381 and 27,800 respectively, year on year.

Graph A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2001

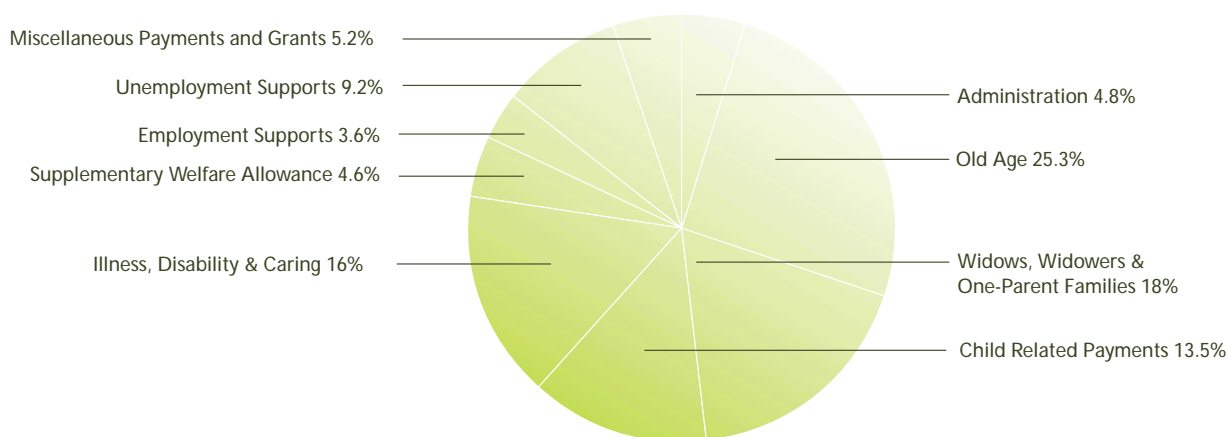


Table A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2000 and 2001

Programme	2000 ⁽¹⁾	2001 Provisional	Change 2001 over 2000
	€000	€000	%
Old Age	1,707,086	1,987,315	16.4%
Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	1,265,358	1,412,882	11.7%
Child Related Payments	704,454	1,058,122	50.2%
Illness, Disability and Caring	1,048,767	1,233,193	17.6%
Unemployment Supports	734,108	720,132	-1.9%
Employment Supports	285,285	283,704	-0.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	294,906	363,576	23.3%
Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	350,345	408,624	16.6%
Administration	323,062	374,748	16.0%
Total Expenditure	6,713,370	7,842,295	16.8%

(1) The 2000 outturn excludes a payment of €152 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, 1992 to 2001

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
1992	4,358	100.0	100.0	28.2	35.0	12.3	10.9
1993	4,607	105.7	101.4	27.9	34.5	11.9	10.7
1994	4,775	109.6	103.8	27.4	33.7	11.4	10.3
1995 ⁽⁴⁾	5,332	122.3	106.3	28.7	34.7	11.4	10.1
1996 ⁽⁴⁾	5,558	127.5	108.3	28.5	34.5	10.8	9.6
1997 ⁽⁴⁾	5,744	131.8	110.4	26.7	32.3	9.7	8.6
1998 ⁽⁴⁾	6,046	138.7	112.2	27.1	33.1	8.9	7.8
1999 ⁽⁴⁾	6,283	144.2	116.0	26.0	31.9	8.3	7.1
2000 ⁽⁴⁾	6,713	154.0	122.8	25.9	32.3	7.7	6.5
2001 ⁽⁴⁾	7,842	179.9	128.0	26.2	38.3	8.2	6.8

(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, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000	2001	Change %
	€000	Provisional €000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	577,365	716,474	24.1%
Retirement Pension	594,239	697,349	17.4%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	456,230	490,718	7.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	79,252	82,774	4.4%
Total Old Age	1,707,086	1,987,315	16.4%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	597,473	672,891	12.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	83,921	84,867	1.1%
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	94,377	107,164	13.5%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	8,394	9,179	9.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	15	13	-13.3%
One-Parent Family Payment	480,113	537,376	11.9%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	1,031	1,312	27.3%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	34	80	135.3%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	1,265,358	1,412,882	11.7%
Maternity Benefit	58,041	78,933	36.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	171	210	22.8%
Adoptive Benefit	185	260	40.5%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	5,617	9,451	68.3%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,896	4,421	52.7%
Child Benefit	637,543	964,847	51.3%
Total Child Related Payments	704,454	1,058,122	50.2%
Disability Benefit	280,828	329,540	17.3%
Invalidity Pension	311,511	354,414	13.8%
Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	36	2,457	-
Injury Benefit	9,783	10,870	11.1%
Disablement Benefit	50,688	54,844	8.2%
Death Benefit	4,704	5,054	7.4%
Disability Allowance	279,176	332,308	19.0%
Medical Care	178	225	26.4%
Carer's Allowance	99,561	130,325	30.9%
Blind Person's Pension	12,302	13,156	6.9%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	1,048,767	1,233,193	17.6%
Unemployment Benefit	265,016	290,257	9.5%
Unemployment Assistance	469,092	429,875	-8.4%
Total Unemployment Supports	734,108	720,132	-1.9%
Family Income Supplement	39,386	37,099	-5.8%
Employment Support Services ⁽²⁾	204,474	195,955	-4.2%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	41,425	50,650	22.3%
Total Employment Supports	285,285	283,704	-0.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	294,906	363,576	23.3%
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Treatment Benefits ⁽²⁾	57,800	56,505	-2.2%
Rent Allowance	761	736	-3.3%
Free Schemes ⁽²⁾	204,353	240,994	17.9%
Miscellaneous ⁽²⁾	64,324	76,929	19.6%
Equal Treatment - Insurance Payments	231	56	-75.8%
Equal Treatment - Assistance Payments	9	-	-
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽³⁾	22,867	33,404	46.1%
Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	350,345	408,624	16.6%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	145,398	158,910	9.3%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	177,664	215,838	21.5%
Total Administration	323,062	374,748	16.0%
Grand Total⁽⁴⁾	6,713,370	7,842,295	16.8%

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

(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 €152 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, 2000 and 2001

Additional Details	2000	2001 Provisional	Change %
	€	€	
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES			
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	167,839	157,590	-6.1%
Student's Summer Jobs Scheme	4,387	4,024	-8.3%
Back to Education Allowance	29,083	30,554	5.1%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,602	1,315	-17.9%
Other	1,563	2,472	58.2%
TOTAL	204,474	195,955	-4.2%
TREATMENT BENEFITS			
Dental	45,402	44,033	-3.0%
Optical	10,885	10,898	0.1%
Medical and Surgical	1,512	1,573	4.0%
TOTAL	57,800	56,505	-2.2%
FREE SCHEMES⁽¹⁾			
Social Insurance			
Fuel Allowances	10,973	24,510	-
Free Electricity	18,108	30,672	-
Free Bottled Gas	18	23	-
Free Natural Gas	1,166	1,933	-
Free Television Licence	9,335	14,925	-
Free Telephone Rental	19,416	32,684	-
TOTAL	59,015	104,746	-
FREE SCHEMES⁽¹⁾			
Social Assistance			
Fuel Allowances	44,514	36,626	-
Free Travel	44,817	45,860	2.3%
Free Electricity	22,077	20,603	-
Free Bottled Gas	70	76	-
Free Natural Gas	752	584	-
Free Television Licence	10,864	9,848	-
Free Telephone Rental	22,244	22,651	-
TOTAL	145,338	136,248	-
MISCELLANEOUS			
Bereavement Grants	12,436	12,577	1.1%
School Meals	866	1,787	106.4%
Grants for Marriage & Family Counselling Services	4,761	6,106	28.3%
Combat Poverty Agency	3,225	4,222	30.9%
Programme for Peace & Reconciliation	1,238	1,031	-16.7%
Comhairle ⁽²⁾	8,166	12,926	58.3%
Grants for Community & Family Support Groups	22,809	25,659	12.5%
Money Advice and Budgeting Services	6,151	8,268	34.4%
Scheme of Community Support for Older People	4,033	2,677	-33.6%
Other Grants/Payments	639	1,676	162.3%
TOTAL	64,324	76,929	19.6%

(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, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	Expenditure €000		Change %
	2000	2001	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	577,365	716,474	24.1%
Retirement Pension	594,239	697,349	17.4%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	597,473	672,891	12.6%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	1,031	1,312	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	83,921	84,867	1.1%
Maternity Benefit	58,041	78,933	36.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	171	210	22.8%
Adoptive Benefit	185	260	40.5%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	5,617	9,451	68.3%
Disability Benefit	280,828	329,540	17.3%
Invalidity Pension	311,511	354,414	13.8%
Injury Benefit	9,783	10,870	11.1%
Carer's Benefit	36	2,457	-
Medical Care	178	225	26.4%
Disablement Benefit	50,688	54,844	8.2%
Death Benefit Pension	4,704	5,054	7.4%
Unemployment Benefit	265,016	290,257	9.5%
Treatment Benefit	57,800	56,505	-2.2%
Bereavement Grant	12,436	12,577	1.1%
Free Schemes ⁽²⁾	59,015	104,746	-
Equal Treatment Payments	231	56	-75.8%
Redundancy and Insolvency	22,867	33,404	46.1%
Administration	145,398	158,910	9.3%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE⁽³⁾	3,138,534	3,675,605	17.1%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	456,230	490,718	7.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	79,252	82,774	4.4%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	94,377	107,164	13.5%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	34	80	-
Deserted Wife's Allowance	8,394	9,179	9.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	15	13	-13.3%
One-Parent Family Payment	480,113	537,376	11.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,896	4,421	52.7%
Child Benefit	637,543	964,847	51.3%
Disability Allowance	279,176	332,308	19.0%
Blind Person's Pension	12,302	13,156	6.9%
Carer's Allowance	99,561	130,325	30.9%
Unemployment Assistance	469,092	429,875	-8.4%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	41,425	50,650	22.3%
Employment Support Services	204,474	195,955	-4.2%
Family Income Supplement	39,386	37,099	-5.8%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	294,906	363,576	23.3%
Rent Allowance	761	736	-3.3%
Free Schemes ⁽²⁾	145,338	136,248	-6.3%
Miscellaneous	51,888	64,352	24.0%
Equal Treatment Payments	9	-	-100.0%
Administration	177,664	215,838	21.5%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	3,574,836	4,166,690	16.6%
GRAND TOTAL	6,713,370	7,842,295	16.8%

(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 €152 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, 2000 and 2001

Sources of Finance	2000		2001 Provisional	
	€000	%	€000	%
State	3,540,950	52.7%	4,129,324	52.7%
Social Insurance Fund ⁽¹⁾	3,138,534	46.8%	3,675,605	46.9%
National Lottery	33,632	0.5%	37,366	0.5%
Other Receipts	254	0.0%	-	0.0%
TOTAL	6,713,370	100.0%	7,842,295	100.0%

(1) The 2000 outturn excludes a payment of €152 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, 2000 and 2001

INCOME	2000		2001 Provisional	
	€000	%	€000	%
Employer PRSI ⁽¹⁾	2,763,419	74.2%	3,233,500	75.1%
Employee PRSI ⁽¹⁾	745,569	20.0%	837,538	19.5%
Self-Employed PRSI	190,051	5.1%	189,210	4.4%
Investment Income	26,591	0.7%	45,754	1.1%
Other Receipts	210	0.0%	19	0.0%
Total Income	3,725,838	100.0%	4,306,021	100.0%
Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes	3,138,534	-	3,675,605	-
Payment to National Training Fund⁽²⁾	152,369	-	-	-
Surplus	434,936	-	630,416	-

(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) A payment of €152 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, 2001

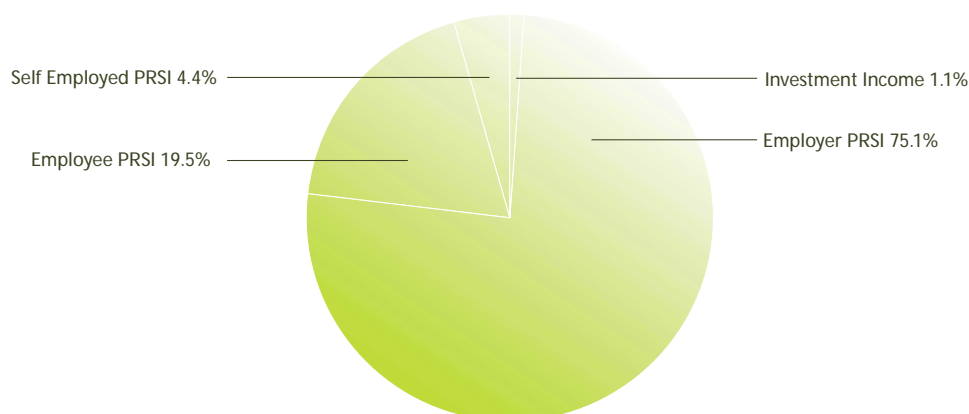


Table A8

Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1992 to 2001

Year	Number of Recipients		Number of Beneficiaries	
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⁾
2001	866,748 ⁽¹⁾	903,375 ⁽²⁾	1,372,911 ⁽¹⁾	1,460,574 ⁽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 Area, 2001

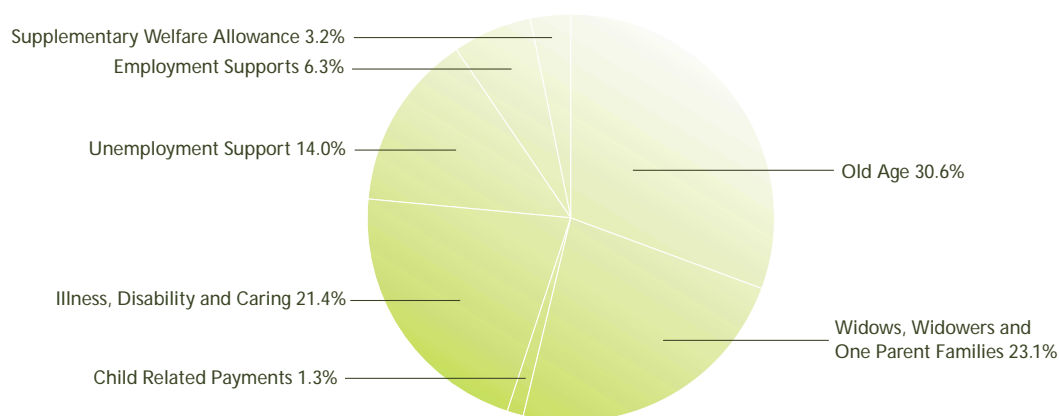


Table A9

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	2000	2001	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	86,217	94,871	10.0%
Retirement Pension	78,370	80,326	2.5%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	90,652	89,061	-1.8%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	12,521	11,807	-5.7%
TOTAL OLD AGE	267,760	276,065	3.1%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	100,374	101,267	0.9%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,367	16,811	-3.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,654	12,177	-3.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,613	1,612	-0.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	3	2	-33.3%
One-Parent Family Payment	74,119	77,142	4.1%
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE-PARENT FAMILIES	206,130	209,011	1.4%
Maternity Benefit	6,130	9,376	53.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	30	25	-16.7%
Adoptive Benefit	10	16	60%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,148	1,528	33.1%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	749	1,189	58.7%
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	8,067	12,134	50.5%
Disability Benefit	46,940	50,715	8.0%
Invalidity Pension	48,663	50,615	4.0%
Injury Benefit	828	861	4.0%
Interim Disability Benefit	488	449	-8.0%
Disablement Benefit	10,925	11,230	2.8%
Death Benefit Pension	665	676	1.7%
Carer's Benefit	50	425	-
Disability Allowance	54,303	57,655	6.2%
Blind Person's Pension	2,229	2,125	-4.7%
Carer's Allowance	16,478	18,785	14.0%
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	181,569	193,536	6.6%
Unemployment Benefit	46,565	59,884	28.6%
Unemployment Assistance	69,504	66,563	-4.2%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	116,069	126,447	8.9%
Back to Work Allowance	34,506	28,483	-17.5%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,503	3,708	-17.7%
Back to Education Allowance	4,237	4,101	-3.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	474	340	-28.3%
Family Income Supplement	13,062	11,570	-11.4%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,051	8,380	4.1%
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	64,833	56,582	-12.7%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	25,094	29,167	16.2%
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES	25,094	29,167	16.2%
Rent Allowance	472	433	-8.3%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	472	433	-8.3%
GRAND TOTAL	869,994	903,375	3.8%

(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, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	2000	2001	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	86,217	94,871	10.0%
Retirement Pension	78,370	80,326	2.5%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	100,374	101,267	0.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,654	12,177	-3.8%
Maternity Benefit	6,130	9,376	53.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	30	25	-16.7%
Adoptive Benefit	10	16	60%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,148	1,528	33.1%
Disability Benefit	46,940	50,715	8.0%
Invalidity Pension	48,663	50,615	4.0%
Injury Benefit	828	861	4.0%
Interim Disability Benefit	488	449	-8.0%
Disablement Benefit	10,925	11,230	2.8%
Death Benefit Pension	665	676	1.7%
Carer's Benefit	50	425	-
Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	46,565	59,884	28.6%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	440,057	474,441	7.8%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	90,652	89,061	-1.8%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	12,521	11,807	-5.7%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,367	16,811	-3.2%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,613	1,612	-0.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	3	2	-33.3%
One-Parent Family Payment	74,119	77,142	4.1%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	749	1,189	58.7%
Disability Allowance	54,303	57,655	6.2%
Blind Person's Pension	2,229	2,125	-4.7%
Carer's Allowance	16,478	18,785	14.0%
Unemployment Assistance	69,504	66,563	-4.2%
Family Income Supplement	13,062	11,570	-11.4%
Back to Work Allowance	34,506	28,483	-17.5%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,503	3,708	-17.7%
Back to Education Allowance	4,237	4,101	-3.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	474	340	-28.3%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,051	8,380	4.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	25,094	29,167	16.2%
Rent Allowance	472	433	-8.3%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	429,937	428,934	-0.2%
GRAND TOTAL	869,994	903,375	3.8%

(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, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	2000	2001	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	109,832	120,167	9.4%
Retirement Pension	104,244	106,270	1.9%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	96,828	94,441	-2.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	19,675	18,263	-7.2%
TOTAL OLD AGE	330,579	339,141	2.6%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	116,030	116,443	0.4%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,367	16,811	-3.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	25,174	22,743	-9.7%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,613	1,612	-0.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	3	2	-33.3%
One-Parent Family Payment	192,755	200,189	3.9%
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE-PARENT FAMILIES	352,942	357,800	1.4%
Maternity Benefit	6,130	9,376	53.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	54	44	-18.5%
Adoptive Benefit	10	16	60%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,148	1,528	33.1%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	749	1,189	58.7%
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	8,091	12,153	50.2%
Disability Benefit	95,038	100,526	5.8%
Invalidity Pension	83,271	83,762	0.6%
Injury Benefit	1,643	1,618	-1.5%
Interim Disability Benefit	914	758	-17.1%
Disablement Benefit	11,888	12,181	2.5%
Death Benefit Pension	893	886	-0.8%
Carer's Benefit	114	929	-
Disability Allowance	70,885	75,593	6.6%
Blind Person's Pension	2,910	2,727	-6.3%
Carer's Allowance	30,901	35,770	15.8%
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	298,457	314,750	5.5%
Unemployment Benefit	93,080	112,118	20.5%
Unemployment Assistance	132,212	120,911	-8.5%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	225,292	233,029	3.4%
Back to Work Allowance	87,481	71,971	-17.7%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	11,510	9,295	-19.2%
Back to Education Allowance	5,932	6,057	2.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	474	340	-28.3%
Family Income Supplement	44,336	37,996	-14.3%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	21,760	22,351	2.7%
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	171,493	148,010	-13.7%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	45,448	55,258	21.6%
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES	45,448	55,258	21.6%
Rent Allowance	472	433	-8.3%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	472	433	-8.3%
GRAND TOTAL	1,432,774	1,460,574	1.9%

(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, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries ⁽¹⁾		Change %
	2000	2001	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	109,832	120,167	9.4%
Retirement Pension	104,244	106,270	1.9%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	116,030	116,443	0.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	25,174	22,743	-9.7%
Maternity Benefit	6,130	9,376	53.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	54	44	-18.5%
Adoptive Benefit	10	16	60%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,148	1,528	33.1%
Disability Benefit	95,038	100,526	5.8%
Invalidity Pension	83,271	83,762	0.6%
Injury Benefit	1,643	1,618	-1.5%
Interim Disability Benefit	914	758	-17.1%
Disablement Benefit	11,888	12,181	2.5%
Death Benefit Pension	893	886	-0.8%
Carer's Benefit	114	929	-
Unemployment Benefit	93,080	112,118	20.5%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	649,463	689,365	6.1%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	96,828	94,441	-2.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	19,675	18,263	-7.2%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,367	16,811	-3.2%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,613	1,612	-0.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	3	2	-33.3%
One-Parent Family Payment	192,755	200,189	3.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	749	1,189	58.7%
Disability Allowance	70,885	75,593	6.6%
Blind Person's Pension	2,910	2,727	-6.3%
Carer's Allowance	30,901	35,770	15.8%
Unemployment Assistance	132,212	120,911	-8.5%
Family Income Supplement	44,336	37,996	-14.3%
Back to Work Allowance	87,481	71,971	-17.7%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	11,510	9,295	-19.2%
Back to Education Allowance	5,932	6,057	2.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	474	340	-28.3%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	21,760	22,351	2.7%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	45,448	55,258	21.6%
Rent Allowance	472	433	-8.3%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	783,311	771,209	-1.5%
GRAND TOTAL	1,432,774	1,460,574	1.9%

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

Table A13

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Sex, Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2001

Type of Payment	2001				Total
	Male	%	Female	%	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	60,477	63.7%	34,394	36.3%	94,871
Retirement Pension	58,971	73.4%	21,355	26.6%	80,326
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	10,095	10.0%	91,172	90.0%	101,267
Deserted Wife's Benefit	-	0.0%	12,177	100.0%	12,177
Maternity Benefit	-	0.0%	9,376	100.0%	9,376
Health and Safety Benefit	-	0.0%	25	100.0%	25
Adoptive Benefit	-	0.0%	16	100.0%	16
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance ⁽¹⁾	764	66.6%	764	66.6%	1,528
Disability Benefit	19,378	38.2%	31,337	61.8%	50,715
Invalidity Pension	27,843	55.0%	22,772	45.0%	50,615
Injury Benefit	637	74.0%	224	26.0%	861
Interim Disability Benefit	333	74.2%	116	25.8%	449
Disablement Benefit	9,289	82.7%	1,941	17.3%	11,230
Death Benefit Pension	4	0.6%	672	99.4%	676
Carer's Benefit	57	13.4%	368	86.6%	425
Unemployment Benefit	31,510	52.6%	28,374	47.4%	59,884
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	219,358	46.2%	255,083	53.8%	474,441
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	37,826	42.5%	51,235	57.5%	89,061
Pre-Retirement Allowance	9,521	80.6%	2,286	19.4%	11,807
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	223	1.3%	16,588	98.7%	16,811
Deserted Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	1,612	100.0%	1,612
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	2	100.0%	2
One-Parent Family Payment	1,959	2.5%	75,183	97.5%	77,142
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	594	50.0%	595	50.0%	1,189
Disability Allowance	34,458	59.8%	23,197	40.2%	57,655
Blind Person's Pension	1,053	49.6%	1,072	50.4%	2,125
Carer's Allowance	3,760	20.0%	15,025	80.0%	18,785
Unemployment Assistance	49,227	74.0%	17,336	26.0%	66,563
Family Income Supplement	5,174	44.7%	6,396	55.3%	11,570
Back to Work Allowance	21,868	76.8%	6,615	23.2%	28,483
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	2,914	78.6%	794	21.4%	3,708
Back to Education Allowance	2,127	51.9%	1,974	48.1%	4,101
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾	184	54.1%	156	45.9%	340
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,806	93.2%	574	6.8%	8,380
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	17,822	61.1%	11,345	38.9%	29,167
Rent Allowance	304	70.2%	129	29.8%	433
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	196,820	45.9%	232,114	54.1%	428,934
GRAND TOTAL	416,178	46.1%	487,197	53.9%	903,375

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated.

Table A14

Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2001

Type of Payment	Qualified Children					Total
	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾	Other Children	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	94,871	23,329	1,219	748	-	120,167
Retirement Pension	80,326	24,142	1,375	427	-	106,270
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	89,061	4,449	751	180	-	94,441
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,807	4,372	1,825	259	-	18,263
TOTAL OLD AGE	276,065	56,292	5,170	1,614	-	339,141
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	101,267	-	15,176	-	-	116,443
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	16,811	-	-	-	-	16,811
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,177	-	10,566	-	-	22,743
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,612	-	-	-	-	1,612
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	77,142	-	121,780	1,267	-	200,189
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE-PARENT FAMILIES	209,011	-	147,522	1,267	-	357,800
Maternity Benefit	9,376	-	-	-	-	9,376
Health and Safety Benefit	25	1	2	16	-	44
Adoptive Benefit	16	-	-	-	-	16
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,528	-	-	-	-	1,528
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,189	-	-	-	-	1,189
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	12,134	1	2	16	-	12,162
Disability Benefit	50,715	7,443	7,447	34,921	-	100,526
Invalidity Pension	50,615	11,117	8,124	13,906	-	83,762
Injury Benefit	861	148	223	386	-	1,618
Interim Disability Benefit	449	57	78	174	-	758
Disablement Benefit	11,230	227	336	388	-	12,181
Death Benefit Pension	676	-	210	-	-	886
Disability Allowance	57,655	4,732	8,544	4,662	-	75,593
Carer's Benefit	425	-	11	493	-	929
Blind Person's Pension	2,125	144	273	185	-	2,727
Carer's Allowance	18,785	-	1,458	15,527	-	35,770
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	193,536	23,868	26,704	70,642	-	314,750
Unemployment Benefit	59,884	7,810	12,260	32,164	-	112,118
Unemployment Assistance	66,563	15,178	32,241	6,929	-	120,911
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	126,447	22,988	44,501	39,093	-	233,029
Back to Work Allowance	28,483	10,838	20,332	12,318	-	71,971
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,708	1,595	2,721	1,271	-	9,295
Back to Education Allowance	4,101	295	704	957	-	6,057
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	340	-	-	-	-	340
Family Income Supplement	11,570	-	-	-	26,426	37,996
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,380	4,093	7,718	2,160	-	22,351
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS	56,582	16,821	31,475	16,706	26,426	148,010
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	29,167	6,785	19,306	-	-	55,258
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES	29,167	6,719	19,261	-	-	55,258
Rent Allowance	433	-	-	-	-	433
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	433	-	-	-	-	433
GRAND TOTAL⁽³⁾	903,375	126,755	274,680	129,338	26,426	1,460,574

(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.

Table A15

Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number insured	
		1999/2000 ⁽¹⁾	2000/2001 ⁽²⁾
A	All Benefits. ⁽³⁾	1,699,300	1,787,100
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Carer's Benefit and limited Injuries Benefits.	35,600	36,000
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Orphans (Contributory) Allowance.	1,220	1,160
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	110,700	108,900
E	All benefits except Unemployment 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	9,280	9,070
J	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	22,890	16,800
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution.	71,670	58,670
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances	96,500	110,600
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Unemployment and Disability Benefits.	16	16
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	261,700	277,200
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate: Retirement Pension, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Benefit and Death Grant.	1,504	1,600
	Low Rate: Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Death Grant.		
TOTAL INSURED POPULATION		2,310,525	2,407,256

(1) Revised figures.

(2) Provisional figures.

(3) This includes 165,490 and 155,745 persons in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001, respectively, in receipt of credited contributions only.

Table A16

Number of Insured Persons, 1994/5 to 2000/2001

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	2,200,399	124
1999/2000(1)	2,310,525	131
2000/2001(2)	2,407,256	136

(1) Revised.

(2) Provisional.

Graph A4

Analysis of Insured Population, 2000/2001

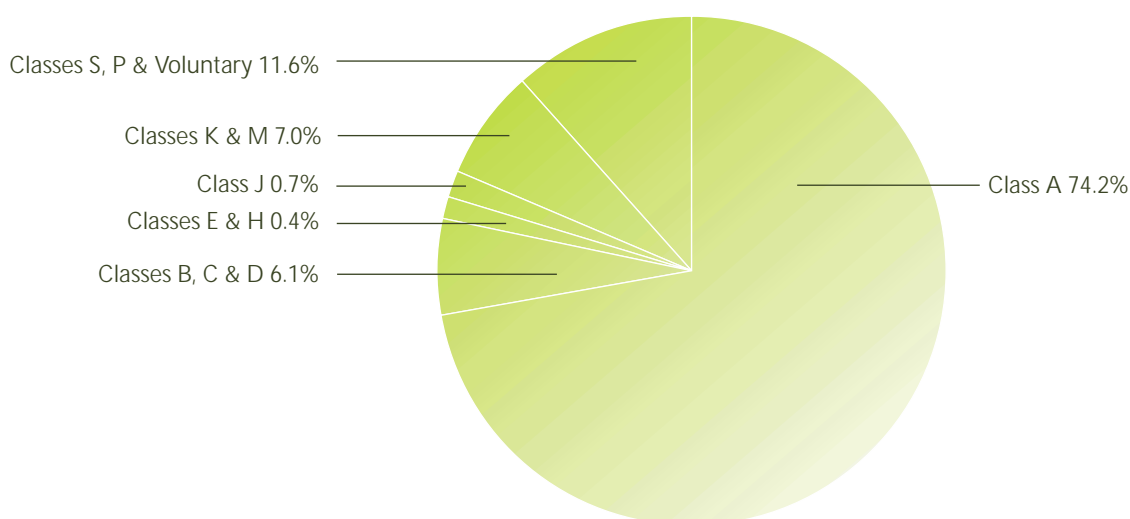


Table A17

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from April 2001

Type of Payment	Qualified		
	Personal	Adult	Child
	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension / Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	134.59	86.60	19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	113.13	76.57	19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	113.13	-	21.59
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	80.76	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	136.37	-	21.59
Disablement Pension	138.66	-	-
Short Term			
Disability / Unemployment Benefit	108.56	68.57	16.76
Carer's Benefit	122.53	-	16.76
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	121.26	77.07	16.76
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	108.56	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	108.56	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	108.56	-	19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	80.76	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	112.37	-	16.76
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	108.56	68.57	16.76
Pre-Retirement Allowance	108.56	68.57	16.76
Disability Allowance	108.56	68.57	16.76
Farm Assist	108.56	68.57	16.76
Short Term			
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	106.66	68.57	16.76
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	106.66	68.57	16.76
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Islander Allowance	12.70	-	-
Living Alone Allowance	7.62	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	6.35	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly)			
- 1st & 2nd Child	85.71	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	109.20	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

(6) These rates apply from June 2001.

Table A18

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2002

Type of Payment	Qualified		
	Personal	Adult	Child
	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension / Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	147.30	98.10	19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	123.30	88.00	19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	123.30	-	21.60
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	91.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	146.60	-	21.60
Disablement Pension	148.90	-	-
Short Term			
Disability / Unemployment Benefit	118.80	78.80	16.80
Carer's Benefit	132.70	-	16.80
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	134.00	16.80	-
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	118.80	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	118.80	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	118.80	-	19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	91.00	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	122.60	-	16.80
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	118.80	78.80	16.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	118.80	78.80	16.80
Disability Allowance	118.80	78.80	16.80
Farm Assist	118.80	78.80	16.80
Short Term			
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	118.80	78.80	16.80
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	118.80	78.80	16.80
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Islander Allowance	12.70	-	-
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	6.40	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	117.60	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	147.30	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of 113.80 Euros is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of 147.30 Euros is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 144.80 Euros is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 134.00 Euros is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 137.80 Euros is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2002.

Table A19

Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1992 to 2001

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⁾
1992	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1993	104.9	104.4	105.3	105.2	101.4	105.6
1994	115.1	111.8	111.4	110.8	103.8	108.5
1995	117.9	114.5	116.1	117.3	106.3	110.8
1996	121.7	118.0	119.4	120.4	108.3	116.1
1997	127.4	123.1	123.5	125.2	110.4	119.8
1998	133.0	127.9	127.6	129.3	112.2	125.0
1999	138.7	133.7	133.0	134.6	116.0	132.0
2000	146.2	142.6	142.6	145.1	122.8	139.1
2001	161.3	159.8	164.8	162.8	128.0	152.0

(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, 1992 to 2001

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⁾
1992	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1993	103.5	103.5	104.4	104.4	101.4	105.6
1994	106.6	106.6	107.1	109.6	156.2	108.5
1995	109.3	110.9	112.5	116.5	106.3	110.8
1996	112.6	114.2	115.7	119.5	108.3	116.1
1997	117.1	118.3	119.1	123.5	110.4	119.8
1998	124.6	124.3	124.0	128.3	112.2	125.0
1999	133.6	132.6	131.1	135.1	116.0	132.0
2000	144.1	143.3	141.7	146.3	122.8	139.1
2001	159.2	159.8	162.0	170.5	128.0	152.0

(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, 1992 to 2001

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⁾
1992	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1993	103.5	103.5	104.6	104.7	101.4	105.6
1994	106.6	106.7	107.6	107.8	103.8	108.5
1995	109.3	109.3	112.2	114.2	106.3	110.8
1996	112.8	112.6	115.3	117.2	108.3	116.1
1997	118.0	117.5	119.3	121.8	110.4	119.8
1998	123.3	122.1	123.3	125.8	112.2	125.0
1999	128.5	127.5	128.4	131.0	116.0	132.0
2000	135.5	136.1	137.7	141.3	122.8	139.1
2001	149.5	152.5	159.2	158.5	128.0	152.0

*(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.
Note: Based on the rates of Long-Term Unemployment Assistance.*



Section B

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Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Old Age payments was over €1,987 million in 2001. This represents an increase of 16.4 % on 2000.

The overall number of Old Age payments rose by 8,305 in 2001, an increase of 3.1%. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (Old Age Contributory Pension and Retirement Pension) based on social insurance contributions rose by 10,610 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 1,591. The number of persons in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 714 in 2001.

Over the last ten years, the number of recipients of Old Age (Contributory) Pension rose by 22,160 and the number of recipients of Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 24,494. The number of recipients of Retirement Pension increased by 25,141, and the number of recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance has fallen by 3,631 in the same period. See Table B3 and Graph B1 for details.

Graph B1

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions, 1992 - 2001

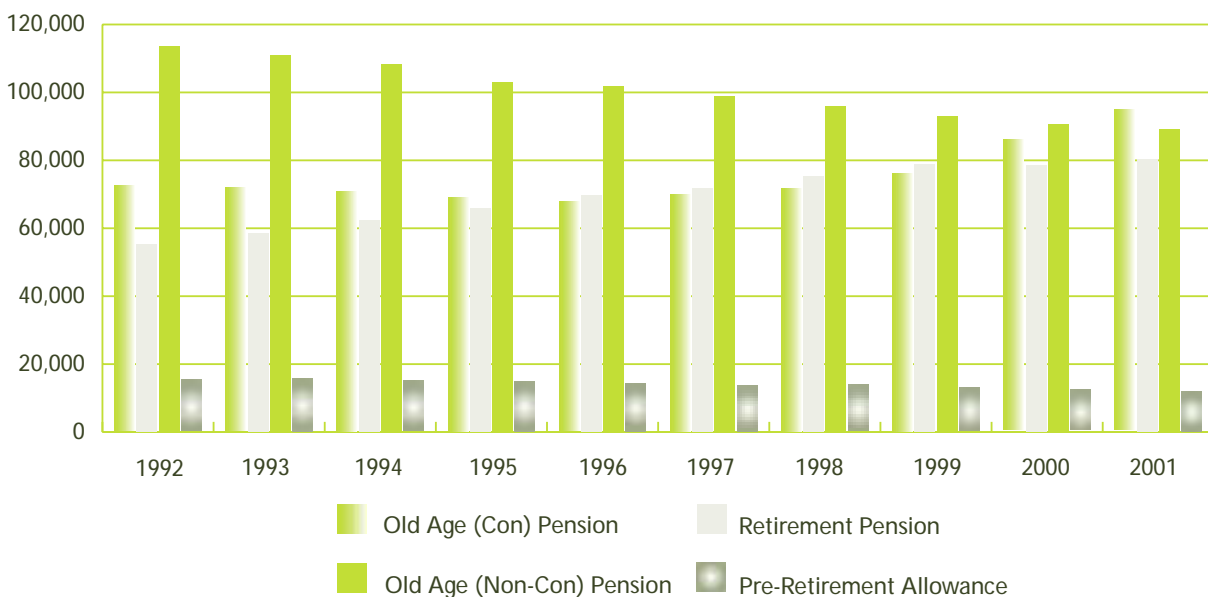


Table B1

Expenditure on Old Age by Payment Type, 2000 and 2001

Payment Type	2000	2001 Provisional	Change 2001 over 2000
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	577,365	716,474	24.1%
Retirement Pension	594,239	697,349	17.4%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	456,230	490,718	7.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	79,252	82,774	4.4%
TOTAL	1,707,086	1,987,315	16.4%

Table B2

Expenditure on Old Age by Pension Type, 1992 to 2001

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1992	395,836	276,585	402,795	53,118	1,128,334
1993	396,417	297,246	404,324	72,610	1,170,597
1994	399,962	325,218	405,143	74,795	1,205,119
1995	402,394	355,899	392,030	72,696	1,223,019
1996	406,637	388,130	393,992	73,732	1,262,492
1997	412,643	426,854	402,247	72,878	1,314,622
1998	460,995	463,489	424,586	76,428	1,425,498
1999	498,084	511,543	439,359	76,506	1,525,491
2000	577,365	594,239	456,230	79,252	1,707,086
2001 ⁽²⁾	716,474	697,349	490,718	82,774	1,987,315

(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, 1992 to 2001

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
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
2001	94,871	80,326	89,061	11,807	276,065

Table B4

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2001

Dependency Status	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Total
Personal Rate Only	71,086	56,354	84,869	7,199	219,508
With Qualified Adult under 66	9,592	12,310	4,449	4,372	
With Qualified Adult over 66	13,737	11,832			56,292
With 1 Qualified Child	1,057	1,099	471	914	3,541
With 2 Qualified Children	286	215	119	286	906
With 3 Qualified Children	65	50	44	106	265
With 4 Qualified Children	25	21	12	38	96
With 5 Qualified Children	5	4	4	11	24
With 6 or more Qualified Children	3	3	3	11	20
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	1,441	1,392	653	1,366	4,852
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	1.5%	1.7%	0.7%	11.6%	1.8%
Total number of Qualified Adults	23,329	24,142	4,449	4,372	56,292
Total Number of Children⁽²⁾	1,967	1,802	931	2,084	6,784

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

(2) A Qualified Child increase is payable at half rate where a spouse living with a 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.

Table B5

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 2001 (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	17,509	8,237	22,600	7,812	5,644	8,119	45,753	24,168
70 under 75	18,455	9,072	19,014	6,838	9,862	12,203	47,331	28,113
75 under 80	11,945	7,524	10,799	4,009	10,049	11,997	32,793	23,530
80 under 85	7,933	5,457	4,716	1,718	7,228	9,237	19,877	16,412
85 and over	4,635	4,104	1,842	978	5,043	9,679	11,520	14,761
Total	60,477	34,394	58,971	21,355	37,826	51,235	157,274	106,984
OVERALL TOTAL	94,871		80,326		89,061		264,258	

Table B6

Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
55	333	101	434
56	583	167	750
57	763	214	977
58	936	216	1,152
59	963	244	1,207
60	979	225	1,204
61	1,008	218	1,226
62	1,052	212	1,264
63	1,017	232	1,249
64	1,133	248	1,381
65	754	209	963
Total	9,521	2,286	11,807

Table B7

Number of Recipients of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Pension Type, 2001 (Estimated)

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	24,887	22,129
Retirement Pension	18,173	9,254
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	24,904	31,187
Total	67,964	62,570

Table B8

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and County, 2001 (Estimated)

County	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	938	933	1,121	150
Cavan	1,031	850	2,754	167
Clare	1,668	1,371	3,761	320
Cork	9,440	9,010	10,154	1,302
Donegal	1,888	2,753	5,434	1,035
Dublin	28,967	26,552	9,755	3,028
Galway	3,200	2,966	7,424	556
Kerry	2,300	2,067	5,223	522
Kildare	2,228	2,056	1,547	240
Kilkenny	1,392	1,317	2,155	222
Laois	1,063	876	1,577	179
Leitrim	518	640	1,401	63
Limerick	3,512	3,373	4,086	494
Longford	656	542	1,446	87
Louth	2,420	2,567	1,897	363
Mayo	1,866	2,425	5,653	411
Meath	2,250	1,715	2,223	340
Monaghan	936	852	2,225	108
Offaly	1,262	1,082	1,661	160
Roscommon	1,052	867	2,633	94
Sligo	1,112	1,132	2,148	121
Tipperary	3,276	2,460	4,731	500
Waterford	2,021	2,360	2,156	364
Westmeath	1,501	1,248	1,815	138
Wexford	2,283	3,055	2,281	557
Wicklow	2,349	2,187	1,746	286
Others	13,742	3,070	54	-
Total	94,871	80,326	89,061	11,807



Section C

widows, widowers and one-parent families

Section C: Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families increased by 11.7% overall.

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 2001, there were 101,267 recipients (91,172 widows and 10,095 widowers). Expenditure in 2001 was over €672 million which represented an increase of 12.6% over 2000.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance declined during 2001. 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.

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Expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment increased by 11.9%, while the number of recipients rose by over 3,000.

Graph C1

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2001

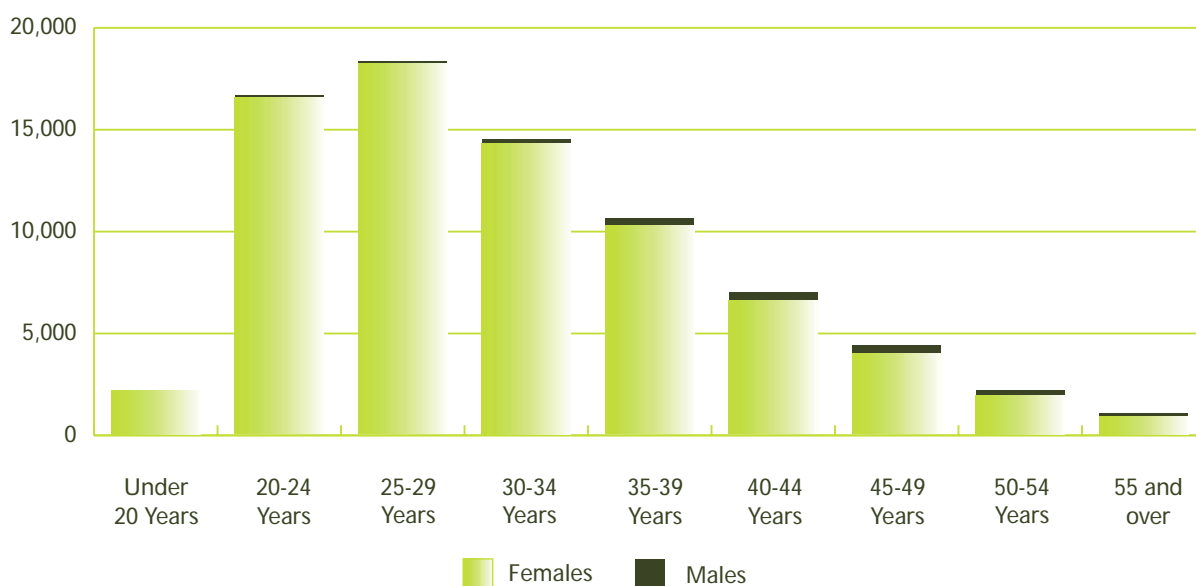


Table C1

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families by Payment Type, 2000 and 2001

Payment Type	2000	2001 Provisional	Change 2001 over 2000
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	597,473	672,891	12.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	83,921	84,867	1.1%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	1,031	1,312	27.3%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	94,377	107,164	13.5%
Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	8,394	9,179	9.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	15	13	-13.3%
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	480,113	537,376	11.9%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	34	80	135.3%
TOTAL	1,265,358	1,412,882	11.7%

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

Table C2

Expenditure on Widow/er's Pensions, 1992 to 2001

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1992	358,645	65,901	424,546
1993	371,510	68,637	440,147
1994	388,840	71,752	460,591
1995	434,446	73,862	508,308
1996	457,036	77,159	534,195
1997	478,894	79,418	558,313
1998	517,455	84,133	601,588
1999	547,775	88,364	636,139
2000	597,473	94,377	691,850
2001 ⁽³⁾	672,891	107,164	780,055

(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. 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, 1992 to 2001

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
1992	73,817	7,268	48	169,866	250,999
1993	78,307	7,564	37	191,724	277,632
1994	83,592	8,074	25	216,481	308,173
1995	88,998	8,470	33	246,663	344,165
1996	92,884	8,825	28	277,086	378,823
1997 ⁽²⁾	94,336	8,848	23	338,530	441,737
1998	88,592	8,483	19	389,859	486,953
1999	85,983	8,359	19	435,177	529,538
2000	83,921	8,394	15	480,113	572,443
2001	84,867	9,179	13	537,376	631,435

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

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

(3) Provisional

Table C4

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions 1992 to 2001

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
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
2001	101,267	16,811	118,078

(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, 2001

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	92,301	6,300	98,601
With 1 child	4,942	2,905	7,847
With 2 children	2,511	1,834	4,345
With 3 children	1,020	736	1,756
With 4 children	363	273	636
With 5 children	93	92	185
With 6 or more children	37	37	74
Total Recipients	101,267	12,177	113,444
Total Recipients with children	8,966	5,877	14,843
% of Recipients with children	8.9%	48.3%	13.1%
Total Number of children	15,176	10,566	25,742

Table C6

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pensions			Overall Total
	Widows	Widowers	Total	Widows	Widowers	Total	
Under 25 years	10	1	11	-	-	-	11
25 to 29 years	40	5	45	-	-	-	45
30 to 34 years	240	42	282	5	-	5	287
35 to 39 years	590	186	776	6	1	7	783
40 to 44 years	1,264	382	1,646	34	7	41	1,687
45 to 49 years	2,264	724	2,988	84	12	96	3,084
50 to 54 years	3,810	1,276	5,086	235	25	260	5,346
55 to 59 years	6,380	1,753	8,133	592	46	638	8,771
60 to 64 years	9,104	2,087	11,191	1,132	51	1,183	12,374
65 to 69 years	11,979	1,332	13,311	2,143	48	2,191	15,502
70 to 74 years	14,626	869	15,495	3,137	18	3,155	18,650
75 to 79 years	16,617	624	17,241	3,788	6	3,794	21,035
80 years and over	24,248	814	25,062	5,432	9	5,441	30,503
TOTAL	91,172	10,095	101,267	16,588	223	16,811	118,078

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, 1992 to 2001

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	Lone Parent's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
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
2001	12,177	1,612	2	-	77,142	90,933

(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, 2001 (Estimated)

Age	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	1	-	-
25 to 29 years	6	-	-
30 to 34 years	233	-	-
35 to 39 years	1,093	-	-
40 to 44 years	2,135	18	-
45 to 49 years	2,606	102	-
50 to 54 years	2,606	237	1
55 to 59 years	1,750	371	1
60 to 64 years	993	344	-
65 years and over	754	540	-
TOTAL	12,177	1,612	2

Table C9

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Qualified Children, 2001 (Estimated)

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total
With 1 child	46,980	648	47,628
With 2 children	18,010	294	18,304
With 3 children	6,880	150	7,030
With 4 children	2,492	63	2,555
With 5 children	854	41	895
With 6 or more children	340	23	363
Total Recipients	75,892	1,250	77,142
Total Number of Children	120,707	2,340	123,047

Table C10

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 20 years	12	2,191	-	-	12	2,191
20 to 24 years	119	16,561	-	8	119	16,569
25 to 29 years	96	18,225	1	41	97	18,266
30 to 34 years	179	14,228	5	102	184	14,330
35 to 39 years	311	10,201	25	107	336	10,308
40 to 44 years	383	6,483	18	132	401	6,615
45 to 49 years	317	3,881	57	155	374	4,036
50 to 54 years	196	1,774	56	173	252	1,947
55 to 59 years	75	542	35	194	110	736
60 to 64 years	22	79	33	81	55	160
65 years and over	7	10	12	15	19	25
Total	1,717	74,175	242	1,008	1,959	75,183
Overall Total	75,892		1,250		77,142	

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, 2001

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance
Widow/er's (Con) Pension	38,986	25,062
Deserted Wife's Benefit	276	33
Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension	7,520	5,441
Deserted Wife's Allowance	216	66
Total	46,998	30,602

Table C12

Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 2001 (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	1,154	188	1,052	132	17	-
Cavan	1,323	644	726	76	15	-
Clare	2,066	747	1,667	208	46	-
Cork	11,309	1,829	7,686	1,133	137	-
Donegal	3,094	922	2,773	236	90	-
Dublin	27,455	1,543	28,056	5,249	499	-
Galway	4,219	1,556	3,149	374	91	-
Kerry	3,127	918	1,968	268	72	1
Kildare	3,136	305	2,741	452	46	-
Kilkenny	1,661	342	1,066	174	29	-
Laois	1,316	332	856	85	14	-
Leitrim	882	280	273	43	6	-
Limerick	4,523	777	3,562	529	64	-
Longford	856	326	598	88	8	-
Louth	2,644	256	2,694	475	34	-
Mayo	3,153	1,047	1,588	171	54	1
Meath	2,532	418	1,731	327	56	-
Monaghan	1,144	480	822	113	29	-
Offaly	1,507	366	1,052	129	16	-
Roscommon	1,252	547	532	77	18	-
Sligo	1,509	427	900	202	17	-
Tipperary	3,890	940	2,479	339	50	-
Waterford	2,734	302	2,385	321	41	-
Westmeath	1,946	452	1,370	208	28	-
Wexford	2,853	543	2,845	328	73	-
Wicklow	2,609	287	2,522	439	62	-
Others	7,373	37	49	1	-	-
Total	101,267	16,811	77,142	12,177	1,612	2



Section D

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 50.2% in 2001. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 74.2% of recipient families in 2001 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1993 was 65.8%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 4,079 to 514,919. However, the total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid declined by 3,835 to 1,014,340.

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Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by €327 million in 2001, an increase of 51.3% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by over €20 million, an increase of 36%.

Graph D1

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1993 - 2001

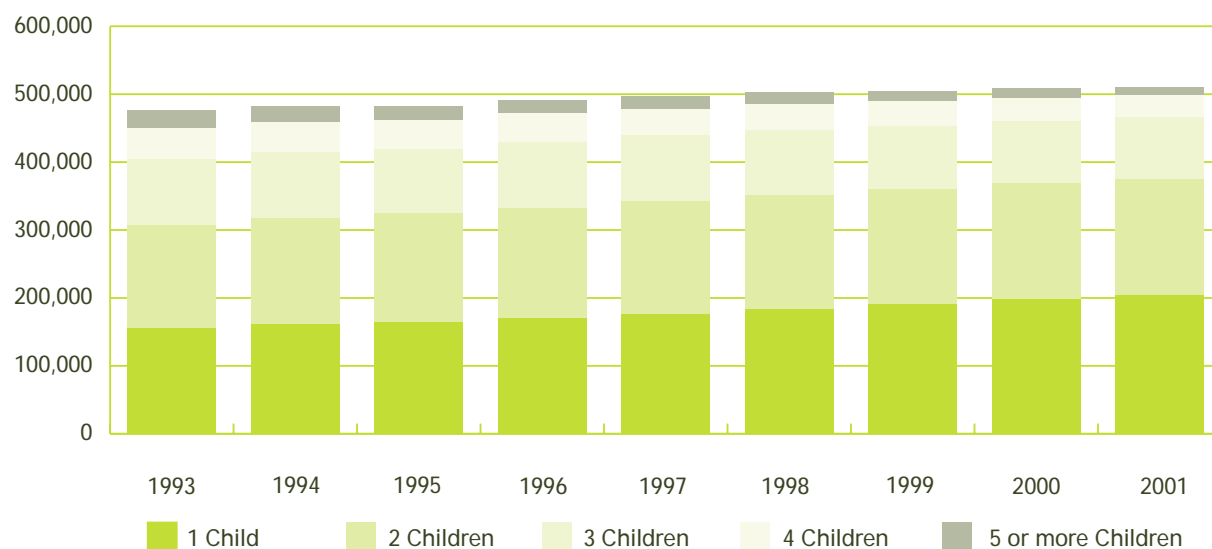


Table D1

Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2000 and 2001

Payment Type	2000	2001	Change 2001
	€000	Provisional €000	over 2000 %
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Maternity Benefit	58,041	78,933	36.0%
Adoptive Benefit	185	260	40.5%
Health and Safety Benefit	171	210	22.8%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	5,617	9,451	68.3%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,896	4,421	52.7%
OTHER			
Child Benefit	637,543	964,847	51.3%
TOTAL	704,453	1,058,122	50.2%

Table D2

Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1992 to 2001

Year	Expenditure
	€000
1992	278,184
1993	293,709
1994	337,076
1995	382,124
1996	477,404
1997	505,787
1998	531,728
1999	565,013
2000	637,543
2001 ⁽¹⁾	964,847

(1) Provisional.

Table D3

Expenditure on Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, 1992 to 2001

Year	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾
	€000	€000
1992	1,795	-
1993	1,875	-
1994	1,931	-
1995	2,203	759
1996	2,367	924
1997	2,630	1,087
1998	2,981	1,347
1999	3,765	1,804
2000	5,617	2,896
2001 ⁽²⁾	9,451	4,421

(1) Prior to 1995 Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension expenditure was calculated as part of Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension.

(2) Provisional.

Table D4

Expenditure on Maternity, Adoptive and Health & Safety Benefits, 1992 to 2001

Year	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Health & Safety Benefit ⁽²⁾
	€000	€000	€000
1992	27,880	-	-
1993	28,196	-	-
1994	30,922	-	-
1995	34,630	77	67
1996	37,888	69	113
1997	43,245	103	157
1998	48,514	151	113
1999	52,733	211	164
2000	58,041	185	171
2001 ⁽³⁾	78,933	260	210

(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, 2000 and 2001

Payment	2000	2001	% Change 2001 over 2000
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,148	1,528	33.1%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	749	1,189	58.7%
Total	1,897	2,717	43.2%

Table D6

Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2000 and 2001

Payment	2000	2001	% Change 2001 over 2000
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	6,130	9,376	53.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	30	25	-16.7%
Adoptive Benefit	10	16	60.0%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	24,848	27,142	9.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	96	103	7.3%
Adoptive Benefit	105	110	4.8%

Table D7

Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1992 to 2001

Year	Families	Children
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
2001	514,919	1,014,340

Table D8

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1993 to 2001

Number of Eligible Children in Family	1993	1994	1995 ⁽¹⁾	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
1	160,499	164,809	169,625	176,126	183,271	190,083	197,457	203,342	208,712
2	157,000	159,275	163,278	166,364	168,421	169,509	170,777	171,646	173,525
3	96,782	95,536	96,811	96,218	95,450	93,671	92,172	90,667	89,564
4	44,105	41,631	41,323	39,682	37,836	35,932	33,979	32,431	31,225
5	15,272	13,834	13,464	12,557	11,652	10,592	9,651	8,795	8,257
6	5,479	4,829	4,538	4,099	3,746	3,304	2,965	2,628	2,450
7	1,923	1,653	1,521	1,385	1,201	1,071	980	869	742
8	724	586	556	465	433	401	324	294	287
9	312	254	230	201	179	145	107	89	94
10	118	105	104	94	83	57	56	48	39
11	51	50	42	31	20	22	22	20	16
12	26	20	20	19	17	16	11	7	6
13	6	6	4	7	5	6	2	3	1
14	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	1
15	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	482,300	482,592	491,520	497,252	502,318	504,811	508,504	510,840	514,919
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,074,735	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340

(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, 1993 to 2001 (Estimated)

Age (in years)	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	36,305	38,263	43,255	43,689	46,470	46,962	46,390	46,094	45,691
1 under 2	51,301	49,242	47,869	49,032	50,341	52,805	54,123	54,032	54,931
2 under 3	53,639	51,541	49,808	48,514	49,741	51,086	53,690	55,066	55,214
3 under 4	55,242	53,598	51,818	50,283	49,187	50,430	51,871	54,521	56,131
4 under 5	53,981	54,794	53,639	52,306	50,877	49,779	51,028	52,435	55,473
5 under 6	55,676	53,764	54,813	54,044	52,823	51,379	50,386	51,569	53,276
6 under 7	58,620	55,613	53,431	55,160	54,456	53,288	51,851	50,827	52,279
7 under 8	61,260	58,442	55,743	53,737	55,567	54,800	53,723	52,261	51,447
8 under 9	61,257	60,905	58,327	56,048	54,098	55,940	55,213	54,195	52,815
9 under 10	63,104	61,107	60,453	58,628	56,405	54,357	56,299	55,573	54,738
10 under 11	65,242	62,569	61,012	60,628	58,896	56,645	54,662	56,584	56,074
11 under 12	68,940	65,233	62,495	61,219	60,861	59,085	56,952	54,937	57,015
12 under 13	70,298	68,357	65,473	62,506	61,389	60,993	59,352	57,220	55,383
13 under 14	72,762	70,026	68,185	65,571	62,702	61,457	61,203	59,529	57,522
14 under 15	71,967	72,263	69,903	68,301	65,698	62,741	61,640	61,396	59,815
15 under 16	69,776	71,054	70,445	68,302	66,839	64,637	61,771	60,940	60,652
16 under 17	50,771	54,351	58,581	60,780	59,091	56,615	54,216	50,772	49,485
17 under 18	54,594	54,034	53,487	57,032	58,836	56,915	55,592	52,398	50,488
18 under 19 ⁽²⁾	-	-	26,734	34,716	39,124	39,832	38,915	37,826	35,911
Total	1,074,735	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340

(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, 2001 (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	667	390	165	121	38	27	19	6	4	1	2	1	1,219	748	895	546
Retirement Pension	849	250	155	60	40	10	17	4	3	1	2	1	1,375	427	1,066	326
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	363	108	99	20	39	5	9	3	3	1	3	-	751	180	516	137
Pre-Retirement Allowance	765	149	253	33	97	9	35	3	10	1	11	-	1,825	259	1,171	195
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	4,942	-	2,511	-	1,020	-	363	-	93	-	37	-	15,176	-	8,966	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	2,905	-	1,834	-	736	-	273	-	92	-	37	-	10,566	-	5,877	-
One-Parent Family Payment	47,779	-	18,423	-	7,072	-	2,573	-	901	-	394	-	123,047	-	77,142	-
Health and Safety Benefit	2	10	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	16	2	13
Disability Benefit	1,582	6,612	1,156	6,782	565	3,185	287	959	89	208	42	49	7,447	34,921	3,721	17,795
Invalidity Pension	2,430	3,411	1,195	2,576	569	1,093	217	348	82	82	50	41	8,124	13,906	4,543	7,551
Injury Benefit	21	68	30	73	20	36	18	11	2	4	-	-	223	386	91	192
Interim Disability Benefit	14	40	14	38	8	14	5	4	-	-	-	-	78	174	41	96
Disablement Benefit	46	79	57	68	29	33	10	13	2	2	6	2	336	388	150	195
Death Benefit Pension	58	-	33	-	17	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	210	-	116	-
Disability Allowance	1,766	921	1,085	623	587	346	322	184	152	67	120	57	8,544	4,662	4,032	2,198
Carer's Benefit	6	74	1	99	1	42	-	15	-	3	-	3	11	493	8	236
Blind Person's Pension	61	27	44	29	26	11	7	10	2	3	1	2	273	185	141	82
Carer's Allowance	296	2,096	202	1,985	125	1,398	43	678	24	263	14	185	1,458	15,527	704	6,605
Unemployment Benefit	2,181	6,111	1,854	6,339	1,060	2,941	441	847	165	185	90	37	12,260	32,164	5,791	16,460
Unemployment Assistance	3,895	972	3,658	914	2,372	578	1,366	288	673	119	737	95	32,241	6,929	12,701	2,966
Smallholders/ Farm Assist	787	198	853	218	629	198	382	124	180	44	139	32	7,718	2,160	2,970	814
Back to Work Allowance ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,332	12,318	-	-
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,721	1,271	-	-
Back to Education Allowance	80	139	102	177	58	84	30	40	10	9	11	1	704	957	291	450
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	5,066	-	2,463	-	1,365	-	673	-	236	-	186	-	19,306	-	9,989	-
TOTAL⁽¹⁾	76,561	21,655	36,187	20,158	16,473	10,010	7,095	3,537	2,726	993	1,882	506	275,947	128,071	140,924	56,857

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

Table D11

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Allowance/Pension, Child Benefit, Maternity Benefit, and Health & Safety Benefit by County, 2001 (Estimated)

County	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Child Benefit Recipients	Child Benefit Children	Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	22	15	6,910	13,499	131	1
Cavan	16	17	7,083	15,379	-	-
Clare	19	19	13,445	27,196	244	1
Cork	135	63	58,663	116,497	1,086	3
Donegal	57	52	18,108	38,222	280	-
Dublin	582	440	142,888	266,156	2,692	8
Galway	42	36	26,040	53,885	504	2
Kerry	49	41	16,554	33,302	264	-
Kildare	68	51	23,903	46,142	524	-
Kilkenny	31	23	9,991	20,209	175	-
Laois	22	11	7,301	15,066	122	-
Leitrim	8	12	3,170	6,778	52	-
Limerick	51	36	23,323	45,844	394	3
Longford	22	11	4,279	8,988	65	-
Louth	34	37	14,807	28,397	280	-
Mayo	41	28	14,902	31,995	227	-
Meath	31	29	18,105	36,024	411	3
Monaghan	20	11	6,748	14,319	118	-
Offaly	12	10	8,384	17,129	145	-
Roscommon	12	14	6,043	12,718	91	2
Sligo	34	19	7,424	15,271	120	1
Tipperary	52	58	19,254	38,747	316	-
Waterford	51	45	14,031	26,860	245	-
Westmeath	27	36	10,421	20,991	175	-
Wexford	30	25	16,525	32,796	263	-
Wicklow	46	50	16,533	31,829	298	1
Others	14	-	84	101	30	-
Total	1,528	1,189	514,919	1,014,340	9,376	25



Section E

illness, disability and caring

Section E: Illness, Disability and Caring

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 17.3% and 13.8% respectively. Disability Allowance was introduced in October 1996 and replaced Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance (DPMA) which was administered by the Health Boards. Expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 19.0% to €332 million. There are now 57,655 recipients of the scheme.

Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990. Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €30 million in 2001, an increase of 30.9%. There are now 18,785 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 2,307, year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1992 to 2001.

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. The number of recipients increased by 375 to 425, year on year.

Graph E1

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1992 to 2001.

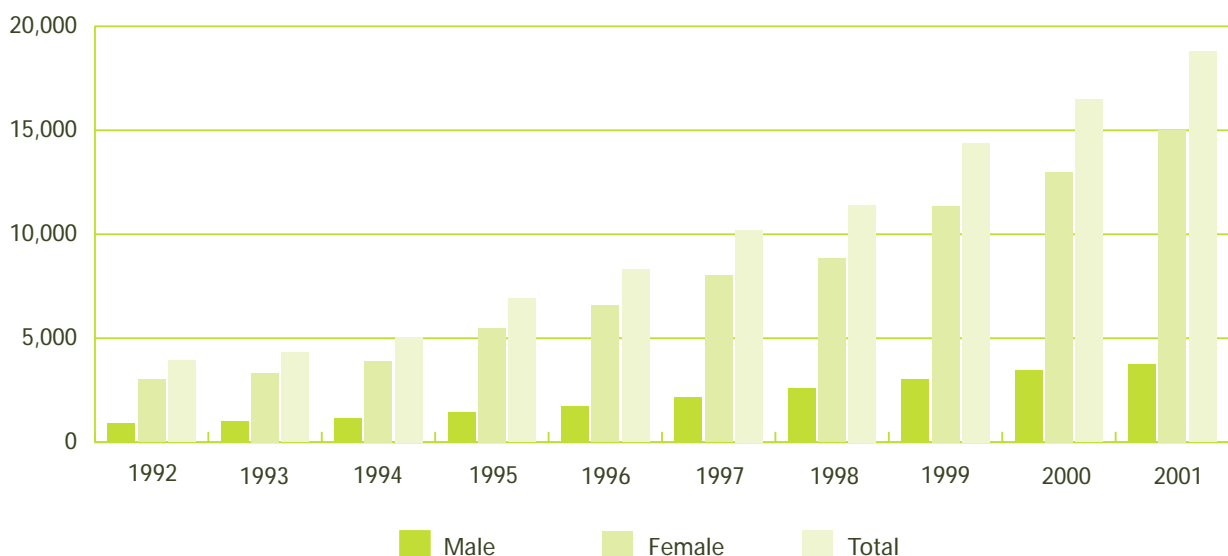


Table E1

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000	2001 Provisional	Change 2001 over 2000
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Disability Benefit	280,828	329,540	17.3%
Invalidity Pension	311,511	354,414	13.8%
Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	36	2,457	-
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Disability Allowance	279,176	332,308	19.0%
Blind Person's Pension	12,302	13,156	6.9%
Carer's Allowance	99,561	130,325	30.9%
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS			
Injury Benefit	9,783	10,870	11.1%
Disablement Benefit	50,688	54,844	8.2%
Death Benefit	4,704	5,054	7.4%
Medical Care	178	225	26.4%
TOTAL	1,048,767	1,233,193	17.6%

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

Table E2

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1992 to 2001

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
1992	219,559	45,777	183,664	-	-	-	13,332	470,074
1993	212,034	46,660	199,732	-	-	-	14,620	478,544
1994	210,029	48,494	217,335	-	-	-	18,246	494,850
1995	212,651	51,671	224,052	-	10,793	60,947	25,673	585,805
1996	212,596	54,501	241,034	-	11,047	157,533	34,285	710,996
1997	228,439	60,777	253,023	-	11,134	192,822	46,363	792,559
1998	241,437	61,438	264,259	-	11,655	219,550	57,264	855,603
1999	262,702	63,303	279,576	-	11,760	245,160	72,896	935,397
2000	280,828	65,353	311,511	36	12,302	279,176	99,561	1,048,767
2001 ⁽⁵⁾	329,540	70,993	354,414	2,457	13,156	332,308	130,325	1,233,193

(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 1992 to 1994 inclusive.

(5) Provisional.

Table E3

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000	2001	Change 2001 over 2000
Disability Benefit	46,940	50,715	8.0%
Invalidity Pension	48,663	50,615	4.0%
Interim Disability Benefit	488	449	-8.0%
Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	50	425	-
Disability Allowance	54,303	57,655	6.2%
Carer's Allowance ⁽²⁾	16,478	18,785	14.0%
Blind Person's Pension	2,229	2,125	-4.7%
Injury Benefit	828	861	4.0%
Death Benefit Pension	665	676	1.7%
Disablement Pension ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	10,925	11,230	2.8%
TOTAL	181,569	193,536	6.6%

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

(2) There were 44 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) 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 differs fundamentally from other Social Welfare income support payments in that it is a compensatory payment, rather than an income maintenance payment. Accordingly Disablement Pension 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 Benefit where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment. 856 persons were in receipt of an Unemployability Supplement payment at the end of 2001.

(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. 62 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2001.

Table E4

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Disablement Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Death Benefit Pension & Blind Person's Pension, 1992 to 2001

Year	Invalidity Pension	Disability Benefit	Disablement Pension ⁽¹⁾	Disability Allowance ⁽²⁾	Carer's Allowance	Death Benefit Pension	Blind Persons Pension ⁽³⁾
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
2001	50,615	50,715	11,230	57,655	18,785	676	2,125

(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 differs fundamentally from other Social Welfare income support payments in that it is a compensatory payment, rather than an income maintenance payment. Accordingly Disablement Pension 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, 2001

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Invalidity Pension	205	5,125
Death Benefit Pension	69	186
Blind Person's Pension	11	396
Total	285	5,707

Table E6

Number of Recipients of Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	1,162	1,174	2,336
25 to 29 Years	1,226	2,417	3,643
30 to 34 years	1,351	4,773	6,124
35 to 39 years	1,730	5,216	6,946
40 to 44 years	2,046	4,539	6,585
45 to 49 years	2,426	4,019	6,445
50 to 54 years	2,915	3,835	6,750
55 to 59 years	3,042	3,041	6,083
60 to 64 years	2,806	1,842	4,648
65 years and over	674	481	1,155
Total	19,378	31,337	50,715

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Table E7

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Sex and Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	2	-	2
25 to 29 years	42	48	90
30 to 34 years	144	312	456
35 to 39 years	567	1,152	1,719
40 to 44 years	1,392	2,211	3,603
45 to 49 years	2,628	2,928	5,556
50 to 54 years	4,489	3,673	8,162
55 to 59 years	6,413	4,495	10,908
60 to 64 years	8,780	5,145	13,925
65 years and over	3,386	2,808	6,194
TOTAL	27,843	22,772	50,615

Table E8

Number of Recipients of Carer's Benefit and Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, 2001
(Estimated)

Age	Carer's Benefit			Carer's Allowance		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	2	2	45	176	221
25 to 29 years	-	16	16	84	383	467
30 to 34 years	4	54	58	173	886	1,059
35 to 39 years	6	70	76	344	1,836	2,180
40 to 44 years	13	63	76	497	1,855	2,352
45 to 49 years	9	64	73	650	2,040	2,690
50 to 54 years	12	66	78	718	2,269	2,987
55 to 59 years	3	19	22	543	2,103	2,646
60 to 64 years	10	12	22	383	1,663	2,046
65 years and over	-	2	2	323	1,814	2,137
Total	57	368	425	3,760	15,025	18,785

Table E9

Number of Recipients of Blind Person's Pension by Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	56	53	109
25 to 29 years	60	56	116
30 to 34 years	79	71	150
35 to 39 years	101	72	173
40 to 44 years	92	87	179
45 to 49 years	95	96	191
50 to 54 years	97	92	189
55 to 59 years	103	94	197
60 to 64 years	96	95	191
65 years and over	274	356	630
Total	1,053	1,072	2,125

Table E10

Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	5,363	4,100	9,463
25 to 29 years	3,351	2,419	5,770
30 to 39 years	6,912	4,684	11,596
40 to 49 years	6,775	4,423	11,198
50 to 59 years	7,656	5,042	12,698
65 years and over	4,401	2,529	6,930
Total	34,458	23,197	57,655

Table E11

Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension and Disablement Pension by Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Age	Death Benefit Pension			Disablement Pension		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	1	1	153	43	196
25 to 29 years	-	2	2	300	94	394
30 to 34 years	-	11	11	545	197	742
35 to 39 years	-	20	20	777	246	1,023
40 to 44 years	-	30	30	1,028	267	1,295
45 to 49 years	-	45	45	1,278	262	1,540
50 to 54 years	-	66	66	1,358	255	1,613
55 to 59 years	-	78	78	1,248	210	1,458
60 to 64 years	-	91	91	1,001	130	1,131
65 years and over	4	328	332	1,601	237	1,838
Total	4	672	676	9,289	1,941	11,230

Table E12

Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit and Interim Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 2001
(Estimated)

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Disability Benefit		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	114	26	140	53	16	69
25 to 29 years	69	34	103	67	22	89
30 to 34 years	96	37	133	57	9	66
35 to 39 years	92	25	117	47	21	68
40 to 44 years	74	18	92	36	7	43
45 to 49 years	61	27	88	31	11	42
50 to 54 years	68	27	95	18	12	30
55 to 59 years	29	24	53	16	12	28
60 to 64 years	32	5	37	8	5	13
65 years and over	2	1	3	-	1	1
Total	637	224	861	333	116	449

Table E13

Number of Recipients of Disablement Benefit by Degree of Disablement, 2001

Degree of Disablement ⁽¹⁾	Number of Recipients	
Disablement Pension ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Under 20%	1,510
	20%	2,861
	30%	3,034
	40%	1,680
	50%	822
	60%	527
	70%	265
	80%	222
	90%	62
	100%	247
Total	11,230	

(1) Includes 856 Unemployability Supplement payments and 62 Constant Attendance Allowance payments. These payments are in addition to Disablement Benefit.

(2) The rate of Disablement Benefit depends on the degree of disablement, which is medically assessed. For assessments of up to 19% disablement, benefit will normally be a lump sum and from 20% upwards, a pension is payable. 2,476 gratuities were paid in 2001.

(3) Where a person dies as a result of an accident at work or occupational disease or if he/she was getting a Disablement Pension assessed at 50% or more at the time of his/her death a grant of €635 is paid toward the cost of the funeral expenses. 6 funeral grants were paid in 2001.

Table E14

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependents, 2001 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients Benefit	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	25,477	n.a	181	518	296	560	49,811	1,845	11,476	90,167 ⁽¹⁾
With Qualified Adult only	3,722	n.a	-	57	16	-	1,614	57	-	5,466 ⁽¹⁾
With 1 full rate child allowance	1,582	2,430	6	21	14	58	1,766	61	296	6,234
With 2 full rate child allowances	1,156	1,195	1	30	14	33	1,085	44	202	3,760
With 3 full rate child allowances	565	569	1	20	8	17	587	26	125	1,918
With 4 full rate child allowances	287	217	-	18	5	5	322	7	43	904
With 5 full rate child allowances	89	82	-	2	-	3	152	2	24	354
With 6+ full rate child allowances	42	50	-	-	-	-	120	1	14	227
With 1 half rate child allowance	6,612	3,411	74	68	40	-	921	27	2,096	13,249
With 2 half rate child allowances	6,782	2,576	99	73	38	-	623	29	1,985	12,205
With 3 half rate child allowances	3,185	1,093	42	36	14	-	346	11	1,398	6,125
With 4 half rate child allowances	959	348	15	11	4	-	184	10	678	2,209
With 5 half rate child allowances	208	82	3	4	-	-	67	3	263	630
With 6+ half rate child allowances	49	41	3	-	-	-	57	2	185	337
Total number of recipients	50,715	50,615	425	861	449	676	57,655	2,125	18,785	182,306
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	21,516	12,094	244	283	137	116	6,230	223	7,309	48,152
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child allowances	42.4%	23.9%	57.4%	32.9%	30.5%	17.2%	10.8%	10.5%	38.9%	26.4%
Total number of Qualified Adults	7,443	11,117	-	148	57	-	4,732	-	-	23,641
Total number of children⁽²⁾	42,368	22,030	504	609	252	210	13,206	458	16,985	96,622

(1) The total number of recipients in receipt of a personal rate only and with a qualified adult only does not include such recipients in relation to Invalidity Pension.

(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, 2001 (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	850	829	4	184	13	15	12	797	29	278
Cavan	702	521	5	166	9	5	10	782	34	426
Clare	954	875	8	221	16	3	8	1,463	39	502
Cork	6,294	7,152	40	1,602	110	59	94	6,982	179	1,820
Donegal	2,236	1,424	17	302	33	10	20	2,649	132	1,385
Dublin	14,950	16,641	92	2,820	208	129	161	13,601	528	2,709
Galway	1,915	1,448	30	456	33	23	24	3,692	129	1,377
Kerry	1,203	1,143	19	279	24	13	19	2,572	92	1,032
Kildare	2,082	1,620	14	418	34	24	27	1,747	38	490
Kilkenny	730	803	11	223	13	8	16	1,195	46	413
Laois	517	524	4	138	9	7	5	845	29	266
Leitrim	449	390	3	94	6	2	7	511	36	237
Limerick	2,646	2,795	14	652	52	25	34	3,144	82	992
Longford	470	468	8	118	9	2	8	558	28	335
Louth	2,246	2,092	7	464	38	17	28	1,332	63	442
Mayo	1,340	1,138	28	301	30	9	18	2,348	106	1,243
Meath	1,507	1,172	11	420	30	21	21	1,234	45	458
Monaghan	801	515	7	156	18	8	10	754	33	389
Offaly	897	811	14	193	22	7	13	939	36	374
Roscommon	642	526	8	168	10	1	17	882	35	409
Sligo	703	626	16	168	14	6	8	1,079	81	349
Tipperary	1,500	1,581	18	481	34	15	45	2,677	65	951
Waterford	1,243	1,338	9	350	23	11	13	1,420	48	420
Westmeath	941	907	11	170	19	5	16	956	57	388
Wexford	1,322	1,391	9	280	30	10	18	1,976	81	650
Wicklow	1,342	1,268	18	286	18	13	18	1,513	51	448
Others	233	617	-	120	6	1	11	7	3	2
Total	50,715	50,615	425	11,230	861	449	676	57,655	2,125	18,785

Table E16

Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1992 to 2001

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined	Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination
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
2001	4,311	2,997	1,314

Table E17

Number of Disability Benefit Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1992 to 2001

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
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
2001	41,710	22,827	6,271	190	12,422

Table E18

Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1997 to 2001

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
2001	9,663	3,577	3,016	3,070

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

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



Section F

unemployment supports

Section F: Unemployment Supports

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

Live Register and Unemployment Payments

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

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

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

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

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, 163 at the end of December 2000 and 88 at the end of December 2001.

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

Trends

Overall expenditure on Unemployment Supports decreased by 1.9% over 2000.

Expenditure on Unemployment Assistance fell by over €39 million over 2000, a decrease of 8.4%. Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit rose by over €22 million, an increase of 9.7% over 2000.

The Live Register increased by 10,820 during 2001, an increase of 7.6%. Table F14 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County in 2000 and 2001 and the percentage increase/decrease in each county.

Table F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Supports by Payment Type, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000	2001 Provisional	Change 2001 over 2000
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Unemployment Benefit	265,016	290,257	9.5%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Unemployment Assistance ⁽¹⁾	469,092	429,875	-8.4%
TOTAL⁽¹⁾	734,108	720,132	-1.9%

(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 Supports by Payment Type, 1992 to 2001

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Unemployment Assistance ⁽²⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000
1992	307,759	23,696	913,423	1,244,878
1993	304,830	24,628	1,001,455	1,330,913
1994	273,131	20,375	1,015,192	1,308,699
1995	254,857	4,779	1,014,535	1,274,171
1996	263,318	62	1,020,518	1,283,898
1997	273,297	1	899,796	1,173,095
1998	300,506	-	770,022	1,070,529
1999	293,769	-	615,624	909,393
2000	265,016	-	469,092	734,108
2001	290,257	-	429,875	720,132

(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 and 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, 1992 to 2001

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
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
2001	59,884	66,563	126,447

Table F4

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance, by Number of Dependants, 2001 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
Personal Rate only	34,540	46,991	81,531
With Qualified Adult only	3,108	3,905	7,013
1 full rate Qualified Child	2,181	3,895	6,076
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,854	3,658	5,512
3 full rate Qualified Children	1,060	2,372	3,432
4 full rate Qualified Children	441	1,366	1,807
5 full rate Qualified Children	165	673	838
6+ full rate Qualified Children	90	737	827
1 half rate Qualified Child	6,111	972	7,083
2 half rate Qualified Children	6,339	914	7,253
3 half rate Qualified Children	2,941	578	3,519
4 half rate Qualified Children	847	288	1,135
5 half rate Qualified Children	185	119	304
6+ half rate Qualified Children	37	95	132
Total Number of Recipients	59,884	66,563	126,447
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	7,810	15,178	22,988
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	13.0%	22.8%	18.2%
Number of Recipients with Qualified Children	22,251	15,667	37,918
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	37.2%	23.5%	30.0%
Total Number of Children⁽¹⁾	44,424	39,170	83,594

(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, 1992 to 2001

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Others	Total Live Register
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
2001	58,197	72,552	11,504	142,253

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F6

Number of Persons on the Live Register on the last Friday of each Month, 2001

Month	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Others	Total Live Register
January	54,678	75,645	11,748	142,071
February	54,687	73,412	11,416	139,515
March	53,521	71,285	11,079	135,885
April	54,454	70,901	11,206	136,561
May	52,583	70,091	11,017	133,691
June	57,497	71,916	11,452	140,865
July	61,537	73,501	12,063	147,101
August	63,082	74,184	12,173	149,439
September	57,099	72,001	11,450	140,550
October	59,412	71,100	11,323	141,835
November	63,106	72,632	11,383	147,121
December	66,709	73,959	11,738	152,406
Average	58,197	72,552	11,504	142,253

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F7

Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2001

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	22,001	21,516	142,071	485
February	18,740	21,296	139,515	-2,556
March	21,971	25,601	135,885	-3,630
April	21,584	20,908	136,561	676
May	17,324	20,194	133,691	-2,870
June	28,982	21,808	140,865	7,174
July	23,354	17,118	147,101	6,236
August	24,272	21,934	149,439	2,338
September	19,341	28,230	140,550	-8,889
October	26,253	24,968	141,835	1,285
November	32,936	27,650	147,121	5,286
December	19,527	14,242	152,406	5,285
Total	276,285	265,465		10,820

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit/Pay Related Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1992-2001

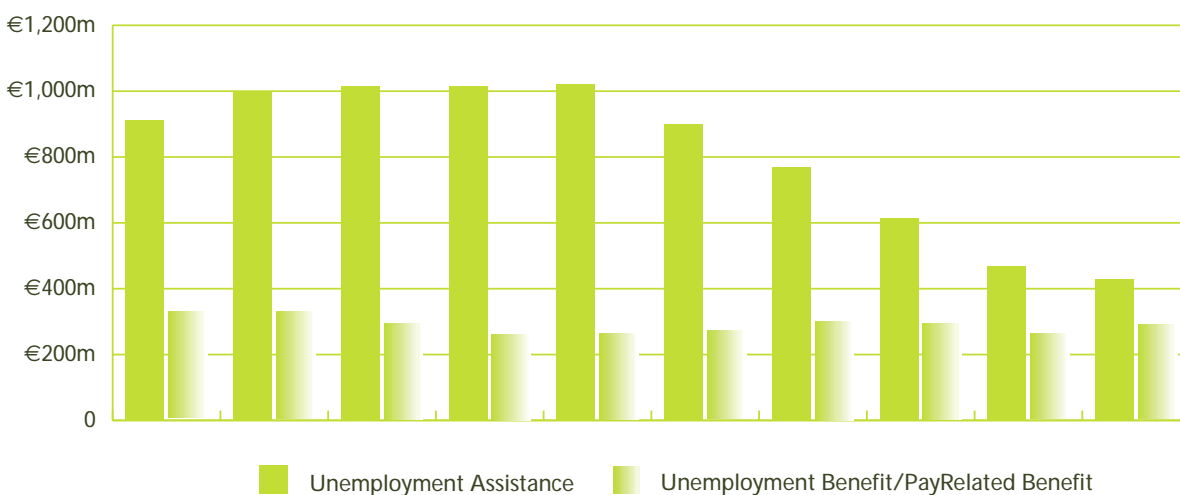


Table F8

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2001 (Estimated)

Age Group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	3,067	3.7%	2,652	4.6%	5,719	4.0%
20 to 24 years	11,222	13.4%	8,156	14.1%	19,378	13.7%
25 to 34 years	21,514	25.8%	15,984	27.6%	37,498	26.5%
35 to 44 years	18,495	22.1%	15,036	25.9%	33,531	23.7%
45 to 54 years	18,012	21.6%	10,433	18.0%	28,445	20.1%
55 to 59 years	6,736	8.1%	3,611	6.2%	10,347	7.3%
60 to 64 years	4,487	5.4%	2,098	3.6%	6,585	4.7%
Total Live Register	83,533	100.0%	57,970	100.0%	141,503	100.0%

Source: Central Statistical Office

Table F9

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2001, 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	1,437	749	537	301	31	12	3,067
20 - 24 yrs	4,677	2,368	1,780	1,171	517	709	11,222
25 - 34 yrs	7,776	3,811	3,457	2,253	1,082	3,135	21,514
35 - 44 yrs	5,635	2,752	2,855	2,022	980	4,251	18,495
45 - 54 yrs	4,415	2,122	2,447	1,678	1,049	6,301	18,012
55 - 59 yrs	1,708	976	1,185	847	367	1,653	6,736
60 - 64 yrs	1,179	659	947	704	217	781	4,487
Total Males	26,827	13,437	13,208	8,976	4,243	16,842	83,533
Females							
< 20 yrs	1,218	627	529	229	37	12	2,652
20 - 24 yrs	3,703	1,728	1,176	769	383	397	8,156
25 - 34 yrs	6,974	2,793	2,748	1,580	555	1,334	15,984
35 - 44 yrs	5,491	2,356	2,550	1,721	839	2,079	15,036
45 - 54 yrs	3,704	1,522	1,609	1,170	590	1,838	10,433
55 - 59 yrs	1,279	562	614	432	175	549	3,611
60 - 64 yrs	734	350	361	293	113	247	2,098
Total Females	23,103	9,938	9,587	6,194	2,692	6,456	57,970
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	2,655	1,376	1,066	530	68	24	5,719
20 - 24 yrs	8,380	4,096	2,956	1,940	900	1,106	19,378
25 - 34 yrs	14,750	6,604	6,205	3,833	1,637	4,469	37,498
35 - 44 yrs	11,126	5,108	5,405	3,743	1,819	6,330	33,531
45 - 54 yrs	8,119	3,644	4,056	2,848	1,639	8,139	28,445
55 - 59 yrs	2,987	1,538	1,799	1,279	542	2,202	10,347
60 - 64 yrs	1,913	1,009	1,308	997	330	1,028	6,585
Total	49,930	23,375	22,795	15,170	6,935	23,298	141,503

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table F10

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1992 to 2001.

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
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
2001	53,472	30,061	83,533	42,628	15,342	57,970	141,503

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Graph F2

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2001

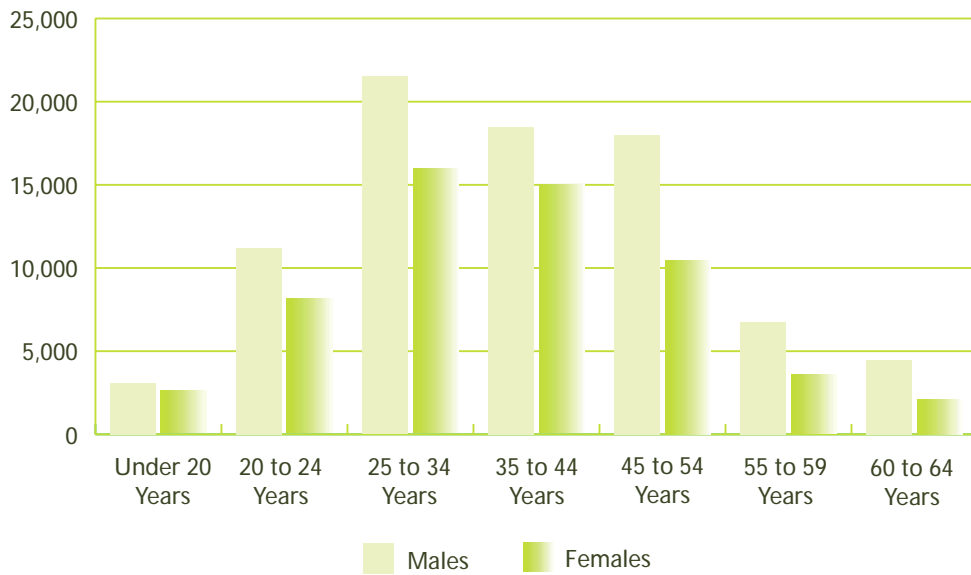


Table F11

Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, in each Month during 2001

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
January	2,973	1,717	683
February	3,079	1,691	659
March	2,854	1,669	661
April	2,818	1,637	659
May	2,838	1,614	642
June	2,648	1,584	666
July	2,596	1,548	710
August	3,015	1,544	718
September	2,903	1,529	661
October	2,918	1,520	688
November	3,306	1,523	685
December	3,436	1,536	715
Average	2,949	1,593	679

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F3

Number of persons on the Live Register in October 2001, by Sex and Duration

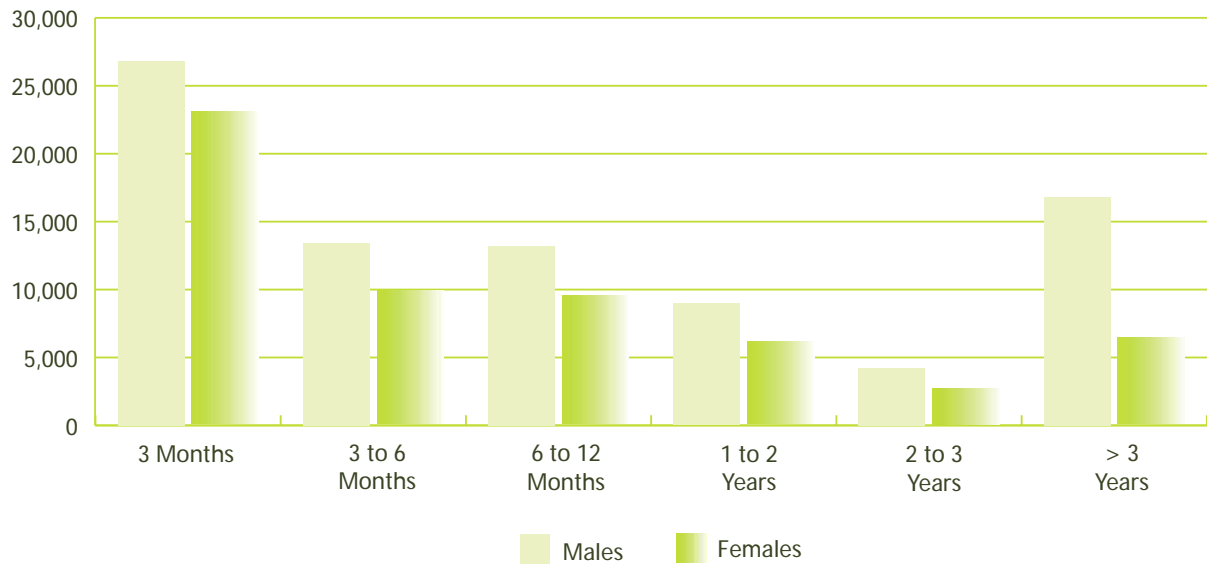


Table F12

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, 1992 to 2001

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed ⁽¹⁾	Persons Aged 65 years and over
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	2,791	1,876	741
2001	2,949	1,593	679

(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, 1992 to 2001

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force ⁽¹⁾	Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate
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
2001	142,253	1,781,900	3.8

(1) Data refers to April from 1992 to 1997 and May thereafter.
Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F14

Numbers on the Live Register by County, 2000 and 2001

County	Live Register 2000 ⁽¹⁾	Live Register 2001 ⁽¹⁾	% Change
Carlow	1,964	2,026	3.2%
Cavan	1,736	1,834	5.6%
Clare	3,003	3,473	15.7%
Cork	14,538	16,698	14.9%
Donegal	10,088	9,896	-1.9%
Dublin	33,186	35,596	7.3%
Galway	8,011	8,625	7.7%
Kerry	6,025	6,162	2.3%
Kildare	3,268	3,697	13.1%
Kilkenny	2,047	2,182	6.6%
Laois	1,798	1,850	2.9%
Leitrim	1,216	1,108	-8.9%
Limerick	6,306	6,954	10.3%
Longford	1,715	1,674	-2.4%
Louth	6,075	7,189	18.3%
Mayo	6,140	6,094	-0.7%
Meath	2,085	2,855	36.9%
Monaghan	2,482	2,752	10.9%
Offaly	2,222	2,341	5.4%
Roscommon	1,528	1,502	-1.7%
Sligo	2,372	2,343	-1.2%
Tipperary	5,775	5,466	-5.4%
Waterford	5,699	7,043	23.6%
Westmeath	2,618	2,960	13.1%
Wexford	5,938	6,257	5.4%
Wicklow	3,751	3,829	2.1%
Total	141,586	152,406	7.6%

(1) Source: Central Statistics Office.





Section G

employment supports

Section G: Employment Supports

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

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

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 8,380 recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders at the end of 2001, of which 88 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 decreased by €1.5million in 2001, a decrease of 0.6% over 2000. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports decreased by 8,251, a decrease of 12.7%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement decreased by 5.8%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement decreased by 1,492, a decrease of 11.4% over 2000. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance (including Back to Work Enterprise Allowance) decreased by over €10m, a decrease of 6.1%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance decreased by 6,023, a decrease of 17.5%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance decreased by 795, a decrease of 17.7%. The number of recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders increased by 329, an increase on 4.1% over the previous year.

Expenditure on the Students Summer Jobs Scheme declined by 8.3% over 2000 reflecting the decline of 913 in the number of students who participated in the scheme.

Table G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000	2001 Provisional	Change 2001 over 2000
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Family Income Supplement	39,386	37,099	-5.8%
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	167,839	157,590	-6.1%
Back to Education Allowance	29,083	30,554	5.1%
Students Summer Jobs Scheme	4,387	4,024	-8.3%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1,602	1,315	-17.9%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	41,425	50,650	22.3%
Other ⁽²⁾	1,563	2,472	58.2%
TOTAL⁽¹⁾	285,285	283,704	-0.6%

(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 and continued payment for qualified children.

Table G2

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement and Other Employment Supports, 1992 to 2001

Year	Family Income Supplement	Other Employment Supports	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1992	16,038	2,426	18,464
1993	20,872	7,608	28,480
1994	26,442	26,049	52,491
1995	27,078	56,387	83,465
1996	27,792	79,143	106,935
1997	32,999	123,672	156,671
1998	36,386	163,768	200,154
1999	41,134	209,951 ⁽¹⁾	251,085
2000	39,386	204,474 ⁽¹⁾	243,860
2001	37,099	195,955 ⁽¹⁾	233,054

(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, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000	2001	Change 2001 over 2000
Back to Work Allowance	34,506	28,483	-17.5%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,503	3,708	-17.7%
Back to Education Allowance	4,237	4,101	-3.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	474	340	-28.3%
Family Income Supplement	13,062	11,570	-11.4%
Farm Assist/Smallholders ⁽¹⁾	8,051	8,380	4.1%
Total	64,833	56,582	-12.7%

(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 2001, 8,292 persons were in receipt of Farm Assist and 88 continued to be in receipt of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance.

Table G4

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1992 to 2001

Year	Number of Recipient Families
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
2001	11,570

Graph G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1992 to 2001



Table G5

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2001

Weekly Rate (£)	Family Size (Number of Children)						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
1 - 20	813	510	299	130	45	20	1,817
21 - 40	2,170	1,224	618	263	94	41	4,410
41 - 60	869	992	707	350	127	65	3,110
61 - 80	149	286	357	232	125	61	1,210
81 - 100	89	151	148	103	70	44	605
100 - 120	19	86	83	62	33	35	318
Over 120	-	5	18	33	24	20	100
Total	4,109	3,254	2,230	1,173	518	286	11,570
Number of Children	4,109	6,508	6,690	4,692	2,590	1,837	26,426

Table G6

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2001

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	13	40	77	705	1,155	524	2,514
25 to 34	47	156	253	893	1,352	1,530	4,231
35 to 44	61	188	231	753	936	1,313	3,482
45 to 60	32	69	97	322	349	365	1,234
60 or more	-	2	8	39	40	20	109
Total	153	455	666	2,712	3,832	3,752	11,570

Table G7

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Marital Status of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2001

Marital Status	Family Income Group (£s per week)						Total or more
	0 - 100	101 - 140	141 - 170	171 - 200	201 - 230	231	
Married	135	353	500	1,376	1,361	2,158	5,883
Single	4	30	81	1,011	1,742	848	3,716
Other	14	72	85	327	728	745	1,971
Total	153	455	666	2,714	3,831	3,751	11,570

Table G8

Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2001

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	10,434	4,539	14,973
Self-Employed	11,434	2,076	13,510
Total	21,868	6,615	28,483

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, 2001

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education Allowance		Farm Assist/Smallholders	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	51	12	301	424	331	302	38	1
25 to 29 years	299	133	2,388	1,385	777	616	109	14
30 to 34 years	467	198	3,283	1,434	418	334	251	35
35 to 39 years	496	177	3,702	1,011	228	272	522	61
40 to 44 years	536	116	3,651	925	153	183	766	93
45 to 49 years	478	82	3,436	685	100	140	1,193	82
50 to 54 years	351	46	2,905	494	66	75	1,642	100
55 to 59 years	173	22	1,575	194	38	42	1,664	118
60 to 64 years	63	8	632	63	16	10	1,362	59
65+ years	-	-	-	-	-	-	259	11
Total	2,914	794	21,873	6,620	2,127	1,974	7,806	574

Table G10

Number of Recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders, 1992 to 2001⁽¹⁾

Year	Recipients
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
2001	8,380

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999. The number of recipients at the end of 2001 is the number of persons in receipt of a Farm Assist or Smallholders payment. The source of the data for the period 1990 to 1998 is the Central Statistics Office. This data is the number of persons claiming Smallholders Unemployment Assistance and includes claims awaiting decision or not otherwise in payment. The equivalent figures for 2000 and 2001 are 8,094 and 8,578 respectively.

Table G11

Data on Sponsors and Students Participating in the Students Summer Jobs Scheme, 1995 to 2001

Details	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Sponsors							
Applications Received	3,384	4,240	4,460	4,599	4,671	3,980	3,255
Applications Rejected	60	53	39	31	31	16	4
Applications Approved	3,324	4,188	4,421	4,568	4,640	3,964	3,251
Number of Jobs offered	21,761	29,960	30,189	31,552	23,473	20,961	15,233
Number who Participated	2,900	3,454	3,592	3,572	3,190	2,406	2,037
Students							
Applications Received	22,899	25,400	23,237	20,930	15,833	10,078	8,090
Applications Rejected	3,601	6,428	4,622	4,326	3,414	2,337	2,009
Applications Approved	18,893	18,275	18,172	16,104	11,903	7,379	6,081
Number who Participated	15,839	15,764	15,542	13,521	9,200	5,878	4,965

Table G12

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2001

	Family Income Supplement	Back to Work Allowance Employee	Student's Summer Jobs Scheme	Back to Education Allowance Scheme	Back to Work Allowance Self-Employed	Farm Assist/ Smallholders	Part Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	215	307	90	75	238	72	-
Cavan	239	182	143	14	183	325	6
Clare	238	252	184	81	580	468	4
Cork	963	1,584	340	596	1,598	551	23
Donegal	715	923	614	237	812	1,172	10
Dublin	2,729	5,242	20	989	4,517	11	144
Galway	508	815	386	436	1,063	846	11
Kerry	413	506	452	113	562	732	9
Kildare	299	583	31	149	448	44	6
Kilkenny	267	225	116	61	282	111	11
Laois	165	199	96	24	177	90	2
Leitrim	66	107	180	23	172	250	1
Limerick	404	560	184	221	482	237	11
Longford	136	208	118	34	160	112	1
Louth	463	444	62	128	465	62	13
Mayo	348	564	590	155	582	1,576	19
Meath	328	316	22	43	299	62	4
Monaghan	247	232	137	29	341	401	-
Offaly	227	294	110	26	174	76	3
Roscommon	107	133	203	23	232	353	0
Sligo	179	200	114	125	261	320	7
Tipperary	593	595	342	128	534	204	15
Waterford	404	359	129	126	411	43	11
Westmeath	208	360	114	48	311	89	4
Wexford	676	569	154	107	525	131	14
Wicklow	301	487	34	98	536	42	11
Other	132	-	-	12	-	-	-
Total	11,570	16,246	4,965	4,101	15,945	8,380	340

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



Section H

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 €363 million in 2001. This represents an increase of 23.3% on 2000. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over €28 million in 2001, an increase of 19% and accounted for 49.3% of total Supplementary Welfare Allowance expenditure. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement was 45,028, an increase of 5.5% on 2000. Approximately 5,100 recipients of Rent Supplement were asylum seekers.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements rose to over €6 million, an increase of 7.9%. The number of recipients fell to 4,064, a decrease of 4%.

In 2001, a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 143,029 children, a decrease of 15,737, on 2000. Expenditure on the scheme decreased by 7% to just under €13 million.

Net expenditure on Basic Payments in 2001 was €114 million, an increase of 32.7% on 2000. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (€151 million) on Basic Payments in 2001. This represents the gross amount of expenditure on such payments before inter scheme adjustments and refunds have been taken into account. There were 29,167 recipients of Basic Payments at the end of 2001, an increase of over 4,000 (16.2%) on 2000, approximately.

Table H2 and Graph H1 shows expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1992 to 2001.

Table H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Scheme, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000 €000	2001 ⁽¹⁾ €000	Change 2001 over 2000
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Basic SWA Payments	85,546	113,552	32.7%
Rent Supplements	150,741	179,438	19.0%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	5,878	6,342	7.9%
Other Supplements	8,421	10,351	22.9%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	30,528	41,071	34.5%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear	13,792	12,822	-7.0%
Total	294,906	363,576	23.3%

(1) Provisional.

Table H2

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1992 to 2001

Year	Expenditure €000
1992	113,766
1993	124,128
1994	137,266
1995	151,783
1996	173,583
1997	200,190
1998	223,059
1999	239,721
2000	294,906
2001 ⁽¹⁾	363,576

(1) Provisional.

Graph H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance, 1992 to 2001

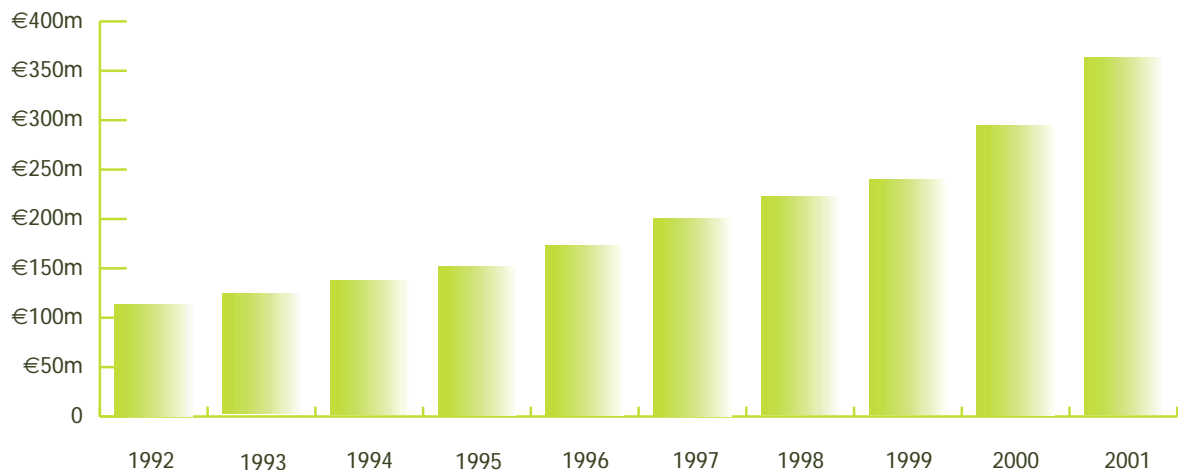


Table H3

Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 20001

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern €000	Midland €000	Mid- Western €000	North Eastern €000	North Western €000	South Eastern €000	Southern €000	Western €000	Total €000
Basic Payments⁽¹⁾	66,786	7,507	10,422	12,344	5,150	16,178	16,744	15,785	150,916
Supplements									
Rent	87,997	5,787	10,814	9,875	5,682	16,828	24,591	17,864	179,438
Local Authority Mortgage ⁽²⁾	660	35	106	49	53	167	179	149	1,398
Other Mortgage	2,338	77	330	418	167	386	760	469	4,945
Heating	194	59	242	34	9	95	297	41	971
Diet	2,772	309	379	374	130	647	772	315	5,698
Other	1,622	85	344	72	46	469	688	355	3,681
Exceptional Needs Payments	17,482	976	3,794	1,436	1,616	4,945	6,612	4,050	40,911
Urgent Needs Payments	61	7	22	4	8	35	12	10	159
Administration Costs	14,428	1,875	2,856	2,857	1,944	179	4,883	2,897	31,919
Grand Total	194,340	16,717	29,309	27,463	14,805	39,929	55,538	41,935	420,036

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

(2) Administration costs are incurred directly by the Health Boards and re-imbursed subsequently by the Department. The table shows the level of reimbursement, not the level of expenditure incurred. In the case of SEHB, total expenditure incurred is estimated to have been of the order of €2m.

Table H4

Expenditure on Exceptional Needs Payments, Other Exceptional Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Urgent Needs Payments, 2001

Type of Payment	Expenditure €000	Total Expenditure €000
Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments		
Housing		
Household Appliances	5,502	
Rent Deposit	3,505	
New Accommodation kit	3,011	
Furniture	2,305	
Floor Covering	1,693	
Bedding	1,640	
Repair/maintenance	936	18,592
Clothing		
Adult Clothing	4,521	
Child Clothing	1,753	6,274
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	1,708	
Burial Expenses	387	2,095
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	1,444	
Cot	891	2,335
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	2,105	
Household	857	2,962
Illness		
Confinement Costs	716	
Hospital Requirements	293	1,009
General		
Other ⁽¹⁾	4,586	
Travel Costs	1,528	
Insufficient Means	940	
Heating	406	
Lost/Stolen Money	111	
Household Budget	73	7,644
Urgent Needs Payments	159	159
Grand Total		41,070

(1) This includes €1.4m in payments in respect of homeless people made on behalf of local authorities and subsequently re-imbursed.

Table H5

Number of Recipients of Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 2001

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern ⁽¹⁾	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Western	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payment Recipients	12,001	1,419	2,146	2,314	1,099	3,208	3,585	3,395	29,167
Qualified Adults	2,853	407	414	654	187	710	834	726	6,785
Qualified Children	7,579	1,286	1,359	1,821	652	2,197	2,192	2,220	19,306
Total Beneficiaries	22,433	3,112	3,919	4,789	1,938	6,115	6,611	6,341	55,258
Supplements:									
Rent	17,866	1,790	3,271	2,787	2,111	4,667	7,035	5,501	45,028
Local Authority Mortgage	508	36	84	46	54	159	175	142	1,204
Other Mortgage	1,245	51	188	282	118	223	441	312	2,860
Heating	434	124	608	56	19	221	588	67	2,117
Diet	5,088	618	795	802	240	1,317	1,426	556	10,842
Other	2,057	131	244	138	16	531	826	424	4,367

(1) Refers to Eastern Regional Health Authority.

Table H6

Number of Recipients of Basic Payments, Rent Supplements and Mortgage Interest Supplements, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000	2001	Change 2001 over 2000
Basic Payments	25,094	29,167	16.2%
Rent Supplements	42,683	45,028	5.5%
Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplements	1,507	1,204	-20.1%
Other Mortgage Interest Supplements	2,726	2,860	4.9%
Total	72,010	78,259	8.7%

Table H7

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Sex, 2001

Sex	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Male	21,385	1,774	755
Female	23,643	1,086	449
Total	45,028	2,860	1,204

Table H8

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age, 2001

Age Group	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Under 20	741	0	0
20 - 24	6,528	10	5
25 - 29	9,017	115	30
30 - 34	8,079	370	52
35 - 39	5,695	596	123
40 - 44	3,997	581	241
45 - 49	3,086	425	230
50 - 54	2,571	336	216
55 - 59	1,829	257	150
60 - 64	1,253	126	105
65 - 69	827	28	38
70 plus	1,405	16	14
Total	45,028	2,860	1,204

Table H9

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 2001

Payment Type	Rent	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Old Age Pensions	1,210	14	8
Pre-Retirement Allowance	446	23	27
Widows and Widower's Pensions	213	16	23
One-Parent Family Payment	9,000	350	187
Invalidity Pension	893	129	84
Disability Benefit	1,077	400	70
Disability Allowance	3,917	184	110
Long-Term Unemployment Assistance	5,216	326	275
Short-Term Unemployment Assistance	3,429	178	25
Unemployment Benefit	2,097	408	71
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	10,904	322	61
Employment Support Services ⁽²⁾	4,729	327	175
DSS (UK)	284	2	2
Other	1,613	181	86
Total	45,028	2,860	1,204

(1) Includes approximately 4,800 asylum seekers

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

Table H10

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Claim Duration 2001

Months	Rent	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	4,926	267	31
3 to 6	7,180	396	73
6 to 9	4,952	265	51
9 to 12	3,860	298	84
12 plus	24,110	1,634	965
Total⁽¹⁾	45,028	2,860	1,204

Table H11

Number of Recipients of Basic Payment by Age and Sex, 2001

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	1,686	1,809	3,495
21 - 24	2,405	1,943	4,348
25 - 34	6,800	4,106	10,906
35 - 44	3,927	1,931	5,858
45 - 54	2,064	1,038	3,102
55 - 64	773	409	1,182
65 plus	167	109	276
Total	17,822	11,345	29,167

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	26,622	13,285	837	40,744
Midland Health Board	5,292	3,312	288	8,892
Mid Western Health Board	7,270	4,427	623	12,320
North Eastern Health Board	7,549	4,978	681	13,208
North Western Health Board	6,104	4,152	854	11,110
South Eastern Health Board	9,960	6,580	850	17,390
Southern Health Board	12,239	8,583	1,222	22,044
Western Health Board	9,107	6,589	1,625	17,321
Total	84,143	51,906	6,980	143,029

Table H13

Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 2000 and 2001

Health Board	2000 €000	2001 €000
Eastern Regional Health Authority	4,191	3,653
Midland Health Board	843	780
Mid Western Health Board	1,213	1,162
North Eastern Health Board	1,606	1,182
North Western Health Board	1,210	1,167
South Eastern Health Board	1,270	1,533
Southern Health Board	1,907	1,784
Western Health Board	1,552	1,561
Total Expenditure	13,792	12,822

Table H14

Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Rent Supplement by County, 2001 (Estimated)

County	Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Rent Supplement
Carlow	555	717
Cavan	229	334
Clare	561	979
Cork	2,623	5,757
Donegal	760	1,482
Dublin	10,549	15,240
Galway	2,369	3,728
Kerry	962	1,278
Kildare	875	1,559
Kilkenny	563	473
Laois	355	368
Leitrim	99	136
Limerick	1,140	1,644
Longford	251	257
Louth	1,062	1,645
Mayo	751	1,351
Meath	841	496
Monaghan	182	312
Offaly	278	333
Roscommon	275	422
Sligo	240	493
Tipperary	947	1,471
Waterford	948	1,292
Westmeath	535	832
Wexford	640	1,362
Wicklow	5,777	1,067
Total	29,167	45,028



Section J

miscellaneous payments and grants

Section J: Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

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

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

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

Table J1

Expenditure on Free Schemes, 2001

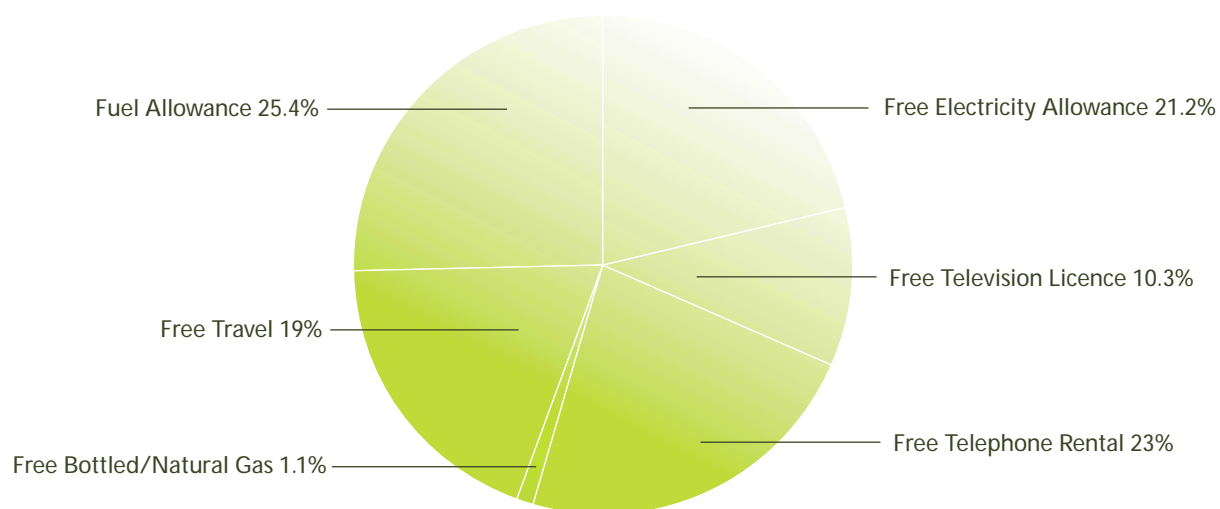


Table J1

Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment Type, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000 €000	2001 ⁽¹⁾ €000	Change %
Free Schemes	204,353	240,994	17.9%
Treatment Benefit	57,800	56,505	-2.2%
Bereavement Grants	12,436	12,577	1.1%
Rent Allowance	761	736	-3.3%
Equal Treatment Payments	240	56	-76.7%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	22,867	33,404	46.1%
Combat Poverty Agency	3,225	4,222	30.9%
School Meals	866	1,787	106.4%
Programme for Peace and Reconciliation	1,238	1,031	-16.7%
Comhairle	8,166	12,926	58.3%
Grants for Marriage & Family Counselling Services	4,761	6,106	28.3%
Grants for Community and Family Support Groups	22,809	25,659	12.5%
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	6,151	8,268	34.4%
Scheme of Community Support for Older People	4,033	2,677	-33.6%
Other Grants/Payments	639	1,676	162.3%
Total	311,952	408,624	31.0%

(1) Provisional.

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

Table J2

Total Expenditure on Free Schemes, 1992 to 2001

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
1992	29,929	9,581	18,038	114	335	37,384	47,432	142,814
1993	30,691	10,728	20,295	98	461	37,241	47,647	147,161
1994	31,771	12,311	25,137	97	654	37,535	50,666	158,171
1995	33,060	13,181	29,449	88	712	39,697	54,276	170,464
1996	34,658	15,724	31,256	81	1,044	40,680	56,298	179,740
1997	36,916	18,133	34,362	84	1,122	41,085	57,070	188,772
1998	38,595	19,535	36,746	69	1,345	41,432	57,004	194,724
1999	39,443	19,093	37,991	74	1,602	42,791	55,809	196,803
2000	40,185	20,199	41,660	88	1,918	44,817	55,487	204,354
2001 ⁽¹⁾	51,275	24,773	55,335	99	2,517	45,860	61,136	240,995

(1) Provisional.

Table J3

Funding of Money Advice and Budgeting Service by County, 2000 and 2001

County	2000 €	2001 €
Carlow	120,388	190,070
Cavan	124,688	158,145
Clare	163,542	234,538
Cork	448,560	868,780
Donegal	129,894	206,492
Dublin	1,920,028	2,634,026
Galway	209,362	460,025
Kerry	406,380	307,287
Kildare	154,779	240,882
Kilkenny	103,395	155,393
Laois	70,470	87,764
Leitrim	79,761	86,789
Limerick	220,934	220,934
Longford	79,018	76,184
Louth	159,440	196,282
Mayo	276,515	203,709
Meath	132,139	233,132
Monaghan	84,438	139,830
Offaly	83,041	119,627
Roscommon	74,661	113,772
Sligo	74,090	93,624
Tipperary	315,186	355,009
Waterford	279,342	311,467
Westmeath	135,514	192,758
Wexford	102,087	136,788
Wicklow	202,111	244,616
Total	6,149,763	8,267,924

Table J4

Grants to Voluntary & Community Organisations, 2000 and 2001

Type of Grant	2000	2001
Grants to Voluntary Groups		
Allocation	€2,145,426	€1,366,051
Number of Applications	957	1,053
Number of Grants	334	295
Grants for Older People		
Allocation	€4,032,674	€2,678,488
Number of Applications	621	530
Number of Grants	571	461
Locally-Based Community and Family Support Groups⁽¹⁾		
Allocation	€944,455	€940,967
Number of Applications	1,193	971
Number of Grants	636	543
Community Development Education and Training Grants		
Allocation	€140,585	€157,867
Number of Applications	168	171
Number of Grants	81	95

(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, 2000 and 2001

Type of Project ⁽¹⁾	2000 €	2001 €
General Projects	10,070,703	10,213,590
Support Agencies	3,638,969	6,083,970
Islands Development Programme	366,873	424,329
Family Resource Centres	1,998,542	2,654,660
Core-funding: Others ⁽²⁾	93,192	-
Programme of Core Funding to Community Groups	1,599,429	2,163,988
Total	17,767,708	21,540,537

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

(2) Now included in Support Agencies and Programme of Core Funding to Community Groups.

Table J6

Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services, 2000 and 2001

Type of Grant ⁽¹⁾	2000	2001
Marriage Counselling		
Expenditure	€2,870,903	€3,729,272
Number of Applications	134	144
Number of Grants	133	138
Marriage Preparation		
Expenditure	€515,203	€639,643
Number of Applications	67	66
Number of Grants	67	64
Child Counselling in relation to Parental Separation		
Expenditure	€630,838	€601,221
Number of Applications	129	126
Number of Grants	128	121
Bereavement Counselling and Support		
Expenditure	€744,574	€1,137,304
Number of Applications	332	354
Number of Grants	326	351
Total Expenditure	€4,761,518	€6,107,440

(1) In their grant application, voluntary groups may request funding under all or some of the grant categories referred to above. In total, some 430 voluntary groups received funding in 2001.

Table J7

Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 2000 and 2001

Type of Payment	2000	2001	Change 2001 over 2000
Bereavement Grants	20,857	15,090	-27.7%
Treatment Benefit:			
Dental	452,928	432,835	-4.4%
Optical	192,913	184,819	-4.2%
Medical and Surgical	4,373	4,164	-4.8%
Rent Allowance	17	23	35.3%
Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾	269,900	266,000	-1.1%

(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance in 2001. There was an average of 109,000 recipients of a Smokeless Fuel Allowance in 2000 and an average of 108,000 recipients in 2001.

Table J8

Number of Recipients of Free Schemes by Type of Payment Received, 2001

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	46,680	44,803	44,323	32	4,626	81,757
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	44,469	46,535	40,526	150	739	87,147
Retirement Pension	46,188	46,793	41,007	50	4,485	72,223
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	46,445	10,102	47,370	7	3,686	63,332
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	10,027	17,012	9,803	22	173	14,094
Invalidity Pension	16,885	286	11,345	22	1,313	40,124
Garda Widow's Pension ⁽³⁾	162	1,496	199	-	9	1,339
Carer's Allowance	6,231	724	7,422	19	412	18,145
Disability Allowance	14,294	21,450	10,201	119	594	66,323
British Pension ⁽³⁾	3,961	163	4,028	8	139	5,360
Others	26,450	74,392	28,435	34	2,403	157,877
Total	261,792	263,756	244,659	463	18,579	608,721

(1) Refers to the number of Licenses 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.

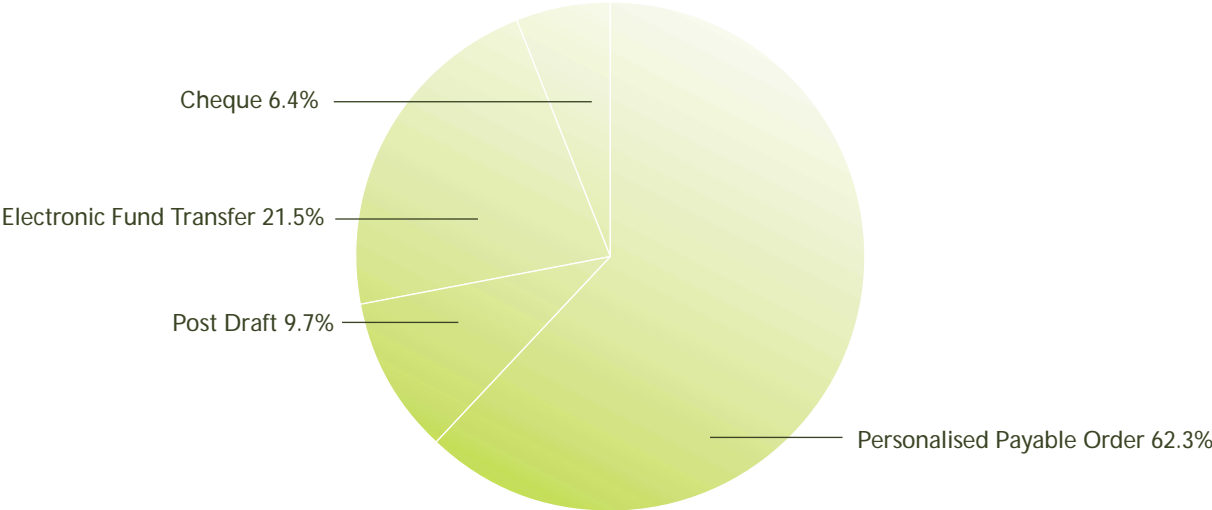
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Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2000

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Post Draft	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Total
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	60,714	-	1,563	32,594	94,871
Retirement Pension	65,084	-	403	14,839	80,326
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	83,320	-	42	5,699	89,061
Pre-Retirement Allowance	-	9,700	796	1,311	11,807
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	78,771	89	1,697	20,710	101,267
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	16,167	9	-	635	16,811
Deserted Wife's Benefit	11,183	671	3	320	12,177
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,565	33	-	14	1,612
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	67,281	8,249	35	1,577	77,142
Maternity Benefit	-	-	2,529	6,847	9,376
Health and Safety Benefit	-	-	25	-	25
Adoptive Benefit	-	-	16	-	16
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	957	-	1	154	1,112
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	787	-	-	66	853
Child Benefit (families)	374,172	-	-	140,747	514,919
Disability Benefit	-	1,632	41,465	7,618	50,715
Invalidity Pension	42,324	335	16	7,940	50,615
Disability Allowance	48,071	654	12	8,918	57,655
Injury Benefit	-	-	783	78	861
Interim Disability Benefit	-	-	398	51	449
Disablement Benefit	-	11,230	-	-	11,230
Death Benefit	616	-	4	56	676
Carer's Benefit	-	-	91	334	425
Carer's Allowance	18,276	-	-	509	18,785
Blind Person's Pension	2,013	-	3	109	2,125
Unemployment Benefit	-	30,188	16,339	13,357	59,884
Unemployment Assistance	-	56,038	5,323	5,202	66,563
Back to Work Allowance	-	394	1,478	26,611	28,483
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	-	19	84	3,605	3,708
Back to Education Allowance	-	355	62	3,684	4,101
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	-	340	-	-	340
Family Income Supplement	11,570	-	-	-	11,570
Farm Assist/Smallholders	-	6,772	90	1,518	8,380
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	11,478	17,373	316	29,167
Rent Allowance	-	-	433	-	433
Total	882,873	138,186	91,064	305,419	1,417,542

Graph J2

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2001





Appendices

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

Social insurance schemes comprise Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Retirement Pension, Widow's/ Widower's (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, 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
 Disability Allowance
 Blind Person's Pension
 Carer's Benefit
 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 Supplement
 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.

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.

Legislation to establish the Family Support Agency was passed in late 2001 and it is intended that the agency will be established by mid-2002. Responsibility for the administration of the Family and Community Services Resource Centre Programme will transfer to the new Agency when it has been established.

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 2001, the Departments Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) supported 52 projects around the country which address the problems of moneylending and overindebtedness.

Appendix 5

Family Affairs Unit

Family Affairs Unit was established in the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs in 1998. The responsibilities of the Unit are;

- to co-ordinate family policy;
- to pursue the findings in the Report of the Commission on the Family following their consideration by the Government;
- to undertake research and promote awareness about family;
- support for the marriage and child and bereavement counselling services;
- the Family Mediation Service;
- an information programme on parenting issues.

Family Support Agency

Legislation to establish the Family Support Agency was enacted in December 2001. The Family Support Agency, which will be established in 2002, will have responsibility for a number of functions currently under the remit of the Family Affairs Unit. The new Agency will:

- provide a family mediation service;
- support, promote and develop the provision of marriage and relationship counselling and other family supports; and
- support, promote and develop the Family and Community Services Resource Centres programme.

The new Agency will undertake research, provide and disseminate information about parenting and family issues and provide advice to the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs on matters relating to its functions.

The Family Support Agency will bring together the main programmes and pro-family services developed since 1997. It will provide a comprehensive and coherent response for families in need of these support services and for families generally. It will be a dedicated Agency and a resource for all those involved in the promotion of family well being.

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