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Staitisticí um Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh

Notes

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

ABBREVIATIONS

- Not Applicable

n.a. Not Available

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Foreword from the Minister

I welcome the publication of the 23rd edition of the Annual Statistical Report, which provides comprehensive statistical information on all programmes administered by the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

Accurate information is vital to support evidence-based policy making and enable the measurement of progress in these areas. This Department has been to the forefront of the recent trend across Government towards evidence-based policy, with recent Departmental expenditure reviews developing a focus on more complex social outcomes. As part of this approach, reliable data on outputs and trends as contained in this Report are invaluable elements in the development and implementation of policies to build social inclusion and progress social cohesion.

Supports administered by the Department provide for the complex and often multi-faceted needs of people over a range of contingencies and at every stage of life. Continuing to reflect the trend of recent years, social welfare programme expenditure increased to €12.2 billion in 2004 – an increase of 7.8% over the previous year. This reaffirms the Government's commitment to the welfare of all those in need of support in this modern, increasingly demanding and rapidly evolving society.

Statistics tell their own story and in 2004:

- Social Welfare Expenditure was €12.2 billion, representing 28.2% of Gross Current Government Expenditure.
- Over 976,000 people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of 1.5 million beneficiaries.
- Family Income Supplement was paid to 17,448 families with 33,956 children, an increase of 18.5% on the previous year and the highest level in the history of the scheme.. Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 29.3% to €72.2m.
- 547,000 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,060,740 children. Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by 7.6% to €1.9 billion.
- Expenditure on Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit increased by 122.4% and 24.6% respectively. The numbers in receipt of a Carer's payment increased from 23,709 to 25,837, an increase of 9%.
- Expenditure on Old Age has increased by 8.0% to €2.95 billion. Payments were made to 311,170 people in this area.

Behind every one of the statistics in this report are real people involved in the day to day stresses, strains and struggles of working to build better lives for themselves and, in many cases, their families. That is why I am determined that increasingly we must strive to get behind the payments and the statistics and confront the social issues and problems that lead to the needs for the benefits, supports and entitlements in the first place.

This report charts the progress being made in improving and developing services, in tandem with wider Government aims and objectives, which have at their core the delivery of improved quality of life and opportunities to people of all ages.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the staff throughout the Department for their continuing efforts in implementing the Government's programme of social welfare protection, support and reform.

Séamus Brennan TD
Minister for Social Affairs.



Brollach ón Aire

Cuirim fáilte roimh an foilsiú den 23 eagrán den Tuarascáil Staitistiúil Bhliantúil, a sholáthraíonn eolas staitistiúil chuimsitheach ar na cláir go léir atá riartha ag an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh.

Tá eolas chruinn riachtanach chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do chinnteoireacht atá bunaithe ar fhianaise agus chun tomhas a dhéanamh ar an dul chun cinn sna réimsí seo a chumasú. Bhí an Roinn seo ar thús cadhnaíochta an chlaonta is déanaí trasna an Rialtais i dtreo polasaí atá bunaithe ar fhianaise, le hathbheithnithe caiteachais Rannacha is déanaí ag forbairt fócas ar thorthaí sóisialta níos casta. Mar chuid den chur chuige seo, tá sonraí iontaofa ar aschur agus claontaí mar atá sa Tuarascáil seo mar eilimintí fíorluachmhara san fhorbairt agus sa fhorfheidhmiú de pholasaí chun cuimsiú sóisialta a thógáil agus comhtháthú sóisialta a chur ar aghaidh.

Forálann tacaíochtaí riartha ag an Roinn do na riachtanais chasta agus iltaobhach go minic de dhaoine thar réimse teagmhais agus ag gach céim den saol. Ag leanúint ag léiriú claonadh na blianta deireanacha, mhéadaigh caiteachas an chláir leasa shóisialaigh go €12.2 billiún i 2004 - méadú de 7.8% thar an bhliain roimhe sin. Athdhearbhaíonn é seo geall an Rialtais chuig leas iad siúd go léir a bhfuil tacaíocht de dhíth orthu sa tsochaí nua-aimseartha, níos éilithí seo agus atá ag dul in éabhlóid go tapaigh.

Insíonn na staitisticí a scéal féin agus i 2004:

- Ba é €12.2 billiún an Caiteachas Leasa Shóisialaigh, ag seasamh do 28.2% de Chaiteachas Chomhlán Reatha an Rialtais.
- Bhí thar 976,000 duine ag fáil íocaíochta Leasa Shóisialaigh sheachtainiúil, a d'íocadh i leith 1.5 milliún tairbhithe.
- Íocadh Forlíonadh Ioncaim Teaghlaigh i leith 17,448 teaghlach le 33,956 páiste, méadú de 18.5% ar an mbliain roimhe sin agus an leibhéal is airde i stair na scéime. Mhéadaigh caiteachas ar Fhorlíonadh Ioncaim Teaghlaigh faoi 29.3% go €720.2m.
- Fuair 547,000 teaghlach íocaíocht Sochair Leanaí míosúil, a d'íocadh i leith 1,060,740 leanbh. Mhéadaigh caiteachas ar Shochair Leanaí faoi 7.6% go €1.9 billiún.
- Mhéadaigh caiteachas ar an Liúntas Cúramóra agus Sochar Cúramóra faoi 122.4% agus 24.6% faoi seach. Mhéadaigh líon na ndaoine atá ag fáil íocaíochta Cúramóra ó 23,709 go 25,837, méadú de 9%
- Tá caiteachas ar an Seanaois méadaithe faoi 8.0% go €2.95 billiún. Rinneadh íocaíochtaí de 311,170 duine sa cheantar seo.

Tá daoine réalacha lena bhfuil baint acu le na struis, teanna agus coimhlintí laethúla a bhaineann le oibriú chun saolta níos fearr a thógáil dóibh féin agus, in a lán cásanna, a theaghlaigh taobh thiar de gach ceann de na staitisticí. Sin é an fáth go bhfuilim tiomanta go gcaithfidimid ár ndícheall a dhéanamh i gcónaí chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do na híocaíochtaí agus na staitisticí agus na saincheistanna agus na fadhbanna sóisialta a leanann don ghá do na sochair, tacaíochtaí agus teidlíochtaí sa chéad dul síos.

Léiríonn an tuarascáil seo go bhfuil dul chun cinn leanúnach á dhéanamh chun seirbhísí a fhorbairt agus a fheabhsú, in éineacht le haidhmeanna agus cuspóirí níos leithne an Rialtais, lena bhfuil an seachadadh de chaighdeán maireachtála agus deiseanna do dhaoine de gach aois mar chuid lárnach acu.

Faoi dheireadh, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil ar an bhfoireann ar fud na Roinne dá n-iarrachtaí leanúnacha ag cur clár an Rialtais um chosaint, tacú agus athchóiriú leasa shóisialaigh i bhfeidhm.

Séamus Brennan TD
Aire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha

Introduction

General

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

The statistics set out in this report relate to 2005 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 2005 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 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 99) 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 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, 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, Household Benefits and Free Travel and other miscellaneous payments

Summary

A Social 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 2006.

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

Réamhrá

Cúrsaí Ginearálta

Is é seo an tríú a fiche don bhfoilsíúcháin bliantúil 'Eolas Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh' a ullmháíonn An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh. Leagann sé amach sonraí cuimsitheach maidir leis na seirbhísí atá curtha ar fáil ag an Roinn.

Baineann na staitistic san eagraan seo le 2005 agus níos luaithe. Maidir leis na sonraí i leith na n-daoine atá ag fáil íocaíochtaí no íocaíochtaí ar a son is iad na figiúirí ar 31 Nollaig gach bliain atá luaite, ach amháin nuair a deirtear a mhalairt. Tá a lan de na táblaí a leiríonn miondealaithe i leith daoine ag fail íocaíochtaí, no íocaíochtaí ar a son, de réir treith áirithe mar an meid deithiúnaithe, nó aois luaithe mar 'measta'. Ciallaíonn sé seo gur bunaíodh na miondealaithe, ata measaithe a bheith údarásach, ar dháta seachas 31 Nollaig ach gar don dáta sin.

Is figiúirí sealadach iad na figiúirí caiteachas le haghaidh 2005 go dtí go mbeidh siad deimhnithe ag An Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste. Ta na figiúirí caiteachas ar fad athruithe go suimeanna Euro.

Foinse na Sonraí

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

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Amsraith agus Athraithe ar Íocaíochtaí

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

Miondealú De Réir Ranna

Tá an eolai roinnte i naoi gcuid mar leanas:

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

Tá na h-íocaíochtaí i ngach earnáil leagtha amach in Aguisín 2 (leath. 99)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tugann Cuid G eolas maidir le tacaíochtaí fostaíochta, an Liuntas Filleadh ar Obair, Liuntas Fiontar Filleadh ar Obair, Liuntas Filleadh ar Oideachais, Forlíonadh d'Ioncam Teaghlaigh agus Liuntas Cunamh Feirme san áireamh.

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

Tugann Cuid J eolas maidir le Sochar Coireála, Saorscéimeanna agus íocaíochtaí ilgnéitheach eile.

Achomair

Tá achomair de Staitistic Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i bhfoirm Bileog foilsithe leis an tuairisc seo. Tá achomhair dos na sonraí caiteachas agus uimhreacha faighteoirí chomh maith leis na bun rátaí leasa shóisialaigh i bhfeidhm ó Eanáir 2006, ar fáil sa bhileog seo.

Beidh fáilte roimh tuairimí leitheoirí maidir leis an tuairisc seo. Ba cheart iad a sheoladh chuig:

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

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SECTION A
SUMMARY AND FINANCIAL

Section A: Summary and Financial

Expenditure

Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2005 was €12,168 million, an increase of 7.8% over 2004. Expenditure in 2005 represented 28.2 % of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 9.0% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Old Age (24.2%), Widow's, Widower's and One Parent Families (16.3%), Illness, Disability and Caring (17.2%), Unemployment Supports (8.9%), Child Related Payments (16.8 %), Supplementary Welfare Allowance (5.1%), and Employment Supports (2.0%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 3.8% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (53.5%) and the Social Insurance Fund (46.5%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (70.9 %), employees (22.1 %), the self-employed (6.2 %) and Investment Income (0.8 %). See Tables A6 and A7.

Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Over 976,600 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2005. As these payments included increases in respect of over 119,200 Qualified Adults and over 339,300 Children, there were over 1,469,100 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients increased by 18,881 and the number of beneficiaries increased by 5,185 year on year.

Graph A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2005

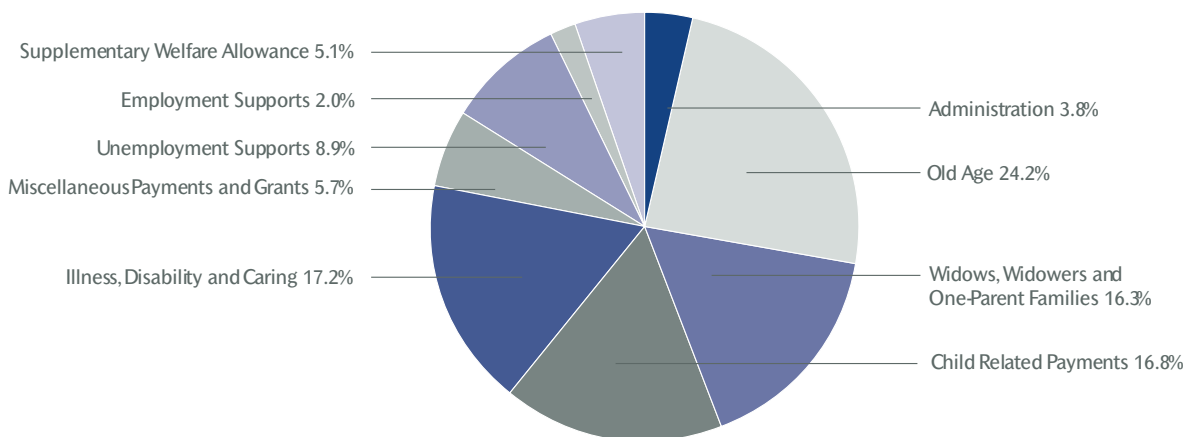


Table A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2004 and 2005

Programme	2004	2005 Provisional	Change 2005 over 2004
	€000	€000	%
Old Age	2,728,768	2,947,064	8.0%
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,827,707	1,982,227	8.5%
Child Related Payments	1,903,322	2,044,962	7.4%
Illness, Disability and Caring	1,827,375	2,091,576	14.4%
Unemployment Supports	1,069,403	1,086,043	1.6%
Employment Supports	238,111	246,049	3.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	601,582	624,029	3.7%
Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	659,891	687,628	4.2%
Administration	434,879	458,908	5.5%
Total Expenditure	11,291,637	12,168,486	7.8%

Table A2

Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1996 to 2005

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	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
1996 ⁽⁴⁾	5,558	100.0	100.0	28.5	10.7	9.5
1997 ⁽⁴⁾	5,744	103.3	101.7	26.7	9.6	8.4
1998 ⁽⁴⁾	6,046	108.8	103.1	27.1	8.8	7.7
1999 ⁽⁴⁾	6,283	113.0	105.6	26.0	8.2	6.9
2000 ⁽⁴⁾	6,713	120.8	107.4	25.9	7.6	6.4
2001 ⁽⁴⁾	7,842	141.1	113.3	26.2	8.0	6.7
2002 ⁽⁴⁾	9,517	171.2	118.9	28.8	9.0	7.3
2003 ⁽⁴⁾	10,493	188.8	124.3	28.9	9.0	7.5
2004 ⁽⁴⁾	11,291	203.1	128.7	28.9	9.1	7.6
2005 ⁽⁴⁾	12,168	218.9	131.5	28.2	9.0	7.6

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

(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, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004	2005	Change %
	€000	Provisional €000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	1,050,348	1,152,894	9.8%
Retirement Pension	983,706	1,059,992	7.8%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	599,988	631,299	5.2%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	94,726	102,879	8.6%
Total Old Age	2,728,768	2,947,064	8.0%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	906,449	998,502	10.2%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	122,300	126,944	3.8%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	89,749	90,624	1.0%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10,967	11,468	4.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	15	14	-6.7%
One Parent Family Payment	694,835	751,102	8.1%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	3,068	3,304	7.7%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	323	269	-16.7%
Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,827,706	1,982,227	8.5%
Maternity Benefit	121,571	132,412	8.9%
Health and Safety Benefit	143	293	104.9%
Adoptive Benefit	609	709	16.4%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	9,659	7,516	-22.2%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	6,223	4,096	-34.2%
Child Benefit	1,765,117	1,899,936	7.6%
Total Child Related Payments	1,903,322	2,044,962	7.4%
Disability Benefit	479,611	540,957	12.8%
Invalidity Pension	487,375	548,224	12.5%
Injury Benefit	13,598	14,220	4.6%
Disablement Benefit	62,599	67,016	7.1%
Death Benefit	6,185	6,523	5.5%
Disability Allowance	544,489	630,728	15.8%
Medical Care	275	298	8.4%
Carer's Allowance	210,277	257,360	22.4%
Carer's Benefit	7,698	9,589	24.6%
Blind Pension	15,868	16,661	5.0%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	1,827,975	2,091,576	14.4%
Unemployment Benefit	455,586	418,560	-8.1%
Unemployment Assistance	613,817	667,483	8.7%
Total Unemployment Supports	1,069,403	1,086,043	1.6%
Family Income Supplement	55,812	72,152	29.3%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	115,956	106,613	-8.1%
Farm Assist	66,343	67,284	1.4%
Total Employment Supports	238,111	246,049	3.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	601,582	624,029	3.7%
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Treatment Benefits ⁽¹⁾	70,454	65,497	-7.0%
Rent Allowance	754	855	13.4%
Free Schemes ⁽¹⁾	364,272	383,381	5.2%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	76,767	89,748	16.9%
Equal Treatment - Insurance payments	1	-	-100.0%
Equal Treatment- Assistance payments	-	-	-
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	147,643	148,147	0.3%
Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	659,891	687,628	4.2%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	191,313	202,577	5.9%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	243,566	256,331	5.2%
Total Administration	434,879	458,908	5.5%
Grand Total	11,291,637	12,168,486	7.8%

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

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

Table A4

Additional Expenditure Details, 2004 and 2005

Additional Details	2004	2005 Provisional	Change %
	€000	€000	
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES			
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	65,712	53,563	-18.5%
Back to Education Allowance	44,160	46,695	5.7%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,243	1,295	4.2%
Other	4,841	5,060	4.5%
TOTAL	115,956	106,613	-8.1%
TREATMENT BENEFITS			
Dental	50,925	49,612	-2.6%
Optical	15,099	11,688	-22.6%
Medical and Surgical	4,430	4,197	-5.3%
TOTAL	70,454	65,497	-7.0%
HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL			
Social Insurance			
Fuel Allowances	34,059	33,142	-2.7%
Free Electricity	52,356	61,797	18.0%
Free Bottled Gas	28	25	-10.7%
Free Natural Gas	4,282	4,849	13.2%
Free Television Licence	28,715	27,734	-3.4%
Free Telephone Rental	52,273	54,457	4.2%
TOTAL	171,713	182,004	6.0%
HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL			
Social Assistance			
Fuel Allowances	50,651	49,244	-2.8%
Free Travel	52,400	55,333	5.6%
Free Electricity	35,636	42,074	18.1%
Free Bottled Gas	88	83	-5.7%
Free Natural Gas	1,216	1,467	20.6%
Free Television Licence	19,144	18,490	-3.4%
Free Telephone Rental	33,424	34,686	3.8%
TOTAL	192,559	201,377	4.6%
MISCELLANEOUS			
Bereavement Grants	13,190	13,569	2.9%
School Meals	4,647	8,434	81.5%
Combat Poverty Agency	3,909	4,236	8.4%
Comhairle	17,826	20,917	17.3%
Family Support Agency	19,610	22,869	16.6%
Money Advice and Budgeting Services	11,397	13,593	19.3%
Other Grants/Payments	6,188	6,130	-0.9%
TOTAL	76,767	89,748	16.9%

Table A5

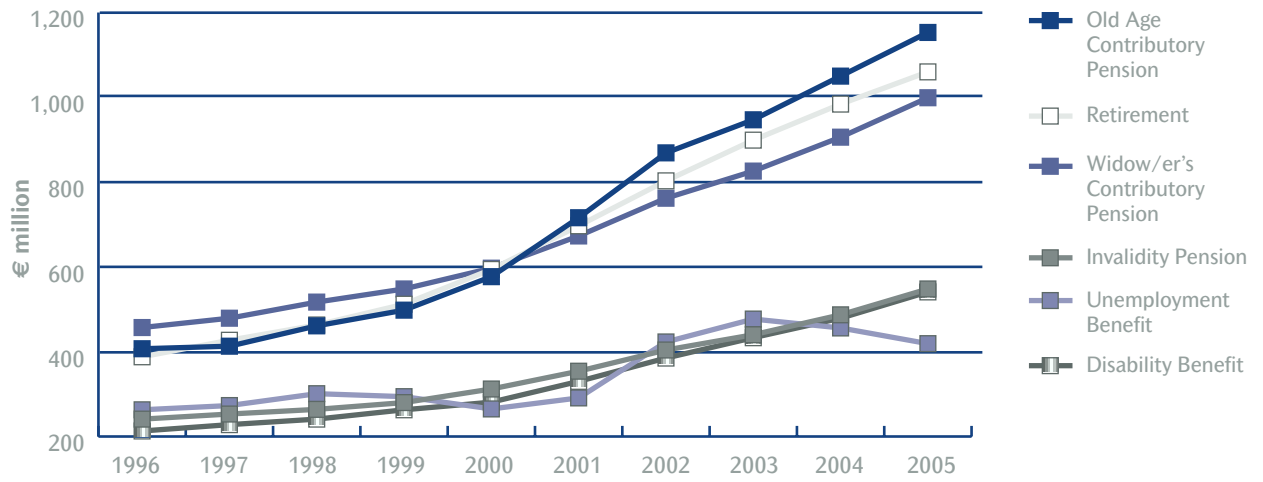
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Unemployment Benefit	455,586	418,560	-8.1%
Treatment Benefit	70,454	65,497	-7.0%
Bereavement Grant	13,190	13,569	2.9%
Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾	171,713	182,004	6.0%
Equal Treatment Payments	1	-	-100.0%
Redundancy and Insolvency	147,643	148,147	0.3%
Administration	191,313	202,577	5.9%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	5,272,543	5,663,427	7.4%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	599,988	631,299	5.2%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	94,726	102,879	8.6%
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Family Income Supplement	55,812	72,152	29.3%
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Rent Allowance	754	855	13.4%
Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾	192,559	201,377	4.6%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	63,577	76,179	19.8%
Equal Treatment Payments	-	-	-
Administration	243,566	256,331	5.2%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	6,019,094	6,505,059	8.1%
GRAND TOTAL	11,291,637	12,168,486	7.8%

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

Graph A2

Expenditure on Main Social Insurance Schemes, 1996 to 2005



Graph A3

Expenditure on Main Social Assistance Schemes, 1996 to 2005

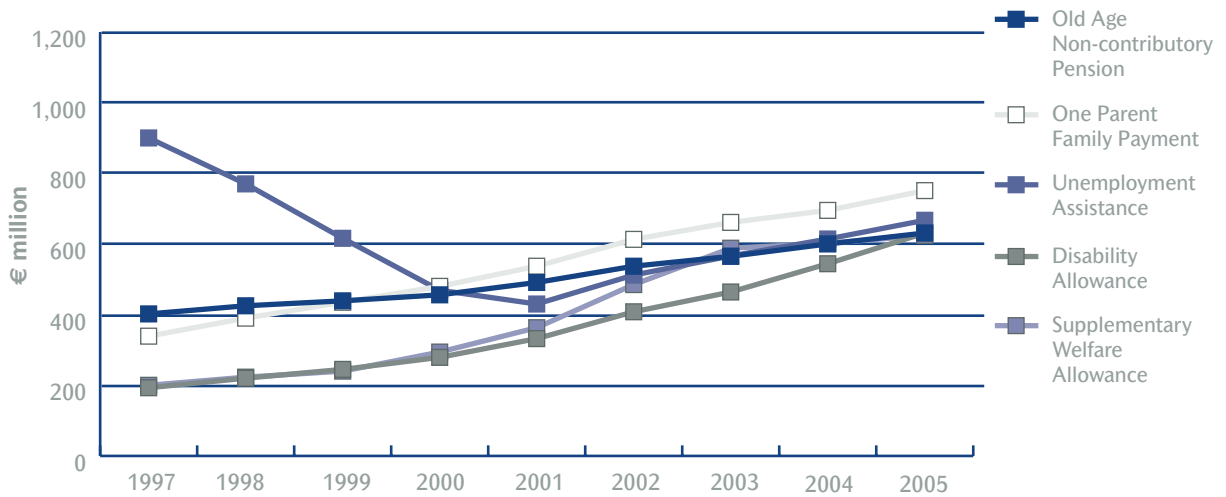


Table A6

Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 2004 and 2005

Sources of Finance	2004		2005 Provisional	
	€000	%	€000	%
State	6,019,094	53.3%	6,505,059	53.5%
Social Insurance Fund	5,272,543	46.7%	5,663,427	46.5%
TOTAL	11,291,637	100.0%	12,168,486	100.0%

Table A7

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2004 and 2005

INCOME	2004		2005 Provisional	
	€000	%	€000	%
Employer PRSI	4,000,313	70.8%	4,365,779	70.9%
Employee PRSI	1,257,639	22.3%	1,362,423	22.1%
Self-Employed PRSI	356,620	6.3%	381,452	6.2%
Investment Income	34,594	0.6%	49,012	0.8%
Other Receipts	454	0.0%	126	0.0%
Total Income	5,649,620	100.0%	6,158,792	100.0%
Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes	5,272,543		5,663,427	
Surplus	377,077		495,365	

Note: 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.

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Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2005

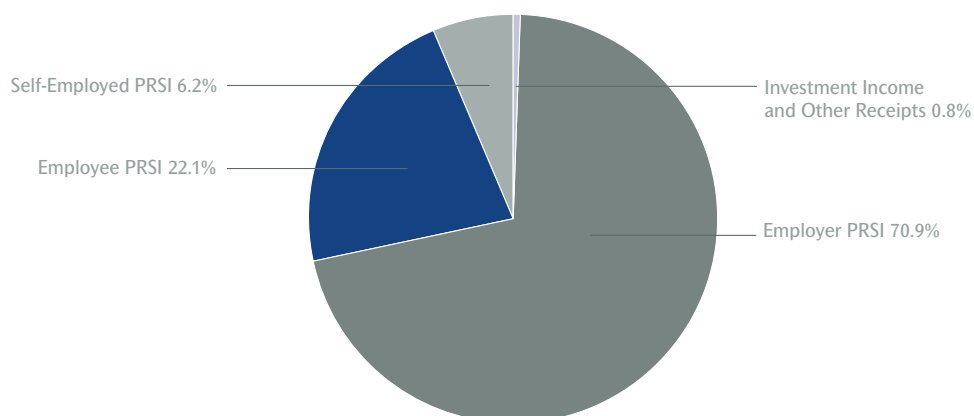


Table A8

Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1996 to 2005

Year	Number of Recipients		Number of Beneficiaries	
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
1996	874,335 ⁽¹⁾		1,456,557 ⁽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	866,743 ⁽¹⁾	903,375 ⁽²⁾	1,372,911 ⁽¹⁾	1,460,574 ⁽²⁾
2002	908,608 ⁽¹⁾	938,971 ⁽²⁾	1,430,521 ⁽¹⁾	1,496,714 ⁽²⁾
2003	936,343 ⁽¹⁾	959,432 ⁽²⁾	1,463,046 ⁽¹⁾	1,511,740 ⁽²⁾
2004	940,593 ⁽¹⁾	957,732 ⁽²⁾	1,429,602 ⁽¹⁾	1,463,921 ⁽²⁾
2005	962,296 ⁽¹⁾	976,613 ⁽²⁾	1,441,291 ⁽¹⁾	1,469,106 ⁽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 show the number of recipients and beneficiaries, as appropriate, of social welfare weekly payments, including all Employment Supports. See Tables A9 and A11.

Graph A5

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme Area, 2005

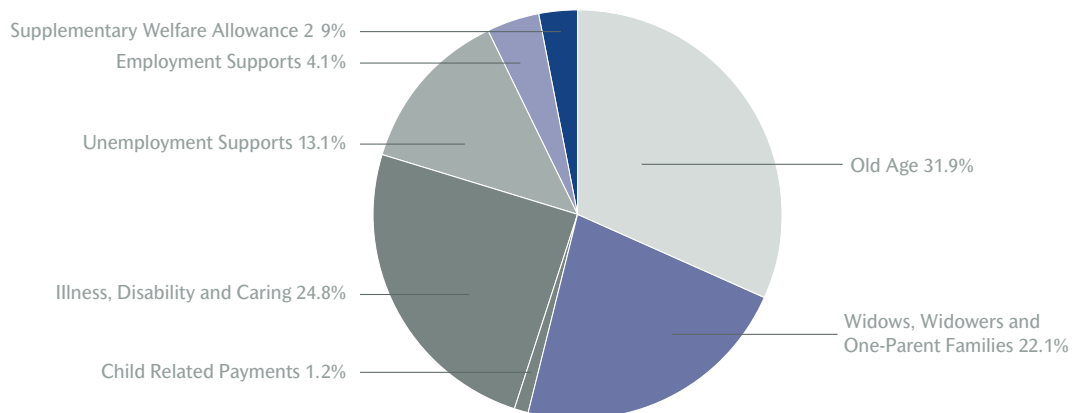


Table A9

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	2004	2005	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	118,383	124,611	5.3%
Retirement Pension	88,870	91,047	2.4%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	85,172	84,454	-0.8%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,228	11,058	-1.5%
Total Old Age	303,653	311,170	2.5%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	105,338	109,017	3.5%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	15,284	14,729	-3.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	10,769	10,180	-5.5%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,456	1,382	-5.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	80,103	80,366	0.3%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	212,952	215,676	1.3%
Maternity Benefit	10,356	10,791	4.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	21	26	23.8%
Adoptive Benefit	26	32	23.1%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	992	781	-21.3%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	579	444	-23.3%
Total Child Related Payments	11,974	12,074	0.8%
Disability Benefit	58,726	61,845	5.3%
Invalidity Pension	55,864	58,352	4.5%
Injury Benefit	915	908	-0.8%
Interim Disability Benefit	316	355	12.3%
Disablement Pension	12,162	12,475	2.6%
Death Benefit Pension	652	647	-0.8%
Carer's Benefit	679	867	27.7%
Disability Allowance	72,976	79,253	8.6%
Blind Pension	2,027	1,985	-2.1%
Carer's Allowance	23,030	24,970	8.4%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	227,347	241,657	6.3%
Unemployment Benefit	57,699	52,754	-8.6%
Unemployment Assistance	73,840	75,357	2.1%
Total Unemployment Supports	131,539	128,111	-2.6%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	4,711	3,646	-22.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,164	1,302	11.9%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	5,691	3,995	-29.8%
Back to Education Allowance	5,247	5,156	-1.7%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	326	218	-33.1%
Family Income Supplement	14,727	17,448	18.5%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,350	7,824	-6.3%
Total Employment Supports	40,216	39,589	-1.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	29,748	28,066	-5.7%
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	29,748	28,066	-5.7%
Rent Allowance	303	270	-10.9%
Total Miscellaneous Payments	303	270	-10.9%
Grand Total	957,732	976,613	2.0%

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

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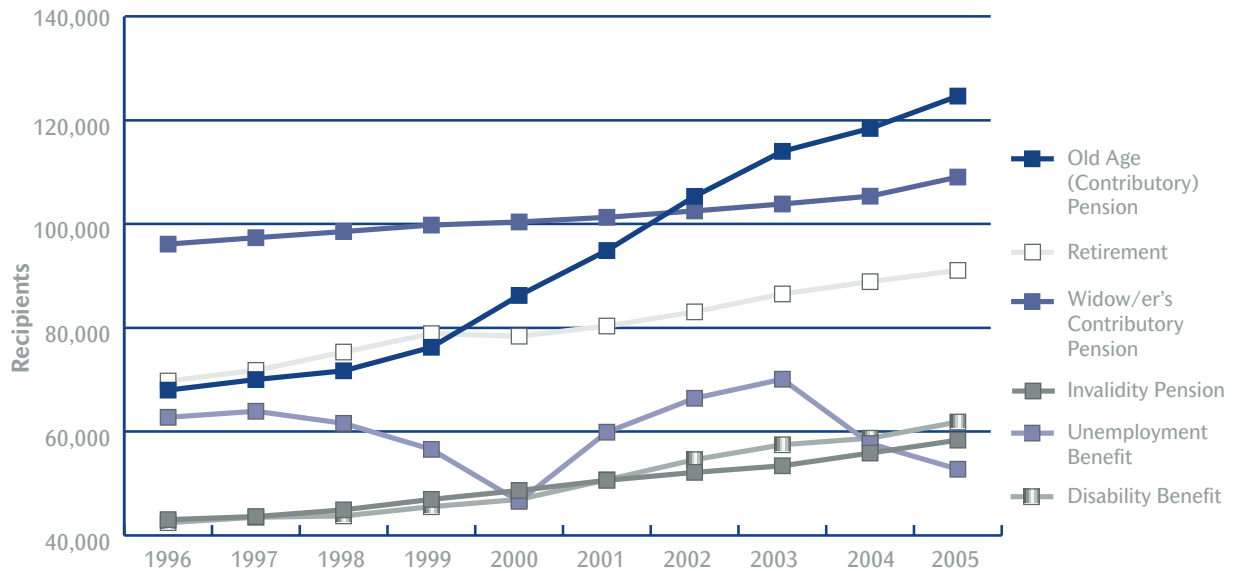
Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	2004	2005	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	118,383	124,611	5.3%
Retirement Pension	88,870	91,047	2.4%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	105,338	109,017	3.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	10,769	10,180	-5.5%
Maternity Benefit	10,356	10,791	4.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	21	26	23.8%
Adoptive Benefit	26	32	23.1%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	992	781	-21.3%
Disability Benefit	58,726	61,845	5.3%
Invalidity Pension	55,864	58,352	4.5%
Injury Benefit	915	908	-0.8%
Interim Disability Benefit	316	355	12.3%
Disablement Benefit	12,162	12,475	2.6%
Death Benefit Pension	652	647	-0.8%
Carer's Benefit	679	867	27.7%
Unemployment Benefit	57,699	52,754	-8.6%
Total Social Insurance	521,768	534,688	2.5%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	85,172	84,454	-0.8%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,228	11,058	-1.5%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	15,284	14,729	-3.6%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,456	1,382	-5.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	80,103	80,366	0.3%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	579	444	-23.3%
Disability Allowance	72,976	79,253	8.6%
Blind Pension	2,027	1,985	-2.1%
Carer's Allowance	23,030	24,970	8.4%
Unemployment Assistance	73,840	75,357	2.1%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	4,711	3,646	-22.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,164	1,302	11.9%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	5,691	3,995	-29.8%
Back to Education Allowance	5,247	5,156	-1.7%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	326	218	-33.1%
Family Income Supplement	14,727	17,448	18.5%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,350	7,824	-6.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	29,748	28,066	-5.7%
Rent Allowance	303	270	-10.9%
Total Social Assistance	435,964	441,925	1.4%
Grand Total	957,732	976,613	2.0%

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

Graph A6

Recipients of Main Social Insurance Payments, 1996 to 2005



Graph A7

Recipients of Main Social Assistance Payments, 1996 to 2005

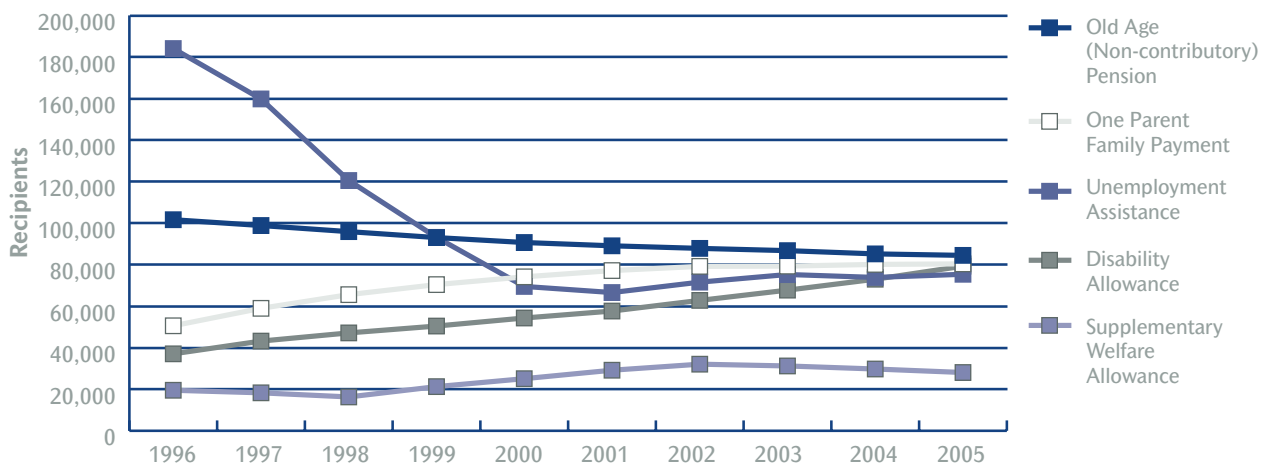


Table A11

Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	2004	2005	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	146,564	156,007	6.4%
Retirement Pension	115,631	118,706	2.7%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	89,408	88,194	-1.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	16,484	15,895	-3.6%
Total Old Age	368,087	378,802	2.9%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	119,575	122,624	2.5%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	15,284	14,729	-3.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	16,880	14,995	-11.2%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,456	1,382	-5.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	210,041	211,531	0.7%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	363,238	365,263	0.6%
Maternity Benefit	10,356	10,791	4.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	22	31	40.9%
Adoptive Benefit	26	32	23.1%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	992	781	-21.3%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	579	444	-23.3%
Total Child Related Payments	11,975	12,079	0.9%
Disability Benefit	103,427	102,476	-0.9%
Invalidity Pension	85,272	86,662	1.6%
Injury Benefit	1,388	1,354	-2.4%
Interim Disability Benefit	436	537	23.2%
Disablement Benefit	13,024	13,318	2.3%
Death Benefit Pension	820	812	-1.0%
Carer's Benefit	1,544	1,810	17.2%
Disability Allowance	96,740	104,319	7.8%
Blind Pension	2,567	2,476	-3.5%
Carer's Allowance	44,201	48,014	8.6%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	349,419	361,778	3.5%
Unemployment Benefit	84,738	71,384	-15.8%
Unemployment Assistance	125,521	127,624	1.7%
Total Unemployment Supports	210,259	199,008	-5.4%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	10,122	7,733	-23.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	2,919	3,247	11.2%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	13,217	9,246	-30.0%
Back to Education Allowance	7,735	7,371	-4.7%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	326	218	-33.1%
Family Income Supplement	44,718	51,404	15.0%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	20,518	18,442	-10.1%
Total Employment Supports	99,555	97,661	-1.9%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	61,085	54,245	-11.2%
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	61,085	54,245	-11.2%
Rent Allowance	303	270	-10.9%
Total Miscellaneous Payments	303	270	-10.9%
Grand Total	1,463,921	1,469,106	0.4%

(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, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	2004	2005	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	146,564	156,007	6.4%
Retirement Pension	115,631	118,706	2.7%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	119,575	122,624	2.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	16,880	14,995	-11.2%
Maternity Benefit	10,356	10,791	4.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	22	31	40.9%
Adoptive Benefit	26	32	23.1%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	992	781	-21.3%
Disability Benefit	103,427	102,476	-0.9%
Invalidity Pension	85,272	86,662	1.6%
Injury Benefit	1,388	1,354	-2.4%
Interim Disability Benefit	436	537	23.2%
Disablement Benefit	13,024	13,318	2.3%
Death Benefit Pension	820	812	-1.0%
Carer's Benefit	1,544	1,810	17.2%
Unemployment Benefit	84,738	71,384	-15.8%
Total Social Insurance	700,695	702,320	0.2%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	89,408	88,194	-1.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	16,484	15,895	-3.6%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	15,284	14,729	-3.6%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,456	1,382	-5.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	210,041	211,531	0.7%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	579	444	-23.3%
Disability Allowance	96,740	104,319	7.8%
Blind Pension	2,567	2,476	-3.5%
Carer's Allowance	44,201	48,014	8.6%
Unemployment Assistance	125,521	127,624	1.7%
Family Income Supplement	44,718	51,404	15.0%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	10,122	7,733	-23.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	2,919	3,247	11.2%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	13,217	9,246	-30.0%
Back to Education Allowance	7,735	7,371	-4.7%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	326	218	-33.1%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	20,518	18,442	-10.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	61,085	54,245	-11.2%
Rent Allowance	303	270	-10.9%
Total Social Assistance	763,226	766,786	0.5%
Grand Total	1,463,921	1,469,106	0.4%

(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, 2005

Type of Payment	2005				Total
	Male	%	Female	%	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	79,632	63.9%	44,979	36.1%	124,611
Retirement Pension	66,369	72.9%	24,678	27.1%	91,047
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	12,803	11.7%	96,214	88.3%	109,017
Deserted Wife's Benefit	-	0.0%	10,180	100.0%	10,180
Maternity Benefit	-	0.0%	10,791	100.0%	10,791
Health and Safety Benefit	-	0.0%	26	100.0%	26
Adoptive Benefit	-	0.0%	32	100.0%	32
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance (1)	391	50.1%	390	49.9%	781
Disability Benefit	22,349	36.1%	39,496	63.9%	61,845
Invalidity Pension	29,532	50.6%	28,820	49.4%	58,352
Injury Benefit	642	70.7%	266	29.3%	908
Interim Disability Benefit	236	66.5%	119	33.5%	355
Disablement Pension	10,099	81.0%	2,376	19.0%	12,475
Death Benefit Pension	-	0.0%	647	100.0%	647
Carer's Benefit	111	12.8%	756	87.2%	867
Unemployment Benefit	25,126	47.6%	27,628	52.4%	52,754
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	247,290	46.2%	287,398	53.8%	534,688
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	35,520	42.1%	48,934	57.9%	84,454
Pre-Retirement Allowance	8,633	78.1%	2,425	21.9%	11,058
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	330	2.2%	14,399	97.8%	14,729
Deserted Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	1,382	100.0%	1,382
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	2	100.0%	2
One-Parent Family Payment	1,779	2.2%	78,587	97.8%	80,366
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	222	50.0%	222	50.0%	444
Disability Allowance	47,265	59.6%	31,988	40.4%	79,253
Blind Pension	994	50.1%	991	49.9%	1,985
Carer's Allowance	4,768	19.1%	20,202	80.9%	24,970
Unemployment Assistance	55,538	73.7%	19,819	26.3%	75,357
Family Income Supplement ⁽¹⁾	5,602	32.1%	11,846	67.9%	17,448
Back to Work Allowance	2,289	62.8%	1,357	37.2%	3,646
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,015	75.8%	1,282	24.2%	5,297
Back to Education Allowance	2,628	51.0%	2,528	49.0%	5,156
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾	109	50.0%	109	50.0%	218
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,209	92.1%	615	7.9%	7,824
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	16,017	57.1%	12,049	42.9%	28,066
Rent Allowance ⁽¹⁾	189	70.0%	81	30.0%	270
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	193,107	43.7%	248,818	56.3%	441,925
GRAND TOTAL	440,397	45.1%	536,216	54.9%	976,613

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated.

Table A14

Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2005

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾		
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	124,611	29,603	1,049	744	-	156,007
Retirement Pension	91,047	26,266	902	491	-	118,706
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	84,454	3,141	462	137	-	88,194
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,058	3,437	1,159	241	-	15,895
Total Old Age	311,170	62,447	3,572	1,613	-	378,802
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	109,017	-	13,607	-	-	122,624
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	14,729	-	-	-	-	14,729
Deserted Wife's Benefit	10,180	-	4,815	-	-	14,995
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,382	-	-	-	-	1,382
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	80,366	-	131,165	-	-	211,531
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	215,676	-	149,587	-	-	365,263
Maternity Benefit	10,791	-	-	-	-	10,791
Health and Safety Benefit	26	1	3	1	-	31
Adoptive Benefit	32	-	-	-	-	32
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	781	-	-	-	-	781
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	444	-	-	-	-	444
Total Child Related Payments	12,074	1	3	1	-	12,079
Disability Benefit	61,845	8,220	8,623	23,788	-	102,476
Invalidity Pension	58,352	9,911	5,736	12,663	-	86,662
Injury Benefit	908	137	198	111	-	1,354
Interim Disability Benefit	355	55	89	38	-	537
Disablement Benefit	12,475	207	237	399	-	13,318
Death Benefit Pension	647	-	165	-	-	812
Carer's Benefit	867	-	36	907	-	1,810
Disability Allowance	79,253	6,361	12,205	6,500	-	104,319
Blind Pension	1,985	114	219	158	-	2,476
Carer's Allowance	24,970	-	3,407	19,637	-	48,014
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	241,657	25,005	30,915	64,201	-	361,778
Unemployment Benefit	52,754	5,125	7,867	5,638	-	71,384
Unemployment Assistance	75,357	14,967	30,186	7,114	-	127,624
Total Unemployment Supports	128,111	20,092	38,053	12,752	-	199,008
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,646	698	2,681	708	-	7,733
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	1,302	437	1,191	317	-	3,247
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,995	1,197	2,823	1,231	-	9,246
Back to Education Allowance	5,156	424	1,037	754	-	7,371
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	218	-	-	-	-	218
Family Income Supplement	17,448	-	-	-	33,956	51,404
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,824	3,448	5,399	1,771	-	18,442
Total Employment Supports	39,589	6,204	13,131	4,781	33,956	97,661
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	28,066	5,474	20,705	-	-	54,245
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	28,066	5,474	20,705	-	-	54,245
Rent Allowance	270	-	-	-	-	270
Total Miscellaneous Payments	270	-	-	-	-	270
Grand Total ⁽³⁾	976,613	119,223	255,966	83,348	33,956	1,469,106

(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 pension, Rent Allowance or Family Income Supplement.

Table A15

Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 2003 and 2004

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number Insured					
		2003 ⁽¹⁾			2004 ⁽²⁾		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
A	All Benefits ⁽³⁾	1,029,244	972,742	2,001,986	1,070,282	1,004,350	2,074,632
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Carer's Benefit and limited Injuries Benefits.	19,767	12,885	32,652	18,884	12,646	31,530
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Orphans (Contributory) Allowance.	885	90	975	854	94	948
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	43,203	53,232	96,435	41,273	51,237	92,510
E	All benefits except Unemployment Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	136	21	157	138	28	166
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service.	8,195	376	8,571	8,130	385	8,515
J⁽⁴⁾	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	10,434	11,856	22,290	11,260	13,289	24,549
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution.	23,890	10,988	34,878	25,644	11,239	36,883
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	86,254	62,647	148,901	87,634	63,201	150,835
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Unemployment and Disability Benefits.	6	-	6	8	-	8
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	251,177	62,707	313,884	243,290	65,277	308,567
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate: Retirement Pension, Widow/ers (Contributors) Pension, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, and Bereavement Grant.	949	464	1,413	1,236	497	1,733
	Low Rate: Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Bereavement Grant.						
	TOTAL	1,474,140	1,188,008	2,662,148	1,508,633	1,222,243	2,730,876

(1) Revised figures.

(2) Provisional figures.

(3) This includes 175,722 and 177,042 persons in 2003 and 2004 respectively in receipt of credited contributions.

(4) Class J includes FAS and other trainees.

Note: The figures for 2004 represent the most recent out-turn of End-of-Year returns received from the Revenue Commissioners for both employees and self-employed contributors, for example, the Self-Employed figures represent the number of self-employed returns received in the Department at the time the extraction exercise was carried out. As the transfer of End of Year data is an ongoing process, these figures should not be viewed as an estimate of the final out-turn of contributors for that year.

Table A16

Number of Insured Persons, 1995/96 to 2004

Year	Insured Population	Index
1995/1996	1,858,492	100.0
1996/1997	1,925,453	103.6
1997/1998	2,037,647	109.6
1998/1999	2,200,399	118.4
1999/2000	2,310,525	124.3
2000/2001	2,417,231	130.1
2001 ⁽¹⁾	2,410,265	129.7
2002	2,503,671	134.7
2003 ⁽²⁾	2,662,148	143.2
2004 ⁽³⁾	2,730,876	146.9

(1) Short-Tax Year

(2) Revised

(3) Provisional

Graph A8

Analysis of Insured Population, 2004

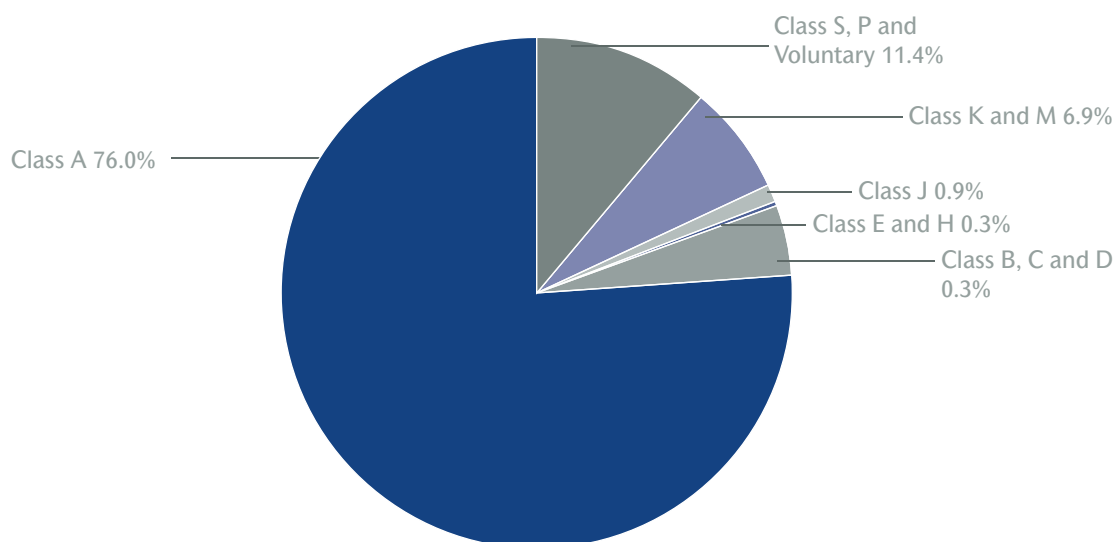


Table A17

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2005

Type of Payment	Qualified		
	Personal	Adult	Child
	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension / Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	179.30	119.50	19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	154.30	110.10	19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	154.30	-	21.60
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	121.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	177.60	-	-
Disablement Pension	179.90	-	-
Short Term			
Disability / Unemployment Benefit	148.80	98.70	16.80
Carer's Benefit	163.70	-	-
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	166.00	109.70	16.80
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	148.80	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	148.80	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	148.80	-	19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	121.00	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	153.60	-	16.80
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	148.80	98.70	16.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	148.80	98.70	16.80
Disability Allowance	148.80	98.70	16.80
Farm Assist	148.80	98.70	16.80
Short Term			
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	148.80	98.70	16.80
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	148.80	98.70	16.80
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	6.40	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	141.60	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	177.30	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €138.50 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of €179.30 is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €179.30 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €166.00 is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €169.80 is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2005.

Table A18

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2006

Type of Payment	Qualified		
	Personal	Adult	Child
	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension / Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	193.30	128.80	19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	171.30	122.20	19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	171.30	-	21.60
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	138.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	194.60	-	-
Disablement Pension	196.90	-	-
Short Term			
Disability / Unemployment Benefit	165.80	110.00	16.80
Carer's Benefit	180.70	-	16.80
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	182.00	120.30	16.80
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	165.80	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	165.80	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	165.80	-	19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	138.00	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	180.00	-	16.80
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	165.80	110.00	16.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80
Disability Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80
Farm Assist	165.80	110.00	16.80
Short Term			
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	165.80	110.00	16.80
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	150.00	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	185.00	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €149.30 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of €193.30 is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €193.30 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €182.00 is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €200.00 is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2006.

Table A19

Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1996 to 2005

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⁾
1996	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1997	104.7	104.4	103.5	103.9	101.4	102.6
1998	109.3	108.4	106.9	107.3	103.8	107.3
1999	114.0	113.3	111.4	111.8	105.6	119.0
2000	120.2	120.9	119.4	120.5	111.4	126.8
2001	132.6	135.4	138.0	142.3	116.9	136.9
2002	145.1	151.1	157.5	164.9	122.3	145.8
2003	152.4	158.7	165.0	172.7	126.5	155.7
2004	164.6	171.4	175.7	182.5	129.3	163.0
2005	181.7	189.2	191.1	196.8	132.5	168.8

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

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

Table A20

Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1996 to 2005

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⁾
1996	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1997	104.0	103.6	102.9	103.4	101.4	102.6
1998	110.7	108.8	107.2	107.4	103.8	107.3
1999	118.7	116.1	113.4	113.1	105.6	119.0
2000	128.0	125.5	122.5	122.4	111.4	126.8
2001	141.3	139.9	140.1	142.7	116.9	136.9
2002	154.7	155.2	158.3	163.4	122.3	145.8
2003	165.2	165.8	167.9	172.6	126.5	155.7
2004	175.7	176.4	177.0	181.1	129.3	163.0
2005	188.3	189.0	188.5	192.2	132.5	168.8

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

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

Table A21

Index of Rates of Payment for the Long-Term Unemployed, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1996 to 2005

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⁾
1996	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1997	104.7	104.4	103.5	103.9	101.4	102.6
1998	109.3	108.4	106.9	107.3	103.8	107.3
1999	114.0	113.3	111.4	111.8	105.6	119.0
2000	120.2	120.9	119.4	120.5	111.4	126.8
2001	132.6	135.4	138.0	142.3	116.9	136.9
2002	145.1	151.1	157.5	164.9	122.3	145.8
2003	152.4	158.7	165.0	172.7	126.5	155.7
2004	164.6	171.4	175.7	182.5	129.3	163.0
2005	181.7	189.2	191.1	196.8	132.5	168.8

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

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

SECTION B
OLD AGE

Section B: Old Age

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Old Age payments was over €2,947 million in 2005. This represents an increase of 8.0% on 2004.

The overall number of Old Age payments rose by 7,517 in 2005, an increase of 2.5%. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (Old Age Contributory Pension and Retirement Pension) based on social insurance contributions rose by 8,405 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 718. The number of persons in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 170 in 2005.

Over the last ten years, the number of recipients of Old Age (Contributory) Pension rose by 56,623 and the number of recipients of Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 17,170. The number of recipients of Retirement Pension increased by 21,307, and the number of recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance has fallen by 3,093 in the same period. See Table B3 and Graph B1 for details.

Graph B1

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions, 1996 to 2005



Table B1

Expenditure on Old Age by Payment Type, 2004 and 2005

Payment Type	2004	2005 Provisional	Change 2005 over 2004
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	1,050,348	1,152,894	9.8%
Retirement Pension	983,706	1,059,992	7.8%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	599,988	631,299	5.2%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	94,726	102,879	8.6%
Total	2,728,768	2,947,064	8.0%

Table B2

Expenditure on Old Age by Pension Type, 1996 to 2005

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
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	716,474	697,349	490,718	82,774	1,987,315
2002	868,529	803,413	537,308	87,028	2,296,278
2003	946,902	898,981	565,006	89,077	2,499,966
2004	1,050,348	983,706	599,988	94,726	2,728,768
2005 ⁽¹⁾	1,152,894	1,059,992	631,299	102,879	2,947,064

(1) Provisional.

Table B3

Number of Recipients by Type of Old Age Pension, 1996 to 2005

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
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
2002	105,295	83,055	87,823	11,222	287,395
2003	113,970	86,509	86,733	10,957	298,169
2004	118,383	88,870	85,172	11,228	303,653
2005	124,611	91,047	84,454	11,058	311,170

Table B4

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2005

Dependency Status	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Total
Personal Rate only	94,580	63,460	80,654	7,409	246,103
With Qualified Adult under 66	11,107	10,721	3,141	3,437	
With Qualified Adult over 66	18,496	15,545			62,447
1 full rate Qualified Child	630	599	236	500	1,965
2 full rate Qualified Children	139	83	53	163	438
3 full rate Qualified Children	25	29	17	60	131
4 full rate Qualified Children	9	7	11	12	39
5 full rate Qualified Children	6	3	5	13	27
6+ full rate Qualified Children	-	1	-	6	7
1 half rate Qualified Child	399	288	85	116	888
2 half rate Qualified Children	103	67	17	33	220
3 half rate Qualified Children	31	14	6	9	60
4 half rate Qualified Children	7	3	-	3	13
5 half rate Qualified Children	1	3	-	1	5
6+ half rate Qualified Children	2	-	-	2	4
Recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	1,352	1,097	430	918	3,797
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	1.3%	1.3%	0.5%	8.2%	1.4%
Total Number of Qualified Adults	29,603	26,266	3,141	3,437	62,447
Total Number of Children(2)	1,793	1,393	599	1,400	5,185

(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 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.

Table B5

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 2005 (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 years	23,063	11,114	22,875	8,077	6,643	8,316	52,581	27,507
70 to 74 years	25,822	13,422	21,232	7,606	8,032	11,360	55,086	32,388
75 to 79 years	16,479	9,507	13,392	5,153	8,719	10,930	38,590	25,590
80 to 84 years	8,887	6,065	6,458	2,604	7,059	9,255	22,404	17,924
85 to 89 years	4,066	3,338	1,998	887	3,618	5,562	9,682	9,787
90 to 94 years	1,159	1,255	353	260	1,234	2,706	2,746	4,221
95 years and over	156	278	61	91	215	805	432	1,174
Total	79,632	44,979	66,369	24,678	35,520	48,934	181,521	118,591
OVERALL TOTAL	124,611		91,047		84,454		300,112	

Table B6

Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
55	111	41	152
56	454	127	581
57	650	198	848
58	766	190	956
59	813	241	1,054
60	835	270	1,105
61	912	281	1,193
62	931	287	1,218
63	997	251	1,248
64	1,065	236	1,301
65	1,099	303	1,402
Total	8,633	2,425	11,058

Table B7

Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Pension Type, 2005

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	27,252	25,204	54
Retirement Pension	19,673	12,712	66
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	25,155	30,454	244
Total	72,080	68,370	364

Table B8

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and County, 2005 (Estimated)

County	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	1,141	1,072	1,038	170
Cavan	1,334	991	2,467	153
Clare	2,097	1,679	3,437	298
Cork	11,050	9,988	9,501	1,217
Donegal	2,304	2,927	5,373	983
Dublin	30,540	30,291	9,778	2,411
Galway	4,197	3,390	6,784	504
Kerry	2,968	2,250	4,787	461
Kildare	2,815	2,461	1,516	234
Kilkenny	1,764	1,485	2,060	231
Laois	1,310	963	1,489	162
Leitrim	643	670	1,244	62
Limerick	4,146	3,756	3,823	497
Longford	793	590	1,263	91
Louth	2,612	2,899	1,841	344
Mayo	2,335	2,480	5,234	440
Meath	2,880	2,147	2,091	306
Monaghan	1,146	986	1,955	156
Offaly	1,481	1,241	1,491	148
Roscommon	1,390	982	2,335	98
Sligo	1,374	1,278	1,903	161
Tipperary	4,000	2,820	4,421	471
Waterford	2,430	2,709	2,107	446
Westmeath	1,831	1,442	1,644	137
Wexford	3,032	2,663	3,170	632
Wicklow	2,867	2,602	1,649	245
Others	30,131	4,285	53	-
Total	124,611	91,047	84,454	11,058

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 8.5% overall in 2005.

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 2005 there were 109,017 recipients (96,214 widows and 12,803 widowers). Expenditure in 2005 was over €998 million which represented an increase of 10.2% over 2004.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance fell by 589 and 74 respectively during 2005.

Expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment increased by 8.1%, while the number of recipients rose by 263.

Graph C1

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2005

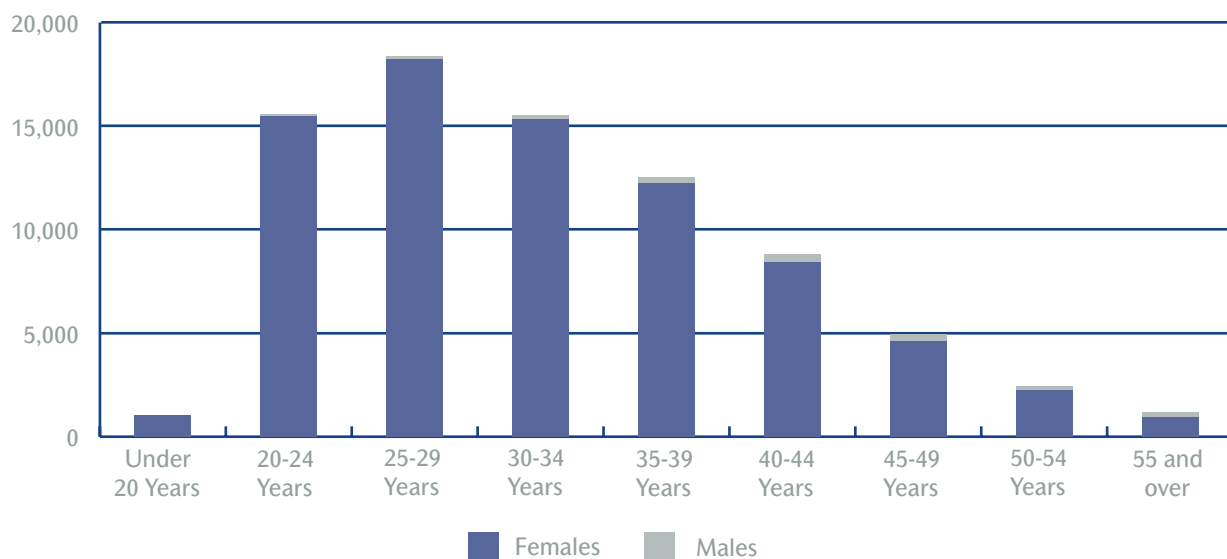


Table C1

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families by Payment Type, 2004 and 2005

Payment Type	2004	2005 Provisional	Change 2005 over 2004
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	906,449	998,502	10.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	89,749	90,624	1.0%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	3,068	3,304	7.7%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	122,300	126,944	3.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	10,967	11,468	4.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	15	14	-6.7%
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	694,835	751,102	8.1%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	323	269	-16.7%
Total	1,827,706	1,982,227	8.5%

(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, 1996 to 2005

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000
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	672,959	107,164	780,123
2002	761,539	116,493	878,032
2003	826,135	116,834	942,969
2004	906,449	122,300	1,028,749
2005 ⁽²⁾	998,502	126,944	1,125,446

(1) Payment was extended in October 1997 to include widowed men.

(2) 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, 1996 to 2005

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
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	84,877	9,179	13	537,376	631,445
2002	88,150	10,238	12	613,035	711,435
2003	89,234	10,605	13	660,586	760,438
2004	89,749	10,967	15	694,835	795,566
2005 ⁽³⁾	90,624	11,468	14	751,102	853,208

(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 1996 to 2005

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Total
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
2002	102,494	16,318	118,812
2003	103,831	15,783	119,614
2004	105,338	15,284	120,622
2005	109,017	14,729	123,746

(1) 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, 2005

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	100,824	7,133	107,957
With 1 child	4,601	1,821	6,422
With 2 children	2,289	845	3,134
With 3 children	918	263	1,181
With 4 children	286	88	374
With 5 children	76	18	94
With 6 or more children	23	12	35
Total Recipients	109,017	10,180	119,197
Total Recipients with children	8,193	3,047	11,240
% of Recipients with children	7.5%	29.9%	9.4%
Total Number of children	13,607	4,815	18,422

Table C6

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pensions			Overall Total
	Widows	Widowers	Total	Widows	Widowers	Total	
Under 25 years	1	1	2	-	-	-	2
25 to 29 years	26	12	38	-	-	-	38
30 to 34 years	196	45	241	3	-	3	244
35 to 39 years	572	150	722	8	2	10	732
40 to 44 years	1,236	422	1,658	34	7	41	1,699
45 to 49 years	2,281	778	3,059	86	23	109	3,168
50 to 54 years	3,824	1,333	5,157	192	27	219	5,376
55 to 59 years	6,406	2,113	8,519	492	60	552	9,071
60 to 64 years	9,280	2,584	11,864	937	80	1,017	12,881
65 to 69 years	12,272	1,931	14,203	1,492	62	1,554	15,757
70 to 74 years	15,117	1,388	16,505	2,308	49	2,357	18,862
75 to 79 years	16,730	965	17,695	3,002	9	3,011	20,706
80 years and over	28,273	1,081	29,354	5,845	11	5,856	35,210
Total	96,214	12,803	109,017	14,399	330	14,729	123,746

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, 1996 to 2005

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	Lone Parent's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
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
2002	11,794	1,582	2	-	79,195	92,573
2003	11,339	1,523	2	-	79,296	92,160
2004	10,769	1,456	2	-	80,103	92,330
2005	10,180	1,382	2	-	80,366	91,930

(1) Lone Parent's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Prisoner's 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, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	-	-	-
25 to 29 years	-	-	-
30 to 34 years	15	-	-
35 to 39 years	252	-	-
40 to 44 years	1,146	14	-
45 to 49 years	1,964	51	-
50 to 54 years	2,322	138	1
55 to 59 years	2,108	276	1
60 to 64 years	1,335	304	-
65 years and over	1,038	599	-
TOTAL	10,180	1,382	2

Table C9

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Children, 2005

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total
With 1 child	46,665	482	47,147
With 2 children	20,733	221	20,954
With 3 children	7,858	117	7,975
With 4 children	2,756	53	2,809
With 5 children	815	19	834
With 6 or more children	409	19	428
Total Recipients	79,236	911	80,147
Total Number of Children	129,461	1,704	131,165

There are 219 recipients of One Parent Family Payment who are not in receipt of a Qualified Child Increase. This occurs where their Child now qualifies for a Social Welfare payment in their own right.

Table C10

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 20 years	2	1,036	-	-	2	1,036
20 to 24 years	69	15,483	-	4	69	15,487
25 to 29 years	132	18,221	1	14	133	18,235
30 to 34 years	168	15,295	5	48	173	15,343
35 to 39 years	270	12,148	15	97	285	12,245
40 to 44 years	346	8,328	18	119	364	8,447
45 to 49 years	290	4,489	29	128	319	4,617
50 to 54 years	198	2,085	36	140	234	2,225
55 to 59 years	98	660	27	135	125	795
60 to 64 years	31	83	17	54	48	137
65 years and over	13	5	14	15	27	20
Total	1,617	77,833	162	754	1,779	78,587
OVERALL TOTAL	79,450		916		80,366	

Table C11

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance in Receipt of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance, and Island Allowance, 2005

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Widow/er's (Con) Pension	44,070	29,441	57
Deserted Wife's Benefit	434	62	-
Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension	6,810	5,885	36
Deserted Wife's Allowance	257	95	-
Total	51,571	35,483	93

Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

Table C12

Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 2005 (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	1,250	167	1,192	114	18	-
Cavan	1,423	563	822	70	12	-
Clare	2,340	701	1,620	177	41	-
Cork	12,087	1,563	7,956	961	120	-
Donegal	3,208	872	3,306	204	72	-
Dublin	29,150	1,357	27,974	4,243	421	1
Galway	4,583	1,370	2,813	303	74	-
Kerry	3,284	808	2,244	228	57	-
Kildare	3,563	264	3,107	390	41	-
Kilkenny	1,898	288	1,125	159	25	-
Laois	1,437	282	880	81	10	-
Leitrim	914	231	326	38	6	-
Limerick	4,780	682	3,693	432	49	-
Longford	933	282	727	83	8	-
Louth	2,843	239	2,945	426	35	-
Mayo	3,259	906	1,716	145	52	1
Meath	2,949	382	1,925	316	53	-
Monaghan	1,240	431	817	93	25	-
Offaly	1,710	300	1,132	112	10	-
Roscommon	1,348	446	573	61	16	-
Sligo	1,606	364	879	156	11	-
Tipperary	4,123	783	2,731	268	40	-
Waterford	2,898	278	2,582	276	39	-
Westmeath	2,074	392	1,473	178	25	-
Wexford	3,205	504	3,200	294	69	-
Wicklow	2,817	276	2,608	372	53	-
Others	8,095	1	-	-	-	-
Total	109,017	14,729	80,366	10,180	1,382	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 7.4% in 2005. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 73.6% of recipient families in 2005 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1996 was 68.9%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 6,629 to 547,540. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 9,735 to 1,060,740.

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Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by over €134 million in 2005, an increase of 7.6% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by nearly €11 million, an increase of 8.9%.

Graph D1

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1996 to 2005

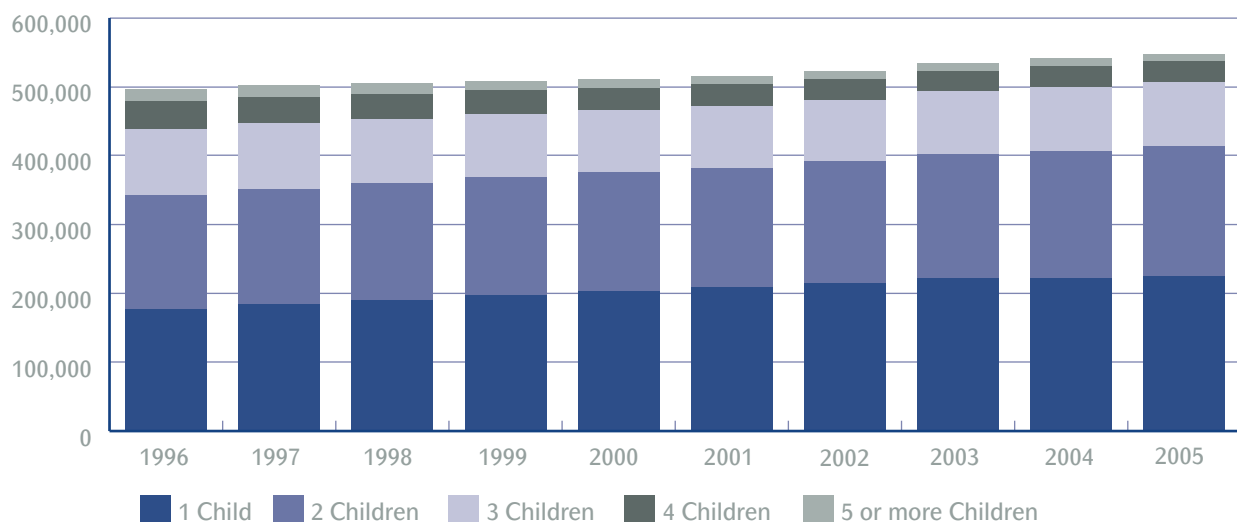


Table D1

Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2004 and 2005

Payment Type	2004	2005 Provisional	Change 2005 over 2004
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Maternity Benefit	121,571	132,412	8.9%
Adoptive Benefit	609	709	16.4%
Health and Safety Benefit	143	293	104.9%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	9,659	7,516	-22.2%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	6,223	4,096	-34.2%
OTHER			
Child Benefit	1,765,117	1,899,936	7.6%
TOTAL	1,903,322	2,044,962	7.4%

Table D2

Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1996 to 2005

Year	Expenditure
	€000
1996	477,404
1997	505,787
1998	531,728
1999	565,013
2000	637,543
2001	964,847
2002	1,462,793
2003	1,666,530
2004	1,765,117
2005 ⁽¹⁾	1,899,936

(1) Provisional.

Table D3

Expenditure on Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, 1996 to 2005

Year	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension
	€000	€000
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	9,447	4,421
2002	11,694	4,494
2003	8,895	5,805
2004	9,659	6,223
2005 ⁽¹⁾	7,516	4,096

(1) Provisional.

Table D4

Expenditure on Maternity, Adoptive and Health & Safety Benefits, 1996 to 2005

Year	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
	€000	€000	€000
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	78,933	260	210
2002	99,129	578	217
2003	107,336	532	213
2004	121,571	609	143
2005 ⁽¹⁾	132,412	709	293

(1) Provisional.

Table D5

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Pensions, 2004 and 2005

Payment	2004	2005	Change 2005 over 2004 %
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	992	781	-21.3%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	579	444	-23.3%
Total	1,571	1,225	-22.0%

Table D6

Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2004 and 2005

Payment	2004	2005	Change 2005 over 2004 %
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	10,356	10,791	4.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	21	26	23.8%
Adoptive Benefit	26	32	23.1%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	33,495	32,843	-1.9%
Health and Safety Benefit	123	158	28.5%
Adoptive Benefit	188	197	4.8%

Table D7

Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1996 to 2005

Year	Families	Children
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
2002	522,441	1,019,551
2003	534,009	1,034,851
2004	540,911	1,051,005
2005	547,540	1,060,740

Table D8

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1996 to 2005

Number of Eligible Children in Family	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1	176,126	183,271	190,083	197,457	203,342	208,712	214,916	221,515	221,837	224,686
2	166,364	168,421	169,509	170,777	171,646	173,525	176,284	181,018	185,282	188,536
3	96,218	95,450	93,671	92,172	90,667	89,564	89,397	90,512	92,379	93,516
4	39,682	37,836	35,932	33,979	32,431	31,225	30,552	29,996	30,542	30,258
5	12,557	11,652	10,592	9,651	8,795	8,257	7,884	7,732	7,619	7,417
6	4,099	3,746	3,304	2,965	2,628	2,450	2,275	2,161	2,175	2,130
7	1,385	1,201	1,071	980	869	742	712	669	679	630
8	465	433	401	324	294	287	267	264	258	242
9	201	179	145	107	89	94	95	88	91	79
10	94	83	57	56	48	39	36	34	28	34
11	31	20	22	22	20	16	15	15	16	6
12	19	17	16	11	7	6	7	4	4	4
13	7	5	6	2	3	1	-	-	-	2
14	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
15	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	497,252	502,318	504,811	508,504	510,840	514,919	522,441	534,009	540,911	547,540
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340	1,019,551	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740

Table D9

Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 1996 to 2005

Age (in years)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	43,689	46,470	46,962	46,390	46,094	45,691	32,832 ⁽²⁾	41,383	53,401	51,033
1 under 2	49,032	50,341	52,805	54,123	54,032	54,931	59,235	59,980	60,096	61,337
2 under 3	48,514	49,741	51,086	53,690	55,066	55,214	57,341	58,764	60,421	61,457
3 under 4	50,283	49,187	50,430	51,871	54,521	56,131	57,749	56,753	58,989	61,451
4 under 5	52,306	50,877	49,779	51,028	52,435	55,473	58,520	57,013	56,915	59,922
5 under 6	54,044	52,823	51,379	50,386	51,569	53,276	57,870	57,741	57,197	57,850
6 under 7	55,160	54,456	53,288	51,851	50,827	52,279	55,888	56,967	57,857	58,234
7 under 8	53,737	55,567	54,800	53,723	52,261	51,447	54,231	54,979	57,094	58,760
8 under 9	56,048	54,098	55,940	55,213	54,195	52,815	53,711	53,345	55,116	57,816
9 under 10	58,628	56,405	54,357	56,299	55,573	54,738	54,536	52,771	53,488	55,852
10 under 11	60,628	58,896	56,645	54,662	56,584	56,074	56,618	53,548	52,977	54,218
11 under 12	61,219	60,861	59,085	56,952	54,937	57,015	58,024	55,471	53,698	53,693
12 under 13	62,506	61,389	60,993	59,352	57,220	55,383	59,011	56,871	55,401	54,317
13 under 14	65,571	62,702	61,457	61,203	59,529	57,522	57,578	57,811	56,940	56,069
14 under 15	68,301	65,698	62,741	61,640	61,396	59,815	59,281	56,343	57,891	57,566
15 under 16	68,302	66,839	64,637	61,771	60,940	60,652	61,772	57,887	56,398	58,514
16 under 17	60,780	59,091	56,615	54,216	50,772	49,485	50,534	53,084	53,582	50,958
17 under 18	57,032	58,836	56,915	55,592	52,398	50,488	48,016	52,184	52,145	50,563
18 under 19	34,716	39,124	39,832	38,915	37,826	35,911	26,804	41,956	41,399	41,130
Total	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340	1,019,551	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740

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

(2) 2002 numbers understated because of processing delays which were rectified in the early months of 2003.

Table D10

Number of Recipients of Qualified Child Increases by Payment Type, 2005

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	630	399	139	103	25	31	9	7	6	1	-	2	1,049	744	809	543
Retirement Pension	599	288	83	67	29	14	7	3	3	3	1	-	902	491	722	375
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	236	85	53	17	17	6	11	-	5	-	-	-	462	137	322	108
Pre-Retirement Allowance	500	116	163	33	60	9	12	3	13	1	6	2	1,159	241	754	164
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	4,601	-	2,289	-	918	-	286	-	76	-	23	-	13,607	-	8,193	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	1,821	-	845	-	263	-	88	-	18	-	12	-	4,815	-	3,047	-
One-Parent Family Payment	47,147	-	20,954	-	7,975	-	2,809	-	834	-	428	-	131,165	-	80,147	-
Health and Safety Benefit	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	1
Disability Benefit	2,027	4,489	1,369	4,570	649	2,212	294	641	84	151	50	32	8,623	23,788	4,473	12,095
Incapacity Pension	1,964	3,551	900	2,385	357	940	113	276	52	51	29	26	5,736	12,663	3,415	7,229
Injury Benefit	34	20	33	18	17	5	3	7	7	1	-	1	198	111	94	52
Interim Disability Benefit	18	5	24	9	4	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	89	38	48	18
Disablement Pension	46	82	36	74	21	35	11	11	1	4	1	-	237	399	116	206
Death Benefit Pension	43	-	30	-	14	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	165	-	92	-
Disability Allowance	2,614	1,296	1,591	912	838	474	440	215	212	97	157	91	12,205	6,500	5,852	3,085
Carer's Benefit	12	141	7	159	2	101	1	28	-	5	-	1	36	907	22	435
Blind Pension	51	20	35	20	23	19	6	9	1	1	-	-	219	158	116	69
Carer's Allowance	639	2,696	474	2,773	287	1,780	126	834	52	290	29	190	3,407	19,637	1,607	8,563
Unemployment Benefit	1,638	1,228	1,259	1,060	620	433	283	183	91	33	39	15	7,867	5,638	3,930	2,952
Unemployment Assistance	3,927	1,195	3,752	976	2,463	629	1,343	244	578	119	462	74	30,186	7,114	12,525	3,237
Smallholders/ Farm Assist	749	203	613	224	405	175	293	81	115	30	69	18	5,399	1,771	2,244	731
Back to Work Allowance/ Enterprise Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,695	2,256	n/a	n/a
Back to Education Allowance	154	108	163	146	92	61	41	30	12	9	9	1	1,037	754	471	355
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	4,371	-	3,101	-	1,596	-	659	-	283	-	198	-	20,705	-	10,208	-
TOTAL	73,824	15,923	37,913	13,546	16,675	6,926	6,841	2,573	2,443	797	1,514	453	255,966	83,348	139,210	40,218

Table D11

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Allowance/Pension, Child Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Health & Safety Benefit by County, 2005 (Estimated)

County	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Child Benefit Recipients	Child Benefit Children	Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	6	3	7,517	14,281	138	2
Cavan	3	4	7,938	16,587	145	-
Clare	15	10	14,348	28,504	287	2
Cork	46	17	61,667	119,946	1,278	5
Donegal	27	10	19,364	39,511	306	-
Dublin	363	205	147,187	273,496	2,920	7
Galway	25	16	28,049	56,635	591	2
Kerry	22	13	17,264	33,881	274	1
Kildare	22	16	26,769	51,306	583	-
Kilkenny	14	9	10,536	20,953	199	-
Laois	6	5	8,086	16,297	153	1
Leitrim	7	4	3,474	7,117	64	-
Limerick	16	17	24,009	45,981	439	-
Longford	9	3	4,510	9,320	83	-
Louth	14	10	16,221	30,782	346	-
Mayo	16	8	15,292	31,695	273	2
Meath	21	11	21,783	42,541	535	-
Monaghan	5	2	7,152	14,508	134	-
Offaly	20	7	9,084	18,234	182	-
Roscommon	5	10	6,637	13,500	141	-
Sligo	10	5	7,512	14,598	126	-
Tipperary	22	15	20,012	39,355	354	1
Waterford	25	10	14,844	28,111	289	-
Westmeath	11	10	11,196	22,324	203	1
Wexford	24	13	18,363	35,552	346	-
Wicklow	18	11	17,911	34,070	361	2
Others	9	-	815	1,656	41	-
Total	781	444	547,540	1,060,740	10,791	26

SECTION E
ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

Section E: Illness, Disability and Caring

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 12.8 % and 12.5% 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 15.8% to over €630 million. There are now 79,253 recipients of the scheme.

Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990. Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €47 million in 2005, an increase of 22.4%. There are now 24,970 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 1,940 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1996 to 2005.

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 188 to 867, year on year.

Graph E1

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1996 to 2005

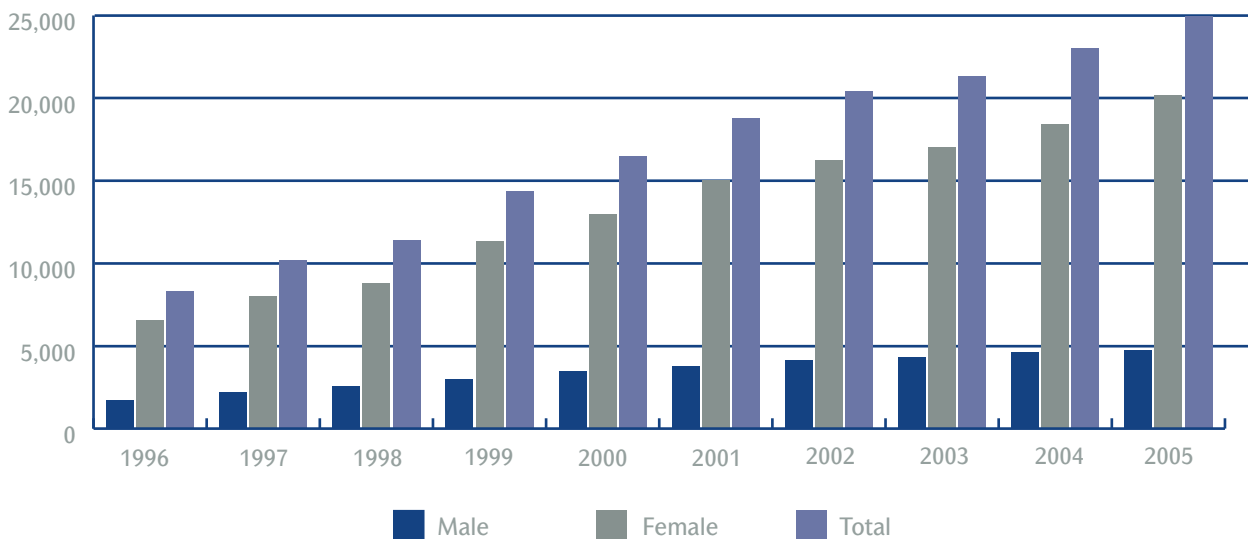


Table E1

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004	2005 Provisional	Change 2005 over 2004
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Disability Benefit	479,611	540,957	12.8%
Invalidity Pension	487,375	548,224	12.5%
Carer's Benefit	7,698	9,589	24.6%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Disability Allowance	544,489	630,728	15.8%
Blind Pension	15,868	16,661	5.0%
Carer's Allowance	210,277	257,360	22.4%
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS			
Injury Benefit	13,598	14,220	4.6%
Disablement Benefit Pension	62,599	67,016	7.1%
Death Benefit	6,185	6,523	5.5%
Medical Care	275	298	8.4%
TOTAL	1,827,975	2,091,576	14.4%

Table E2

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1996 to 2005

Year	Disability Benefit	Occupational Injuries	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
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	329,897	70,496	354,459	2,457	13,156	332,308	130,325	1,233,098
2002	385,297	77,018	403,617	5,807	14,221	407,585	160,042	1,453,587
2003	433,455	78,757	440,263	6,943	14,816	463,608	183,273	1,621,115
2004	479,611	82,657	487,375	7,698	15,868	544,489	210,277	1,827,975
2005 ⁽²⁾	540,957	88,057	548,224	9,589	16,661	630,728	257,360	2,091,576

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

(2) Provisional.

Table E3

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004	2005	Change 2005 over 2004
			%
Disability Benefit	58,726	61,845	5.3%
Invalidity Pension	55,864	58,352	4.5%
Interim Disability Benefit	316	355	12.3%
Carer's Benefit	679	867	27.7%
Disability Allowance	72,976	79,253	8.6%
Carer's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	23,030	24,970	8.4%
Blind Pension	2,027	1,985	-2.1%
Injury Benefit	915	908	-0.8%
Death Benefit Pension	652	647	-0.8%
Disablement Pension ^{(2) (3) (4)}	12,162	12,475	2.6%
TOTAL	227,347	241,657	6.3%

(1) There were 15 persons in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2005. Prescribed Relatives Allowance was replaced by Carer's Allowance in 1990.

(2) Disablement Pension is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It 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.

(3) 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. 923 persons were in receipt of an Unemployability Supplement payment at the end of 2005.

(4) 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. 74 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2005.

Table E4

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Disablement Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Death Benefit Pension and Blind Pension, 1996 to 2005

Year	Invalidity Pension	Disability Benefit	Disablement Pension ⁽¹⁾	Disability Allowance ⁽²⁾	Carer's Allowance	Death Benefit Pension	Blind Pension
1996	43,046	42,460	9,364	37,054	8,298	502	2,450
1997	43,633	43,500 ⁽³⁾	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
2002	52,147	54,590	11,612	62,783	20,395	668	2,095
2003	53,414	57,464	11,898	67,720	21,316	664	2,061
2004	55,864	58,726	12,162	72,976	23,030	652	2,027
2005	58,352	61,845	12,475	79,253	24,970	647	1,985

(1) Disablement Pension is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It 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) Estimated.

Table E5

Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Payment Type, 2005

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Invalidity Pension	174	10,079
Death Benefit Pension	-	202
Blind Pension	159	411
Total	333	10,692

Table E6

Number of Recipients of Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	959	1,116	2,075
25 to 29 Years	1,246	2,524	3,770
30 to 34 years	1,600	5,083	6,683
35 to 39 years	1,878	6,166	8,044
40 to 44 years	2,306	5,727	8,033
45 to 49 years	2,722	5,351	8,073
50 to 54 years	3,330	5,381	8,711
55 to 59 years	4,023	4,918	8,941
60 to 64 years	3,932	2,969	6,901
65 years and over	353	261	614
Total	22,349	39,496	61,845

Table E7

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	5	2	7
25 to 29 years	46	36	82
30 to 34 years	166	298	464
35 to 39 years	401	905	1,306
40 to 44 years	1,108	2,142	3,250
45 to 49 years	2,180	3,189	5,369
50 to 54 years	3,939	4,241	8,180
55 to 59 years	6,652	5,562	12,214
60 to 64 years	9,495	6,990	16,485
65 to 69 years	4,082	3,814	7,896
70 to 74 years	1,077	1,193	2,270
75 to 79 years	286	309	595
80 years and over	92	142	234
TOTAL	29,529	28,823	58,352

Table E8

Number of Recipients of Carer's Benefit and Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Carer's Benefit			Carer's Allowance		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	6	6	65	291	356
25 to 29 years	2	41	43	86	682	768
30 to 34 years	11	96	107	217	1,418	1,635
35 to 39 years	13	151	164	405	2,309	2,714
40 to 44 years	14	137	151	622	2,718	3,340
45 to 49 years	17	128	145	771	2,646	3,417
50 to 54 years	16	104	120	829	2,683	3,512
55 to 59 years	22	62	84	713	2,759	3,472
60 to 64 years	15	28	43	554	2,253	2,807
65 to 69 years	1	3	4	307	1,491	1,798
70 to 74 years	-	-	-	110	649	759
75 to 79 years	-	-	-	53	238	291
80 years and over	-	-	-	35	66	101
Total	111	756	867	4,767	20,203	24,970

Table E9

Number of Recipients of Blind Pension by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	48	36	84
25 to 29 years	58	49	107
30 to 34 years	72	61	133
35 to 39 years	83	78	161
40 to 44 years	113	78	191
45 to 49 years	88	75	163
50 to 54 years	97	102	199
55 to 59 years	118	106	224
60 to 64 years	98	96	194
65 to 69 years	64	76	140
70 to 74 years	56	71	127
75 to 79 years	46	58	104
80 to 84 years	25	50	75
85 years and over	28	55	83
Total	994	991	1,985

Table E10

Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	6,025	4,390	10,415
25 to 29 years	4,393	3,034	7,427
30 to 34 years	4,769	3,050	7,819
35 to 39 years	4,841	3,067	7,908
40 to 44 years	5,122	3,260	8,382
45 to 49 years	4,934	3,382	8,316
50 to 54 years	5,277	3,704	8,981
55 to 59 years	5,786	4,044	9,830
60 to 64 years	5,079	3,438	8,517
65 years and over	1,039	619	1,658
Total	47,265	31,988	79,253

Table E11

Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension, Disablement Pension and Unemployability Supplement by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Death Benefit Pension			Disablement Pension			Unemployability Supplement ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	-	-	106	17	123	11	1	12
25 to 29 years	-	-	-	241	78	319	25	8	33
30 to 34 years	-	6	6	477	180	657	42	24	66
35 to 39 years	-	14	14	739	276	1,015	68	43	111
40 to 44 years	-	23	23	1,039	313	1,352	68	30	98
45 to 49 years	-	41	41	1,281	342	1,623	107	53	160
50 to 54 years	-	70	70	1,463	326	1,789	95	34	129
55 to 59 years	-	79	79	1,500	329	1,829	97	44	141
60 to 64 years	-	82	82	1,263	224	1,487	66	28	94
65 to 69 years ⁽²⁾	1	88	89	1,990	291	2,281	58	22	80
70 to 74 years	1	89	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 to 79 years	2	78	80	-	-	-	-	-	-
80 years and over	1	72	73	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	642	647	10,099	2,376	12,475	637	287	924

(1) Unemployability Supplement is paid as a supplement to Disablement Pension.

(2) Figures shown for Disablement Pension and Unemployment Supplement refer to all those aged 65 or over.

Table E12

Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit and Interim Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 2005 (Estimated)

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Disability Benefit		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	73	26	99	30	11	41
25 to 29 years	62	28	90	29	18	47
30 to 34 years	79	35	114	36	14	50
35 to 39 years	103	33	136	42	18	60
40 to 44 years	89	31	120	21	12	33
45 to 49 years	75	37	112	34	14	48
50 to 54 years	74	25	99	19	13	32
55 to 59 years	55	27	82	17	13	30
60 to 64 years	31	22	53	8	5	13
65 years and over	1	2	3	-	1	1
Total	642	266	908	236	119	355

Table E13

Number of Recipients of Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement and Sex, 2005⁽¹⁾ (Estimated)

Type of Payment		Number of Recipients		
		Male	Female	Total
Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement ⁽²⁾ :	Under 20%	1,418	417	1,835
	20%	2,260	751	3,011
	30%	2,774	642	3,416
	40%	1,600	318	1,918
	50%	787	115	902
	60%	516	61	577
	70%	236	28	264
	80%	200	33	233
	90%	59	7	66
	100%	232	21	253
	Total	10,082	2,393	12,475

(1) Includes 923 Unemployability Supplement payments and 74 Constant Attendance Allowance payments. These payments are in addition to Disablement Pension.

(2) The rate of Disablement Pension 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. 1,316 gratuities were paid in 2005.

Table E14

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependents, 2005 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Disability Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	41,530	40,161	410	719	282	555	67,394	1,742	14,841	167,634 ⁽¹⁾
With Qualified Adult only	3,747	7,547	-	43	7	-	2,922	58	-	14,324 ⁽¹⁾
With 1 full rate child allowance	2,027	1,964	12	34	18	43	2,614	51	637	7,400
With 2 full rate child allowances	1,369	900	7	33	24	30	1,591	35	476	4,465
With 3 full rate child allowances	649	357	2	17	4	14	838	23	292	2,196
With 4 full rate child allowances	294	113	1	3	1	5	440	6	129	992
With 5 full rate child allowances	84	52	-	7	-	-	212	1	54	410
With 6+ full rate child allowances	50	29	-	-	1	-	157	-	30	267
With 1 half rate child allowance	4,489	3,551	141	20	5	-	1,296	20	2,663	12,185
With 2 half rate child allowances	4,570	2,385	159	18	9	-	912	20	2,747	10,820
With 3 half rate child allowances	2,212	940	101	5	2	-	474	19	1,777	5,530
With 4 half rate child allowances	641	276	28	7	1	-	215	9	838	2,015
With 5 half rate child allowances	151	51	5	1	1	-	97	1	291	598
With 6+ half rate child allowances	32	26	1	1	-	-	91	-	195	346
Total number of recipients	61,845	58,352	867	908	355	647	79,253	1,985	24,970	229,182
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	16,568	10,644	457	146	66	92	8,937	185	10,129	47,224
Percentage of recipients with Qualified allowances	26.8%	18.2%	52.7%	16.1%	18.6%	14.2%	11.3%	9.3%	40.6%	20.6%
Total number of Qualified Adults	8,220	9,911	-	137	55	-	6,361	114	-	24,798
Total number of children ⁽¹⁾	32,411	18,399	943	309	127	165	18,705	377	23,044	94,480

(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 or Disability Allowance.

(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, 2005 (Estimated)

County	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Disablement Pension	Unemployment Supplement ⁽¹⁾	Injury Benefit	Interim Disability Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance
Carlow	1,138	938	9	199	9	24	5	11	1,076	23	379
Cavan	880	632	7	185	14	19	11	11	975	29	502
Clare	1,258	1,119	17	272	26	18	7	9	1,954	35	682
Cork	7,885	7,935	88	1,777	125	111	39	92	9,724	158	2,680
Donegal	2,784	1,690	24	355	33	29	8	22	3,658	130	1,783
Dublin	16,229	18,154	180	2,952	197	212	75	149	19,816	485	3,728
Galway	2,415	1,783	79	546	66	32	20	17	4,826	125	1,773
Kerry	1,604	1,405	40	318	23	26	7	22	3,354	88	1,296
Kildare	2,756	1,954	34	447	37	42	21	25	2,389	35	652
Kilkenny	881	944	16	248	14	21	10	17	1,522	46	518
Laois	742	650	11	155	14	9	1	6	1,128	33	351
Leitrim	563	421	9	103	8	11	1	8	612	34	273
Limerick	3,293	3,214	46	778	53	54	23	30	4,167	81	1,316
Longford	509	580	13	135	9	10	4	6	803	24	404
Louth	2,448	2,380	24	506	30	26	13	23	2,042	59	611
Mayo	1,726	1,328	46	338	33	23	11	12	2,986	98	1,483
Meath	2,362	1,500	36	481	31	35	15	19	1,688	48	623
Monaghan	889	620	8	163	14	16	4	9	1,035	25	451
Offaly	1,223	963	20	218	22	19	9	12	1,289	35	498
Roscommon	801	614	19	193	9	14	1	19	1,078	34	491
Sligo	929	786	23	186	21	13	3	5	1,457	76	464
Tipperary	1,983	1,861	41	533	49	33	25	43	3,520	66	1,311
Waterford	1,604	1,650	20	384	25	23	12	14	1,981	47	586
Westmeath	1,241	1,132	21	200	23	23	7	17	1,454	41	543
Wexford	1,841	1,862	26	337	20	45	12	21	2,711	78	982
Wicklow	1,590	1,471	10	314	18	17	10	15	1,995	51	586
Others	271	766	-	152	-	3	1	13	13	1	4
Total	61,845	58,352	867	12,475	923	908	355	647	79,253	1,985	24,970

(1) Unemployment Supplement is paid as a supplement to Disablement Pension.

Table E16

Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1996 to 2005

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined	Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination
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
2002	3,898	2,709	1,189
2003	3,234	2,296	811
2004	2,450	1,744	613
2005	2,247	1,541	610

Table E17

Number of Disability Benefit Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1996 to 2005

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
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
2002	42,017	23,485	5,887	200	12,445
2003	38,670	19,958	6,406	240	12,066
2004	35,505	18,420	5,798	194	11,093
2005	33,296	17,435	4,845	172	11,016

Table E18

Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1997 to 2005

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 ⁽²⁾	6,423	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
2002	8,952	3,295	2,755	2,641
2003	8,450	2,985	2,689	2,279
2004	9,025	3,553	2,524	2,948
2005	8,371	3,223	2,567	2,581

(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 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.

The Unemployment Recipients figure shown in Section A and tables F3 and F4 is not directly comparable with the Live Register figure, as this figure only includes those who were in receipt of a payment at the end of December.

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.

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 increased by 1.6% over 2004.

Expenditure on Unemployment Assistance rose by over €53 million compared with 2004, an increase of 8.7%. Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit fell by over €37 million, a decrease of 8.1% on 2004

The Live Register decreased by 2,983 during 2005, a decrease of 1.9%. Table F14 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County from 1996 to 2005 and the percentage decrease in each county.

Table F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Supports by Payment Type, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004	2005 Provisional	Change 2005 over 2004
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Unemployment Benefit	455,586	418,560	-8.1%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Unemployment Assistance ⁽¹⁾	613,817	667,483	8.7%
Total⁽¹⁾	1,069,403	1,086,043	1.6%

(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, 1996 to 2005

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Unemployment Assistance ⁽²⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000
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	290,689	-	429,875	720,564
2002	423,487	-	511,985	935,472
2003	477,129	-	565,952	1,043,081
2004	455,586	-	613,817	1,069,403
2005 ⁽³⁾	418,560	-	667,483	1,086,043

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

(2) Data on expenditure on Unemployment Assistance includes expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance. Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 & 2000. Data on Farm Assist expenditure is included in Section G. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this section.

(3) Provisional.

Table F3

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1996 to 2005

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
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
2002	66,416	71,566	137,982
2003	70,090	75,249	145,339
2004	57,699	73,840	131,539
2005	52,754	75,357	128,111

Table F4

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance by Number of Dependants, 2005

Number of Recipients	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
Personal Rate only	43,595	55,606	99,201
With Qualified Adult only	2,277	3,989	6,266
1 full rate Qualified Child	1,638	3,927	5,565
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,259	3,752	5,011
3 full rate Qualified Children	620	2,463	3,083
4 full rate Qualified Children	283	1,343	1,626
5 full rate Qualified Children	91	578	669
6+full rate Qualified Children	39	462	501
1 half rate Qualified Child	1,228	1,195	2,423
2 half rate Qualified Children	1,060	976	2,036
3 half rate Qualified Children	433	629	1,062
4 half rate Qualified Children	183	244	427
5 half rate Qualified Children	33	119	152
6+ half rate Qualified Children	15	74	89
Total Number of Recipients	52,754	75,357	128,111
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	5,125	14,967	20,092
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	9.7%	19.9%	15.7%
Number of Recipients with Qualified Children	6,882	15,762	22,644
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	13.0%	20.9%	17.7%
Total Number of Children ⁽¹⁾	13,505	37,300	50,805

(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

Number of Persons on the Live Register on the last Friday of each Month, 2005

Month	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
January	66,376	83,052	11,115	160,543
February	65,180	82,840	10,629	158,649
March	64,903	82,253	10,519	157,675
April	59,952	81,442	10,225	151,619
May	59,071	81,751	10,004	150,826
June	63,307	85,630	10,363	159,300
July	69,167	88,265	11,077	168,509
August	69,003	89,228	11,162	169,393
September	58,028	85,157	10,150	153,335
October	56,586	83,176	9,882	149,644
November	57,128	83,085	9,860	150,073
December	61,728	83,926	10,179	155,833
Average	62,536	84,150	10,430	157,117

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F6

Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1996 to 2005

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
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
2002	73,931	78,010	11,420	163,361
2003	79,232	81,355	11,828	172,414
2004	71,884	82,693	11,436	166,013
2005	62,536	84,150	10,430	157,117

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F7

Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2005

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	25,658	23,931	160,543	-
February	21,656	23,550	158,649	-1,894
March	19,742	20,716	157,675	-974
April	22,836	28,892	151,619	-6,056
May	18,066	18,859	150,826	-793
June	25,108	16,634	159,300	8,474
July	31,984	22,775	168,509	9,209
August	18,944	18,060	169,393	884
September	24,680	40,738	153,335	-16,058
October	20,527	24,218	149,644	-3,691
November	21,703	21,274	150,073	429
December	22,429	16,669	155,833	5,760
Total	273,333	276,316	-	4,710

Graph F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit/Pay Related Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1996 to 2005

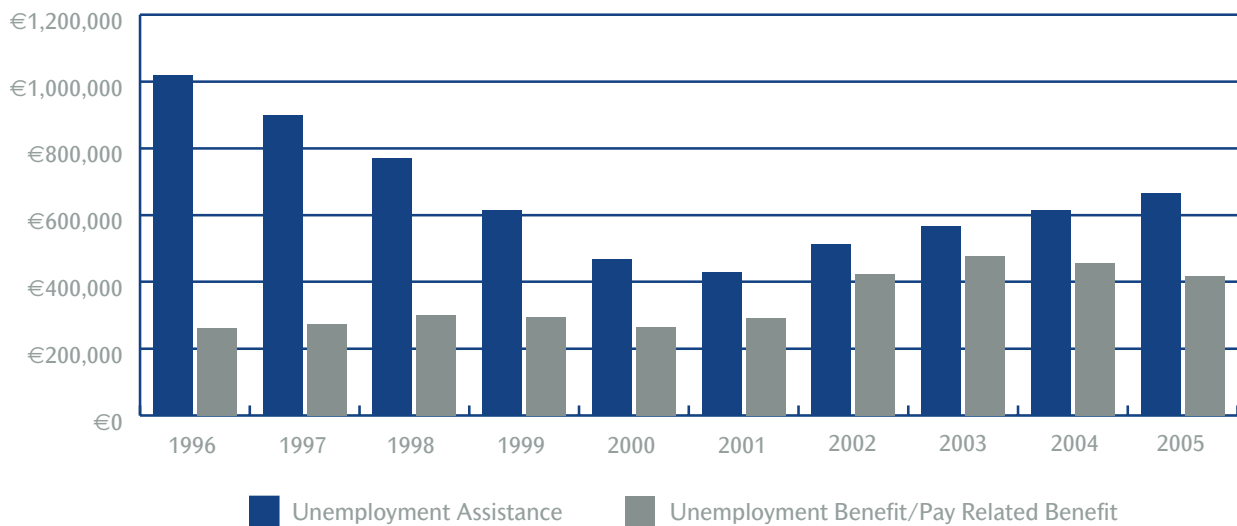


Table F8

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2005

Age Group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	3,946	4.4%	3,242	5.3%	7,188	4.8%
20 to 24 years	13,028	14.7%	9,104	14.9%	22,132	14.8%
25 to 34 years	24,270	27.3%	16,194	26.5%	40,464	27.0%
35 to 44 years	19,615	22.1%	14,435	23.6%	34,050	22.7%
45 to 54 years	16,982	19.1%	11,298	18.5%	28,280	18.9%
55 to 59 years	6,371	7.2%	4,188	6.9%	10,559	7.0%
60 to 64 years	4,562	5.1%	2,607	4.3%	7,169	4.8%
Total Live Register	88,774	100.0%	61,068	100.0%	149,842	100.0%

Source: Central Statistical Office

Table F9

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2005, Classified by Age and Sex and Duration of Claim

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	1,941	789	730	485	1	-	3,946
20 - 24 yrs	5,247	2,476	2,179	1,522	818	786	13,028
25 - 34 yrs	9,055	3,963	3,932	2,976	1,480	2,864	24,270
35 - 44 yrs	6,462	2,739	2,986	2,603	1,452	3,373	19,615
45 - 54 yrs	4,808	1,929	2,491	2,275	1,294	4,185	16,982
55 - 59 yrs	1,986	728	1,026	823	439	1,369	6,371
60 - 64 yrs	1,480	581	945	599	263	694	4,562
Total Males	30,979	13,205	14,289	11,283	5,747	13,271	88,774
Females							
< 20 yrs	1,559	678	598	407	-	-	3,242
20 - 24 yrs	4,247	1,686	1,280	923	512	456	9,104
25 - 34 yrs	8,116	2,774	2,546	1,407	490	861	16,194
35 - 44 yrs	6,491	2,130	2,415	1,450	587	1,362	14,435
45 - 54 yrs	5,011	1,543	1,569	1,139	511	1,525	11,298
55 - 59 yrs	1,976	541	677	437	143	414	4,188
60 - 64 yrs	1,159	356	477	314	114	187	2,607
Total Females	28,559	9,708	9,562	6,077	2,357	4,805	61,068
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	3,500	1,467	1,328	892	1	-	7,188
20 - 24 yrs	9,494	4,162	3,459	2,445	1,330	1,242	22,132
25 - 34 yrs	17,171	6,737	6,478	4,383	1,970	3,725	40,464
35 - 44 yrs	12,953	4,869	5,401	4,053	2,039	4,735	34,050
45 - 54 yrs	9,819	3,472	4,060	3,414	1,805	5,710	28,280
55 - 59 yrs	3,962	1,269	1,703	1,260	582	1,783	10,559
60 - 64 yrs	2,639	937	1,422	913	377	881	7,169
Total	59,538	22,913	23,851	17,360	8,104	18,076	149,842

Source: Central Statistical Office

Table F10

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1996 to 2005

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
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
2002	64,586	29,107	93,693	50,106	13,866	63,972	157,665
2003	64,449	31,489	95,938	53,354	15,283	68,637	164,575
2004	59,478	30,529	90,007	49,889	14,148	64,037	154,044
2005	58,473	30,301	88,774	47,829	13,239	61,068	149,842

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Graph F2

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2005

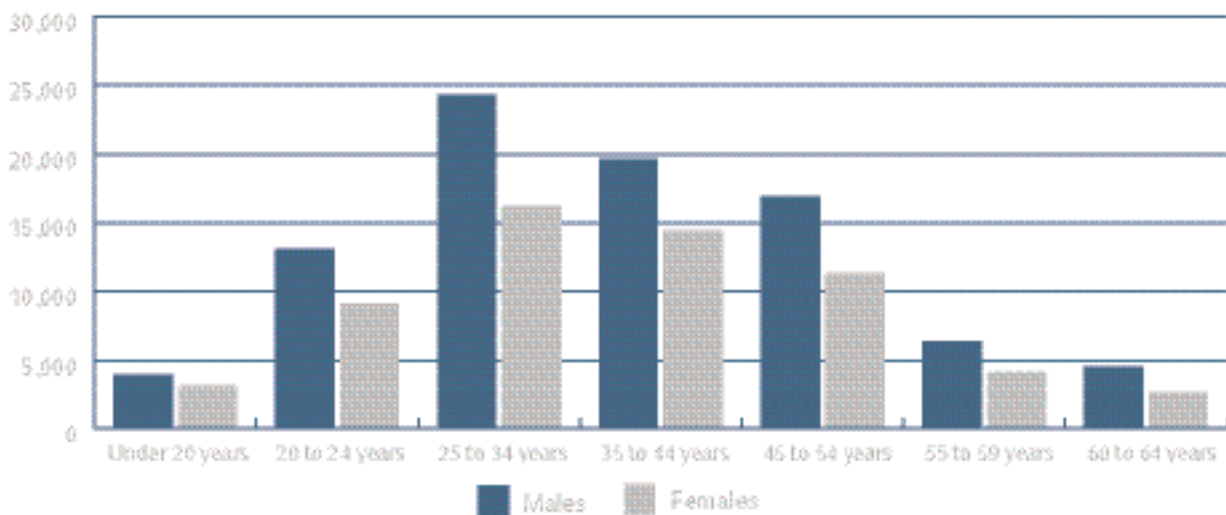


Table F11

Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, in each Month during 2005

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
January	2,208	1,785	951
February	2,288	1,806	924
March	2,135	1,806	947
April	2,078	1,832	909
May	2,060	1,813	895
June	1,965	1,825	925
July	1,862	1,817	976
August	1,765	1,835	967
September	1,511	1,823	915
October	1,452	1,854	915
November	1,383	1,863	910
December	1,383	1,887	954
Average	1,841	1,829	932

Graph F3

Number of persons on the Live Register in October 2005, by Sex and Duration

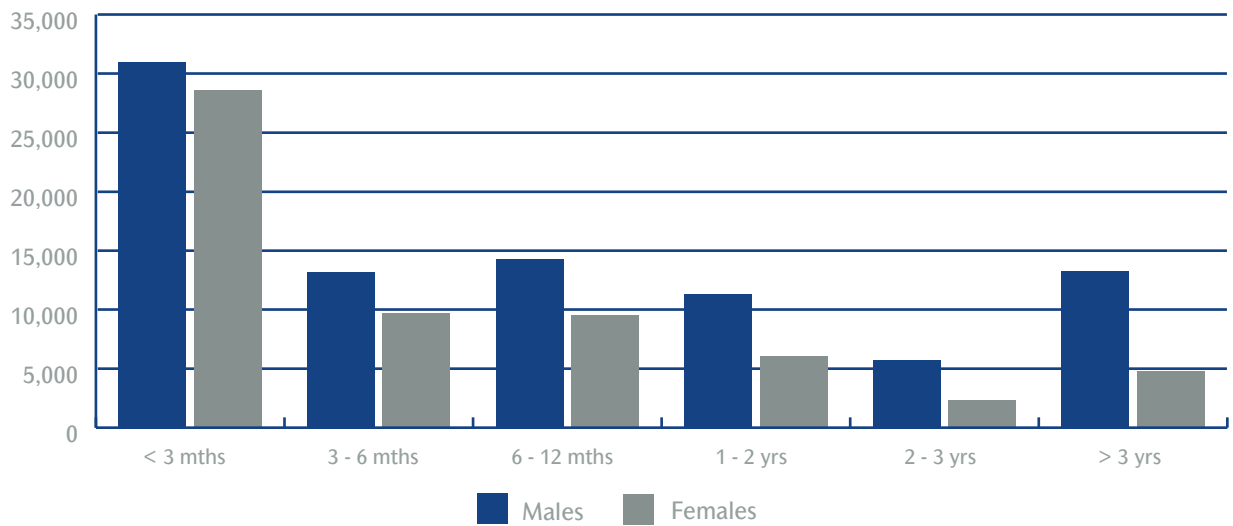


Table F12

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, 1996 to 2005

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
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
2002	3,131	1,547	821
2003	2,410	1,759	946
2004	1,829	1,764	962
2005	1,841	1,829	932

Source: 1996 - 2004 Central Statistics Office

Table F13

Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 1996 to 2005

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force ⁽¹⁾	Average Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate %
1996	279,230	1,507,500	11.5%
1997	254,379	1,539,000	10.3%
1998	227,095	1,653,300	7.4%
1999	193,509	1,735,700	5.5%
2000	155,398	1,781,000	4.2%
2001	142,253	1,831,600	3.9%
2002	163,361	1,866,300	4.5%
2003	172,414	1,914,800	4.6%
2004	166,013	1,979,700	4.4%
2005	157,116	2,071,900	4.4%

(1) Data refers to April from 1996 to 1997 and November thereafter.

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F14

Numbers on the Live Register by County, 1996 to 2005

County ⁽¹⁾	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Change
											%
Carlow	3,576	3,407	3,050	2,496	1,964	2,026	2,079	2,227	2,223	2,065	-42.3%
Cavan	2,693	2,627	2,350	2,019	1,736	1,834	2,002	2,128	2,072	2,211	-17.9%
Clare	5,338	5,059	4,245	3,602	3,003	3,473	4,058	4,219	3,851	3,945	-26.1%
Cork	30,945	27,339	22,138	17,855	14,538	16,698	17,456	17,200	15,920	15,533	-49.8%
Donegal	12,981	12,927	13,485	11,699	10,088	9,896	9,897	10,149	9,440	8,637	-33.5%
Dublin	83,549	73,318	59,120	45,483	33,186	35,596	41,455	43,562	39,361	39,933	-52.2%
Galway	14,594	13,404	11,789	9,862	8,011	8,625	9,403	9,348	8,797	8,645	-40.8%
Kerry	10,247	9,985	9,101	7,587	6,025	6,162	6,704	7,086	6,732	6,650	-35.1%
Kildare	7,864	7,022	5,839	4,347	3,268	3,697	4,362	4,752	4,350	4,662	-40.7%
Kilkenny	3,963	3,752	3,472	2,703	2,047	2,182	2,467	2,716	2,489	2,484	-37.3%
Laois	3,196	2,867	2,575	2,131	1,798	1,850	2,049	2,196	2,014	1,980	-38.0%
Leitrim	1,864	1,876	1,669	1,406	1,216	1,108	1,247	1,231	1,028	1,109	-40.5%
Limerick	11,879	10,602	8,787	7,595	6,306	6,954	8,281	8,123	7,245	7,106	-40.2%
Longford	2,409	2,230	2,166	2,054	1,715	1,674	1,810	1,820	1,736	1,800	-25.3%
Louth	10,116	9,696	8,583	7,020	6,075	7,189	7,559	7,508	6,743	6,480	-35.9%
Mayo	9,808	9,445	8,449	7,629	6,140	6,094	6,342	6,106	5,420	5,141	-47.6%
Meath	3,953	3,678	3,393	2,753	2,085	2,855	2,844	3,218	3,137	3,001	-24.1%
Monaghan	3,475	3,384	3,195	2,743	2,482	2,752	2,521	2,486	2,335	2,038	-41.4%
Offaly	3,648	3,443	3,376	2,623	2,222	2,341	2,640	2,840	2,563	2,771	-24.0%
Roscommon	2,108	2,068	1,994	1,876	1,528	1,502	1,513	1,389	1,266	1,190	-43.5%
Sligo	3,467	3,532	3,160	2,794	2,372	2,343	2,388	2,236	2,043	1,938	-44.1%
Tipperary	8,849	8,460	7,881	6,737	5,775	5,466	6,286	6,548	5,902	5,623	-36.5%
Waterford	8,105	7,693	7,257	6,573	5,699	7,043	6,074	6,098	7,164	6,248	-22.9%
Westmeath	4,785	4,379	7,842	3,283	2,618	2,960	3,305	3,628	3,658	3,599	-24.8%
Wexford	9,157	8,621	6,027	6,885	5,938	6,257	7,058	7,141	6,773	6,615	-27.8%
Wicklow	7,573	6,916	1,144	4,784	3,751	3,829	4,342	4,649	4,554	4,429	-41.5%
	270,142	247,730	212,087	176,539	141,586	152,406	166,142	170,604	158,816	155,833	-42.3%

Source: Central Statistics Office.

(1) The basis of the County Classification used is the Department of Social and Family Affairs Local Office of Registration. The areas served by local offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated.

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 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

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.

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

Trends

Overall expenditure on Employment Supports increased by €7.9 million in 2005, a decrease of 3.3 % over 2004. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports decreased by 627, a decrease of 1.6%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 29.3%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement increased by 2,721, an increase of 18.5% over 2004. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance (including Back to Work Enterprise Allowance) decreased by over €12 million, a decrease of 18.5%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance decreased by 1,065, a decrease of 22.6%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance decreased by 1,558, a decrease of 22.7%. The number of recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders decreased by 526, a decrease of 6.3% from the previous year.

Table G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004	2005 Provisional	Change 2005 over 2004
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Family Income Supplement	55,812	72,152	29.3%
Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	65,712	53,563	-18.5%
Back to Education Allowance	44,160	46,695	5.7%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,243	1,295	4.2%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	66,343	67,284	1.4%
Others ⁽²⁾	4,841	5,060	4.5%
TOTAL⁽¹⁾	238,111	246,049	3.3%

(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⁽¹⁾, 1996 to 2005

Year	Family Income Supplement	Other Employment Supports	Total
	€000	€000	€000
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	251,085
2000	39,386	245,898	285,284
2001	37,099	246,605	283,704
2002	42,423	226,705	269,128
2003	45,360	202,213	247,573
2004	55,812	182,299	238,111
2005 ⁽²⁾	72,152	173,897	246,049

(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, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004	2005	Change 2005 over 2004 %
Back to Work Allowance	4,711	3,646	-22.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	6,855	5,297	-22.7%
Back to Education Allowance	5,247	5,156	-1.7%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	326	218	-33.1%
Family Income Supplement	14,727	17,448	18.5%
Farm Assist/Smallholders(1)	8,350	7,824	-6.3%
Total	40,216	39,589	-1.6%

(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.

Table G4

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1996 to 2005

Year	Number of Recipients	Number of Child Beneficiaries
1996	11,898	29,754
1997	12,973	37,223
1998	13,260	33,334
1999	14,686	35,726
2000	13,181	31,274
2001	11,880	26,426
2002	12,043	26,531
2003	12,317	26,409
2004	14,727	29,991
2005	17,448	33,956

Graph G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1996 to 2005

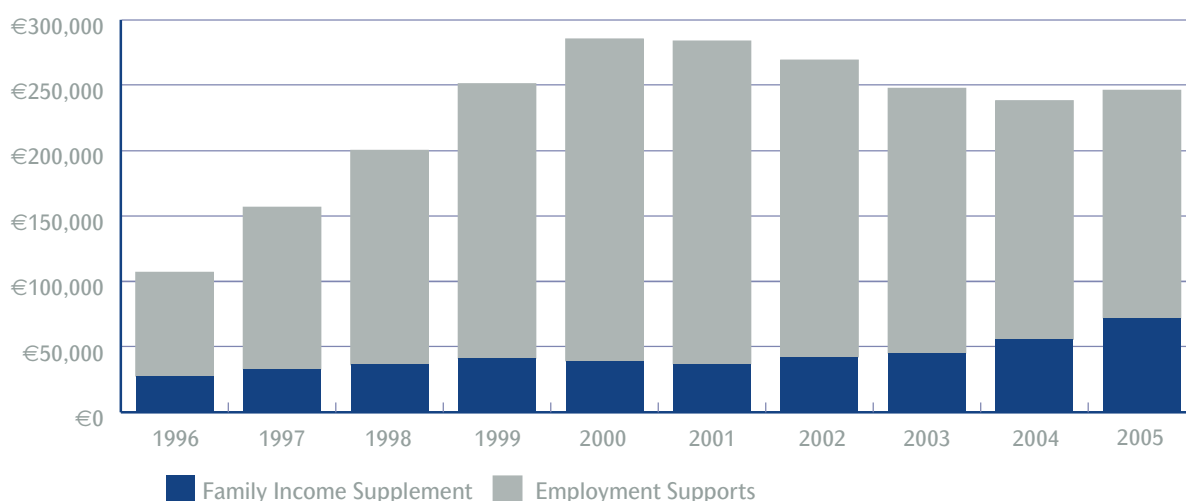


Table G5

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2005

Weekly Rate (€)	Family Size (Number of Children)								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
20-25	695	419	166	68	20	4	3	1	1,376
26 - 50	1,906	874	356	132	45	11	2	2	3,328
51 - 75	2,995	1,426	609	233	60	23	6	2	5,354
76 - 100	1,831	1,342	684	266	93	20	3	5	4,244
101 - 125	300	520	346	175	74	22	6	1	1,444
126 - 150	185	198	203	142	57	22	4	2	813
Over 150	145	239	196	154	89	42	15	9	889
Total	8,057	5,018	2,560	1,170	438	144	39	22	17,448
Number of Children	8,057	10,036	7,680	4,680	2,190	864	273	176	33,956

Table G6

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2005

Age of Recipient	Family Income Group (Euro per week)									Total
	0-100	101-150	151-200	201-250	251-300	301-350	351-400	401-450	>450	
Under 25 years	-	1	16	27	79	635	324	95	-	1,177
25 to 29 years	-	5	35	71	203	1,174	908	335	23	2,754
30 to 34 years	-	12	55	89	269	1,158	1,134	465	94	3,276
35 to 39 years	-	23	91	108	315	1,005	1,052	558	182	3,334
40 to 44 years	1	22	88	128	343	966	992	493	173	3,206
45 to 49 years	1	21	92	99	229	651	529	334	138	2,093
50 to 54 years	-	15	52	59	130	339	263	145	45	1,048
55 to 59 years	-	6	21	35	54	136	110	46	20	428
60 to 65 years	-	1	14	10	23	38	21	15	5	127
65 years or more	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	4
Total	2	106	464	626	1,645	6,105	5,334	2,486	680	17,448

Table G7

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Family Status and Income Group, 2005

Family Status	Family Income Group (Euro per week)									Total
	0-100	101-150	151-200	201-250	251-300	301-350	351-400	401-450	>450	
One Parent Family	1	20	118	223	687	4,533	3,822	1,562	202	11,168
Two Parent Family	1	84	342	398	952	1,521	1,527	983	472	6,280
Total	2	104	460	621	1,639	6,054	5,349	2,545	674	17,448

Table G8

Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2005

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	2,289	1,357	3,646
Self-Employed	4,015	1,282	5,297
Total	6,304	2,639	8,943

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, 2005

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education Allowance		Farm Assist/Smallholders	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	28	22	43	146	458	531	11	1
25 to 29 years	241	112	227	190	792	638	67	5
30 to 34 years	557	233	329	273	545	389	193	27
35 to 39 years	627	287	307	196	302	257	383	44
40 to 44 years	711	251	419	217	211	278	679	90
45 to 49 years	727	177	332	152	149	186	992	78
50 to 54 years	581	115	317	102	98	138	1,317	112
55 to 59 years	357	62	191	56	45	82	1,737	126
60 to 64 years	158	20	105	21	28	27	1,529	117
65+ years	28	3	19	4	2	-	302	14
Total	4,015	1,282	2,289	1,357	2,630	2,526	7,210	614

Table G10

Number of Recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders, 1996 to 2005

Year	Recipients
1996	9,004
1997	8,031
1998	6,578
1999	7,874
2000	8,051
2001	8,380
2002	8,514
2003	8,707
2004	8,350
2005	7,824

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999. The number of recipients at the end of 2005 is the number of persons in receipt of a Farm Assist or Smallholders payment. The source of the data for the period 1996 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. From 1999 onward only claims in payment are shown.

Table G11

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2005

County	Family Income Supplement	Back to Work Allowance Employee	Back to Education Allowance	Back to Work Allowance Self-Employed	Farm Assist/Smallholders	Part Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	276	62	106	80	57	3
Cavan	285	55	28	69	286	5
Clare	426	64	137	129	354	1
Cork	1,712	422	568	569	539	13
Donegal	1,163	315	335	471	1,126	8
Dublin	4,148	839	1,216	1,086	9	66
Galway	662	209	463	370	857	12
Kerry	647	157	179	270	614	6
Kildare	471	118	144	140	43	1
Kilkenny	272	52	86	92	117	8
Laois	257	47	45	57	85	-
Leitrim	120	24	31	72	216	2
Limerick	782	124	314	178	209	5
Longford	230	65	45	52	96	-
Louth	734	129	186	206	63	9
Mayo	527	154	179	187	1,459	22
Meath	438	63	68	79	52	2
Monaghan	299	64	63	100	403	1
Offaly	322	57	33	70	72	4
Roscommon	187	59	41	87	309	-
Sligo	276	58	102	91	338	9
Tipperary	867	111	215	191	198	9
Waterford	663	78	216	185	40	13
Westmeath	311	62	77	119	76	5
Wexford	893	151	135	194	154	11
Wicklow	422	107	143	153	52	3
Other	58	-	1	-	-	-
Total	17,448	3,646	5,156	5,297	7,824	218

(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 Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments
- Rent supplements and Mortgage Interest supplements
- Other supplements
- Exceptional Needs Payments and Urgent Needs Payments
- The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance scheme

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance amounted to over €624 million in 2005. This represents an increase of 3.7% on 2004. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over €14 million in 2005, an increase of 4.2%. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2005 was 60,176, an increase of 4.0% on 2004.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements remained at €6.3 million, with a small increase of 0.1%. The number of recipients at the end of 2005 decreased to 2,741, a decrease of 0.8%.

In 2005, a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 157,254 children, an increase of 3,845 on 2004. Expenditure on the scheme decreased by 1.8% to €16.7 million.

Net expenditure on Basic SWA payments in 2005 was €162.4 million, a decrease of 2.4% on 2004. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (€217.4 million) on Basic SWA payments in 2005. This represents the gross amount of expenditure on such Basic SWA payments before inter scheme adjustments and refunds have been taken into account. There were 28,066 recipients of Basic SWA payments at the end of 2005, a decrease of 1,682 on 2004.

Table H2 and Graph H1 show expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1996 to 2005.

Table H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Scheme, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004 €000	2005 ⁽¹⁾ €000	Change 2005 over 2004 %
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Basic SWA Payments ⁽²⁾	158,572	162,368	2.4%
Rent Supplements	353,762	368,705	4.2%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	6,333	6,339	0.1%
Other Supplements	14,568	13,392	-8.1%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	51,319	56,513	10.1%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear	17,028	16,713	-1.8%
Total	601,582	624,029	3.7%

(1) Provisional.

(2) Includes Direct Provision Allowance.

Table H2

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1996 to 2005

Year	Expenditure €000
1996	173,583
1997	200,190
1998	223,059
1999	239,721
2000	294,906
2001	363,576
2002	484,929
2003	587,813
2004	601,582
2005 ⁽¹⁾	624,029

(1) Provisional.

Graph H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance, 1996 to 2005

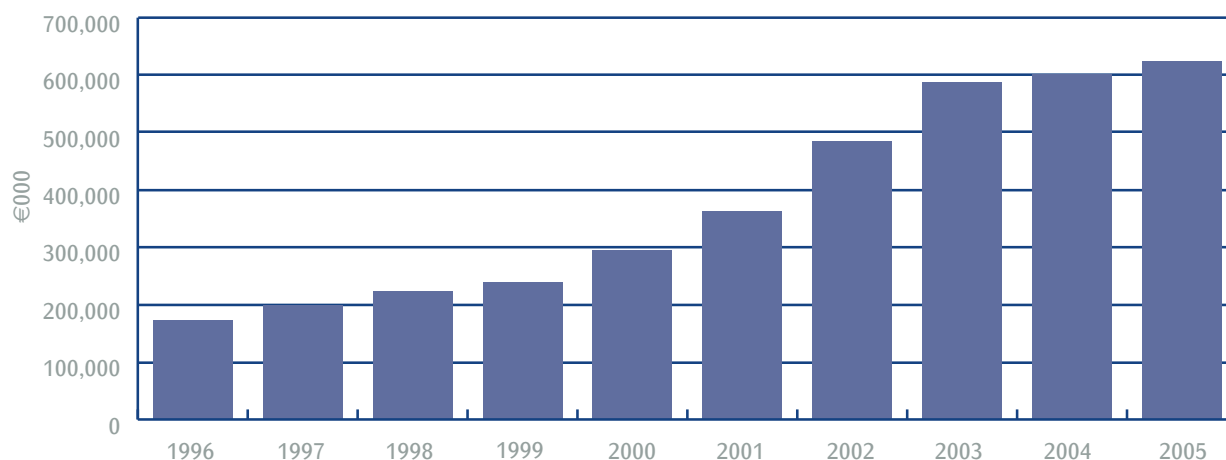


Table H3

Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2005

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⁾	98,605	9,938	13,343	17,551	9,278	21,008	27,063	20,636	217,423
Supplements									
Rent	207,199	10,805	20,543	13,868	11,379	31,515	43,557	29,840	368,705
Local Authority Mortgage	232	7	29	8	12	69	75	74	505
Other Mortgage	2,663	114	342	393	153	638	1,106	426	5,834
Heating	244	93	697	25	13	171	547	50	1,840
Diet	2,868	345	478	379	155	779	954	380	6,337
Other	2,026	64	466	116	23	634	1,354	533	5,215
Exceptional Needs Payments	25,650	1,661	4,756	1,986	2,534	6,223	8,740	4,822	56,373
Urgent Needs Payments	48	10	8	6	8	22	28	10	140
Administration Costs ⁽²⁾	16,869	2,257	4,089	3,561	2,297	4,562	8,732	4,912	47,279
Grand Total ⁽³⁾	356,404	25,294	44,803	37,958	25,913	65,746	92,435	61,683	709,651

Note: It should be noted that some of the totals are not equal to the sum of the parts. This is due to rounding.

(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 HSE and re-imbursed subsequently by the Department. The table shows the level of reimbursement, not the level of expenditure incurred.

(3) These totals are not the final outturn because inter scheme adjustments and refunds are not reflected.

Table H4

Expenditure on Exceptional Needs Payments, Other Exceptional Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Urgent Needs Payments, 2005

Type of Payment	Expenditure €000	Total Expenditure €000
Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments		
Housing		
New Accommodation Kit	7,209	
Household Appliances	5,886	
Rent Deposit	5,861	
Furniture	2,574	
Floor Covering	1,854	
Bedding	1,725	
Repair/maintenance	1,113	26,223
Clothing		
Adult Clothing	6,794	
Child Clothing	2,534	9,328
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	2,633	
Burial Expenses	385	3,018
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	1,185	
Cot	885	2,070
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	3,898	
Household	1,353	5,251
Illness		
Confinement Costs	823	
Hospital Requirements	351	1,175
General		
Other ⁽¹⁾	4,365	
Travel Costs	2,296	
Insufficient Means	1,550	
Heating	863	
Lost/Stolen Money	135	
Household Budget	98	9,308
Urgent Needs Payments	140	140
Grand Total		56,513

(1) This includes €0.44m in payments in respect of homeless people made on behalf of local authorities and subsequently re-imbursed. It should be noted that some of the totals are not equal to the sum of the parts. This is due to rounding.

Table H5

Number of Recipients of Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2005

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	EASTERN	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payment ⁽¹⁾									
Recipients									
Qualified Adults	11,886	1,191	1,884	2,323	1,255	2,921	3,848	2,758	28,066
Qualified Children	2,571	241	283	489	215	474	692	509	5,474
	9,821	1,049	1,091	2,030	685	1,669	2,353	2,007	20,705
Total Beneficiaries	24,278	2,481	3,258	4,842	2,155	5,064	6,893	5,274	54,245
Supplements:									
Rent	26,573	2,230	4,333	2,892	2,932	6,514	8,716	5,986	60,176
Other Mortgage	1,146	61	121	223	196	289	453	252	2,741
Local Authority Mortgage	203	8	29	13	13	72	73	68	479
Heating	490	188	1,347	46	50	331	863	54	3,369
Diet	5,218	717	949	780	491	1,532	1,644	442	11,773
Other ⁽²⁾	1,821	74	302	82	82	418	777	292	3,848

(1) Includes Direct Provision Allowance.

(2) Includes Creche, MABS, Other etc.

Table H6

Number of Recipients and Expenditure on Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements, 1999 to 2005

Year	Basic SWA ⁽¹⁾		Rent Supplement		Mortgage Interest Supplement		Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement		Other Supplements ⁽²⁾	
	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000
1999	21,269	67,930	41,873	128,240	3,132	5,922	1,976	2,265	12,864	7,431
2000	25,094	85,546	42,683	150,590	2,726	4,250	1,507	1,628	14,530	8,421
2001	29,167	113,552	45,028	179,438	2,860	4,945	1,204	1,398	17,326	10,351
2002	32,073	145,125	54,213	252,203	3,296	6,426	1,063	1,232	19,599	12,519
2003	31,217	160,488	59,976	331,471	3,161	6,725	772	938	22,598	15,043
2004	29,748	158,572	57,874	353,762	2,763	5,705	555	628	19,844	14,568
2005	28,066	162,368	60,176	368,705	2,741	5,834	479	505	18,990	13,392

(1) Includes Direct Provision Allowance.

(2) Includes Diet, Other, Travel, etc.

Table H7

Number of Recipients of Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements by Age and Sex, 2005

Age Group	Basic SWA			Rent Supplement			Mortgage Interest Supplement			Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement			Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	1,197	1,304	2,501	246	1,113	1,359	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	71	113
20 - 24	2,499	2,258	4,757	1,816	7,434	9,250	5	12	17	-	1	1	149	407	556
25 - 29	2,811	2,315	5,126	3,364	7,635	10,999	41	59	100	3	10	13	310	736	1,046
30 - 34	2,679	2,183	4,862	4,339	6,177	10,516	179	144	323	11	15	26	474	754	1,228
35 - 39	2,237	1,463	3,700	3,990	4,102	8,092	296	265	561	12	12	24	539	699	1,238
40 - 44	1,549	877	2,426	3,223	2,474	5,697	299	255	554	29	28	57	635	685	1,320
45 - 49	1,138	573	1,711	2,460	1,589	4,049	274	188	462	56	40	96	648	629	1,277
50 - 54	850	452	1,302	1,951	1,155	3,106	225	117	342	59	31	90	810	730	1,540
55 - 59	606	374	980	1,636	885	2,521	146	97	243	57	23	80	1,052	968	2,020
60 - 64	282	154	436	1,100	553	1,653	68	28	96	37	18	55	1,127	1,036	2,163
65 - 69	135	60	195	672	408	1,080	14	14	28	13	16	29	1,101	1,043	2,144
70 plus	34	36	70	798	1,056	1,854	6	9	15	2	6	8	1,582	2,763	4,345
Total	16,017	12,049	28,066	25,595	34,581	60,176	1,553	1,188	2,741	279	200	479	8,469	10,521	18,990

(1) Includes Diet, Other, Travel, etc.

Table H8

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 2005

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Old Age Pensions	1,687	13	4
Pre-Retirement Allowance	299	8	6
Widows and Widower's Pensions	398	31	25
One-Parent Family Payment	13,889	264	46
Invalidity Pension	1,111	112	49
Disability Benefit	1,661	491	30
Disability Allowance	7,512	241	80
Long-Term Unemployment Assistance	7,742	290	95
Short-Term Unemployment Assistance	5,044	185	17
Unemployment Benefit	2,266	393	44
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	11,645	386	24
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	3,330	118	26
DSS (UK)	422	4	2
Other	3,170	205	31
Total	60,176	2,741	479

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

Table H9

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Claim Duration, 2005⁽¹⁾

Months ⁽²⁾	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	8,061	274	25
3 to 6	8,891	354	30
6 to 9	6,330	274	19
9 to 12	5,108	260	18
12 to 24	13,745	576	53
24 to 36	8,427	378	59
36 to 48	3,821	228	40
48 to 60	1,684	147	39
60 to 72	1,076	87	21
72 plus	3,033	163	175
Total ⁽¹⁾	60,176	2,741	479

(1) This represents unbroken continuous claims only. Where recipients change address, the claim at the new address may be recorded as a new claim and the duration spent at the previous address may not be taken into account in these statistics.

(2) Claims with duration of precisely 3 months are recorded under the 3-6 months heading, claims with duration of precisely 6 months are recorded under the 6-9 months heading and so on.

Table H10

Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2005

HSE Area	Age 2 to 11	Age 12 to 17	Age 18 to 22	Total
Eastern	37,413	15,288	1,129	53,830
Midland	6,067	3,065	350	9,482
Mid-Western	7,420	4,263	484	12,167
North Eastern	8,022	4,329	612	12,963
North Western	7,054	4,528	796	12,378
South Eastern	11,054	6,475	846	18,375
Southern	13,166	7,668	1,213	22,047
Western	8,999	5,626	1,387	16,012
Total	99,195	51,242	6,817	157,254

Table H11

Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2004 and 2005

HSE Area	2004 ⁽¹⁾ €000	2005 ⁽¹⁾ €000
Eastern	5,234	5,373
Midland	1,060	1,023
Mid-Western	1,416	1,315
North Eastern	1,458	1,401
North Western	1,475	1,366
South Eastern	1,995	1,965
Southern	2,522	2,426
Western	1,868	1,845
Total Expenditure	17,028	16,713

(1) It should be noted that some of the totals are not equal to the sum of the parts. This is due to rounding.

Table H12

Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments by Category, 2005

Interim Basic SWA Payments	No of Payments	
Pending Unemployment Assistance	5,171	
Pending Unemployment Assistance Appeal	571	
Pending Unemployment Benefit	776	
Pending Unemployment Benefit Appeal	38	
Pending Disability Allowance	3,308	
Pending Disability Benefit	1,536	
Pending Disability Benefit Appeal	50	
Pending Old Age Pension	146	
Pending Survivors Pension	77	
Pending Carers Allowance	186	
Pending Occupational Injuries Benefit	50	
Pending One Parent Family Payment	3,321	
Pending Other Social Welfare Payments	587	
Sub-Total		15,817
Other Basic SWA Payments		
Sick No Benefit	2,742	
Other Increment to Scale	263	
Other ⁽¹⁾	9,244	
Sub-Total		12,249
Total		28,066

(1) This category includes payments to persons who do not qualify for other Social Welfare payments and whose means are below the appropriate SWA rates.

Table H13

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Duration⁽¹⁾ and by Primary Payment, 2005

Duration in Months Payment Type ⁽⁴⁾	0 to 3 ⁽³⁾	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	TOTAL
Old Age Pensions	101	98	120	114	169	140	131	115	161	107	80	351	1,687
Pre-Retirement Allowance	7	6	7	6	23	21	16	17	18	16	26	136	299
Widows and Widower's Pensions	23	40	26	29	49	34	33	38	38	20	22	46	398
One-Parent Family Payment	1,532	1,858	1,524	1,289	2,109	1,598	1,389	903	878	328	169	312	13,889
Incapacity Pension	63	69	72	81	118	105	90	70	89	59	62	233	1,111
Disability Benefit	271	284	194	179	221	134	121	74	74	48	16	45	1,661
Disability Allowance	737	907	764	588	998	773	593	405	511	284	190	762	7,512
Long-Term Unemployment Assistance	1,071	1,175	852	689	1,020	710	563	380	388	210	146	538	7,742
Short-Term Unemployment Assistance	828	900	586	488	570	432	358	273	318	110	69	112	5,044
Unemployment Benefit	465	463	280	236	234	184	140	80	91	44	11	38	2,266
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	1,955	2,034	1,139	806	1,458	1,072	933	798	860	247	166	177	11,645
Employment Support Services ⁽²⁾	452	526	313	270	490	285	277	176	212	119	53	157	3,330
DSS (UK)	35	43	50	27	41	46	31	23	46	31	14	35	422
Other	521	488	403	306	424	287	242	158	137	61	52	91	3,170
TOTAL	8,061	8,891	6,330	5,108	7,924	5,821	4,917	3,510	3,821	1,684	1,076	3,033	60,176

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

(3) Claims with duration of precisely 3 months are recorded under the 3-6 months heading, claims with duration of precisely 6 months are recorded under the 6-9 months heading and so on.

(4) The recipient may not necessarily have been in receipt of the same Primary Payment for the duration of the Rent Supplement claim.

Table H14

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and by Duration⁽¹⁾, 2005

Duration in Months	0 to 3 ⁽²⁾	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	TOTAL
Age Group													
Under 20	443	411	234	114	106	33	12	5	1	-	-	-	1,359
20 - 24	1,663	1,735	1,329	1,014	1,377	855	625	333	245	52	20	2	9,250
25 - 29	1,615	1,931	1,257	1,019	1,516	1,096	953	629	598	185	93	107	10,999
30 - 34	1,417	1,596	1,095	833	1,433	1,152	974	659	705	267	155	230	10,516
35 - 39	1,045	1,151	750	625	1,119	841	718	598	584	243	138	280	8,092
40 - 44	676	760	557	493	764	539	481	367	447	187	121	305	5,697
45 - 49	445	474	391	326	476	412	326	261	309	182	109	338	4,049
50 - 54	309	316	239	224	365	290	255	213	256	159	114	366	3,106
55 - 59	201	206	171	190	308	227	225	142	235	122	99	395	2,521
60 - 64	90	133	129	91	177	131	120	107	160	103	69	343	1,653
65 - 69	65	82	57	78	115	94	100	56	97	51	55	230	1,080
70 plus	92	96	121	101	168	151	128	140	184	133	103	437	1,854
TOTAL	8,061	8,891	6,330	5,108	7,924	5,821	4,917	3,510	3,821	1,684	1,076	3,033	60,176

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Table H15

Short Term and Long Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by Primary Payment, 2005

Payment Type	All Cases		Short Term <18 Months		Long Term >18 Months	
		%		%		%
Old Age Pensions	1,687	2.8%	541	2.0%	1,146	3.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	299	0.5%	29	0.1%	270	0.8%
Widows and Widower's Pensions	398	0.7%	133	0.5%	265	0.8%
One-Parent Family Payment	13,889	23.1%	5,255	19.3%	8,634	26.2%
Invalidity Pension	1,111	1.8%	294	1.1%	817	2.5%
Disability Benefit	1,661	2.8%	1,051	3.9%	610	1.8%
Disability Allowance	7,512	12.5%	2,771	10.2%	4,741	14.4%
Long-Term Unemployment Assistance	7,742	12.9%	3,533	13.0%	4,209	12.7%
Short-Term Unemployment Assistance	5,044	8.4%	2,781	10.2%	2,263	6.9%
Unemployment Benefit	2,266	3.8%	1,587	5.8%	679	2.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	11,645	19.4%	5,768	21.2%	5,877	17.8%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	3,330	5.5%	1,498	5.5%	1,832	5.5%
DSS (UK)	422	0.7%	188	0.7%	234	0.7%
Other	3,170	5.3%	1,730	6.4%	1,440	4.4%
Total	60,176	100.0%	27,159	100.0%	33,017	100.0%

(1) Includes Back to Work Allowance, Community Employment, Back to Education Allowance, VTOS and FAS. At December 2005 there were 60,176 households in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment, of which 30,749 are the Target group for the Rental Assistance Scheme that have been in receipt of a payment for 18 months or longer. This group of 30,749 is derived from an analysis of those in receipt of a rent supplement payment in June 2004 and in receipt of a rent supplement payment at every three monthly interval thereafter.

Note: The 33,017 Long Term cases includes Asylum Seekers and Back to Work Allowance recipients that are not included in the Target group of 30,749 for transfer to the Rental Assistance Scheme.

Table H16

Short Term and Long Term recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2005

County	All Cases	Short Term Cases	Short Term as % All Cases	Long Term Cases	Long Term as % All Cases
	Recipients	Recipients	%	Recipients	%
Carlow	918	469	51.1%	449	48.9%
Cavan	450	246	54.7%	204	45.3%
Clare	1,233	532	43.1%	701	56.9%
Cork	6,883	3,063	44.5%	3,820	55.5%
Donegal	2,216	1,233	55.6%	983	44.4%
Dublin	22,473	8,879	39.5%	13,594	60.5%
Galway	3,504	1,530	43.7%	1,974	56.3%
Kerry	1,833	927	50.6%	906	49.4%
Kildare	2,426	1,097	45.2%	1,329	54.8%
Kilkenny	829	448	54.0%	381	46.0%
Laois	344	177	51.5%	167	48.5%
Leitrim	220	139	63.2%	81	36.8%
Limerick	2,409	1,244	51.6%	1,165	48.4%
Longford	386	212	54.9%	174	45.1%
Louth	1,473	697	47.3%	776	52.7%
Mayo	1,865	874	46.9%	991	53.1%
Meath	633	336	53.1%	297	46.9%
Monaghan	336	158	47.0%	178	53.0%
Offaly	584	343	58.7%	241	41.3%
Roscommon	617	304	49.3%	313	50.7%
Sligo	496	294	59.3%	202	40.7%
Tipperary	1,765	889	50.4%	876	49.6%
Waterford	1,804	1,023	56.7%	781	43.3%
Westmeath	916	495	54.0%	421	46.0%
Wexford	1,889	838	44.4%	1,051	55.6%
Wicklow	1,674	712	42.5%	962	57.5%
Total	60,176	27,159	45.1%	33,017	54.9%

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Table H17

Number of Recipients of Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements⁽¹⁾ by County, 2005

County	Basic SWA	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement	Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	402	918	37	8	224
Cavan	258	450	52	8	251
Clare	476	1,233	50	6	363
Cork	2,946	6,883	376	64	2,580
Donegal	929	2,216	94	9	203
Dublin	10,406	22,473	901	179	6,598
Galway	1,586	3,504	112	16	511
Kerry	902	1,833	77	9	704
Kildare	906	2,426	118	16	460
Kilkenny	483	829	36	24	237
Laois	292	344	17	2	268
Leitrim	85	220	93	1	38
Limerick	1,141	2,409	10	15	1,911
Longford	212	386	8	3	138
Louth	887	1,473	58	3	294
Mayo	788	1,865	106	42	374
Meath	977	633	85	-	261
Monaghan	201	336	28	2	102
Offaly	305	584	13	1	332
Roscommon	384	617	34	10	214
Sligo	241	496	9	3	71
Tipperary	806	1,765	109	21	1,163
Waterford	884	1,804	53	15	436
Westmeath	382	916	23	2	241
Wexford	613	1,889	115	12	545
Wicklow	574	1,674	127	8	471
Total	28,066	60,176	2,741	479	18,990

(1) Includes Diet, Other, Travel, etc.

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 and Family Affairs, including:

- Treatment Benefits
- Household Benefits and Free Travel
- Bereavement Grants
- Redundancy and Insolvency Payments
- Comhairle
- School Meals
- Money Advice and Budgeting Service

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

Graph J1

Expenditure on Household Benefits and Free Travel, 2005

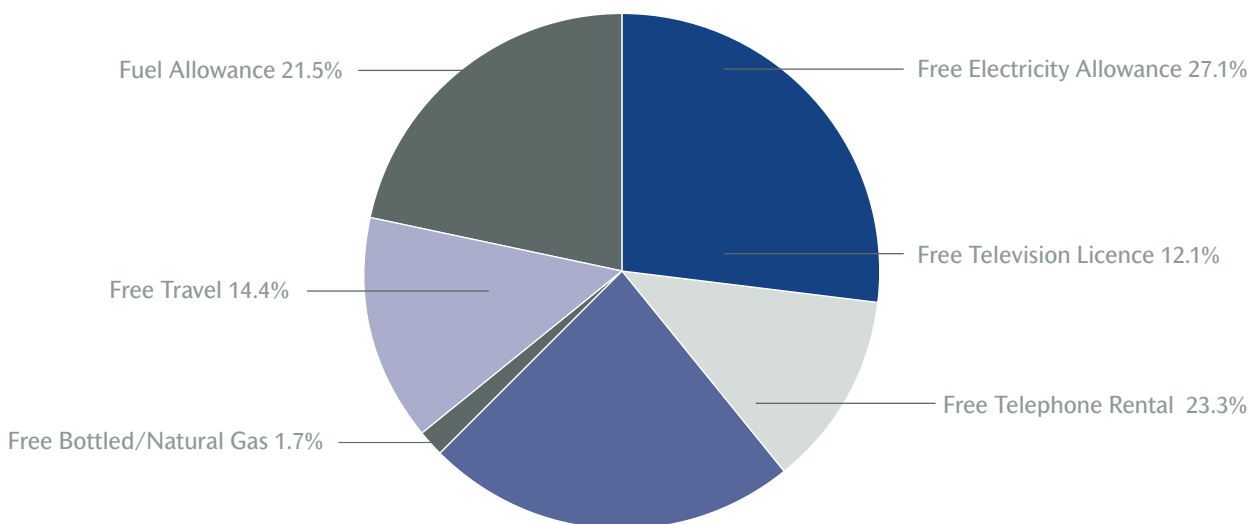


Table J1

Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment Type, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004 €000	2005 ⁽¹⁾ €000	Change %
Household Benefits and Free Travel	364,272	383,381	5.2%
Treatment Benefit	70,454	65,497	-7.0%
Bereavement Grants	13,190	13,569	2.9%
Rent Allowance	754	855	13.4%
Equal Treatment Payments	1	-	
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	147,643	148,147	0.3%
Combat Poverty Agency	3,909	4,236	8.4%
School Meals	4,647	8,434	81.5%
Comhairle	17,826	20,917	17.3%
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	11,397	13,593	19.3%
Other Grants/Payments	6,188	6,130	-0.9%
Total	276,009	281,378	1.9%

(1) Provisional.

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

Table J2

Total Expenditure on Household Benefits and Free Travel, 1996 to 2005

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
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	51,275	24,773	55,335	99	2,517	45,860	61,136	240,995
2002	62,648	30,967	72,887	108	3,276	45,625	80,532	296,043
2003	75,402	43,801	83,258	120	4,905	49,820	83,208	340,514
2004	87,992	47,859	85,697	116	5,498	52,400	84,710	364,272
2005 ⁽¹⁾	103,871	46,224	89,143	108	6,316	55,333	82,386	383,381

(1) Provisional.

Table J3

Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 2004 and 2005

Type of Payment	2004	2005	Change 2005 over 2004 %
Bereavement Grants	22,563	22,791	1.0%
Treatment Benefit:			
Dental	523,676	567,144	8.3%
Optical	172,199	174,918	1.6%
Medical and Surgical	5,749	5,332	-7.3%
Rent Allowance	14	9	-35.7%
Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾	272,000	266,000	-2.2%

(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance in 2005. There was an average of 121,000 recipients of a Smokeless Fuel Allowance in 2004 and an average of 115,000 recipients in 2005.

Table J4

Number of Recipients of Household Benefits and Free Travel by Type of Payment Received, 2005

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	53,512	59,595	57,940	27	6,056	94,571
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	44,392	45,515	43,764	89	1,034	82,917
Retirement Pension	52,374	58,893	56,050	34	6,485	82,895
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	52,469	58,161	57,205	3	5,689	69,581
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	9,508	9,757	9,590	10	239	12,551
Invalidity Pension	20,299	22,444	19,706	16	2,129	50,791
Deserted Wife's Allowance	347	382	376	-	35	556
Deserted Wife's Benefit	527	630	608	1	102	925
One Parent Family Payment	39	40	34	-	1	132
Occupational Injury Benefit	256	284	279	-	28	319
Free Fuel	1,574	1,596	1,580	-	22	1,503
Blind Pensions	695	729	672	1	33	1,878
No Active Pension	23,741	26,168	28,618	21	2,406	120,089
Garda Widow's Pension ⁽³⁾	91	100	157	-	9	1,311
Carer's Allowance	10,912	11,712	11,564	24	776	23,758
Disability Allowance	21,483	22,943	17,841	113	1,347	88,098
British Pension ⁽³⁾	3,004	3,134	4,044	1	129	5,132
Others	1,085	1,173	1,325	3	85	2,650
Total	296,308	323,256	311,353	343	26,605	639,657

(1) Refers to the number of Licences issued.

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

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

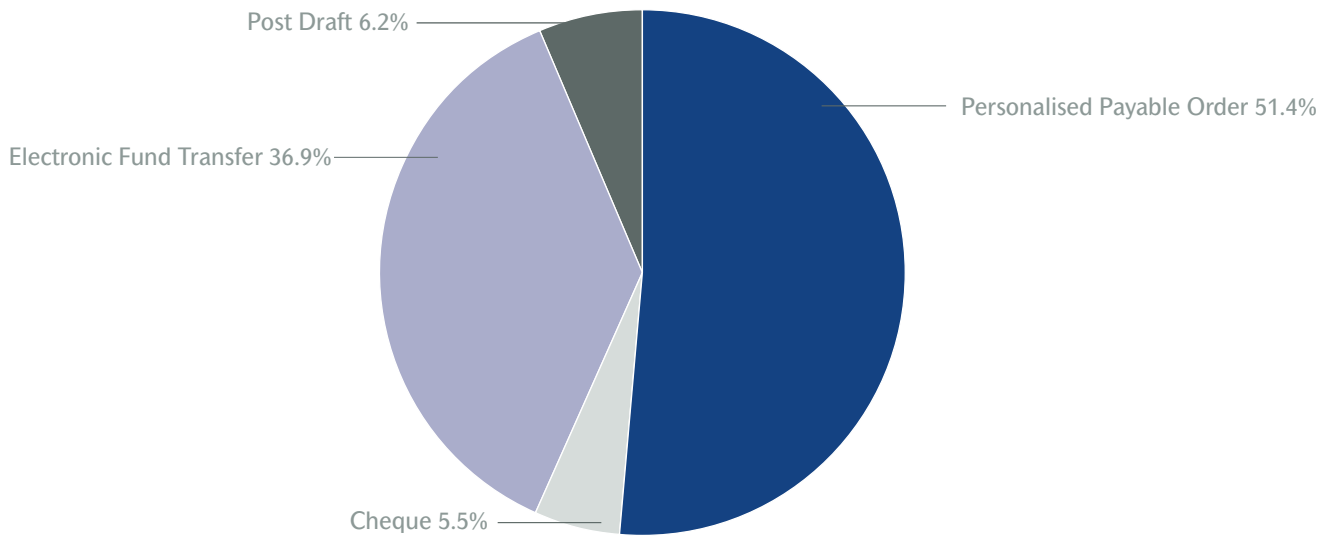
Table J5

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2005

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Post Draft	Total
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	57,089	919	66,603	-	124,611
Retirement Pension	64,232	217	26,598	-	91,047
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	73,930	35	10,489	-	84,454
Pre-Retirement Allowance	-	389	2,582	8,087	11,058
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	76,592	854	31,383	188	109,017
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	13,713	-	979	37	14,729
Deserted Wife's Benefit	8,589	-	938	653	10,180
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,281	-	62	39	1,382
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	49,892	18	16,614	13,842	80,366
Maternity Benefit	-	1,593	9,198	-	10,791
Health and Safety Benefit	-	3	23	-	26
Adoptive Benefit	-	5	27	-	32
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	592	-	189	-	781
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	372	-	72	-	444
Child Benefit (Families)	315,547	-	231,993	-	547,540
Disability Benefit	-	36,701	24,512	632	61,845
Invalidity Pension	41,567	13	16,226	546	58,352
Injury Benefit	-	664	244	-	908
Interim Disability Benefit	-	265	90	-	355
Disablement Pension	-	12,475	-	-	12,475
Death Benefit	547	-	100	-	647
Disability Allowance	57,168	11	20,492	1,582	79,253
Carer's Benefit	-	-	799	68	867
Carer's Allowance	20,373	-	4,597	-	24,970
Blind Pension	1,713	-	272	-	1,985
Unemployment Benefit	-	13,297	25,269	14,188	52,754
Unemployment Assistance	-	5,980	23,356	46,021	75,357
Back to Work Allowance	47	43	8,803	50	8,943
Back to Education Allowance	-	10	4,866	280	5,156
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	-	165	18	35	218
Family Income Supplement	-	1,896	15,384	168	17,448
Farm Assist	-	88	2,299	5,437	7,824
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	8,525	17,596	1,945	28,066
Rent Allowance	-	270	-	-	270
Total	783,246	84,436	562,673	93,798	1,524,153

Graph J2

Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Method of Payment, 2005



APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Social Insurance and Social Assistance

The Department of Social & 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 Household Benefits and Free Travel.

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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 Pension, Rent Allowance and Household Benefits and Free Travel.

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

7. Supplementary Welfare Allowance

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

8. Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

Treatment Benefits
 Household Benefits and Free Travel
 Bereavement Grants
 Money Advice and Budgeting Service
 Family Resource Centre 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 Increase 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 Household Benefits and Household Benefits and Free Travel.
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 Pension, Rent Allowance and Household Benefits and Free Travel.



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