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Notes

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

ABBREVIATIONS

- Not Applicable
- n.a. Not Available

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Foreword from the Minister

I welcome this publication of Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services for 2008. This 26th edition of the Annual Statistical Report of the Department of Social and Family Affairs provides comprehensive statistical information on all programmes administered by my Department.

Accurate information is vital to support evidence-based policy making and enable the measurement of progress in these areas. 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 this Department provide for the complex and multi-faceted needs of people at every stage of life. Behind each and every one of these statistics is a real person or family, making it all the more important for us to see that delivering services is not just about numbers but about affecting the daily lives and wellbeing of all our citizens particularly in these challenging times.

This report shows that social welfare expenditure increased to over €17.8 billion in 2008, an increase of almost 15% on the previous year. This funding provided supports to children and families, people of working age, carers and people with disabilities as well as retired and older people. The increasing level of investment reflects the desire to achieve real social progress as well as meet the challenges facing a changing society. Statistics tell their own story and in 2008:

- Over 1.2 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of 1.8 million beneficiaries;
- There was over €5.3 billion spent on supports for people of working age, an increase of almost 25% on the previous year. Within this, expenditure on Jobseekers supports increased by 48% rising to €2.1 billion.
- Expenditure on State Pensions increased by 10.9% to €4.3 billion. Payments were made to over 364,000 people in this area.
- 596,108 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,141,938 children. Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by 10.0% to €2.5 billion.
- Family Income Supplement was paid to 27,798 families, an increase 21.8% on the previous year and benefiting over 58,000 children, 22.1% more than 2007. Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 21.6% to €170 million;
- Expenditure on Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit increased by 24.6% and 25.2% respectively. The numbers in receipt of a Carer's payment increased from 35,147 to 45,818, an increase of 30.4%;

This report illustrates and 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. Every one of the services provided daily by the almost 5,000 staff of the Department is a core feature of our society, ensuring that supports are there for those who need them.

Ba mhaith liomsa mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le foireann na Roinne a chabhraíonn le muintir na tíre gach aon lá.

Mary Hanafin T.D. Minister for Social and Family Affairs



Réamhrá an Aire

Fáiltím roimh fhoilsiú seo Faisnéis Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh do 2008. Tugann 26ú eagrán seo de Thuarascáil Staitistiúil Bhliantúil an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh faisnéis chuimsitheach Staitistiúil maidir le gach clár atá á riaradh ag mo Roinn.

Bíonn eolas cruinn den riachtanas chun tacú le cinnteoireacht atá bunaithe ar fhianaise agus chun a chur ar ár gcumas dul chun cinn sna réimsí seo a thomhas. Gnéithe fíor-luachmhara atá i sonraí iontaofa maidir le torthaí agus treochtaí, mar atá sa Tuarascáil seo, ó thaobh polasaithe a fhorbairt agus a chur i bhfeidhm chun iniamh sóisialta a chothú agus comhtháthú sóisialta a chur chun cinn.

Déanann tacaíochtaí atá á riaradh ag an Roinn seo foráil do na riachtanais casta agus ilghnéitheacha a bhíonn ag daoine ag gach céim den saol. Tá duine daonna nó teaghlach taobh thiar de gach ceann de na staitisticí seo, rud a fhágann go bhfuil sé thar a bheith tábhachtach dúinne cinntiú go mbeidh seachadadh seirbhísí dírithe ní hamháin ar uimhreacha ach ar thionchar a imirt ar shaol agus leas laethúil ár saoránach uile, go háirithe sna cúinsí deacra ina bhfuilimid faoi láthair.

Taispeánann an tuarascáil seo gur tháinig ardú ar chaiteachas leasa shóisialaigh go dtí os cionn €17.8 billiún in 2008, ardú de bheagnach 15% i gcomparáid leis an mbliain roimhe sin. Soláthraíonn an maoiniú seo tacaíochtaí do leanaí agus teaghlaigh, do dhaoine atá in aois fostaíochta, do chúramóirí agus daoine le míchumais chomh maith le daoine atá imithe ar scor agus daoine níos sine. Tugann an t-ardleibhéal infheistíochta aitheantas don mhian atá ann dul chun cinn sóisialta dáiríre a bhaint amach chomh maith le dul i ngleic leis na dúshlán atá ann do shochaí atá ag athrú. Tugann staitisticí a léiríú féin ar an scéal féin agus in 2008:

- Bhí os cionn 1.2 milliún duine ag fáil íocaíocht sheachtainiúil Leasa Shóisialaigh, ar íocadh í ar son 1.8 milliún tairbhí;
- Caitheadh os cionn €5.3 billiún ar thacaíochtaí do dhaoine in aois fostaíochta, ardú beagnach 25% ar an mbliain roimhe sin. Laistigh den fhigiúr seo, tháinig ardú 48% ar chaiteachas dóibh siúd atá ag fáil tacaíochtaí Cuardaitheora Oibre, rud a d'fhág go bhfuil €2.1 billiún á chaitheamh anois air.
- Tháinig ardú 10.9% ar Phinsin Stáit go dtí €4.3 billiún. Rinneadh íocaíochtaí do níos mó ná 364,000 duine sa earnáil seo.
- Fuair 596,108 teaghlach íocaíocht mhíosúil Sochar Linbh, a íocadh i ndáil le 1,141,938 leanbh. Bhí ardú 10.0% go dtí €2.5 billiún ar an méid a caitheadh ar Shochar Linbh.
- Íocadh Forlíonadh Ioncam Teaghlaigh do 27,798 teaghlach, ardú 21.8% ar an mbliain roimhe sin. Chuaigh sé seo chun tairbhe os cionn 58,000 leanbh, 22.1% níos mó ná 2007. Bhí ardú 21.6% go dtí €170 milliún ar chaiteachas ar Fhorlíonadh Ioncam Teaghlaigh;
- Tháinig ardú 24.6% and 25.2% faoi seach ar chaiteachas ar Liúntas Cúramóra agus ar Shochar Cúramóra. Bhí ardú i líon na ndaoine a bhí ag fáil íocaíocht Cúramóra ó 35,147 go dtí 45,818, ardú de 30.4%;

Taispeánann agus léiríonn an tuarascáil seo an dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh ó thaobh seirbhísí a fheabhsú agus a fhorbairt, i gcompháirt le haidhmeanna agus le cuspóirí níos leithne an Rialtais, a bhfuil sé mar mhóraidhm acu caighdeán maireachtála níos fearr agus deiseanna a sheachadadh do dhaoine de gach aois. Tá gach ceann de na seirbhísí seo á gcur ar fáil ar bhonn laethúil ag beagnach 5,000 ball foirne na Roinne agus gné lárnach dár sochaí atá iontu anois, agus iad ag cinntiú go bhfuil tacaíocht ar fáil dóibh siúd a bhfuil sé ag teastáil uathu.

Ba mhaith liomsa mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le foireann na Roinne a chabhraíonn le muintir na tíre gach aon lá.

Mary Hanafin T.D. Aire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh

Introduction

General

This is the twenty sixth 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 2008 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 2008 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:

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Appendix 2 (page 103) 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 older people.

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, Guardian's Payment and Maternity Benefit.

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

Section F provides details of jobseeker's payments.

Section G provides details of employment supports including Back to Work Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Education Allowance, the Family Income Supplement and Farm Assist. For the first time, this report includes data relating to the number of people referred to FÁS under the National Employment Action Plan.

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

Section J provides details of Treatment Benefits, Free Schemes and other miscellaneous payments. This section includes the number of Personalised Public Service numbers issued by Nationality.

Summary

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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 séú a fiche don bhfoilsíúcháin bliantúil 'Eolas Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh' a ullmhaíonn 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 2008 agus níos luaithe. Maidir leis na sonraí i leith na n-daoine atá ag fáil íocaíochtaí nó íocaíochtaí ar a son is iad na figiúirí ar 31 Nollaig gach bliain atá luaite, ach amháin nuair a deirtear a mhalairt. Tá a lan de na táblaí a leiríonn miondealaithe i leith daoine ag fáil íocaíochtaí, nó 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 2008 go dtí go mbeidh siad deimhnithe ag An Ard-Reachtaire 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 léirithe, ach amháin nuair a deirtear a mhalairt.

Amsraith agus Athraithe ar Íocaíochtaí

Tugtar sonraí ar amsraith 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 eolaí roinnte i naoi gcuid mar a leanas:

- Cuid A Coimriú agus Airgeadais
- Cuid B Daoine Aosta
- 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 Tacáíochtaí Fostaíochta
- Cuid H Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach
- Cuid J Íocaíochtaí Ilghnéitheach agus Deontais

Tá na h-íocaíochtaí i ngach earnáil leagtha amach in Aguisín 2 (leath. 103)

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 daoine aosta.

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 Breoiteachta, Pinsean Easláinte, Liúntas Míchumais, Pinsean na nDall, Liúntas Cúraim agus Sochair Gortú Ceirde.

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

Tugann Cuid G eolas maidir le tacaíochtaí fostaíochta, an Liúntas Filleadh ar Obair, Liúntas Fiontar Filleadh ar Obair, Liúntas Filleadh ar Oideachais, Forlíonadh d'Ioncam Teaghlaigh agus Liúntas Cunamh Feirme san aireamh. Den chéad uair, tugtar sonraí sa tuarascáil seo maidir le líon na ndaoine a cuireadh ar aghaidh chuig FÁS faoin bPlean Gnímh Náisiúnta um Fhostaíocht.

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

Tugann Cuid J eolas maidir le Sochar Coireála, Saorscéimeanna agus íocaíochtaí ilgnéitheach eile. Tugtar sa chuid seo líon na nUimhreacha Pearsanta Seirbhísí Poiblí a eisíodh, arna roinnt de réir náisiúnachtaí.

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 2007, ar fáil sa bhileog seo.

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

Rannóg Staitistic,
An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha
agus Teaghlaigh,
Urlár 5,
Áras Mhic Dhiarmada,
Sráid Stórais,
Baile Átha Cliath 1

Tá an Tuairisc seo ar fáil freisin ar an idir-líne ag www.welfare.ie

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 2008 was €17,815million, an increase of 14.8% over 2007. Expenditure in 2008 represented 33.4% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 11.4% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Older People (24.1%), Widow's, Widower's and One Parent Families (14.0%), Illness, Disability and Caring (18.5%), Jobseeker's Supports (11.8%), Child Related Payments (15.7%), Supplementary Welfare Allowance (4.5%) and Employment Supports (2.3%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 3.3% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (52.9%) and the Social Insurance Fund (47.1%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (73.0%), employees (20.1%), the self-employed (5.0%) and Investment Income (2.0%). See Tables A6 and A7.

Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Over 1,208,800 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2008. As these payments included increases in respect of over 145,200 Qualified Adults and over 445,700 children, there were over 1,799,800 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients increased by 148,556, year on year, while the number of beneficiaries increased by 222,412.

Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

(a) In 2006 age related pensions were replaced by State Pensions, with significant administrative alterations to several weekly payment types which had up to that point provided for people aged over 65. These alterations, implemented in stages following the introduction of the State Pensions, have resulted in substantial migrations of recipients between scheme types, with accompanying changes in expenditure and recipients on these schemes. The most significant transfers of recipients were those involving State Pension (Contributory), formerly known as Old Age Pension (Contributory), and State Pension (Transition), formerly known as Retirement Pension.

Recipients of Widow/er's Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Blind Pension, One Parent Family Payment and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance have since 2006 transferred to State Pension (Non-Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in some decreases in recipients and expenditure on such schemes and concomitant increases in recipients and expenditure on State Pension (Non-Contributory). Recipients of Invalidity Pension aged 66 years or over are now automatically transferred to State Pension (Contributory) on reaching that age threshold.

One effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2006 and 2007 in relation to recipients and expenditure on the schemes altered in 2006 and 2007. For instance, expenditure on State Pension (Contributory) rose by 74.3% between 2006 and 2007, while that on State Pension (Transition) fell by 90.8% over the same period, due to the major shifts in numbers of recipients of these weekly payment types.

(b) Increases in the maximum duration and maximum payment of Maternity Benefit have resulted in a significant increase in expenditure on the scheme. In March 2006 the maximum duration of Maternity Benefit, Adoptive Benefit and Health and Safety Benefit claims was increased from 18 to 22 weeks, with a subsequent extension of Maternity Benefit in March 2007 to 26 weeks.

(c) From September 2007 a person may receive half rate carer's allowance while in receipt of another social welfare payment. This may result in double counting.

Graph A1: Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2008

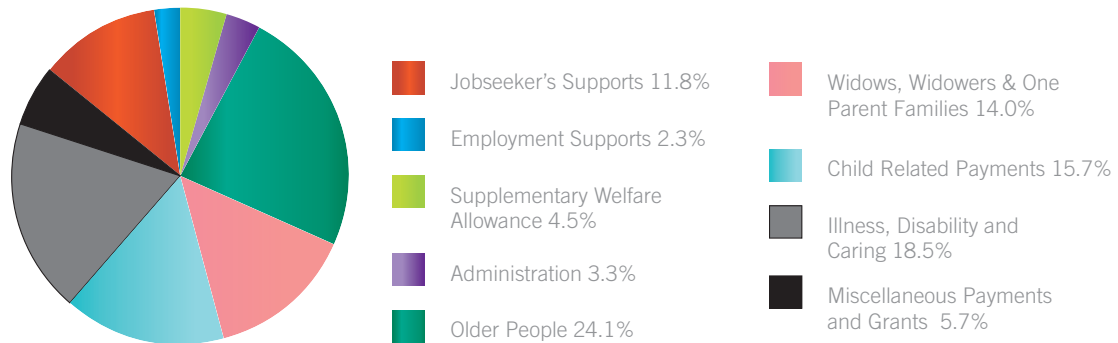


Table A1: Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2007 and 2008

| Programme | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| Older People | 3,878,476 | 4,300,849 | 10.9% |
| Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families | 2,299,264 | 2,501,989 | 8.8% |
| Child Related Payments | 2,506,632 | 2,799,029 | 11.7% |
| Illness, Disability and Caring | 2,855,254 | 3,301,260 | 15.6% |
| Jobseeker's Supports | 1,420,023 | 2,097,637 | 47.7% |
| Employment Supports | 363,730 | 415,725 | 14.3% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 682,706 | 804,410 | 17.8% |
| Miscellaneous Payments and Grants | 949,333 | 1,014,503 | 6.9% |
| Administration | 563,065 | 579,880 | 3.0% |
| Total Expenditure | 15,518,483 | 17,815,282 | 14.8% |

(1) Provisional

Table A2: Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1999 to 2008

| 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 |
| 1999 ⁽⁴⁾ | 6,283 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 26.1 | 8.2 | 6.9 |
| 2000 ⁽⁴⁾ | 6,713 | 106.8 | 105.5 | 25.9 | 7.5 | 6.4 |
| 2001 ⁽⁴⁾ | 7,842 | 124.8 | 110.7 | 26.2 | 8.0 | 6.7 |
| 2002 ⁽⁴⁾ | 9,517 | 151.5 | 115.8 | 28.8 | 8.9 | 7.3 |
| 2003 ⁽⁴⁾ | 10,493 | 167.0 | 119.8 | 28.9 | 8.9 | 7.5 |
| 2004 ⁽⁴⁾ | 11,291 | 179.7 | 122.4 | 28.9 | 9.0 | 7.6 |
| 2005 ⁽⁴⁾ | 12,168 | 193.7 | 125.5 | 28.2 | 8.9 | 7.5 |
| 2006 ⁽⁴⁾ | 13,586 | 216.2 | 130.4 | 28.6 | 8.9 | 7.7 |
| 2007 ⁽⁴⁾ | 15,518 | 247.0 | 136.8 | 29.4 | 9.6 | 8.1 |
| 2008 ⁽⁴⁾ | 17,815 | 283.5 | 142.4 | 33.4 | 11.4 | 9.6 |

(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, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 | 2008 ⁽³⁾ | Change |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 2,754,749 | 3,118,029 | 13.2% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 79,070 | 92,107 | 16.5% |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 920,167 | 973,047 | 5.7% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 124,490 | 117,666 | -5.5% |
| Total Older People | 3,878,476 | 4,300,849 | 10.9% |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 1,204,979 | 1,299,406 | 7.8% |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 19,921 | 17,628 | -11.5% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 100,710 | 104,671 | 3.9% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 6,897 | 6,627 | -3.9% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 16 | 7 | -56.3% |
| One Parent Family Payment | 962,425 | 1,067,578 | 10.9% |
| Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory) | 3,862 | 5,543 | 43.5% |
| Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory) | 454 | 529 | 16.5% |
| Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families | 2,299,264 | 2,501,989 | 8.8% |
| Maternity Benefit | 257,896 | 315,879 | 22.5% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 503 | 576 | 14.5% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 1,333 | 1,644 | 23.3% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 9,560 | 14,373 | 50.3% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 4,366 | 10,711 | 145.3% |
| Child Benefit | 2,232,974 | 2,455,846 | 10.0% |
| Total Child Related Payments | 2,506,632 | 2,799,029 | 11.7% |
| Illness Benefit | 755,077 | 852,334 | 12.9% |
| Invalidity Pension | 618,133 | 685,732 | 10.9% |
| Injury Benefit | 17,194 | 19,252 | 12.0% |
| Disablement Benefit | 79,283 | 84,444 | 6.5% |
| Death Benefit | 7,574 | 8,036 | 6.1% |
| Disability Allowance | 901,131 | 1,052,686 | 16.8% |
| Medical Care | 298 | 282 | -5.4% |
| Carer's Allowance | 361,257 | 450,298 | 24.6% |
| Carer's Benefit | 26,900 | 33,672 | 25.2% |
| Respite Care Grant | 73,376 | 98,204 | 33.8% |
| Blind Pension | 15,031 | 16,320 | 8.6% |
| Total Illness, Disability and Caring | 2,855,254 | 3,301,260 | 15.6% |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 544,931 | 929,844 | 70.6% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 875,092 | 1,167,793 | 33.4% |
| Total Jobseeker's Supports | 1,420,023 | 2,097,637 | 47.7% |
| Family Income Supplement | 140,020 | 170,310 | 21.6% |
| Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾ | 145,024 | 160,534 | 10.7% |
| Farm Assist | 78,686 | 84,881 | 7.9% |
| Total Employment Supports | 363,730 | 415,725 | 14.3% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 682,706 | 804,410 | 17.8% |
| Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 682,706 | 804,410 | 17.8% |
| Treatment Benefits ⁽¹⁾ | 91,602 | 97,124 | 6.0% |
| Rent Allowance | 792 | 732 | -7.6% |
| Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾ | 535,525 | 584,674 | 9.2% |
| Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾ | 133,236 | 142,921 | 7.3% |
| Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾ | 188,178 | 189,052 | 0.5% |
| Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants | 949,333 | 1,014,503 | 6.9% |
| Administration - Insurance Schemes | 242,711 | 257,845 | 6.2% |
| Administration - Assistance Schemes | 320,354 | 322,035 | 0.5% |
| Total Administration | 563,065 | 579,880 | 3.0% |
| Grand Total | 15,518,483 | 17,815,282 | 14.8% |

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

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

(3) Provisional.

Table A4: Additional Expenditure Details, 2007 and 2008

| Additional Details | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES | | | |
| Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | 71,072 | 73,172 | 3.0% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 64,142 | 77,136 | 20.3% |
| Part-time Job Incentive Scheme | 1,320 | 1,324 | 0.3% |
| Other | 8,490 | 8,902 | 4.9% |
| TOTAL | 145,024 | 160,534 | 10.7% |
| TREATMENT BENEFITS | | | |
| Dental | 64,846 | 69,419 | 7.1% |
| Optical | 21,050 | 21,703 | 3.1% |
| Medical and Surgical | 5,706 | 6,002 | 5.2% |
| TOTAL | 91,602 | 97,124 | 6.0% |
| HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL | | | |
| Social Insurance | | | |
| Fuel Allowances | 61,401 | 60,211 | -1.9% |
| Free Electricity | 87,912 | 92,772 | 5.5% |
| Free Bottled Gas | 16 | 15 | -6.3% |
| Free Natural Gas | 11,499 | 11,433 | -0.6% |
| Free Television Licence | 31,458 | 33,976 | 8.0% |
| Free Telephone Rental | 57,488 | 62,155 | 8.1% |
| TOTAL | 249,774 | 260,562 | 4.3% |
| HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL | | | |
| Social Assistance | | | |
| Fuel Allowances | 96,888 | 115,779 | 19.5% |
| Free Travel | 64,125 | 68,428 | 6.7% |
| Free Electricity | 59,313 | 63,967 | 7.8% |
| Free Bottled Gas | 100 | 81 | -19.0% |
| Free Natural Gas | 3,744 | 4,098 | 9.5% |
| Free Television Licence | 20,214 | 21,722 | 7.5% |
| Free Telephone Rental | 41,367 | 50,037 | 21.0% |
| TOTAL | 285,751 | 324,112 | 13.4% |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | |
| Bereavement Grants | 16,673 | 17,851 | 7.1% |
| School Meals | 28,202 | 32,422 | 15.0% |
| Combat Poverty Agency | 4,008 | 4,114 | 2.6% |
| Citizen's Information Board (Comhairle) | 27,860 | 29,468 | 5.8% |
| Family Support Agency | 35,339 | 35,981 | 1.8% |
| Money Advice and Budgeting Services | 14,578 | 16,217 | 11.2% |
| Other Grants/Payments | 6,576 | 6,868 | 4.4% |
| TOTAL | 133,236 | 142,921 | 7.3% |

(1) Provisional.

Table A5: Social Insurance and Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | Expenditure | | Change |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 ⁽²⁾ | |
| | €000 | €000 | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 2,754,749 | 3,118,029 | 13.2% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 79,070 | 92,107 | 16.5% |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 1,204,979 | 1,299,406 | 7.8% |
| Widowed Parent Grant | 3,862 | 5,543 | 43.5% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 100,710 | 104,671 | 3.9% |
| Maternity Benefit | 257,896 | 315,879 | 22.5% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 503 | 576 | 14.5% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 1,333 | 1,644 | 23.3% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 9,560 | 14,373 | 50.3% |
| Illness Benefit | 755,077 | 852,334 | 12.9% |
| Invalidity Pension | 618,133 | 685,732 | 10.9% |
| Injury Benefit | 17,194 | 19,252 | 12.0% |
| Carer's Benefit | 26,900 | 33,672 | 25.2% |
| Medical Care | 298 | 282 | -5.4% |
| Disablement Benefit | 79,283 | 84,444 | 6.5% |
| Death Benefit Pension | 7,574 | 8,036 | 6.1% |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 544,931 | 929,844 | 70.6% |
| Treatment Benefit | 91,602 | 97,124 | 6.0% |
| Bereavement Grant | 16,673 | 17,851 | 7.1% |
| Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾ | 249,774 | 260,562 | 4.3% |
| Redundancy and Insolvency | 188,178 | 189,052 | 0.5% |
| Administration | 242,711 | 257,845 | 6.2% |
| TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE | 7,250,990 | 8,388,258 | 15.7% |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 920,167 | 973,047 | 5.7% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 124,490 | 117,666 | -5.5% |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 19,921 | 17,628 | -11.5% |
| Widowed Parent Grant | 454 | 529 | 16.5% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 6,897 | 6,627 | -3.9% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 16 | 7 | -56.3% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 962,425 | 1,067,578 | 10.9% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 4,366 | 10,711 | 145.3% |
| Child Benefit | 2,232,974 | 2,455,846 | 10.0% |
| Disability Allowance | 901,131 | 1,052,686 | 16.8% |
| Blind Pension | 15,031 | 16,320 | 8.6% |
| Carer's Allowance | 361,257 | 450,298 | 24.6% |
| Respite Care Grant | 73,376 | 98,204 | 33.8% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 875,092 | 1,167,793 | 33.4% |
| Farm Assist | 78,686 | 84,881 | 7.9% |
| Employment Support Services | 145,024 | 160,534 | 10.7% |
| Family Income Supplement | 140,020 | 170,310 | 21.6% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 682,706 | 804,410 | 17.8% |
| Rent Allowance | 792 | 732 | -7.6% |
| Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾ | 285,751 | 324,112 | 13.4% |
| Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾ | 116,563 | 125,070 | 7.3% |
| Administration | 320,354 | 322,035 | 0.5% |
| TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | 8,267,493 | 9,427,024 | 14.0% |
| GRAND TOTAL | 15,518,483 | 17,815,282 | 14.8% |

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

(2) Provisional.

Graph A2 Expenditure on Main Social Insurance Schemes, 1999 to 2008

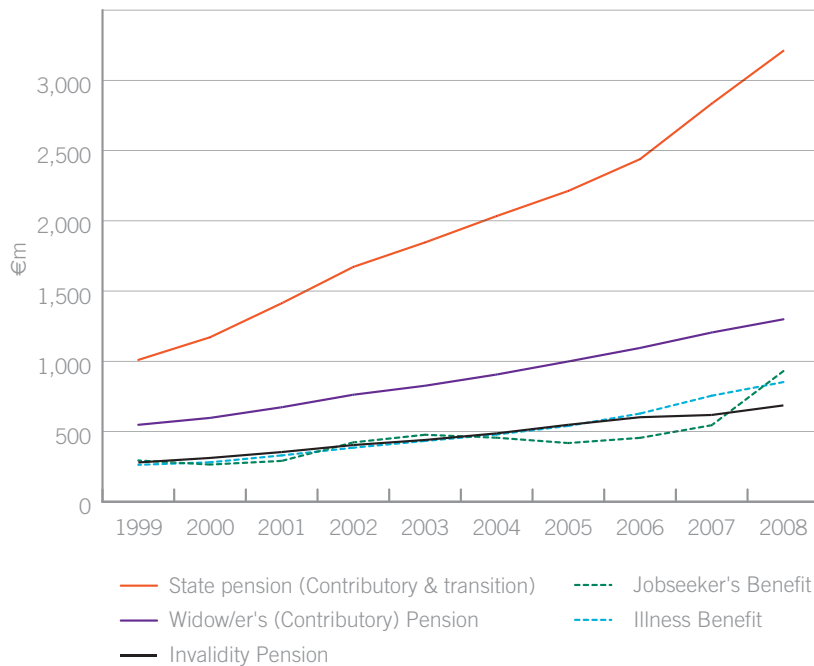


Table A6: Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 2007 and 2008

| | 2007 | | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | €000 | | €000 | |
| Sources of Finance | | | | |
| State | 8,267,493 | 53.3% | 9,427,024 | 52.9% |
| Social Insurance Fund | 7,250,990 | 46.7% | 8,388,258 | 47.1% |
| TOTAL | 15,518,483 | 100.0% | 17,815,282 | 100.0% |

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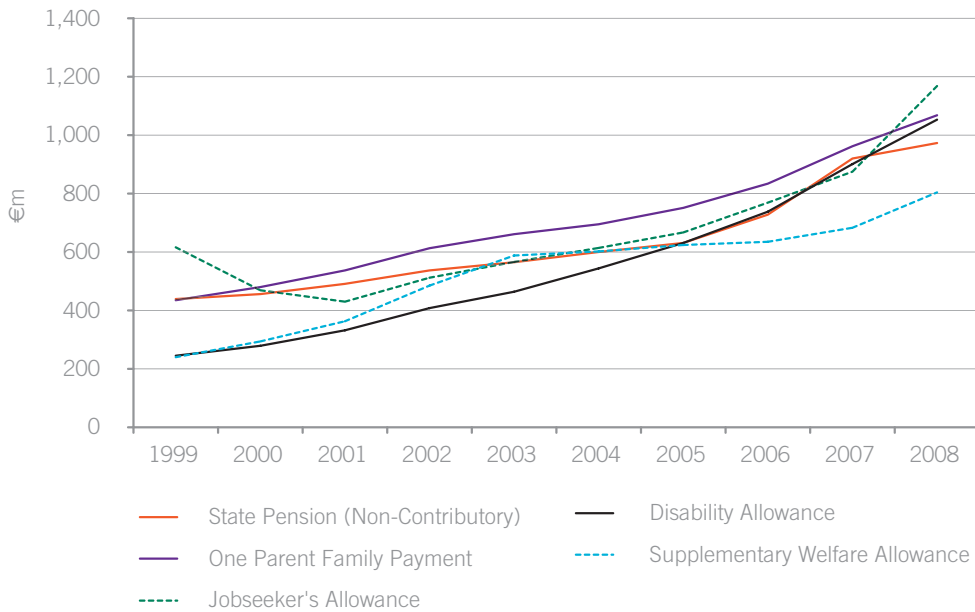
Table A7: Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2007 and 2008

| | 2007 | | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | €000 | | €000 | |
| Sources of Finance | | | | |
| Employer PRSI | 5,762,011 | 73.5% | 5,944,212 | 73.0% |
| Employee PRSI | 1,539,147 | 19.6% | 1,633,519 | 20.1% |
| Self-Employed PRSI | 420,852 | 5.4% | 405,581 | 5.0% |
| Investment Income | 112,049 | 1.4% | 160,209 | 2.0% |
| Other Receipts | 88 | 0.0% | 19 | 0.0% |
| Total Income | 7,834,147 | 100.0% | 8,143,540 | 100.0% |
| Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes | 7,250,990 | | 8,388,258 | |
| Surplus | 583,157 | | -244,718 | |

(1) Provisional

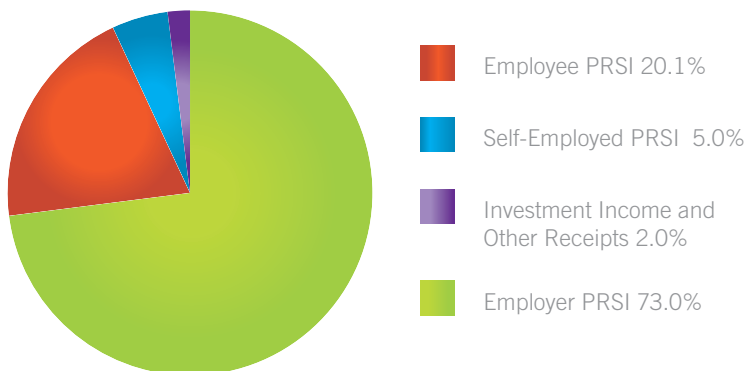
Note: The breakdown between employer and employee contributions requires a detailed analysis of data collected by the Revenue Commissioners. The contributions are apportioned on the basis of the most recently available information and are of necessity provisional.

Graph A3: Expenditure on Main Social Assistance Schemes, 1999 to 2008



Graph A4: Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2008

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Graph A5: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme Area, 2008

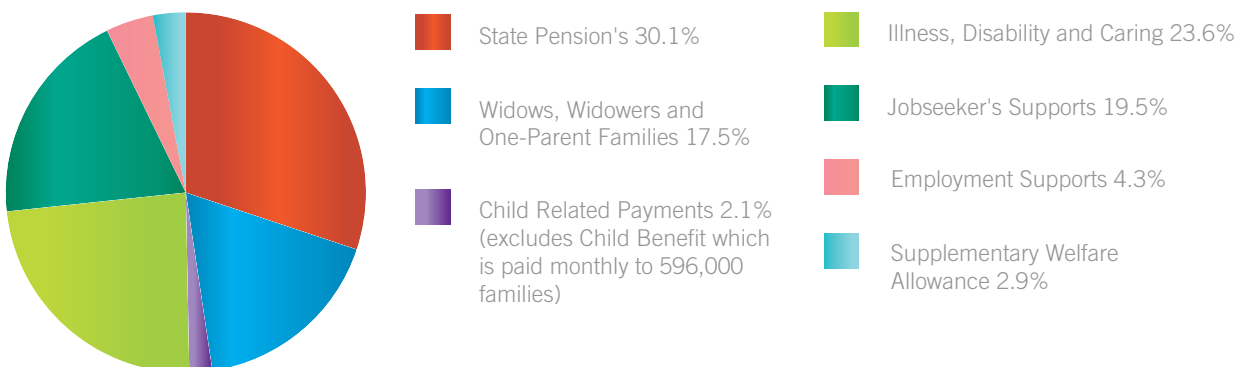


Table A8: Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Recipients | Beneficiaries |
|------|------------|---------------|
| 1999 | 880,758 | 1,476,088 |
| 2000 | 869,994 | 1,432,774 |
| 2001 | 903,375 | 1,460,574 |
| 2002 | 938,971 | 1,496,714 |
| 2003 | 959,432 | 1,511,740 |
| 2004 | 957,732 | 1,463,921 |
| 2005 | 976, 613 | 1,469,106 |
| 2006 | 1,003,517 | 1,506,824 |
| 2007 | 1,060,327 | 1,577,463 |
| 2008 | 1,208,883 | 1,799,875 |

Table A9: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | Recipients | | Change 2008 Over 2007 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 237,599 | 250,117 | 5.3% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 5,851 | 7,242 | 23.8% |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 97,726 | 97,784 | 0.1% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 10,624 | 8,872 | -16.5% |
| Total Older People | 351,800 | 364,015 | 3.5% |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 111,460 | 112,237 | 0.7% |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 2,138 | 2,042 | -4.5% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 9,395 | 9,056 | -3.6% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 693 | 617 | -11.0% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 2 | 1 | -50.0% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 85,084 | 87,840 | 3.2% |
| Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families | 208,772 | 211,793 | 1.4% |
| Maternity Benefit | 20,948 | 23,421 | 11.8% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 39 | 69 | 76.9% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 55 | 68 | 23.6% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 818 | 833 | 1.8% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 442 | 437 | -1.1% |
| Total Child Related Payments | 22,302 | 24,828 | 11.3% |
| Illness Benefit | 70,404 | 73,609 | 4.6% |
| Invalidity Pension | 53,956 | 53,725 | -0.4% |
| Injury Benefit | 900 | 846 | -6.0% |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 440 | 525 | 19.3% |
| Disablement Pension | 12,874 | 13,192 | 2.5% |
| Death Benefit Pension | 647 | 651 | 0.6% |
| Disability Allowance | 89,048 | 95,754 | 7.5% |
| Carer's Benefit | 2,080 | 2,249 | 8.1% |
| Carer's Allowance | 33,067 | 43,569 | 31.8% |
| Blind Pension | 1,474 | 1,472 | -0.1% |
| Total Illness, Disability and Caring | 264,890 | 285,592 | 7.8% |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 59,167 | 121,763 | 105.8% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 80,268 | 113,603 | 41.5% |
| Total Jobseeker's Supports | 139,435 | 235,366 | 68.8% |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 4,305 | 3,558 | -17.4% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | | | |
| Self Employed First Year | 1,811 | 1,470 | -18.8% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | | | |
| Self Employed Years 2 - 4 | 3,017 | 3,134 | 3.9% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 5,980 | 7,886 | 31.9% |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 210 | 184 | -12.4% |
| Family Income Supplement | 22,823 | 27,798 | 21.8% |
| Farm Assist | 7,376 | 7,496 | 1.6% |
| Total Employment Supports | 45,522 | 51,526 | 13.2% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 27,379 | 35,546 | 29.8% |
| Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 27,379 | 35,546 | 29.8% |
| Rent Allowance | 227 | 217 | -4.4% |
| Total Miscellaneous Payments | 227 | 217 | -4.4% |
| Grand Total | 1,060,327 | 1,208,883 | 14.0% |

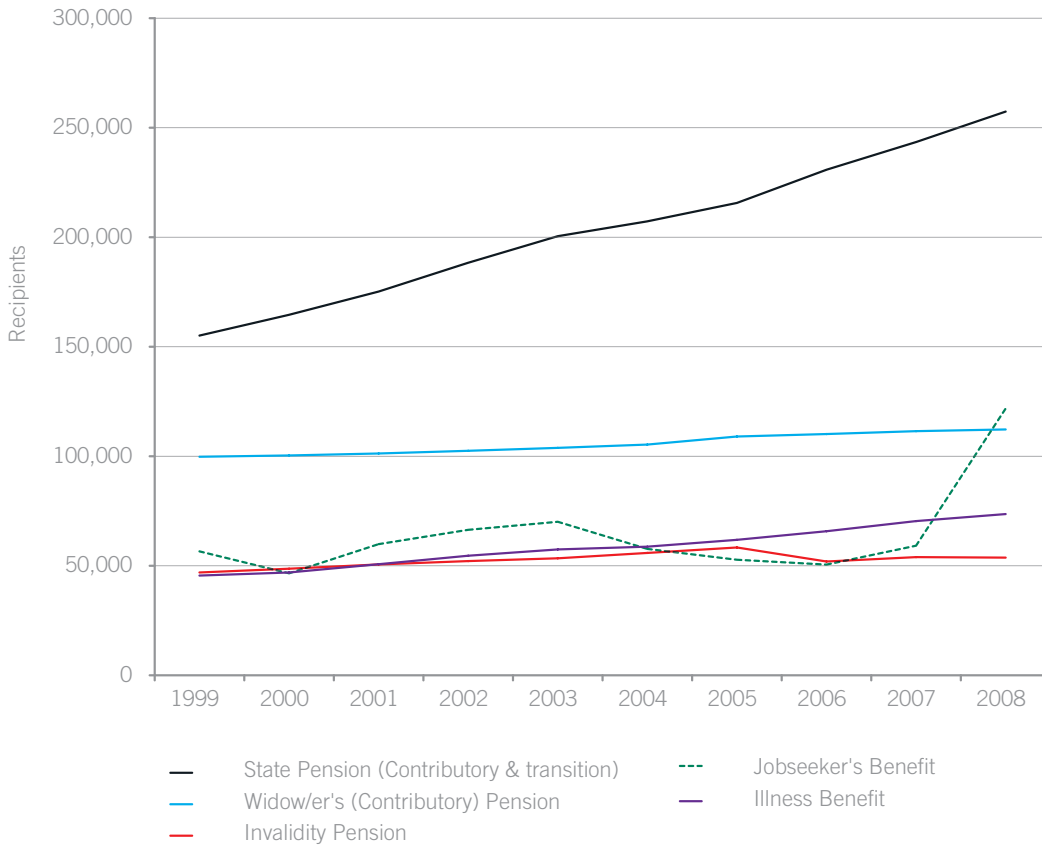
(1) Includes basic weekly payments only. See Section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments.

Table A10: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Lifecycle Stage, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | Recipients | | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | |
| Family Income Supplement | 22,823 | 27,798 | 21.8% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 818 | 833 | 1.8% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 442 | 437 | -1.1% |
| Total Children & Families | 24,083 | 29,068 | 20.7% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 55 | 68 | 23.6% |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 4,305 | 3,558 | -17.4% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year | 1,811 | 1,470 | -18.8% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4 | 3,017 | 3,134 | 3.9% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 5,980 | 7,886 | 31.9% |
| Carer's Benefit | 2,080 | 2,249 | 8.1% |
| Carer's Allowance | 33,067 | 43,569 | 31.8% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 9,395 | 9,056 | -3.6% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 693 | 617 | -11.0% |
| Farm Assist | 7,376 | 7,496 | 1.6% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 39 | 69 | 76.9% |
| Illness Benefit | 70,404 | 73,609 | 4.6% |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 59,167 | 121,763 | 105.8% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 80,268 | 113,603 | 41.5% |
| Maternity Benefit | 20,948 | 23,421 | 11.8% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 85,084 | 87,840 | 3.2% |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 210 | 184 | -12.4% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 10,624 | 8,872 | -16.5% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 2 | 1 | -50.0% |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 2,138 | 2,042 | -4.5% |
| Total People of Working Age | 396,663 | 510,507 | 28.7% |
| Rent Allowance | 227 | 217 | -4.4% |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 237,599 | 250,117 | 5.3% |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 97,726 | 97,784 | 0.1% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 5,851 | 7,242 | 23.8% |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 111,460 | 112,237 | 0.7% |
| Total Retired & Older People | 452,863 | 467,597 | 3.3% |
| Death Benefit Pension | 647 | 651 | 0.6% |
| Disability Allowance | 89,048 | 95,754 | 7.5% |
| Disablement Pension | 12,874 | 13,192 | 2.5% |
| Invalidity Pension | 53,956 | 53,725 | -0.4% |
| Injury Benefit | 900 | 846 | -6.0% |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 440 | 525 | 19.3% |
| Blind Pension | 1,474 | 1,472 | -0.1% |
| Total People with Disabilities | 159,339 | 166,165 | 4.3% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 27,379 | 35,546 | 29.8% |
| Total Poverty & Social Inclusion | 27,379 | 35,546 | 29.8% |
| Grand Total | 1,060,327 | 1,208,883 | 14.0% |

(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, 1999 to 2008



Graph A7: Recipients of Main Social Assistance Payments, 1999 to 2008

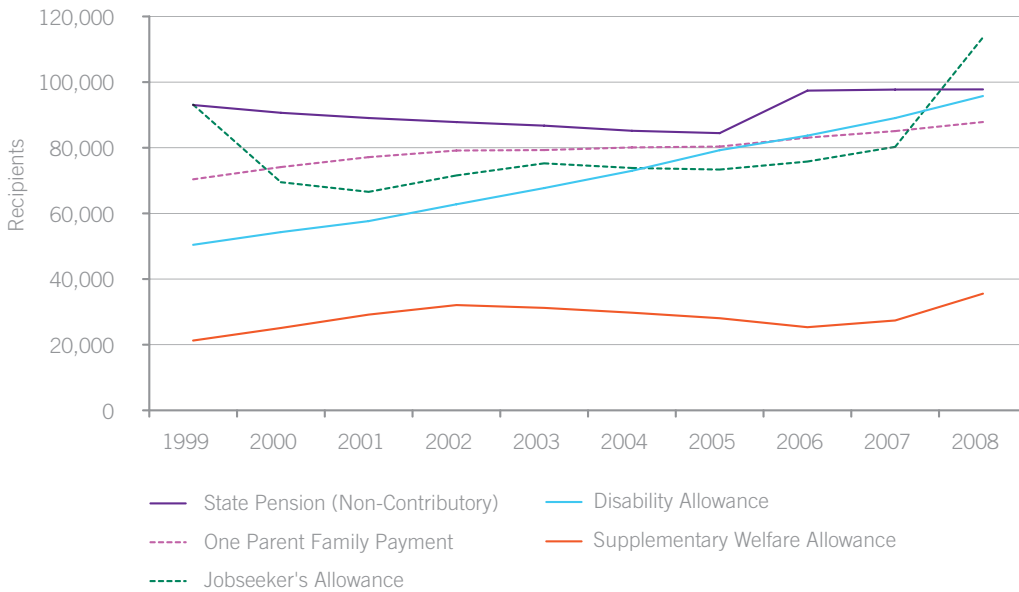


Table A11: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | Recipients | | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 237,599 | 250,117 | 5.3% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 5,851 | 7,242 | 23.8% |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 111,460 | 112,237 | 0.7% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 9,395 | 9,056 | -3.6% |
| Maternity Benefit | 20,948 | 23,421 | 11.8% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 39 | 69 | 76.9% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 55 | 68 | 23.6% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 818 | 833 | 1.8% |
| Illness Benefit | 70,404 | 73,609 | 4.6% |
| Invalidity Pension | 53,956 | 53,725 | -0.4% |
| Injury Benefit | 900 | 846 | -6.0% |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 440 | 525 | 19.3% |
| Disablement Benefit | 12,874 | 13,192 | 2.5% |
| Death Benefit Pension | 647 | 651 | 0.6% |
| Carer's Benefit | 2,080 | 2,249 | 8.1% |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 59,167 | 121,763 | 105.8% |
| Total Social Insurance | 586,633 | 669,603 | 14.1% |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 97,726 | 97,784 | 0.1% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 10,624 | 8,872 | -16.5% |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 2,138 | 2,042 | -4.5% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 693 | 617 | -11.0% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 2 | 1 | -50.0% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 85,084 | 87,840 | 3.2% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 442 | 437 | -1.1% |
| Disability Allowance | 89,048 | 95,754 | 7.5% |
| Blind Pension | 1,474 | 1,472 | -0.1% |
| Carer's Allowance | 33,067 | 43,569 | 31.8% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 80,268 | 113,603 | 41.5% |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 4,305 | 3,558 | -17.4% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | | | |
| Self Employed First Year | 1,811 | 1,470 | -18.8% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | | | |
| Self Employed Years 2 - 4 | 3,017 | 3,134 | 3.9% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 5,980 | 7,886 | 31.9% |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 210 | 184 | -12.4% |
| Family Income Supplement | 22,823 | 27,798 | 21.8% |
| Farm Assist | 7,376 | 7,496 | 1.6% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 27,379 | 35,546 | 29.8% |
| Rent Allowance | 227 | 217 | -4.4% |
| Total Social Assistance | 473,694 | 539,280 | 13.8% |
| Grand Total | 1,060,327 | 1,208,883 | 14.0% |

(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 Programme, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | Beneficiaries | | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 299,663 | 314,295 | 4.9% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 7,752 | 9,511 | 22.7% |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 101,469 | 101,577 | 0.1% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 14,861 | 12,177 | -18.1% |
| Total Older People | 423,745 | 437,560 | 3.3% |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 124,287 | 124,646 | 0.3% |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 2,138 | 2,042 | -4.5% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 12,386 | 11,404 | -7.9% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 693 | 617 | -11.0% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 2 | 1 | -50.0% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 224,769 | 233,620 | 3.9% |
| Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families | 364,275 | 372,330 | 2.2% |
| Maternity Benefit | 20,948 | 23,421 | 11.8% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 40 | 71 | 77.5% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 55 | 68 | 23.6% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 818 | 833 | 1.8% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 442 | 437 | -1.1% |
| Total Child Related Payments | 22,303 | 24,830 | 11.3% |
| Illness Benefit | 106,959 | 110,764 | 3.6% |
| Invalidity Pension | 79,981 | 78,853 | -1.4% |
| Injury Benefit | 1,267 | 1,238 | -2.3% |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 605 | 731 | 20.8% |
| Disablement Pension | 13,629 | 13,824 | 1.4% |
| Death Benefit Pension | 799 | 799 | 0.0% |
| Disability Allowance | 117,797 | 127,422 | 8.2% |
| Carer's Benefit | 4,429 | 4,801 | 8.4% |
| Carer's Allowance | 60,765 | 71,935 | 18.4% |
| Blind Pension | 1,975 | 1,930 | -2.3% |
| Total Illness, Disability and Caring | 388,206 | 412,297 | 6.2% |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 79,611 | 169,001 | 112.3% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 134,350 | 187,802 | 39.8% |
| Total Jobseeker's Supports | 213,961 | 356,803 | 66.8% |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 9,086 | 7,185 | -20.9% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year | 4,249 | 3,506 | -17.5% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4 | 6,928 | 7,232 | 4.4% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 9,219 | 11,876 | 28.8% |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 210 | 184 | -12.4% |
| Family Income Supplement | 70,352 | 85,817 | 22.0% |
| Farm Assist | 16,514 | 16,787 | 1.7% |
| Total Employment Supports | 116,558 | 132,587 | 13.8% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 48,188 | 63,251 | 31.3% |
| Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 48,188 | 63,251 | 31.3% |
| Rent Allowance | 227 | 217 | -4.4% |
| Total Miscellaneous Payments | 227 | 217 | -4.4% |
| Grand Total | 1,577,463 | 1,799,875 | 14.1% |

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

Table A13: Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Lifecycle Stage, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | Beneficiaries | | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | |
| Family Income Supplement | 70,352 | 85,817 | 22.0% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 818 | 833 | 1.8% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 442 | 437 | -1.1% |
| Total Children & Families | 71,612 | 87,087 | 21.6% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 55 | 68 | 23.6% |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 9,086 | 7,185 | -20.9% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year | 4,249 | 3,506 | -17.5% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4 | 6,928 | 7,232 | 4.4% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 9,219 | 11,876 | 28.8% |
| Carer's Benefit | 4,429 | 4,801 | 8.4% |
| Carer's Allowance | 60,765 | 71,935 | 18.4% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 12,386 | 11,404 | -7.9% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 693 | 617 | -11.0% |
| Farm Assist | 16,514 | 16,787 | 1.7% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 40 | 71 | 77.5% |
| Illness Benefit | 106,959 | 110,764 | 3.6% |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 79,611 | 169,001 | 112.3% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 134,350 | 187,802 | 39.8% |
| Maternity Benefit | 20,948 | 23,421 | 11.8% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 224,769 | 233,620 | 3.9% |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 210 | 184 | -12.4% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 14,861 | 12,177 | -18.1% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 2 | 1 | -50.0% |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 2,138 | 2,042 | -4.5% |
| Total People of Working Age | 708,212 | 874,494 | 23.5% |
| Rent Allowance | 227 | 217 | -4.4% |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 299,663 | 314,295 | 4.9% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 7,752 | 9,511 | 22.7% |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 101,469 | 101,577 | 0.1% |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 124,287 | 124,646 | 0.3% |
| Total Retired & Older People | 533,398 | 550,246 | 3.2% |
| Invalidity Pension | 79,981 | 78,853 | -1.4% |
| Injury Benefit | 1,267 | 1,238 | -2.3% |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 605 | 731 | 20.8% |
| Disablement Pension | 13,629 | 13,824 | 1.4% |
| Death Benefit Pension | 799 | 799 | 0.0% |
| Disability Allowance | 117,797 | 127,422 | 8.2% |
| Blind Pension | 1,975 | 1,930 | -2.3% |
| Total People with Disabilities | 216,053 | 224,797 | 4.0% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 48,188 | 63,251 | 31.3% |
| Total Poverty & Social Inclusion | 48,188 | 63,251 | 31.3% |
| Grand Total | 1,577,463 | 1,799,875 | 14.1% |

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

Table A14: Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | Beneficiaries | | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 299,663 | 314,295 | 4.9% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 7,752 | 9,511 | 22.7% |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 124,287 | 124,646 | 0.3% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 12,386 | 11,404 | -7.9% |
| Maternity Benefit | 20,948 | 23,421 | 11.8% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 40 | 71 | 77.5% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 55 | 68 | 23.6% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 818 | 833 | 1.8% |
| Illness Benefit | 106,959 | 110,764 | 3.6% |
| Invalidity Pension | 79,981 | 78,853 | -1.4% |
| Injury Benefit | 1,267 | 1,238 | -2.3% |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 605 | 731 | 20.8% |
| Disablement Pension | 13,629 | 13,824 | 1.4% |
| Death Benefit Pension | 799 | 799 | 0.0% |
| Carer's Benefit | 4,429 | 4,801 | 8.4% |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 79,611 | 169,001 | 112.3% |
| Total Social Insurance | 753,229 | 864,260 | 14.7% |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 101,469 | 101,577 | 0.1% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 14,861 | 12,177 | -18.1% |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 2,138 | 2,042 | -4.5% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 693 | 617 | -11.0% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 2 | 1 | -50.0% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 224,769 | 233,620 | 3.9% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 442 | 437 | -1.1% |
| Disability Allowance | 117,797 | 127,422 | 8.2% |
| Blind Pension | 1,975 | 1,930 | -2.3% |
| Carer's Allowance | 60,765 | 71,935 | 18.4% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 134,350 | 187,802 | 39.8% |
| Family Income Supplement | 70,352 | 85,817 | 22.0% |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 9,086 | 7,185 | -20.9% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | | | |
| Self Employed First Year | 4,249 | 3,506 | -17.5% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | | | |
| Self Employed Years 2 - 4 | 6,928 | 7,232 | 4.4% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 9,219 | 11,876 | 28.8% |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 210 | 184 | -12.4% |
| Farm Assist | 16,514 | 16,787 | 1.7% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 48,188 | 63,251 | 31.3% |
| Rent Allowance | 227 | 217 | -4.4% |
| Total Social Assistance | 824,234 | 935,615 | 13.5% |
| Grand Total | 1,577,463 | 1,799,875 | 14.1% |

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

Table A15: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Sex, Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2008

| Type of Payment | 2008 | | | | Total |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Male | | Female | | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 166,869 | 66.7% | 83,248 | 33.3% | 250,117 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 5,015 | 69.2% | 2,227 | 30.8% | 7,242 |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 14,447 | 12.9% | 97,790 | 87.1% | 112,237 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | - | 0.0% | 9,056 | 100.0% | 9,056 |
| Maternity Benefit | - | 0.0% | 23,421 | 100.0% | 23,421 |
| Health and Safety Benefit | - | 0.0% | 69 | 100.0% | 69 |
| Adoptive Benefit | - | 0.0% | 68 | 100.0% | 68 |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 416 | 49.9% | 417 | 50.1% | 833 |
| Illness Benefit | 27,156 | 36.9% | 46,453 | 63.1% | 73,609 |
| Invalidity Pension | 26,193 | 48.8% | 27,532 | 51.2% | 53,725 |
| Injury Benefit | 611 | 72.2% | 235 | 27.8% | 846 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 335 | 63.8% | 190 | 36.2% | 525 |
| Disablement Pension | 10,504 | 79.6% | 2,688 | 20.4% | 13,192 |
| Death Benefit Pension | 7 | 1.1% | 644 | 98.9% | 651 |
| Carer's Benefit | 332 | 14.8% | 1,917 | 85.2% | 2,249 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 78,203 | 64.2% | 43,560 | 35.8% | 121,763 |
| Total Social Insurance | 330,088 | 49.3% | 339,515 | 50.7% | 669,603 |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 35,950 | 36.8% | 61,834 | 63.2% | 97,784 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 6,809 | 76.7% | 2,063 | 23.3% | 8,872 |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 193 | 9.5% | 1,849 | 90.5% | 2,042 |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | - | 0.0% | 617 | 100.0% | 617 |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | - | 0.0% | 1 | 100.0% | 1 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 1,804 | 2.1% | 86,036 | 97.9% | 87,840 |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 218 | 34.2% | 419 | 65.8% | 637 |
| Disability Allowance | 56,974 | 59.5% | 38,780 | 40.5% | 95,754 |
| Blind Pension | 770 | 52.3% | 702 | 47.7% | 1,472 |
| Carer's Allowance | 8,843 | 20.3% | 34,726 | 79.7% | 43,569 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 85,216 | 75.0% | 28,387 | 25.0% | 113,603 |
| Family Income Supplement | 10,694 | 38.5% | 17,104 | 61.5% | 27,798 |
| Back to Work Allowance | 1,855 | 52.1% | 1,703 | 47.9% | 3,558 |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | 3,329 | 72.3% | 1,275 | 27.7% | 4,604 |
| Back to Education Allowance | 4,548 | 57.7% | 3,338 | 42.3% | 7,886 |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 94 | 51.1% | 90 | 48.9% | 184 |
| Farm Assist | 6,900 | 92.0% | 596 | 8.0% | 7,496 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 22,771 | 64.1% | 12,775 | 35.9% | 35,546 |
| Rent Allowance | 157 | 72.4% | 60 | 27.6% | 217 |
| Total Social Assistance | 247,125 | 45.8% | 292,355 | 54.2% | 539,480 |
| Grand Total | 577,213 | 47.7% | 631,870 | 52.3% | 1,209,083 |

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated

Table A16: Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2008

| Type of Payment | Recipients | Qualified Adults | Qualified Children | | Other Children | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | | Full Rate | Half Rate ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 250,117 | 61,383 | 1,555 | 1,240 | - | 314,295 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 7,242 | 2,039 | 123 | 107 | - | 9,511 |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 97,784 | 3,166 | 492 | 135 | - | 101,577 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 8,872 | 2,484 | 715 | 106 | - | 12,177 |
| Total Older People | 364,015 | 69,072 | 2,885 | 1,588 | 0 | 437,560 |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 112,237 | - | 12,409 | - | - | 124,646 |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 2,042 | - | - | - | - | 2,042 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 9,056 | - | 2,348 | - | - | 11,404 |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 617 | - | - | - | - | 617 |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 87,840 | - | 145,723 | 57 | - | 233,620 |
| Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families | 211,793 | 0 | 160,480 | 57 | 0 | 372,330 |
| Maternity Benefit | 23,421 | - | - | - | - | 23,421 |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 69 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 71 |
| Adoptive Benefit | 68 | - | - | - | - | 68 |
| Guardian's Pension (Contributory) | 833 | - | - | - | - | 833 |
| Guardian's Pension (Non-Contributory) | 437 | - | - | - | - | 437 |
| Total Child Related Payments | 24,828 | 0- | 1 | 1 | 0 | 24,830 |
| Illness Benefit | 73,609 | 9,332 | 9,813 | 18,010 | - | 110,764 |
| Invalidity Pension | 53,725 | 8,916 | 4,808 | 11,404 | - | 78,853 |
| Injury Benefit | 846 | 126 | 161 | 105 | - | 1,238 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 525 | 51 | 72 | 83 | - | 731 |
| Disablement Pension | 13,192 | 177 | 148 | 307 | - | 13,824 |
| Death Benefit Pension | 651 | - | 148 | - | - | 799 |
| Disability Allowance | 95,754 | 8,306 | 16,534 | 6,828 | - | 127,422 |
| Carer's Benefit | 2,249 | - | 79 | 2,473 | - | 4,801 |
| Carer's Allowance | 43,569 | - | 3,311 | 25,055 | - | 71,935 |
| Blind Pension | 1,472 | 110 | 216 | 132 | - | 1,930 |
| Total Illness, Disability and Caring | 285,592 | 27,018 | 35,290 | 64,397 | 0 | 412,297 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 121,763 | 13,449 | 20,636 | 13,153 | - | 169,001 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 113,603 | 22,872 | 46,543 | 4,784 | - | 187,802 |
| Total Jobseeker's Supports | 235,366 | 36,321 | 67,179 | 17,937 | 0 | 356,803 |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 3,558 | 596 | 2,377 | 654 | - | 7,185 |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year | 1,470 | 409 | 1,236 | 391 | - | 3,506 |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4 | 3,134 | 947 | 2,565 | 586 | - | 7,232 |
| Back to Education Allowance | 7,886 | 808 | 2,322 | 860 | - | 11,876 |
| Part-Time Job Incentive scheme | 184 | - | - | - | - | 184 |
| Family Income Supplement | 27,798 | - | - | - | 58,019 | 85,817 |
| Farm Assist | 7,496 | 3,308 | 5,443 | 540 | - | 16,787 |
| Total Employment Supports | 51,526 | 6,068 | 13,943 | 3,031 | 58,019 | 132,587 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾ | 35,546 | 6,757 | 20,948 | - | - | 63,251 |
| Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 35,546 | 6,757 | 20,948 | 0 | 0 | 63,251 |
| Rent Allowance | 217 | - | - | - | - | 217 |
| Total Miscellaneous Payments | 217 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 217 |
| Grand Total ⁽³⁾ | 1,208,883 | 145,236 | 300,726 | 87,011 | 58,019 | 1,799,875 |

(1) Where each spouse is in receipt of a half rate increase in respect of a qualified child, some double counting of the number of qualified children may occur.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only.

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

Table A17: Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Lifecycle Stage, 2008

| Type of Payment | Recipients | Qualified Adults | Qualified Children | | Other Children | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | | Full Rate | Half Rate ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Family Income Supplement | 27,798 | - | - | - | 58,019 | 85,817 |
| Guardian's Pension (Contributory) | 833 | - | - | - | - | 833 |
| Guardian's Pension (Non-Contributory) | 437 | - | - | - | - | 437 |
| Total Children & Families | 29,068 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58,019 | 87,087 |
| Adoptive Benefit | 68 | - | - | - | - | 68 |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 3,558 | 596 | 2,377 | 654 | - | 7,185 |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year | 1,470 | 409 | 1,236 | 391 | - | 3,506 |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4 | 3,134 | 947 | 2,565 | 586 | - | 7,232 |
| Back to Education Allowance | 7,886 | 808 | 2,322 | 860 | - | 11,876 |
| Carer's Benefit | 2,249 | - | 79 | 2,473 | - | 4,801 |
| Carer's Allowance | 43,569 | - | 3,311 | 25,055 | - | 71,935 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 9,056 | - | 2,348 | - | - | 11,404 |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 617 | - | - | - | - | 617 |
| Farm Assist | 7,496 | 3,308 | 5,443 | 540 | - | 16,787 |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 69 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 71 |
| Illness Benefit | 73,609 | 9,332 | 9,813 | 18,010 | - | 110,764 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 121,763 | 13,449 | 20,636 | 13,153 | - | 169,001 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 113,603 | 22,872 | 46,543 | 4,784 | - | 187,802 |
| Maternity Benefit | 23,421 | - | - | - | - | 23,421 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 87,840 | - | 145,723 | 57 | - | 233,620 |
| Part-Time Job Incentive scheme | 184 | - | - | - | - | 184 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 8,872 | 2,484 | 715 | 106 | - | 12,177 |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 2,042 | - | - | - | - | 2,042 |
| Total People of Working Age | 510,507 | 54,205 | 243,112 | 66,670 | 0 | 874,494 |
| Rent Allowance | 217 | - | - | - | - | 217 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 250,117 | 61,383 | 1,555 | 1,240 | - | 314,295 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 7,242 | 2,039 | 123 | 107 | - | 9,511 |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 97,784 | 3,166 | 492 | 135 | - | 101,577 |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 112,237 | - | 12,409 | - | - | 124,646 |
| Total Retired & Older People | 467,597 | 66,588 | 14,579 | 1,482 | 0 | 550,246 |
| Invalidity Pension | 53,725 | 8,916 | 4,808 | 11,404 | - | 78,853 |
| Injury Benefit | 846 | 126 | 161 | 105 | - | 1,238 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 525 | 51 | 72 | 83 | - | 731 |
| Disablement Pension | 13,192 | 177 | 148 | 307 | - | 13,824 |
| Death Benefit Pension | 651 | - | 148 | - | - | 799 |
| Disability Allowance | 95,754 | 8,306 | 16,534 | 6,828 | - | 127,422 |
| Blind Pension | 1,472 | 110 | 216 | 132 | - | 1,930 |
| Total People with Disabilities | 166,165 | 17,686 | 22,087 | 18,859 | - | 224,797 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾ | 35,546 | 6,757 | 20,948 | - | - | 63,251 |
| Total Poverty & Social Inclusion | 35,546 | 6,757 | 20,948 | 0 | 0 | 63,251 |
| Grand Total⁽³⁾ | 1,208,883 | 145,236 | 300,726 | 87,011 | 58,019 | 1,799,875 |

(1) Where each spouse is in receipt of a half rate increase in respect of a qualified child, some double counting of the number of qualified children may occur.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only.

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

Table A18: Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 2006 and 2007

| Insurance Class | Insured for | Number insured | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2006 ⁽¹⁾ | | | 2007 ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| A | All Benefits ⁽³⁾ | 1,207,465 | 1,104,538 | 2,312,003 | 1,245,686 | 1,147,992 | 2,393,678 |
| B | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Carer's Benefit and limited Injuries Benefits. | 17,190 | 12,095 | 29,285 | 17,053 | 12,161 | 29,214 |
| C | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Guardian's Payment (Contributory). | 822 | 128 | 950 | 817 | 129 | 946 |
| D | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits. | 36,587 | 46,298 | 82,885 | 36,692 | 46,021 | 82,713 |
| E | All benefits except Jobseeker's Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits. | 144 | 32 | 176 | 131 | 29 | 160 |
| H | All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service | 7,960 | 401 | 8,361 | 7,914 | 416 | 8,330 |
| J ⁽⁴⁾ | Occupational Injuries Benefits. | 11,688 | 12,626 | 24,314 | 14,436 | 16,065 | 30,501 |
| K | No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution. | 27,846 | 11,809 | 39,655 | 24,890 | 9,636 | 34,526 |
| M | Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances. | 91,824 | 66,548 | 158,372 | 102,731 | 71,004 | 173,735 |
| P | Treatment Benefit and limited Jobseeker's and Illness Benefits. | 14 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| S | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), State Pension (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit. | 283,440 | 73,108 | 356,548 | 265,357 | 70,467 | 335,824 |
| Voluntary Contributors | High Rate + Low Rate: State Pension (Transition), State Pension (Contributory), Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Death Grant. | 1,260 | 664 | 1,924 | 1,174 | 740 | 1,914 |
| | TOTAL | 1,686,240 | 1,328,247 | 3,014,487 | 1,716,895 | 1,374,660 | 3,091,555 |

(1) Revised figures

(2) Provisional figures

(3) This includes 175,349 and 182,404 people in 2006 and 2007 respectively in receipt of credited contributions.

(4) Class J includes FAS and other trainees.

Note: The figures for 2007 represent the most recent out-turn of End-of-Year returns received for 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 figure should not be viewed as an estimate of the final outturn of contributors for that year. Data for 2008 is not yet processed.

Graph A8: Analysis of Insured Population, 2007

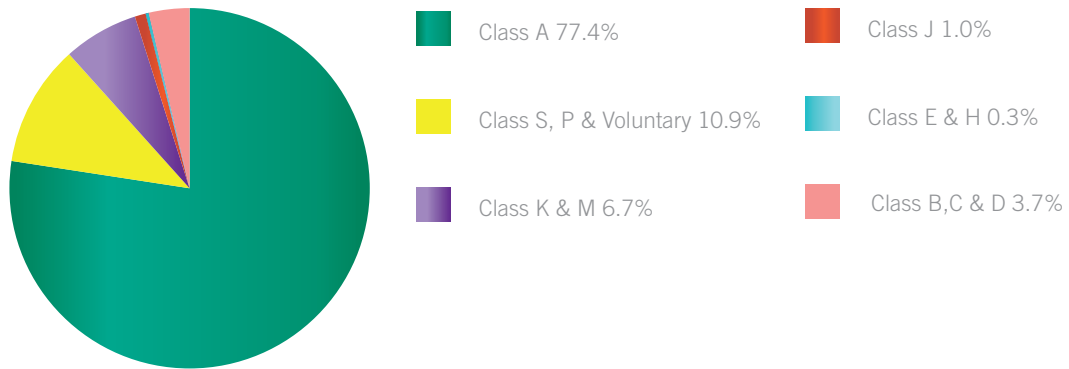


Table A19: Number of Insured Persons, 1998/1999 to 2007

| Year | Insured Population | Index |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1998/1999 | 2,200,399 | 100.0 |
| 1999/2000 | 2,310,525 | 105.0 |
| 2000/2001 | 2,417,231 | 109.9 |
| 2001 ⁽¹⁾ | 2,410,265 | 109.5 |
| 2002 | 2,503,671 | 113.8 |
| 2003 | 2,662,148 | 121.0 |
| 2004 | 2,752,162 | 125.1 |
| 2005 | 2,880,190 | 130.9 |
| 2006 ⁽²⁾ | 3,014,487 | 137.0 |
| 2007 ⁽³⁾ | 3,091,555 | 140.5 |

(1) Short Tax Year

(2) Revised

(3) Provisional

Table A20: Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2008

| Type of Payment | Personal | Qualified | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|
| | | Adult | Child |
| | € | € | € |
| SOCIAL INSURANCE | | | |
| Long Term | | | |
| State Pension (Contributory / Transition) ⁽¹⁾ | 223.30 | 148.80 | 24.00 |
| Invalidity Pension ^{(2) (3)} | 203.30 | 145.10 | 24.00 |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽⁴⁾ | 203.30 | - | 24.00 |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 170.00 | - | - |
| Death Benefit Pension | 227.70 | - | - |
| Disablement Pension | 228.90 | - | - |
| Short Term | | | |
| Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit | 197.80 | 148.80 | 24.00 |
| Carer's Benefit | 214.70 | - | 24.00 |
| SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | | | |
| Long Term | | | |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 212.00 | 140.10 | 24.00 |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 197.80 | - | 24.00 |
| Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 197.80 | - | - |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 197.80 | - | - |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 170.00 | - | - |
| Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾ | 214.00 | - | 24.00 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance (Long Term) | 197.80 | 131.30 | 24.00 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 197.80 | 131.30 | 24.00 |
| Disability Allowance | 197.80 | 131.30 | 24.00 |
| Farm Assist | 197.80 | 131.30 | 24.00 |
| Short Term | | | |
| Jobseeker's Allowance (Short Term) | 197.80 | 131.30 | 24.00 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 197.80 | 131.30 | 24.00 |
| OTHER PAYMENTS | | | |
| Living Alone Allowance | 7.70 | - | - |
| Over 80 Allowance | 10.00 | - | - |
| Island Allowance | 12.70 | - | - |
| Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child | 166.00 | - | - |
| - 3rd & other Children | 203.00 | - | - |

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €200.00 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is age 65 a rate of €223.30 is payable.

(3) If qualified adult is age 66 or over a rate of €200.00 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €223.30 is payable.

(5) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €232.00 is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2008.

Table A21: Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2009

| Type of Payment | Personal € | Qualified | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | | Adult € | Child € |
| SOCIAL INSURANCE | | | |
| Long Term | | | |
| State Pension (Contributory / Transition) ⁽¹⁾ | 230.30 | 153.50 | 26.00 |
| Invalidity Pension ^{(2) (3)} | 209.80 | 149.70 | 26.00 |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽⁴⁾ | 209.80 | - | 26.00 |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 176.50 | - | - |
| Death Benefit Pension | 234.70 | - | 26.00 |
| Disablement Pension | 235.40 | - | - |
| Short Term | | | |
| Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit | 204.30 | 135.60 | 26.00 |
| Carer's Benefit | 221.20 | - | 26.00 |
| SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | | | |
| Long Term | | | |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 219.00 | 144.70 | 26.00 |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 204.30 | - | 26.00 |
| Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 204.30 | - | 26.00 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 204.30 | - | 26.00 |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 176.50 | - | - |
| Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾ | 220.50 | - | 26.00 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 204.30 | 135.60 | 26.00 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 204.30 | 135.60 | 26.00 |
| Disability Allowance | 204.30 | 135.60 | 26.00 |
| Farm Assist | 204.30 | 135.60 | 26.00 |
| Short Term | | | |
| Short Term Jobseeker's Allowance | 204.30 | 135.60 | 26.00 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 204.30 | 135.60 | 26.00 |
| OTHER PAYMENTS | | | |
| Living Alone Allowance | 7.70 | - | - |
| Over 80 Allowance | 10.00 | - | - |
| Island Allowance | 12.70 | - | - |
| Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child | 166.00 | - | - |
| - 3rd & other Children | 203.00 | - | - |

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €206.30 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is age 65 a rate of €230.30 is payable.

(3) If qualified adult is age 66 or over a rate of €206.30 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is 66 or over a rate of €230.30 is payable.

(5) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €239.00 is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2009.

Table A22: Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment and Consumer Price Index, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Single Person | Couple | Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit | Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit | Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾ |
|-------------------|---------------|--------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1999 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2000 | 105.4 | 106.7 | 111.9 | 115.4 | 105.5 |
| 2001 | 116.3 | 119.5 | 121.2 | 122.5 | 110.7 |
| 2002 | 127.3 | 133.4 | 138.2 | 141.8 | 115.8 |
| 2003 | 133.7 | 140.1 | 144.8 | 148.5 | 119.8 |
| 2004 | 144.4 | 151.3 | 154.2 | 157.0 | 122.4 |
| 2005 | 159.4 | 167.0 | 167.7 | 169.2 | 125.5 |
| 2006 | 177.7 | 186.1 | 183.3 | 182.3 | 130.4 |
| 2007 | 199.1 | 208.6 | 206.6 | 205.5 | 136.8 |
| 2008 ^c | 211.9 | 222.1 | 219.6 | 218.1 | 142.4 |

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

Note: Based on the rates of Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance and Illness Benefit

Table A23: Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment and Consumer Price Index, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Single Person | Couple | Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit | Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit | Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾ |
|------|---------------|--------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1999 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2000 | 107.9 | 108.1 | 111.9 | 114.8 | 105.5 |
| 2001 | 119.1 | 120.6 | 121.2 | 122.0 | 110.7 |
| 2002 | 130.3 | 133.7 | 137.0 | 139.7 | 115.8 |
| 2003 | 139.2 | 142.8 | 145.2 | 147.6 | 119.8 |
| 2004 | 148.0 | 152.0 | 153.1 | 154.8 | 122.4 |
| 2005 | 158.7 | 162.9 | 163.1 | 164.3 | 125.5 |
| 2006 | 171.0 | 175.6 | 174.1 | 174.0 | 130.4 |
| 2007 | 185.2 | 190.1 | 188.9 | 188.6 | 136.8 |
| 2008 | 197.6 | 202.8 | 201.1 | 200.5 | 142.4 |

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

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

SECTION B
OLDER PEOPLE

Section B: Older People

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on payments for older people was over €4,300 million in 2008. This represents an increase of 10.9% on 2007.

The overall number of payments for older people rose by 12,215 in 2008, an increase of 3.5% on 2007. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition)) based on social insurance contributions rose by 13,909 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested State Pension (Non-Contributory) increased by 58. The number of people in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 1,752 in 2008.

Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

In 2006 age related pensions were replaced by State Pensions, with significant administrative alterations to several weekly payment types which had up to that point provided for people aged over 65. These changes, implemented in stages following the introduction of the State Pensions, have resulted in substantial migrations of recipients between scheme types, with accompanying changes in expenditure on these schemes. The most significant transfers of recipients were those involving State Pension (Contributory), formerly known as Old Age Pension (Contributory), and State Pension (Transition), formerly known as Retirement Pension.

Recipients of Widow/er's Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Blind Pension, One Parent Family Payment and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance have since 2006 been transferred to State Pension (Non Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in some decreases in recipients and expenditure on such schemes and concomitant increases in recipients and expenditure on State Pension (Non Contributory). Further alterations have resulted in Qualified Adults of a State Pension (Non Contributory) aged over 66 qualifying for a pension in their own right, with recipients of Invalidity Pension aged 66 years or over being automatically transferred to State Pension (Contributory) on reaching that age threshold.

A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2006 and subsequent years in relation to recipients and expenditure on the affected schemes

Graph B1: Number of Recipients of State Pensions, 1999 to 2008

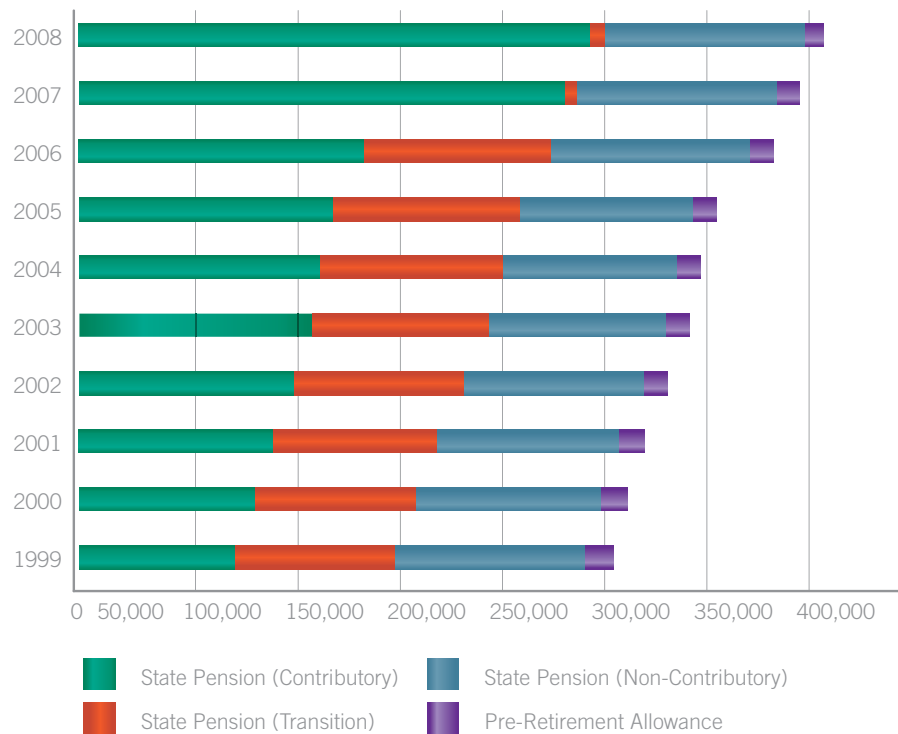


Table B1: Expenditure on Older People by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

| Payment Type | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| SOCIAL INSURANCE | | | |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 2,754,749 | 3,118,029 | 13.2% |
| State Pension (Transition) | 79,070 | 92,107 | 16.5% |
| SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | | | |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 920,167 | 973,047 | 5.7% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 124,490 | 117,666 | -5.5% |
| TOTAL | 3,878,476 | 4,300,849 | 10.9% |

(1) Provisional

Table B2: Expenditure on Older People by Payment Type, 1999 to 2008

| Year | State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾ | State Pension (Transition) ⁽¹⁾ | State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾ | Pre-Retirement Allowance | Total |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 1,152,849 | 1,060,052 | 631,299 | 102,879 | 2,947,079 |
| 2006 | 1,580,896 | 857,627 | 727,782 | 113,063 | 3,279,368 |
| 2007 | 2,754,749 | 79,070 | 920,167 | 124,490 | 3,878,476 |
| 2008 ⁽²⁾ | 3,118,029 | 92,107 | 973,047 | 117,666 | 4,300,849 |

(1) See note on scheme changes and comparability of data in the introduction to this section

(2) Provisional.

Table B3: Number of Recipients by Type of State Pension, 1999 to 2008

| Year | State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾ | State Pension (Transition) ⁽¹⁾ | State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾ | Pre-Retirement Allowance | Total |
|------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 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 |
| 2006 | 139,724 | 91,086 | 97,404 | 11,149 | 339,363 |
| 2007 | 237,599 | 5,851 | 97,726 | 10,624 | 351,800 |
| 2008 | 250,117 | 7,242 | 97,784 | 8,872 | 364,015 |

(1) See note on scheme changes and comparability of data in the introduction to this section

Table B4: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2008

| Dependency Status | State Pension (Contributory) | State Pension (Transition) | State Pension (Non-Contributory) | Pre-retirement Allowance | Total |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Personal Rate only | 187,696 | 5,121 | 94,618 | 6,250 | 293,685 |
| With Qualified Adult under 66 | 18,633 | 1,748 | 2,333 | 2,475 | 25,189 |
| With Qualified Adult over 66 | 42,750 | 291 | 833 | 18 | 43,892 |
| 1 full rate Qualified Child | 966 | 75 | 243 | 337 | 1,621 |
| 2 full rate Qualified Children | 180 | 17 | 64 | 105 | 366 |
| 3 full rate Qualified Children | 45 | 2 | 22 | 26 | 95 |
| 4 full rate Qualified Children | 13 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 36 |
| 5 full rate Qualified Children | 7 | - | 3 | 5 | 10 |
| 6+ full rate Qualified Children | 1 | - | - | 3 | 4 |
| 1 half rate Qualified Child | 713 | 64 | 82 | 45 | 904 |
| 2 half rate Qualified Children | 191 | 12 | 17 | 17 | 237 |
| 3 half rate Qualified Children | 36 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 47 |
| 4 half rate Qualified Children | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| 5 half rate Qualified Children | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 6+ half rate Qualified Children | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Recipients with Qualified Child allowances | 2,161 | 178 | 446 | 556 | 3,341 |
| Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances | 0.9% | 2.5% | 0.5% | 6.3% | 0.9% |
| Total Number of Qualified Adults | 61,383 | 2,039 | 3,166 | 2,484 | 69,072 |
| Total Number of Children ⁽¹⁾ | 2,795 | 230 | 627 | 821 | 4,473 |

(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 an element of double-counting.

Table B5: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 2008

| Age Group | State Pension (Contributory) | | State Pension (Transition) | | State Pension (Non-Contributory) | | Total | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females |
| Under 70 years | 49,038 | 23,542 | 5,015 | 2,227 | 7,585 | 10,600 | 61,638 | 36,369 |
| 70 to 74 years | 52,802 | 24,047 | - | - | 8,101 | 13,713 | 60,903 | 37,760 |
| 75 to 79 years | 37,042 | 18,065 | - | - | 7,890 | 12,598 | 44,932 | 30,663 |
| 80 to 84 years | 18,364 | 10,373 | - | - | 6,932 | 12,083 | 25,296 | 22,456 |
| 85 to 89 years | 7,564 | 5,125 | - | - | 3,973 | 8,195 | 11,537 | 13,320 |
| 90 to 94 years | 1,796 | 1,681 | - | - | 1,210 | 3,550 | 3,006 | 5,231 |
| 95 years and over | 263 | 415 | - | - | 259 | 1,095 | 522 | 1,510 |
| Total | 166,869 | 83,248 | 5,015 | 2,227 | 35,950 | 61,834 | 207,834 | 147,309 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 250,117 | | 7,242 | | 97,784 | | 355,143 | |

Table B6: Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Male | Female | Total |
|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 56 | 171 | 48 | 219 |
| 57 | 419 | 124 | 543 |
| 58 | 549 | 174 | 723 |
| 59 | 716 | 205 | 921 |
| 60 | 846 | 235 | 1,081 |
| 61 | 853 | 252 | 1,105 |
| 62 | 810 | 265 | 1,075 |
| 63 | 915 | 247 | 1,162 |
| 64 | 861 | 280 | 1,141 |
| 65 | 669 | 233 | 902 |
| Total | 6,809 | 2,063 | 8,872 |

Note: Pre-Retirement Allowance was abolished for new claimants with effect from 4th July 2007

Table B7: Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Pension Type, 2008

| Pension Type | Living Alone Allowance | Over 80 Allowance | Island Allowance |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| State Pension (Contributory) | 53,891 | 45,566 | 126 |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 33,211 | 37,297 | 253 |
| Total | 87,102 | 82,863 | 379 |

Table B8: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Payment and County, 2008

| County | State Pension (Contributory) | State Pension (Transition) | State Pension (Non-Contributory) | Pre-Retirement Allowance |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Carlow | 2,650 | 61 | 1,191 | 141 |
| Cavan | 2,780 | 88 | 2,776 | 133 |
| Clare | 4,600 | 194 | 3,901 | 226 |
| Cork | 24,827 | 718 | 10,916 | 1,055 |
| Donegal | 6,192 | 201 | 6,487 | 752 |
| Dublin | 68,591 | 2,224 | 11,718 | 1,801 |
| Galway | 9,059 | 286 | 7,896 | 385 |
| Kerry | 6,173 | 167 | 5,399 | 373 |
| Kildare | 6,678 | 263 | 1,802 | 174 |
| Kilkenny | 3,854 | 129 | 2,300 | 190 |
| Laois | 2,673 | 75 | 1,702 | 118 |
| Leitrim | 1,518 | 51 | 1,420 | 48 |
| Limerick | 9,364 | 274 | 4,403 | 402 |
| Longford | 1,653 | 53 | 1,448 | 70 |
| Louth | 6,426 | 217 | 2,071 | 312 |
| Mayo | 5,650 | 200 | 6,112 | 341 |
| Meath | 6,202 | 222 | 2,432 | 234 |
| Monaghan | 2,456 | 73 | 2,180 | 132 |
| Offaly | 3,225 | 104 | 1,680 | 102 |
| Roscommon | 2,712 | 60 | 2,646 | 108 |
| Sligo | 3,118 | 120 | 2,138 | 131 |
| Tipperary | 7,808 | 199 | 4,975 | 403 |
| Waterford | 5,968 | 212 | 2,454 | 333 |
| Westmeath | 3,840 | 98 | 1,945 | 94 |
| Wexford | 6,908 | 235 | 3,841 | 570 |
| Wicklow | 6,462 | 238 | 1,906 | 244 |
| Others | 38,730 | 480 | 45 | - |
| Total | 250,117 | 7,242 | 97,784 | 8,872 |

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 8.8% overall in 2008.

The payment type in this programme group with both the largest expenditure and number of recipients is Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension. At the end of 2008 there were 112,237 recipients (97,790 widows and 14,447 widowers). Expenditure in 2007 was nearly €1,300 million which represented an increase of 7.8% over 2007.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance fell by 339 and 76 respectively during 2008.

Expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment increased by 10.9%, while the number of recipients rose by 2,756, an increase of 3.2% on 2007.

Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

In 2006 Age related pensions were replaced by State Pensions, with significant administrative alterations to several weekly payment types which had up to that point provided for people aged over 65. These alterations, implemented in stages following the introduction of the State Pensions, have resulted in substantial migrations of recipients between scheme types, with accompanying changes in expenditure on these schemes. The most significant transfers of recipients were those involving State Pension (Contributory), formerly known as Old Age Pension (Contributory), and State Pension (Transition), formerly known as Retirement Pension.

Recipients of Widow/er's Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Blind Pension, One Parent Family Payment and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance have since 2006 been transferred to State Pension (Non Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in some decreases in recipients and expenditure on such schemes and concomitant increases in recipients and expenditure on State Pension (Non Contributory). Further alterations resulted in Qualified Adults of a State Pension (Non Contributory) aged over 66 qualifying for a pension in their own right, with recipients of Invalidity Pension aged 66 years or over being automatically transferred to State Pension (Contributory) on reaching that age threshold.

A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2006 and subsequent years in relation to recipients and expenditure on the affected schemes.

Graph C1: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2008

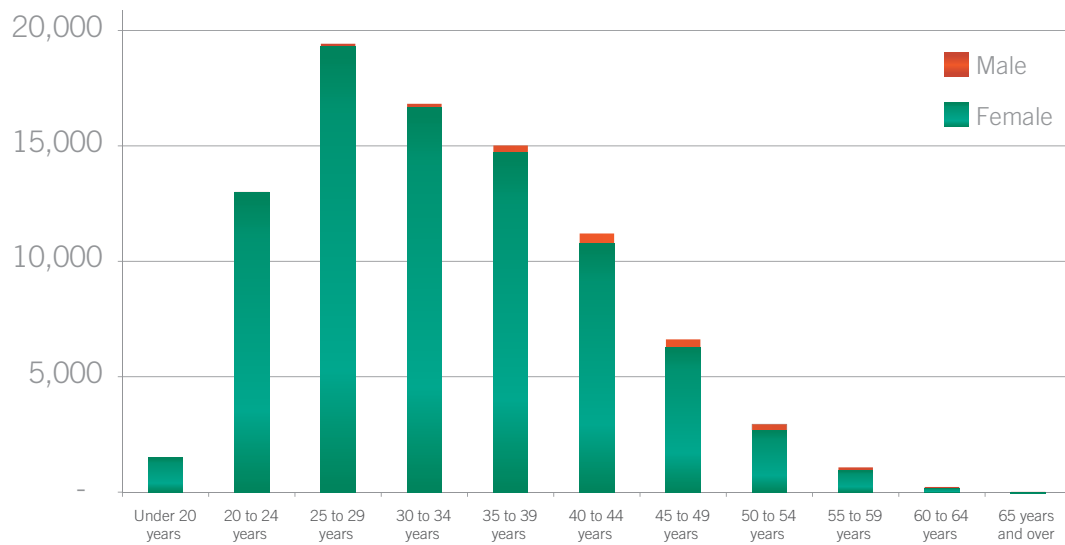


Table C1: Expenditure on Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Families by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

| Payment Type | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| SOCIAL INSURANCE | | | |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 1,204,979 | 1,299,406 | 7.8% |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 100,710 | 104,671 | 3.9% |
| Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory) | 3,862 | 5,543 | 43.5% |
| SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | | | |
| Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 19,921 | 17,628 | -11.5% |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽²⁾ | 6,897 | 6,627 | -3.9% |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 16 | 7 | -56.3% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 962,425 | 1,067,578 | 10.9% |
| Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory) | 454 | 529 | 16.5% |
| TOTAL | 2,299,264 | 2,501,989 | 8.8% |

(1) Provisional

(2) See note on scheme changes and comparability of data in the introduction to this section

Table C2: Expenditure on Widow/er's Pensions, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾ | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 998,524 | 126,944 | 1,125,468 |
| 2006 | 1,094,884 | 103,688 | 1,198,572 |
| 2007 | 1,204,979 | 19,921 | 1,224,900 |
| 2008 ⁽²⁾ | 1,299,406 | 17,628 | 1,317,034 |

(1) See note on scheme changes and data comparability in the introduction to this section

(2) Provisional

Table C3: Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Deserted Wife's Benefit | Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | Prisoner's Wife Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾ | Total |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 90,620 | 11,468 | 14 | 751,102 | 853,204 |
| 2006 | 94,621 | 10,547 | 13 | 834,262 | 939,443 |
| 2007 | 100,710 | 6,897 | 16 | 962,425 | 1,070,048 |
| 2008 ⁽²⁾ | 104,671 | 6,627 | 7 | 1,067,578 | 1,178,883 |

(1) See note on scheme changes and data comparability in the introduction to this section

(2) Provisional

Table C4: Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾ | Total |
|------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 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 |
| 2006 | 110,146 | 2,168 | 112,314 |
| 2007 | 111,460 | 2,138 | 113,598 |
| 2008 | 112,237 | 2,042 | 114,279 |

(1) See note on scheme changes and data comparability in the introduction to this section

Table C5: Number of Recipients of Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension and Deserted Wife's Benefit by Number of Qualified Children, 2008

| Type of Recipient | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | Deserted Wife's Benefit | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Without Qualified Children | 104,756 | 7,400 | 112,156 |
| With 1 child | 4,155 | 1,131 | 5,286 |
| With 2 children | 2,174 | 404 | 2,578 |
| With 3 children | 824 | 93 | 917 |
| With 4 children | 243 | 17 | 260 |
| With 5 children | 61 | 6 | 67 |
| With 6 or more children | 24 | 5 | 29 |
| Total Recipients | 112,237 | 9,056 | 121,293 |
| Total Recipients with children | 7,481 | 1,656 | 9,137 |
| % of Recipients with children | 6.7% | 18.3% | 7.5% |
| Total Number of children | 12,409 | 2,348 | 14,757 |

Table C6: Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Contributory Pensions | | | Non-Contributory Pensions | | | Overall Total |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------|----------|-------|---------------|
| | Widows | Widowers | Total | Widows | Widowers | Total | |
| Under 25 years | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| 25 to 29 years | 43 | 7 | 50 | 1 | - | 1 | 51 |
| 30 to 34 years | 178 | 37 | 215 | 6 | - | 6 | 221 |
| 35 to 39 years | 471 | 149 | 620 | 30 | 1 | 31 | 651 |
| 40 to 44 years | 1,086 | 349 | 1,435 | 76 | 6 | 82 | 1,517 |
| 45 to 49 years | 2,241 | 779 | 3,020 | 190 | 17 | 207 | 3,227 |
| 50 to 54 years | 3,690 | 1,376 | 5,066 | 423 | 61 | 484 | 5,550 |
| 55 to 59 years | 6,039 | 2,155 | 8,194 | 883 | 96 | 979 | 9,173 |
| 60 to 64 years | 9,469 | 3,071 | 12,540 | 239 | 12 | 251 | 12,791 |
| 65 to 69 years | 11,843 | 2,248 | 14,091 | - | - | - | 14,091 |
| 70 to 74 years | 15,256 | 1,661 | 16,917 | - | - | - | 16,917 |
| 75 to 79 years | 16,766 | 1,269 | 18,035 | - | - | - | 18,035 |
| 80 years and over | 30,707 | 1,345 | 32,052 | - | - | - | 32,052 |
| TOTAL | 97,790 | 14,447 | 112,237 | 1,849 | 193 | 2,042 | 114,279 |

Table C7: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Deserted Wife's Benefit | Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾ | Total |
|------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------|
| 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 |
| 2006 | 9,760 | 766 | 2 | 83,081 | 93,609 |
| 2007 | 9,395 | 693 | 2 | 85,084 | 95,174 |
| 2008 | 9,056 | 617 | 1 | 87,840 | 97,514 |

(1) See note on scheme changes and data comparability in the introduction to this section

Table C8: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance by Age, 2008

| 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 | 2 | - | - |
| 35 to 39 years | 80 | - | - |
| 40 to 44 years | 410 | 7 | - |
| 45 to 49 years | 1,388 | 42 | - |
| 50 to 54 years | 1,964 | 82 | - |
| 55 to 59 years | 2,152 | 180 | - |
| 60 to 64 years | 1,617 | 249 | 1 |
| 65 years and over | 1,443 | 57 | - |
| TOTAL | 9,056 | 617 | 1 |

Table C9: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Children, 2008

| Type of Recipient | Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse | Widowed Person | Total ⁽¹⁾ |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| With 1 child | 49,387 | 407 | 49,794 |
| With 2 children | 24,225 | 215 | 24,440 |
| With 3 children | 9,020 | 115 | 9,135 |
| With 4 children | 3,049 | 55 | 3,104 |
| With 5 children | 901 | 24 | 925 |
| With 6 or more children | 397 | 16 | 413 |
| Total Recipients | 86,979 | 832 | 87,811 |

(1) 29 recipients of One-Parent Family Payment were not in receipt of a qualified child increase at December 2008. This is usually because their dependent child is now claiming a One-Parent Family Payment in their own right

Table C10: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2008

| Age Group | Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse | | Widowed Person | | Total | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Under 20 years | 1 | 1,497 | - | - | 1 | 1,497 |
| 20 to 24 years | 23 | 12,979 | - | 4 | 23 | 12,983 |
| 25 to 29 years | 105 | 19,294 | 2 | 24 | 107 | 19,318 |
| 30 to 34 years | 138 | 16,617 | 7 | 62 | 145 | 16,679 |
| 35 to 39 years | 295 | 14,589 | 10 | 123 | 305 | 14,712 |
| 40 to 44 years | 429 | 10,611 | 23 | 142 | 452 | 10,753 |
| 45 to 49 years | 306 | 6,138 | 28 | 146 | 334 | 6,284 |
| 50 to 54 years | 221 | 2,591 | 29 | 97 | 250 | 2,688 |
| 55 to 59 years | 113 | 851 | 23 | 86 | 136 | 937 |
| 60 to 64 years | 39 | 134 | 6 | 45 | 45 | 179 |
| 65 years and over | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | 1,673 | 85,306 | 131 | 730 | 1,804 | 86,036 |
| Overall Total | 86,979 | | 861 | | 87,840 | |

Table C11: Number of Recipients of Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension and Deserted Wife's Benefit in receipt of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance, 2008

| Pension Type | Living Alone Allowance | Over 80 Allowance | Island Allowance |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 47,881 | 32,182 | 60 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 607 | 96 | - |
| Total | 48,488 | 32,278 | 60 |

Table C12: Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 2008

| County | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | Widow/er's (Non- Contributory) Pension | One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾ | Deserted Wife's Benefit | Deserted Wife's Allowance |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Carlow | 1,311 | 31 | 1,287 | 108 | 10 |
| Cavan | 1,492 | 50 | 1,093 | 73 | 6 |
| Clare | 2,527 | 68 | 1,769 | 161 | 16 |
| Cork | 12,500 | 184 | 8,609 | 857 | 65 |
| Donegal | 3,261 | 185 | 3,755 | 177 | 28 |
| Dublin | 29,620 | 295 | 28,772 | 3,703 | 203 |
| Galway | 4,796 | 160 | 3,483 | 263 | 34 |
| Kerry | 3,415 | 123 | 2,576 | 203 | 24 |
| Kildare | 3,819 | 51 | 3,543 | 346 | 11 |
| Kilkenny | 1,984 | 38 | 1,320 | 135 | 14 |
| Laois | 1,533 | 32 | 1,095 | 85 | 1 |
| Leitrim | 945 | 18 | 392 | 36 | 6 |
| Limerick | 4,889 | 78 | 3,751 | 383 | 23 |
| Longford | 972 | 29 | 899 | 82 | 4 |
| Louth | 2,888 | 43 | 2,943 | 380 | 16 |
| Mayo | 3,306 | 141 | 1,997 | 134 | 19 |
| Meath | 3,181 | 53 | 2,284 | 287 | 25 |
| Monaghan | 1,300 | 51 | 993 | 82 | 13 |
| Offaly | 1,777 | 28 | 1,331 | 100 | 5 |
| Roscommon | 1,415 | 49 | 739 | 60 | 6 |
| Sligo | 1,658 | 45 | 1,074 | 136 | 5 |
| Tipperary | 4,267 | 82 | 3,161 | 234 | 14 |
| Waterford | 2,971 | 49 | 2,970 | 248 | 14 |
| Westmeath | 2,150 | 40 | 1,636 | 165 | 10 |
| Wexford | 3,364 | 81 | 3,526 | 276 | 22 |
| Wicklow | 2,963 | 38 | 2,833 | 342 | 23 |
| Others | 7,933 | - | 10 | - | - |
| Total | 112,237 | 2,042 | 87,841 | 9,056 | 617 |

(1) Includes Prisoner's Wife's Allowance

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, Guardian's Payments 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 is included with the main payment e.g. Qualified Child increases paid with State Pensions are included in the 'Older People' programme.

Expenditure on payments in this programme group rose by 11.7% in 2008. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 76.4% of recipient families in 2008 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1999 was 72.4%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 16,496 to 596,108. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 31,223 to 1,141,938.

Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by over €222 million in 2008, an increase of 10.0% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by over €57 million, an increase of 22.5%.

Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

Increases in the maximum duration and maximum payment of Maternity Benefit, in addition to the increases in the female population and the national birthrate, have resulted in a significant increase in expenditure on the scheme. In March 2006 the maximum duration of Maternity Benefit, Adoptive Benefit and Health and Safety Benefit claims was increased from 18 to 22 weeks, with a subsequent extension of Maternity Benefit in March 2007 to 26 weeks.

A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2006 and subsequent years in relation to recipients and expenditure on the affected schemes.

Graph D1: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1999 to 2008

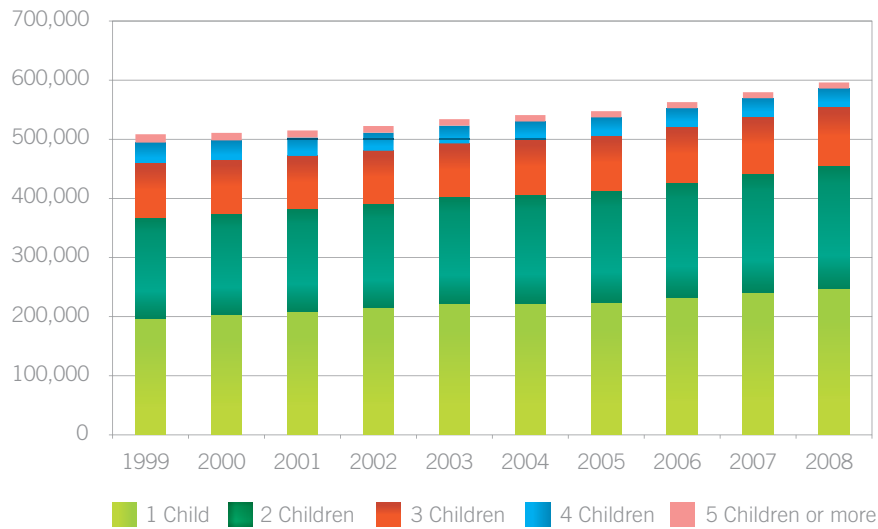


Table D1: Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

| Payment Type | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| SOCIAL INSURANCE | | | |
| Maternity Benefit ⁽²⁾ | 257,896 | 315,879 | 22.5% |
| Adoptive Benefit ⁽²⁾ | 1,333 | 1,644 | 23.3% |
| Health and Safety Benefit ⁽²⁾ | 503 | 576 | 14.5% |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 9,560 | 14,373 | 50.3% |
| SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | | | |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 4,366 | 10,711 | 145.3% |
| OTHER | | | |
| Child Benefit | 2,232,974 | 2,455,846 | 10.0% |
| TOTAL | 2,506,632 | 2,799,029 | 11.7% |

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(2) See note on scheme changes and comparability of data in the introduction to this section

Table D2: Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Expenditure |
|---------------------|-------------|
| | €000 |
| 1999 | 565,013 |
| 2000 | 637,543 |
| 2001 | 964,847 |
| 2002 | 1,462,793 |
| 2003 | 1,666,530 |
| 2004 | 1,765,117 |
| 2005 | 1,899,936 |
| 2006 | 2,056,925 |
| 2007 | 2,232,974 |
| 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 2,455,846 |

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Table D3: Expenditure on Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), 1999 to 2008

| Year | Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 7,516 | 4,096 |
| 2006 | 8,815 | 4,832 |
| 2007 | 9,560 | 4,366 |
| 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 14,373 | 10,711 |

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Table D4: Expenditure on Maternity, Adoptive and Health & Safety Benefits, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Maternity Benefit ⁽¹⁾ | Adoptive Benefit ⁽¹⁾ | Health & Safety Benefit ⁽¹⁾ |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 132,412 | 709 | 293 |
| 2006 | 180,801 | 818 | 353 |
| 2007 | 257,896 | 1,333 | 503 |
| 2008 ⁽²⁾ | 315,879 | 1,644 | 576 |

(1) See note on scheme changes and comparability of data in the introduction to this section

(2) Provisional.

Table D5: Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, 2007 and 2008

| Payment | 2007 | 2008 | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 818 | 833 | 1.8% |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 442 | 437 | -1.1% |
| Total | 1,260 | 1,270 | 0.8% |

Table D6: Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2007 and 2008

| Payment | 2007 | 2008 | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| Recipients at 31st December: | | | |
| Maternity Benefit | 20,948 | 23,421 | 11.8% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 39 | 69 | 76.9% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 55 | 68 | 23.6% |
| Awards during the year: | | | |
| Maternity Benefit | 42,390 | 48,037 | 13.3% |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 184 | 289 | 57.1% |
| Adoptive Benefit | 179 | 281 | 57.0% |

Table D7: Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Families | Children |
|------|----------|-----------|
| 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 |
| 2006 | 562,860 | 1,083,980 |
| 2007 | 579,612 | 1,110,715 |
| 2008 | 596,108 | 1,141,938 |

Table D8: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1999 to 2008

| Number of Eligible Children in Family | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 197,457 | 203,342 | 208,712 | 214,916 | 221,515 | 221,837 | 224,686 | 232,974 | 241,138 | 247,345 |
| 2 | 170,777 | 171,646 | 173,525 | 176,284 | 181,018 | 185,282 | 188,536 | 194,250 | 200,949 | 207,816 |
| 3 | 92,172 | 90,667 | 89,564 | 89,397 | 90,512 | 92,379 | 93,516 | 94,960 | 96,956 | 99,550 |
| 4 | 33,979 | 32,431 | 31,225 | 30,552 | 29,996 | 30,542 | 30,258 | 30,329 | 30,385 | 31,069 |
| 5 | 9,651 | 8,795 | 8,257 | 7,884 | 7,732 | 7,619 | 7,417 | 7,266 | 7,234 | 7,368 |
| 6 | 2,965 | 2,628 | 2,450 | 2,275 | 2,161 | 2,175 | 2,130 | 2,094 | 2,022 | 2,017 |
| 7 | 980 | 869 | 742 | 712 | 669 | 679 | 630 | 649 | 615 | 617 |
| 8 | 324 | 294 | 287 | 267 | 264 | 258 | 242 | 230 | 207 | 213 |
| 9 | 107 | 89 | 94 | 95 | 88 | 91 | 79 | 61 | 68 | 74 |
| 10 | 56 | 48 | 39 | 36 | 34 | 28 | 34 | 38 | 26 | 29 |
| 11 | 22 | 20 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| 12 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| 13 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 508,504 | 510,840 | 514,919 | 522,441 | 534,009 | 540,911 | 547,540 | 562,860 | 579,612 | 596,108 |
| Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid | 1,028,877 | 1,018,175 | 1,014,340 | 1,019,551 | 1,034,851 | 1,051,005 | 1,060,740 | 1,083,980 | 1,110,715 | 1,141,938 |

Table D9: Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 1999 to 2008

| Age (in years) | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 ⁽²⁾ | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Under 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 46,390 | 46,094 | 45,691 | 32,832 | 41,383 | 53,401 | 51,033 | 58,551 | 59,123 | 64,205 |
| 1 under 2 | 54,123 | 54,032 | 54,931 | 59,235 | 59,980 | 60,096 | 61,337 | 62,207 | 65,990 | 71,256 |
| 2 under 3 | 53,690 | 55,066 | 55,214 | 57,341 | 58,764 | 60,421 | 61,457 | 63,085 | 63,684 | 66,764 |
| 3 under 4 | 51,871 | 54,521 | 56,131 | 57,749 | 56,753 | 58,989 | 61,451 | 62,906 | 65,175 | 64,472 |
| 4 under 5 | 51,028 | 52,435 | 55,473 | 58,520 | 57,013 | 56,915 | 59,922 | 62,211 | 64,296 | 65,689 |
| 5 under 6 | 50,386 | 51,569 | 53,276 | 57,870 | 57,741 | 57,197 | 57,850 | 60,795 | 63,914 | 64,740 |
| 6 under 7 | 51,851 | 50,827 | 52,279 | 55,888 | 56,967 | 57,857 | 58,234 | 58,862 | 62,326 | 64,191 |
| 7 under 8 | 53,723 | 52,261 | 51,447 | 54,231 | 54,979 | 57,094 | 58,760 | 59,007 | 60,129 | 62,692 |
| 8 under 9 | 55,213 | 54,195 | 52,815 | 53,711 | 53,345 | 55,116 | 57,816 | 59,517 | 60,137 | 60,608 |
| 9 under 10 | 56,299 | 55,573 | 54,738 | 54,536 | 52,771 | 53,488 | 55,852 | 58,470 | 60,456 | 60,627 |
| 10 under 11 | 54,662 | 56,584 | 56,074 | 56,618 | 53,548 | 52,977 | 54,218 | 56,036 | 59,470 | 61,063 |
| 11 under 12 | 56,952 | 54,937 | 57,015 | 58,024 | 55,471 | 53,698 | 53,693 | 54,984 | 57,488 | 60,013 |
| 12 under 13 | 59,352 | 57,220 | 55,383 | 59,011 | 56,871 | 55,401 | 54,317 | 53,960 | 55,757 | 58,120 |
| 13 under 14 | 61,203 | 59,529 | 57,522 | 57,578 | 57,811 | 56,940 | 56,069 | 55,109 | 54,993 | 56,384 |
| 14 under 15 | 61,640 | 61,396 | 59,815 | 59,281 | 56,343 | 57,891 | 57,566 | 56,804 | 55,588 | 55,563 |
| 15 under 16 | 61,771 | 60,940 | 60,652 | 61,772 | 57,887 | 56,398 | 58,514 | 58,136 | 57,365 | 55,938 |
| 16 under 17 | 54,216 | 50,772 | 49,485 | 50,534 | 53,084 | 53,582 | 50,958 | 54,920 | 52,574 | 53,175 |
| 17 under 18 | 55,592 | 52,398 | 50,488 | 48,016 | 52,184 | 52,145 | 50,563 | 49,703 | 52,619 | 53,135 |
| 18 under 19 | 38,915 | 37,826 | 35,911 | 26,804 | 41,956 | 41,399 | 41,130 | 38,717 | 39,631 | 43,303 |
| Total | 1,028,877 | 1,018,175 | 1,014,340 | 1,019,551 | 1,034,851 | 1,051,005 | 1,060,740 | 1,083,980 | 1,110,715 | 1,141,938 |

(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 Qualified Child Increases by Payment Type, 2008

| 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 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 966 | 713 | 180 | 191 | 45 | 36 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | - | 1,555 | 1,240 | 1,212 | 949 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 75 | 64 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 123 | 107 | 96 | 82 |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 243 | 82 | 64 | 17 | 22 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 492 | 135 | 342 | 104 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 337 | 45 | 105 | 17 | 26 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 715 | 106 | 487 | 69 |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 4,155 | - | 2,174 | - | 824 | - | 243 | - | 61 | - | 24 | - | 12,409 | - | 7,481 | 0 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 1,131 | - | 404 | - | 93 | - | 17 | - | 6 | - | 5 | - | 2,348 | - | 1,656 | 0 |
| One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 49,794 | - | 24,440 | - | 9,135 | - | 3,104 | - | 925 | - | 413 | - | 145,723 | 57 | 87,811 | 0 |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Illness Benefit | 2,330 | 3,652 | 1,613 | 3,603 | 775 | 1,568 | 275 | 469 | 109 | 84 | 44 | 23 | 9,813 | 18,010 | 5,146 | 9,399 |
| Invalidity Pension | 1,724 | 3,292 | 755 | 2,169 | 289 | 826 | 100 | 232 | 32 | 51 | 23 | 17 | 4,808 | 11,404 | 2,923 | 6,587 |
| Injury Benefit | 34 | 23 | 28 | 18 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 161 | 105 | 82 | 53 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 16 | 12 | 14 | 20 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | 72 | 83 | 39 | 41 |
| Disablement Pension | 43 | 78 | 18 | 64 | 14 | 25 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 148 | 307 | 80 | 177 |
| Death Benefit Pension | 48 | - | 29 | - | 10 | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 148 | - | 90 | 0 |
| Disability Allowance | 3,724 | 1,295 | 2,216 | 885 | 1,152 | 510 | 552 | 241 | 277 | 117 | 196 | 102 | 16,534 | 6,828 | 8,117 | 3,150 |
| Carer's Benefit | 26 | 368 | 16 | 496 | 3 | 242 | 3 | 81 | - | 9 | - | 3 | 79 | 2,473 | 48 | 1,199 |
| Blind Pension | 46 | 23 | 30 | 21 | 23 | 15 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 216 | 132 | 109 | 64 |
| Carer's Allowance | 548 | 3,227 | 510 | 3,618 | 270 | 2,427 | 129 | 1,106 | 51 | 347 | 27 | 192 | 3,311 | 25,055 | 1,535 | 10,917 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 4,245 | 3,230 | 3,715 | 2,598 | 1,775 | 1,077 | 637 | 289 | 148 | 51 | 56 | 14 | 20,636 | 13,153 | 10,576 | 7,259 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 6,708 | 850 | 6,269 | 674 | 3,958 | 425 | 1,978 | 193 | 786 | 53 | 220 | 32 | 46,543 | 4,784 | 19,919 | 2,227 |
| Farm Assist | 748 | 79 | 649 | 63 | 468 | 56 | 267 | 24 | 91 | 10 | 71 | 3 | 5,443 | 540 | 2,294 | 235 |
| Back to Work Allowance | 654 | 140 | 359 | 113 | 164 | 59 | 72 | 20 | 22 | 4 | 17 | 2 | 2,377 | 654 | 1,288 | 338 |
| Enterprise Allowance | 492 | 250 | 543 | 164 | 389 | 63 | 167 | 36 | 51 | 6 | 20 | 5 | 3,801 | 977 | 1,662 | 524 |
| Back to Education Allowance | 286 | 143 | 334 | 141 | 232 | 78 | 108 | 36 | 24 | 9 | 18 | 2 | 2,322 | 860 | 1,002 | 409 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾ | 4,502 | - | 2,995 | - | 1,658 | - | 741 | - | 314 | - | 196 | - | 20,948 | - | 10,406 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 82,876 | 17,567 | 47,477 | 14,884 | 21,347 | 7,431 | 8,450 | 2,753 | 2,916 | 752 | 1,336 | 397 | 300,726 | 87,011 | 164,402 | 43,784 |

(1) 29 lone parents were not claiming a child increase at December 2008. This is usually because their dependent child is now claiming a lone parents allowance in their own right and they are removed from their parent's claim.

(2) A breakdown between full and half-rate children is not available for One-Parent Family Payment

(3) Estimated

Table D11: Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, Child Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Health & Safety Benefit by County, 2008

| County | Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | Child Benefit Recipients | Child Benefit Children | Maternity Benefit | Health & Safety Benefit |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Carlow | 5 | 4 | 8,521 | 16,073 | 298 | 1 |
| Cavan | 6 | 6 | 9,575 | 19,402 | 358 | 1 |
| Clare | 17 | 6 | 15,476 | 30,634 | 538 | 1 |
| Cork | 63 | 23 | 67,240 | 129,251 | 2,757 | 5 |
| Donegal | 24 | 12 | 20,628 | 41,462 | 538 | 1 |
| Dublin | 390 | 196 | 153,879 | 283,459 | 6,567 | 17 |
| Galway | 18 | 14 | 30,565 | 60,808 | 1,283 | 7 |
| Kerry | 27 | 18 | 18,423 | 35,558 | 586 | 5 |
| Kildare | 24 | 15 | 30,387 | 57,982 | 1,320 | 2 |
| Kilkenny | 13 | 8 | 11,525 | 22,554 | 482 | - |
| Laois | 5 | 4 | 9,805 | 19,341 | 409 | 1 |
| Leitrim | 3 | 4 | 4,138 | 8,319 | 154 | - |
| Limerick | 28 | 20 | 25,571 | 48,182 | 909 | - |
| Longford | 3 | 1 | 5,377 | 10,893 | 165 | 2 |
| Louth | 14 | 11 | 17,777 | 33,717 | 658 | 1 |
| Mayo | 18 | 6 | 16,295 | 33,125 | 546 | 8 |
| Meath | 21 | 12 | 25,886 | 49,966 | 1,190 | 2 |
| Monaghan | 5 | 1 | 7,822 | 15,528 | 285 | - |
| Offaly | 19 | 6 | 10,290 | 20,168 | 369 | 1 |
| Roscommon | 8 | 3 | 7,448 | 14,921 | 293 | 1 |
| Sligo | 11 | 5 | 8,088 | 15,846 | 306 | 1 |
| Tipperary | 21 | 16 | 21,642 | 41,812 | 767 | 5 |
| Waterford | 26 | 11 | 16,060 | 30,332 | 553 | 1 |
| Westmeath | 12 | 9 | 12,207 | 23,908 | 403 | 1 |
| Wexford | 27 | 13 | 20,684 | 39,525 | 706 | - |
| Wicklow | 19 | 13 | 19,770 | 37,040 | 858 | - |
| Others | 6 | - | 1,029 | 2,132 | 125 | 3 |
| Total | 833 | 437 | 596,108 | 1,141,938 | 23,421 | 69 |

SECTION E
ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

Section E : Illness, Disability and Caring

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 12.9% and 10.9% respectively. Expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 16.8% to over €1.05 billion. There are now 95,754 recipients of the scheme.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €89 million in 2008, an increase of 24.6%. There are now 43,569 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 10,502 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1999 to 2008.

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 169 to 2,249 in 2008.

Notes: Scheme Changes

Recipients of Blind Pension have since 2006 been transferred to State Pension (Non Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in decreases in recipients and expenditure on the scheme. Recipients of Invalidity Pension have been transferred to State Pension (Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, this change also having been introduced in 2006.

A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2006 and subsequent years in relation to recipients and expenditure on the affected schemes.

From September 2007 a person may receive half-rate Carer's Allowance while in receipt of another social welfare payment. This may result in some double counting.

There were 15,790 recipients of a half-rate Carer's Allowance at the end of 2008.

Graph E1: Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1999 to 2008

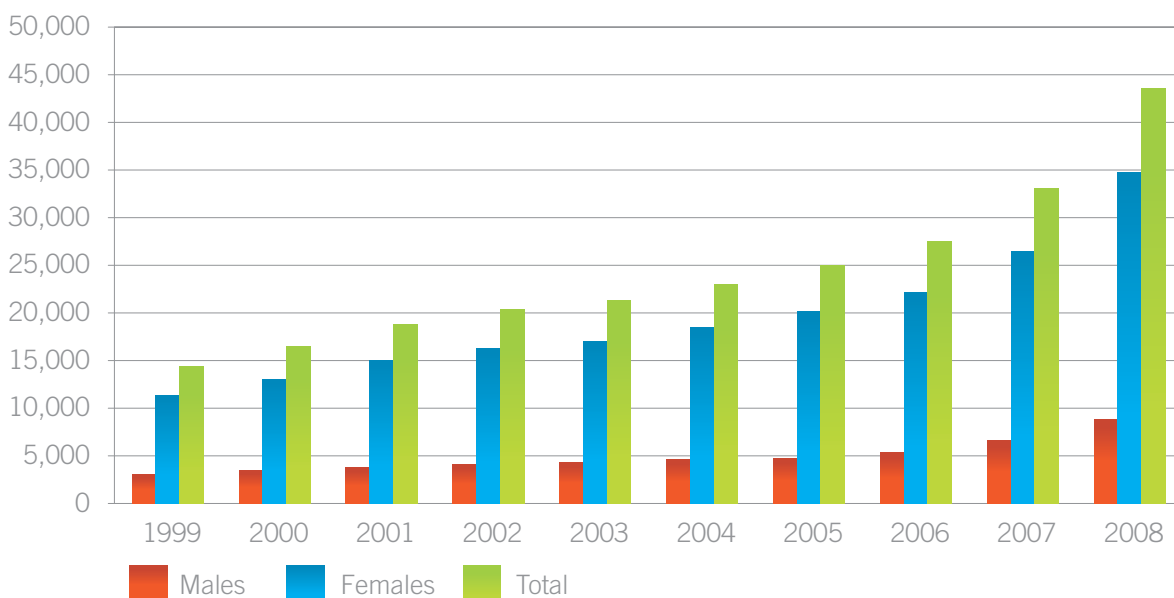


Table E1: Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| SOCIAL INSURANCE | | | |
| Illness Benefit | 755,077 | 852,334 | 12.9% |
| Invalidity Pension | 618,133 | 685,732 | 10.9% |
| Carer's Benefit | 26,900 | 33,672 | 25.2% |
| SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | | | |
| Disability Allowance | 901,131 | 1,052,686 | 16.8% |
| Blind Pension | 15,031 | 16,320 | 8.6% |
| Carer's Allowance | 361,257 | 450,298 | 24.6% |
| Respite Care Grant | 73,376 | 98,204 | 33.8% |
| OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS | | | |
| Injury Benefit | 17,194 | 19,252 | 12.0% |
| Disablement Benefit | 79,283 | 84,444 | 6.5% |
| Death Benefit | 7,574 | 8,036 | 6.1% |
| Medical Care | 298 | 282 | -5.4% |
| TOTAL | 2,855,254 | 3,301,260 | 15.6% |

(1) Provisional

Table E2: Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1999 to 2008

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| Year | Illness Benefit | Occupational Injuries | Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾ | Carer's Benefit ⁽²⁾ | Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾ | Disability Allowance | Carer's Allowance | Respite Care Grant ⁽⁴⁾ | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 540,245 | 88,057 | 548,285 | 9,588 | 16,661 | 630,728 | 223,059 | 34,302 | 2,090,925 |
| 2006 | 627,642 | 95,988 | 602,414 | 16,688 | 16,964 | 738,431 | 284,584 | 50,458 | 2,433,169 |
| 2007 | 755,077 | 104,349 | 618,133 | 26,900 | 15,031 | 901,131 | 361,257 | 73,376 | 2,855,254 |
| 2008 ⁽³⁾ | 852,334 | 112,014 | 685,732 | 33,672 | 16,320 | 1,052,686 | 450,298 | 98,204 | 3,301,260 |

(1) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section

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

(3) Provisional

(4) Respite Care Grant was introduced in June 2005.

Table E3: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 | 2008 | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Illness Benefit | 70,404 | 73,609 | 4.6% |
| Invalidity Pension | 53,956 | 53,725 | -0.4% |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 440 | 525 | 19.3% |
| Carer's Benefit | 2,080 | 2,249 | 8.1% |
| Disability Allowance | 89,048 | 95,754 | 7.5% |
| Carer's Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 33,067 | 43,569 | 31.8% |
| Blind Pension | 1,474 | 1,472 | -0.1% |
| Injury Benefit | 900 | 846 | -6.0% |
| Death Benefit Pension | 647 | 651 | 0.6% |
| Disablement Pension ^{(2) (3) (4)} | 12,874 | 13,192 | 2.5% |
| TOTAL | 264,890 | 285,592 | 7.8% |

(1) There were 6 people in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2008. 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 Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

(3) Incapacity 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. 914 persons were in receipt of an Incapacity Supplement payment at the end of 2008.

(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. 86 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2008.

Table E4: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Illness Benefit | Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾ | Interim Illness Benefit | Carer's Benefit ⁽²⁾ | Disability Allowance | Carer's Allowance | Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾ | Injury Benefit | Death Benefit Pension | Disablement Pension ⁽³⁾ |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1999 | 45,535 | 46,946 | 514 | - | 50,431 | 14,387 | 2,304 | 748 | 662 | 10,577 |
| 2000 | 46,940 | 48,663 | 488 | 50 | 54,303 | 16,478 | 2,229 | 828 | 665 | 10,925 |
| 2001 | 50,715 | 50,615 | 449 | 425 | 57,655 | 18,785 | 2,125 | 861 | 676 | 11,230 |
| 2002 | 54,590 | 52,147 | 404 | 615 | 62,783 | 20,395 | 2,095 | 828 | 668 | 11,612 |
| 2003 | 57,464 | 53,414 | 295 | 639 | 67,720 | 21,316 | 2,061 | 821 | 664 | 11,898 |
| 2004 | 58,726 | 55,864 | 316 | 679 | 72,976 | 23,030 | 2,027 | 915 | 652 | 12,162 |
| 2005 | 61,845 | 58,352 | 355 | 867 | 79,253 | 24,970 | 1,985 | 908 | 647 | 12,475 |
| 2006 | 65,774 | 51,954 | 338 | 1,647 | 83,697 | 27,474 | 1,476 | 924 | 646 | 12,646 |
| 2007 | 70,404 | 53,956 | 440 | 2,080 | 89,048 | 33,067 | 1,474 | 900 | 647 | 12,874 |
| 2008 | 73,609 | 53,725 | 525 | 2,249 | 95,754 | 43,569 | 1,472 | 846 | 651 | 13,192 |

(1) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section.

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

(3) Disablement pension is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It differs fundamentally from others 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 illness benefit and invalidity pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

Table E5: Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Payment Type, 2008

| Payment Type | Over 80 Allowance | Living Alone Allowance |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾ | - | 9,259 |
| Death Benefit Pension | 105 | 218 |
| Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾ | - | 266 |
| Total | 105 | 9,743 |

(1) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section

Table E6: Number of Recipients of Illness Benefit by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Male | Female | Total |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Under 25 years | 1,048 | 1,141 | 2,189 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 1,596 | 2,827 | 4,423 |
| 30 to 34 years | 1,858 | 5,034 | 6,892 |
| 35 to 39 years | 2,268 | 6,777 | 9,045 |
| 40 to 44 years | 2,604 | 6,252 | 8,856 |
| 45 to 49 years | 3,141 | 6,094 | 9,235 |
| 50 to 54 years | 3,888 | 6,559 | 10,447 |
| 55 to 59 years | 4,932 | 6,509 | 11,441 |
| 60 to 64 years | 5,410 | 4,819 | 10,229 |
| 65 years and over | 411 | 441 | 852 |
| Total | 27,156 | 46,453 | 73,609 |

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Table E7: Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Under 25 years | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 40 | 42 | 82 |
| 30 to 34 years | 162 | 238 | 400 |
| 35 to 39 years | 391 | 838 | 1,229 |
| 40 to 44 years | 925 | 1,800 | 2,725 |
| 45 to 49 years | 1,942 | 3,335 | 5,277 |
| 50 to 54 years | 3,515 | 4,555 | 8,070 |
| 55 to 59 years | 6,144 | 6,245 | 12,389 |
| 60 to 65 years | 13,071 | 10,474 | 23,545 |
| TOTAL | 26,193 | 27,532 | 53,725 |

Table E8: Number of Recipients of Carer's Benefit and Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Carer's Allowance | | | Carer's Benefit | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Under 25 years | 101 | 521 | 622 | 1 | 12 | 13 |
| 25 to 29 years | 178 | 1,331 | 1,509 | 6 | 69 | 76 |
| 30 to 34 years | 311 | 2,312 | 2,623 | 19 | 245 | 265 |
| 35 to 39 years | 584 | 3,846 | 4,430 | 41 | 358 | 399 |
| 40 to 44 years | 925 | 4,589 | 5,514 | 58 | 348 | 407 |
| 45 to 49 years | 1,212 | 4,376 | 5,588 | 66 | 312 | 378 |
| 50 to 54 years | 1,269 | 3,921 | 5,190 | 55 | 297 | 353 |
| 55 to 59 years | 1,142 | 3,873 | 5,015 | 43 | 166 | 208 |
| 60 to 64 years | 1,007 | 3,596 | 4,603 | 36 | 92 | 128 |
| 65 to 69 years | 835 | 2,825 | 3,660 | 6 | 17 | 24 |
| 70 to 74 years | 622 | 2,018 | 2,640 | - | - | - |
| 75 to 79 years | 378 | 1,061 | 1,439 | - | - | - |
| 80 years and over | 279 | 457 | 736 | - | - | - |
| Total | 8,843 | 34,726 | 43,569 | 332 | 1,917 | 2,249 |

Table E9: Number of Recipients of Blind Pension⁽¹⁾ by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------|------|--------|-------|
| Under 25 years | 29 | 31 | 60 |
| 25 to 29 years | 45 | 39 | 84 |
| 30 to 34 years | 52 | 51 | 103 |
| 35 to 39 years | 87 | 89 | 176 |
| 40 to 44 years | 91 | 64 | 155 |
| 45 to 49 years | 119 | 89 | 208 |
| 50 to 54 years | 94 | 93 | 187 |
| 55 to 59 years | 120 | 110 | 230 |
| 60 to 64 years | 112 | 112 | 224 |
| 65 years | 21 | 24 | 45 |
| Total | 770 | 702 | 1,472 |

(1) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section

Table E10: Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Under 25 years | 7,818 | 5,321 | 13,139 |
| 25 to 29 years | 4,215 | 2,830 | 7,045 |
| 30 to 34 years | 5,187 | 3,528 | 8,715 |
| 35 to 39 years | 5,903 | 3,632 | 9,535 |
| 40 to 44 years | 6,225 | 4,027 | 10,252 |
| 45 to 49 years | 6,228 | 4,169 | 10,397 |
| 50 to 54 years | 6,288 | 4,525 | 10,813 |
| 55 to 59 years | 6,958 | 4,986 | 11,944 |
| 60+ years | 8,152 | 5,762 | 13,914 |
| TOTAL | 56,974 | 38,780 | 95,754 |

Table E11: Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension, Disablement Pension and Incapacity Supplement by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Death Benefit Pension | | | Disablement Pension | | | Incapacity Supplement ⁽¹⁾ | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Under 25 years | 0 | 0 | - | 72 | 15 | 87 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| 25 to 29 years | 0 | 1 | 1 | 213 | 57 | 270 | 20 | 8 | 28 |
| 30 to 34 years | 1 | 5 | 6 | 387 | 136 | 523 | 22 | 12 | 34 |
| 35 to 39 years | 0 | 8 | 8 | 665 | 283 | 948 | 56 | 34 | 90 |
| 40 to 44 years | 0 | 17 | 17 | 1,001 | 311 | 1,312 | 79 | 33 | 112 |
| 45 to 49 years | 1 | 36 | 37 | 1,290 | 400 | 1,690 | 84 | 39 | 123 |
| 50 to 54 years | 0 | 54 | 54 | 1,462 | 384 | 1,846 | 107 | 50 | 157 |
| 55 to 59 years | 1 | 70 | 71 | 1,523 | 398 | 1,921 | 102 | 36 | 138 |
| 60 to 64 years | 0 | 92 | 92 | 1,478 | 324 | 1,802 | 78 | 43 | 121 |
| 65 to 69 years | 0 | 93 | 93 | 1,092 | 169 | 1,261 | 42 | 13 | 55 |
| 70 to 74 years | 1 | 87 | 88 | 671 | 99 | 770 | 18 | 7 | 25 |
| 75 to 79 years | 3 | 79 | 82 | 390 | 56 | 446 | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| 80 years and over | 0 | 102 | 102 | 260 | 56 | 316 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Total | 7 | 644 | 651 | 10,504 | 2,688 | 13,192 | 630 | 284 | 914 |

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

Table E12: Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit and Interim Illness Benefit by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age | Injury Benefit | | | Interim Illness Benefit ⁽¹⁾ | | |
|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Under 25 years | 48 | 21 | 69 | 40 | 18 | 58 |
| 25 to 29 years | 88 | 31 | 119 | 48 | 28 | 76 |
| 30 to 34 years | 95 | 22 | 117 | 43 | 25 | 68 |
| 35 to 39 years | 83 | 48 | 131 | 58 | 14 | 72 |
| 40 to 44 years | 70 | 20 | 90 | 48 | 18 | 66 |
| 45 to 49 years | 59 | 23 | 82 | 41 | 34 | 75 |
| 50 to 54 years | 70 | 35 | 105 | 31 | 18 | 49 |
| 55 to 59 years | 63 | 22 | 85 | 14 | 16 | 30 |
| 60 to 64 years | 34 | 11 | 45 | 11 | 17 | 28 |
| 65 years | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Total | 611 | 235 | 846 | 335 | 190 | 525 |

(1) Interim Illness Benefit is payable to Injury Benefit claimants who satisfy the PRSI conditions for Illness Benefit while the Injury Benefit claim is being decided.

Table E13: Number of Recipients of Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement and by Sex, 2008⁽¹⁾

| Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement ⁽²⁾ | Number of Recipients | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | Total |
| Under 20% | 1,583 | 504 | 2,087 |
| 20% | 2,289 | 792 | 3,081 |
| 30% | 2,902 | 749 | 3,651 |
| 40% | 1,670 | 359 | 2,029 |
| 50% | 793 | 122 | 915 |
| 60% | 505 | 71 | 576 |
| 70% | 256 | 28 | 284 |
| 80% | 206 | 34 | 240 |
| 90% | 66 | 6 | 72 |
| 100% | 232 | 24 | 256 |
| Total | 10,502 | 2,689 | 13,192 |

(1) Includes 914 Incapacity Supplement payments and 86 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 be paid as a single Gratuity, and from 20% upwards a pension is payable. There were also 1,314 gratuities paid in 2008, 370 of which were provisional, with 944 finalised.

Table E14: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependants, 2008

| Number of Recipients | Illness Benefit | Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾ | Carer's Benefit | Injury Benefit | Interim Illness Benefit | Death Benefit Pension | Disability Allowance | Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾ | Carer's Allowance | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Personal rate only | 54,878 | 37,248 | 1,002 | 667 | 433 | 561 | 80,485 | 1,299 | 31,117 | 207,690 |
| With Qualified Adult only | 4,186 | 6,967 | - | 44 | 12 | - | 4,002 | - | - | 15,211 |
| With 1 full rate Qualified Child | 2,330 | 1,724 | 26 | 34 | 16 | 48 | 3,724 | 46 | 548 | 8,496 |
| With 2 full rate Qualified Children | 1,613 | 755 | 16 | 28 | 14 | 29 | 2,216 | 30 | 510 | 5,211 |
| With 3 full rate Qualified Children | 775 | 289 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 1,152 | 23 | 270 | 2,542 |
| With 4 full rate Qualified Children | 275 | 100 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 552 | 7 | 129 | 1,076 |
| With 5 full rate Qualified Children | 109 | 32 | - | 1 | - | - | 277 | 2 | 51 | 472 |
| With 6+ full rate Qualified Children | 44 | 23 | - | 1 | - | - | 196 | 1 | 27 | 292 |
| With 1 half rate Qualified Child | 3,652 | 3,292 | 368 | 23 | 12 | - | 1,295 | 23 | 3,227 | 11,892 |
| With 2 half rate Qualified Children | 3,603 | 2,169 | 496 | 18 | 20 | - | 885 | 21 | 3,618 | 10,830 |
| With 3 half rate Qualified Children | 1,568 | 826 | 242 | 7 | 6 | - | 510 | 15 | 2,427 | 5,601 |
| With 4 half rate Qualified Children | 469 | 232 | 81 | 1 | 2 | - | 241 | 3 | 1,106 | 2,135 |
| With 5 half rate Qualified Children | 84 | 51 | 9 | 3 | 1 | - | 117 | 2 | 347 | 614 |
| With 6+ half rate Qualified Children | 23 | 17 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 102 | - | 192 | 338 |
| Total number of recipients | 73,609 | 53,725 | 2,249 | 846 | 525 | 651 | 95,754 | 1,472 | 43,569 | 272,400 |
| Recipients with Qualified Child increases | 14,545 | 9,510 | 1,247 | 135 | 80 | 90 | 11,267 | 173 | 12,452 | 49,499 |
| Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child increases | 19.8% | 17.7% | 55.4% | 16.0% | 15.2% | 13.8% | 11.8% | 11.8% | 28.6% | 18.2% |
| Total number of Qualified Adults | 9,332 | 8,916 | - | 126 | 51 | - | 8,306 | 110 | - | 26,841 |
| Total number of children ⁽²⁾ | 27,786 | 16,112 | 2,552 | 266 | 155 | 148 | 23,137 | 351 | 28,366 | 98,873 |

(1) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section

(2) Where each spouse is in receipt of a half rate increase in respect of a qualified child, some double counting of the number of qualified children may occur.

Table E15: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and County, 2008

| | Illness Benefit | Invalidity Pension | Carer's Benefit | Disablement Pension | Incapacity Supplement (1) | Injury Benefit | Interim Illness Benefit | Death Benefit Pension | Disability Allowance | Blind Pension | Carer's Allowance |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Carlow | 1,515 | 929 | 28 | 216 | 15 | 14 | 4 | 11 | 1,324 | 21 | 689 |
| Cavan | 1,183 | 628 | 29 | 184 | 11 | 25 | 11 | 10 | 1,191 | 17 | 775 |
| Clare | 1,531 | 1,090 | 66 | 280 | 27 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 2,371 | 18 | 1,181 |
| Cork | 9,379 | 7,251 | 245 | 1,902 | 111 | 91 | 66 | 93 | 11,696 | 120 | 4,994 |
| Donegal | 3,034 | 1,606 | 100 | 375 | 35 | 27 | 11 | 20 | 4,433 | 81 | 2,731 |
| Dublin | 18,135 | 15,080 | 381 | 3,030 | 189 | 204 | 118 | 146 | 23,941 | 391 | 7,754 |
| Galway | 2,793 | 1,733 | 188 | 614 | 63 | 42 | 38 | 15 | 5,683 | 78 | 2,709 |
| Kerry | 1,944 | 1,429 | 98 | 348 | 26 | 22 | 18 | 22 | 3,953 | 54 | 1,954 |
| Kildare | 3,365 | 1,922 | 84 | 463 | 36 | 43 | 27 | 25 | 2,970 | 29 | 1,318 |
| Kilkenny | 1,042 | 968 | 40 | 262 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 16 | 1,767 | 45 | 870 |
| Laois | 1,042 | 692 | 36 | 178 | 16 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 1,408 | 25 | 629 |
| Leitrim | 652 | 419 | 20 | 103 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 713 | 21 | 403 |
| Limerick | 4,039 | 3,036 | 98 | 814 | 55 | 46 | 23 | 31 | 4,970 | 65 | 2,328 |
| Longford | 665 | 599 | 28 | 144 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 1,055 | 11 | 634 |
| Louth | 3,202 | 2,018 | 64 | 499 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 22 | 2,499 | 48 | 1,097 |
| Mayo | 2,035 | 1,274 | 107 | 365 | 39 | 27 | 14 | 12 | 3,484 | 65 | 2,148 |
| Meath | 3,161 | 1,455 | 92 | 520 | 30 | 38 | 17 | 19 | 2,139 | 45 | 1,101 |
| Monaghan | 1,041 | 569 | 27 | 169 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 1,193 | 16 | 673 |
| Offaly | 1,494 | 991 | 46 | 237 | 19 | 15 | 7 | 14 | 1,589 | 33 | 884 |
| Roscommon | 974 | 647 | 49 | 207 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 19 | 1,352 | 11 | 736 |
| Sligo | 1,115 | 740 | 57 | 194 | 20 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 1,690 | 55 | 783 |
| Tipperary | 2,383 | 1,929 | 105 | 573 | 48 | 43 | 25 | 46 | 4,350 | 62 | 2,323 |
| Waterford | 1,950 | 1,486 | 58 | 400 | 25 | 29 | 17 | 13 | 2,478 | 35 | 1,140 |
| Westmeath | 1,462 | 1,137 | 59 | 226 | 24 | 21 | 13 | 16 | 1,811 | 31 | 893 |
| Wexford | 2,241 | 1,870 | 89 | 395 | 26 | 28 | 18 | 23 | 3,267 | 55 | 1,814 |
| Wicklow | 1,929 | 1,358 | 49 | 317 | 15 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 2,426 | 40 | 1,007 |
| Others | 303 | 869 | 5 | 177 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Total | 73,609 | 53,725 | 2,249 | 13,192 | 914 | 846 | 525 | 651 | 95,754 | 1,472 | 43,569 |

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

Table E16: Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Number of Persons Called for Examination | Number of Persons Examined | Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination |
|------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1999 | 6,685 | 5,114 | 1,571 |
| 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 | 938 |
| 2004 | 2,450 | 1,744 | 706 |
| 2005 | 2,247 | 1,541 | 706 |
| 2006 | 2,343 | 1,621 | 722 |
| 2007 | 2,383 | 1,617 | 766 |
| 2008 | 2,323 | 1,564 | 759 |

Table E17: Number of Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension and Incapacity Supplement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1999 to 2008

| 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 |
| 1999 | 64,075 | 35,145 | 9,330 | 408 | 19,192 |
| 2000 | 49,860 | 27,110 | 9,120 | 238 | 13,392 |
| 2001 | 46,072 | 24,468 | 8,037 | 207 | 13,360 |
| 2002 | 45,912 | 25,091 | 7,342 | 208 | 13,271 |
| 2003 | 44,307 | 22,549 | 8,267 | 273 | 13,218 |
| 2004 | 40,762 | 20,944 | 7,434 | 208 | 12,176 |
| 2005 | 37,794 | 19,584 | 6,188 | 192 | 11,830 |
| 2006 | 33,970 | 18,162 | 5,560 | 152 | 10,096 |
| 2007 | 37,853 | 19,735 | 6,137 | 224 | 11,757 |
| 2008 | 43,241 | 23,028 | 7,616 | 289 | 12,308 |

Table E18: Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1999 to 2008

| 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 | |
| 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 | 2,902 |
| 2003 | 10,349 | 3,511 | 3,478 | 3,360 |
| 2004 | 11,069 | 4,182 | 3,290 | 3,597 |
| 2005 | 10,847 | 3,808 | 3,336 | 3,703 |
| 2006 | 10,832 | 3,838 | 3,421 | 3,573 |
| 2007 | 13,190 | 4,724 | 4,255 | 4,211 |
| 2008 | 14,661 | 5,370 | 4,852 | 4,439 |

(1) These figures include Disability Allowance Application, Review and Appeal examinations.

SECTION F
JOBSEEKER'S SUPPORTS

Section F: Jobseeker's Supports

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

Live Register and Jobseeker's 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 Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance and credited Social Insurance contributions.

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

- (i) all claimants of Jobseeker's Benefit excluding systematic short-time workers,
- (ii) applicants for Jobseeker's Allowance 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 Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance 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 a Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance payment.

The jobseeker's 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 Jobseeker's Allowance shown in this section includes expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance in 1999. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this section and in Section G.

Trends

Overall expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports increased by 47.7% over 2007.

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance rose by nearly €385 million and €293 million compared with 2007, increases of 70.6% and 33.4% respectively.

The Live Register increased by 120,987 during 2008, an increase of 71%. Table F14 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County from 1999 to 2008 and the percentage increase in each county.

Table F1: Expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| SOCIAL INSURANCE | | | |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 544,931 | 929,844 | 70.6% |
| SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | | | |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 875,092 | 1,167,793 | 33.4% |
| TOTAL | 1,420,023 | 2,097,637 | 47.7% |

(1) Provisional

Table F2: Expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports by Payment Type, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Jobseeker's Benefit | Jobseeker's Allowance | Total |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 418,085 | 667,483 | 1,085,568 |
| 2006 | 455,073 | 768,560 | 1,223,633 |
| 2007 | 544,931 | 875,092 | 1,420,023 |
| 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 929,844 | 1,167,793 | 2,097,637 |

(1) Provisional

Table F3: Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Jobseeker's Benefit | Jobseeker's Allowance | Total |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 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 |
| 2006 | 50,542 | 75,801 | 126,343 |
| 2007 | 59,167 | 80,268 | 139,435 |
| 2008 | 121,763 | 113,603 | 235,366 |

Graph F1: Expenditure on Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 1999 to 2008

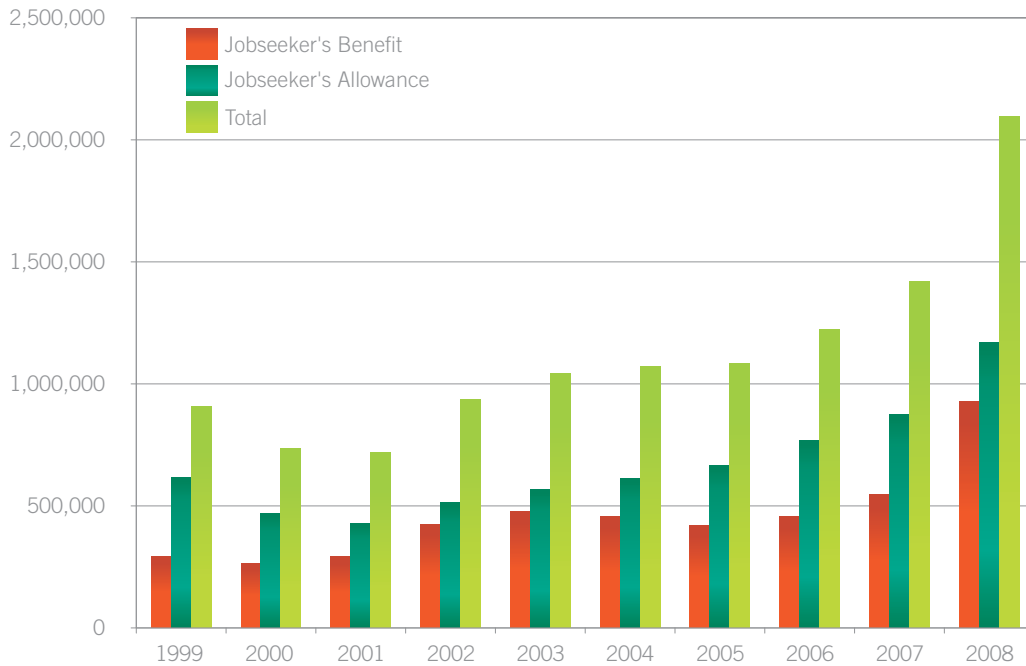


Table F4: Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance by Number of Dependants, 2008

| Number of Recipients | Jobseeker's Benefit | Jobseeker's Allowance | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Personal Rate only | 99,265 | 84,540 | 183,805 |
| With Qualified Adult only | 4,663 | 6,597 | 11,260 |
| 1 full rate Qualified Child | 4,245 | 6,708 | 10,953 |
| 2 full rate Qualified Children | 3,715 | 6,269 | 9,984 |
| 3 full rate Qualified Children | 1,775 | 3,958 | 5,733 |
| 4 full rate Qualified Children | 637 | 1,978 | 2,615 |
| 5 full rate Qualified Children | 148 | 786 | 934 |
| 6+full rate Qualified Children | 56 | 540 | 596 |
| 1 half rate Qualified Child | 3,230 | 850 | 4,080 |
| 2 half rate Qualified Children | 2,598 | 674 | 3,272 |
| 3 half rate Qualified Children | 1,077 | 425 | 1,502 |
| 4 half rate Qualified Children | 289 | 193 | 482 |
| 5 half rate Qualified Children | 51 | 53 | 104 |
| 6+ half rate Qualified Children | 14 | 32 | 46 |
| Total Number of Recipients | 121,763 | 113,603 | 235,366 |
| Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult | 13,449 | 22,872 | 36,321 |
| Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult | 11.0% | 20.1% | 15.4% |
| Number of Recipients with Qualified Children | 17,835 | 22,466 | 40,301 |
| Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children | 14.6% | 19.8% | 17.1% |
| Total Number of Children⁽¹⁾ | 33,776 | 50,904 | 84,680 |

(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, 2008

| Month | Jobseeker's Benefit | Jobseeker's Allowance | Credited Contributions | Total Live Register |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| January | 77,788 | 94,093 | 9,568 | 181,449 |
| February | 82,829 | 97,203 | 9,453 | 189,485 |
| March | 88,998 | 99,323 | 9,671 | 197,992 |
| April | 85,188 | 100,770 | 9,640 | 195,598 |
| May | 87,699 | 104,311 | 9,746 | 201,756 |
| June | 98,734 | 111,872 | 10,205 | 220,811 |
| July | 109,457 | 117,813 | 10,970 | 238,240 |
| August | 113,289 | 122,867 | 11,228 | 247,384 |
| September | 107,574 | 121,865 | 10,778 | 240,217 |
| October | 116,255 | 124,705 | 10,991 | 251,951 |
| November | 126,058 | 131,373 | 11,155 | 268,586 |
| December | 142,177 | 137,519 | 11,667 | 291,363 |
| Average | 103,004 | 113,643 | 10,423 | 227,069 |

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F6: Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Jobseeker's Benefit | Jobseeker's Allowance | Credited Contributions | Average Live Register |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | 172,415 |
| 2004 | 71,884 | 82,693 | 11,436 | 166,013 |
| 2005 | 62,536 | 84,150 | 10,430 | 157,116 |
| 2006 | 61,729 | 85,950 | 9,719 | 157,398 |
| 2007 | 65,146 | 87,756 | 9,390 | 162,292 |
| 2008 | 103,004 | 113,643 | 10,423 | 227,069 |

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F7: Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2008

| Month | New Registrations | Outflow | Live Register | Net Change |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|---------------|------------|
| January | 32,642 | 21,569 | 181,449 | 11,073 |
| February | 37,354 | 29,318 | 189,485 | 8,036 |
| March | 28,135 | 19,628 | 197,992 | 8,507 |
| April | 25,950 | 28,344 | 195,598 | -2,394 |
| May | 34,408 | 28,250 | 201,756 | 6,158 |
| June | 38,536 | 19,481 | 220,811 | 19,055 |
| July | 40,473 | 23,044 | 238,240 | 17,429 |
| August | 39,289 | 30,145 | 247,384 | 9,144 |
| September | 34,873 | 42,040 | 240,217 | -7,167 |
| October | 50,280 | 38,546 | 251,951 | 11,734 |
| November | 46,154 | 29,519 | 268,586 | 16,635 |
| December | 41,801 | 19,024 | 291,363 | 22,777 |
| Total | 449,895 | 328,908 | | 120,987 |

Table F8: Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2008

| Age | Males | | Females | | Total | |
|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| | Number | | Number | | Number | |
| Under 20 years | 6,985 | 4.3% | 4,513 | 5.4% | 11,498 | 4.7% |
| 20 to 24 years | 27,792 | 17.1% | 14,700 | 17.5% | 42,492 | 17.2% |
| 25 to 34 years | 50,339 | 31.0% | 23,500 | 27.9% | 73,839 | 30.0% |
| 35 to 44 years | 34,915 | 21.5% | 17,699 | 21.0% | 52,614 | 21.3% |
| 45 to 54 years | 25,437 | 15.7% | 13,861 | 16.5% | 39,298 | 15.9% |
| 55 to 59 years | 9,287 | 5.7% | 5,550 | 6.6% | 14,837 | 6.0% |
| 60 to 64 years | 7,633 | 4.7% | 4,318 | 5.1% | 11,951 | 4.8% |
| Total Live Register | 162,388 | 100.0% | 84,141 | 100.0% | 246,529 | 100.0% |

Graph F2: Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2008

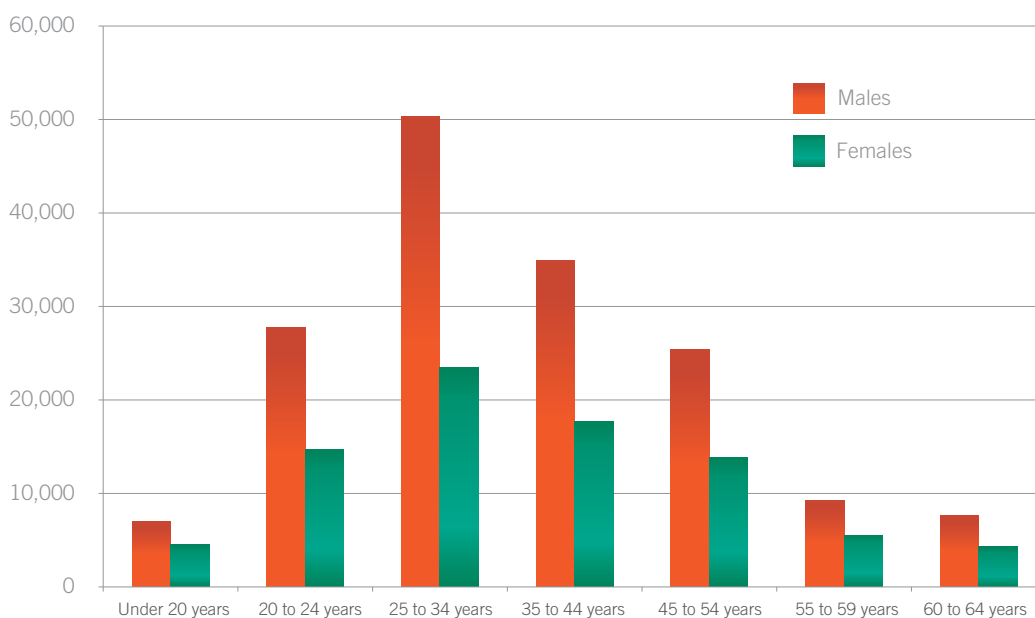


Table F9: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2008, Classified by Duration of Claim

| 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 | 3,501 | 1,388 | 1,343 | 753 | - | - | 6,985 |
| 20 - 24 yrs | 12,143 | 5,611 | 5,066 | 2,536 | 1,247 | 1,189 | 27,792 |
| 25 - 34 yrs | 21,652 | 9,352 | 8,926 | 4,567 | 1,967 | 3,875 | 50,339 |
| 35 - 44 yrs | 13,377 | 5,660 | 6,219 | 3,587 | 1,703 | 4,369 | 34,915 |
| 45 - 54 yrs | 8,834 | 3,546 | 4,186 | 2,525 | 1,476 | 4,870 | 25,437 |
| 55 - 59 yrs | 3,256 | 1,223 | 1,646 | 962 | 474 | 1,726 | 9,287 |
| 60 - 64 yrs | 2,697 | 1,092 | 1,640 | 919 | 316 | 969 | 7,633 |
| Total Males | 65,460 | 27,872 | 29,026 | 15,849 | 7,183 | 16,998 | 162,388 |
| Females | | | | | | | |
| < 20 yrs | 2,251 | 919 | 813 | 530 | - | - | 4,513 |
| 20 - 24 yrs | 7,382 | 2,748 | 1,911 | 1,265 | 694 | 700 | 14,700 |
| 25 - 34 yrs | 12,494 | 4,246 | 3,456 | 1,558 | 566 | 1,180 | 23,500 |
| 35 - 44 yrs | 8,554 | 2,835 | 2,812 | 1,586 | 611 | 1,301 | 17,699 |
| 45 - 54 yrs | 6,717 | 1,788 | 1,875 | 1,153 | 598 | 1,730 | 13,861 |
| 55 - 59 yrs | 2,549 | 679 | 830 | 595 | 270 | 627 | 5,550 |
| 60 - 64 yrs | 1,849 | 559 | 771 | 552 | 219 | 368 | 4,318 |
| Total Females | 41,796 | 13,774 | 12,468 | 7,239 | 2,958 | 5,906 | 84,141 |
| All Persons | | | | | | | |
| < 20 yrs | 5,752 | 2,307 | 2,156 | 1,283 | - | - | 11,498 |
| 20 - 24 yrs | 19,525 | 8,359 | 6,977 | 3,801 | 1,941 | 1,889 | 42,492 |
| 25 - 34 yrs | 34,146 | 13,598 | 12,382 | 6,125 | 2,533 | 5,055 | 73,839 |
| 35 - 44 yrs | 21,931 | 8,495 | 9,031 | 5,173 | 2,314 | 5,670 | 52,614 |
| 45 - 54 yrs | 15,551 | 5,334 | 6,061 | 3,678 | 2,074 | 6,600 | 39,298 |
| 55 - 59 yrs | 5,805 | 1,902 | 2,476 | 1,557 | 744 | 2,353 | 14,837 |
| 60 - 64 yrs | 4,546 | 1,651 | 2,411 | 1,471 | 535 | 1,337 | 11,951 |
| Total | 107,256 | 41,646 | 41,494 | 23,088 | 10,141 | 22,904 | 246,529 |

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table F10: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Male | | | Female | | | Overall Total |
|------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------------|
| | < 1 yr | >= 1 yr | Total | < 1 yr | >= 1 yr | Total | |
| 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 |
| 2006 | 57,050 | 31,632 | 88,682 | 46,675 | 13,912 | 60,587 | 149,269 |
| 2007 | 64,272 | 32,638 | 96,910 | 46,340 | 14,136 | 60,476 | 157,386 |
| 2008 | 122,358 | 40,030 | 162,388 | 68,038 | 16,103 | 84,141 | 246,529 |

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F3: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2008, by Sex and Duration

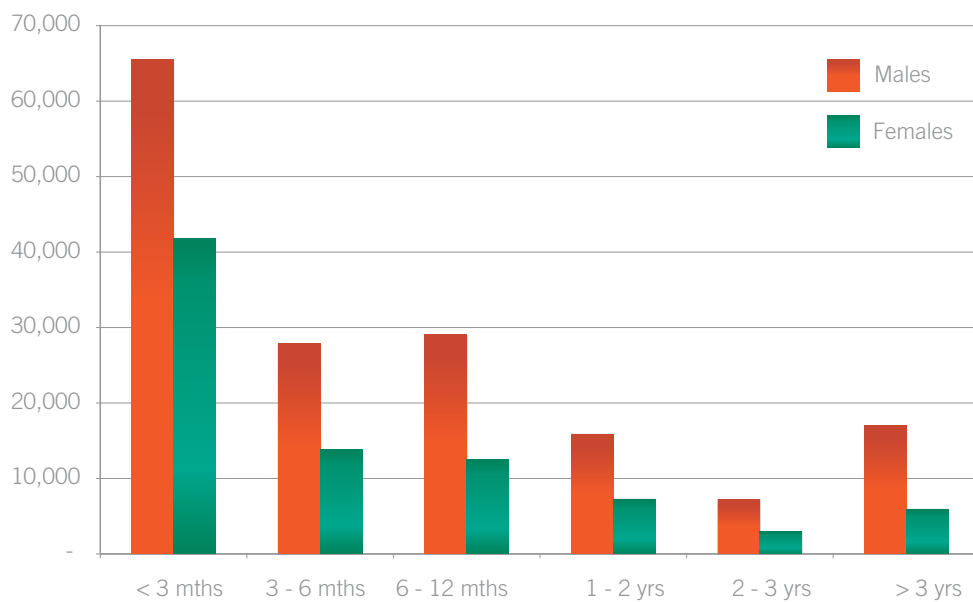


Table F11: Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65, in each Month during 2008

| Month | Short-Time Workers | Self-Employed | Persons Aged 65 years |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| January | 1,511 | 2,071 | 1,108 |
| February | 1,903 | 2,134 | 1,123 |
| March | 2,002 | 2,202 | 1,200 |
| April | 2,332 | 2,275 | 1,199 |
| May | 2,397 | 2,328 | 1,196 |
| June | 2,433 | 2,413 | 1,249 |
| July | 2,498 | 2,499 | 1,349 |
| August | 2,523 | 2,622 | 1,342 |
| September | 2,584 | 2,682 | 1,314 |
| October | 3,638 | 2,859 | 1,395 |
| November | 5,583 | 3,103 | 1,412 |
| December | 6,140 | 3,377 | 1,507 |
| Average | 2,962 | 2,547 | 1,283 |

Table F12: Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Short-Time Workers | Self-Employed | Persons Aged 65 years |
|------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |
| 2006 | 1,259 | 1,839 | 971 |
| 2007 | 1,284 | 1,925 | 1,060 |
| 2008 | 2,962 | 2,547 | 1,283 |

Table F13: Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Average Live Register | Total Labour Force ⁽¹⁾ | Average Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 ⁽¹⁾ | 163,361 | 1,862,100 | 4.4% |
| 2003 | 172,414 | 1,912,700 | 4.6% |
| 2004 | 166,013 | 1,982,100 | 4.4% |
| 2005 | 157,116 | 2,078,100 | 4.4% |
| 2006 | 157,398 | 2,162,400 | 4.4% |
| 2007 | 162,309 | 2,239,900 | 4.5% |
| 2008 | 227,069 | 2,222,700 | 7.7% |

Source: Central Statistics Office

(1) Figures from 2002 onward revised by Central Statistics Office

Table F14: Number on the Live Register by County, 1999 to 2008

| County | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | Change |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Carlow | 2,496 | 1,964 | 2,026 | 2,079 | 2,227 | 2,223 | 2,065 | 1,965 | 2,448 | 4,395 | 76.1% |
| Cavan | 2,019 | 1,736 | 1,834 | 2,002 | 2,128 | 2,072 | 2,211 | 2,287 | 2,628 | 5,073 | 151.3% |
| Clare | 3,602 | 3,003 | 3,473 | 4,058 | 4,219 | 3,851 | 3,945 | 4,073 | 4,696 | 7,503 | 108.3% |
| Cork | 17,855 | 14,538 | 16,698 | 17,456 | 17,200 | 15,920 | 15,533 | 15,208 | 16,696 | 28,064 | 57.2% |
| Donegal | 11,699 | 10,088 | 9,896 | 9,897 | 10,149 | 9,440 | 8,637 | 8,774 | 9,107 | 15,264 | 30.5% |
| Dublin | 45,483 | 33,186 | 35,596 | 41,455 | 43,562 | 39,361 | 39,933 | 38,505 | 40,832 | 67,505 | 48.4% |
| Galway | 9,862 | 8,011 | 8,625 | 9,403 | 9,348 | 8,797 | 8,645 | 9,046 | 9,755 | 16,479 | 67.1% |
| Kerry | 7,587 | 6,025 | 6,162 | 6,704 | 7,086 | 6,732 | 6,650 | 6,793 | 7,288 | 12,364 | 63.0% |
| Kildare | 4,347 | 3,268 | 3,697 | 4,362 | 4,752 | 4,350 | 4,662 | 5,187 | 6,061 | 11,533 | 165.3% |
| Kilkenny | 2,703 | 2,047 | 2,182 | 2,467 | 2,716 | 2,489 | 2,484 | 2,557 | 2,692 | 4,973 | 84.0% |
| Laois | 2,131 | 1,798 | 1,850 | 2,049 | 2,196 | 2,014 | 1,980 | 2,034 | 2,787 | 5,378 | 152.4% |
| Leitrim | 1,406 | 1,216 | 1,108 | 1,247 | 1,231 | 1,028 | 1,109 | 1,185 | 1,442 | 2,501 | 77.9% |
| Limerick | 7,595 | 6,306 | 6,954 | 8,281 | 8,123 | 7,245 | 7,106 | 7,314 | 8,236 | 14,030 | 84.7% |
| Longford | 2,054 | 1,715 | 1,674 | 1,810 | 1,820 | 1,736 | 1,800 | 1,941 | 2,378 | 3,840 | 87.0% |
| Louth | 7,020 | 6,075 | 7,189 | 7,559 | 7,508 | 6,743 | 6,480 | 6,536 | 6,892 | 11,457 | 63.2% |
| Mayo | 7,629 | 6,140 | 6,094 | 6,342 | 6,106 | 5,420 | 5,141 | 4,710 | 5,089 | 8,792 | 15.2% |
| Meath | 2,753 | 2,085 | 2,855 | 2,844 | 3,218 | 3,137 | 3,001 | 3,038 | 3,557 | 6,977 | 153.4% |
| Monaghan | 2,743 | 2,482 | 2,752 | 2,521 | 2,486 | 2,335 | 2,038 | 2,009 | 2,257 | 4,298 | 56.7% |
| Offaly | 2,623 | 2,222 | 2,341 | 2,640 | 2,840 | 2,563 | 2,771 | 2,768 | 3,282 | 5,617 | 114.1% |
| Roscommon | 1,876 | 1,528 | 1,502 | 1,513 | 1,389 | 1,266 | 1,190 | 1,285 | 1,512 | 2,694 | 43.6% |
| Sligo | 2,794 | 2,372 | 2,343 | 2,388 | 2,236 | 2,043 | 1,938 | 1,859 | 2,136 | 3,530 | 26.3% |
| Tipperary | 6,737 | 5,775 | 5,466 | 6,286 | 6,548 | 5,902 | 5,623 | 5,315 | 5,756 | 10,261 | 52.3% |
| Waterford | 6,573 | 5,699 | 7,043 | 6,074 | 6,098 | 7,164 | 6,248 | 6,266 | 6,625 | 10,491 | 59.6% |
| Westmeath | 3,283 | 2,618 | 2,960 | 3,305 | 3,628 | 3,658 | 3,599 | 3,800 | 4,102 | 7,284 | 121.9% |
| Wexford | 6,885 | 5,938 | 6,257 | 7,058 | 7,141 | 6,773 | 6,615 | 6,710 | 7,511 | 12,978 | 88.5% |
| Wicklow | 4,784 | 3,751 | 3,829 | 4,342 | 4,649 | 4,554 | 4,429 | 4,224 | 4,611 | 8,082 | 68.9% |
| Total | 176,539 | 141,586 | 152,406 | 166,142 | 170,604 | 158,816 | 155,833 | 155,389 | 170,376 | 291,363 | 65.0% |

Source: Central Statistics Office

SECTION G
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Section G: Employment Supports

The statistics in this section of the report relate to expenditure and recipients of a range of Employment Supports provided by the Department of Social 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 (Jobseeker's Supports). This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this Section and in Section F.

Trends

Overall expenditure on Employment Supports increased by €52 million in 2008, an increase of 14.3% over 2007. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports rose by 6,004 an increase of 13.2%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 21.6%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement increased by 4,975 an increase of 21.8% over 2007. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance (including Back to Work Enterprise Allowance) increased by over €2 million, an increase of 3%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance decreased by 747, a decrease of 17.4%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance decreased by 224, a decrease of 4.6%. The number of recipients of Farm Assist increased by 120, an increase of 1.6% from the previous year.

Table G1: Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 €000 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ €000 | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Family Income Supplement | 140,020 | 170,310 | 21.6% |
| Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | 71,072 | 73,172 | 3.0% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 64,142 | 77,136 | 20.3% |
| Part-time Job Incentive Scheme | 1,320 | 1,324 | 0.3% |
| Farm Assist | 78,686 | 84,881 | 7.9% |
| Others ⁽²⁾ | 8,490 | 8,902 | 4.9% |
| TOTAL | 363,730 | 415,725 | 14.3% |

(1) Provisional

(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.

Graph G1: Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1999 to 2008

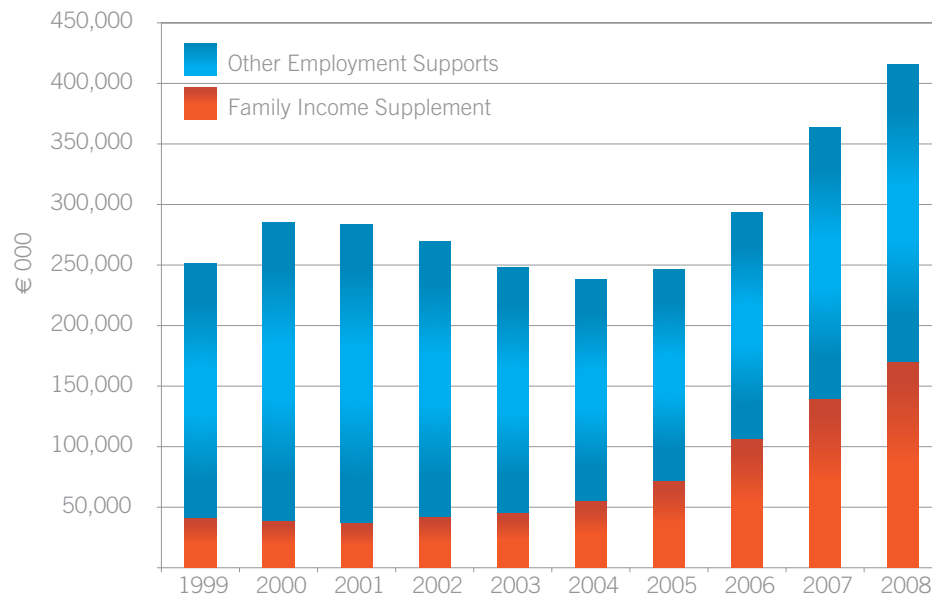


Table G2: Expenditure on Family Income Supplement and Other Employment Supports, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Family Income Supplement | Other Employment Supports | Total |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 72,152 | 173,897 | 246,049 |
| 2006 | 107,137 | 186,637 | 293,774 |
| 2007 | 140,020 | 223,710 | 363,730 |
| 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 170,310 | 245,415 | 415,725 |

(1) Provisional

Table G3: Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 | 2008 | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| Back to Work Allowance | 4,305 | 3,558 | -17.4% |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | 4,828 | 4,604 | -4.6% |
| Back to Education Allowance | 5,980 | 7,886 | 31.9% |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 210 | 184 | -12.4% |
| Family Income Supplement | 22,823 | 27,798 | 21.8% |
| Farm Assist | 7,376 | 7,496 | 1.6% |
| Total | 45,522 | 51,526 | 13.2% |

Table G4: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Number of Families | Number of Child Beneficiaries |
|------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 2006 | 21,800 | 43,861 |
| 2007 | 22,823 | 47,529 |
| 2008 | 27,798 | 58,019 |

Table G5: Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age & Sex, 2008

| Age | Males | Females | Total |
|-------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Under 25 years | 245 | 1,139 | 1,384 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 1,283 | 3,269 | 4,552 |
| 30 to 34 years | 2,127 | 3,696 | 5,823 |
| 35 to 39 years | 2,553 | 3,652 | 6,205 |
| 40 to 44 years | 2,171 | 2,840 | 5,011 |
| 45 to 49 years | 1,326 | 1,676 | 3,002 |
| 50 to 54 years | 669 | 633 | 1,302 |
| 55 to 59 years | 236 | 172 | 408 |
| 60 to 64 years | 78 | 24 | 102 |
| 65 years and over | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Total | 10,694 | 17,104 | 27,798 |

Table G6: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2008

| Weekly Rate Euro | Family Size (Number of Children) | | | | | | | | Total |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|--------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8+ | |
| 20-25 | 1,929 | 622 | 250 | 67 | 11 | 1 | - | - | 2,880 |
| 26 - 50 | 2,977 | 1,143 | 323 | 94 | 12 | 4 | - | 1 | 4,554 |
| 51 - 75 | 3,306 | 1,753 | 431 | 128 | 21 | 7 | - | 1 | 5,647 |
| 76 - 100 | 1,322 | 2,321 | 643 | 156 | 42 | 10 | 2 | - | 4,496 |
| 101 - 125 | 532 | 1,193 | 890 | 216 | 52 | 8 | - | - | 2,891 |
| 126 - 150 | 363 | 861 | 739 | 268 | 64 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2,308 |
| Over 150 | 496 | 934 | 1,289 | 1,328 | 599 | 255 | 82 | 39 | 5,022 |
| Total | 10,925 | 8,827 | 4,565 | 2,257 | 801 | 292 | 88 | 43 | 27,798 |
| Number of Children | 10,925 | 17,654 | 13,695 | 9,028 | 4,005 | 1,752 | 616 | 344 | 58,019 |

Table G7: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2008

| 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 | 20 | 43 | 60 | 149 | 469 | 444 | 198 | 1,384 |
| 25 to 29 years | - | - | 71 | 115 | 181 | 455 | 1,144 | 1,536 | 1,050 | 4,552 |
| 30 to 34 years | - | 3 | 69 | 131 | 219 | 484 | 1,250 | 1,718 | 1,949 | 5,823 |
| 35 to 39 years | - | - | 101 | 142 | 207 | 453 | 1,181 | 1,588 | 2,533 | 6,205 |
| 40 to 44 years | - | 4 | 114 | 151 | 188 | 376 | 787 | 1,235 | 2,156 | 5,011 |
| 45 to 49 years | 1 | 1 | 73 | 108 | 138 | 264 | 444 | 689 | 1,284 | 3,002 |
| 50 to 54 years | - | 2 | 46 | 52 | 78 | 115 | 233 | 314 | 462 | 1,302 |
| 55 to 59 years | - | 1 | 15 | 19 | 35 | 54 | 88 | 86 | 110 | 408 |
| 60 to 64 years | - | - | 8 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 102 |
| 65 years or more | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Total | 1 | 12 | 519 | 765 | 1,121 | 2,364 | 5,618 | 7,634 | 9,764 | 27,798 |

Table G8: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Family Status and Income Group, 2008

| Marital 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 | - | 4 | 190 | 331 | 469 | 1,015 | 3,566 | 5,423 | 4,730 | 15,728 |
| Two Parent Family | 1 | 8 | 329 | 434 | 652 | 1,349 | 2,052 | 2,211 | 5,034 | 12,070 |
| Total | 1 | 12 | 519 | 765 | 1,121 | 2,364 | 5,618 | 7,634 | 9,764 | 27,798 |

Table G9: Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2008

| Employment Status | Males | Females | Total |
|-------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Employees | 1,855 | 1,703 | 3,558 |
| Self-Employed | 3,329 | 1,275 | 4,604 |
| Total | 5,184 | 2,978 | 8,162 |

Table G10: Number of Recipients of Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Work Allowance, Back to Education Allowance and Farm Assist, by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age of Recipient | Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | | Back to Work Allowance | | Back to Education | | Farm Assist | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Under 25 years | 62 | 46 | 87 | 163 | 1,011 | 811 | 15 | - |
| 25 to 29 years | 312 | 134 | 256 | 312 | 1,208 | 729 | 71 | 4 |
| 30 to 34 years | 525 | 271 | 374 | 283 | 819 | 520 | 162 | 17 |
| 35 to 39 years | 647 | 267 | 320 | 256 | 592 | 412 | 364 | 42 |
| 40 to 44 years | 658 | 201 | 276 | 253 | 404 | 305 | 616 | 82 |
| 45 to 49 years | 462 | 173 | 223 | 201 | 238 | 255 | 907 | 90 |
| 50 to 54 years | 359 | 116 | 137 | 139 | 143 | 170 | 1,190 | 91 |
| 55 to 59 years | 204 | 51 | 114 | 76 | 94 | 88 | 1,553 | 136 |
| 60 to 64 years | 91 | 15 | 59 | 17 | 36 | 47 | 1,715 | 120 |
| 65+ years | 9 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 307 | 14 |
| Total | 3,329 | 1,275 | 1,855 | 1,703 | 4,548 | 3,338 | 6,900 | 596 |

Table G11: Number of recipients of Farm Assist, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Number of recipients |
|------|----------------------|
| 1999 | 7,874 |
| 2000 | 8,051 |
| 2001 | 8,380 |
| 2002 | 8,514 |
| 2003 | 8,707 |
| 2004 | 8,350 |
| 2005 | 7,824 |
| 2006 | 7,480 |
| 2007 | 7,376 |
| 2008 | 7,496 |

Table G12: Number of People on the Live Register referred to FÁS under The National Employment Action Plan (NEAP), 2000 to 2008

| Year | Number referred to FÁS | FÁS | | Total Number who Left the Live Register ⁽¹⁾ |
|------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| | | Number Interviewed by FÁS | Number who left Live Register after FÁS Interview | |
| 2000 | 24,404 | 16,865 | 12,067 | 16,705 |
| 2001 | 24,119 | 15,869 | 10,237 | 14,727 |
| 2002 | 32,427 | 20,695 | 13,180 | 19,811 |
| 2003 | 43,595 | 28,646 | 16,218 | 25,184 |
| 2004 | 52,328 | 35,136 | 20,199 | 30,133 |
| 2005 | 40,718 | 28,714 | 17,191 | 24,282 |
| 2006 | 37,959 | 25,186 | 14,702 | 22,280 |
| 2007 | 51,452 | 32,124 | 18,224 | 32,359 |
| 2008 | 60,260 | 40,933 | 19,844 | 33,919 |

(1) With or without FÁS intervention

Data is obtained from FÁS in respect of referrals processed in each year, and outcomes as viewed at the end of January of the following year.

Table G13: Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2008

| County | Family Income Supplement | Back To Work Self-employed | Back To Work Employee | Back to Education Allowance | Farm Assist | Part-Time Job Incentive ⁽¹⁾ |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| Carlow | 476 | 72 | 49 | 206 | 56 | - |
| Cavan | 530 | 62 | 27 | 88 | 273 | 4 |
| Clare | 680 | 64 | 58 | 181 | 417 | 2 |
| Cork | 2,856 | 424 | 357 | 877 | 582 | 18 |
| Donegal | 1,523 | 430 | 248 | 418 | 1,053 | 3 |
| Dublin | 6,185 | 1,133 | 1,067 | 1,981 | 9 | 58 |
| Galway | 1,310 | 382 | 191 | 625 | 782 | 10 |
| Kerry | 981 | 196 | 106 | 285 | 547 | 8 |
| Kildare | 963 | 133 | 126 | 230 | 33 | 1 |
| Kilkenny | 425 | 91 | 76 | 167 | 112 | 5 |
| Laois | 462 | 48 | 44 | 75 | 75 | 1 |
| Leitrim | 198 | 41 | 28 | 58 | 209 | 1 |
| Limerick | 1,454 | 163 | 123 | 357 | 182 | 9 |
| Longford | 378 | 53 | 43 | 97 | 91 | - |
| Louth | 1,050 | 180 | 99 | 243 | 59 | 1 |
| Mayo | 909 | 146 | 124 | 220 | 1,401 | 18 |
| Meath | 759 | 85 | 59 | 114 | 57 | - |
| Monaghan | 519 | 80 | 90 | 96 | 386 | 2 |
| Offaly | 521 | 72 | 50 | 75 | 70 | 2 |
| Roscommon | 388 | 45 | 42 | 66 | 274 | - |
| Sligo | 434 | 64 | 47 | 157 | 354 | 7 |
| Tipperary | 1,248 | 144 | 99 | 274 | 181 | 8 |
| Waterford | 991 | 132 | 106 | 408 | 41 | 13 |
| Westmeath | 583 | 87 | 59 | 123 | 72 | 1 |
| Wexford | 1,300 | 158 | 145 | 228 | 129 | 11 |
| Wicklow | 627 | 119 | 95 | 236 | 51 | 1 |
| Others | 48 | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Total | 27,798 | 4,604 | 3,558 | 7,886 | 7,496 | 184 |

(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 €804 million in 2008. This represents an increase of 17.8% on 2007. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over €49 million in 2008, an increase of 12.6%. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2008 was 78,038, an increase of 24.0% on 2007.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements increased by 126.9% to €27.7 million. The number of recipients at the end of 2008 increased to 8,091 an increase of 96.8%.

In 2007, a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 200,246 children, an increase of 19,994 on 2007. Expenditure on the scheme increased by 23.5% to 49.6 million.

Net expenditure on Basic SWA payments in 2008 was €184.8 million, an increase of 22.9% on 2007. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (€295.6 million) on Basic SWA payments in 2008. 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 35,546 recipients of Basic SWA payments at the end of 2008, an increase of 8,167 on 2007.

Table H2 and Graph H1 shows expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1999 to 2008.

Table H1: Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Scheme, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| Basic SWA Payments | 150,420 | 184,816 | 22.9% |
| Rent Supplements | 391,466 | 440,784 | 12.6% |
| Mortgage Interest Supplements | 12,197 | 27,675 | 126.9% |
| Other Supplements | 13,835 | 14,286 | 3.3% |
| Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments | 69,828 | 82,254 | 17.8% |
| Back to School Clothing and Footwear | 40,176 | 49,632 | 23.5% |
| Direct Provision Allowance | 4,784 | 4,963 | 3.7% |
| Total | 682,706 | 804,410 | 17.8% |

(1) Provisional.

Graph H1: Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance, 1999 to 2008

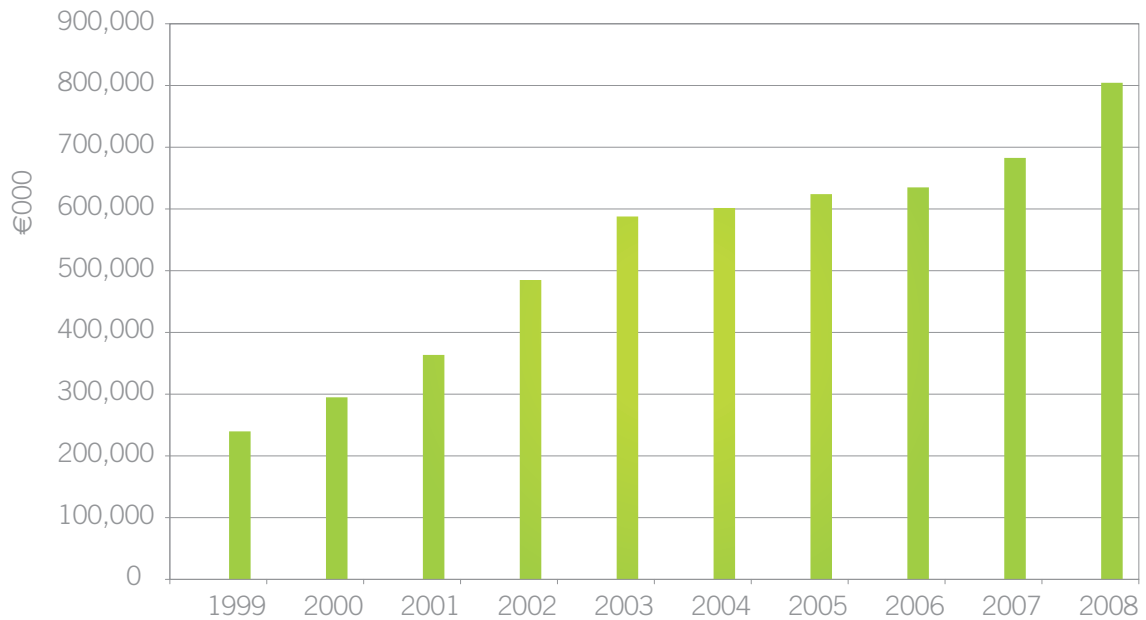


Table H2: Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1999 to 2008

| Year | Expenditure |
|---------------------|-------------|
| | €000 |
| 1999 | 239,721 |
| 2000 | 294,906 |
| 2001 | 363,576 |
| 2002 | 484,929 |
| 2003 | 587,813 |
| 2004 | 601,582 |
| 2005 | 624,029 |
| 2006 | 634,964 |
| 2007 | 682,706 |
| 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 804,410 |

(1) Provisional.

Table H3: Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2008

| Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance | Eastern | Midland | Mid-Western | North Eastern | North Western | South Eastern | Southern | Western | Total |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------|---------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| Basic Payments ⁽¹⁾ | 103,709 | 18,706 | 16,442 | 34,965 | 15,481 | 31,610 | 37,711 | 36,938 | 295,563 |
| Supplements | | | | | | | | | |
| Rent | 223,300 | 16,451 | 25,234 | 22,668 | 18,231 | 40,641 | 56,895 | 37,363 | 440,784 |
| Local Authority Mortgage | 406 | 30 | 29 | 5 | 22 | 133 | 84 | 100 | 809 |
| Other Mortgage | 11,310 | 771 | 1,757 | 2,902 | 492 | 3,708 | 3,632 | 2,294 | 26,866 |
| Heating | 257 | 106 | 1,007 | 24 | 19 | 172 | 707 | 67 | 2,357 |
| Diet | 2,251 | 287 | 367 | 297 | 117 | 597 | 780 | 316 | 5,012 |
| Other | 3,011 | 141 | 757 | 28 | 23 | 862 | 1,563 | 532 | 6,917 |
| Exceptional Needs Payments | 35,785 | 3,634 | 6,386 | 3,581 | 3,746 | 9,735 | 11,499 | 7,650 | 82,014 |
| Urgent Needs Payments | 109 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 10 | 42 | 23 | 14 | 241 |
| Administration Costs ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | | 63,107 |
| Grand Total ⁽³⁾ | 380,138 | 40,138 | 51,996 | 64,485 | 38,140 | 87,498 | 112,894 | 85,274 | 923,669 |

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 were re-imbursed to the eight individual Health Boards prior to the formation of the HSE. Since the formation of the HSE, administration costs are re-imbursed by the Department to a central unit within the HSE. The table shows the level of re-imburement, 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, 2008

| Type of Payment | Expenditure | Total Expenditure |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | €000 | €000 |
| Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments | | |
| Housing | | |
| New Accommodation Kit | 13,595 | |
| Household Appliances | 7,375 | |
| Rent Deposit | 7,218 | |
| Furniture | 3,791 | |
| Floor Covering | 2,454 | |
| Bedding | 1,957 | |
| Repair/maintenance | 1,331 | 37,720 |
| Clothing | | |
| Adult Clothing | 8,113 | |
| Child Clothing | 6,290 | 14,403 |
| Funeral | | |
| Funeral Expenses | 4,178 | |
| Burial Expenses | 572 | 4,750 |
| Child Related | | |
| Pram/Buggy | 1,277 | |
| Cot | 1,010 | 2,286 |
| Bills | | |
| Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears | 5,885 | |
| Household | 2,353 | 8,238 |
| Illness | | |
| Confinement Costs | 1,110 | |
| Hospital Requirements | 364 | 1,474 |
| General | | |
| Other ⁽¹⁾ | 5,887 | |
| Travel Costs | 2,805 | |
| Insufficient Means | 2,637 | |
| Heating | 1,497 | |
| Lost/Stolen Money | 203 | |
| Household Budget | 113 | 13,142 |
| Urgent Needs Payments | 241 | 241 |
| Grand Total | | 82,254 |

(1) This includes €0.9m 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 HSE Area, 2008

| | Eastern | Midland | Mid-Western | North Eastern | North Western | South Eastern | Southern | Western | Total |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Basic Payment⁽¹⁾: | | | | | | | | | |
| Recipients | 11,575 | 2,222 | 2,484 | 4,134 | 1,952 | 3,910 | 4,726 | 4,543 | 35,546 |
| Qualified Adults | 1,950 | 565 | 395 | 906 | 355 | 820 | 860 | 906 | 6,757 |
| Qualified Children | 7,227 | 1,604 | 1,090 | 2,752 | 974 | 2,114 | 2,449 | 2,738 | 20,948 |
| Total Beneficiaries | 20,752 | 4,391 | 3,969 | 7,792 | 3,281 | 6,844 | 8,035 | 8,187 | 63,251 |
| Supplements: | | | | | | | | | |
| Rent | 29,460 | 3,520 | 5,269 | 4,723 | 4,471 | 8,445 | 10,790 | 7,360 | 74,038 |
| Other Mortgage | 2,889 | 238 | 572 | 917 | 201 | 1,100 | 980 | 750 | 7,647 |
| Local Authority Mortgage | 203 | 11 | 16 | 8 | 17 | 73 | 51 | 65 | 444 |
| Heating | 462 | 186 | 1,643 | 46 | 18 | 261 | 918 | 81 | 3,615 |
| Diet | 4,203 | 585 | 743 | 610 | 216 | 1,156 | 1,344 | 566 | 9,423 |
| Other ⁽²⁾ | 1,882 | 128 | 311 | 28 | 19 | 479 | 812 | 346 | 4,005 |

(1) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

(2) Includes Creche, MABS, Other etc.

Table H6: Recipients and Expenditure on Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement, Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements, 1999 to 2008

| 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 |
| 2006 | 25,330 | 139,189 | 59,861 | 388,339 | 3,023 | 7,377 | 401 | 496 | 18,495 | 13,533 |
| 2007 | 27,379 | 150,420 | 59,726 | 391,466 | 3,712 | 12,197 | 399 | 574 | 17,744 | 13,835 |
| 2008 | 35,546 | 184,816 | 74,038 | 440,784 | 7,647 | 27,675 | 444 | 809 | 17,043 | 14,286 |

(1) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

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

Table H7: Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement, Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements⁽¹⁾ by Age and Sex, 2008

| Age Group | Basic SWA ⁽²⁾ | | | 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 | 1,540 | 1,433 | 2,973 | 466 | 1,326 | 1,792 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 23 | 76 | 99 |
| 20 - 24 | 3,771 | 2,644 | 6,415 | 3,180 | 8,453 | 11,633 | 61 | 27 | 88 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 115 | 342 | 457 |
| 25 - 29 | 4,152 | 2,196 | 6,348 | 5,063 | 8,321 | 13,384 | 412 | 211 | 623 | 12 | 13 | 25 | 265 | 641 | 906 |
| 30 - 34 | 3,513 | 1,923 | 5,436 | 5,713 | 6,375 | 12,088 | 782 | 434 | 1,216 | 32 | 27 | 59 | 397 | 776 | 1,173 |
| 35 - 39 | 2,943 | 1,394 | 4,337 | 5,459 | 4,747 | 10,206 | 1,086 | 507 | 1,593 | 39 | 15 | 54 | 511 | 635 | 1,146 |
| 40 - 44 | 2,331 | 1,075 | 3,406 | 4,579 | 3,213 | 7,792 | 1,064 | 522 | 1,586 | 21 | 24 | 45 | 530 | 586 | 1,116 |
| 45 - 49 | 1,694 | 753 | 2,447 | 3,498 | 2,095 | 5,593 | 753 | 366 | 1,119 | 39 | 23 | 62 | 622 | 575 | 1,197 |
| 50 - 54 | 1,269 | 570 | 1,839 | 2,690 | 1,345 | 4,035 | 478 | 236 | 714 | 38 | 22 | 60 | 627 | 594 | 1,221 |
| 55 - 59 | 873 | 442 | 1,315 | 1,975 | 1,001 | 2,976 | 289 | 153 | 442 | 37 | 20 | 57 | 803 | 766 | 1,569 |
| 60 - 64 | 477 | 229 | 706 | 1,332 | 608 | 1,940 | 155 | 65 | 220 | 23 | 15 | 38 | 985 | 935 | 1,920 |
| 65 - 69 | 162 | 73 | 235 | 718 | 372 | 1,090 | 21 | 12 | 33 | 15 | 11 | 26 | 876 | 886 | 1,762 |
| 70 plus | 46 | 43 | 89 | 771 | 738 | 1,509 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 1,666 | 2,811 | 4,477 |
| Total | 22,771 | 12,775 | 35,546 | 35,444 | 38,594 | 74,038 | 5,106 | 2,541 | 7,647 | 263 | 181 | 444 | 7,420 | 9,623 | 17,043 |

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

(2) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

Table H8: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 2008

| Payment Type | Rent Supplement | Mortgage Interest Supplement | Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| State Pensions | 1,490 | 11 | 9 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 140 | 1 | 4 |
| Widows and Widower's Pensions | 371 | 53 | 14 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 15,573 | 538 | 36 |
| Invalidity Pension | 1,044 | 185 | 31 |
| Illness Benefit | 2,390 | 1,176 | 40 |
| Disability Allowance | 9,253 | 406 | 56 |
| Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance | 11,032 | 571 | 54 |
| Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance | 7,243 | 623 | 17 |
| Jobseekers Benefit | 6,205 | 2,045 | 85 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 10,272 | 1,182 | 39 |
| Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾ | 3,529 | 193 | 20 |
| DSS (UK) | 391 | 6 | 2 |
| Other | 5,105 | 657 | 37 |
| Total | 74,038 | 7,647 | 444 |

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

Table H9: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Claim Duration, 2008⁽¹⁾

| Months ⁽²⁾ | Rent Supplement | Mortgage Interest Supplement | Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 0 to 3 | 14,759 | 1,561 | 46 |
| 3 to 6 | 13,535 | 1,798 | 71 |
| 6 to 9 | 8,587 | 1,010 | 35 |
| 9 to 12 | 6,040 | 770 | 18 |
| 12 to 24 | 12,463 | 1,191 | 59 |
| 24 to 36 | 6,936 | 555 | 38 |
| 36 to 48 | 4,348 | 268 | 22 |
| 48 to 60 | 2,738 | 158 | 18 |
| 60 to 72 | 1,892 | 118 | 21 |
| 72 plus | 2,740 | 218 | 116 |
| Total⁽¹⁾ | 74,038 | 7,647 | 444 |

(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, 2008

| HSE Area | Age 2 to 11 | Age 12 to 17 | Age 18 to 22 | Total |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Eastern | 44,103 | 19,050 | 1,724 | 64,877 |
| Midland | 9,009 | 4,310 | 498 | 13,817 |
| Mid-Western | 9,815 | 4,881 | 603 | 15,299 |
| North Eastern | 11,519 | 5,657 | 787 | 17,963 |
| North Western | 7,825 | 4,364 | 830 | 13,019 |
| South Eastern | 14,700 | 7,552 | 970 | 23,222 |
| Southern | 18,668 | 9,575 | 1,723 | 29,966 |
| Western | 13,140 | 7,212 | 1,731 | 22,083 |
| Total | 128,779 | 62,601 | 8,866 | 200,246 |

Table H11: Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2007 and 2008

| HSE Area | 2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | €000 | €000 |
| Eastern | 13,094 | 15,867 |
| Midland | 2,566 | 3,335 |
| Mid-Western | 3,075 | 3,800 |
| North Eastern | 3,294 | 4,303 |
| North Western | 3,155 | 3,733 |
| South Eastern | 4,662 | 5,775 |
| Southern | 6,060 | 7,430 |
| Western | 4,270 | 5,389 |
| Total Expenditure | 40,176 | 49,632 |

(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⁽¹⁾
Payments by Category, 2008**

| Interim Basic SWA Payments | No of Payments | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Pending Jobseeker's Allowance | 11,041 | |
| Pending Jobseeker's Allowance Appeal | 882 | |
| Pending Jobseeker's Benefit | 2,822 | |
| Pending Jobseeker's Benefit Appeal | 33 | |
| Pending Disability Allowance | 3,687 | |
| Pending Illness Benefit | 1,573 | |
| Pending Illness Benefit Appeal | 87 | |
| Pending State Pension | 171 | |
| Pending Widows and Widower's Pension | 96 | |
| Pending Carer's Allowance | 288 | |
| Pending Occupational Injuries Benefit | 95 | |
| Pending One Parent Family Payment | 3,036 | |
| Pending Other Social Welfare Payments | 457 | |
| Sub-Total | | 24,268 |
| Other Basic SWA Payments | | |
| Sick No Benefit | 3,558 | |
| Other Increment to Scale | 399 | |
| Other ⁽²⁾ | 7,321 | |
| Sub-Total | | 11,278 |
| Total | | 35,546 |

(1) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

(2) 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, 2008

| 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 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Payment Type⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Pensions | 117 | 121 | 126 | 115 | 132 | 138 | 76 | 84 | 116 | 100 | 94 | 271 | 1,490 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 67 | 140 |
| Widows and Widower's Pensions | 32 | 49 | 23 | 31 | 41 | 33 | 25 | 21 | 38 | 19 | 23 | 36 | 371 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 2,248 | 2,511 | 1,828 | 1,374 | 1,822 | 1,267 | 1,024 | 806 | 1,124 | 739 | 489 | 341 | 15,573 |
| Invalidity Pension | 92 | 101 | 77 | 42 | 101 | 89 | 73 | 61 | 93 | 77 | 65 | 173 | 1,044 |
| Illness Benefit | 496 | 440 | 356 | 235 | 247 | 176 | 109 | 98 | 104 | 57 | 35 | 37 | 2,390 |
| Disability Allowance | 1,263 | 1,295 | 948 | 661 | 982 | 740 | 578 | 515 | 756 | 525 | 333 | 657 | 9,253 |
| Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance | 2,124 | 2,002 | 1,251 | 917 | 1,193 | 761 | 621 | 447 | 655 | 366 | 255 | 440 | 11,032 |
| Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance | 1,646 | 1,523 | 842 | 571 | 724 | 404 | 352 | 290 | 381 | 209 | 138 | 163 | 7,243 |
| Jobseekers Benefit | 2,211 | 1,639 | 875 | 558 | 399 | 170 | 97 | 60 | 87 | 41 | 31 | 37 | 6,205 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 2,917 | 2,219 | 1,205 | 750 | 844 | 431 | 355 | 326 | 442 | 306 | 230 | 247 | 10,272 |
| Employment Support Services ⁽⁴⁾ | 538 | 633 | 358 | 286 | 444 | 303 | 222 | 179 | 232 | 122 | 83 | 129 | 3,529 |
| DSS (UK) | 37 | 49 | 41 | 37 | 48 | 27 | 29 | 22 | 33 | 17 | 12 | 39 | 391 |
| Other | 1,034 | 945 | 651 | 460 | 596 | 342 | 246 | 208 | 275 | 151 | 94 | 103 | 5,105 |
| TOTAL | 14,759 | 13,535 | 8,587 | 6,040 | 7,575 | 4,888 | 3,811 | 3,125 | 4,348 | 2,738 | 1,892 | 2,740 | 74,038 |

(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.

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

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

Table H14: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and by Duration⁽¹⁾, 2008

| 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 years | 726 | 546 | 268 | 135 | 91 | 22 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,792 |
| 20 - 24 years | 3,100 | 2,788 | 1,718 | 1,042 | 1,214 | 618 | 431 | 298 | 295 | 101 | 27 | 1 | 11,633 |
| 25 - 29 years | 3,005 | 2,791 | 1,636 | 1,131 | 1,401 | 864 | 690 | 485 | 687 | 388 | 204 | 102 | 13,384 |
| 30 - 34 years | 2,477 | 2,214 | 1,396 | 980 | 1,278 | 829 | 652 | 534 | 741 | 458 | 308 | 221 | 12,088 |
| 35 - 39 years | 1,841 | 1,717 | 1,124 | 837 | 1,078 | 690 | 553 | 528 | 743 | 444 | 328 | 323 | 10,206 |
| 40 - 44 years | 1,363 | 1,243 | 869 | 635 | 818 | 579 | 428 | 369 | 529 | 364 | 269 | 326 | 7,792 |
| 45 - 49 years | 943 | 860 | 587 | 460 | 545 | 414 | 334 | 277 | 411 | 271 | 175 | 316 | 5,593 |
| 50 - 54 years | 588 | 600 | 374 | 287 | 423 | 300 | 259 | 196 | 308 | 228 | 171 | 301 | 4,035 |
| 55 - 59 years | 356 | 370 | 260 | 208 | 297 | 201 | 196 | 171 | 247 | 185 | 158 | 327 | 2,976 |
| 60 - 64 years | 172 | 198 | 152 | 138 | 206 | 159 | 130 | 111 | 173 | 120 | 91 | 290 | 1,940 |
| 65 - 69 years | 94 | 101 | 83 | 87 | 89 | 90 | 63 | 65 | 84 | 72 | 56 | 206 | 1,090 |
| 70 plus years | 94 | 107 | 120 | 100 | 135 | 122 | 71 | 91 | 130 | 107 | 105 | 327 | 1,509 |
| TOTAL | 14,759 | 13,535 | 8,587 | 6,040 | 7,575 | 4,888 | 3,811 | 3,125 | 4,348 | 2,738 | 1,892 | 2,740 | 74,038 |

(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 H15: Short Term and Long Term recipients of Rent Supplement by Primary Payment, 2008

| Payment Type | All Cases | | Short Term <18 Months | | Long Term >18 Months | |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| State Pensions | 1,490 | 2.0% | 512 | 1.2% | 978 | 3.1% |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 140 | 0.2% | 12 | 0.0% | 128 | 0.4% |
| Widows and Widower's Pensions | 371 | 0.5% | 154 | 0.4% | 217 | 0.7% |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 15,573 | 21.0% | 6,904 | 16.3% | 8,669 | 27.4% |
| Invalidity Pension | 1,044 | 1.4% | 320 | 0.8% | 724 | 2.3% |
| Illness Benefit | 2,390 | 3.2% | 1,674 | 4.0% | 716 | 2.3% |
| Disability Allowance | 9,253 | 12.5% | 3,815 | 9.0% | 5,438 | 17.2% |
| Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance | 11,032 | 14.9% | 6,001 | 14.2% | 5,031 | 15.9% |
| Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance | 7,243 | 9.8% | 4,768 | 11.3% | 2,475 | 7.8% |
| Jobseekers Benefit | 6,205 | 8.4% | 5,603 | 13.2% | 602 | 1.9% |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 10,272 | 13.9% | 7,490 | 17.7% | 2,782 | 8.8% |
| Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾ | 3,529 | 4.8% | 1,806 | 4.3% | 1,723 | 5.4% |
| DSS (UK) | 391 | 0.5% | 197 | 0.5% | 194 | 0.6% |
| Other | 5,105 | 6.9% | 3,115 | 7.4% | 1,990 | 6.3% |
| Total | 74,038 | 100.0% | 42,371 | 100.0% | 31,667 | 100.0% |

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

At December 2008 there were 74,038 households in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment, of which 31,345 are the Target group for the Rental Accommodation Scheme that have been in receipt of a payment for 18 months or longer. This group of 31,345 is derived from an analysis of those in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment in June 2007 and in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment at every three monthly interval thereafter.

Note: The 31,667 Long Term cases includes Asylum Seekers that are not included in the Target group of 31,345 for transfer to the Rental Assistance Scheme.

Table H16: Short Term and Long Term recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2008

| | All Cases | Short Term | Short Term as | Long Term | Long Term as |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| County | Recipients | Cases | % All Cases | Cases | % All Cases |
| | Recipients | Recipients | | Recipients | |
| Carlow | 1,161 | 681 | 58.7% | 480 | 41.3% |
| Cavan | 874 | 661 | 75.6% | 213 | 24.4% |
| Clare | 1,441 | 904 | 62.7% | 537 | 37.3% |
| Cork | 8,538 | 4,966 | 58.2% | 3,572 | 41.8% |
| Donegal | 3,282 | 2,088 | 63.6% | 1,194 | 36.4% |
| Dublin | 24,119 | 11,602 | 48.1% | 12,517 | 51.9% |
| Galway | 3,733 | 2,035 | 54.5% | 1,698 | 45.5% |
| Kerry | 2,252 | 1,369 | 60.8% | 883 | 39.2% |
| Kildare | 3,275 | 1,769 | 54.0% | 1,506 | 46.0% |
| Kilkenny | 1,092 | 737 | 67.5% | 355 | 32.5% |
| Laois | 706 | 570 | 80.7% | 136 | 19.3% |
| Leitrim | 456 | 325 | 71.3% | 131 | 28.7% |
| Limerick | 2,942 | 1,783 | 60.6% | 1,159 | 39.4% |
| Longford | 706 | 565 | 80.0% | 141 | 20.0% |
| Louth | 1,887 | 1,166 | 61.8% | 721 | 38.2% |
| Mayo | 2,585 | 1,485 | 57.4% | 1,100 | 42.6% |
| Meath | 1,453 | 1,042 | 71.7% | 411 | 28.3% |
| Monaghan | 509 | 364 | 71.5% | 145 | 28.5% |
| Offaly | 833 | 570 | 68.4% | 263 | 31.6% |
| Roscommon | 1,042 | 698 | 67.0% | 344 | 33.0% |
| Sligo | 733 | 552 | 75.3% | 181 | 24.7% |
| Tipperary | 2,082 | 1,377 | 66.1% | 705 | 33.9% |
| Waterford | 2,126 | 1,332 | 62.7% | 794 | 37.3% |
| Westmeath | 1,275 | 858 | 67.3% | 417 | 32.7% |
| Wexford | 2,870 | 1,829 | 63.7% | 1,041 | 36.3% |
| Wicklow | 2,066 | 1,043 | 50.5% | 1,023 | 49.5% |
| Total | 74,038 | 42,371 | 57.2% | 31,667 | 42.8% |

At December 2008 there were 74,038 households in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment, of which 31,345 are the Target group for the Rental Accommodation Scheme that have been in receipt of a payment for 18 months or longer. This group of 31,345 is derived from an analysis of those in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment in June 2007 and in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment at every three monthly interval thereafter.

Note: The 31,667 Long Term cases includes Asylum Seekers that are not included in the Target group of 31,345 for transfer to the Rental Assistance Scheme.

Table H17: Number of Recipients of Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements by County, 2008

| County | Basic SWA ⁽²⁾ | Rent Supplement | Mortgage Interest Supplement | Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement | Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾ |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Carlow | 691 | 1,161 | 175 | 9 | 210 |
| Cavan | 663 | 874 | 260 | 2 | 201 |
| Clare | 569 | 1,441 | 167 | 3 | 374 |
| Cork | 3,844 | 8,538 | 826 | 45 | 2,584 |
| Donegal | 1,259 | 3,282 | 164 | 13 | 169 |
| Dublin | 9,235 | 24,119 | 2,077 | 180 | 5,748 |
| Galway | 2,490 | 3,733 | 336 | 28 | 408 |
| Kerry | 882 | 2,252 | 154 | 6 | 490 |
| Kildare | 1,534 | 3,275 | 494 | 20 | 414 |
| Kilkenny | 608 | 1,092 | 142 | 18 | 219 |
| Laois | 641 | 706 | 60 | 4 | 293 |
| Leitrim | 158 | 456 | 12 | 1 | 43 |
| Limerick | 1,622 | 2,942 | 287 | 11 | 1,929 |
| Longford | 438 | 706 | 25 | 3 | 136 |
| Louth | 1,169 | 1,887 | 145 | 2 | 220 |
| Mayo | 1,178 | 2,585 | 277 | 31 | 362 |
| Meath | 1,908 | 1,453 | 438 | - | 181 |
| Monaghan | 394 | 509 | 74 | 4 | 82 |
| Offaly | 513 | 833 | 55 | 1 | 281 |
| Roscommon | 875 | 1,042 | 137 | 6 | 223 |
| Sligo | 535 | 733 | 25 | 3 | 41 |
| Tipperary | 974 | 2,082 | 257 | 10 | 1,039 |
| Waterford | 881 | 2,126 | 215 | 14 | 399 |
| Westmeath | 630 | 1,275 | 98 | 3 | 189 |
| Wexford | 1,049 | 2,870 | 429 | 24 | 423 |
| Wicklow | 806 | 2,066 | 318 | 3 | 385 |
| Total | 35,546 | 74,038 | 7,647 | 444 | 17,043 |

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

(2) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

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
- Citizens Information Board (formerly 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 and details of Personal Public Service (PPS) Numbers issued for the last ten years by nationality.

Graph J1: Expenditure on Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance, 2008

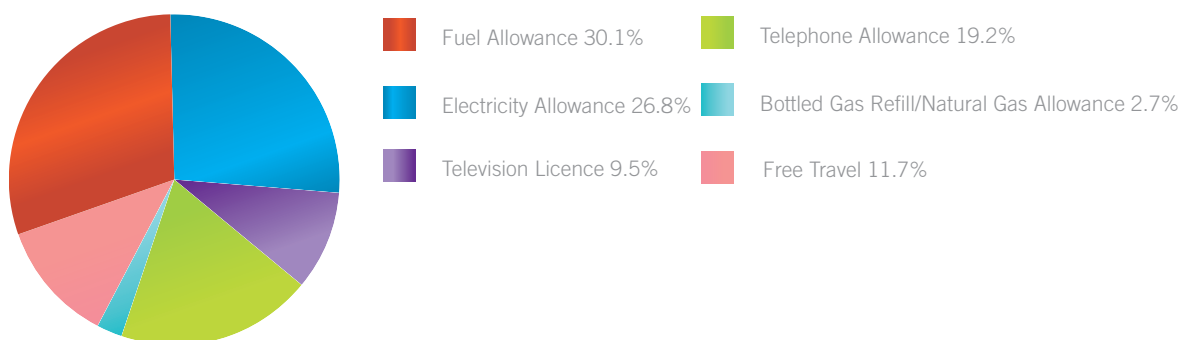


Table J1: Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment type, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | €000 | €000 | |
| Household Benefits, Free Travel, and Fuel Allowance | 535,525 | 584,674 | 9.2% |
| Treatment Benefit | 91,602 | 97,124 | 6.0% |
| Bereavement Grants | 16,673 | 17,851 | 7.1% |
| Rent Allowance | 792 | 730 | -7.8% |
| Combat Poverty Agency | 4,008 | 4,114 | 2.6% |
| School Meals | 28,202 | 32,422 | 15.0% |
| Citizens Information Board (formerly Comhairle) | 27,860 | 29,468 | 5.8% |
| Money Advice and Budgeting Service | 14,578 | 16,217 | 11.2% |
| Other Grants/Payments | 6,576 | 6,868 | 4.4% |
| Total | 725,816 | 789,468 | 8.8% |

(1) Provisional

Table J2: Total Expenditure on Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance, 1999 to 2008

| | Electricity Allowance | Television Licence Allowance | Telephone Allowance | Bottled Gas Allowance | Natural Gas Allowance | Free Travel | Fuel Allowance | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 | €000 |
| 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 | 103,919 | 46,224 | 89,143 | 108 | 6,316 | 55,333 | 82,386 | 383,429 |
| 2006 | 108,323 | 48,966 | 90,333 | 116 | 8,399 | 58,042 | 130,250 | 444,429 |
| 2007 | 147,225 | 51,672 | 98,855 | 116 | 15,243 | 64,125 | 158,289 | 535,525 |
| 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 156,739 | 55,698 | 112,192 | 96 | 15,531 | 68,428 | 175,990 | 584,674 |

(1) Provisional.

Table J3: Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 2007 and 2008

| Type of Payment | 2007 | 2008 | Change 2008 over 2007 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Bereavement Grants | 21,755 | 22,827 | 4.9% |
| Treatment Benefit: | | | |
| Dental | 634,077 | 675,578 | 6.5% |
| Optical | 207,555 | 220,379 | 6.2% |
| Medical and Surgical | 6,425 | 6,505 | 1.2% |
| Rent Allowance | 7 | 8 | 14.3% |
| Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾ | 295,795 | 300,000 | 1.4% |

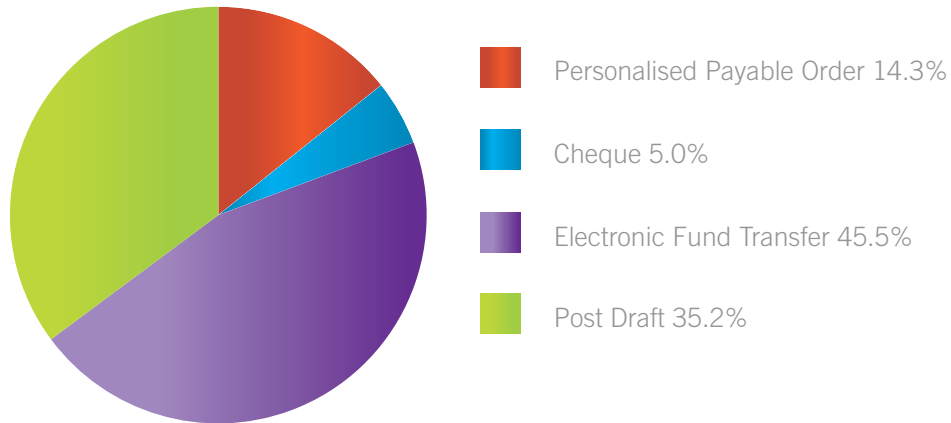
(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance during 2007 and 2008.

There was an average of 118,000 recipients of Smokeless Fuel Allowance in 2007 and an average of 120,000 recipients in 2008

Table J4: Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2008

| Type of Payment | Personalised Payable Order | Cheque | Electronic Fund Transfer | Post Draft | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| State Pension(Contributory) | 59,756 | 915 | 127,264 | 62,182 | 250,117 |
| State Pension(Transition) | 21 | 1 | 5,029 | 2,191 | 7,242 |
| State Pension(Non-Contributory) | 48,576 | 22 | 17,992 | 31,194 | 97,784 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | - | 159 | 2,913 | 5,800 | 8,872 |
| Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension | 45,124 | 596 | 40,739 | 25,778 | 112,237 |
| Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension | 45 | - | 476 | 1,521 | 2,042 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 640 | 1 | 1,961 | 6,454 | 9,056 |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 8 | - | 99 | 510 | 617 |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | - | 46 | 40,961 | 46,833 | 87,840 |
| Maternity Benefit | - | 1,920 | 21,501 | - | 23,421 |
| Health and Safety Benefit | - | 68 | 1 | - | 69 |
| Adoptive Benefit | - | 66 | 2 | - | 68 |
| Guardian's Payment(Contributory) | 488 | - | 305 | 40 | 833 |
| Guardian's Payment(Non-Contributory) | 290 | - | 135 | 12 | 437 |
| Child Benefit (Families) | - | - | 340,801 | 255,307 | 596,108 |
| Illness Benefit | - | 35,065 | 38,224 | 320 | 73,609 |
| Invalidity Pension | 28,535 | 10 | 22,662 | 2,518 | 53,725 |
| Injury Benefit | - | 510 | 336 | - | 846 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | - | 323 | 202 | - | 525 |
| Disablement Pension | - | 3,889 | 9,303 | - | 13,192 |
| Death Benefit | 502 | 5 | 138 | 6 | 651 |
| Disability Allowance | 53,617 | - | 33,314 | 8,823 | 95,754 |
| Carer's Benefit | - | - | 2,084 | 165 | 2,249 |
| Carer's Allowance | 19,193 | - | 14,898 | 9,478 | 43,569 |
| Blind Pension | 940 | - | 464 | 68 | 1,472 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | - | 28,380 | 21,111 | 72,272 | 121,763 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | - | 8,320 | 32,903 | 72,380 | 113,603 |
| Back to Work Allowance Employee | 20 | 8 | 3,500 | 30 | 3,558 |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | 6 | 2 | 4,567 | 29 | 4,604 |
| Back to Education Allowance | - | 23 | 7,065 | 798 | 7,886 |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | - | 184 | - | - | 184 |
| Family Income Supplement | - | 1,936 | 25,761 | 101 | 27,798 |
| Farm Assist | - | 60 | 2,846 | 4,590 | 7,496 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | - | 8,407 | 1,744 | 25,395 | 35,546 |
| Rent Allowance | - | 217 | - | - | 217 |
| Total | 257,762 | 91,133 | 821,301 | 634,795 | 1,804,991 |

Graph J2: Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Method of Payment, 2008



Graph J3 Personal Public Service Numbers Issued, 2000 to 2008

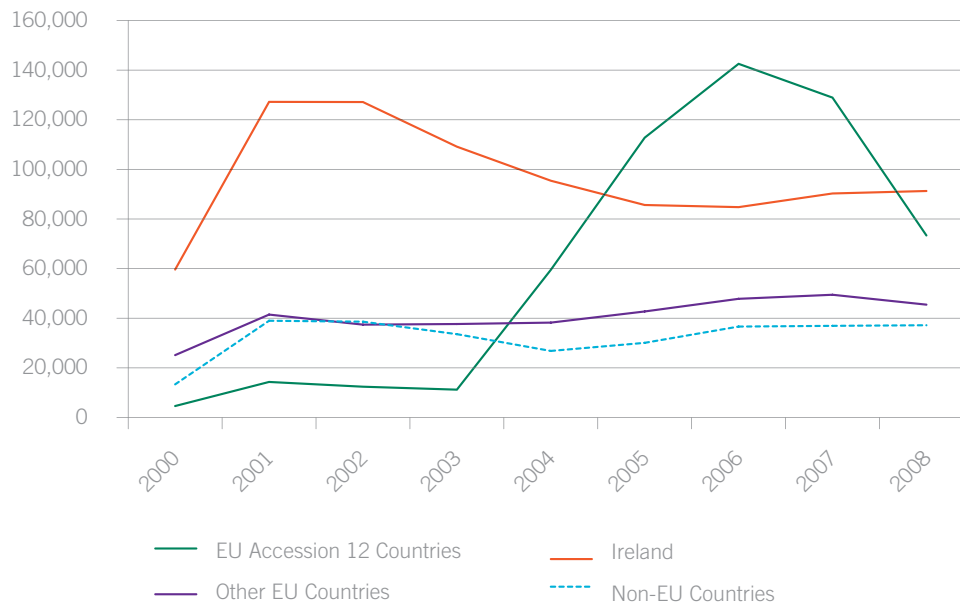


Table J5: Personal Public Service Numbers Issued by Country, 2000 to 2008

| Country of origin/ declared nationality | 2000 ⁽¹⁾ | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | Total |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| EU Countries | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 638 | 919 | 545 | 519 | 851 | 655 | 769 | 814 | 670 | 6,380 |
| Belgium | 221 | 443 | 424 | 478 | 383 | 415 | 506 | 523 | 466 | 3,859 |
| Bulgaria ⁽²⁾ | 160 | 512 | 427 | 374 | 104 | 98 | 267 | 1,008 | 772 | 3,722 |
| Cyprus ⁽³⁾ | 6 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 27 | 23 | 33 | 43 | 2,762 | 2,920 |
| Czech Republic ⁽³⁾ | 641 | 1,428 | 1,144 | 831 | 3,298 | 4,505 | 4,458 | 3,838 | 19 | 20,162 |
| Denmark | 245 | 367 | 279 | 285 | 267 | 314 | 286 | 338 | 349 | 2,730 |
| Estonia ⁽³⁾ | 212 | 858 | 463 | 546 | 1,788 | 2,011 | 1,407 | 648 | 572 | 8,505 |
| Finland | 381 | 568 | 441 | 384 | 346 | 469 | 508 | 473 | 372 | 3,942 |
| France | 3,056 | 4,487 | 3,769 | 4,332 | 4,678 | 4,973 | 6,879 | 7,673 | 7,066 | 46,913 |
| Germany | 1,621 | 2,695 | 2,547 | 2,877 | 3,147 | 3,839 | 4,605 | 4,534 | 3,823 | 29,688 |
| Greece | 139 | 134 | 117 | 116 | 158 | 169 | 207 | 167 | 168 | 1,375 |
| Hungary ⁽³⁾ | 167 | 511 | 259 | 185 | 1,839 | 3,086 | 4,330 | 5,046 | 4,562 | 19,985 |
| Ireland | 59,643 | 127,209 | 127,135 | 109,151 | 95,435 | 85,642 | 84,777 | 90,287 | 91,280 | 870,559 |
| Italy | 1,672 | 2,544 | 2,507 | 2,763 | 2,927 | 3,692 | 4,222 | 4,715 | 4,428 | 29,470 |
| Latvia ⁽³⁾ | 1,046 | 3,023 | 1,538 | 1,230 | 6,266 | 9,328 | 7,954 | 4,674 | 3,727 | 38,786 |
| Lithuania ⁽³⁾ | 642 | 2,735 | 2,782 | 2,379 | 12,817 | 18,717 | 16,039 | 10,728 | 6,443 | 73,282 |
| Luxembourg | 28 | 28 | 45 | 36 | 12 | 21 | 18 | 10 | 19 | 217 |
| Malta ⁽³⁾ | 137 | 237 | 209 | 191 | 205 | 124 | 143 | 161 | 132 | 1,539 |
| Netherlands | 471 | 861 | 776 | 757 | 924 | 970 | 1,104 | 1,051 | 904 | 7,818 |
| Poland ⁽³⁾ | 570 | 2,259 | 2,649 | 3,828 | 27,295 | 64,731 | 93,787 | 79,816 | 42,554 | 317,489 |
| Portugal | 554 | 788 | 419 | 725 | 680 | 791 | 935 | 1,517 | 2,125 | 8,534 |
| Romania ⁽³⁾ | 920 | 2,416 | 2,667 | 1,387 | 591 | 813 | 3,336 | 14,525 | 6,762 | 33,417 |
| Slovakia ⁽³⁾ | 111 | 328 | 252 | 248 | 5,187 | 9,258 | 10,687 | 8,375 | 4,994 | 39,440 |
| Slovenia ⁽³⁾ | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 64 | 76 | 101 | 63 | 87 | 404 |
| Spain | 3,796 | 5,800 | 5,687 | 4,920 | 4,456 | 4,670 | 4,433 | 4,691 | 4,618 | 43,071 |
| Sweden | 872 | 1,451 | 949 | 1,017 | 943 | 1,102 | 1,103 | 932 | 757 | 9,126 |
| United Kingdom | 11,445 | 20,390 | 18,915 | 18,463 | 18,464 | 20,649 | 22,253 | 22,026 | 19,713 | 172,318 |
| Total EU | 89,397 | 183,004 | 176,955 | 158,035 | 193,152 | 241,141 | 275,147 | 268,676 | 210,144 | 1,795,651 |
| Non-EU Countries | | | | | | | | | | |
| USA | 1,222 | 2,645 | 2,736 | 3,010 | 3,195 | 3,811 | 4,079 | 3,841 | 3,505 | 28,044 |
| China | 1,468 | 5,748 | 4,839 | 3,762 | 3,471 | 1,756 | 1,418 | 1,519 | 1,685 | 25,666 |
| Nigeria | 1,890 | 3,813 | 5,417 | 3,795 | 1,973 | 2,168 | 1,623 | 1,610 | 1,545 | 23,834 |
| India | 394 | 1,522 | 1,591 | 1,422 | 1,887 | 3,407 | 5,580 | 4,778 | 4,332 | 24,913 |
| Brazil | 384 | 660 | 759 | 725 | 864 | 2,225 | 3,460 | 4,805 | 5,632 | 19,514 |
| Australia | 1,027 | 2,874 | 2,656 | 2,421 | 1,713 | 2,128 | 2,105 | 1,966 | 1,857 | 18,747 |
| Philippines | 682 | 3,526 | 2,540 | 2,064 | 1,227 | 1,499 | 1,884 | 1,624 | 1,440 | 16,486 |
| South Africa | 762 | 3,075 | 2,195 | 1,869 | 1,013 | 1,060 | 1,126 | 1,046 | 1,105 | 13,251 |
| Pakistan | 297 | 1,146 | 1,091 | 1,350 | 1,114 | 1,024 | 1,425 | 1,439 | 812 | 9,698 |
| New Zealand | 572 | 1,462 | 1,408 | 1,016 | 896 | 923 | 1,010 | 886 | 819 | 8,992 |
| Canada | 737 | 1,019 | 733 | 754 | 866 | 970 | 1,161 | 1,071 | 1,213 | 8,524 |
| Russia | 677 | 1,649 | 1,167 | 658 | 559 | 473 | 464 | 398 | 358 | 6,403 |
| Ukraine | 241 | 1,267 | 1,421 | 1,282 | 489 | 378 | 405 | 394 | 467 | 6,344 |
| Mauritius | 4 | 32 | 46 | 125 | 158 | 473 | 1,938 | 1,989 | 1,431 | 6,196 |
| Malaysia | 246 | 527 | 341 | 349 | 301 | 523 | 636 | 744 | 656 | 4,323 |
| Moldova | 160 | 600 | 651 | 563 | 214 | 194 | 294 | 409 | 300 | 3,385 |
| Bangladesh | 66 | 454 | 486 | 655 | 347 | 209 | 456 | 405 | 240 | 3,318 |
| Turkey | 70 | 198 | 619 | 770 | 456 | 374 | 165 | 228 | 197 | 3,077 |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | 2,463 | 6,767 | 7,914 | 6,995 | 6,079 | 6,488 | 7,415 | 7,782 | 9,587 | 61,490 |
| Total Non-EU | 13,362 | 38,984 | 38,610 | 33,585 | 26,822 | 30,083 | 36,644 | 36,934 | 37,181 | 292,205 |
| Total | 102,759 | 221,988 | 215,565 | 191,620 | 219,974 | 271,224 | 311,791 | 305,610 | 247,325 | 2,087,856 |

(1) Data for 2000 from 19 June 2000 when DSFA assumed responsibility for issuing PPS numbers.

(2) Joined the EU on 1 January 2007.

(3) Joined the EU on 1 May 2004

(4) Consists of 166 other countries.

Note: EU Countries are shown in alphabetical order while Non-EU Countries are shown in order of total PPS numbers issued.

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 State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Disablement Pension, Carer's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed Parent Grant, Bereavement Grants and Household Benefits and Free Travel.

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 State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, One Parent Family Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance, 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. Older People

State Pension (Contributory)
 State Pension (Transition)
 State Pension (Non-Contributory)
 Pre-Retirement Allowance

2. Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension
 Deserted Wife's Benefit
 Widow/er'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
 Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
 Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
 Child Benefit

4. Illness, Disability And Caring

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

5. Jobseeker's Supports

Jobseeker's Benefit
 Jobseeker's Allowance

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

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 an Increase for a Qualified Child 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 Increase for a Qualified Child where both are in receipt of a social welfare payment. |
| Beneficiaries: | Total number of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children. |
| Claim/claimant: | An application/applicant for a social welfare payment. |
| Social Insurance Payments: | These comprise State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed Parent Grant, Bereavement Grants and Household Benefits and Free Travel. |
| Social Assistance Payments: | These comprise State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, One Parent Family Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance, 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. |

Appendix 4: Details of Scheme Changes

The new State Pension (Non Contributory) was introduced in September 2006 replacing the Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension and, for recipients aged 66 and over, Blind Pension, Widow/er's Pension, One Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance. Qualified Adults of a State Pension (Non-Contributory) aged over 66 also qualified for a pension in their own right.

Also effective from September 2006 recipients of Invalidity Pension aged 66 years or over were automatically transferred to State Pension (Contributory).

These changes will affect the comparability of different year's figures in Section B, Older People, Section C, Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families and Section E, Illness, Disability and Caring.

Scheme Name Changes

Effective from September 2006 scheme names were changed as follows:

| Previous Name of Scheme | New Name of Scheme |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Old Age (Contributory) Pension | State Pension (Contributory) |
| Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension | State Pension (Non-Contributory) |
| Retirement Pension | State Pension (Transition) |
| Unemployment Benefit | Jobseeker's Benefit |
| Unemployment Assistance | Jobseeker's Allowance |
| Unemployability Supplement | Incapacity Supplement |
| Disability Benefit | Illness Benefit |
| Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance | Guardian's Payment (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾ |
| Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Allowance | Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾ |

⁽¹⁾ Scheme name changed effective from July 2006

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