

SECTION B
PENSIONS

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Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on pensions was just over €6,450 million in 2013. This represents an increase of 2.7% on 2012.

The overall number of payments in respect of pensions rose by 15,817 in 2013, an increase of 2.9% on 2012. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition)) based on social insurance contributions rose by 15,475 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested State Pension (Non-Contributory) decreased by 325. The number of people in receipt of Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory) increased by 666 in 2013. The number of Death Benefit Pensions in payment increased by 1 during 2013.

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's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner'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

Table B1: Expenditure on Pensions by Payment Type, 2012 and 2013

Payment Type	2012	2013 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2013 over 2012
	€000	€000	%
Social Assistance			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	963,211	952,457	-1.1%
Social Insurance			
State Pension (Contributory)	3,802,795	3,983,264	4.7%
State Pension (Transition)	146,629	137,270	-6.4%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	1,343,198	1,349,840	0.5%
Death Benefit	7,827	7,775	-0.7%
Bereavement Grant	19,755	20,286	2.7%
Total	6,283,415	6,450,892	2.7%

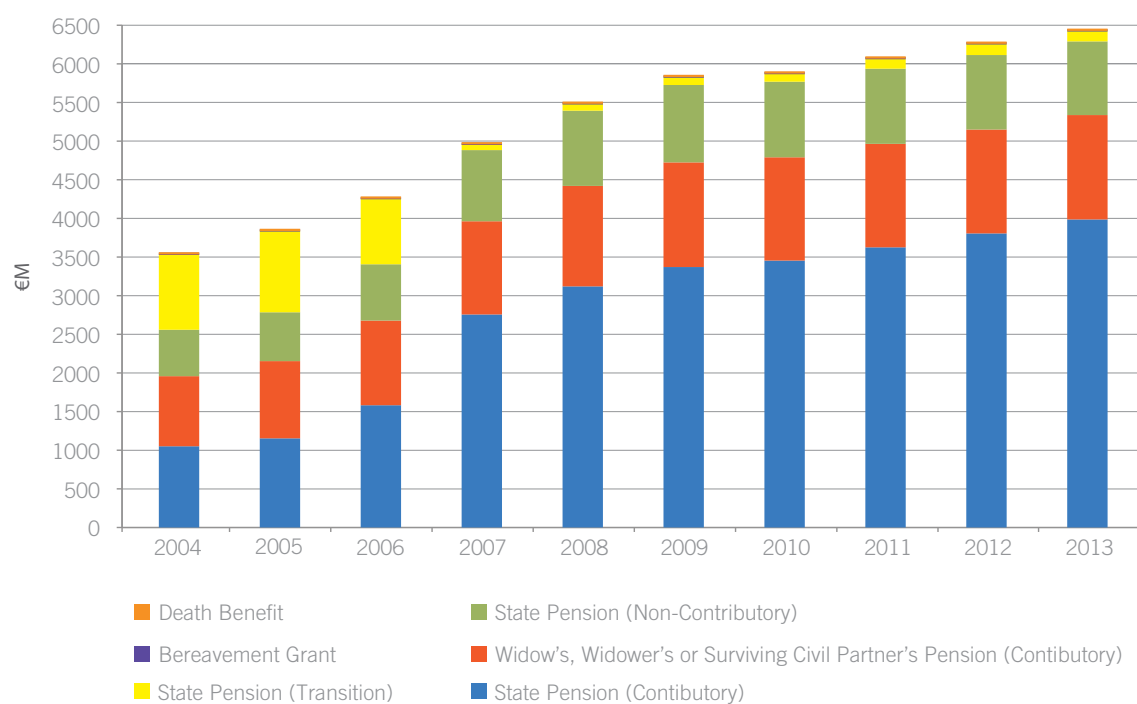
*(1) Provisional***Graph B1: Expenditure on Pension Related payments 2004 to 2013**

Table B2: Expenditure on Pensions by Payment Type, 2004 to 2013

Year	State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Transition) ⁽¹⁾	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	Death Benefit	Bereavement Grant	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
2004	599,988	1,050,348	983,706	906,449	6,185	13,190	3,559,866
2005	631,299	1,152,849	1,060,052	998,524	6,523	13,572	3,862,819
2006	727,782	1,580,896	857,627	1,094,884	7,047	12,686	4,280,922
2007	920,167	2,754,749	79,070	1,204,979	7,574	16,673	4,983,212
2008	972,765	3,117,855	92,089	1,299,039	8,036	17,851	5,507,635
2009	1,000,546	3,367,733	104,976	1,353,391	8,207	18,889	5,853,742
2010	977,293	3,451,503	108,194	1,335,584	7,778	18,292	5,898,644
2011	971,769	3,622,746	132,395	1,337,865	7,977	19,436	6,092,188
2012	963,211	3,802,795	146,629	1,343,198	7,827	19,755	6,283,415
2013 ⁽²⁾	952,457	3,983,264	137,270	1,349,840	7,775	20,286	6,450,892

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Graph B2: Number of Recipients of State Pensions, 2004 to 2013

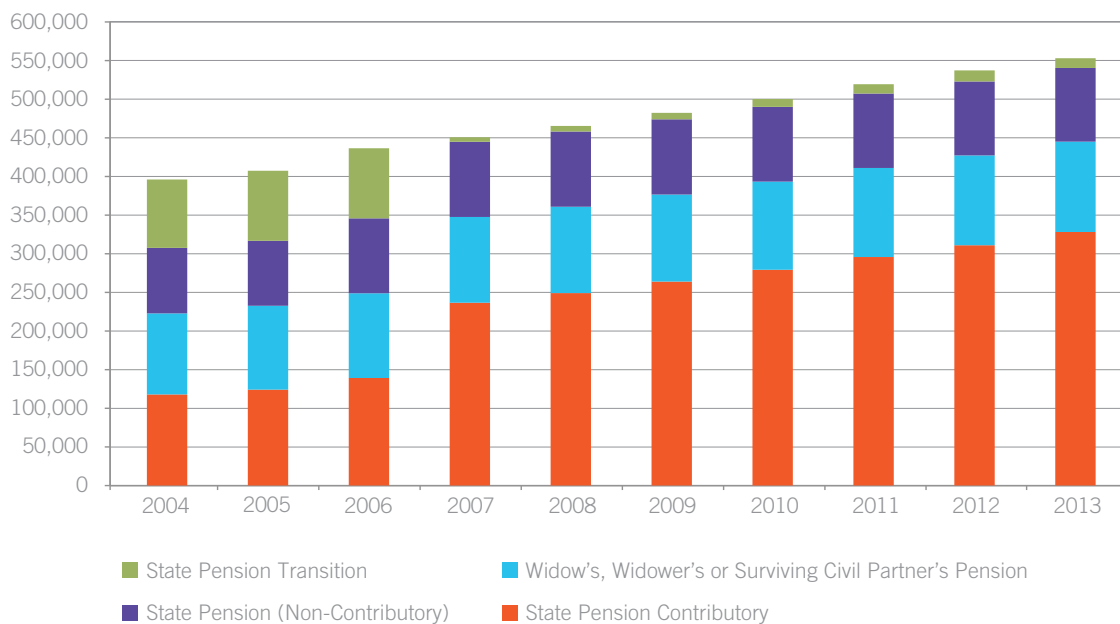


Table B3: Number of Recipients by Type of State Pension, 2004 to 2013

Year	State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Transition) ⁽¹⁾	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	Death Benefit	Total
2004	85,172	118,383	88,870	105,338	652	398,415
2005	84,454	124,611	91,047	109,017	647	409,776
2006	97,404	139,724	91,086	110,146	646	439,006
2007	97,726	237,599	5,851	111,460	647	453,283
2008	97,784	250,117	7,242	112,237	651	468,031
2009	97,798	265,102	8,378	113,108	637	485,023
2010	97,179	280,419	10,206	114,579	633	503,016
2011	96,749	296,995	12,110	115,762	628	522,244
2012	96,126	312,314	14,372	116,751	645	540,208
2013	95,801	329,531	12,630	117,417	646	556,025

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Table B4: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2013

Dependency Status	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	Death Benefit	Total
Personal Rate only	92,323	259,079	10,384	110,680	573	473,039
With Qualified Adult under 66	3,080	17,115	1,814	0	0	22,009
With Qualified Adult over 66	0	51,359	284	0	0	51,643
With Qualified Children	398	1,978	148	6,737	73	9,334
Total Number of Recipients	95,801	329,531	12,630	117,417	646	556,025
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult Allowance	3,080	68,474	2,098	0	0	73,652
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Adult Allowance	3%	21%	17%	0%	0%	13%
1 full rate Qualified Child	216	811	70	3,695	49	4,841
2 full rate Qualified Children	74	169	15	2,055	17	2,330
3 full rate Qualified Children	17	45	4	755	5	826
4 full rate Qualified Children	6	15	2	188	1	212
5 full rate Qualified Children	1	2	0	27	1	31
6+ full rate Qualified Children	1	2	0	17	0	20
1 half rate Qualified Child	57	707	46	0	0	810
2 half rate Qualified Children	19	176	9	0	0	204
3 half rate Qualified Children	7	41	2	0	0	50
4 half rate Qualified Children	0	6	0	0	0	6
5 half rate Qualified Children	0	3	0	0	0	3
6+ half rate Qualified Children	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Number of Children ⁽¹⁾	567	2,594	196	11,067	107	14,531
Number of Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	398	1,978	148	6,737	73	9,334
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	0.4%	0.6%	1.2%	5.7%	11.3%	1.7%

(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, 2013

Age Group	State Pension (Non-Contributory)		State Pension (Contributory)		State Pension (Transition)		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65 years	94	128	1,978	1,357	7,661	4,969	9,733	6,454
66 to 69 years	8,500	11,466	64,318	37,780	0	0	72,818	49,246
70 to 74 years	8,962	12,766	60,315	30,462	0	0	69,277	43,228
75 to 79 years	6,920	12,019	45,405	21,745	0	0	52,325	33,764
80 to 84 years	5,727	10,560	27,552	14,730	0	0	33,279	25,290
85 to 89 years	3,887	8,026	10,578	7,050	0	0	14,465	15,076
90 to 94 years	1,437	3,870	2,832	2,478	0	0	4,269	6,348
95 years and over	276	1,163	392	559	0	0	668	1,722
Total	35,803	59,998	213,370	116,161	7,661	4,969	256,834	181,128
OVERALL TOTAL	95,801		329,531		12,630		437,962	

Table B6: Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension and Death Benefit by Age and Sex, 2013

Age	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension		Death Benefit	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	0	0	0	0
25 to 29 years	6	38	0	0
30 to 34 years	46	203	0	3
35 to 39 years	151	509	0	6
40 to 44 years	372	1,020	1	15
45 to 49 years	668	1,952	0	20
50 to 54 years	1,333	3,564	2	41
55 to 59 years	2,217	5,768	0	58
60 to 64 years	3,189	8,895	2	83
65 years	600	2,024	0	17
66 to 69 years	2,032	9,705	0	87
70 to 74 years	2,157	14,671	0	93
75 to 79 years	1,692	17,605	1	80
80 to 84 years	1,205	16,611	1	75
85 to 89 years	637	11,726	0	40
90 to 94 years	234	5,356	0	17
95 years and over	40	1,191	0	4
Total	16,579	100,838	7	639
Overall Total	117,417		646	

Table B7: Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Primary Payment Type, 2004 to 2013

Year	State Pension (Non-Contributory) Pension	State Pension (Contributory)	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	Death Benefit
Living Alone Allowance				
2004	24,898	27,380	41,480	197
2005	25,155	27,252	44,070	202
2006	62,691	31,216	45,243	208
2007	32,904	52,210	46,352	214
2008	33,211	53,891	47,881	218
2009	33,032	54,903	47,042	214
2010	32,942	56,736	47,613	210
2011	33,058	59,093	48,076	215
2012	32,854	60,437	48,973	232
2013	32,969	62,234	49,597	236
Over 80 Allowance				
2004	30,613	25,695	27,480	76
2005	30,454	25,204	29,441	0
2006	37,185	31,454	30,444	85
2007	37,222	51,154	31,339	96
2008	37,297	45,566	32,182	105
2009	33,032	48,930	32,819	113
2010	36,942	56,736	34,086	118
2011	36,432	57,316	35,071	118
2012	35,842	61,490	36,022	128
2013	34,946	66,171	36,999	137
Island Allowance				
2004	236	52	54	0
2005	244	54	57	0
2006	242	59	59	0
2007	244	130	58	0
2008	253	126	60	0
2009	250	126	53	0
2010	252	128	51	0
2011	257	134	51	0
2012	254	144	50	0
2013	253	148	54	1

Table B8: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Payment and County, 2013

County	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	Death Benefit Pension
Carlow	1,211	3,501	120	1,397	11
Cavan	2,546	3,912	129	1,607	10
Clare	3,613	6,980	307	2,711	10
Cork	10,241	33,463	1,181	13,115	94
Donegal	6,847	8,632	289	3,420	22
Dublin	12,773	85,425	3,264	30,250	146
Galway	7,576	12,917	536	5,246	18
Kerry	5,214	9,008	328	3,642	22
Kildare	1,973	10,300	460	4,199	23
Kilkenny	2,100	5,523	216	2,129	15
Laois	1,648	3,694	142	1,613	4
Leitrim	1,320	2,069	66	982	7
Limerick	4,135	12,679	495	5,028	31
Longford	1,340	2,375	90	1,022	8
Louth	2,173	8,365	298	2,965	17
Mayo	5,873	7,858	270	3,397	12
Meath	2,496	9,174	412	3,577	22
Monaghan	1,979	3,433	130	1,410	11
Offaly	1,581	4,341	170	1,850	13
Roscommon	2,410	3,730	128	1,596	14
Sligo	1,965	4,409	181	1,713	7
Tipperary	4,552	10,620	358	4,428	48
Waterford	2,492	8,019	284	3,070	14
Westmeath	1,808	5,262	186	2,261	15
Wexford	3,907	9,479	300	3,649	19
Wicklow	2,004	9,073	403	3,152	16
Others	24	45,290	1,887	7,988	17
Total	95,801	329,531	12,630	117,417	646