

SECTION F
CHILDREN

Section F: Children

Expenditure and Recipients

This section relates to payments made in respect of children such as Child Benefit, Guardian's Payments, Family Income Supplement and School 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 F13). 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 'Pensions' programme.

Expenditure on payments in this programme group decreased by 5.2% in 2013. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 76.8% of recipient families in 2013 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 2004 was 75.3%. See Table F5 and Graph F1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit increased by 2,633 to 611,366. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 6,512 to 1,168,582

Expenditure on Child Benefit decreased by over €147 million in 2013, a decrease of 7.2% while Family Income Supplement expenditure increased by over €38million, an increase of 17.1%. Expenditure on Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance decreased by over €17 million in 2013, a decrease of 27%.

Graph F1: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 2004 to 2013

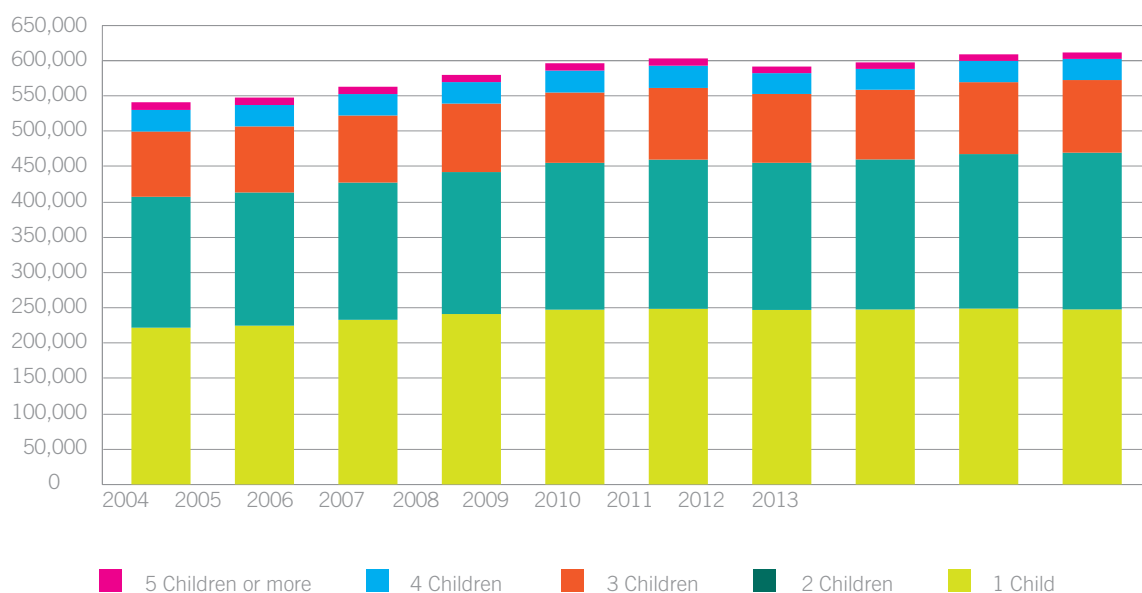


Table F1: Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2012 and 2013

Payment Type	2012	2013 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2013 over 2012
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Child Benefit	2,046,955	1,899,922	-7.2%
Family Income Supplement	223,608	261,758	17.1%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	65,679	47,976	-27.0%
School Meals	35,005	36,775	5.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,987	5,124	2.7%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	313	252	-19.5%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	10,768	10,967	1.8%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	5,968	6,331	6.1%
TOTAL	2,393,283	2,269,105	-5.2%

(1) Provisional

Table F2: Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2004 to 2013

Year	Child Benefit	Family Income Supplement	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	School Meals	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
2004	1,765,117	55,812	17,028	4,647	6,223	323	9,659	3,068
2005	1,899,936	72,152	16,713	8,434	4,096	269	7,516	3,304
2006	2,056,925	107,137	24,892	13,622	4,832	282	8,815	2,942
2007	2,232,974	140,020	40,176	28,202	4,366	454	9,560	3,862
2008	2,453,957	170,309	49,632	34,422	7,147	529	14,373	5,543
2009	2,495,304	167,133	67,188	34,848	6,024	425	11,510	5,617
2010	2,213,429	185,998	77,401	34,939	4,697	475	11,462	6,455
2011	2,076,338	204,543	90,903	34,975	5,134	276	11,416	6,228
2012	2,046,955	223,608	65,679	35,005	4,987	313	10,768	5,968
2013 ⁽¹⁾	1,899,922	261,758	47,976	36,775	5,124	252	10,967	6,331

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Table F3: Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 2004 to 2013

Year	Families	Children	Average number of Beneficiaries in Family
2004	540,911	1,051,005	1.94
2005	547,540	1,060,740	1.94
2006	562,860	1,083,980	1.93
2007	579,612	1,110,715	1.92
2008	596,108	1,141,938	1.92
2009	602,932	1,156,917	1.92
2010	591,432	1,124,003	1.90
2011	597,333	1,136,065	1.90
2012	608,733	1,162,070	1.91
2013	611,366	1,168,582	1.91

Table F4: Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 2004 to 2013

Age	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
0 ⁽¹⁾	53,401	51,033	58,551	59,123	64,205	62,525	61,748	62,045	60,444	57,871
1	60,096	61,337	62,207	65,990	71,256	72,638	73,200	72,956	72,574	69,864
2	60,421	61,457	63,085	63,684	66,764	70,498	72,774	72,996	73,338	72,208
3	58,989	61,451	62,906	65,175	64,472	66,394	70,476	72,728	73,301	73,059
4	56,915	59,922	62,211	64,296	65,689	64,117	66,542	70,362	73,467	73,213
5	57,197	57,850	60,795	63,914	64,740	65,249	64,327	65,338	70,791	72,831
6	57,857	58,234	58,862	62,326	64,191	64,390	64,974	61,997	66,515	70,474
7	57,094	58,760	59,007	60,129	62,692	63,808	64,246	64,834	64,047	66,305
8	55,116	57,816	59,517	60,137	60,608	62,690	63,820	63,978	65,428	64,006
9	53,488	55,852	58,470	60,456	60,627	60,431	62,358	63,301	64,430	65,068
10	52,977	54,218	56,036	59,470	61,063	60,598	60,111	62,030	63,918	64,238
11	53,698	53,693	54,984	57,488	60,013	61,114	60,337	59,901	62,486	63,594
12	55,401	54,317	53,960	55,757	58,120	60,224	60,989	60,298	60,564	62,450
13	56,940	56,069	55,109	54,993	56,384	57,936	59,874	60,504	60,678	60,291
14	57,891	57,566	56,804	55,588	55,563	56,410	57,802	59,517	60,984	60,571
15	56,398	58,514	58,136	57,365	55,938	55,476	56,305	57,634	60,018	60,889
16	53,582	50,958	54,920	52,574	53,175	52,844	51,825	53,836	55,651	56,719
17	52,145	50,563	49,703	52,619	53,135	53,010	52,281	51,805	53,429	54,926
18	41,399	41,130	38,717	39,631	43,303	46,565	14	5	7	5
Total	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980	1,110,715	1,141,938	1,156,917	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582

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

Table F5: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 2004 to 2013

Number of Eligible Children in Family	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1	221,837	224,686	232,974	241,138	247,345	248,541	246,937	247,606	248,908	247,706
2	185,282	188,536	194,250	200,949	207,816	211,167	208,308	212,366	218,638	221,854
3	92,379	93,516	94,960	96,956	99,550	101,454	97,396	98,643	101,797	102,780
4	30,542	30,258	30,329	30,385	31,069	31,508	29,480	29,501	30,177	29,934
5	7,619	7,417	7,266	7,234	7,368	7,341	6,752	6,726	6,701	6,649
6	2,175	2,130	2,094	2,022	2,017	1,988	1,767	1,716	1,751	1,690
7	679	630	649	615	617	609	495	486	482	484
8	258	242	230	207	213	221	204	179	169	160
9	91	79	61	68	74	64	58	75	70	74
10	28	34	38	26	29	27	27	29	24	20
11	16	6	5	8	8	8	6	4	13	9
12	4	4	3	4	2	2	1	1	2	4
13	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	2
14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	540,911	547,540	562,860	579,612	596,108	602,932	591,432	597,333	608,733	611,366
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980	1,110,715	1,141,938	1,156,917	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582

Table F6: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 2004 to 2013

Year	Number of Families	Number of Child Beneficiaries	Average number of Beneficiaries in Family
2004	14,727	29,991	2.04
2005	17,448	33,956	1.95
2006	21,800	43,861	2.01
2007	22,823	47,529	2.08
2008	27,798	58,019	2.09
2009	25,963	55,716	2.15
2010	28,223	62,240	2.21
2011	28,876	65,281	2.26
2012	32,307	73,238	2.27
2013	44,159	98,350	2.23

Table F7: Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age & Sex, 2013

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 20 years	0	1	1
20 to 24 years	91	323	414
25 to 29 years	944	2,584	3,528
30 to 34 years	3,193	5,143	8,336
35 to 39 years	4,399	5,977	10,376
40 to 44 years	4,243	5,593	9,836
45 to 49 years	3,032	3,944	6,976
50 to 54 years	1,437	1,949	3,386
55 to 59 years	514	544	1,058
60 to 64 years	139	91	230
65 years	12	3	15
66 to 69 years	2	1	3
Total	18,006	26,153	44,159

Table F8: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2013

Weekly Rate	Family Size (Number of Children)								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
20 - 25	1,554	1,197	499	141	13	0	0	0	3,404
26 - 50	2,727	1,651	722	220	27	4	0	0	5,351
51 - 75	3,594	2,112	1,048	280	38	7	1	0	7,080
76 - 100	2,699	2,730	1,150	319	60	7	1	0	6,966
101 - 125	1,344	2,854	1,168	373	86	6	0	0	5,831
126 - 150	800	1,636	1,297	431	94	11	3	0	4,272
Over 150	1,366	2,511	3,374	2,480	1,037	336	110	41	11,255
Total	14,084	14,691	9,258	4,244	1,355	371	115	41	44,159
Number of Children	14,084	29,382	27,774	16,976	6,775	2,226	805	328	98,350

Table F9: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2013

Age of Recipient	Family Income Group (Euro per week - Net)							Total
	100-199	200-299	300-399	400-499	500-599	600-699	700+	
Under 25 years	9	52	199	150	5	0	0	415
25 to 29 years	60	272	1,338	1,593	240	19	6	3,528
30 to 34 years	127	468	2,383	3,655	1,366	280	57	8,336
35 to 39 years	180	611	2,484	4,048	2,100	737	216	10,376
40 to 44 years	219	709	2,107	3,455	2,041	923	382	9,836
45 to 49 years	206	667	1,458	2,240	1,460	647	298	6,976
50 to 54 years	135	399	812	1,039	617	255	129	3,386
55 to 59 years	65	177	286	320	142	56	12	1,058
60 to 64 years	12	42	59	72	32	11	2	230
65 years or more	3	3	5	5	1	1	0	18
Total	1,016	3,400	11,131	16,577	8,004	2,929	1,102	44,159

Table F10: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Family Type and Income Group, 2013

Family Type	Family Income Group (Euro per week - Net)							Total
	100-199	200-299	300-399	400-499	500-599	600-699	700+	
One- Parent Family	548	1,779	6,083	9,695	2,350	569	193	21,217
Two- Parent Family	468	1,621	5,048	6,882	5,654	2,360	909	22,942
Total	1,016	3,400	11,131	16,577	8,004	2,929	1,102	44,159

Table F11: Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Primary Payment, 2012 and 2013

Payment Type	2012	2013	Change 2013 over 2012
State Pensions	328	382	16.5%
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	1,182	1,994	68.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	69,788	64,251	-7.9%
Invalidity Pension	2,580	2,650	2.7%
Illness Benefit	6,837	5,327	-22.1%
Disability Allowance	7,997	8,472	5.9%
Jobseeker's Allowance	53,069	58,432	10.1%
Jobseeker's Benefit	10,888	5,424	-50.2%
Supplement Welfare Allowance	7,328	6,576	-10.3%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	4,810	5,174	7.6%
Department of Work and Pensions (UK)	16	3	-81.3%
Other	19,947	22,094	10.8%
Total	184,770	180,779	-2.2%

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

Table F12: Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, 2012 and 2013

Payment	2012	2013	Change 2013 over 2012
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	433	435	0.5%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	938	947	1.0%
Total	1,371	1,382	0.8%

Table F13: Number of Qualified Child Increases by Primary Payment Type, 2013

Payment	1 Qualified Child		2 Qualified Children		3 Qualified Children		4 Qualified Children		5 Qualified Children		6+ Qualified Children		Total Families with Children		Total 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 (Non-Contributory)	216	57	74	19	17	7	6	0	1	0	0	0	315	83	451	116
State Pension (Contributory)	811	707	169	176	45	41	15	6	2	3	1	1,044	934	1,366	1,228	
State Pension (Transition)	70	46	15	9	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	92	57	126	70	
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	3,695	0	2,055	0	755	0	188	0	27	0	0	6,737	0	11,067	0	
Death Benefit Pension	49	0	17	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	73	0	107	0	
Jobseeker's Allowance	23,145	7,499	21,733	7,950	10,811	4,105	4,376	1,424	1,488	390	137	62,345	21,505	129,264	44,245	
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	41,744	0	24,035	0	8,694	0	2,695	0	748	0	0	78,192	0	132,166	0	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾	2,693	0	1,954	0	1,140	0	563	0	195	0	0	6,650	0	13,955	0	
Farm Assist	885	261	884	281	661	184	334	73	109	38	47	2,920	850	6,819	1,941	
Pre-Retirement Allowance	44	13	10	3	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	61	18	87	25	
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,983	2,058	1,542	1,821	653	639	176	136	42	24	7	4,408	4,685	8,018	8,326	
Deserted Wife's Benefit	412	0	80	0	20	0	1	0	2	0	0	516	0	652	0	
Health and Safety Benefit	0	2	4	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	8	15	
Back to Work Allowance	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	990	357	1,340	390	679	192	227	57	55	10	2	3,301	1,008	6,953	2,003	
Back to Education Allowance	1,571	490	1,151	530	576	252	236	108	69	24	6	3,625	1,410	7,029	2,896	
Community Employment Programme	1,809	1,086	1,523	1,223	584	597	301	147	92	27	7	4,347	3,087	9,327	6,092	
Rural Social Scheme	208	42	195	66	139	32	66	23	19	4	1	633	168	1,422	389	
TUS	441	178	586	271	248	116	76	78	26	7	15	1,392	672	2,887	1,567	
Disability Allowance	4,541	1,668	2,803	1,214	1,424	673	660	255	278	123	188	9,894	3,992	19,706	8,158	
Blind Pension	54	34	42	22	19	10	6	3	5	2	1	127	71	250	130	
Carer's Allowance	658	3,879	403	4,749	193	3,125	87	1,312	28	387	188	1,399	13,640	2,734	31,180	
Illness Benefit	2,107	2,612	1,477	2,405	729	970	246	257	67	52	14	4,643	6,310	8,681	11,712	
Interim Illness Benefit	18	13	15	6	7	4	7	1	2	0	0	49	24	107	41	
Partial Capacity Benefit	47	73	34	54	15	21	11	5	0	0	2	107	155	204	281	
Invalidity Pension	1,577	3,023	814	2,032	327	795	109	157	39	37	15	2,881	6,057	4,911	10,372	
Injury Benefit	34	22	27	18	15	13	2	2	3	0	0	81	55	156	105	
Disablement Pension	44	63	20	38	7	20	3	7	2	0	1	77	128	133	227	
Carer's Benefit	24	110	15	143	6	121	1	37	0	2	3	46	416	76	936	
TOTAL	89,872	24,295	63,017	23,422	27,778	11,924	10,397	4,088	3,300	1,130	475	1,597	195,961	65,334	368,664	132,057

(1) There were 54 recipients of One-Parent Family Payment who were not in receipt of a qualified child increase at December 2013. This is usually because their qualified child is now claiming a One-Parent Family Payment in their own right.

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

(3) Includes Direct Provision Allowance.

Table F14: Number of Recipients of Child Related Payments by County, 2013

County	Child Benefit		Family Income Supplement	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
	Recipients	Children				
Carlow	8,591	16,304	744	3,151	9	8
Cavan	9,903	20,144	965	3,373	2	14
Clare	15,201	30,001	1,028	4,187	6	18
Cork	68,612	131,437	4,683	17,594	42	57
Donegal	20,184	40,497	2,048	8,940	8	17
Dublin	162,323	297,024	10,281	44,890	161	452
Galway	31,344	61,929	2,090	8,859	13	34
Kerry	18,003	34,431	1,326	5,573	11	24
Kildare	31,942	61,526	1,873	8,129	17	32
Kilkenny	11,973	23,291	696	3,301	7	11
Laois	10,610	21,170	766	3,404	7	6
Leitrim	4,088	8,251	291	1,340	4	5
Limerick	25,100	47,436	1,889	7,608	27	36
Longford	5,434	10,946	604	2,195	2	8
Louth	18,417	35,111	1,647	6,282	11	14
Mayo	15,597	31,431	1,366	5,453	9	14
Meath	27,931	54,602	1,725	6,617	11	30
Monaghan	7,892	15,771	842	2,691	0	8
Offaly	10,403	20,388	868	3,644	6	15
Roscommon	7,573	15,215	609	2,383	6	9
Sligo	7,884	15,496	594	2,295	2	13
Tipperary	21,344	41,095	1,785	6,748	23	17
Waterford	16,018	30,229	1,409	5,314	12	27
Westmeath	12,184	23,533	983	3,908	9	23
Wexford	20,897	39,793	1,851	7,689	24	28
Wicklow	20,023	37,784	1,073	5,209	6	22
Others	1,895	3,747	123	2	0	5
Total	611,366	1,168,582	44,159	180,779	435	947

