

SECTION E
ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

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Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Illness Benefit decreased by 3.5% and expenditure on Invalidity Pension decreased by 7.9%. Expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 8.6%, there are now 111,552 recipients of the scheme.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €4.6 million in 2014, an increase of 0.8%. There are now 59,133 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 2,244 year on year.

Graph E2 and Table E2 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 2005 to 2014.

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 171 to 1,769 in 2014.

There were 25,751 recipients of a half-rate Carer's Allowance at the end of 2014 which represents an increase of 811 over 2013.

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 was 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.

Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred to the Department of Social Protection in April, 2009.

Table E1: Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Carer's by Payment Type 2005 to 2014

Type of Payment	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2014 over 2013
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE											
Disability Allowance	630,728	738,431	901,131	1,052,660	1,142,769	1,109,505	1,089,178	1,087,513	1,140,916	1,238,470	8.6%
Blind Pension ⁽²⁾	16,661	16,964	15,031	16,319	16,277	16,032	15,624	15,747	14,823	14,429	-2.7%
Carer's Allowance	223,059	284,584	361,257	450,260	502,469	501,789	507,193	509,671	554,801	559,456	0.8%
Domiciliary Care Allowance ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	31,017	95,710	99,924	102,237	104,272	110,675	6.1%
Respite Care Grant ⁽⁴⁾	34,302	50,458	73,376	98,204	99,200	128,097	130,392	136,353	119,945	118,506	-1.2%
SOCIAL INSURANCE											
Illness Benefit	540,245	627,642	755,077	852,305	919,783	942,571	875,549	773,959	648,938	625,975	-3.5%
Injury Benefit	14,231	16,123	17,194	19,250	18,143	17,884	16,507	15,860	14,592	16,537	13.3%
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	548,285	602,414	618,133	685,717	681,642	639,994	606,502	604,024	707,769	651,666	-7.9%
Disablement Benefit	67,026	72,526	79,283	84,443	85,677	78,822	77,460	76,147	76,118	76,622	0.7%
Medical Care	298	292	298	282	309	360	317	355	345	248	-28.1%
Carer's Benefit	9,588	16,688	26,900	33,666	30,204	26,288	24,474	24,498	22,443	23,652	5.4%
TOTAL	2,084,423	2,426,122	2,847,680	3,293,106	3,527,490	3,557,052	3,443,120	3,346,364	3,404,962	3,436,236	0.9%

(1) Provisional (2) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section. (3) Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred from the Health Service Executive to the Department of Social Protection in 2009.

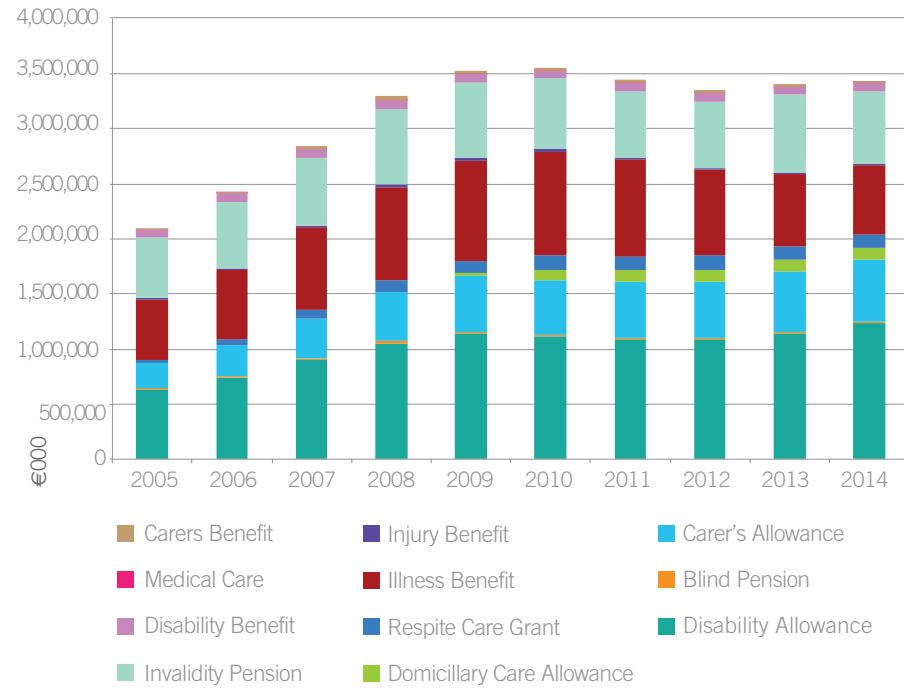
(4) Respite Care Grant was reported on separately for the first time in June 2005. Prior to that it was included in its parent scheme.

Table E2: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Payment Type, 2005 to 2014

Type of Payment	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percentage Variance 2014 over 2013
Disability Allowance	79,253	83,697	89,048	95,754	99,576	101,111	102,866	101,784	106,279	112,097	5.5%
Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾	1,985	1,476	1,474	1,472	1,467	1,485	1,496	1,456	1,385	N/a	N/a
Carer's Allowance	24,970	27,474	33,067	43,569	48,223	50,577	51,666	52,209	57,136	59,380	3.9%
Illness Benefit	61,845	65,774	70,404	73,609	77,665	81,253	73,397	64,429	58,990	57,024	-3.3%
Interim Illness Benefit ⁽⁴⁾	355	338	440	525	318	374	327	363	380	327	-13.9%
Injury Benefit	908	924	900	846	726	835	776	671	822	906	10.2%
Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾	58,352	51,954	53,956	53,725	52,922	50,766	48,792	50,053	53,196	54,223	1.9%
Disablement Benefit ^{(2) (3)}	12,475	12,646	12,874	13,192	13,520	13,721	13,993	14,202	14,226	12,293	-13.6%
Carer's Benefit	867	1,647	2,080	2,249	1,917	1,642	1,637	1,638	1,598	1,769	10.7%
TOTAL	241,010	245,930	264,243	284,941	296,334	301,764	294,950	286,805	294,012	298,019	1.4%

(1) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section. (2) Disablement Benefit 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 Benefit 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. 890 and 859 persons were in receipt of an Incapacity Supplement Payment at the end of 2013 and 2014 respectively. (4) 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.

Graph E1: Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Carer's by Payment Type, 2005 to 2014



Graph E2: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments, 2005 to 2014

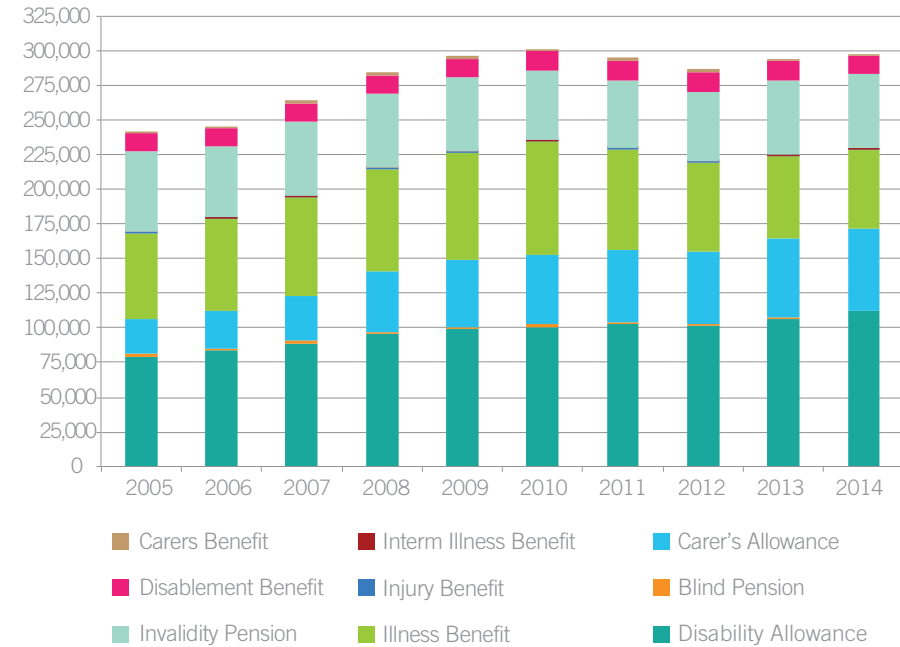


Table E3: Number of Recipients of Allowances by Primary Payment Type, 2005 to 2014

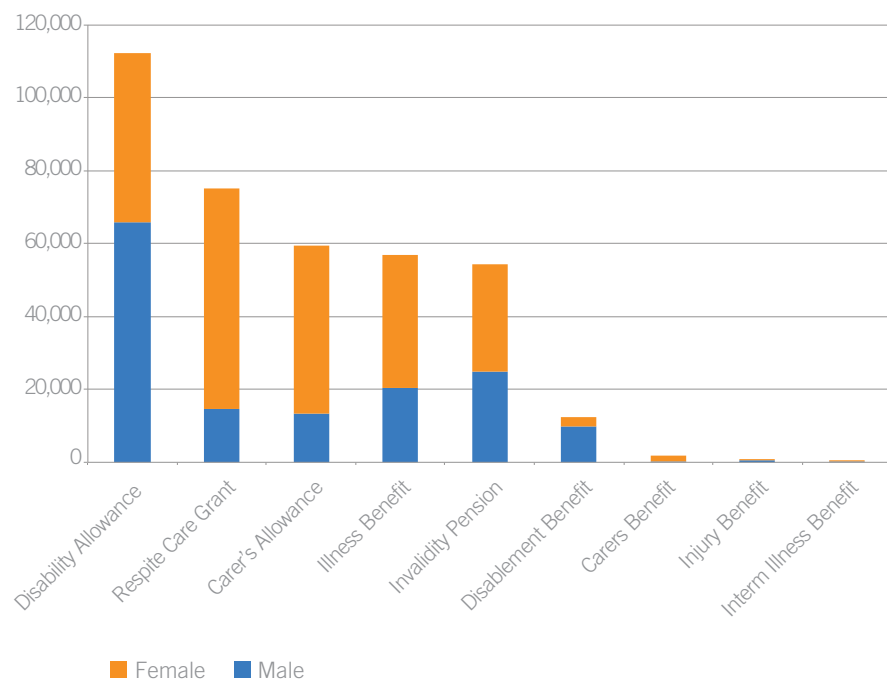
Year	Disability Allowance	Invalidity Pension	Blind Pension
Living Alone Allowance			
2005	14,819	10,079	411
2006	16,943	8,403	269
2007	18,831	8,995	269
2008	21,068	9,259	266
2009	22,334	9,279	272
2010	22,989	9,130	267
2011	23,491	9,064	263
2012	23,210	9,019	266
2013	24,006	9,348	248
2014	24,978	9,369	n/a
Island Allowance			
2005	93	18	8
2006	94	13	5
2007	99	14	5
2008	97	17	5
2009	98	18	5
2010	91	18	5
2011	90	16	5
2012	78	15	5
2013	77	12	5
2014	75	13	n/a

Table E4: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Age and Sex, 2014

Age (Years)	Disability Allowance		Carer's Allowance		Respite Care Grant		Illness Benefit		Injury Benefit		Interim Illness Benefit		Invalidity Pension		Disablement Benefit		Carer's Benefit	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
16	673	352	0	0	0	0	7	9	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	828	453	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	848	475	3	2	3	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	883	546	9	22	9	22	1	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	851	528	12	32	12	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	875	623	19	53	20	68	25	16	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
22	958	627	38	102	37	118	46	66	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	1,016	697	41	107	37	139	82	124	7	5	5	2	0	1	2	0	0	1
24	1,010	649	29	160	27	189	92	144	8	6	2	1	1	0	6	2	0	2
25 to 29	4,762	3,445	261	1,539	260	1,983	729	1,597	51	44	15	13	32	45	90	36	3	45
30 to 34	5,633	4,117	440	3,231	475	4,795	1,418	3,470	96	44	38	27	212	368	238	79	18	203
35 to 39	6,140	4,391	842	4,813	930	7,566	1,817	4,155	85	29	33	25	590	998	458	148	43	315
40 to 44	7,030	4,834	1,364	6,507	1,541	10,096	2,143	4,756	93	38	49	12	1,134	1,835	729	252	48	316
45 to 49	7,561	5,405	1,815	6,446	1,975	9,101	2,250	4,894	62	45	22	11	1,798	2,843	922	326	48	192
50 to 54	7,944	5,795	1,906	5,703	2,012	6,968	2,727	5,266	58	48	18	11	3,279	4,970	1,216	347	40	204
55 to 59	8,237	6,046	1,760	4,711	1,834	5,241	3,325	5,307	47	49	9	15	5,709	6,964	1,417	370	43	139
60 to 64	8,801	6,166	1,513	4,095	1,590	4,504	4,553	5,837	33	16	7	9	9,627	9,086	1,147	288	18	76
65	1,677	1,204	256	805	277	894	1,043	1,122	4	2	1	1	2,594	2,137	275	68	1	3
66 to 69	10	7	1,038	2,881	1,133	3,231	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,376	287	3	7
70 to 74	0	0	930	2,488	1,052	2,885	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	940	145	0	1
75 to 79	0	0	680	1,493	811	1,803	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	576	71	0	0
80 to 84	0	0	305	639	399	795	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	295	35	0	0
85 to 89	0	0	100	150	135	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	12	0	0
90 to 94	0	0	13	22	19	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	4	0	0
95 and over	0	0	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0
Total	65,737	46,360	13,376	46,004	14,591	60,671	20,259	36,765	571	335	199	128	24,976	29,247	9,822	2,471	265	1,504
Grand Total	112,097		59,380		75,262		57,024		906		327		54,223		12,293		1,769	

The number of Respite Care Grant recipients reported is the total number in payment and include those who are not in receipt of any other Carer's payment.

Graph E3: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Scheme and Sex, 2014



Graph E4: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Age, 2014

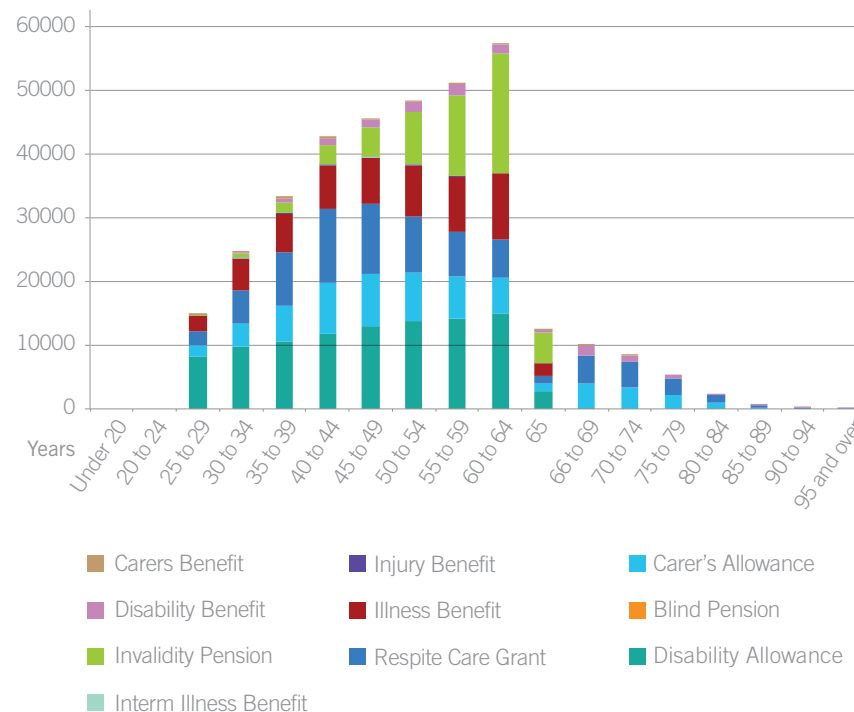


Table E5: Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance Half-Rate Payment, 2013 and 2014

Type of Payment	2013	2014	Change 2014 over 2013
State Pension Non-Contributory	2,327	2,303	-1.0%
State Pension Non-Contributory Qualified Adult	318	350	10.1%
State Pension (Transition/ Contributory)	3,809	3,918	2.9%
State Pension (Transition/Contributory) Qualified Adult	1,819	1,811	-0.4%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,313	1,357	3.4%
Jobseeker's Allowance Qualified Adult	1,849	2,003	8.3%
One Parent Family Payment	4,490	4,462	-0.6%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	101	94	-6.9%
Farm Assist	130	142	9.2%
Farm Assist Qualified Adult	135	124	-8.1%
Pre - Retirement Allowance	68	61	-10.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance Qualified Adult	25	22	-12.0%
Jobseeker's Benefit Qualified Adult	360	304	-15.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	297	287	-3.4%
Maternity Benefit	38	45	18.4%
Adoptive Benefit	1	0	-100.0%
Back to Work Qualified Adult	56	42	-25.0%
Back to Work Self Employed	1	0	-100.0%
Back to Work Self Employed Qualified Adult	11	11	0.0%
Disability Allowance	1,321	1,445	9.4%
Disability Allowance Qualified Adult	1,657	1,882	13.6%
Disablement Pension	2	7	250.0%
Blind Pension	18	14	-22.2%
Qualified Adult Blind Pension	34	37	8.8%
Illness Benefit	1,003	1,030	2.7%
Illness Benefit Qualified Adult	365	421	15.3%
Injury Benefit	10	13	30.0%
Injury Benefit Qualified Adult	14	14	0.0%
Invalidity Pension	1,141	1,196	4.8%
Invalidity Pension Qualified Adult	1,353	1,426	5.4%
Incapacity Benefit	2	3	50.0%
Incapacity Benefit Qualified Adult	9	8	-11.1%
Others	863	919	6.5%
Total	24,940	25,751	3.3%
Number of Recipients of Full and Half Rate Carers by Rate and age group (under 66 and 66+), 2014			
Age	Full Rate	Half Rate	Total
Under 66	31,949	16,687	48,636
66 years and over	1,608	9,064	10,672
Totals	33,557	25,751	59,308

Table E6: Number of Recipients of Disablement Benefit by Degree of Disablement and Sex, 2014

Degree of Disablement ⁽¹⁾	Male	Female	Total
Under 20%	1,603	523	2,126
20%	2,241	782	3,023
30%	2,761	672	3,433
40%	1,556	282	1,838
50%	705	102	807
60%	425	54	479
70%	205	21	226
80%	166	22	188
90%	41	5	46
100%	119	8	127
Total	9,822	2,471	12,293

(1) The rate of Disablement Benefit depends on the degree of disablement, which is medically assessed. For assessments of up to 10% disablement benefit will be paid as a single Gratuity. If the assessment is between 10% and 19% and is for life, the claimant has a choice between a pension and a Gratuity. From 20% upwards a pension is payable. In addition 40 Gratuities were paid, up until July 2014.

Table E7: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Dependents, 2014

Type of Recipient	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Disablement Benefit	Carer's Benefit
Personal Rate only	91,309	43,527	44,426	736	273	39,928	12,293	1,467
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult Only	5,453	0	2,775	37	6	5,683	0	0
With Qualified Adult and Qualified Children	6,161	0	2,735	64	31	1,938	0	0
With Qualified Children only	9,174	15,853	7,088	69	17	6,674	N/a	302
Total Number of Recipients	112,097	59,380	57,024	906	327	54,223	12,293	1,769
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult	11,614	0	5,510	101	37	7,621	0	0
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	10.4%	0.0%	9.7%	11.1%	11.3%	14.1%	0.0%	0.0%
1 full rate Qualified Child	5,116	890	2,047	34	11	1,602	N/a	29
2 full rate Qualified Children	3,145	469	1,463	35	16	857	N/a	18
3 full rate Qualified Children	1,588	196	726	10	7	346	N/a	15
4 full rate Qualified Children	718	87	227	6	1	121	N/a	0
5 full rate Qualified Children	294	35	67	0	0	36	N/a	0
6+ full rate Qualified Children	197	26	19	0	0	12	N/a	0
1 half rate Qualified Child	1,784	3,967	2,285	25	6	2,783	N/a	66
2 half rate Qualified Children	1,358	5,018	1,942	17	4	1,899	N/a	83
3 half rate Qualified Children	655	3,208	777	2	2	753	N/a	64
4 half rate Qualified Children	297	1,359	205	4	1	162	N/a	21
5 half rate Qualified Children	127	401	50	0	0	31	N/a	4
6+ half rate Qualified Children	56	197	15	0	0	10	N/a	2
Total Recipients with Children	15,335	15,853	9,823	133	48	8,612	N/a	302
% of Recipients with Children	13.7%	26.7%	17.2%	14.7%	14.7%	15.9%	N/a	17.1%
Total Number of Children	30,501	35,489	18,191	239	92	14,803	N/a	650

Table E8: Number of Families Receiving Domiciliary Care Allowance by Number of Children, 2010 to 2014

Number of Eligible Children in Family	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1	21,774	22,434	23,020	23,794	25,420
2	1,513	1,532	1,548	1,584	1,706
3	131	124	124	127	131
4	9	11	7	5	11
5	1	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Families	23,428	24,101	24,699	25,510	27,268
Total Number of Children in respect of whom Benefit is paid	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269

Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred from the Health Service Executive to the Department of Social Protection in 2009.

Table E9: Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Age, 2010 to 2014

Age	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
0	295	292	262	330	273
1	708	721	653	629	681
2	891	870	898	811	881
3	1,166	1,110	1,086	1,195	1,222
4	1,336	1,401	1,407	1,502	1,669
5	1,530	1,530	1,627	1,701	1,935
6	1,721	1,702	1,740	1,835	2,075
7	1,786	1,888	1,847	1,915	2,153
8	1,991	1,901	2,005	1,963	2,161
9	2,091	2,072	2,003	2,124	2,165
10	2,037	2,183	2,175	2,080	2,294
11	2,024	2,120	2,249	2,244	2,245
12	2,012	2,093	2,181	2,285	2,341
13	1,887	2,060	2,140	2,218	2,377
14	1,826	1,952	2,071	2,205	2,313
15	1,813	1,863	2,003	2,140	2,293
16	120	156	169	186	191
Total	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269

Graph E5: Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Age, 2010 to 2014

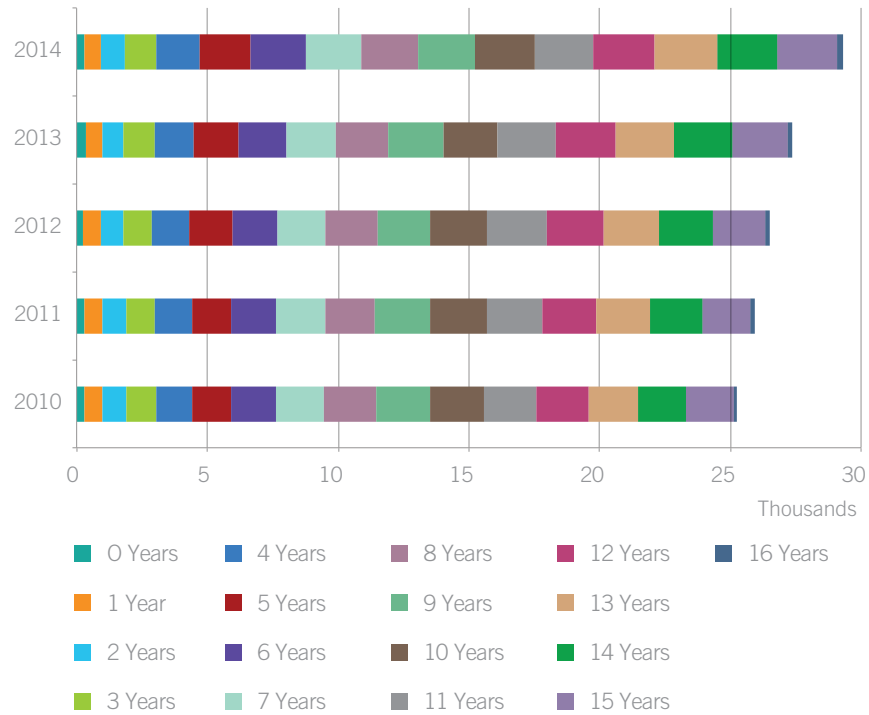


Table E10: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Payment Type and County, 2014

	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Domiciliary Care Allowance	Respite Care Grant	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Disablement Benefit	Carer's Benefit
Carlow	1,747	997	452	1,200	1,138	19	3	946	210	28
Cavan	1,593	947	370	1,136	953	19	3	692	166	39
Clare	2,708	1,492	693	1,926	1,123	20	5	1,143	288	42
Cork	13,752	6,745	3,850	9,022	7,386	108	35	7,216	1,747	235
Donegal	4,796	3,217	892	3,659	1,856	29	11	1,542	335	64
Dublin	27,813	11,760	6,392	15,795	14,416	225	87	13,789	2,718	349
Galway	6,403	3,474	1,402	4,286	2,387	36	23	1,970	548	111
Kerry	4,241	2,414	997	2,971	1,622	42	6	1,524	331	76
Kildare	3,701	2,054	1,364	2,835	2,641	47	19	2,211	444	72
Kilkenny	2,146	1,179	513	1,481	951	20	9	951	252	40
Laois	1,871	987	482	1,245	858	13	4	858	176	38
Leitrim	791	555	170	646	473	5	1	458	99	20
Limerick	5,825	3,088	1,374	3,862	2,834	42	19	3,174	772	64
Longford	1,273	822	209	933	529	15	4	574	142	19
Louth	3,013	1,666	705	2,068	2,260	34	15	1,805	448	38
Mayo	3,674	2,425	678	2,831	1,518	18	5	1,392	313	52
Meath	2,906	1,744	1,118	2,401	2,534	31	17	1,624	503	69
Monaghan	1,304	822	287	975	780	15	4	538	156	28
Offaly	1,899	1,314	570	1,568	1,028	11	3	1,100	220	27
Roscommon	1,584	1,042	347	1,269	754	4	4	784	207	46
Sligo	1,858	1,009	326	1,210	890	13	5	824	174	48
Tipperary	5,040	2,799	991	3,386	1,863	50	10	2,134	568	72
Waterford	3,020	1,534	634	1,906	1,509	18	10	1,552	416	51
Westmeath	2,214	1,260	588	1,570	1,065	19	10	1,219	207	34
Wexford	3,946	2,483	1,002	3,001	1,726	27	7	1,988	384	54
Wicklow	2,970	1,551	856	2,073	1,597	19	7	1,399	298	46
Others	9	0	6	7	333	7	1	816	171	7
Total	112,097	59,380	27,268	75,262	57,024	906	327	54,223	12,293	1,769

Graph E6: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Payment Type and County, 2014

