

SECTION C
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Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports decreased by 7.3% overall in 2011. Lower recipient numbers accounted for some of the decrease (11,712 or 0.2% lower, mainly due to the reduction in the number of recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit numbers), though the reduction in working age income support rates in 2011 combined with a marked reduction in Redundancy and Insolvency Payments (33.3% lower) accounts for the bulk of the reduced expenditure.

The payment type in this programme group with both the largest expenditure and number of recipients is Jobseeker's Allowance. At the end of 2011 there were 283,929 recipients. Expenditure in 2011 was nearly €2,975 million which represented an increase of 5.9% over 2010.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance fell by 301 and 78 respectively during 2011, while recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 1,201. It should be noted that these schemes are closed to new entrants.

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.

Table C1: Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Payment Type, 2010 and 2011

Payment Type	2010	2011 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2011 over 2010
	€000	€000	
Social Assistance			
Jobseeker's Allowance	2,809,381	2,974,987	5.9%
One-Parent Family Payment	1,110,328	1,088,897	-1.9%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	19,252	18,173	-5.6%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	5,020	4,211	-16.1%
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	206,570	174,349	-15.6%
Farm Assist	110,931	113,724	2.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	77,850	59,942	-23.0%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	69,420	62,228	-10.4%
Other Supplements ⁽²⁾	13,391	12,766	-4.7%
Humanitarian Aid	1,045	359	-65.6%
Social Insurance			
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,285,438	927,105	-27.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	93,387	85,828	-8.1%
Maternity Benefit	323,938	309,143	-4.6%
Adoptive Benefit	891	1,075	20.7%
Health & Safety Benefit	588	643	9.4%
Redundancy & Insolvency Payments	490,304	326,892	-33.3%
Treatment Benefits	51,473	23,042	-55.2%
Total	6,669,207	6,183,364	-7.3%

(1) Provisional

(2) Includes Heating, Diet and Travel

Table C2: Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Payment Type, 2002 to 2011

Payment Type	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ⁽¹⁾
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Jobseeker's Allowance	511,985	565,952	613,817	667,483	768,560	875,092	1,158,851	2,004,556	2,809,381	2,974,987
One-Parent Family Payment	613,035	660,586	694,835	751,102	834,262	962,425	1,067,158	1,121,344	1,110,328	1,088,897
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	116,493	116,834	122,300	126,944	103,688	19,921	21,181	21,275	19,252	18,173
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10,238	10,605	10,967	11,468	10,547	6,897	6,624	6,038	5,020	4,211
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	145,125	160,488	158,572	162,368	139,189	155,204	189,440	240,871	206,570	174,349
Farm Assist	58,571	62,806	66,343	67,284	71,085	78,686	84,881	93,297	110,931	113,724
Pre-Retirement Allowance	87,028	89,077	94,726	102,879	113,063	124,490	117,666	96,606	77,850	59,942
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽²⁾	12	13	15	14	13	16	7	6	0	0
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	55,431	55,431	51,319	56,513	61,138	69,828	82,254	75,210	69,420	62,228
Other Supplements ⁽³⁾	12,519	15,043	14,568	13,392	13,533	13,835	14,286	14,214	13,391	12,766
Humanitarian Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	605	1,045	359
Jobseeker's Benefit	423,487	477,129	455,586	418,085	455,073	544,931	928,844	1,733,816	1,285,438	927,105
Deserted Wife's Benefit	88,150	89,234	89,749	90,620	94,621	100,710	104,618	100,130	93,387	85,828
Maternity Benefit	99,129	107,336	121,571	132,412	180,801	257,896	315,878	331,289	323,938	309,143
Adoptive Benefit	578	532	609	709	818	1,333	1,644	1,247	891	1,075
Health & Safety Benefit	217	213	143	293	353	503	576	619	588	643
Redundancy and Insolvency	58,713	97,636	147,643	150,347	170,012	188,178	202,264	350,398	490,304	326,892
Treatment Benefits	60,796	63,348	70,454	65,497	95,020	91,602	97,124	100,179	51,473	23,042
Total	2,341,507	2,572,263	2,713,217	2,817,410	3,111,776	3,491,547	4,393,296	6,291,700	6,669,207	6,183,364

(1) Provisional

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

(3) Includes Heating, Diet Travel etc.

Table C3: Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports by Payment Type, 2002 to 2011

Type of Payment	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Jobseeker's Allowance	71,566	75,249	73,840	75,357	75,801	80,268	113,603	203,248	261,850	283,929
One-Parent Family Payment	79,195	79,296	80,103	80,366	83,081	85,084	87,840	90,484	92,326	90,307
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	16,318	15,783	15,284	14,729	2,168	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,582	1,523	1,456	1,382	766	693	617	550	487	409
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	32,073	31,217	29,748	28,066	25,330	27,379	35,546	42,775	37,499	34,597
Farm Assist	8,514	8,707	8,350	7,824	7,480	7,376	7,496	8,972	10,714	11,333
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,222	10,957	11,228	11,058	11,149	10,624	8,872	7,468	6,021	4,820
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾	19,599	22,598	19,844	18,990	18,495	17,744	17,043	15,763	15,206	14,244
Jobseeker's Benefit	66,416	70,090	57,699	52,754	50,542	59,167	121,763	160,122	123,457	96,044
Deserted Wife's Benefit	11,794	11,339	10,769	10,180	9,760	9,395	9,056	8,737	8,372	8,071
Maternity Benefit	9,603	10,594	10,356	10,791	14,898	20,948	23,421	23,294	23,456	23,947
Adoptive Benefit	53	33	26	32	59	55	68	64	53	45
Health & Safety Benefit	32	12	21	26	37	39	69	49	60	61
Total	327,969	337,400	318,726	311,557	299,568	320,912	427,437	563,524	581,478	569,766

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

Table C4: Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2010 and 2011

Payment	2010	2011	Change 2010 over 2009
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	23,456	23,947	2.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	60	61	1.7%
Adoptive Benefit	53	45	-15.1%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	48,806	48,827	0.0%

Table C5: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance by Age, 2011

Age	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	0	0
25 to 29 years	0	0
30 to 34 years	0	0
35 to 39 years	3	0
40 to 44 years	109	0
45 to 49 years	733	21
50 to 54 years	1,580	52
55 to 59 years	1,935	104
60 to 64 years	1,858	185
65 years and over	1,853	47
Total	8,071	409

Table C6: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit by Number of Qualified Children, 2011

Type of Recipient	Deserted Wife's Benefit
Without Qualified Children	7,256
With 1 child	609
With 2 children	161
With 3 children	36
With 4 children	5
With 5 children	3
With 6 or more children	1
Total Recipients	8,071
Total Recipients with Children	815
% of Recipients with Children	10.1%
Total Number of Children	1,081

Table C7: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit in Receipt of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowances and Island Allowance, 2011

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Deserted Wife's Benefit	748	135	0
Total	748	135	0

Table C8: Number of Recipients of Farm Assist by Age & Sex, 2011

Age of Recipient	Farm Assist		
	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	67	2	69
25 to 29 years	176	5	181
30 to 34 years	421	26	447
35 to 39 years	786	59	845
40 to 44 years	1,218	112	1,330
45 to 49 years	1,510	143	1,653
50 to 54 years	1,785	155	1,940
55 to 59 years	1,927	167	2,094
60 to 64 years	2,219	141	2,360
65+ years	390	24	414
Total	10,499	834	11,333

Table C9: Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance by Number of Dependants, 2011

Number of Recipients	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Total
Personal Rate only	76,419	194,516	270,935
With Qualified Adult only	3,514	17,948	21,462
1 full rate Qualified Child	3,207	18,497	21,704
2 full rate Qualified Children	2,802	18,213	21,015
3 full rate Qualified Children	1,289	9,583	10,872
4 full rate Qualified Children	393	3,828	4,221
5 full rate Qualified Children	89	1,298	1,387
6+full rate Qualified Children	23	710	733
1 half rate Qualified Child	3,707	7,753	11,460
2 half rate Qualified Children	3,108	6,733	9,841
3 half rate Qualified Children	1,146	3,259	4,405
4 half rate Qualified Children	278	1,134	1,412
5 half rate Qualified Children	56	319	375
6+ half rate Qualified Children	13	138	151
Total Number of Recipients	96,044	283,929	379,973
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	9,771	65,480	75,251
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	10.2%	23.1%	19.8%
Number of Recipients with Qualified Children	16,111	71,465	87,576
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	16.8%	25.2%	23.0%
Total Number of Children⁽¹⁾	29,676	148,237	177,913

(1) A Qualified Child Increase is payable at half rate where a spouse/civil partner/cohabitant, living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/civil partner/cohabitant 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.

Graph C1: Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 2002 to 2011

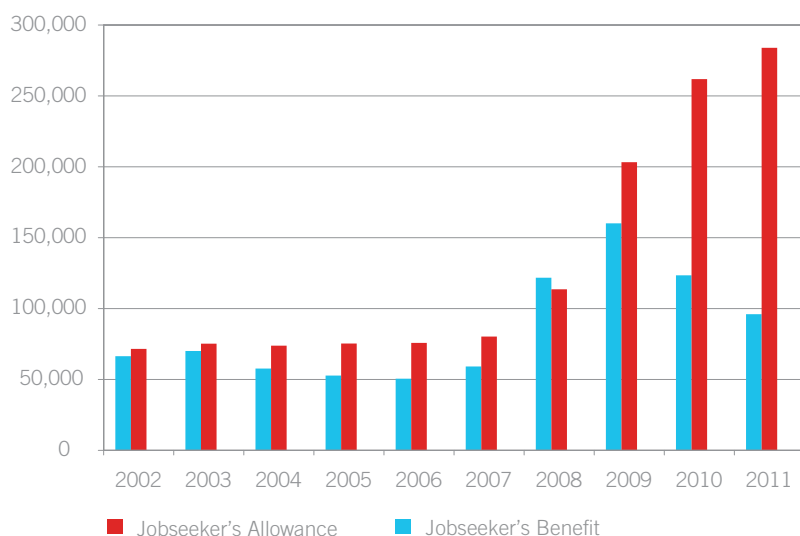


Table C10: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2011

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent		Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 25 years	24	11,776	0	8	24	11,784
25 to 29 years	100	17,431	0	28	100	17,459
30 to 34 years	221	17,582	4	73	225	17,655
35 to 39 years	333	15,479	13	135	346	15,614
40 to 44 years	478	12,579	21	164	499	12,743
45 to 49 years	427	7,988	34	182	461	8,170
50 to 54 years	255	3,357	25	118	280	3,475
55 to 59 years	131	990	20	67	151	1,057
60 to 64 years	40	173	12	20	52	193
65 years and over	5	7	3	4	8	11
Total	2,014	87,362	132	799	2,146	88,161
Overall Total	89,376		931		90,307	

Graph C2: Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment, 2002 to 2011

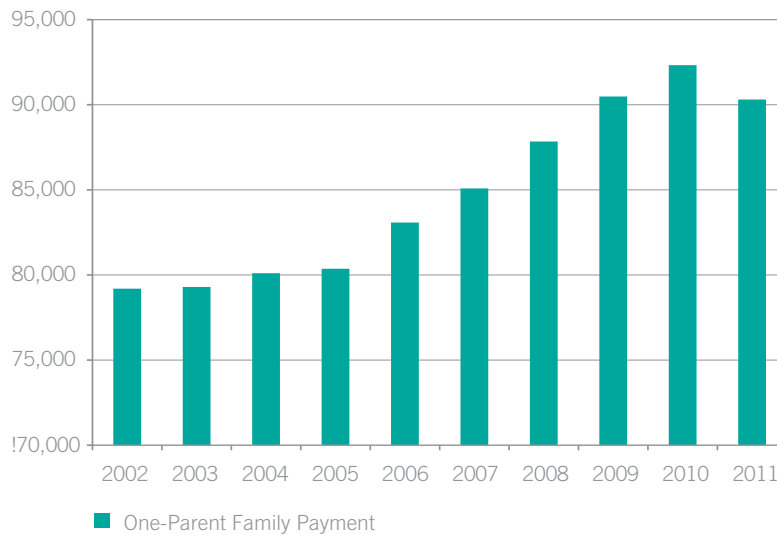


Table C11: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Children, 2011

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent	Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner	Total ⁽¹⁾
With 1 child	50,160	448	50,608
With 2 children	25,599	243	25,842
With 3 children	9,416	147	9,563
With 4 children	2,962	50	3,012
With 5 children	827	24	851
With 6 or more children	287	14	301
Total Recipients	89,251	926	90,177

(1) Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment were not in receipt of a qualified child increase at December 2011. This is usually because their dependent child is now claiming a One-Parent Family Payment in their own right.

Table C12: Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2011

Age	Male	Female	Total
59	169	49	218
60	383	116	499
61	498	160	658
62	645	193	838
63	747	201	948
64	760	225	985
65	473	201	674
Total	3,675	1,145	4,820

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

Table C13: Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance, Qualified Adults and Children, 2011

Dependency Status	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Personal Rate only	3,587
With Qualified Adult under 66	1,222
With Qualified Adult over 66	11
1 full rate Qualified Child	132
2 full rate Qualified Children	58
3 full rate Qualified Children	30
4 full rate Qualified Children	20
5 full rate Qualified Children	5
6+ full rate Qualified Children	0
1 half rate Qualified Child	30
2 half rate Qualified Children	22
3 half rate Qualified Children	6
4 half rate Qualified Children	4
5 half rate Qualified Children	5
6+ half rate Qualified Children	7
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	319
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	6.62%
Total Number of Qualified Adults	1,233
Total Number of Children ⁽¹⁾	319

(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 C14: Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension by Age and Sex, 2011

Age	Widows or Surviving Civil Partners	Widowers or Surviving Civil Partners	Total
Under 25 years	1	0	1
25 to 29 years	1	0	1
30 to 34 years	3	0	3
35 to 39 years	3	1	4
40 to 44 years	31	10	41
45 to 49 years	95	24	119
50 to 54 years	191	50	241
55 to 59 years	389	64	453
60 to 64 years	739	104	843
65 to 69 years	227	26	253
Total	1,680	279	1,959

Table C15: Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Other Supplements by Age and Sex, 2011

Age of Recipient	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance			Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	895	830	1,725	41	54	95
20 - 24	2,347	2,038	4,385	143	308	451
25 - 29	2,753	2,203	4,956	224	469	693
30 - 34	2,985	1,971	4,956	405	600	1,005
35 - 39	2,739	1,864	4,603	507	551	1,058
40 - 44	2,401	1,379	3,780	554	505	1,059
45 - 49	1,991	1,210	3,201	549	508	1,057
50 - 54	1,615	1,025	2,640	551	494	1,045
55 - 59	1,399	844	2,243	590	538	1,128
60 - 64	1,184	538	1,722	770	739	1,509
65-69	212	111	323	647	721	1,368
70 plus	30	33	63	1,422	2,354	3,776
Total	20,551	14,046	34,597	6,403	7,841	14,244

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

Table C16: Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Category, 2011

Interim Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments	No of Payments
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance	10,154
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance Appeal	976
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit	704
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit Appeal	17
Pending Disability Allowance	6,455
Pending Illness Benefit	1,630
Pending Illness Benefit Appeal	203
Pending State Pension	208
Pending Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pension	80
Pending Carer's Allowance	504
Pending Occupational Injuries Benefit	30
Pending One- Parent Family Payment	2,750
Pending Other Social Welfare Payments	1,640
Sub-Total	25,351
Other Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments	
Sick No Benefit	3,318
Other Increment to Scale	523
Other ⁽¹⁾	5,405
Sub-Total	9,246
Total	34,597

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

Table C17: Expenditure on Exceptional Needs Payments, Other Exceptional Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Urgent Needs Payments, 2011

Type of Payment	Expenditure €000	Total Expenditure €000
EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS PAYMENTS AND OTHER EXCEPTIONAL SWA PAYMENTS		
Housing		
New Accommodation Kit	8,796	
Household Appliances	5,387	
Rent Deposit	3,768	
Furniture	2,401	
Floor Covering	1,753	
Bedding	1,314	
Repair/maintenance	1,341	24,761
Clothing		
Adult Clothing	6,883	
Child Clothing	4,003	10,887
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	5,116	
Burial Expenses	370	5,486
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	1,012	
Cot	986	1,997
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	5,103	
Household	2,568	7,671
Illness		
Confinement Costs	818	
Hospital Requirements	374	1,192
General		
Other	3,665	
Travel Costs	2,196	
Insufficient Means	2,595	
Heating	1,301	
Lost/Stolen Money	145	
Household Budget	144	10,045
URGENT NEEDS PAYMENTS	190	190
Grand Total		62,228

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

Table C18: Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports by Payment Type and County, 2011

County	Jobseeker's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Farm Assist	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾	Jobseeker's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	4,779	1,837	22	7	526	95	79	170	1,343	97	280	2
Cavan	5,153	992	38	4	369	407	75	144	1,461	69	342	1
Clare	6,705	1,396	51	10	448	643	96	306	2,451	152	553	0
Cork	26,928	5,747	186	43	3,535	957	613	1,839	10,303	771	2,761	8
Donegal	15,407	3,056	170	20	1,045	1,491	424	139	4,059	163	635	0
Dublin	67,422	35,835	353	144	10,009	35	925	5,320	22,707	3,262	7,045	18
Galway	14,201	2,971	147	25	2,153	1,137	208	365	4,510	240	1,346	2
Kerry	10,367	2,840	123	11	723	819	189	310	4,919	187	608	3
Kildare	10,983	4,598	43	10	1,459	53	83	365	4,041	310	1,212	4
Kilkenny	5,092	935	28	10	531	154	84	167	1,588	118	491	0
Laois	5,748	1,087	35	1	557	177	68	232	1,789	72	405	0
Leitrim	2,349	503	19	3	136	377	30	28	756	29	153	0
Limerick	13,392	3,764	83	14	1,757	247	230	1,638	4,427	346	951	3
Longford	3,681	913	25	2	270	258	52	108	890	72	163	3
Louth	12,161	4,064	45	10	966	84	196	188	3,613	340	613	3
Mayo	8,675	1,025	134	10	1,129	1,869	212	267	2,666	121	596	4
Meath	6,770	1,403	46	20	2,024	82	86	166	2,768	262	1,126	0
Monaghan	4,546	854	39	5	289	545	71	101	1,309	71	307	2
Offaly	6,034	994	23	5	448	133	58	235	2,103	93	364	2
Roscommon	2,398	535	40	4	759	433	46	207	835	55	295	0
Sligo	3,521	1,349	36	4	596	315	54	42	1,172	112	328	0
Tipperary	11,078	2,862	83	9	1,018	402	252	787	3,882	213	817	2
Waterford	9,501	2,522	40	6	1,000	96	186	326	3,070	225	556	0
Westmeath	6,488	1,762	34	9	604	193	51	140	2,150	144	390	0
Wexford	12,578	3,112	72	9	1,410	255	320	357	4,405	251	685	2
Wicklow	7,972	3,351	43	14	836	76	132	297	2,827	296	745	1
Others	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	1
Total	283,929	90,307	1,959	409	34,597	11,333	4,820	14,244	96,044	8,071	23,947	61

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