

**SECTION D**  
**WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS**

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### Expenditure and Recipients

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Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports increased by 186.5% overall in 2011; when additional expenditure on FÁS Employment Supports, which were transferred to the Department in January 2011, is discounted the increase in expenditure for the other schemes was 45%.

The payment type in this programme group with the highest number of recipients is Back to Education Allowance. At the end of 2011 there were 24,666 recipients. Expenditure in 2011 was nearly €202 million which represented an increase of 12% over 2010.

The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance Employee decreased by 669 while the number in receipt of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance increased by 2,793 during 2011.

Over 27,000 people engaged in employment programmes during 2012, the Community Employment Programme formerly run by FÁS had the highest number of participants (22,589). The Rural Social Scheme and TÚS had 2,537 and 2,077 participants respectively.

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

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- (a) *FÁS Employment Supports were transferred to the Department in January 2011 and comparison of 2011 and 2010 expenditure should take account of the increased expenditure in relation to these supports (€425 million).*
- (b) *Expenditure and recipients for the Rural Social Scheme transferred to the Department of Social Protection in January, 2011.*
- (c) *Tús commenced in early 2011 and JobBridge commenced in June, 2011.*

**Table D1: Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2010 and 2011**

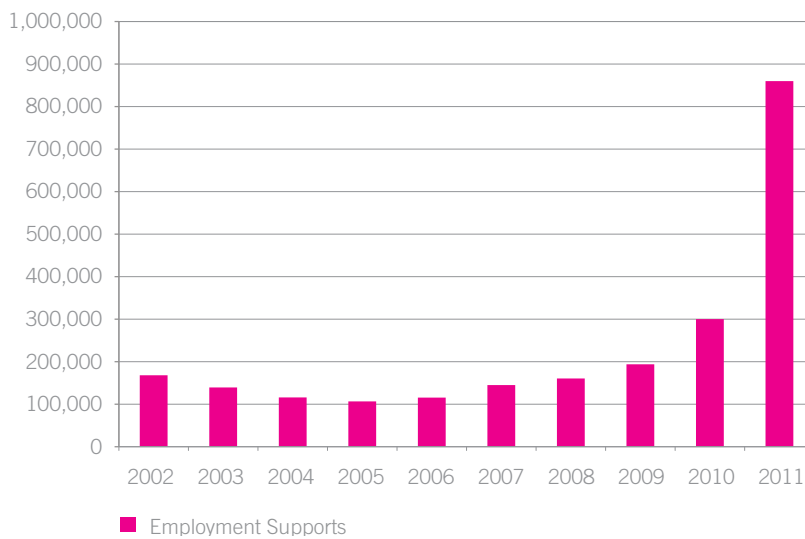
Type of Payment	2010	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2011 over 2010
	€000	€000	
Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	87,960	114,583	30.3%
Back to Education Allowance	179,851	201,519	12.0%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,157	1,032	-10.8%
Rural Social Schemes	13,872	46,835	237.6%
Community Services Programme	8,198	45,452	454.4%
Community Employment <sup>(2)</sup>	0	349,396	100.0%
Other Employment Programmes <sup>(2)</sup>	0	48,180	100.0%
Integration Supports <sup>(2)</sup>	0	27,158	100.0%
Others <sup>(3)</sup>	9,124	25,742	182.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,162</b>	<b>859,897</b>	<b>186.5%</b>

(1) Provisional

(2) Responsibility for the expenditure in relation to FÁS Employment and Community Service Schemes transferred to the Department in January 2011 and information prior to 2011 is not available for inclusion in this report.

(3) Includes Activation and Family Programme, Technical Assistance and Training Grants, Second Chance Education opportunities scheme, Payments to the long term unemployed (out of pocket expenses). Credit Union loan guarantee for Back to Work Participants.

**Graph D1: Expenditure on Employment Supports, 2002 to 2011**



**Table D2: Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2002 to 2011**

Year	Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Back to Education Allowance	Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	Rural Social Schemes	Community Services Programme	Community Employment (2)	Other Employment Programmes (2)	Integration Supports (2)	Others	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
2002	129,087	35,392	1,126	0	0	0	0	0	2,463	168,068
2003	97,396	38,276	1,056	0	0	0	0	0	2,679	139,407
2004	65,712	44,160	1,243	0	0	0	0	0	4,841	115,956
2005	53,563	46,695	1,295	0	0	0	0	0	5,060	106,613
2006	56,497	52,070	1,277	0	0	0	0	0	5,708	115,552
2007	71,072	64,142	1,320	0	0	0	0	0	8,490	145,024
2008	73,169	77,136	1,324	0	0	0	0	0	8,902	160,531
2009	76,434	107,316	1,445	0	0	0	0	0	8,693	193,888
2010	87,960	179,851	1,157	13,872	8,198	0	0	0	9,124	300,162
2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	114,583	201,519	1,032	46,835	45,452	349,396	48,180	27,158	25,742	859,897

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(2) Responsibility for the expenditure in relation to FÁS Employment and Community Service Schemes transferred to the Department in January 2011 and information prior to 2011 is not available for inclusion in this report.

**Table D3: Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2010 and 2011**

Type of Payment	2010	2011	Change 2011 over 2010
Back to Work Allowance	851	182	-78.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	7,958	10,751	35.1%
Back to Education Allowance	21,147	24,666	16.6%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	161	180	11.8%
Community Employment Programme <sup>(1)</sup>	0	22,589	
Tús-Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	0	2,077	
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(3)</sup>	0	2,534	
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,117</b>	<b>60,445</b>	<b>100.7%</b>

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(2) Tús commenced in early 2011

(3) Rural Social Scheme transferred to the Department of Social Protection in September 2010.

**Table D4: Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2011**

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	68	114	182
Self-Employed	8,421	2,330	10,751
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,489</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>10,933</b>

**Table D5: Number of Recipients of Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Work Allowance, Back to Education Allowance by Age and Sex, 2011**

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education Allowance	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	232	92	2	1	3,695	2,990
25 to 29 years	1,398	407	6	8	4,045	2,472
30 to 34 years	1,807	570	13	17	2,651	1,617
35 to 39 years	1,597	437	9	22	1,584	1,074
40 to 44 years	1,338	366	14	19	1,033	831
45 to 49 years	962	240	9	12	659	626
50 to 54 years	598	124	5	15	389	420
55 to 59 years	339	75	8	12	234	177
60 to 64 years	141	19	0	8	100	68
65+ years	9	0	2	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,421</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>14,390</b>	<b>10,276</b>

**Table D6: Number of People on the Live Register referred to FÁS Under the National Employment Action Plan (NEAP), 2002 to 2011**

Year	Number referred to FÁS	FÁS		Total Number who Left the Live Register <sup>(1)</sup>
		Number Interviewed by FÁS	Number who left Live Register after FÁS Interview	
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
2009	86,782	65,600	39,052	53,638
2010	87,011	65,633	39,502	55,193
2011	81,898	65,446	40,433	53,334

(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 D7: Recipients of Short Term Enterprise Allowance, Work Placement Programme Graduate, Work Placement Programme Open and JobBridge Internship Programme by Age and Sex, 2011**

Age of Recipients	Short Term Enterprise Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>			Work Placement Programme Graduate			Work Placement Programme Open			JobBridge Internship Programme <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	16	10	26	59	69	128	8	16	24	408	407	815
25 to 29 years	95	60	155	60	63	123	22	13	35	512	413	925
30 to 34 years	227	91	318	47	29	76	9	8	17	298	217	515
35 to 39 years	178	69	247	35	16	51	3	1	4	176	112	288
40 to 44 years	157	43	200	27	11	38	1	1	2	126	66	192
45 to 49 years	129	36	165	13	7	20	2	0	2	81	58	139
50 to 54 years	76	15	91	9	3	12	1	0	1	35	35	70
55 to 59 years	59	9	68	4	2	6	1	1	2	20	22	42
60 to 64 years	13	2	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	6
65 years and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>2,993</b>

(1) Short Term Enterprise Allowance scheme was introduced from 1st May 2009.

(2) JobBridge Internship Programme was introduced in June 2011

**Table D8: Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2011**

County	Back To Work Allowance Self-employed	Back to Work Allowance Employee	Back to Education Allowance	Short-Term Enterprise Allowance	Part-Time Job Incentive <sup>(1)</sup>
Carlow	219	3	503	23	0
Cavan	173	4	311	8	3
Clare	290	1	451	34	3
Cork	1,023	21	2,166	117	14
Donegal	395	9	1,366	20	2
Dublin	2,690	55	6,205	452	66
Galway	711	5	1,749	79	9
Kerry	450	6	923	34	6
Kildare	357	7	920	58	3
Kilkenny	243	6	447	15	2
Laois	165	1	337	21	1
Leitrim	109	2	179	8	2
Limerick	447	5	1,242	55	3
Longford	128	1	265	6	0
Louth	407	6	973	35	2
Mayo	297	9	842	22	21
Meath	381	5	317	27	1
Monaghan	104	5	380	9	2
Offaly	173	7	349	21	0
Roscommon	132	0	213	9	3
Sligo	168	5	529	22	0
Tipperary	344	4	503	41	12
Waterford	412	0	385	44	12
Westmeath	229	3	948	42	2
Wexford	300	7	594	36	10
Wicklow	404	5	815	47	1
Others	0	0	754	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,751</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>24,666</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>180</b>

(1) Based on the number of recipients at each Social Welfare Local Office

