

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 F15). 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 4.1% in 2011. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 77% of recipient families in 2011 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 2002 was 74.9%. See Table F7 and Graph F1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit decreased by 5,901 to 597,333. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 12,062 to 1,136,065.

Expenditure on Child Benefit decreased by over €137 million in 2011, a decrease of 6.2% while Family Income Supplement expenditure increased by over €18.5 million, an increase of 10%. Expenditure on Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance rose by over €13.5 million in 2011, an increase of 17.5%.

Graph F1: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 2002 to 2011

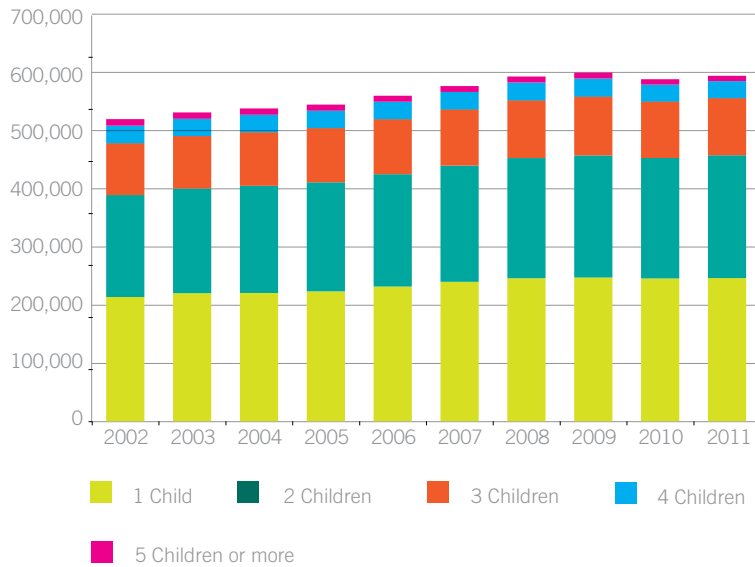


Table F1: Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2010 and 2011

Payment Type	2010	2011 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2011 over 2010
	€000	€000	
Social Assistance			
Child Benefit	2,213,429	2,076,338	-6.2%
Family Income Supplement	185,998	204,543	10.0%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	77,401	90,909	17.5%
School Meals	34,939	34,975	0.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,697	5,134	9.3%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	475	276	-41.9%
Social Insurance			
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11,462	11,502	0.3%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	6,455	6,228	-3.5%
Total	2,534,856	2,429,905	-4.1%

(1) Provisional

Table F2: Expenditure on Child Benefit, 2002 to 2011

Year	Expenditure
	€000
2002	1,462,793
2003	1,666,530
2004	1,765,117
2005	1,899,936
2006	2,056,925
2007	2,232,974
2008	2,453,957
2009	2,495,304
2010	2,213,429
2011 ⁽¹⁾	2,076,338

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Table F3: Expenditure on Family Income Supplement, 2002 to 2011

Year	Family Income Supplement
	€000
2002	42,423
2003	45,360
2004	55,812
2005	72,152
2006	107,137
2007	140,020
2008	170,309
2009	167,133
2010	185,998
2011 ⁽¹⁾	204,543

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Table F4: Expenditure on Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), 2002 to 2011

Year	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
	€000	€000
2002	11,694	4,494
2003	8,895	5,805
2004	9,659	6,223
2005	7,516	4,096
2006	8,815	4,832
2007	9,560	4,366
2008	14,373	7,147
2009	11,510	6,024
2010	11,462	4,697
2011 ⁽¹⁾	11,502	5,134

*(1) Provisional***Table F5: Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 2002 to 2011**

Year	Families	Children
2002	522,441	1,019,551
2003	534,009	1,034,851
2004	540,911	1,051,005
2005	547,540	1,060,740
2006	562,860	1,083,980
2007	579,612	1,110,715
2008	596,108	1,141,938
2009	602,932	1,156,917
2010	591,432	1,124,003
2011	597,333	1,136,065

Table F6: Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 2002 to 2011

Age (in years)	2002 ⁽²⁾	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	32,832	41,383	53,401	51,033	58,551	59,123	64,205	62,525	61,748	62,045
1 under 2	59,235	59,980	60,096	61,337	62,207	65,990	71,256	72,638	73,200	72,956
2 under 3	57,341	58,764	60,421	61,457	63,085	63,684	66,764	70,498	72,774	72,996
3 under 4	57,749	56,753	58,989	61,451	62,906	65,175	64,472	66,394	70,476	72,728
4 under 5	58,520	57,013	56,915	59,922	62,211	64,296	65,689	64,117	66,542	70,362
5 under 6	57,870	57,741	57,197	57,850	60,795	63,914	64,740	65,249	64,327	65,338
6 under 7	55,888	56,967	57,857	58,234	58,862	62,326	64,191	64,390	64,974	61,997
7 under 8	54,231	54,979	57,094	58,760	59,007	60,129	62,692	63,808	64,246	64,834
8 under 9	53,711	53,345	55,116	57,816	59,517	60,137	60,608	62,690	63,820	63,978
9 under 10	54,536	52,771	53,488	55,852	58,470	60,456	60,627	60,431	62,358	63,301
10 under 11	56,618	53,548	52,977	54,218	56,036	59,470	61,063	60,598	60,111	62,030
11 under 12	58,024	55,471	53,698	53,693	54,984	57,488	60,013	61,114	60,337	59,901
12 under 13	59,011	56,871	55,401	54,317	53,960	55,757	58,120	60,224	60,989	60,298
13 under 14	57,578	57,811	56,940	56,069	55,109	54,993	56,384	57,936	59,874	60,504
14 under 15	59,281	56,343	57,891	57,566	56,804	55,588	55,563	56,410	57,802	59,517
15 under 16	61,772	57,887	56,398	58,514	58,136	57,365	55,938	55,476	56,305	57,634
16 under 17	50,534	53,084	53,582	50,958	54,920	52,574	53,175	52,844	51,825	53,836
17 under 18	48,016	52,184	52,145	50,563	49,703	52,619	53,135	53,010	52,281	51,805
18 under 19	26,804	41,956	41,399	41,130	38,717	39,631	43,303	46,565	14	5
Total	1,019,551	1,034,851	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) Underestimates the number eligible because of the time lag in applying for benefit.

(2) 2002 numbers understated because of processing delays which were rectified in the early months of 2003.

Table F7: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 2002 to 2011

Number of Eligible Children in Family	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1	214,916	221,515	221,837	224,686	232,974	241,138	247,345	248,541	246,937	247,606
2	176,284	181,018	185,282	188,536	194,250	200,949	207,816	211,167	208,308	212,366
3	89,397	90,512	92,379	93,516	94,960	96,956	99,550	101,454	97,396	98,643
4	30,552	29,996	30,542	30,258	30,329	30,385	31,069	31,508	29,480	29,501
5	7,884	7,732	7,619	7,417	7,266	7,234	7,368	7,341	6,752	6,726
6	2,275	2,161	2,175	2,130	2,094	2,022	2,017	1,988	1,767	1,716
7	712	669	679	630	649	615	617	609	495	486
8	267	264	258	242	230	207	213	221	204	179
9	95	88	91	79	61	68	74	64	58	75
10	36	34	28	34	38	26	29	27	27	29
11	15	15	16	6	5	8	8	8	6	4
12	7	4	4	4	3	4	2	2	1	1
13	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	1
14	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	522,441	534,009	540,911	547,540	562,860	579,612	596,108	602,932	591,432	597,333
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,019,551	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980	1,110,715	1,141,938	1,156,917	1,124,003	1,136,065

Table F8: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 2002 to 2011

Year	Number of Families	Number of Child Beneficiaries
2002	12,043	26,531
2003	12,317	26,409
2004	14,727	29,991
2005	17,448	33,956
2006	21,800	43,861
2007	22,823	47,529
2008	27,798	58,019
2009	25,963	55,716
2010	28,223	62,240
2011	28,876	65,281

Table F9: Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age & Sex, 2011

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	109	469	578
25 to 29 Years	954	2,344	3,298
30 to 34 years	2,327	3,550	5,877
35 to 39 years	2,905	3,878	6,783
40 to 44 years	2,792	3,330	6,122
45 to 49 years	1,828	2,115	3,943
50 to 54 years	807	880	1,687
55 to 59 years	251	226	477
60 to 64 years	86	20	106
65 years and over	5	0	5
Total	12,064	16,812	28,876

Table F10: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2011

Weekly Rate	Family Size (Number of Children)								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
20 - 25	1,309	693	286	55	9	0	0	0	2,352
26 - 50	2,173	1,053	369	133	15	0	0	0	3,743
51 - 75	2,792	1,470	626	179	18	1	0	0	5,086
76 - 100	1,324	2,002	734	221	38	4	1	0	4,324
101 - 125	682	1,840	839	240	38	9	1	0	3,649
126 - 150	320	954	970	275	45	7	1	0	2,572
Over 150	421	1,507	2,204	1,858	774	273	80	33	7,150
Total	9,021	9,519	6,028	2,961	937	294	83	33	28,876
Number of Children	9,021	19,038	18,084	11,844	4,685	1,764	581	264	65,281

Table F11: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2011

Age of Recipient	Family Income Group (Euro per week - Net)							Total
	100-200	200-300	300-400	400-500	500-600	600-700	>700	
Under 25 years	16	44	198	298	22	0	0	578
25 to 29 years	37	224	1,042	1,660	281	50	4	3,298
30 to 34 years	58	337	1,471	2,743	995	201	72	5,877
35 to 39 years	89	360	1,391	2,789	1,482	512	160	6,783
40 to 44 years	103	371	1,175	2,355	1,339	574	205	6,122
45 to 49 years	82	240	767	1,574	814	326	140	3,943
50 to 54 years	45	145	394	679	302	87	35	1,687
55 to 59 years	13	64	112	199	73	9	7	477
60 to 64 years	3	11	33	34	18	6	1	106
65 years or more	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	5
Total	446	1,796	6,584	12,333	5,326	1,767	624	28,876

Table F12: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Family Status and Income Group, 2011

Marital Status	Family Income Group (Euro per week - Net)							Total
	100-200	200-300	300-400	400-500	500-600	600-700	>700	
One- Parent Family	133	623	3,345	7,563	1,845	404	149	14,062
Two- Parent Family	313	1,173	3,239	4,770	3,481	1,363	475	14,814
Total	446	1,796	6,584	12,333	5,326	1,767	624	28,876

Table F13: Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Primary Payment, 2011

Payment Type	Recipients
State Pensions	523
Pre-Retirement Allowance	5
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	1,287
One-Parent Family Payment	77,288
Incapacity Pension	2,737
Illness Benefit	7,031
Disability Allowance	8,957
Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	32,987
Short-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	16,120
Jobseeker's Benefit	13,451
Supplement Welfare Allowance	8,801
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	6,302
DSS (UK)	12
Other	20,104
Total	195,605

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

Table F14: Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, 2010 and 2011

Payment	2010	2011	Change 2011 over 2010
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	919	955	3.9%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	429	441	2.8%
Total	1,348	1,396	3.6%

Table F15: Number of Qualified Child Increases by Payment Type, 2011

Payment	1 Qualified Child		2 Qualified Children		3 Qualified Children		4 Qualified Children		5 Qualified Children		6+ Qualified Children		Total Children		Total Families with 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)	226	49	57	15	24	7	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	434	104	72
State Pension (Contributory)	824	791	181	195	32	49	15	8	1	1	2	2	1	1,359	1,377	1,046
State Pension (Transition)	91	102	26	24	2	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	174	134
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	3,841	0	2,013	0	775	0	194	0	0	46	0	15	0	11,310	0	6,884
Death Benefit Pension	47	0	23	0	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	120	0	78
Jobseeker's Allowance	18,497	7,753	18,213	6,733	9,583	3,259	3,828	1,134	1,298	319	710	138	110,217	38,020	52,129	19,336
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	50,608	0	25,842	0	9,563	0	3,012	0	851	0	301	0	149,200	0	90,177	0
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾	3,911	0	3,275	0	1,896	0	843	0	317	0	178	0	22,280	0	10,420	0
Farm Assist	970	288	1,007	326	804	209	404	96	142	35	62	16	8,129	2,234	3,389	970
Pre-Retirement Allowance	132	30	29	11	10	2	5	1	1	1	0	0	1	245	74	46
Jobseeker's Benefit	3,207	3,707	2,802	3,108	1,289	1,146	393	278	89	56	23	13	14,841	14,835	7,803	8,308
Deserted Wife's Benefit	609	0	161	0	36	0	5	0	3	0	1	0	1,081	0	815	0
Health and Safety Benefit	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	2	5
Back to Work Allowance	15	3	9	6	9	2	6	3	1	1	0	0	1	89	44	16
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	937	380	1,315	402	723	221	294	58	62	17	10	2	7,282	2,177	3,341	1,080
Back to Education Allowance	1,856	573	1,145	484	570	277	207	103	54	38	23	6	7,099	3,012	3,855	1,481
Disability Allowance	4,161	1,569	2,520	1,135	1,280	595	606	249	275	128	194	69	18,137	7,729	9,036	3,745
Blind Pension	59	34	43	20	19	15	9	3	4	2	1	0	264	141	135	74
Carer's Allowance	455	3,604	373	4,631	186	2,748	92	1,241	36	367	30	190	2,541	28,919	1,172	12,781
Illness Benefit	2,276	3,333	1,687	3,154	818	1,298	280	328	71	85	34	24	9,807	15,430	5,166	8,222
Interim Illness Benefit	12	8	6	8	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	45	28	24	17
Incapacity Pension	1,504	2,936	724	1,985	302	713	97	157	23	47	18	12	4,474	9,989	2,668	5,850
Injury Benefit	23	29	30	20	14	8	3	6	0	1	0	0	137	122	70	64
Disablement Pension	45	78	44	90	24	78	8	40	5	0	14	0	140	286	140	286
Carer's Benefit	25	266	11	356	3	221	1	65	0	11	0	14	57	1,940	40	933
Total	94,331	25,536	61,538	22,705	27,971	10,856	10,312	3,772	3,280	1,110	1,617	487	369,447	126,640	199,049	64,466

(1) Widowed persons were not claiming a child increase at December 2010. This is usually because their dependent child is now claiming a lone parents allowance in their own right and they are removed from their parent's claim.

(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.

Community Employment Scheme, Tús, Rural Social Scheme not included in this analysis.

Table F16: Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payments, Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, Child Benefit and Family Income Supplement by County, 2011

County	Child Benefit Recipients	Child Benefit Children	Family Income Supplement	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
Carlow	8,335	15,795	502	3,437	6	5
Cavan	9,791	19,749	615	3,452	13	5
Clare	15,069	29,712	736	4,552	21	6
Cork	67,349	128,260	3,016	19,643	61	35
Donegal	20,387	40,594	1,372	9,885	19	9
Dublin	155,444	283,457	6,586	48,710	441	170
Galway	30,624	60,119	1,360	9,564	28	17
Kerry	17,922	34,186	873	6,007	31	16
Kildare	30,928	59,255	1,159	8,709	28	16
Kilkenny	11,743	22,636	455	3,525	15	8
Laois	10,344	20,439	529	3,505	7	7
Leitrim	4,030	8,141	190	1,374	7	4
Limerick	24,842	46,648	1,284	8,356	36	26
Longford	5,326	10,756	393	2,298	5	1
Louth	17,961	33,923	1,086	6,627	10	12
Mayo	15,668	31,340	910	6,049	14	9
Meath	27,091	52,367	1,027	7,109	33	10
Monaghan	7,797	15,441	556	2,724	7	1
Offaly	10,309	20,122	591	3,873	14	5
Roscommon	7,542	14,978	414	2,684	9	5
Sligo	7,831	15,231	438	2,428	18	6
Tipperary	21,281	40,748	1,247	7,231	22	20
Waterford	15,799	29,685	936	5,756	25	9
Westmeath	12,013	23,320	651	4,008	26	11
Wexford	20,636	39,099	1,214	8,276	33	19
Wicklow	19,638	36,851	665	5,823	20	9
Others	1,633	3,213	71	0	6	0
Total	597,333	1,136,065	28,876	195,605	955	441