



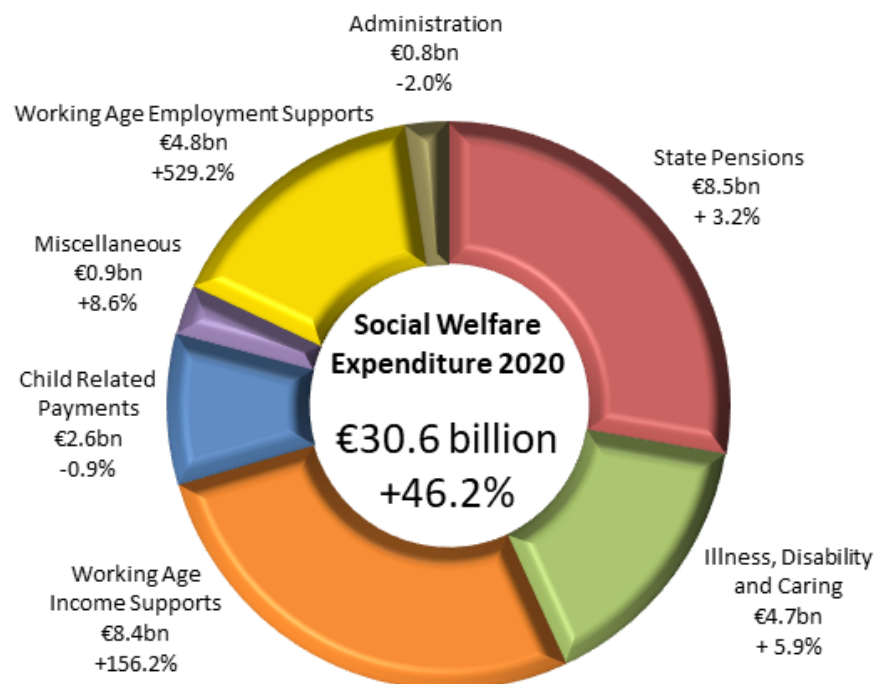
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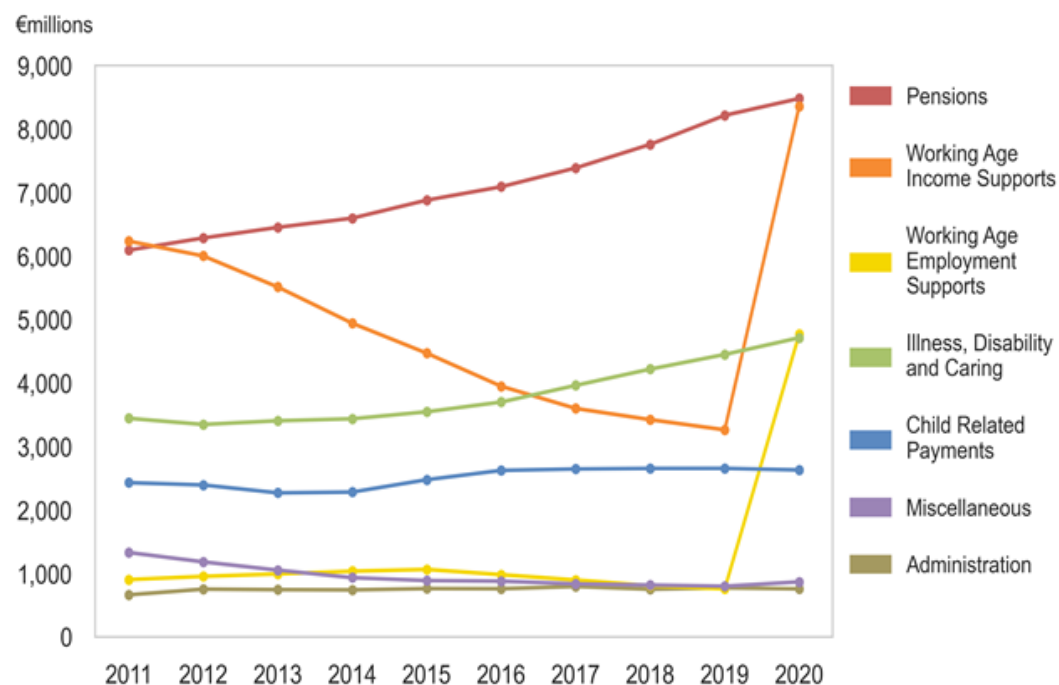
## Annual Report 2020

# Department of Social Protection Annual Statistics Report 2020

## Expenditure on Social Protection by Programme



## Social Protection Expenditure 2011 - 2020



**€30.6 billion** - Total Social Protection expenditure  
**€9.1 billion** - Expenditure on supports related to the Covid-19 pandemic  
**29.3%** - Percentage of Government expenditure spent on Social Protection  
**8.2%** - Percentage of GDP spent on Social Protection  
**1.61 million** - Recipients of weekly Social Protection payments  
**633,000** - Families in receipt of monthly Child Benefit payments



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# Introduction

This is the thirty-eight issue of the annual *Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services* report prepared by the Department of Social Protection. It sets out comprehensive data relating to services provided by the Department.

This Report is also available on the internet, in an open data format, at [www.gov.ie/dsp/statistics](http://www.gov.ie/dsp/statistics). Readers' views and comments on the report are welcome and should be addressed to [statsunit@welfare.ie](mailto:statsunit@welfare.ie).

The year 2020 was an exceptional year for the Department of Social Protection. As the year began Ireland's economy was performing steadily with stable economic growth. The sudden arrival of COVID-19 had devastating consequences for public health, the economy and the labour market. The Government introduced a number of supports to cushion the impact to the public of the public health emergency restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. These supports included both an employment income support (COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment) and wage supports (Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme).

To fully capture the statistics behind the range of supports provided by the Department in response to the public health emergency, this report is divided into two parts.

The normal edition of the report is in Part I and relates to statistics on all social protection schemes for 2020 and earlier years. In the case of data relating to recipients and beneficiaries, the figures, unless otherwise stated, refer to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The Operational Activity section, on the other hand, refers to accumulated annual figures. Several tables, which provide a breakdown of recipients or beneficiaries by some characteristic such as number of dependants or age, are referred to as "estimated". This means that the proportionate breakdown, which is considered to be a reliable estimate, was established at a date other than, but close to, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Part II covers COVID-19 related supports offered by the Department. Note that the Temporary Wage Subsidy Support and Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme were administered by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners but subsidised by expenditure from the Department's accounts. In addition, the recipient numbers in this part of the report refer to accumulative annual figures.

## Notes:

This report was published on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2021.

The source for the statistics presented, unless otherwise stated, is the Department of Social Protection. Time Series data are given, where available. However, the introduction of new payments and changes to existing payments can affect comparability over time. Relevant tables are footnoted where appropriate.

The Department of Social Protection also publishes an Annual Report which provides details of all major developments during the year in question. The Report is a progress report to the Minister and the Government on the implementation of the Department's Strategy Statement.

Previous editions of this report included information on the Live Register. All information on the Live Register, including historic data, is available via the Central Statistics Office's website, at [www.cso.ie/en/statistics/labourmarket/liveregister](http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/labourmarket/liveregister).

# Minister's Foreword



I warmly welcome the publication of the Annual Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services for 2020, the 38<sup>th</sup> edition in this series. This edition provides detailed statistics on the broad range of schemes and services operated by the Department which benefits individuals, families and the wider community. I would like to express my thanks to the Statistics and Business Intelligence Unit for the compilation of this report.

2020 was a challenging year not only for this Department, but also for the country, with a number of exceptional measures introduced to protect the incomes of people impacted by the Covid-19 public health emergency. The level and extent of the supports offered by the Department are borne out in the main findings of this report:

- ❖ Total Social Welfare expenditure was just over €30.6 billion, an extraordinary increase of 46% in expenditure compared to the previous year;
- ❖ The total expenditure by the Department corresponded to 29.3% of general Government expenditure and 8.2% of GDP in 2020;
- ❖ Over 1.6 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of over 2.3 million beneficiaries;
- ❖ Some €8.3 billion was paid on Working Age Income supports which is a rise of 156% on the previous year, on account of the introduction of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment;
- ❖ Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports was just over €4.7 billion, an increase of over 529% on the previous year due to the introduction of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme;

- ❖ In line with the increase in the ageing population, expenditure on Pensions increased by over 3% to over €8.4 billion with a 3.0% increase in the number of recipients;
- ❖ An increase in expenditure for Illness, Disability schemes of €263 million, of which the Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19 cost €57 million;
- ❖ 633,456 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,206,848 children.

One should not forget that the data contained in the report relates to real people – friends, family and work colleagues – who, at different stages throughout their lives, may have to avail of a support from the Department. Indeed, the data conveys the far-reaching impact of the Department.

Finally, I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the staff in the Department of Social Protection for their huge effort in rising to the challenge of providing the range of Covid-19 income supports to so many workers impacted by the pandemic, in such a short period of time. This is an outstanding testament to their professionalism and focus on service provision to our customers. The data outlined in this Report will be a rich source of information for policy-makers, researchers and all those with an interest in social policy in Ireland.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Humphreys". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Heather Humphreys**  
Minister of Social Protection

# Brollach ón Aire



Cuirim fáilte ó chroí roimh fhoilsiú na Faisnéise Bliantúla Staidrimh ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh i leith na bliana 2020, an 38ú heagrán sa tsraith seo. Cuirtear staidreamh mionsonraithe ar fáil san eagrán seo faoin raon leathan de scéimeanna agus de sheirbhísí atá á n-oibriú ag an Roinn ar mhaithe le daoine aonair, le teaghlaigh agus leis an bpobal i gcoitinne. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leis an Aonad Staidrimh

agus Éirime Gnó as an tuarascáil seo a thiomsú.

Bliain dhúshlánach ab ea an bhliain 2020 ní hamháin don Roinn seo, ach freisin don tír trí chéile, agus tugadh isteach roinnt áirithe beart eisceachtúil chun cosaint a dhéanamh ar ioncaim na ndaoine a bhí buailte ag éigeandáil sláinte poiblí Covid-19. Is i bpríomhfhionnachtana na tuarascála a fhíoraítear leibhéal agus méid na dtacaí a bhíonn á dtairiscint ag an Roinn:

- ❖ Ba bheagáinín os cionn €30.6 billiún a bhí sa chaiteachas iomlán ar an Leas Sóisialach, agus b'shin méadú neamhghnách 46% i gcomparáid leis an mbliain roimhe sin;
- ❖ B'ionann caiteachas iomlán na Roinne agus 29.3% de chaiteachas ginearálta an Rialtais agus 8.2% den olltáirgeacht intíre (OTI/GDP) sa bhliain 2020;
- ❖ Bhí íocaíocht Leasa Shóisialaigh á fáil gach seachtain ag breis agus 1.6 milliún duine, agus íocadh íocaíocht Leasa Shóisialaigh i leith os cionn 2.3 milliún tairbhí;
- ❖ Íocadh tuairim agus €8.3 billiún trí Thacaí Ioncaim Aoise Oibre, arbh éard a bhí ann ná ardú 156% ar an mbliain roimhe sin, mar gheall ar íocaíocht Dífhostaíochta na Paidéime a bheith tugtha isteach;
- ❖ Ba bheagáinín os cionn €4.7 billiún a bhí sa chaiteachas ar Thacaí Fostaíochta Aoise Oibre, agus b'shin méadú os cionn 529% ar an

mbliain roimhe sin toisc Scéim Shealadach an Fhóirdheontais Phá agus Scéim an Fhóirdheontais Phá Fostaíochta a bheith tugtha isteach;

- ❖ I gcomhréir leis an méadú ar aosú an daonra, mhéadaigh an caiteachas ar Phinsin faoi bhreis agus 3% go dtí os cionn €8.4 billiún agus tháinig méadú 3.0% ar líon na ndaoine a raibh pinsin á bhfáil acu;
- ❖ Méadú €263 milliún ar an gcaiteachas i dtaca le Scéimeanna Breoiteachta agus Míchumais, agus chosnaigh an Sochar Breisithe Breoiteachta i leith COVID-19 €57 milliún den mhéid sin.
- ❖ Fuair 633,456 teaghlach íocaíocht mhíosúil den Sochar Linbh, rud a íocadh i leith 1,206,848 leanbh

Ná ligimis i ndearmad go mbaineann na sonraí sa tuarascáil le fíordhaoine – cairde, teaghlach agus comhghleacaithe oibre – ar féidir go mbeidh orthu feidhm a bhaint as tacaíocht ón Roinn, ar chéimeanna éagsúla i gcaitheamh an tsaol acu. Go deimhin, léiríonn na sonraí cé chomh forleathan agus a bhíonn tionchar na Roinne.

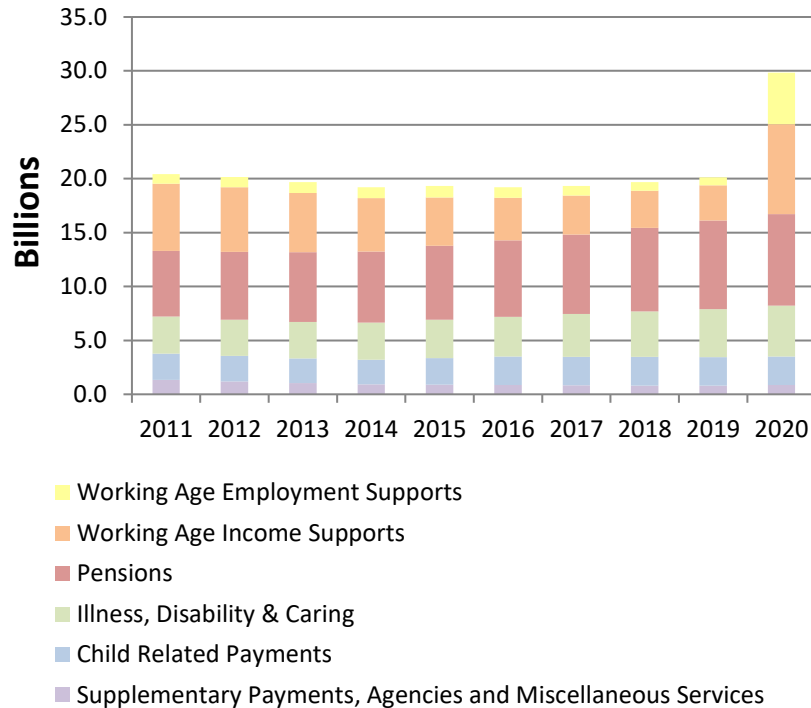
Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom mo mhórbhuíochas a ghabháil le gach duine den fhoireann sa Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí as an éacht oibre a rinne siad, agus an dúshlán á shárú acu ó thaobh raon na dtacaí ioncaim i leith Covid-19 a chur ar fáil don oiread sin oibríthe a bhí buailte ag an bpaindéim, laistigh de thréimhse ghairid ama. Is comhartha iontach é seo ar a ngairmiúlacht agus a ndúthacht, agus iad ag díriú ar sholáthar na seirbhísí dár gcustaiméirí. Beidh na sonraí den Tuarascáil seo ina bhfoinse shaibhir eolais do lucht déanta beartas, do thaighdeoirí agus dóibh siúd go léir ar suim leo an beartas sóisialta in Éirinn.

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Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí

# **PART I: Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services Annual Report 2020**

# A Social Welfare Expenditure Summary

FIGURE 1 – SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAMME, 2011-2020, €BILLIONS



Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2020 was almost €30.6 billion, an increase of 46.2%, or €9.7 billion, over 2019. Expenditure in 2020 represented 29.3% of General Government expenditure and was (provisionally) equivalent to 10.8% of GNP (see Tables A1 and A3).

Expenditure on Social Assistance schemes was €16.5 billion which was €5.6 billion, or 51.5%, higher than what was reported for 2019. This large increase is primarily due to expenditure on COVID-related supports including COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment (€5.0 billion), Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (€2.7 billion) and, Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (€1.4 billion).

Social Insurance Fund schemes and administration expenditure totalled €14.1 billion, an increase of €4.1 billion (40.6%) compared to 2019.

Total Social Insurance Fund income was €11.4 billion in 2020 which is over €900 million lower than in 2019 – a drop of 7.3% due to the reduction in the number of workers employed during 2020 and the PRSI arrangements relating to TWSS and EWSS.

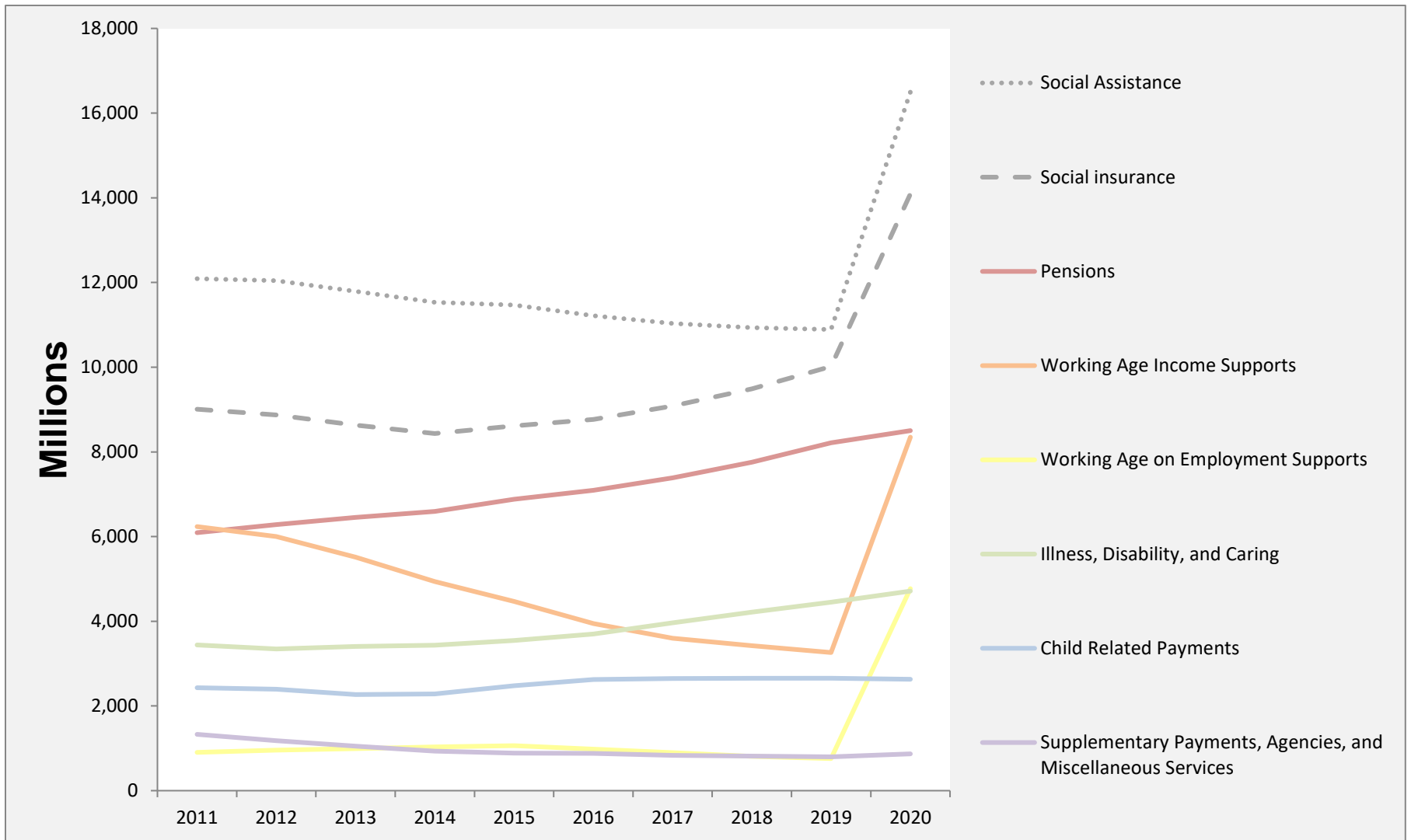
The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Pensions 27.7%, Working Age Income Supports 27.3%, Working Age Employment Supports 15.6%, Illness, Disability and Caring 15.4%, Children 8.6%, Supplementary Payments 2.8% and Administration of the Social Welfare system 2.5% of total expenditure (see Figure 1).

The largest increases are seen in Working Age Employment Supports and Working Age Income Supports showing increased expenditure by 529.2% and 156.2% respectively.

**Table A1 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme (€million) 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Administration - Assistance Schemes	382.37	476.00	472.37	470.37	490.27	486.39	520.91	541.40	542.81	536.28
Administration - Insurance Schemes	280.99	276.65	272.52	270.50	270.81	272.63	274.01	209.62	230.01	221.14
<b>Total Administration (€m)</b>	<b>663.35</b>	<b>752.65</b>	<b>744.89</b>	<b>740.87</b>	<b>761.07</b>	<b>759.02</b>	<b>794.92</b>	<b>751.02</b>	<b>772.82</b>	<b>757.42</b>
Pensions - Social Assistance	971.77	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25	1,042.83	1,048.55
Pensions - Social Insurance	5,120.42	5,320.20	5,498.44	5,641.10	5,907.28	6,108.31	6,391.98	6,737.36	7,172.16	7,431.40
<b>Total Pensions (€m)</b>	<b>6,092.19</b>	<b>6,283.42</b>	<b>6,450.89</b>	<b>6,595.51</b>	<b>6,879.48</b>	<b>7,090.45</b>	<b>7,386.72</b>	<b>7,757.61</b>	<b>8,214.99</b>	<b>8,479.95</b>
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	4,559.96	4,532.93	4,395.02	4,053.15	3,670.25	3,190.33	2,845.39	2,610.47	2,427.03	3,798.88
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	1,673.53	1,467.37	1,115.92	887.09	798.29	757.37	752.85	811.70	834.92	4,558.24
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports (€m)</b>	<b>6,233.49</b>	<b>6,000.30</b>	<b>5,510.93</b>	<b>4,940.24</b>	<b>4,468.54</b>	<b>3,947.70</b>	<b>3,598.24</b>	<b>3,422.16</b>	<b>3,261.95</b>	<b>8,357.12</b>
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	903.26	951.91	985.05	1,025.38	1,052.12	967.71	880.57	789.05	736.35	4,741.61
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0.00	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42	21.11	24.66
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports (€m)</b>	<b>903.26</b>	<b>954.02</b>	<b>992.43</b>	<b>1,035.35</b>	<b>1,063.43</b>	<b>980.79</b>	<b>896.57</b>	<b>807.47</b>	<b>757.46</b>	<b>4,766.27</b>
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	1,842.31	1,851.52	1,934.76	2,041.23	2,153.13	2,330.71	2,557.11	2,767.30	2,983.51	3,171.48
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	1,600.81	1,494.84	1,470.21	1,394.70	1,393.10	1,368.85	1,405.10	1,450.74	1,465.12	1,540.58
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring (€m)</b>	<b>3,443.12</b>	<b>3,346.36</b>	<b>3,404.96</b>	<b>3,435.93</b>	<b>3,546.24</b>	<b>3,699.56</b>	<b>3,962.21</b>	<b>4,218.04</b>	<b>4,448.64</b>	<b>4,712.06</b>
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	2,412.17	2,376.55	2,251.81	2,264.76	2,458.87	2,605.00	2,627.30	2,633.61	2,633.52	2,608.32
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	17.64	16.74	17.30	16.65	17.71	17.89	18.00	20.15	21.27	21.53
<b>Total Child Related Payments (€m)</b>	<b>2,429.81</b>	<b>2,393.28</b>	<b>2,269.11</b>	<b>2,281.40</b>	<b>2,476.58</b>	<b>2,622.89</b>	<b>2,645.30</b>	<b>2,653.76</b>	<b>2,654.79</b>	<b>2,629.85</b>
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	1,018.16	890.45	802.04	720.16	669.85	653.05	608.51	573.65	523.61	563.15
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance	311.58	291.66	249.88	213.14	218.25	225.94	227.09	243.31	275.00	304.28
<b>Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services (€m)</b>	<b>1,329.74</b>	<b>1,182.11</b>	<b>1,051.92</b>	<b>933.29</b>	<b>888.09</b>	<b>878.99</b>	<b>835.59</b>	<b>816.96</b>	<b>798.62</b>	<b>867.43</b>
<b>Total - Social Assistance (€m)</b>	<b>12,089.99</b>	<b>12,042.58</b>	<b>11,793.51</b>	<b>11,529.46</b>	<b>11,466.68</b>	<b>11,215.34</b>	<b>11,034.51</b>	<b>10,935.74</b>	<b>10,889.66</b>	<b>16,468.27</b>
<b>Total - Social Insurance (€m)</b>	<b>9,004.97</b>	<b>8,869.57</b>	<b>8,631.63</b>	<b>8,433.14</b>	<b>8,616.75</b>	<b>8,764.08</b>	<b>9,085.04</b>	<b>9,491.30</b>	<b>10,019.59</b>	<b>14,101.83</b>
<b>Grand Total (€m)</b>	<b>21,094.96</b>	<b>20,912.15</b>	<b>20,425.14</b>	<b>19,962.60</b>	<b>20,083.43</b>	<b>19,979.42</b>	<b>20,119.55</b>	<b>20,427.04</b>	<b>20,909.25</b>	<b>30,570.10</b>

FIGURE 2 – TRENDS IN SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE 2011-2020, €MILLIONS





**Table A2 – Social Welfare Rates of Payment (Weekly unless otherwise stated, €) 2011-2020**

Benefit	Rate	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		2020	
										U/12 12+	34.00 37.00	U/12 12+	36.00 40.00
<b>All Benefits</b>	Qualified Child Increase	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80	U/12 12+	34.00 37.00	U/12 12+	36.00 40.00
State Pension (Contributory)	Personal	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	233.30	238.30	243.30	248.30		248.30	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	155.50	158.80	162.10	165.40		165.40	
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Personal	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	222.00	227.00	232.00	237.00		237.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	146.70	150.00	153.30	156.60		156.60	
State Pension (Transition)	Personal	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c		s/c	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c		s/c	
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	Personal	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50	208.50		208.50	
Widow(er)s' & Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Personal	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	223.50	228.50	223.50		223.50	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	191.00	196.00	201.00		201.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 25	Personal	186.00	186.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	147.80	152.80	157.80		201.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	186.00	144.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70		112.70	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70		112.70	
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		203.00	
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Personal	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50	208.50		208.50	
Farm Assist	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70	
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70	
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 25	Personal	188.00	188.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	147.80	152.80	157.80		203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70	

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Benefit	Rate	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	188.00	188.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70	
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged under 25 living Independently with State Support	Personal										203.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance										134.70
Jobseeker's Allowance age under 25 not living Independently	Personal										112.70
	Qualified Adult Allowance										112.70
Jobseeker's Benefit	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00	203.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70
Maternity Benefit	Personal										245.00
Paternity Benefit	Personal										245.00
Adoptive Benefit	Personal										245.00
Parent's Benefit	Personal										245.00
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00	203.00
Community Employment Programme	Personal	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50	225.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.50
Rural Social Scheme	Personal	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50	225.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70
TÚS	Personal		208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50	225.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance		124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70

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Benefit	Rate	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Carer's Benefit	Personal	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	210.00	215.00	220.00	220.00	
Disability Allowance	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00	203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70	
Illness Benefit	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00	203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70	
Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	Personal										350.00	
Invalidity Pension	Personal	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50	208.50	208.50	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	141.70	145.30	148.90	148.90	
Child Benefit (Monthly)	First and second child	140.00	140.00	130.00	130.00	135.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	
	Third child	167.00	148.00									
	Fourth or subsequent child	177.00	160.00	140.00	140.00							
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Personal	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	176.00	181.00	186.00	186.00	
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Personal	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	176.00	181.00	186.00	186.00	
Other Payments	Island Allowance	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	
	Living Alone Allowance	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.70	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	14.00	
	Over-80 Allowance	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
	Carer's Support Grant	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	
	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	Age 2-11: 200		4-11: 150	4-11: 100					4-11: 125	4-11: 150	4-11: 150
		Age 12-22: 305		12-22: 250	12-22: 200					12-22: 250	12-22: 275	12-22: 275

Notes:

Widow(er)s or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Widow(er)s' & Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit), Deserted Wife's Benefit and Carer's Allowance are paid at a higher rate if a person is aged 66 or over.

COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment was introduced on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at a flat weekly rate of €203. On March 26<sup>th</sup> 2020, the rate was increased to €350. From June 29<sup>th</sup>, payments were based on the prior earnings of recipients and rates of €203 and €350 were introduced with effect from that date. From September 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, rate bands of €203, €250 and €300 were applied. From October 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, the rates were €203, €250, €300 and €350.

Rates can be viewed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6aec4d-current-rates-of-payment-for-social-welfare-payments-sw19/>.

**Table A3 – Social Welfare Expenditure using Indicators 2011-2020**

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Social Welfare Expenditure	21,095	20,912	20,425	19,963	20,083	19,979	20,120	20,427	20,909	30,570
Index of Expenditure	100.0	99.1	96.8	94.6	95.2	94.7	95.4	96.8	99.1	145.0
Consumer Price Index <sup>[2]</sup>	100.0	101.7	102.2	102.4	102.1	102.1	102.5	103.0	103.9	103.6
General Government Expenditure	79,702	73,692	72,607	73,145	75,999	75,354	77,363	81,983	86,759	104,175
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	170,951	175,104	179,616	195,148	262,853	270,809	300,387	326,986	356,051	372,869
Gross National Product (GNP)	137,163	139,759	150,331	163,741	200,810	219,728	238,135	256,322	274,330	282,633
Gross National Income (GNI)	138,622	141,149	151,534	164,784	202,054	220,721	239,207	257,455	275,463	283,735
Modified Gross National Income (GNI*)	126,467	126,477	136,906	149,058	162,657	174,732	186,217	198,702	213,708	208,178
Expenditure as a % of General Government Expenditure	26.5%	28.4%	28.1%	27.3%	26.4%	26.5%	26.0%	24.9%	24.1%	29.3%
Expenditure as % of Gross Domestic Product	12.3%	11.9%	11.4%	10.2%	7.6%	7.4%	6.7%	6.2%	5.9%	8.2%
Expenditure as % of Gross National Product	15.4%	15.0%	13.6%	12.2%	10.0%	9.1%	8.4%	8.0%	7.6%	10.8%
Expenditure as % of Gross National Income	15.2%	14.8%	13.5%	12.1%	9.9%	9.1%	8.4%	7.9%	7.6%	10.8%
Expenditure as % of Modified Gross National Income	16.7%	16.5%	14.9%	13.4%	12.3%	11.4%	10.8%	10.3%	9.8%	14.7%

Notes:

1. All figures above, excluding the Social Welfare Expenditure and Index of Expenditure, are sourced from Central Statistics Office (CSO). GNP, GDP, GNI and Modified-GNI are given in units of €1,000,000.

2. GDP, GNP, GNI and Modified-GNI are preliminary figures at Current Market Prices published by CSO in July 2021.

**Table A4 – Financing of Social Insurance Fund (€million) 2011-2020**

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Employer PRSI	5,460.786	4,995.971	5,331.152	5,749.428	6,165.212	6,606.092	7,136.821	7,697.182	8,408.306	7,209.657
Employee PRSI	1,617.352	1,479.983	1,579.545	1,703.956	1,826.407	1,957.085	2,114.032	2,280.240	2,490.906	2,772.987
Self-Employed PRSI	348.342	310.386	397.079	406.266	460.266	607.441	521.803	604.561	631.340	646.680
National Training Fund	319.621	294.580	314.700	339.677	364.298	390.900	421.744	575.065	707.841	718.923
Income from Health Contribution	115.26	-13.68	-5.06	7.32	6.54	4.24	2.94	2.64	3.64	1.05
Investment Income	0.999	0.369	0.051	0.056	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benefit Overpayment Recoveries	5.852	6.218	6.970	8.963	11.964	10.226	10.196	9.335	10.849	9.068
Redundancy & Insolvency Recoveries	4.452	5.842	7.028	10.232	7.551	10.691	6.934	9.289	12.645	6.652
Recoverable Benefits	0	0	0	4.686	19.474	20.575	23.117	22.055	21.940	20.157
Other Receipts	1.147	0.464	0.741	0.433	0.277	0.136	0.066	0.043	0.039	0.019
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,873.808</b>	<b>7,080.137</b>	<b>7,632.205</b>	<b>8,231.021</b>	<b>8,861.985</b>	<b>9,607.428</b>	<b>10,237.733</b>	<b>11,200.41</b>	<b>12,287.51</b>	<b>11,385.19</b>
<b>Expenditure (including payment to the National Training Fund)</b>	<b>9,330.549</b>	<b>9,168.567</b>	<b>8,948.635</b>	<b>8,771.142</b>	<b>8,980.724</b>	<b>9,154.101</b>	<b>9,516.126</b>	<b>10,056.8</b>	<b>10,727.847</b>	<b>14,818.544</b>
<b>Expenditure (excluding payment to the National Training Fund)</b>	<b>9,004.245</b>	<b>8,863.725</b>	<b>8,624.607</b>	<b>8,422.911</b>	<b>8,616.506</b>	<b>8,763.681</b>	<b>9,085.124</b>	<b>9,481.74</b>	<b>10,020.01</b>	<b>14,099.62</b>
Excess of receipts over payments <sup>[1]</sup>	-1,456.741	-2,088.430	-1,316.430	-540.121	-118.739	453.327	721.607	1,143.61	1,559.663	-3,433.354
Increase in balance due to National Training Fund	-3.621	4.420	2.300	-1.677	-0.298	-0.900	9.256	-9.565	4.159	-2.173
<b>Surplus/Deficit in the year <sup>[2]</sup></b>	<b>-1,460.362</b>	<b>-2,084.010</b>	<b>-1,314.130</b>	<b>-541.798</b>	<b>-119.037</b>	<b>452.427</b>	<b>730.863</b>	<b>1,134.05</b>	<b>1,563.822</b>	<b>-3,435.527</b>
<b>Exchequer subvention</b>	<b>1,460.362</b>	<b>2,084.010</b>	<b>1,314.130</b>	<b>541.798</b>	<b>119.037</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

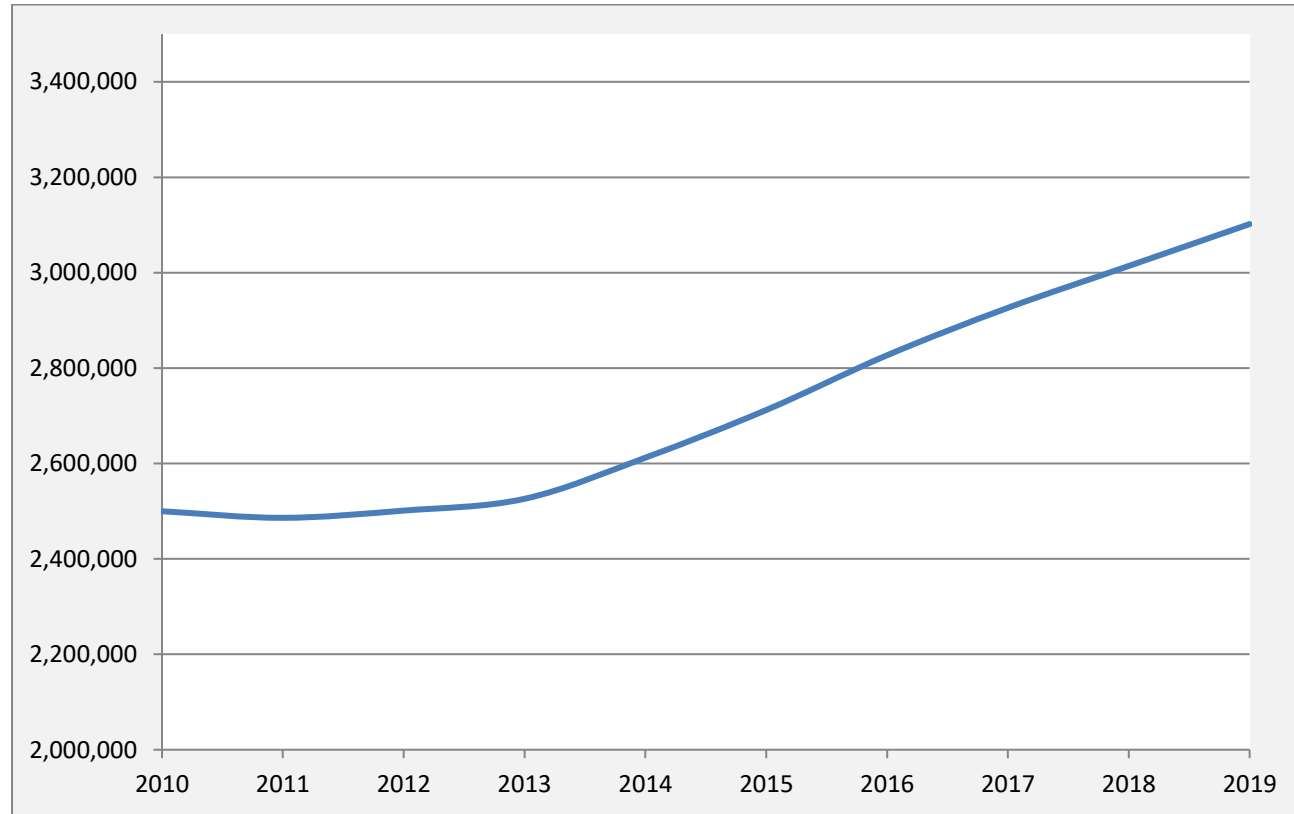
[1] Calculated as Total Income minus Expenditure (including expenditure on the National Training Fund).

[2] Calculated as Increase in balance due to National Training Fund plus [1].

**Table A5 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors 2010-2019**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	2,499,816	2,486,069	2,501,237	2,525,930	2,612,195	2,708,982	2,823,800	2,923,282	3,011,121	3,098,934

**FIGURE 3 – NUMBER OF PAY-RELATED SOCIAL INSURANCE (PRSI) CONTRIBUTORS 2010-2019**



Note: PRSI data is obtained from employer P35 forms and tax returns from the self-employed, who will submit a final return for 2019 in late 2020. As a result, complete PRSI data is only available up to 2019.

**Table A6 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Class 2010-2019**

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
A	1,831,873	1,818,833	1,827,094	1,856,632	1,930,016	2,023,600	2,122,976	2,212,977	2,297,474	2,406,381
B	25,703	24,947	24,181	22,467	21,795	20,882	19,948	18,975	17,953	16,868
C	711	650	585	530	489	422	392	342	293	301
D	76,284	70,124	63,996	57,874	54,356	50,756	47,882	45,136	41,978	38,532
E	214	212	196	191	186	189	193	205	191	200
H	8,732	8,760	8,829	8,753	8,532	8,451	8,615	8,990	8,680	8,731
J	205,946	221,727	224,490	224,052	227,280	229,249	240,152	234,715	249,561	298,045
K	64,901	9,917	7,845	9,328	93,584	104,838	106,250	103,380	99,669	90,086
M	272,413	326,829	345,093	366,181	371,692	380,124	405,583	415,616	428,919	492,334
P	21	18	14	9	10	10	8	7	9	7
S	342,064	324,197	323,898	316,476	337,064	344,544	358,896	368,060	368,351	351,193
Voluntary	3,833	5,081	5,146	4,816	4,569	4,531	4,241	3,883	3,722	2,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,832,695</b>	<b>2,811,295</b>	<b>2,831,367</b>	<b>2,867,309</b>	<b>3,049,573</b>	<b>3,167,596</b>	<b>3,315,136</b>	<b>3,412,286</b>	<b>3,516,800</b>	<b>3,705,563</b>

See Appendix 3 for benefit details.

Notes:

1. More Information about PRSI can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/14ecbe-the-different-classes-of-pay-related-social-insurance-prsi/>.
2. The figures above are a count of people who made at least one contribution within each class. In previous reports, the contributor's primary (or only) class was considered and was determined by consideration of their earnings and contribution across all classes in the years in question.

**Table A7 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Age and Sex, 2015-2019**

	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	48,177	49,127	53,530	54,922	57,691	59,813	59,178	60,975	67,908	69,870
20-24	118,265	124,103	124,120	131,833	129,808	138,183	135,359	144,312	141,436	151,496
25-29	135,000	141,232	137,077	147,491	140,058	152,744	143,256	156,999	146,966	160,600
30-34	162,149	171,690	160,989	172,713	158,691	171,514	156,969	170,865	156,480	170,038
35-39	156,643	179,220	164,319	187,334	170,187	192,596	173,826	194,175	173,321	191,961
40-44	135,174	160,900	141,022	167,549	146,438	172,868	153,195	178,058	159,307	181,892
45-49	117,256	138,914	123,509	146,805	129,877	154,103	136,683	159,701	142,039	163,313
50-54	108,685	122,535	112,388	128,032	115,274	132,011	118,430	136,061	121,203	137,953
55-59	90,959	105,145	95,158	109,345	98,920	113,607	103,564	117,414	107,765	119,826
60-64	70,328	89,065	74,395	92,299	77,614	95,449	81,277	97,966	84,924	99,542
65	10,916	15,924	11,455	16,318	12,603	17,378	13,135	17,721	14,212	17,939
66+	101,966	155,609	108,473	162,724	114,906	170,949	123,179	178,823	130,167	188,776
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>1,255,518</b>	<b>1,453,464</b>	<b>1,306,435</b>	<b>1,517,365</b>	<b>1,352,067</b>	<b>1,571,215</b>	<b>1,398,051</b>	<b>1,613,070</b>	<b>1,445,728</b>	<b>1,653,206</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>2,708,982</b>		<b>2,823,800</b>		<b>2,923,282</b>		<b>3,011,121</b>		<b>3,098,934</b>	

Note: Based on age of contributors as of December 31<sup>st</sup> for each year.



**Table A8 – Top 15 Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Nationality 2015-2019**

	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Country	Number of contributors	Country	Number of contributors	Country	Number of contributors	Country	Number of contributors	Country	Number of contributors
1	Ireland	2,106,761	Ireland	2,178,814	Ireland	2,234,431	Ireland	2,275,296	Ireland	2,314,354
2	Poland	103,191	Poland	106,806	Poland	107,857	Poland	107,428	Poland	105,446
3	United Kingdom	79,218	United Kingdom	83,221	United Kingdom	86,670	United Kingdom	90,225	United Kingdom	93,756
4	Lithuania	31,409	Romania	36,667	Romania	43,400	Romania	49,803	Romania	56,731
5	Romania	30,120	Lithuania	33,257	Lithuania	34,965	Lithuania	36,167	Lithuania	36,521
6	Latvia	16,489	Italy	17,803	Brazil	21,063	Brazil	27,929	Brazil	35,872
7	Italy	14,944	Latvia	17,177	Italy	20,792	Italy	23,349	India	28,104
8	Spain	13,177	Brazil	15,766	Latvia	17,901	India	20,583	Italy	24,552
9	France	12,436	Spain	15,228	Spain	17,692	Spain	19,823	Spain	21,073
10	Brazil	12,125	France	13,748	India	16,456	Latvia	18,593	Latvia	18,840
11	India	11,357	India	13,564	France	15,246	France	16,176	France	16,359
12	Germany	10,050	Germany	10,522	Croatia	12,461	Croatia	14,636	Croatia	15,695
13	Slovakia	9,564	Hungary	9,829	Germany	11,001	Germany	11,566	Germany	11,671
14	Hungary	9,503	Slovakia	9,672	Hungary	9,998	Hungary	9,957	USA	10,585
15	China	7,816	Croatia	9,495	Slovakia	9,599	USA	9,603	China	10,274
	Other	240,822	Other	252,231	Other	263,750	Other	279,987	Other	299,101
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,708,982</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,823,800</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,923,282</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,011,121</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,098,934</b>

**Table A9 – Summary of the Largest Schemes by Expenditure 2020**

Rank	Scheme	Expenditure (€million)
1	State Pension (Contributory)	5,834.59
2	COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment	4,978.99
3	Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme	2,706.96
4	Child Benefit	2,102.33
5	Disability Allowance	1,811.99
6	Jobseeker's Allowance	1,656.96
7	Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	1,586.56
8	Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme	1,370.89
9	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,070.34
10	Carer's Allowance	926.44
11	Invalidity Pension	760.25
12	Illness Benefit	592.64
13	One Parent Family Payment	564.88
14	Jobseeker's Benefit	404.75
15	Working Family Payment	377.31
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26,745.88</b>

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FIGURE 4 – SOCIAL WELFARE RECIPIENTS BY PROGRAMME, 2011-2020, €MILLIONS

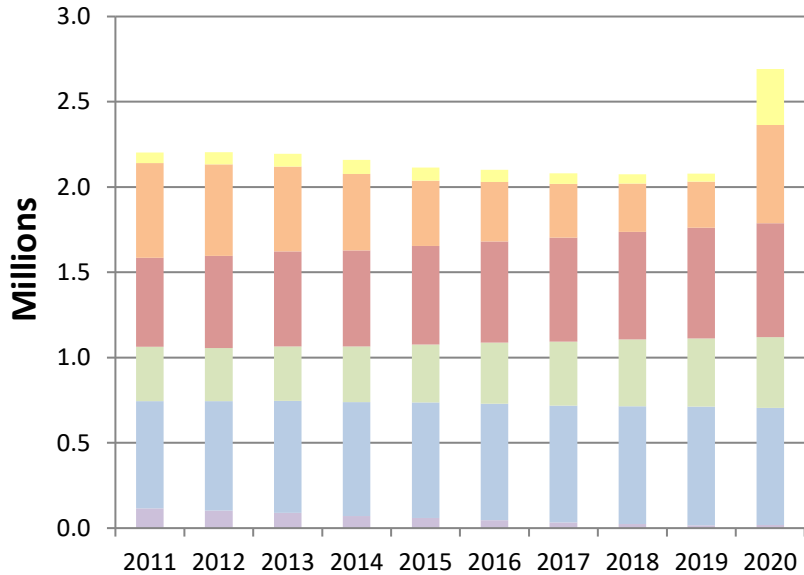
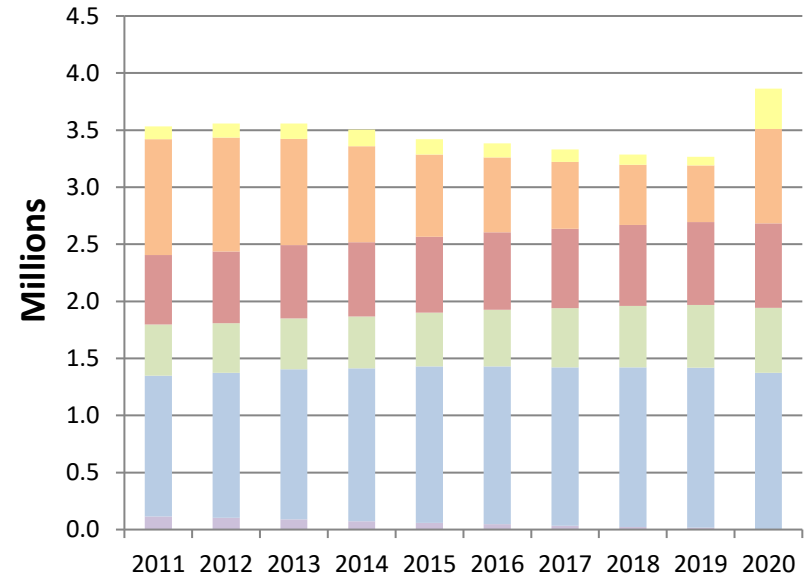


FIGURE 5 – SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFICIARIES BY PROGRAMME, 2011-2020, €MILLIONS



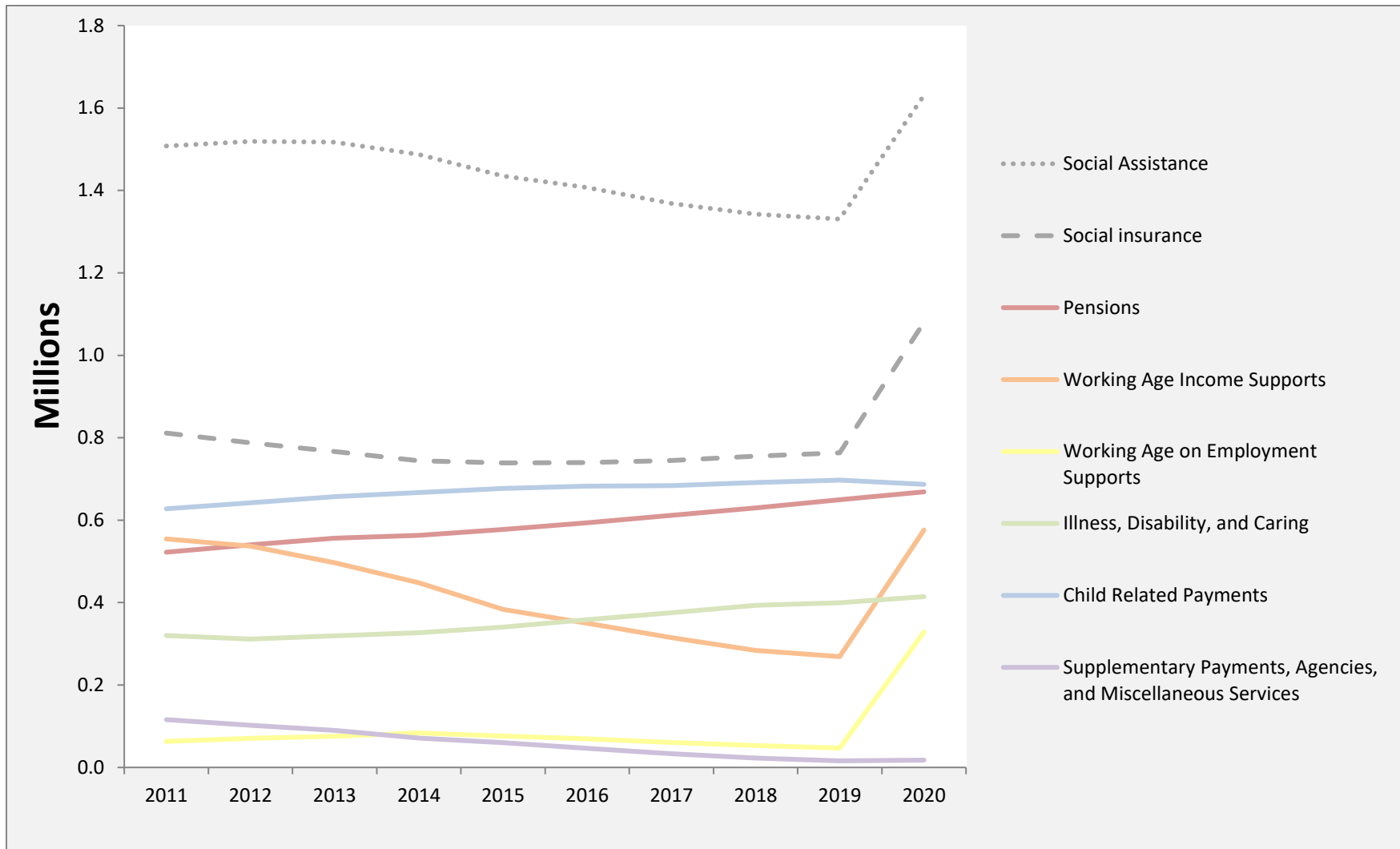
- Working Age Employment Supports
- Working Age Income Supports
- Pensions
- Illness, Disability & Caring
- Child Related Payments
- Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services

Note: People may be in receipt of more than one social welfare payment, and this may result in double counting.

**Table B1 – Number of Recipients of Main Periodic Benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pensions - Social Assistance	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	95,140	95,263	94,854	95,465
Pensions - Social Insurance	425,495	444,082	460,224	467,274	482,152	498,601	516,241	534,106	554,485	573,202
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>522,244</b>	<b>540,208</b>	<b>556,025</b>	<b>562,844</b>	<b>577,331</b>	<b>593,822</b>	<b>611,381</b>	<b>629,369</b>	<b>649,339</b>	<b>668,667</b>
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	425,460	427,834	411,472	371,772	317,127	286,277	250,584	221,941	205,872	203,271
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	129,176	109,136	85,404	76,098	66,525	63,576	64,328	62,262	63,005	355,280
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>554,636</b>	<b>536,970</b>	<b>496,876</b>	<b>447,870</b>	<b>383,652</b>	<b>349,853</b>	<b>314,912</b>	<b>284,203</b>	<b>268,877</b>	<b>558,551</b>
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	62,846	70,679	74,111	82,348	74,306	67,801	60,559	50,864	43,986	325,504
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	394	2,426	2,956	3,227
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>62,846</b>	<b>70,679</b>	<b>75,345</b>	<b>83,780</b>	<b>75,918</b>	<b>69,674</b>	<b>60,953</b>	<b>53,290</b>	<b>46,942</b>	<b>328,731</b>
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	180,129	180,118	190,310	200,114	212,691	229,907	246,023	260,932	273,858	286,840
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	139,922	131,356	129,212	126,542	127,613	128,509	129,404	132,126	125,910	127,565
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>320,051</b>	<b>311,474</b>	<b>319,522</b>	<b>326,656</b>	<b>340,304</b>	<b>358,416</b>	<b>375,427</b>	<b>393,058</b>	<b>399,768</b>	<b>414,405</b>
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	626,650	641,473	655,960	666,068	675,671	681,206	682,924	690,094	695,998	685,529
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	955	938	947	937	983	1,048	1,036	1,129	1,164	1,179
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>627,605</b>	<b>642,411</b>	<b>656,907</b>	<b>667,005</b>	<b>676,654</b>	<b>682,254</b>	<b>683,960</b>	<b>691,223</b>	<b>697,162</b>	<b>686,708</b>
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948	15,969	18,032
<b>Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services</b>	<b>115,950</b>	<b>102,422</b>	<b>89,675</b>	<b>71,527</b>	<b>59,963</b>	<b>46,436</b>	<b>33,399</b>	<b>22,948</b>	<b>15,969</b>	<b>18,032</b>
Total - Social Assistance	1,507,784	1,518,652	1,517,329	1,487,399	1,434,937	1,406,848	1,368,629	1,342,042	1,330,537	1,614,641
Total - Social insurance	695,548	685,512	677,021	672,283	678,885	693,607	711,403	732,049	747,520	1,097,626
<b>Total Recipients</b>	<b>2,203,332</b>	<b>2,204,164</b>	<b>2,194,350</b>	<b>2,159,682</b>	<b>2,113,822</b>	<b>2,100,455</b>	<b>2,080,032</b>	<b>2,074,091</b>	<b>2,078,057</b>	<b>2,712,267</b>

FIGURE 6 – TRENDS IN SOCIAL WELFARE RECIPIENTS 2011-2020

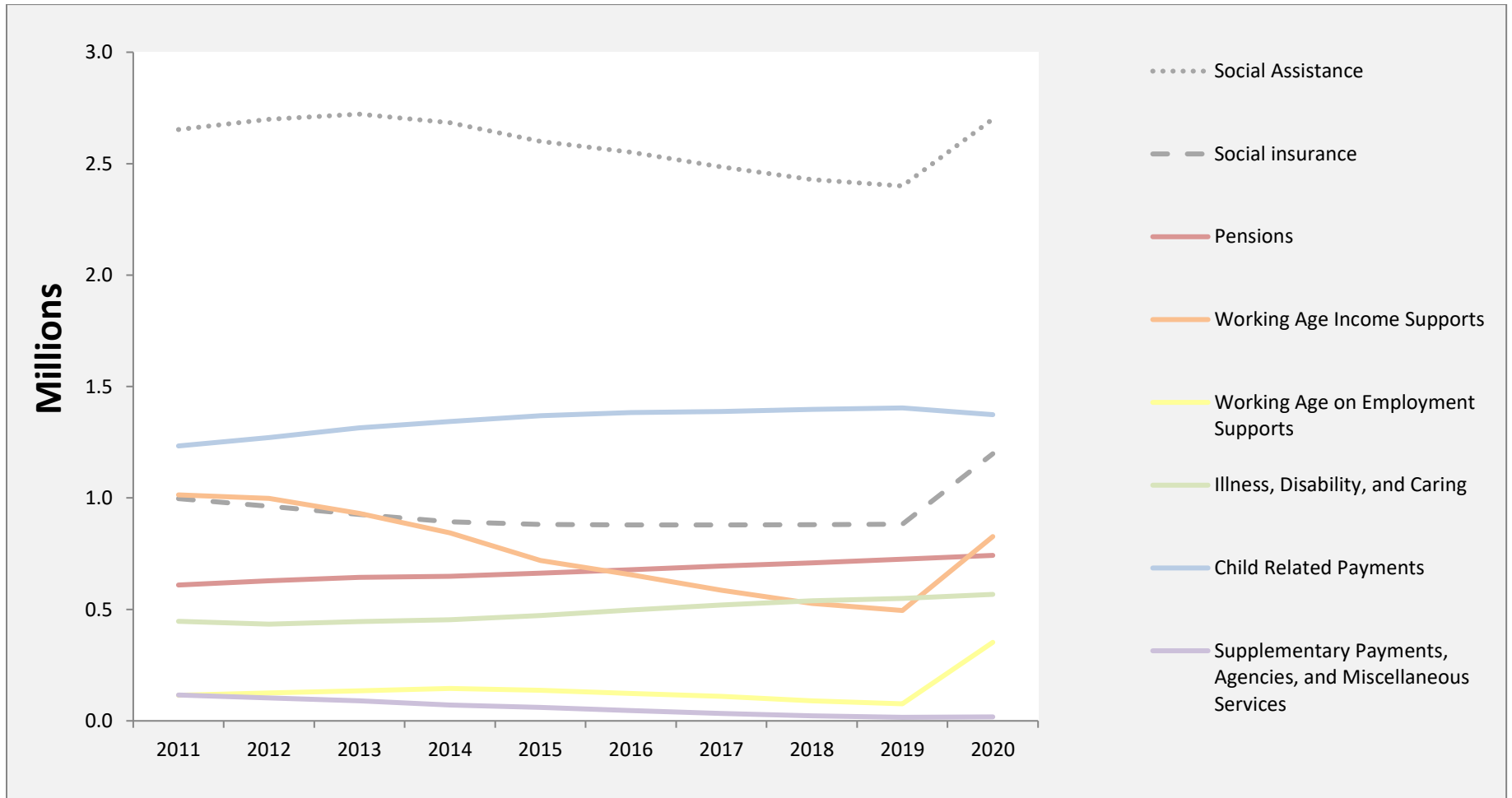


**Table B2 – Number of Beneficiaries of Main Periodic Benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pensions - Social Assistance	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	98,937	99,034	98,553	99,120
Pensions - Social Insurance	509,173	528,793	544,791	549,653	564,169	579,506	595,473	609,868	627,199	643,261
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>609,472</b>	<b>628,518</b>	<b>644,239</b>	<b>648,966</b>	<b>663,135</b>	<b>678,575</b>	<b>694,410</b>	<b>708,902</b>	<b>725,752</b>	<b>742,381</b>
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	842,642	854,205	822,974	748,776	639,439	578,834	509,316	453,255	421,176	415,036
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	171,223	143,534	107,843	94,086	80,488	76,934	76,699	73,944	73,955	404,928
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,013,865</b>	<b>997,739</b>	<b>930,817</b>	<b>842,862</b>	<b>719,927</b>	<b>655,768</b>	<b>586,015</b>	<b>527,199</b>	<b>495,131</b>	<b>819,964</b>
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	114,196	125,299	133,002	143,775	134,859	120,869	108,598	87,122	73,209	348,328
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	1,014	2,654	3,259	4,021
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>114,196</b>	<b>125,299</b>	<b>134,573</b>	<b>145,603</b>	<b>136,938</b>	<b>123,267</b>	<b>109,612</b>	<b>89,776</b>	<b>76,468</b>	<b>352,349</b>
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	248,537	248,564	265,016	280,210	299,534	325,587	349,047	370,622	389,546	406,797
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	198,002	185,331	180,397	173,786	172,815	171,364	170,260	167,904	160,522	160,654
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>446,539</b>	<b>433,895</b>	<b>445,413</b>	<b>453,996</b>	<b>472,349</b>	<b>496,951</b>	<b>519,307</b>	<b>538,526</b>	<b>550,068</b>	<b>567,451</b>
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	1,231,259	1,268,638	1,312,109	1,340,473	1,367,158	1,381,001	1,386,068	1,395,068	1,401,357	1,371,668
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	2,333	2,542	2,620	2,651
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>1,233,402</b>	<b>1,270,754</b>	<b>1,314,242</b>	<b>1,342,583</b>	<b>1,369,372</b>	<b>1,383,361</b>	<b>1,388,401</b>	<b>1,397,610</b>	<b>1,403,977</b>	<b>1,374,319</b>
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948	15,969	18,032
<b>Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services</b>	<b>115,950</b>	<b>102,422</b>	<b>89,675</b>	<b>71,527</b>	<b>59,963</b>	<b>46,436</b>	<b>33,399</b>	<b>22,948</b>	<b>15,969</b>	<b>18,032</b>
Total - Social Assistance	2,652,883	2,698,853	2,722,224	2,684,074	2,599,919	2,551,796	2,485,365	2,428,049	2,399,810	2,658,981
Total - Social insurance	880,541	859,774	836,735	821,463	821,765	832,562	845,779	856,912	867,555	1,215,515
<b>Total Beneficiaries</b>	<b>3,533,424</b>	<b>3,558,627</b>	<b>3,558,959</b>	<b>3,505,537</b>	<b>3,421,684</b>	<b>3,384,358</b>	<b>3,331,144</b>	<b>3,284,961</b>	<b>3,267,365</b>	<b>3,874,496</b>

Note: Recipients and beneficiaries of these schemes are included in the data above.

**FIGURE 7 – TRENDS IN SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFICIARIES 2011-2020**



**Table B3 – Number of Recipients of Main Social Welfare Benefits by Broad Nationality Group 2020**

Scheme	Irish nationals	EU13 (countries in the EU pre 2004 excluding Ireland)	EU15 to EU27 (accession countries joined post 2004)	United Kingdom	Other nationals	Total
<b>Pensions</b>						
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	86,719	604	1,806	5,220	1,116	95,465
State Pension (Contributory)	432,247	2,160	2,329	10,796	1,910	449,442
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	117,022	590	1,540	3,045	822	123,019
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	697	2	17	23	2	741
<b>Working Age Income Supports</b>						
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	113,867	1,715	13,946	6,124	6,005	141,657
One Parent Family Payment	33,510	256	3,016	1,110	1,554	39,446
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	9,509	93	1,079	460	606	11,747
Farm Assist	5,314	22	3	162	10	5,511
Jobseeker's Benefit <sup>[2]</sup>	28,694	838	4,194	1,092	776	35,594
Maternity Benefit	16,132	475	1,715	366	973	19,661
Adoptive Benefit	6	0	0	0	0	6
Health and Safety Benefit	18	14				32
Paternity Benefit	467	23	59	9	29	587
COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment	229,888	8,426	45,391	10,154	34,667	328,526
Parent's Benefit	2,043	58	161	57	105	2,424
Treatment Benefits - Dental Benefit	60,873	644	1,957	1,645	792	65,911
Treatment Benefits - Optical Benefit	36,912	389	988	1,115	638	40,042
Treatment Benefits - Medical and Surgical Benefit	1349	3	4	25	3	1,384

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[1] Includes Jobseeker's Transitional Payment.

[2] Includes Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) and Systematic Short Time Workers.



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Scheme	Irish nationals	EU13 (countries in the EU pre 2004 excluding Ireland)	EU15 to EU27 (accession countries joined post 2004)	United Kingdom	Other nationals	Total
<b>Working Age Employment Supports</b>						
Community Employment	16,935	160	1,112	924	309	19,440
Rural Social Scheme	3,051	3	4	18	0	3,076
Tús - Community Work Placement	3,679	12	151	32	71	3,945
Jobs Initiative	549	9				558
Back to Education Allowance	4,713	99	390	224	622	6,048
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	2,067	65	387	144	75	2,738
Back to Work Family Dividend	2,476	29	500	110	217	3,332
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	198	5	15	11	5	234
Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme	210,457	11,949	35,402	8,916	22,029	288,753
Partial Capacity Benefit	3,021	15	82	96	13	3,227
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>						
Blind Pension	962	14	28	45	26	1,075
Carer's Allowance	79,852	381	3,166	3,827	1,680	88,906
Disability Allowance	135,770	801	6,943	6,537	2,529	152,580
Domiciliary Care Allowance	37,771	434	2,756	1,597	1,711	44,269
Disablement Pension	13,328	49	545	339	404	14,665
Carer's Benefit	3,251	29	271	107	40	3,698
Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	40,344	436	5,158	1,411	808	48,157
Incapacity Supplement	694	4	31	16	44	789
Injury Benefit	765	16	179	28	38	1,026
Invalidity Pension	54,234	351	2,793	1,611	241	59,230
Carer's Support Grant	104,725	670	3,702	4,678	3,063	116,838

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[1] Includes Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19

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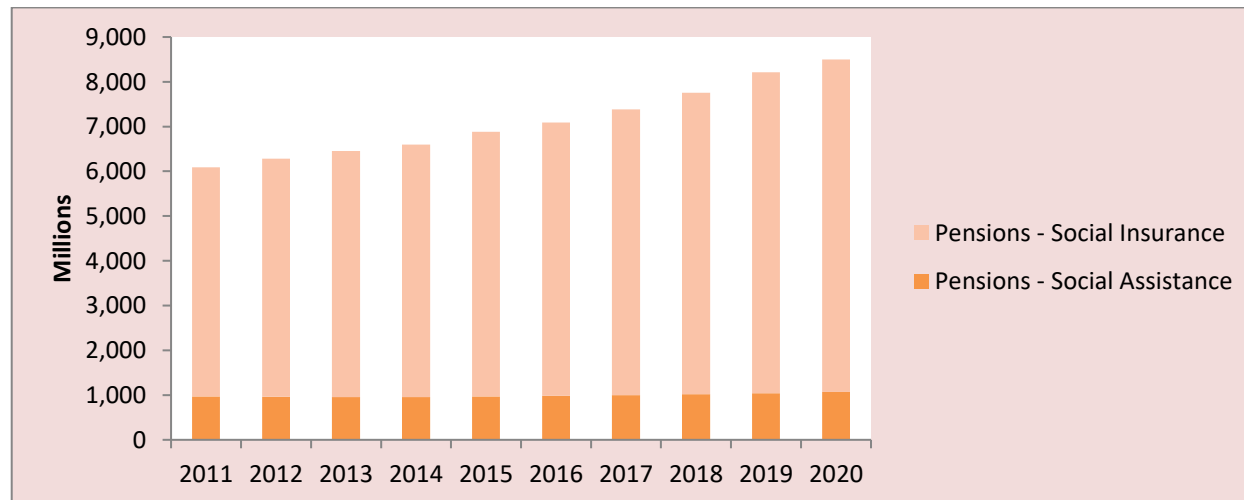
Scheme	Irish nationals	EU13 (countries in the EU pre 2004 excluding Ireland)	EU15 to EU27 (accession countries joined post 2004)	United Kingdom	Other nationals	Total
<b>Children</b>						
Child Benefit	495,887	11,862	68,650	19,544	37,513	633,456
Working Family Payment	34,514	688	8,955	1,662	2,369	48,188
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	1,082	2	38	40	17	1,179
Guardian's Payment (Non- Contributory)	418	54		38	43	553
<b>Supplementary Payments</b>						
Rent Supplement	10,521	648	4,487	785	1,542	17,983
<i>Free Travel</i>	885,412	4,809	15,903	33,469	8,262	947,855



**Table C1 – Expenditure on Pensions by Scheme (€million) 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	971.77	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25	1,042.83	1,048.55
<b>Pensions - Social Assistance</b>	<b>971.77</b>	<b>963.21</b>	<b>952.46</b>	<b>954.41</b>	<b>972.21</b>	<b>982.14</b>	<b>994.74</b>	<b>1,020.25</b>	<b>1,042.83</b>	<b>1,048.55</b>
Bereavement Grant <sup>[1]</sup>	19.44	19.76	20.29	4.27	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Pension (Contributory)	3,622.75	3,802.80	3,983.26	4,185.23	4,475.69	4,662.37	4,915.85	5,216.96	5,603.13	5,834.59
State Pension (Transition) <sup>[1]</sup>	132.40	146.63	137.27	73.77	1.19	0.25	0.16	0.09	0.03	0.04
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	1,337.87	1,343.20	1,349.84	1,369.76	1,422.10	1,437.09	1,466.60	1,510.41	1,558.92	1,586.56
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	7.98	7.83	7.78	8.07	8.25	8.59	9.37	9.89	10.06	10.21
<b>Pensions - Social Insurance</b>	<b>5,120.42</b>	<b>5,320.20</b>	<b>5,498.44</b>	<b>5,641.10</b>	<b>5,907.28</b>	<b>6,108.31</b>	<b>6,391.98</b>	<b>6,737.36</b>	<b>7,172.16</b>	<b>7,431.40</b>
<b>Total - Pensions (€millions)</b>	<b>6,092.19</b>	<b>6,283.42</b>	<b>6,450.89</b>	<b>6,595.51</b>	<b>6,879.48</b>	<b>7,090.45</b>	<b>7,386.72</b>	<b>7,757.61</b>	<b>8,214.99</b>	<b>8,479.95</b>

**FIGURE 10 – TRENDS IN PENSIONS EXPENDITURE 2011-2020**



[1] Both the State Pension Transition and Bereavement Grant schemes were closed to new applicants with effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

**Table C2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main State Pension Benefits by Type 2020**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Recipients	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	95,140	95,263	94,854	95,465
	Qualified Adult	3,012	3,059	3,080	3,162	3,207	3,252	3,212	3,189	3,117	3,112
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	434	423	451	473	474	484	473	476	474	437
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	104	117	116	108	106	112	112	106	108	106
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>100,299</b>	<b>99,725</b>	<b>99,448</b>	<b>99,313</b>	<b>98,966</b>	<b>99,069</b>	<b>98,937</b>	<b>99,034</b>	<b>98,553</b>	<b>99,120</b>
<b>Pensions - Social Assistance</b>		<b>100,299</b>	<b>99,725</b>	<b>99,448</b>	<b>99,313</b>	<b>98,966</b>	<b>99,069</b>	<b>98,937</b>	<b>99,034</b>	<b>98,553</b>	<b>99,120</b>
State Pension (Contributory)	Recipients	296,995	312,314	329,531	346,420	361,725	377,062	394,378	411,660	431,224	449,442
	Qualified Adult	66,609	67,892	68,505	68,850	68,561	67,604	66,256	63,559	60,486	58,015
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,359	1,367	1,366	1,327	1,300	1,303	1,257	1,174	1,121	1,001
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,377	1,376	1,228	1,056	909	805	729	599	536	533
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>366,340</b>	<b>382,949</b>	<b>400,630</b>	<b>417,653</b>	<b>432,495</b>	<b>446,774</b>	<b>462,620</b>	<b>476,992</b>	<b>493,367</b>	<b>508,991</b>
State Pension (Transition) <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients	12,110	14,372	12,630	1,548	66	149	55	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	2,572	2,690	2,098	173	23	26	13	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	157	153	126	10	2	3	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	174	173	70	4	2	0	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>15,013</b>	<b>17,388</b>	<b>14,924</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	Recipients	115,762	116,751	117,417	118,670	119,712	120,673	121,091	121,689	122,502	123,019
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	11,310	10,940	11,067	10,899	11,161	11,099	10,908	10,359	10,497	10,450
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>127,072</b>	<b>127,691</b>	<b>128,484</b>	<b>129,569</b>	<b>130,873</b>	<b>131,772</b>	<b>131,999</b>	<b>132,048</b>	<b>132,999</b>	<b>133,469</b>
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Recipients	628	645	646	636	649	717	717	757	759	741
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	120	120	107	60	59	65	69	71	74	60
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>801</b>
<b>Pensions - Social Insurance</b>		<b>509,173</b>	<b>528,793</b>	<b>544,791</b>	<b>549,653</b>	<b>564,169</b>	<b>579,506</b>	<b>595,473</b>	<b>609,868</b>	<b>627,199</b>	<b>643,261</b>
<b>Total Pensions</b>		<b>609,472</b>	<b>628,518</b>	<b>644,239</b>	<b>648,966</b>	<b>663,135</b>	<b>678,575</b>	<b>694,410</b>	<b>708,902</b>	<b>725,752</b>	<b>742,381</b>

[1] While the State Pension Transition was closed to new applicants with effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, a limited number of retrospective awards were made in subsequent years.

**Table C3 – Number of Recipients of Main State Pension Benefits by Age and Sex 2020**

	State Pension (Contributory)		State Pension (Non-contributory)		Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension		Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 35					116	34	0	0
35-39					418	112	7	0
40-44					911	313	8	0
45-49					1,795	630	13	
50-54					3,002	1,076	28	6
55-59					5,274	1,829	50	
60-64					8,209	3,052	73	4
65	724	854	232	226	1,975	752	13	0
66	13,998	17,650	2,946	2,552	1,841	573	20	0
67-69	40,024	54,421	8,943	7,547	6,800	1,730	74	2
70-74	52,297	80,841	14,544	11,273	14,955	2,895	133	
75-79	33,424	58,697	10,724	7,212	17,486	2,343	111	2
80-84	18,669	36,561	8,617	4,854	18,617	1,671	99	
85-89	11,327	19,090	6,496	2,818	14,270	1,086	64	0
90-94	4,085	5,161	3,572	1,391	6,850	430	29	0
95 and over	894	725	1,190	328	1,894	80	5	0
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>175,442</b>	<b>274,000</b>	<b>57,264</b>	<b>38,201</b>	<b>104,413</b>	<b>18,606</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>449,442</b>		<b>95,465</b>		<b>123,019</b>		<b>741</b>	

Note: Although applications can be made and awarded at age 65, entitlement to a payment commences at age 66 in the case of State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Non-Contributory).

**Table C4 – Number of Recipients of Main State Pension Benefits by Type of Payment and County 2020**

	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Total
Carlow	1,248	5,097	1,554	16	7,915
Cavan	2,240	5,937	1,760	11	9,948
Clare	3,201	10,707	2,990	14	16,912
Cork	9,711	47,503	13,784	96	71,094
Donegal	7,157	12,262	3,561	24	23,004
Dublin	14,989	111,333	30,470	158	156,950
Galway	7,191	19,887	5,735	23	32,836
Kerry	4,777	13,523	3,941	25	22,266
Kildare	2,354	16,351	4,762	26	23,493
Kilkenny	1,981	8,122	2,238	16	12,357
Laois	1,528	5,397	1,737	10	8,672
Leitrim	1,145	3,099	1,017	12	5,273
Limerick	3,971	18,052	5,219	30	27,272
Longford	1,269	3,662	1,071	10	6,012
Louth	2,484	11,208	3,125	27	16,844
Mayo	5,385	11,943	3,624	17	20,969
Meath	2,697	14,191	4,083	31	21,002
Monaghan	1,805	5,080	1,538	13	8,436
Offaly	1,519	6,302	1,938	14	9,773
Roscommon	2,087	5,806	1,720	16	9,629
Sligo	1,805	6,397	1,819	9	10,030
Tipperary	4,190	15,013	4,583	42	23,828
Waterford	2,589	11,073	3,229	18	16,909
Westmeath	1,718	7,615	2,359	18	11,710
Wexford	4,128	13,893	4,123	24	22,168
Wicklow	2,275	13,250	3,506	17	19,048
Other including those abroad or county unknown	21	46,739	7,533	24	54,317
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,465</b>	<b>449,442</b>	<b>123,019</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>668,667</b>

# D Working Age Income Supports

- Total spending on Working Age Income Supports was €8.3 billion in 2020, an increase of over €5 billion (156%) from the previous year.
- COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment accounted for almost 60% of this expenditure.
- 53% of COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment recipients were male and 47% were female at the end of 2020, while 36% were under 30 years of age.
- Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit recorded an increase in both expenditure and recipients in 2020.

FIGURE 11 – EXPENDITURE ON JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE, JOBSEEKER'S BENEFIT AND COVID-19 - PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENT 2011-2020, €Millions

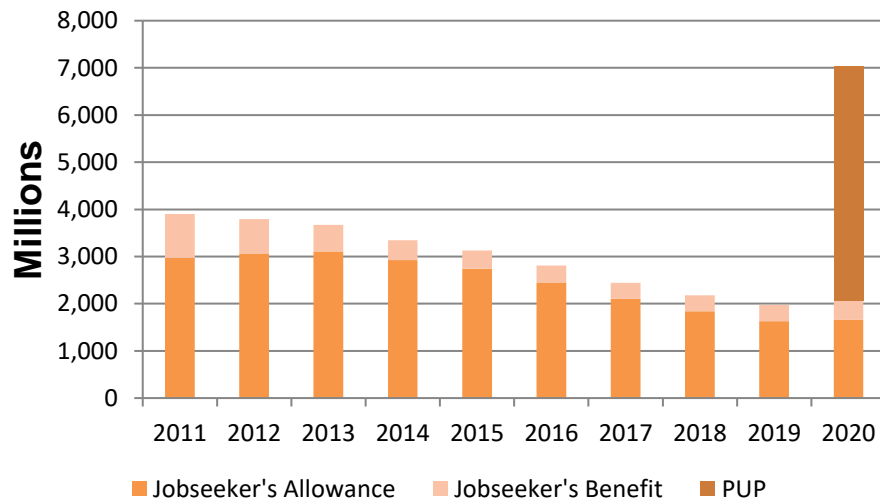
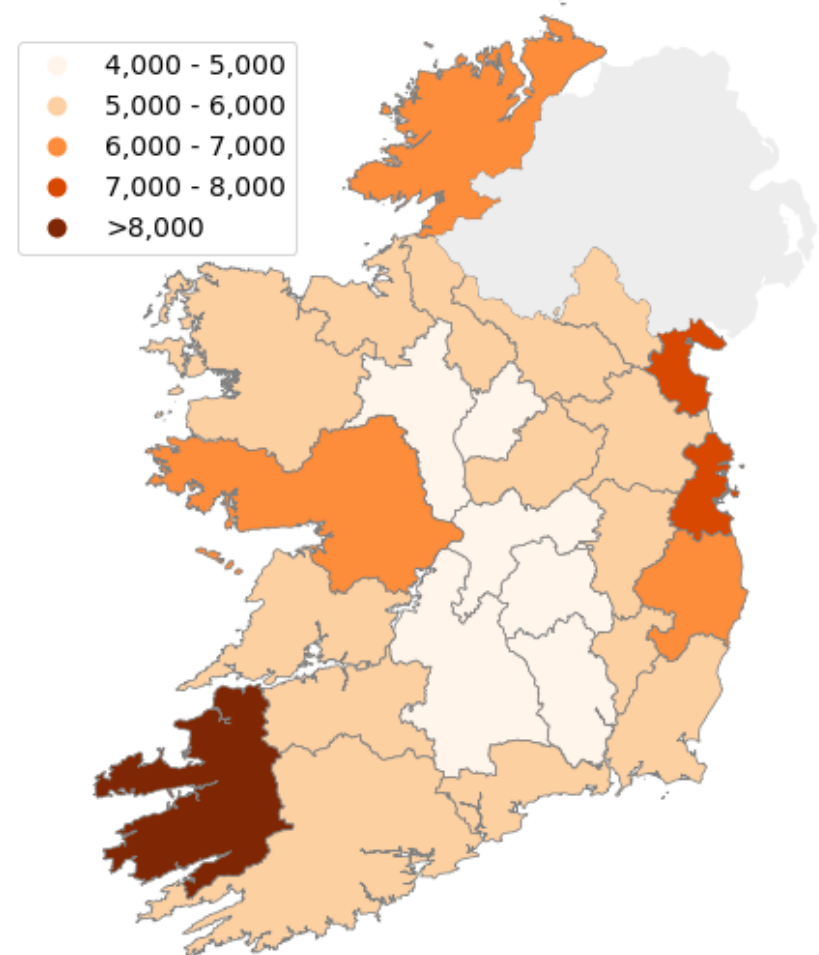


FIGURE 12 – COVID-19 - PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENT RECIPIENT NUMBERS PER 100,000 IN 2020





**Table D1 – Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Scheme (€million) 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	219.12	176.49	104.54	81.72	91.73	89.02	97.22	111.82	120.18	115.21
Daily Expenses Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	5.55	3.80	3.78	3.63	3.85	3.99	4.91	6.36	11.22	13.05
Deserted Wife's Allowance	4.21	3.55	2.88	2.50	2.13	1.74	1.43	1.19	0.96	0.86
Farm Assist	113.72	108.17	99.18	93.63	88.49	78.83	78.18	73.82	68.57	66.41
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>[2]</sup>	2,974.99	3,054.74	3,108.97	2,923.29	2,742.51	2,452.33	2,103.45	1,840.75	1,629.03	1,656.96
One Parent Family Payment	1,088.90	1,057.75	977.96	867.31	670.56	500.70	497.65	511.09	533.07	564.88
Exceptional and Urgent Needs	62.59	52.71	35.67	30.09	30.99	32.19	38.08	42.30	43.21	41.99
Humanitarian Aid	0.00	0.71	1.22	2.07	0.48	1.68	0.84	0.72	0.29	0.08
Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	12.77	11.25	9.53	8.13	7.38	6.69	5.79	7.65	6.58	4.94
Pre-Retirement Allowance	59.94	46.09	34.56	24.32	16.27	8.61	3.61	0.51	0.00	0.00
Widow(er)s' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	18.17	17.67	16.74	16.46	15.87	14.56	14.23	14.26	13.94	13.68
COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment <sup>[4]</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,322.21
<b>Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance</b>	<b>4,559.96</b>	<b>4,532.93</b>	<b>4,395.02</b>	<b>4,053.15</b>	<b>3,670.25</b>	<b>3,190.33</b>	<b>2,845.39</b>	<b>2,610.47</b>	<b>2,427.03</b>	<b>3,798.88</b>
Adoptive Benefit	1.08	0.47	0.31	0.17	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.19	0.15	0.10
Deserted Wife's Benefit	85.83	83.57	80.40	79.11	77.44	74.31	73.29	73.06	71.91	68.48
Health and Safety Benefit	0.64	0.53	0.58	0.54	0.52	0.41	0.47	0.37	0.38	0.36
Jobseeker's Benefit	926.90	736.88	560.46	420.40	387.15	355.81	340.46	339.13	348.01	404.75
Maternity Benefit	309.14	303.53	292.60	269.93	259.79	255.28	256.13	265.28	267.20	258.05
Paternity Benefit						2.01	12.04	11.84	13.49	12.36
Parent's Benefit									0.06	6.66
Redundancy and Insolvency Payments <sup>[3]</sup>	326.91	323.42	148.15	88.21	43.22	38.38	29.26	24.19	32.64	48.41
Treatment Benefits - Dental Benefit	10.45	8.93	19.55	16.04	16.62	16.57	21.10	50.58	51.56	44.31
Treatment Benefits - Medical and Surgical Benefit	8.00	6.67	5.39	6.08	6.47	7.46	10.03	12.40	12.55	11.76
Treatment Benefits - Optical Benefit	4.59	3.39	8.49	6.61	6.81	6.85	9.79	34.66	36.97	35.26
COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment <sup>[4]</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,656.78
<b>Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance</b>	<b>1,673.53</b>	<b>1,467.37</b>	<b>1,115.92</b>	<b>887.09</b>	<b>798.29</b>	<b>757.37</b>	<b>752.85</b>	<b>811.70</b>	<b>834.92</b>	<b>4,558.24</b>
<b>Total - Working Age Income Supports (€millions)</b>	<b>6,183.22</b>	<b>6,000.30</b>	<b>5,510.93</b>	<b>4,940.24</b>	<b>4,468.54</b>	<b>3,947.70</b>	<b>3,598.24</b>	<b>3,422.16</b>	<b>3,261.95</b>	<b>8,357.12</b>

[1] Formerly Direct Provision. [2] Includes expenditure on Jobseeker's Transition Payment. [3] From October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, administration of these schemes transferred from the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. [4] In August 2020 funding of the COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment moved from Social Assistance (Vote 37) into Social Insurance (SIF).

**Table D2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main Working-Age Income Support Benefits by Type 2011-2020**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Recipients	34,597	32,358	23,127	18,187	17,343	17,601	17,933	16,269	15,779	11,747
	Qualified Adult	7,906	7,492	4,573	3,191	2,656	2,693	2,620	2,553	2,400	1,593
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	22,280	20,190	13,955	9,819	8,774	8,636	8,520	7,603	7,127	4,899
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>64,783</b>	<b>60,040</b>	<b>41,655</b>	<b>31,197</b>	<b>28,773</b>	<b>28,930</b>	<b>29,073</b>	<b>26,425</b>	<b>25,306</b>	<b>18,239</b>
Daily Expenses Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients								3,152	4,258	3,534
	Number on Adult personal rate								426	532	413
	Number on Child rate								824	1,025	904
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>								<b>4,402</b>	<b>5,815</b>	<b>4,851</b>
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Recipients	409	336	274	264	205	164	135	107	91	75
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>75</b>
Farm Assist	Recipients	11,246	11,029	10,303	9,809	8,790	7,828	7,234	6,535	5,971	5,511
	Qualified Adult	5,171	5,043	4,641	4,314	3,794	3,297	3,025	2,696	2,458	2,207
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	8,057	7,784	6,819	6,207	5,361	4,622	4,308	3,924	3,552	3,239
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,211	2,145	1,941	1,834	1,642	1,465	1,333	1,185	1,091	974
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>26,685</b>	<b>26,001</b>	<b>23,704</b>	<b>22,164</b>	<b>19,587</b>	<b>17,212</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>14,340</b>	<b>13,072</b>	<b>11,931</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>[2]</sup>	Recipients	283,313	291,640	294,570	267,969	231,541	203,680	169,692	140,337	123,633	125,703
	Qualified Adult	68,183	72,300	73,175	67,361	58,251	50,959	42,281	33,939	28,853	27,900
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	115,313	124,133	128,394	120,388	108,301	94,390	78,161	63,446	54,901	56,370
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	39,368	42,812	44,245	40,539	34,048	29,353	22,645	18,229	15,556	14,332
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>506,177</b>	<b>530,885</b>	<b>540,384</b>	<b>496,257</b>	<b>432,141</b>	<b>378,382</b>	<b>312,779</b>	<b>255,951</b>	<b>222,943</b>	<b>224,305</b>
Jobseeker's Transitional Payment <sup>[2]</sup>	Recipients			507	1,982	14,995	14,580	14,618	14,796	15,234	15,954
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)			870	3,688	24,924	24,091	24,061	24,202	24,532	25,592
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>			<b>1,377</b>	<b>5,670</b>	<b>39,919</b>	<b>38,671</b>	<b>38,679</b>	<b>38,998</b>	<b>39,766</b>	<b>41,546</b>
One Parent Family Payment	Recipients	89,134	86,941	78,246	69,884	41,468	40,317	39,310	39,265	39,533	39,446
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	147,223	143,406	132,166	119,169	74,281	72,931	71,739	72,287	73,277	73,342
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>236,357</b>	<b>230,347</b>	<b>210,412</b>	<b>189,053</b>	<b>115,749</b>	<b>113,248</b>	<b>111,049</b>	<b>111,552</b>	<b>112,810</b>	<b>112,788</b>

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[1] Up until 2018, Daily Expenses Allowance (Direct Provision) was included as part of the Basic SWA Payment figures.

[2] Since 2015 people who no longer qualify for a One-Parent Family Payment because their youngest child is aged 7 can qualify for a Jobseeker's Transitional payment.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pre-Retirement Allowance	Recipients	4,802	3,670	2,664	1,887	1,110	551	171	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	1,226	902	636	446	253	118	39	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	244	164	87	48	27	2	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>4,736</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Recipients	1,959	1,860	1,781	1,790	1,675	1,556	1,491	1,480	1,373	1,301
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>1,781</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,301</b>
<b>Working - Age Income supports - Social Assistance</b>		<b>842,642</b>	<b>854,205</b>	<b>822,974</b>	<b>748,776</b>	<b>639,439</b>	<b>578,834</b>	<b>509,316</b>	<b>453,255</b>	<b>421,176</b>	<b>415,036</b>
Adoptive Benefit	Recipients	45	14	15	13	19	18	10	9	11	6
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Recipients	8,071	7,753	7,457	6,989	6,924	6,693	6,387	6,316	5,832	5,374
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,081	842	652	397	316	231	175	112	93	84
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>9,152</b>	<b>8,595</b>	<b>8,109</b>	<b>7,386</b>	<b>7,298</b>	<b>7,055</b>	<b>6,735</b>	<b>6,654</b>	<b>5,936</b>	<b>5,464</b>
Health and Safety Benefit	Recipients	61	60	52	53	50	36	45	25	25	32
	Qualified Adults and Children	8	12	14	15	12	10	12	4	5	3
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit	Recipients	88,854	73,137	51,881	44,922	37,095	37,025	35,035	33,383	34,141	34,246
	Qualified Adult	9,284	8,045	5,111	4,564	3,749	3,389	3,036	2,648	2,596	2,598
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	14,143	11,880	7,591	6,438	5,179	4,866	4,291	3,852	3,983	5,411
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	14,052	11,334	7,718	6,239	4,357	3,909	3,223	2,872	2,618	2,719
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>126,333</b>	<b>104,396</b>	<b>72,301</b>	<b>62,163</b>	<b>50,380</b>	<b>49,189</b>	<b>45,585</b>	<b>42,755</b>	<b>43,338</b>	<b>44,974</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients									266	249
	Qualified Adult									25	45
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)									32	72
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>									<b>323</b>	<b>366</b>

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[1] Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) was introduced in November 2019.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Systematic Short Time Workers	Recipients	8,198	5,322	3,187	1,413	750	600	428	806	400	1,348
	Qualified Adult	828	525	318	150	80	62	33	118	28	89
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,188	717	427	176	98	53	41	188	28	184
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,463	1,043	608	9	114	83	52	148	47	152
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>11,677</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>4,540</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>1,773</b>
Maternity Benefit	Recipients	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	19,012	21,548	21,182	21,479	19,661
	Qualified Adult						133	310	298	280	194
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)						339	758	952	956	582
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)						93	155	182	101	140
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>23,947</b>	<b>22,850</b>	<b>22,812</b>	<b>22,708</b>	<b>21,687</b>	<b>19,577</b>	<b>22,771</b>	<b>22,614</b>	<b>22,816</b>	<b>20,577</b>
Paternity Benefit	Recipients						192	875	541	851	587
	Qualified Adult						8	36	19	39	6
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)						18	56	29	63	7
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)						33	20	34	45	7
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>						<b>251</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>607</b>
Parent's Benefit	Recipients										2,424
	Qualified Adult										28
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)										99
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)										49
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>										<b>2,600</b>
COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment	Recipients										328,526
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>										<b>328,526</b>
<b>Working – Age Income supports – Social Insurance</b>		<b>171,223</b>	<b>143,534</b>	<b>107,843</b>	<b>94,086</b>	<b>80,488</b>	<b>76,934</b>	<b>76,699</b>	<b>73,944</b>	<b>73,955</b>	<b>404,928</b>
<b>Total Working – Age Income supports</b>		<b>1,013,865</b>	<b>997,739</b>	<b>930,817</b>	<b>842,862</b>	<b>719,927</b>	<b>655,768</b>	<b>586,015</b>	<b>527,199</b>	<b>495,131</b>	<b>819,964</b>

Note: Before 2019 Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) and Systematic Short Time Workers were presented as combined figures - they are split here. For historical comparison with pre-2019 reports the totals relating to these schemes should be combined.

**Table D3 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Treatment Benefits by Type 2011-2020**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dental Benefit	Recipients	25,565	25,871	23,631	22,087	21,815	21,638	8,809	64,038	65,612	65,911
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>25,565</b>	<b>25,871</b>	<b>23,631</b>	<b>22,087</b>	<b>21,815</b>	<b>21,638</b>	<b>8,809</b>	<b>64,038</b>	<b>65,612</b>	<b>65,911</b>
Optical Benefit	Recipients	13,796	12,098	16,449	13,539	16,477	11,066	10,992	46,997	46,515	40,042
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>13,796</b>	<b>12,098</b>	<b>16,449</b>	<b>13,539</b>	<b>16,477</b>	<b>11,066</b>	<b>10,992</b>	<b>46,997</b>	<b>46,515</b>	<b>40,042</b>
Medical and Surgical Benefit	Recipients	874	789	886	708	812	864	1,087	1,697	1,472	1,384
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>1,384</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>40,235</b>	<b>38,758</b>	<b>40,966</b>	<b>36,334</b>	<b>39,104</b>	<b>33,568</b>	<b>20,888</b>	<b>112,732</b>	<b>113,599</b>	<b>107,337</b>

Notes:

1. Treatment Benefit figures above are based on claims paid in December 2020. Practitioners are paid directly in respect of treatments provided. The actual date in which the treatment was provided may have been in a preceding month.
2. The inclusion of self-employed workers, the expansion of treatments available under the Dental and Optical Benefits scheme in recent years and the roll out of the WelfarePartners on-line portal since 2017 have marked a significant change in the recording of Treatment Benefit claims.

**Table D4 – Number of Recipients of Main Working-Age Income Support Benefits by Age and Sex 2020**

	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance		One Parent Family Payment		Jobseeker's Allowance		Jobseeker's Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>		COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	96	128	521	25	1,858	2,353	4	10	9,982	8,723
20-24	399	451	5,265		4,670	7,261	870	772	29,829	31,557
25-29	422	716	9,482	54	5,570	10,080	1,803	1,585	16,909	21,301
30-34	531	838	9,448	73	5,491	10,069	2,089	1,907	17,318	19,130
35-39	624	812	7,096	89	5,284	9,641	2,555	2,304	18,118	19,806
40-44	671	927	4,536	110	4,793	9,234	2,448	2,344	16,216	18,521
45-49	651	809	1,950	66	4,839	8,742	2,119	2,105	13,633	16,651
50-54	657	728	551	43	4,566	8,029	1,738	1,950	11,857	15,080
55-59	599	643	106	14	3,888	7,103	1,683	1,801	9,709	13,225
60 and over	451	594	10	7	4,306	7,926	2,810	2,697	8,149	12,812
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>6,646</b>	<b>38,965</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>45,265</b>	<b>80,438</b>	<b>18,119</b>	<b>17,475</b>	<b>151,720</b>	<b>176,806</b>

	Jobseeker's Transitional Payment		Farm Assist		Daily Expenses Allowance		Health and Safety Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit	Paternity Benefit	Parent's Benefit	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 25	57	0	6	25	189	296	3	783	0	17	30	5
25-29	1,350	18	8	76	229	334	10	2,519	0	80	153	56
30-34	3,207	59	10	153	279	424	10	7,303	2	213	586	217
35-44	7,206	241	74	660	537	649	9	8,952	2	271	907	433
45-49	2,562	80	61	629	99	179	0	98		6	9	6
50-59	1,063	92	204	1,967	87	142	0	6	2			
60 and over	7	12	114	1,524	51	39	0					
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19,661</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>739</b>

[1] Jobseeker's Benefit includes Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) and Systematic Short Time Workers in this table.

**Table D5 – Number of Recipients of Treatment Benefit by Age and Sex 2020**

	Dental Benefit		Optical Benefit		Medical and Surgical	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	163	191	71	142		
20-24	1,535	2,287	586	1,320	2	3
25-29	1,385	2,272	509	1,021		
30-34	2,488	3,776	809	1,546	6	7
35-39	3,575	4,801	1,119	1,970	5	6
40-44	4,078	5,127	1,609	2,648	13	14
45-49	3,891	4,497	2,456	3,095	20	16
50-54	3,325	3,756	2,319	2,703	21	27
55-59	2,830	3,321	2,063	2,264	59	25
60-64	2,103	2,421	1,631	1,792	73	44
65	359	427	328	361	28	12
66-69	1,510	1,673	1,497	1,532	114	57
70-74	1,207	1,137	1,301	1,132	164	107
75-79	725	492	787	551	167	78
80-84	274	143	432	187	125	50
85-89	85	33	145	63	64	26
90-94	19	2	37	11	27	12
95 and over	3		5		10	2
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>29,555</b>	<b>36,356</b>	<b>17,704</b>	<b>22,338</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>486</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>65,911</b>		<b>40,042</b>		<b>1,384</b>	

Note: Treatment Benefit figures above are based on claims paid in December 2020. Practitioners are paid directly in respect of treatments provided. The actual date in which the treatment was provided may have been in a preceding month.

**Table D6 – Recipients of Treatment Benefits by County 2020**

County	Dental Benefit	Optical Benefit	Medical and Surgical
Carlow	799	473	24
Cavan	1,236	600	24
Clare	1,775	1,139	34
Cork	9,136	5,118	155
Donegal	1,874	1,138	54
Dublin	15,931	11,396	411
Galway	3,993	1,948	42
Kerry	2,395	1,344	43
Kildare	2,639	2,027	64
Kilkenny	1,445	943	28
Laois	1,017	684	17
Leitrim	487	270	11
Limerick	2,672	1,392	40
Longford	821	321	15
Louth	1,427	940	39
Mayo	2,182	1,045	41
Meath	2,800	1,736	38
Monaghan	716	473	24
Offaly	932	668	26
Roscommon	1,056	470	24
Sligo	954	609	20
Tipperary	2,196	1,447	38
Waterford	1,935	912	21
Westmeath	1,283	753	30
Wexford	1,913	928	56
Wicklow	2,135	1,169	62
Other including those abroad or county unknown	162	99	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,911</b>	<b>40,042</b>	<b>1,384</b>



**Table D7 – Recipients of Main Working Age Income Supports by Scheme and County 2020**

	Jobseeker's Allowance	Jobseeker's Transitional Payment	Supplementary Welfare Allowance	One-Parent Family Parent	Farm Assist	Jobseeker's Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	Maternity Benefit	Paternity Benefit	Parent's Benefit	COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment
Carlow	2,427	259	187	633	40	604	236	14	23	3,160
Cavan	2,299	201	86	464	195	448	322	6	47	4,636
Clare	3,144	292	109	667	230	1,046	449	14	58	8,266
Cork	9,574	1,484	947	3,737	391	3,329	2,358	80	272	31,487
Donegal	6,464	465	253	1,169	976	971	611	16	66	11,745
Dublin	30,459	5,445	4,688	13,652	20	11,125	5,593	150	638	109,754
Galway	6,446	607	312	1,273	527	1,732	1,084	38	163	17,816
Kerry	5,031	470	239	1,071	453	1,441	515	20	62	13,160
Kildare	4,526	680	424	1,552	17	1,718	1,082	41	118	13,982
Kilkenny	1,997	226	300	506	64	529	356	9	64	5,696
Laois	2,566	267	148	732	49	550	290	10	38	4,571
Leitrim	1,243	93	56	152	235	214	126	6	16	2,071
Limerick	5,279	633	381	1,904	104	1,360	746	19	97	11,305
Longford	1,918	140	67	445	104	312	161	5	17	2,166
Louth	5,448	684	435	1,758	54	1,369	523	17	61	9,232
Mayo	4,429	419	194	846	913	955	522	16	65	8,688
Meath	2,937	340	377	880	40	997	861	16	124	13,604
Monaghan	1,591	177	117	421	264	345	282	7	35	4,205
Offaly	2,471	241	206	665	45	578	288	8	27	4,295
Roscommon	1,359	100	192	257	184	297	264	7	35	3,660
Sligo	1,876	209	154	463	143	395	262	9	39	4,143
Tipperary	5,065	577	470	1,490	187	1,088	628	14	90	8,315
Waterford	4,743	565	331	1,326	46	885	430	15	53	7,120
Westmeath	2,968	305	167	854	74	762	384	14	63	5,352
Wexford	5,919	601	317	1,447	126	1,447	571	17	79	9,687
Wicklow	3,524	474	587	1,082	30	1,097	554	17	79	9,677
Other including those abroad or county unknown			3				163	2	11	733
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,703</b>	<b>15,954</b>	<b>11,747</b>	<b>39,446</b>	<b>5,511</b>	<b>35,594</b>	<b>19,661</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>328,526</b>

Notes: 1. Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit have not been included to avoid identification of counts equal to 1. For 2020, the national totals were 32 and 6 respectively. 2. Jobseeker's Allowance, Jobseeker's Transitional Payment, Jobseeker's Benefit, One-Parent Family and Farm Assist are determined by county of local office.

[1] Jobseeker's Benefit includes Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) and Systematic Short Time Workers in this table.

# E Working Age Employment Supports

- Total spending on Working Age Employment Supports was almost €4.8 billion in 2020, an increase of over €4 billion (529.2%) from the previous year.
- The Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme accounted for 56.7% and 28.7% of this expenditure respectively.
- At year end 2020 the number of Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme recipients totalled 288,753, of which 31% were under 30 years of age.

FIGURE 14 – EMPLOYMENT WAGE SUBSIDY SCHEME RECIPIENT NUMBERS PER 100,000 IN 2020

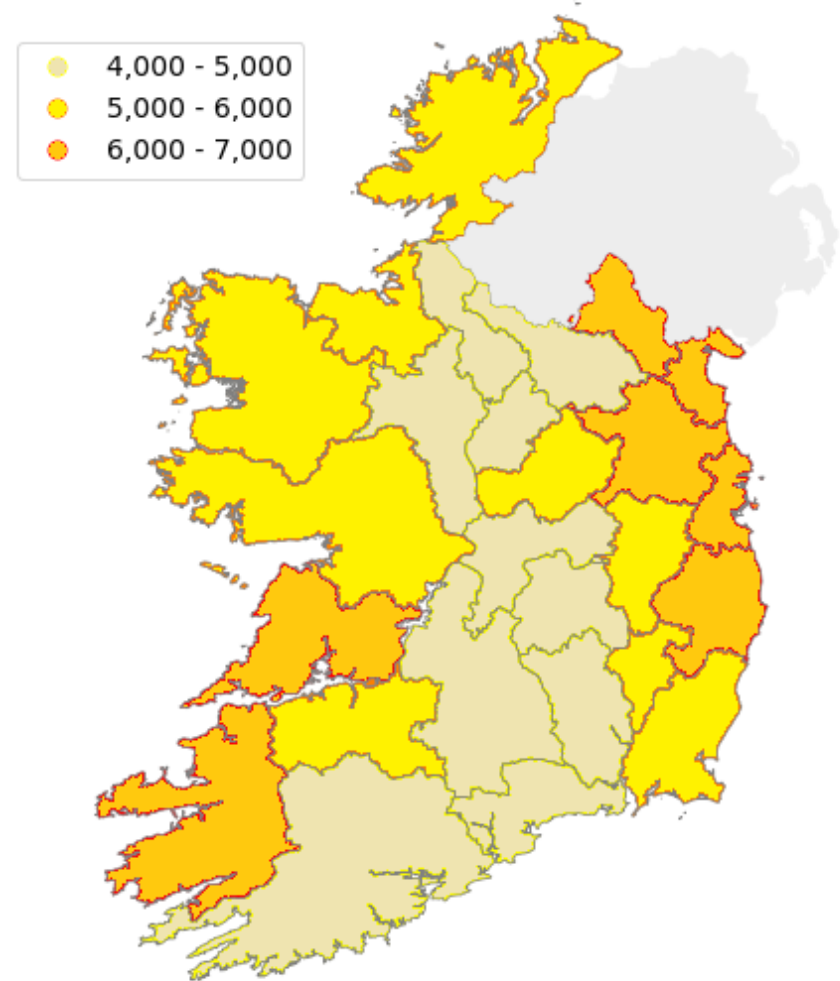
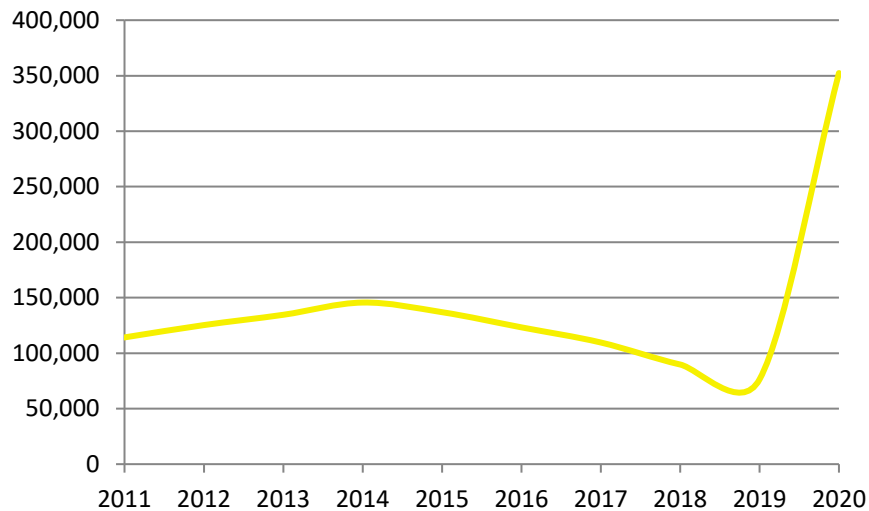


FIGURE 13 – WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT BENEFICIARIES 2011-2020



**Table E1 – Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports by Scheme (€million) 2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,706.96
Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,370.89
Back to Education Allowance	201.52	199.57	186.88	162.45	143.97	114.83	93.86	78.69	65.17	65.92
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	114.58	127.20	119.51	118.83	129.04	124.38	115.17	90.47	59.70	39.27
Community Employment Programme <sup>[1]</sup>	349.40	330.40	341.25	359.47	364.99	356.34	350.49	353.07	353.39	340.61
Community Services Programme <sup>[2]</sup>	45.45	45.39	44.85	43.03	42.73	43.64	42.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gateway	0.00	0.00	0.26	7.58	29.54	21.18	3.50	0.21	0.01	0.00
Job Initiative	29.68	25.79	24.92	23.36	21.70	20.15	19.15	17.75	16.42	14.97
JobsPlus	0.00	0.00	1.04	11.88	22.63	23.68	28.85	22.75	14.38	5.38
Rural Social Scheme	46.84	45.24	44.20	43.76	44.11	42.39	44.41	50.03	54.95	52.74
TÚS	11.76	67.06	92.06	116.05	124.58	118.60	109.40	105.98	102.75	83.57
Wage Subsidy Scheme	10.07	10.56	11.04	12.91	16.39	19.40	20.84	22.32	23.81	18.16
Youth Employment Support Scheme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.70	1.72
Other Working Age Employment Supports	86.05	100.70	119.04	126.05	112.44	83.12	52.44	47.75	45.07	41.12
<b>Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance</b>	<b>903.26</b>	<b>951.91</b>	<b>985.05</b>	<b>1,025.38</b>	<b>1,052.12</b>	<b>967.71</b>	<b>880.57</b>	<b>789.05</b>	<b>736.35</b>	<b>4,741.61</b>
Partial Capacity Benefit	0.00	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42	21.11	24.66
<b>Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>7.38</b>	<b>9.97</b>	<b>11.31</b>	<b>13.08</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>18.42</b>	<b>21.11</b>	<b>24.66</b>
<b>Total - Working Age Employment Supports (€millions)</b>	<b>903.26</b>	<b>954.02</b>	<b>992.43</b>	<b>1,035.35</b>	<b>1,063.43</b>	<b>980.79</b>	<b>896.57</b>	<b>807.47</b>	<b>757.46</b>	<b>4,766.27</b>

[1] The Community Employment Programme and Other Employment Programmes transferred from Fás to the Department of Social Protection in January 2011.

[2] The Community Services Programme transferred to the Department of Rural and Community Development in December 2017.

**Table E2 – Breakdown of Other Working Age Employment Supports (€million)**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)	2.81	2.54	3.18	1.39	1.33	0.84	0.59	0.54	0.38	0.16
Credit Union loan guarantee scheme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disability Activation and Employment Supports	0.11	0.38	2.83	3.34	2.13	0.35	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.53
Employability Service	0.00	8.10	8.71	8.43	8.66	8.56	8.72	8.87	9.10	8.84
Employment Support Unit (ESU) policy initiatives	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Enterprise Support Grant	3.17	3.46	3.26	3.34	4.22	4.48	4.59	3.74	2.85	1.54
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training and Other Initiatives	0.00	0.10	0.32	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.66	0.45	0.06	0.01
JobBridge	7.91	54.74	67.69	76.03	63.49	37.79	6.90	0.12	0.03	0.03
Jobs Clubs	0.00	5.72	5.49	5.49	5.88	5.40	5.21	5.26	4.84	4.45
Local Employment Service	18.31	17.85	19.37	18.28	19.51	18.44	18.56	18.49	18.32	18.16
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1.03	1.37	1.98	2.28	2.72	3.00	3.04	2.50	1.69	1.07
Pre-activation for people with Disabilities	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.50	4.61	4.60	4.50
Projects funded from Drugs Task Force	2.10	1.86	1.63	1.74	0.84	0.65	0.60	0.51	0.55	0.53
Social Inclusion Initiatives (Employment Programmes)	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Initiatives for Travellers programme	0.04	0.19	0.29	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special payments to Long-Term Unemployed and Lone Parents	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technical Support Grant	3.14	4.35	4.27	5.03	3.31	3.14	2.64	2.23	2.21	1.31
<b>Total Other Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>38.95</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>119.04</b>	<b>126.04</b>	<b>112.45</b>	<b>83.12</b>	<b>52.45</b>	<b>47.75</b>	<b>45.07</b>	<b>41.13</b>

**Table E3 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main Working-Age Employment Supports by Type 2011-2020**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Back to Education Allowance	Recipients	24,530	24,910	24,175	22,714	17,879	13,895	10,916	8,816	6,976	6,048
	Qualified Adult	2,317	2,487	2,701	2,594	2,051	1,633	1,390	1,083	854	652
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	7,055	7,005	7,029	6,795	5,861	4,916	4,327	3,651	2,967	2,416
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	3,002	3,126	2,896	2,491	1,813	1,402	1,100	810	671	516
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>36,904</b>	<b>37,528</b>	<b>36,801</b>	<b>34,594</b>	<b>27,604</b>	<b>21,846</b>	<b>17,733</b>	<b>14,360</b>	<b>11,468</b>	<b>9,632</b>
Back to Work Allowance (Employee)	Recipients	182	18	11	2	0	0	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adults and Children	150	21	6	4	0	0	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Recipients	10,751	10,810	10,098	11,166	11,881	10,977	9,655	6,666	4,115	2,738
	Qualified Adult	4,101	3,642	3,445	3,723	3,907	3,562	3,089	2,084	1,279	765
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	7,282	7,408	6,953	7,618	8,474	7,623	6,489	4,291	2,709	1,772
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,177	2,153	2,003	2,347	2,326	2,050	1,921	1,433	738	478
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>24,311</b>	<b>24,013</b>	<b>22,499</b>	<b>24,854</b>	<b>26,588</b>	<b>24,212</b>	<b>21,154</b>	<b>14,474</b>	<b>8,841</b>	<b>5,753</b>
Community Employment Programme	Recipients	22,589	22,445	23,943	23,249	24,218	22,356	21,832	21,424	21,290	19,440
	Qualified Adult	2,988	4,152	5,740	6,685	6,748	6,365	6,110	4,760	4,732	4,177
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	16,861	10,236	9,327	8,787	8,757	8,360	8,073	7,560	6,204	4,800
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	4,550	6,092	6,948	6,842	6,326	6,013	1,675	1,425	1,178
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>42,438</b>	<b>41,383</b>	<b>45,102</b>	<b>45,669</b>	<b>46,565</b>	<b>43,407</b>	<b>42,028</b>	<b>35,419</b>	<b>33,651</b>	<b>29,595</b>
Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme	Recipients										s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>										<b>s/c</b>
Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme	Recipients										288,753
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>										<b>288,753</b>
Gateway	Recipients	0	0	0	0	2,266	683	50	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	0	0	0	0	657	185	13	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	0	0	1,090	301	16	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,013</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Job Initiative	Recipients	0	0	0	1,031	958	886	842	692	624	558
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>558</b>
JobBridge	Recipients	0	5,160	6,058	6,047	4,207	1,764	29	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	0	596	755	869	618	288	4	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	1,002	1,296	1,500	1,084	468	4	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	485	576	582	400	178	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,243</b>	<b>8,685</b>	<b>8,998</b>	<b>6,309</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	Recipients	180	215	290	373	403	467	418	269	181	234
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	74	48	25	12	3	1	0	34	16	21
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>255</b>
Rural Social Scheme	Recipients	2,537	2,591	2,537	2,576	2,532	2,527	2,850	3,103	3,169	3,076
	Qualified Adult	1,065	1,069	1,042	1,009	983	994	1,147	1,232	1,192	1,062
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,736	1,500	1,454	1,380	1,293	1,276	1,504	1,566	1,526	1,314
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	81	371	348	386	409	408	523	577	513	632
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>5,419</b>	<b>5,531</b>	<b>5,381</b>	<b>5,351</b>	<b>5,217</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>6,024</b>	<b>6,478</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>6,084</b>
TÚS	Recipients	2,077	4,530	6,999	7,877	7,818	7,140	6,256	6,366	5,482	3,945
	Qualified Adult	665	1,268	1,895	2,056	1,889	1,703	1,547	1,449	1,151	805
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,130	2,181	2,887	3,141	2,619	2,458	2,190	2,014	1,584	1,050
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	470	835	1,567	1,641	2,031	2,058	2,073	1,882	1,662	1,186
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>4,342</b>	<b>8,814</b>	<b>13,348</b>	<b>14,715</b>	<b>14,357</b>	<b>13,359</b>	<b>12,066</b>	<b>11,711</b>	<b>9,879</b>	<b>6,986</b>
JobsPlus	Recipients						4,624	5,217	3,528	2,149	712
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>						<b>4,624</b>	<b>5,217</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>712</b>
Other Working Age Employment Supports	Recipients	0	0	0	7,313	2,144	2,482	2,494	0	0	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	0	278	277	298	335	337	0	0	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>7,590</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>s/c</b>
<b>Working - Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance</b>		<b>114,196</b>	<b>125,299</b>	<b>133,002</b>	<b>143,775</b>	<b>134,859</b>	<b>120,869</b>	<b>108,598</b>	<b>87,122</b>	<b>73,209</b>	<b>348,328</b>
Partial Capacity Benefit	Recipients	0	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	394	2,426	2,956	3,227
	Qualified Adult	0	0	133	156	168	198	224	216	246	270
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	204	240	299	327	396	12	57	524
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>4,021</b>
<b>Working - Age Employment supports - Social Insurance</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>4,021</b>
<b>Total Working - Age Employment supports</b>		<b>114,196</b>	<b>125,299</b>	<b>134,573</b>	<b>145,603</b>	<b>136,938</b>	<b>123,267</b>	<b>109,612</b>	<b>89,776</b>	<b>76,468</b>	<b>352,349</b>

**Table E4 – Number of Recipients of Main Working-Age Employment Supports by Age and Sex 2020**

	Back to Education Allowance		Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Community Employment Programme		Part-time Job Incentive		Partial Capacity Benefit		Rural Social Scheme	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 30	1,375	1,559	95	126	1,162	1,112	13	3	18	15	7	15
30-34	463	557	175	276	708	661	21	10	73	27	17	57
35-39	365	321	214	303	849	716	11	17	160	91	29	96
40-44	320	244	189	331	832	844	16	14	318	178	57	161
45-49	227	164	130	233	893	1,087	20	12	384	224	81	315
50-54	161	109	110	202	857	1,373	21	20	425	279	109	466
55+	110	73	105	249	2,599	5,747	24	32	582	453	289	1,427
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>3,021</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>11,540</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>2,537</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>6,048</b>		<b>2,738</b>		<b>19,440</b>		<b>234</b>		<b>3,227</b>		<b>3,076</b>	

	Short Term Enterprise Allowance		Jobs Initiative		TÚS		Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme <sup>[1]</sup>	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 30	8	5	3	24	314	495	49,041	40,205
30-34	13	5			159	227	17,547	17,271
35-39	13	17			156	255	17,792	19,074
40-44	6	13			197	275	16,371	18,556
45-49	14	10			177	324	13,913	16,217
50-54	2	2			53	201	370	11,370
55+	2	6	261	217	260	535	16,250	21,745
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>142,284</b>	<b>146,469</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>116</b>		<b>558</b>		<b>3,945</b>		<b>288,753</b>	

[1] EWSS figures are based on provisional figures from CSO for December 27<sup>th</sup> 2020.

**Table E5 – Number of Recipients of Main Working Age Employment Supports by County 2020**

	Community Employment Programme	Jobs Initiative	Rural Social Scheme	TUS Community Work Placement	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Back to Education Allowance	Part Time Job Incentive <sup>[1]</sup>	Partial Capacity Benefit	Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme <sup>[2]</sup>
Carlow	361	10	23	83	27	142	<3	48	3,105
Cavan	312	14	101	73	60	85	2	50	3,734
Clare	397	24	143	68	88	130	5	80	7,214
Cork	1,736	28	180	307	179	559	19	446	26,945
Donegal	1,011	24	308	243	159	283	8	102	8,390
Dublin	4,014	271	1	592	566	1,367	76	709	89,744
Galway	1,182	20	403	257	135	345	13	161	15,430
Kerry	944	0	271	81	100	243	4	111	10,021
Kildare	720	10	29	93	58	182	9	156	13,246
Kilkenny	425	0	20	64	108	113	<3	61	4,878
Laois	270	0	21	78	63	94	3	64	4,225
Leitrim	177	5	113	48	39	48	<3	27	1,427
Limerick	1,089	57	100	78	54	334	9	137	10,699
Longford	285	0	60	79	57	61	<3	42	1,989
Louth	654	31	13	136	79	325	3	88	8,043
Mayo	636	9	635	219	118	182	11	105	6,829
Meath	453	0	23	213	89	94	3	153	12,155
Monaghan	376	19	69	63	34	74	2	38	3,686
Offaly	369	10	56	88	69	120	4	47	3,556
Roscommon	259	0	174	80	70	48	3	55	2,897
Sligo	389	5	143	94	43	150	5	56	3,303
Tipperary	767	1	76	247	114	259	12	136	6,904
Waterford	653	6	12	224	99	309	25	78	5,579
Westmeath	512	13	41	57	97	115	<3	55	4,913
Wexford	872	1	44	241	145	185	8	114	8,754
Wicklow	577	0	17	139	88	201	5	96	8,940
Other including those abroad or county unknown								12	12,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,440</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>6,048</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>3,227</b>	<b>288,753</b>

Note: With exception of Partial Capacity Benefit and the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme county totals based on the number of recipients/participants at each Social Welfare Local Office.

[1] Given the small numbers within this scheme, statistical disclosure control methods have been applied.

[2] EWSS figures from CSO as of December 27<sup>th</sup> 2020.



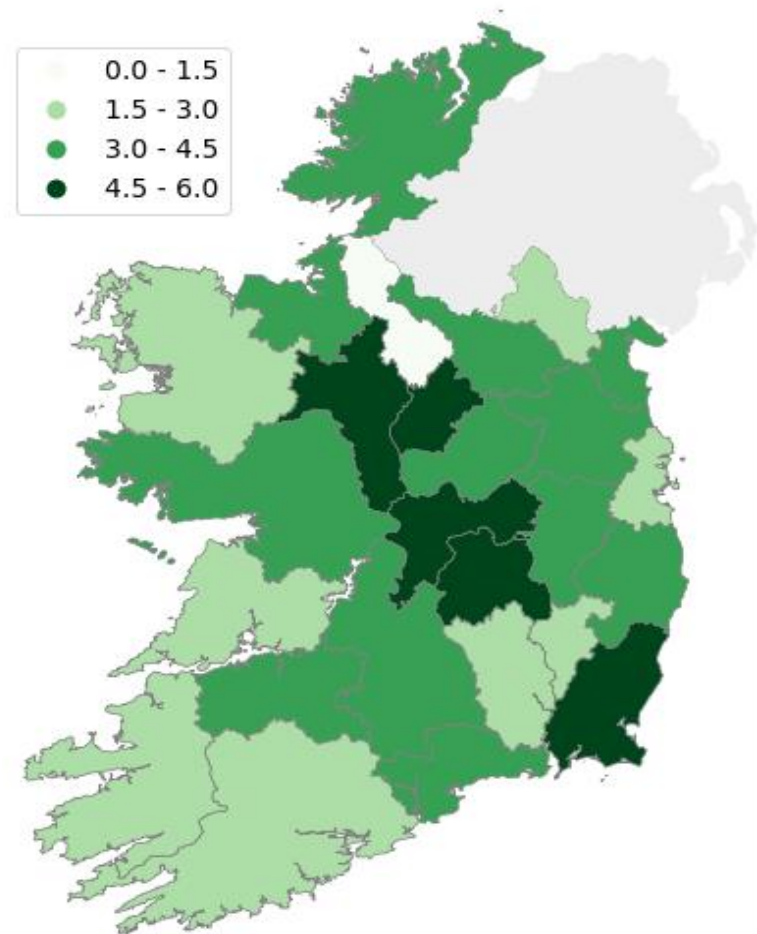
# F Illness, Disability and Caring

- There was €4.7 billion spent on illness, disability and caring payments in 2020, an increase of €264 million (5.9%) compared to 2019. Carer's Allowance and Disability Allowance accounted for €2.7 billion of this expenditure, recording increases of 7.4% and 6.2% respectively.
- The number of recipients on Disability Allowance increased by 5,825 to 152,580 in 2020 (an increase of 4.0%). Since 2011 the recipient numbers on this scheme have grown by 48.3%.
- Carer's Allowance expenditure has increased by 66% since 2011.
- Of the 88,906 people in receipt of Carer's Allowance, 68,274 (77%) were female, while one in five were aged 65 years or over.

FIGURE 15 – AGE BREAKDOWN OF CARER'S SUPPORT GRANT RECIPIENTS 2020



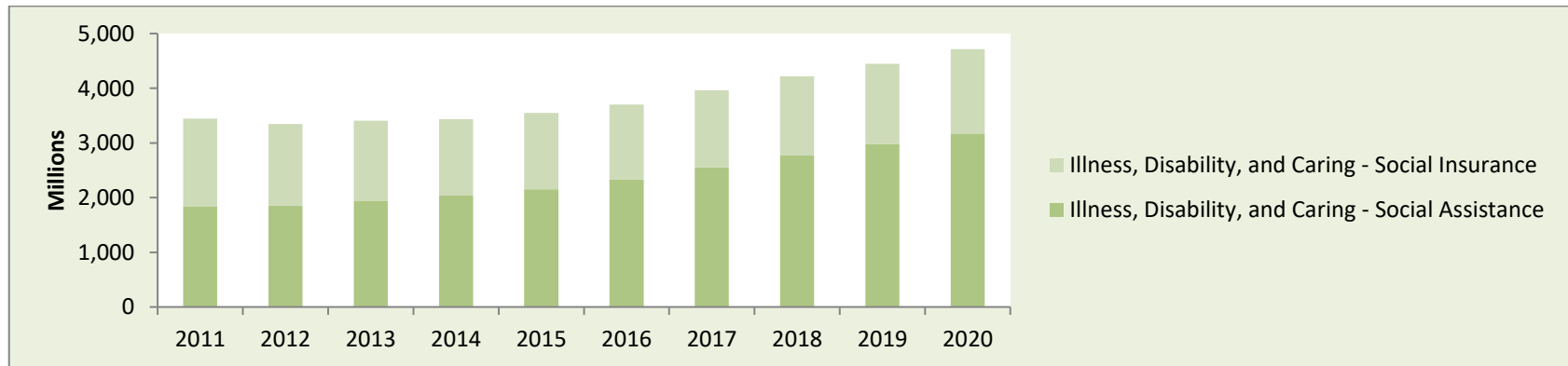
FIGURE 16 – ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING RECIPIENT PERCENTAGE INCREASE 2020 VERSUS 2019



**Table F1 – Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Scheme (€million) 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Blind Pension	15.62	15.75	14.82	14.43	14.38	13.66	13.39	13.31	12.97	12.64
Carer's Allowance	507.19	509.67	554.80	559.33	611.14	653.67	729.45	795.36	862.56	926.35
Disability Allowance	1,089.18	1,087.51	1,140.92	1,238.31	1,281.59	1,357.99	1,469.44	1,586.26	1,705.97	1,811.85
Domiciliary Care Allowance	99.92	102.24	104.27	110.67	120.88	133.08	151.91	168.42	182.49	193.10
Carer's Support Grant	130.39	136.35	119.95	118.50	125.14	172.32	192.92	203.96	219.54	227.54
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance</b>	<b>1,842.31</b>	<b>1,851.52</b>	<b>1,934.76</b>	<b>2,041.23</b>	<b>2,153.13</b>	<b>2,330.71</b>	<b>2,557.11</b>	<b>2,767.30</b>	<b>2,983.51</b>	<b>3,171.48</b>
Carer's Benefit	24.47	24.50	22.44	23.65	30.12	32.75	36.38	38.64	43.29	49.34
Disablement Benefit	77.46	76.15	76.12	76.62	76.68	74.77	76.80	76.50	72.66	69.86
Illness Benefit	875.55	773.96	648.94	625.98	620.01	597.46	599.37	623.30	607.22	592.64
Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	56.87
Injury Benefit	16.51	15.86	14.59	16.54	16.99	18.70	19.54	17.85	13.64	11.45
Invalidity Pension	606.50	604.02	707.77	651.67	649.22	644.93	672.77	694.21	728.11	760.25
Medical Care Scheme	0.32	0.36	0.35	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.20	0.17
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance</b>	<b>1,600.81</b>	<b>1,494.84</b>	<b>1,470.21</b>	<b>1,394.70</b>	<b>1,393.10</b>	<b>1,368.85</b>	<b>1,405.10</b>	<b>1,450.74</b>	<b>1,465.12</b>	<b>1,540.58</b>
<b>Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring (€millions)</b>	<b>3,443.12</b>	<b>3,346.36</b>	<b>3,404.96</b>	<b>3,435.93</b>	<b>3,546.24</b>	<b>3,699.56</b>	<b>3,962.21</b>	<b>4,218.04</b>	<b>4,448.64</b>	<b>4,712.06</b>

**FIGURE 17 – TRENDS IN ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING EXPENDITURE, 2011-2020**



**Table F2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Illness, Disability and Caring Benefits by Type 2011-2020**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Blind Pension	Recipients	1,496	1,456	1,385	1,369	1,341	1,282	1,246	1,176	1,136	1,075
	Qualified Adult	127	128	110	109	107	102	100	97	92	98
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	264	274	250	247	242	231	227	219	208	175
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	141	129	130	135	143	160	156	152	144	122
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1,470</b>
Carer's Allowance	Recipients	51,666	52,209	57,136	59,380	63,003	70,459	75,264	79,914	84,028	88,906
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	2,541	2,307	2,734	3,112	3,447	3,850	3,910	3,946	4,125	4,390
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	28,919	28,494	31,180	32,377	34,194	38,274	40,942	44,027	46,509	49,065
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>83,126</b>	<b>83,010</b>	<b>91,050</b>	<b>94,869</b>	<b>100,644</b>	<b>112,583</b>	<b>120,116</b>	<b>127,887</b>	<b>134,662</b>	<b>142,361</b>
Disability Allowance	Recipients	102,866	101,784	106,279	112,097	119,042	126,203	133,929	140,835	146,755	152,580
	Qualified Adult	8,737	9,871	10,585	11,614	12,440	13,351	14,454	15,241	15,719	15,892
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	18,137	17,812	19,706	21,829	24,492	26,664	29,028	30,702	32,382	32,945
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	7,729	7,584	8,158	8,672	9,456	10,384	10,945	11,491	12,148	12,569
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>137,469</b>	<b>137,051</b>	<b>144,728</b>	<b>154,212</b>	<b>165,430</b>	<b>176,602</b>	<b>188,356</b>	<b>198,269</b>	<b>207,004</b>	<b>213,986</b>
Domiciliary Care Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients	24,101	24,669	25,510	27,268	29,305	31,963	35,584	39,007	41,939	44,279
	Children	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269	31,628	34,627	38,846	42,822	46,300	48,980
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>25,914</b>	<b>26,516</b>	<b>27,363</b>	<b>29,269</b>	<b>31,628</b>	<b>34,627</b>	<b>38,846</b>	<b>42,822</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>48,980</b>
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance</b>		<b>248,537</b>	<b>248,564</b>	<b>265,016</b>	<b>280,210</b>	<b>299,534</b>	<b>325,587</b>	<b>349,047</b>	<b>370,622</b>	<b>389,546</b>	<b>406,797</b>
Carer's Benefit	Recipients	1,637	1,638	1,598	1,769	2,240	2,710	2,762	2,750	3,177	3,698
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	57	99	76	110	139	169	183	190	339	384
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,940	1,735	936	540	684	827	897	931	649	648
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>3,472</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>3,706</b>	<b>3,842</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>4,730</b>

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[1] Domiciliary Care Allowance is a monthly payment in respect of children. Eligibility is dependent on medical assessment.

**Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2020**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Disablement Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients	13,993	14,202	14,226	12,293	13,318	14,342	14,733	14,675	13,938	14,665
	Qualified Adult	161	163	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	140	148	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>14,294</b>	<b>14,513</b>	<b>14,470</b>	<b>12,293</b>	<b>13,318</b>	<b>14,342</b>	<b>14,733</b>	<b>14,675</b>	<b>13,938</b>	<b>14,665</b>
Incapacity Supplement <sup>[2]</sup>	Recipients										789
	Qualified Adult										133
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)										50
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)										64
<b>Beneficiaries</b>											<b>1,036</b>
Illness Benefit	Recipients	73,397	64,429	58,990	57,024	55,540	54,492	52,809	55,995	49,313	45,270
	Qualified Adult	7,894	6,754	5,941	5,510	4,992	4,671	4,127	3,801	3,197	2,764
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	9,807	9,052	8,681	8,523	8,311	8,137	7,910	6,162	7,085	7,386
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	15,430	13,690	11,712	9,668	8,730	7,644	6,603	5,160	4,600	3,729
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>106,528</b>	<b>93,925</b>	<b>85,324</b>	<b>80,725</b>	<b>77,573</b>	<b>74,944</b>	<b>71,449</b>	<b>71,118</b>	<b>64,195</b>	<b>59,149</b>
Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	Recipients										<b>2,887</b>
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>										<b>2,887</b>
Injury Benefit	Recipients	776	671	822	906	1,094	1,010	1,085	938	1,314	1,026
	Qualified Adult	95	83	88	101	100	83	114	58	96	64
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	137	143	156	158	159	170	176	128	181	126
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	122	101	105	81	125	112	120	42	56	44
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>1,260</b>

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[1] 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.

[2] 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. Data not available pre-2020.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Interim Illness Benefit	Recipients	327	363	380	327	306	423	511	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	33	34	46	37	35	25	55	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	45	57	107	68	77	56	105	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	28	28	41	24	45	54	50	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>
Invalidity Pension	Recipients	49,792	50,053	53,196	54,223	55,115	55,532	57,504	57,768	58,168	59,230
	Qualified Adult	7,728	7,483	7,769	7,621	7,404	7,040	6,942	6,465	6,161	5,800
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	4,474	4,442	4,911	5,092	5,329	5,388	5,630	5,516	5,538	5,516
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	9,989	9,963	10,372	9,711	9,073	8,479	7,944	7,325	6,710	6,381
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>71,983</b>	<b>71,941</b>	<b>76,248</b>	<b>76,647</b>	<b>76,921</b>	<b>76,439</b>	<b>78,020</b>	<b>77,074</b>	<b>76,577</b>	<b>76,927</b>
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance</b>		<b>198,002</b>	<b>185,331</b>	<b>180,397</b>	<b>173,786</b>	<b>172,815</b>	<b>171,364</b>	<b>170,260</b>	<b>167,904</b>	<b>160,522</b>	<b>160,654</b>
<b>Total -Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>		<b>446,539</b>	<b>433,895</b>	<b>445,413</b>	<b>453,996</b>	<b>472,349</b>	<b>496,951</b>	<b>519,307</b>	<b>538,526</b>	<b>550,068</b>	<b>567,451</b>

**Table F3 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Age and Sex 2020**

	Carer's Allowance		Disability Allowance		Carer's Support Grant		Illness Benefit		Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19		Injury Benefit		Invalidity Pension		Carer's Benefit	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 30	3,046	680	13,045	19,195	3,700	680	1,599	758	538	379	68	117	28	13	64	6
30-34	5,013	726	4,845	6,201	6,853	741	2,385	890	165	122	37	75	399	131	225	29
35-39	7,836	1,125	5,956	7,176	12,285	1,352	3,421	1,496	213	152	41	81	1,389	629	590	77
40-44	9,300	1,860	6,654	8,344	15,610	2,294	3,453	1,873	199	155	46	80	2,545	1,301	636	99
45-49	9,612	2,542	7,751	9,535	14,770	2,967	4,097	1,943	210	110	55	100	3,526	2,200	492	88
50-54	8,646	2,881	8,600	10,452	11,295	3,318	4,637	2,205	169	111	48	72	4,813	3,114	460	105
55-59	7,196	2,594	9,343	11,291	8,397	2,795	4,620	2,591	121	83	50	64	7,778	5,333	383	91
60-64	5,485	2,285	8,867	11,456	6,314	2,480	4,675	3,083	81	59	35	51	11,560	9,279	230	65
65	939	399	1,627	2,226	1,044	435	903	641	11	9		6	2,743	2,433	32	10
66-69	3,556	1,679	7	9	4,006	1,801							9	7	12	4
70-74	3,794	1,762			4,372	1,961										
75-79	2,392	1,191			2,901	1,392										
80-84	1,097	652			1,387	815										
85-89	319	216			436	307										
90-94	39	38			64	56										
95 and over	4	2			5	5										
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>68,274</b>	<b>20,632</b>	<b>66,695</b>	<b>85,885</b>	<b>93,439</b>	<b>23,399</b>	<b>29,790</b>	<b>15,480</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>34,790</b>	<b>24,440</b>	<b>3,124</b>	<b>574</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>88,906</b>		<b>152,580</b>		<b>116,838</b>		<b>45,270</b>		<b>2,887</b>		<b>1,026</b>		<b>59,230</b>		<b>3,698</b>	

**Table F4 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Child Age 2011-2020**

Child Age	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
0	292	262	330	273	222	252	232	294	264	324
1	721	653	629	681	695	673	751	683	722	688
2	870	898	811	881	910	959	992	1,076	972	1,018
3	1,110	1,086	1,195	1,222	1,349	1,414	1,658	1,674	1,697	1,528
4	1,401	1,407	1,502	1,169	1,759	1,945	2,190	2,384	2,375	2,323
5	1,530	1,627	1,701	1,935	2,163	2,245	2,571	2,830	2,981	2,972
6	1,702	1,740	1,835	2,075	2,320	2,653	2,757	3,072	3,365	3,436
7	1,888	1,847	1,915	2,153	2,405	2,749	3,117	3,256	3,552	3,765
8	1,901	2,005	1,963	2,161	2,429	2,812	3,232	3,589	3,679	3,940
9	2,072	2,003	2,124	2,165	2,391	2,757	3,254	3,672	4,013	4,030
10	2,183	2,175	2,080	2,294	2,381	2,666	3,171	3,659	4,057	4,411
11	2,120	2,249	2,244	2,245	2,501	2,620	3,032	3,518	4,007	4,360
12	2,093	2,181	2,285	2,341	2,411	2,744	2,913	3,340	3,856	4,315
13	2,060	2,140	2,218	2,377	2,496	2,594	2,995	3,157	3,611	4,119
14	1,952	2,071	2,205	2,313	2,517	2,652	2,875	3,223	3,389	3,843
15	1,863	2,003	2,140	2,293	2,453	2,686	2,850	3,094	3,477	3,594
16	156	169	186	191	226	206	256	258	283	314
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,914</b>	<b>26,516</b>	<b>27,363</b>	<b>28,769</b>	<b>31,628</b>	<b>34,627</b>	<b>38,846</b>	<b>42,779</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>48,980</b>

**Table F5 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by County 2020**

	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Carer's Support Grant	Illness Benefit	Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	Injury Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Domiciliary Care Allowance
Carlow	2,488	1,520	1,855	839	63	21	1,074	37	702
Cavan	2,258	1,481	1,886	703	60	16	868	67	651
Clare	3,658	2,229	2,914	934	52	21	1,293	97	1,019
Cork	18,650	9,803	13,889	5,852	266	106	7,834	428	6,130
Donegal	6,111	4,330	5,119	1,446	142	30	1,662	89	1,380
Dublin	36,261	18,644	25,409	10,827	736	220	13,450	790	10,795
Galway	8,451	4,711	6,184	2,126	147	45	2,268	253	2,057
Kerry	5,666	3,221	4,130	1,244	77	30	1,752	148	1,382
Kildare	5,609	3,336	4,603	2,073	92	46	2,647	146	2,083
Kilkenny	2,875	1,695	2,207	716	76	27	1,092	59	773
Laois	2,752	1,730	2,206	715	37	19	997	69	948
Leitrim	1,132	739	917	307	14	5	501	48	258
Limerick	8,010	4,837	6,216	2,229	149	41	3,528	175	2,303
Longford	1,875	1,186	1,396	459	26	17	647	33	428
Louth	4,480	2,733	3,495	1,690	128	34	1,846	120	1,259
Mayo	4,430	2,950	3,705	1,176	81	31	1,466	118	979
Meath	4,277	2,667	3,879	1,942	134	57	2,000	130	1,818
Monaghan	1,667	1,106	1,405	543	57	23	631	50	482
Offaly	3,038	2,140	2,629	915	29	21	1,177	61	965
Roscommon	2,210	1,504	1,955	568	18	23	867	81	627
Sligo	2,365	1,375	1,770	614	51	13	911	72	512
Tipperary	6,605	4,121	5,173	1,490	66	45	2,471	160	1,687
Waterford	4,308	2,438	3,071	1,286	113	23	1,733	95	1,024
Westmeath	3,371	2,117	2,735	879	37	31	1,347	92	1,063
Wexford	5,866	3,853	4,692	1,483	135	40	2,173	120	1,554
Wicklow	4,159	2,440	3,293	1,167	75	28	1,559	82	1,336
Other including those abroad or county unknown	8		105	1,047	26	13	1,436	78	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,580</b>	<b>88,906</b>	<b>116,838</b>	<b>45,270</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>59,230</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>44,279</b>



**Table F6 – Half Rate Carer’s Allowance by Number of Carees 2018-2020**

Primary Payment	2018			2019			2020		
	1 Caree	2 Carees	Total	1 Caree	2 Carees	Total	1 Caree	2 Carees	Total
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	2,431	158	2,589	2,499	160	2,659	2,579	158	2,737
State Pension (Non-Contributory) Increase for a Qualified Adult	475	0	475	501	0	501	524	0	524
State Pension (Contributory)	5,483	200	5,683	6,039	214	6,253	6,432	236	6,668
State Pension (Contributory) Increase for a Qualified Adult	2,133	80	2,213	2,220	68	2,288	2,248	76	2,324
Widow's / Widower's (Contributory) Pension	1,498	196	1,694	1,575	188	1,763	1,619	230	1,849
Jobseeker's Allowance Increase for a Qualified Adult	2,208	46	2,254	2,097	50	2,147	2,118	38	2,156
One-Parent Family Payment	5,405	1,220	6,625	5,859	1,448	7,307	6,199	1,900	8,099
Widow's / Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension	119	8	127	122	12	134	129	12	141
Farm Assist	161	12	173	168	10	178	172	6	178
Farm Assist Increase for a Qualified Adult	114	2	116	111	2	113	114	4	118
Jobseeker's Benefit Increase for a Qualified Adult	213	6	219	199	6	205	213	6	219
Deserted Wife's Benefit	255	24	279	254	22	276	254	14	268
Disability Allowance	2,450	404	2,854	2,746	516	3,262	3,145	640	3,785
Disability Allowance Increase for a Qualified Adult	3,169	64	3,233	3,437	78	3,515	3,680	82	3,762
Invalidity Pension	1,550	206	1,756	1,703	236	1,939	1,857	298	2,155
Invalidity Pension Increase for a Qualified Adult	1,796	16	1,812	1,849	18	1,867	1,892	22	1,914
Illness Benefit	1,160	162	1,322	1,199	166	1,365	1,248	166	1,414
Illness Benefit Increase for a Qualified Adult	490	6	496	472	6	478	467	4	471
Other	1,807	70	1,877	1,606	230	1,836	1,460	200	1,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,917</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>35,797</b>	<b>34,656</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>38,086</b>	<b>36,350</b>	<b>4,092</b>	<b>40,442</b>

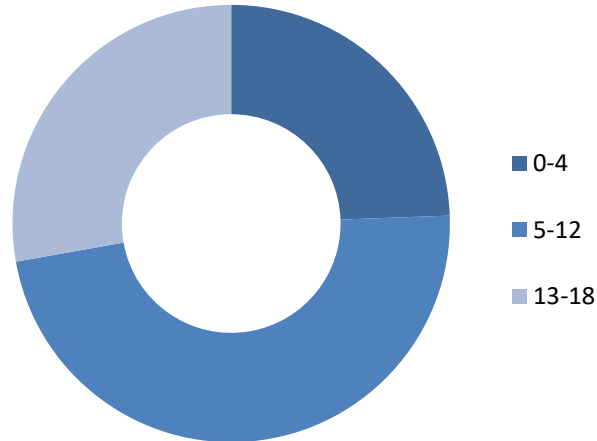
**Table F7 – Recipients of Half-Rate Carer’s Allowance by Primary Payment 2011-2020**

Primary Payment	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension Non-Contributory	1,960	2,289	2,326	2,303	2,264	2,525	2,529	2,589	2,659	2,737
Qualified Adult State Pension Non-Contributory	297	283	317	349	386	414	443	475	501	524
State Pension (Contributory)	3,031	3,587	3,636	3,733	4,080	4,837	5,134	5,683	6,253	6,668
Qualified Adult State Pension (Contributory)	1,813	1,716	1,786	1,771	1,873	2,047	2,126	2,213	2,288	2,324
Widow’s Contributory Pension	1,169	1,297	1,313	1,357	1,432	1,577	1,619	1,694	1,763	1,849
Jobseeker’s Allowance Qualified Adult	1,318	1,492	1,850	2,005	2,207	2,337	2,316	2,254	2,147	2,156
One Parent Family Payment	4,289	4,674	4,497	4,476	4,864	5,472	5,954	6,625	7,307	8,099
Widow’s Non-Contributory Pension	80	95	101	94	105	118	124	127	134	141
Farm Assist	131	132	130	142	163	164	176	173	178	178
Qualified Adult Farm Assist	99	136	135	124	119	118	128	116	113	118
Jobseeker’s Benefit Qualified Adult	394	383	360	304	267	276	242	219	205	219
Deserted Wife’s Benefit	309	301	297	287	286	299	292	279	276	268
Disability Allowance	1,115	1,168	1,321	1,444	1,718	2,068	2,431	2,854	3,262	3,785
Qualified Adult Disability Allowance	1,422	1,417	1,657	1,882	2,129	2,510	2,942	3,233	3,515	3,762
Invalidity Pension	1,155	1,069	1,142	1,198	1,290	1,462	1,614	1,756	1,939	2,155
Qualified Adult Invalidity Pension	1,146	1,239	1,353	1,427	1,541	1,674	1,737	1,812	1,867	1,914
Illness Benefit	1,031	933	1,004	1,030	1,090	1,212	1,266	1,322	1,365	1,414
Qualified Adult Illness Benefit	327	324	365	421	430	448	470	496	478	471
Other Schemes	865	842	1,352	1,475	1,471	1,670	1,874	1,877	1,836	1,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,951</b>	<b>23,377</b>	<b>24,942</b>	<b>25,822</b>	<b>27,715</b>	<b>31,228</b>	<b>33,417</b>	<b>35,797</b>	<b>38,086</b>	<b>40,442</b>

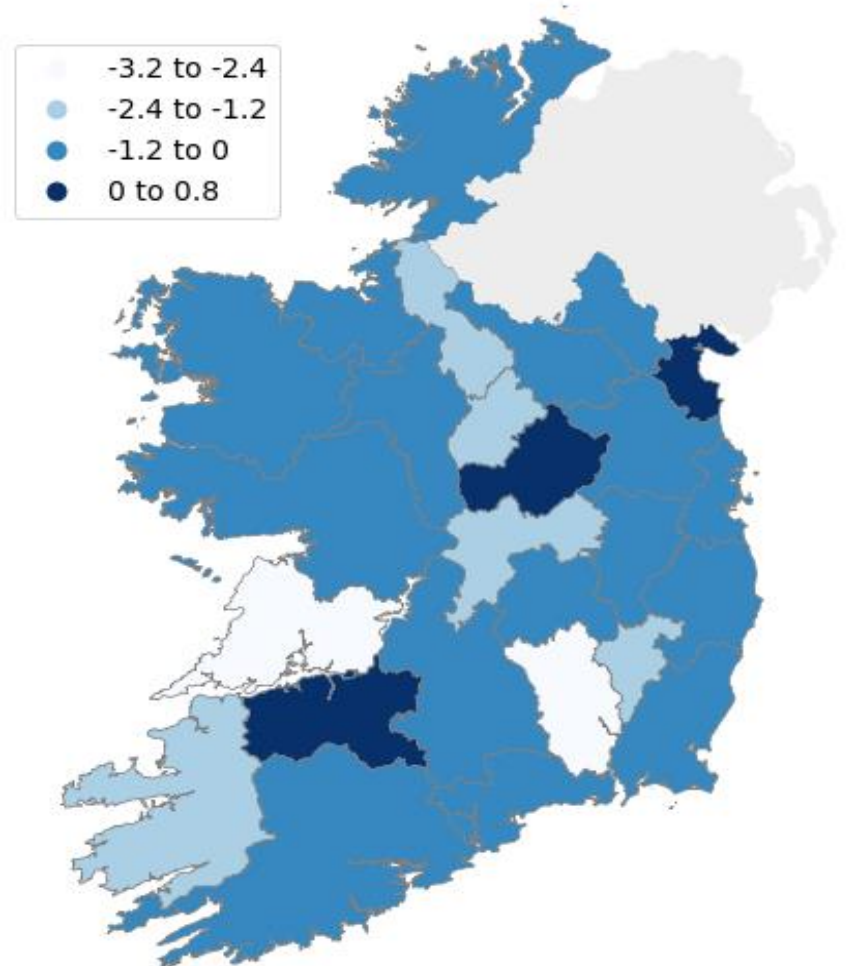
# G Children

- Child related payments amounted to €2.6 billion in 2020, with Child Benefit comprising €2.1 billion of this expenditure.
- Child Benefit was paid to 1.2 million children across 633,000 families in 2020.
- Expenditure on the School Meals Programme has increased by 2.8% in the academic year 2019/20 compared to 2018/19.
- Over €377 million was paid out through the Working Family Payment (WFP) scheme which is an increase of over 84% compared to 2011.

**FIGURE 18 – AGE BREAKDOWN OF NUMBER OF CHILD BENEFICIARIES OF CHILD BENEFIT BY AGE 2020**



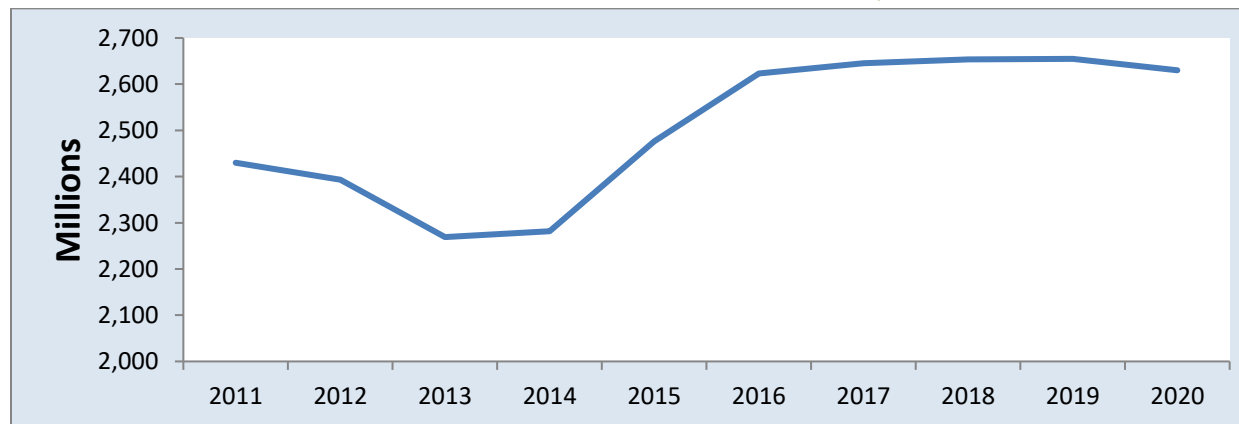
**FIGURE 19 – CHILD BENEFIT CHILD BENEFICIARY PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2020 VERSUS 2019**



**Table G1 – Expenditure on Child-Related Payments by Scheme (€million) 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	90.90	65.68	47.98	42.45	41.34	39.81	48.85	47.40	53.45	54.05
Back to Work Family Dividend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.42	28.45	23.97	21.04	18.36	12.98
Child Benefit	2,076.34	2,046.96	1,899.92	1,902.35	1,990.30	2,078.11	2,086.39	2,097.96	2,102.57	2,102.33
Working Family Payment <sup>[1]</sup>	204.54	223.61	261.76	297.91	367.87	415.44	414.63	410.55	397.20	377.31
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	5.13	4.99	5.12	5.20	5.72	5.87	6.56	7.28	7.38	7.77
School Meals Programme	34.98	35.01	36.78	16.57	38.78	36.89	46.62	49.16	54.31	53.47
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	0.28	0.31	0.25	0.28	0.44	0.43	0.28	0.22	0.25	0.41
<b>Child-Related Payments - Social Assistance</b>	<b>2,412.17</b>	<b>2,376.55</b>	<b>2,251.81</b>	<b>2,264.76</b>	<b>2,458.87</b>	<b>2,605.00</b>	<b>2,627.30</b>	<b>2,633.61</b>	<b>2,633.52</b>	<b>2,608.32</b>
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11.42	10.77	10.97	10.99	11.94	12.20	13.18	14.77	15.64	15.93
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	6.23	5.97	6.33	5.66	5.77	5.69	4.82	5.39	5.63	5.60
<b>Child-Related Payments - Social Insurance</b>	<b>17.64</b>	<b>16.74</b>	<b>17.30</b>	<b>16.65</b>	<b>17.71</b>	<b>17.89</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>20.15</b>	<b>21.27</b>	<b>21.53</b>
<b>Total - Child-Related Payments (€millions)</b>	<b>2,429.81</b>	<b>2,393.28</b>	<b>2,269.11</b>	<b>2,281.40</b>	<b>2,476.58</b>	<b>2,622.89</b>	<b>2,645.30</b>	<b>2,653.76</b>	<b>2,654.79</b>	<b>2,629.85</b>

**FIGURE 20 – TRENDS IN CHILD-RELATED PAYMENTS EXPENDITURE, 2011-2020**



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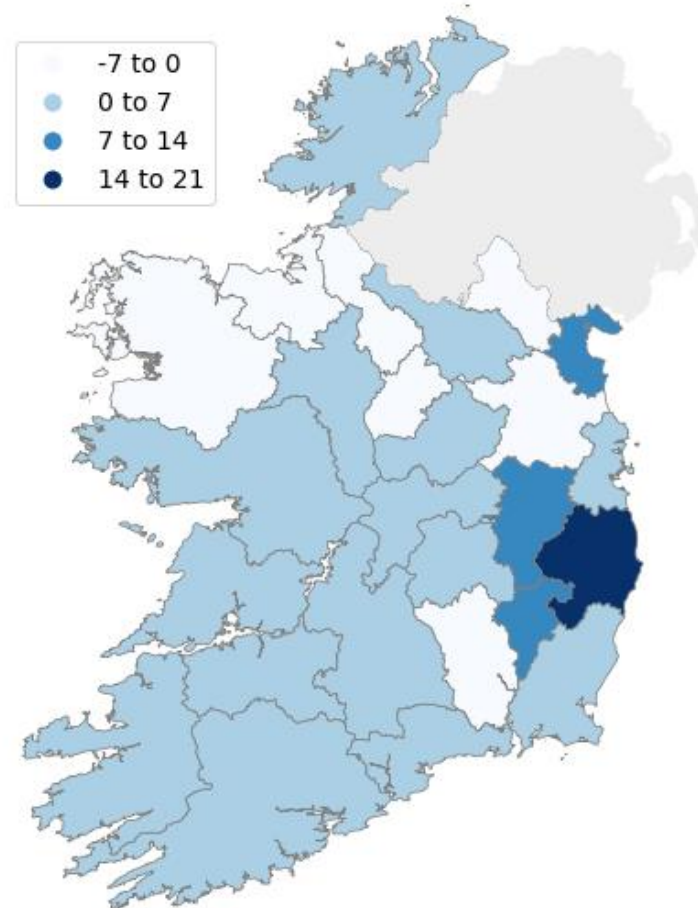
[1] Prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, Working Family Payment was known as Family Income Supplement.

Expenditure on Qualified Child Increases is included in individual scheme expenditures in other sections.

**Table G2 – School Meals Programme Expenditure (€), by County and Academic Year, 2018/19-2019/2020**

	2018/2019	2019/2020
Carlow	851,875	930,143
Cavan	838,019	889,023
Clare	1,077,634	1,080,130
Cork	5,217,549	5,459,496
Donegal	4,134,611	4,238,813
Dublin	19,860,648	20,439,023
Galway	2,524,059	2,658,550
Kerry	1,290,385	1,310,028
Kildare	1,084,265	1,167,288
Kilkenny	768,586	750,109
Laois	648,011	650,657
Leitrim	301,133	298,664
Limerick	2,022,812	2,045,719
Longford	1,507,086	1,423,662
Louth	2,242,254	2,424,607
Mayo	2,117,954	1,984,816
Meath	1,439,668	1,422,869
Monaghan	972,092	925,438
Offaly	1,264,400	1,286,489
Roscommon	729,846	772,221
Sligo	752,714	743,417
Tipperary	1,859,456	1,981,698
Waterford	1,551,506	1,580,319
Westmeath	1,104,689	1,168,994
Wexford	2,557,865	2,565,613
Wicklow	898,092	1,066,966
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,617,207</b>	<b>61,264,752</b>

**FIGURE 21 – SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMME PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2019/2020 VERSUS 2018/2019**



Notes:

1. Based on county location of the schools.
2. Expenditure based on academic year is not comparable to figures in G1 which are for calendar year.

**Table G3 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Children Benefits by Type 2011-2020**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Child Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients	597,333	608,733	611,366	615,335	619,307	623,141	624,670	628,354	637,007	633,456
	Children	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582	1,177,589	1,187,774	1,194,869	1,197,866	1,202,925	1,216,475	1,206,848
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>1,136,065</b>	<b>1,162,070</b>	<b>1,168,582</b>	<b>1,177,589</b>	<b>1,187,774</b>	<b>1,194,869</b>	<b>1,197,866</b>	<b>1,202,925</b>	<b>1,216,475</b>	<b>1,206,848</b>
Working Family Payment	Recipients	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	57,567	57,745	54,116	53,104	48,188
	Children	65,281	73,238	98,350	111,583	122,417	127,408	129,274	122,056	119,471	108,503
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>94,157</b>	<b>105,545</b>	<b>142,509</b>	<b>161,889</b>	<b>178,330</b>	<b>184,975</b>	<b>187,019</b>	<b>176,172</b>	<b>172,575</b>	<b>156,691</b>
Back to Work Family Dividend	Recipients								7,075	5,345	3,332
	Children (Full Rate)								7,303	5,279	2,698
	Children (Half Rate)								7,391	5,769	4,144
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>								<b>14,694</b>	<b>11,048</b>	<b>6,842</b>
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Recipients	441	433	435	427	451	498	509	549	542	553
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	591	583	576	565	597	659	674	727	717	734
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	5	7	7	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>1,287</b>
<b>Child-related Payments - Social Assistance</b>		<b>1,231,259</b>	<b>1,268,638</b>	<b>1,312,109</b>	<b>1,340,473</b>	<b>1,367,158</b>	<b>1,381,001</b>	<b>1,386,068</b>	<b>1,395,067</b>	<b>1,401,357</b>	<b>1,371,668</b>
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Recipients	955	938	947	937	983	1,048	1,036	1,129	1,164	1,179
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,188	1,178	1,186	1,173	1,231	1,312	1,297	1,413	1,456	1,472
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>2,133</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>2,651</b>
<b>Child-related Payments - Social Insurance</b>		<b>2,143</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>2,133</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>2,651</b>
<b>Total Child-related Payments</b>		<b>1,233,402</b>	<b>1,270,754</b>	<b>1,314,242</b>	<b>1,342,583</b>	<b>1,369,372</b>	<b>1,383,361</b>	<b>1,388,401</b>	<b>1,397,609</b>	<b>1,403,977</b>	<b>1,374,319</b>

[1] Child Benefit is a monthly payment in respect of children.

**Table G4 – Number of Recipients of Child Related Payments by Age and Sex 2020**

	Working Family Payment		Child Benefit		Back to Work Family Dividend		Guardian's Payment (Contributory)		Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	4	67	788	53	28	5	92	50	37	5
20-24	326		10,910		194					
25-29	2,145	617	34,834	206	443	131	46	13	30	10
30-34	4,311	1,846	83,787	722	584	218	70	12	36	7
35-39	6,527	3,788	142,026	1,540	569	233	69	12	45	15
40-44	6,910	4,475	148,684	2,294	351	161	100	12	64	10
45-49	5,551	3,602	117,730	2,207	169	110	127	12	73	14
50-54	3,223	2,261	65,181	1,530	29	55	144	13	67	8
55-59	1,172	919	17,294	738			151	26	61	6
60-64	177	231	1,882	320			191	39	60	5
65 and over	17	19	576	154						
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>30,363</b>	<b>17,825</b>	<b>623,692</b>	<b>9,764</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>48,188</b>		<b>633,456</b>		<b>3,332</b>		<b>1,179</b>		<b>553</b>	

**Table G5 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age 2020**

Age	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
0	62,045	60,444	57,871	56,213	54,902	53,830	51,557	51,463	50,811	47,273
1	72,956	72,574	69,864	68,052	66,107	64,776	62,624	60,926	61,274	58,341
2	72,996	73,338	72,208	70,301	68,111	66,823	65,442	63,782	62,682	61,249
3	72,728	73,301	73,059	72,277	70,574	68,697	67,246	65,971	65,152	62,768
4	70,362	73,467	73,213	73,202	72,375	71,017	69,003	67,739	67,228	65,108
5	65,338	70,791	72,831	72,951	73,099	72,691	71,197	69,424	68,952	67,122
6	61,997	66,515	70,474	72,831	72,923	73,389	72,877	71,512	70,480	68,798
7	64,834	64,047	66,305	70,329	73,017	73,258	73,510	73,091	72,520	70,391
8	63,978	65,428	64,006	66,348	70,248	73,383	73,580	73,824	74,096	72,349
9	63,301	64,430	65,068	63,804	66,157	70,583	73,515	73,845	74,754	74,051
10	62,030	63,918	64,238	64,978	63,797	66,370	70,867	73,785	74,716	74,642
11	59,901	62,486	63,594	64,132	65,056	64,085	66,580	71,156	74,666	74,699
12	60,298	60,564	62,450	63,675	64,066	65,218	64,274	66,928	72,067	74,676
13	60,504	60,678	60,291	62,243	63,359	64,099	65,388	64,584	67,740	72,111
14	59,517	60,984	60,571	60,315	62,103	63,503	64,180	65,590	65,286	67,768
15	57,634	60,018	60,889	60,611	60,442	62,298	63,572	64,487	66,245	65,291
16	53,836	55,651	56,719	58,540	58,873	58,733	60,445	61,321	62,525	64,629
17	51,810	53,436	54,931	56,787	58,001	57,501	57,384	59,093	65,281	65,582
18	-	-	-	-	4,564	4,615	4,625	4,404	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,136,065</b>	<b>1,162,070</b>	<b>1,168,582</b>	<b>1,177,589</b>	<b>1,187,774</b>	<b>1,194,869</b>	<b>1,197,866</b>	<b>1,202,925</b>	<b>1,216,475</b>	<b>1,206,848</b>



**Table G6 – Recipients of Child Benefit by the Number of Child Beneficiaries 2011-2020**

Number of Eligible Children in Family	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1	247,606	248,908	247,706	247,238	246,261	246,325	245,254	246,391	249,507	248,089
2	212,366	218,638	221,854	225,260	228,845	232,171	234,828	237,707	242,922	243,158
3	98,643	101,797	102,780	104,056	105,411	106,430	107,219	107,512	108,495	107,280
4	29,501	30,177	29,934	29,816	29,957	29,627	29,032	28,618	28,169	27,367
5	6,726	6,701	6,649	6,582	6,452	6,294	6,036	5,860	5,708	5,437
6	1,716	1,751	1,690	1,638	1,620	1,553	1,561	1,511	1,477	1,390
7	486	482	484	466	484	469	461	471	447	449
8	179	169	160	178	172	174	175	181	176	173
9	75	70	74	60	68	65	64	61	62	73
10	29	24	20	25	25	16	27	23	27	23
11	4	13	9	10	5	10	8	10	11	10
12+	2	3	6	6	8	7	5	9	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>597,333</b>	<b>608,733</b>	<b>611,366</b>	<b>615,335</b>	<b>619,308</b>	<b>623,141</b>	<b>624,670</b>	<b>628,354</b>	<b>637,007</b>	<b>633,456</b>
<b>Total Number of Children in Respect of Whom Benefit is paid</b>	<b>1,136,065</b>	<b>1,162,070</b>	<b>1,168,582</b>	<b>1,177,589</b>	<b>1,187,774</b>	<b>1,194,869</b>	<b>1,197,866</b>	<b>1,202,925</b>	<b>1,216,475</b>	<b>1,206,848</b>
<b>Average Number of Beneficiaries in Family</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>1.91</b>

**Table G7 – Number of Recipients of Working Family Payment by Income Group and Family Type 2011-2020**

	Income Group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
One- Parent Family	€100-€199	133	144	548	901	2,684	2,128	1,655	1,194	1,209	794
	€200-€299	623	673	1,779	2,601	6,551	6,495	6,274	5,745	6,216	5,914
	€300-€399	3,345	3,759	6,083	7,656	7,968	8,247	7,710	6,774	6,635	6,116
	€400-€499	7,563	8,205	9,695	9,819	7,535	7,898	8,419	8,167	7,995	7,334
	€500-€599	1,845	1,999	2,350	2,565	2,360	2,687	2,913	2,959	3,248	3,551
	€600-€699	404	449	569	588	573	692	680	681	744	815
	€700+	149	170	193	177	167	178	197	182	193	183
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,062</b>	<b>15,399</b>	<b>21,217</b>	<b>24,307</b>	<b>27,838</b>	<b>28,325</b>	<b>27,848</b>	<b>25,702</b>	<b>26,240</b>	<b>24,707</b>
Two- Parent Family	€100-€199	313	278	468	609	831	806	814	655	601	364
	€200-€299	1,173	1,172	1,621	1,981	2,547	2,693	2,840	2,678	2,704	2,351
	€300-€399	3,239	3,545	5,048	5,959	6,351	6,471	6,240	5,441	4,813	4,040
	€400-€499	4,770	5,333	6,882	7,729	8,058	8,260	8,376	7,819	7,194	6,197
	€500-€599	3,481	4,140	5,654	6,065	6,415	6,632	6,832	6,783	6,420	5,678
	€600-€699	1,363	1,822	2,360	2,661	2,858	3,115	3,363	3,486	3,450	3,257
	€700+	475	618	909	995	1,015	1,265	1,432	1,552	1,682	1,594
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,814</b>	<b>16,908</b>	<b>22,942</b>	<b>25,999</b>	<b>28,075</b>	<b>29,242</b>	<b>29,897</b>	<b>28,414</b>	<b>26,864</b>	<b>23,481</b>
<b>Total</b>	€100-€199	446	422	1,016	1,510	3,515	2,934	2,469	1,849	1,810	1,158
	€200-€299	1,796	1,845	3,400	4,582	9,098	9,188	9,114	8,423	8,920	8,265
	€300-€399	6,584	7,304	11,131	13,615	14,319	14,718	13,950	12,215	11,448	10,156
	€400-€499	12,333	13,538	16,577	17,548	15,593	16,158	16,795	15,986	15,189	13,531
	€500-€599	5,326	6,139	8,004	8,630	8,775	9,319	9,745	9,742	9,668	9,229
	€600-€699	1,767	2,271	2,929	3,249	3,431	3,807	4,043	4,167	4,194	4,072
	€700+	624	788	1,102	1,172	1,182	1,443	1,629	1,734	1,875	1,777
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,876</b>	<b>32,307</b>	<b>44,159</b>	<b>50,306</b>	<b>55,913</b>	<b>57,567</b>	<b>57,745</b>	<b>54,116</b>	<b>53,104</b>	<b>48,188</b>

**Table G8 – Number of Recipients of Main Child-Related Payments by County 2020**

	Working Family Payment	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (Recipients)	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (Children)	Back to Work Family Dividend	Child Benefit (Recipients)	Child Benefit (Children)	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
Carlow	819	2,590	4,701	98	8,806	16,732	10	5
Cavan	1,113	2,623	5,020	54	10,398	20,872	13	8
Clare	990	3,172	6,004	48	14,668	28,728	22	12
Cork	4,934	13,615	24,844	344	70,578	135,148	60	38
Donegal	2,467	6,480	12,492	188	20,145	40,171	36	17
Dublin	11,315	36,560	65,880	885	170,295	311,145	493	159
Galway	2,238	6,598	12,772	142	32,681	64,110	33	21
Kerry	1,423	4,322	7,827	95	17,729	33,802	22	15
Kildare	2,065	6,134	11,301	174	33,673	63,715	47	18
Kilkenny	810	2,446	4,436	32	11,763	22,982	18	8
Laois	910	2,858	5,491	112	11,429	22,521	15	17
Leitrim	333	1,080	2,138	26	4,146	8,354	5	3
Limerick	2,123	6,476	11,916	95	25,482	48,821	62	51
Longford	706	1,964	3,844	42	5,883	11,692	11	12
Louth	1,905	5,465	10,067	125	19,459	37,061	24	20
Mayo	1,304	4,033	7,814	68	15,689	31,259	15	7
Meath	1,840	5,269	9,780	76	29,862	57,530	36	19
Monaghan	914	2,074	4,010	39	8,122	16,616	11	3
Offaly	916	2,799	5,150	43	10,379	20,076	26	8
Roscommon	673	1,836	3,656	17	7,897	15,977	15	10
Sligo	643	1,901	3,627	53	7,974	15,748	9	9
Tipperary	1,860	5,405	9,911	168	21,228	41,107	41	24
Waterford	1,567	4,468	7,992	129	16,205	30,631	33	18
Westmeath	999	3,182	5,943	79	12,856	24,707	29	16
Wexford	2,048	6,022	10,856	130	21,158	40,093	45	19
Wicklow	1,141	3,952	6,981	70	20,809	38,981	37	15
Other including those abroad or county unknown	132				4,142	8,269	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,188</b>	<b>143,324</b>	<b>264,453</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>633,456</b>	<b>1,206,848</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>553</b>

# H Supplementary Payments

- A total of €867 million was spent on Supplementary Payments in 2020, an increase of €69 million (8.6%) compared to 2019.
- Household benefits, which include telephone, gas and electricity allowance as well as the free TV licence accounted for 32.4% of total supplementary payments. Overall expenditure on these schemes has increased by 1.8% compared to 2019.
- Spending on Fuel Allowance was over €290 million in 2020, an increase of almost €57 million (24.2%) compared to 2019.

FIGURE 22 – EXPENDITURE ON HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS BY TYPE 2020

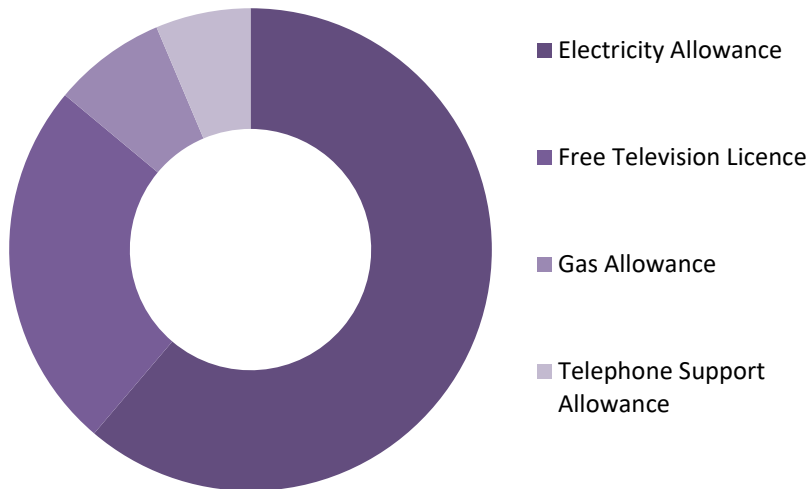
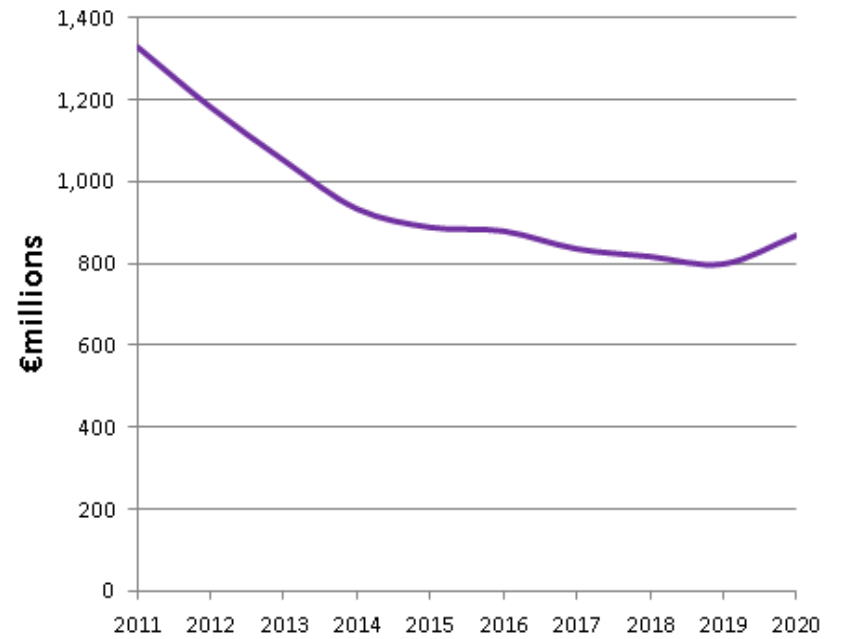


FIGURE 23 – SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS EXPENDITURE TRENDS 2011-2020



**Table H1 – Expenditure on Supplementary Payments and Miscellaneous Services by Scheme (€million) 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Free Travel	75.60	75.52	75.48	75.49	75.24	77.11	77.46	86.81	93.92	93.69
Fuel Allowance (Social Assistance)	179.18	144.69	155.60	147.87	143.80	154.70	148.87	152.67	147.18	181.45
Grant to the Citizens Information Board	45.11	45.74	46.39	45.00	46.00	49.18	53.05	54.78	56.48	55.99
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Electricity Allowance	71.04	69.81	65.39	61.12	53.62	59.61	60.02	62.09	56.17	53.96
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Free Television Licence	22.52	22.48	22.00	19.99	16.86	18.77	19.14	19.84	18.82	17.55
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Gas Allowance	5.33	5.24	4.55	6.21	4.48	5.55	5.76	5.23	5.45	5.83
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Telephone Support Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	45.77	46.21	21.18	1.16	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	4.57	8.25	8.33
Miscellaneous Services	1.41	1.51	1.95	2.77	5.51	5.29	8.07	11.82	11.23	12.93
Mortgage Interest Supplement	67.85	55.08	35.06	20.88	11.92	6.56	4.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office of the Pensions Ombudsman <sup>[2]</sup>	0.91	0.98	0.88	0.94	0.88	0.53	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	0.70	0.66	0.65	0.53	0.51	0.47	0.43	0.41	0.36	0.33
Rent Supplement	502.75	422.54	372.91	338.20	311.06	275.29	230.57	175.02	125.23	133.09
Low pay commission <sup>[3]</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.40	0.52	0.00
<b>Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance</b>	<b>1,018.16</b>	<b>890.45</b>	<b>802.04</b>	<b>720.16</b>	<b>669.85</b>	<b>653.05</b>	<b>608.51</b>	<b>573.65</b>	<b>523.61</b>	<b>563.15</b>
Fuel Allowance (Social Insurance)	86.65	66.70	72.54	69.86	72.43	80.11	80.13	87.53	87.63	109.00
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Electricity Allowance	108.22	106.93	99.61	93.43	95.96	97.80	97.77	100.68	116.88	118.06
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Free Television Licence	35.13	35.09	35.67	32.46	35.61	33.65	34.31	35.16	44.79	52.34
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Gas Allowance	15.38	15.38	11.02	15.60	14.28	14.40	14.89	14.84	16.45	15.48
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Telephone Support Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	66.19	67.56	31.04	1.78	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	5.10	9.25	9.40
<b>Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance</b>	<b>311.58</b>	<b>291.66</b>	<b>249.88</b>	<b>213.14</b>	<b>218.25</b>	<b>225.94</b>	<b>227.09</b>	<b>243.31</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>304.28</b>
<b>Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services</b>	<b>1,329.74</b>	<b>1,182.11</b>	<b>1,051.92</b>	<b>933.29</b>	<b>888.09</b>	<b>878.99</b>	<b>835.59</b>	<b>816.96</b>	<b>798.62</b>	<b>867.43</b>

Notes:

[1] Formerly called Telephone Allowance.

[2] In 2017, the government merged the offices of the Financial Services Ombudsman Bureau and the Office of the Pensions Ombudsman to form the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO).

[3] The Low Pay Commission is independent but makes recommendations to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

**Table H2 – Expenditure on Household Benefits and Fuel Allowance (€million) 2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fuel Allowance	265.83	211.39	228.14	217.73	216.23	234.81	229.00	240.20	234.81	290.45
Household Benefits - Electricity Allowance	179.26	176.74	165.00	154.55	149.58	157.41	157.79	162.77	173.05	172.02
Household Benefits - Free Television Licence	57.65	57.57	57.67	52.45	52.47	52.42	53.45	55.00	63.61	69.89
Household Benefits - Gas Allowance	20.71	20.62	15.57	21.81	18.76	19.95	20.65	20.07	21.90	21.31
Household Benefits - Telephone Support Allowance	111.96	113.77	52.22	2.94	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04	9.67	17.50	17.73
<b>Total Spend on Fuel Allowance and Household Benefits (Social Insurance and Social Assistance)</b>	<b>635.41</b>	<b>580.09</b>	<b>518.60</b>	<b>449.48</b>	<b>437.00</b>	<b>464.57</b>	<b>460.85</b>	<b>487.71</b>	<b>510.87</b>	<b>571.40</b>

**Table H3 – Breakdown of Miscellaneous Services (€million) 2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dormant Accounts - Economic & Social Disadvantage	0.27	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ex Gratia Payments to Women from Magdalen Laundries and Other Institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.83	3.44	3.25	3.15	3.30	4.27	3.55
Ex-Gratia Payments - Waterford Crystal pension schemes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00
Food Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	1.10	2.93	5.54	5.31	5.03
Grants - Information & Welfare Rights	0.57	0.59	0.63	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69
National Pensions Awareness Campaign	0.38	0.38	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Inclusion Initiatives	0.05	0.06	1.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07
Superannuation benefits recouped by the Pension Authority for retired staff	0.13	0.30	0.22	0.18	0.36	0.17	0.59	0.34	0.34	0.38
Training for Carers in areas of economic and social disadvantage (funded from the Dormant Accounts Fund)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.00	0.53	1.76	0.55	3.22
<b>Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>5.51</b>	<b>5.29</b>	<b>8.07</b>	<b>11.82</b>	<b>11.23</b>	<b>12.94</b>

**Table H4 – Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Selected Primary Schemes 2011-2020**

Allowance	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Island Allowance</b>										
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	257	254	253	240	250	255	242	238	225	219
State Pension (Contributory)	134	144	148	160	165	170	180	198	204	229
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	51	50	54	50	49	48	51	52	55	56
Invalidity Pension	16	15	12	13	13	13	12	14	16	19
Disability Allowance	90	78	90	78	77	75	68	69	61	61
<b>Living Alone Allowance</b>										
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	33,058	32,854	32,969	32,908	33,297	33,391	32,981	32,957	32,997	33,487
State Pension (Contributory)	59,093	60,437	62,234	64,879	68,149	70,756	73,601	76,731	80,498	85,213
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	48,076	48,973	49,597	50,365	51,744	52,622	53,501	54,373	55,367	56,892
Deserted Wife's Benefit	748	798	885	957	1,135	1,101	1,304	1,408	1,444	1,466
Invalidity Pension	9,064	9,019	9,348	9,369	9,446	9,503	9,766	9,552	9,616	9,668
Disability Allowance	23,491	23,210	24,006	24,978	29,509	27,684	28,965	30,089	31,075	32,002
<b>Over 80's Allowance</b>										
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	36,432	35,842	34,946	34,156	33,151	32,299	31,447	30,714	29,950	29,266
State Pension (Contributory)	57,316	61,490	66,171	71,070	75,639	79,685	83,995	88,158	91,988	96,512
Death Benefit (OIB Widows)	118	128	137	147	152	166	181	190	193	198
Deserted Wife's Benefit	135	158	179	186	222	264	301	352	362	400
Carer's Allowance	921	1,005	1,166	1,234	1,374	1,613	1,761	1,985	2,223	2,367



**Table H5 – Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance, by County 2020**

	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Carlow	2,772	1,790	0
Cavan	3,537	2,576	0
Clare	5,811	3,822	0
Cork	24,038	17,163	99
Donegal	8,346	5,588	151
Dublin	48,654	40,174	0
Galway	10,982	8,050	275
Kerry	8,050	4,914	0
Kildare	6,349	4,398	0
Kilkenny	3,845	2,871	0
Laois	2,980	1,999	0
Leitrim	2,134	1,334	0
Limerick	9,396	6,131	0
Longford	2,287	1,369	0
Louth	5,509	3,845	0
Mayo	7,517	5,153	38
Meath	5,824	4,332	0
Monaghan	2,809	2,092	0
Offaly	3,171	2,344	0
Roscommon	3,535	2,538	0
Sligo	3,684	2,436	1
Tipperary	8,631	5,862	0
Waterford	6,018	4,050	0
Westmeath	3,916	2,763	0
Wexford	7,427	5,062	0
Wicklow	5,437	4,155	0
Other including those abroad or county unknown	6,894	21,055	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,553</b>	<b>167,866</b>	<b>564</b>

**Table H6 – Recipients of Household Benefits and Other Supplementary Payments by Type 2020**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mortgage Interest Supplement	Recipients	18,988	14,597	9,768	5,007	2,907	1,832	1,247	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>18,988</b>	<b>14,597</b>	<b>9,768</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>2,907</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>	<b>s/c</b>
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	Recipients	159	141	119	111	97	83	77	68	56	49
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>49</b>
Rent Supplement	Recipients	96,803	87,684	79,788	66,409	56,959	44,521	32,075	22,880	15,913	17,983
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>96,803</b>	<b>87,684</b>	<b>79,788</b>	<b>66,409</b>	<b>56,959</b>	<b>44,521</b>	<b>32,075</b>	<b>22,880</b>	<b>15,913</b>	<b>17,983</b>
Free Travel	Recipients	726,412	754,731	782,529	812,892	842,744	873,454	902,513	934,298	966,206	947,855
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>726,412</b>	<b>754,731</b>	<b>782,529</b>	<b>812,892</b>	<b>842,744</b>	<b>873,454</b>	<b>902,513</b>	<b>934,298</b>	<b>966,206</b>	<b>947,855</b>
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Electricity Allowance	Recipients	356,698	383,980	364,459	364,230	369,784	374,093	383,980	391,367	402,443	415,383
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>356,698</b>	<b>383,980</b>	<b>364,459</b>	<b>364,230</b>	<b>369,784</b>	<b>374,093</b>	<b>383,980</b>	<b>391,367</b>	<b>402,443</b>	<b>415,383</b>
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Free Television Licence	Recipients	404,619	435,337	413,214	412,901	419,209	424,492	435,337	443,580	455,439	471,977
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>404,619</b>	<b>435,337</b>	<b>413,214</b>	<b>412,901</b>	<b>419,209</b>	<b>424,492</b>	<b>435,337</b>	<b>443,580</b>	<b>455,439</b>	<b>471,977</b>
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Gas Allowance	Recipients	43,609	47,170	45,134	45,095	45,652	46,301	47,170	47,806	48,357	50,252
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>43,609</b>	<b>47,170</b>	<b>45,134</b>	<b>45,095</b>	<b>45,652</b>	<b>46,301</b>	<b>47,170</b>	<b>47,806</b>	<b>48,357</b>	<b>50,252</b>
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>		<b>1,647,288</b>	<b>1,723,640</b>	<b>1,695,011</b>	<b>1,706,645</b>	<b>1,737,352</b>	<b>1,764,776</b>	<b>1,802,399</b>	<b>1,839,999</b>	<b>1,888,414</b>	<b>1,903,461</b>

**Table H7 – Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Age and Sex 2020**

	Rent Supplement <sup>[1]</sup>		Other Supplements (Including Heating and Light)	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	2	5	5	5
20-25	116	61	13	12
25-29	544	311	47	26
30-34	1,207	781	67	53
35-39	1,581	1,248	106	115
40-44	1,369	1,407	159	182
45-49	1,136	1,391	188	230
50-54	813	1,122	197	254
55-59	619	992	248	295
60-64	489	781	238	284
65	75	120	50	43
66-69	212	497	139	146
70-74	172	371	176	123
75-79	111	178	182	110
80-84	72	74	171	94
85-89	49	38	124	42
90-94	27	6	45	12
95 and over	4	2	7	5
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>8,598</b>	<b>9,385</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>2,031</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>17,983</b>		<b>4,193</b>	

[1] Includes 42 recipients who were referred for Rent Supplement by Tusla or Tusla-funded service providers as victims of domestic violence.

**Table H8 – Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County 2020**

County	Short-Term Recipients	Long-Term Recipients	All Recipients
Carlow	74	103	177
Cavan	105	72	177
Clare	39	87	126
Cork	1,378	770	2,148
Donegal	41	91	132
Dublin	5,991	3,341	9,332
Galway	472	305	777
Kerry	395	272	667
Kildare	530	306	836
Kilkenny	43	77	120
Laois	45	69	114
Leitrim	27	32	59
Limerick	228	197	425
Longford	37	25	62
Louth	48	105	153
Mayo	171	94	265
Meath	81	177	258
Monaghan	85	29	114
Offaly	37	23	60
Roscommon	63	56	119
Sligo	34	86	120
Tipperary	100	78	178
Waterford	30	79	109
Westmeath	289	87	376
Wexford	248	147	395
Wicklow	414	270	684
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,005</b>	<b>6,978</b>	<b>17,983</b>

Notes:

1. Recipients are considered as being long-term after 18 months in receipt of the supplement.
2. County breakdowns based on the location of the nearest local office.

**Table H9 – Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration 2020**

Age Group	0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 to 12 months	12 - 18 months	18 - 24 months	24 - 36 months	36 - 48 months	48 - 60 months	60 - 72 months	72 plus months
Under 25	3	57	34	45	11	11	15	5	3	49	58
25 to 29 years	11	217	110	168	36	40	54	41	71		
30-34	17	423	182	375	68	52	116	131	139	140	345
35-39	29	526	291	514	95	86	166	159	243	191	529
40-44	24	457	218	488	102	92	165	192	215	205	618
45-49	15	346	151	367	98	96	134	145	209	204	762
50-54	7	220	108	242	62	77	121	97	158	155	688
55-59	4	134	79	138	82	84	120	107	158	140	565
60-64	6	68	61	81	49	72	100	102	127	105	499
65	4	9	5	9	8	10	15	16	16	24	82
66-69		31	13	35	35	32	55	48	80	68	310
70-74		9	8	16	23	17	53	42	57	56	261
75 and over		8	10	16	16	19	42	36	44	40	330
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>5,047</b>

Note: This represents unbroken continuous claims only. Where recipients change address, the claim at the new address may be recorded as a new claim and the duration spent at the previous address may not be taken into account in these statistics.

**Table H10 – Recipients of Household Benefits and Free Travel by Age and Sex 2020**

	Electricity		Gas		TV Licence		Free Travel	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 25	371	251	49	47	432	311	9,283	13,330
25 to 29	1,373	589	153	59	1,535	665	7,011	6,969
30 to 34	3,574	1,170	418	102	4,017	1,281	9,886	7,191
35 to 39	6,109	2,060	758	202	6,898	2,283	14,482	8,926
40 to 44	7,469	3,333	970	256	8,495	3,619	17,742	11,418
45 to 49	8,116	4,585	1,080	427	9,260	5,054	20,106	14,161
50 to 54	8,078	5,840	969	502	9,120	6,384	21,315	16,250
55 to 59	8,536	7,351	1,019	606	9,642	8,011	23,715	19,006
60 to 64	9,308	9,474	1,031	712	10,429	10,245	25,792	22,642
65 to 69	19,459	22,772	2,576	1,725	22,346	24,772	93,659	91,275
70 to 74	35,926	57,896	5,367	5,615	42,103	64,707	98,745	94,059
75 to 79	32,762	48,075	5,246	5,397	38,657	54,191	71,228	60,568
80 to 84	27,093	31,449	4,609	3,934	32,128	35,715	49,632	37,375
85 to 89	19,279	16,749	2,775	1,755	22,408	18,697	31,971	20,438
90 to 94	8,524	4,971	1,110	470	9,808	5,521	15,166	7,414
95 and over	2,066	775	238	75	2,361	882	5,072	2,028
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>198,043</b>	<b>217,340</b>	<b>28,368</b>	<b>21,884</b>	<b>229,639</b>	<b>242,338</b>	<b>514,805</b>	<b>433,050</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>415,383</b>		<b>50,252</b>		<b>471,977</b>		<b>947,855</b>	

**Table H11 – Recipients of Household Benefits and Free Travel by County 2020**

	Electricity	Gas	TV Licence	Free Travel
Carlow	6,161	399	6,628	13,167
Cavan	7,416	146	7,647	15,224
Clare	12,736	246	13,139	25,233
Cork	48,153	5,686	54,601	113,511
Donegal	19,105	78	19,344	36,743
Dublin	78,500	33,013	113,279	231,581
Galway	24,813	336	25,440	50,801
Kerry	17,823	102	18,175	34,839
Kildare	14,574	1,514	16,362	36,374
Kilkenny	8,717	410	9,315	18,711
Laois	6,811	367	7,287	14,513
Leitrim	4,311	27	4,365	8,101
Limerick	20,137	1,686	22,081	44,879
Longford	5,267	22	5,340	9,714
Louth	11,435	1,242	12,836	26,216
Mayo	16,564	101	16,775	31,484
Meath	13,164	1,084	14,480	31,155
Monaghan	5,969	89	6,121	12,400
Offaly	8,079	137	8,313	16,460
Roscommon	7,650	44	7,763	15,131
Sligo	8,044	35	8,146	15,313
Tipperary	18,870	795	19,996	38,060
Waterford	12,395	1,058	13,605	25,527
Westmeath	9,212	159	9,504	19,010
Wexford	17,661	97	18,007	35,352
Wicklow	11,816	1,379	13,428	28,340
Other including those abroad or county unknown				16
<b>Total</b>	<b>415,383</b>	<b>50,252</b>	<b>471,977</b>	<b>947,855</b>

**Table H12 – Number of Recipients of Fuel Allowance by Primary Payment 2020**

Primary Payment	Weekly Payment	Lump Sum Payment	Total
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	48,281	6,129	54,410
State Pension (Contributory)	66,785	10,291	77,076
UK Pensions	929	140	1,069
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	36,383	5,791	42,174
Widow(er)s' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	783	180	963
Long-term Jobseeker's Allowance and Farm Assist	34,952	15,054	50,006
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	992		992
One-Parent Family Payment	26,013	12,888	38,901
Deserted Wife's Allowance	50	8	58
Deserted Wife's Benefit	2,405	516	2,921
TÚS	1,613	155	1,768
Rural Social Scheme	1,292		1,292
Back to Work Allowance	609	192	801
Community Employment	8,048		8,048
Death Benefit & Incapacity Supplement	434	77	511
Blind Pension	357	86	443
Disability Allowance	58,123	18,588	76,711
Invalidity Pension	12,884	4,228	17,112
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	3	2	5
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	6	2	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,941</b>	<b>74,328</b>	<b>375,269</b>

Note: Fuel Allowance is a means-tested payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. There is a weekly payment which is made during October to April. Alternatively, you can get the scheme in two lump sums.



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FIGURE 24 – CLAIMS REGISTERED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2011-2020

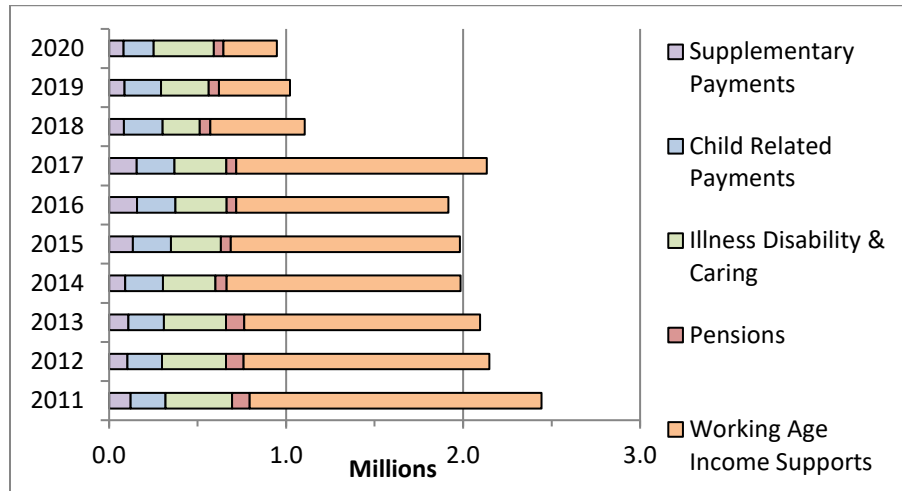
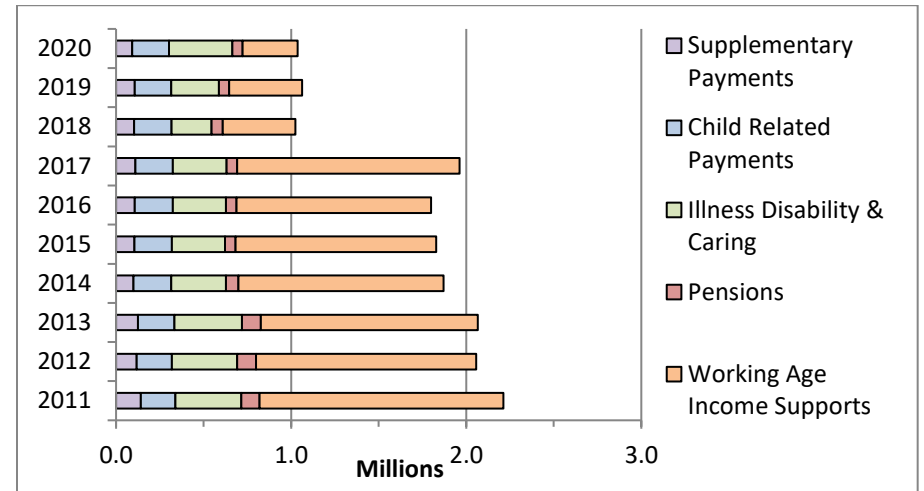


FIGURE 25 – CLAIMS CLEARED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2011-2020



This section relates to the Department’s management and performance in relation to the claims received over the past 10 years.

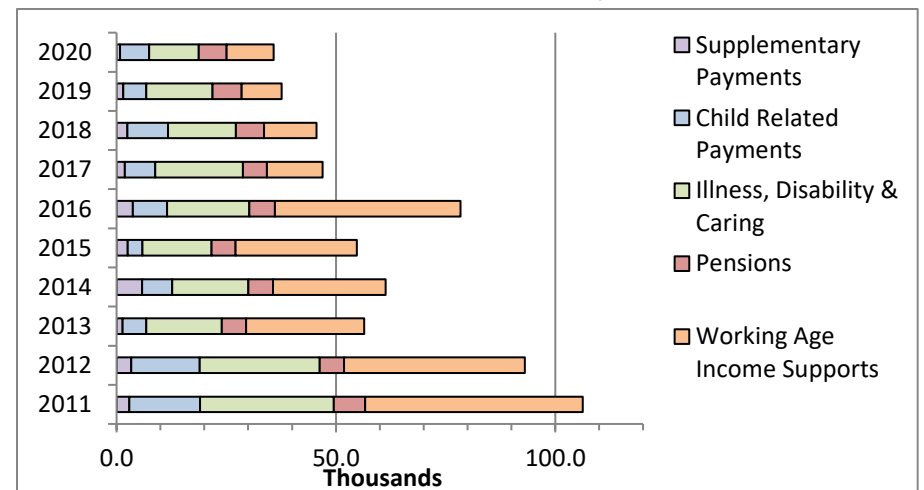
In 2020 the total number of registered claims that were finalised (cleared) was 1,036,466 of which 867,390 or 84% were awarded. The remainder (169,076) were either disallowed or withdrawn by the client.

At the end of 2020 there were 35,792 claims on hand pending award, a 5% reduction on the number pending award at the end of 2019.

The Department has set measurable performance targets for most of the schemes under its remit.

In addition to the standard claims administered by the Department, there were 1.38 million applications processed for the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment. Of these 955,000 were online applications.

FIGURE 26 – CLAIMS PENDING YEAR END, 2011-2020



**Table I1 – Claims Registered by Year and Benefit 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	7,344	9,035	9,429	8,998	9,732	9,213	9,187	9,053	8,766	8,789
State Pension (Contributory)	36,281	35,198	39,215	40,212	37,902	38,431	39,883	42,084	41,551	38,808
State Pension (Transition)	22,719	22,430	19,270	3,885	521	204	137	s/c	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,549	7,451	7,574	7,390	7,707	7,699	7,599	7,542	7,996	7,782
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	18,763	19,252	24,991	3,743	0	0	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
Bereavement Grant - Longford	6,987	6,714	2,385	83	0	0	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>99,643</b>	<b>100,080</b>	<b>102,864</b>	<b>64,311</b>	<b>55,862</b>	<b>55,547</b>	<b>56,806</b>	<b>58,679</b>	<b>58,313</b>	<b>55,379</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	239,667	225,262	227,722	209,444	191,781	171,243	155,854	137,770	128,107	148,202
One Parent Family Payment	16,943	14,330	13,887	12,288	11,484	11,751	11,452	11,466	11,625	5,289
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	556	428	526	100	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	643,526	453,833	386,161	400,479	371,899	290,097	346,743	187,409	56,673	40,448
Jobseeker's Benefit	223,938	192,965	165,457	147,636	137,131	131,005	129,241	127,586	132,989	194,234
Maternity Benefit	50,430	47,875	46,692	46,819	45,255	45,280	44,227	44,372	44,354	41,987
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	6,471	27,200	25,358	28,153	24,884
Parent's Benefit										16,973
Treatment Benefit	473,123	453,236	492,127	503,691	536,654	542,968	701,732	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,648,183</b>	<b>1,387,929</b>	<b>1,332,572</b>	<b>1,320,457</b>	<b>1,294,204</b>	<b>1,198,815</b>	<b>1,416,449</b>	<b>533,961</b>	<b>401,901</b>	<b>472,017</b>
Disability Allowance	24,264	25,887	20,538	21,071	22,538	23,804	23,657	23,080	24,017	20,671
Blind Pension	208	198	181	46	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carer's Allowance	17,758	15,493	12,060	17,759	18,929	22,722	23,800	20,208	19,402	18,774
Domiciliary Care Allowance	5,191	4,079	4,464	5,743	6,422	7,434	8,197	8,609	8,719	7,289
Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	296,730	286,534	288,052	226,274	209,750	209,685	209,384	143,423	201,362	278,381
Interim Illness Benefit	14,177	13,641	13,838	13,404	13,314	13,708	13,913	s/c	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	14,621	11,510	9,640	9,240	9,454	9,134	10,458	10,967	10,336	9,991
Disablement Benefit	1,775	1,436	1,215	347	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carer's Benefit	2,060	1,788	1,804	2,074	1,842	1,344	3,590	4,101	4,693	4,225
<b>Total Illness Disability and Caring</b>	<b>376,784</b>	<b>360,566</b>	<b>351,792</b>	<b>295,958</b>	<b>282,249</b>	<b>287,831</b>	<b>292,999</b>	<b>210,388</b>	<b>268,529</b>	<b>339,331</b>

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Note: Due to the rollout of an online claim system, Treatment Benefit claims are now made by treatment providers and operational activity data is not currently available for inclusion in this report.

[1] Includes Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19.

Department of Social Protection

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Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	30,417	33,723	31,678	32,940	31,309	30,915	32,448	32,034	32,119	29,607
Child Benefit - EU regulation	1,267	2,436	0	4,271	4,319	4,037	3,473	3,753	3,665	2,631
Child Benefit - Over 16	72,226	69,639	71,870	72,857	68,590	72,726	65,607	72,671	71,508	47,721
Child Benefit - Additional Child	40,476	39,830	38,846	37,254	35,671	34,293	33,843	34,672	32,932	28,400
Working Family Payment - New Claims	23,453	20,341	24,965	26,679	31,191	28,516	28,730	27,854	23,878	17,043
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	27,761	29,589	32,879	39,755	42,714	47,608	47,998	46,630	41,842	45,088
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) <sup>[1]</sup>	173	172	183	42	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory) <sup>[1]</sup>	498	456	452	134	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>196,271</b>	<b>196,186</b>	<b>200,873</b>	<b>213,932</b>	<b>213,794</b>	<b>218,095</b>	<b>212,099</b>	<b>217,614</b>	<b>205,944</b>	<b>170,490</b>
Household Benefits	101,812	82,480	89,463	69,527	72,826	75,443	75,593	69,703	72,381	65,301
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	11,093	11,040	11,151	12,847	13,744	13,573	13,841	14,388	15,311	15,933
Free Travel	8,668	9,258	7,652	8,173	48,347	68,336	66,754	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>121,573</b>	<b>102,778</b>	<b>108,266</b>	<b>90,547</b>	<b>134,917</b>	<b>157,352</b>	<b>156,188</b>	<b>84,091</b>	<b>87,692</b>	<b>81,234</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,442,454</b>	<b>2,147,539</b>	<b>2,096,367</b>	<b>1,985,205</b>	<b>1,981,026</b>	<b>1,917,640</b>	<b>2,134,541</b>	<b>1,104,733</b>	<b>1,022,379</b>	<b>1,118,451</b>

Note:

On December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 328,526 persons were in receipt of the COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment and 288,753 were supported by the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (source CSO).

[1] Due to a system migration in October 2015 operational activity figures are no longer available for inclusion in this report.

**Table I2 – Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	5,730	7,243	7,445	7,750	7,675	8,132	7,577	8,040	7,917	8,277
State Pension (Contributory)	25,964	25,586	28,129	27,591	24,662	25,947	27,673	28,364	20,737	17,155
State Pension (Transition)	12,775	12,599	10,598	1,623	217	87	46	s/c	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	5,870	5,783	5,709	5,615	5,916	5,775	5,695	5,835	6,325	6,198
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	16,993	17,451	21,179	4,643	0	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
Bereavement Grant - Longford	5,926	5,342	2,537	78	0	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>73,258</b>	<b>74,004</b>	<b>75,597</b>	<b>47,300</b>	<b>38,470</b>	<b>39,941</b>	<b>40,991</b>	<b>42,239</b>	<b>36,998</b>	<b>31,630</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	174,491	167,623	180,009	166,048	152,807	136,003	124,790	111,006	103,802	92,395
One Parent Family Payment	12,178	10,293	10,673	10,011	8,905	9,038	8,741	8,978	8,952	7,316
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	377	287	283	74	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	292,641	253,652	225,509	206,828	186,002	178,623	175,836	55,542	47,831	17,155
Jobseeker's Benefit	197,369	169,755	148,480	132,714	124,152	119,168	118,076	117,825	123,092	129,050
Maternity Benefit	48,827	45,415	45,491	44,555	44,740	41,646	45,621	41,429	44,456	40,507
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	5,013	26,559	24,080	28,191	15,686
Parent's Benefit										16,683
Treatment Benefit	447,908	430,778	465,583	477,658	508,202	510,956	663,891	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,173,791</b>	<b>1,077,803</b>	<b>1,076,028</b>	<b>1,037,888</b>	<b>1,024,808</b>	<b>1,000,447</b>	<b>1,163,514</b>	<b>358,860</b>	<b>356,324</b>	<b>318,792</b>

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Department of Social Protection

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Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Disability Allowance	9,246	10,400	12,497	13,876	15,814	16,669	17,469	17,205	16,949	15,686
Blind Pension	106	96	77	29	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Carer's Allowance	7,465	9,880	16,011	12,560	14,378	19,308	17,290	17,242	16,910	17,495
Domiciliary Care Allowance	2,686	1,586	1,877	3,104	4,186	4,996	6,823	3,104	5,886	5,060
Illness Benefit	259,008	245,319	245,456	162,187	154,692	156,153	159,030	112,012	173,873	245,016
Interim Illness Benefit	11,616	10,927	11,428	9,768	10,182	10,485	10,739	s/c	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	2,445	6,352	9,494	7,018	7,691	7,467	8,976	7,334	7,854	8,332
Disablement Benefit	1,310	1,384	731	392	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carer's Benefit	1,941	2,021	1,917	2,264	2,234	1,302	2,605	2,774	3,349	3,272
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>295,823</b>	<b>287,965</b>	<b>299,488</b>	<b>211,198</b>	<b>209,177</b>	<b>216,380</b>	<b>222,932</b>	<b>159,671</b>	<b>207,872</b>	<b>294,861</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	34,735	34,576	31,151	31,765	30,592	30,991	31,301	31,549	31,063	30,734
Child Benefit - EU regulation	1,371	2,487	0	3,501	3,730	3,692	3,009	3,490	2,653	2,463
Child Benefit - Over 16	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871	71,620	66,305	72,124	72,632	46,462
Child Benefit - Additional Child	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703	34,258	33,885	34,672	32,886	28,362
Working Family Payment - New Claims	13,631	13,264	20,156	19,761	21,779	18,617	18,832	17,226	18,763	13,373
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	23,787	28,118	33,091	36,403	31,130	33,303	30,492	29,663	36,263	41,300
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	117	95	111	34	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	350	265	318	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>186,740</b>	<b>188,218</b>	<b>194,902</b>	<b>202,205</b>	<b>191,805</b>	<b>192,481</b>	<b>183,824</b>	<b>188,724</b>	<b>194,260</b>	<b>162,694</b>
Household Benefits	83,889	65,844	72,578	50,999	52,088	54,871	56,020	53,626	55,944	55,639
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	10,425	10,323	10,441	11,960	13,090	12,829	13,170	13,507	14,740	15,694
Free Travel	7,086	6,754	6,087	6,207	6,191	4,987	6,281	6,872	7,848	4,763
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>101,400</b>	<b>82,921</b>	<b>89,106</b>	<b>69,166</b>	<b>71,369</b>	<b>72,687</b>	<b>75,471</b>	<b>74,005</b>	<b>78,532</b>	<b>76,096</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,831,012</b>	<b>1,710,911</b>	<b>1,735,121</b>	<b>1,567,757</b>	<b>1,535,629</b>	<b>1,521,936</b>	<b>1,686,732</b>	<b>823,499</b>	<b>873,986</b>	<b>884,073</b>

**Table I3 – Claims Rejected by Year and Benefit 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,998	2,453	2,351	2,350	2,188	2,332	2,139	2,253	2,252	2,068
State Pension (Contributory)	7,778	7,049	7,877	8,205	9,727	9,703	10,002	10,304	16,063	13,742
State Pension (Transition)	9,153	9,363	8,484	2,296	406	66	0	0	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,193	1,232	1,263	1,250	1,361	1,436	1,240	1,085	1,386	1,130
Bereavement Grant - Sligo & Longford	2,535	2,406	2,365	0	0	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
<b>Total - Pensions</b>	<b>22,657</b>	<b>22,503</b>	<b>22,340</b>	<b>14,101</b>	<b>13,682</b>	<b>13,537</b>	<b>13,381</b>	<b>13,642</b>	<b>19,701</b>	<b>16,940</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	23,017	19,811	18,952	16,185	13,255	11,979	10,238	9,563	8,877	11,856
One Parent Family Payment	2,032	1,579	1,357	1,078	3,270	699	725	774	874	886
Jobseeker's Benefit	7,680	6,373	5,179	4,048	3,270	2,766	2,459	2,745	3,419	4,751
Maternity Benefit	1,774	1,488	1,343	1,458	1,568	1,370	1,570	1,335	1,699	1,633
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	542	380	690	1,123
Parent's Benefit										168
Treatment Benefit	36,988	24,388	27,333	24,719	23,495	17,728	16,863	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total - Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>71,491</b>	<b>53,639</b>	<b>54,164</b>	<b>47,488</b>	<b>44,858</b>	<b>34,542</b>	<b>32,397</b>	<b>14,797</b>	<b>15,559</b>	<b>20,417</b>
Disability Allowance	14,116	14,519	14,691	12,621	14,800	12,027	12,022	12,682	13,981	13,559
Carer's Allowance	5,227	6,827	9,881	7,078	7,920	11,144	8,599	9,291	8,811	10,495
Illness Benefit	33,934	36,855	37,615	61,165	50,083	46,118	44,709	29,109	3,246	15,180
Interim Illness Benefit	1,073	1,101	1,061	1,832	1,470	1,682	2,019	s/c	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	5,945	10,721	8,546	5,496	5,070	3,909	4,579	4,601	4,753	5,270
<b>Total – Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>60,295</b>	<b>70,023</b>	<b>71,794</b>	<b>88,192</b>	<b>79,343</b>	<b>74,880</b>	<b>71,928</b>	<b>55,683</b>	<b>30,791</b>	<b>44,504</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	832	764	623	549	682	801	674	833	776	776
Child Benefit - EU regulation	342	531	497	543	725	899	716	750	625	631
Working Family Payment - New Claims	6,448	7,396	10,082	7,225	9,208	8,915	10,402	8,274	7,768	5,508
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	1,959	2,649	2,787	3,149	11,538	14,188	17,512	16,651	5,668	3,786
<b>Total - Child Related Payments</b>	<b>9,581</b>	<b>11,340</b>	<b>13,989</b>	<b>11,466</b>	<b>22,153</b>	<b>24,803</b>	<b>29,304</b>	<b>26,508</b>	<b>14,837</b>	<b>10,701</b>
Household Benefits	17,297	15,919	16,030	14,459	17,282	16,806	18,030	16,604	16,414	7,795
Free Travel	3,831	3,046	2,268	2,447	2,103	2,552	2,193	2,511	2,487	1,099
<b>Total - Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>21,128</b>	<b>18,965</b>	<b>18,298</b>	<b>16,906</b>	<b>19,385</b>	<b>19,358</b>	<b>20,223</b>	<b>19,115</b>	<b>18,901</b>	<b>8,894</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>185,152</b>	<b>176,470</b>	<b>180,585</b>	<b>178,153</b>	<b>179,421</b>	<b>167,120</b>	<b>167,233</b>	<b>129,745</b>	<b>99,789</b>	<b>101,456</b>

**Table I4 – Claims Withdrawn by Year and Benefit 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,009	1,149	999	1,131	1,167	1,170	1,323	1,212	1,146	1,041
State Pension (Contributory)	4,934	5,724	5,791	5,591	6,803	5,409	5,336	4,736	6,776	7,568
State Pension (Transition)	2,308	2,701	2,621	1,146	164	3	0	0	0	0
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	559	463	475	496	515	570	435	521	612	642
Bereavement Grant - Sligo & Longford	200	213	147	0	0	0	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
<b>Total - Pensions</b>	<b>9,010</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,033</b>	<b>8,364</b>	<b>8,649</b>	<b>7,152</b>	<b>7,094</b>	<b>6,469</b>	<b>10,553</b>	<b>9,251</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	48,347	42,964	39,269	32,728	30,059	29,703	27,140	22,921	18,832	60,359
One Parent Family Payment	4,384	3,912	4,219	3,509	4,011	2,069	1,894	1,705	1,472	871
Jobseeker's Benefit	34,269	29,295	25,344	19,114	16,923	15,713	24,370	13,234	12,818	68,113
Maternity Benefit	0	2	95	0	0	3	958	845	1,078	1,332
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	678	460	1,190	1,389
Parent's Benefit										303
<b>Total - Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>87,000</b>	<b>76,173</b>	<b>68,927</b>	<b>55,351</b>	<b>50,993</b>	<b>47,488</b>	<b>55,040</b>	<b>39,165</b>	<b>35,390</b>	<b>132,367</b>
Disability Allowance	783	1,240	1,428	1,111	978	947	1,153	1,130	1,519	2,077
Carer's Allowance	1,194	1,776	2,529	1,610	1,888	1,429	570	707	580	1,350
Illness Benefit	5,702	5,369	5,022	5,060	4,944	5,211	5,075	3,761	7,703	15,387
Interim Illness Benefit	1,551	1,346	1,492	1,872	1,675	1,542	1,110	580	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	1,699	702	752	1,047	1,039	972	1,007	1,157	1,242	1,350
<b>Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>10,929</b>	<b>10,433</b>	<b>11,223</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>10,524</b>	<b>10,101</b>	<b>8,915</b>	<b>7,335</b>	<b>11,044</b>	<b>20,164</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	512	484	437	348	47	8	125	6	7	10
Child Benefit - EU regulation	177	63	16	14	27	17	58	23	30	0
Working Family Payment - New Claims	494	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,316	0	0	0
<b>Total - Child Related Payments</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>
Household Benefits	16,605	14,136	15,018	12,094	12,206	12,689	112,828	6,216	6,896	5,706
Free Travel	274	141	128	173	423	416	499	759	346	58
<b>Total - Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>16,879</b>	<b>14,277</b>	<b>15,146</b>	<b>12,267</b>	<b>12,629</b>	<b>13,105</b>	<b>113,327</b>	<b>6,975</b>	<b>7,242</b>	<b>5,764</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>125,001</b>	<b>112,014</b>	<b>105,782</b>	<b>87,044</b>	<b>82,869</b>	<b>77,871</b>	<b>185,875</b>	<b>59,973</b>	<b>64,229</b>	<b>167,556</b>

**Table 15 – Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	8,737	10,845	10,795	11,231	11,030	11,634	11,039	11,505	11,315	11,386
State Pension (Contributory)	38,676	38,359	41,797	41,387	41,192	41,059	43,011	43,404	43,576	38,465
State Pension (Transition)	24,236	24,663	21,703	5,065	787	156	151	s/c	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's	7,622	7,478	7,447	7,361	7,792	7,781	7,370	7,441	8,323	7,970
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	18,627	19,147	23,293	5,700	0	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
Bereavement Grant - Longford	7,027	6,265	2,935	92	0	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>104,925</b>	<b>106,757</b>	<b>107,970</b>	<b>70,836</b>	<b>60,801</b>	<b>60,630</b>	<b>61,571</b>	<b>62,350</b>	<b>58,263</b>	<b>57,821</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	245,855	230,398	238,230	214,961	196,121	177,685	162,168	143,490	131,511	164,610
One Parent Family Payment	18,594	15,784	16,249	14,598	13,659	11,806	11,360	11,457	11,298	9,073
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's	576	461	455	122	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	349,789	304,268	264,819	238,641	213,714	206,056	203,821	59,032	57,429	41,165
Jobseeker's Benefit	242,318	205,423	179,003	155,876	144,345	137,647	134,905	133,804	139,329	201,914
Maternity Benefit	50,601	46,905	46,929	46,013	46,308	43,019	48,149	43,609	47,233	43,472
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	5,144	27,779	24,866	30,071	27,238
Parent's Benefit										17,154
Treatment Benefit	484,896	455,166	492,916	502,377	531,697	528,684	680,754	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,392,629</b>	<b>1,258,405</b>	<b>1,238,601</b>	<b>1,172,588</b>	<b>1,145,844</b>	<b>1,110,041</b>	<b>1,268,936</b>	<b>416,258</b>	<b>416,871</b>	<b>504,626</b>
Disability Allowance	24,145	26,159	28,616	27,608	31,592	29,643	30,644	31,017	32,449	31,322
Blind Pension	221	203	174	66	0	0	0		n/a	n/a
Carer's Allowance	13,886	18,483	28,421	21,248	24,186	31,881	26,459	27,240	26,404	28,504
Domiciliary Care Allowance	6,491	4,810	4,340	5,142	6,313	6,703	9,034	8,569	8,784	7,735
Illness Benefit	298,644	287,543	288,093	228,412	209,719	207,482	208,814	144,882	184,822	275,583
Interim Illness Benefit	14,240	13,374	13,981	13,472	13,327	13,709	13,868	s/c	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	12,829	17,775	18,792	13,561	13,800	12,348	14,562	13,092	13,849	14,952
Disablement Benefit	1,785	1,717	1,323	975	77	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carer's Benefit	2,919	2,994	2,687	3,019	2,752	1,720	3,303	3,900	4,763	4,789
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>375,160</b>	<b>373,058</b>	<b>386,427</b>	<b>313,503</b>	<b>301,766</b>	<b>303,486</b>	<b>306,684</b>	<b>228,700</b>	<b>271,071</b>	<b>362,885</b>

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Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	36,079	35,824	32,211	32,662	31,321	31,800	32,100	32,388	31,846	31,520
Child Benefit - EU regulation	1,890	3,081	0	4,058	4,482	4,608	3,783	4,263	3,308	3,094
Child Benefit - Over 16	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871	71,620	66,305	72,124	72,632	46,462
Child Benefit - Additional Child	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703	34,258	33,885	34,672	32,886	28,362
Working Family Payment - New Claims	20,573	20,994	30,238	26,986	30,987	27,532	28,908	25,500	26,531	18,881
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	25,746	30,767	35,878	39,552	42,668	47,491	49,320	46,314	41,931	45,086
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	189	161	185	59	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	504	436	478	149	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>197,730</b>	<b>200,676</b>	<b>209,065</b>	<b>214,125</b>	<b>214,032</b>	<b>217,309</b>	<b>214,301</b>	<b>215,261</b>	<b>209,134</b>	<b>173,405</b>
Household Benefits	117,791	95,899	103,626	77,552	81,576	84,366	85,878	76,446	79,254	69,140
Living Alone Allowance and Island	12,605	12,229	12,115	13,810	15,253	14,892	15,075	15,639	16,882	17,777
Free Travel	11,191	9,941	8,483	8,827	8,717	7,955	8,973	10,142	10,681	5,920
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>141,587</b>	<b>118,069</b>	<b>124,224</b>	<b>100,189</b>	<b>105,546</b>	<b>107,213</b>	<b>109,926</b>	<b>102,227</b>	<b>106,817</b>	<b>92,837</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,212,031</b>	<b>2,056,965</b>	<b>2,066,287</b>	<b>1,871,241</b>	<b>1,827,989</b>	<b>1,798,679</b>	<b>1,961,418</b>	<b>1,024,796</b>	<b>1,062,156</b>	<b>1,191,574</b>

**Table I6 – Claims Pending by Year and Benefit 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,869	1,432	1,780	1,552	2,058	1,762	1,896	1,561	1,294	822
State Pension (Contributory)	2,888	2,154	2,094	3,397	2,934	3,757	3,059	4,252	4,883	5,231
State Pension (Transition)	2,009	1,622	1,163	255	23	32	0	s/c	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	367	345	492	445	400	288	519	619	457	278
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	954	1,105	2,845	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bereavement Grant - Longford	141	601	57	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>7,133</b>	<b>5,553</b>	<b>5,529</b>	<b>5,649</b>	<b>5,415</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>5,474</b>	<b>6,432</b>	<b>6,634</b>	<b>6,331</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	21,880	18,464	10,148	8,074	7,167	5,955	4,893	3,852	3,786	3,642
One Parent Family Payment	4,249	3,369	2,490	1,452	1,173	1,001	900	657	494	361
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	110	69	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	6,371	4,701	3,762	3,905	3,567	3,559	2,729	532	518	539
Jobseeker's Benefit	9,065	7,723	4,613	4,257	3,905	3,562	3,131	3,418	3,908	3,081
Maternity Benefit	2,826	3,796	3,559	4,365	3,312	3,953	185	1,787	74	1,958
Paternity Benefit						1,389	876	1,709	284	1,135
Parent's Benefit										0
Treatment Benefit	5,099	3,079	2,290	3,604	8,561	22,845	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>49,600</b>	<b>41,201</b>	<b>26,946</b>	<b>25,657</b>	<b>27,685</b>	<b>42,264</b>	<b>12,714</b>	<b>11,955</b>	<b>9,064</b>	<b>10,716</b>
Disability Allowance	6,999	7,775	5,022	6,058	4,855	5,947	5,768	5,549	4,838	2,941
Blind Pension	39	34	41							
Carer's Allowance	7,765	8,553	2,719	4,461	5,461	3,490	5,284	4,566	3,943	1,265
Domiciliary Care Allowance	819	478	694	1,237	1,346	2,077	1,240	1,280	1,215	842
Illness Benefit	5,461	4,452	4,411	2,273	2,304	4,507	5,077	1,030	2,250	4,752
Interim Illness Benefit	224	491	348	280	267	266	311	s/c	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	6,814	3,662	2,013	2,034	1,559	2,133	1,653	2,188	2,253	1,312
Disablement Benefit	1,962	1,699	1,617	990	0	0	0			
Carer's Benefit	449	255	363	0	0	328	615	816	647	214
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>30,532</b>	<b>27,399</b>	<b>17,228</b>	<b>17,333</b>	<b>15,792</b>	<b>18,748</b>	<b>19,948</b>	<b>15,429</b>	<b>15,146</b>	<b>11,326</b>

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Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	654	2,276	1,743	2,021	2,009	1,524	1,871	1,517	1,790	1,402
Child Benefit - EU regulation	2,413	2,033	0	2,032	1,869	1,298	988	478	835	372
Child Benefit - Over 16	138	201	866	289	8	1,114	416	963	35	1,800
Child Benefit - Additional Child	44	37	13	42	10	45	3	3	49	8
Working Family Payment - New Claims	8,013	7,360	2,087	1,780	303	2,968	2,824	5,178	2,523	685
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	4,669	3,491	492	695	282	858	852	1,168	0	2,363
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	63	74	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	116	136	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>16,110</b>	<b>15,608</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>6,859</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>7,807</b>	<b>6,954</b>	<b>9,307</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>6,630</b>
Household Benefits	2,566	2,949	953	5,197	2,079	3,177	1,357	1,755	883	446
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	300	307	366	599	451	548	509	691	639	331
Free Travel	27	62	48	43	42	5	15	3	2	12
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>3,318</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>789</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>106,268</b>	<b>93,079</b>	<b>56,452</b>	<b>61,337</b>	<b>55,945</b>	<b>78,388</b>	<b>46,971</b>	<b>45,572</b>	<b>37,600</b>	<b>35,792</b>

**Table 17 – Average Weeks to Award by Year and Benefit 2011-2020**

Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	10	12	16	17	14	14	12	11	10	6
State Pension (Contributory)	5	6	5	5	6	7	5	6	7	7
State Pension (Transition)	4	5	6	8	8	0	0	s/c	s/c	
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	1
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Bereavement Grant - Longford	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Pensions</b>										
Jobseeker's Allowance	5	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
One Parent Family Payment	16	15	13	11	9	6	6	5	4	3
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	10	10	8	4	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jobseeker's Benefit	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	6	6
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	6	6
Parent's Benefit										1
Treatment Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Working Age Income Supports</b>										
Disability Allowance	17	5	28	23	11	12	11	13	13	7
Carer's Allowance	11	13	30	24	15	14	14	17	14	7
Domiciliary Care Allowance	9	6	7	10	14	14	17	10	10	8
Illness Benefit	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Invalidity Pension	2	35	52	22	8	10	6	7	9	7
<b>Illness, Disability and Caring</b>										

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Scheme	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
Child Benefit - EU regulation	51	38	0	26	28	33	34	28	??	24
Working Family Payment - New Claims	16	8	4	4	4	4	3	4	6	2
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	18	15	5	5	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant								1	1	1
<b>Children</b>										
Household Benefits	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1
Free Travel	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1
<b>Supplementary Payments</b>										

**Table I8 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – EU Countries 2011-2020**

Country of Origin or Declared Nationality	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Austria	313	300	334	286	289	316	282	361	367	125
Belgium	336	281	326	370	366	338	432	456	485	191
Bulgaria	281	469	879	883	1,098	1,302	1,692	1,747	1,780	1,347
Croatia	60	86	486	2,091	4,342	5,312	4,908	4,346	3,229	1,399
Cyprus	21	20	53	124	42	59	60	55	55	45
Czech Republic	621	594	693	654	718	723	754	763	644	357
Denmark	306	319	266	222	240	235	235	327	264	111
Estonia	155	259	231	237	184	124	120	138	100	87
Finland	181	203	223	189	241	235	232	218	205	81
France	2,668	2,915	3,175	3,739	3,744	4,379	4,863	4,879	4,372	2,056
Germany	2,160	2,142	2,162	2,406	2,455	2,477	2,647	2,713	2,559	1,349
Greece	168	269	275	332	408	628	797	815	684	293
Hungary	1,556	1,985	1,881	1,727	1,617	1,433	1,370	1,212	1,048	533
Ireland	85,210	81,772	78,630	76,091	75,008	73,328	72,657	71,490	70,413	63,087
Italy	2,095	2,680	3,552	4,263	4,130	5,525	5,983	6,070	6,000	2,688
Latvia	2,195	1,759	1,568	1,312	1,171	1,316	1,399	1,511	1,264	697
Lithuania	3,555	2,860	2,521	2,316	2,337	2,838	3,120	2,916	2,057	984
Luxembourg	7	3	21	24	15	25	25	30	45	19
Malta	51	46	32	50	49	80	70	60	83	74
Netherlands	710	654	823	882	825	957	985	947	856	434
Poland	8,087	8,663	9,243	9,126	8,593	8,019	6,819	6,524	5,400	2,580
Portugal	706	1,128	1,577	1,946	1,622	2,138	2,208	2,348	2,032	1,105
Romania	3,841	5,283	7,709	9,076	8,638	11,208	12,080	13,922	14,121	7,985
Slovakia	1,012	1,138	1,092	1,081	957	996	1,068	1,076	895	562
Slovenia	42	47	56	72	90	97	101	101	97	49
Spain	2,604	3,929	5,000	5,195	4,351	5,441	6,341	6,685	6,235	2,961
Sweden	582	499	480	473	515	419	463	480	434	201
United Kingdom	13,135	12,727	13,135	13,729	14,758	15,862	15,312	15,060	14,440	
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>132,658</b>	<b>133,030</b>	<b>136,423</b>	<b>138,896</b>	<b>138,803</b>	<b>145,810</b>	<b>147,023</b>	<b>147,250</b>	<b>140,164</b>	<b>91,400</b>

**Table I9 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – non-EU Countries 2011-2020**

Country of Origin or Declared Nationality	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Argentina	155	185	200	258	169	269	306	424	543	263
Australia	554	587	644	883	1,043	1,162	1,211	1,169	1,147	653
Bangladesh	88	134	196	311	427	191	203	177	212	125
Brazil	4,939	5,542	6,270	7,778	5,052	7,283	10,382	12,304	13,215	5,840
Canada	606	613	739	841	886	1,038	965	1,098	1,036	689
China	877	1,138	1,099	1,416	1,145	1,474	1,845	2,029	2,247	1,332
Egypt	99	147	184	239	294	512	537	516	440	328
India	1,475	1,854	2,620	2,815	3,132	4,956	5,782	7,323	10,765	6,681
Japan	275	281	359	387	280	354	400	499	500	225
Libya	40	58	276	254	61	61	67	37	56	25
Malaysia	291	362	435	540	502	567	565	627	607	418
Mauritius	46	45	40	65	33	49	42	60	46	49
Mexico	316	384	545	774	439	640	1,123	1,413	1,619	733
Moldova	93	90	124	116	88	116	122	160	191	152
Nepal	93	103	187	202	103	48	56	58	75	43
New Zealand	194	200	212	275	273	260	298	339	336	168
Nigeria	482	421	545	647	613	766	820	1,101	1,517	913
Norway	195	122	168	191	185	191	202	197	167	90
Pakistan	807	741	891	1,618	3,168	2,217	1,646	1,219	1,133	763
Philippines	434	414	429	413	428	919	1,161	1,080	1,372	660
Republic of Korea	505	678	1,043	1,271	513	495	659	856	905	296
Russia	267	258	329	357	417	455	488	525	639	331
Saudi Arabia	288	344	480	481	337	353	332	282	223	112
South Africa	346	344	354	448	482	804	975	1,251	1,869	1,293
Switzerland	180	171	202	185	221	229	267	280	265	150
Thailand	161	168	141	112	142	135	153	144	240	161
Turkey	131	122	156	233	206	319	440	785	1,215	698
Ukraine	167	182	257	293	341	309	289	347	620	309
United Kingdom										10,001
United States of America	2,705	2,697	3,048	3,403	3,337	3,867	4,393	4,122	4,075	2,575
Venezuela	346	409	2,227	1,639	69	66	89	63	73	50
Other	3,237	2,833	3,359	5,122	4,507	5,110	6,115	6,802	8,665	4,475
<b>Total Non-EU</b>	<b>20,392</b>	<b>21,627</b>	<b>27,759</b>	<b>33,567</b>	<b>28,893</b>	<b>35,215</b>	<b>41,993</b>	<b>47,287</b>	<b>56,013</b>	<b>40,601</b>
<b>Total EU + non-EU</b>	<b>153,050</b>	<b>154,657</b>	<b>164,182</b>	<b>172,463</b>	<b>167,696</b>	<b>181,025</b>	<b>189,016</b>	<b>194,537</b>	<b>196,177</b>	<b>132,001</b>

## **PART II: COVID-19 supports offered by the Department of Social Protection in 2020**



## **Introduction**

### **Description of COVID-19 supports**

From March 2020 onwards, the Department launched a range of schemes and supports to assist persons affected by the impact of COVID-19 and the public emergency response. These included the following:

COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) – introduced on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 as a social welfare payment for employees and self-employed people who lost all their employment from March 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 onwards as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) – introduced on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2020, this scheme paid a subsidy to the employee via the employer and the employer had the option to top up the salary. Employers returned insurable weeks at PRSI class J9 for eligible employees. This scheme was in operation until August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS) – replaced the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme from 1st of September 2020. Under this scheme, the employer pays the employee as normal through payroll and receives a PRSI Credit from Revenue in respect of the amount of employer PRSI submitted that exceeds the 0.5% reduced rate of employer PRSI. The employer may receive a subsidy towards the cost of employment.

Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19– introduced on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, the personal rate of Illness Benefit was increased to €350 for workers told to self-isolate or had been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a doctor. Payments were for 2 weeks where a person was self-isolating but paid by duration of a person's absence from work if they were diagnosed with COVID-19.

COVID-19 Enterprise Support Grant – introduced in July 2020, this was a one-off grant of €1,000 to reimburse businesses which closed during the public emergency health response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Rent Supplement support – the application rules for Rent Supplement were amended in March 2020 to provide assistance to tenants affected by the COVID-19 emergency response.

Fuel Allowance – Fuel Allowance is normally paid from October to April. In March 2020, it was decided to extend the 2019 / 2020 Fuel Season for all existing eligible customers, on a once-off basis, by 4 weeks from April 12th to May 8th 2020.

### **COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment expenditure**

The PUP total recipients and expenditure amounts are inclusive of arrears payments made between January and June 2021 for entitlement periods that occurred in 2020. This accounts for the difference in PUP expenditure as published in Part I of the Annual Statistics report which is based on the provisional expenditure in the 2020 calendar year (subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General).

Note that there were five PUP pay days in June, September and December 2020, which will cause a skew in expenditure and/or recipient totals when comparing figures at

### **Revenue end-of-year reconciliation**

For this release, the expenditure amounts and number of employees in receipt of the Temporary Wage Subsidy scheme and Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme were based on the end of year returns received by the Department from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in June 2021.

At the time of publication, Revenue was still undertaking a reconciliation process to determine the liability of any employer who was overpaid a subsidy or any final amounts owing to employers. As a result, the expenditure amounts for both schemes differ from what is published in Part I of the Annual Statistics report which is based on the provisional expenditure in the 2020 calendar year (subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General).

### **Sector**

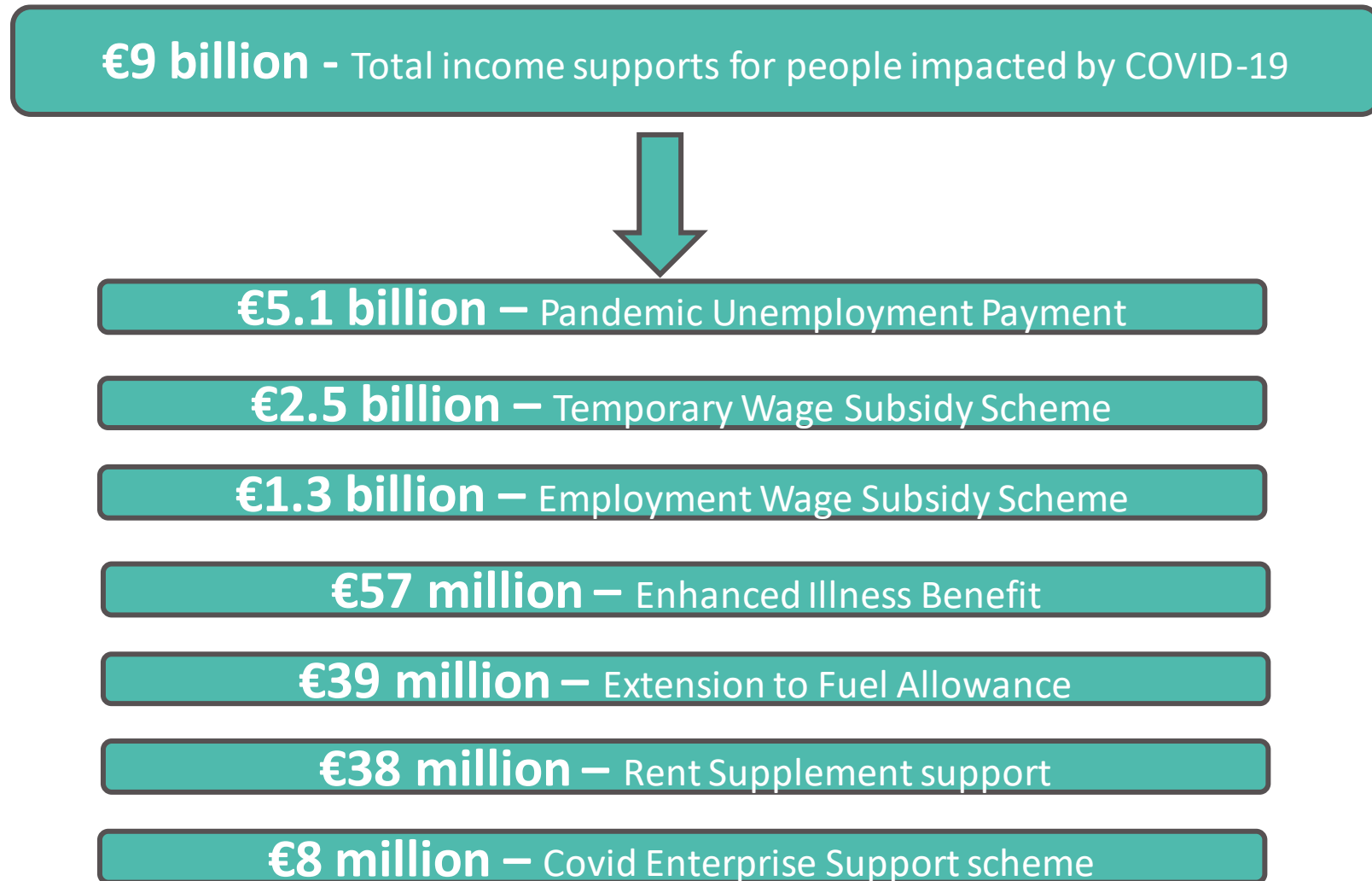
Sectors are determined according to the EU's NACE statistical classifications of economic activities. See [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=NACE\\_background](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=NACE_background). The sector breakdowns provided for in this report are based on the sector of the last known employer on the Department's administrative records and may not reflect the current sector of self-employed workers.

### **County**

The county breakdowns provided for in this part of the report are determined by the Eircode or address recorded for each customer on the Department's administrative systems as of May 2021. It should be noted that the recipient may have changed county location between the time of receiving the payment in 2020, and when their address information was extracted from the Department's administrative systems. Note also that in certain cases, it was not possible to determine the county from the address provided by the customer.

## Department of Social Protection COVID-19 Income supports in 2020

FIGURE 27 – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROTECTION COVID-19 INCOME SUPPORTS IN 2020



Note: The Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme are administered by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners. The other schemes are administered by the Department of Social Protection.

# J Pandemic Unemployment Payment, Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme

- The total expenditure across the main COVID-19 employment income support (PUP) and wage supports (EWSS and TWSS) for 2020 was €8.9 billion.
- Overall, men received 57% of all allocated expenditure across these three schemes. Across the age groups, the percentage of expenditure amounts paid to males varied from 48% for people under 20 years of age, to 62% for people aged 60 years or over.
- Over €2.2 billion in employment related support was provided for recipients aged between 30 and 39, while €1.5 billion was paid to recipients under 25 years of age.

FIGURE 28 – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN OF THE PUP, TWSS AND EWSS COMBINED, BY AGE AND SEX (€MILLION)

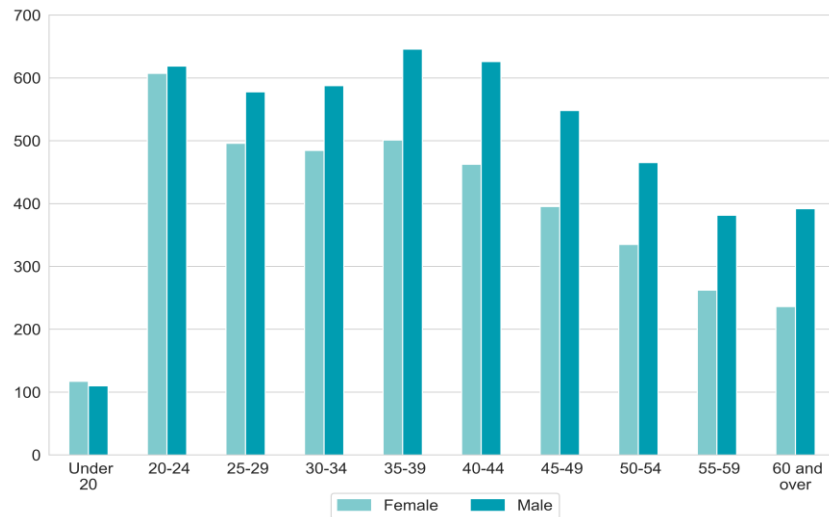
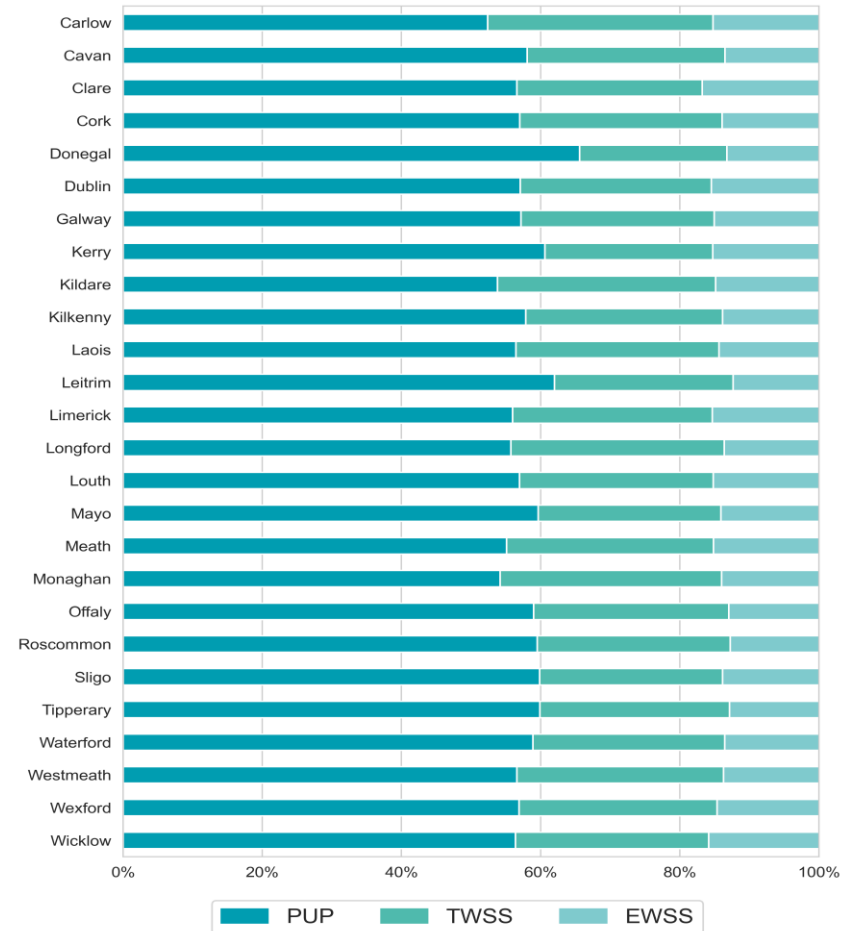


FIGURE 29 – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN OF THE PUP, TWSS AND EWSS, BY COUNTY

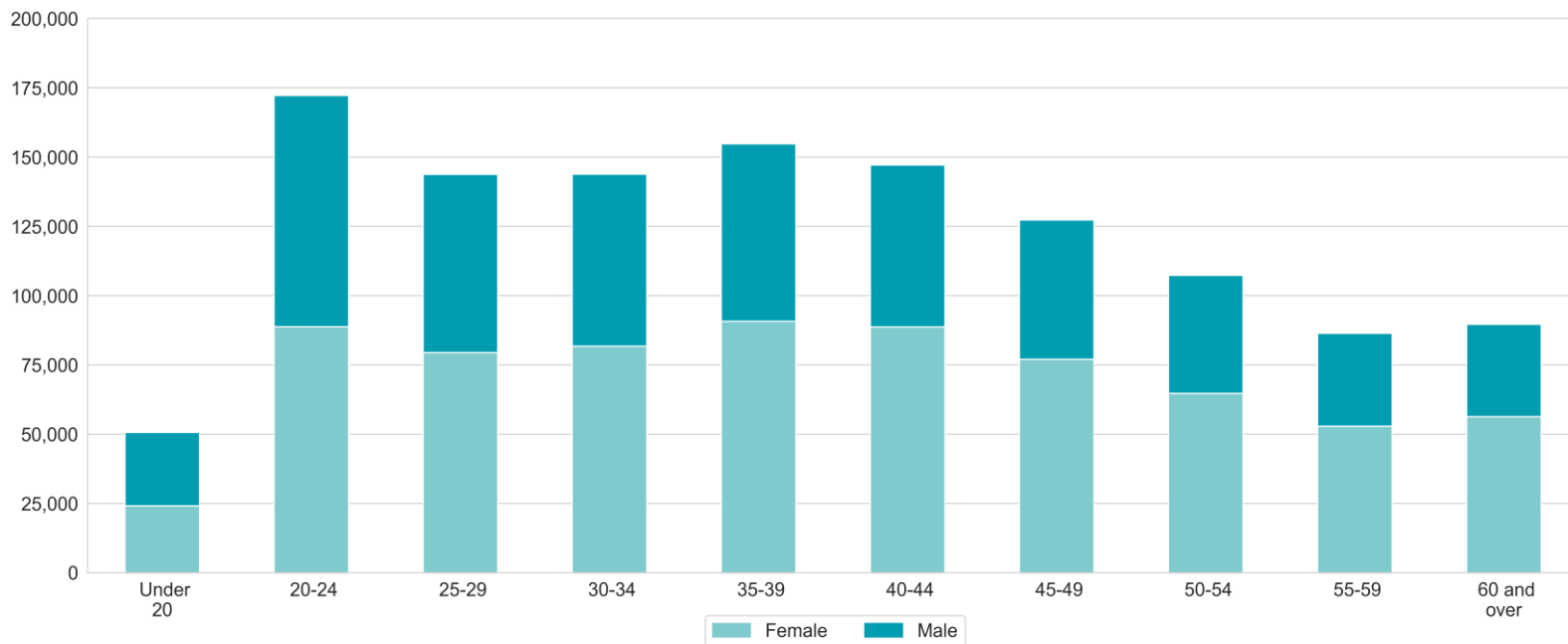


Note: The numbers and expenditures for PUP in this section are inclusive of any arrears payments made up to end June 2021 which were backdated to the period of entitlement in 2020. The TWSS and EWSS data are based end-of-year returns from the Revenue Commissioners up to end June 2021 and are based on fully reconciled records only.

**Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2020**

- Over 1.2 million people were supported for at least one week by the PUP, TWSS or the EWSS schemes in 2020. Note that an individual may have been in receipt of one, two or all three of these schemes at various points throughout 2020, but not at the same time.
- Of these, 463,473, or 38%, received support from the PUP only, 238,859 (19%) recipients were supported by the TWSS alone, while 56,305 (5%) were supported by the EWSS only. One in eight people (150,627) received at least one payment from each of the three schemes.
- There were 223,397 people under 25 years of age who received at least one income support payment from the PUP, TWSS or EWSS, accounting for 18% of all recipients.
- Dublin accounted for 30% (363,294) of all total recipients, followed by Cork with 10% (128,302) and Galway 5% (66,320).

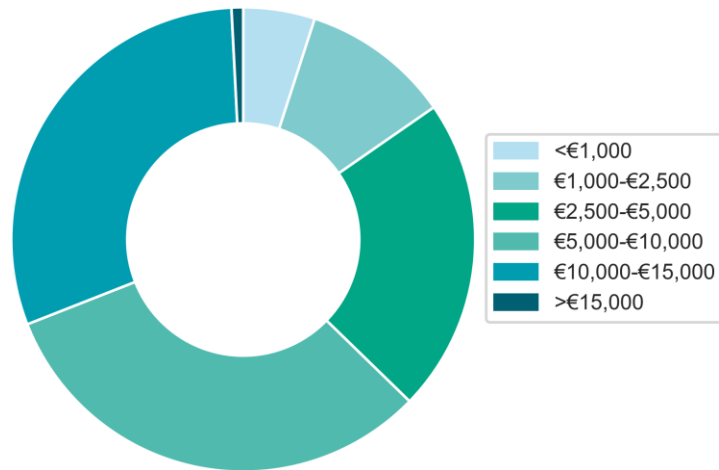
**FIGURE 28 – CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF PUP, TWSS AND EWSS RECIPIENTS (EXCLUDING DUPLICATES) , BY AGE GROUP AND SEX**



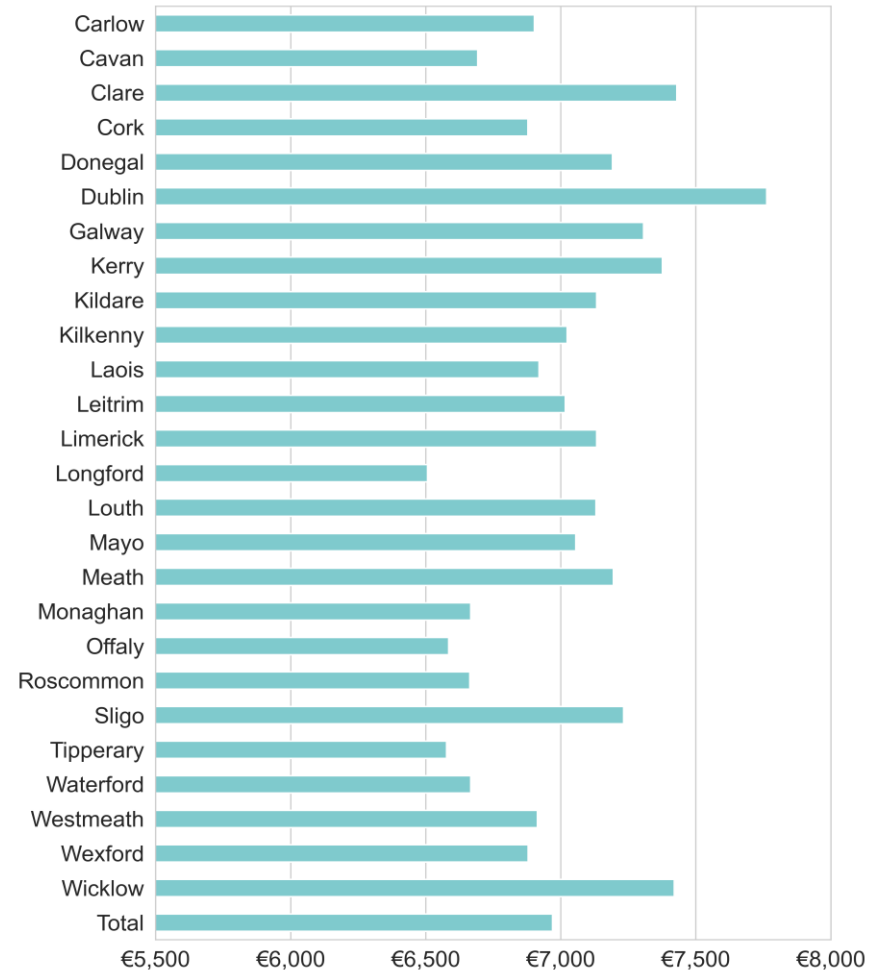
Note: The numbers and expenditures for PUP in this section are inclusive of any arrears payments made up to end June 2021 which were backdated to the period of entitlement in 2020. The TWSS and EWSS data are taken from end-of-year returns provided by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners up to end June 2021, and are based on fully reconciled records only.

- In 2020, the average income support for the PUP, TWSS, and EWSS combined was €7,241 for each recipient.
- The average amounts received by recipients varied from €6,505 in Longford to €7,774 in Dublin.
- A total of 759,442 recipients received income support of between €5,000 and €15,000 in 2020, representing 62% of all people who received at least one weekly payment from the three schemes.

**FIGURE 29 – BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL INCOME SUPPORTS GIVEN TO RECIPIENTS OF THE PUP, TWSS AND EWSS IN 2020**



**FIGURE 30 – COMBINED PUP, TWSS AND EWSS - AVERAGE INCOME SUPPORT BY COUNTY**



Note: The numbers and expenditures for PUP in this section are inclusive of any arrears payments made up to end June 2021 which were backdated to the period of entitlement in 2020. The TWSS and EWSS data are taken from end-of-year returns provided by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners up to end June 2021, and are based on fully reconciled records only.

**Table J1 – Estimated expenditure of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS and Total, by county (€million) 2020**

	PUP	TWSS	EWSS	Total
Carlow	54.2	33.9	15.8	103.9
Cavan	75.6	37.5	17.6	130.7
Clare	125.0	59.4	37.1	221.5
Cork	502.2	258.4	123.1	883.7
Donegal	176.6	57.2	35.9	269.7
Dublin	1,608.7	781.2	437.5	2,827.4
Galway	277.0	135.8	73.1	485.9
Kerry	184.8	74.0	46.7	305.5
Kildare	224.5	131.6	62.0	418.1
Kilkenny	92.0	45.4	22.1	159.5
Laois	76.9	40.0	19.6	136.5
Leitrim	32.1	13.4	6.4	51.9
Limerick	181.3	93.8	49.8	324.9
Longford	34.6	19.2	8.6	62.4
Louth	140.5	69.5	37.6	247.6
Mayo	130.6	58.2	30.9	219.7
Meath	215.8	117.3	59.4	392.5
Monaghan	65.0	38.4	16.8	120.2
Offaly	71.4	34.2	15.6	121.2
Roscommon	59.1	27.8	12.6	99.5
Sligo	63.7	28.2	14.8	106.7
Tipperary	141.8	64.9	30.5	237.2
Waterford	110.7	52.2	25.5	188.4
Westmeath	88.8	47.0	21.5	157.3
Wexford	154.7	78.0	39.9	272.6
Wicklow	151.0	75.1	42.5	268.6
Other including those abroad or county unknown	13.4	32.8	24.1	70.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,052.0</b>	<b>2,504.4</b>	<b>1,327.0</b>	<b>8,883.4</b>

**Table J2 – Estimated expenditure of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS and Total, by age and sex (€million) 2020**

	PUP		TWSS		EWSS		Total	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	83.8	76.6	13.7	15.9	20.1	17.9	117.6	110.4
20-24	428.9	435.3	98.8	115.3	80.7	69.6	608.5	620.1
25-29	278.7	332.1	134.5	165.9	84.4	82.4	497.6	580.3
30-34	271.7	304.3	133.4	197.9	81.5	88.3	486.5	590.5
35-39	286.0	322.6	136.7	227.2	80.6	99.5	503.3	649.4
40-44	259.0	309.1	131.0	223.1	74.5	96.7	464.4	629.0
45-49	224.8	274.6	109.4	191.6	62.6	84.1	396.8	550.3
50-54	194.6	244.6	90.6	152.6	51.0	69.8	336.2	467.0
55-59	158.6	215.0	67.5	114.3	37.4	53.5	263.5	382.8
60 and over	136.2	215.6	66.2	118.7	34.5	58.0	236.9	392.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,322.3</b>	<b>2,729.7</b>	<b>981.8</b>	<b>1,522.6</b>	<b>607.3</b>	<b>719.7</b>	<b>3,911.4</b>	<b>4,972.0</b>

Note: Based on age of recipient as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.



**Table J3 – Total recipients of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS by county 2020**

	PUP	TWSS	EWSS
Carlow	9,226	8,597	4,785
Cavan	12,882	10,446	5,867
Clare	19,514	14,636	11,639
Cork	81,494	68,825	40,170
Donegal	27,865	16,808	13,141
Dublin	231,937	186,436	129,348
Galway	42,713	35,634	23,727
Kerry	28,296	20,213	16,427
Kildare	35,517	31,889	19,074
Kilkenny	15,079	11,998	7,500
Laois	12,732	10,415	6,399
Leitrim	5,075	3,620	2,214
Limerick	28,976	24,089	15,974
Longford	5,845	5,210	2,902
Louth	22,183	17,720	11,461
Mayo	20,889	16,199	10,679
Meath	34,118	28,975	17,956
Monaghan	11,296	9,709	5,266
Offaly	12,026	9,211	5,083
Roscommon	9,775	7,758	4,295
Sligo	9,978	7,683	5,105
Tipperary	23,446	17,922	10,161
Waterford	17,939	15,215	8,627
Westmeath	14,622	12,255	7,296
Wexford	26,448	21,331	13,328
Wicklow	23,396	18,573	12,970
Other including those abroad or county unknown	5,257	7,729	6,548
<b>Total</b>	<b>788,524</b>	<b>639,096</b>	<b>417,942</b>

Note: An individual may have been in receipt of one, two or all three of these schemes at various points in time throughout 2020.

**Table J4 – Total recipients of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS by age and sex 2020**

	PUP		TWSS		EWSS	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	16,499	14,918	10,822	9,341	14,364	11,010
20-24	65,990	68,375	39,976	39,472	35,070	28,638
25-29	43,789	52,981	33,980	40,954	26,336	25,726
30-34	41,290	50,487	33,368	45,430	24,741	25,397
35-39	42,278	54,929	34,687	50,810	24,377	27,668
40-44	37,695	52,022	32,185	49,800	21,706	26,323
45-49	32,611	44,659	27,385	42,673	18,243	22,570
50-54	27,757	38,087	22,881	34,235	15,059	18,512
55-59	22,064	32,407	17,605	26,060	11,197	14,214
60 and over	18,858	30,828	18,796	28,636	10,733	16,058
<b>Total</b>	<b>348,831</b>	<b>439,693</b>	<b>271,685</b>	<b>367,411</b>	<b>201,826</b>	<b>216,116</b>

Note:  
 An individual may have been in receipt of one, two or all three of these schemes at various points in time throughout 2020.  
 Based on age of recipient as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

**Table J5 – Total combined recipients of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS by county 2020**

	PUP only	TWSS only	EWSS only	PUP/TWSS	PUP/EWSS	TWSS/EWSS	PUP/TWSS/EWSS	Total
Carlow	5,249	3,398	532	1,584	638	1,860	1,755	15,016
Cavan	7,505	4,178	638	1,929	890	1,781	2,558	19,479
Clare	11,309	4,650	1,890	2,234	1,997	3,778	3,974	29,832
Cork	47,277	29,018	5,135	11,837	7,065	12,655	15,315	128,302
Donegal	16,387	4,376	1,719	3,333	2,323	3,277	5,822	37,237
Dublin	140,582	64,598	16,599	28,766	19,677	50,160	42,912	363,294
Galway	23,681	13,444	2,879	5,468	4,126	7,284	9,438	66,320
Kerry	15,341	6,220	2,530	3,400	3,304	4,342	6,251	41,388
Kildare	21,118	13,167	2,642	5,275	2,985	7,308	6,139	58,634
Kilkenny	8,537	4,591	864	2,083	1,312	2,177	3,147	22,711
Laois	7,415	4,166	831	1,787	1,106	2,038	2,424	19,767
Leitrim	3,140	1,414	239	620	389	660	926	7,388
Limerick	16,357	8,968	2,270	4,091	2,674	5,176	5,854	45,390
Longford	3,539	2,213	416	931	420	1,111	955	9,585
Louth	13,572	6,427	1,482	3,049	1,735	4,417	3,827	34,509
Mayo	11,666	5,916	1,346	2,830	1,880	2,940	4,513	31,091
Meath	20,436	11,131	2,309	4,935	2,738	6,900	6,009	54,458
Monaghan	6,945	4,150	617	1,656	746	1,954	1,949	18,017
Offaly	7,536	3,968	694	1,724	870	1,623	1,896	18,311
Roscommon	5,928	3,289	530	1,450	746	1,368	1,651	14,962
Sligo	5,525	2,753	594	1,370	951	1,428	2,132	14,753
Tipperary	14,600	7,912	1,456	3,216	1,911	3,075	3,719	35,889
Waterford	10,403	6,574	1,050	2,609	1,545	2,650	3,382	28,213
Westmeath	8,234	4,816	945	2,341	1,253	2,304	2,794	22,687
Wexford	14,295	7,484	1,718	4,400	2,163	3,857	5,590	39,507
Wicklow	13,741	6,536	1,637	2,857	2,153	4,535	4,645	36,104
Other including those abroad or county unknown	3,155	3,502	2,743	737	315	2,440	1,050	13,942
<b>Total</b>	<b>463,473</b>	<b>238,859</b>	<b>56,305</b>	<b>106,512</b>	<b>67,912</b>	<b>143,098</b>	<b>150,627</b>	<b>1,226,786</b>

**Table J6 – Total combined recipients of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS in 2020 by age and sex 2020**

	PUP only		TWSS only		EWSS only		PUP/TWSS		PUP/EWSS		TWSS/EWSS		PUP/TWSS/EWSS		Total	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	7,082	8,003	3,154	3,242	4,844	4,249	2,022	1,991	3,874	2,653	2,125	1,837	3,521	2,271	26,622	24,246
20-24	30,231	37,984	8,709	11,645	4,249	3,796	9,649	10,603	9,203	7,618	4,711	5,054	16,907	12,170	83,659	88,870
25-29	22,374	30,383	9,901	15,667	3,335	3,393	5,868	8,000	4,790	5,046	7,454	7,735	10,757	9,552	64,479	79,776
30-34	22,098	29,792	10,132	19,041	2,945	3,094	5,341	7,879	3,901	3,793	7,945	9,487	9,950	9,023	62,312	82,109
35-39	23,249	33,594	11,143	21,691	2,735	3,286	5,503	8,218	3,601	3,481	8,116	11,265	9,925	9,636	64,272	91,171
40-44	21,310	33,029	10,780	22,192	2,220	3,281	4,854	7,442	2,935	2,876	7,955	11,491	8,596	8,675	58,650	88,986
45-49	18,860	29,355	9,173	19,260	1,698	2,838	4,090	6,034	2,423	2,353	6,884	10,462	7,238	6,917	50,366	77,219
50-54	16,546	26,453	7,752	15,306	1,359	2,294	3,394	4,568	1,965	1,857	5,883	9,152	5,852	5,209	42,751	64,839
55-59	13,631	23,540	6,149	11,730	1,001	1,807	2,685	3,460	1,425	1,537	4,448	7,000	4,323	3,870	33,662	52,944
60 and over	12,489	23,470	8,047	14,145	1,170	2,711	2,184	2,727	998	1,583	5,378	8,716	3,187	3,048	33,453	56,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,870</b>	<b>275,603</b>	<b>84,940</b>	<b>153,919</b>	<b>25,556</b>	<b>30,749</b>	<b>45,590</b>	<b>60,922</b>	<b>35,115</b>	<b>32,797</b>	<b>60,899</b>	<b>82,199</b>	<b>80,256</b>	<b>70,371</b>	<b>520,226</b>	<b>706,560</b>

- Notes:
1. An individual may have been in receipt of one, two or all three of these schemes at various points in time throughout 2020.
  2. Based on age of recipient as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

**Table J7 – Total combined recipients of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS by broad nationality and sex 2020**

	PUP only		TWSS Only		EWSS Only		PUP/TWSS		PUP/EWSS		TWSS/EWSS		PUP/TWSS/EWSS		Total	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Irish nationals	134,096	200,044	67,858	118,920	18,116	22,032	34,522	44,024	25,362	22,322	48,865	63,966	58,172	46,697	386,991	518,005
EU13	5,368	5,461	2,180	2,766	1,958	2,187	1,024	1,182	1,180	1,225	2,442	2,436	2,425	2,741	16,577	17,998
EU15-27	23,936	37,144	8,837	20,590	2,548	2,708	5,919	9,875	4,312	4,025	5,205	8,711	12,448	11,516	63,205	94,569
UK	6,002	8,913	2,508	4,854	748	1,096	1,173	1,588	881	980	1,889	3,001	2,059	2,031	15,260	22,463
Other nationals	18,468	24,041	3,557	6,789	2,186	2,726	2,952	4,253	3,380	4,245	2,498	4,085	5,152	7,386	38,193	53,525
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,870</b>	<b>275,603</b>	<b>84,940</b>	<b>153,919</b>	<b>25,556</b>	<b>30,749</b>	<b>45,590</b>	<b>60,922</b>	<b>35,115</b>	<b>32,797</b>	<b>60,899</b>	<b>82,199</b>	<b>80,256</b>	<b>70,371</b>	<b>520,226</b>	<b>706,560</b>

**Table J8 – Total combined income supports given to recipients of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS by county 2020**

	< €1,000	€1,000-€2,500	€2,500-€5,000	€5,000-€10,000	€10,000-€15,000	> €15,000	Total	Average amount
Carlow	823	1,630	3,408	5,103	3,959	93	15,016	€6,910
Cavan	1,290	2,297	4,591	6,166	5,045	90	19,479	€6,709
Clare	1,418	2,738	6,392	9,364	9,698	222	29,832	€7,425
Cork	6,579	14,996	30,640	40,783	34,524	780	128,302	€6,889
Donegal	1,817	3,431	8,538	11,969	11,278	204	37,237	€7,212
Dublin	15,352	32,410	71,364	112,819	126,847	4,502	363,294	€7,774
Galway	3,887	6,314	13,813	21,151	20,657	498	66,320	€7,318
Kerry	1,934	4,492	8,802	12,457	13,399	304	41,388	€7,377
Kildare	2,683	6,062	13,636	19,149	16,644	460	58,634	€7,127
Kilkenny	1,243	2,516	5,142	7,177	6,470	163	22,711	€7,030
Laois	978	2,213	4,688	6,390	5,371	127	19,767	€6,924
Leitrim	371	771	1,674	2,472	2,060	40	7,388	€7,025
Limerick	2,230	5,124	10,003	14,266	13,421	346	45,390	€7,137
Longford	557	1,213	2,430	3,140	2,186	59	9,585	€6,505
Louth	1,771	3,577	7,685	11,243	9,989	244	34,509	€7,144
Mayo	1,751	3,367	6,643	10,227	8,939	164	31,091	€7,065
Meath	2,482	5,536	12,527	17,341	16,202	370	54,458	€7,202
Monaghan	1,049	2,159	4,317	6,001	4,415	76	18,017	€6,671
Offaly	882	2,529	4,693	5,573	4,533	101	18,311	€6,597
Roscommon	777	1,890	3,664	4,867	3,680	84	14,962	€6,667
Sligo	786	1,406	3,033	5,087	4,352	89	14,753	€7,236
Tipperary	2,141	4,708	8,800	11,210	8,891	139	35,889	€6,583
Waterford	2,280	3,542	6,131	8,656	7,435	169	28,213	€6,673
Westmeath	1,154	2,498	5,243	7,725	5,928	139	22,687	€6,923
Wexford	2,332	4,006	9,683	12,542	10,710	234	39,507	€6,890
Wicklow	1,582	3,245	7,729	12,108	11,129	311	36,104	€7,424
Other including those abroad or county unknown	876	1,909	4,423	4,528	2,166	37	13,942	€5,730
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,025</b>	<b>126,579</b>	<b>269,692</b>	<b>389,514</b>	<b>369,928</b>	<b>10,045</b>	<b>1,226,786</b>	<b>€7,241</b>

# K Pandemic Unemployment Payments

- In 2020, an estimated €5.1 billion was spent on the PUP scheme.
- The month with the highest expenditure was June (€865 million), followed by May (€828 million) and April (€820 million) in line with pandemic-related public health developments.
- Dublin had the highest overall expenditure of any county (€1.6 billion), which accounted for 32% of all PUP expenditure, followed by Cork (€502 million) and Galway (€277 million).

- The Accommodation and Food service activities sector had the highest overall expenditure on PUP (€1.2 billion), followed by the Wholesale and Retail trade sector (€756 million) and the Construction sector (€505 million).
- The month with the highest number of distinct recipients was April (643,342), followed by May (628,339) and June (563,204).

FIGURE 31 – MONTHLY EXPENDITURE BY PUP RATE (€MILLION)

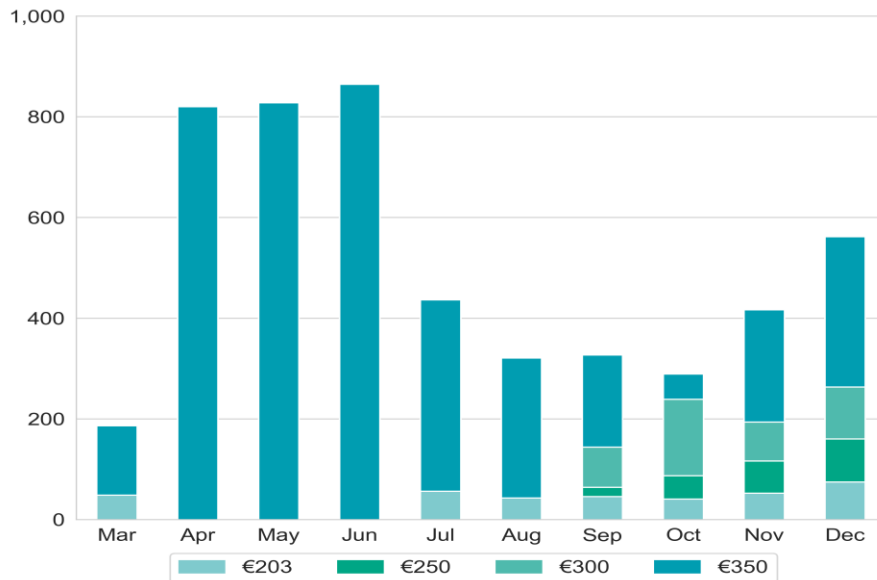
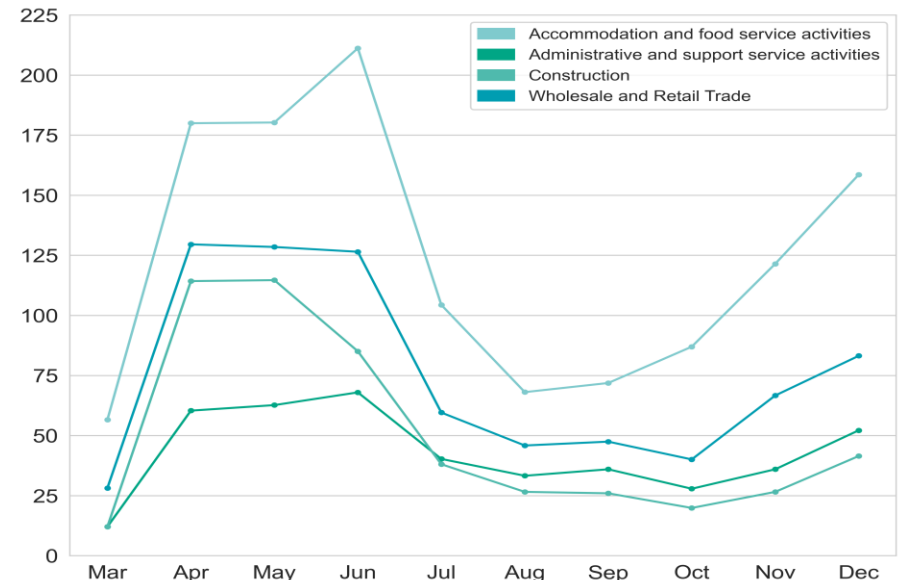


FIGURE 32 – MONTHLY PUP EXPENDITURE FOR THE FOUR LARGEST SECTORS (€MILLION)



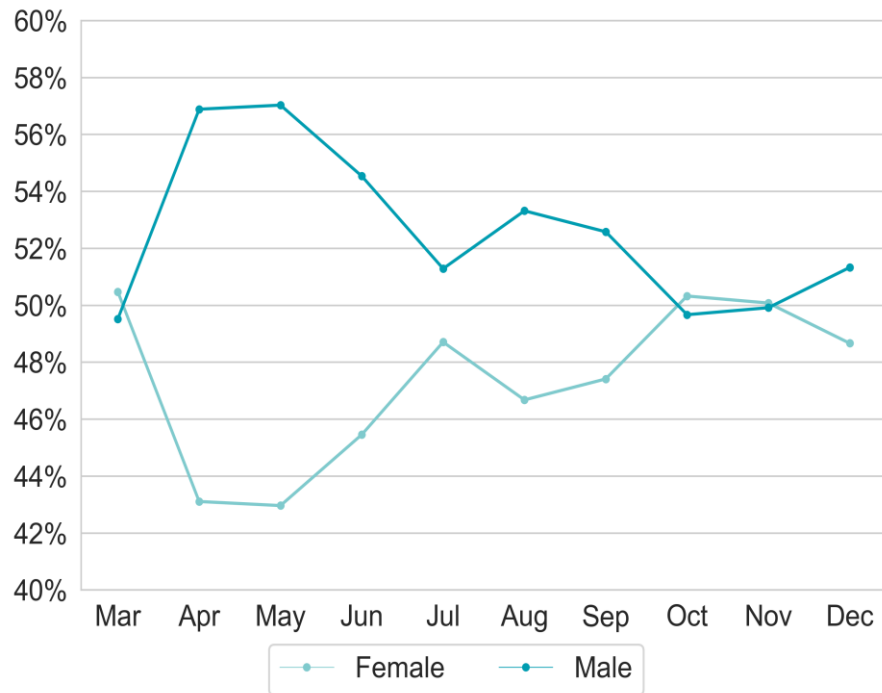
Notes:

1. The numbers and expenditures for PUP in this section are inclusive of any arrears payments made up to end June 2021 which were backdated to the period of entitlement in 2020. See the Part II introduction for further information.
2. The December expenditure figure includes a Christmas bonus of €83 million paid to 283,000 recipients.

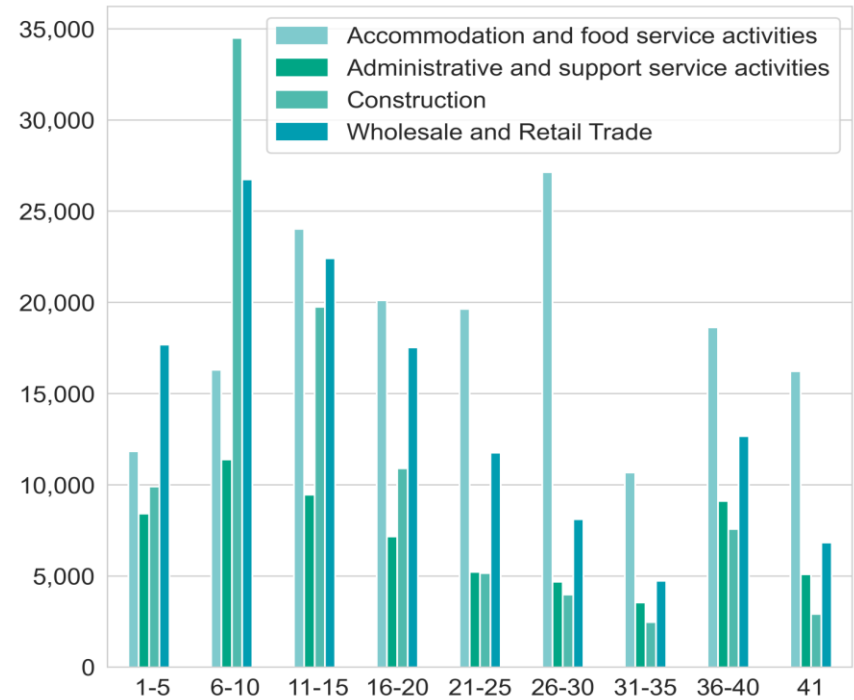
**Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2020**

- A total of 788,524 people received at least one PUP payment in 2020.
- 44% were female and 56% were male.
- The sector with the highest number of individuals receiving at least one weekly PUP payment was Accommodation and food service activities (164,649), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (128,516), Construction (97,200) and Admin and support service activities (64,131). Combined, these four sectors comprised 58% of all PUP recipients.
- The median number of weekly PUP payments claimed by an individual was 17. The Accommodation and Food service activities sector had the highest median number of payments claimed (24), while the Construction and Manufacturing sectors had the lowest median number of payments (both 11).

**FIGURE 33 – THE PROPORTION OF MALES AND FEMALES RECEIVING PUP PER MONTH**



**FIGURE 34 – THE NUMBER OF WEEKS SPENT ON PUP FOR THE FOUR LARGEST SECTORS**

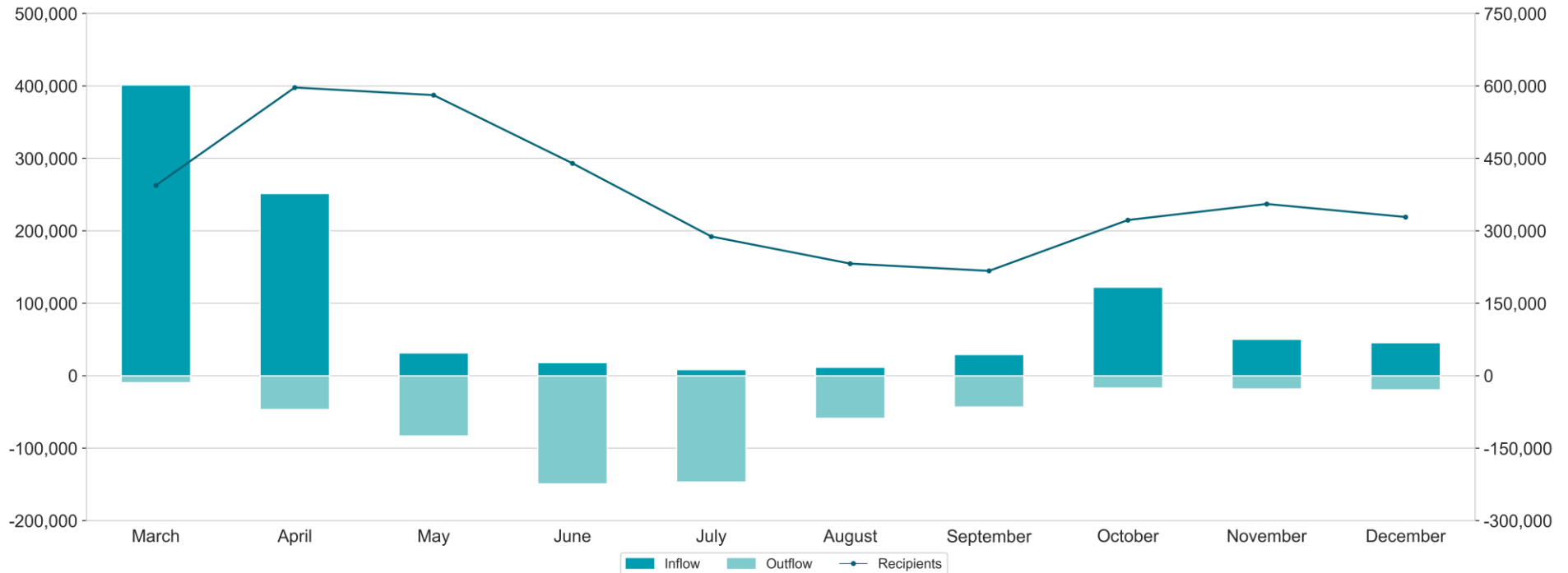




**Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2020**

- The largest number of inflows to PUP occurred in the two weeks immediately after its introduction. By the end of March 2020 there was a net inflow of 391,830 into the scheme.
- The pattern of PUP inflows and outflows coincided with the movement into and out of public health restrictions. The months with the next largest inflows were April (204,857) and October (105,359). November and December 2020 also recorded a net inflow.
- July (-138,305) recorded the largest net outflow of PUP, followed by June (-131,169) and August (-46,782).
- Across the sectors, Accommodation and Food services had the largest net inflow (115,267 in March 2020) and net outflow (-46,966 in July 2020).

**FIGURE 35 – INFLOW TO PUP, OUTFLOW FROM PUP AND END OF MONTH PUP RECIPIENTS**



**Table K1 – Estimated expenditure of the PUP, by county and month (€million) 2020**

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Carlow	2.0	9.8	9.7	9.6	4.7	3.3	3.2	2.7	4.0	5.2	54.2
Cavan	2.8	13.7	13.5	13.2	6.3	4.4	4.3	3.9	5.8	7.7	75.6
Clare	4.6	20.3	20.6	21.6	10.7	7.7	7.7	7.2	10.5	14.1	125.0
Cork	19.4	85.5	85.9	87.5	42.8	30.3	29.5	26.6	41.2	53.5	502.2
Donegal	6.9	30.5	31.1	31.3	13.9	9.4	9.2	10.7	14.2	19.4	176.6
Dublin	55.6	235.4	240.1	265.0	145.9	113.1	121.6	104.2	137.9	189.9	1,608.7
Galway	10.8	45.1	45.7	48.2	24.1	17.0	16.8	15.3	23.2	30.8	277.0
Kerry	7.3	30.1	30.6	32.1	15.1	9.9	9.8	10.4	16.7	22.8	184.8
Kildare	8.0	36.4	36.8	37.7	19.2	15.2	16.1	12.6	18.2	24.3	224.5
Kilkenny	3.6	15.8	15.8	16.1	7.7	5.4	5.3	4.9	7.6	9.8	92.0
Laois	2.8	13.4	13.3	13.4	6.5	5.0	4.9	3.9	6.0	7.7	76.9
Leitrim	1.3	5.5	5.6	5.7	2.7	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.5	3.4	32.1
Limerick	6.8	29.9	30.0	31.0	15.8	11.7	11.5	9.9	14.9	19.8	181.3
Longford	1.3	6.0	6.1	6.1	3.0	2.2	2.0	1.7	2.6	3.6	34.6
Louth	5.3	23.1	23.4	24.7	12.2	8.9	8.8	7.5	11.0	15.6	140.5
Mayo	5.3	22.5	22.6	23.1	10.5	7.2	7.0	6.8	10.8	14.8	130.6
Meath	7.8	36.4	36.5	36.9	18.5	13.8	14.0	11.9	17.1	22.9	215.8
Monaghan	2.2	11.2	11.4	11.5	5.5	3.9	4.0	3.4	5.0	6.9	65.0
Offaly	2.5	12.3	12.5	12.3	6.0	4.6	4.8	3.8	5.4	7.2	71.4
Roscommon	2.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	5.0	3.5	3.4	3.0	4.6	6.0	59.1
Sligo	2.7	10.7	10.6	11.2	5.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	5.3	7.0	63.7
Tipperary	5.3	25.2	25.2	24.8	12.1	8.9	8.6	7.0	10.6	14.1	141.8
Waterford	4.4	18.8	18.9	19.4	9.2	6.4	6.2	5.9	9.3	12.2	110.7
Westmeath	3.4	15.7	15.4	15.4	7.4	5.3	5.2	4.6	7.0	9.4	88.8
Wexford	5.9	27.9	28.0	27.7	12.4	8.3	7.9	7.7	12.5	16.4	154.7
Wicklow	5.7	25.1	25.4	26.2	13.0	9.4	9.3	8.2	12.2	16.5	151.0
Other including those abroad or county unknown	0.6	3.3	2.8	2.4	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.2	13.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>186.6</b>	<b>820.0</b>	<b>827.9</b>	<b>864.6</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>321.1</b>	<b>327.1</b>	<b>289.4</b>	<b>416.7</b>	<b>562.2</b>	<b>5,052.0</b>

Note: Some of the figures may not add up due to rounding.

**Table K2 – Estimated expenditure of the PUP, by sector and month (€ million) 2020**

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Accommodation and food service activities	56.6	180.0	180.3	211.2	104.4	68.1	71.9	87.0	121.5	158.6	1,239.6
Administrative and support service activities	12.1	60.4	62.7	68.0	40.3	33.3	36.0	27.9	36.0	52.2	428.9
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1.9	11.4	12.1	12.0	6.1	4.5	4.5	3.6	5.1	7.8	69.0
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5.6	19.2	19.9	23.8	12.2	8.4	9.0	9.0	13.8	18.3	139.2
Construction	12.1	114.3	114.7	85.1	38.1	26.6	26.0	19.9	26.6	41.5	504.9
Education	8.3	29.8	30.1	36.7	22.9	19.6	17.2	9.9	12.0	17.2	203.7
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.5	2.9	2.9	2.9	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.5	2.1	18.2
Financial and insurance activities	3.6	15.3	16.1	18.4	10.3	8.2	8.4	6.5	8.5	11.9	107.2
Human Health And Social Work activities	9.3	34.0	31.9	33.4	17.7	13.7	13.0	9.4	12.1	17.0	191.5
Information and communication activities	3.7	15.0	15.8	18.9	11.6	9.6	9.5	7.5	9.2	13.1	113.9
Manufacturing	8.4	54.6	52.5	47.5	23.4	18.2	18.8	14.5	19.5	27.7	285.1
Other Service activities	15.1	52.9	54.9	64.5	25.8	14.4	14.3	16.1	36.4	42.8	337.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6.3	32.2	33.3	35.7	20.3	16.4	17.5	13.0	16.3	22.9	213.9
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3.5	13.9	14.6	16.6	9.4	7.6	7.2	4.8	6.2	8.9	92.7
Real Estate activities	2.6	10.6	11.0	12.4	6.4	4.8	5.0	4.5	6.5	8.6	72.4
Transportation and storage	4.8	24.7	24.5	26.1	15.9	13.6	13.3	9.1	11.3	16.8	160.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	28.2	129.6	128.5	126.5	59.6	45.9	47.5	40.1	66.7	83.2	755.8
Sector Unclassified or unknown	4.0	19.2	22.1	24.9	10.5	6.9	6.6	5.5	7.5	11.6	118.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>186.6</b>	<b>820.0</b>	<b>827.9</b>	<b>864.6</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>321.1</b>	<b>327.1</b>	<b>289.4</b>	<b>416.7</b>	<b>562.2</b>	<b>5,052.0</b>

Notes:

1. Sectors are determined according to the EU's NACE statistical classifications of economic activities. See [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=NACE\\_background](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=NACE_background).
2. Some of the figures may not add up due to rounding.

**Table K3 – Total net PUP flows, and total monthly inflows and outflows 2020**

	Net PUP flows			PUP Inflows			PUP Outflows		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
March	391,830	197,259	194,571	401,359	202,587	198,772	9,529	5,328	4,201
April	204,857	58,209	146,648	251,512	80,091	171,421	46,655	21,882	24,773
May	-51,586	-8,280	-43,306	31,652	14,513	17,139	83,238	22,793	60,445
June	-131,169	-45,739	-85,430	18,103	8,853	9,250	149,272	54,592	94,680
July	-138,305	-72,269	-66,036	8,465	4,304	4,161	146,770	76,573	70,197
August	-46,782	-20,165	-26,617	11,856	5,014	6,842	58,638	25,179	33,459
September	-13,967	-9,636	-4,331	29,222	13,350	15,872	43,189	22,986	20,203
October	105,359	62,179	43,180	122,194	70,263	51,931	16,835	8,084	8,751
November	32,214	15,707	16,507	50,441	24,084	26,357	18,227	8,377	9,850
December	26,285	6,919	19,366	45,578	16,447	29,131	19,293	9,528	9,765

**Table K4 – Monthly inflow to PUP by sector 2020**

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Accommodation and food service activities	117,992	21,896	3,922	1,884	868	1,618	11,268	44,421	10,428	6,010
Administrative and support service activities	26,568	22,160	3,703	2,270	1,097	1,536	2,761	5,930	4,641	4,676
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4,148	5,015	821	279	117	171	292	1,202	880	1,025
Arts, entertainment and recreation	11,835	3,362	652	307	171	260	995	4,729	1,535	669
Construction	27,404	61,269	2,466	1,062	597	1,059	1,661	5,087	3,640	8,920
Education	17,155	7,166	1,571	1,173	586	340	664	2,220	1,051	2,803
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1,083	1,308	173	98	35	80	113	235	177	172
Financial and insurance activities	7,729	4,214	747	415	165	175	366	1,617	854	721
Human Health And Social Work activities	20,088	9,685	2,316	1,028	795	721	1,102	2,718	1,637	2,220
Information and communication activities	8,009	4,198	1,035	595	301	326	764	1,681	815	902
Manufacturing	18,983	25,776	2,442	2,264	737	1,413	1,880	4,100	2,815	3,685
Other Service activities	31,200	9,239	1,294	616	242	352	836	19,164	3,872	1,800
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	14,026	11,998	1,737	958	614	684	1,408	2,649	1,688	1,621
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,364	3,538	679	426	156	141	344	1,327	664	1,258
Real Estate activities	5,502	2,924	385	182	90	133	415	1,747	751	449
Transportation and storage	10,417	9,391	945	464	240	413	814	1,495	1,367	1,739
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	63,120	41,536	4,734	3,202	1,580	2,389	3,343	20,043	12,424	5,440
Sector Unclassified or unknown	8,736	6,837	2,030	880	74	45	196	1,829	1,202	1,468
<b>Total</b>	<b>401,359</b>	<b>251,512</b>	<b>31,652</b>	<b>18,103</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>11,856</b>	<b>29,222</b>	<b>122,194</b>	<b>50,441</b>	<b>45,578</b>

**Table K5 – Monthly outflow from PUP by sector 2020**

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Accommodation and food service activities	2,725	6,510	8,720	20,180	47,834	12,970	5,956	3,039	3,779	5,419
Administrative and support service activities	596	3,653	6,297	9,996	7,789	5,027	3,807	1,740	1,744	1,688
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	48	640	1,564	2,375	1,765	1,000	638	192	214	207
Arts, entertainment and recreation	352	773	665	2,096	4,900	1,417	768	383	427	490
Construction	337	4,332	22,169	31,166	11,572	6,895	3,308	1,432	1,521	771
Education	530	2,543	1,552	2,990	3,948	2,161	5,985	1,160	695	546
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30	271	362	637	381	195	153	60	83	69
Financial and insurance activities	99	544	928	2,212	2,551	1,154	925	359	335	367
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,207	5,449	4,200	6,463	5,026	2,601	2,972	894	994	918
Information and communication activities	158	1,013	964	1,915	2,248	1,587	1,195	567	434	604
Manufacturing	554	5,033	9,699	13,564	6,598	3,869	2,725	1,272	1,533	1,229
Other Service activities	324	1,135	2,050	6,492	19,410	3,230	1,470	602	715	826
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	366	1,967	3,263	5,787	4,620	2,345	2,229	1,042	872	826
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	88	582	953	1,934	2,161	980	1,761	435	348	276
Real Estate activities	150	429	622	1,725	2,051	755	540	182	230	329
Transportation and storage	252	1,600	2,672	3,518	2,588	1,620	2,786	679	536	474
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,658	9,444	14,874	32,464	17,039	8,453	5,347	2,598	3,552	3,935
Unclassified or unknown	55	737	1,684	3,758	4,289	2,379	624	199	215	319
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,529</b>	<b>46,655</b>	<b>83,238</b>	<b>149,272</b>	<b>146,770</b>	<b>58,638</b>	<b>43,189</b>	<b>16,835</b>	<b>18,227</b>	<b>19,293</b>

**Table K6 – Number of weeks on PUP by county 2020**

	1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	26 - 30	31 - 35	36 - 40	41	Total
Carlow	1,425	1,843	1,494	1,162	972	696	312	807	515	9,226
Cavan	1,874	2,795	2,049	1,422	1,348	1,065	488	1,126	715	12,882
Clare	2,198	3,434	3,340	2,386	2,207	1,835	850	2,065	1,199	19,514
Cork	9,793	16,256	13,031	9,848	9,675	7,243	3,378	7,566	4,704	81,494
Donegal	2,882	5,240	4,873	3,118	2,978	3,319	1,322	2,467	1,666	27,865
Dublin	26,247	35,406	35,436	27,983	22,194	20,390	13,151	30,643	20,487	231,937
Galway	4,655	7,633	6,911	5,132	5,079	4,297	1,961	4,001	3,044	42,713
Kerry	2,847	4,862	4,893	3,249	3,420	3,382	1,189	2,529	1,925	28,296
Kildare	4,586	6,833	5,606	4,222	3,654	2,618	1,670	3,931	2,397	35,517
Kilkenny	1,920	2,960	2,430	1,851	1,653	1,376	637	1,279	973	15,079
Laois	1,673	2,579	2,062	1,523	1,414	971	561	1,220	729	12,732
Leitrim	562	921	876	582	550	503	253	475	353	5,075
Limerick	3,820	5,462	4,580	3,350	3,238	2,522	1,291	2,892	1,821	28,976
Longford	822	1,205	984	681	626	435	244	546	302	5,845
Louth	2,950	3,886	3,593	2,673	2,418	2,009	921	2,217	1,516	22,183
Mayo	2,299	3,933	3,588	2,536	2,431	2,153	792	1,848	1,309	20,889
Meath	4,105	6,858	5,592	3,893	3,515	2,736	1,426	3,510	2,483	34,118
Monaghan	1,704	2,376	2,001	1,251	1,066	925	389	1,000	584	11,296
Offaly	1,727	2,626	1,974	1,318	1,168	903	530	1,102	678	12,026
Roscommon	1,231	1,926	1,676	1,175	999	876	402	876	614	9,775
Sligo	1,146	1,675	1,649	1,214	1,163	1,091	453	905	682	9,978
Tipperary	2,974	5,011	3,834	2,762	2,634	1,826	899	2,175	1,331	23,446
Waterford	2,233	3,301	3,035	2,197	2,095	1,632	737	1,620	1,089	17,939
Westmeath	1,961	2,985	2,370	1,681	1,546	1,319	616	1,276	868	14,622
Wexford	3,631	5,652	4,380	3,256	3,021	2,187	902	2,239	1,180	26,448
Wicklow	2,510	4,291	3,829	2,862	2,756	2,164	1,056	2,340	1,588	23,396
Other including those abroad or county unknown	1,241	1,196	1,117	776	437	224	49	133	84	5,257
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,016</b>	<b>143,145</b>	<b>127,203</b>	<b>94,103</b>	<b>84,257</b>	<b>70,697</b>	<b>36,479</b>	<b>82,788</b>	<b>54,836</b>	<b>788,524</b>

**Table K7 – End of month PUP recipient figures by month of receipt and rate of payment in 2020**

	Under 25				25 - 34				35 - 44				45+			
	€203	€250	€300	€350	€203	€250	€300	€350	€203	€250	€300	€350	€203	€250	€300	€350
March	0	0	0	82,637	0	0	0	95,186	0	0	0	92,732	0	0	0	123,615
April	0	0	0	111,664	0	0	0	138,613	0	0	0	145,153	0	0	0	201,256
May	0	0	0	110,867	0	0	0	133,820	0	0	0	139,648	0	0	0	196,557
June	0	0	0	90,372	0	0	0	102,861	0	0	0	101,382	0	0	0	145,138
July	16,097	0	0	41,400	9,474	0	0	56,385	11,836	0	0	53,137	22,568	0	0	77,288
August	13,231	0	0	32,319	7,546	0	0	45,345	9,501	0	0	42,440	18,794	0	0	62,935
September	12,852	11,936	21,307	0	6,877	7,486	36,635	0	8,236	6,498	33,240	0	16,329	11,292	44,331	0
October	19,695	23,001	18,940	19,117	9,131	10,600	14,349	39,854	11,278	9,876	10,988	37,801	20,496	15,457	14,794	46,874
November	21,457	25,334	21,140	21,652	9,902	11,453	15,702	44,451	12,209	10,812	12,070	42,324	21,970	16,734	16,165	52,192
December	19,920	21,162	18,130	20,879	10,017	10,251	13,675	40,715	12,423	9,801	10,759	39,678	22,164	15,848	14,729	48,375

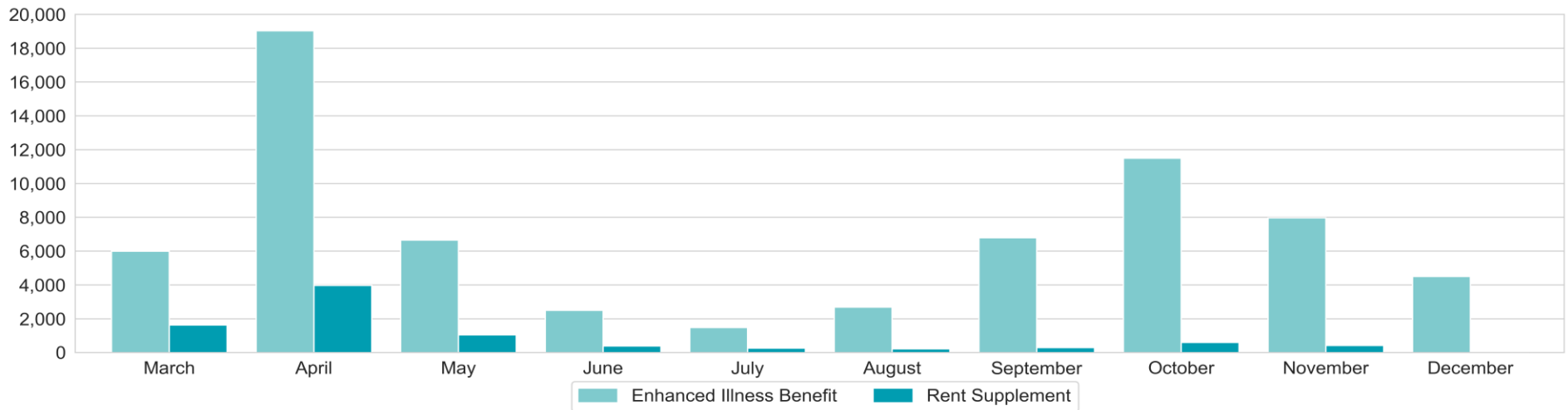
Note: Based on age of recipient as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.



# L Other COVID-19 supports

- Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19 was paid to 69,172 recipients in 2020, of which 37,181 (53%) were female.
- April 2020 was the month with the largest number of Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19 recipients (19,037), with the lowest number of recipients recorded in July 2020 (1,488).
- Almost half of all Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19 recipients were aged between 30 and 50 years, while 20% were aged 25 years or under.
- A total of 367,362 households received an additional four week extension in Fuel Allowance as part of the response to the COVID-19 emergency. Almost 60% of householders in receipt of this extension were aged 60 years or over .
- Around 8,900 people received COVID-19 supports for Rent Supplement, while 7,899 self-employed people availed of the COVID-19 Enterprise Support Grant.

**FIGURE 36 - RECIPIENTS OF ENHANCED ILLNESS BENEFIT FOR COVID-19 AND COVID-19 RENT SUPPLEMENT SUPPORT IN 2020 BY MONTH**



**Table L1 – Number of recipients of other COVID-19 supports by county 2020**

	Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	Enterprise Support Grant COVID-19 support	Fuel Allowance extension (April 2020)	Rent Supplement COVID-19 support
Carlow	894	86	5,921	92
Cavan	1,715	148	6,893	125
Clare	1,455	215	10,176	163
Cork	7,622	761	39,071	753
Donegal	2,256	342	19,384	53
Dublin	18,690	1,807	76,796	3,960
Galway	4,248	648	19,567	439
Kerry	1,598	368	14,283	386
Kildare	3,301	277	12,078	439
Kilkenny	1,500	195	7,685	154
Laois	1,173	111	6,616	130
Leitrim	297	64	3,783	49
Limerick	2,593	250	16,639	305
Longford	669	60	4,706	46
Louth	1,891	183	11,564	146
Mayo	1,719	284	14,492	177
Meath	2,928	392	11,128	294
Monaghan	1,228	72	5,206	48
Offaly	1,149	122	7,013	63
Roscommon	958	147	6,038	51
Sligo	727	114	6,497	98
Tipperary	2,504	276	16,415	184
Waterford	2,046	212	12,011	64
Westmeath	1,240	128	7,528	163
Wexford	2,290	323	16,010	207
Wicklow	1,832	225	9,514	290
Other including those abroad or county unknown	649	89	380	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,172</b>	<b>7,899</b>	<b>367,362</b>	<b>8,927</b>

**Table L2 – Number of recipients of other COVID-19 supports by age and sex 2020**

	Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19			Enterprise Support Grant COVID-19 support			Fuel Allowance extension (April 2020)			Rent Supplement COVID-19 support		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Under 20	2,244	1,160	1,084	48	20	28	400	158	242	247	148	99
20-24	10,394	5,565	4,829				3,041	1,994	1,047			
25-29	8,973	4,815	4,158	201	83	118	9,534	7,145	2,390	936	480	456
30-34	8,993	4,729	4,264	633	180	453	16,874	12,522	4,352	1,534	690	844
35-39	9,929	5,184	4,745	1,234	314	920	20,444	14,299	6,145	2,093	829	1,264
40-44	8,582	4,547	4,035	1,329	294	1,035	22,494	14,073	8,421	1,754	612	1,142
45-49	7,123	3,962	3,161	1,252	260	992	23,679	13,132	10,547	1,100	360	740
50-54	5,801	3,285	2,516	1,246	220	1,026	24,568	11,896	12,672	666	246	420
55-59	4,349	2,450	1,899	1,032	154	878	26,734	12,259	14,475	345	120	225
60 and over	2,784	1,484	1,300	924	100	824	219,594	111,201	108,393	252	81	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,172</b>	<b>37,181</b>	<b>31,991</b>	<b>7,899</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>6,274</b>	<b>367,362</b>	<b>198,679</b>	<b>168,683</b>	<b>8,927</b>	<b>3,566</b>	<b>5,361</b>

**Table L3 – Number of the Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19 recipients by age and month of awarded claim 2020**

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Under 20	73	367	139	81	39	128	275	591	356	195	2,244
20 - 24	673	1,977	795	324	192	391	1,184	2,558	1,511	789	10,394
25 - 29	759	2,277	836	322	173	418	942	1,578	1,063	605	8,973
30 - 34	798	2,457	885	367	221	367	946	1,344	1,001	607	8,993
35 - 39	974	2,868	923	338	217	467	1,097	1,408	996	641	9,929
40 - 44	804	2,556	916	295	211	356	861	1,161	898	524	8,582
45 - 49	674	2,240	719	273	158	242	584	1,034	758	441	7,123
50 - 54	510	1,814	668	208	136	165	470	872	649	309	5,801
55 - 59	409	1,457	488	178	92	108	287	618	459	253	4,349
60 and over	331	1,024	293	117	49	55	152	335	286	142	2,784
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,005</b>	<b>19,037</b>	<b>6,662</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>1,488</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>6,798</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>7,977</b>	<b>4,506</b>	<b>69,172</b>

Note: Refers to the month of first awarded claim. Based on the age of the recipient when the claim was awarded.

**Table L4 – Number of people in receipt of the COVID-19 Rent Supplement support by age and month of awarded claim 2020**

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Under 25	38	92	31	14	8	10	7	23	22	2	247
25 - 29	177	390	103	46	35	23	44	69	46	3	936
30 - 34	258	682	182	62	55	41	55	105	87	7	1,534
35 - 39	383	928	247	96	58	54	55	159	101	12	2,093
40 - 44	342	821	197	76	46	35	58	100	71	8	1,754
45 - 49	218	516	126	33	29	23	35	76	39	5	1,100
50 - 54	124	291	83	34	11	22	25	40	34	2	666
55 - 59	58	144	46	24	13	10	11	23	15	1	345
60 and over	41	114	34	12	11	7	8	12	12	1	252
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>3,978</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>8,927</b>

Note: Number of people in receipt of the Covid-19 Rent Supplement support by age and month of awarded claim is based on the age of the recipient when the claim was awarded.

# Appendix 1 – Social Assistance and Social Insurance Schemes

The Department of Social Protection provides a range of payments which can be classified as follows.

## SOCIAL INSURANCE

Payments made under the Social Insurance system are funded by contributions from employers, employees and the self-employed. Any deficit in the fund is met by an Exchequer subvention. Entitlement to Social Insurance benefits is conditional upon the claimants having a certain number of contributions paid or credited in a specific period of time. The contributions conditions vary according to the different Insurance schemes.

Social Insurance schemes comprise of Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19, COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment, State Pension (Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Adoptive Benefit, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Paternity Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Partial Capacity Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Occupational Injuries

Benefits, Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant and Household Benefits.

## SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Social Assistance schemes are financed entirely by the Exchequer. One of the basic requirements to qualify for payment under the Social Assistance schemes is that the claimant must satisfy a means test.

Social Assistance schemes comprise of Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme, COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment, State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension, Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Farm Assist, Jobseeker's Allowance, One-Parent Family Payment, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Blind Pension, Carer's Allowance, Disability Allowance, Working Family Payment, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Rent Supplement, Household Benefits and Rent Allowance.

## UNIVERSAL (CHILD BENEFIT)

Child Benefit is a universal payment funded entirely by the Exchequer; it is payable in respect of children regardless of family means.

## Appendix 2 – Classification of Social Welfare Schemes

### PENSIONS

State Pension (Non-Contributory)  
State Pension (Contributory)  
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension

### WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORTS

Adoptive Benefit  
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance  
Deserted Wife's Allowance  
Deserted Wife's Benefit  
Daily Expenses Allowance  
Exceptional and Urgent Needs  
Farm Assist  
Health and Safety Benefit  
Humanitarian Aid  
Jobseeker's Allowance  
Jobseeker's Benefit  
Maternity Benefit  
Paternity Benefit  
One-Parent Family Payment  
Other Supplements (Including Heating, Diet and Light)  
Redundancy and Insolvency  
Treatment Benefits  
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension

### WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)  
Assistance towards training for BTW participants  
Back to Education Allowance  
Back to Work Allowance  
Community Employment Programme  
Community Service Programme  
Disability Activation Project  
Disability Support Awareness  
Drugs Task Force  
EmployAbility Service  
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training Initiatives  
Job Initiative  
Job Path  
JobsPlus  
Local Employment Service  
Jobs Clubs  
Partial Capacity Benefit Wage Subsidy Scheme  
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme  
Rural Social Scheme  
Short Term Enterprise Allowance  
Special payments to long term Unemployed and Lone Parents  
Special Initiatives for Travellers programme  
Technical Employment Support Grants (funded from National Training Fund)  
Tús  
Work Placement Programme

## **ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING**

Blind Pension

Carer's Allowance

Carer's Benefit

Carer's Support Grant (previously Respite Care Grant)

Disablement Benefit

Disability Allowance

Domiciliary Care Allowance

Injury Benefit

Illness Benefit

Invalidity Pension

Medical Care

## **CHILDREN**

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme

Child Benefit

Family Income Supplement

Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)

Guardian's Payment (Contributory)

School Meals

Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)

Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)

## **SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS**

Free Travel

Fuel Allowance

Household Benefits

Rent Supplement



## Appendix 3 – Social Insurance Class Benefits

Insurance Class	Insured for
A	Adoptive Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Health and Safety Benefit, Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Occupational Injuries Benefits, Parent's Benefit (since November 2019), Partial Capacity Benefit, Paternity Benefit, State Pension (Contributory), Treatment Benefit, Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension.
B	Carer's Benefit, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Limited Occupational Injuries Benefits, Parent's Benefit (since November 2019), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension.
C	Carer's Benefit, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Parent's Benefit (since November 2019), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension.
D	Carer's Benefit, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Occupational Injuries Benefits, Parent's Benefit (since November 2019), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension.
E	Adoptive Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Health and Safety Benefit, Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Maternity Benefit, Parent's Benefit (since November 2019), Paternity Benefit, State Pension (Contributory), Treatment Benefit, Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension.
H	Carer's Benefit(**), Treatment Benefit(**), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension(**), Adoptive Benefit, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Health and Safety Benefit, Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Parent's Benefit (since November 2019), Paternity Benefit, State Pension (Contributory). ** Only these benefits are paid during service.
J	Occupational Injuries Benefit.
K	None
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.
P	Limited Jobseeker's Benefit, Limited Illness Benefit, Treatment Benefit.
S	Adoptive Benefit, Guardian's Payment Contributory, Invalidity Pension, Jobseekers Benefit for the Self-Employed, Maternity Benefit, Parent's Benefit, Partial Capacity Benefit, Paternity Benefit, State Pension Contributory, Treatment Benefit: Dental, Optical and Aural, Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension.
Voluntary Contributors	<p>If you paid PRSI at Class A, E or H you pay a contribution of 6.6% of your reckonable income in the previous tax year:            State Pension (Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory)</p> <p>If you paid PRSI at Class B, C or D you pay a contribution of 2.6% of your reckonable income in the previous tax year:            Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory).</p> <p>If you paid PRSI at Class S you pay a flat rate of €500:            State Pension (Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory).</p>

# Appendix 4 – Glossary of Terms

## **RECIPIENT**

Person actually receiving a Social Welfare Payment.

## **BENEFICIARIES**

Total number of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children.

## **QUALIFIED ADULT**

Person in respect of whom a Qualified Adult Increase is paid.

## **QUALIFIED CHILD**

Child in respect of whom an Increase for a Qualified Child is paid to the recipient. This allowance is payable at half the rate where a spouse/partner, living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/partner may receive half the Increase for a Qualified Child where both are in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment.

## **CLAIM/CLAIMANT**

An application/applicant for a Social Welfare Payment.

## **INFLOW**

A person receiving a Social Welfare Payment in the current month, but not the previous month.

## **OUTFLOW**

A person receiving a Social Welfare Payment in the current month, but not the following month.

## **SOCIAL INSURANCE**

Social insurance refers to a range of benefits administered by the Department of Social Protection.

These benefits comprise of State Pension (Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Partial Capacity Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Paternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant, Bereavement Grants, Household Benefits and Free Travel.

## **SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Social assistance refers to beneficiaries who do not have enough PRSI contributions to qualify for the equivalent social insurance payment. These schemes comprise of State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Deserted Wife's Allowance, One-Parent Family Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance, Farm Assist, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Pension, Rent Allowance, Household Benefits and Free Travel.

## **N/a**

Not Available/Not Applicable

## **S/C**

Scheme Closed