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**€30.4 billion**  
Total Social Protection  
expenditure



**€8.8 billion**  
Spent on COVID-19  
supports



**29%**  
Government expenditure  
on Social Protection



**7%**  
GDP spent on  
Social Protection

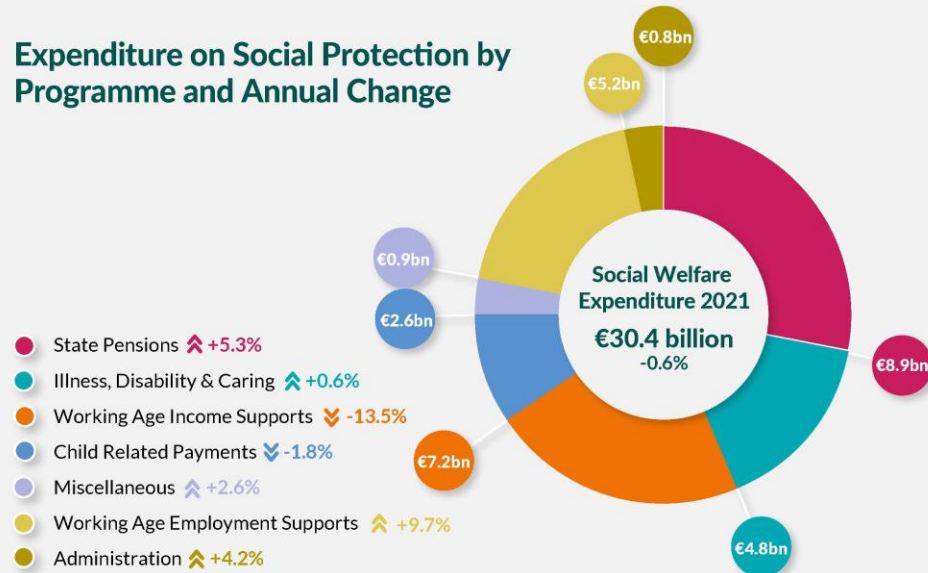


**2.03 million**  
Recipients of Social  
Protection payments

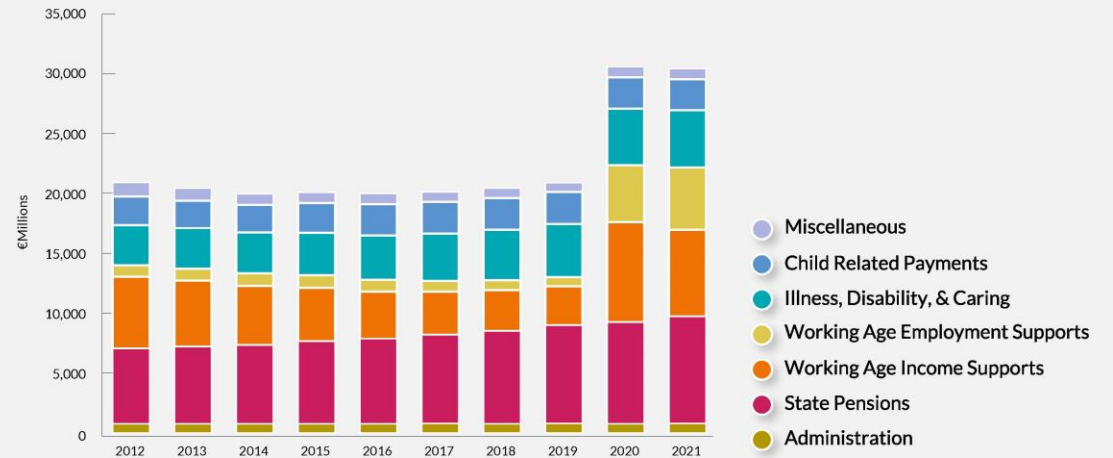


**3.32 million**  
Beneficiaries of Social  
Protection schemes

## Expenditure on Social Protection by Programme and Annual Change



## Total Social Protection Expenditure (€m) 2012 - 2021



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# Introduction

This is the thirty-ninth issue of the annual *Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services* report prepared by the Department of Social Protection. The report outlines the statistical data behind the various services provided by the Department. Readers' views and comments on the report are welcome and should be addressed to [statsunit@welfare.ie](mailto:statsunit@welfare.ie).

The year 2021 saw the Department continue the provision of working age income, working age employment and illness supports as part of the response to the public health restrictions due to COVID-19. As a result, expenditure by the Department exceeded €30 billion for the second successive year.

## Notes:

This report was published on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

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).

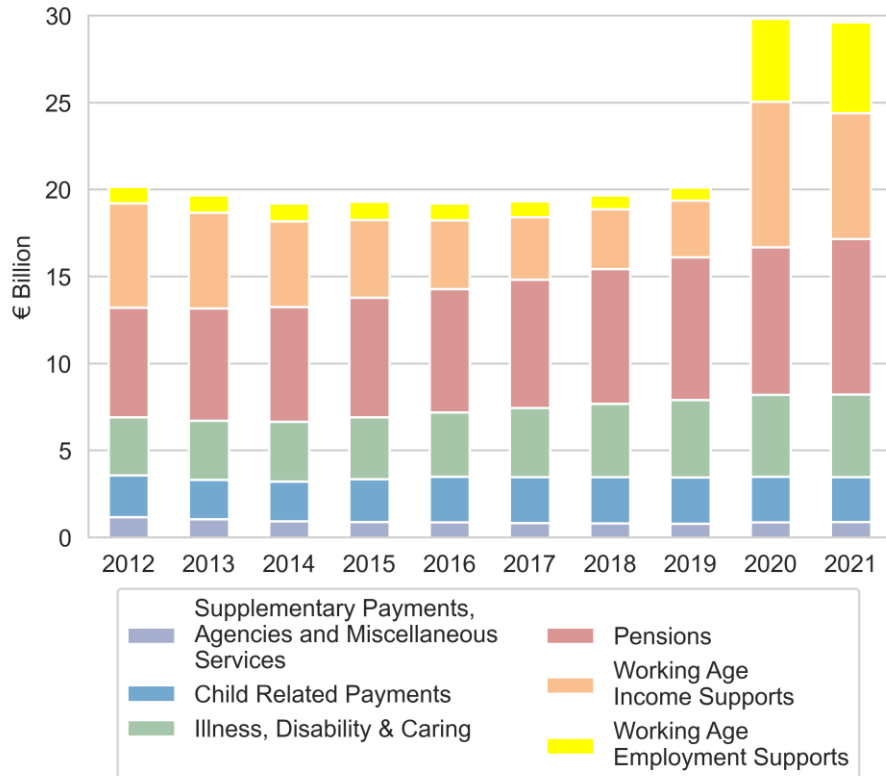
The normal edition of the report is in Part I and relates to statistics on all social protection schemes for 2021 and earlier years. In the case of data relating to recipients and beneficiaries, the figures, unless otherwise stated, refer to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The Operational Activity 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 Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme was 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.

# **PART I: Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services Annual Report 2021**

# A Social Welfare Expenditure Summary

FIGURE 1 – SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAMME, 2012-2021



- Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2021 was €30.4 billion, a decrease of 0.6% from 2020, but an increase of 45.5%, or €9.5 billion, over 2019. Expenditure in 2021 represented 29% of General Government expenditure and was (provisionally) equivalent to 9.7% of GNP (see Tables A1 and A3).
- Expenditure on Social Assistance schemes was €15.5 billion, which was almost €1 billion, or 6%, lower than what was reported for 2020. At a cost of €4.6 billion, the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS) accounted for 30% of all Social Assistance expenditure.
- Social Insurance Fund schemes and administration expenditure totalled €14.9 billion, an increase of €0.8 billion (5.7%) compared to 2020. Total Social Insurance Fund income was an estimated<sup>[1]</sup> €12.6 billion in 2021 which is over €1.2 billion higher (10.5%) than in 2020. The deficit between Social Insurance income and expenditure required a Government subvention of €2.6 billion, the first such subvention since 2015. At the end of 2021, the deficit in the Social Insurance Fund stood at €3.0 billion
- The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Pensions (29.4%), Working Age Income Supports (23.8%), Working Age Employment Supports (17.2%), Illness, Disability and Caring (15.7%), Children (8.5%), Supplementary Payments (2.9%) and Administration of the Social Welfare system (2.5%).
- As of June 2022, there were 3.1 million PRSI contributors recorded for 2020, the most recent year for which full PRSI data is available.

[1] PRSI data is obtained from employer P35 forms and tax returns from the self-employed, who will submit a final return for 2021 in late 2022.

**Table A1 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme (€million) 2012-2021**

Programme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Administration - Assistance Schemes	476.00	472.37	470.37	490.27	486.39	520.91	541.40	541.14	536.31	543.77
Administration - Insurance Schemes	276.65	272.52	270.50	270.81	272.63	274.01	209.62	230.01	221.14	244.40
<b>Total Administration (€m)</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>	<b>788.17</b>
Pensions - Social Assistance	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25	1,042.83	1,048.55	1,083.12
Pensions - Social Insurance	5,320.20	5,498.44	5,641.10	5,907.28	6,108.31	6,391.98	6,737.36	7,172.26	7,431.40	7,847.51
<b>Total Pensions (€m)</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>8,215.09</b>	<b>8,479.95</b>	<b>8,930.63</b>
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	4,532.93	4,395.02	4,053.15	3,670.25	3,190.33	2,845.39	2,610.47	2,426.24	3,794.15	2,353.83
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	1,467.37	1,115.92	887.09	798.29	757.37	752.85	811.70	832.82	4,562.98	4,875.26
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports (€m)</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>3,259.06</b>	<b>8,357.13</b>	<b>7,229.09</b>
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	951.91	985.05	1,025.38	1,052.12	967.71	880.57	789.05	736.35	4,741.61	5,202.41
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42	21.11	24.66	25.14
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</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>	<b>5,227.55</b>
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	1,851.52	1,934.76	2,041.23	2,153.13	2,330.71	2,557.11	2,767.30	2,983.23	3,171.48	3,231.55
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	1,494.84	1,470.21	1,394.70	1,393.10	1,368.85	1,405.10	1,450.74	1,463.40	1,540.59	1,534.79
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring (€m)</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>4,446.63</b>	<b>4,712.07</b>	<b>4,766.35</b>
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	2,376.55	2,251.81	2,264.76	2,458.87	2,605.00	2,627.30	2,633.61	2,633.28	2,608.32	2,557.60
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	16.74	17.30	16.65	17.71	17.89	18.00	20.15	21.27	21.53	23.73
<b>Total Child Related Payments (€m)</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>2,654.55</b>	<b>2,629.85</b>	<b>2,581.33</b>
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	890.45	802.04	720.16	669.85	653.05	608.51	573.65	512.08	563.15	566.57
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance	291.66	249.88	213.14	218.25	225.94	227.09	242.72	275.21	304.28	323.17
<b>Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services (€m)</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>816.37</b>	<b>787.29</b>	<b>867.43</b>	<b>889.74</b>
<b>Total - Social Assistance (€m)</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>10,935.73</b>	<b>10,875.15</b>	<b>16,463.57</b>	<b>15,538.85</b>
<b>Total - Social Insurance (€m)</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>9,490.71</b>	<b>10,016.08</b>	<b>14,106.58</b>	<b>14,874.00</b>
<b>Grand Total (€m)</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>20,426.43</b>	<b>20,892.90</b>	<b>30,570.12</b>	<b>30,412.86</b>

Note: 2021 figures are draft figures. All other years are finalised. 2020 and 2019 figures have been revised from draft figures in previous publications.

**Table A2 – Social Welfare Rates of Payment (Weekly unless otherwise stated, €) 2012-2021**

Benefit	Rate	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		2020		2021	
<b>All Benefits</b>	Qualified Child Increase	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	31.8	U/12	34	U/12	36	U/12	38
									12+	37	12+	40	12+	45
State Pension (Contributory)	Personal	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	233.30	238.30	243.30	248.30		248.30		248.30	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	155.50	158.80	162.10	165.40		165.40		165.40	
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Personal	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	222.00	227.00	232.00	237.00		237.00		237.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	146.70	150.00	153.30	156.60		156.60		156.60	
State Pension (Transition)	Personal	230.30	230.30	230.30	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c		s/c		s/c	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	153.50	153.50	153.50	s/c	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	198.50	203.50	208.50		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	223.50	228.50	223.50		223.50		233.50	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	191.00	196.00	201.00		201.00		201.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70		134.70	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 25	Personal	186.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	147.80	152.80	157.80		201.00		201.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70		134.70	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	144.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70		112.70		112.70	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70		112.70		112.70	
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		203.00		203.00	
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Personal	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50	208.50		208.50		208.50	
Farm Assist	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		203.00		203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70		134.70	
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		203.00		203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70		134.70	
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 25	Personal	188.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	147.80	152.80	157.80		203.00		203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		134.70		134.70	

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Benefit	Rate	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	188.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70	112.70	112.70
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70	112.70	112.70
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged under 25 living Independently with State Support	Personal									203.00	203.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance									134.70	134.70
Jobseeker's Allowance age under 25 not living Independently	Personal									112.70	112.70
	Qualified Adult Allowance									112.70	112.70
Jobseeker's Benefit	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00	203.00	203.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70	134.70
Maternity Benefit	Personal									245.00	245.00
Paternity Benefit	Personal									245.00	245.00
Adoptive Benefit	Personal									245.00	245.00
Parent's Benefit	Personal									245.00	245.00
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00	203.00	203.00
Community Employment Programme	Personal	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50	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	134.70
Rural Social Scheme	Personal	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50	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	134.70
TÚS	Personal	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50	225.50	225.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70	134.70

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Benefit	Rate	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Carer's Benefit	Personal	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	210.00	215.00	220.00	220.00	220.00	
Disability Allowance	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00	203.00	203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70	134.70	
Illness Benefit	Personal	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00	203.00	203.00	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70	134.70	134.70	
Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	Personal									350.00	350.00	
Invalidity Pension	Personal	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50	208.50	208.50	208.50	
	Qualified Adult Allowance	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	141.70	145.30	148.90	148.90	148.90	
Child Benefit (Monthly)	First and second child	140.00	130.00	130.00	135.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	
	Third child	148.00										
	Fourth or subsequent child	160.00	140.00	140.00								
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Personal	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	176.00	181.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Personal	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	176.00	181.00	186.00	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	20.00	
	Living Alone Allowance	7.70	7.70	7.70	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	14.00	19.00	
	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	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,850.00	
	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance: Aged 4-11	150.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	125.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance: Aged 12-22	250.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	250.00	275.00	275.00	275.00

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.

Detailed rate breakdown of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment can be found on the National Open Data website, [https://data.gov.ie/dataset/pandemic-unemployment-payment?package\\_type=dataset](https://data.gov.ie/dataset/pandemic-unemployment-payment?package_type=dataset).

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 2012-2021**

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Social Welfare Expenditure	20,912	20,425	19,963	20,083	19,979	20,120	20,427	20,909	30,570	30,413
Index of Expenditure	100	97.7	95.5	96	95.5	96.2	97.7	100	146.2	145.4
Consumer Price Index <sup>[1]</sup>	100	100.5	100.7	100.4	100.4	100.8	101.3	102.2	101.9	104.3
General Government Expenditure <sup>[2]</sup>	74,615	72,810	73,242	76,356	75,805	78,198	83,023	87,060	103,288	105,072
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) <sup>[3]</sup>	175,513	179,411	194,934	262,800	270,058	296,925	326,043	356,526	372,836	426,283
Gross National Product (GNP) <sup>[3]</sup>	140,168	150,126	163,526	200,757	218,976	234,674	251,388	275,574	279,569	322,688
Gross National Income (GNI) <sup>[4]</sup>	141,558	151,329	164,570	202,001	219,970	235,746	252,521	276,707	280,670	323,482
Modified Gross National Income (GNI*) <sup>[5]</sup>	126,886	136,701	148,844	162,605	174,776	185,125	197,820	215,555	199,996	233,879
Expenditure as a % of General Government Expenditure	28.03%	28.05%	27.26%	26.30%	26.36%	25.86%	24.73%	24.23%	29.6%	28.94%
Expenditure as % of Gross Domestic Product	11.91%	11.38%	10.24%	7.64%	7.40%	6.78%	6.27%	5.86%	8.20%	7.13%
Expenditure as % of Gross National Product	14.92%	13.61%	12.21%	10.00%	9.12%	8.57%	8.13%	7.59%	10.93%	9.42%
Expenditure as % of Gross National Income	14.77%	13.50%	12.13%	9.94%	9.08%	8.53%	8.09%	7.56%	10.89%	9.40%
Expenditure as % of Modified Gross National Income	16.48%	14.94%	13.41%	12.35%	11.43%	10.87%	10.33%	9.70%	15.29%	13.00%

Note: 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, and are taken at Current Market Prices.

[1] Published by CSO, however figures have been reindexed with 2012 as the baseline year, <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/er/cpi/consumerpriceindexfebruary2022/>.

[2] Published by CSO, <https://data.cso.ie/table/GFA04>.

[3] Published by CSO, <https://data.cso.ie/table/NAQ03>.

[4] Published by CSO, <https://data.cso.ie/table/CPM01>.

[5] Published by CSO, <https://data.cso.ie/table/NA001>.

**Table A4 – Financing of Social Insurance Fund (€million) 2012-2021**

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Employer PRSI	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	7,905.169
Employee PRSI	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	3,171.359
Self-Employed PRSI	310.386	397.079	406.266	460.266	607.441	521.803	604.561	631.340	646.680	720.198
National Training Fund	294.580	314.700	339.677	364.298	390.900	421.744	575.065	707.841	718.923	798.649
Income from Health Contribution	-13.68	-5.06	7.32	6.54	4.24	2.94	2.64	3.64	1.05	884
Investment Income	0.369	0.051	0.056	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benefit Overpayment Recoveries	6.218	6.970	8.963	11.964	10.226	10.196	9.335	10.849	9.068	13.019
Redundancy & Insolvency Recoveries	5.842	7.028	10.232	7.551	10.691	6.934	9.289	12.645	6.652	8.589
Recoverable Benefits	0	0	4.686	19.474	20.575	23.117	22.055	21.940	20.157	19.900
Other Receipts	0.464	0.741	0.433	0.277	0.136	0.066	0.043	0.039	0.019	.274
<b>Total Income</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>12,638.04</b>
<b>Expenditure (including payment to the National Training Fund)</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>15,671.51</b>
<b>Expenditure (excluding payment to the National Training Fund)</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>	<b>14,874.26</b>
Excess of receipts over payments <sup>[1]</sup>	-2,088.430	-1,316.430	-540.121	-118.739	453.327	721.607	1,143.61	1,559.663	-3,433.354	-3,033.464
Increase in balance due to National Training Fund	4.420	2.300	-1.677	-0.298	-0.900	9.256	-9.565	4.159	-2.173	-1.399
<b>Surplus/Deficit in the year <sup>[2]</sup></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>-3,034.863</b>
<b>Exchequer subvention</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>	<b>2,609.454</b>

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

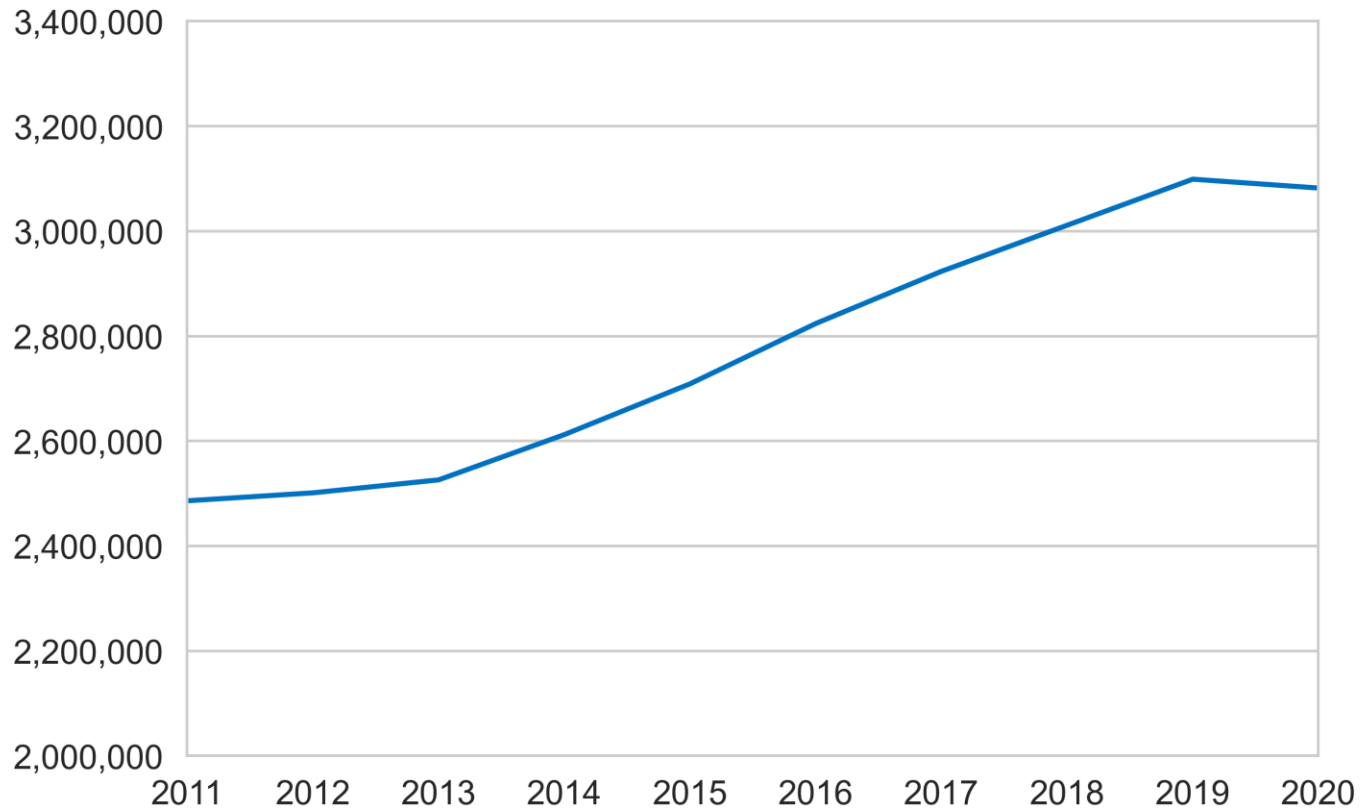
[2] Calculated as Increase in balance due to National Training Fund plus [1].

Note that 2021 figures are provisional.

**Table A5 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors 2011-2020**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	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	3,082,302

**FIGURE 2 – NUMBER OF PAY-RELATED SOCIAL INSURANCE (PRSI) CONTRIBUTORS 2011-2020**



**Note:**

PRSI data is obtained from employer P35 forms and tax returns from the self-employed, who will submit a final return for 2021 in late 2022. As a result, complete PRSI data is only available up to 2020.

**Table A6 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Class, 2011-2020** [1], [2], [3]

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A	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	2,380,465
B	24,947	24,181	22,467	21,795	20,882	19,948	18,975	17,953	16,868	15,431
C	650	585	530	489	422	392	342	293	301	279
D	70,124	63,996	57,874	54,356	50,756	47,882	45,136	41,978	38,532	35,136
E	212	196	191	186	189	193	205	191	200	203
H	8,760	8,829	8,753	8,532	8,451	8,615	8,990	8,680	8,731	8,347
J	221,727	224,490	224,052	227,280	229,249	240,152	234,715	249,561	298,045	252,776
K	9,917	7,845	9,328	93,584	104,838	106,250	103,380	99,669	90,086	101,832
M	326,829	345,093	366,181	371,692	380,124	405,583	415,616	428,919	492,334	501,402
P	18	14	9	10	10	8	7	9	7	5
S	324,197	323,898	316,476	337,064	344,544	358,896	368,060	368,351	351,193	350,779
Voluntary	5,081	5,146	4,816	4,569	4,531	4,241	3,883	3,722	2,885	3,004
<b>Total</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>	<b>3,649,659</b>

Notes:

[1] The figures above are a count of people who made at least one contribution within each class. In reports before 2021, 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.

[2] More Information about PRSI can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/14ecbe-the-different-classes-of-pay-related-social-insurance-prsi/>.

[3] See Appendix 3 for benefit details.

**Table A7 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Sector, 2020<sup>[1]</sup>**

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class H	Class J	Class K	Class M	Class P	Class S	Class V
A - Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	31,229	87	3	213	1	45	3,112	1,177	5,958	0	19,760	92
B – E - Industry	251,776	63	3	1,557	3	174	14,404	10,400	14,878	0	22,805	166
F - Construction	138,888	112	7	285	2	186	11,780	4,528	13,778	0	45,982	187
G - Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	360,665	191	20	404	0	299	38,917	12,070	25,954	1	39,709	286
H - Transportation and storage	80,266	99	7	2,064	1	181	6,655	2,783	14,645	0	10,124	78
I - Accommodation & food service activities	190,676	123	13	219	11	475	29,527	4,401	17,245	0	17,026	131
J -Information and communication activities	125,737	99	6	1,262	5	176	6,281	6,025	6,098	0	15,371	77
K – L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	163,577	974	4	3,864	5	49	15,424	12,727	200,543	0	40,296	522
M -Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	157,464	245	5	940	1	90	16,059	8,208	12,787	1	30,484	191
N - Administrative and support service activities	188,493	347	4	1,145	1	579	27,280	5,042	18,216	0	16,947	141
O -Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	176,385	12,266	171	7,221	14	5,569	20,175	10,900	75,618	1	18,301	235
P -Education	153,789	269	26	8,169	19	125	23,289	8,935	22,937	0	18,840	196
Q -Human Health & Social Work activities	246,334	122	5	5,702	19	126	23,680	9,353	42,458	0	17,476	229
R-U Other NACE activities	108,692	319	4	1,662	120	258	14,154	4,387	28,035	0	19,714	218
Unclassified or unknown	6,494	115	1	429	1	15	2,039	896	2,252	2	17,944	255
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,380,465</b>	<b>15,431</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>35,136</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>8,347</b>	<b>252,776</b>	<b>101,832</b>	<b>501,402</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>350,779</b>	<b>3,004</b>

[1] Note that the sector breakdown is based on the economic activity code of the last known employer as captured by the Department’s administrative systems and may not reflect the sector of the contributor within the reference year. Therefore, this data should be considered as indicative only.

Note: This table was revised in November 2022.

**Table A8 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Age and Sex, 2016-2020**

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	53,530	54,922	57,691	59,813	59,178	60,975	67,908	69,870	57,995	59,830
20-24	124,120	131,833	129,808	138,183	135,359	144,312	141,436	151,496	135,142	143,165
25-29	137,077	147,491	140,058	152,744	143,256	156,999	146,966	160,600	141,684	154,199
30-34	160,989	172,713	158,691	171,514	156,969	170,865	156,480	170,038	152,029	165,440
35-39	164,319	187,334	170,187	192,596	173,826	194,175	173,321	191,961	168,460	185,152
40-44	141,022	167,549	146,438	172,868	153,195	178,058	159,307	181,892	164,110	186,169
45-49	123,509	146,805	129,877	154,103	136,683	159,701	142,039	163,313	145,074	165,962
50-54	112,388	128,032	115,274	132,011	118,430	136,061	121,203	137,953	124,360	141,774
55-59	95,158	109,345	98,920	113,607	103,564	117,414	107,765	119,826	109,931	121,828
60-64	74,395	92,299	77,614	95,449	81,277	97,966	84,924	99,542	88,140	102,560
65	11,455	16,318	12,603	17,378	13,135	17,721	14,212	17,939	14,740	18,138
66+	108,473	162,724	114,906	170,949	123,179	178,823	130,167	188,776	139,333	197,087
<b>Total by Sex</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>1,440,998</b>	<b>1,641,304</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>2,823,800</b>		<b>2,923,282</b>		<b>3,011,121</b>		<b>3,098,934</b>		<b>3,082,302</b>	

**Table A9 – Top 15 Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Nationality 2016-2020**

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Country	Number of contributors	Country	Number of contributors	Country	Number of contributors	Country	Number of contributors	Country	Number of contributors
1	Ireland	2,178,814	Ireland	2,234,431	Ireland	2,275,296	Ireland	2,314,354	Ireland	2,322,910
2	Poland	106,806	Poland	107,857	Poland	107,428	Poland	105,446	Poland	98,826
3	United Kingdom	83,221	United Kingdom	86,670	United Kingdom	90,225	United Kingdom	93,756	United Kingdom	93,011
4	Romania	36,667	Romania	43,400	Romania	49,803	Romania	56,731	Romania	57,092
5	Lithuania	33,257	Lithuania	34,965	Lithuania	36,167	Lithuania	36,521	Lithuania	34,997
6	Italy	17,803	Brazil	21,063	Brazil	27,929	Brazil	35,872	Brazil	34,458
7	Latvia	17,177	Italy	20,792	Italy	23,349	India	28,104	India	32,950
8	Brazil	15,766	Latvia	17,901	India	20,583	Italy	24,552	Italy	22,461
9	Spain	15,228	Spain	17,692	Spain	19,823	Spain	21,073	Spain	19,486
10	France	13,748	India	16,456	Latvia	18,593	Latvia	18,840	Latvia	18,219
11	India	13,564	France	15,246	France	16,176	France	16,359	Croatia	14,926
12	Germany	10,522	Croatia	12,461	Croatia	14,636	Croatia	15,695	France	14,530
13	Hungary	9,829	Germany	11,001	Germany	11,566	Germany	11,671	Germany	10,940
14	Slovakia	9,672	Hungary	9,998	Hungary	9,957	USA	10,585	China	10,702
15	Croatia	9,495	Slovakia	9,599	USA	9,603	China	10,274	USA	10,270
	Others	252,231	Others	263,750	Others	279,987	Others	299,101	Others	286,524
	<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>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,082,302</b>



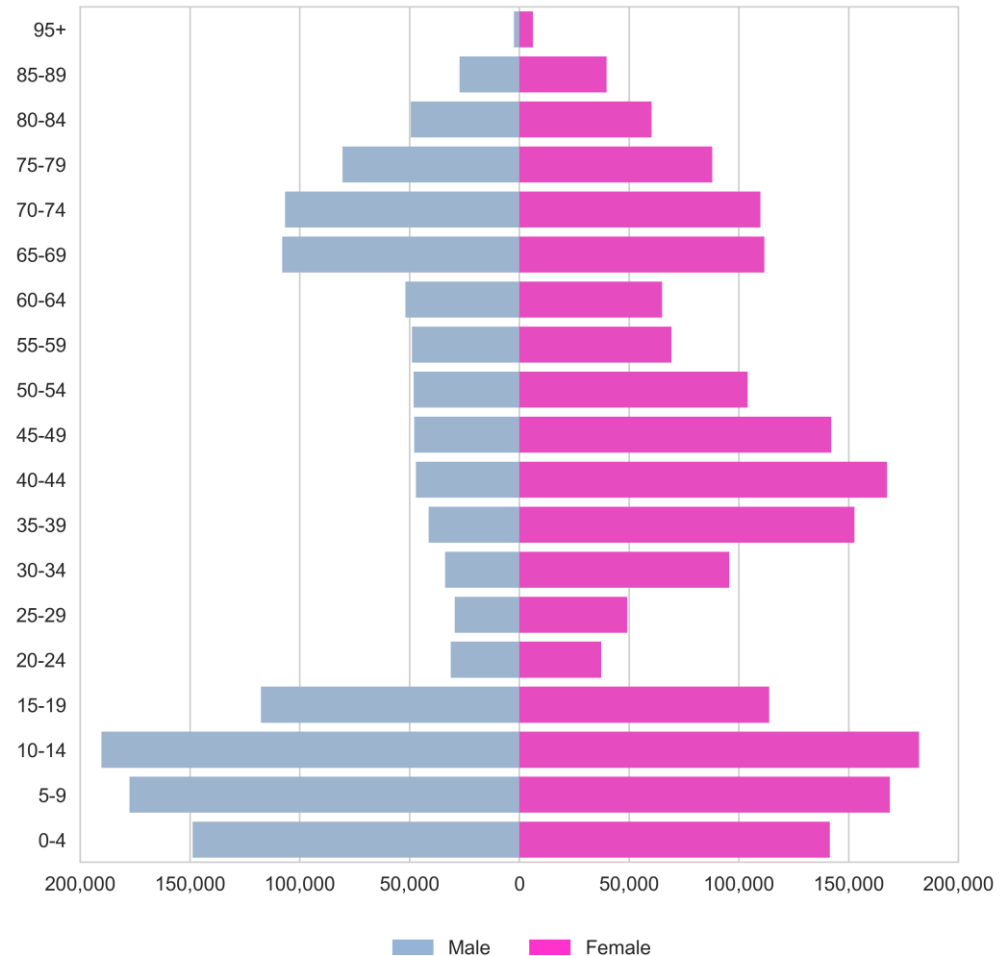
**Table A10 – Summary of the Largest Schemes by Expenditure 2021**

Rank	Scheme	Expenditure (€million)
1	State Pension (Contributory)	6,187
2	COVID-19 Employment Wage Subsidy	4,570
3	COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment	4,019
4	Child Benefit	2,090
5	Disability Allowance	1,829
6	Widow(er's) and Surviving Civil Partners' Pension (Contributory)	1,651
7	Jobseeker's Allowance	1,567
8	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,083
9	Carer's Allowance	931
10	Invalidity Pension	730
11	One-Parent Family Payment	561
12	Illness Benefit	561
13	Working Family Payment	338
14	Jobseeker's Benefit	332
15	Community Employment	320
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26,769</b>

## B Social Welfare Beneficiaries Summary

- At the end of 2021 there were 3.3 million people who were beneficiaries of Social Protection payments, representing approximately 65% of the estimated population in 2021<sup>[1]</sup>.
- The total number of people in receipt of a payment from the Department was 2.0 million. Almost two-thirds of recipients were the sole beneficiary of a payment.
- Around 58% of all beneficiaries were female (1.9 million people), and 42% of beneficiaries were male (1.4 million people).
- The average age of all Social Protection beneficiaries was 38 years, while 25% of all beneficiaries were aged 65 years or more.
- There were 1.2 million children whom a child related payment<sup>[2]</sup> was paid in respect of, representing 36% of all beneficiaries.

FIGURE 3 - AGE PYRAMID OF SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFICIARIES



[1] Population based on CSO's Census of Population 2022 – Preliminary Results, <https://data.cso.ie/table/FP003>.

[2] Child Related Payment - Child dependant supported through Child Benefit, Orphan Allowance, Qualified Child Allowance or Back to School Clothing and Footwear

**Table B1 – Number of Recipients of Main Periodic Benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance 2012-2021**

Programme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pensions - Social Assistance	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	95,140	95,263	94,854	95,465	95,004
Pensions - Social Insurance	444,082	460,224	467,274	482,152	498,601	516,241	534,106	554,485	573,202	593,473
<b>Total Pensions</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>	<b>688,477</b>
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	427,834	411,472	371,772	317,127	286,277	250,584	221,941	205,872	203,271	188,340
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	103,814	82,217	74,685	65,775	62,976	63,900	61,456	62,339	390,856	133,773
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>531,648</b>	<b>493,689</b>	<b>446,457</b>	<b>382,902</b>	<b>349,253</b>	<b>314,484</b>	<b>283,397</b>	<b>268,211</b>	<b>594,127</b>	<b>322,113</b>
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	70,679	74,111	82,348	74,306	67,801	60,559	50,864	43,986	325,504	278,863
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	394	2,426	2,956	3,227	3,348
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</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>	<b>282,211</b>
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	180,118	190,310	200,114	212,691	229,907	246,023	260,932	273,858	286,840	293,321
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	131,356	129,212	126,542	127,613	128,509	129,404	132,126	125,910	127,565	137,836
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring</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>	<b>431,157</b>
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	641,473	655,960	666,068	675,672	681,206	682,924	690,094	695,998	828,853	816,596
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	938	947	937	983	1,048	1,036	1,129	1,164	1,179	1,177
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>642,411</b>	<b>656,907</b>	<b>667,005</b>	<b>676,655</b>	<b>682,254</b>	<b>683,960</b>	<b>691,223</b>	<b>697,162</b>	<b>830,032</b>	<b>817,773</b>
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	102,422	89,675	71,802	60,359	46,850	33,814	23,360	16,416	18,462	12,801
<b>Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services</b>	<b>102,422</b>	<b>89,675</b>	<b>71,802</b>	<b>60,359</b>	<b>46,850</b>	<b>33,814</b>	<b>23,360</b>	<b>16,416</b>	<b>18,462</b>	<b>12,801</b>
Total - Social Assistance	1,518,652	1,517,329	1,487,674	1,435,334	1,407,262	1,369,044	1,342,454	1,330,984	1,758,395	1,684,925
Total - Social insurance	680,190	673,834	670,870	678,135	693,007	710,975	731,243	746,854	1,096,029	869,607
<b>Total Recipients</b>	<b>2,198,842</b>	<b>2,191,163</b>	<b>2,158,544</b>	<b>2,113,469</b>	<b>2,100,269</b>	<b>2,080,019</b>	<b>2,073,697</b>	<b>2,077,838</b>	<b>2,854,424</b>	<b>2,554,532</b>

Note: The above numbers include duplicates if a person is in receipt of more than one scheme

**Table B2 – Number of Beneficiaries of Main Periodic Benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pensions - Social Assistance	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	98,937	99,034	98,553	99,120	98,585
Pensions - Social Insurance	528,793	544,791	549,653	564,169	579,506	595,473	609,868	627,199	643,261	660,309
<b>Total Pensions</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>	<b>758,894</b>
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	854,205	822,974	748,776	639,439	578,834	509,316	453,255	421,176	415,036	391,958
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	135,927	103,303	92,338	79,388	76,005	75,972	72,458	73,118	402,783	144,968
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>990,132</b>	<b>926,277</b>	<b>841,114</b>	<b>718,827</b>	<b>654,839</b>	<b>585,288</b>	<b>525,713</b>	<b>494,294</b>	<b>817,819</b>	<b>536,926</b>
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	124,775	132,409	143,187	130,446	119,522	108,350	86,965	73,209	348,328	303,416
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	1,014	2,654	3,259	4,021	4,410
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>124,775</b>	<b>133,980</b>	<b>145,015</b>	<b>132,525</b>	<b>121,920</b>	<b>109,364</b>	<b>89,619</b>	<b>76,468</b>	<b>352,349</b>	<b>307,826</b>
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	248,564	265,016	280,210	299,535	325,587	349,047	370,622	389,546	406,797	411,530
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	185,331	180,397	173,786	172,816	171,364	170,260	167,904	160,522	160,654	167,796
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>433,895</b>	<b>445,413</b>	<b>453,996</b>	<b>472,351</b>	<b>496,951</b>	<b>519,307</b>	<b>538,526</b>	<b>550,068</b>	<b>567,451</b>	<b>579,326</b>
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	1,268,638	1,312,109	1,340,473	1,367,158	1,381,001	1,386,068	1,395,067	1,401,357	1,779,445	1,741,876
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	2,333	2,542	2,620	2,651	2,568
<b>Total Child Related Payments</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>1,782,096</b>	<b>1,744,444</b>
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	102,422	89,675	71,802	60,359	46,850	33,814	23,360	16,416	18,462	12,801
<b>Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services</b>	<b>102,422</b>	<b>89,675</b>	<b>71,802</b>	<b>60,359</b>	<b>46,850</b>	<b>33,814</b>	<b>23,360</b>	<b>16,416</b>	<b>18,462</b>	<b>12,801</b>
Total - Social Assistance	2,698,329	2,721,631	2,683,261	2,595,903	2,550,863	2,485,532	2,428,260	2,400,257	3,067,188	2,966,845
Total - Social insurance	852,167	832,195	819,715	820,666	831,633	845,052	855,426	866,718	1,213,370	980,051
<b>Total Beneficiaries</b>	<b>3,550,496</b>	<b>3,553,826</b>	<b>3,502,976</b>	<b>3,416,569</b>	<b>3,382,496</b>	<b>3,330,584</b>	<b>3,283,686</b>	<b>3,266,975</b>	<b>4,280,558</b>	<b>3,946,896</b>

Note: The above numbers include duplicates if a person is in receipt or is the beneficiary for more than one scheme

**Table B3 – Number of Social Welfare Recipients and Beneficiaries, and Beneficiaries per Recipient Claim 2021**

Scheme	Number	Number
Number of beneficiaries per recipient claim	Number of recipients	Number of beneficiaries
1	1,342,490	1,342,490
2	291,508	583,016
3	251,536	754,608
4	111,025	444,100
5	28,690	143,450
6+	8,179	52,346
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,033,428</b>	<b>3,320,010</b>

Note that the recipient is included in the number of beneficiaries. In the case where there is one beneficiary per recipient claim, this means that the recipient is the sole beneficiary.

**Table B4 – Number of Social Welfare Beneficiaries by Age and Sex, 2021**

Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female
0	24,964	23,848	20	7,428	8,146	40	9,341	34,292	60	9,897	12,586	80	11,671	13,371
1	28,883	27,213	21	6,961	8,091	41	9,784	34,898	61	10,181	12,704	81	10,846	12,670
2	30,442	29,244	22	5,905	6,938	42	9,440	34,148	62	10,255	12,754	82	9,796	12,172
3	31,709	30,192	23	5,491	6,701	43	9,290	32,958	63	10,604	13,238	83	9,156	11,566
4	32,759	30,915	24	5,432	7,368	44	9,327	31,162	64	10,983	13,717	84	7,981	10,501
5	33,636	31,931	25	5,585	7,434	45	9,371	30,133	65	13,267	15,778	85	7,248	9,712
6	34,592	33,234	26	5,707	8,589	46	9,370	29,209	66	23,080	23,668	86	6,412	8,877
7	35,644	33,651	27	5,797	9,410	47	9,584	28,813	67	24,029	24,229	87	5,386	8,127
8	36,355	34,599	28	5,989	11,014	48	9,731	27,519	68	23,989	23,969	88	4,528	7,111
9	37,346	35,283	29	6,314	12,694	49	9,786	26,312	69	23,618	23,993	89	3,746	5,932
10	38,122	36,393	30	6,509	14,761	50	9,822	24,859	70	22,283	22,614	90	3,002	5,136
11	38,278	36,784	31	6,624	16,459	51	9,817	22,720	71	22,029	22,409	91	2,414	4,410
12	38,529	36,864	32	6,627	18,624	52	9,467	20,853	72	21,086	22,044	92	1,762	3,470
13	38,355	36,516	33	6,851	21,458	53	9,450	18,509	73	20,969	21,545	93	1,337	2,907
14	37,053	35,474	34	7,269	24,327	54	9,602	17,006	74	20,364	21,218	94	1,078	2,205
15	35,586	33,608	35	7,690	27,043	55	9,677	15,511	75	19,014	19,948	95 plus	2,494	6,113
16	32,431	30,886	36	7,700	28,501	56	9,512	14,379	76	17,580	19,084	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,398,281</b>	<b>1,921,729</b>
17	34,099	32,894	37	8,253	30,192	57	9,900	13,816	77	15,983	17,207			
18	8,227	8,316	38	8,739	32,521	58	9,833	12,991	78	14,793	16,541			
19	7,367	8,073	39	8,948	34,341	59	9,993	12,550	79	13,127	15,035			

**Table B5 – Number of Social Welfare Beneficiaries by Broad Beneficiary Groups**

Scheme	Number
On child related payment only	1,185,745
On primary claim only	875,734
On primary claim and household benefits/free travel	493,278
On primary claim, adult allowance and household benefits/free travel	330,134
On primary claim and adult allowance	130,894
On household benefits/free travel only	82,525
On child related payment and caree	52,662
On adult allowance only	44,545
On adult allowance and household benefits/free travel	38,752
On primary claim, adult allowance, caree and household benefits/free travel	35,628
On primary claim, caree and household benefits/free travel	33,758
Caree only	3,736
On primary claim, child related payment, caree and household benefits/free travel	2,672
On adult allowance, caree and household benefits/free travel	2,098
On primary claim and child related payment	2,095
Caree and household benefits/free travel	2,077
On primary claim, child related payment and household benefits/free travel	1,683
On primary claim and caree	1,181
On primary claim, adult allowance and caree	256
On child related payment, caree and household benefits/free travel	248
On adult allowance and caree	219
On primary claim, child related payment and caree	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,320,010</b>

Primary claim - Adult or child who is the main recipient of a social protection payment

Child Related Payment - Child dependant supported through Child Benefit, Orphan Allowance, Qualified Child Allowance or Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

Adult Allowance - Adult dependant supported through Fuel Allowance, Living Alone Allowance, Living on an Island Allowance, Qualified Adult Allowance, Telephone Support Allowance, or ex-spouse, ex-civil partner or ex-cohabitant applicable to the Working Family Payment

Caree - Adult or child dependant supported through Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, Constant Attendance Allowance, Domiciliary Care Allowance or the Carer's Support Grant

Household benefits/free travel- Adult or child dependant supported through the household benefits package and/or the free travel scheme

**Table B6 – Number of Recipients of Main Social Welfare Benefits on Personal Amount or with Qualified Adult or Child Allowance 2021**

Scheme	Recipients on Personal Amount only	Recipients with Qualified Adult Allowance	Recipients with Qualified Child Allowance	Recipients with both Qualified Adult Allowance and Qualified Child Allowance	Total
<b>Pensions</b>					
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	91,837	2,746	185	236	95,004
State Pension (Contributory)	413,710	53,979	543	529	468,761
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	117,420		6,568		123,988
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	691		33		724
<b>Working Age Income Supports</b>					
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	71,382	6,296	30,220	17,392	125,290
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	7,187	463	1,161	969	9,780
Daily Expenses Allowance	2,505	64	489	320	3,378
Farm Assist	2,539	775	476	1214	5,004
Jobseeker's Benefit	31,405	908	2,502	1,093	35,908
<i>Of which</i>					
<i>Jobseeker's Benefit for the Self Employed</i>	356	14	29	18	417
<i>Benefit Payment for 65 Year Olds</i>	3,405	275	9	7	3,696
<i>Systematic Short Time Workers</i>	1,175	30	150	30	1,385
<i>Other</i>	26,469	589	2,314	1,038	30,410
Maternity Benefit	21,464	44	312	172	21,992
Paternity Benefit	323		4	19	346
Parent's Benefit	2,656		152	133	2,941
Health and Safety Benefit	35		7		42

[1] Includes Jobseeker's Transitional Payment.



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Scheme	Recipients on Personal Amount only	Recipients with Qualified Adult Allowance	Recipients with Qualified Child Allowance	Recipients with both Qualified Adult Allowance and Qualified Child Allowance	Total
<b>Working Age Employment Supports</b>					
Community Employment	12,442	1,778	2,534	2,486	19,240
Rural Social Scheme	1,573	788	201	419	2,981
Tús - Community Work Placement	3,368	383	610	1,012	5,373
Work Placement Employment Programme	131	4	16	5	156
Back to Education Allowance	4,048	114	543	406	5,111
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	1,213	109	472	498	2,292
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	240	9	11	5	265
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed	1250	10	48	3	1,311
Short Term Enterprise Allowance	265	2	33	20	320
Partial Capacity Benefit	2,758	114	354	122	3,348
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>					
Blind Pension	835	46	100	45	1,026
Carer's Allowance	66,944		23,955		90,899
Disability Allowance	125,415	6,992	13,860	8,914	155,181
Carer's Benefit	3,081		407		3,488
Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	53,473	1,272	4,447	1,485	60,677
Incapacity Supplement	587	104	45	19	755
Injury Benefit	521	14	29	25	589
Invalidity Pension	47,669	3,683	4,829	1,692	57,873

[1] Includes Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19

**Table B7 – Number of Recipients of Main Social Welfare Benefits by Broad Nationality Group 2021**

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)	85,764	645	2,065	5,297	1,233	95,004
State Pension (Contributory)	449,403	2,399	3,184	11,502	2,273	468,761
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	117,460	645	1,820	3,152	911	123,988
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	680	20		24		724
<b>Working Age Income Supports</b>						
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	100,167	1,499	12,450	5,507	5,667	125,290
One Parent Family Payment	34,022	264	3,169	1,127	1,723	40,305
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	7,824	87	911	337	621	9,780
Daily Expenses Allowance		6			3,372	3,378
Farm Assist	4,819	21	4	149	11	5,004
Jobseeker's Benefit	29,180	668	4,127	1,042	891	35,908
<i>Of which</i>						
<i>Jobseeker's Benefit for the Self Employed</i>	357	4	29	21	6	417
<i>Benefit Payment for 65 Year Olds</i>	3,519	23	48	92	14	3,696
<i>Systematic Short Time Workers</i>	1,178	21	132	34	20	1,385
<i>Other</i>	24,126	620	3918	895	851	30,410
Maternity Benefit	17,924	582	1,724	427	1,335	21,992
Paternity Benefit	264	14	49	12	7	346
Parent's Benefit	2,348	67	325	64	137	2,941
Health and Safety Benefit	32		10			42

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[1] Includes Jobseeker's Transitional Payment.

**Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2021**

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	16,715	148	1,106	951	320	19,240
Rural Social Scheme	2,911	5	4	50	11	2,981
Tús - Community Work Placement	4,287	54	539	317	176	5,373
Job Initiative	475		9			484
Back to Education Allowance	4,002	90	335	209	475	5,111
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	1,792	49	271	127	53	2,292
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	213	8	20	16	8	265
Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme	169,497	11,335	29,530	7,178	24,754	242,294
Partial Capacity Benefit	3,149	18	82	84	15	3,348
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>						
Blind Pension	915	13	27	44	27	1,026
Carer's Allowance	81,387	384	3,415	3,868	1,835	90,889
Disability Allowance	137,601	855	7,351	6,630	2,744	155,181
Domiciliary Care Allowance	39,250	449	3,024	1,600	1,888	46,211
Disablement Pension	13,457	50	546	343	405	14,801
Carer's Benefit	3,088	21	246	99	34	3,488
Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	49,890	729	6,949	1,583	1,526	60,677
Incapacity Supplement	700	4	31	15	5	755
Injury Benefit	419	5	122	16	27	589
Invalidity Pension	52,475	386	3,145	1,597	270	57,873
Carer's Support Grant	107,428	696	4,645	4,751	2,734	120,254

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[1] Includes Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19

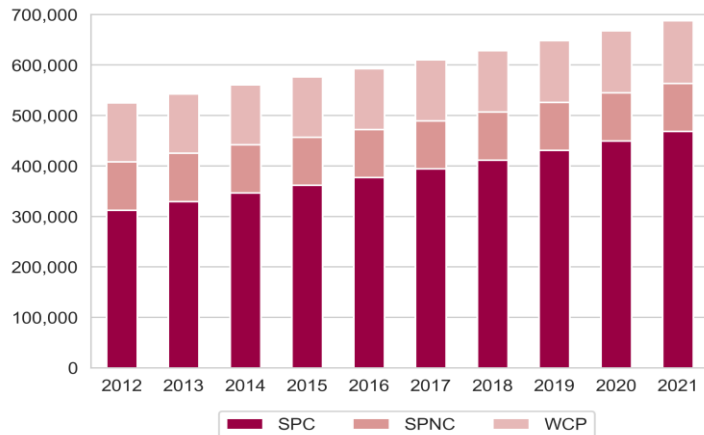
**Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2021**

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	490,325	12,151	68,814	19,008	40,334	630,632
Working Family Payment	32,462	673	8,145	1,540	2,545	45,365
Back to Work Family Dividend	1,969	39	448	101	207	2,764
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	1,077	3	47	35	15	1,177
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	430	62		41	45	578
<b>Supplementary Payments</b>						
Rent Supplement	7,678	332	2,815	573	945	12,343
Fuel Allowance	328,693	2,230	14,300	14,822	6,788	366,833
Telephone Support Allowance	129,496	594	1,453	4,879	821	137,243
Living Alone Allowance	213,631	1,032	1,930	7,002	1,226	224,821
TV Licence	456,975	2,018	6,215	15,780	3,301	484,289
Gas	48,947	187	653	1,145	343	51,275
Electricity	400,399	1,792	5,471	14,343	2,913	424,918
Free Travel	953,461	5,255	18,265	35,252	9,361	1,021,594

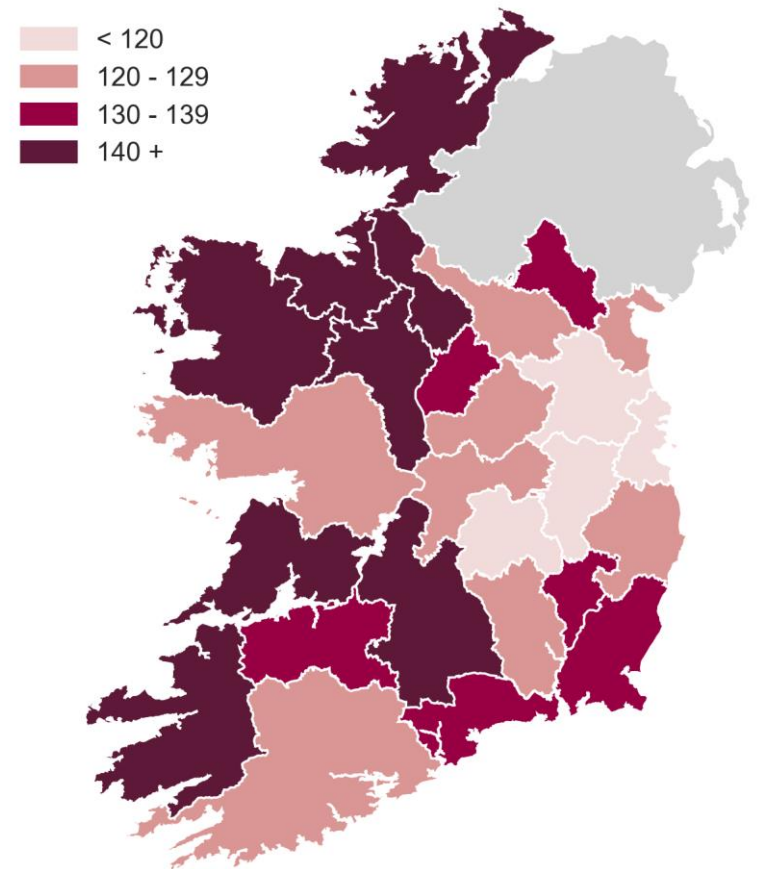
# C Pensions

- Total spending on Pensions was €8.9 billion in 2021, representing an annual increase of 5.3%, or €451 million. The State Pension (Contributory) accounted for 69% of all pension expenditure.
- The number of people in receipt of the State Pension (Contributory) pension totalled 468,761, a rise of 19,319 (4.3%) compared to the previous year, while numbers in receipt of the State Pension (Non-Contributory) pension were largely unchanged. There were 43,547 people aged 85 years or more receiving the State Pension (Contributory) in 2021, an increase of 5.5% compared to 2020.
- 60% of State Pension (Contributory) recipients were male, while females accounted for 60% of State Pension (Non-Contributory) and 85% of Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension.

**FIGURE 4 – NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS OF STATE PENSIONS 2012-2021**



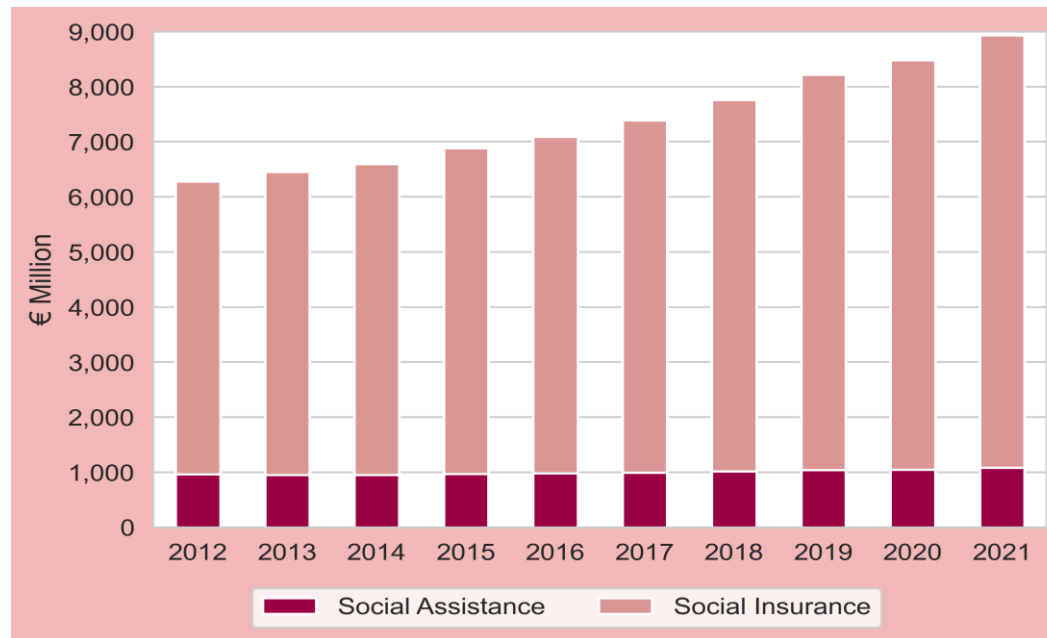
**FIGURE 5 – PENSION RECIPIENTS 2021 PER 1,000 POPULATION**



**Table C1 – Expenditure on Pensions by Scheme (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25	1,042.83	1,048.55	1,083.12
<b>Pensions - Social Assistance</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>	<b>1,083.12</b>
Bereavement Grant <sup>[1]</sup>	19.76	20.29	4.27	0.06	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
State Pension (Contributory)	3,802.80	3,983.26	4,185.23	4,475.69	4,662.37	4,915.85	5,216.96	5,603.22	5,834.59	6,186.51
State Pension (Transition) <sup>[1]</sup>	146.63	137.27	73.77	1.19	0.25	0.16	0.09	0.04	0.04	0.01
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	1,343.20	1,349.84	1,369.76	1,422.10	1,437.09	1,466.60	1,510.41	1,558.94	1,586.56	1,650.60
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	7.83	7.78	8.07	8.25	8.59	9.37	9.89	10.06	10.21	10.4
<b>Pensions - Social Insurance</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>7,172.26</b>	<b>7,431.40</b>	<b>7,847.51</b>
<b>Total - Pensions (€millions)</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>8,215.09</b>	<b>8,479.95</b>	<b>8,930.63</b>

**FIGURE 4 – TRENDS IN PENSIONS EXPENDITURE 2012-2021**



[1] Both the State Pension Transition and Bereavement Grant schemes were closed to new applicants with effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. The Bereavement Grant expenditure in subsequent years refers to expired cheques that were returned to the Department for re-issue. There are still customers who satisfy the criteria for State Pension Transition and so expenditure on this scheme post 2014 relates to these customers.

**Table C2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main State Pension Benefits by Type 2012-2021**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Recipients	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	95,140	95,263	94,854	95,465	95,004
	Qualified Adult	3,059	3,080	3,162	3,207	3,252	3,212	3,189	3,117	3,112	2,983
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	423	451	473	474	484	473	476	474	437	483
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	117	116	108	106	112	112	106	108	106	115
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>98,585</b>
<b>Pensions - Social Assistance</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>98,585</b>
State Pension (Contributory)	Recipients	312,314	329,531	346,420	361,725	377,062	394,378	411,660	431,224	449,442	468,761
	Qualified Adult	67,892	68,505	68,850	68,561	67,604	66,256	63,559	60,486	58,015	54,510
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,367	1,366	1,327	1,300	1,303	1,257	1,174	1,121	1,001	940
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,376	1,228	1,056	909	805	729	599	536	533	517
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>524,728</b>
State Pension (Transition) <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients	14,372	12,630	1,548	66	149	55	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	2,690	2,098	173	23	26	13	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	153	126	10	2	3	0	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	173	70	4	2	0	0	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>s/c</b>
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	Recipients	116,751	117,417	118,670	119,712	120,673	121,091	121,689	122,502	123,019	123,988
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	10,940	11,067	10,899	11,161	11,099	10,908	10,359	10,497	10,450	10,815
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>134,803</b>
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Recipients	645	646	636	649	717	717	757	759	741	724
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	120	107	60	59	65	69	71	74	60	54
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>778</b>
<b>Pensions - Social Insurance</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>660,309</b>
<b>Total Pensions</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>	<b>758,894</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 2021**

	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	0	0	0	0	111	25	6	5	
35-39	0	0	0	0	418	113			
40-44	0	0	0	0	898	309			
45-49	0	0	0	0	1,772	634			
50-54	0	0	0	0	3,027	1,091			
55-59	0	0	0	0	5,145	1,834	40	5	
60-64	0	0	0	0	8,200	2,976	77		
65-66	15,779	19,087	2,983	2,761	4,000	1,436	24		
67-69	42,545	55,754	9,028	7,660	6,488	1,761	63		4
70-74	54,895	81,528	14,425	11,454	14,715	2,975	124		
75-79	36,861	62,228	11,028	7,323	17,769	2,426	123		
80-84	19,230	37,307	8,348	4,851	18,571	1,754	110		
85-89	11,723	20,060	6,170	2,681	14,801	1,121	61		
90-94	4,359	5,668	3,458	1,331	7,055	460	29	6	
95 and over	987	750	1,175	328	2,004	99			
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>186,379</b>	<b>282,382</b>	<b>56,615</b>	<b>38,389</b>	<b>104,974</b>	<b>19,014</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>468,761</b>		<b>95,004</b>		<b>123,988</b>		<b>724</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).



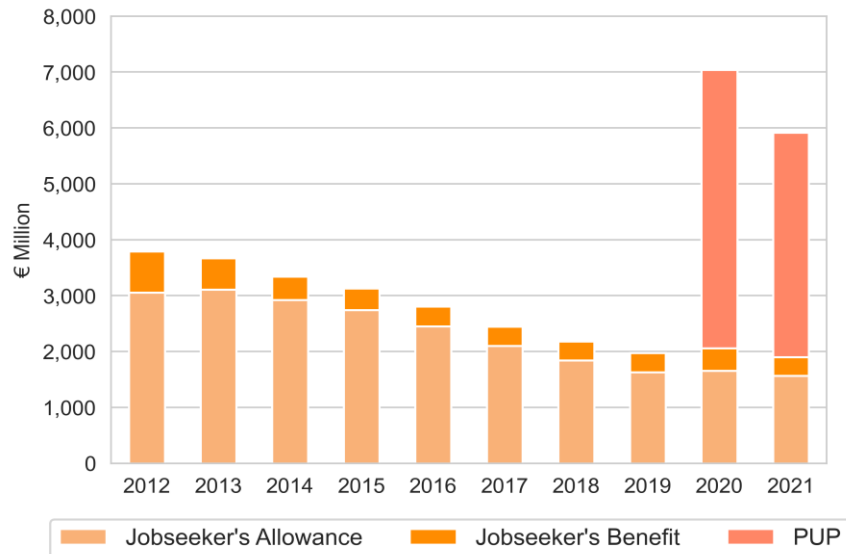
**Table C4 – Number of Recipients of Main State Pension Benefits by Type of Payment and County 2021**

	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	1,276	5,392	1,579	15	8,262
Cavan	2,207	6,375	1,807	11	10,400
Clare	3,176	11,610	3,120	14	17,920
Cork	9,624	49,739	13,782	92	73,237
Donegal	7,131	12,784	3,629	25	23,569
Dublin	15,295	115,073	30,475	150	160,993
Galway	7,034	20,956	5,771	23	33,784
Kerry	4,720	14,323	3,956	25	23,024
Kildare	2,396	17,359	4,831	27	24,613
Kilkenny	2,021	8,899	2,366	15	13,301
Laois	1,597	6,109	1,865	10	9,581
Leitrim	1,122	3,279	1,027	10	5,438
Limerick	3,903	18,568	5,151	30	27,652
Longford	1,251	3,819	1,070	11	6,151
Louth	2,488	11,341	3,048	26	16,903
Mayo	5,246	12,707	3,667	16	21,636
Meath	2,693	15,208	4,216	30	22,147
Monaghan	1,792	5,444	1,583	13	8,832
Offaly	1,552	6,633	2,003	14	10,202
Roscommon	2,044	6,368	1,828	16	10,256
Sligo	1,742	6,709	1,863	9	10,323
Tipperary	4,115	15,759	4,640	42	24,556
Waterford	2,553	11,451	3,211	17	17,232
Westmeath	1,705	7,942	2,355	18	12,020
Wexford	4,051	14,211	4,121	25	22,408
Wicklow	2,245	13,581	3,455	16	19,297
Other including those abroad or county unknown	25	47,122	7,569	24	54,740
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,004</b>	<b>468,761</b>	<b>123,988</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>688,477</b>

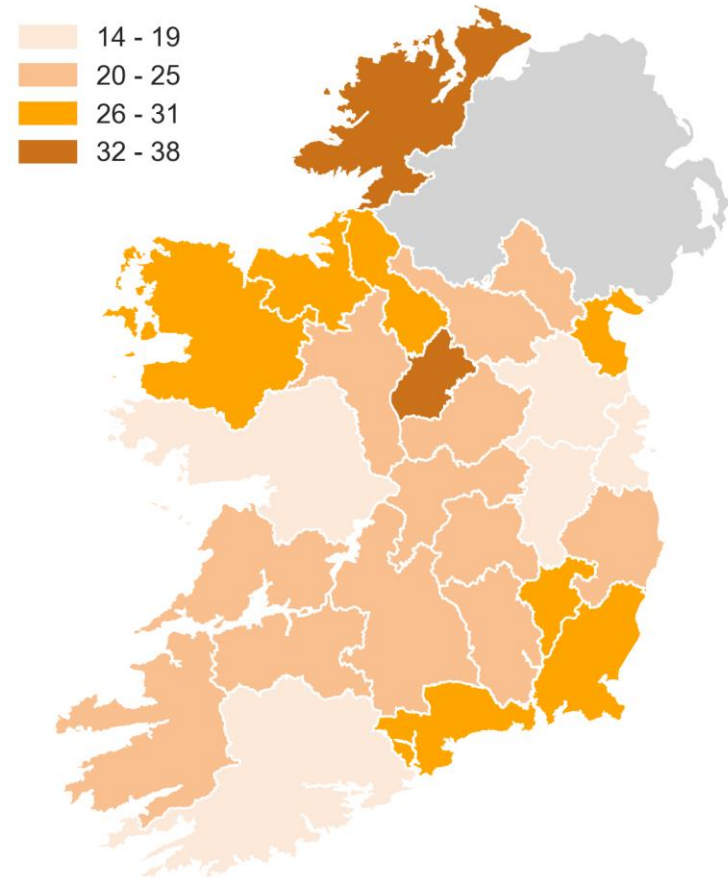
# D Working Age Income Supports

- Total spending on Working Age Income Supports was €7.2 billion in 2021, a decrease of over €1.1 billion (-13.5%) from the previous year, but up almost €4 billion (121.9%) from 2019.
- COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment accounted for almost 56% of expenditure in 2021. 59% of recipients were male and 41% were female at the end of 2021, while 23% were under 30 years of age.
- Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit both recorded a decrease in expenditure in 2021 compared to the previous year (-5.4% and -18.1% respectively).

**FIGURE 5 – EXPENDITURE ON JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE, JOBSEEKER'S BENEFIT AND COVID-19 - PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENT 2012-2021**



**FIGURE 6 – JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE RECIPIENT NUMBERS PER 1,000 IN 2021**



Note: Population based on CSO's Census of Population 2022 – Preliminary Results, <https://data.cso.ie/table/FP003>.

**Table D1 – Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Scheme (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	176.49	104.54	81.72	91.73	89.02	97.22	111.82	120.18	115.21	94.87
Daily Expenses Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	3.8	3.78	3.63	3.85	3.99	4.91	6.36	11.22	13.05	11.12
Deserted Wife's Allowance	3.55	2.88	2.5	2.13	1.74	1.43	1.19	0.96	0.86	0.64
Farm Assist	108.17	99.18	93.63	88.49	78.83	78.18	73.82	68.57	66.41	59.03
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>[2]</sup>	3,054.74	3,108.97	2,923.29	2,742.51	2,452.33	2,103.45	1,840.75	1,628.17	1,656.77	1,567.34
One Parent Family Payment	1,057.75	977.96	867.31	670.56	500.7	497.65	511.09	533.12	564.89	561.21
Exceptional and Urgent Needs	52.71	35.67	30.09	30.99	32.19	38.08	42.3	43.21	41.03	42.73
Humanitarian Aid	0.71	1.22	2.07	0.48	1.68	0.84	0.72	0.29	0.08	0.13
Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	11.25	9.53	8.13	7.38	6.69	5.79	7.65	6.58	4.94	4.07
Pre-Retirement Allowance	46.09	34.56	24.32	16.27	8.61	3.61	0.51	0	0	0
Widow(er)s' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	17.67	16.74	16.46	15.87	14.56	14.23	14.26	13.94	13.43	12.69
COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment <sup>[4]</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,317.48	0
<b>Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance</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>2,426.24</b>	<b>3,794.15</b>	<b>2,353.83</b>
Adoptive Benefit	0.47	0.31	0.17	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.19	0.15	0.1	0.09
Deserted Wife's Benefit	83.57	80.4	79.11	77.44	74.31	73.29	73.06	71.91	68.49	63.97
Health and Safety Benefit	0.53	0.58	0.54	0.52	0.41	0.47	0.37	0.38	0.36	0.51
Jobseeker's Benefit	736.88	560.46	420.4	387.15	355.81	340.46	339.13	345.53	404.68	331.61
Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed)								0.38	11.03	4.07
Maternity Benefit	303.53	292.6	269.93	259.79	255.28	256.13	265.28	267.2	258.05	266.76
Paternity Benefit					2.01	12.04	11.84	13.49	12.36	13.04
Parent's Benefit								0.06	6.66	36.63
Redundancy and Insolvency Payments <sup>[3]</sup>	323.42	148.15	88.21	43.22	38.38	29.26	24.19	32.64	48.41	24.68
Treatment Benefits - Dental Benefit	8.93	19.55	16.04	16.62	16.57	21.1	50.58	51.56	44.31	52.58
Treatment Benefits - Medical and Surgical Benefit	6.67	5.39	6.08	6.47	7.46	10.03	12.4	12.55	11.76	19.44
Treatment Benefits - Optical Benefit	3.39	8.49	6.61	6.81	6.85	9.79	34.66	36.97	35.26	42.54
COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment <sup>[4]</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,661.51	4,019.34
<b>Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance</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>811.7</b>	<b>832.82</b>	<b>4,562.98</b>	<b>4,875.26</b>
<b>Total - Working Age Income Supports (€millions)</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>3,259.06</b>	<b>8,357.13</b>	<b>7,229.09</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 Social Protection.

[4] In August 2020 funding of the COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment moved from Social Assistance (Vote 37) to Social Insurance (SIF).

**Table D2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main Working-Age Income Support Benefits by Type 2012-2021**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Recipients	32,358	23,127	18,187	17,343	17,601	17,933	16,269	15,779	11,747	9,780
	Qualified Adult	7,492	4,573	3,191	2,656	2,693	2,620	2,553	2,400	1,593	1,467
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	20,190	13,955	9,819	8,774	8,636	8,520	7,603	7,127	4,899	4,447
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>15,694</b>
Daily Expenses Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients							3,152	4,258	3,534	3,378
	Number on Adult personal rate							426	532	413	385
	Number on Child rate							824	1,025	904	1,551
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>							<b>4,402</b>	<b>5,815</b>	<b>4,851</b>	<b>5,314</b>
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Recipients	336	274	264	205	164	135	107	91	75	54
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>54</b>
Farm Assist	Recipients	11,029	10,303	9,809	8,790	7,828	7,234	6,535	5,971	5,511	5,004
	Qualified Adult	5,043	4,641	4,314	3,794	3,297	3,025	2,696	2,458	2,207	1,993
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	7,784	6,819	6,207	5,361	4,622	4,308	3,924	3,552	3,239	3,069
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,145	1,941	1,834	1,642	1,465	1,333	1,185	1,091	974	854
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>10,920</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>[2]</sup>	Recipients	291,640	294,570	267,969	231,541	203,680	169,692	140,337	123,633	125,703	108,414
	Qualified Adult	72,300	73,175	67,361	58,251	50,959	42,281	33,939	28,853	27,900	23,738
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	124,133	128,394	120,388	108,301	94,390	78,161	63,446	54,901	56,370	52,591
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	42,812	44,245	40,539	34,048	29,353	22,645	18,229	15,556	14,332	12,859
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>197,602</b>
Jobseeker's Transitional Payment <sup>[2]</sup>	Recipients		507	1,982	14,995	14,580	14,618	14,796	15,234	15,954	16,876
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)		870	3,688	24,924	24,091	24,061	24,202	24,532	25,592	28,044
	<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>	<b>44,920</b>
One Parent Family Payment	Recipients	86,941	78,246	69,884	41,468	40,317	39,310	39,265	39,533	39,446	40,305
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	143,406	132,166	119,169	74,281	72,931	71,739	72,287	73,277	73,342	75,998
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>116,303</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] In previous years Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Transitional Payment were presented as combined figures. They are split here, and in subsequent tables. For historical comparison, the totals relating to these schemes should be combined.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pre-Retirement Allowance	Recipients	3,670	2,664	1,887	1,110	551	171	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	902	636	446	253	118	39	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	164	87	48	27	2	0	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>s/c</b>
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Recipients	1,860	1,781	1,790	1,675	1,556	1,491	1,480	1,373	1,301	1,151
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>1,151</b>
<b>Working - Age Income supports - Social Assistance</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>	<b>391,958</b>
Adoptive Benefit	Recipients	14	15	13	19	18	10	9	11	6	7
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>7</b>
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Recipients	7,753	7,457	6,989	6,924	6,693	6,387	6,316	5,832	5,374	4,956
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	842	652	397	316	231	175	112	93	84	63
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>8,595</b>	<b>8,109</b>	<b>7,386</b>	<b>7,240</b>	<b>6,924</b>	<b>6,562</b>	<b>6,428</b>	<b>5,925</b>	<b>5,458</b>	<b>5,019</b>
Health and Safety Benefit	Recipients	60	52	53	50	36	45	25	25	32	42
	Qualified Adults and Children	12	14	15	12	10	12	4	5	3	13
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>55</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit	Recipients	73,137	51,881	44,922	37,095	37,025	35,035	33,383	34,141	34,246	35,908
	Qualified Adult	8,045	5,111	4,564	3,749	3,389	3,036	2,648	2,596	2,598	2,033
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	11,880	7,591	6,438	5,179	4,866	4,291	3,852	3,983	5,411	3,952
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	11,334	7,718	6,239	4,357	3,909	3,223	2,872	2,618	2,719	3,050
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>44,943</b>
<i>Of Which</i>											
<i>Benefit Payment for 65 Year Olds<sup>[1]</sup></i>	Recipients										3,696
	Qualified Adult										304
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)										15
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)										10
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>										
<i>Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed)</i>	Recipients								266	249	417
	Qualified Adult								25	45	33
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)								32	72	49
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>								<b>323</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>499</b>

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[1] Benefit Payment for 65 Year Olds was introduced in February 2021.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Short-Time Work Support <sup>[2]</sup>	Recipients	5,322	3,187	1,413	750	600	428	806	400	1,348	1,385
	Qualified Adult	525	318	150	80	62	33	118	28	89	60
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	717	427	176	98	53	41	188	28	184	152
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,043	608	9	114	83	52	148	47	152	160
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>1,757</b>
Other	Recipients	67,815	48,694	43,509	36,345	36,425	34,607	32,577	33,475	32,649	30,410
	Qualified Adult	7,520	4,793	4,414	3,669	3,327	3,003	2,530	2,543	2,464	1,636
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	11,163	7,164	6,262	5,081	4,813	4,250	3,664	3,923	5,155	3,736
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	10,291	7,110	6,230	4,243	3,826	3,171	2,724	2,571	2,567	2,880
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>96,789</b>	<b>67,761</b>	<b>60,415</b>	<b>49,338</b>	<b>48,391</b>	<b>45,031</b>	<b>41,495</b>	<b>42,512</b>	<b>42,835</b>	<b>38,662</b>
Maternity Benefit	Recipients	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	19,012	21,548	21,182	21,479	19,661	21,992
	Qualified Adult					133	310	298	280	194	216
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)					339	758	952	956	582	926
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)					93	155	182	101	140	73
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>23,207</b>
Paternity Benefit	Recipients					192	875	541	851	587	346
	Qualified Adult					8	36	19	39	6	19
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)					18	56	29	63	7	28
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)					33	20	34	45	7	13
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>					<b>251</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>406</b>
Parent's Benefit	Recipients									2,424	2,941
	Qualified Adult									28	133
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)									99	508
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)									49	168
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>									<b>2,600</b>	<b>3,750</b>
COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment	Recipients									328,526	67,581
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>									<b>328,526</b>	<b>67,581</b>
<b>Working – Age Income supports – Social Insurance</b>		<b>135,927</b>	<b>103,303</b>	<b>92,338</b>	<b>79,388</b>	<b>76,005</b>	<b>75,972</b>	<b>72,458</b>	<b>73,118</b>	<b>402,783</b>	<b>144,968</b>
<b>Total Working – Age Income supports</b>		<b>990,132</b>	<b>926,277</b>	<b>841,114</b>	<b>718,827</b>	<b>654,839</b>	<b>585,288</b>	<b>525,713</b>	<b>494,294</b>	<b>817,819</b>	<b>536,926</b>

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

[2] Formerly known as Systematic Short-Time.

Note: Before 2019 Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) and Short-Time Work Support 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 2012-2021**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Dental Benefit	Recipients	25,871	23,631	22,087	21,815	21,638	8,809	64,038	65,612	65,911	41,751
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>41,751</b>
Optical Benefit	Recipients	12,098	16,449	13,539	16,477	11,066	10,992	46,997	46,515	40,042	25,107
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>25,107</b>
Medical and Surgical Benefit	Recipients	789	886	708	812	864	1,087	1,697	1,472	1,384	1,208
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>1,208</b>
<b>Total Beneficiaries</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>	<b>68,066</b>

Notes:

1. Treatment Benefit figures above are based on claims paid in December 2021. 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 Welfare Partners 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 2021**

	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance		One Parent Family Payment		Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>		Jobseeker's Benefit <sup>[2]</sup>		COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	100	150	428	21	1,181	1,514	5	8	691	491
20-24	446	628	5,069		3,625	5,449	1,069	1,132	3,194	4,065
25-29	559	910	9,394	54	4,477	7,919	1,559	1,800	2,736	4,170
30-34	622	1,068	9,882	76	4,719	8,368	1,986	1,819	3,322	4,093
35-39	775	1,104	7,556	97	4,801	8,269	2,515	1,982	3,772	4,647
40-44	760	1,061	4,764	100	4,447	8,067	2,312	1,960	3,582	4,938
45-49	640	887	2,002	75	4,490	7,587	1,833	1,588	3,033	4,644
50-54	643	722	603	42	4,345	7,156	1,809	1,452	2,757	4,452
55-59	491	574	108	15	3,907	6,434	1,892	1,404	2,457	4,041
60 and over	441	577	10	9	4,338	7,321	2,426	1,661	2,275	4,221
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,477</b>	<b>7,681</b>	<b>39,816</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>40,330</b>	<b>68,084</b>	<b>19,415</b>	<b>16,493</b>	<b>27,819</b>	<b>39,762</b>

	Jobseeker's Transitional Payment		Farm Assist		Daily Expenses Allowance		Health and Safety Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Paternity Benefit	Parent's Benefit	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 25	39	19	6	18	168	323	7	805	5	48	13
25-29	1,230		8	53	200	355	10	2,784	43	243	60
30-34	3,299	65	10	118	224	392	14	7,834	106	696	221
35-44	7,878	260	63	580	495	653	11	10,445	179	1,100	491
45-49	2,687	104	59	574	97	200		119	13	21	39
50-59	1,178	101	187	1,779	68	130		5			9
60 and over	8	8	122	1,427	38	35					
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,319</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21,992</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>833</b>

[1] Includes Jobseeker's Transitional Payment.

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



**Table D5 – Number of Recipients of Treatment Benefit by Age and Sex 2021**

	Dental Benefit		Optical Benefit		Medical and Surgical	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	91	115	42	76	9	6
20-24	833	1,017	365	572		
25-29	957	1,194	345	512		
30-34	1,613	1,935	541	721		
35-39	2,271	2,782	725	1,091		
40-44	2,842	3,064	1,049	1,454	10	7
45-49	2,692	2,943	1,633	1,798	11	15
50-54	2,271	2,479	1,572	1,590	23	12
55-59	1,842	2,065	1,374	1,278	25	28
60-65	1,751	2,030	1,454	1,470	71	58
66-69	931	936	978	867	99	67
70-74	887	867	968	798	133	90
75 and over	714	629	1,106	728	289	255
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>19,695</b>	<b>22,056</b>	<b>12,152</b>	<b>12,955</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>538</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>41,751</b>		<b>25,107</b>		<b>1,208</b>	

Note: Treatment Benefit figures above are based on claims at the end of December 2021. 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 2021**

County	Dental Benefit	Optical Benefit	Medical and Surgical
Carlow	469	344	31
Cavan	595	307	17
Clare	1,201	801	28
Cork	5,697	3,139	191
Donegal	1,211	733	28
Dublin	10,195	6,884	292
Galway	2,568	1,386	43
Kerry	1,368	931	35
Kildare	1,855	1,178	65
Kilkenny	957	552	17
Laois	626	464	24
Leitrim	282	133	4
Limerick	1,669	945	49
Longford	395	197	10
Louth	1,017	782	27
Mayo	1,204	688	30
Meath	1,897	1,032	58
Monaghan	428	245	16
Offaly	695	519	30
Roscommon	599	345	21
Sligo	576	329	22
Tipperary	1,500	965	46
Waterford	1,139	566	26
Westmeath	819	431	37
Wexford	1,331	664	22
Wicklow	1,380	488	36
Other including those abroad or county unknown	78	59	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,751</b>	<b>25,107</b>	<b>1,208</b>

**Table D7 – Recipients of Main Working Age Income Supports by Scheme and County 2021**

County	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	1,829	221	183	558	42	416	250	6	36	587
Cavan	2,067	227	77	465	184	518	332		60	841
Clare	2,925	333	106	833	239	1,120	543	7	68	1,528
Cork	8,261	1,581	874	3,852	347	3,735	2,594	56	406	5,960
Donegal	6,295	534	216	1,257	979	1,270	641	9	101	1,964
Dublin	26,334	5,525	3,778	13,597	4	9,486	6,150	97	752	25,386
Galway	5,367	647	205	1,355	485	1,788	1,198	10	140	3,337
Kerry	3,636	471	228	986	329	1,885	605	10	105	2,149
Kildare	3,909	778	325	1,627	23	1,643	1,143	24	142	3,041
Kilkenny	2,222	306	277	694	58	717	429	11	50	1,089
Laois	2,078	278	105	721	41	561	419	6	56	989
Leitrim	974	111	51	163	202	233	160		22	366
Limerick	4,220	606	317	1,849	98	1,531	775	12	116	2,120
Longford	1,529	140	85	439	84	245	192	4	18	438
Louth	4,245	664	365	1,493	40	970	588	9	69	2,122
Mayo	3,574	428	132	819	733	920	544	7	79	1,498
Meath	3,628	604	432	1,459	49	1,532	1,049	23	149	3,258
Monaghan	1,416	187	105	423	248	453	362	5	45	786
Offaly	1,952	244	183	635	51	583	340	3	47	895
Roscommon	1,513	147	165	356	146	436	251	10	38	655
Sligo	1,797	226	118	512	222	460	303	7	47	694
Tipperary	4,103	591	397	1,451	155	1,106	717	7	93	1,539
Waterford	3,868	547	252	1,285	37	936	493	6	58	1,270
Westmeath	2,412	316	141	806	58	637	444	4	50	1,166
Wexford	4,919	641	272	1,489	105	1,380	652	3	95	1,770
Wicklow	3,206	500	381	1,159	43	1,195	640	10	91	2,014
Other <sup>[2]</sup>	135	23	10	22	2	152	178	0	8	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,414</b>	<b>16,876</b>	<b>9,780</b>	<b>40,305</b>	<b>5,004</b>	<b>35,908</b>	<b>21,992</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>2,941</b>	<b>67,581</b>

Notes: 1. Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit have not been included to avoid identification of counts equal to 1. For 2021, the national totals were 42 and 7 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] Includes Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed), Benefit Payment for 65 Year Olds and Short-Time Work Support.

[2] 'Other' includes those abroad or county unknown.

**Table D8 – Expenditure and Total Recipients on Exceptional and Urgent Needs Payments 2021**

Type of Payment	Expenditure (€000)	Recipients
<b>Housing</b>		
Bedding	419	2,323
Floor Covering	746	2,660
Furniture	1,201	3,235
Household Appliances	4,956	7,090
New Accommodation Kit	20,611	10,013
Rent Deposit	725	1,201
Repairs/Maintenance	495	802
<b>Total Housing</b>	<b>29,153</b>	<b>27,324</b>
<b>Clothing</b>		
Adult Clothing	954	8,856
Child Clothing	47	662
<b>Total Clothing</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>9,518</b>
<b>Funeral</b>		
Burial Expenses	72	32
Funeral Expenses	4,985	3,454
<b>Total Funeral</b>	<b>5,057</b>	<b>3,486</b>
<b>Child Related</b>		
Cot	175	1,311
Pram/Buggy	121	1,244
<b>Total Child related</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>2,555</b>

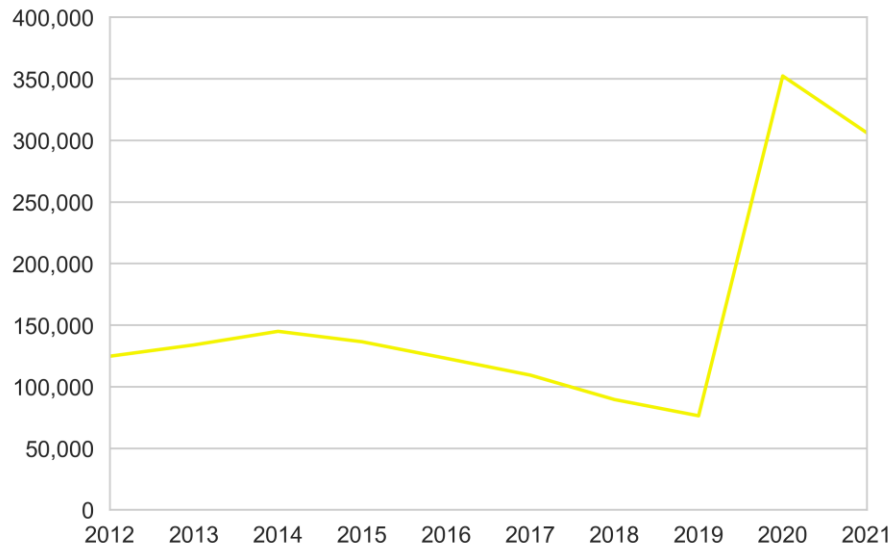
Type of Payment	Expenditure (€000)	Recipients
<b>Bills</b>		
Household	228	978
Rent/Mortgage Interest	916	1,013
<b>Total Bills</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,991</b>
<b>Illness</b>		
Confinement Costs	121	976
Hospital Requirement	56	472
<b>Total Illness</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1,448</b>
<b>General</b>		
Heating	495	2,087
Household Budget	75	346
Insufficient Means	672	3,814
Lost/Stolen Money	11	452
Other	3,706	4,348
Travel Costs	453	2,343
<b>Total General</b>	<b>5,412</b>	<b>13,390</b>
<b>Urgent Needs Payment</b>		
Urgent Needs Payment	489	1,382
<b>Total Exceptional and Urgent needs</b>	<b>42,729</b>	<b>61,094</b>

Note that this table refers to total number of unique recipients throughout 2021 as opposed to recipients on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

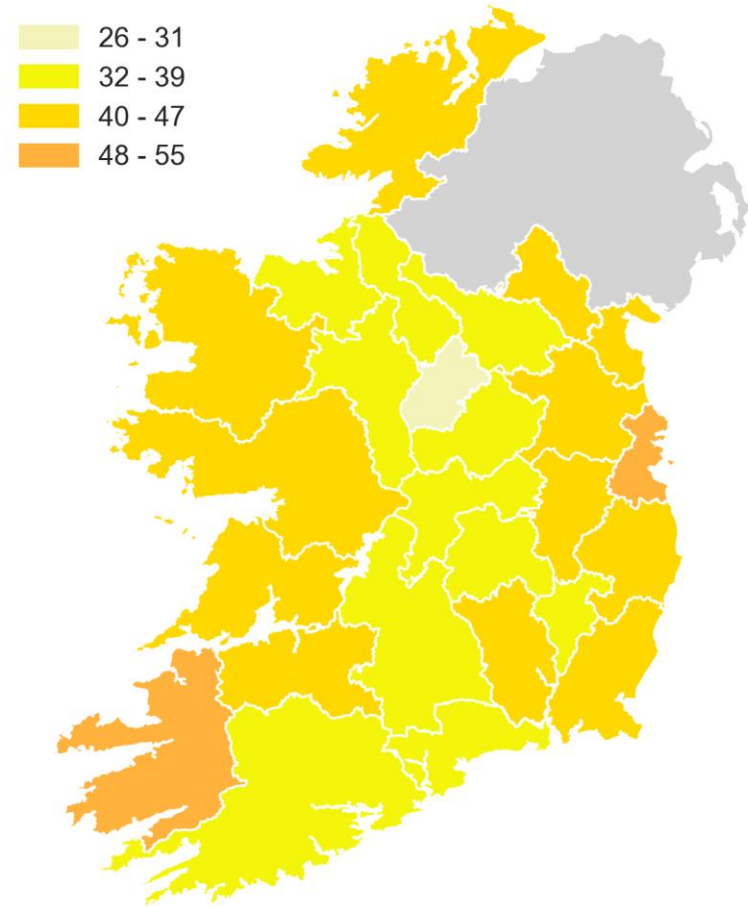
# E Working Age Employment Supports

- Total spending on Working Age Employment Supports was almost €5.2 billion in 2021, an increase of over €0.5 billion (9.7%) from the previous year.
- Expenditure on the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme increased by almost €3.2 billion (233.4%) compared to 2020 and accounted for 87.4% of expenditure in 2021.
- At year-end 2021, the number of Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme recipients totalled 242,294, of which 36% were under 30 years of age.

**FIGURE 9 – WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT BENEFICIARIES 2012-2021**



**FIGURE 10 – EMPLOYMENT WAGE SUBSIDY SCHEME RECIPIENT NUMBERS PER 1,000 IN 2021**



Note: Population based on CSO's Census of Population 2022 – Preliminary Results, <https://data.cso.ie/table/FP003>.

**Table E1 – Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports by Scheme (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,706.96	15.98
Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,370.89	4,569.92
Back to Education Allowance	199.57	186.88	162.45	143.97	114.83	93.86	78.69	65.17	65.92	54.09
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	127.2	119.51	118.83	129.04	124.38	115.17	90.47	59.7	39.27	28.88
Community Employment Programme <sup>[1]</sup>	330.4	341.25	359.47	364.99	356.34	350.49	353.07	353.39	340.61	320.21
Community Services Programme <sup>[2]</sup>	45.39	44.85	43.03	42.73	43.64	42.46	0	0	0	0
Gateway	0	0.26	7.58	29.54	21.18	3.5	0.21	0.01	0	0
Job Initiative	25.79	24.92	23.36	21.7	20.15	19.15	17.75	16.42	14.97	13.12
JobsPlus	0	1.04	11.88	22.63	23.68	28.85	22.75	14.38	5.38	3.31
Rural Social Scheme	45.24	44.2	43.76	44.11	42.39	44.41	50.03	54.95	52.74	51.28
TÚS	67.06	92.06	116.05	124.58	118.6	109.4	105.98	102.75	83.57	82.10
Wage Subsidy Scheme	10.56	11.04	12.91	16.39	19.4	20.84	22.32	23.81	18.16	15.90
Youth Employment Support Scheme							0.03	0.7	1.72	0.56
Work Placement Experience Programme										0.60
Other Working Age Employment Supports <sup>[3]</sup>	100.7	119.04	126.05	112.44	83.12	52.44	47.75	45.07	41.12	46.46
<b>Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance</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>	<b>5,202.41</b>
Partial Capacity Benefit	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16	18.42	21.11	24.66	25.14
<b>Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>7.38</b>	<b>9.97</b>	<b>11.31</b>	<b>13.08</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18.42</b>	<b>21.11</b>	<b>24.66</b>	<b>25.14</b>
<b>Total - Working Age Employment Supports (€millions)</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>	<b>5,227.55</b>

Note: The Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS) replaced the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

[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.

[3] Other Working Age Employment Supports also includes expenditure on Job Clubs and Local Employment Services accounts.

**Table E2 – Breakdown of Other Working Age Employment Supports (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)	2.54	3.18	1.39	1.33	0.84	0.59	0.54	0.38	0.16	0.16
Credit Union loan guarantee scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disability Activation and Employment Supports	0.38	2.83	3.34	2.13	0.35	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.53	0.48
Employability Service	8.1	8.71	8.43	8.66	8.56	8.72	8.87	9.1	8.84	8.58
Employment Support Unit (ESU) policy initiatives	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enterprise Support Grant	3.46	3.26	3.34	4.22	4.48	4.59	3.74	2.85	1.54	3.89
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training and Other Initiatives	0.1	0.32	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.66	0.45	0.06	0.01	0.00
JobBridge	54.74	67.69	76.03	63.49	37.79	6.9	0.12	0.03	0.03	0.00
Job Clubs	5.72	5.49	5.49	5.88	5.4	5.21	5.26	4.84	4.45	4.20
Local Employment Service	17.85	19.37	18.28	19.51	18.44	18.56	18.49	18.32	18.16	18.62
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1.37	1.98	2.28	2.72	3	3.04	2.5	1.69	1.07	1.76
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme for the Self Employed										4.49
Pre-activation for people with Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.5	4.61	4.6	4.5	1.76
Projects funded from Drugs Task Force	1.86	1.63	1.74	0.84	0.65	0.6	0.51	0.55	0.53	0.53
Social Inclusion Initiatives (Employment Programmes)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Initiatives for Travellers programme	0.19	0.29	0.31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special payments to Long-Term Unemployed and Lone Parents	0.03	0.02	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Support Grant <sup>[1]</sup>	4.35	4.27	5.03	3.31	3.14	2.64	2.23	2.21	1.31	1.99
<b>Total Other Working Age Employment Supports</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>	<b>46.46</b>

[1]: Prior to 2015, Training Support Grant was known as "Technical Employment Support Grant"

**Table E3 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main Working-Age Employment Supports by Type 2012-2021**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Back to Education Allowance	Recipients	24,910	24,175	22,714	17,879	13,895	10,916	8,816	6,976	6,048	5,111
	Qualified Adult	2,487	2,701	2,594	2,051	1,633	1,390	1,083	854	652	521
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	7,005	7,029	6,795	5,861	4,916	4,327	3,651	2,967	2,416	1,474
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	3,126	2,896	2,491	1,813	1,402	1,100	810	671	516	432
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>7,538</b>
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Recipients	10,810	10,098	11,166	11,881	10,977	9,655	6,666	4,115	2,738	2,292
	Qualified Adult	3,642	3,445	3,723	3,907	3,562	3,089	2,084	1,279	765	607
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	7,408	6,953	7,618	8,474	7,623	6,489	4,291	2,709	1,772	1,594
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,153	2,003	2,347	2,326	2,050	1,921	1,433	738	478	420
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>4,913</b>
Community Employment Programme	Recipients	22,445	23,943	23,249	24,218	22,356	21,832	21,424	21,290	19,440	19,240
	Qualified Adult	4,152	5,740	6,685	6,748	6,365	6,110	4,760	4,732	4,177	4,265
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	10,236	9,327	8,787	8,757	8,360	8,073	7,560	6,204	4,800	4,567
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	4,550	6,092	6,948	6,842	6,326	6,013	1,675	1,425	1,178	1,360
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>29,432</b>
Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme	Recipients									288,753	242,294
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>									<b>288,753</b>	<b>242,294</b>
Work Placement Experience Programme	Recipients										156
	Qualified Adult										9
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)										42
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>										<b>207</b>
Job Initiative	Recipients	0	0	1,031	958	886	842	692	624	558	484
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>484</b>
JobsPlus	Recipients					4,624	5,217	3,528	2,149	712	823
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>					<b>4,624</b>	<b>5,217</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>823</b>
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	Recipients	215	290	373	403	467	418	269	181	234	265
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	48	25	12	3	1	0	34	16	21	12
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>277</b>

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed	Recipients									n/a	1,311
	Qualified Adult									n/a	13
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)									n/a	37
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)									n/a	41
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>									<b>n/a</b>	<b>1,402</b>
JobBridge	Recipients	5,160	6,058	6,047	4,207	1,764	29	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	596	755	869	618	288	4	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,002	1,296	1,500	1,084	468	4	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	485	576	582	400	178	0	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>s/c</b>
Rural Social Scheme	Recipients	2,591	2,537	2,576	2,532	2,527	2,850	3,103	3,169	3,076	2,981
	Qualified Adult	1,069	1,042	1,009	983	994	1,147	1,232	1,192	1,062	1,209
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,500	1,454	1,380	1,293	1,276	1,504	1,566	1,526	1,314	1,157
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	371	348	386	409	408	523	577	513	632	506
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>5,853</b>
TÚS	Recipients	4,530	6,999	7,877	7,818	7,140	6,256	6,366	5,482	3,945	5,373
	Qualified Adult	1,268	1,895	2,056	1,889	1,703	1,547	1,449	1,151	805	1,401
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	2,181	2,887	3,141	2,619	2,458	2,190	2,014	1,584	1,050	2,608
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	835	1,567	1,641	2,031	2,058	2,073	1,882	1,662	1,186	811
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>10,193</b>
Other Working Age Employment Supports	Recipients	0	0	7,313	2,144	2,482	2,494	0	0	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	278	277	298	335	337	0	0	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>s/c</b>
<b>Working - Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance</b>		<b>124,775</b>	<b>132,409</b>	<b>143,187</b>	<b>130,446</b>	<b>119,522</b>	<b>108,350</b>	<b>86,965</b>	<b>73,209</b>	<b>348,328</b>	<b>303,416</b>
Partial Capacity Benefit	Recipients	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	394	2,426	2,956	3,227	3,348
	Qualified Adult	0	133	156	168	198	224	216	246	270	236
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	204	240	299	327	396	12	57	524	826
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>4,410</b>
<b>Working - Age Employment supports - Social Insurance</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>4,410</b>
<b>Total Working - Age Employment supports</b>		<b>124,775</b>	<b>133,980</b>	<b>145,015</b>	<b>132,525</b>	<b>121,920</b>	<b>109,364</b>	<b>89,619</b>	<b>76,468</b>	<b>352,349</b>	<b>307,826</b>

Note: The Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS) replaced the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

**Table E4 – Number of Recipients of Main Working-Age Employment Supports by Age and Sex 2021**

	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	1,174	1,363	138	164	994	1,006	12	4	16	5	4	9
30-34	343	469	168	236	657	645	16	7	53	36	17	54
35-39	275	275	173	273	818	708	15	18	134	90	21	90
40-44	271	200	151	251	864	864	20	13	319	180	46	132
45-49	206	145	95	178	869	1,094	32	11	424	244	79	297
50-54	127	101	90	145	917	1,486	27	16	436	293	90	423
55+	85	77	79	151	2,638	5,680	32	42	637	481	313	1,406
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>7,757</b>	<b>11,483</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>2,411</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>5,111</b>		<b>2,292</b>		<b>19,240</b>		<b>265</b>		<b>3,348</b>		<b>2,981</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	10	19	39	12	356	555	37,230	49,341
30-34	21	14			185	311	12,162	14,062
35-39	44	39			216	318	12,853	14,500
40-44	32	34			240	368	12,804	13,866
45-49	21	24			265	430	10,901	11,767
50-54	20	17			284	543	9,591	9,471
55+	9	16	242	191	446	856	18,050	15,696
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>3,381</b>	<b>113,591</b>	<b>128,703</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>320</b>		<b>484</b>		<b>5,373</b>		<b>242,294</b>	

[1] EWSS figures are based on provisional figures from CSO for the week ending 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

**Table E5 – Number of Recipients of Main Working Age Employment Supports by County 2021**

	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	354	8	22	95	31	110	3	41	2,248
Cavan	320	15	92	106	56	88		51	2,978
Clare	462	21	140	116	81	141	5	94	5,932
Cork	1,657	23	175	437	158	484	16	469	22,870
Donegal	1,061	19	295	336	156	246	17	106	7,735
Dublin	3,810	234		881	398	1,146	50	714	70,805
Galway	1,176	20	389	337	98	326	59	164	11,591
Kerry	962	13	265	96	107	176	3	116	8,471
Kildare	703		22	144	39	163	8	154	9,876
Kilkenny	438		20	112	99	142	6	63	4,325
Laois	327	5	30	111	49	76	6	73	3,231
Leitrim	177		125	78	36	39		24	1,219
Limerick	976	45	85	122	32	258	7	141	8,483
Longford	271	28	59	101	48	34	3	42	1,246
Louth	618		11	165	89	227	4	88	6,150
Mayo	629	8	623	305	113	135	10	107	5,880
Meath	480		22	272	89	138	4	159	9,573
Monaghan	382	15	68	89	34	70	5	37	2,562
Offaly	400	5	55	104	56	83	5	54	2,664
Roscommon	334		162	104	58	57	5	65	2,209
Sligo	371	5	140	117	56	113		60	2,537
Tipperary	829		76	345	88	186	8	153	5,644
Waterford	630	5	14	251	75	252	20	76	4,853
Westmeath	458	8	39	77	65	95	4	59	3,655
Wexford	873	3	38	291	92	147		123	6,800
Wicklow	6		14		2	1	3	21	6,853
Other including those abroad or county unknown	536	4		181	87	178	14	94	21,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,240</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>5,373</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>5,111</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>242,294</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.

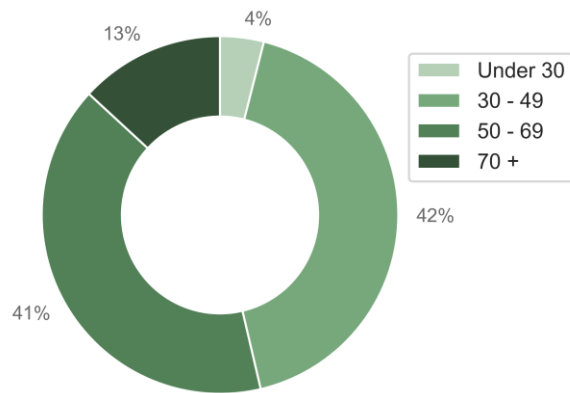
[1] Given the small numbers within this scheme, statistical disclosure control methods have been applied.

[2] EWSS figures are based on provisional figures from CSO for the week ending 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

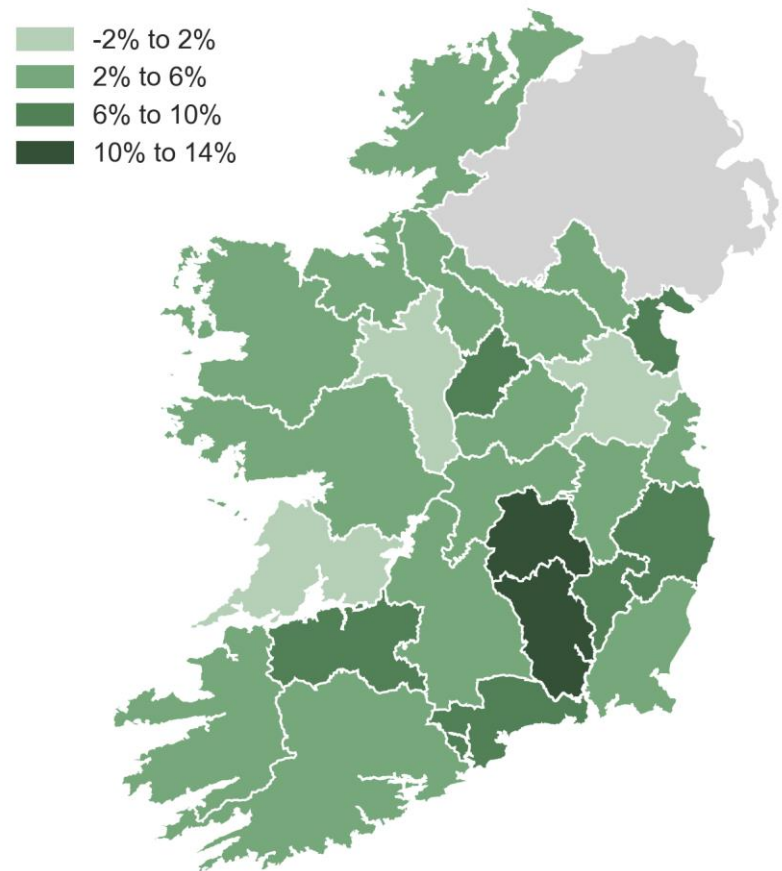
# F Illness, Disability and Caring

- There was €4.8 billion spent on illness, disability and caring payments in 2021, an increase of €54 million (1.2%) compared to 2020. Combined, Carer’s Allowance and Disability Allowance accounted for €2.8 billion (57.9%) of this expenditure.
- The number of recipients of Domiciliary Care Allowance increased by 1,932 (4.4%) to 46,211 in 2021. Since 2012 the recipient numbers on this scheme have grown by 87.3%.
- Expenditure on Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19 more than doubled from €57 million in 2020 to €116 million in 2021. Recipients at year end 2021 stood at 14,937, an increase of 413.5% from the previous year.
- Of the 90,889 people in receipt of Carer’s Allowance, 70,077 (77%) were female, while one in five were aged 65 years or over.

**FIGURE 7 – AGE BREAKDOWN OF CARER’S ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS 2021**



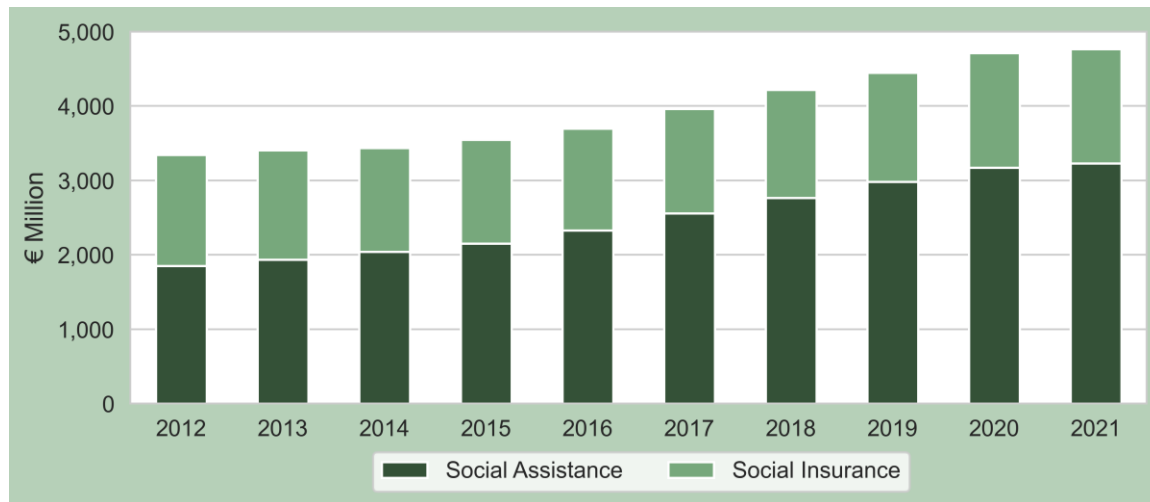
**FIGURE 8 – ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING RECIPIENT PERCENTAGE INCREASE 2021 VERSUS 2020**



**Table F1 – Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Scheme (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Blind Pension	15.75	14.82	14.43	14.38	13.66	13.39	13.31	12.97	12.64	12.26
Carer's Allowance	509.67	554.8	559.33	611.14	653.67	729.45	795.36	862.45	926.35	930.67
Disability Allowance	1,087.51	1,140.92	1,238.31	1,281.59	1,357.99	1,469.44	1,586.26	1,705.78	1,811.85	1,828.95
Domiciliary Care Allowance	102.24	104.27	110.67	120.88	133.08	151.91	168.42	182.49	193.1	202.45
Carer's Support Grant	136.35	119.95	118.5	125.14	172.32	192.92	203.96	219.54	227.54	257.22
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance</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>2,983.23</b>	<b>3,171.48</b>	<b>3,231.55</b>
Carer's Benefit	24.5	22.44	23.65	30.12	32.75	36.38	38.64	43.29	49.37	47.72
Disablement Benefit	76.15	76.12	76.62	76.68	74.77	76.8	76.5	72.66	69.86	69.57
Illness Benefit	773.96	648.94	625.98	620.01	597.46	599.37	623.3	605.55	592.63	561.07
Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	56.88	115.75
Injury Benefit	15.86	14.59	16.54	16.99	18.7	19.54	17.85	13.60	11.45	10.54
Invalidity Pension	604.02	707.77	651.67	649.22	644.93	672.77	694.21	728.09	760.23	730.00
Medical Care Scheme	0.36	0.35	0.25	0.1	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.21	0.17	0.13
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance</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>1,463.40</b>	<b>1,540.59</b>	<b>1,534.79</b>
<b>Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring (€millions)</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>4,446.63</b>	<b>4,712.07</b>	<b>4,766.35</b>

**FIGURE 9 – TRENDS IN ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING EXPENDITURE, 2012-2021**



**Table F2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Illness, Disability and Caring Benefits by Type 2012-2021**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Blind Pension	Recipients	1,456	1,385	1,369	1,341	1,282	1,246	1,176	1,136	1,075	1,026
	Qualified Adult	128	110	109	107	102	100	97	92	98	91
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	274	250	247	242	231	227	219	208	175	200
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	129	130	135	143	160	156	152	144	122	71
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>1,388</b>
Carer's Allowance	Recipients	52,209	57,136	59,380	63,003	70,459	75,264	79,914	84,028	88,906	90,889
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	2,307	2,734	3,112	3,447	3,850	3,910	3,946	4,125	4,390	4,411
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	28,494	31,180	32,377	34,194	38,274	40,942	44,027	46,509	49,065	47,879
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>143,179</b>
Disability Allowance	Recipients	101,784	106,279	112,097	119,042	126,203	133,929	140,835	146,755	152,580	155,181
	Qualified Adult	9,871	10,585	11,614	12,440	13,351	14,454	15,241	15,719	15,892	15,920
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	17,812	19,706	21,829	24,492	26,664	29,028	30,702	32,382	32,945	33,081
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	7,584	8,158	8,672	9,456	10,384	10,945	11,491	12,148	12,569	11,408
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>215,590</b>
Domiciliary Care Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients	24,669	25,510	27,268	29,305	31,963	35,584	39,007	41,939	44,279	46,211
	Children	26,516	27,363	28,769	31,628	34,627	38,846	42,779	46,300	48,980	51,373
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>51,373</b>
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance</b>		<b>248,564</b>	<b>265,016</b>	<b>279,710</b>	<b>299,535</b>	<b>325,587</b>	<b>349,047</b>	<b>370,579</b>	<b>389,546</b>	<b>406,797</b>	<b>411,530</b>
Carer's Benefit	Recipients	1,638	1,598	1,769	2,240	2,710	2,762	2,750	3,177	3,698	3,488
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	99	76	110	139	169	183	190	339	384	315
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,735	936	540	684	827	897	931	649	648	469
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>3,472</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>3,706</b>	<b>3,842</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>4,730</b>	<b>4,272</b>

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[1] Domiciliary Care Allowance is a monthly payment made to a caregiver in respect of a child.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Disablement Benefit <sup>[1],[2]</sup>	Recipients	14,202	14,226	12,293	13,318	14,342	14,733	14,675	13,938	14,665	14,454
	Qualified Adult	163	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	148	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>14,454</b>
Incapacity Supplement <sup>[3]</sup>	Recipients									789	755
	Qualified Adult									133	123
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)									50	42
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)									64	53
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>									<b>1,036</b>	<b>973</b>
Illness Benefit	Recipients	64,429	58,990	57,024	55,540	54,492	52,809	55,995	49,313	45,270	45,853
	Qualified Adult	6,754	5,941	5,510	4,992	4,671	4,127	3,801	3,197	2,764	2,642
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	9,052	8,681	8,523	8,311	8,137	7,910	6,162	7,085	7,386	7,031
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	13,690	11,712	9,668	8,730	7,644	6,603	5,160	4,600	3,729	2,793
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>58,319</b>
Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	Recipients									2,887	14,824
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>									<b>2,887</b>	<b>14,824</b>
Injury Benefit	Recipients	671	822	906	1,094	1,010	1,085	938	1,314	1,026	589
	Qualified Adult	83	88	101	100	83	114	58	96	64	60
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	143	156	158	159	170	176	128	181	126	143
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	101	105	81	125	112	120	42	56	44	19
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>811</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] There were 109 recipients of Disablement Benefit who also received the Constant Attendance Allowance at end 2021

[3] Incapacity Supplement is paid as an increase to Disablement Benefit where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment. Data not available pre-2020.

**Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2021**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Interim Illness Benefit	Recipients	363	380	327	306	423	511	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	34	46	37	35	25	55	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	57	107	68	77	56	105	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	28	41	24	45	54	50	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>s/c</b>
Invalidity Pension	Recipients	50,053	53,196	54,223	55,115	55,532	57,504	57,768	58,168	59,230	57,873
	Qualified Adult	7,483	7,769	7,621	7,404	7,040	6,942	6,465	6,161	5,800	5,376
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	4,442	4,911	5,092	5,329	5,388	5,630	5,516	5,538	5,516	5,303
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	9,963	10,372	9,711	9,073	8,479	7,944	7,325	6,710	6,381	5,591
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>74,143</b>
<b>Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance</b>		<b>185,331</b>	<b>180,397</b>	<b>173,786</b>	<b>172,816</b>	<b>171,364</b>	<b>170,260</b>	<b>167,904</b>	<b>160,522</b>	<b>160,654</b>	<b>167,796</b>
<b>Total -Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>		<b>433,895</b>	<b>445,413</b>	<b>453,496</b>	<b>472,351</b>	<b>496,951</b>	<b>519,307</b>	<b>538,483</b>	<b>550,068</b>	<b>567,451</b>	<b>579,326</b>



**Table F3 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Age and Sex 2021**

	Carer's Allowance		Carer's Support Grant		Carer's Benefit		Invalidity Pension		Disability Allowance		Illness Benefit		Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19		Injury Benefit					
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male				
Under 30	2,959	645	3,584	658	47	8	21	14	13,634	19,830	1,877	1,184	4,384	2,543	26	56				
30-34	5,023	691	6,944	731	214	26	319	102	4,945	6,200	2,285	951	938	650	23	34				
35-39	7,959	1,099	12,543	1,332	491	70	1,301	554	5,821	6,957	3,445	1,510	950	704	21	49				
40-44	9,741	1,846	16,415	2,278	556	110	2,556	1,280	6,790	8,462	3,505	1,925	787	665	26	56				
45-49	9,639	2,507	15,229	2,991	489	92	3,464	2,066	7,781	9,388	4,116	1,946	705	479	26	60				
50-54	9,004	2,843	11,898	3,224	436	118	4,763	3,085	8,897	10,614	4,663	2,248	499	366	30	38				
55-59	7,571	2,735	8,884	2,994	386	92	7,518	5,069	9,671	11,377	4,659	2,554	378	272	33	40				
60-64	5,682	2,282	6,544	2,486	237	65	11,646	8,949	9,135	11,648	4,649	3,093	231	221	29	33				
65-69	4,617	2,088	5,213	2,266	40	11	2,713	2,453	1,721	2,310	721	522	24	28	3	6				
70-74	3,819	1,836	4,420	2,027																
75-79	2,558	1,290	3,048	1,497																
80-84	1,103	674	1,341	822																
85 and	402	276	512	373																
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>70,077</b>	<b>20,812</b>	<b>96,575</b>	<b>23,679</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>34,301</b>	<b>23,572</b>	<b>68,395</b>	<b>86,786</b>	<b>29,920</b>	<b>15,933</b>	<b>8,896</b>	<b>5,928</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>372</b>				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>90,889</b>		<b>120,254</b>		<b>3,488</b>		<b>57,873</b>		<b>155,181</b>		<b>45,853</b>		<b>14,824</b>		<b>589</b>					

**Table F4 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Child Age 2012-2021**

Child Age	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
0	262	330	273	222	252	232	294	264	324	212
1	653	629	681	695	673	751	683	722	688	618
2	898	811	881	910	959	992	1,076	972	1,018	985
3	1,086	1,195	1,222	1,349	1,414	1,658	1,674	1,697	1,528	1,612
4	1,407	1,502	1,169	1,759	1,945	2,190	2,384	2,375	2,323	2,283
5	1,627	1,701	1,935	2,163	2,245	2,571	2,830	2,981	2,972	2,969
6	1,740	1,835	2,075	2,320	2,653	2,757	3,072	3,365	3,436	3,490
7	1,847	1,915	2,153	2,405	2,749	3,117	3,256	3,552	3,765	3,833
8	2,005	1,963	2,161	2,429	2,812	3,232	3,589	3,679	3,940	4,151
9	2,003	2,124	2,165	2,391	2,757	3,254	3,672	4,013	4,030	4,257
10	2,175	2,080	2,294	2,381	2,666	3,171	3,659	4,057	4,411	4,362
11	2,249	2,244	2,245	2,501	2,620	3,032	3,518	4,007	4,360	4,716
12	2,181	2,285	2,341	2,411	2,744	2,913	3,340	3,856	4,315	4,670
13	2,140	2,218	2,377	2,496	2,594	2,995	3,157	3,611	4,119	4,551
14	2,071	2,205	2,313	2,517	2,652	2,875	3,223	3,389	3,843	4,343
15	2,003	2,140	2,293	2,453	2,686	2,850	3,094	3,477	3,594	4,317
16	169	186	191	226	206	256	258	283	314	4
<b>Total</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>	<b>51,373</b>

**Table F5 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by County 2021**

	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	2,454	1,528	1,844	795	184	12	988	28	677
Cavan	2,275	1,507	1,932	769	253	12	854	59	694
Clare	3,825	2,320	3,089	1,059	328	18	1,339	89	1,083
Cork	18,789	10,003	14,332	6,052	1,320	76	7,678	439	6,386
Donegal	6,152	4,325	5,149	1,417	720	15	1,627	143	1,385
Dublin	36,931	19,330	26,414	11,125	4,250	123	12,963	614	11,412
Galway	8,468	4,708	6,209	2,184	927	30	2,243	225	2,118
Kerry	5,778	3,282	4,220	1,252	385	14	1,699	136	1,393
Kildare	5,806	3,374	4,753	2,131	692	35	2,575	150	2,147
Kilkenny	3,128	1,826	2,412	839	402	18	1,099	71	881
Laois	2,989	1,875	2,429	796	280	11	1,086	72	1,065
Leitrim	1,168	764	949	343	89	3	487	42	260
Limerick	8,065	4,911	6,320	2,189	514	25	3,361	156	2,394
Longford	1,864	1,191	1,404	431	73	5	619	23	446
Louth	4,420	2,748	3,535	1,637	436	24	1,723	110	1,299
Mayo	4,465	2,962	3,730	1,255	427	14	1,393	126	1,003
Meath	4,468	2,801	4,183	1,985	736	22	2,014	143	1,970
Monaghan	1,735	1,144	1,451	545	135	8	627	34	505
Offaly	3,119	2,207	2,732	911	262	16	1,196	60	1,031
Roscommon	2,312	1,572	2,066	607	160	10	899	84	661
Sligo	2,400	1,376	1,791	602	200	7	881	77	525
Tipperary	6,662	4,212	5,273	1,451	528	21	2,321	128	1,765
Waterford	4,274	2,433	3,036	1,221	393	7	1,669	76	1,010
Westmeath	3,425	2,166	2,780	895	340	15	1,301	97	1,072
Wexford	5,930	3,885	4,765	1,547	387	31	2,127	115	1,597
Wicklow	4,208	2,397	3,312	1,116	381	13	1,462	81	1,374
Other including those abroad or county unknown	71	42	144	699	22	4	1,642	110	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,181</b>	<b>90,889</b>	<b>120,254</b>	<b>45,853</b>	<b>14,824</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>57,873</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>46,211</b>

**Table F6 – Half Rate Carer’s Allowance by Number of Carees 2019-2021**

Primary Payment	2019			2020			2021		
	1 Caree	2 Carees	Total	1 Caree	2 Carees	Total	1 Caree	2 Carees	Total
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	2,499	160	2,659	2,579	158	2,737	2,793	116	2,909
State Pension (Non-Contributory) Increase for a Qualified Adult	501		501	524		524	523		523
State Pension (Contributory)	6,039	214	6,253	6,432	236	6,668	6,941	136	7,077
State Pension (Contributory) Increase for a Qualified Adult	2,220	68	2,288	2,248	76	2,324	2,184	47	2,231
Widow's / Widower's (Contributory) Pension	1,575	188	1,763	1,619	230	1,849	1,744	130	1,874
Jobseeker's Allowance Increase for a Qualified Adult	2,097	50	2,147	2,118	38	2,156	2,035	26	2,061
One-Parent Family Payment	5,859	1,448	7,307	6,199	1,900	8,099	7,275	1,118	8,393
Widow's / Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension	122	12	134	129	12	141	128	11	139
Farm Assist	168	10	178	172	6	178	169	4	173
Farm Assist Increase for a Qualified Adult	113		113	118		118	102		102
Jobseeker's Benefit Increase for a Qualified Adult	199	6	205	213	6	219	196	6	202
Deserted Wife's Benefit	254	22	276	254	14	268	252	4	256
Disability Allowance	2,746	516	3,262	3,145	640	3,785	3,740	382	4,122
Disability Allowance Increase for a Qualified Adult	3,437	78	3,515	3,680	82	3,762	3,755	54	3,809
Invalidity Pension	1,703	236	1,939	1,857	298	2,155	2,043	176	2,219
Invalidity Pension Increase for a Qualified Adult	1,849	18	1,867	1,892	22	1,914	1,833	18	1,851
Illness Benefit	1,199	166	1,365	1,248	166	1,414	1,265	85	1,350
Illness Benefit Increase for a Qualified Adult	472	6	478	467	4	471	471	3	474
Other	1,606	230	1,836	1,460	200	1,660	1,495	108	1,603
<b>Total</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>	<b>38,943</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>41,368</b>

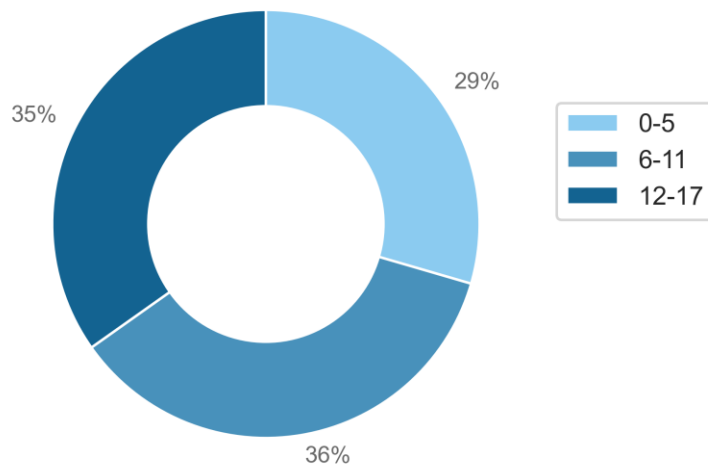
**Table F7 – Recipients of Half-Rate Carer’s Allowance by Primary Payment 2012-2021**

Primary Payment	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension Non-Contributory	2,289	2,326	2,303	2,264	2,525	2,529	2,589	2,659	2,737	2,909
Qualified Adult State Pension Non-Contributory	283	317	349	386	414	443	475	501	524	523
State Pension (Contributory)	3,587	3,636	3,733	4,080	4,837	5,134	5,683	6,253	6,668	7,077
Qualified Adult State Pension (Contributory)	1,716	1,786	1,771	1,873	2,047	2,126	2,213	2,288	2,324	2,231
Widow’s Contributory Pension	1,297	1,313	1,357	1,432	1,577	1,619	1,694	1,763	1,849	1,874
Jobseeker’s Allowance Qualified Adult	1,492	1,850	2,005	2,207	2,337	2,316	2,254	2,147	2,156	2,061
One Parent Family Payment	4,674	4,497	4,476	4,864	5,472	5,954	6,625	7,307	8,099	8,393
Widow’s Non-Contributory Pension	95	101	94	105	118	124	127	134	141	139
Farm Assist	132	130	142	163	164	176	173	178	178	173
Qualified Adult Farm Assist	136	135	124	119	118	128	116	113	118	102
Jobseeker’s Benefit Qualified Adult	383	360	304	267	276	242	219	205	219	202
Deserted Wife’s Benefit	301	297	287	286	299	292	279	276	268	256
Disability Allowance	1,168	1,321	1,444	1,718	2,068	2,431	2,854	3,262	3,785	4,122
Qualified Adult Disability Allowance	1,417	1,657	1,882	2,129	2,510	2,942	3,233	3,515	3,762	3,809
Invalidity Pension	1,069	1,142	1,198	1,290	1,462	1,614	1,756	1,939	2,155	2,219
Qualified Adult Invalidity Pension	1,239	1,353	1,427	1,541	1,674	1,737	1,812	1,867	1,914	1,851
Illness Benefit	933	1,004	1,030	1,090	1,212	1,266	1,322	1,365	1,414	1,350
Qualified Adult Illness Benefit	324	365	421	430	448	470	496	478	471	474
Other Schemes	842	1,352	1,475	1,471	1,670	1,874	1,877	1,836	1,660	1,603
<b>Total</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>	<b>41,368</b>

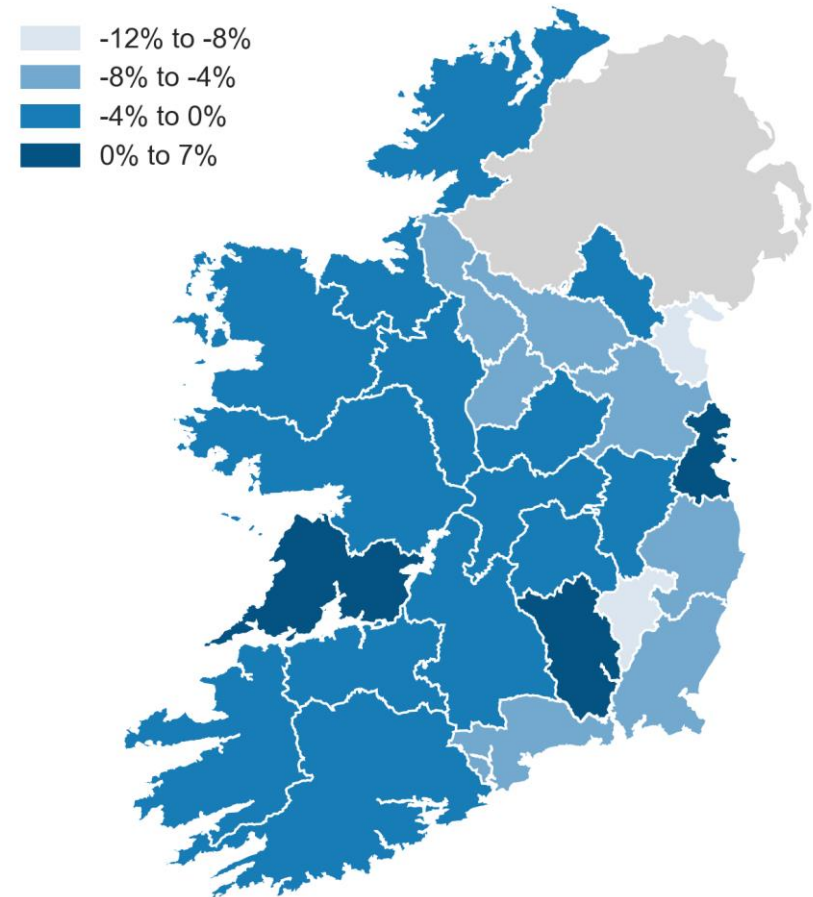
# G Children

- Child related payments amounted to €2.6 billion in 2021, a decrease of €49 million (-1.8%) compared to 2020.
- Expenditure on Child Benefit was almost €2.1 billion in 2021. Child Benefit was paid in respect of 1.2 million children across 631,000 families.
- Expenditure on the School Meals Programme in 2021 stood at €58 million, an increase of €5 million (9.2%) compared to 2020.
- Over €338 million was paid out through the Working Family Payment (WFP) scheme, which is a decrease of €39 million (-10%) compared to 2020. 65% of WFP recipients were female.

**FIGURE 10 – AGE BREAKDOWN OF NUMBER OF CHILD BENEFICIARIES OF CHILD BENEFIT BY AGE 2021**



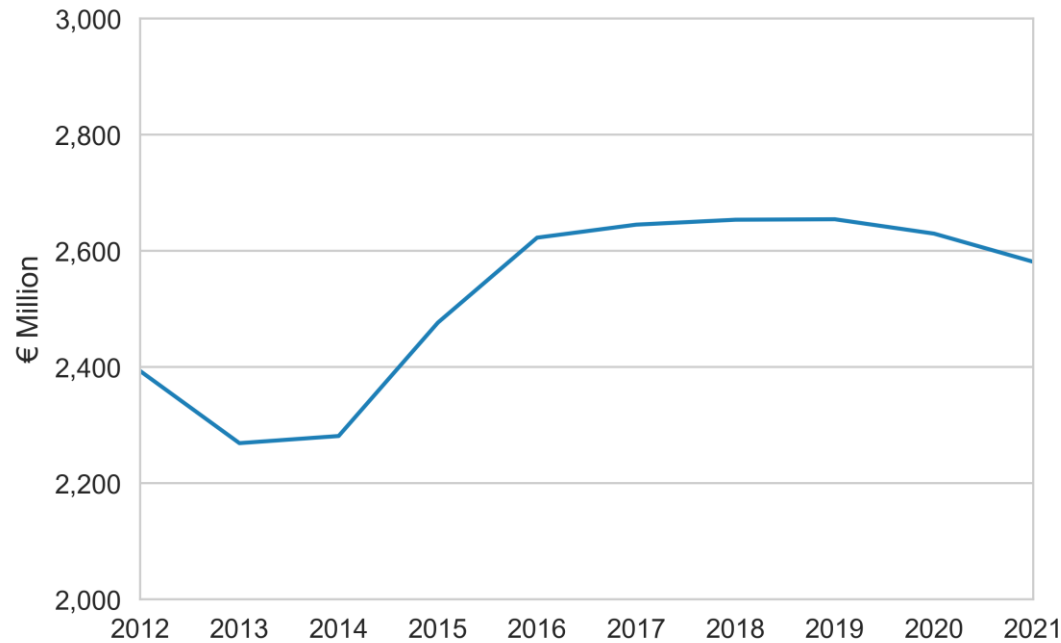
**FIGURE 11 – CHILD BENEFIT CHILD BENEFICIARY PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2021 VERSUS 2020**



**Table G1 – Expenditure on Child-Related Payments by Scheme (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	65.68	47.98	42.45	41.34	39.81	48.85	47.40	53.45	54.05	51.65
Back to Work Family Dividend	0	0	0	14.42	28.45	23.97	21.04	18.36	12.98	10.25
Child Benefit	2,046.96	1,899.92	1,902.35	1,990.30	2,078.11	2,086.39	2,097.96	2,102.33	2,102.33	2,090.45
Working Family Payment <sup>[1]</sup>	223.61	261.76	297.91	367.87	415.44	414.63	410.55	397.20	377.31	338.41
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4.99	5.12	5.20	5.72	5.87	6.56	7.28	7.38	7.77	8.01
School Meals Programme	35.01	36.78	16.57	38.78	36.89	46.62	49.16	54.31	53.47	58.39
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	0.31	0.25	0.28	0.44	0.43	0.28	0.22	0.25	0.41	0.45
<b>Child-Related Payments - Social Assistance</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>2,633.28</b>	<b>2,608.32</b>	<b>2,557.60</b>
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	10.77	10.97	10.99	11.94	12.20	13.18	14.77	15.64	15.93	16.08
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	5.97	6.33	5.66	5.77	5.69	4.82	5.39	5.63	5.60	7.65
<b>Child-Related Payments - Social Insurance</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>23.73</b>
<b>Total - Child-Related Payments (€millions)</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>2,654.55</b>	<b>2,629.85</b>	<b>2,581.33</b>

**FIGURE 12 – TRENDS IN CHILD-RELATED PAYMENTS EXPENDITURE, 2012-2021**



Notes:

[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 (€ million), by County and Academic Year, 2018/19-2021/2022**

	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
Carlow	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.3
Cavan	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1
Clare	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Cork	4.0	5.3	5.0	5.9
Donegal	3.4	4.0	3.7	4.5
Dublin	16.4	19.3	17.3	21.3
Galway	1.9	2.4	2.3	2.4
Kerry	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3
Kildare	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.5
Kilkenny	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9
Laois	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.9
Leitrim	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Limerick	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.0
Longford	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.6
Louth	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.4
Mayo	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.8
Meath	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.2
Monaghan	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Offaly	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.7
Roscommon	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Sligo	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8
Tipperary	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.1
Waterford	1.4	1.7	1.5	2.0
Westmeath	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Wexford	2.1	2.7	2.6	3.3
Wicklow	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>65.4</b>

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.
3. 2021/2022 figures are still provisional.
4. Figures are not comparable to Table G2 in the 2020 Annual Statistics Report as that table showed the allocation per county rather than the expenditure by county. Schools/organisations must re-apply for funding in advance of each school year and are required to submit their accounting records for the end of the previous school year. The schools are notified of their allocation at the beginning of the school year and are expected to manage their expenditure accordingly.



**Table G3 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Children Benefits by Type 2012-2021**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Child Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	Recipients	608,733	611,366	615,335	619,308	623,141	624,670	628,354	637,007	633,456	630,632
	Children	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	1,197,794
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>1,197,794</b>
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	Recipients									143,324	137,257
	Children									264,453	252,607
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>									<b>407,777</b>	<b>389,864</b>
Working Family Payment	Recipients	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	57,567	57,745	54,116	53,104	48,188	45,365
	Children	73,238	98,350	111,583	122,417	127,408	129,274	122,056	119,471	108,503	101,734
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>	<b>147,099</b>
Back to Work Family Dividend	Recipients							7,075	5,345	3,332	2,764
	Children (Full Rate)							7,303	5,279	2,698	4,550
	Children (Half Rate)							7,391	5,769	4,144	1,231
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>							<b>14,694</b>	<b>11,048</b>	<b>6,842</b>	<b>5,781</b>
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Recipients	433	435	427	451	498	509	549	542	553	578
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	583	576	565	597	659	674	727	717	734	760
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	7	7	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>1,338</b>
<b>Child-related Payments - Social Assistance</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>1,779,445</b>	<b>1,741,876</b>
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Recipients	938	947	937	983	1,048	1,036	1,129	1,164	1,179	1,177
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,178	1,186	1,173	1,231	1,312	1,297	1,413	1,456	1,472	1,391
	<b>Beneficiaries</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>2,568</b>
<b>Child-related Payments - Social Insurance</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>2,568</b>
<b>Total Child-related Payments</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>1,782,096</b>	<b>1,744,444</b>

[1] Child Benefit is a monthly payment made to a caregiver in respect of a child.

**Table G4 – Number of Recipients of Child Related Payments by Age and Sex 2021**

	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	10	4	668	43	20	9	12	5	3	4
20-24	681	121	10,301		50	24	10			
25-29	2,634	700	32,367	190	158	44	38	13	36	
30-34	4,534	1,900	79,989	643	349	116	47	10	28	8
35-39	6,460	3,454	138,127	1,423	505	180	66	14	45	8
40-44	6,500	3,844	151,755	2,155	412	170	79	17	45	13
45-49	4,954	3,056	119,406	2,131	328	161	90	13	68	17
50-54	2,724	1,870	68,288	1,601	161	86	116	13	64	13
55-59	875	738	17,792	763	25	31	157	14	67	7
60-64	116	170	1,951	285		9	129	24	65	9
65 and over	3	17	593	161		199	47	61	7	
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>29,491</b>	<b>15,874</b>	<b>621,237</b>	<b>9,395</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>45,365</b>		<b>630,632</b>		<b>2,764</b>		<b>1,177</b>		<b>578</b>	

**Table G5 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Child Age, 2012-2021**

Age	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
0	60,444	57,871	56,213	54,902	53,830	51,557	51,463	50,811	47,273	48,116
1	72,574	69,864	68,052	66,107	64,776	62,624	60,926	61,274	58,341	55,940
2	73,338	72,208	70,301	68,111	66,823	65,442	63,782	62,682	61,249	59,323
3	73,301	73,059	72,277	70,574	68,697	67,246	65,971	65,152	62,768	61,622
4	73,467	73,213	73,202	72,375	71,017	69,003	67,739	67,228	65,108	63,053
5	70,791	72,831	72,951	73,099	72,691	71,197	69,424	68,952	67,122	65,268
6	66,515	70,474	72,831	72,923	73,389	72,877	71,512	70,480	68,798	67,363
7	64,047	66,305	70,329	73,017	73,258	73,510	73,091	72,520	70,391	68,900
8	65,428	64,006	66,348	70,248	73,383	73,580	73,824	74,096	72,349	70,422
9	64,430	65,068	63,804	66,157	70,583	73,515	73,845	74,754	74,051	72,362
10	63,918	64,238	64,978	63,797	66,370	70,867	73,785	74,716	74,642	74,011
11	62,486	63,594	64,132	65,056	64,085	66,580	71,156	74,666	74,699	74,637
12	60,564	62,450	63,675	64,066	65,218	64,274	66,928	72,067	74,676	74,766
13	60,678	60,291	62,243	63,359	64,099	65,388	64,584	67,740	72,111	74,661
14	60,984	60,571	60,315	62,103	63,503	64,180	65,590	65,286	67,768	72,075
15	60,018	60,889	60,611	60,442	62,298	63,572	64,487	66,245	65,291	67,798
16	55,651	56,719	58,540	58,873	58,733	60,445	61,321	62,525	64,629	62,295
17	53,436	54,931	56,787	58,001	57,501	57,384	59,093	65,281	65,582	65,182
18	-	-	-	4,564	4,615	4,625	4,404	-	-	-
<b>Total</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>1,197,794</b>

**Table G6 – Recipients of Child Benefit by the Number of Child Beneficiaries 2012-2021**

Number of Eligible Children per Claim	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	248,908	247,706	247,238	246,261	246,325	245,254	246,391	249,507	248,089	247,326
2	218,638	221,854	225,260	228,845	232,171	234,828	237,707	242,922	243,158	243,302
3	101,797	102,780	104,056	105,411	106,430	107,219	107,512	108,495	107,280	106,450
4	30,177	29,934	29,816	29,957	29,627	29,032	28,618	28,169	27,367	26,320
5	6,701	6,649	6,582	6,452	6,294	6,036	5,860	5,708	5,437	5,229
6	1,751	1,690	1,638	1,620	1,553	1,561	1,511	1,477	1,390	1,359
7	482	484	466	484	469	461	471	447	449	385
8	169	160	178	172	174	175	181	176	173	162
9	70	74	60	68	65	64	61	62	73	67
10	24	20	25	25	16	27	23	27	23	21
11	13	9	10	5	10	8	10	11	10	5
12+	3	6	6	8	7	5	9	6	7	6
<b>Total</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>630,632</b>
<b>Total Number of Children in Respect of Whom Benefit is paid</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>1,197,794</b>
<b>Average Number of Children per claim</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>	<b>1.90</b>

**Table G7 – Number of Recipients of Working Family Payment by Income Group and Family Type 2012-2021**

	Weekly Income Group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
One- Parent Family	€100-€199	144	548	901	2,684	2,128	1,655	1,194	1,209	794	601
	€200-€299	673	1,779	2,601	6,551	6,495	6,274	5,745	6,216	5,914	6,079
	€300-€399	3,759	6,083	7,656	7,968	8,247	7,710	6,774	6,635	6,116	6,049
	€400-€499	8,205	9,695	9,819	7,535	7,898	8,419	8,167	7,995	7,334	6,864
	€500-€599	1,999	2,350	2,565	2,360	2,687	2,913	2,959	3,248	3,551	3,260
	€600-€699	449	569	588	573	692	680	681	744	815	692
	€700+	170	193	177	167	178	197	182	193	183	140
	<b>Total</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>	<b>23,685</b>
Two- Parent Family	€100-€199	278	468	609	831	806	814	655	601	364	276
	€200-€299	1,172	1,621	1,981	2,547	2,693	2,840	2,678	2,704	2,351	2,416
	€300-€399	3,545	5,048	5,959	6,351	6,471	6,240	5,441	4,813	4,040	3,996
	€400-€499	5,333	6,882	7,729	8,058	8,260	8,376	7,819	7,194	6,197	5,800
	€500-€599	4,140	5,654	6,065	6,415	6,632	6,832	6,783	6,420	5,678	5,212
	€600-€699	1,822	2,360	2,661	2,858	3,115	3,363	3,486	3,450	3,257	2,764
	€700+	618	909	995	1,015	1,265	1,432	1,552	1,682	1,594	1,216
	<b>Total</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>21,680</b>
<b>Total</b>	€100-€199	422	1,016	1,510	3,515	2,934	2,469	1,849	1,810	1,158	877
	€200-€299	1,845	3,400	4,582	9,098	9,188	9,114	8,423	8,920	8,265	8,495
	€300-€399	7,304	11,131	13,615	14,319	14,718	13,950	12,215	11,448	10,156	10,045
	€400-€499	13,538	16,577	17,548	15,593	16,158	16,795	15,986	15,189	13,531	12,664
	€500-€599	6,139	8,004	8,630	8,775	9,319	9,745	9,742	9,668	9,229	8,472
	€600-€699	2,271	2,929	3,249	3,431	3,807	4,043	4,167	4,194	4,072	3,456
	€700+	788	1,102	1,172	1,182	1,443	1,629	1,734	1,875	1,777	1,356
	<b>Total</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>	<b>45,365</b>

**Table G8 – Number of Recipients of Main Child-Related Payments by County 2021**

	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	698	2,097	3,860	79	8,246	15,269	13	6
Cavan	988	2,239	4,368	44	10,422	19,804	17	7
Clare	1,027	3,136	5,989	58	15,291	29,078	23	11
Cork	4,492	12,830	23,292	242	70,162	134,064	59	41
Donegal	2,335	5,922	11,392	146	19,920	38,956	36	15
Dublin	10,924	38,556	68,178	649	170,032	332,299	490	175
Galway	2,062	6,327	12,127	115	32,354	63,207	34	20
Kerry	1,297	4,029	7,296	54	17,617	32,806	21	14
Kildare	1,983	5,773	10,727	144	33,711	61,939	47	20
Kilkenny	878	2,527	4,695	72	12,663	23,972	18	9
Laois	959	2,609	5,124	102	12,206	22,307	19	17
Leitrim	316	908	1,811	23	4,157	7,956		
Limerick	1,869	6,226	11,446	65	24,664	47,954	71	50
Longford	652	1,751	3,476	27	5,747	10,969	12	13
Louth	1,688	4,762	8,737	77	18,279	33,549	24	21
Mayo	1,231	3,664	7,122	64	15,593	30,180	14	10
Meath	1,807	4,921	9,334	119	30,679	55,026	35	19
Monaghan	874	1,976	3,866	27	8,203	16,530	9	4
Offaly	812	2,572	4,790	43	10,375	19,659	25	10
Roscommon	664	1,729	3,584	41	8,312	15,912	14	10
Sligo	617	1,761	3,359	53	7,960	15,248	10	8
Tipperary	1,657	5,013	9,204	151	20,959	39,691	35	27
Waterford	1,454	4,024	7,269	116	15,366	28,658	30	20
Westmeath	904	2,865	5,368	42	12,499	23,761	26	18
Wexford	1,946	5,337	9,670	139	20,611	37,129	44	18
Wicklow	1,056	3,649	6,432	68	20,112	36,061	39	15
Other including those abroad or county unknown	175	54	91	4	4,492	5,810	12	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,365</b>	<b>137,257</b>	<b>252,607</b>	<b>2,764</b>	<b>630,632</b>	<b>1,197,794</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>578</b>

**Table G9 – Number of Recipients of Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Primary Payment**

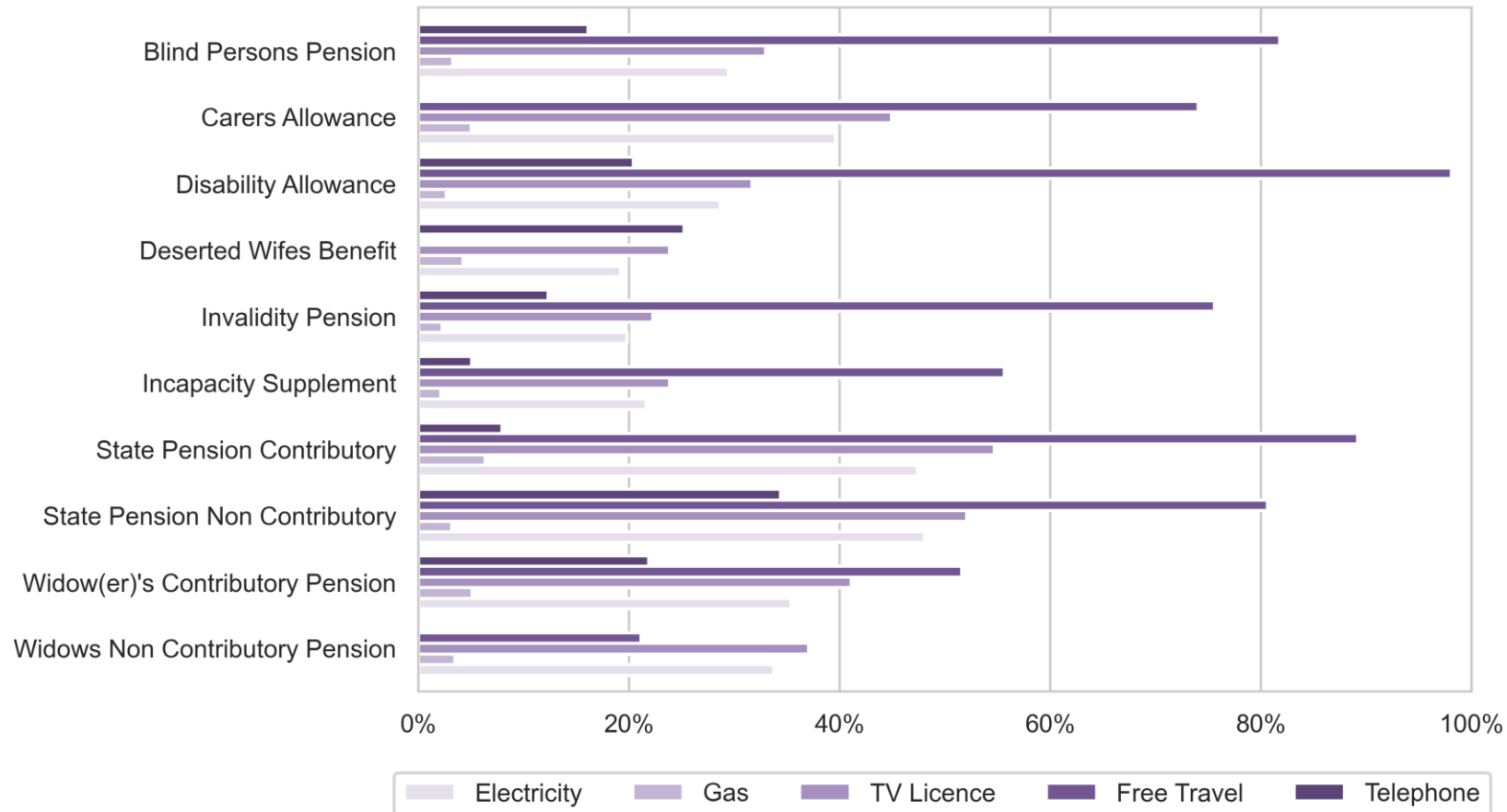
Primary Payment	2020	2021
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	3,240	1,836
Blind Pension	88	83
Back to Education Allowance	1,249	1,085
Back To Work Enterprise Allowance	730	379
Back To Work Scheme Family Dividend	576	782
Carers Allowance	8,431	8,763
Carers Benefit	118	133
Community Employment	2,023	1,896
Illness Benefit	2,574	2,057
Direct Provision Allowance		592
Disability Allowance	15,065	14,994
Farm Assist	1,194	1,120
Guardians Payment (Contributory)	208	200
Guardians Payment (Non-Contributory)	100	121
Invalidity Pension	2,713	2,632
Jobseeker's Allowance	24,648	24,710
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,782	1,336
Jobseeker's Transitional payment	14,217	14,871
Maternity Benefit	303	477
One Parent Family Payment	24,272	24,367
Partial Capacity Benefit	42	40
Pandemic Unemployment Payment	4,791	3,480
Rural Social Scheme	127	108
State Pension Contributory	150	152
State Pension Non-Contributory	188	179
Tús	398	338
Widow(er)'s Contributory Pension	1,337	1,332
Working Family Payment	32,087	28,653
Other	673	541
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,324</b>	<b>137,257</b>

Note: This table was corrected in October 2022.

# H Supplementary Payments

- A total of €890 million was spent on Supplementary Payments in 2021, an increase of €23 million (2.6%) compared to 2020.
- Household benefits, which include telephone, gas and electricity allowance as well as the free TV licence accounted for 32.8% of total supplementary payments. Overall expenditure on these schemes increased by 4% compared to the previous year.
- Spending on Fuel Allowance was €316 million in 2021, an increase of almost €25 million (8.6%) compared to 2020.
- The total number of Household Benefits that were awarded and paying at end 2021 was 960,482, an annual increase of 2.4%

FIGURE 13 - HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL RECIPIENTS BY SELECTED PRIMARY PAYMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL RECIPIENTS





**Table H1 – Expenditure on Supplementary Payments and Miscellaneous Services by Scheme (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Free Travel	75.52	75.48	75.49	75.24	77.11	77.46	86.81	93.92	93.69	91.27
Fuel Allowance (Social Assistance)	144.69	155.60	147.87	143.80	154.70	148.87	152.67	147.36	181.45	195.26
Grant to the Citizens Information Board	45.74	46.39	45.00	46.00	49.18	53.05	54.78	56.46	55.99	51.25
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Electricity Allowance	69.81	65.39	61.12	53.62	59.61	60.02	62.09	49.30	53.96	57.85
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Free Television Licence	22.48	22.00	19.99	16.86	18.77	19.14	19.84	14.90	17.55	17.54
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Gas Allowance	5.24	4.55	6.21	4.48	5.55	5.76	5.23	4.80	5.83	5.75
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Telephone Support Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	46.21	21.18	1.16	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	4.57	8.14	8.33	8.47
Miscellaneous Services	1.51	1.95	2.77	5.51	5.29	8.07	11.82	11.23	12.93	15.93
Mortgage Interest Supplement	55.08	35.06	20.88	11.92	6.56	4.21	0	0	0	0
Office of the Pensions Ombudsman <sup>[2]</sup>	0.98	0.88	0.94	0.88	0.53	0.65	0	0	0	0
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	0.66	0.65	0.53	0.51	0.47	0.43	0.41	0.36	0.33	0.29
Rent Supplement	422.54	372.91	338.20	311.06	275.29	230.57	175.03	125.25	133.09	122.96
Low pay commission <sup>[3]</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0.30	0.40	0.36	0	0
<b>Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance</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>512.08</b>	<b>563.15</b>	<b>566.57</b>
Fuel Allowance (Social Insurance)	66.70	72.54	69.86	72.43	80.11	80.13	87.53	87.63	109.00	120.40
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Electricity Allowance	106.93	99.61	93.43	95.96	97.80	97.77	100.65	116.91	118.03	124.22
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Free Television Licence	35.09	35.67	32.46	35.61	33.65	34.31	35.16	44.90	52.45	52.59
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Gas Allowance	15.38	11.02	15.60	14.28	14.40	14.89	14.28	16.66	15.48	16.31
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Telephone Support Allowance <sup>[1]</sup>	67.56	31.04	1.78	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	5.10	9.11	9.31	9.65
<b>Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance</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>242.72</b>	<b>275.21</b>	<b>304.28</b>	<b>323.17</b>
<b>Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services</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>816.37</b>	<b>787.29</b>	<b>867.43</b>	<b>889.74</b>

## Notes:

[1] Formerly called Telephone Allowance.

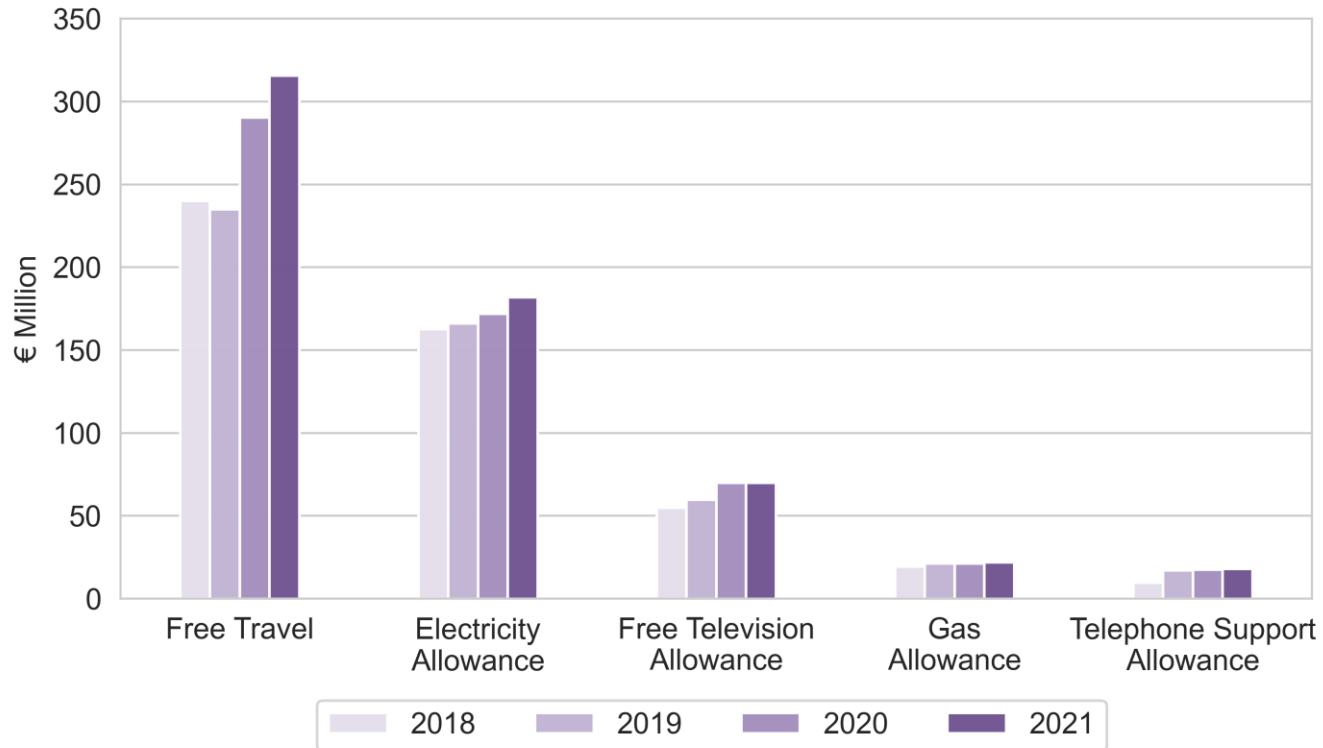
[2] In 2017, the government merged the offices of the Financial Services Ombudsman Bureau and the Office of the Pensions Ombudsman to form the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO).

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

**Table H2 – Combined Expenditure on Household Benefits and Fuel Allowance (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Fuel Allowance	211.39	228.14	217.73	216.23	234.81	229.00	240.20	234.99	290.45	315.66
Household Benefits - Electricity Allowance	176.74	165.00	154.55	149.58	157.41	157.79	162.74	166.21	171.99	182.07
Household Benefits - Free Television Licence	57.57	57.67	52.45	52.47	52.42	53.45	55.00	59.80	70.00	70.13
Household Benefits - Gas Allowance	20.62	15.57	21.81	18.76	19.95	20.65	19.51	21.46	21.31	22.07
Household Benefits - Telephone Support Allowance	113.77	52.22	2.94	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04	9.67	17.25	17.64	18.12
<b>Total Spend on Fuel Allowance and Household Benefits (Social Insurance and Social Assistance)</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>487.12</b>	<b>499.71</b>	<b>571.40</b>	<b>608.05</b>

**FIGURE 14 - EXPENDITURE ON FREE TRAVEL AND HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS 2018-2021**



**Table H3 – Breakdown of Miscellaneous Services (€million) 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Dormant Accounts - Economic & Social Disadvantage	0.19	0.00	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	1.83	3.44	3.25	3.15	3.30	4.27	3.55	3.52
Ex-Gratia Payments - Waterford Crystal pension schemes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	1.10	2.93	5.54	5.31	5.03	6.27
Grants - Information & Welfare Rights	0.59	0.63	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69
National Pensions Awareness Campaign	0.38	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Inclusion Initiatives	0.06	1.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Superannuation benefits recouped by the Pension Authority for retired staff	0.30	0.22	0.18	0.36	0.17	0.59	0.34	0.34	0.38	0.36
Training for Carers in areas of economic and social disadvantage (funded from the Dormant Accounts Fund)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.00	0.53	1.76	0.55	3.22	5.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Services</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>	<b>15.91</b>

**Table H4 – Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Selected Primary Schemes 2011-2021**

Allowance	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Island Allowance</b>										
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	254	253	240	250	255	242	238	225	219	221
State Pension (Contributory)	144	148	160	165	170	180	198	204	229	248
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	50	54	50	49	48	51	52	55	56	66
Invalidity Pension	15	12	13	13	13	12	14	16	19	17
Disability Allowance	78	90	78	77	75	68	69	61	61	68
<b>Living Alone Allowance</b>										
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	32,854	32,969	32,908	33,297	33,391	32,981	32,957	32,997	33,487	33,494
State Pension (Contributory)	60,437	62,234	64,879	68,149	70,756	73,601	76,731	80,498	85,213	89,296
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	48,973	49,597	50,365	51,744	52,622	53,501	54,373	55,367	56,892	57,624
Deserted Wife's Benefit	798	885	957	1,135	1,101	1,304	1,408	1,444	1,466	1,452
Invalidity Pension	9,019	9,348	9,369	9,446	9,503	9,766	9,552	9,616	9,668	9,392
Disability Allowance	23,210	24,006	24,978	29,509	27,684	28,965	30,089	31,075	32,002	32,786
<b>Over 80's Allowance<sup>[1]</sup></b>										
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	35,842	34,946	34,156	33,151	32,299	31,447	30,714	29,950	29,266	28,342
State Pension (Contributory)	61,490	66,171	71,070	75,639	79,685	83,995	88,158	91,988	96,512	90,436
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	36,022	36,999	38,050	39,144	40,349	41,326	42,533	43,705	44,898	45,865
Death Benefit (OIB Widows)	128	137	147	152	166	181	190	193	198	207
Deserted Wife's Benefit	158	179	186	222	264	301	352	362	400	420
Carer's Allowance	1,005	1,166	1,234	1,374	1,613	1,761	1,985	2,223	2,367	2,455

[1] Double counting may occur when an individual is in receipt of Deserted Wife's Benefit or Carer's Allowance and also in receipt of a pension.

**Table H5 – Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance and Over 80 Allowance, by County 2021**

	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance
Carlow	3,026	1,927
Cavan	3,761	2,591
Clare	6,384	4,072
Cork	25,701	18,154
Donegal	9,008	5,978
Dublin	52,183	42,229
Galway	11,813	8,625
Kerry	8,742	5,292
Kildare	7,071	4,786
Kilkenny	4,298	3,030
Laois	3,415	2,046
Leitrim	2,283	1,376
Limerick	10,000	6,548
Longford	2,451	1,448
Louth	5,832	4,202
Mayo	8,084	5,454
Meath	6,439	4,730
Monaghan	3,103	2,136
Offaly	3,481	2,457
Roscommon	3,824	2,589
Sligo	3,924	2,531
Tipperary	9,175	6,253
Waterford	6,440	4,350
Westmeath	4,210	2,924
Wexford	7,963	5,523
Wicklow	5,800	4,593
Other including those abroad or county unknown	6,407	20,977
<b>Total</b>	<b>224,818</b>	<b>176,821</b>

**Table H6 – Recipients of Household Benefits and Other Supplementary Payments by Type 2012-2021**

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Mortgage Interest Supplement	Recipients	14,597	9,768	5,007	2,907	1,832	1,247	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	Recipients	141	119	111	97	83	77	68	56	49	43
Rent Supplement	Recipients	87,684	79,788	66,409	56,959	44,521	32,075	22,880	15,913	17,983	12,343
Ex Gratia Payments to Women from Magdalen Laundries	Recipients		219	275	396	414	415	412	447	430	415
Telephone Support Allowance	Recipients							129,726	132,883	136,564	137,243
Free Travel	Recipients	754,731	782,529	812,892	842,744	873,454	902,513	934,298	966,206	947,855	1,021,654
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Electricity Allowance	Recipients	383,980	364,459	364,230	369,784	374,093	383,980	391,367	402,443	415,383	424,918
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Free Television Licence	Recipients	435,337	413,214	412,901	419,209	424,492	435,337	443,580	455,439	471,977	484,289
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Gas Allowance	Recipients	47,170	45,134	45,095	45,652	46,301	47,170	47,806	48,357	50,252	51,275
Total unique households in receipt of Household Benefits (Electricity, Free Television and Gas)	Recipients										519,934

Note: Data on the Telephone Support Allowance prior to 2018 not available

**Table H7 – Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Age and Sex 2021**

	Rent Supplement		Other Supplements (Including Heating and Light)	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	3	2	3	4
20-24	94	37	8	11
25-29	358	152	31	18
30-34	754	415	49	46
35-39	995	659	77	97
40-44	927	858	110	131
45-49	822	932	155	200
50-54	589	821	164	206
55-59	488	765	206	277
60-64	349	647	211	253
65-69	238	506	184	178
70-74	145	315	142	123
75 and over	224	248	456	218
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>5,986</b>	<b>6,357</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>1,762</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>12,343</b>		<b>3,558</b>	

**Table H8 – Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County 2021**

County	Short-Term Recipients	Long-Term Recipients	All Recipients
Carlow	51	74	125
Cavan	50	95	145
Clare	16	50	66
Cork	374	1349	1,723
Donegal	32	36	68
Dublin	1,195	5,176	6,371
Galway	95	386	481
Kerry	98	311	409
Kildare	130	456	586
Kilkenny	34	36	70
Laois	38	23	61
Leitrim	13	24	37
Limerick	70	184	254
Longford	9	29	38
Louth	45	48	93
Mayo	24	146	170
Meath	63	87	150
Monaghan	29	69	98
Offaly	24	33	57
Roscommon	28	55	83
Sligo	31	39	70
Tipperary	28	85	113
Waterford	29	23	52
Westmeath	30	232	262
Wexford	71	195	266
Wicklow	131	360	491
Unknown	3	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>9,602</b>	<b>12,343</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 2021**

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	9	24	10	12	27	24	13	12	35	48	69
25 to 29	22	42	47	50	64	63	41	34			
30-34	42	46	52	78	140	158	75	75	106	85	312
35-39	62	87	68	98	173	215	89	110	114	146	492
40-44	55	55	68	110	185	246	115	109	129	136	577
45-49	33	61	46	103	156	188	125	85	111	148	698
50-54	23	42	42	44	109	165	91	83	73	109	629
55-59	20	34	31	28	71	107	125	87	94	125	531
60-64	10	19	16	31	58	67	89	74	79	87	466
65-69	4	8	13	16	34	34	64	57	53	69	392
70-74	6	6	5	7	7	16	35	43	38	44	254
75 and over		5	6	7	14	23	27	32	33	34	290
<b>Total</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1306</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>4,710</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, Free Travel and Telephone Support Allowance by Age and Sex 2021**

	Electricity		Gas		TV Licence		Free Travel		Telephone Support Allowance	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 25	442	326	68	55	533	409	9,953	14,077	104	110
25 to 29	1,391	588	173	78	1,599	676	7,315	7,389	236	288
30 to 34	3,654	1,149	402	97	4,081	1,269	10,557	7,525	433	656
35 to 39	6,187	2,003	729	207	6,975	2,218	15,082	9,051	752	1,124
40 to 44	7,902	3,323	1,068	272	9,039	3,628	19,126	11,936	1,110	1,897
45 to 49	8,352	4,466	1,081	411	9,511	4,918	20,899	14,317	1,657	2,676
50 to 54	8,587	5,928	1,036	523	9,715	6,512	22,634	16,875	2,482	3,766
55 to 59	8,924	7,304	1,094	605	10,126	7,971	24,696	19,434	3,778	4,846
60 to 64	9,571	9,322	1,100	742	10,784	10,147	26,839	22,942	4,854	5,923
65 to 69	20,444	22,795	2,632	1,754	23,528	24,964	97,862	95,617	10,283	9,677
70 to 74	36,252	57,325	5,358	5,420	42,702	64,474	103,041	100,113	13,708	10,190
75 to 79	34,560	50,556	5,382	5,448	40,696	56,883	80,885	74,616	14,030	7,565
80 to 84	27,222	32,120	4,653	4,049	32,352	36,541	53,839	44,641	12,195	4,974
85 to 89	19,713	17,403	2,908	1,905	23,014	19,529	34,412	23,714	8,894	2,758
90 to 94	8,749	5,373	1,161	514	10,104	5,964	15,990	8,367	4,075	963
95 and over	2,155	832	269	81	2,489	938	5,555	2,295	1,027	212
<b>Total by Sex</b>	<b>204,105</b>	<b>220,813</b>	<b>29,114</b>	<b>22,161</b>	<b>237,248</b>	<b>247,041</b>	<b>548,685</b>	<b>472,909</b>	<b>79,618</b>	<b>57,625</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>424,918</b>		<b>51,275</b>		<b>484,289</b>		<b>1,021,594</b>		<b>137,243</b>	

**Table H11 – Recipients of Household Benefits, Free Travel and Telephone Support Allowance by County 2021**

	Electricity	Gas	TV Licence	Free Travel	Telephone Support Allowance
Carlow	6,307	367	6,770	14,064	2,078
Cavan	7,572	169	7,851	16,262	2,596
Clare	13,314	304	13,821	27,822	3,994
Cork	49,141	5,807	55,930	119,791	16,237
Donegal	19,352	106	19,668	39,474	6,771
Dublin	80,921	33,396	116,593	252,725	27,946
Galway	25,264	369	26,010	54,735	7,704
Kerry	18,232	125	18,671	37,793	5,765
Kildare	15,143	1,576	17,090	39,273	4,176
Kilkenny	9,163	480	9,869	21,035	2,732
Laois	7,400	412	7,952	16,625	2,353
Leitrim	4,372	32	4,439	8,800	1,559
Limerick	20,381	1,694	22,397	46,843	6,397
Longford	5,331	31	5,434	10,512	1,752
Louth	11,459	1,236	12,902	27,440	3,963
Mayo	16,780	122	17,020	33,912	5,659
Meath	13,701	1,195	15,169	34,102	3,967
Monaghan	6,148	94	6,334	13,252	2,160
Offaly	8,258	150	8,534	17,879	2,393
Roscommon	8,059	51	8,184	16,722	2,489
Sligo	8,191	39	8,312	16,575	2,535
Tipperary	18,956	824	20,178	40,636	6,206
Waterford	12,500	1,023	13,721	27,793	4,343
Westmeath	9,391	176	9,743	20,432	2,653
Wexford	17,702	119	18,138	37,068	5,458
Wicklow	11,844	1,376	13,519	29,885	3,331
Other including those abroad or county unknown	36	2	40	144	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>424,918</b>	<b>51,275</b>	<b>484,289</b>	<b>1,021,594</b>	<b>137,243</b>

**Table H12 – Number of Recipients of Household Benefits, Free Travel and Telephone Support Allowance by Primary Payment 2021**

Primary Payment	Electricity	Gas	TV Licence	Free Travel	Telephone Support Allowance
Blind Persons Pension	302	33	338	839	165
Carers Allowance	35,924	4,511	40,758	67,205	
Community Employment					121
Disability Allowance	44,443	4,097	49,086	152,196	31,608
Deserted Wives Benefit	951	209	1,180		1,249
Free Travel Only				198,337	
Household Benefits Only	19,791	2,209	22,758		
Invalidity Pension	11,446	1,298	12,860	43,722	7,112
Incapacity Supplement	163	16	180	420	38
Death Benefit (Occupational Injuries Pension)	154	35	191	231	240
State Pension Contributory	222,017	29,565	256,316	417,972	36,978
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	45,653	2,983	49,454	76,574	32,646
Widow(er)'s Contributory Pension	43,830	6,294	50,900	63,945	27,086
Widows Non-Contributory Pension	244	25	268	153	
<b>Total</b>	<b>424,918</b>	<b>51,275</b>	<b>484,289</b>	<b>1,021,594</b>	<b>137,243</b>

**Table H13 – Number of Recipients of Fuel Allowance by Primary Payment 2021**

Primary Payment	Weekly Payment	Lump Sum Payment	Total
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	47,456	6,736	54,192
State Pension (Contributory)	66,664	11,230	77,894
UK Pensions	879	138	1,017
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	35,142	5,964	41,106
Widow(er)s' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	664	169	833
Long-term Jobseeker's Allowance and Farm Assist	27,912	14,576	42,488
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	950		950
One-Parent Family Payment	23,912	14,626	38,538
Deserted Wife's Allowance	39	3	42
Deserted Wife's Benefit	2,206	492	2,698
TÚS	1,721	811	2,532
Rural Social Scheme	1,241		1,241
Back to Work Allowance	427	185	612
Community Employment	8,165	48	8,213
Death Benefit (Occupational Injuries Pension)	346	54	400
Incapacity Supplement	67	23	90
Blind Pension	338	95	433
Disability Allowance	56,865	20,175	77,040
Invalidity Pension	12,108	4,350	16,458
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	5	2	7
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	6	3	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>287,113</b>	<b>79,680</b>	<b>366,793</b>

**Table H14 – Christmas Bonus expenditure by Primary Payment scheme 2015-2021 (€ million)**

Primary Payment	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Back To Work Scheme		1.8	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.5
Back to Work Scheme Family Dividend		0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Blind Persons Pension	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Carers Allowance	8.3	10.6	11.6	14.8	16.0	16.9	17.3
Carers Benefit	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8
Daily Expenses Allowance		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Deserted Wife's Allowance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deserted Wife's Benefit	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2
Disability Allowance	18.0	21.5	23.5	29.8	31.9	33.3	34.1
Disablement Benefit	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2
Domiciliary Care Allowance	1.7	2.1	2.4	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.7
Guardians Payment (Contributory)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Guardians Payment (Non-Contributory)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Invalidity Pension	9.0	10.2	10.7	12.9	13.4	13.6	13.2
Jobseekers Allowance		29.7	25.5	25.6	23.1	28.7	24.1
Jobseekers Benefit						2.9	1.9
Jobseekers Benefit for the Self Employed						0.1	0.0
Magdalen Payment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Occupational Injuries Pension	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
One Parent Family Payment		7.7	7.7	9.4	10.0	10.3	10.4
Pandemic Unemployment Payment						83.0	10.9
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed							0.2
Partial Capacity Benefit				0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
State Pension (Contributory)	62.3	74.3	78.8	98.3	105.3	109.9	114.3
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	14.9	17.1	17.5	21.0	21.4	21.6	21.7
Supplementary Welfare Allowance		0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9
Widow(er)'s Contributory Pension	19.8	22.8	23.5	28.4	29.3	29.8	30.4
Widows Non Contributory Pension	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Work Placement Experience Programme						0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>202.8</b>	<b>207.4</b>	<b>250.5</b>	<b>260.6</b>	<b>360.4</b>	<b>288.9</b>

Note: Blank cells indicate that no Christmas Bonus was paid for a scheme in that year.

**Table H15 – Christmas Bonus recipients by Primary Payment scheme 2015-2021**

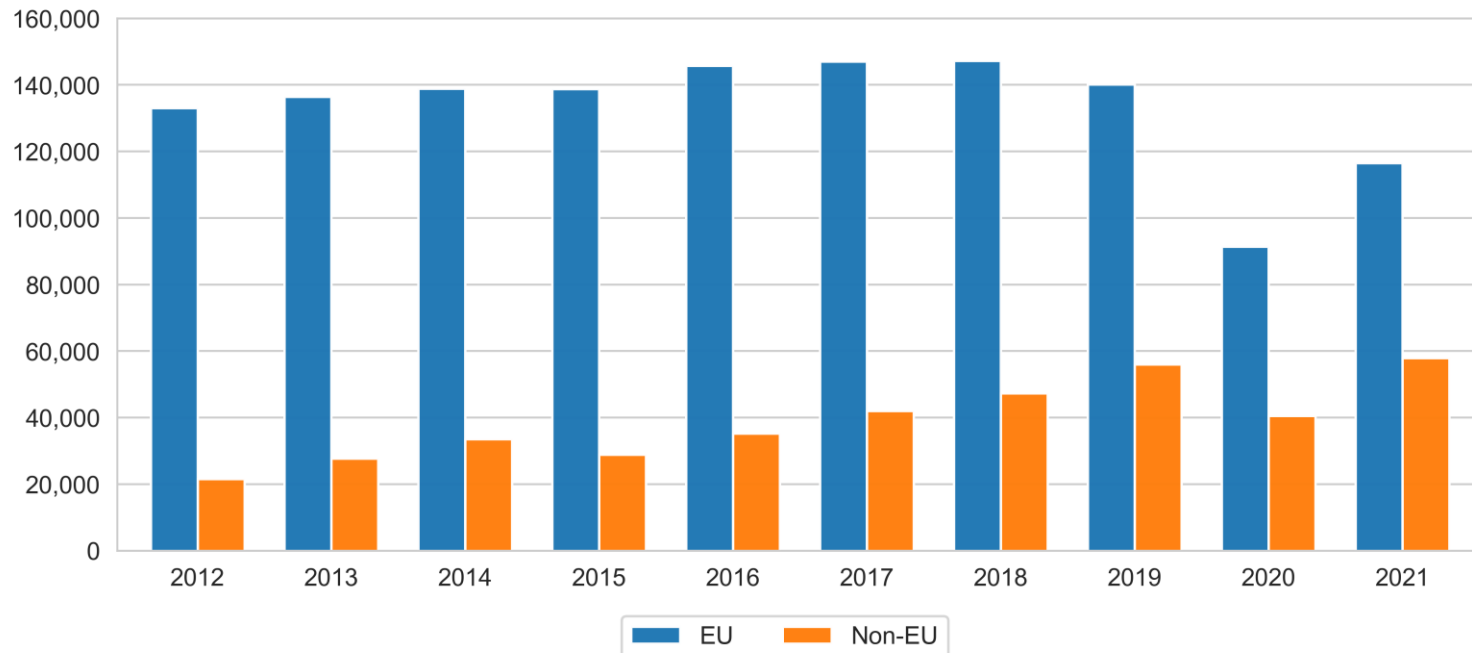
Primary Payment	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Back To Work Scheme		11,043	9,836	6,786	4,197	2,911	2,481
Back to Work Scheme Family Dividend		13,166	8,238	7,397	5,698	3,504	2,851
Blind Persons Pension	1,317	1,258	1,213	1,154	1,118	1,072	1,028
Carers Allowance	63,282	70,627	75,597	80,026	84,275	89,110	91,096
Carers Benefit	98	2,645	2,709	2,714	3,158	3,764	3,546
Daily Expenses Allowance		1,104	1,515	1,665	1,888	2,238	2,415
Deserted Wife's Allowance	204	163	136	105	90	75	55
Deserted Wife's Benefit	6,858	6,599	6,366	6,146	5,729	5,363	4,957
Disability Allowance	119,211	126,113	133,962	141,029	146,965	152,540	155,252
Disablement Benefit	14,231	14,322	14,381	14,460	14,473	14,345	14,194
Domiciliary Care Allowance	29,214	31,845	35,468	38,798	41,850	44,089	46,090
Guardians Payment (Contributory)	969	1,022	1,066	1,125	1,146	1,161	1,148
Guardians Payment (Non-Contributory)	444	488	521	541	524	547	562
Invalidity Pension	55,291	55,783	57,684	57,689	58,423	59,450	58,118
Jobseekers Allowance		177,797	148,597	122,768	107,121	132,451	109,728
Jobseekers Benefit						16,057	11,203
Jobseekers Benefit for the Self Employed						391	156
Magdalen Payment	329	347	352	360	375	369	308
Occupational Injuries Pension	651	703	725	736	738	739	723
One Parent Family Payment		40,613	39,693	39,607	39,885	40,150	40,420
Pandemic Unemployment Payment						282,720	46,331
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed							1,355
Partial Capacity Benefit				2,432	2,940	3,254	3,364
State Pension (Contributory)	376,207	392,142	409,227	427,416	447,474	466,957	484,496
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	95,298	95,318	95,320	95,169	94,843	95,261	95,029
Supplementary Welfare Allowance		2,957	3,064	3,445	3,603	4,403	4,447
Widow(er)'s Contributory Pension	119,483	120,480	121,058	121,576	122,391	122,842	123,727
Widows Non Contributory Pension	1,643	1,527	1,468	1,429	1,340	1,287	1,155
Work Placement Experience Programme							114
Other	8	2,005	216	9	29	122	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>884,738</b>	<b>1,170,067</b>	<b>1,168,412</b>	<b>1,174,582</b>	<b>1,190,273</b>	<b>1,547,172</b>	<b>1,306,354</b>

Note: Blank cells indicate that no Christmas Bonus was paid for a scheme in that year.

# I Operational Activity

- Over 85.2 million payments were issued by the Department in 2021. This is the highest number of payments issued since 2013 (85.3 million).
- Almost three quarters of all payments (62.5 million) were made via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The number of payments made via cheque has fallen by 94% since 2012.
- In 2021, over 3.4 million claims were registered with the Department, a decrease of 15% from the previous year.
- A total of 174,525 PPSNs were issued in 2021, an increase of almost one third (42,524) compared to 2020, but down by 11% (-21,652) compared to 2019.
- 70,822 PPSNs issued were issued to people whose country of origin or declared nationality was Ireland.
- One third of all PPSNs issued were to people whose country of origin or declared nationality was outside the EU

FIGURE 15 – TOTAL PPSNs ISSUED 2012-2021





**Table I1 – Number of Social Welfare payments by Type and Programme, 2012-2021**

Programme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pensions - Cheque	38,542	36,518	21,230	16,020	14,870	13,449	12,970	17,001	12,484	11,442
Pensions - EFT	12,578,952	13,567,433	14,400,751	15,542,310	16,335,991	17,463,986	18,625,053	19,988,534	15,384,124	20,635,361
Pensions - Post office	13,602,843	13,437,048	13,192,695	13,158,407	12,677,509	12,424,204	12,141,090	11,811,671	8,150,288	9,973,169
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>26,220,337</b>	<b>27,040,999</b>	<b>27,614,676</b>	<b>28,716,737</b>	<b>29,028,370</b>	<b>29,901,639</b>	<b>30,779,113</b>	<b>31,817,206</b>	<b>23,546,896</b>	<b>30,619,972</b>
Working Age Income Supports - Cheque	4,233,937	3,949,034	3,358,385	3,025,043	1,346,931	612,129	508,395	395,956	227,960	133,448
Working Age Income Supports - EFT	4,490,599	3,932,037	3,657,465	3,325,339	4,349,337	4,727,484	4,481,554	4,360,162	19,553,975	18,477,036
Working Age Income Supports - Post office	19,154,117	18,528,937	17,164,043	15,361,075	13,521,960	11,755,801	10,534,096	9,442,983	6,655,825	5,265,622
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>27,878,653</b>	<b>26,410,008</b>	<b>24,179,893</b>	<b>21,711,457</b>	<b>19,218,228</b>	<b>17,095,414</b>	<b>15,524,045</b>	<b>14,199,101</b>	<b>26,437,760</b>	<b>23,876,106</b>
Working Age Employment Supports - Cheque	3,364	3,359	2,721	2,779	1,256	890	605	1,124	1,012	904
Working Age Employment Supports - EFT	1,066,217	1,079,605	1,092,325	1,046,747	975,670	835,474	699,013	555,123	386,045	399,624
Working Age Employment Supports - Post office	109,091	121,370	122,651	118,624	92,857	55,612	33,500	22,171	16,233	11,901
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>1,178,672</b>	<b>1,204,334</b>	<b>1,217,697</b>	<b>1,168,150</b>	<b>1,069,783</b>	<b>891,976</b>	<b>733,118</b>	<b>578,418</b>	<b>403,290</b>	<b>412,429</b>
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Cheque	571,668	538,886	439,774	388,877	368,013	318,570	299,135	265,599	202,872	169,654
Illness, Disability, and Caring - EFT	8,599,079	8,739,950	9,098,885	9,560,645	10,096,022	10,834,955	11,556,586	12,141,234	9,596,538	12,499,982
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Post office	5,759,693	5,746,574	5,766,144	5,750,820	5,794,083	5,936,970	5,932,144	5,958,883	4,122,103	5,108,903
<b>Total Illness, Disability, and Caring</b>	<b>14,930,440</b>	<b>15,025,410</b>	<b>15,304,803</b>	<b>15,700,342</b>	<b>16,258,118</b>	<b>17,090,495</b>	<b>17,787,865</b>	<b>18,365,716</b>	<b>13,921,513</b>	<b>17,778,539</b>
Child Related Payments - Cheque	13,763	8,398	9,906	9,376	8,557	8,482	8,198	7,099	3,477	2,981
Child Related Payments - EFT	6,411,025	7,239,630	7,729,166	8,832,219	9,123,129	9,292,270	9,723,160	8,715,877	8,690,869	8,297,630
Child Related Payments - Post office	2,541,487	2,405,029	2,282,737	2,160,393	2,022,769	1,888,423	1,873,269	1,468,153	1,435,029	1,180,683
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>8,966,275</b>	<b>9,653,057</b>	<b>10,021,809</b>	<b>11,001,988</b>	<b>11,154,455</b>	<b>11,189,175</b>	<b>11,604,627</b>	<b>10,191,129</b>	<b>10,129,375</b>	<b>9,481,294</b>
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Cheque	1,146,562	863,098	609,218	591,513	351,322	245,511	161,139	111,041	70,278	49,638
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - EFT	2,299,750	2,369,255	2,066,864	2,925,748	2,052,802	1,978,642	2,033,545	1,816,083	2,055,109	2,182,696
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Post office	2,931,975	2,775,989	2,238,032	1,971,922	1,641,640	1,348,660	1,195,282	943,460	885,089	835,856
<b>Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services</b>	<b>6,378,287</b>	<b>6,008,342</b>	<b>4,914,114</b>	<b>5,489,183</b>	<b>4,045,764</b>	<b>3,572,813</b>	<b>3,389,966</b>	<b>2,870,584</b>	<b>3,010,476</b>	<b>3,068,190</b>
Total - Cheque	6,007,836	5,399,293	4,441,234	4,033,608	2,090,949	1,199,031	990,442	797,820	518,083	368,067
Total - EFT	35,445,622	36,927,910	38,045,456	41,233,008	42,932,951	45,132,811	47,118,911	47,577,013	55,666,660	62,492,329
Total - Post office	44,099,206	43,014,947	40,766,302	38,521,241	35,750,818	33,409,670	31,709,381	29,647,321	21,264,567	22,376,134
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>85,552,664</b>	<b>85,342,150</b>	<b>83,252,992</b>	<b>83,787,857</b>	<b>80,774,718</b>	<b>79,741,512</b>	<b>79,818,734</b>	<b>78,022,154</b>	<b>77,449,310</b>	<b>85,236,530</b>

Note: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly social welfare payments were changed to a fortnightly schedule from 23rd March 2020. A number of payments moved back to a weekly schedule in August 2020, with the remainder reverting to a weekly schedule in November 2020

**Table I2 – Claims Registered by Year and Benefit 2018-2021**

Scheme	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9,053	8,766	9,446	9,348
State Pension (Contributory)	42,084	41,551	40,584	41,157
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,542	7,996	7,610	7,825
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	77	70	67	60
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>58,756</b>	<b>58,383</b>	<b>57,707</b>	<b>58,390</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	137,770	128,107	148,202	90,914
One Parent Family Payment	11,466	11,625	8,031	10,157
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	444	404	361	401
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	187,409	56,673	40,448	35,778
Jobseeker's Benefit	127,586	132,989	194,234	115,885
Maternity Benefit	44,372	44,354	41,987	45,938
Paternity Benefit	25,358	28,153	24,884	28,832
Parent's Benefit			16,973	51,972
Daily Expenses Allowance	422	1,051	861	1,521
Farm Assist	823	1,044	744	1,014
Health and Safety Benefit	262	240	243	291
Pandemic Unemployment Payment			1,412,718	376,534
Adoptive Parent Benefit	41	32	21	28
Treatment Benefit	1,247,346	1,309,670	1,165,375	1,441,150
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,783,299</b>	<b>1,714,342</b>	<b>3,055,082</b>	<b>2,200,415</b>
Back to Education Allowance	1,615	1,772	1710	2,021
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,153	2,190	1272	1,535
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	363	259	246	411
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed			78	2,028
Short Term Enterprise Allowance	811	736	442	569
Partial Capacity Benefit	3,129	2,054	1,619	1,517
<b>Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>9,071</b>	<b>7,011</b>	<b>5,367</b>	<b>8,081</b>

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Disability Allowance	23,080	24,017	20,671	20,599
Blind Pension	105	120	98	85
Carer's Allowance	20,208	19,402	18,774	19,648
Domiciliary Care Allowance	8,609	8,719	6,834	9,121
Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	143,423	201,362	278,381	440,294
Invalidity Pension	10,967	10,336	9,991	8,679
Disablement Benefit	1,052	691	558	443
Occupational Injuries Benefit	19,635	15,789	9,421	9,762
Carer's Benefit	3,053	3,273	2,085	1,965
<b>Total Illness Disability and Caring</b>	<b>230,145</b>	<b>283,715</b>	<b>346,819</b>	<b>510,600</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	32,034	32,119	29,607	30,836
Child Benefit - EU regulation	3,753	3,665	2,631	2,121
Child Benefit - Over 16	72,671	71,508	47,721	89,197
Child Benefit - Additional Child	34,672	32,932	28,400	29,948
Working Family Payment - New Claims	27,854	23,878	17,043	16,625
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	46,630	41,842	45,088	32,334
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	119	106	121	112
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	340	302	263	294
Back to Work Scheme Family Dividend	4,975	3,960	1,979	2,146
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	155,217	156,047	160,079	151,834
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>378,265</b>	<b>366,359</b>	<b>332,932</b>	<b>355,447</b>
Household Benefits	128,575	135,262	108,944	110,504
Rent Supplement	4,473	3,373	13,751	5,979
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	19,340	18,512	16,783	16,359
Fuel Allowance	68,359	65,392	53,264	41,909
Telephone Support Allowance	9,892	9,251	8,149	7,478
Free Travel	91,157	91,723	90,571	88,391
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>321,796</b>	<b>323,513</b>	<b>291,462</b>	<b>270,620</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,781,332</b>	<b>2,753,323</b>	<b>4,089,369</b>	<b>3,403,693</b>

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

**Table I3 – Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit 2018-2021**

Scheme	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	6,827	6,689	7,084	6,732
State Pension (Contributory)	41,900	32,810	31,924	32,604
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	6,894	7,292	6,755	7,133
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	73	67	31	14
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>55,694</b>	<b>46,858</b>	<b>45,794</b>	<b>46,483</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	111,006	103,802	92,395	62,954
One Parent Family Payment	6,539	8,029	7,792	8,926
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	186	147	120	107
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	55,542	47,831	17,155	23,299
Jobseeker's Benefit	117,825	123,092	129,050	88,855
Maternity Benefit	41,356	43,188	40,293	43,283
Paternity Benefit	24,486	27,295	24,076	26,539
Parent's Benefit			16,683	51,395
Daily Expenses Allowance	420	1,046	858	1,510
Farm Assist	468	508	355	580
Health and Safety Benefit	196	180	173	204
Pandemic Unemployment Payment			1,040,645	279,356
Adoptive Parent Benefit	37	29	17	17
Treatment Benefit	1,231,491	1,303,628	1,161,800	1,441,150
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,589,552</b>	<b>1,658,775</b>	<b>2,531,412</b>	<b>2,028,175</b>
Back to Education Allowance	1,512	1,689	1,702	2,003
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,157	2,187	1,268	1,527
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	349	238	246	380
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed			36	2,019
Short Term Enterprise Allowance	788	698	350	501
Partial Capacity Benefit	2,758	1,193	1,044	980
<b>Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>8,564</b>	<b>6,005</b>	<b>4,646</b>	<b>7,410</b>

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Disability Allowance	17,205	16,949	15,686	13,298
Blind Pension	40	46	27	24
Carer's Allowance	17,242	16,910	17,495	14,804
Domiciliary Care Allowance	5,928	5,518	4,498	5,766
Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	143,423	190,038	247,947	368,618
Invalidity Pension	8,086	7,438	6,693	5,418
Disablement Benefit	659	391	202	68
Occupational Injuries Benefit	16,527	7,183	4,740	4,833
Carer's Benefit	2,732	2,826	2,085	1,965
<b>Total Illness Disability and Caring</b>	<b>211,842</b>	<b>247,299</b>	<b>299,373</b>	<b>414,794</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	31,549	31,063	30,734	28,940
Child Benefit - EU regulation	3,490	2,653	2,463	3,292
Child Benefit - Over 16	72,124	72,632	46,462	95,545
Child Benefit - Additional Child	34,672	32,886	28,362	29,075
Working Family Payment - New Claims	17,226	18,763	13,373	11,382
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	29,663	36,263	41,300	29,451
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	62	50	78	82
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	146	182	168	178
Back to Work Scheme Family Dividend	4,975	3,960	1,979	2,146
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	143,494	143,164	143,330	137,177
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>337,401</b>	<b>341,616</b>	<b>308,249</b>	<b>337,268</b>
Household Benefits	120,230	126,506	108,944	100,257
Rent Supplement	4,393	3,173	13,634	5,067
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	14,110	14,059	13,348	13,179
Fuel Allowance	50,205	48,392	39,927	29,487
Telephone Support Allowance	8,511	8,196	7,445	7,107
Free Travel	68,992	72,147	76,209	82,713
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>266,441</b>	<b>272,473</b>	<b>259,507</b>	<b>237,810</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,469,494</b>	<b>2,573,026</b>	<b>3,448,981</b>	<b>3,071,940</b>

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

**Table I4 – Claims Rejected by Year and Benefit 2018-2021**

Scheme	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	2,017	1,990	1,757	1,924
State Pension (Contributory)	9,115	8,048	6,717	6,733
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	810	916	826	809
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	62	57	33	38
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>12,004</b>	<b>11,011</b>	<b>9,333</b>	<b>9,504</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	9,563	8,877	11,856	9,423
One Parent Family Payment	774	874	886	782
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	161	89	95	133
Jobseeker's Benefit	2,745	3,419	4,751	4,658
Maternity Benefit	1,182	1,271	1,184	1,002
Paternity Benefit	410	680	805	798
Parent's Benefit			258	588
Daily Expenses Allowance			1	7
Farm Assist	n/a	n/a	98	44
Health and Safety Benefit	60	52	64	74
Pandemic Unemployment Payment			27,599	9,571
Adoptive Parent Benefit	4	3	5	1
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>14,899</b>	<b>15,265</b>	<b>47,602</b>	<b>27,081</b>
Back to Education Allowance	61	71	40	37
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		1	4	7
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed				1
Partial Capacity Benefit	135	201	123	248
<b>Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>293</b>
Disability Allowance	12,682	13,981	13,559	13,989
Blind Pension	65	63	57	50
Carer's Allowance	9,291	8,811	10,495	9,134
Domiciliary Care Allowance	2,341	2,634	2,083	2,566

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Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	29,109	3,246	15,180	17,384
Invalidity Pension	4,933	4,850	4,492	4,197
Disablement Benefit	505	362	422	202
Occupational Injuries Benefit	353	2,339	1,919	1,803
Carer's Benefit	692	948	1,073	959
<b>Total Illness Disability and Caring</b>	<b>59,971</b>	<b>37,234</b>	<b>49,280</b>	<b>50,284</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	833	776	776	1,182
Child Benefit - EU regulation	750	625	631	433
Child Benefit - Over 16	0	0	0	0
Child Benefit - Additional Child	0	0	0	0
Working Family Payment - New Claims	8,274	7,768	5,508	5,924
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	16,651	5,668	3,786	3,545
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	25	24	18	22
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	81	74	52	87
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	11,076	12,677	16,488	14,485
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>37,690</b>	<b>27,612</b>	<b>27,259</b>	<b>25,678</b>
Household Benefits	41,097	44,146	18,938	16,831
Rent Supplement	n/a	n/a	1,053	420
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	2,681	2,367	1,907	1,986
Fuel Allowance	10,887	10,687	8,971	9,231
Telephone Support Allowance	63	48	35	52
Free Travel	2,897	2,689	1,314	1,002
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>57,625</b>	<b>59,937</b>	<b>32,218</b>	<b>29,522</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>182,385</b>	<b>151,332</b>	<b>165,859</b>	<b>142,362</b>

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

**Table 15 – Claims Withdrawn by Year and Benefit 2018-2021**

Scheme	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,074	1,004	889	890
State Pension (Contributory)	17,644	10,669	7,850	6,398
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	458	518	578	441
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	6	5	2	2
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>19,182</b>	<b>12,196</b>	<b>9,319</b>	<b>7,731</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	22,921	18,832	60,359	27,472
One Parent Family Payment	1,705	1,472	871	1,327
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	180	197	150	177
Jobseeker's Benefit	13,234	12,818	68,113	25,089
Maternity Benefit	845	1,078	1,332	1,492
Paternity Benefit	460	1,190	1,389	1,204
Parent's Benefit			522	2,212
Health and Safety Benefit	6	8	6	12
Pandemic Unemployment Payment			5	5
Adoptive Parent Benefit	1	3	4	4
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>39,352</b>	<b>35,598</b>	<b>132,751</b>	<b>58,994</b>
Back to Education Allowance	0	3	3	6
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	0	0	0	1
Partial Capacity Benefit	628	410	309	59
<b>Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>66</b>
Disability Allowance	1,012	1,513	1,491	818
Blind Pension	19	18	21	16
Carer's Allowance	563	505	387	465
Domiciliary Care Allowance	19	17	16	7
Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	3,716	8,814	26,021	71,944
Invalidity Pension	1,203	1,177	1,183	936
Disablement Benefit	38	15	15	10

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Occupational Injuries Benefit	2,703	6,191	2,718	3,056
Carer's Benefit	193	191	136	129
<b>Total Illness Disability and Caring</b>	<b>9,466</b>	<b>18,441</b>	<b>31,988</b>	<b>77,381</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	6	7	10	62
Child Benefit - EU regulation	23	30	0	0
Child Benefit - Over 16	0	0	0	0
Child Benefit - Additional Child	0	0	0	0
Working Family Payment - New Claims	0	0	0	0
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	0	0	0	0
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	6	12	5	1
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11	16	3	6
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	430	205	250	172
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>241</b>
Household Benefits	8,946	9,310	5,633	3,178
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	691	702	555	438
Fuel Allowance	2,281	2,310	1,673	1,446
Telephone Support Allowance	27	52	39	35
Free Travel	286	212	117	116
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>12,231</b>	<b>12,586</b>	<b>8,017</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>81,335</b>	<b>79,504</b>	<b>182,655</b>	<b>149,626</b>

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

**Table I6 – Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit 2012-2021**

Scheme	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9,918	9,683	9,730	9,546
State Pension (Contributory)	68,659	51,527	46,491	45,735
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	8,162	8,726	8,159	8,383
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	141	129	66	54
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>86,880</b>	<b>70,065</b>	<b>64,446</b>	<b>63,718</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	143,490	131,511	164,610	99,849
One Parent Family Payment	9,018	10,375	9,549	11,035
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	527	433	365	417
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	55,542	47,831	17,155	23,299
Jobseeker's Benefit	133,804	139,329	201,914	118,602
Maternity Benefit	43,383	45,537	42,809	45,777
Paternity Benefit	25,356	29,165	26,270	28,541
Parent's Benefit			17,463	54,195
Daily Expenses Allowance	420	1,046	859	1,517
Farm Assist	468	508	453	624
Health and Safety Benefit	262	240	243	290
Pandemic Unemployment Payment			1,068,249	288,932
Adoptive Parent Benefit	42	35	26	22
Treatment Benefit	1,231,491	1,303,628	1,161,800	1,441,150
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,643,803</b>	<b>1,709,638</b>	<b>2,711,765</b>	<b>2,114,250</b>
Back to Education Allowance	1,573	1,763	1,745	2,046
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,157	2,188	1,272	1,535
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	349	238	246	380
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed			36	2,020
Short Term Enterprise Allowance	788	698	350	501
Partial Capacity Benefit	3,521	1,804	1,476	1,287
<b>Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>9,388</b>	<b>6,691</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>7,769</b>

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Disability Allowance	30,899	32,443	30,736	28,105
Blind Pension	124	127	105	90
Carer's Allowance	27,096	26,226	28,377	24,403
Domiciliary Care Allowance	8,288	8,169	6,597	8,339
Illness Benefit <sup>[1]</sup>	176,248	202,098	289,148	457,946
Invalidity Pension	14,222	13,465	12,368	10,551
Disablement Benefit	1,202	768	639	280
Occupational Injuries Benefit	19,583	15,713	9,377	9,692
Carer's Benefit	3,617	3,965	3,294	3,053
<b>Total Illness Disability and Caring</b>	<b>281,279</b>	<b>302,974</b>	<b>380,641</b>	<b>542,459</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	32,388	31,846	31,520	30,184
Child Benefit - EU regulation	4,263	3,308	3,094	3,725
Child Benefit - Over 16	72,124	72,632	46,462	95,545
Child Benefit - Additional Child	34,672	32,886	28,362	29,075
Working Family Payment - New Claims	25,500	26,531	18,881	17,306
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	46,314	41,931	45,086	32,996
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	93	86	101	105
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	238	272	223	271
Back to Work Scheme Family Dividend	4,975	3,960	1,979	2,146
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	155,000	156,046	160,068	151,834
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>375,567</b>	<b>369,498</b>	<b>335,776</b>	<b>363,187</b>
Household Benefits	170,273	179,962	133,515	120,266
Rent Supplement	4,393	3,173	14,687	5,487
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	17,482	17,128	15,810	15,603
Fuel Allowance	63,373	61,389	50,571	40,164
Telephone Support Allowance	8,601	8,296	7,519	7,194
Free Travel	72,175	75,048	77,640	83,831
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>336,297</b>	<b>344,996</b>	<b>299,742</b>	<b>272,545</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,733,214</b>	<b>2,803,862</b>	<b>3,797,495</b>	<b>3,363,928</b>

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

**Table I7 – Claims Pending by Year and Benefit 2012-2021**

Scheme	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,561	1,294	822	957
State Pension (Contributory)	4,252	4,883	5,231	3,974
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	619	457	278	343
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	n/a	n/a	n/a	15
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>6,432</b>	<b>6,634</b>	<b>6,331</b>	<b>5,289</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	3,852	3,786	3,642	3,085
One Parent Family Payment	657	494	361	384
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	36
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	532	518	539	914
Jobseeker's Benefit	3,418	3,908	3,081	2,501
Maternity Benefit	1,787	74	1,958	2,809
Paternity Benefit	1,709	284	1,135	2,030
Parent's Benefit				12,578
Farm Assist	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Health and Safety Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	20
Adoptive Parent Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	7
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>11,955</b>	<b>9,064</b>	<b>10,716</b>	<b>24,367</b>
Back to Education Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	6
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
Part Time Job Incentive for the Self Employed			n/a	7
Partial Capacity Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	384
<b>Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>404</b>
Disability Allowance	5,549	4,838	2,941	2,743
Blind Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	18
Carer's Allowance	4,566	3,943	1,265	2,036

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Domiciliary Care Allowance	1,280	1,215	842	3,596
Illness Benefit	1,030	2,250	4,752	47,685
Invalidity Pension	2,188	2,253	1,312	1,505
Disablement Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	320
Occupational Injuries Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,963
Incapacity Supplement	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
Carer's Benefit	816	647	214	453
<b>Total Illness Disability and Caring</b>	<b>15,429</b>	<b>15,146</b>	<b>11,326</b>	<b>60,320</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	1,517	1,790	1,402	2,516
Child Benefit - EU regulation	478	835	372	394
Child Benefit - Over 16	963	35	1,800	2,003
Child Benefit - Additional Child	3	49	8	0
Working Family Payment - New Claims	5,178	2,523	685	1,133
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	1,168	1,478	2,363	2,363
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	n/a	n/a	n/a	16
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	n/a	n/a	n/a	54
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>9,307</b>	<b>6,710</b>	<b>6,630</b>	<b>8,479</b>
Household Benefits	1,755	883	446	288
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	691	639	331	417
Fuel Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,406
Telephone Support Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	6
Free Travel	3	2	12	45
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>2,162</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45,572</b>	<b>39,078</b>	<b>35,792</b>	<b>101,021</b>

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

Note: 2021 figures for State Pension (Non-Contributory) and State Pension (Contributory) revised in November 2022.

**Table 18 – Average Weeks to Award by Year and Scheme, 2012-2021**

Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	12	16	17	14	14	12	11	10	6	6
State Pension (Contributory)	6	5	5	6	7	5	6	7	7	6
State Pension (Transition)	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	1	3	3	1	1
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	0		
Bereavement Grant - Longford	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Pensions</b>										
Jobseeker's Allowance	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
One Parent Family Payment	15	13	11	9	6	6	5	4	3	3
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	10	8	4	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jobseeker's Benefit	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	6	6	6
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	6	6	6
Parent's Benefit									1	1
Treatment Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Working Age Income Supports</b>										
Disability Allowance	5	28	23	11	12	11	13	13	7	6
Carer's Allowance	13	30	24	15	14	14	17	14	7	4
Domiciliary Care Allowance	6	7	10	14	14	17	10	10	8	10
Illness Benefit	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Invalidity Pension	35	52	22	8	10	6	7	9	7	7
<b>Illness, Disability and Caring</b>										

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Scheme	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3
Child Benefit - EU regulation	38	0	26	28	33	34	28	26	24	35
Working Family Payment - New Claims	8	4	4	4	4	3	4	6	2	2
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	15	5	5	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant							1	1	1	1
<b>Children</b>										
Household Benefits	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
Free Travel	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1
<b>Supplementary Payments</b>										

**Table I9 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – EU Countries 2012-2021**

Country of Origin or Declared Nationality	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Austria	300	334	286	289	316	282	361	367	125	222
Belgium	281	326	370	366	338	432	456	485	191	334
Bulgaria	469	879	883	1,098	1,302	1,692	1,747	1,780	1,347	334
Croatia	86	486	2,091	4,342	5,312	4,908	4,346	3,229	1,399	1,750
Cyprus	20	53	124	42	59	60	55	55	45	73
Czech Republic	594	693	654	718	723	754	763	644	357	642
Denmark	319	266	222	240	235	235	327	264	111	191
Estonia	259	231	237	184	124	120	138	100	87	95
Finland	203	223	189	241	235	232	218	205	81	183
France	2,915	3,175	3,739	3,744	4,379	4,863	4,879	4,372	2,056	3,049
Germany	2,142	2,162	2,406	2,455	2,477	2,647	2,713	2,559	1,349	1,914
Greece	269	275	332	408	628	797	815	684	293	108
Hungary	1,985	1,881	1,727	1,617	1,433	1,370	1,212	1,048	533	850
Ireland	81,772	78,630	76,091	75,008	73,328	72,657	71,490	70,413	63,087	70,822
Italy	2,680	3,552	4,263	4,130	5,525	5,983	6,070	6,000	2,688	4,265
Latvia	1,759	1,568	1,312	1,171	1,316	1,399	1,511	1,264	697	961
Lithuania	2,860	2,521	2,316	2,337	2,838	3,120	2,916	2,057	984	1248
Luxembourg	3	21	24	15	25	25	30	45	19	58
Malta	46	32	50	49	80	70	60	83	74	119
Netherlands	654	823	882	825	957	985	947	856	434	693
Poland	8,663	9,243	9,126	8,593	8,019	6,819	6,524	5,400	2,580	3,943
Portugal	1,128	1,577	1,946	1,622	2,138	2,208	2,348	2,032	1,105	2,584
Romania	5,283	7,709	9,076	8,638	11,208	12,080	13,922	14,121	7,985	14,036
Slovakia	1,138	1,092	1,081	957	996	1,068	1,076	895	562	816
Slovenia	47	56	72	90	97	101	101	97	49	64
Spain	3,929	5,000	5,195	4,351	5,441	6,341	6,685	6,235	2,961	6,850
Sweden	499	480	473	515	419	463	480	434	201	345
United Kingdom	12,727	13,135	13,729	14,758	15,862	15,312	15,060	14,440		
<b>Total EU</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>	<b>116,549</b>



**Table I10 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – non-EU Countries 2012-2021**

Country of Origin or Declared Nationality	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Argentina	185	200	258	169	269	306	424	543	263	257
Australia	587	644	883	1,043	1,162	1,211	1,169	1,147	653	829
Bangladesh	134	196	311	427	191	203	177	212	125	219
Brazil	5,542	6,270	7,778	5,052	7,283	10,382	12,304	13,215	5,840	2,692
Canada	613	739	841	886	1,038	965	1,098	1,036	689	1236
China	1,138	1,099	1,416	1,145	1,474	1,845	2,029	2,247	1,332	2,281
Egypt	147	184	239	294	512	537	516	440	328	342
India	1,854	2,620	2,815	3,132	4,956	5,782	7,323	10,765	6,681	13,815
Japan	281	359	387	280	354	400	499	500	225	165
Libya	58	276	254	61	61	67	37	56	25	48
Malaysia	362	435	540	502	567	565	627	607	418	652
Mauritius	45	40	65	33	49	42	60	46	49	55
Mexico	384	545	774	439	640	1,123	1,413	1,619	733	375
Moldova	90	124	116	88	116	122	160	191	152	224
Nepal	103	187	202	103	48	56	58	75	43	80
New Zealand	200	212	275	273	260	298	339	336	168	131
Nigeria	421	545	647	613	766	820	1,101	1,517	913	1547
Norway	122	168	191	185	191	202	197	167	90	136
Pakistan	741	891	1,618	3,168	2,217	1,646	1,219	1,133	763	1196
Philippines	414	429	413	428	919	1,161	1,080	1,372	660	1188
Republic of Korea	678	1,043	1,271	513	495	659	856	905	296	148
Russia	258	329	357	417	455	488	525	639	331	410
Saudi Arabia	344	480	481	337	353	332	282	223	112	219
South Africa	344	354	448	482	804	975	1,251	1,869	1,293	1,329
Switzerland	171	202	185	221	229	267	280	265	150	187
Thailand	168	141	112	142	135	153	144	240	161	105
Turkey	122	156	233	206	319	440	785	1,215	698	647
Ukraine	182	257	293	341	309	289	347	620	309	289
United Kingdom									10,001	13,636
United States of America	2,697	3,048	3,403	3,337	3,867	4,393	4,122	4,075	2,575	3,643
Venezuela	409	2,227	1,639	69	66	89	63	73	50	32
Other	2,833	3,359	5,122	4,507	5,110	6,115	6,802	8,665	4,475	9,863
<b>Total Non-EU</b>	<b>21,627</b>	<b>27,759</b>	<b>33,567</b>	<b>28,893</b>	<b>35,215</b>	<b>41,933</b>	<b>47,287</b>	<b>56,013</b>	<b>40,601</b>	<b>57,976</b>
<b>Total EU + non-EU</b>	<b>154,657</b>	<b>164,182</b>	<b>172,463</b>	<b>167,696</b>	<b>181,025</b>	<b>188,956</b>	<b>194,537</b>	<b>196,177</b>	<b>132,001</b>	<b>174,525</b>

## **PART II: COVID-19 supports offered by the Department of Social Protection in 2021**

# 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment expenditure

The PUP total recipients and expenditure amounts are inclusive of arrears payments for entitlement periods that occurred in 2021. 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 for the 2021 calendar year (subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General). There were five PUP pay weeks in March, June, August and November 2021, which may cause a skew in expenditure and/or recipient totals when comparing figures at monthly intervals.

## Revenue end-of-year reconciliation

For this release, the expenditure amounts and number of employees in receipt of the EWSS were based on the end of year returns received by the Department from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in June 2022.

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

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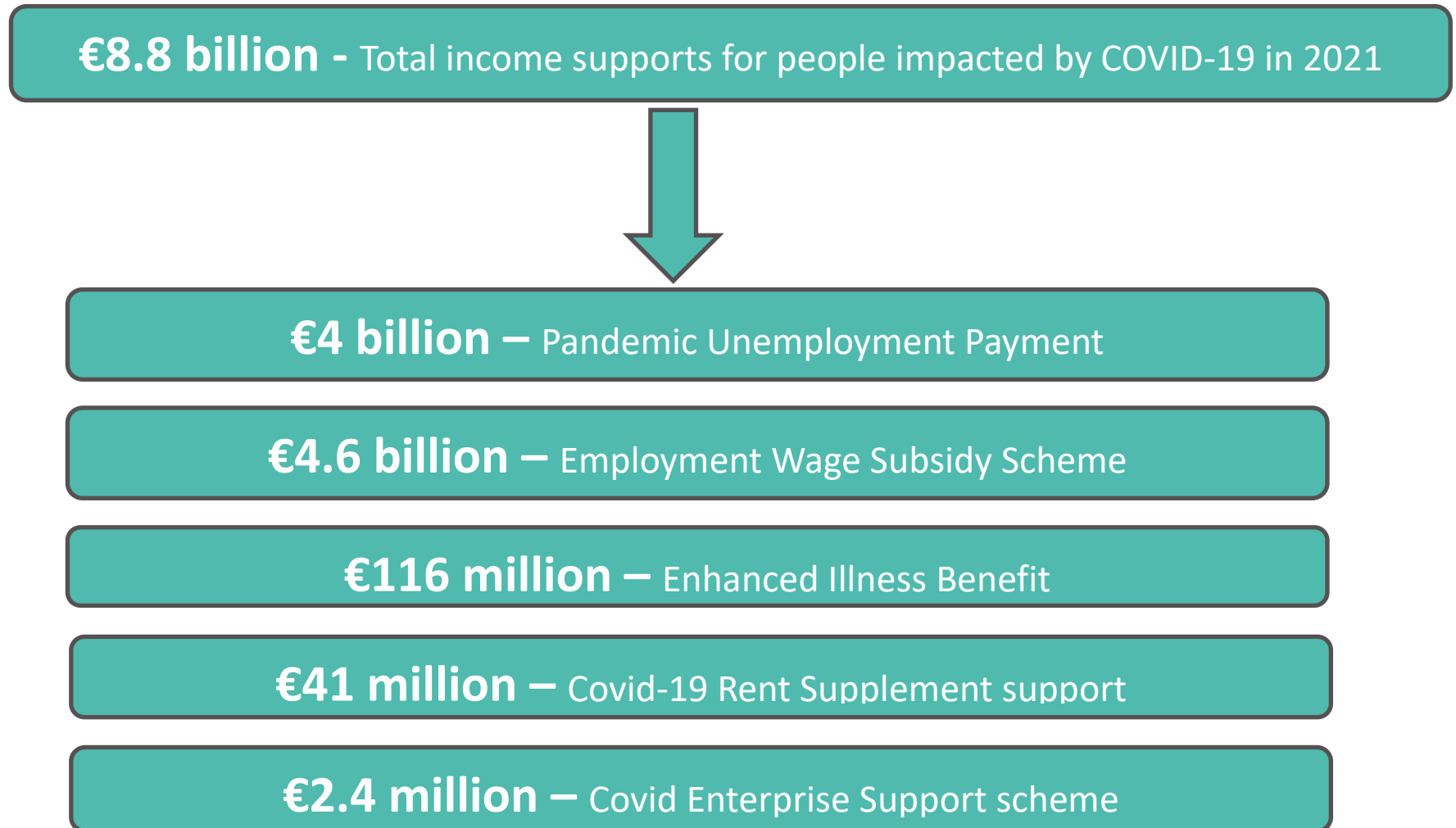
owing to employers. As a result, the expenditure amounts for both schemes differ from what is published in Part I of the Annual Statistics report which is based on the provisional expenditure for the 2021 calendar year (subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General).

**County**

The county breakdowns provided are determined by the Eircode or address recorded for each customer on the Department's administrative systems as of May 2022. Note that the recipient may have changed county location between the time of receiving the payment in 2021, and when their address information was extracted from the Department's administrative systems. In certain cases, it was not possible to determine the county from the address provided by the customer.

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FIGURE 16 – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROTECTION COVID-19 INCOME SUPPORTS IN 2021

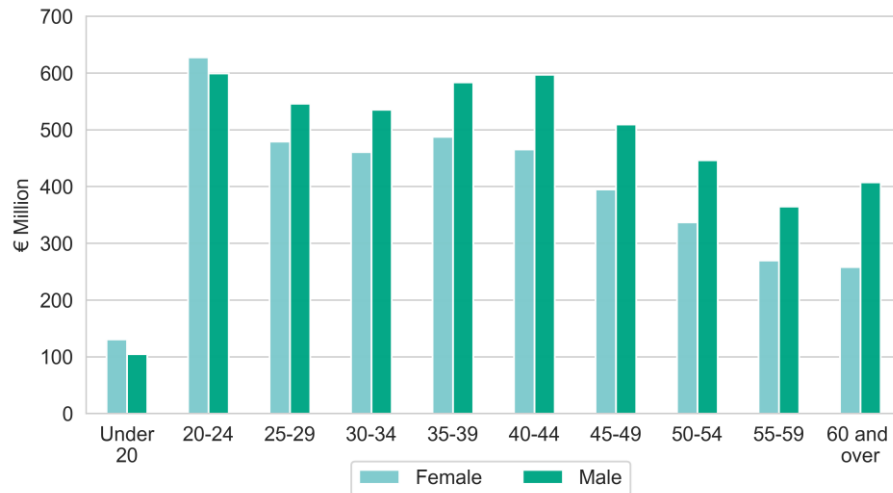


Note: The Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme was administered by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners. The other schemes were administered by the Department of Social Protection.

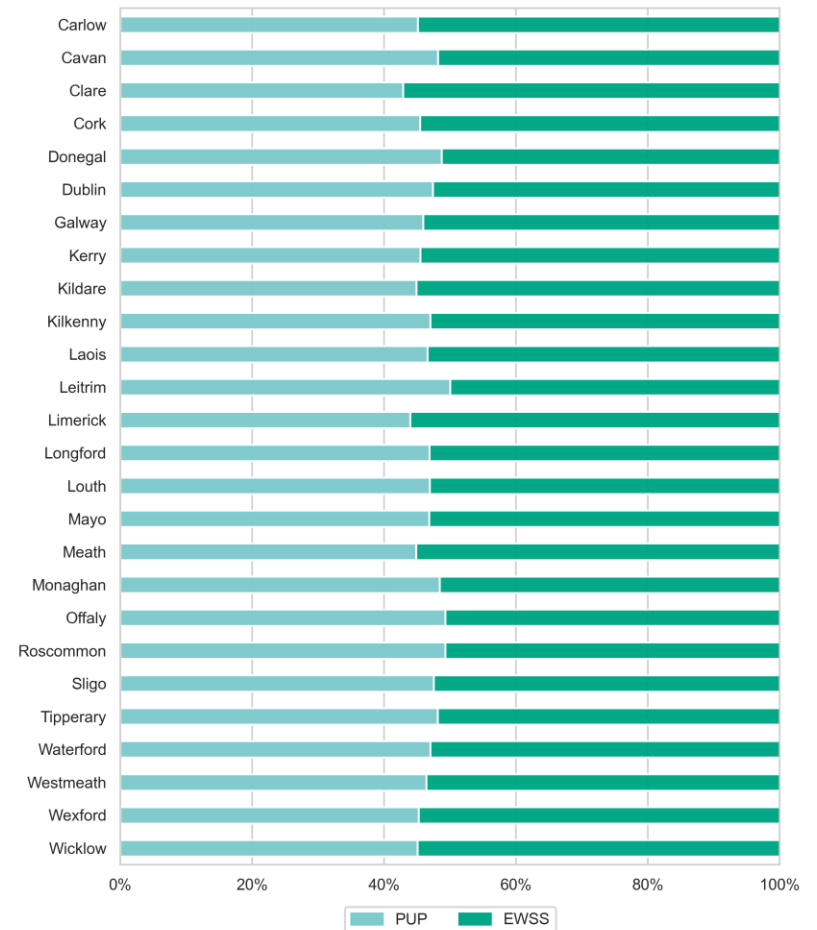
# J Pandemic Unemployment Payment, Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme and Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme

- The total expenditure across the main COVID-19 employment income support (PUP) and wage supports (EWSS) for 2021 was €8.6 billion. This was €300 million lower than the equivalent amount paid in 2020.
- Overall, men received 55% of all allocated expenditure across these three schemes. Across the age groups, the percentage of expenditure paid to males varied from 45% for people under 20 years of age, to 63% for people aged 60 years or over.
- Over €2.1 billion in employment related support was paid in respect of recipients aged between 30 and 39, while €1.5 billion was paid in respect of recipients under 25 years of age.

**FIGURE 17 EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN OF PUP AND EWSS COMBINED IN 2021, BY AGE AND SEX**



**FIGURE 22 – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN OF THE PUP AND EWSS IN 2021, BY COUNTY**

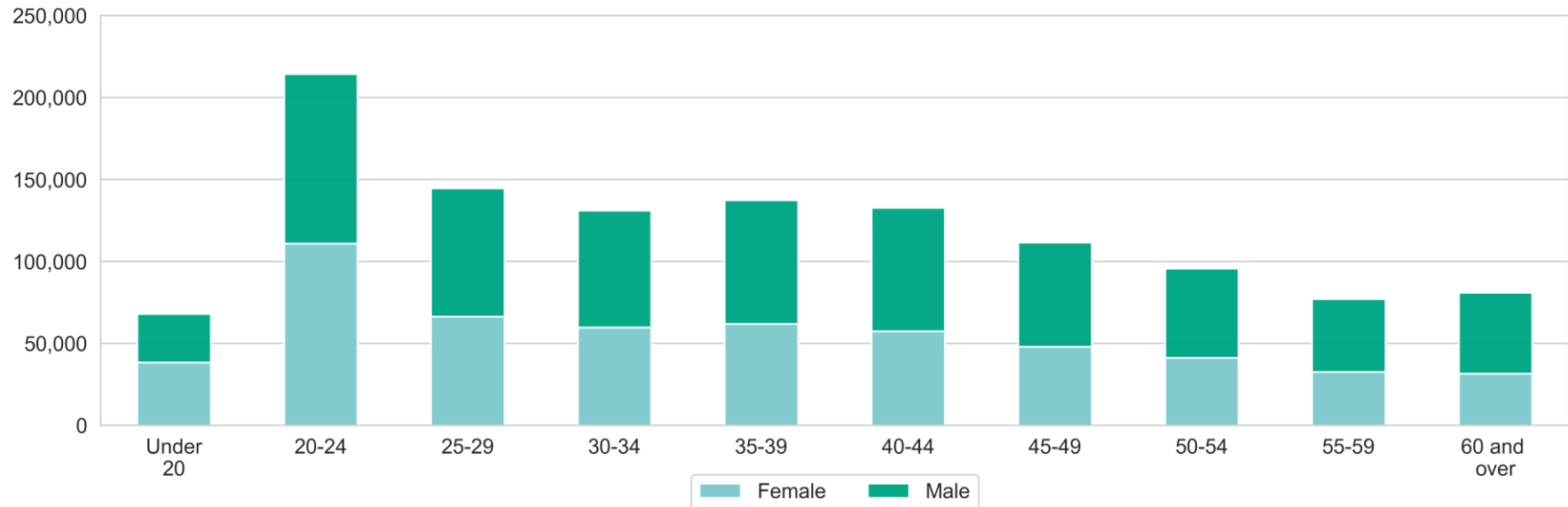


Note: The numbers and expenditures for PUP in this section are inclusive of any arrears payments made up to end June 2022 which were backdated to the period of entitlement in 2021. The EWSS data are based end-of-year returns from the Revenue Commissioners up to end June 2022 and are based on fully reconciled records only.

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- Over 990,000 people were supported for at least one week by the PUP or the EWSS schemes in 2021. Note that an individual may have been in receipt of one or both of these schemes at various points throughout 2021, but not at the same time.
- Of these, 371,923 or 37%, received support from the PUP only, while 421,762 (42%) were supported by the EWSS only. The remaining 200,346 people (11%) received at least one payment from each of the schemes.
- There were 224,167 people under 25 years of age who received at least one income support payment from the PUP or EWSS, accounting for 22% of all recipients.
- Dublin was the most common county of residence, accounting for 31% (305,101) of all total recipients, followed by Cork with 10% (101,089) and Galway 5% (52,706).

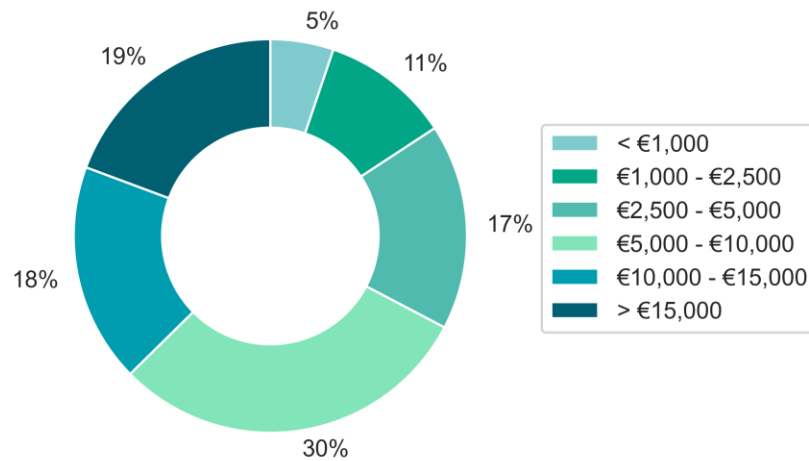
**FIGURE 23 – CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF PUP AND EWSS RECIPIENTS (EXCLUDING DUPLICATES) , BY AGE GROUP AND SEX**



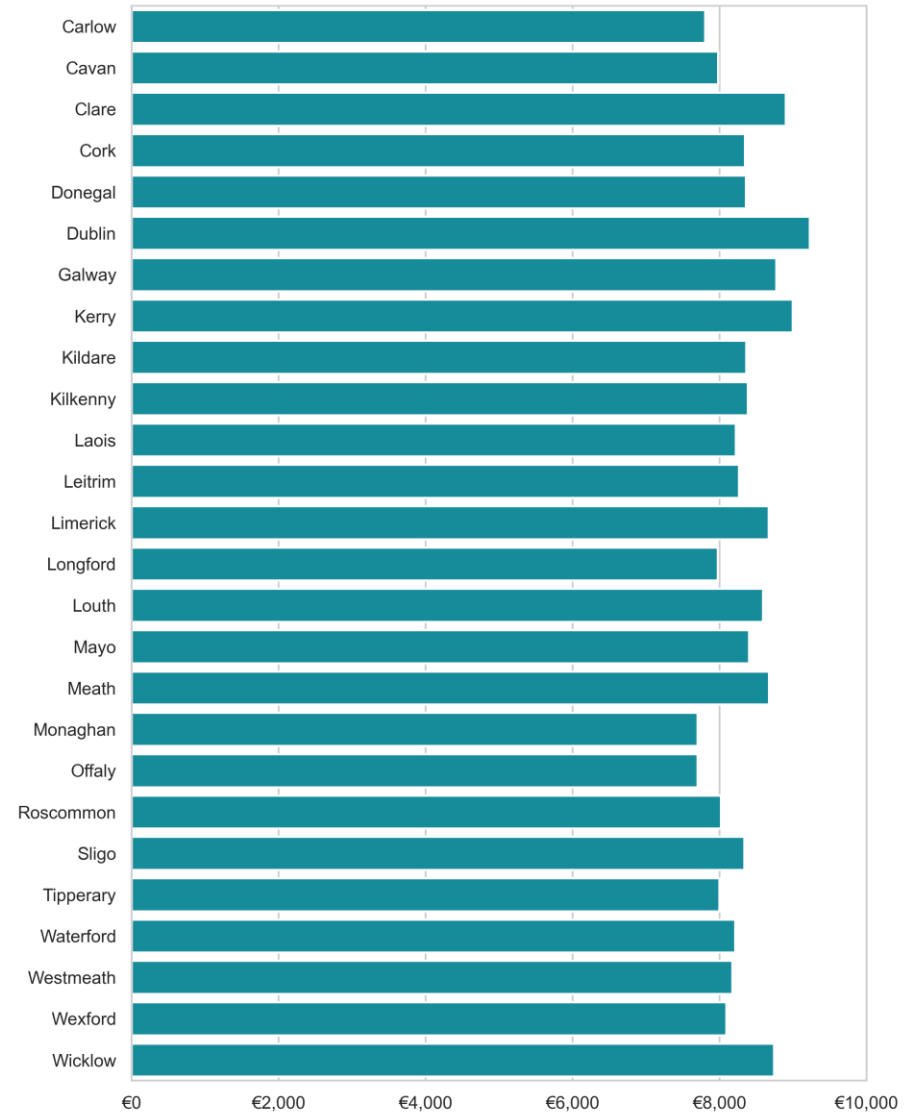
Note: The numbers and expenditures for PUP in this section are inclusive of any arrears payments made up to end June 2022 which were backdated to the period of entitlement in 2021. The EWSS data are taken from end-of-year returns provided by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners up to end June 2022, and are based on fully reconciled records only.

- In 2021, the total average income support received from the PUP and EWSS combined was €8,660 for each recipient.
- The average amounts received by recipients varied from €7,696 in Offaly to €9,223 in Dublin.
- A total of 371,462 recipients received income support of over €10,000 in 2021, representing 37% of all people who received at least one payment from the two schemes.

**FIGURE 24 – BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL INCOME SUPPORTS GIVEN TO RECIPIENTS OF THE PUP AND EWSS IN 2021**



**FIGURE 25 – COMBINED PUP AND EWSS - AVERAGE INCOME SUPPORT BY COUNTY IN 2021**





**Table J1 – Estimated expenditure of the PUP, EWSS and Total, by county (€million) 2021**

	PUP	EWSS	Total
Carlow	38.6	47.0	85.6
Cavan	55.7	60.0	115.7
Clare	95.6	127.5	223.1
Cork	383.3	459.8	843.1
Donegal	128.3	135.1	263.4
Dublin	1,333.1	1,480.7	2,813.8
Galway	212.2	250.0	462.2
Kerry	149.3	178.8	328.1
Kildare	176.6	216.7	393.3
Kilkenny	70.2	79.2	149.4
Laois	58.7	67.3	126.0
Leitrim	23.5	23.5	47.0
Limerick	136.1	173.6	309.7
Longford	26.1	29.6	55.7
Louth	111.6	126.2	237.8
Mayo	101.9	115.8	217.7
Meath	173.8	213.6	387.4
Monaghan	51.7	55.1	106.8
Offaly	52.2	53.7	105.9
Roscommon	44.0	45.3	89.3
Sligo	47.0	51.9	98.9
Tipperary	101.7	109.6	211.3
Waterford	83.3	93.9	177.2
Westmeath	67.0	77.4	144.4
Wexford	118.7	143.8	262.5
Wicklow	117.5	143.3	260.8
Other including those abroad or county unknown	18.7	73.7	92.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,976.5</b>	<b>4,632.1</b>	<b>8,608.5</b>

**Table J2 – Estimated expenditure of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS and Total, by age and sex (€million) 2021**

	PUP		EWSS		Total	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	28.1	24.9	102.8	80.0	130.9	105.0
20-24	325.9	346.1	302.0	253.4	627.9	599.5
25-29	204.4	277.0	275.0	269.3	479.4	546.3
30-34	199.2	248.1	261.5	287.5	460.7	535.5
35-39	217.6	261.0	270.0	323.0	487.6	583.9
40-44	203.0	262.8	262.7	334.2	465.7	597.0
45-49	170.1	224.0	224.8	285.5	394.9	509.5
50-54	150.1	203.8	187.1	242.9	337.2	446.7
55-59	129.1	180.5	140.6	184.4	269.7	364.9
60 and over	123.9	197.1	134.5	210.6	258.3	407.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,751.3</b>	<b>2,225.2</b>	<b>2,161.1</b>	<b>2,470.8</b>	<b>3,912.4</b>	<b>4,696.0</b>

**Table J3 – Total recipients of the PUP, TWSS and EWSS by county 2021**

	PUP	EWSS
Carlow	6,062	6,956
Cavan	8,698	8,638
Clare	13,713	16,379
Cork	58,060	63,361
Donegal	19,169	19,753
Dublin	177,219	188,770
Galway	30,224	33,831
Kerry	21,070	24,409
Kildare	25,867	29,564
Kilkenny	10,570	11,203
Laois	8,990	9,357
Leitrim	3,453	3,374
Limerick	20,347	22,918
Longford	4,014	4,148
Louth	16,248	16,564
Mayo	15,369	16,428
Meath	25,032	27,984
Monaghan	8,392	7,898
Offaly	8,415	7,922
Roscommon	6,727	6,654
Sligo	6,941	7,541
Tipperary	15,746	15,620
Waterford	12,636	13,533
Westmeath	10,117	11,080
Wexford	18,930	20,695
Wicklow	16,808	18,882
Other including those abroad or county unknown	3,452	8,646
<b>Total</b>	<b>572,269</b>	<b>622,108</b>

Note: An individual may have been in receipt of one or both schemes at various points in time throughout 2021.

**Table J4 – Total recipients of the PUP and EWSS by age and sex 2021**

	PUP		EWSS	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	5,682	4,908	32,838	24,733
20-24	54,485	54,983	56,437	48,549
25-29	30,646	40,193	35,743	38,148
30-34	28,109	35,465	31,654	35,917
35-39	30,177	37,479	31,740	38,142
40-44	27,801	37,388	29,634	38,003
45-49	23,363	31,450	24,762	32,036
50-54	20,403	27,783	20,807	26,776
55-59	16,777	24,018	15,920	20,498
60 and over	15,798	25,361	15,908	23,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>253,241</b>	<b>319,028</b>	<b>295,443</b>	<b>326,665</b>

Note: An individual may have been in receipt of one or both schemes at various points in time throughout 2021.

**Table J5 – Total combined recipients of the PUP and EWSS by county 2021**

	PUP only	EWSS only	PUP/EWSS	Total
Carlow	4,017	4911	2,045	10,973
Cavan	5,858	5798	2,840	14,496
Clare	8,696	11,362	5,017	25,075
Cork	37,728	43,029	20,332	101,089
Donegal	11,779	12,363	7,390	31,532
Dublin	116,331	127,882	60,888	305,101
Galway	18,875	22,482	11,349	52,706
Kerry	12,077	15,416	8,993	36,486
Kildare	17,461	21,158	8,406	47,025
Kilkenny	6,623	7,256	3,947	17,826
Laois	5,966	6,333	3,024	15,323
Leitrim	2,314	2,235	1,139	5,688
Limerick	12,833	15,404	7,514	35,751
Longford	2,849	2,983	1,165	6,997
Louth	11,120	11,436	5,128	27,684
Mayo	9,490	10,549	5,879	25,918
Meath	16,712	19,664	8,320	44,696
Monaghan	5,981	5,487	2,411	13,879
Offaly	5,847	5,354	2,568	13,769
Roscommon	4,485	4,412	2,242	11,139
Sligo	4,325	4,925	2,616	11,866
Tipperary	10,800	10,674	4,946	26,420
Waterford	8,044	8,941	4,592	21,577
Westmeath	6,593	7,556	3,524	17,673
Wexford	11,757	13,522	7,173	32,452
Wicklow	10,953	13,027	5,855	29,835
Other including those abroad or county unknown	2,409	7,603	1,043	11,055
<b>Total</b>	<b>371,923</b>	<b>421,762</b>	<b>200,346</b>	<b>994,031</b>

Note: An individual may have been in receipt of one or both schemes at various points in time throughout 2021.

**Table J6 – Total combined recipients of the PUP and EWSS in 2021 by age and sex**

	PUP only		EWSS only		PUP/EWSS		Total	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	1,995	2,397	29,151	22,222	3,687	2,511	34,833	27,130
20-24	25,372	31,846	27,324	25,412	29,113	23,137	81,809	80,395
25-29	17,448	25,633	22,545	23,588	13,198	14,560	53,191	63,781
30-34	16,968	23,294	20,513	23,746	11,141	12,171	48,622	59,211
35-39	19,102	25,836	20,665	26,499	11,075	11,643	50,842	63,978
40-44	18,183	26,786	20,016	27,401	9,618	10,602	47,817	64,789
45-49	15,497	23,200	16,896	23,786	7,866	8,250	40,259	55,236
50-54	13,809	21,195	14,213	20,188	6,594	6,588	34,616	47,971
55-59	11,705	19,032	10,848	15,512	5,072	4,986	27,625	39,530
60 and over	11,702	20,923	11,812	19,425	4,096	4,438	27,610	44,786
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,781</b>	<b>220,142</b>	<b>193,983</b>	<b>227,779</b>	<b>101,460</b>	<b>98,886</b>	<b>447,224</b>	<b>546,807</b>

Note: An individual may have been in receipt of one or both schemes at various points in time throughout 2021.

**Table J7 – Total combined recipients of the PUP and EWSS by broad nationality and sex 2021**

	PUP only		EWSS Only		PUP/EWSS		Total	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Irish nationals	109,300	157,275	146,253	166,783	73,927	67,184	329,480	391,242
EU13 (countries in the EU pre 2004 excluding Ireland)	3,818	4,172	9,539	9,685	2,552	3,194	15,909	17,051
EU14 to EU27 (accession countries joined post 2004)	20,527	33,043	19,980	26,928	14,341	14,956	54,848	74,927
UK	4,512	6,660	5,693	7,555	2,482	2,721	12,687	16,936
Other nationals	13,624	18,992	12,518	16,828	8,158	10,831	34,300	46,651
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,781</b>	<b>220,142</b>	<b>193,983</b>	<b>227,779</b>	<b>101,460</b>	<b>98,886</b>	<b>447,224</b>	<b>546,807</b>

**Table J8 – Total combined income supports given to recipients of the PUP and EWSS by county 2021**

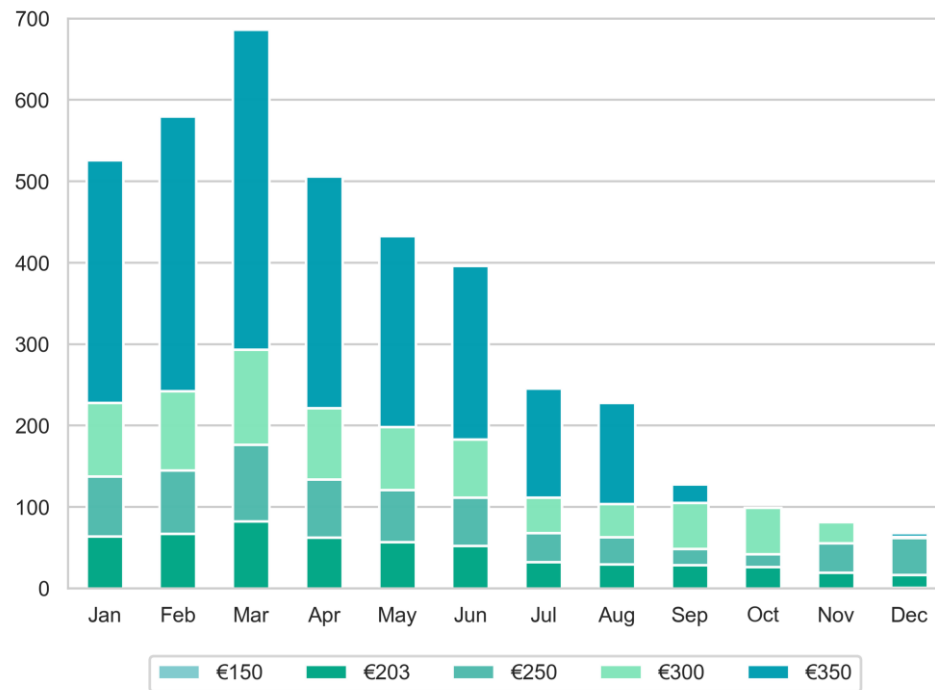
County	< €1,000	€1,000-€2,500	€2,500-€5,000	€5,000-€10,000	€10,000-€15,000	> €15,000	Total	Average amount
Carlow	706	1,587	1,915	3,338	1,692	1,735	10,973	€7,799
Cavan	715	1,895	2,757	4,456	2,435	2,238	14,496	€7,979
Clare	1,155	2,720	4,183	7,213	4,392	5,412	25,075	€8,900
Cork	5,138	11,070	18,928	30,864	17,360	17,729	101,089	€8,341
Donegal	1,626	3,462	5,688	9,651	5,745	5,360	31,532	€8,354
Dublin	15,685	28,133	45,862	88,062	58,896	68,463	305,101	€9,223
Galway	2,662	5,362	8,884	15,677	9,702	10,419	52,706	€8,768
Kerry	1,706	3,553	5,864	10,755	7,122	7,486	36,486	€8,992
Kildare	2,503	5,169	8,757	14,175	7,922	8,499	47,025	€8,362
Kilkenny	955	2,031	3,215	5,336	3,020	3,269	17,826	€8,380
Laois	823	1,800	2,816	4,560	2,743	2,581	15,323	€8,220
Leitrim	260	602	1,053	1,874	998	901	5,688	€8,261
Limerick	1,893	3,968	5,911	10,629	6,328	7,022	35,751	€8,664
Longford	395	858	1,210	2,321	1,225	988	6,997	€7,973
Louth	1,468	3,069	4,615	8,262	4,935	5,335	27,684	€8,590
Mayo	1,350	2,843	4,487	8,112	4,535	4,591	25,918	€8,398
Meath	2,318	4,799	7,729	13,119	7,816	8,915	44,696	€8,669
Monaghan	751	1,891	2,777	4,261	2,202	1,997	13,879	€7,698
Offaly	877	1,861	2,586	4,244	2,270	1,931	13,769	€7,696
Roscommon	543	1,320	2,164	3,538	1,878	1,696	11,139	€8,015
Sligo	637	1,363	1,912	3,836	2,188	1,930	11,866	€8,333
Tipperary	1,429	3,230	4,942	8,310	4,418	4,091	26,420	€7,995
Waterford	1,209	2,520	3,817	6,694	3,735	3,602	21,577	€8,210
Westmeath	1,006	2,087	3,138	5,443	3,074	2,925	17,673	€8,171
Wexford	1,820	3,809	5,963	10,231	5,277	5,352	32,452	€8,089
Wicklow	1,483	2,859	5,109	9,183	5,439	5,762	29,835	€8,740
Other including those abroad or county unknown	525	1,212	1,960	3,472	1,975	1,911	11,055	€8,358
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,638</b>	<b>105,073</b>	<b>168,242</b>	<b>297,616</b>	<b>179,322</b>	<b>192,140</b>	<b>994,031</b>	<b>€8,660</b>



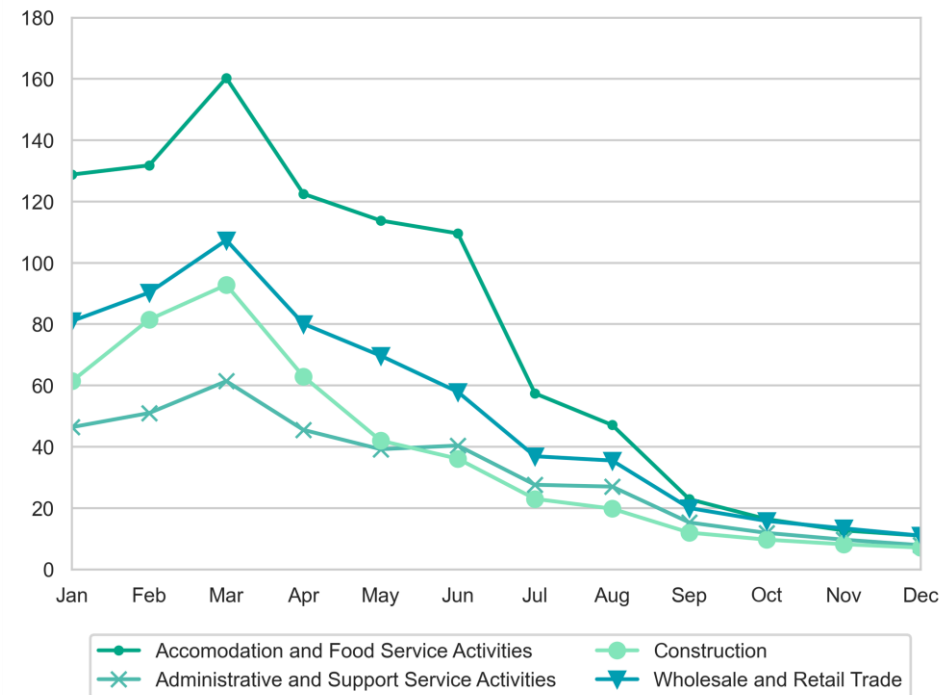
# K Pandemic Unemployment Payments

- Almost €4billion was spent on the Pandemic Unemployment Payment in 2021.
- The month with the highest expenditure was March 2021 (€687 million), followed by February 2021 (€580 million)
- The lowest monthly expenditure was recorded in December 2021 (€68 million)
- The Accommodation and Food service activities sector had the highest expenditure on PUP (€934 million), followed by the Wholesale and Retail trade sector (€619 million)
- Dublin had the highest overall expenditure of any county (€1.3 billion), which accounted for one-third of all PUP expenditure, followed by Cork (€383 million) and Galway (€212 million).

**FIGURE 26 – MONTHLY EXPENDITURE BY PUP RATE (€MILLION)**



**FIGURE 27 – MONTHLY PUP EXPENDITURE FOR THE FOUR LARGEST SECTORS (€MILLION)**



**Notes:**

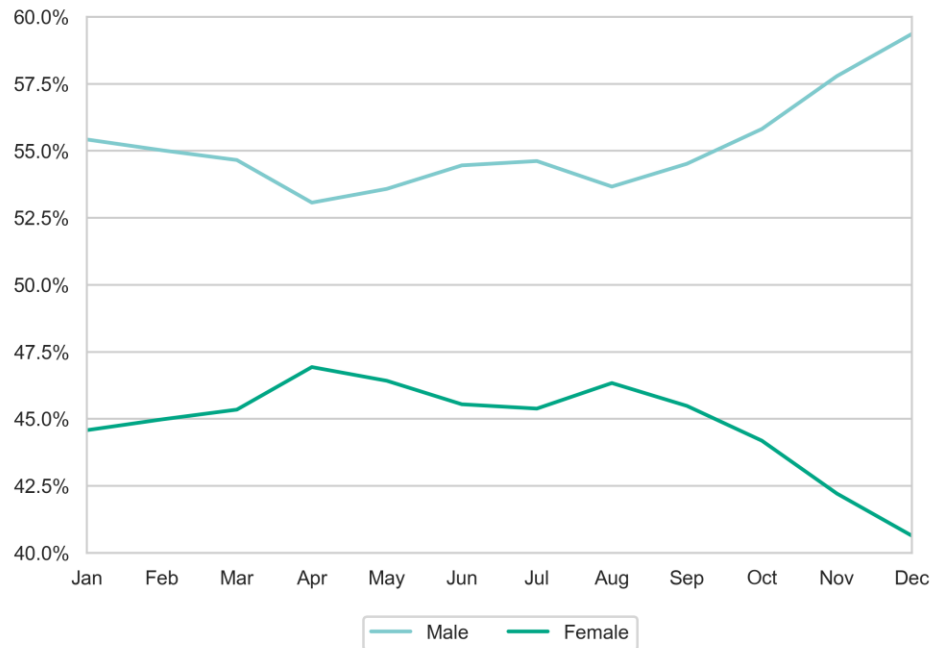
1. The numbers and expenditures for PUP in this section are inclusive of any arrears payments made up to end June 2021 which were backdated to the period of entitlement in 2020. See the Part II introduction for further information.
2. The December expenditure figure includes a Christmas bonus of €11 million paid to 46,000 recipients.

- A total of 572,269 people received at least one PUP payment in 2021, a decrease of 27% from the 788,524 recipients recorded 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

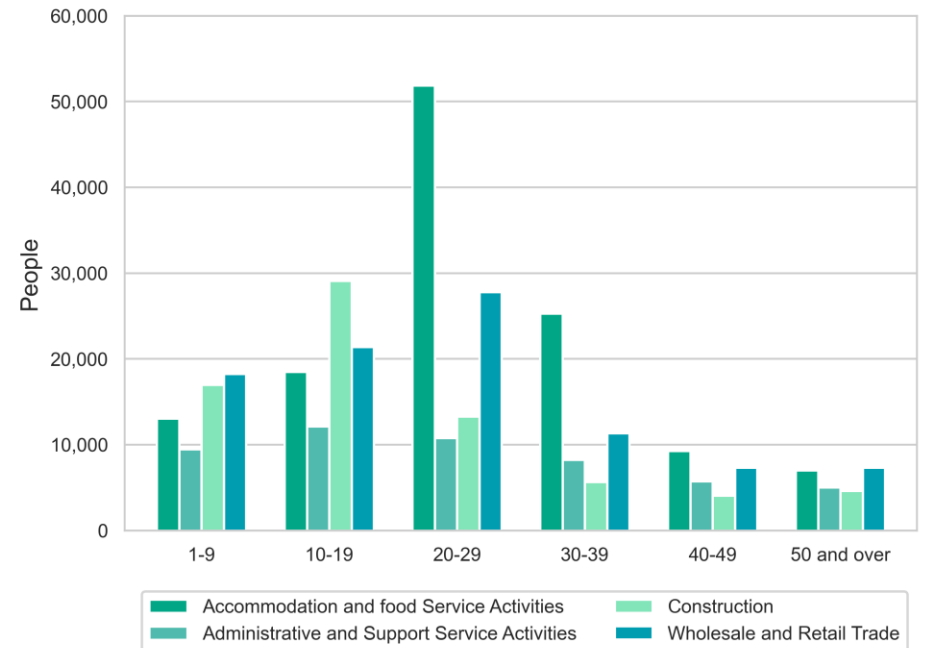
(124,998), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (93,460), Construction (73,779) and Admin and support service activities (51,440). Combined, these four sectors comprised 60% of all PUP recipients.

- There were 93,053 people who received at least 40 payments under the PUP scheme, representing 16% of all PUP recipients.

**FIGURE 28 – THE PROPORTION OF MALES AND FEMALES RECEIVING PUP PER MONTH**

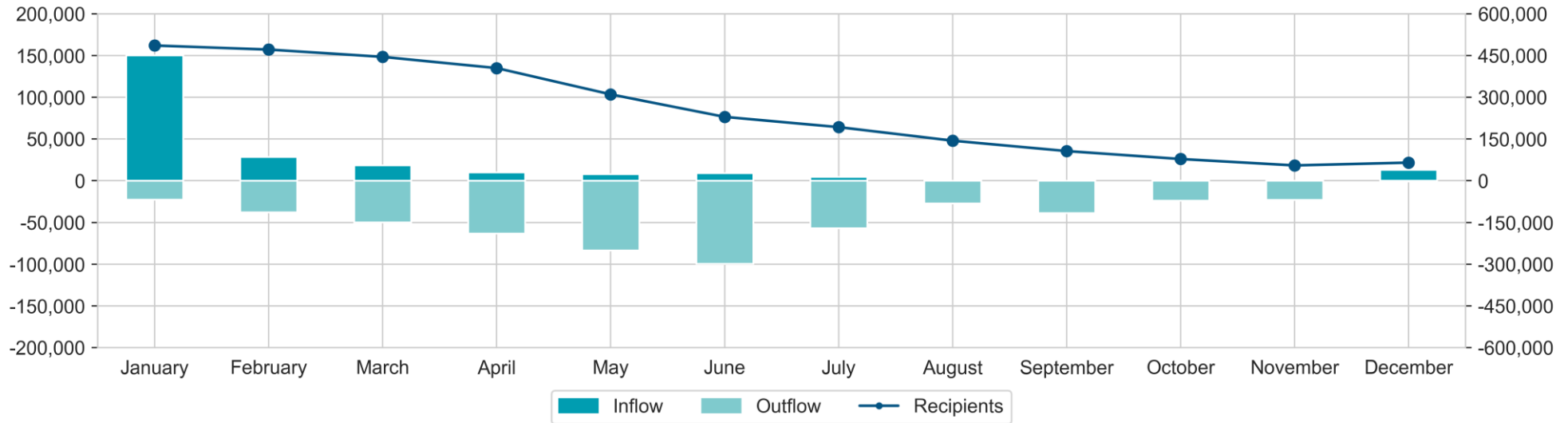


**FIGURE 29 – THE NUMBER OF WEEKS SPENT ON PUP FOR THE FOUR LARGEST SECTORS**



- With 127,573 recipients, January 2021 recorded a net inflow of PUP recipients. The only other month in 2021 which had more inflows than outflows was in December 2021 (12,351).
- The months with the largest net outflows were June (-90,155), May (-75,624) and July (-52,251).
- Across the sectors, Construction had the largest net inflow (40,823 in January 2021), while Accommodation and Food services had the largest net outflow (-36,948 in June 2021).

**FIGURE 30 – INFLOW TO PUP, OUTFLOW FROM PUP (LHS) AND END OF MONTH PUP RECIPIENTS (RHS)**



**Table K1 – Estimated expenditure of the PUP, by county and month (€million) 2021**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Carlow	5.4	6.0	6.9	5.0	4.2	3.6	2.2	2.0	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	38.6
Cavan	7.7	8.6	10.0	7.2	6.0	5.3	3.2	2.9	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.9	55.7
Clare	13.0	14.1	16.7	12.4	10.7	9.5	5.6	5.2	2.9	2.3	1.9	1.6	95.6
Cork	53.0	58.8	68.7	50.0	42.0	36.7	21.7	20.0	11.2	8.5	7.0	5.8	383.3
Donegal	17.7	19.2	22.5	16.6	14.5	13.1	7.6	6.6	3.7	2.8	2.2	1.9	128.3
Dublin	166.4	180.8	218.3	164.0	143.0	139.3	91.5	86.6	48.4	37.8	31.3	25.8	1,333.1
Galway	28.0	30.9	36.9	27.4	23.7	21.6	12.9	12.0	6.6	5.0	4.0	3.3	212.2
Kerry	20.6	22.5	26.8	20.0	17.4	14.9	8.1	7.1	4.0	3.2	2.5	2.2	149.3
Kildare	23.2	26.0	30.7	22.6	19.0	17.0	10.7	10.1	5.8	4.5	3.8	3.2	176.6
Kilkenny	9.7	10.7	12.6	9.2	7.9	6.8	4.0	3.6	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.1	70.2
Laois	8.0	8.9	10.4	7.6	6.3	5.5	3.4	3.2	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.0	58.7
Leitrim	3.2	3.5	4.1	3.0	2.6	2.3	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	23.5
Limerick	18.4	20.0	23.5	17.3	14.9	13.5	8.4	7.9	4.3	3.2	2.6	2.1	136.1
Longford	3.5	3.9	4.6	3.3	2.8	2.5	1.6	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	26.1
Louth	14.8	15.9	18.7	13.9	11.9	11.1	7.0	6.7	3.9	3.0	2.5	2.2	111.6
Mayo	14.1	15.8	18.3	13.5	11.5	10.0	5.7	5.0	2.7	2.1	1.7	1.4	101.9
Meath	22.5	25.4	30.0	21.9	18.2	16.8	10.7	10.2	6.0	4.8	4.0	3.4	173.8
Monaghan	7.2	8.0	9.1	6.3	5.4	5.0	3.1	2.8	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	51.7
Offaly	7.2	8.0	9.4	6.9	5.7	4.9	2.9	2.8	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.8	52.2
Roscommon	6.0	6.7	7.8	5.7	4.8	4.3	2.6	2.4	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7	44.0
Sligo	6.5	7.1	8.3	6.1	5.2	4.7	2.8	2.5	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.7	47.0
Tipperary	13.8	15.6	18.3	13.3	11.1	9.7	6.0	5.4	2.9	2.2	1.8	1.5	101.7
Waterford	11.6	12.6	14.9	10.8	9.2	8.1	4.8	4.3	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.2	83.3
Westmeath	9.0	10.0	11.9	8.7	7.4	6.6	3.9	3.5	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.1	67.0
Wexford	17.1	19.4	22.0	15.8	12.8	10.7	6.2	5.5	3.1	2.5	2.0	1.7	118.7
Wicklow	15.7	17.5	20.7	15.2	12.6	11.3	6.8	6.4	3.7	2.9	2.4	2.1	117.5
Other including those abroad or county unknown	2.6	3.7	4.2	2.8	1.9	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	18.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>525.9</b>	<b>579.7</b>	<b>686.5</b>	<b>506.2</b>	<b>432.7</b>	<b>396.1</b>	<b>245.5</b>	<b>227.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>3,976.5</b>

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

**Table K2 – Estimated expenditure of the PUP, by sector and month (€ million) 2021**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Accommodation and food service activities	128.8	131.8	160.3	122.5	113.8	109.6	57.4	47.1	22.9	16.4	12.7	11.0	934.4
Administrative and support service activities	46.4	51.0	61.4	45.5	39.2	40.4	27.6	27.0	15.3	11.9	9.7	7.9	383.2
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	7.7	8.6	9.7	6.9	5.6	5.5	3.6	3.2	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.1	56.4
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14.6	15.1	18.5	14.2	13.0	12.7	7.3	7.1	4.0	2.7	2.0	1.7	113.1
Construction	61.4	81.5	92.8	62.9	42.0	36.1	23.0	19.8	12.0	9.7	8.2	7.1	456.3
Education	16.4	17.2	19.8	14.0	11.5	12.0	8.7	9.0	5.0	3.5	2.7	2.2	122.0
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.9	2.1	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	15.5
Financial and insurance activities	9.9	10.6	12.6	9.5	8.4	8.3	5.7	5.8	3.6	3.0	2.5	2.1	82.1
Human Health And Social Work activities	16.9	18.0	20.0	14.3	12.2	12.2	8.4	8.3	4.7	3.7	3.1	2.5	124.3
Information and communication activities	10.2	10.5	12.6	9.4	8.6	9.2	6.2	6.3	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.2	84.8
Manufacturing	29.7	35.1	39.5	27.9	22.7	21.9	14.5	13.8	8.0	6.5	5.8	4.9	230.4
Other Service activities	40.2	41.8	51.5	40.0	34.1	18.7	11.4	10.8	6.4	5.2	4.1	3.3	267.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	19.5	20.9	24.8	18.3	16.3	16.4	11.0	11.0	6.4	5.1	4.4	3.6	157.6
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	8.6	9.4	10.7	7.5	6.2	6.0	4.1	4.1	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.2	63.5
Real Estate activities	7.1	7.6	9.2	6.9	6.2	5.9	3.6	3.5	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.0	55.8
Transportation and storage	15.5	17.0	19.2	13.9	12.1	13.1	9.6	9.8	5.7	4.6	4.1	3.5	128.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	81.0	90.3	107.4	80.1	69.7	57.9	36.9	35.5	20.0	15.8	13.4	11.0	619.0
Sector Unclassified or unknown	10.2	11.2	13.9	10.6	9.5	8.5	5.5	4.7	3.0	2.6	1.6	1.3	82.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>525.9</b>	<b>579.7</b>	<b>686.5</b>	<b>506.2</b>	<b>432.7</b>	<b>396.1</b>	<b>245.5</b>	<b>227.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>3,976.5</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 2021**

	Net PUP flows			PUP Inflows			PUP Outflows		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
January	127,573	88,046	39,527	150,316	100,563	49,753	22,743	12,517	10,226
February	-8,984	-6,177	-2,807	28,643	17,896	10,747	37,627	24,073	13,554
March	-31,216	-19,647	-11,569	18,628	11,192	7,436	49,844	30,839	19,005
April	-52,925	-37,357	-15,568	10,180	5,767	4,413	63,105	43,124	19,981
May	-75,624	-35,561	-40,063	7,841	4,458	3,383	83,465	40,019	43,446
June	-90,155	-46,348	-43,807	9,224	5,164	4,060	99,379	51,512	47,867
July	-52,251	-30,595	-21,656	4,701	2,521	2,180	56,952	33,116	23,836
August	-27,196	-13,659	-13,537	58	12	46	27,254	13,671	13,583
September	-38,692	-19,715	-18,977	59	28	31	38,751	19,743	19,008
October	-23,701	-12,233	-11,468	23	2	21	23,724	12,235	11,489
November	-22,820	-11,189	-11,631	18	7	11	22,838	11,196	11,642
December	12,351	7,684	4,667	13,128	8,127	5,001	777	443	334

**Table K4 – Monthly inflow to PUP by sector 2021**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Accommodation and food service activities	16,486	3,148	2,309	1,422	1,122	1,313	638	8	10	7	4	4,001
Administrative and support service activities	12,824	3,123	2,359	1,288	913	951	449	6	9	4	3	1,385
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2,691	478	316	162	147	176	76	0	1	0	0	162
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,683	345	280	173	139	175	98	6	2	0	1	411
Construction	40,823	5,146	2,474	1,001	744	783	352	4	7	0	2	1,179
Education	5,503	851	458	328	280	593	426	3	5	1	0	346
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	564	205	163	59	46	42	25	0	0	0	0	44
Financial and insurance activities	1,973	439	268	185	144	164	138	0	0	0	1	229
Human Health And Social Work activities	6,760	1,564	1,197	547	475	459	271	3	0	1	0	421
Information and communication activities	1,510	501	405	310	255	319	121	5	0	1	0	350
Manufacturing	13,585	3,283	2,054	1,166	814	899	348	3	2	1	2	744
Other Service activities	5,068	1,005	677	385	217	253	186	2	2	3	1	563
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,571	1,107	907	457	524	384	215	4	5	3	0	386
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,006	513	304	177	126	195	122	1	0	0	0	221
Real Estate activities	1,287	268	175	115	63	80	51	1	0	1	0	141
Transportation and storage	4,684	884	624	376	333	584	373	1	1	0	1	492
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	24,438	5,194	3,279	1,874	1,440	1,784	773	11	12	1	1	1,716
Sector Unclassified or unknown	2,860	589	379	155	59	70	39	0	3	0	2	337
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,316</b>	<b>28,643</b>	<b>18,628</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>7,841</b>	<b>9,224</b>	<b>4,701</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13,128</b>

**Table K5 – Monthly outflow from PUP by sector 2021**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Accommodation and food service activities	3,844	4,731	6,257	8,431	10,283	36,948	16,519	11,059	10,219	4,484	4,736	108
Administrative and support service activities	2,124	3,305	4,674	6,321	5,251	6,544	5,278	2,404	4,556	2,745	2,783	100
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	349	785	1,048	1,182	985	1,139	1,027	321	523	306	276	12
Arts, entertainment and recreation	432	487	678	942	1,624	3,653	1,668	661	1,716	846	687	17
Construction	2,243	7,124	9,728	16,511	11,673	8,132	6,301	1,568	2,263	2,067	1,865	55
Education	1,000	966	2,425	2,391	1,737	2,178	1,449	781	1,922	1,097	905	25
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	114	158	261	302	274	279	223	67	113	77	78	5
Financial and insurance activities	347	515	815	961	1,297	1,418	914	508	600	728	538	27
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,770	2,635	2,765	2,223	2,170	2,227	1,692	728	1,468	828	977	49
Information and communication activities	474	591	883	948	992	1,616	1,069	542	776	656	590	25
Manufacturing	2,288	4,577	4,694	5,197	4,354	4,428	3,131	1,216	1,893	1,152	1,149	100
Other Service activities	789	1,009	1,540	2,113	17,026	5,739	2,713	1,004	1,568	1,293	1,464	14
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	922	1,525	1,944	2,124	2,252	3,059	2,007	909	1,573	1,100	996	35
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	464	729	1,246	1,220	1,131	1,261	720	376	618	638	452	9
Real Estate activities	242	329	471	664	877	1,429	753	381	638	359	335	6
Transportation and storage	710	1,246	2,204	1,861	1,365	1,875	1,464	803	1,372	786	800	27
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	4,413	6,558	7,598	8,720	18,395	14,820	8,172	3,545	6,326	3,366	3,575	150
Sector Unclassified or unknown	218	357	613	994	1,779	2,634	1,852	381	607	1,196	632	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,743</b>	<b>37,627</b>	<b>49,844</b>	<b>63,105</b>	<b>83,465</b>	<b>99,379</b>	<b>56,952</b>	<b>27,254</b>	<b>38,751</b>	<b>23,724</b>	<b>22,838</b>	<b>777</b>



**Table K6 – Number of weeks on PUP by county 2021**

	1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 and over	Total
Carlow	686	697	650	727	1,226	545	367	326	241	201	396	6,062
Cavan	884	985	982	1,088	1,739	764	605	416	391	275	569	8,698
Clare	1,096	1,266	1,295	1,616	3,052	1,516	892	806	595	516	1,063	13,713
Cork	4,751	5,930	6,498	7,438	12,464	5,752	3,848	3,256	2,238	2,101	3,784	58,060
Donegal	1,514	1,724	1,852	2,130	4,195	2,320	1,584	1,092	868	683	1,207	19,169
Dublin	12,578	14,960	16,938	20,963	30,271	17,634	14,900	14,255	9,003	8,965	16,752	177,219
Galway	2,296	2,674	3,047	3,502	6,383	3,261	2,377	1,968	1,345	1,188	2,183	30,224
Kerry	1,369	1,653	1,970	2,394	5,448	2,584	1,565	993	921	714	1,459	21,070
Kildare	2,199	2,729	2,858	3,426	4,969	2,281	1,694	1,509	1,126	1,000	2,076	25,867
Kilkenny	944	1,030	1,045	1,261	2,409	1,050	806	553	421	360	691	10,570
Laois	845	995	1,014	1,182	1,826	741	587	500	373	302	625	8,990
Leitrim	221	320	370	398	768	377	245	211	166	132	245	3,453
Limerick	1,938	2,082	2,036	2,394	4,118	1,888	1,402	1,399	879	842	1,369	20,347
Longford	395	455	456	486	757	349	290	214	163	184	265	4,014
Louth	1,612	1,698	1,526	1,870	3,020	1,535	1,139	1,006	722	693	1,427	16,248
Mayo	1,265	1,514	1,631	1,834	3,421	1,685	1,171	821	540	518	969	15,369
Meath	2,192	2,629	2,851	3,118	4,549	2,211	1,673	1,428	1,131	1,034	2,216	25,032
Monaghan	967	1,205	1,157	893	1,341	630	596	440	302	260	601	8,392
Offaly	1,042	1,028	944	1,036	1,599	731	455	437	341	285	517	8,415
Roscommon	558	715	742	816	1,381	644	497	430	269	251	424	6,727
Sligo	507	653	705	796	1,457	799	566	467	310	224	457	6,941
Tipperary	1,388	1,815	1,822	1,984	3,184	1,454	1,131	841	606	552	969	15,746
Waterford	1,105	1,227	1,308	1,562	2,780	1,319	813	751	525	447	799	12,636
Westmeath	921	1,096	1,013	1,231	2,176	939	759	492	441	351	698	10,117
Wexford	1,833	2,294	2,258	2,452	4,124	1,665	1,212	758	665	561	1,108	18,930
Wicklow	1,165	1,520	1,876	2,187	3,467	1,739	1,130	939	757	674	1,354	16,808
Other including those abroad or county unknown	268	568	692	648	589	301	148	60	60	43	75	3,452
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,539</b>	<b>55,462</b>	<b>59,536</b>	<b>69,432</b>	<b>112,713</b>	<b>56,714</b>	<b>42,452</b>	<b>36,368</b>	<b>25,399</b>	<b>23,356</b>	<b>44,298</b>	<b>572,269</b>

**Table K7 – Number of weeks on PUP by sector 2021**

	1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 and over	Total
Accommodation and food service activities	6,377	6,688	8,168	10,325	31,278	20,583	15,169	10,113	4,908	4,383	7,006	124,998
Administrative and support service activities	4,278	5,211	5,647	6,478	6,400	4,395	3,949	4,294	2,948	2,794	5,046	51,440
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	834	1,129	1,203	1,174	1,151	736	658	469	332	298	686	8,670
Arts, entertainment and recreation	661	765	892	1,455	3,303	2,159	1,058	1,633	923	713	1,126	14,688
Construction	6,229	10,758	13,997	15,118	8,381	4,919	3,399	2,262	2,248	1,837	4,631	73,779
Education	1,384	1,872	2,340	2,379	2,507	1,529	1,065	1,398	1,084	887	1,463	17,908
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	276	299	298	254	272	178	126	106	86	98	226	2,219
Financial and insurance activities	656	851	940	1,056	1,735	902	810	614	756	641	1,360	10,321
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,649	3,345	2,465	2,141	2,230	1,367	1,109	1,278	899	1,008	1,588	21,079
Information and communication activities	800	1,011	1,064	1,094	1,498	1,120	785	743	677	642	1,354	10,788
Manufacturing	6,054	5,927	5,085	4,462	4,075	2,422	1,942	1,729	1,309	1,288	3,064	37,357
Other Service activities	1,340	1,661	2,046	3,260	18,969	2,768	1,948	1,544	1,414	1,471	2,363	38,784
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	1,728	2,386	2,234	2,215	2,903	1,812	1,456	1,545	1,161	1,015	2,437	20,892
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	857	1,239	1,198	1,188	1,399	689	516	545	647	495	783	9,556
Real Estate activities	389	481	622	784	1,506	797	604	622	411	359	690	7,265
Transportation and storage	1,470	2,206	1,883	1,798	1,801	1,336	1,089	1,044	827	1,029	2,272	16,755
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,216	9,054	8,470	12,917	20,098	7,700	5,594	5,752	3,698	3,635	7,326	93,460
Sector Unclassified or unknown	341	579	984	1,334	3,207	1,302	1,175	677	1,071	763	877	12,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,539</b>	<b>55,462</b>	<b>59,536</b>	<b>69,432</b>	<b>112,713</b>	<b>56,714</b>	<b>42,452</b>	<b>36,368</b>	<b>25,399</b>	<b>23,356</b>	<b>44,298</b>	<b>572,269</b>

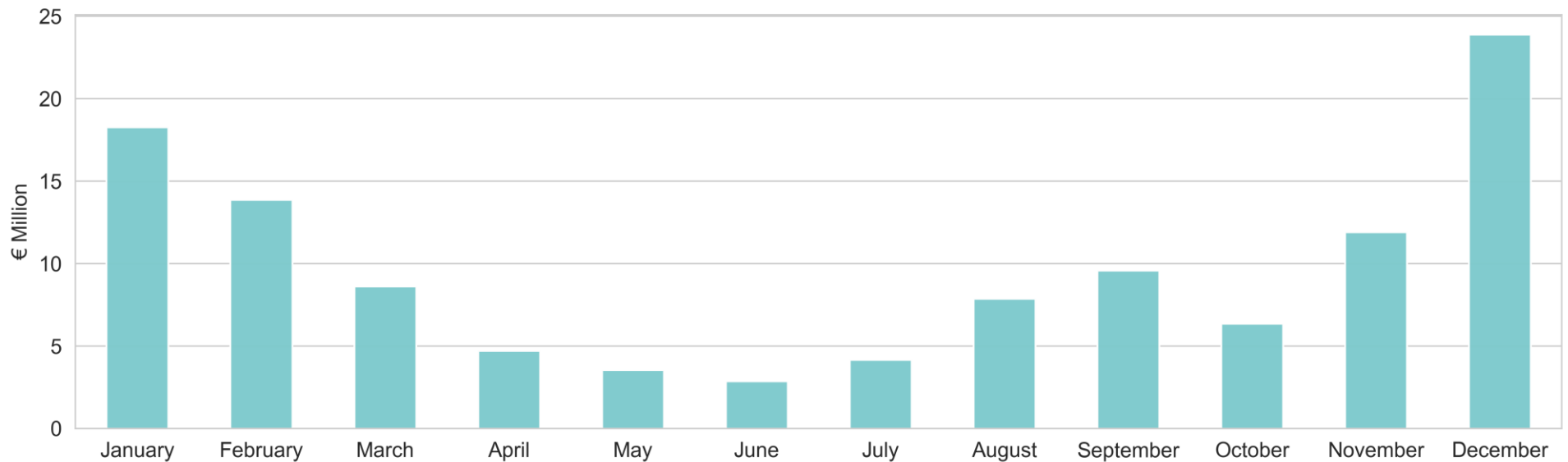
**Table K8 – End of month PUP recipient figures by month of receipt and rate of payment in 2021**

	Total					Female					Male				
	€150	€203	€250	€300	€350	€150	€203	€250	€300	€350	€150	€203	€250	€300	€350
January	0	82,861	78,023	81,330	243,770	0	35,764	33,181	38,858	161,540	0	47,097	44,842	42,472	82,230
February	0	82,311	76,880	79,856	232,362	0	35,556	32,705	38,167	152,943	0	46,755	44,175	41,689	79,419
March	0	79,476	73,634	76,009	216,077	0	34,476	31,364	36,315	141,170	0	45,000	42,270	39,694	74,907
April	0	75,070	68,728	70,717	190,371	0	32,274	28,857	33,287	120,447	0	42,796	39,871	37,430	69,924
May	0	61,534	54,559	54,802	139,562	0	27,184	23,770	26,726	88,662	0	34,350	30,789	28,076	50,900
June	0	44,272	40,144	40,416	104,615	0	19,363	18,279	20,440	66,866	0	24,909	21,865	19,976	37,749
July	0	36,771	33,129	33,774	88,987	0	16,178	15,264	17,149	56,635	0	20,593	17,865	16,625	32,352
August	0	27,646	24,901	25,127	66,263	0	11,965	11,473	12,738	41,067	0	15,681	13,428	12,389	25,196
September	0	36,132	17,784	52,663	0	0	16,264	9,066	32,772	0	0	19,868	8,718	19,891	0
October	0	20,274	14,278	43,430	0	0	9,011	7,390	27,124	0	0	11,263	6,888	16,306	0
November	0	17,108	37,904	0	0	0	8,324	23,465	0	0	0	8,784	14,439	0	0
December	1,967	15,887	38,474	2,343	6,381	1,076	7,834	23,814	1,342	4,549	891	8,053	14,660	1,001	1,832

## L Other COVID-19 supports

- Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19 (EIB) was paid to 143,959 recipients in 2021, over double the number of recipients recorded in 2020 (69,172).
- Females accounted for 52% of all EIB recipients in 2021, at XXXX, while males accounted for 48% of EIB recipients, at XXXX.
- Almost 40% of all EIB recipients were aged 30 years or younger, while 10% were aged 55 years or older.
- Around €116 million in EIB expenditure was paid in 2021, with the largest sum being paid to recipients in December 2021 (€24 million). The lowest amount of EIB expenditure by month was recorded in June 2021 (€3 million).
- Around 7,600 people received COVID-19 supports for Rent Supplement, while 2,400 self-employed people availed of the COVID-19 Enterprise Support Grant in 2021.

FIGURE 31 – ENHANCED ILLNESS BENEFIT EXPENDITURE IN 2021, BY MONTH



**Table L1 – Number of recipients of other COVID-19 supports by county 2021**

	Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19	Enterprise Support Grant COVID-19 support	Rent Supplement COVID-19 support
Carlow	2,175	24	76
Cavan	2,826	31	86
Clare	3,153	52	108
Cork	14,136	176	604
Donegal	5,569	118	80
Dublin	39,608	925	3,723
Galway	8,750	156	327
Kerry	3,730	91	383
Kildare	5,994	80	332
Kilkenny	2,712	43	128
Laois	2,743	21	92
Leitrim	825	20	38
Limerick	5,838	58	221
Longford	1,356	12	37
Louth	4,899	47	100
Mayo	4,106	78	130
Meath	6,587	102	257
Monaghan	2,925	15	35
Offaly	2,402	29	39
Roscommon	1,756	42	44
Sligo	1,625	33	76
Tipperary	4,622	44	95
Waterford	4,131	50	84
Westmeath	2,757	35	117
Wexford	4,596	49	132
Wicklow	3,273	53	242
Other including those abroad or county unknown	865	7	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,959</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>7,625</b>

**Table L2 – Number of recipients of other COVID-19 supports by age and sex 2021**

	Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19			Enterprise Support Grant COVID-19 support			Rent Supplement COVID-19 support					
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male			
Under 20	4,791	2,585	2,206	57	17	10	143	77	66			
20-24	28,536	15,536	13,000			30				709	399	310
25-29	19,727	10,213	9,514			157				44	113	1,193
30-34	17,763	8,956	8,807	338	74	264	1,762	745	1,017			
35-39	18,595	9,515	9,080	386	75	311	1,524	562	962			
40-44	17,217	8,666	8,551	381	65	316	1,035	389	646			
45-49	13,377	6,933	6,444	395	67	328	614	227	387			
50-54	10,631	5,501	5,130	314	38	276	352	140	212			
55-59	7,705	3,968	3,737	363	26	337	293	100	193			
60 and over	5,617	2,763	2,854									
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,959</b>	<b>74,636</b>	<b>69,323</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>7,625</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>4,421</b>			

**Table L3 – Expenditure on the Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19 by county in 2021, € million**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Carlow	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.8
Cavan	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.4
Clare	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	2.4
Cork	2.1	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	1.3	2.5	11.1
Donegal	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.7	4.8
Dublin	4.8	3.8	2.6	1.6	1.2	0.9	1.1	2.1	2.5	1.6	2.7	6.7	31.5
Galway	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.4	6.7
Kerry	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.7	2.9
Kildare	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.2	4.7
Kilkenny	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	2.1
Laois	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	2.3
Leitrim	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.6
Limerick	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.8	5.0
Longford	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.1
Louth	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.8	4.2
Mayo	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6	3.4
Meath	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.2	5.3
Monaghan	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.5
Offaly	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	2.0
Roscommon	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.4
Sligo	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.3
Tipperary	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.9	3.6
Waterford	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.8	3.3
Westmeath	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	2.1
Wexford	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.8	3.8
Wicklow	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	2.6
Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>115.7</b>

# 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  
COVID-19 - Pandemic Unemployment Payment  
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  
Parent's 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  
Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme  
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training Initiatives  
Job Initiative  
Job Path  
JobsPlus  
Local Employment Service  
Job 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  
Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme  
Training 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  
Enhanced Illness Benefit for COVID-19  
Injury Benefit  
Illness Benefit  
Invalidity Pension  
Medical Care

## **CHILDREN**

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme  
Child Benefit  
Working Family Payment  
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), Partial Capacity Benefit, 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), Partial Capacity Benefit, 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, 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.

## CLAIM CLEARED

A claim that has been awarded, rejected, or withdrawn.

## 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.

## AGE

All age breakdowns are based on the age of the recipient as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 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