



An Roinn Gnóthaí Fostaíochta
agus Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Employment Affairs
and Social Protection

Statistical Information On Social Welfare Services Annual Report 2018



Table of Contents

Table of Figures	6
Introduction	7
Réamhrá an Aire	9
A Summary and Financial	10
Table A1 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme (€million).....	12
Table A2 – Social Welfare Rates of Payment (Weekly unless otherwise stated, €).....	14
Table A3 – Number of Recipients of main periodic benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance.....	17
Table A4 – Number of Beneficiaries of main periodic benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance.....	18
Table A5 – Number of Recipients of main Social Welfare benefits by broad nationality group, 2018.....	19
Table A6 – Financing of Social Insurance Fund (€million).....	21
Table A7 - Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Class 2017.....	22
B Pensions.....	23
Table B1 – Expenditure on Pensions by Scheme (€million).....	24
Table B2 – Number of Beneficiaries of main State Pension benefits by type.....	25
Table B3 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Age and Sex, 2018.....	26
Table B4 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Type of Payment and County, 2018.....	27
C Working Age Income Supports	28
Table C1 – Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Scheme (€million).....	29
Table C2 – Number of Beneficiaries of main Working-Age Income Support benefits by type.....	30

Table C3 –	Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Income Support benefits by Age and Sex, 2018.....	32
Table C4 –	Recipients of main Working Age Income Supports by Scheme and County, 2018.....	34
D	Working Age Employment Supports	35
Table D1 –	Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports by Scheme (€million).....	36
Table D2 –	Breakdown of Other Working Age Employment Supports (€million).....	37
Table D3 –	Number of Beneficiaries of main Working-Age Employment Supports by type.....	38
Table D4 –	Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Employment Supports by Age and Sex, 2018.....	40
Table D5 –	Number of Recipients of main Working Age Employment Supports by County, 2018.....	42
E	Illness, Disability and Caring	43
Table E1 –	Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Carers by Scheme (€million).....	44
Table E2 –	Number of Beneficiaries of Illness, Disability and Caring benefits by type.....	45
Table E3 –	Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer’s Payments by Age and Sex, 2018.....	47
Table E4 –	Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Child Age.....	48
Table E5 –	Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer’s Payments by County, 2018.....	49
Table E6 –	Recipients of Half-Rate Carer’s Allowance by Primary Payment.....	50
F	Children.....	51
Table F1 –	Expenditure on Child-Related Payments by Scheme (€million).....	52
Table F2 –	Number of Beneficiaries of Children Benefits by Type.....	53
Table F3 –	Number of Recipients of Working Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2018.....	54
Table F4 –	Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age.....	55
Table F5 –	Number of Recipients of Working Family Payment by Income Group and Family Type.....	56

Table F6 –	Number of Recipients of main Child-Related Payments by County, 2018.....	57
G	Supplementary Payments	58
Table G1 –	Expenditure on Supplementary Payments and Miscellaneous Services by Scheme (€million).....	59
Table G2 –	Breakdown of Miscellaneous Services (€million).....	60
Table G3 –	Beneficiaries of Supplementary Payments by Type.....	61
Table G4 –	Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Age and Sex, 2018.....	62
Table G5 –	Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration, 2018.....	63
Table G6 –	Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2018.....	64
H	Operational Activity	65
Table H1 –	Claims Registered by Year and Benefit.....	66
Table H2 –	Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit.....	68
Table H3 –	Claims Rejected by Year and Benefit.....	70
Table H4 –	Claims Withdrawn by Year and Benefit.....	71
Table H5 –	Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit.....	72
Table H6 –	Claims Pending by Year and Benefit.....	74
Table H7 –	Average Weeks to Award by Year and Benefit.....	76
Table H8 –	PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – EU Countries.....	78
Table H9 –	PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – non-EU Countries.....	79
Appendix 1 –	Social Assistance and Social Insurance Schemes	80
Appendix 2 –	Classification of Social Welfare Schemes	81
Appendix 3 –	Glossary of Terms.....	84

Appendix 4 – Details of Scheme Changes 85

Table of Figures

Figure 1 –Social Welfare Expenditure by Programme, 2009-2018, Billions €.....	10
Figure 2 – Social Welfare Recipients by Programme, 2009-2018, Millions.....	11
Figure 3– Social Welfare Beneficiaries by Programme, 2009-2018, Millions.....	11
Figure 4: Pension Recipients per 1,000 population	23
Figure 5 - Claims Registered by Programme and Year, 2009-2018	65
Figure 6 - Claims Cleared by Programme and Year, 2009-2018	65
Figure 7 – Claims Pending Year end, 2009-2018.....	65

Introduction

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

This Report is also available on the internet, in an open data format, at http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Statistics_holder.aspx. Readers' views and comments on the report are welcome and should be addressed to statsunit@welfare.ie.

NOTES

The statistics set out in this report relate to 2018 and earlier years. In the case of data relating to recipients and beneficiaries, the figures, unless otherwise stated, refer to the 31st December each year. 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, 31st December.

The source for the statistics presented, unless otherwise stated, is the Department of Employment Affairs and 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 Employment Affairs and 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.

The report is divided into eight sections as follows:

Section A provides details of expenditure, recipients of weekly Social Welfare Payments, insured persons and rates of payment.

Section B provides details of expenditure and recipients of payments to Older and Retired People

Section C provides details of expenditure and recipients of Working Age Income Groups

Section D provides details of employment supports including Back to Work Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Education Allowance.

Section E provides details of expenditure and recipients of Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Disability Allowance, Blind Pension, Carer's Allowance and Occupational Injury Benefits.

Section F provides details of expenditure and recipients of child related payments including Child Benefit, Guardian's Payment and Back to School Footwear and Clothing Allowance

Section G provides details of expenditure and recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Supplements and other miscellaneous payments.

Section H provides details of Claims Activity



Minister's Foreword

I welcome the publication of the 36th edition of the Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services. This 2018 edition of the Annual Statistical Report provides comprehensive information on all programmes administered by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

The main features of the Department's activities in 2018 were:

- ❖ Total Social Welfare expenditure was just over €20.4 billion (compared to just over €20.1 billion in 2017), representing 27.8% of general government expenditure and 8.5% of GNP;
- ❖ Over 1.3 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of under 2.0 million beneficiaries;
- ❖ Expenditure on Pensions increased by 5% to just under €7.7 billion as a result of a 2.9% increase in the number of recipients. Payments were made to over 628,000 people in this area.
- ❖ Over €3.4 billion was spent on Working Age Income Supports, a decrease of 5.1% on the previous year. Within this, expenditure on Jobseeker's supports decreased by 14.3% to over €1.8 billion.
- ❖ Spending on Working Age Employment Supports decreased by 11.1% to just over €828 million, as a result of improving macro-economic conditions which saw a reduction in unemployment throughout 2018.
- ❖ Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by 9% to just over €795 million while that on Carer's Benefit increased by 6.2% to over €38

million. The numbers in receipt of Carer's Allowance increased from 75,264 to 79,914, an increase of over 6.1%;

- ❖ 628,354 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,202,925 children – an increase of 0.4% and just under 0.6% respectively;
- ❖ Family Income Supplement, now known as Working Family Payment, was paid to 54,116 families – a decrease of almost 0.7% over 2017 – and benefitted 122,056 children.

We must remember that each and every one of these statistics represents a real person or family, making it all the more imperative that we realise that the efficient delivery of services is not just about numbers and performance targets but about supporting all our citizens, in every age group and in every part of Ireland.

This report illustrates and charts the progress being made in developing services, in tandem with wider Government aims and objectives that have at their core the delivery of opportunities to people of all ages.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the staff throughout the Department, for their continued efforts in implementing the Government's programme of social welfare protection, support and reform during this period of rapid change.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Regina Doherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Regina Doherty T.D

Minister for Employment Affairs & Social Protection

Réamhrá an Aire



Cuirim fáilte roimh fhoilsiú an 36ú heagrán den Fhaisnéis Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh.

Cuireann eagrán seo na bliana 2018 den Tuarascáil Staitistiúil Bhliantúil faisnéis chuimsitheach ar fáil maidir le gach clár faoi riar na Roinne Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí.

Ba iad na príomhghnéithe de ghníomhaíochtaí na Roinne sa bhliain 2018 ná:

- ❖ Ba bheagán os cionn €20.4 billiún an caiteachas iomlán ar an Leas Sóisialach (i gcomparáid le beagán os cionn €20.1 billiún sa bhliain 2017), arbh éard a bhí ann ná 27.8% d'ollchaiteachas reatha an rialtais agus 8.5% den Olltáirgeacht Náisiúnta (OTN/GNP);
- ❖ Bhí íocaíocht sheachtainiúil Leasa Shóisialaigh á fáil ag breis agus 1.3 milliún duine, rud a íocadh i leith 2.0milliún tairbhí;
- ❖ Mhéadaigh an caiteachas ar Phinsin faoi 5% go dtí beagán faoi bhun €7.7 billiún mar gheall ar mhéadú 2.9% ar líon na bhfaighteoirí. Rinneadh íocaíochtaí le beagán os cionn 628,000 duine sa réimse seo.
- ❖ Caitheadh beagán faoi bhun €3.4 billiún ar Thacaí Ioncaim Aoise Oibre, arbh éard a bhí ann ná laghdú 5.1% ar an mbliain roimhe sin. Laistigh den mhéid seo, laghdaigh an caiteachas ar thacaí Cuardaitheora Poist faoi 14.3% go dtí thart ar €1.8 billiún.
- ❖ Laghdaigh an caiteachas ar Thacaí Fostaíochta Aoise Oibre faoi 11.1% go dtí beagán os cionn €828 milliún, mar gheall ar dhálaí maicreacnamaíochta a bheith ag feabhsú, rud a bhí ina shiocair le laghdú ar an dífhostaíocht i gcaitheamh na bliana 2018 ar fad.

- ❖ Mhéadaigh an caiteachas ar an Liúntas Cúramóra faoi 9% go dtí beagán os cionn €795 milliún le linn don chaiteachas ar an Sochar Cúramóra a bheith ag méadú faoi 6.2% go dtí beagán os cionn €38 milliún. Mhéadaigh líon na ndaoine a fuair an Liúntas Cúramóra ó 75,264 go 79,914, arbh éard a bhí ann ná méadú 6.1%;
- ❖ Fuair 628,354 teaghlach íocaíocht mhíosúil den Sochar Linbh, a íocadh i leith 1,202,925 leanbh – méadú 0.4% agus beagán faoi 0.6% faoi seach;
- ❖ Íocadh Forlíonadh Ioncaim Teaghlaigh le 54,116 teaghlach – laghdú de 0.7% i gcomparáid leis an mbliain 2017 – agus chuaigh sé seo chun tairbhe do 122,056 leanbh.

Ní mór dúinn cuimhneamh gurb éard a bhíonn i ngach aon cheann de na staitisticí seo dáiríre ná duine nó teaghlach, rud a chiallaíonn gur den rithábhacht a thuiscint go mbaineann níos mó ná uimhreacha agus spriocanna feidhmíochta le seachadadh éifeachtúil na seirbhísí agus go gcuimsíonn sé seo a bheith ag tacú lenár saoránaigh go léir, i ngach aoisghrúpa agus i ngach cuid d'Éirinn.

Léirítear agus rianaítear sa tuarascáil seo an dul chun cinn a dhéantar ó thaobh seirbhísí a fhorbairt, in éineacht le haidhmeanna agus cuspóirí an Rialtais ar leibhéal níos leithne ina mbíonn seachadadh na ndeiseanna ar dhaoine de gach aois ina gcroílár acu.

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leis an bhfoireann ar fud na Roinne as a n-iarrachtaí leantacha ó thaobh clár an Rialtais a chur i ngníomh ar mhaithe le coimirce, tacaíocht agus athchóiriú an leasa shóisialaigh i rith na tréimhse seo ina mbíonn a lán athruithe ag teacht chun cinn go mear.



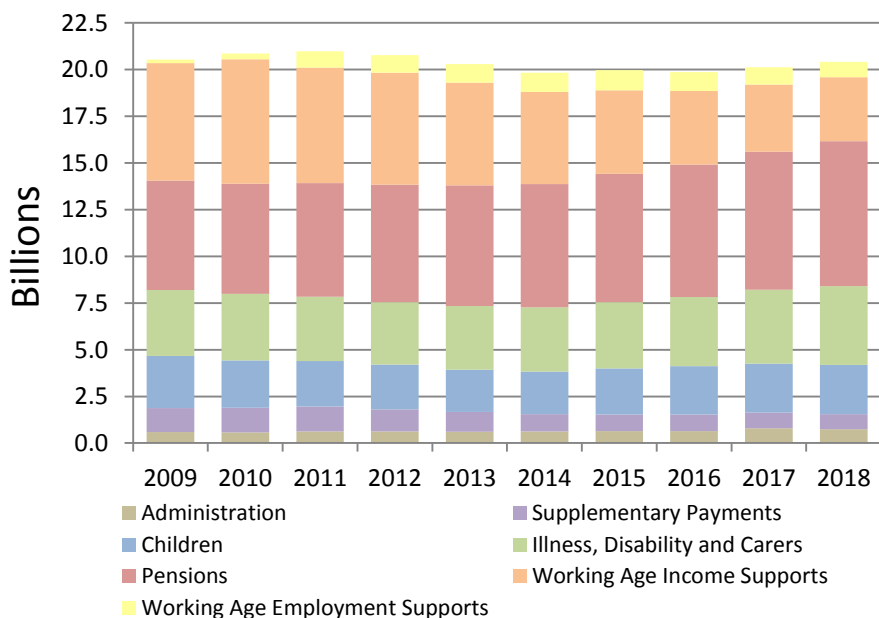
Regina Doherty T.D.

Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí

A Summary and Financial

EXPENDITURE

FIGURE 1 –SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAMME, 2009-2018, BILLIONS €



Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2017 was just over €20.4 billion, an increase of 1.5% over 2016. Expenditure in 2018 represented 28.5% of General Government expenditure and was equivalent to 8.5% of GNP (Table A1).

The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Pensions 37.98%, Illness, Disability and Caring 20.7%, Working Age Income Supports 16.8%, Children 12.9%, Working Age Employment Supports 4.1%, Supplementary Payments 4%. Administration of the Social Welfare system accounted for 3.7% of total expenditure (Figure 1).

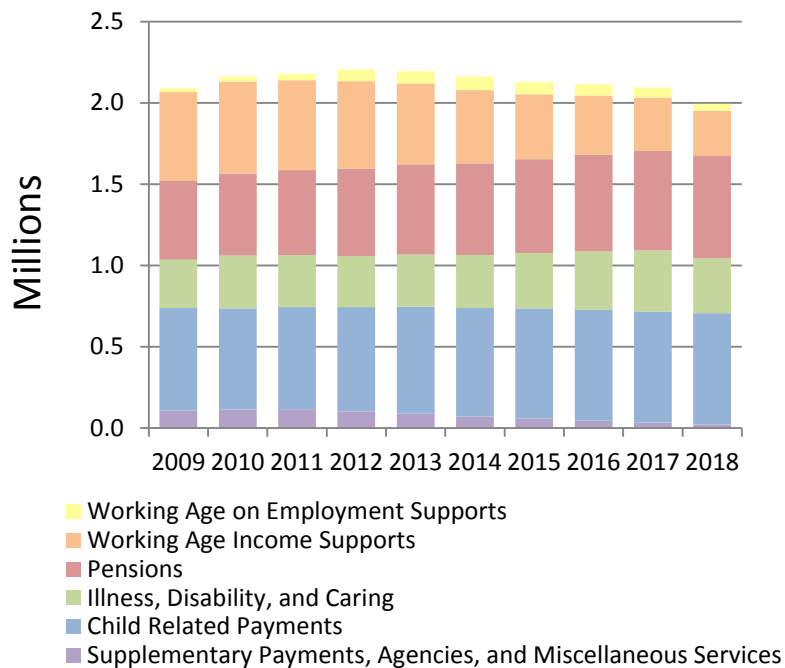
The largest increases are seen in Pensions and Illness, Disability and Caring showing increased expenditure by 5% and 6.5% respectively. Working Age Income Supports and Employment Supports displayed the greatest reduction in expenditure with decreases of 8.3% and 9.6% respectively.

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer 48% and the Social Insurance Fund 52%. The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (72.4%), employees (21.5%), and the self-employed (5.7%). See Table A7.

Social Insurance Income has exceeded Social Insurance Expenditure for the third year running despite the largest increase in Expenditure since 2009.

RECIPIENTS OF WEEKLY SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS

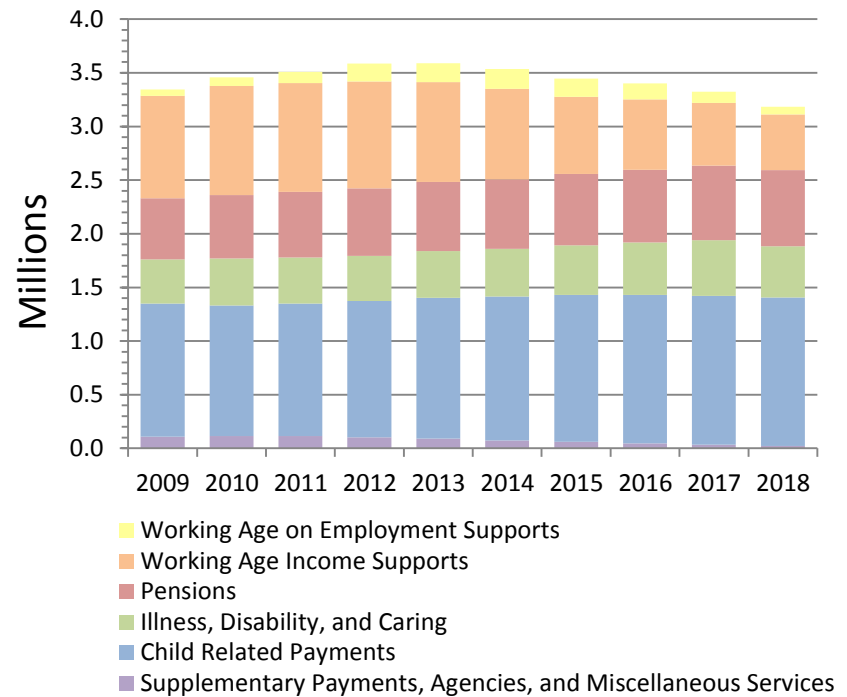
FIGURE 2 – SOCIAL WELFARE RECIPIENTS BY PROGRAMME, 2009-2018, MILLIONS



NOTES

(a) Community and Employment Services were transferred to the Department from January 2011 and comparison between years should take account of the increased expenditure in relation to these supports.

FIGURE 3 – SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFICIARIES BY PROGRAMME, 2009-2018, MILLIONS



(b) People may be in receipt of more than one social welfare payment, and this may result in double counting.

Table A1 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Administration - Assistance Schemes	374.52	365.01	382.37	476.00	472.37	470.37	490.27	486.39	520.91	541.40
Administration - Insurance Schemes	281.43	280.78	280.99	276.65	272.52	270.50	270.81	272.63	274.01	209.62
Total Administration (€m)	655.95	645.79	663.35	752.65	744.89	740.87	761.07	759.02	794.92	751.02
Pensions - Social Assistance	1000.55	977.29	971.77	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1020.25
Pensions - Social Insurance	4853.20	4921.35	5120.42	5320.20	5498.44	5641.10	5907.28	6108.31	6391.98	6737.36
Total Pensions (€m)	5853.74	5898.64	6092.19	6283.42	6450.89	6595.51	6879.48	7090.45	7386.72	7757.61
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	3739.24	4482.40	4559.96	4532.93	4395.02	4053.15	3670.25	3190.33	2845.39	2610.47
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	2617.68	2246.02	1673.53	1467.37	1115.92	887.09	798.29	757.37	752.85	811.70
Total Working Age Income Supports (€m)	6356.92	6728.41	6233.49	6000.30	5510.93	4940.24	4468.54	3947.70	3598.24	3422.16
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance	193.89	300.18	903.26	951.91	985.05	1025.38	1066.53	996.18	904.52	810.10
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42
Total Working Age on Employment Supports (€m)	193.89	300.18	903.26	954.02	992.43	1035.35	1077.84	1009.26	920.52	828.52
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	1791.73	1851.13	1842.31	1851.52	1934.76	2041.23	2153.13	2330.71	2557.11	2767.30
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	1735.76	1705.92	1600.81	1494.84	1470.21	1394.70	1393.10	1368.85	1405.10	1450.74
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring (€m)	3527.49	3557.05	3443.12	3346.36	3404.96	3435.93	3546.24	3699.56	3962.21	4218.04
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	2767.93	2516.94	2412.17	2376.55	2251.81	2264.76	2444.45	2576.55	2603.33	2612.58
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	17.13	17.92	17.64	16.74	17.30	16.65	17.71	17.89	18.00	20.15
Total Child Related Payments (€m)	2785.06	2534.86	2429.81	2393.28	2269.11	2281.40	2462.17	2594.44	2621.33	2632.73
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	1009.69	1022.25	1018.16	890.45	802.04	720.16	669.85	653.05	608.51	573.65
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance	279.04	288.86	311.58	291.66	249.88	213.14	218.25	225.94	227.09	243.31
Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services (€m)	1288.73	1311.10	1329.74	1182.11	1051.92	933.29	888.09	878.99	835.59	816.96
Total - Social Assistance (€m)	10877.55	11515.17	12089.99	12042.58	11793.12	11529.46	11466.68	11215.34	11034.51	10935.74
Total - Social Insurance (€m)	9784.23	9460.84	9004.97	8869.57	8631.63	8433.14	8616.75	8764.08	9085.04	9491.30
Grand Total (€m)	20661.78	20976.01	21094.96	20912.15	20424.75	19962.60	20083.43	19979.42	20119.55	20427.04

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Index of Expenditure	100.0	101.5	102.1	101.1	98.7	96.5	97.2	96.7	97.0	101.6
Consumer Price Index	100.0	99.0	101.6	103.3	103.8	104.0	103.7	103.7	104.1	104.6
Expenditure as a % of General Government Expenditure	30.4%	31.4%	31.4%	30.6%	29.9%	29.3%	29.5%	29.2%	29.0%	28.5%
Expenditure as % of Gross National Product	14.6%	15.0%	15.2%	14.6%	13.3%	12.0%	9.7%	8.8%	8.3%	8.5%
Expenditure as % of Gross Domestic Product	12.1%	12.5%	12.2%	11.8%	11.3%	10.2%	7.6%	7.2%	6.7%	6.7%

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

Benefit	Rate	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Contributory)	Personal	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	233.30	238.30	243.30
	Qualified Adult Allowance	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	155.50	158.80	162.10
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Personal	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	222.00	227.00	232.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	146.70	150.00	153.30
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
State Pension (Transition)	Personal	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	233.30	238.30	s/c
	Qualified Adult Allowance	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	155.50	158.80	s/c
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	Personal	209.80	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Widow(ers)' & Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Personal	234.70	226.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	223.50	228.50
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	204.30	196.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	191.00	196.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 25	Personal	204.30	196.00	186.00	186.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	147.80	152.80
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	0.00	0.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	204.30	196.00	186.00	144.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	0.00	0.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Personal	209.80	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Benefit	Rate	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Farm Assist	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 25	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	147.80	152.80
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Jobseeker's Benefit	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
One Parent Family Payment	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	s/c
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	s/c
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	s/c
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Community Employment Programme	Personal			208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance			124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase			29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Benefit	Rate	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Rural Social Scheme	Personal			208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance			124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase			29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
TÚS	Personal				208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance				124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase				29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Carer's Allowance	Personal	220.50	212.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	209.00	214.00
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Carer's Benefit	Personal	221.20	213.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	210.00	215.00
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Disability Allowance	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Illness Benefit	Personal	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Invalidity Pension	Personal	209.80	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance	149.70	143.80	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	141.70	145.30
	Qualified Child Increase	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80
Child Benefit(Monthly)	First and second child	166.00	150.00	140.00	140.00	130.00	130.00	135.00	140.00	140.00	140.00
	Third child	203.00	187.00	167.00	148.00						
	Fourth or subsequent child			177.00	160.00	140.00	140.00				
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Personal	176.50	169.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	176.00	181.00
Guardian's Payment (Non-Con.)	Personal	176.50	169.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	176.00	181.00
Other Payments	Island Allowance	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70
	Living Alone Allowance	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.70	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
	Over-80 Allowance	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

Table A3 – Number of Recipients of main periodic benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Pensions - Social Assistance	97,798	97,179	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	95,140	95,263
Pensions - Social Insurance	387,225	405,837	425,495	444,082	460,224	467,274	482,124	498,570	516,255	534,103
Total Pensions	485,023	503,016	522,244	540,208	556,025	562,844	577,303	593,791	611,395	629,366
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	364,232	410,874	425,460	427,834	411,472	371,772	317,127	288,779	253,573	221,926
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	183,529	155,398	129,176	109,136	85,404	76,098	66,193	63,255	64,067	61,902
Total Working Age Income Supports	547,761	566,272	554,636	536,970	496,876	447,870	383,320	352,034	317,640	283,828
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance	22,653	30,117	38,620	70,679	74,111	82,348	74,306	67,801	60,559	50,864
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	0	0	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	394	2,426
Total Working Age on Employment Supports	22,653	30,117	38,620	70,679	75,345	83,780	75,918	69,674	60,953	53,290
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	149,266	176,601	180,129	180,118	190,310	200,114	212,691	229,907	246,033	260,973
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	147,068	148,591	139,922	131,356	129,212	126,542	127,612	128,509	129,404	132,126
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	296,334	325,192	320,051	311,474	319,522	326,656	340,303	358,416	375,437	393,099
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	629,315	620,084	626,650	641,473	655,960	666,068	675,671	681,206	682,924	683,019
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	860	919	955	938	947	937	983	1,048	1,036	1,129
Total Child Related Payments	630,175	621,003	627,605	642,411	656,907	667,005	676,654	682,254	683,960	684,148
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948
Total - Social Assistance	1,371,587	1,450,268	1,483,558	1,518,652	1,517,329	1,487,399	1,434,937	1,409,350	1,371,628	1,334,993
Total - Social insurance	718,682	710,745	695,548	685,512	677,021	672,283	678,524	693,255	711,156	731,687
Total Recipients	2,090,269	2,161,013	2,179,106	2,204,164	2,194,350	2,159,682	2,113,461	2,102,605	2,082,784	2,066,680

Table A4 – Number of Beneficiaries of main periodic benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Pensions - Social Assistance	101,349	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	98,937	99,034
Pensions - Social Insurance	467,844	487,778	509,173	528,793	544,791	549,653	564,140	579,474	595,487	609,866
Total Pensions	569,193	588,454	609,472	628,518	644,239	648,966	663,106	678,543	694,424	708,900
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	694,011	807,583	842,642	854,205	822,974	748,776	639,439	581,336	512,305	453,240
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	262,998	209,569	143,534	143,534	107,843	94,086	80,156	76,613	76,438	73,585
Total Working Age Income Supports	957,009	1,017,152	1,013,865	997,739	930,817	842,862	719,595	657,949	588,743	526,825
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance	58,148	81,920	105,116	167,626	176,671	183,732	168,507	150,044	108,584	87,122
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	0	0	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	1,014	2,654
Total Working Age on Employment Supports	58,148	81,920	105,116	167,626	178,242	185,560	170,586	152,442	109,598	89,776
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	217,750	243,583	248,537	248,564	265,016	280,210	299,534	325,587	349,057	370,663
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	192,905	194,448	182,572	171,641	168,685	164,118	164,085	163,720	170,260	167,692
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	410,655	438,031	431,109	420,205	433,701	444,328	463,619	489,307	519,317	538,567
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	1,239,548	1,215,455	1,231,259	1,268,638	1,312,109	1,340,473	1,367,158	1,381,001	1,386,068	1,380,374
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	1,951	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	2,333	2,542
Total Child Related Payments	1,241,499	1,217,539	1,233,402	1,270,754	1,314,242	1,342,584	1,369,372	1,383,362	1,388,401	1,382,915
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948
Total - Social Assistance	2,419,129	2,564,630	2,643,803	2,741,180	2,765,893	2,724,031	2,633,567	2,583,473	2,488,350	2,413,380
Total - Social insurance	925,698	893,879	865,111	846,084	825,023	811,795	812,674	824,565	845,532	856,550
Total Beneficiaries	3,344,827	3,458,509	3,508,914	3,587,264	3,590,916	3,535,826	3,446,241	3,408,038	333,882	3,269,930

Table A5 – Number of Recipients of main Social Welfare benefits by broad nationality group, 2018

Scheme	Ireland	UK	EU13	EU15 to EU28	Non-EU	Total
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	87,642	4,949	543	1,278	851	95,263
State Pension (Contributory)	397,552	9,526	1,781	1,201	1,600	411,660
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	116,455	2,854	503	1,168	709	121,689
Total - Pensions	601,649	17,329	2,827	3,647	3,160	628,612
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	13,115	632	153	1,635	752	16,287
Jobseeker's Allowance	126,273	6,891	1,634	14,685	5,650	155,133
One Parent Family Payment	33,420	1,146	239	2,955	1,505	39,265
Farm Assist	6,298	179	35	5	18	6,535
Adoptive Benefit	8	1	0	0	0	9
Health and Safety Benefit	10	0	0	14	1	25
Jobseeker's Benefit	28,222	1,030	570	3,935	432	34,189
Maternity Benefit	17,268	409	514	2,190	801	21,182
Total - Working Age Income Supports	22,4614	10,288	3,145	25,419	9,159	272,625
Back to Education Allowance	6,920	361	115	656	764	8,816
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	237	13	1	15	3	269
Partial Capacity Benefit	2,301	63	8	45	9	2,426
Total - Working Age Employment Supports	9,458	437	124	716	776	11,511

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	Ireland	UK	EU13	EU15 to EU28	Non-EU	Total
Carer's Allowance	72,394	3,393	301	2,404	1,422	79,914
Disability Allowance	126,416	5,988	661	5,758	2,012	140,835
Domiciliary Care Allowance	33,613	1,459	370	2,200	1,365	39,007
Carer's Benefit	2,443	73	23	183	28	2,750
Illness Benefit	47,716	1,578	545	5,564	592	55,995
Injury Benefit	702	23	19	172	22	938
Invalidity Pension	54,030	1,448	283	1,821	186	57,768
Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring	337,314	13,962	2,202	18,102	5,627	377,207
Child Benefit	497,719	19,819	10,867	69,137	30,812	628,354
Working Family Payment	38,698	1,941	668	10,313	2,496	54,116
Total - Child-Related Payments	1,467,997	58,719	30,166	184,452	89,945	1,831,279
Rent Supplement	15,081	956	407	4,535	1,890	22,869
Total - Supplementary Payments	15,081	956	407	4,535	1,890	22,869
Grand Total	1,606,885	62,049	19,834	131,642	53,326	1,873,736
<i>Free Travel</i>	879,007	31,536	4,292	12,577	6,886	934,298
Total - Including Free Travel	2,485,892	93,585	24,126	144,219	60,212	2,808,034

Table A6 – Financing of Social Insurance Fund (€million)

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Employer PRSI	5,290.403	5,000.275	5,460.786	4,995.971	5,331.152	5,749.428	6,165.,212	6,606.092	7,136.821	7,697.18
Employee PRSI	1,559.416	1,377.140	1,617.352	1,479.983	1,579.545	1,703.956	1,826.407	1,957.085	2,114.032	2,280.24
Self-Employed PRSI	314.787	330.603	348.342	310.386	397.079	406.266	460.266	607.441	521.803	604.56
National Training Fund	371.600	310.970	319.621	294.580	314.700	339.677	364.298	390.900	421.744	565.50
Income from Health Contribution	-76.92	76.59	115.26	-13.68	-5.06	7.32	6.54	4.24	2.94	2.64
Investment Income	132.976	1.613	0.999	0.369	0.051	0.056	0	0	0	0
Benefit Overpayment Recoveries	0	0	5.852	6.218	6.970	8.963	11.964	10.226	10.196	9.335
Redundancy & Insolvency Recoveries	0	0	4.452	5.842	7.028	10.232	7.551	10.691	6.934	9.289
Recoverable Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	4.686	19.474	20.575	23.117	22.055
Other Receipts	0.019	0.050	1.147	0.464	0.741	0.433	0.277	0.136	0.066	0.043
Total Income	9,226.283	8,926.237	7,873.808	7,080.137	7,632.205	8,231.021	8,861.985	9,607.428	10,237.733	11,190.85
Expenditure (including expenditure on the National Training Fund)	11,790.225	11,598.835	9,330.549	9,168.567	8,948.635	8,771.142	8,980.724	9,154.101	9,516.126	10,056.8
Expenditure (less expenditure on the National Training Fund)	9,784.225	9,460.836	9,004.245	8,863.725	8,624.607	8,422.911	8,616.506	8,763.681	9,085.124	9,491.30
Excess of receipts over payments	-2,563.942	-2,672.598	-1,456.741	-2,088.430	-1,316.430	-540.121	-118.739	453.327	721.607	1,134.05
Increase in balance due to National Training Fund	0	-78.556	-3.621	4.420	2.300	-1.677	-0.298	-0.900	9.256	-9.53
Surplus/Deficit in the year	-2,486.624	-2,751.154	-1,460.362	-2,084.010	-1,314.130	-541.798	-119.037	452.427	730.863	1,124.52
Exchequer subvention	0	1,862.286	1,460.362	2,084.010	1,314.130	541.798	119.037	0	0	0

Table A7 - Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Class 2017^{1,2}

PRSI Class	A	B	C	D	E	H	J	K	M	P	S	Voluntary Contributors
Jobseeker's Benefit	X					X				X ³		
Illness Benefit	X				X	X				X ³		
Maternity Benefit	X				X	X					X	
Paternity Benefit	X				X	X					X	
Adoptive Benefit	X				X	X					X	
Death Grant	X				X	X						X
Health and Safety Benefit	X				X	X						
Invalidity Pension	X				X	X					X	
Widow(er)'s, (Contributory) Pension	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X
State Pension (Contributory)	X				X	X					X	X
Treatment Benefit	X					X					X	
Occupational Injuries Benefit	X	X ³		X			X		X ³	X		
Bereavement Grant	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	
Carer's Benefit	X	X	X	X	X	X						
ALL BENEFITS	X											
Number of Contributors Insured	2,167,867	18,384	318	43,376	174	8,029	43,501	92,192	337,730	3	274,760	2,206

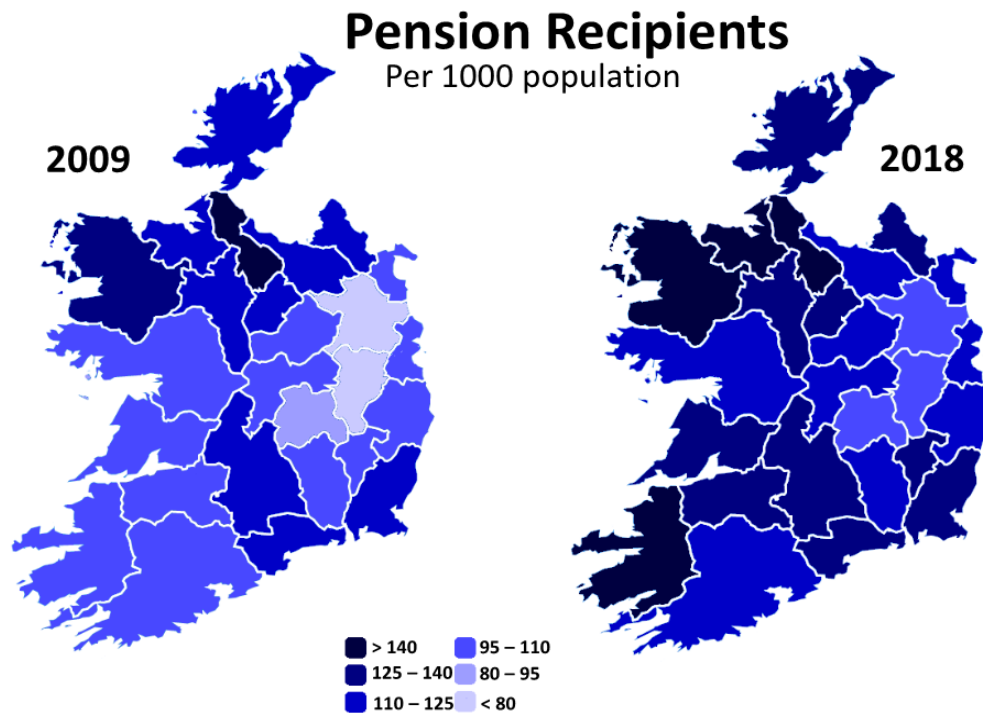
¹ PRSI data is obtained from employer P35 forms and tax returns from the self-employed, who will submit a final return for 2017 in late 2018. As a result, complete PRSI data is only available up to 2017.

² Class K: Since 2011, public office holders earning less than €100 per week are returned as PRSI Class M. Since 2014, unearned income is chargeable to PRSI class K.

³ In limited circumstances

B Pensions

FIGURE 4 - PENSION RECIPIENTS PER 1,000 POPULATION



Expenditure on pensions was over €7.75 billion in 2018, representing an increase of 5% on 2017, while the number of recipients rose by 17,948, an increase of 2.9% on 2017. Almost all of this increase was caused by a rise of in the number of people receiving State Pension (Contributory).

Although the State Pension Transition payment closed in 2015, some awards are still made and arrears paid. This occurs primarily in the case of foreign resident applicants, who applied at an earlier date for a pension from another country, and these applications were not sent to Ireland at that time.

Table B1 – Expenditure on Pensions by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,000.55	977.29	971.77	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25
Pensions - Social Assistance	1,000.55	977.29	971.77	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25
Bereavement Grant	18.89	18.29	19.44	19.76	20.29	4.27	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.00
State Pension (Contributory)	3,367.73	3,451.50	3,622.75	3,802.80	3,983.26	4,185.23	4,475.69	4,662.37	4,915.85	5,216.96
State Pension (Transition)	104.98	108.19	132.40	146.63	137.27	73.77	1.19	0.25	0.16	0.09
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	1,353.39	1,335.58	1,337.87	1,343.20	1,349.84	1,369.76	1,422.10	1,437.09	1,466.60	1,510.41
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	8.21	7.78	7.98	7.83	7.78	8.07	8.25	8.59	9.37	9.89
Pensions - Social Insurance	4,853.20	4,921.35	5,120.42	5,320.20	5,498.44	5,641.10	5,907.28	6,108.31	6,391.98	6,737.36
Total - Pensions (€millions)	5,853.74	5,898.64	6,092.19	6,283.42	6,450.89	6,595.51	6,879.48	7,090.45	7,386.72	7,757.61

FIGURE 5 - TRENDS IN PENSIONS EXPENDITURE

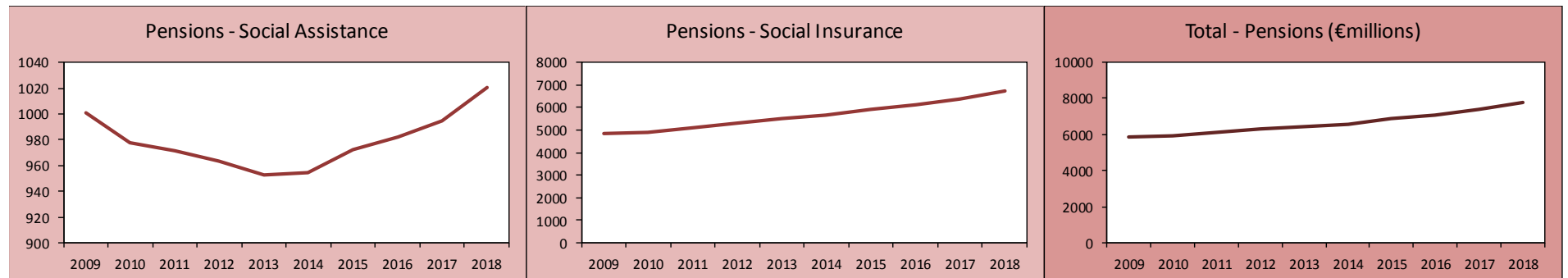


Table B2 – Number of Beneficiaries of main State Pension benefits by type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Qualified Adult	2,955	2,962	3,012	3,059	3,080	3,162	3,207	3,252	3,212	3,189
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	474	439	434	423	451	473	474	484	473	476
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	122	96	104	117	116	108	106	112	112	106
	Recipients	97,798	97,179	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	95,140	95,263
	Beneficiaries	101,349	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	98,937	99,034
Pensions - Social Assistance		101,349	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	98,937	99,034
State Pension (Contributory)	Qualified Adult	63,446	65,031	66,609	67,892	68,505	68,850	68,561	67,604	66,256	63,559
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,438	1,376	1,359	1,367	1,366	1,327	1,300	1,303	1,257	1,174
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,287	1,318	1,377	1,376	1,228	1,056	909	805	729	599
	Recipients	265,102	280,419	296,995	312,314	329,531	346,420	361,725	377,062	394,378	411,660
	Beneficiaries	331,273	348,144	366,340	382,949	400,630	417,653	432,495	446,774	462,620	476,992
State Pension (Transition)	Qualified Adult	2,096	2,360	2,572	2,690	2,098	173	23	26	13	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	113	124	157	153	126	10	2	3	0	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	117	160	174	173	70	4	2	0	0	s/c
	Recipients	8,378	10,206	12,110	14,372	12,630	1,548	66	149	55	s/c
	Beneficiaries	10,704	12,850	15,013	17,388	14,924	1,735	93	178	68	s/c
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	11,998	11,444	11,310	10,940	11,067	10,899	11,161	11,099	10,908	10,359
	Recipients	113,108	114,579	115,762	116,751	117,417	118,670	119,712	120,673	121,091	121,689
	Beneficiaries	125,106	126,023	127,072	127,691	128,484	129,569	130,873	131,772	131,999	132,048
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	124	128	120	120	107	60	59	65	69	71
	Recipients	637	633	628	645	646	636	621	686	731	754
	Beneficiaries	761	761	748	765	753	696	679	750	800	826
Pensions - Social Insurance		467,844	487,778	509,173	528,793	544,791	549,653	564,140	579,474	595,487	609,866
Total Pensions		569,193	588,454	609,472	628,518	644,239	648,966	663,106	678,543	694,424	708,900

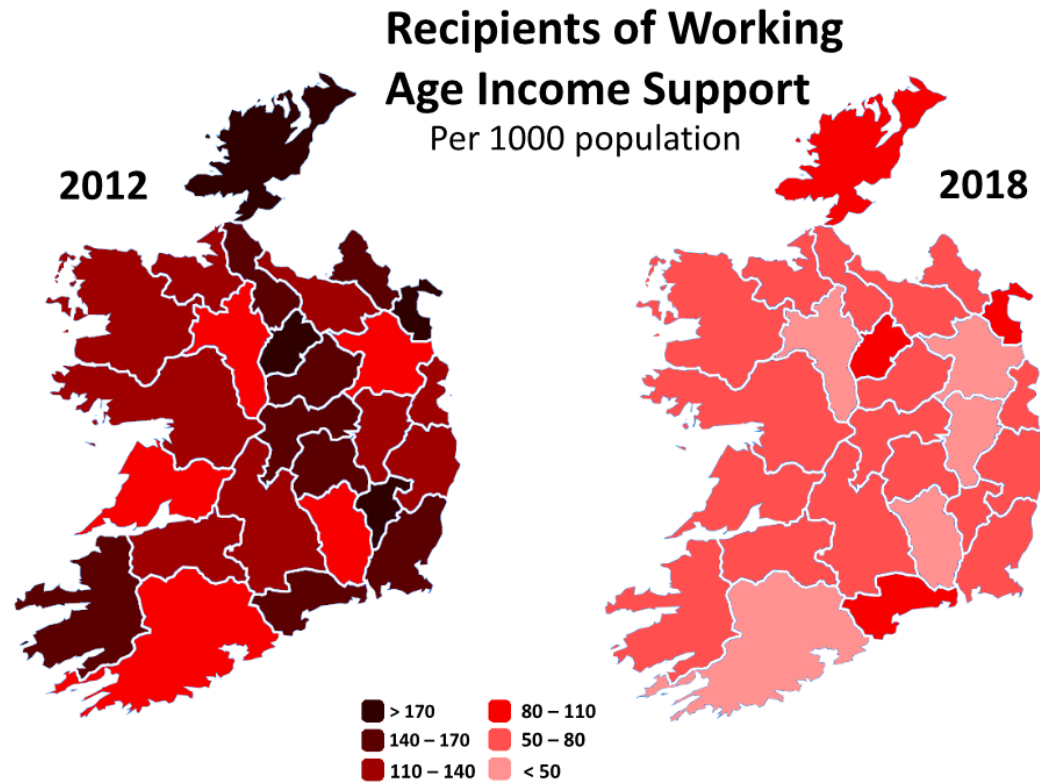
Table B3 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Age and Sex, 2018

	State Pension (Contributory)		State Pension (Non-contributory)		Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20						
20-24					1	
25-29					9	2
30-34					137	29
35-39					431	128
40-44					986	306
45-49					1,753	596
50-54					3,089	1,092
55-59					5,415	1,977
60-64					8,309	3,122
65					2,011	732
66-69	48,882	70,997	12,377	10,099	9,573	2,403
70-74	46,583	77,525	14,002	10,319	14,864	2,683
75-79	27,287	52,228	10,691	7,061	17,385	2,123
80-84	17,709	34,625	9,227	4,805	18,331	1,563
85-89	10,102	16,741	6,895	3,147	13,325	966
90-94	3,493	4,069	3,684	1,489	6,190	365
95 and over	784	635	1,165	302	1,728	65
Total	154,840	256,820	58,041	37,222	103,537	18,152

Table B4 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Type of Payment and County, 2018

	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension
Carlow	1,231	4,636	1,495
Cavan	2,359	5,277	1,727
Clare	3,286	9,605	2,864
Cork	9,806	43,071	13,664
Donegal	7,091	11,192	3,511
Dublin	14,417	103,499	30,590
Galway	7,340	17,585	5,629
Kerry	4,872	12,180	3,865
Kildare	2,270	14,475	4,594
Kilkenny	1,995	7,285	2,212
Laois	1,544	4,876	1,654
Leitrim	1,164	2,728	1,027
Limerick	3,986	16,399	5,213
Longford	1,268	3,272	1,028
Louth	2,417	10,234	3,080
Mayo	5,496	10,596	3,532
Meath	2,620	12,521	3,981
Monaghan	1,843	4,544	1,526
Offaly	1,546	5,700	1,913
Roscommon	2,153	5,082	1,706
Sligo	1,872	5,804	1,802
Tipperary	4,242	13,587	4,535
Waterford	2,531	10,051	3,181
Westmeath	1,679	6,832	2,333
Wexford	4,041	12,484	3,958
Wicklow	2,173	11,971	3,414
Others, including those abroad	21	46,174	7,655
Total	95,263	411,660	121,689

C Working Age Income Supports



Jobseeker's Allowance remains the largest single payment in this programme group in terms of both expenditure and number of recipients. At the end of 2018 there were 155,113 recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance. Expenditure in 2018 was just over €1.84 billion, a decrease of 14.3% over 2017.

Jobseeker's Allowance recipient and expenditure numbers are inclusive of the Jobseeker's Transitional Payment. At the end of December, 14,796 people were in receipt of a Jobseeker's Transitional Payment.

The next largest payment type is the One-Parent Family Payment with expenditure of €511 million, up 2.7% on 2017. Jobseeker's Benefit dropped by 1,274 recipients from the 2017 figure of 35,463, to 34,189 in December 2018.

Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports decreased by just under €235 million, or 8.9% overall in 2018.

Table C1 – Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	295.76	259.16	219.12	176.49	104.54	81.72	91.73	89.02	97.22	111.82
Direct Provision	7.34	6.62	5.55	3.80	3.78	3.63	3.85	3.99	4.91	6.36
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6.04	5.02	4.21	3.55	2.88	2.50	2.13	1.74	1.43	1.19
Farm Assist	93.30	110.93	113.72	108.17	99.18	93.63	88.49	78.83	78.18	73.82
Jobseeker's Allowance	2,004.56	2,809.38	2,974.99	3,054.74	3,108.97	2,923.29	2,742.51	2,452.33	2,103.45	1,840.75
One Parent Family Payment	1,121.34	1,110.33	1,088.90	1,057.75	977.96	867.31	670.56	500.70	497.65	511.09
Other Working Age Income Supports - Exceptional and Urgent Needs	75.21	69.42	62.59	52.71	35.67	30.09	30.99	32.19	38.08	42.30
Other Working Age Income Supports - Humanitarian Aid	0.61	1.05	0.00	0.71	1.22	2.07	0.48	1.68	0.84	0.72
Other Working Age Income Supports - Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	14.21	13.39	12.77	11.25	9.53	8.13	7.38	6.69	5.79	7.65
Pre-Retirement Allowance	96.61	77.85	59.94	46.09	34.56	24.32	16.27	8.61	3.61	0.51
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Widow(ers)' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	24.26	19.25	18.17	17.67	16.74	16.46	15.87	14.56	14.23	14.26
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	3,739.24	4,482.40	4,559.96	4,532.93	4,395.02	4,053.15	3,670.25	3,190.33	2,845.39	2,610.47
Adoptive Benefit	1.25	0.89	1.08	0.47	0.31	0.17	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.19
Deserted Wife's Benefit	100.13	93.39	85.83	83.57	80.40	79.11	77.44	74.31	73.29	73.06
Health and Safety Benefit	0.62	0.59	0.64	0.53	0.58	0.54	0.52	0.41	0.47	0.37
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,733.82	1,285.44	926.90	736.88	560.46	420.40	387.15	355.81	340.46	339.13
Maternity Benefit	331.29	323.94	309.14	303.53	292.60	269.93	259.79	255.28	256.13	265.28
Paternity Benefit								2.01	12.04	11.84
Redundancy and Insolvency Payments	350.40	490.30	326.91	323.42	148.15	88.21	43.22	38.38	29.26	24.19
Treatment Benefits - Dental Benefit	70.82	34.21	10.45	8.93	19.55	16.04	16.62	16.57	21.10	50.58
Treatment Benefits - Medical and Surgical Benefit	7.37	7.27	8.00	6.67	5.39	6.08	6.47	7.46	10.03	12.40
Treatment Benefits - Optical Benefit	21.99	9.99	4.59	3.39	8.49	6.61	6.81	6.85	9.79	34.66
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	2,617.68	2,246.02	1,673.53	1,467.37	1,115.92	887.09	798.29	757.37	752.85	811.70
Total - Working Age Income Supports (€millions)	6,356.92	6,728.41	6,183.22	6,000.30	5,510.93	4,940.24	4,468.54	3,947.70	3,598.24	3,422.16

Table C2 – Number of Beneficiaries of main Working-Age Income Support benefits by type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Qualified Adult	9,357	8,126	7,906	7,492	4,573	3,191	2,656	2,693	2,620	2,553
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	25,434	23,987	22,280	20,190	13,955	9,819	8,774	8,636	8,520	7,603
	Recipients	42,775	37,499	34,597	32,358	23,127	18,187	17,343	17,601	17,933	16,269
	Beneficiaries	77,566	69,612	64,783	60,040	41,655	31,197	28,773	28,930	29,073	26,425
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Recipients	550	487	409	336	274	264	205	164	132	107
	Beneficiaries	550	487	409	336	274	264	205	164	132	107
Farm Assist	Qualified Adult	4,073	4,948	5,171	5,043	4,641	4,314	3,794	3,297	3,025	2,696
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	6,074	7,702	8,057	7,784	6,819	6,207	5,361	4,622	4,308	3,924
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,541	2,005	2,211	2,145	1,941	1,834	1,642	1,465	1,333	1,185
	Recipients	8,972	10,714	11,246	11,029	10,303	9,809	8,790	7,828	7,234	6,535
	Beneficiaries	20,660	25,369	26,685	26,001	23,704	22,164	19,587	17,212	15,900	14,340
Jobseeker's Allowance	Qualified Adult	44,050	60,582	68,183	72,300	73,175	67,361	58,251	50,959	42,281	33,939
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	74,661	102,491	115,313	124,133	129,264	124,076	133,225	118,481	102,222	87,648
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	20,793	32,297	39,368	42,812	44,245	40,539	34,048	29,353	22,645	18,229
	Recipients	203,248	261,850	283,313	291,640	295,077	269,951	246,536	218,260	184,310	155,133
	Beneficiaries	342,752	457,220	506,177	530,885	541,761	501,927	472,060	417,053	351,458	294,949
One Parent Family Payment	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	150,024	152,651	147,223	143,406	132,166	119,169	74,281	72,931	71,739	72,287
	Recipients	90,484	92,326	89,134	86,941	78,246	69,884	41,468	40,317	39,310	39,265
	Beneficiaries	240,508	244,977	236,357	230,347	210,412	189,053	115,749	113,248	111,049	111,552
Pre-Retirement Allowance	Qualified Adult	2,021	1,571	1,226	902	636	446	253	118	39	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	488	349	244	164	87	48	27	2	0	s/c
	Recipients	7,468	6,021	4,802	3,670	2,664	1,887	1,110	551	171	s/c
	Beneficiaries	9,977	7,941	6,272	4,736	3,387	2,381	1,390	671	210	s/c
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Recipients	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	1,790	1,675	1,556	1,481	1,447
	Beneficiaries	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	1,790	1,675	1,556	1,481	1,447
Working - Age Income supports - Social Assistance		694,011	807,583	842,642	854,205	822,974	748,776	639,439	578,834	509,303	448,240

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Adoptive Benefit	Recipients	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	18	10	9
	Beneficiaries	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	18	10	9
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,786	1,393	1,081	842	652	397	374	362	348	338
	Recipients	8,737	8,372	8,071	7,753	7,457	6,989	6,592	6,372	6,126	5,956
	Beneficiaries	10,523	9,765	9,152	8,595	8,109	7,386	6,966	6,734	6,474	6,295
Health and Safety Benefit	Qualified Adult	2	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	0	1
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	3	0	2	3	4	9	4	7	9	3
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	4	3	5	7	7	3	6	0	3	0
	Recipients	49	60	61	60	52	53	50	36	45	25
	Beneficiaries	58	64	69	72	66	68	62	46	57	29
Jobseeker's Benefit	Qualified Adult	18,281	13,350	10,112	8,570	5,429	4,714	3,829	3,451	3,069	2,766
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	28,280	20,635	15,331	12,597	8,018	6,614	5,277	4,919	4,332	4,040
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	22,376	18,789	15,515	12,377	8,326	6,248	4,471	3,992	3,275	3,020
	Recipients	160,122	123,457	97,052	78,459	55,068	46,335	37,845	37,625	35,463	34,189
	Beneficiaries	229,059	176,231	138,010	112,003	76,841	63,911	51,422	49,987	46,139	44,015
Maternity Benefit	Qualified Adult								133	310	298
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)								339	758	952
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)								93	155	182
	Recipients	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	19,012	21,548	21,182
	Beneficiaries	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	19,577	22,771	22,614
Paternity Benefit	Qualified Adult								8	36	19
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)								18	56	29
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)								33	20	34
	Recipients								192	875	541
	Beneficiaries								251	987	623
Working - Age Income supports - Social Insurance		262,998	209,569	171,223	143,534	107,843	94,086	80,156	76,613	76,438	73,585
Total Working - Age Income supports		957,009	1,017,152	1,013,865	997,739	930,817	842,862	719,595	657,949	588,743	526,825

Table C3 – Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Income Support benefits by Age and Sex, 2018

	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance		Direct Provision		Farm Assist		Jobseeker's Allowance ⁴		Jobseeker's Benefit		One-parent Family Payment	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	306	287	62	138			1,594	2,154	8	7	630	3
20-24	669	765	156	278	3	40	4,858	7,540	724	854	5,780	19
25-29	780	1,074	234	410	8	109	6,394	11,089	1,639	1,793	10,215	57
30-34	736	1,210	285	434	17	180	6,215	11,080	2,264	2,033	8,909	73
35-39	855	1,199	194	329	28	340	5,092	11,030	2,628	2,319	6,934	99
40-44	861	1,226	149	203	59	488	5,394	10,217	2,130	2,017	4,029	79
45-49	890	1,059	58	113	79	783	5,499	10,132	1,784	1,794	1,806	59
50-54	944	916	34	51	106	1,074	5,231	9,153	1,635	1,581	437	38
55-59	647	789	22	20	142	1,204	4,542	7,786	1,656	1,499	75	13
60-64	331	448	16	10	105	1,445	3,912	7,795	1,675	1,392	4	5
65	64	133	4	1	32	288	868	1,997	1,474	1,238	1	
66-69	16	29	5	9		5	12	22	22	23		
70-74	7	9	4	2								
75-79	8	3	3	1								
80-84	5	1										
85-89	1											
90-94	1											
95 and over												
Total	7121	9148	1,226	1,999	579	5,956	50,342	89,995	17,639	16,550	38,820	445

⁴ Less Jobseeker's Transitional Payment recipients

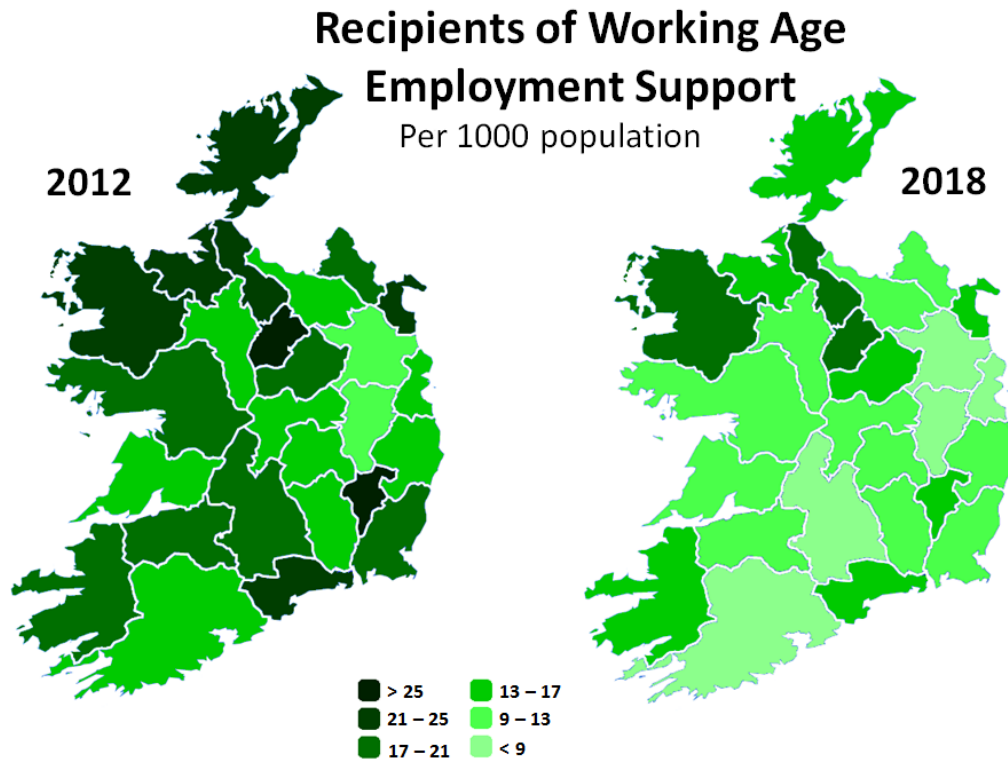
Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

	Jobseeker's Transitional Payment		Adoptive Benefit	Health and Safety Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Paternity Benefit
	Female	Male	Female	Female	Female	Male
Under 20	0	0	0	0	39	39
20-24	79	0	0	4	874	8
25-29	1,411	21	0	6	2,733	59
30-34	3,162	59	1	11	7,791	194
35-39	3,394	95	1	3	7,863	187
40-44	3,012	94	5	1	1,777	72
45-49	2,362	78	2	0	99	19
50-54	826	64	0	0	6	1
55-59	94	21	0	0	0	0
60-64	12	10	0	0	0	0
65	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	14,353	443	9	25	21,182	579

Table C4 – Recipients of main Working Age Income Supports by Scheme and County, 2018

	Jobseeker's Allowance	Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Direct Provision Allowance	One-Parent Family Parent	Farm Assist	Jobseeker's Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	2,865	261		601	52	454	255	0	0
Cavan	2,759	137		439	219	462	335	1	0
Clare	3,656	187	239	680	307	977	454	0	1
Cork	12,206	1,460	478	3,674	475	3,242	2,444	1	4
Donegal	8,218	452		1,161	1,086	1,217	652	0	0
Dublin	37,624	5,830	362	13,954	23	8,310	6,113	1	8
Galway	8,031	530	230	1,235	635	1,917	1,192	0	0
Kerry	6,428	326	297	1,021	548	2,709	592	2	1
Kildare	5,549	631	125	1,567	18	1,486	1,102	0	1
Kilkenny	2,518	486		517	74	498	425	0	0
Laois	3,088	292	146	647	71	608	332	0	0
Leitrim	1,385	96		171	275	304	168	1	0
Limerick	6,518	561	165	2,021	128	1,288	780	1	1
Longford	2,129	159	63	430	126	350	182	0	1
Louth	6,360	568	14	1,689	59	1,217	562	0	2
Mayo	5,494	289	90	817	1,084	1,056	535	0	1
Meath	3,525	478	274	797	48	804	944	0	2
Monaghan	1,965	230	92	372	286	369	297	0	0
Offaly	3,070	330		639	60	675	274	0	0
Roscommon	1,579	270	16	234	235	331	264	0	0
Sligo	2,325	211	140	439	182	459	288	0	0
Tipperary	6,506	639	53	1,467	223	1,211	712	0	2
Waterford	5,726	450	242	1,391	52	1,065	502	0	0
Westmeath	3,862	281	189	741	91	759	381	1	0
Wexford	7,506	429	2	1,454	137	1,443	612	1	0
Wicklow	4,241	686	8	1,107	41	978	594	0	0
Others, including those abroad	0			0	0	0	191	0	1
Total	155,133	16,269	3,225	39,265	6,535	34,189	21,182	9	25

D Working Age Employment Supports



Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports decreased by 11.1% overall in 2018. The payment type in this programme group with the highest number of recipients is Community Employment, with 21,424. Expenditure on the scheme in 2018 was just over €353 million, an increase of 0.7% over 2017.

The former FÁS public employment services were transferred to the Department in January 2011. Expenditure and recipients for the Rural Social Scheme and the Community Services Programme transferred to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection in September 2010.

Tús and JobBridge commenced during June, 2011. The JobBridge Scheme is now closed and there are no longer any participants on this programme since August 2017.

Table D1 – Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Back to Education Allowance	107.32	179.85	201.52	199.57	186.88	162.45	143.97	114.83	93.86	78.69
Back to Work Allowance	76.43	87.96	114.58	127.20	119.51	118.83	129.04	124.38	115.17	90.47
Back to Work Family Dividend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.42	28.45	23.97	21.04
Community Employment Programme	0.00	0.00	349.40	330.40	341.25	359.47	364.99	356.34	350.49	353.07
Community Services Programme	0.00	8.20	45.45	45.39	44.85	43.03	42.73	43.64	42.46	0.00
Gateway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	7.58	29.54	21.18	3.50	0.21
Job Initiative	0.00	0.00	29.68	25.79	24.92	23.36	21.70	20.15	19.15	17.75
JobsPlus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.04	11.88	22.63	23.68	28.85	22.75
Rural Social Scheme	0.00	13.87	46.84	45.24	44.20	43.76	44.11	42.39	44.41	50.03
TÚS	0.00	0.00	11.76	67.06	92.06	116.05	124.58	118.60	109.40	105.98
Wage Subsidy Scheme	0.00	0.00	10.07	10.56	11.04	12.91	16.39	19.40	20.84	22.32
Youth Employment Support Scheme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
Other Working Age Employment Supports	10.14	10.30	86.05	100.70	119.04	126.05	112.44	83.12	52.44	47.75
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	193.89	300.18	903.26	951.91	985.05	1,025.38	1,066.53	996.18	904.52	810.10
Partial Capacity Benefit	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42
Total - Working Age Employment Supports (€millions)	193.89	300.18	903.26	954.02	992.43	1,035.35	1,077.84	1,009.26	920.52	828.52

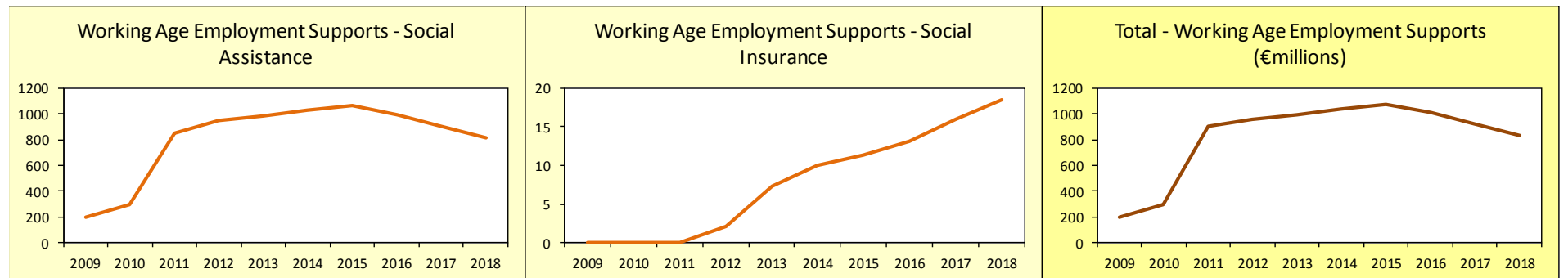


Table D2 – Breakdown of Other Working Age Employment Supports (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)	4.81	3.95	2.81	2.54	3.18	1.39	1.33	0.84	0.59	0.54
Credit Union loan guarantee scheme	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disability Activation and Employment Supports	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.38	2.83	3.34	2.13	0.35	0.44	0.43
EmployAbility Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.10	8.71	8.43	8.66	8.56	8.72	8.87
Employment Support Unit (ESU) policy initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Enterprise Support Grant	3.52	4.79	3.17	3.46	3.26	3.34	4.22	4.48	4.59	3.74
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training and Other Initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.32	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.66	0.45
JobBridge	0.00	0.00	7.91	54.74	67.69	76.03	63.49	37.79	6.90	0.12
Jobs Clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.72	5.49	5.49	5.88	5.40	5.21	5.26
Local Employment Service	0.00	0.00	18.31	17.85	19.37	18.28	19.51	18.44	18.56	18.49
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1.44	1.16	1.03	1.37	1.98	2.28	2.72	3.00	3.04	2.50
Pre-activation for people with Disabilities	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.50	4.61
Projects funded from Drugs Task Force	0.00	0.00	2.10	1.86	1.63	1.74	0.84	0.65	0.60	0.51
Social Inclusion Initiatives (Employment Programmes)	0.29	0.30	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Initiatives for Travellers programme	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.19	0.29	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special payments to Long-Term Unemployed and Lone Parents	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technical Support Grant	0.00	0.00	3.14	4.35	4.27	5.03	3.31	3.14	2.64	2.23
Total Other Working Age Employment Supports	10.14	10.30	86.05	100.70	119.04	126.05	112.44	83.12	52.44	47.75

Table D3 – Number of Beneficiaries of main Working-Age Employment Supports by type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Back to Education Allowance	Qualified Adult	1,405	1,894	2,317	2,487	2,701	2,594	2,051	1,633	1,390	1,083
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	3,341	4,019	7,055	7,005	7,029	6,795	5,861	4,916	4,327	3,651
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,112	2,760	3,002	3,126	2,896	2,491	1,813	1,402	1,100	810
	Recipients	15,877	21,147	24,530	24,910	24,175	22,714	17,879	13,895	10,916	8,816
	Beneficiaries	22,735	29,820	36,904	37,528	36,801	34,594	27,604	21,846	17,733	14,360
Back to Work Allowance (Employee)	Qualified Adult	307	116	17	4	2	1	0	0	0	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,255	492	89	13	2	2	0	0	0	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	347	214	44	4	2	1	0	0	0	s/c
	Recipients	2,012	851	182	18	11	2	0	0	0	s/c
	Beneficiaries	3,921	1,673	332	39	17	6	0	0	0	s/c
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Qualified Adult	1,302	2,581	4,101	3,642	3,445	3,723	3,907	3,562	3,089	2,084
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	3,501	5,591	7,282	7,408	6,953	7,618	8,474	7,623	6,489	4,291
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,015	1,748	2,177	2,153	2,003	2,347	2,326	2,050	1,921	1,433
	Recipients	4,591	7,958	10,751	10,810	10,098	11,166	11,881	10,977	9,655	6,666
	Beneficiaries	10,409	17,878	24,311	24,013	22,499	24,854	26,588	24,212	21,154	14,474
Back to Work Family Dividend	Qualified Children (Full Rate)								8,220	8,900	7,303
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)								13,582	7,109	7,391
	Recipients								12,356	7,789	7,075
	Beneficiaries								21,802	16,009	14,694
Community Employment Programme	Qualified Adult	0	0	0	4,152	5,740	6,685	6,748	6,365	6,110	4,760
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	0	10,236	9,327	8,787	8,757	8,360	8,073	7,560
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	0	0	4,550	6,092	6,948	6,842	6,326	6,013	1,675
	Recipients	0	0	0	22,445	23,943	23,249	24,218	22,356	21,832	21,424
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	41,383	45,102	45,669	46,565	43,407	42,028	35,419
Gateway	Qualified Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	657	185	13	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,090	301	16	s/c
	Recipients	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,266	683	50	s/c
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,013	1,169	79	s/c

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Job Initiative	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	196	485	576	582	400	178	169	157
	Recipients	0	0	0	0	0	1,031	958	886	842	692
	Beneficiaries	0	0	196	485	576	1,613	1,358	1,064	1,011	849
JobBridge	Qualified Adult	0	0	288	596	755	869	618	288	4	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	486	1,002	1,296	1,500	1,084	468	4	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	20,793	32,297	39,368	42,812	44,245	40,539	34,048	29,353	0	s/c
	Recipients	0	0	2,977	5,160	6,058	6,047	4,207	1,764	29	s/c
	Beneficiaries	20,793	32,297	43,119	49,570	52,354	48,955	39,957	31,873	37	s/c
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	117	91	74	48	25	12	3	1	0	34
	Recipients	173	161	180	215	290	373	403	467	418	269
	Beneficiaries	290	252	254	263	315	385	406	468	418	303
Rural Social Scheme	Qualified Adult	0	0	0	1,069	1,042	1,009	983	994	1,147	1,232
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	0	1,500	1,454	1,380	1,293	1,276	1,504	1,566
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	0	0	371	348	386	409	408	523	577
	Recipients	0	0	0	2,591	2,537	2,576	2,532	2,527	2,850	3,103
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	5,531	5,381	5,351	5,217	5,205	6,024	6,478
TÚS	Qualified Adult	0	0	0	1,268	1,895	2,056	1,889	1,703	1,547	1,449
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	0	2,181	2,887	3,141	2,619	2,458	2,190	2,014
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	0	0	835	1,567	1,641	2,031	2,058	2,073	1,882
	Recipients	0	0	0	4,530	6,999	7,877	7,818	7,140	6,256	6,366
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	8,814	13,348	14,715	14,357	13,359	12,066	11,711
JobsPlus	Recipients								4,624	5,217	3,528
	Beneficiaries								4,624	5,217	3,528
Working - Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance		58,148	81,920	105,116	167,626	176,671	183,732	168,507	167,222	119,376	101,816
Partial Capacity Benefit	Qualified Adult	0	0	0	0	133	156	168	198	224	216
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	0	0	204	240	299	327	396	12
	Recipients	0	0	0	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	394	2,426
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	1,014	2,654
Working - Age Income supports - Social Insurance		0	0	0	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	1,014	2,654
Total Working - Age Income supports		58,148	81,920	105,116	167,626	178,242	185,560	170,586	169,620	120,309	104,470

Table D4 – Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Employment Supports by Age and Sex, 2018

	Back to Education Allowance		Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Community Employment Programme		Partial Capacity Benefit		Back to Work Family Dividend	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	76	104	1	2	34	55				
20-24	822	912	38	43	612	441			67	20
25-29	963	1,336	254	349	772	588	7	5	421	158
30-34	662	853	434	823	817	614	34	20	908	365
35-39	531	536	424	947	1,004	835	114	84	1200	625
40-44	420	425	311	811	1,032	1,040	229	127	920	669
45-49	312	254	256	667	1,017	1,337	288	162	578	491
50-54	195	155	168	523	964	1,499	307	188	245	259
55-59	92	94	103	327	1,404	2,715	253	160	57	73
60-64	35	36	50	125	1,138	2,922	177	167	3	16
65+	2	1	3	7	139	445	53	51		
Total	4,110	4,706	2,042	4,624	8,933	12,491	1462	964	4,399	2,676

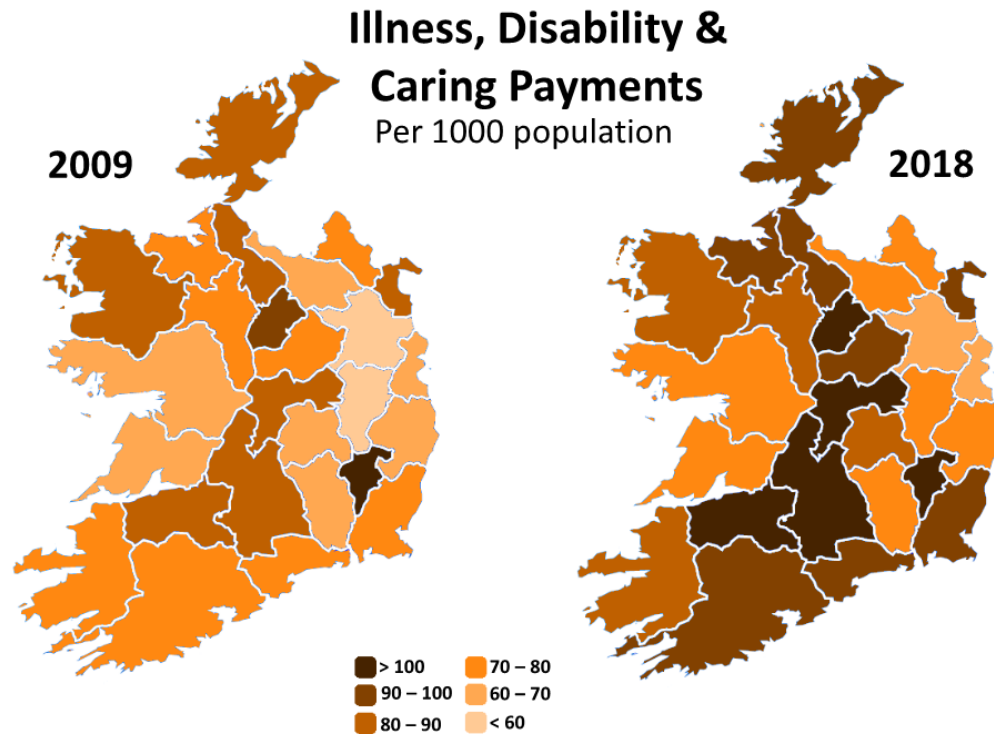
Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

	Rural Social Scheme		Short Term Enterprise Allowance		TÚS	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20					20	12
20-24			2		210	327
25-29	7	30	10	9	193	376
30-34	14	55	20	31	247	453
35-39	26	87	38	36	249	418
40-44	52	192	31	30	263	532
45-49	84	327	31	23	283	528
50-54	113	495	26	16	305	675
55-59	140	580	5	10	271	571
60-64	140	646	4	7	116	296
65+	9	106		1	3	8
Total	585	2,518	167	163	2,160	4,206

Table D5 – Number of Recipients of main Working Age Employment Supports by County, 2018

	Community Employment Programme	Rural Social Scheme	TUS Community Work Placement	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Back to Education Allowance	Back to Work Family Dividend	Part Time Job Incentive	Partial Capacity Benefit
Carlow	432	19	126	88	195	228	3	33
Cavan	314	101	108	166	97	146	14	38
Clare	455	150	141	207	192	109	8	55
Cork	1,909	185	559	479	854	638	21	336
Donegal	1,096	313	332	339	455	414	6	73
Dublin	4,656	1	1,220	1,484	2,023	1,476	55	583
Galway	1,302	383	402	289	539	248	12	114
Kerry	978	289	218	237	432	210	4	77
Kildare	814	29	189	212	261	378	10	114
Kilkenny	470	14	96	181	180	59	0	40
Laois	276	22	115	123	175	194	3	41
Leitrim	193	125	76	117	66	59	5	18
Limerick	1,141	98	241	170	490	246	9	91
Longford	311	59	98	150	83	123	7	27
Louth	801	16	179	246	384	297	13	68
Mayo	715	658	271	213	272	141	9	86
Meath	494	21	235	221	97	168	4	117
Monaghan	382	72	89	74	78	99	5	31
Offaly	361	53	149	172	202	147	10	37
Roscommon	258	165	79	140	74	53	5	43
Sligo	434	137	140	105	214	86	2	47
Tipperary	812	69	348	279	343	203	11	100
Waterford	709	13	273	278	414	340	29	64
Westmeath	599	44	117	204	177	258	12	46
Wexford	957	45	318	260	268	219	9	78
Wicklow	565	22	247	232	251	375	3	64
Others, including those abroad								5
Total	21,434	3,103	6,366	6,666	8,816	7,075	269	2,426

E Illness, Disability and Caring



Expenditure on Illness, Disability, and Caring Benefits increased by 6.5% compared to 2017, totalling over €4.2 billion.

The number of recipients of Disability Allowance rose by 6,906, with 140,835 recipients in 2018. Expenditure was almost €1.6 billion in 2018, an increase of 8%.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €65 million, or 9% in 2018; there are now 79,914 recipients of the scheme. Expenditure on Carer's Benefit was just over €38 million, an increase of 6.2% compared to 2017.

Table E1 – Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Carers by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Blind Pension	16.28	16.03	15.62	15.75	14.82	14.43	14.38	13.66	13.39	13.31
Carer's Allowance	502.47	501.79	507.19	509.67	554.80	559.33	611.14	653.67	729.45	795.36
Disability Allowance	1,142.77	1,109.51	1,089.18	1,087.51	1,140.92	1,238.31	1,281.59	1,357.99	1,469.44	1,586.26
Domiciliary Care Allowance	31.02	95.71	99.92	102.24	104.27	110.67	120.88	133.08	151.91	168.42
Carer's Support Grant	99.20	128.10	130.39	136.35	119.95	118.50	125.14	172.32	192.92	203.96
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	1,791.73	1,851.13	1,842.31	1,851.52	1,934.76	2,041.23	2,153.13	2,330.71	2,557.11	2,767.30
Carer's Benefit	30.20	26.29	24.47	24.50	22.44	23.65	30.12	32.75	36.38	38.64
Disablement Benefit	85.68	78.82	77.46	76.15	76.12	76.62	76.68	74.77	76.80	76.50
Illness Benefit	919.78	942.57	875.55	773.96	648.94	625.98	620.01	597.46	599.37	623.30
Injury Benefit	18.14	17.88	16.51	15.86	14.59	16.54	16.99	18.70	19.54	17.85
Invalidity Pension	681.64	639.99	606.50	604.02	707.77	651.67	649.22	644.93	672.77	694.21
Medical Care Scheme	0.31	0.36	0.32	0.36	0.35	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.24	0.23
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	1,735.76	1,705.92	1,600.81	1,494.84	1,470.21	1,394.70	1,393.10	1,368.85	1,405.10	1,450.74
Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring (€millions)	3,527.49	3,557.05	3,443.12	3,346.36	3,404.96	3,435.93	3,546.24	3,699.56	3,962.21	4,218.04

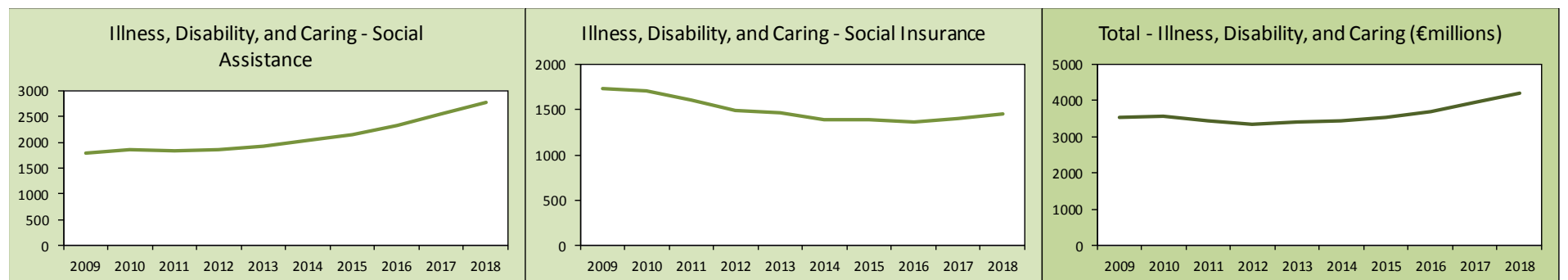


Table E2 – Number of Beneficiaries of Illness, Disability and Caring benefits by type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Blind Pension	Qualified Adult	113	122	127	128	110	109	107	102	100	97
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	232	244	264	274	250	247	242	231	227	219
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	133	333	141	129	130	135	143	160	156	152
	Recipients	1,467	1,485	1,496	1,456	1,385	1,369	1,341	1,282	1,256	1,217
	Beneficiaries	1,945	2,184	2,028	1,987	1,875	1,860	1,832	1,775	1,739	1,685
Carer's Allowance	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	2,985	2,906	2,541	2,307	2,734	3,112	3,447	3,850	3,910	3,946
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	31,684	27,894	28,919	28,494	31,180	32,377	34,194	38,274	40,942	44,027
	Recipients	48,223	50,577	51,666	52,209	57,136	59,380	63,003	70,459	75,264	79,914
	Beneficiaries	82,892	81,377	83,126	83,010	91,050	94,869	100,644	112,583	120,116	127,887
Disability Allowance	Qualified Adult	8,577	8,622	8,737	9,871	10,585	11,614	12,440	13,351	14,454	15,241
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	17,386	17,641	18,137	17,812	19,706	21,829	24,492	26,664	29,028	30,702
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	7,374	7,414	7,729	7,584	8,158	8,672	9,456	10,384	10,945	11,491
	Recipients	99,576	101,111	102,866	101,784	106,279	112,097	119,042	126,203	133,929	140,835
	Beneficiaries	132,913	134,788	137,469	137,051	144,728	154,212	165,430	176,602	188,356	198,269
Domiciliary Care Allowance	Children	0	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269	31,628	34,627	38,846	42,822
	Recipients	0	23,428	24,101	24,669	25,510	27,268	29,305	31,963	35,584	39,007
	Beneficiaries	0	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269	31,628	34,627	38,846	42,822
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance		217,750	243,583	248,537	248,564	265,016	280,210	299,534	325,587	349,057	370,663
Carer's Benefit	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	65	57	57	99	76	110	139	169	183	190
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,173	1,932	1,940	1,735	936	540	684	827	897	931
	Recipients	1,917	1,642	1,637	1,638	1,598	1,769	2,240	2,710	2,762	2,750
	Beneficiaries	4,155	3,631	3,634	3,472	2,610	2,419	3,062	3,706	3,842	3,871
Disablement Benefit	Qualified Adult	159	896	161	163	167	0	0	0	0	0
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	289	136	140	148	77	0	0	0	0	0
	Recipients	13,520	13,721	13,993	14,202	14,226	12,293	13,318	14,342	14,733	14,675
	Beneficiaries	13,968	14,753	14,294	14,513	14,470	12,293	13,318	14,342	14,733	14,675

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Illness Benefit	Qualified Adult	8,271	8,884	7,894	6,754	5,941	5,510	4,992	4,671	4,127	3,801
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	10,293	10,678	9,807	9,052	8,681	8,523	8,311	8,137	7,910	6,162
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	74	135	122	101	105	81	125	112	6,603	5,160
	Recipients	77,665	81,253	73,397	64,429	58,990	57,024	55,540	54,492	52,809	55,995
	Beneficiaries	96,303	100,950	91,220	80,336	73,717	71,138	68,968	67,412	71,449	71,118
Injury Benefit	Qualified Adult	97	95	95	83	88	101	100	83	114	58
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	154	120	137	143	156	158	159	170	176	128
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	38	37	28	28	41	24	45	54	120	42
	Recipients	726	835	776	671	822	906	1,094	1,010	1,085	938
	Beneficiaries	1,015	1,087	1,036	925	1,107	1,189	1,398	1,317	1,495	1,166
Interim Illness Benefit	Qualified Adult	32	38	33	34	46	37	35	25	55	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	72	55	45	57	107	68	77	56	105	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	s/c
	Recipients	318	374	327	363	380	327	306	423	511	s/c
	Beneficiaries	422	467	405	454	533	432	418	504	721	s/c
Invalidity Pension	Qualified Adult	8,493	7,880	7,728	7,483	7,769	7,621	7,404	7,040	6,942	6,465
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	4,678	4,578	4,474	4,442	4,911	5,092	5,329	5,388	5,630	5,516
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	10,949	10,336	9,989	9,963	10,372	9,711	9,073	8,479	7,944	7,325
	Recipients	52,922	50,766	49,792	50,053	53,196	54,223	55,115	55,532	57,504	57,768
	Beneficiaries	77,042	73,560	71,983	71,941	76,248	76,647	76,921	76,439	78,020	77,074
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance		192,905	194,448	182,572	171,641	168,685	164,118	164,085	163,720	170,260	167,904
Total -Illness, Disability, and Caring		410,655	438,031	431,109	420,205	433,701	444,328	463,619	489,307	519,317	538,567

Table E3 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Age and Sex, 2018

	Carer's Allowance		Disability Allowance		Illness Benefit		Injury Benefit		Invalidity Pension	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	48	24	2,814	4,886	0	0	0	1	0	0
20-24	631	193	4,131	6,095	282	260	19	39	1	1
25-29	2,132	377	4,218	5,805	1,308	849	30	57	51	14
30-34	4,497	688	4,625	5,940	3,119	1,366	30	66	454	196
35-39	7,224	1,093	5,672	7,252	4,683	2,196	34	111	1,437	615
40-44	7,921	1,720	6,206	7,859	4,508	2,396	41	92	2,257	1,265
45-49	8,750	2,424	7,165	9,154	4,758	2,307	42	76	3,309	2,036
50-54	7,726	2,710	8,020	9,942	5,164	2,552	47	77	4,805	3,125
55-59	6,179	2,394	8,273	10,499	5,231	2,849	41	58	7,770	5,398
60-64	4,929	2,080	7,962	10,778	5,131	3,524	29	31	10,647	9,314
65	931	375	1,419	2,004	2,020	1,492	8	9	2,507	2,476
66-69	3,361	1,431	43	73	0	0	0	0	37	42
70-74	3,484	1,580	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5
75-79	2,041	986	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80-84	957	541	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85-89	258	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90-94	33	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
95 and over	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	61,107	18,807	60,548	80,287	36,204	19,791	321	617	33,281	24,487

Table E4 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Child Age

Child Age	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
0	295	292	262	330	273	222	252	232	294
1	708	721	653	629	681	695	673	751	683
2	891	870	898	811	881	910	959	992	1,076
3	1,166	1,110	1,086	1,195	1,222	1,349	1,414	1,658	1,674
4	1,336	1,401	1,407	1,502	1,169	1,759	1,945	2,190	2,384
5	1,530	1,530	1,627	1,701	1,935	2,163	2,245	2,571	2,830
6	1,721	1,702	1,740	1,835	2,075	2,320	2,653	2,757	3,072
7	1,786	1,888	1,847	1,915	2,153	2,405	2,749	3,117	3,256
8	1,991	1,901	2,005	1,963	2,161	2,429	2,812	3,232	3,589
9	2,019	2,072	2,003	2,124	2,165	2,391	2,757	3,254	3,672
10	2,037	2,183	2,175	2,080	2,294	2,381	2,666	3,171	3,659
11	2,024	2,120	2,249	2,244	2,245	2,501	2,620	3,032	3,518
12	2,012	2,093	2,181	2,285	2,341	2,411	2,744	2,913	3,340
13	1,887	2,060	2,140	2,218	2,377	2,496	2,594	2,995	3,157
14	1,826	1,952	2,071	2,205	2,313	2,517	2,652	2,875	3,223
15	1,813	1,863	2,003	2,140	2,293	2,453	2,686	2,850	3,094
16	120	156	169	186	191	226	206	256	258
Total	25,162	25,914	26,516	27,363	28,769	31,628	34,627	38,846	42,779

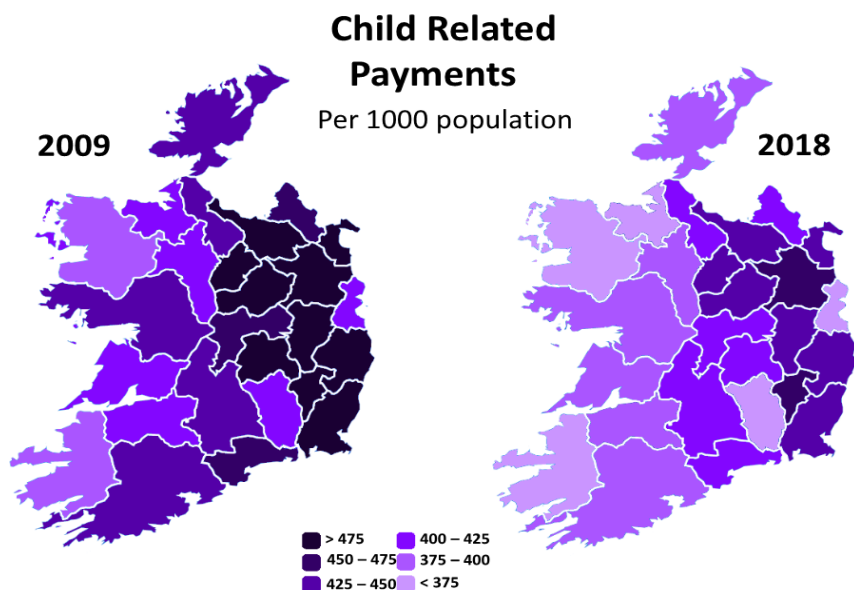
Table E5 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by County, 2018

	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Domiciliary Care Allowance
Carlow	2,286	1,359	1,044	18	1,111	25	611
Cavan	2,077	1,290	920	24	825	44	571
Clare	3,405	2,027	1,117	14	1,264	60	932
Cork	17,266	8,925	7,264	97	7,638	371	5,335
Donegal	5,758	3,992	1,737	26	1,603	74	1,275
Dublin	33,912	16,500	13,943	223	13,652	582	9,490
Galway	7,800	4,343	2,540	36	2,210	172	1,829
Kerry	5,261	2,973	1,549	30	1,676	111	1,231
Kildare	5,030	2,898	2,777	71	2,484	111	1,828
Kilkenny	2,660	1,566	921	10	1,084	43	727
Laois	2,481	1,508	873	19	929	49	820
Leitrim	1,034	674	423	9	489	28	221
Limerick	7,354	4,321	2,612	46	3,420	128	2,027
Longford	1,719	1,090	554	14	618	31	375
Louth	4,151	2,420	2,060	43	1,839	76	1,070
Mayo	4,182	2,781	1,403	28	1,470	106	889
Meath	3,811	2,430	2,377	52	1,918	103	1,636
Monaghan	1,583	1,039	755	17	575	37	423
Offaly	2,677	1,899	983	27	1,133	52	854
Roscommon	1,972	1,331	708	6	877	53	529
Sligo	2,220	1,290	801	18	870	60	466
Tipperary	6,201	3,726	1,847	36	2,358	97	1,470
Waterford	3,951	2,176	1,512	22	1,654	74	865
Westmeath	3,035	1,822	1,073	8	1,290	70	924
Wexford	5,250	3,404	1,721	19	2,139	79	1,392
Wicklow	3,751	2,130	1,503	22	1,505	71	1,184
Others	8		978	3	1,137	43	33
Total	140,835	79,914	55,995	938	57,768	2,750	39,007

Table E6 – Recipients of Half-Rate Carer’s Allowance by Primary Payment

Primary Payment	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension Non-Contributory	1,904	1,925	1,960	2,289	2,327	2,303	2,037	2,605	2,603	2,683
Qualified Adult State Pension Non-Contributory	225	260	297	283	318	350	362	418	443	477
State Pension (Contributory)	2,715	2,873	3,031	3,587	3,809	3,918	4,055	4,945	5,239	5,827
Qualified Adult State Pension (Contributory)	1,723	1,784	1,813	1,716	1,819	1,811	1,615	2,098	2,166	2,269
Widows Contributory Pension	1,062	1,129	1,169	1,297	1,313	1,357	1,346	1,669	1,710	1,794
Jobseeker’s Allowance Qualified Adult	796	1,105	1,318	1,492	1,849	2,003	2,148	2,383	2,346	2,290
One Parent Family Payment	3,637	4,077	4,289	4,674	4,490	4,462	4,737	5,921	6,486	7,284
Widows Non-Contributory Pension	74	76	80	95	101	94	100	124	128	133
Farm Assist	94	116	131	132	130	142	163	174	182	181
Qualified Adult Farm Assist	72	84	99	136	135	124	113	120	129	118
Jobseeker’s Benefit Qualified Adult	340	399	394	383	360	304	257	244	244	226
Deserted Wives Benefit	305	307	309	301	297	287	286	308	305	294
Disability Allowance	1,040	1,083	1,115	1,168	1,321	1,445	1,663	2,209	2,603	3,077
Qualified Adult Disability Allowance	1,157	1,314	1,422	1,417	1,657	1,882	2,013	2,548	2,979	3,287
Invalidity Pension	1,068	1,118	1,155	1,069	1,141	1,196	1,248	1,556	1,712	1,869
Qualified Adult Invalidity Pension	976	1,082	1,146	1,239	1,353	1,426	1,455	1,686	1,750	1,831
Illness Benefit	960	1,101	1,031	933	1,003	1,030	1,067	1,288	1,349	1,420
Qualified Adult Illness Benefit	264	328	327	324	365	421	406	454	478	502
Other Schemes	720	817	865	842	1,152	1,196	1,217	1,503	1,758	1,780
Total	21,141	22,988	23,962	25,389	26,953	27,765	28,303	34,269	36,627	39,360

F Children



Expenditure on payments in this programme group increased by 0.4% in 2018, to just over €2.6 billion. A total of 628,354 families received Child Benefit in respect of just over 1.2 million children, a 0.42% increase in the number of children from 2017.

Family Income Supplement, known as Working Family Payment from January 2018, also saw decrease in the number of child beneficiaries, down 7,218 children from 129,274 in 2017 to 122,056 in 2018.

Budget 2009 introduced changes in the Child Benefit payment. Child Benefit officially stops at age 16, and continues up to age 18 for any child in full-time schooling. If the child is in full-time education, Child Benefit is payable for the month the child turns 18. The children aged 18 observed in Table F4 post 2009 are payments made in arrears for such children

Table F1 – Expenditure on Child-Related Payments by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	67.19	77.40	90.90	65.68	47.98	42.45	41.34	39.81	48.85	47.40
Child Benefit	2,495.30	2,213.43	2,076.34	2,046.96	1,899.92	1,902.35	1,990.30	2,078.11	2,086.39	2,097.96
Working Family Payment	167.13	186.00	204.54	223.61	261.76	297.91	367.87	415.44	414.63	410.55
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	3.04	4.70	5.13	4.99	5.12	5.20	5.72	5.87	6.56	7.28
School Meals Programme	34.85	34.94	34.98	35.01	36.78	16.57	38.78	36.89	46.62	49.16
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	0.43	0.48	0.28	0.31	0.25	0.28	0.44	0.43	0.28	0.22
Child-Related Payments - Social Assistance	2,767.93	2,516.94	2,412.17	2,376.55	2,251.81	2,264.76	2,444.45	2,576.55	2,603.33	2,612.58
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11.51	11.46	11.42	10.77	10.97	10.99	11.94	12.20	13.18	14.77
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	5.62	6.46	6.23	5.97	6.33	5.66	5.77	5.69	4.82	5.39
Child-Related Payments - Social Insurance	17.13	17.92	17.64	16.74	17.30	16.65	17.71	17.89	18.00	20.15
Total - Child-Related Payments (€millions)	2,785.06	2,534.86	2,429.81	2,393.28	2,269.11	2,281.40	2,462.17	2,594.44	2,621.33	2,632.73

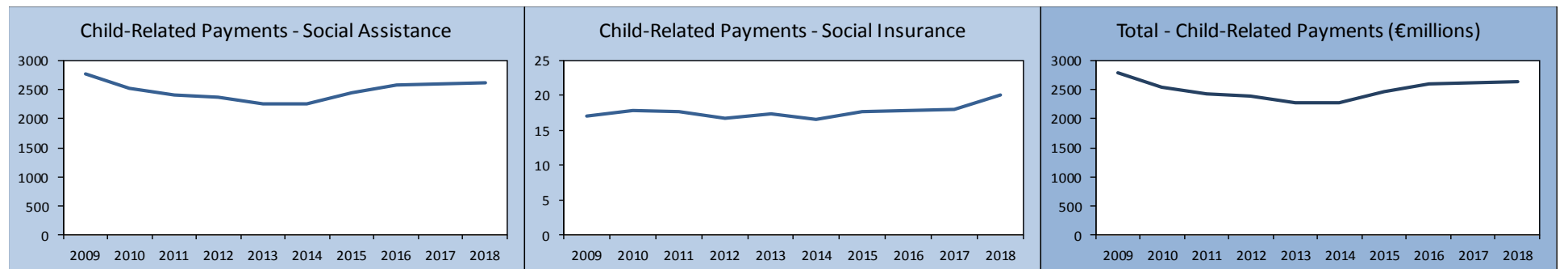


Table F2 – Number of Beneficiaries of Children Benefits by Type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Child Benefit	Children	1,156,917	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582	1,177,589	1,187,774	1,194,869	1,197,866	1,202,925
	Recipients	602,932	591,432	597,333	608,733	611,366	615,335	619,307	623,141	624,670	628,354
	Beneficiaries	1,156,917	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582	1,177,589	1,187,774	1,194,869	1,197,866	1,202,925
Working Family Payment	Children	55,716	62,240	65,281	73,238	98,350	111,583	122,417	127,408	129,274	122,056
	Recipients	25,963	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	57,567	57,745	54,116
	Beneficiaries	81,679	90,463	94,157	105,545	142,509	161,889	178,330	184,975	187,019	176,172
Back to Work Family Dividend	Children (Full Rate)										7,303
	Children (Half Rate)										7,391
	Recipients										7,075
	Beneficiaries										14,694
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	528	557	591	583	576	565	597	659	674	727
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	4	3	5	7	7	3	6	0	0	0
	Recipients	420	429	441	433	435	427	451	498	509	549
	Beneficiaries	952	989	1,037	1,023	1,018	995	1,054	1,157	1,183	1,277
Child-related Payments - Social Assistance		1,239,548	1,215,455	1,231,259	1,268,638	1,312,109	1,340,473	1,367,158	1,381,001	1,384,885	1,395,068
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,091	1,165	1,188	1,178	1,186	1,173	1,231	1,312	1,297	1,413
	Recipients	860	919	955	938	947	937	983	1,048	1,036	1,129
	Beneficiaries	1,951	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	2,333	2,542
Child-related Payments - Social Insurance		1,951	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	2,333	2,542
Total Child-related Payments		1,241,499	1,217,539	1,233,402	1,270,754	1,314,242	1,342,584	1,369,372	1,383,362	1,388,401	1,397,610

Table F3 – Number of Recipients of Working Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2018

	Working Family Payment	
	Female	Male
Under 20	0	0
20-24	382	108
25-29	2,630	874
30-34	5,231	2,816
35-39	7,320	5,055
40-44	7,152	5,320
45-49	5,595	4,054
50-54	3,062	2,355
55-59	950	804
60-64	141	229
65	9	11
66-69	6	12
70-74	0	0
75-79	0	0
80-84	0	0
85-89	0	0
90-94	0	0
95 and over	0	0
Total	32,478	21,638

Table F4 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age

Age	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
0 ⁵	62,525	61,748	62,045	60,444	57,871	56,213	54,902	53,830	51,557	51,463
1	72,638	73,200	72,956	72,574	69,864	68,052	66,107	64,776	62,624	60,926
2	70,498	72,774	72,996	73,338	72,208	70,301	68,111	66,823	65,442	63,782
3	66,394	70,476	72,728	73,301	73,059	72,277	70,574	68,697	67,246	65,971
4	64,117	66,542	70,362	73,467	73,213	73,202	72,375	71,017	69,003	67,739
5	65,249	64,327	65,338	70,791	72,831	72,951	73,099	72,691	71,197	69,424
6	64,390	64,974	61,997	66,515	70,474	72,831	72,923	73,389	72,877	71,512
7	63,808	64,246	64,834	64,047	66,305	70,329	73,017	73,258	73,510	73,091
8	62,690	63,820	63,978	65,428	64,006	66,348	70,248	73,383	73,580	73,824
9	60,431	62,358	63,301	64,430	65,068	63,804	66,157	70,583	73,515	73,845
10	60,598	60,111	62,030	63,918	64,238	64,978	63,797	66,370	70,867	73,785
11	61,114	60,337	59,901	62,486	63,594	64,132	65,056	64,085	66,580	71,156
12	60,224	60,989	60,298	60,564	62,450	63,675	64,066	65,218	64,274	66,928
13	57,936	59,874	60,504	60,678	60,291	62,243	63,359	64,099	65,388	64,584
14	56,410	57,802	59,517	60,984	60,571	60,315	62,103	63,503	64,180	65,590
15	55,476	56,305	57,634	60,018	60,889	60,611	60,442	62,298	63,572	64,487
16	52,844	51,825	53,836	55,651	56,719	58,540	58,873	58,733	60,445	61,321
17	53,010	52,295	51,810	53,436	54,931	56,787	58,001	57,501	57,384	59,093
18	46,565	-	-	-	-	-	4,564	4,615	4,625	4,404
Total	1,156,917	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582	1,177,589	1,187,774	1,194,869	1,197,866	1,202,925

Table F5 – Number of Recipients of Working Family Payment by Income Group and Family Type

	Income Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
One- Parent Family	€100-€199	126	144	133	144	548	901	2,684	2,128	1,655	1,194
	€200-€299	752	696	623	673	1,779	2,601	6,551	6,495	6,274	5,745
	€300-€399	2,825	2,889	3,345	3,759	6,083	7,656	7,968	8,247	7,710	6,774
	€400-€499	8,506	8,216	7,563	8,205	9,695	9,819	7,535	7,898	8,419	8,167
	€500-€599	1,598	1,910	1,845	1,999	2,350	2,565	2,360	2,687	2,913	2,959
	€600-€699	258	419	404	449	569	588	573	692	680	681
	€700+	79	121	149	170	193	177	167	178	197	182
	Total	14,144	14,395	14,062	15,399	21,217	24,307	27,838	28,325	27,848	25,702
Two- Parent Family	€100-€199	253	314	313	278	468	609	831	806	814	655
	€200-€299	1,045	1,211	1,173	1,172	1,621	1,981	2,547	2,693	2,840	2,678
	€300-€399	2,910	3,187	3,239	3,545	5,048	5,959	6,351	6,471	6,240	5,441
	€400-€499	4,011	4,484	4,770	5,333	6,882	7,729	8,058	8,260	8,376	7,819
	€500-€599	2,427	3,006	3,481	4,140	5,654	6,065	6,415	6,632	6,832	6,783
	€600-€699	877	1,202	1,363	1,822	2,360	2,661	2,858	3,115	3,363	3,486
	€700+	296	424	475	618	909	995	1,015	1,265	1,432	1,552
	Total	11,819	13,828	14,814	16,908	22,942	25,999	28,075	29,242	29,897	28,414
Total	€100-€199	379	458	446	422	1,016	1,510	3,515	2,934	2,469	1,849
	€200-€299	1,797	1,907	1,796	1,845	3,400	4,582	9,098	9,188	9,114	8,423
	€300-€399	5,735	6,076	6,584	7,304	11,131	13,615	14,319	14,718	13,950	12,215
	€400-€499	12,517	12,700	12,333	13,538	16,577	17,548	15,593	16,158	16,795	15,986
	€500-€599	4,025	4,916	5,326	6,139	8,004	8,630	8,775	9,319	9,745	9,742
	€600-€699	1,135	1,621	1,767	2,271	2,929	3,249	3,431	3,807	4,043	4,167
	€700+	375	545	624	788	1,102	1,172	1,182	1,443	1,629	1,734
	Total	25,963	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	57,567	57,745	54,116

Table F6 – Number of Recipients of main Child-Related Payments by County, 2018

	Working Family Payment	Child Benefit (Recipients)	Child Benefit (Children)
Carlow	932	8,873	16,853
Cavan	1,253	10,307	20,781
Clare	1,161	15,090	29,607
Cork	5,503	70,206	135,027
Donegal	2,719	20,064	40,068
Dublin	12,614	168,791	309,632
Galway	2,510	32,424	64,148
Kerry	1,668	17,862	34,209
Kildare	2,332	33,064	63,346
Kilkenny	951	12,051	23,665
Laois	1,057	11,231	22,414
Leitrim	379	4,130	8,330
Limerick	2,336	25,207	48,497
Longford	782	5,845	11,635
Louth	2,062	19,005	36,388
Mayo	1,506	15,605	31,201
Meath	2,116	29,341	57,257
Monaghan	1,030	8,032	16,410
Offaly	1,015	10,458	20,377
Roscommon	745	7,825	15,869
Sligo	732	7,932	15,712
Tipperary	2,020	21,258	41,381
Waterford	1,779	16,223	30,713
Westmeath	1,175	12,645	24,428
Wexford	2,264	21,119	40,268
Wicklow	1,338	20,705	38,969
Others, including those abroad	137	3,061	5,740
Total	54,116	628,351	1,202,925

G Supplementary Payments

In 2018 expenditure on Household Benefits was almost €248 million, an increase of 6.75% over expenditure in 2017, while Free Travel expenditure increased by 12.1% to €86 million in 2018. Fuel Allowance expenditure increased in 2018 to just over €240 million, an increase of 4.9% or approximately €11.2 million. Expenditure on Rent Supplement amounted to just over €175 million in 2018. This represents a decrease of 31.7% on 2017.

Table G1 – Expenditure on Supplementary Payments and Miscellaneous Services by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Combat Poverty Agency	1.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Free Travel	73.49	74.09	75.60	75.52	75.48	75.49	75.24	77.11	77.46	86.81
Fuel Allowance (Social Assistance)	129.53	150.63	179.18	144.69	155.60	147.87	143.80	154.70	148.87	152.67
Grant to Family Support Agency	34.66	9.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant to the Citizens Information Board	28.01	44.99	45.11	45.74	46.39	45.00	46.00	49.18	53.05	54.78
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Electricity Allowance	66.33	76.07	71.04	69.81	65.39	61.12	53.62	59.61	60.02	62.09
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Free Television Licence	21.73	22.69	22.52	22.48	22.00	19.99	16.86	18.77	19.14	19.84
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Gas Allowance	4.63	5.33	5.33	5.24	4.55	6.21	4.48	5.55	5.76	5.23
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Telephone Allowance	57.46	53.01	45.77	46.21	21.18	1.16	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	4.57
Miscellaneous Services	1.96	1.64	1.41	1.51	1.95	2.77	5.51	5.29	8.07	11.82
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	17.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mortgage Interest Supplement	60.89	65.62	67.85	55.08	35.06	20.88	11.92	6.56	4.21	0.00
Office of the Pensions Ombudsman	0.94	0.93	0.91	0.98	0.88	0.94	0.88	0.53	0.65	0.00
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	0.72	0.80	0.70	0.66	0.65	0.53	0.51	0.47	0.43	0.41
Rent Supplement	510.75	516.54	502.75	422.54	372.91	338.20	311.06	275.29	230.57	175.02
Low pay commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.40
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	1009.69	1022.25	1018.16	890.45	802.04	720.16	669.85	653.05	608.51	573.65
Fuel Allowance (Social Insurance)	70.08	78.14	86.65	66.70	72.54	69.86	72.43	80.11	80.13	87.53
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Electricity Allowance	99.19	95.53	108.22	106.93	99.61	93.43	95.96	97.80	97.77	100.68
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Free Television Licence	33.98	34.96	35.13	35.09	35.67	32.46	35.61	33.65	34.31	35.16
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Gas Allowance	13.07	14.65	15.38	15.38	11.02	15.60	14.28	14.40	14.89	14.84
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Telephone Allowance	62.72	65.58	66.19	67.56	31.04	1.78	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	5.10
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance	279.04	288.86	311.58	291.66	249.88	213.14	218.25	225.94	227.09	243.31

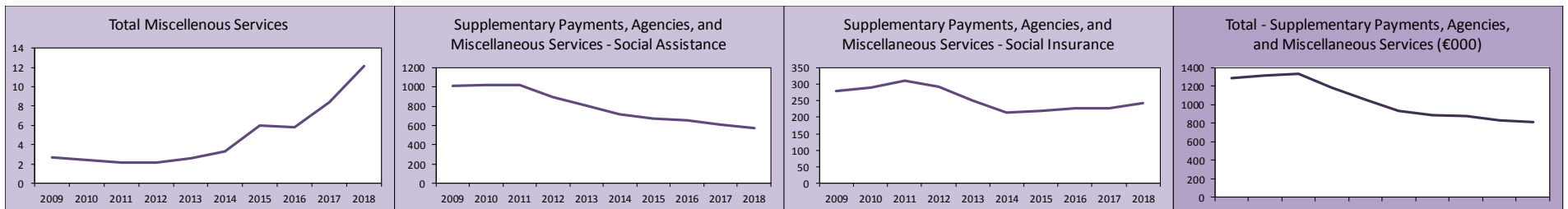


Table G2 – Breakdown of Miscellaneous Services (€million)

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Dormant Accounts - Economic & Social Disadvantage	0.64	0.37	0.27	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EU Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ex Gratia Payments to Women from Magdalen Laundries and Other Institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.83	3.44	3.25	3.15	3.30
Ex-Gratia Payments - Waterford Crystal pension schemes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.12
Food Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	1.10	2.93	5.54
Grants - Information & Welfare Rights	0.58	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.63	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69
National Pensions Awareness Campaign	0.50	0.50	0.38	0.38	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Inclusion Initiatives	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.06	1.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07
Superannuation benefits recouped by the Pension Authority for retired staff	0.20	0.14	0.13	0.30	0.22	0.18	0.36	0.17	0.59	0.34
Training for Carers in areas of economic and social disadvantage (funded from the Dormant Accounts Fund)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.00	0.53	1.76
Total Miscellaneous Services	1.96	1.64	1.41	1.51	1.95	2.77	5.51	5.29	8.07	11.82

Table G3 – Beneficiaries of Supplementary Payments by Type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Mortgage Interest Supplement	Recipients	15,101	17,974	18,988	14,597	9,768	5,007	2,907	1,832	1,247	s/c
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	Recipients	192	179	159	141	119	111	97	83	77	68
Rent Supplement	Recipients	93,030	97,260	96,803	87,684	79,788	66,409	56,959	44,521	32,075	22,880
Supplementary Payments - Social Assistance		108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948
Total Supplementary Payments		108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948

Table G4 – Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Age and Sex, 2018

	Rent Supplement		Other Supplements ⁶	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	22	4	18	13
20-24	416	158	81	46
25-29	1,543	555	155	67
30-34	2,167	1,052	229	147
35-39	1,988	1,512	262	260
40-44	1,559	1,679	284	327
45-49	1,203	1,624	289	368
50-54	867	1,392	310	393
55-59	696	1,195	298	359
60-64	464	949	290	324
65	67	170	50	56
66-69	210	448	159	171
70-74	166	293	266	177
75-79	116	126	244	153
80-84	84	66	245	90
85-89	46	26	113	37
90-94	10	4	34	14
95 and over	2	1	5	1
Total	11,626	11,254	3,332	3,003

⁶ Other Supplements includes Diet, Light, and Heat supplements.

Table G5 – Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration, 2018

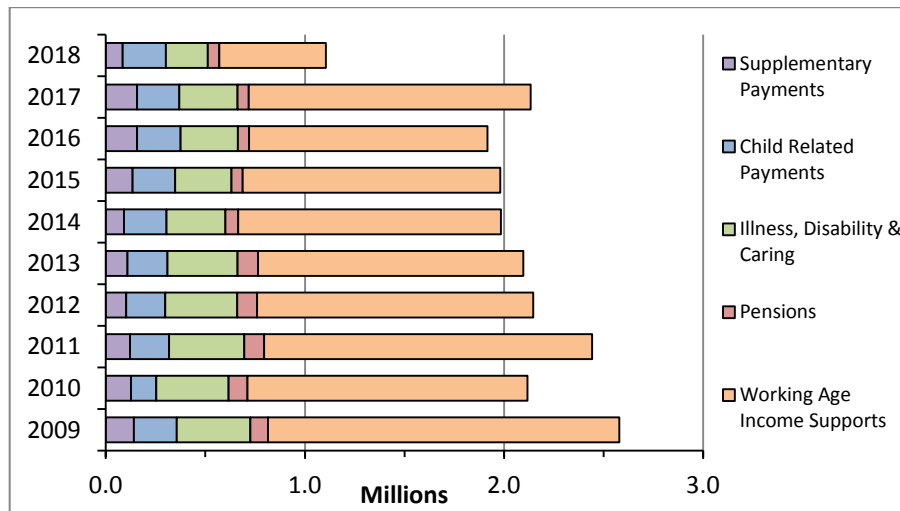
Age Group	0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 to 12 months	12 - 18 months	18 - 24 months	24 - 30 months	30 - 36 months	36 - 48 months	48 - 60 months	60 - 72 months	72 plus months
Under 20	6	8	3	3	2	1	2	1				
20 to 24 years	29	47	29	51	59	59	69	58	92	40	32	9
25 to 29 years	52	65	86	72	148	145	207	194	352	251	188	338
30 to 34 years	85	119	85	108	219	238	298	283	503	308	281	692
35 to 39 years	107	116	114	105	248	226	314	262	541	383	314	770
40 to 44 years	71	108	89	85	153	194	266	275	481	345	303	868
45 to 49 years	52	88	63	78	128	171	195	184	393	320	270	885
50 to 54 years	35	69	66	52	100	136	189	163	306	239	212	692
55 to 59 years	38	67	43	41	89	108	131	114	223	197	177	663
60 to 64 years	28	33	20	35	56	84	100	110	186	155	131	475
65 years	3	6	5	7	13	10	18	14	29	23	19	90
66 to 69 years	12	12	18	15	34	23	46	41	92	65	48	252
70 to 74 years	5	13	7	10	15	31	21	30	42	36	38	211
75 to 79 years	5	2	3	5	6	8	17	19	23	19	16	119
80 to 84 years	1	5	2	2	3	6	6	6	14	20	9	76
85 to 89 years	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	2	4	5	7	40
90 to 94 years				1			2	1	2	1		7
95 years +												3
Total	530	759	634	671	1,274	1,445	1,885	1,757	3,283	2,407	2,045	6,190

Table G6 – Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2018

County	Short-Term Recipients	Long-Term Recipients	All Recipients
Carlow	59	145	204
Cavan	34	156	190
Clare	3	100	103
Cork	748	1,802	2,550
Donegal	17	63	80
Dublin	1,476	10,386	11,862
Galway	156	920	1,076
Kerry	150	579	729
Kildare	280	772	1,052
Kilkenny	21	85	106
Laois	29	203	232
Leitrim	6	86	92
Limerick	129	341	470
Longford	13	117	130
Louth	46	135	181
Mayo	49	282	331
Meath	61	226	287
Monaghan	15	94	109
Offaly	7	80	87
Roscommon	59	152	211
Sligo	4	60	64
Tipperary	70	160	230
Waterford	43	65	108
Westmeath	42	572	614
Wexford	162	600	762
Wicklow	189	831	1,020
Total	3,868	19,012	22,880

H Operational Activity

FIGURE 6 - CLAIMS REGISTERED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2009-2018



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

In 2017 the total number of registered claims that were finalised (cleared) was 1,961,418 of which 1,686,732 or 86.0% were awarded. The remainder (274,686) were either disallowed by the Department's staff or withdrawn by the client.

At the end of 2017 there were 46,971 claims on hand pending award, a 40.1% reduction on the number pending award at the end of 2016.

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

FIGURE 7 - CLAIMS CLEARED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2009-2018

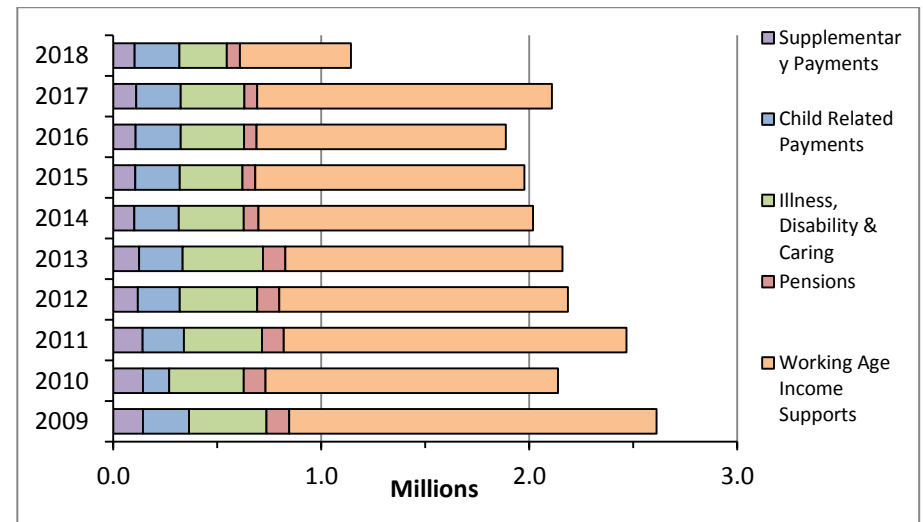


FIGURE 8 - CLAIMS PENDING YEAR END, 2009-2018

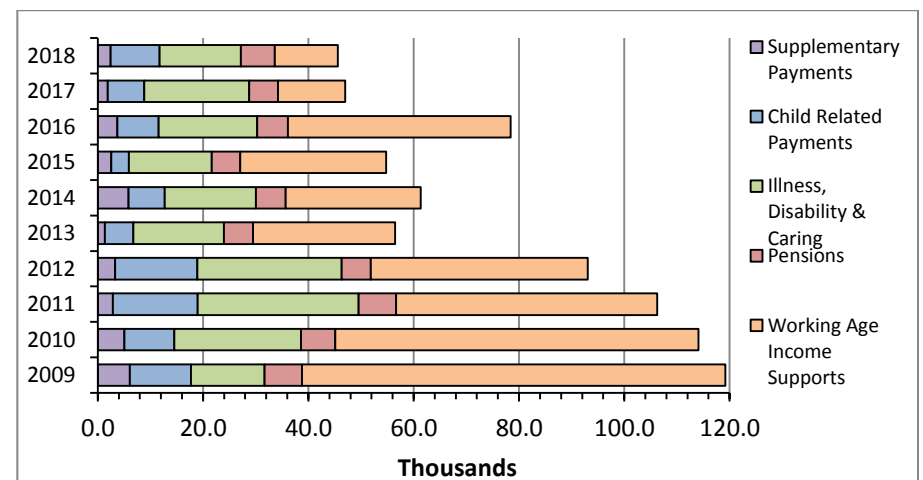


Table H1 – Claims Registered by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9,835	7,344	9,035	9,429	8,998	9,732	9,213	9,187	9,053
State Pension (Contributory)	32,940	36,281	35,198	39,215	40,212	37,902	38,431	39,883	42,084
State Pension (Transition)	20,184	22,719	22,430	19,270	3,885	521	204	137	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,534	7,549	7,451	7,574	7,390	7,707	7,699	7,599	7,542
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	17,568	18,763	19,252	24,991	3,743	0	0	0	0
Bereavement Grant - Longford	6,511	6,987	6,714	2,385	83	0	0	0	0
Total Pensions	94,572	99,643	100,080	102,864	64,311	55,862	55,547	56,806	58,679
Jobseeker's Allowance	263,942	239,667	225,262	227,722	209,444	191,781	171,243	155,854	137,770
One Parent Family Payment	17,325	16,943	14,330	13,887	12,288	11,484	11,751	11,452	11,466
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	792	556	428	526	100	0	0	0	N/avail
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	578,035	643,526	453,833	386,161	400,479	371,899	290,097	346,743	187,409
Jobseeker's Benefit	267,271	223,938	192,965	165,457	147,636	137,131	131,005	129,241	127,586
Maternity Benefit	50,078	50,430	47,875	46,692	46,819	45,255	45,280	44,227	44,372
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,471	27,200	25,358
Treatment Benefit	229,928	473,123	453,236	492,127	503,691	536,654	542,968	701,732	N/avail
Total Working Age Income Supports	1,407,371	1,648,183	1,387,929	1,332,572	1,320,457	1,294,204	1,198,815	1,416,449	533,961
Disability Allowance	21,409	24,264	25,887	20,538	21,071	22,538	23,804	23,657	23,080
Blind Pension	219	208	198	181	46	0	0	0	N/avail
Carer's Allowance	18,212	17,758	15,493	12,060	17,759	18,929	22,722	23,800	20,208
Domiciliary Care Allowance	5,529	5,191	4,079	4,464	5,743	6,422	7,434	8,197	8,609
Illness Benefit	289,962	296,730	286,534	288,052	226,274	209,750	209,685	209,384	143,423
Interim Illness Benefit	15,157	14,177	13,641	13,838	13,404	13,314	13,708	13,913	s/c
Invalidity Pension	8,774	14,621	11,510	9,640	9,240	9,454	9,134	10,458	10,967
Disablement Benefit	1,652	1,775	1,436	1,215	347	0	0	0	N/avail
Carer's Benefit	2,080	2,060	1,788	1,804	2,074	1,842	1,344	3,590	4,101
Total Illness Disability and Caring	362,994	376,784	360,566	351,792	295,958	282,249	287,831	292,999	210,388

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	21,400	30,417	33,723	31,678	32,940	31,309	30,915	32,448	32,034
Child Benefit - EU regulation	1,146	1,267	2,436	0	4,271	4,319	4,037	3,473	3,753
Child Benefit - Over 16	36,648	72,226	69,639	71,870	72,857	68,590	72,726	65,607	72,671
Child Benefit - Additional Child	19,009	40,476	39,830	38,846	37,254	35,671	34,293	33,843	34,672
Working Family Payment - New Claims	22,472	23,453	20,341	24,965	26,679	31,191	28,516	28,730	27,854
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	25,638	27,761	29,589	32,879	39,755	42,714	47,608	47,998	46,630
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	176	173	172	183	42	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	431	498	456	452	134	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Total Child Related Payments	126,920	196,271	196,186	200,873	213,932	213,794	218,095	212,099	217,614
Household Benefits	107,353	101,812	82,480	89,463	69,527	72,826	75,443	75,593	69,703
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	10,105	11,093	11,040	11,151	12,847	13,744	13,573	13,841	14,388
Free Travel	9,065	8,668	9,258	7,652	8,173	48,347	68,336	66,754	N/avail
Total Supplementary Payments	126,523	121,573	102,778	108,266	90,547	134,917	157,352	156,188	84,091
Grand Total	2,118,380	2,442,454	2,147,539	2,096,367	1,985,205	1,981,026	1,917,640	2,134,541	1,104,733

Table H2 – Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	7,191	5,730	7,243	7,445	7,750	7,675	8,132	7,577	8,040
State Pension (Contributory)	23,194	25,964	25,586	28,129	27,591	24,662	25,947	27,673	28,364
State Pension (Transition)	11,243	12,775	12,599	10,598	1,623	217	87	46	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	5,872	5,870	5,783	5,709	5,615	5,916	5,775	5,695	5,835
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	15,862	16,993	17,451	21,179	4,643	0	0	0	0
Bereavement Grant - Longford	5,918	5,926	5,342	2,537	78	0	0	0	0
Total Pensions	69,280	73,258	74,004	75,597	47,300	38,470	39,941	40,991	42,239
Jobseeker's Allowance	191,144	174,491	167,623	180,009	166,048	152,807	136,003	124,790	111,006
One Parent Family Payment	12,127	12,178	10,293	10,673	10,011	8,905	9,038	8,741	8,978
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	533	377	287	283	74	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	193,014	292,641	253,652	225,509	206,828	186,002	178,623	175,836	55,542
Jobseeker's Benefit	234,020	197,369	169,755	148,480	132,714	124,152	119,168	118,076	117,825
Maternity Benefit	48,806	48,827	45,415	45,491	44,555	44,740	41,646	45,621	41,429
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,013	26,559	24,080
Treatment Benefit	217,854	447,908	430,778	465,583	477,658	508,202	510,956	663,891	N/avail
Total Working Age Income Supports	897,498	1,173,791	1,077,803	1,076,028	1,037,888	1,024,808	1,000,447	1,163,514	358,860
Disability Allowance	8,306	9,246	10,400	12,497	13,876	15,814	16,669	17,469	17,205
Blind Pension	117	106	96	77	29	0	0	0	0
Carer's Allowance	8,769	7,465	9,880	16,011	12,560	14,378	19,308	17,290	17,242
Domiciliary Care Allowance	3,103	2,686	1,586	1,877	3,104	4,186	4,996	6,823	3,104
Illness Benefit	249,166	259,008	245,319	245,456	162,187	154,692	156,153	159,030	112,012
Interim Illness Benefit	12,289	11,616	10,927	11,428	9,768	10,182	10,485	10,739	s/c
Invalidity Pension	3,597	2,445	6,352	9,494	7,018	7,691	7,467	8,976	7,334
Disablement Benefit	1,293	1,310	1,384	731	392	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Carer's Benefit	1,965	1,941	2,021	1,917	2,264	2,234	1,302	2,605	2,774
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	288,605	295,823	287,965	299,488	211,198	209,177	216,380	222,932	159,671

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	22,382	34,735	34,576	31,151	31,765	30,592	30,991	31,301	31,549
Child Benefit - EU regulation	724	1,371	2,487	0	3,501	3,730	3,692	3,009	3,490
Child Benefit - Over 16	36,488	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871	71,620	66,305	72,124
Child Benefit - Additional Child	18,940	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703	34,258	33,885	34,672
Working Family Payment - New Claims	14,328	13,631	13,264	20,156	19,761	21,779	18,617	18,832	17,226
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	22,101	23,787	28,118	33,091	36,403	31,130	33,303	30,492	29,663
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	106	117	95	111	34	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	309	350	265	318	82	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Total Child Related Payments	115,378	186,740	188,218	194,902	202,205	191,805	192,481	183,824	188,724
Household Benefits	90,990	83,889	65,844	72,578	50,999	52,088	54,871	56,020	53,626
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	9,157	10,425	10,323	10,441	11,960	13,090	12,829	13,170	13,507
Free Travel	7,200	7,086	6,754	6,087	6,207	6,191	4,987	6,281	6,872
Total Supplementary Payments	107,347	101,400	82,921	89,106	69,166	71,369	72,687	75,471	74,005
Grand Total	1,478,108	1,831,012	1,710,911	1,735,121	1,567,757	1,535,629	1,521,936	1,686,732	823,499

Table H3 – Claims Rejected by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	2,961	2,641	1,998	2,453	2,351	2,350	2,188	2,332	2,139	2,253
State Pension (Contributory)	12,927	10,639	7,778	7,049	7,877	8,205	9,727	9,703	10,002	10,304
State Pension (Transition)	11,724	10,884	9,153	9,363	8,484	2,296	406	66	0	0
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,001	1,273	1,193	1,232	1,263	1,250	1,361	1,436	1,240	1,085
Bereavement Grant - Sligo & Longford	23,295	2,315	2,535	2,406	2,365	0	0	0	0	0
Total - Pensions	51,908	27,752	22,657	22,503	22,340	14,101	13,682	13,537	13,381	13,642
Jobseeker's Allowance	23,681	27,884	23,017	19,811	18,952	16,185	13,255	11,979	10,238	9,563
One Parent Family Payment	1,907	2,036	2,032	1,579	1,357	1,078	3,270	699	725	774
Jobseeker's Benefit	7,237	7,243	7,680	6,373	5,179	4,048	3,270	2,766	2,459	2,745
Maternity Benefit	1,984	1,359	1,774	1,488	1,343	1,458	1,568	1,370	1,570	1,335
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	542	380
Treatment Benefit	58,571	10,793	36,988	24,388	27,333	24,719	23,495	17,728	16,863	N/avail
Total - Working Age Income Supports	93,380	49,315	71,491	53,639	54,164	47,488	44,858	34,542	32,397	14,797
Disability Allowance	9,677	10,316	14,116	14,519	14,691	12,621	14,800	12,027	12,022	12,682
Carer's Allowance	5,776	6,972	5,227	6,827	9,881	7,078	7,920	11,144	8,599	9,291
Illness Benefit	43,924	33,905	33,934	36,855	37,615	61,165	50,083	46,118	44,709	29,109
Interim Illness Benefit	1,555	1,279	1,073	1,101	1,061	1,832	1,470	1,682	2,019	s/c
Invalidity Pension	2,892	3,677	5,945	10,721	8,546	5,496	5,070	3,909	4,579	4,601
Total – Illness, Disability, and Caring	63,824	56,149	60,295	70,023	71,794	88,192	79,343	74,880	71,928	55,683
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	1,916	681	832	764	623	549	682	801	674	833
Child Benefit - EU regulation	340	202	342	531	497	543	725	899	716	750
Working Family Payment - New Claims	6,910	7,187	6,448	7,396	10,082	7,225	9,208	8,915	10,402	8,274
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	2,687	1,763	1,959	2,649	2,787	3,149	11,538	14,188	17,512	16,651
Total - Child Related Payments	11,853	9,833	9,581	11,340	13,989	11,466	22,153	24,803	29,304	26,508
Household Benefits	12,194	16,754	17,297	15,919	16,030	14,459	17,282	16,806	18,030	16,604
Free Travel	3,200	3,284	3,831	3,046	2,268	2,447	2,103	2,552	2,193	2,511
Total - Supplementary Payments	15,394	20,038	21,128	18,965	18,298	16,906	19,385	19,358	20,223	19,115
Grand Total	236,359	163,087	185,152	176,470	180,585	178,153	179,421	167,120	167,233	129,745

Table H4 – Claims Withdrawn by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	178	84	1,009	1,149	999	1,131	1,167	1,170	1,323	1,212
State Pension (Contributory)	9,972	4,822	4,934	5,724	5,791	5,591	6,803	5,409	5,336	4,736
State Pension (Transition)	1,236	2,181	2,308	2,701	2,621	1,146	164	3	0	0
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	425	558	559	463	475	496	515	570	435	521
Bereavement Grant - Sligo & Longford	1,216	171	200	213	147	0	0	0	0	0
Total - Pensions	13,027	7,816	9,010	10,250	10,033	8,364	8,649	7,152	7,094	6,469
Jobseeker's Allowance	56,544	54,358	48,347	42,964	39,269	32,728	30,059	29,703	27,140	22,921
One Parent Family Payment	3,837	4,002	4,384	3,912	4,219	3,509	4,011	2,069	1,894	1,705
Jobseeker's Benefit	57,012	46,134	34,269	29,295	25,344	19,114	16,923	15,713	24,370	13,234
Maternity Benefit	44	0	0	2	95	0	0	3	958	845
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	678	460
Total - Working Age Income Supports	117,437	104,494	87,000	76,173	68,927	55,351	50,993	47,488	55,040	39,165
Disability Allowance	628	626	783	1,240	1,428	1,111	978	947	1,153	1,130
Carer's Allowance	1,451	888	1,194	1,776	2,529	1,610	1,888	1,429	570	707
Illness Benefit	5,680	4,775	5,702	5,369	5,022	5,060	4,944	5,211	5,075	3,761
Interim Illness Benefit	1,766	1,551	1,551	1,346	1,492	1,872	1,675	1,542	1,110	580
Invalidity Pension	41	285	1,699	702	752	1,047	1,039	972	1,007	1,157
Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring	9,566	8,125	10,929	10,433	11,223	10,700	10,524	10,101	8,915	7,335
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	1,299	161	512	484	437	348	47	8	125	6
Child Benefit - EU regulation	450	138	177	63	16	14	27	17	58	23
Working Family Payment - New Claims	551	238	494	334	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	677	752	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,316	0
Total - Child Related Payments	2,977	1,289	1,183	881	453	362	74	25	1,499	29
Household Benefits	7,515	12,970	16,605	14,136	15,018	12,094	12,206	12,689	112,828	6,216
Free Travel	108	217	274	141	128	173	423	416	499	759
Total - Supplementary Payments	7,623	13,187	16,879	14,277	15,146	12,267	12,629	13,105	113,327	6,975
Grand Total	150,630	134,911	125,001	112,014	105,782	87,044	82,869	77,871	185,875	59,973

Table H5 – Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9,916	8,737	10,845	10,795	11,231	11,030	11,634	11,039	11,505
State Pension (Contributory)	38,655	38,676	38,359	41,797	41,387	41,192	41,059	43,011	43,404
State Pension (Transition)	24,308	24,236	24,663	21,703	5,065	787	156	151	S/C
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,703	7,622	7,478	7,447	7,361	7,792	7,781	7,370	7,441
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	17,363	18,627	19,147	23,293	5,700	0	0	0	0
Bereavement Grant - Longford	6,957	7,027	6,265	2,935	92	0	0	0	0
Total Pensions	104,902	104,925	106,757	107,970	70,836	60,801	60,630	61,571	62,350
Jobseeker's Allowance	273,386	245,855	230,398	238,230	214,961	196,121	177,685	162,168	143,490
One Parent Family Payment	18,165	18,594	15,784	16,249	14,598	13,659	11,806	11,360	11,457
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	854	576	461	455	122	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	240,766	349,789	304,268	264,819	238,641	213,714	206,056	203,821	59,032
Jobseeker's Benefit	287,397	242,318	205,423	179,003	155,876	144,345	137,647	134,905	133,804
Maternity Benefit	50,165	50,601	46,905	46,929	46,013	46,308	43,019	48,149	43,609
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,144	27,779	24,866
Treatment Benefit	228,647	484,896	455,166	492,916	502,377	531,697	528,684	680,754	N/avail
Total Working Age Income Supports	1,099,380	1,392,629	1,258,405	1,238,601	1,172,588	1,145,844	1,110,041	1,268,936	416,258
Disability Allowance	19,248	24,145	26,159	28,616	27,608	31,592	29,643	30,644	31,017
Blind Pension	206	221	203	174	66	0	0	0	
Carer's Allowance	16,629	13,886	18,483	28,421	21,248	24,186	31,881	26,459	27,240
Domiciliary Care Allowance	6,416	6,491	4,810	4,340	5,142	6,313	6,703	9,034	8,569
Illness Benefit	287,846	298,644	287,543	288,093	228,412	209,719	207,482	208,814	144,882
Interim Illness Benefit	15,119	14,240	13,374	13,981	13,472	13,327	13,709	13,868	s/c
Invalidity Pension	7,559	12,829	17,775	18,792	13,561	13,800	12,348	14,562	13,092
Disablement Benefit	1,545	1,785	1,717	1,323	975	77	0	0	N/avail
Carer's Benefit	2,957	2,919	2,994	2,687	3,019	2,752	1,720	3,303	3,900
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	357,525	375,160	373,058	386,427	313,503	301,766	303,486	306,684	228,700

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	23,224	36,079	35,824	32,211	32,662	31,321	31,800	32,100	32,388
Child Benefit - EU regulation	1,064	1,890	3,081	0	4,058	4,482	4,608	3,783	4,263
Child Benefit - Over 16	36,488	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871	71,620	66,305	72,124
Child Benefit - Additional Child	18,940	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703	34,258	33,885	34,672
Working Family Payment - New Claims	21,753	20,573	20,994	30,238	26,986	30,987	27,532	28,908	25,500
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	24,616	25,746	30,767	35,878	39,552	42,668	47,491	49,320	46,314
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	163	189	161	185	59	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	444	504	436	478	149	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Total Child Related Payments	126,692	197,730	200,676	209,065	214,125	214,032	217,309	214,301	215,261
Household Benefits	120,714	117,791	95,899	103,626	77,552	81,576	84,366	85,878	76,446
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	10,957	12,605	12,229	12,115	13,810	15,253	14,892	15,075	15,639
Free Travel	10,701	11,191	9,941	8,483	8,827	8,717	7,955	8,973	10,142
Total Supplementary Payments	142,372	141,587	118,069	124,224	100,189	105,546	107,213	109,926	102,227
Grand Total	1,830,871	2,212,031	2,056,965	2,066,287	1,871,241	1,827,989	1,798,679	1,961,418	1,240,057

Table H6 – Claims Pending by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,507	1,869	1,432	1,780	1,552	2,058	1,762	1,896	1,561
State Pension (Contributory)	2,826	2,888	2,154	2,094	3,397	2,934	3,757	3,059	4,252
State Pension (Transition)	1,731	2,009	1,622	1,163	255	23	32	0	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	430	367	345	492	445	400	288	519	619
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	806	954	1,105	2,845	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Bereavement Grant - Longford	175	141	601	57	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Total Pensions	6,494	7,133	5,553	5,529	5,649	5,415	5,839	5,474	6,432
Jobseeker's Allowance	26,377	21,880	18,464	10,148	8,074	7,167	5,955	4,893	3,852
One Parent Family Payment	5,250	4,249	3,369	2,490	1,452	1,173	1,001	900	657
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	134	110	69	84	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail	N/avail
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	5,670	6,371	4,701	3,762	3,905	3,567	3,559	2,729	532
Jobseeker's Benefit	11,659	9,065	7,723	4,613	4,257	3,905	3,562	3,131	3,418
Maternity Benefit	2,997	2,826	3,796	3,559	4,365	3,312	3,953	185	1,787
Paternity Benefit							1,389	876	1,709
Treatment Benefit	16,872	5,099	3,079	2,290	3,604	8,561	22,845	N/avail	N/avail
Total Working Age Income Supports	68,959	49,600	41,201	26,946	25,657	27,685	42,264	12,714	11,955
Disability Allowance	6,880	6,999	7,775	5,022	6,058	4,855	5,947	5,768	5,549
Blind Pension	52	39	34	41					
Carer's Allowance	3,769	7,765	8,553	2,719	4,461	5,461	3,490	5,284	4,566
Domiciliary Care Allowance	690	819	478	694	1,237	1,346	2,077	1,240	1,280
Illness Benefit	7,375	5,461	4,452	4,411	2,273	2,304	4,507	5,077	1,030
Interim Illness Benefit	287	224	491	348	280	267	266	311	s/c
Invalidity Pension	2,701	6,814	3,662	2,013	2,034	1,559	2,133	1,653	2,188
Disablement Benefit	1,972	1,962	1,699	1,617	990	0	0	0	
Carer's Benefit	356	449	255	363	0	0	328	615	816
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	24,082	30,532	27,399	17,228	17,333	15,792	18,748	19,948	15,429

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	1,260	654	2,276	1,743	2,021	2,009	1,524	1,871	1,517
Child Benefit - EU regulation	0	2,413	2,033	0	2,032	1,869	1,298	988	478
Child Benefit - Over 16	160	138	201	866	289	8	1,114	416	963
Child Benefit - Additional Child	69	44	37	13	42	10	45	3	3
Working Family Payment - New Claims	5,133	8,013	7,360	2,087	1,780	303	2,968	2,824	5,178
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	2,654	4,669	3,491	492	695	282	858	852	1,168
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	78	63	74	71	0	0	0	0	
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	121	116	136	110	0	0	0	0	
Total Child Related Payments	9,475	16,110	15,608	5,382	6,859	3,311	7,807	6,954	9,307
Household Benefits	4,582	2,566	2,949	953	5,197	2,079	3,177	1,357	1,755
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	455	300	307	366	599	451	548	509	691
Free Travel	31	27	62	48	43	42	5	15	3
Total Supplementary Payments	5,068	2,893	3,318	1,367	5,839	2,572	3,730	1,881	2,449
Grand Total	114,078	106,268	93,079	56,452	61,337	55,945	78,388	46,971	45,572

Table H7 – Average Weeks to Award by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9	10	12	16	17	14	14	12	11
State Pension (Contributory)	7	5	6	5	5	6	7	5	6
State Pension (Transition)	4	4	5	6	8	8	0	0	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	1	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0
Bereavement Grant - Longford	4	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Pensions									
Jobseeker's Allowance	6	5	5	4	2	2	2	2	2
One Parent Family Payment	16	16	15	13	11	9	6	6	5
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	11	10	10	8	4	0	0	0	0
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jobseeker's Benefit	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Maternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
Treatment Benefit	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	n/a
Working Age Income Supports									
Disability Allowance	14	17	5	28	23	11	12	11	13
Carer's Allowance	9	11	13	30	24	15	14	14	17
Domiciliary Care Allowance	7	9	6	7	10	14	14	17	10
Illness Benefit	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Invalidity Pension	13	2	35	52	22	8	10	6	7
Illness, Disability and Caring									

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2018

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3
Child Benefit - EU regulation	0	51	38	0	26	28	33	34	28
Working Family Payment - New Claims	10	16	8	4	4	4	4	3	4
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	10	18	15	5	5	0	0	0	n/a
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant									1
Children									
Household Benefits	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1
Free Travel	4	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
Supplementary Payments									

Table H8 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – EU Countries

Country of origin or declared nationality	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Austria	338	290	313	300	334	286	289	316	282	361
Belgium	288	278	336	281	326	370	366	338	432	456
Bulgaria	277	295	281	469	879	883	1,098	1,302	1,692	1,747
Croatia	60	51	60	86	486	2,091	4,342	5,312	4,908	4,346
Cyprus	26	21	21	20	53	124	42	59	60	55
Czech Republic	901	712	621	594	693	654	718	723	754	763
Denmark	209	324	306	319	266	222	240	235	235	327
Estonia	428	207	155	259	231	237	184	124	120	138
Finland	153	188	181	203	223	189	241	235	232	218
France	3,109	2,877	2,668	2,915	3,175	3,739	3,744	4,379	4,863	4,879
Germany	2,090	2,090	2,160	2,142	2,162	2,406	2,455	2,477	2,647	2,713
Greece	100	124	168	269	275	332	408	628	797	815
Hungary	1,794	1,584	1,556	1,985	1,881	1,727	1,617	1,433	1,370	1,212
Ireland	86,748	85,939	85,210	81,772	78,630	76,091	75,008	73,328	72,657	71,490
Italy	2,237	2,039	2,095	2,680	3,552	4,263	4,130	5,525	5,983	6,070
Latvia	3,916	3,134	2,195	1,759	1,568	1,312	1,171	1,316	1,399	1,511
Lithuania	3,768	4,353	3,555	2,860	2,521	2,316	2,337	2,838	3,120	2,916
Luxembourg	15	11	7	3	21	24	15	25	25	30
Malta	69	57	51	46	32	50	49	80	70	60
Netherlands	647	649	710	654	823	882	825	957	985	947
Poland	13,794	8,742	8,087	8,663	9,243	9,126	8,593	8,019	6,819	6,524
Portugal	1,125	786	706	1,128	1,577	1,946	1,622	2,138	2,208	2,348
Romania	2,624	3,002	3,841	5,283	7,709	9,076	8,638	11,208	12,080	13,922
Slovakia	1,784	1,288	1,012	1,138	1,092	1,081	957	996	1,068	1,076
Slovenia	40	37	42	47	56	72	90	97	101	101
Spain	2,595	2,388	2,604	3,929	5,000	5,195	4,351	5,441	6,341	6,685
Sweden	481	629	582	499	480	473	515	419	463	480
United Kingdom	13,996	13,437	13,135	12,727	13,135	13,729	14,758	15,862	15,312	15,060
Total EU	143,612	135,532	132,658	133,030	136,423	138,896	138,803	145,810	147,023	147,250

Table H9 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – non-EU Countries

Country of origin or declared nationality	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Brazil	2,741	4,257	4,939	5,542	6,270	7,778	5,052	7,283	10,382	12,304
United States of America	2,544	2,518	2,705	2,697	3,048	3,403	3,337	3,867	4,393	4,122
India	2,249	1,430	1,475	1,854	2,620	2,815	3,132	4,956	5,782	7,323
Venezuela	52	169	346	409	2,227	1,639	69	66	89	63
China	1,266	977	877	1,138	1,099	1,416	1,145	1,474	1,845	2,029
Republic of Korea	431	558	505	678	1,043	1,271	513	495	659	856
Pakistan	868	478	807	741	891	1,618	3,168	2,217	1,646	1,219
Canada	841	698	606	613	739	841	886	1,038	965	1,098
Australia	1,013	688	554	587	644	883	1,043	1,162	1,211	1,169
Nigeria	888	513	482	421	545	647	613	766	820	1,101
Mexico	160	290	316	384	545	774	439	640	1,123	1,413
Saudi Arabia	159	247	288	344	480	481	337	353	332	282
Malaysia	436	410	291	362	435	540	502	567	565	627
Philippines	695	394	434	414	429	413	428	919	1,161	1,080
Japan	248	232	275	281	359	387	280	354	400	499
South Africa	678	413	346	344	354	448	482	804	975	1,251
Russia	258	233	267	258	329	357	417	455	488	525
Libya	30	21	40	58	276	254	61	61	67	37
Ukraine	302	150	167	182	257	293	341	309	289	347
New Zealand	413	238	194	200	212	275	273	260	298	339
Switzerland	156	143	180	171	202	185	221	229	267	280
Argentina	158	143	155	185	200	258	169	269	306	424
Bangladesh	167	109	88	134	196	311	427	191	203	177
Nepal	97	107	93	103	187	202	103	48	56	58
Egypt	201	93	99	147	184	239	294	512	537	516
Norway	196	187	195	122	168	191	185	191	202	197
Turkey	140	117	131	122	156	233	206	319	440	785
Thailand	224	175	161	168	141	112	142	135	153	144
Moldova	252	124	93	90	124	116	88	116	122	160
Mauritius	887	156	46	45	40	65	33	49	42	60
Other	3,533	2,368	3,237	2,833	3,359	5,122	4,507	5,110	6,115	6,802
Total Non-EU	22,283	18,636	20,392	21,627	27,759	33,567	28,893	35,215	41,993	47,287
Total EU + non-EU	165,895	154,168	153,050	154,657	164,182	172,463	169,711	181,025	188,956	194,537

Appendix 1 – Social Assistance and Social Insurance Schemes

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

SOCIAL INSURANCE

Payments made under the Social Insurance system are funded, in part, by contributions from employers, employees and the self-employed. Any deficit in the fund is met by 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 State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), 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, Disablement 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 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 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, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Pension, Rent Allowance, Household Benefits and Free Travel.

UNIVERSAL (CHILD BENEFIT)

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

Appendix 2 – Classification of Social Welfare Schemes

PENSIONS

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

WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORTS

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

WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

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

ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

Blind Pension
Carer's Allowance
Carer's Benefit
Disablement Benefit
Disability Allowance
Domiciliary Care Allowance
Injury Benefit
Illness Benefit
Invalidity Pension
Medical Care
Carer's Support Grant (previously Respite Care Grant)

CHILDREN

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme
Child Benefit
Family Income Supplement
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
School Meals
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)

SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

Free Travel

Fuel Allowance Household Benefits

Mortgage Interest Supplement - discontinued

Rent Supplement

Appendix 3 – 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 to the recipient.

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.

SOCIAL INSURANCE

These benefits comprise State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), 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

These comprise 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, Pre-Retirement Allowance, 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

Appendix 4 – Details of Scheme Changes

The new State Pension (Non-Contributory) was introduced in September 2006 replacing the Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension and, for recipients aged 66 and over, Blind Pension, Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension, One-Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Allowance. Qualified Adults of a State Pension (Non-Contributory) aged over 66 also qualified for a pension in their own right. Also effective from September 2006 recipients of Invalidity Pension aged 66 years or over were automatically transferred to State Pension (Contributory).

The Respite Care Grant was renamed the Carer's Support Grant in 2016.

Scheme Name Changes

Previous Name of Scheme	New Name of Scheme
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	State Pension (Contributory)
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	State Pension (Non-Contributory)
Retirement Pension	State Pension (Transition)
Unemployment Benefit	Jobseeker's Benefit
Unemployment Assistance	Jobseeker's Allowance
Unemployability Supplement	Incapacity Supplement
Disability Benefit	Illness Benefit
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
Respite Care Grant	Carer's Support Grant
Family Income Supplement	Working Family Payment