



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

Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services

Annual Report 2017



Table of Contents

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Table of Figures | 5 |
| Introduction | 6 |
| Réamhrá an Aire | 8 |
| A Summary and Financial | 10 |
| Table A1 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme (€000)..... | 12 |
| Table A2 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Scheme, Programme and Insurance or Assistance (€000)..... | 14 |
| Table A3 – Social Welfare Rates of Payment (Weekly unless stated, €)..... | 18 |
| Table A4 – Number of Recipients of main periodic benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance..... | 21 |
| Table A5 – Number of Beneficiaries of main periodic benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance..... | 22 |
| Table A6 – Number of Recipients of main Social Welfare benefits by broad nationality group, 2017..... | 23 |
| Table A7 – Financing of Social Insurance Fund (€000) | 25 |
| Table A8 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Class 2016..... | 26 |
| B Pensions..... | 27 |
| Table B1 – Number of Beneficiaries of main State Pension benefits by type..... | 28 |
| Table B2 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Age and Sex, 2017..... | 29 |
| Table B3 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Type of Payment and County, 2017..... | 30 |
| C Working Age Income Supports | 31 |
| Table C1 – Working Age Income Supports – Additional Expenditure Details (€000) | 32 |
| Table C2 – Number of Beneficiaries of main Working-Age Income Support benefits by type..... | 33 |

| | | |
|------------|---|-----------|
| Table C3 – | Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Income Support benefits by Age and Sex, 2017..... | 35 |
| Table C4 – | Recipients of main Working Age Income Supports by Scheme and County, 2017..... | 37 |
| D | Working Age Employment Supports | 38 |
| Table D1 – | Working Age Employment Supports – Additional Expenditure Details (€000) | 39 |
| Table D2 – | Number of Beneficiaries of main Working-Age Employment Supports by type..... | 40 |
| Table D3 – | Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Employment Supports by Age and Sex, 2017..... | 42 |
| Table D4 – | Number of Recipients of main Working Age Employment Supports by County, 2017..... | 44 |
| E | Illness, Disability and Caring | 45 |
| Table E1 – | Number of Beneficiaries of Illness, Disability and Caring benefits by type..... | 46 |
| Table E2 – | Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer’s Payments by Age and Sex, 2017..... | 48 |
| Table E3 – | Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Child Age..... | 49 |
| Table E4 – | Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer’s Payments by County, 2017..... | 50 |
| F | Children | 51 |
| Table F1 – | Number of Beneficiaries of Children Benefits by Type..... | 52 |
| Table F2 – | Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age and Sex, 2017..... | 53 |
| Table F3 – | Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age..... | 54 |
| Table F4 – | Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Income Group and Family Type..... | 55 |
| Table F5 – | Number of Recipients of main Child-Related Payments by County, 2017..... | 56 |
| G | Supplementary Payments | 57 |
| Table G1 – | Supplementary Payments and Miscellaneous Services – Additional Expenditure Details (€000) | 58 |
| Table G2 – | Beneficiaries of Supplementary Payments by Type..... | 59 |

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Table G3 - Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Age and Sex, 2017..... | 60 |
| Table G4 - Recipients of Rent Supplement by Duration and Primary Payment, 2017..... | 61 |
| Table G5 - Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement by Duration and Primary Payment, 2017..... | 62 |
| Table G6 - Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration, 2017..... | 63 |
| Table G7 - Number of Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age and Duration, 2017..... | 64 |
| Table G8 - Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2017..... | 65 |
| H Operational Activity | 66 |
| Table H1 – Claims Registered by Year and Benefit..... | 67 |
| Table H2 – Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit..... | 69 |
| Table H3 – Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit..... | 71 |
| Table H4 – Claims Pending by Year and Benefit..... | 73 |
| Table H5 – Average Weeks to Award by Year and Benefit..... | 74 |
| Table H6 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – EU Countries..... | 76 |
| Table H7 - PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – non-EU Countries..... | 77 |
| Appendix 1 – Social Assistance and Social Insurance Schemes..... | 78 |
| Appendix 2 – Classification of Social Welfare Schemes | 79 |
| Appendix 3 – Glossary of Terms..... | 82 |
| Appendix 4 – Details of Scheme Changes | 83 |

Table of Figures

| | |
|---|----|
| Figure 1 –Social Welfare Expenditure by Programme, 2008-2017, Billions €..... | 10 |
| Figure 2 – Social Welfare Recipients by Programme, 2008-2017, Thousands..... | 11 |
| Figure 3 - Pension recipients by Scheme and County, December 2017 | 27 |
| Figure 4 - Recipients of Working Age Income Supports by Sex and Age, December 2017 | 31 |
| Figure 5 - Expenditure on Working-Age Employment Supports by Programme, 2008-2017,..... | 38 |
| Figure 6 - Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring Schemes, 2008-2017, Billions | 45 |
| Figure 7 - Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 2008-2017 | 51 |
| Figure 8 -Expenditure on Supplementary Payments, 2008 to 2017, Billions € | 57 |
| Figure 9 - Claims Registered by Programme and Year, 2009-2017 | 66 |
| Figure 10 - Claims Cleared by Programme and Year, 2009-2017 | 66 |
| Figure 11 – Claims Pending Year end, 2009-2017..... | 66 |

Introduction

This is the thirty-fifth 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 2017 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 35th edition of the Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services. This 2017 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 2017 were:

- ❖ Total Social Welfare expenditure was just over €19.9 billion (compared to just over €19.8 billion in 2016), representing 26.4% of general government expenditure and 8.3% 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 4.2% to just under €7.4 billion as a result of a 2.9% increase in the number of recipients. Payments were made to over 610,000 people in this area.
- ❖ Just under €3.6 billion was spent on Working Age Income Supports, a decrease of 8.9% on the previous year. Within this, expenditure on Jobseeker's supports decreased by 13.0% to approximately €2.4 billion.
- ❖ Spending on Working Age Employment Supports decreased by 8.8% to just over €920 million, as a result of improving macro-economic conditions which saw a reduction in unemployment throughout 2017.

- ❖ Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by 11.6% to just over €729 million while that on Carer's Benefit increased by 11.1% to just over €36 million. The numbers in receipt of Carer's Allowance increased from 70,459 to 75,264, an increase of 6.8%;
- ❖ 624,670 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,197,866 children – an increase of 0.2% and 0.3% respectively;
- ❖ Family Income Supplement, now known as Working Family Payment, was paid to 57,745 families – an increase of 0.3% over 2016 – and benefitted 129,274 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 35ú heagrán den Fhaisnéis Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh.

Cuireann eagrán seo na bliana 2017 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 2017 ná:

- ❖ Ba bheagán os cionn €19.9 billiún an caiteachas iomlán ar an Leas Sóisialach (i gcomparáid le beagán os cionn €19.9 billiún sa bhliain 2016), arbh éard a bhí ann ná 26.4% d'ollchaiteachas reatha an rialtais agus 8.3% 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 4.2% go dtí beagán faoi bhun €7.4 billiún mar gheall ar mhéadú 2.9% ar líon na bhfaighteoirí. Rinneadh íocaíochtaí le beagán os cionn 610,000 duine sa réimse seo.
- ❖ Caitheadh beagán faoi bhun €3.6 billiún ar Thacaí Ioncaim Aoise Oibre, arbh éard a bhí ann ná laghdú 8.9% ar an mbliain roimhe sin.

Laistigh den mhéid seo, laghdaigh an caiteachas ar thacaí Cuardaitheora Poist faoi 13.0% go dtí thart ar €2.4 billiún.

- ❖ Laghdaigh an caiteachas ar Thacaí Fostaíochta Aoise Oibre faoi 8.8% go dtí beagán os cionn €920 milliún, mar gheall ar dhálaí maicreacnamaíocha a bheith ag feabhsú, rud a bhí ina shiocair le laghdú ar an dífhostaíocht i gcaitheamh na bliana 2017 ar fad.
- ❖ Mhéadaigh an caiteachas ar an Liúntas Cúramóra faoi 11.6% go dtí beagán os cionn €729 milliún le linn don chaiteachas ar an Sochar Cúramóra a bheith ag méadú faoi 11.1% go dtí beagán os cionn €36 milliún. Mhéadaigh líon na ndaoine a fuair an Liúntas Cúramóra ó 70,459 go 75.264, arbh éard a bhí ann ná méadú 6.8%;
- ❖ Fuair 624,670 teaghlach íocaíocht mhíosúil den Sochar Linbh, a íocadh i leith 1,197,866 leanbh – méadú 0.2% agus 0.3% faoi seach;
- ❖ Íocadh Forlíonadh Ioncaim Teaghlaigh le 57,745 teaghlach – méadú/ 0.3% i gcomparáid leis an mbliain 2016 – agus chuaigh sé seo chun tairbhe do 129,274 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 ríthábhacht 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.

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

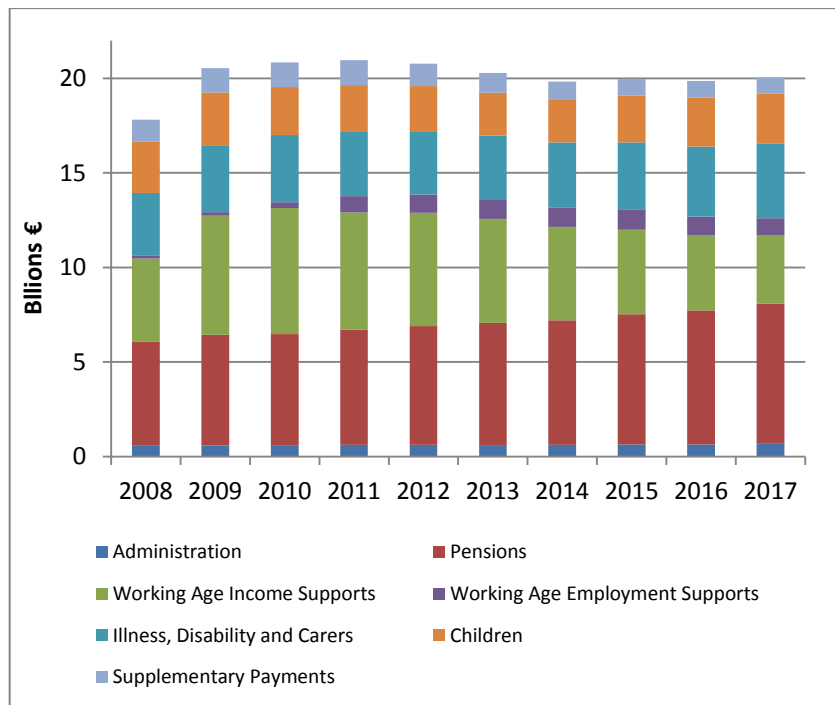
Regina Doherty T.D.

Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí

A Summary and Financial

EXPENDITURE

FIGURE 1 – SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAMME, 2008-2017, BILLIONS €



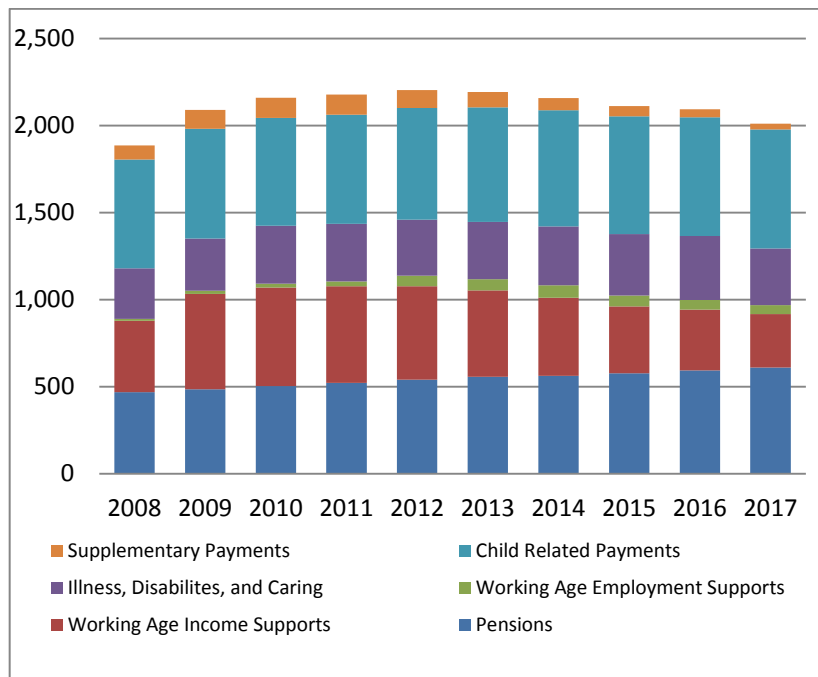
Illness, Disability and Caring is now the second largest area of expenditure, over taking Working Age Income Supports. The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Pensions 36.9%, Illness, Disability and Caring 19.8%, Working Age Income Supports 18.0%, Children 13.1%, Working Age Employment Supports 4.6%, Supplementary Payments 4.2%. Administration of the Social Welfare system accounted for 3.5% of total expenditure (Figure 1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer 54.6% and the Social Insurance Fund 45.4%. The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers 73.0%, employees 21.6%, the self-employed 5.3%. See Table A7.

Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2017 was just over €19.9 billion, an increase of 0.8% over 2016. Expenditure in 2017 represented 26.4% of General Government expenditure and was equivalent to 8.3% of GNP (Table A1).

RECIPIENTS OF WEEKLY SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS

FIGURE 2 – SOCIAL WELFARE RECIPIENTS BY PROGRAMME, 2008-2017, THOUSANDS



NOTES

(a) Community and Employment Services were transferred to the Department from January 2011 and comparison of 2011 and 2010 expenditure should take account of the increased expenditure in relation to these supports (€468 million).

(b) In 2006 age related pensions were replaced by State Pensions, with significant administrative alterations to several weekly payment types which had up to that point provided for people aged over 65. These alterations, implemented in stages

following the introduction of the State Pensions, have resulted in substantial migrations of recipients between scheme types, with accompanying changes in expenditure and recipients on these schemes. The most significant transfers of recipients were those involving State Pension (Contributory), formerly known as Old Age Pension (Contributory), and State Pension (Transition), formerly known as Retirement Pension.

Recipients of Widower's Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Blind Pension, One Parent Family Payment and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance have since 2006 transferred to State Pension (Non-Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in some decreases in recipients and expenditure on such schemes and concomitant increases in recipients and expenditure on State Pension (Non-Contributory). Recipients of Invalidity Pension aged 66 years or over are now automatically transferred to State Pension (Contributory) on reaching that age threshold.

One effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2006 and 2007 in relation to recipients and expenditure on the schemes altered in 2006 and 2007. For instance, expenditure on State Pension (Contributory) rose by 74.3% between 2006 and 2007, while that on State Pension (Transition) fell by 90.8% over the same period, due to the major shifts in numbers of recipients of these weekly payment types.

(c) Increases in the maximum duration and maximum payment of Maternity Benefit have resulted in a significant increase in expenditure on the scheme. In March 2006 the maximum duration of Maternity Benefit, Adoptive Benefit and Health and Safety Benefit claims was increased from 18 to 22 weeks, with a subsequent extension of Maternity Benefit in March 2007 to 26 weeks.

(d) 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 (€000)

| Scheme | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 10 Year Trend |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Administration - Assistance Schemes | 322,035 | 311,212 | 298,815 | 349,353 | 345,868 | 341,433 | 347,014 | 373,770 | 374,235 | 343,666 | |
| Administration - Insurance Schemes | 257,780 | 281,428 | 280,777 | 280,987 | 276,652 | 272,520 | 270,501 | 270,806 | 272,632 | 274,014 | |
| Total Administration (€000) | 579,815 | 592,640 | 579,592 | 630,340 | 622,520 | 613,953 | 617,515 | 644,576 | 646,867 | 617,680 | |
| Pensions - Social Assistance | 972,765 | 1,000,546 | 977,293 | 971,769 | 963,211 | 952,457 | 954,411 | 972,206 | 982,138 | 994,740 | |
| Pensions - Social Insurance | 4,534,870 | 4,853,196 | 4,921,351 | 5,120,419 | 5,320,204 | 5,498,435 | 5,641,099 | 5,907,278 | 6,108,095 | 6,391,983 | |
| Total Pensions (€000) | 5,507,635 | 5,853,742 | 5,898,644 | 6,092,188 | 6,283,415 | 6,450,892 | 6,595,510 | 6,879,484 | 7,090,233 | 7,386,723 | |
| Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance | 2,742,348 | 3,674,022 | 4,423,188 | 4,509,687 | 4,532,929 | 4,395,017 | 4,053,151 | 3,670,246 | 3,190,329 | 2,845,390 | |
| Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance | 1,650,948 | 2,617,677 | 2,246,017 | 1,672,811 | 1,461,528 | 1,108,890 | 876,856 | 798,050 | 757,191 | 752,938 | |
| Total Working Age Income Supports (€000) | 4,393,296 | 6,291,699 | 6,669,205 | 6,182,498 | 5,994,457 | 5,503,907 | 4,930,007 | 4,468,296 | 3,947,520 | 3,598,328 | |
| Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance | 160,531 | 193,888 | 300,162 | 862,395 | 951,918 | 984,658 | 1,025,378 | 1,066,525 | 996,179 | 904,525 | |
| Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,107 | 7,377 | 9,972 | 11,310 | 13,083 | 15,998 | |
| Total Working Age on Employment Supports (€000) | 160,531 | 193,888 | 300,162 | 862,395 | 954,025 | 992,035 | 1,035,350 | 1,077,835 | 1,009,262 | 920,523 | |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance | 1,617,443 | 1,791,732 | 1,851,133 | 1,842,311 | 1,851,521 | 1,934,757 | 2,041,232 | 2,153,132 | 2,330,712 | 2,557,113 | |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance | 1,675,663 | 1,735,758 | 1,705,919 | 1,600,809 | 1,494,843 | 1,470,205 | 1,394,700 | 1,393,103 | 1,368,847 | 1,405,102 | |
| Total Illness, Disability, and Caring (€000) | 3,293,106 | 3,527,490 | 3,557,052 | 3,443,120 | 3,346,364 | 3,404,962 | 3,435,932 | 3,546,235 | 3,699,559 | 3,962,215 | |
| Child Related Payments - Social Assistance | 2,713,996 | 2,770,922 | 2,516,939 | 2,412,169 | 2,376,547 | 2,251,807 | 2,264,756 | 2,444,454 | 2,576,545 | 2,603,327 | |
| Child Related Payments - Social Insurance | 19,916 | 17,127 | 17,917 | 17,644 | 16,736 | 17,298 | 16,647 | 17,713 | 17,894 | 18,001 | |
| Total Child Related Payments (€000) | 2,733,912 | 2,788,049 | 2,534,856 | 2,429,813 | 2,393,283 | 2,269,105 | 2,281,403 | 2,462,167 | 2,594,439 | 2,621,328 | |
| Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance | 884,716 | 1,009,487 | 1,022,208 | 1,018,161 | 890,454 | 801,655 | 720,157 | 669,848 | 653,052 | 608,506 | |
| Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance | 260,562 | 279,039 | 288,855 | 311,575 | 291,655 | 249,882 | 213,136 | 218,246 | 225,939 | 227,088 | |
| Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services (€000) | 1,145,278 | 1,288,526 | 1,311,063 | 1,329,736 | 1,182,109 | 1,051,537 | 933,293 | 888,094 | 878,991 | 835,594 | |
| Total - Social Assistance (€000) | 9,413,834 | 10,751,809 | 11,389,738 | 11,965,845 | 11,912,448 | 11,661,784 | 11,406,099 | 11,350,181 | 11,103,190 | 10,857,267 | |
| Total - Social insurance (€000) | 8,399,739 | 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 | |
| Grand Total (€000) | 17,813,573 | 20,536,034 | 20,850,574 | 20,970,090 | 20,776,173 | 20,286,391 | 19,829,010 | 19,966,687 | 19,866,871 | 19,942,391 | |

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Index of Expenditure | 100 | 115.3 | 117.1 | 117.7 | 116.6 | 113.9 | 111.3 | 112.1 | 111.5 | 111.8 |
| Consumer Price Index | 100 | 95.5 | 94.6 | 97.0 | 98.7 | 99.2 | 99.3 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 99.4 |
| Expenditure as a % of General Government Expenditure | 24.7% | 26.7% | 19.5% | 26.7% | 28.4% | 28.1% | 27.5% | 26.7% | 27.1% | 26.4% |
| Expenditure as % of Gross National Product | 11.1% | 14.6% | 15.0% | 15.2% | 14.6% | 13.3% | 12.0% | 9.7% | 8.8% | 8.3% |
| Expenditure as % of Gross Domestic Product | 9.5% | 12.1% | 12.5% | 12.2% | 11.8% | 11.3% | 10.2% | 7.6% | 7.2% | 6.7% |

Table A2 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Scheme, Programme and Insurance or Assistance (€000)

| Scheme | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Administration - Assistance Schemes | 322,035 | 311,212 | 298,815 | 349,353 | 345,868 | 341,433 | 347,014 | 373,770 | 374,235 | 343,666 |
| Administration - Insurance Schemes | 257,780 | 281,428 | 280,777 | 280,987 | 276,652 | 272,520 | 270,501 | 270,806 | 272,632 | 274,014 |
| Total - Administration (€000) | 579,815 | 592,640 | 579,592 | 630,340 | 622,520 | 613,953 | 617,515 | 644,576 | 646,867 | 617,680 |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 972,765 | 1,000,546 | 977,293 | 971,769 | 963,211 | 952,457 | 954,411 | 972,206 | 982,138 | 994,740 |
| Pensions - Social Assistance | 972,765 | 1,000,546 | 977,293 | 971,769 | 963,211 | 952,457 | 954,411 | 972,206 | 982,138 | 994,740 |
| Bereavement Grant | 17,851 | 18,889 | 18,292 | 19,436 | 19,755 | 20,286 | 4,271 | 56 | 10 | 3 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 3,117,855 | 3,367,733 | 3,451,503 | 3,622,746 | 3,802,795 | 3,983,264 | 4,185,233 | 4,475,691 | 4,662,224 | 4,915,853 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 92,089 | 104,976 | 108,194 | 132,395 | 146,629 | 137,270 | 73,768 | 1,185 | 245 | 159 |
| Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension | 1,299,039 | 1,353,391 | 1,335,584 | 1,337,865 | 1,343,198 | 1,349,840 | 1,369,759 | 1,422,098 | 1,437,022 | 1,466,597 |
| Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit) | 8,036 | 8,207 | 7,778 | 7,977 | 7,827 | 7,775 | 8,068 | 8,248 | 8,594 | 9,371 |
| Pensions - Social Insurance | 4,534,870 | 4,853,196 | 4,921,351 | 5,120,419 | 5,320,204 | 5,498,435 | 5,641,099 | 5,907,278 | 6,108,095 | 6,391,983 |
| Total - Pensions (€000) | 5,507,635 | 5,853,742 | 5,898,644 | 6,092,188 | 6,283,415 | 6,450,892 | 6,595,510 | 6,879,484 | 7,090,233 | 7,386,723 |
| Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 184,477 | 233,532 | 199,951 | 168,848 | 176,491 | 104,539 | 81,718 | 91,729 | 89,018 | 97,218 |
| Direct Provision | 4,963 | 7,339 | 6,619 | 5,545 | 3,800 | 3,776 | 3,629 | 3,851 | 3,987 | 4,907 |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | 6,624 | 6,038 | 5,020 | 4,211 | 3,546 | 2,876 | 2,504 | 2,132 | 1,736 | 1,434 |
| Farm Assist | 84,881 | 93,297 | 110,931 | 113,724 | 108,170 | 99,178 | 93,632 | 88,487 | 78,831 | 78,182 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 1,158,851 | 2,004,556 | 2,809,381 | 2,974,987 | 3,054,741 | 3,108,974 | 2,923,291 | 2,742,505 | 2,452,332 | 2,103,451 |
| One Parent Family Payment | 1,067,158 | 1,121,344 | 1,110,328 | 1,088,897 | 1,057,753 | 977,960 | 867,307 | 670,564 | 500,699 | 497,647 |
| Other Working Age Income Supports | 96,540 | 90,029 | 83,856 | 75,360 | 64,667 | 46,424 | 40,287 | 38,845 | 40,562 | 44,717 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 117,666 | 96,606 | 77,850 | 59,942 | 46,091 | 34,555 | 24,319 | 16,268 | 8,607 | 3,608 |
| Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Widow(er)s' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension | 21,181 | 21,275 | 19,252 | 18,173 | 17,670 | 16,735 | 16,464 | 15,865 | 14,557 | 14,226 |
| Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance | 2,742,348 | 3,674,022 | 4,423,188 | 4,509,687 | 4,532,929 | 4,395,017 | 4,053,151 | 3,670,246 | 3,190,329 | 2,845,390 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Adoptive Benefit | 1,644 | 1,247 | 891 | 1,075 | 465 | 309 | 169 | 279 | 288 | 276 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | 104,618 | 100,130 | 93,387 | 85,828 | 83,565 | 80,400 | 79,105 | 77,435 | 74,314 | 73,290 |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 576 | 619 | 588 | 643 | 526 | 578 | 536 | 523 | 408 | 467 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 928,844 | 1,733,816 | 1,285,438 | 926,900 | 736,881 | 560,460 | 420,398 | 387,152 | 355,806 | 340,458 |
| Maternity Benefit | 315,878 | 331,289 | 323,938 | 309,141 | 303,527 | 292,597 | 269,930 | 259,791 | 255,284 | 256,131 |
| Paternity Benefit | | | | | | | | | 2,005 | 12,038 |
| Redundancy and Insolvency Payments | 202,264 | 350,398 | 490,304 | 326,184 | 317,578 | 141,118 | 77,982 | 42,977 | 38,201 | 29,349 |
| Treatment Benefits | 97,124 | 100,178 | 51,471 | 23,040 | 18,986 | 33,428 | 28,736 | 29,893 | 30,885 | 40,929 |
| Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance | 1,650,948 | 2,617,677 | 2,246,017 | 1,672,811 | 1,461,528 | 1,108,890 | 876,856 | 798,050 | 757,191 | 752,938 |
| Total - Working Age Income Supports (€000) | 4,393,296 | 6,291,699 | 6,669,205 | 6,182,498 | 5,994,457 | 5,503,907 | 4,930,007 | 4,468,296 | 3,947,520 | 3,598,328 |
| Back to Education Allowance | 77,136 | 107,316 | 179,851 | 201,519 | 199,567 | 186,879 | 162,450 | 143,965 | 114,829 | 93,860 |
| Back to Work Allowance | 73,169 | 76,434 | 87,960 | 114,582 | 127,203 | 119,505 | 118,825 | 129,037 | 124,383 | 115,171 |
| Back to Work Family Dividend | | | | | | | | 14,422 | 28,454 | 23,970 |
| Community Employment Programme | | | | 349,396 | 330,399 | 341,250 | 359,474 | 364,991 | 356,341 | 350,489 |
| Community Services Programme | | | | 45,452 | 45,390 | 44,853 | 43,028 | 42,730 | 43,644 | 42,455 |
| Gateway | | | | | | 255 | 7,576 | 29,543 | 21,183 | 3,496 |
| Job Initiative | | | 8,198 | 29,678 | 25,794 | 24,924 | 23,364 | 21,698 | 20,150 | 19,150 |
| JobBridge | | | | 7,914 | 54,739 | 67,688 | 76,030 | 63,489 | 37,793 | 6,904 |
| JobsPlus | | | | | | 1,040 | 11,883 | 22,630 | 23,679 | 28,854 |
| Other Working Age Employment Supports | 10,226 | 10,138 | 216 | 44,702 | 45,487 | 49,484 | 50,025 | 48,947 | 45,323 | 45,534 |
| Rural Social Scheme | | | 13,872 | 46,835 | 45,242 | 44,203 | 43,762 | 44,105 | 42,393 | 44,408 |
| TÚS | | | | 11,761 | 67,055 | 92,060 | 116,052 | 124,576 | 118,604 | 109,397 |
| Wage Subsidy Scheme | | | 10,065 | 10,556 | 11,042 | 12,912 | 12,912 | 16,392 | 19,403 | 20,837 |
| Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance | 160,531 | 193,888 | 300,162 | 862,395 | 951,918 | 985,053 | 1,025,381 | 1,066,525 | 996,179 | 904,525 |
| Partial Capacity Benefit | | | | | 2,107 | 7,377 | 9,972 | 11,310 | 13,083 | 15,998 |
| Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance | | | | | 2,107 | 7,377 | 9,972 | 11,310 | 13,083 | 15,998 |
| Total - Working Age Employment Supports (€000) | 160,531 | 193,888 | 300,162 | 862,395 | 954,025 | 992,035 | 1,035,350 | 1,077,835 | 1,009,262 | 920,523 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Blind Pension | 16,319 | 16,277 | 16,032 | 15,624 | 15,747 | 14,823 | 14,428 | 14,379 | 13,660 | 13,386 |
| Carer's Allowance | 450,260 | 502,469 | 501,789 | 507,193 | 509,671 | 554,801 | 559,325 | 611,139 | 653,667 | 729,449 |
| Disability Allowance | 1,052,660 | 1,142,769 | 1,109,505 | 1,089,178 | 1,087,513 | 1,140,916 | 1,238,310 | 1,281,589 | 1,357,989 | 1,469,440 |
| Domiciliary Care Allowance | 0 | 31,017 | 95,710 | 99,924 | 102,237 | 104,272 | 110,669 | 120,882 | 133,075 | 151,914 |
| Carer's Support Grant | 98,204 | 99,200 | 128,097 | 130,392 | 136,353 | 119,945 | 118,500 | 125,143 | 172,321 | 192,924 |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance | 1,617,443 | 1,791,732 | 1,851,133 | 1,842,311 | 1,851,521 | 1,934,757 | 2,041,232 | 2,153,132 | 2,330,712 | 2,557,113 |
| Carer's Benefit | 33,666 | 30,204 | 26,288 | 24,474 | 24,498 | 22,443 | 23,652 | 30,117 | 32,746 | 36,377 |
| Disablement Benefit | 84,443 | 85,677 | 78,822 | 77,460 | 76,147 | 76,118 | 76,622 | 76,676 | 74,765 | 76,804 |
| Illness Benefit | 852,305 | 919,783 | 942,571 | 875,549 | 773,959 | 648,938 | 625,975 | 620,007 | 597,460 | 599,369 |
| Injury Benefit | 19,250 | 18,143 | 17,884 | 16,507 | 15,860 | 14,592 | 16,537 | 16,988 | 18,696 | 19,536 |
| Invalidity Pension | 685,717 | 681,642 | 639,994 | 606,502 | 604,024 | 707,769 | 651,666 | 649,220 | 644,928 | 672,771 |
| Medical Care Scheme | 282 | 309 | 360 | 317 | 355 | 345 | 248 | 95 | 252 | 245 |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance | 1,675,663 | 1,735,758 | 1,705,919 | 1,600,809 | 1,494,843 | 1,470,205 | 1,394,700 | 1,393,103 | 1,368,847 | 1,405,102 |
| Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring (€000) | 3,293,106 | 3,527,490 | 3,557,052 | 3,443,120 | 3,346,364 | 3,404,962 | 3,435,932 | 3,546,235 | 3,699,559 | 3,962,215 |
| Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance | 49,632 | 67,188 | 77,401 | 90,903 | 65,679 | 47,976 | 42,452 | 41,342 | 39,810 | 48,854 |
| Child Benefit | 2,453,957 | 2,495,304 | 2,213,429 | 2,076,338 | 2,046,955 | 1,899,922 | 1,902,353 | 1,990,299 | 2,078,111 | 2,086,390 |
| Family Income Supplement | 170,309 | 167,133 | 185,998 | 204,543 | 223,608 | 261,758 | 297,907 | 367,872 | 415,437 | 414,630 |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 7,147 | 6,024 | 4,697 | 5,134 | 4,987 | 5,124 | 5,196 | 5,720 | 5,869 | 6,558 |
| School Meals Programme | 32,422 | 34,848 | 34,939 | 34,975 | 35,005 | 36,775 | 16,572 | 38,777 | 36,886 | 46,619 |
| Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory) | 529 | 425 | 475 | 276 | 313 | 252 | 276 | 444 | 432 | 276 |
| Child-Related Payments - Social Assistance | 2,713,996 | 2,770,922 | 2,516,939 | 2,412,169 | 2,376,547 | 2,251,807 | 2,264,756 | 2,444,454 | 2,576,545 | 2,603,327 |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 14,373 | 11,510 | 11,462 | 11,416 | 10,768 | 10,967 | 10,989 | 11,942 | 12,201 | 13,180 |
| Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory) | 5,543 | 5,617 | 6,455 | 6,228 | 5,968 | 6,331 | 5,658 | 5,771 | 5,693 | 4,821 |
| Child-Related Payments - Social Insurance | 19,916 | 17,127 | 17,917 | 17,644 | 16,736 | 17,298 | 16,647 | 17,713 | 17,894 | 18,001 |
| Total - Child-Related Payments (€000) | 2,733,912 | 2,788,049 | 2,534,856 | 2,429,813 | 2,393,283 | 2,269,105 | 2,281,403 | 2,462,167 | 2,594,439 | 2,621,328 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Combat Poverty Agency | 4,114 | 1,564 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Free Travel | 68,428 | 73,489 | 74,094 | 75,597 | 75,518 | 75,477 | 75,487 | 75,244 | 77,112 | 77,456 |
| Fuel Allowance (Social Assistance) | 115,779 | 129,528 | 150,630 | 179,184 | 144,692 | 155,599 | 147,873 | 143,797 | 154,701 | 148,870 |
| Grant to Family Support Agency | 0 | 34,660 | 9,909 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grant to the Citizens Information Board | 29,468 | 28,005 | 44,986 | 45,114 | 45,743 | 46,000 | 45,000 | 46,000 | 49,178 | 53,053 |
| Household Benefits (Social Assistance) | 138,905 | 150,144 | 157,196 | 144,654 | 143,732 | 113,130 | 88,482 | 74,932 | 83,915 | 84,900 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 7,601 | 3,420 | 3,240 | 2,110 | 2,174 | 2,600 | 3,299 | 6,017 | 5,761 | 8,389 |
| Money Advice and Budgeting Service | 16,217 | 17,041 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mortgage Interest Supplement | 27,675 | 60,885 | 65,615 | 67,849 | 55,082 | 35,063 | 20,878 | 11,922 | 6,558 | 4,206 |
| Office of the Pensions Ombudsman | 35,981 | 0 | 0 | 906 | 977 | 877 | 935 | 877 | 533 | 654 |
| Rent Supplement | 440,548 | 510,751 | 516,538 | 502,747 | 422,536 | 372,909 | 338,203 | 311,059 | 275,294 | 230,566 |
| Low pay commission | | | | | | | | | | 297 |
| Ex-Gratia Payments - Waterford Crystal pension schemes | | | | | | | | | | 115 |
| Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance | 884,716 | 1,009,487 | 1,022,208 | 1,018,161 | 890,454 | 801,655 | 720,157 | 669,848 | 653,052 | 608,506 |
| Fuel Allowance (Social Insurance) | 60,211 | 70,081 | 78,136 | 86,654 | 66,702 | 72,542 | 69,862 | 72,426 | 80,111 | 80,133 |
| Household Benefits (Social Insurance) | 200,351 | 208,958 | 210,719 | 224,921 | 224,953 | 177,340 | 143,274 | 145,820 | 145,828 | 146,955 |
| Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance | 260,562 | 279,039 | 288,855 | 311,575 | 291,655 | 249,882 | 213,136 | 218,246 | 225,939 | 227,088 |
| Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services (€000) | 1,145,278 | 1,288,526 | 1,311,063 | 1,329,736 | 1,182,109 | 1,051,537 | 933,293 | 888,094 | 878,991 | 835,594 |
| Total - Social Assistance (€000) | 9,413,834 | 10,751,809 | 11,389,738 | 11,965,845 | 11,912,448 | 11,662,179 | 11,406,102 | 11,350,181 | 11,103,190 | 10,857,267 |
| Total - Social Insurance (€000) | 8,399,739 | 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 |
| Grand Total (€000) | 17,813,573 | 20,536,034 | 20,850,574 | 20,970,090 | 20,776,173 | 20,286,786 | 19,829,013 | 19,966,687 | 19,866,871 | 19,942,391 |

Table A3 – Social Welfare Rates of Payment (Weekly unless otherwise stated, €)

| Benefit | Rate | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| State Pension (Contributory) | Personal | 223.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 233.30 | 238.30 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 148.80 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 155.50 | 158.80 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | Personal | 212.00 | 219.00 | 219.00 | 219.00 | 219.00 | 219.00 | 219.00 | 219.00 | 222.00 | 227.00 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 140.10 | 144.70 | 144.70 | 144.70 | 144.70 | 144.70 | 144.70 | 144.70 | 146.70 | 150.00 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| State Pension (Transition) | Personal | 223.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 230.30 | 233.30 | 238.30 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 148.80 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 153.50 | 155.50 | 158.80 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension | Personal | 203.30 | 209.80 | 201.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 198.50 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Widow(er)s' & Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit) | Personal | 227.70 | 234.70 | 226.50 | 218.50 | 218.50 | 218.50 | 218.50 | 218.50 | 218.50 | 223.50 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 26 and over | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 186.00 | 186.00 | 186.00 | 186.00 | 186.00 | 186.00 | 191.00 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 25 | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 186.00 | 186.00 | 144.00 | 144.00 | 144.00 | 144.00 | 147.80 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged under 25 | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 186.00 | 144.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 102.70 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 102.70 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | Personal | 203.30 | 209.80 | 201.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 198.50 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Benefit | Rate | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Farm Assist | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 26 and over | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 25 | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 144.00 | 144.00 | 144.00 | 144.00 | 147.80 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance - aged under 25 | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 102.70 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 102.70 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| One Parent Family Payment | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Community Employment Programme | Personal | | | | 208.00 | 208.00 | 208.00 | 208.00 | 208.00 | 210.50 | 215.50 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | | | | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | | | | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Benefit | Rate | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rural Social Scheme | Personal | | | | 208.00 | 208.00 | 208.00 | 208.00 | 208.00 | 210.50 | 215.50 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | | | | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | | | | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| TÚS | Personal | | | | | 208.00 | 208.00 | 208.00 | 208.00 | 210.50 | 215.50 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | | | | | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | | | | | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Carer's Allowance | Personal | 214.00 | 220.50 | 212.00 | 204.00 | 204.00 | 204.00 | 204.00 | 204.00 | 204.00 | 209.00 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Carer's Benefit | Personal | 214.70 | 221.20 | 213.00 | 205.00 | 205.00 | 205.00 | 205.00 | 205.00 | 205.00 | 210.00 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Disability Allowance | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Illness Benefit | Personal | 197.80 | 204.30 | 196.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 188.00 | 193.00 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 131.30 | 135.60 | 130.10 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 124.80 | 128.10 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Invalidity Pension | Personal | 203.30 | 209.80 | 201.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 193.50 | 198.50 |
| | Qualified Adult Allowance | 145.10 | 149.70 | 143.80 | 138.10 | 138.10 | 138.10 | 138.10 | 138.10 | 138.10 | 141.70 |
| | Qualified Child Increase | 24.00 | 26.00 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| Child Benefit(Monthly) | First and second child | 166.00 | 166.00 | 150.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 | 130.00 | 130.00 | 135.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 |
| | Third child | 203.00 | 203.00 | 187.00 | 167.00 | 148.00 | | | | | |
| | Fourth or subsequent child | | | | 177.00 | 160.00 | 140.00 | | | | |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | Personal | 170.00 | 176.50 | 169.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 176.00 |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Con.) | Personal | 170.00 | 176.50 | 169.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 161.00 | 176.00 |
| 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 | 7.70 | 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 A4 – Number of Recipients of main periodic benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance

| Scheme | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 10 Year Trend |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Pensions - Social Assistance | 97,784 | 97,798 | 97,179 | 96,749 | 96,126 | 95,801 | 95,570 | 95,179 | 95,221 | 95,140 | |
| Pensions - Social Insurance | 370,247 | 387,225 | 405,837 | 425,495 | 444,082 | 460,224 | 467,274 | 482,124 | 498,570 | 516,255 | |
| Total Pensions | 468,031 | 485,023 | 503,016 | 522,244 | 540,208 | 556,025 | 562,844 | 577,303 | 593,791 | 611,395 | |
| Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance | 265,072 | 364,232 | 419,246 | 433,531 | 435,587 | 418,929 | 378,761 | 323,719 | 292,649 | 256,697 | |
| Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance | 145,321 | 183,529 | 147,026 | 121,105 | 101,383 | 77,947 | 69,109 | 59,601 | 56,691 | 57,066 | |
| Total Working Age Income Supports | 410,393 | 547,761 | 566,272 | 554,636 | 536,970 | 496,876 | 447,870 | 383,320 | 349,340 | 313,763 | |
| Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance | 16,232 | 22,653 | 30,117 | 38,620 | 70,679 | 74,111 | 82,348 | 74,306 | 63,177 | 55,342 | |
| Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,234 | 1,432 | 1,612 | 1,873 | 394 | |
| Total Working Age on Employment Supports | 16,232 | 22,653 | 30,117 | 38,620 | 70,679 | 75,345 | 83,780 | 75,918 | 65,050 | 55,736 | |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance | 140,795 | 149,266 | 176,601 | 180,129 | 180,118 | 190,310 | 200,114 | 212,691 | 229,907 | 246,033 | |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance | 144,146 | 147,068 | 148,591 | 139,922 | 131,356 | 129,212 | 126,542 | 127,612 | 128,509 | 129,404 | |
| Total Illness, Disability, and Caring | 284,941 | 296,334 | 325,192 | 320,051 | 311,474 | 319,522 | 326,656 | 340,303 | 358,416 | 375,437 | |
| Child Related Payments - Social Assistance | 624,343 | 629,315 | 620,084 | 626,650 | 641,473 | 655,960 | 666,068 | 675,671 | 681,206 | 682,924 | |
| Child Related Payments - Social Insurance | 833 | 860 | 919 | 955 | 938 | 947 | 937 | 983 | 1,048 | 1,036 | |
| Total Child Related Payments | 625,176 | 630,175 | 621,003 | 627,605 | 642,411 | 656,907 | 667,005 | 676,654 | 682,254 | 683,960 | |
| Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance | 82,346 | 108,323 | 115,413 | 115,950 | 102,422 | 89,675 | 71,527 | 59,963 | 46,436 | 33,399 | |
| Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services | 82,346 | 108,323 | 115,413 | 115,950 | 102,422 | 89,675 | 71,527 | 59,963 | 46,436 | 33,399 | |
| Total - Social Assistance | 1,226,572 | 1,371,587 | 1,460,446 | 1,493,442 | 1,528,252 | 1,526,639 | 1,496,389 | 1,443,852 | 1,411,260 | 1,369,535 | |
| Total - Social Insurance | 660,547 | 718,682 | 702,373 | 687,477 | 677,759 | 669,564 | 665,294 | 671,932 | 686,691 | 704,155 | |
| Total Recipients | 1,887,119 | 2,090,269 | 2,162,819 | 2,180,919 | 2,206,011 | 2,196,203 | 2,161,683 | 2,115,784 | 2,097,951 | 2,073,690 | |

Table A5 – Number of Beneficiaries of main periodic benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance

| Scheme | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 10 Year Trend |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Pensions - Social Assistance | 101,577 | 101,349 | 100,676 | 100,299 | 99,725 | 99,448 | 99,313 | 98,966 | 99,069 | 98,937 | |
| Pensions - Social Insurance | 449,251 | 467,844 | 487,778 | 509,173 | 528,793 | 544,791 | 549,653 | 564,140 | 579,474 | 595,487 | |
| Total Pensions | 550,828 | 569,193 | 588,454 | 609,472 | 628,518 | 644,239 | 648,966 | 663,106 | 678,543 | 694,424 | |
| Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance | 527,537 | 704,534 | 817,348 | 851,794 | 862,800 | 831,083 | 756,162 | 646,405 | 585,568 | 515,777 | |
| Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance | 192,561 | 252,475 | 199,804 | 162,071 | 134,939 | 99,734 | 86,700 | 73,190 | 69,628 | 68,977 | |
| Total Working Age Income Supports | 720,098 | 957,009 | 1,017,152 | 1,013,865 | 997,739 | 930,817 | 842,862 | 719,595 | 655,196 | 584,754 | |
| Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance | 34,873 | 58,148 | 81,920 | 105,116 | 167,626 | 176,671 | 183,732 | 168,507 | 145,420 | 103,381 | |
| Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,571 | 1,828 | 2,079 | 2,398 | 1,014 | |
| Total Working Age on Employment Supports | 34,873 | 58,148 | 81,920 | 105,116 | 167,626 | 178,242 | 185,560 | 170,586 | 147,818 | 104,395 | |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance | 201,287 | 217,750 | 243,583 | 248,537 | 248,564 | 265,016 | 280,210 | 299,534 | 325,587 | 349,057 | |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance | 191,894 | 192,905 | 194,448 | 182,572 | 171,641 | 168,685 | 164,118 | 164,085 | 163,720 | 170,260 | |
| Total Illness, Disability, and Caring | 393,181 | 410,655 | 438,031 | 431,109 | 420,205 | 433,701 | 444,328 | 463,619 | 489,307 | 519,317 | |
| Child Related Payments - Social Assistance | 1,228,193 | 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 | |
| Child Related Payments - Social Insurance | 833 | 1,951 | 2,084 | 2,143 | 2,116 | 2,133 | 2,110 | 2,214 | 2,360 | 2,333 | |
| Total Child Related Payments | 1,229,026 | 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 | |
| Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance | 82,346 | 108,323 | 115,413 | 115,950 | 102,422 | 89,675 | 71,527 | 59,963 | 46,436 | 33,399 | |
| Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services | 82,346 | 108,323 | 115,413 | 115,950 | 102,422 | 89,675 | 71,527 | 59,963 | 46,436 | 33,399 | |
| Total - Social Assistance | 2,175,813 | 2,429,652 | 2,574,395 | 2,652,955 | 2,749,775 | 2,774,002 | 2,731,417 | 2,640,533 | 2,583,081 | 2,486,619 | |
| Total - Social Insurance | 834,539 | 915,175 | 884,114 | 855,959 | 837,489 | 816,914 | 804,409 | 805,708 | 817,580 | 838,071 | |
| Total Beneficiaries | 3,010,352 | 3,344,827 | 3,458,509 | 3,508,914 | 3,587,264 | 3,590,916 | 3,535,826 | 3,446,241 | 3,400,661 | 3,324,690 | |

Table A6 – Number of Recipients of main Social Welfare benefits by broad nationality group, 2017

| Scheme | Ireland | UK | EU13 | EU15 to EU28 | Non-EU | Total |
|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 87,986 | 4,821 | 515 | 1,058 | 760 | 95,140 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 381,602 | 8,900 | 1,599 | 843 | 1,434 | 394,378 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 49 | 5 | | | 1 | 55 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension | 116,132 | 2,743 | 478 | 1,070 | 668 | 121,091 |
| Total - Pensions | 585,769 | 16,469 | 2,592 | 2,971 | 2,863 | 610,664 |
| Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 12,225 | 620 | 136 | 1,379 | 3,573 | 17,933 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 150,961 | 8,050 | 1,790 | 17,384 | 6,125 | 184,310 |
| One Parent Family Payment | 33,634 | 1,118 | 224 | 2,879 | 1,455 | 39,310 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 164 | 7 | | | | 171 |
| Farm Assist | 6,989 | 187 | 36 | 4 | 18 | 7,234 |
| Adoptive Benefit | 9 | | 1 | | | 10 |
| Health and Safety Benefit | 24 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 45 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 29,361 | 999 | 632 | 4,002 | 469 | 35,463 |
| Maternity Benefit | 17,690 | 405 | 459 | 2,307 | 687 | 21,548 |
| Total - Working Age Income Supports | 251,057 | 11,387 | 3,280 | 27,972 | 12,328 | 306,024 |
| Back to Education Allowance | 8,705 | 420 | 140 | 759 | 892 | 10,916 |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | 7,518 | 484 | 165 | 1,309 | 179 | 9,655 |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 363 | 16 | 6 | 25 | 8 | 418 |
| JobBridge | 25 | 3 | | 1 | | 29 |
| Partial Capacity Benefit | 2,196 | 70 | 10 | 40 | 8 | 2,324 |
| Total - Working Age Employment Supports | 18,807 | 993 | 321 | 2,134 | 1,087 | 23,342 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | Ireland | UK | EU13 | EU15 to EU28 | Non-EU | Total |
|--|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Carer's Allowance | 68,471 | 3,309 | 286 | 2,028 | 1,170 | 75,264 |
| Disability Allowance | 120,891 | 5,642 | 608 | 5,062 | 1,726 | 133,929 |
| Domiciliary Care Allowance | 30,801 | 1,356 | 317 | 1,898 | 1,212 | 35,584 |
| Carer's Benefit | 2,489 | 71 | 17 | 166 | 19 | 2,762 |
| Illness Benefit | 46,036 | 1,421 | 443 | 4,437 | 472 | 52,809 |
| Injury Benefit | 795 | 32 | 6 | 235 | 17 | 1,085 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 350 | 21 | 10 | 125 | 5 | 511 |
| Invalidity Pension | 54,196 | 1,406 | 238 | 1,487 | 177 | 57,504 |
| Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring | 324,029 | 13,258 | 1,925 | 15,438 | 4,798 | 359,448 |
| Child Benefit | 498,677 | 20,294 | 10,179 | 67,252 | 28,268 | 624,670 |
| Family Income Supplement | 41,305 | 2,055 | 657 | 11,562 | 2,166 | 57,745 |
| Total - Child-Related Payments | 539,982 | 22,349 | 10,836 | 78,814 | 30,434 | 682,415 |
| Mortgage Interest Supplement | 1,159 | 58 | 6 | 12 | 3 | 1,238 |
| Rent Supplement | 21,096 | 1,369 | 531 | 6,259 | 2,820 | 32,075 |
| Total - Supplementary Payments | 22,255 | 1,427 | 537 | 6,271 | 2,823 | 33,313 |
| Grand Total | 1,741,899 | 65,883 | 19,491 | 133,600 | 54,333 | 2,015,206 |
| <i>Free Travel</i> | <i>851,664</i> | <i>29,984</i> | <i>3,946</i> | <i>10,701</i> | <i>6,218</i> | <i>902,513</i> |
| Total - Including Free Travel | 2,586,574 | 95,680 | 23,401 | 144,297 | 60,533 | 2,917,719 |

Table A7 – Financing of Social Insurance Fund (€000)

| Year | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Employer PRSI | 5,944,892 | 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 |
| Employee PRSI | 1,633,708 | 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 |
| Self-Employed PRSI | 405,582 | 314,787 | 330,603 | 348,342 | 310,386 | 397,079 | 406,266 | 460,266 | 607,441 | 521,803 |
| National Training Fund | 413,303 | 371,600 | 310,970 | 319,621 | 294,580 | 314,700 | 339,677 | 364,298 | 390,900 | 421,744 |
| Income from Health Contribution | 1156567 | 1557082 | 1905586 | 115,257 | -13,676 | -5,061 | 7,324 | 6,537 | 4,242 | 2,936 |
| Investment Income | 160,209 | 132,976 | 1,613 | 999 | 369 | 51 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Benefit Overpayment Recoveries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5852 | 6218 | 6970 | 8963 | 11964 | 10226 | 10196 |
| Redundancy & Insolvency Recoveries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4452 | 5842 | 7028 | 10232 | 7550 | 10731 | 7018 |
| Recoverable Benefits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4686 | 19474 | 20575 | 23117 |
| Other Receipts | 19 | 19 | 50 | 1,147 | 464 | 741 | 433 | 277 | 136 | 66 |
| Total Income | 9,714,280 | 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 |
| Expenditure (including expenditure on the National Training Fund) | 9,969,609 | 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 |
| Expenditure (less expenditure on the National Training Fund) | 8,399,739 | 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 |
| Excess of receipts over payments | -255,329 | -2,563,942 | -2,672,598 | -1,456,741 | -2,088,430 | -1,316,430 | -540,121 | -118,739 | 453,327 | 721,607 |
| Increase in balance due to National Training Fund | 0 | 0 | -78,556 | -3,621 | 4,420 | 2,300 | -1,677 | -298 | -900 | 9,256 |
| Surplus/Deficit in the year | -255,329 | -2,486,624 | -2,751,154 | -1,460,362 | -2,084,010 | -1,314,130 | -541,798 | -119,037 | 452,427 | 730,863 |
| Exchequer subvention | 0 | 0 | 1,862,286 | 1,460,362 | 2,084,010 | 1,314,130 | 541,798 | 119,037 | 0 | 0 |

Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Class 2016^{1,2}

| PRSI Class | Number of Contributors Insured for | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------|---|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| A | All Benefits | Male | | | | | 1,087,365 | 1,114,460 | 1,151,857 | 1,191,680 |
| | | Female | | | | | 1,079,575 | 1,100,455 | 1,130,843 | 1,164,680 |
| | | Total | 2,399,052 | 2,260,305 | 2,206,758 | 2,199,625 | 2,188,809 | 2,166,940 | 2,214,915 | 2,282,700 |
| B | Widow's, Widower's, or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Carer's Benefit, and limited Injuries Benefit | Male | | | | | 10,879 | 10,796 | 10,157 | 9,545 |
| | | Female | | | | | 10,596 | 10,525 | 10,302 | 9,952 |
| | | Total | 27,920 | 27,068 | 24,767 | 23,578 | 23,255 | 21,475 | 21,321 | 20,459 |
| C | Widow's, Widower's, or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Guardian's Payment), and Carer's Benefit | Male | | | | | 441 | 403 | 354 | 317 |
| | | Female | | | | | 43 | 40 | 34 | 31 |
| | | Total | 831 | 749 | 664 | 615 | 538 | 484 | 443 | 388 |
| D | Widow's, Widower's, or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Guardian's Payment), Carer's Benefit, and Occupational Injuries Benefits | Male | | | | | 20,527 | 19,759 | 18,241 | 17,319 |
| | | Female | | | | | 31,569 | 30,643 | 28,691 | 27,404 |
| | | Total | 77,417 | 74,010 | 68,430 | 63,603 | 56,891 | 52,096 | 50,402 | 46,932 |
| E | All Benefits except Jobseekers Benefit, Bereavement Grant, and Occupational Injuries Benefit | Male | | | | | 124 | 126 | 127 | 129 |
| | | Female | | | | | 32 | 32 | 31 | 30 |
| | | Total | 166 | 173 | 165 | 165 | 155 | 156 | 158 | 158 |
| H | All Benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow(er)'s Contributory Pension (in certain cases) during service. | Male | | | | | 7,247 | 7,283 | 7,164 | 6,993 |
| | | Female | | | | | 426 | 414 | 412 | 405 |
| | | Total | 8,511 | 8,530 | 7,960 | 7,808 | 7,816 | 7,673 | 7,697 | 7,576 |
| J | Occupational Injuries Benefit | Male | | | | | 23,629 | 22,707 | 16,807 | 20,371 |
| | | Female | | | | | 21,553 | 20,409 | 15,792 | 18,188 |
| | | Total | 33,308 | 32,125 | 40,146 | 46,240 | 46,417 | 45,182 | 43,116 | 32,599 |
| K | No Social Insurance benefits | Male | | | | | 2,928 | 56,141 | 54,188 | 53,600 |
| | | Female | | | | | 1,355 | 43,130 | 54,140 | 53,091 |
| | | Total | 39,817 | 36,363 | 32,891 | 2,462 | 2,045 | 4,283 | 99,271 | 108,328 |
| M | Occupational Injuries Benefit in certain circumstances | Male | | | | | 168,930 | 171,702 | 175,744 | 181,289 |
| | | Female | | | | | 110,122 | 112,646 | 117,467 | 124,570 |
| | | Total | 174,784 | 189,130 | 207,054 | 250,157 | 265,095 | 279,052 | 284,348 | 293,211 |
| P | Treatment Benefit and limited Jobseeker's and Illness Benefits | Male | | | | | 9 | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| | | Female | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Total | 13 | 21 | 21 | 17 | 16 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| S | Widow's, Widower's, or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pensions, State Pension (Contributory), Invalidity Pension, Treatment Benefits, Bereavement Grant, Maternity/Paternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit High Rate + Low Rate: State Pension (Contributory), Widow(er)'s or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), and Death Grant | Male | | | | | 272,986 | 256,305 | 233,911 | 229,775 |
| | | Female | | | | | 63,691 | 99,062 | 92,324 | 94,152 |
| | | Total | 369,319 | 372,279 | 373,669 | 340,671 | 333,619 | 336,677 | 355,367 | 326,235 |
| Voluntary Contributors | Widow(er)'s or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), and Death Grant | Male | | | | | 2,473 | 2,476 | 1,960 | 1,757 |
| | | Female | | | | | 1,614 | 1,734 | 1,480 | 1,313 |
| | | Total | 2,786 | 3,567 | 3,736 | 4,369 | 4,983 | 4,087 | 4,210 | 3,440 |
| | TOTAL | Male | | | | | 1,597,538 | 1,662,168 | 1,670,520 | 1,712,782 |
| | | Female | | | | | 1,320,576 | 1,419,090 | 1,451,516 | 1,493,816 |
| | | Total | 3,133,924 | 3,004,320 | 2,966,261 | 2,939,310 | 2,929,639 | 2,918,114 | 3,081,258 | 3,122,036 |

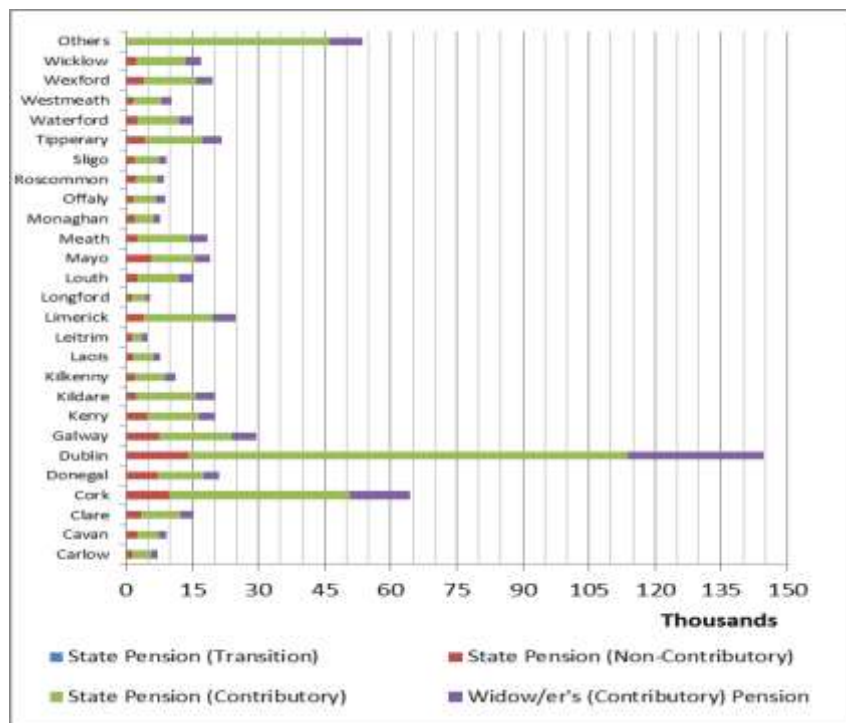
¹ PRSI data is obtained from employer P35 forms and tax returns from the self-employed, who will submit a final return for 2017 in late 2018. As a result, complete PRSI data is only available up to 2016.

²Class 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.

B Pensions

2017 AT A GLANCE

FIGURE 3 - PENSION RECIPIENTS BY SCHEME AND COUNTY, DECEMBER 2017



Expenditure on pensions was just under €7.4 billion in 2017, representing an increase of almost 4.2% on 2016, while the number of recipients rose by

17,604, an increase of 3.0% on 2016.

Almost all of this increase was caused by a rise of in the number of people receiving State Pension (Contributory).

NOTES

In 2006 age related pensions were replaced by State Pensions, with significant administrative alterations to several weekly payment types which had up to that point provided for people aged over 65. These changes, implemented in stages following the introduction of the State Pensions, have resulted in substantial migrations of recipients between scheme types, with accompanying changes in expenditure on these schemes. The most significant transfers of recipients were those involving State Pension (Contributory), formerly known as Old Age Pension (Contributory), and State Pension (Transition), formerly known as Retirement Pension.

Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Blind Pension, One Parent Family Payment and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance have since 2006 been transferred to State Pension (Non Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in some decreases in recipients and expenditure on such schemes and concomitant increases in recipients and expenditure on State Pension (Non Contributory). Further alterations have resulted in Qualified Adults of a State Pension (Non Contributory) aged over 66 qualifying for a pension in their own right, with recipients of Invalidity Pension aged 66 years or over being automatically transferred to State Pension (Contributory) on reaching that age threshold. A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2006 and subsequent years in relation to recipients and expenditure on the affected schemes.

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 – Number of Beneficiaries of main State Pension benefits by type

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | Qualified Adult | 3,166 | 2,955 | 2,962 | 3,012 | 3,059 | 3,080 | 3,162 | 3,207 | 3,252 | 3,212 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 492 | 474 | 439 | 434 | 423 | 451 | 473 | 474 | 484 | 473 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 135 | 122 | 96 | 104 | 117 | 116 | 108 | 106 | 112 | 112 |
| | Recipients | 97,784 | 97,798 | 97,179 | 96,749 | 96,126 | 95,801 | 95,570 | 95,179 | 95,221 | 95,140 |
| | Beneficiaries | 101,577 | 101,349 | 100,676 | 100,299 | 99,725 | 99,448 | 99,313 | 98,966 | 99,069 | 98,937 |
| Pensions - Social Assistance | | 101,577 | 101,349 | 100,676 | 100,299 | 99,725 | 99,448 | 99,313 | 98,966 | 99,069 | 98,937 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | Qualified Adult | 61,383 | 63,446 | 65,031 | 66,609 | 67,892 | 68,505 | 68,850 | 68,561 | 67,604 | 66,256 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 1,555 | 1,438 | 1,376 | 1,359 | 1,367 | 1,366 | 1,327 | 1,300 | 1,303 | 1,257 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 1,240 | 1,287 | 1,318 | 1,377 | 1,376 | 1,228 | 1,056 | 909 | 805 | 729 |
| | Recipients | 250,117 | 265,102 | 280,419 | 296,995 | 312,314 | 329,531 | 346,420 | 361,725 | 377,062 | 394,378 |
| | Beneficiaries | 314,295 | 331,273 | 348,144 | 366,340 | 382,949 | 400,630 | 417,653 | 432,495 | 446,774 | 462,620 |
| State Pension (Transition) | Qualified Adult | 2,039 | 2,096 | 2,360 | 2,572 | 2,690 | 2,098 | 173 | 23 | 26 | 13 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 123 | 113 | 124 | 157 | 153 | 126 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 107 | 117 | 160 | 174 | 173 | 70 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Recipients | 7,242 | 8,378 | 10,206 | 12,110 | 14,372 | 12,630 | 1,548 | 66 | 149 | 55 |
| | Beneficiaries | 9,511 | 10,704 | 12,850 | 15,013 | 17,388 | 14,924 | 1,735 | 93 | 178 | 68 |
| Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 12,409 | 11,998 | 11,444 | 11,310 | 10,940 | 11,067 | 10,899 | 11,161 | 11,099 | 10,908 |
| | Recipients | 112,237 | 113,108 | 114,579 | 115,762 | 116,751 | 117,417 | 118,670 | 119,712 | 120,673 | 121,091 |
| | Beneficiaries | 124,646 | 125,106 | 126,023 | 127,072 | 127,691 | 128,484 | 129,569 | 130,873 | 131,772 | 131,999 |
| Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit) | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 148 | 124 | 128 | 120 | 120 | 107 | 60 | 59 | 65 | 69 |
| | Recipients | 651 | 637 | 633 | 628 | 645 | 646 | 636 | 621 | 686 | 731 |
| | Beneficiaries | 799 | 761 | 761 | 748 | 765 | 753 | 696 | 679 | 750 | 800 |
| Pensions - Social Insurance | | 449,251 | 467,844 | 487,778 | 509,173 | 528,793 | 544,791 | 549,653 | 564,140 | 579,474 | 693,624 |
| Total Pensions | | 550,828 | 569,193 | 588,454 | 609,472 | 628,518 | 644,239 | 648,966 | 663,106 | 678,543 | 792,561 |

Table B2 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Age and Sex, 2017

| | State Pension (Contributory) | | State Pension (Non-contributory) | | State Pension (Transition) | | Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension | |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|--|---------------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Under 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 25-29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 5 |
| 30-34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 153 | 32 |
| 35-39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 436 | 128 |
| 40-44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,006 | 321 |
| 45-49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,782 | 592 |
| 50-54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,219 | 1,132 |
| 55-59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,569 | 2,017 |
| 60-64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,268 | 3,134 |
| 65 | 1,770 | 2,431 | 94 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 2,271 | 811 |
| 66-69 | 44,752 | 67,740 | 12,282 | 9,983 | 5 | 10 | 9,562 | 2,347 |
| 70-74 | 43,660 | 74,692 | 13,625 | 9,737 | 11 | 11 | 14,940 | 2,588 |
| 75-79 | 25,247 | 50,091 | 10,836 | 7,047 | 6 | 7 | 17,431 | 2,008 |
| 80-84 | 17,327 | 33,604 | 9,385 | 4,802 | 1 | 4 | 18,036 | 1,500 |
| 85-89 | 9,523 | 15,319 | 7,123 | 3,433 | 0 | 0 | 12,747 | 923 |
| 90-94 | 3,162 | 3,748 | 3,715 | 1,490 | 0 | 0 | 6,066 | 333 |
| 95 and over | 731 | 581 | 1,199 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 1,664 | 57 |
| Total | 146,172 | 248,206 | 58,259 | 36,881 | 23 | 32 | 103,163 | 17,928 |

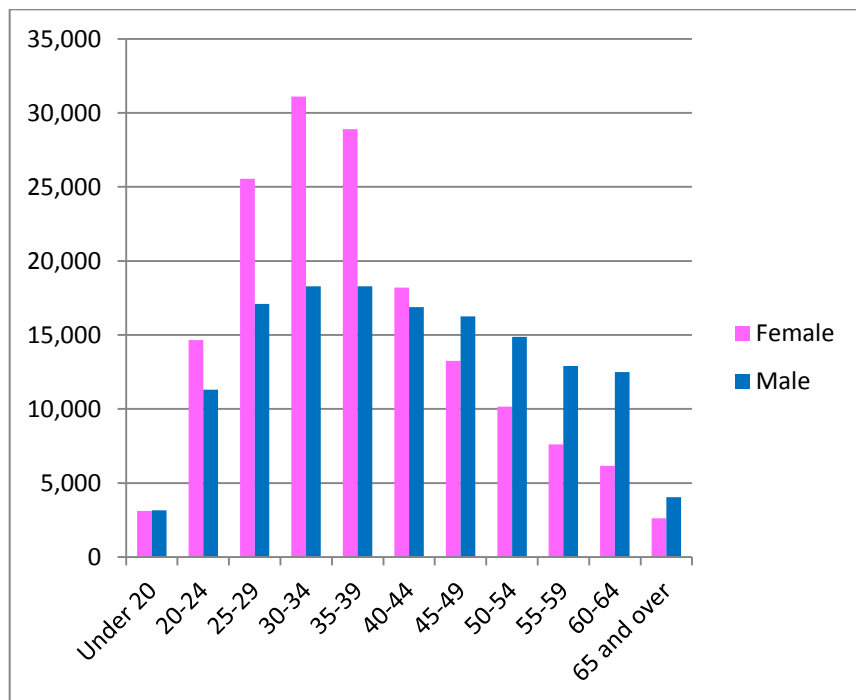
Table B3 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Type of Payment and County, 2017

| | State Pension (Non-Contributory) | State Pension (Contributory) | State Pension (Transition) | Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Carlow | 1,230 | 4,368 | 0 | 1,493 |
| Cavan | 2,388 | 4,992 | 0 | 1,716 |
| Clare | 3,312 | 9,051 | 0 | 2,839 |
| Cork | 9,880 | 40,989 | 0 | 13,557 |
| Donegal | 6,995 | 10,615 | 3 | 3,534 |
| Dublin | 14,086 | 99,784 | 4 | 30,650 |
| Galway | 7,362 | 16,621 | 2 | 5,549 |
| Kerry | 4,918 | 11,499 | 2 | 3,848 |
| Kildare | 2,191 | 13,574 | 0 | 4,472 |
| Kilkenny | 2,035 | 6,926 | 0 | 2,228 |
| Laois | 1,549 | 4,575 | 0 | 1,652 |
| Leitrim | 1,185 | 2,579 | 1 | 1,037 |
| Limerick | 4,010 | 15,628 | 0 | 5,144 |
| Longford | 1,272 | 3,103 | 0 | 1,039 |
| Louth | 2,336 | 9,861 | 0 | 3,048 |
| Mayo | 5,595 | 10,040 | 0 | 3,499 |
| Meath | 2,595 | 11,880 | 0 | 3,899 |
| Monaghan | 1,876 | 4,312 | 0 | 1,504 |
| Offaly | 1,537 | 5,410 | 0 | 1,892 |
| Roscommon | 2,221 | 4,781 | 0 | 1,700 |
| Sligo | 1,885 | 5,578 | 1 | 1,793 |
| Tipperary | 4,275 | 12,949 | 0 | 4,514 |
| Waterford | 2,542 | 9,619 | 1 | 3,159 |
| Westmeath | 1,700 | 6,420 | 0 | 2,319 |
| Wexford | 4,020 | 11,802 | 2 | 3,915 |
| Wicklow | 2,119 | 11,422 | 0 | 3,380 |
| Others, including those abroad | 26 | 46,000 | 39 | 7,711 |
| Total | 95,140 | 394,378 | 55 | 121,091 |

C Working Age Income Supports

2017 AT A GLANCE

FIGURE 4 - RECIPIENTS OF WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORTS BY SEX AND AGE, DECEMBER 2017



Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports decreased by just under €350million, or 8.9% overall in 2017.

The payment type in this programme group with both the largest expenditure and number of recipients is Jobseeker's Allowance. At the end of 2016 there were 184,310 recipients. Expenditure in 2017 was just over €2.1 billion, a decrease of 14.2% over 2016.

The next largest payment type is the One-Parent Family Payment with expenditure of almost €498 million, down 0.6% on 2016. Jobseeker's Benefit dropped by 2,162 recipients from the 2016 figure of 37,625, to 35,463 in December 2017.

NOTES

Increases in the maximum duration and maximum payment of Maternity Benefit, in addition to the increases in the female population and the national birthrate, have resulted in a significant increase in expenditure on the scheme. In March 2006 the maximum duration of Maternity Benefit, Adoptive Benefit and Health and Safety Benefit claims was increased from 18 to 22 weeks, with a subsequent extension of Maternity Benefit in March 2007 to 26 weeks.

It should be noted that Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance schemes were closed to new entrants in January 1997, when the One-Parent Family Payment was introduced.

Table C1 – Working Age Income Supports – Additional Expenditure Details (€000)

| Item Detail | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Exceptional and Urgent Needs | 82,254 | 75,210 | 69,420 | 62,593 | 52,705 | 35,674 | 30,090 | 30,987 | 32,186 | 38,083 |
| Humanitarian Aid | | 605 | 1,045 | 1 | 714 | 1,224 | 2,072 | 479 | 1,682 | 843 |
| Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light] | 14,286 | 14,214 | 13,391 | 12,766 | 11,248 | 9,526 | 8,125 | 7,379 | 6,694 | 5,791 |
| Other Working Age Income Supports | 96,540 | 90,029 | 83,856 | 75,360 | 64,667 | 46,424 | 40,287 | 38,845 | 40,562 | 44,717 |
| Dental Benefit | 69,419 | 70,817 | 34,213 | 10,448 | 8,933 | 19,553 | 16,042 | 16,618 | 16,574 | 21,104 |
| Medical and Surgical Benefit | 6,002 | 7,367 | 7,269 | 7,999 | 6,666 | 5,386 | 6,081 | 6,466 | 7,462 | 10,032 |
| Optical Benefit | 21,703 | 21,994 | 9,989 | 4,593 | 3,387 | 8,489 | 6,613 | 6,809 | 6,849 | 9,793 |
| Treatment Benefits | 97,124 | 100,178 | 51,471 | 23,040 | 18,986 | 33,428 | 28,736 | 29,893 | 30,885 | 40,929 |

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

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance | Qualified Adult | 6,757 | 9,357 | 8,126 | 7,906 | 7,492 | 4,573 | 3,191 | 2,656 | 2,693 | 2,620 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 20,948 | 25,434 | 23,987 | 22,280 | 20,190 | 13,955 | 9,819 | 8,774 | 8,636 | 8,520 |
| | Recipients | 35,546 | 42,775 | 37,499 | 34,597 | 32,358 | 23,127 | 18,187 | 17,343 | 17,601 | 17,933 |
| | Beneficiaries | 63,251 | 77,566 | 69,612 | 64,783 | 60,040 | 41,655 | 31,197 | 28,773 | 28,930 | 29,073 |
| Deserted Wife's Allowance | Recipients | 617 | 550 | 487 | 409 | 336 | 274 | 264 | 205 | 164 | 132 |
| | Beneficiaries | 617 | 550 | 487 | 409 | 336 | 274 | 264 | 205 | 164 | 132 |
| Deserted Wife's Benefit | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 2,348 | 1,786 | 1,393 | 1,081 | 842 | 652 | 397 | 374 | 362 | 348 |
| | Recipients | 9,056 | 8,737 | 8,372 | 8,071 | 7,753 | 7,457 | 6,989 | 6,592 | 6,372 | 6,126 |
| | Beneficiaries | 11,404 | 10,523 | 9,765 | 9,152 | 8,595 | 8,109 | 7,386 | 6,966 | 6,734 | 6,474 |
| Farm Assist | Qualified Adult | 3,308 | 4,073 | 4,948 | 5,171 | 5,043 | 4,641 | 4,314 | 3,794 | 3,297 | 3,025 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 5,443 | 6,074 | 7,702 | 8,057 | 7,784 | 6,819 | 6,207 | 5,361 | 4,622 | 4,308 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 540 | 1,541 | 2,005 | 2,211 | 2,145 | 1,941 | 1,834 | 1,642 | 1,465 | 1,333 |
| | Recipients | 7,496 | 8,972 | 10,714 | 11,246 | 11,029 | 10,303 | 9,809 | 8,790 | 7,828 | 7,234 |
| | Beneficiaries | 16,787 | 20,660 | 25,369 | 26,685 | 26,001 | 23,704 | 22,164 | 19,587 | 17,212 | 15,900 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | Qualified Adult | 22,872 | 44,050 | 60,582 | 68,183 | 72,300 | 73,175 | 67,361 | 58,251 | 50,959 | 42,281 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 46,543 | 74,661 | 102,491 | 115,313 | 124,133 | 129,264 | 124,076 | 133,225 | 118,481 | 102,222 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 4,784 | 20,793 | 32,297 | 39,368 | 42,812 | 44,245 | 40,539 | 34,048 | 29,353 | 22,645 |
| | Recipients | 113,603 | 203,248 | 261,850 | 283,313 | 291,640 | 295,077 | 269,951 | 246,536 | 218,260 | 184,310 |
| | Beneficiaries | 187,802 | 342,752 | 457,220 | 506,177 | 530,885 | 541,761 | 501,927 | 472,060 | 417,053 | 351,458 |
| One Parent Family Payment | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 145,723 | 150,024 | 152,651 | 147,223 | 143,406 | 132,166 | 119,169 | 74,281 | 72,931 | 71,739 |
| | Recipients | 87,840 | 90,484 | 92,326 | 89,134 | 86,941 | 78,246 | 69,884 | 41,468 | 40,317 | 39,310 |
| | Beneficiaries | 233,563 | 240,508 | 244,977 | 236,357 | 230,347 | 210,412 | 189,053 | 115,749 | 113,248 | 111,049 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | Qualified Adult | 2,484 | 2,021 | 1,571 | 1,226 | 902 | 636 | 446 | 253 | 118 | 39 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 715 | 488 | 349 | 244 | 164 | 87 | 48 | 27 | 2 | 0 |
| | Recipients | 8,872 | 7,468 | 6,021 | 4,802 | 3,670 | 2,664 | 1,887 | 1,110 | 551 | 171 |
| | Beneficiaries | 12,071 | 9,977 | 7,941 | 6,272 | 4,736 | 3,387 | 2,381 | 1,390 | 671 | 210 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension | Recipients | 2,042 | 1,998 | 1,977 | 1,959 | 1,860 | 1,781 | 1,790 | 1,675 | 1,556 | 1,481 |
| | Beneficiaries | 2,042 | 1,998 | 1,977 | 1,959 | 1,860 | 1,781 | 1,790 | 1,675 | 1,556 | 1,481 |
| Working - Age Income supports - Social Assistance | | 527,537 | 704,534 | 817,348 | 851,794 | 862,800 | 831,083 | 756,162 | 646,405 | 585,568 | 515,777 |
| Adoptive Benefit | Recipients | 68 | 64 | 53 | 45 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 19 | 18 | 10 |
| | Beneficiaries | 68 | 64 | 53 | 45 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 19 | 18 | 10 |
| Health and Safety Benefit | Qualified Adult | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| | Recipients | 69 | 49 | 60 | 61 | 60 | 52 | 53 | 50 | 36 | 45 |
| | Beneficiaries | 71 | 58 | 64 | 69 | 72 | 66 | 68 | 62 | 46 | 57 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | Qualified Adult | 13,449 | 18,281 | 13,350 | 10,112 | 8,570 | 5,429 | 4,714 | 3,829 | 3,451 | 3,069 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 20,636 | 28,280 | 20,635 | 15,331 | 12,597 | 8,018 | 6,614 | 5,277 | 4,919 | 4,332 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 13,153 | 22,376 | 18,789 | 15,515 | 12,377 | 8,326 | 6,248 | 4,471 | 3,992 | 3,275 |
| | Recipients | 121,763 | 160,122 | 123,457 | 97,052 | 78,459 | 55,068 | 46,335 | 37,845 | 37,625 | 35,463 |
| | Beneficiaries | 169,001 | 229,059 | 176,231 | 138,010 | 112,003 | 76,841 | 63,911 | 51,422 | 49,987 | 46,139 |
| Maternity Benefit | Qualified Adult | | | | | | | | | 133 | 310 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | | | | | | | | | 339 | 758 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | | | | | | | | | 93 | 155 |
| | Recipients | 23,421 | 23,294 | 23,456 | 23,947 | 22,850 | 22,812 | 22,708 | 21,687 | 19,012 | 21,548 |
| | Beneficiaries | 23,421 | 23,294 | 23,456 | 23,947 | 22,850 | 22,812 | 22,708 | 21,687 | 19,577 | 22,771 |
| Working - Age Income supports - Social Insurance | | 192,561 | 252,475 | 199,804 | 162,071 | 134,939 | 99,734 | 86,700 | 73,190 | 69,628 | 68,967 |
| Total Working - Age Income supports | | 720,098 | 957,009 | 1,017,152 | 1,013,865 | 997,739 | 930,817 | 842,862 | 719,595 | 655,196 | 576,657 |

Table C3 – Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Income Support benefits by Age and Sex, 2017

| | Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance | | Direct Provision | | Farm Assist | | Jobseeker's Allowance | | Jobseeker's Benefit | | One-parent Family Payment | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Under 20 | 341 | 315 | 51 | 148 | 0 | 3 | 1,993 | 2,678 | 1 | 12 | 709 | 1 |
| 20-24 | 680 | 804 | 144 | 266 | 5 | 54 | 6,189 | 9,292 | 676 | 837 | 6,060 | 13 |
| 25-29 | 726 | 1019 | 203 | 435 | 10 | 115 | 9,627 | 13,660 | 1,685 | 1,695 | 10,393 | 61 |
| 30-34 | 729 | 1129 | 267 | 415 | 15 | 218 | 10,713 | 14,089 | 2,500 | 2,103 | 8,836 | 61 |
| 35-39 | 767 | 1015 | 163 | 304 | 37 | 388 | 10,396 | 13,673 | 2,825 | 2,467 | 6,770 | 108 |
| 40-44 | 745 | 1019 | 108 | 194 | 60 | 588 | 9,436 | 12,779 | 2,227 | 2,126 | 3,945 | 70 |
| 45-49 | 834 | 959 | 54 | 105 | 80 | 875 | 8,707 | 12,364 | 1,798 | 1,852 | 1,656 | 62 |
| 50-54 | 818 | 799 | 23 | 42 | 117 | 1,199 | 6,936 | 11,142 | 1,829 | 1,655 | 437 | 31 |
| 55-59 | 568 | 711 | 23 | 21 | 143 | 1,321 | 5,109 | 9,310 | 1,687 | 1,517 | 77 | 12 |
| 60-64 | 274 | 365 | 11 | 3 | 118 | 1,520 | 4,186 | 9,106 | 1,575 | 1,490 | 4 | 4 |
| 65 | 75 | 115 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 335 | 887 | 1,977 | 1,477 | 1,340 | 0 | 0 |
| 66-69 | 15 | 34 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 17 | 44 | 49 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| 70-74 | 6 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 75-79 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 80-84 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 85-89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 90-94 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 95 and over | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 6,586 | 8,305 | 1,058 | 1,944 | 609 | 6,625 | 74,196 | 110,114 | 18,329 | 17,134 | 38,887 | 423 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| | Pre-Retirement Allowance | | Adoptive Benefit | Health and Safety Benefit | Maternity Benefit | Paternity Benefit |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Female | Female | Male |
| Under 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| 20-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 883 | 27 |
| 25-29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 2,896 | 107 |
| 30-34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 8,024 | 261 |
| 35-39 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 7,935 | 336 |
| 40-44 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1,674 | 111 |
| 45-49 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 110 | 29 |
| 50-54 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 55-59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 60-64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 65 | 39 | 122 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 66-69 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 70-74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 75-79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 80-84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 85-89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 90-94 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 95 and over | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 39 | 132 | 10 | 44 | 21,548 | 875 |

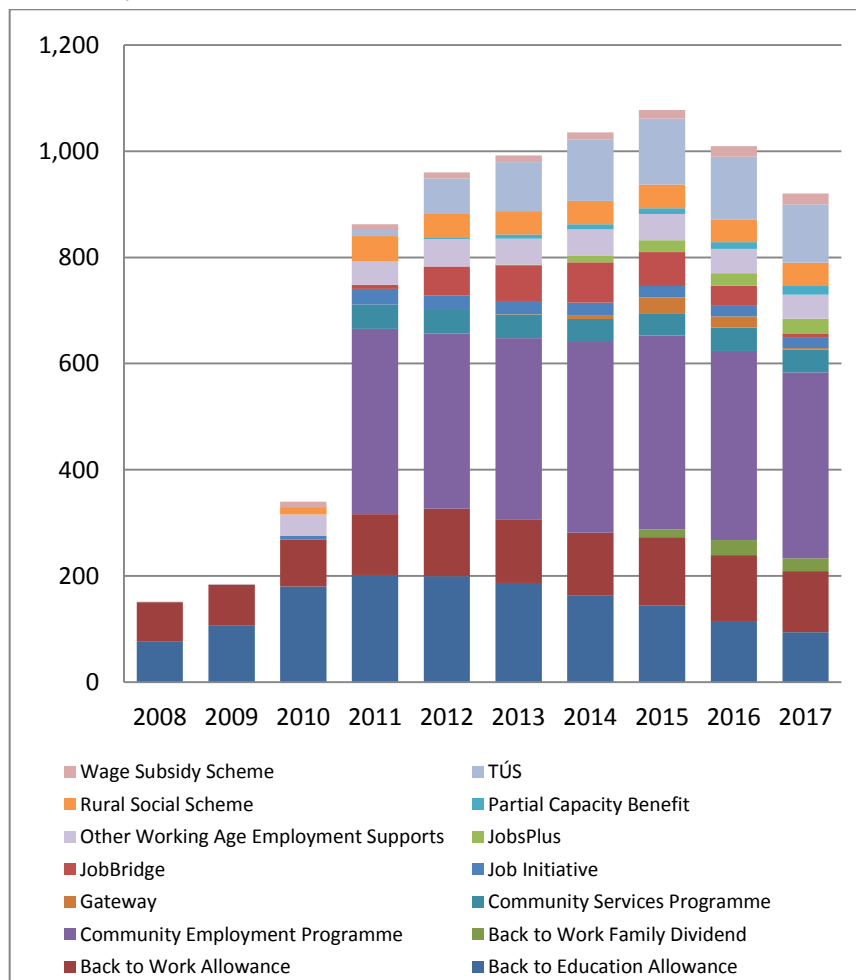
Table C4 – Recipients of main Working Age Income Supports by Scheme and County, 2017

| | Jobseeker's Allowance | One-Parent Family Parent | Supplementary Welfare Allowance | Farm Assist | Pre-Retirement Allowance | Jobseeker's Benefit | Maternity Benefit | Adoptive Benefit | Health & Safety Benefit |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Carlow | 3,087 | 551 | 298 | 60 | 5 | 421 | 270 | 0 | 0 |
| Cavan | 3,146 | 459 | 137 | 254 | 5 | 501 | 309 | 0 | 0 |
| Clare | 4,376 | 674 | 330 | 346 | 2 | 1,064 | 487 | 0 | 1 |
| Cork | 15,477 | 3,683 | 1,787 | 542 | 24 | 3,329 | 2,472 | 1 | 11 |
| Donegal | 10,486 | 1,307 | 425 | 1,265 | 14 | 1,389 | 595 | 2 | |
| Dublin | 44,956 | 14,118 | 5,418 | 27 | 21 | 9,004 | 6,245 | 1 | 10 |
| Galway | 9,296 | 1,216 | 805 | 714 | 7 | 2,022 | 1,219 | 0 | 1 |
| Kerry | 6,797 | 947 | 520 | 523 | 5 | 2,145 | 569 | 0 | 3 |
| Kildare | 6,844 | 1,588 | 725 | 21 | 4 | 1,654 | 1,150 | 0 | 2 |
| Kilkenny | 3,010 | 519 | 427 | 86 | 3 | 587 | 431 | 1 | 2 |
| Laois | 3,724 | 653 | 429 | 85 | 3 | 568 | 351 | 0 | 1 |
| Leitrim | 1,606 | 163 | 92 | 301 | 0 | 291 | 158 | 0 | 0 |
| Limerick | 7,779 | 2,026 | 698 | 139 | 7 | 1,257 | 828 | 0 | 1 |
| Longford | 2,447 | 423 | 213 | 130 | 2 | 387 | 157 | 1 | 0 |
| Louth | 7,430 | 1,607 | 607 | 60 | 10 | 1,133 | 574 | 0 | 2 |
| Mayo | 6,064 | 836 | 378 | 1,156 | 9 | 1,090 | 534 | 0 | 0 |
| Meath | 4,145 | 758 | 729 | 49 | 1 | 775 | 962 | 0 | 1 |
| Monaghan | 2,246 | 368 | 247 | 319 | 1 | 431 | 322 | 0 | 0 |
| Offaly | 3,875 | 661 | 241 | 72 | 1 | 763 | 310 | 0 | 0 |
| Roscommon | 1,845 | 210 | 323 | 262 | 3 | 367 | 271 | 1 | 1 |
| Sligo | 2,646 | 432 | 385 | 210 | 2 | 479 | 257 | 0 | 1 |
| Tipperary | 7,696 | 1,456 | 646 | 252 | 7 | 1,257 | 702 | 0 | 4 |
| Waterford | 6,524 | 1,345 | 730 | 61 | 8 | 1,085 | 458 | 1 | 0 |
| Westmeath | 4,669 | 760 | 392 | 99 | 0 | 869 | 449 | 0 | 1 |
| Wexford | 8,926 | 1,406 | 391 | 151 | 16 | 1,529 | 628 | 1 | 2 |
| Wicklow | 5,213 | 1,144 | 560 | 50 | 11 | 1,066 | 655 | 1 | 0 |
| Others, including those abroad | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 185 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 184,310 | 39,310 | 17,933 | 7,234 | 171 | 35,463 | 21,548 | 10 | 45 |

D Working Age Employment Supports

2017 AT A GLANCE

FIGURE 5 - EXPENDITURE ON WORKING-AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS BY PROGRAMME, 2008-2017,



Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports decreased by 8.8% overall in 2017

The payment type in this programme group with the highest number of recipients is Community Employment, with 21,832. Expenditure on the scheme in 2017 was just over €350 million, a decrease of 1.6% over 2016.

There were 9,655 recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance in 2017, a decrease of 12.0% compared to 2016.

The Rural Social Scheme was the only scheme in this area to have an increase in recipients, up to 2,850 in 2017 from 2,527 in 2016.

NOTES

Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

Employment Supports were transferred to the Department in January 2011 and comparison of 2011 and 2010 expenditure should take account of the increased expenditure in relation to these supports (€468 million).

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

Table D1 – Working Age Employment Supports – Additional Expenditure Details (€000)

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP) | 0 | 0 | 2,813 | 2,538 | 3,175 | 1,391 | 1,391 | 1,325 | 843 | 591 |
| Disability Activation and Employment Supports | 0 | 0 | 394 | 112 | 405 | 341 | 341 | 347 | 352 | 440 |
| EmployAbility Service | 0 | 0 | 8,353 | 8,104 | 8,713 | 8,434 | 8,434 | 8,656 | 8,558 | 8,719 |
| Employment Support Unit (ESU) policy initiatives | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Enterprise Support Grant | 0 | 0 | 3,170 | 3,459 | 3,264 | 3,338 | 3,338 | 4,218 | 4,475 | 4,585 |
| EURES Job Mobility Funded Training and Other Initiatives | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 319 | 368 | 355 | 365 | 657 |
| Jobs Clubs | 0 | 0 | 5,723 | 5,719 | 5,490 | 5,493 | 5,493 | 5,875 | 5,404 | 5,206 |
| Local Employment Service | 0 | 0 | 18,310 | 17,854 | 19,371 | 18,283 | 18,283 | 19,514 | 18,437 | 18,561 |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | 1,445 | 1,157 | 1,032 | 1,370 | 1,978 | 2,281 | 2,281 | 2,722 | 2,998 | 3,042 |
| Pre-activation for people with Disabilities | 0 | 0 | 36 | 15 | 2,427 | 3,003 | 3,003 | 1,782 | 100 | 499 |
| Projects funded from Drugs Task Force | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,100 | 1,861 | 1,631 | 1,737 | 836 | 647 | 598 |
| Social Inclusion Initiatives (Employment Programmes) | 0 | 0 | 40 | 256 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Initiatives for Travellers programme | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 187 | 291 | 312 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Special payments to Long-Term Unemployed and Lone Parents | 0 | 0 | 47 | 27 | 16 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Technical Support Grant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,137 | 4,348 | 4,274 | 5,031 | 3,311 | 3,144 | 2,636 |
| Other Working Age Employment Support | 1,445 | 1,157 | 39,918 | 44,729 | 51,348 | 49,089 | 50,022 | 48,947 | 45,323 | 45,534 |

Table D2 – Number of Beneficiaries of main Working-Age Employment Supports by type

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Back to Education Allowance | Qualified Adult | 808 | 1,405 | 1,894 | 2,317 | 2,487 | 2,701 | 2,594 | 2,051 | 1,633 | 1,390 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 2,322 | 3,341 | 4,019 | 7,055 | 7,005 | 7,029 | 6,795 | 5,861 | 4,916 | 4,327 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 860 | 2,112 | 2,760 | 3,002 | 3,126 | 2,896 | 2,491 | 1,813 | 1,402 | 1,100 |
| | Recipients | 7,886 | 15,877 | 21,147 | 24,530 | 24,910 | 24,175 | 22,714 | 17,879 | 13,895 | 10,916 |
| | Beneficiaries | 11,876 | 22,735 | 29,820 | 36,904 | 37,528 | 36,801 | 34,594 | 27,604 | 21,846 | 17,733 |
| Back to Work Allowance (Employee) | Qualified Adult | 596 | 307 | 116 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 2,377 | 1,255 | 492 | 89 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 654 | 347 | 214 | 44 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Recipients | 3,558 | 2,012 | 851 | 182 | 18 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Beneficiaries | 7,185 | 3,921 | 1,673 | 332 | 39 | 17 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | Qualified Adult | 1,356 | 1,302 | 2,581 | 4,101 | 3,642 | 3,445 | 3,723 | 3,907 | 3,562 | 3,089 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 3,801 | 3,501 | 5,591 | 7,282 | 7,408 | 6,953 | 7,618 | 8,474 | 7,623 | 6,489 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 977 | 1,015 | 1,748 | 2,177 | 2,153 | 2,003 | 2,347 | 2,326 | 2,050 | 1,921 |
| | Recipients | 4,604 | 4,591 | 7,958 | 10,751 | 10,810 | 10,098 | 11,166 | 11,881 | 10,977 | 9,655 |
| | Beneficiaries | 10,738 | 10,409 | 17,878 | 24,311 | 24,013 | 22,499 | 24,854 | 26,588 | 24,212 | 21,154 |
| Community Employment Programme | Qualified Adult | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,152 | 5,740 | 6,685 | 6,748 | 6,365 | 6,110 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,236 | 9,327 | 8,787 | 8,757 | 8,360 | 8,073 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,550 | 6,092 | 6,948 | 6,842 | 6,326 | 6,013 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22,445 | 23,943 | 23,249 | 24,218 | 22,356 | 21,832 |
| | Beneficiaries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41,383 | 45,102 | 45,669 | 46,565 | 43,407 | 42,028 |
| Gateway | Qualified Adult | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 657 | 185 | 13 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,090 | 301 | 16 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,266 | 683 | 50 |
| | Beneficiaries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,013 | 1,169 | 79 |
| Job Initiative | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 196 | 485 | 576 | 582 | 400 | 178 | 169 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,031 | 958 | 886 | 842 |
| | Beneficiaries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 196 | 485 | 576 | 1,613 | 1,358 | 1,064 | 1,011 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| JobBridge | Qualified Adult | 0 | 0 | 0 | 288 | 596 | 755 | 869 | 618 | 288 | 4 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 486 | 1,002 | 1,296 | 1,500 | 1,084 | 468 | 4 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 4,784 | 20,793 | 32,297 | 39,368 | 42,812 | 44,245 | 40,539 | 34,048 | 29,353 | 0 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,977 | 5,160 | 6,058 | 6,047 | 4,207 | 1,764 | 29 |
| | Beneficiaries | 4,784 | 20,793 | 32,297 | 43,119 | 49,570 | 52,354 | 48,955 | 39,957 | 31,873 | 37 |
| Other Employment Supports | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 278 | 277 | 298 | 335 | 337 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,313 | 2,144 | 2,482 | 2,494 |
| | Beneficiaries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 278 | 7,590 | 2,442 | 2,817 | 2,831 |
| Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 106 | 117 | 91 | 74 | 48 | 25 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| | Recipients | 184 | 173 | 161 | 180 | 215 | 290 | 373 | 403 | 467 | 418 |
| | Beneficiaries | 290 | 290 | 252 | 254 | 263 | 315 | 385 | 406 | 468 | 418 |
| Rural Social Scheme | Qualified Adult | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,069 | 1,042 | 1,009 | 983 | 994 | 1,147 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 1,454 | 1,380 | 1,293 | 1,276 | 1,504 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 371 | 348 | 386 | 409 | 408 | 523 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,591 | 2,537 | 2,576 | 2,532 | 2,527 | 2,850 |
| | Beneficiaries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,531 | 5,381 | 5,351 | 5,217 | 5,205 | 6,024 |
| TÚS | Qualified Adult | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,268 | 1,895 | 2,056 | 1,889 | 1,703 | 1,547 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,181 | 2,887 | 3,141 | 2,619 | 2,458 | 2,190 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 835 | 1,567 | 1,641 | 2,031 | 2,058 | 2,073 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,530 | 6,999 | 7,877 | 7,818 | 7,140 | 6,256 |
| | Beneficiaries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,814 | 13,348 | 14,715 | 14,357 | 13,359 | 12,066 |
| Working - Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance | | 34,873 | 58,148 | 81,920 | 105,116 | 167,626 | 176,671 | 183,732 | 168,507 | 145,420 | 103,381 |
| Partial Capacity Benefit | Qualified Adult | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 156 | 168 | 198 | 224 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 204 | 240 | 299 | 327 | 396 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,234 | 1,432 | 1,612 | 1,873 | 394 |
| | Beneficiaries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,571 | 1,828 | 2,079 | 2,398 | 1,014 |
| Working - Age Income supports - Social Insurance | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,571 | 1,828 | 2,079 | 2,398 | 1,014 |
| Total Working - Age Income supports | | 34,873 | 58,148 | 81,920 | 105,116 | 167,626 | 178,242 | 185,560 | 170,586 | 147,818 | 104,395 |

Table D3 – Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Employment Supports by Age and Sex, 2017

| | Back to Education Allowance | | Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | | Community Employment Programme | | Gateway | | JobBridge | | Partial Capacity Benefit | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Under 20 | 117 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| 20-24 | 1,002 | 1,218 | 57 | 70 | 531 | 398 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 672 | 0 |
| 25-29 | 1,233 | 1,644 | 300 | 669 | 822 | 600 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 9 |
| 30-34 | 765 | 1,069 | 569 | 1,279 | 932 | 599 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 32 |
| 35-39 | 664 | 727 | 538 | 1,449 | 1,160 | 962 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 164 | 99 |
| 40-44 | 477 | 499 | 420 | 1,132 | 1,086 | 1,188 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 225 | 122 |
| 45-49 | 341 | 355 | 337 | 1,020 | 1,081 | 1,434 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 169 |
| 50-54 | 220 | 186 | 225 | 767 | 972 | 1,610 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 303 | 159 |
| 55-59 | 102 | 120 | 144 | 421 | 1,371 | 2,647 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 223 | 157 |
| 60-64 | 39 | 45 | 57 | 186 | 1,080 | 2,754 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 167 | 151 |
| 65+ | 3 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 119 | 395 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 18 |
| Total | 4,963 | 5,953 | 2,650 | 7,005 | 9,200 | 12,632 | 11 | 43 | 10 | 19 | 2,090 | 1,832 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| | Rural Social Scheme | | Short Term Enterprise Allowance | | TÚS | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Under 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 23 |
| 20-24 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 258 | 456 |
| 25-29 | 8 | 23 | 12 | 17 | 204 | 400 |
| 30-34 | 6 | 50 | 19 | 26 | 256 | 382 |
| 35-39 | 24 | 72 | 42 | 41 | 318 | 414 |
| 40-44 | 55 | 190 | 23 | 34 | 287 | 474 |
| 45-49 | 75 | 281 | 18 | 28 | 303 | 561 |
| 50-54 | 104 | 464 | 21 | 27 | 294 | 580 |
| 55-59 | 133 | 533 | 15 | 13 | 263 | 537 |
| 60-64 | 119 | 630 | 3 | 9 | 106 | 257 |
| 65+ | 21 | 115 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Total | 546 | 2,359 | 153 | 198 | 2,318 | 4,091 |

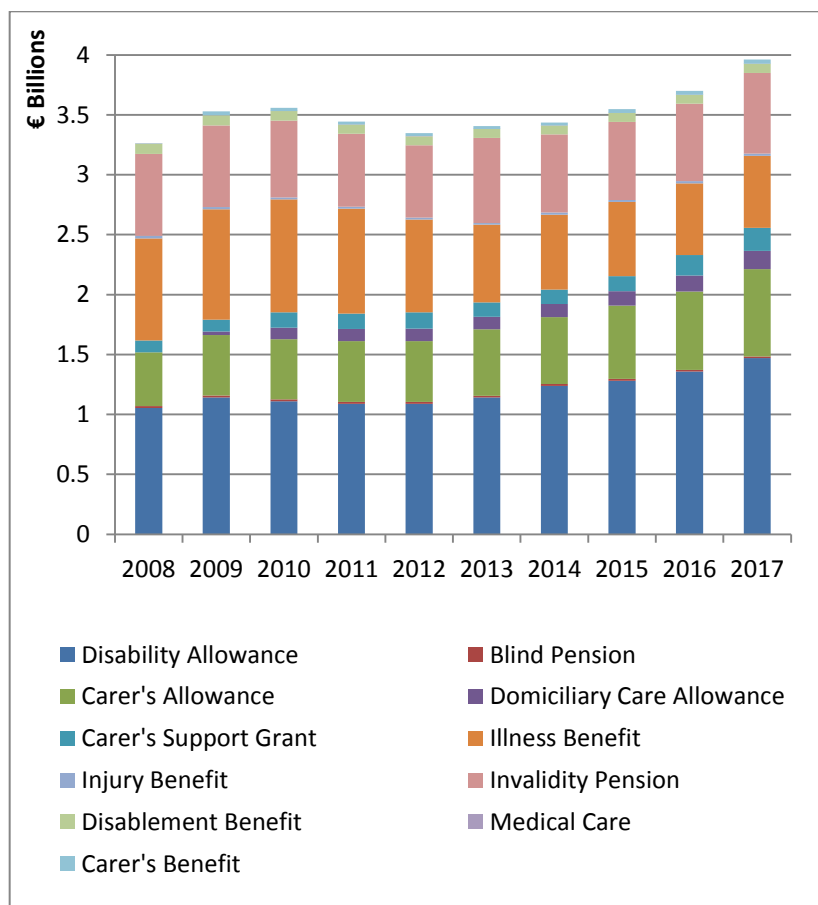
Table D4 – Number of Recipients of main Working Age Employment Supports by County, 2017

| | Community Employment Programme | Rural Social Scheme | TUS Community Work Placement | Back to Work Enterprise Allowance | Back to Education Allowance | Part Time Job Incentive | Gateway | Partial Capacity Benefit |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Carlow | 412 | 19 | 127 | 165 | 212 | 6 | 0 | 36 |
| Cavan | 316 | 80 | 86 | 245 | 129 | 17 | 0 | 27 |
| Clare | 491 | 136 | 106 | 339 | 208 | 6 | 0 | 55 |
| Cork | 1,910 | 181 | 541 | 747 | 1,082 | 28 | 0 | 322 |
| Donegal | 1,109 | 284 | 383 | 390 | 528 | 7 | 0 | 65 |
| Dublin | 4,623 | 0 | 1,254 | 2,212 | 2,620 | 86 | 5 | 556 |
| Galway | 1,342 | 329 | 400 | 486 | 704 | 27 | 6 | 111 |
| Kerry | 1,015 | 292 | 189 | 316 | 458 | 26 | 0 | 77 |
| Kildare | 756 | 26 | 194 | 337 | 352 | 9 | 3 | 107 |
| Kilkenny | 466 | 14 | 99 | 238 | 182 | 7 | 6 | 37 |
| Laois | 314 | 18 | 89 | 210 | 210 | 5 | 1 | 38 |
| Leitrim | 189 | 111 | 70 | 164 | 85 | 6 | 0 | 22 |
| Limerick | 1,258 | 85 | 249 | 307 | 662 | 12 | 0 | 89 |
| Longford | 322 | 58 | 90 | 173 | 125 | 7 | 4 | 24 |
| Louth | 825 | 12 | 176 | 400 | 420 | 14 | 0 | 64 |
| Mayo | 743 | 614 | 311 | 327 | 323 | 28 | 16 | 79 |
| Meath | 477 | 20 | 220 | 353 | 145 | 7 | 0 | 105 |
| Monaghan | 380 | 51 | 90 | 140 | 120 | 9 | 0 | 30 |
| Offaly | 408 | 47 | 118 | 201 | 226 | 8 | 0 | 33 |
| Roscommon | 281 | 155 | 95 | 151 | 72 | 2 | 3 | 45 |
| Sligo | 446 | 130 | 129 | 124 | 271 | 5 | 5 | 38 |
| Tipperary | 870 | 68 | 350 | 338 | 429 | 19 | 0 | 100 |
| Waterford | 757 | 13 | 283 | 366 | 421 | 31 | 0 | 65 |
| Westmeath | 587 | 42 | 92 | 228 | 242 | 14 | 0 | 40 |
| Wexford | 959 | 43 | 260 | 310 | 349 | 19 | 1 | 83 |
| Wicklow | 576 | 22 | 255 | 388 | 341 | 13 | 0 | 67 |
| Others, including those abroad | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Total | 21,832 | 2,850 | 6,256 | 9,655 | 10,916 | 418 | 50 | 2,324 |

E Illness, Disability and Caring

2017 AT A GLANCE

FIGURE 6 - EXPENDITURE ON ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING SCHEMES, 2008-2017, BILLIONS €



Expenditure on Illness, Disability, and Caring Benefits increased by 7.1% compared to 2016, totalling over €3.9 billion.

The number of recipients of Disability Allowance rose by 7,726, with 133,929 recipients in 2017. Expenditure was almost €1.5 billion in 2017, an increase of 8.2%.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €75 million, or 11.6% in 2017; there are now 75,264 recipients of the scheme. Expenditure on Carer's Benefit was just over €36 million, an increase of 11.1% compared to 2016.

NOTES

Recipients of Blind Pension have since 2006 been transferred to State Pension (Non Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in decreases in recipients and expenditure on the scheme. Recipients of Invalidity Pension have been transferred to State Pension (Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, this change also was introduced in 2006.

A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2006 and subsequent years in relation to recipients and expenditure on the affected schemes.

From September 2007 a person may receive half-rate Carer's Allowance while in receipt of another social welfare payment. This may result in some double counting.

Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection in April, 2009.

Table E1 – Number of Beneficiaries of Illness, Disability and Caring benefits by type

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Blind Pension | Qualified Adult | 110 | 113 | 122 | 127 | 128 | 110 | 109 | 107 | 102 | 100 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 216 | 232 | 244 | 264 | 274 | 250 | 247 | 242 | 231 | 227 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 132 | 133 | 333 | 141 | 129 | 130 | 135 | 143 | 160 | 156 |
| | Recipients | 1,472 | 1,467 | 1,485 | 1,496 | 1,456 | 1,385 | 1,369 | 1,341 | 1,282 | 1,256 |
| | Beneficiaries | 1,930 | 1,945 | 2,184 | 2,028 | 1,987 | 1,875 | 1,860 | 1,832 | 1,775 | 1,739 |
| Carer's Allowance | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 3,311 | 2,985 | 2,906 | 2,541 | 2,307 | 2,734 | 3,112 | 3,447 | 3,850 | 3,910 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 25,055 | 31,684 | 27,894 | 28,919 | 28,494 | 31,180 | 32,377 | 34,194 | 38,274 | 40,942 |
| | Recipients | 43,569 | 48,223 | 50,577 | 51,666 | 52,209 | 57,136 | 59,380 | 63,003 | 70,459 | 75,264 |
| | Beneficiaries | 71,935 | 82,892 | 81,377 | 83,126 | 83,010 | 91,050 | 94,869 | 100,644 | 112,583 | 120,116 |
| Disability Allowance | Qualified Adult | 8,306 | 8,577 | 8,622 | 8,737 | 9,871 | 10,585 | 11,614 | 12,440 | 13,351 | 14,454 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 16,534 | 17,386 | 17,641 | 18,137 | 17,812 | 19,706 | 21,829 | 24,492 | 26,664 | 29,028 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 6,828 | 7,374 | 7,414 | 7,729 | 7,584 | 8,158 | 8,672 | 9,456 | 10,384 | 10,945 |
| | Recipients | 95,754 | 99,576 | 101,111 | 102,866 | 101,784 | 106,279 | 112,097 | 119,042 | 126,203 | 133,929 |
| | Beneficiaries | 127,422 | 132,913 | 134,788 | 137,469 | 137,051 | 144,728 | 154,212 | 165,430 | 176,602 | 188,356 |
| Domiciliary Care Allowance | Children | 0 | 0 | 25,234 | 25,914 | 26,516 | 27,363 | 29,269 | 31,628 | 34,627 | 38,846 |
| | Recipients | 0 | 0 | 23,428 | 24,101 | 24,669 | 25,510 | 27,268 | 29,305 | 31,963 | 35,584 |
| | Beneficiaries | 0 | 0 | 25,234 | 25,914 | 26,516 | 27,363 | 29,269 | 31,628 | 34,627 | 38,846 |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance | | 201,287 | 217,750 | 243,583 | 248,537 | 248,564 | 265,016 | 280,210 | 299,534 | 325,587 | 349,057 |
| Carer's Benefit | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 79 | 65 | 57 | 57 | 99 | 76 | 110 | 139 | 169 | 183 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 2,473 | 2,173 | 1,932 | 1,940 | 1,735 | 936 | 540 | 684 | 827 | 897 |
| | Recipients | 2,249 | 1,917 | 1,642 | 1,637 | 1,638 | 1,598 | 1,769 | 2,240 | 2,710 | 2,762 |
| | Beneficiaries | 4,801 | 4,155 | 3,631 | 3,634 | 3,472 | 2,610 | 2,419 | 3,062 | 3,706 | 3,842 |
| Disablement Benefit | Qualified Adult | 177 | 159 | 896 | 161 | 163 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 148 | 289 | 136 | 140 | 148 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Recipients | 13,192 | 13,520 | 13,721 | 13,993 | 14,202 | 14,226 | 12,293 | 13,318 | 14,342 | 14,733 |
| | Beneficiaries | 13,517 | 13,968 | 14,753 | 14,294 | 14,513 | 14,470 | 12,293 | 13,318 | 14,342 | 14,733 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Illness Benefit | Qualified Adult | 9,332 | 8,271 | 8,884 | 7,894 | 6,754 | 5,941 | 5,510 | 4,992 | 4,671 | 4,127 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 9,813 | 10,293 | 10,678 | 9,807 | 9,052 | 8,681 | 8,523 | 8,311 | 8,137 | 7,910 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 105 | 74 | 135 | 122 | 101 | 105 | 81 | 125 | 112 | 6,603 |
| | Recipients | 73,609 | 77,665 | 81,253 | 73,397 | 64,429 | 58,990 | 57,024 | 55,540 | 54,492 | 52,809 |
| | Beneficiaries | 92,859 | 96,303 | 100,950 | 91,220 | 80,336 | 73,717 | 71,138 | 68,968 | 67,412 | 71,449 |
| Injury Benefit | Qualified Adult | 126 | 97 | 95 | 95 | 83 | 88 | 101 | 100 | 83 | 114 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 161 | 154 | 120 | 137 | 143 | 156 | 158 | 159 | 170 | 176 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 83 | 38 | 37 | 28 | 28 | 41 | 24 | 45 | 54 | 120 |
| | Recipients | 846 | 726 | 835 | 776 | 671 | 822 | 906 | 1,094 | 1,010 | 1,085 |
| | Beneficiaries | 1,216 | 1,015 | 1,087 | 1,036 | 925 | 1,107 | 1,189 | 1,398 | 1,317 | 1,495 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | Qualified Adult | 51 | 32 | 38 | 33 | 34 | 46 | 37 | 35 | 25 | 55 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 72 | 72 | 55 | 45 | 57 | 107 | 68 | 77 | 56 | 105 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| | Recipients | 525 | 318 | 374 | 327 | 363 | 380 | 327 | 306 | 423 | 511 |
| | Beneficiaries | 648 | 422 | 467 | 405 | 454 | 533 | 432 | 418 | 504 | 721 |
| Invalidity Pension | Qualified Adult | 8,916 | 8,493 | 7,880 | 7,728 | 7,483 | 7,769 | 7,621 | 7,404 | 7,040 | 6,942 |
| | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 4,808 | 4,678 | 4,578 | 4,474 | 4,442 | 4,911 | 5,092 | 5,329 | 5,388 | 5,630 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 11,404 | 10,949 | 10,336 | 9,989 | 9,963 | 10,372 | 9,711 | 9,073 | 8,479 | 7,944 |
| | Recipients | 53,725 | 52,922 | 50,766 | 49,792 | 50,053 | 53,196 | 54,223 | 55,115 | 55,532 | 57,504 |
| | Beneficiaries | 78,853 | 77,042 | 73,560 | 71,983 | 71,941 | 76,248 | 76,647 | 76,921 | 76,439 | 78,020 |
| Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance | | 191,894 | 192,905 | 194,448 | 182,572 | 171,641 | 168,685 | 164,118 | 164,085 | 163,720 | 170,260 |
| Total -Illness, Disability, and Caring | | 393,181 | 410,655 | 438,031 | 431,109 | 420,205 | 433,701 | 444,328 | 463,619 | 489,307 | 519,317 |

Table E2 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Age and Sex, 2017

| | Carer's Allowance | | Disability Allowance | | Illness Benefit | | Injury Benefit | | Interim Illness Benefit | | Invalidity Pension | |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Under 20 | 42 | 22 | 2,572 | 4,649 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20-24 | 596 | 188 | 3,740 | 5,572 | 342 | 232 | 31 | 47 | 9 | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| 25-29 | 1,965 | 355 | 4,005 | 5,539 | 1,408 | 664 | 33 | 67 | 8 | 21 | 56 | 22 |
| 30-34 | 4,197 | 634 | 4,545 | 5,767 | 3,166 | 1,269 | 38 | 91 | 26 | 43 | 488 | 220 |
| 35-39 | 6,624 | 1,022 | 5,367 | 7,071 | 4,109 | 1,933 | 43 | 121 | 27 | 57 | 1,408 | 652 |
| 40-44 | 7,486 | 1,711 | 5,910 | 7,742 | 4,192 | 2,081 | 53 | 111 | 36 | 52 | 2,164 | 1,247 |
| 45-49 | 8,222 | 2,343 | 6,767 | 8,773 | 4,748 | 2,278 | 46 | 82 | 29 | 29 | 3,217 | 2,045 |
| 50-54 | 7,306 | 2,565 | 7,488 | 9,555 | 5,052 | 2,524 | 49 | 82 | 40 | 41 | 4,969 | 3,189 |
| 55-59 | 5,827 | 2,307 | 7,697 | 9,956 | 5,003 | 3,011 | 47 | 51 | 23 | 26 | 7,822 | 5,461 |
| 60-64 | 4,812 | 1,956 | 7,500 | 10,263 | 5,243 | 3,652 | 30 | 48 | 13 | 20 | 10,243 | 9,387 |
| 65 | 874 | 352 | 1,361 | 1,999 | 1,047 | 851 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2,380 | 2,474 |
| 66-69 | 3,257 | 1,298 | 45 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 26 |
| 70-74 | 3,283 | 1,427 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 75-79 | 1,907 | 925 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 80-84 | 863 | 473 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 85-89 | 231 | 136 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 90-94 | 28 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 95 and over | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 57,523 | 17,741 | 56,997 | 76,932 | 34,312 | 18,497 | 375 | 703 | 211 | 300 | 32,780 | 24,724 |

Table E3 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Child Age

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

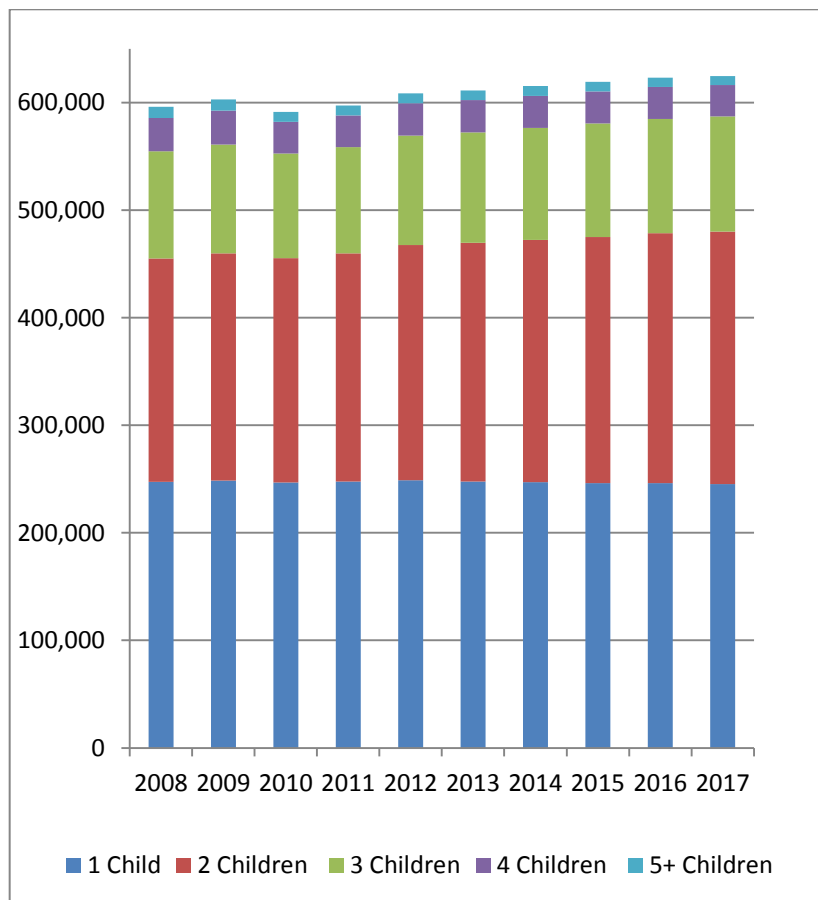
Table E4 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by County, 2017

| | Disability Allowance | Carer's Allowance | Illness Benefit | Interim Illness Benefit | Injury Benefit | Invalidity Pension | Carer's Benefit | Domiciliary Care Allowance |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Carlow | 2,163 | 1,267 | 1,038 | 8 | 16 | 1,088 | 30 | 554 |
| Cavan | 1,944 | 1,237 | 852 | 12 | 22 | 813 | 57 | 526 |
| Clare | 3,243 | 1,899 | 1,125 | 8 | 28 | 1,211 | 75 | 861 |
| Cork | 16,471 | 8,424 | 6,783 | 67 | 140 | 7,599 | 383 | 4,952 |
| Donegal | 5,496 | 3,821 | 1,674 | 14 | 24 | 1,622 | 90 | 1,161 |
| Dublin | 32,386 | 15,291 | 12,961 | 141 | 258 | 13,829 | 535 | 8,530 |
| Galway | 7,519 | 4,160 | 2,348 | 25 | 41 | 2,155 | 187 | 1,699 |
| Kerry | 5,048 | 2,880 | 1,394 | 14 | 32 | 1,679 | 118 | 1,167 |
| Kildare | 4,702 | 2,686 | 2,564 | 20 | 62 | 2,418 | 113 | 1,666 |
| Kilkenny | 2,528 | 1,472 | 907 | 6 | 13 | 1,061 | 53 | 650 |
| Laois | 2,337 | 1,374 | 788 | 7 | 29 | 931 | 47 | 715 |
| Leitrim | 981 | 641 | 398 | 7 | 8 | 486 | 29 | 200 |
| Limerick | 6,949 | 4,065 | 2,529 | 29 | 66 | 3,406 | 124 | 1,891 |
| Longford | 1,582 | 1,028 | 547 | 6 | 6 | 612 | 25 | 335 |
| Louth | 3,832 | 2,245 | 2,046 | 17 | 29 | 1,857 | 78 | 947 |
| Mayo | 4,059 | 2,769 | 1,382 | 19 | 28 | 1,504 | 93 | 857 |
| Meath | 3,591 | 2,280 | 2,370 | 26 | 56 | 1,871 | 110 | 1,500 |
| Monaghan | 1,520 | 997 | 721 | 4 | 19 | 565 | 45 | 355 |
| Offaly | 2,528 | 1,765 | 939 | 9 | 16 | 1,152 | 54 | 772 |
| Roscommon | 1,902 | 1,300 | 664 | 4 | 7 | 869 | 51 | 478 |
| Sligo | 2,117 | 1,249 | 756 | 4 | 14 | 866 | 61 | 431 |
| Tipperary | 5,903 | 3,485 | 1,748 | 21 | 47 | 2,306 | 84 | 1,311 |
| Waterford | 3,761 | 2,038 | 1,475 | 6 | 40 | 1,656 | 74 | 814 |
| Westmeath | 2,849 | 1,700 | 1,091 | 9 | 18 | 1,260 | 70 | 806 |
| Wexford | 4,977 | 3,186 | 1,633 | 16 | 37 | 2,125 | 76 | 1,306 |
| Wicklow | 3,537 | 2,005 | 1,442 | 9 | 19 | 1,512 | 74 | 1,080 |
| Others | 4 | 0 | 634 | 3 | 10 | 1,051 | 26 | 20 |
| Total | 133,929 | 75,264 | 52,809 | 511 | 1,085 | 57,504 | 2,762 | 35,584 |

F Children

2017 AT A GLANCE

FIGURE 7 - NUMBER OF FAMILIES RECEIVING CHILD BENEFIT BY NUMBER OF CHILD BENEFICIARIES, 2008-2017



Expenditure on payments in this programme group increased by 1.0% in 2017, to just over €2.6 billion. A total of 624,670 families received Child Benefit in respect of almost 1.2 million children, a 0.25% increase in the number of children from 2016.

Family Income Supplement, now known as Working Family Payment from January 2018, also saw an increase in the number of child beneficiaries, up 1,866 children from 127,408 in 2016 to 129,274 in 2017.

NOTES

This section relates to payments made in respect of children such as Child Benefit, Guardian's Payments, Family Income Supplement and School related payments. For ease of reference, this section also gives details of increases in respect of qualified children which are payable with social welfare payments. It should be noted, however, that for the purpose of apportioning expenditure between programmes, the cost of qualified child increases is included with the main payment e.g. Qualified Child increases paid with State Pensions are included in the 'Pensions' programme.

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 F3 post 2009 are payments made in arrears for such children.

Table F1 – Number of Beneficiaries of Children Benefits by Type

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Child Benefit | Children | 1,141,938 | 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 |
| | Recipients | 596,108 | 602,932 | 591,432 | 597,333 | 608,733 | 611,366 | 615,335 | 619,307 | 623,141 | 624,670 |
| | Beneficiaries | 1,141,938 | 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 |
| Family Income Supplement | Children | 58,019 | 55,716 | 62,240 | 65,281 | 73,238 | 98,350 | 111,583 | 122,417 | 127,408 | 129,274 |
| | Recipients | 27,798 | 25,963 | 28,223 | 28,876 | 32,307 | 44,159 | 50,306 | 55,913 | 57,567 | 57,745 |
| | Beneficiaries | 85,817 | 81,679 | 90,463 | 94,157 | 105,545 | 142,509 | 161,889 | 178,330 | 184,975 | 187,019 |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 528 | 557 | 591 | 583 | 576 | 565 | 597 | 659 | 674 |
| | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | Recipients | 437 | 420 | 429 | 441 | 433 | 435 | 427 | 451 | 498 | 509 |
| | Beneficiaries | 438 | 952 | 989 | 1,037 | 1,023 | 1,018 | 995 | 1,054 | 1,157 | 1,183 |
| Child-related Payments - Social Assistance | | 1,228,193 | 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 |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | Qualified Children (Full Rate) | 0 | 1,091 | 1,165 | 1,188 | 1,178 | 1,186 | 1,173 | 1,231 | 1,312 | 1,297 |
| | Recipients | 833 | 860 | 919 | 955 | 938 | 947 | 937 | 983 | 1,048 | 1,036 |
| | Beneficiaries | 833 | 1,951 | 2,084 | 2,143 | 2,116 | 2,133 | 2,110 | 2,214 | 2,360 | 2,333 |
| Child-related Payments - Social Insurance | | 833 | 1,951 | 2,084 | 2,143 | 2,116 | 2,133 | 2,110 | 2,214 | 2,360 | 2,333 |
| Total Child-related Payments | | 1,229,026 | 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 |

Table F2 – Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age and Sex, 2017

| | Family Income Supplement | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | Female | Male |
| Under 20 | 3 | 1 |
| 20-24 | 484 | 141 |
| 25-29 | 3,006 | 1,027 |
| 30-34 | 5,725 | 3,292 |
| 35-39 | 8,067 | 5,646 |
| 40-44 | 7,376 | 5,573 |
| 45-49 | 5,713 | 4,205 |
| 50-54 | 3,077 | 2,363 |
| 55-59 | 915 | 759 |
| 60-64 | 139 | 195 |
| 65 | 6 | 14 |
| 66-69 | 5 | 13 |
| 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 | 34,516 | 23,229 |

Table F3 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age

| Age | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0 | 64,205 | 62,525 | 61,748 | 62,045 | 60,444 | 57,871 | 56,213 | 54,902 | 53,830 | 51,557 |
| 1 | 71,256 | 72,638 | 73,200 | 72,956 | 72,574 | 69,864 | 68,052 | 66,107 | 64,776 | 62,624 |
| 2 | 66,764 | 70,498 | 72,774 | 7,299 | 73,338 | 72,208 | 70,301 | 68,111 | 66,823 | 65,442 |
| 3 | 64,472 | 66,394 | 70,476 | 72,728 | 73,301 | 73,059 | 72,277 | 70,574 | 68,697 | 67,246 |
| 4 | 65,689 | 64,117 | 66,542 | 70,362 | 73,467 | 73,213 | 73,202 | 72,375 | 71,017 | 69,003 |
| 5 | 64,740 | 65,249 | 64,327 | 65,338 | 70,791 | 72,831 | 72,951 | 73,099 | 72,691 | 71,197 |
| 6 | 64,191 | 64,390 | 64,974 | 61,997 | 66,515 | 70,474 | 72,831 | 72,923 | 73,389 | 72,877 |
| 7 | 62,692 | 63,808 | 64,246 | 64,834 | 64,047 | 66,305 | 70,329 | 73,017 | 73,258 | 73,510 |
| 8 | 60,608 | 62,690 | 63,820 | 63,978 | 65,428 | 64,006 | 66,348 | 70,248 | 73,383 | 73,580 |
| 9 | 60,267 | 60,431 | 62,358 | 63,301 | 64,430 | 65,068 | 63,804 | 66,157 | 70,583 | 73,515 |
| 10 | 61,063 | 60,598 | 60,111 | 62,030 | 63,918 | 64,238 | 64,978 | 63,797 | 66,370 | 70,867 |
| 11 | 60,013 | 61,114 | 60,337 | 59,901 | 62,486 | 63,594 | 64,132 | 65,056 | 64,085 | 66,580 |
| 12 | 58,120 | 60,224 | 60,989 | 60,298 | 60,564 | 62,450 | 63,675 | 64,066 | 65,218 | 64,274 |
| 13 | 56,384 | 57,936 | 59,874 | 60,504 | 60,678 | 60,291 | 62,243 | 63,359 | 64,099 | 65,388 |
| 14 | 55,563 | 56,410 | 57,802 | 59,517 | 60,984 | 60,571 | 60,315 | 62,103 | 63,503 | 64,180 |
| 15 | 55,938 | 55,476 | 56,305 | 57,634 | 60,018 | 60,889 | 60,611 | 60,442 | 62,298 | 63,572 |
| 16 | 53,175 | 52,844 | 51,825 | 53,836 | 55,651 | 56,719 | 58,540 | 58,873 | 58,733 | 60,445 |
| 17 | 53,135 | 53,010 | 52,295 | 51,810 | 53,436 | 54,931 | 56,787 | 58,001 | 57,501 | 57,384 |
| 18 | 43,303 | 46,565 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,564 | 4,615 | 4,625 |
| Total | 1,141,578 | 1,156,917 | 1,124,003 | 1,070,368 | 1,162,070 | 1,168,582 | 1,177,589 | 1,187,774 | 1,194,869 | 1,197,866 |

Table F4 – Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Income Group and Family Type

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

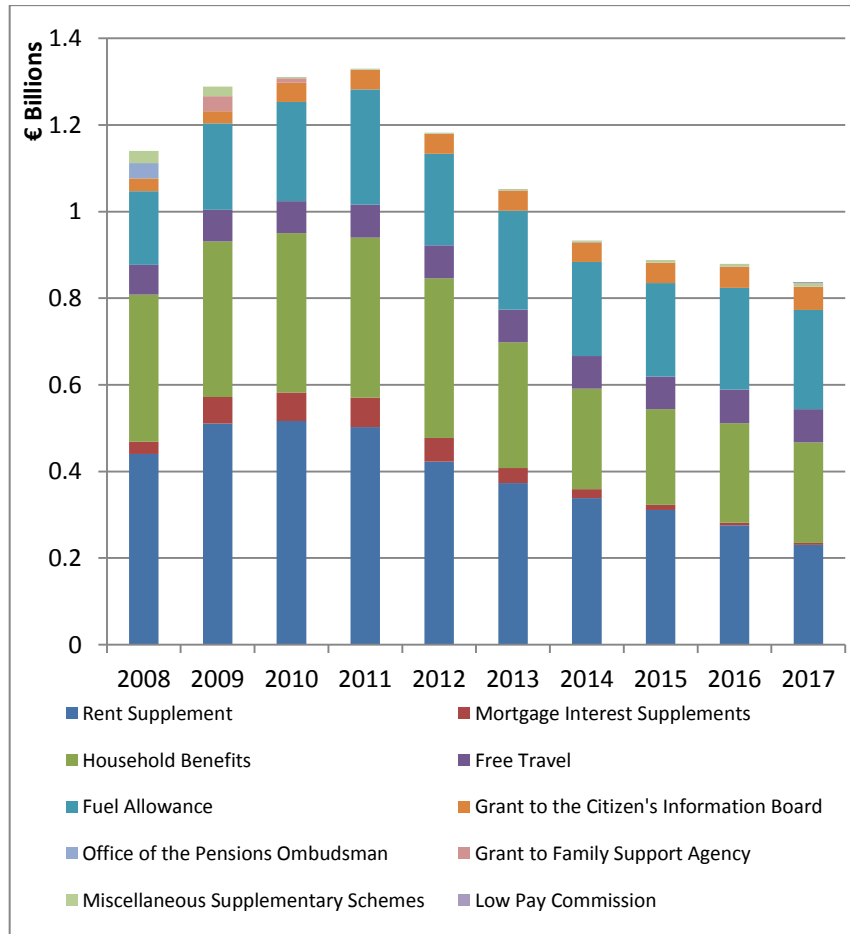
Table F5 – Number of Recipients of main Child-Related Payments by County, 2017

| | Family Income Supplement | Child Benefit (Recipients) | Child Benefit (Children) | Back to School Clothing and Footwear allowance |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Carlow | 991 | 8,801 | 16,783 | 2,677 |
| Cavan | 1,292 | 10,225 | 20,650 | 2,705 |
| Clare | 1,278 | 15,094 | 29,729 | 3,435 |
| Cork | 6,017 | 69,880 | 134,606 | 14,463 |
| Donegal | 2,857 | 19,934 | 39,824 | 6,924 |
| Dublin | 13,509 | 167,637 | 307,671 | 38,876 |
| Galway | 2,654 | 32,231 | 64,005 | 7,061 |
| Kerry | 1,734 | 17,805 | 34,237 | 4,474 |
| Kildare | 2,443 | 32,885 | 63,237 | 6,481 |
| Kilkenny | 1,014 | 12,156 | 23,763 | 2,710 |
| Laois | 1,093 | 11,157 | 22,328 | 2,997 |
| Leitrim | 402 | 4,084 | 8,241 | 1,099 |
| Limerick | 2,496 | 25,115 | 48,227 | 6,689 |
| Longford | 795 | 5,772 | 11,504 | 2,028 |
| Louth | 2,191 | 18,925 | 36,299 | 5,490 |
| Mayo | 1,573 | 15,605 | 31,386 | 4,292 |
| Meath | 2,264 | 29,028 | 56,903 | 5,387 |
| Monaghan | 1,127 | 7,965 | 16,236 | 2,166 |
| Offaly | 1,118 | 10,374 | 20,374 | 2,994 |
| Roscommon | 752 | 7,734 | 15,748 | 2,006 |
| Sligo | 767 | 7,891 | 15,647 | 2,046 |
| Tipperary | 2,176 | 21,376 | 41,524 | 5,824 |
| Waterford | 1,872 | 16,228 | 30,692 | 4,695 |
| Westmeath | 1,312 | 12,569 | 24,384 | 3,445 |
| Wexford | 2,417 | 21,172 | 40,368 | 6,364 |
| Wicklow | 1,468 | 20,630 | 39,034 | 4,250 |
| Others, including those abroad | 133 | 2,397 | 4,466 | 1 |
| Total | 57,745 | 624,670 | 1,197,866 | 151,579 |

G Supplementary Payments

2017 AT A GLANCE

FIGURE 8 - EXPENDITURE ON SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS, 2008 TO 2017, BILLIONS €



Expenditure on Rent Supplement amounted to just over €230 million in 2017. This represents a decrease of 6.8% on 2016. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2017 was 32,075, a decrease of 28.0% on 2016.

In 2017 expenditure on Household Benefits was almost €232 million, an increase of 0.9% over expenditure in 2016, while Free Travel expenditure in 2017 was similar to that in 2016, at €77million for both years. Fuel Allowance expenditure decreased in 2017 to just under €229 million, a decrease of 2.5% or approximately €5.8 million.

NOTES

This section relates to Supplementary Housing payments made under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance scheme as well as Secondary Benefits and Grants and includes:

- ❖ Rent supplements and Mortgage Interest supplements
- ❖ Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance
- ❖ Grants to Departmental Agencies

Table G1 – Supplementary Payments and Miscellaneous Services – Additional Expenditure Details (€000)

| Item Detail | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dormant Accounts - Economic & Social Disadvantage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 274 | 192 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 |
| Ex Gratia Payments to Women from Magdalen Laundries and Other Institutions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,833 | 3,443 | 3,254 | 3,148 |
| Ex Gratia Payments - Waterford Crystal pension schemes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 |
| Food Aid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 1,099 | 2,931 |
| Low Pay Commission | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 297 |
| Grants - Information & Welfare Rights | 0 | 0 | 0 | 568 | 585 | 634 | 686 | 686 | 686 | 686 |
| National Pensions Awareness Campaign | 0 | 0 | 0 | 377 | 377 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 701 | 663 | 654 | 530 | 507 | 471 | 432 |
| Social Inclusion Initiatives | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 61 | 1,068 | 75 | 79 | 78 | 80 |
| Social Welfare Tribunal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Superannuation benefits recouped by the Pension Authority for retired staff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 296 | 221 | 175 | 360 | 173 | 585 |
| Training for Carers in areas of economic and social disadvantage (funded from the Dormant Accounts Fund) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 906 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Services €000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,110 | 2,174 | 2,600 | 3,299 | 6,017 | 5,761 | 8,801 |
| Electricity Allowance | 63,967 | 66,325 | 76,065 | 71,036 | 69,808 | 65,389 | 61,119 | 53,615 | 59,610 | 60,024 |
| Free Television Licence | 20,722 | 21,731 | 22,688 | 22,518 | 22,475 | 22,003 | 19,994 | 16,857 | 18,772 | 19,138 |
| Gas Allowance | 4,179 | 4,625 | 5,333 | 5,333 | 5,238 | 4,554 | 6,213 | 4,477 | 5,547 | 5,755 |
| Telephone Allowance | 50,037 | 57,463 | 53,110 | 45,767 | 46,211 | 21,184 | 1,156 | -17 | -14 | -17 |
| Household Benefits (Social Assistance) €000 | 138,905 | 150,144 | 157,196 | 144,654 | 143,732 | 113,130 | 88,482 | 74,932 | 83,915 | 84,900 |
| Electricity Allowance | 92,772 | 99,190 | 95,533 | 108,215 | 106,925 | 99,608 | 93,434 | 95,957 | 97,796 | 97,769 |
| Free Television Licence | 33,976 | 33,981 | 34,962 | 35,129 | 35,091 | 35,670 | 32,455 | 35,609 | 33,646 | 34,313 |
| Gas Allowance | 11,448 | 13,070 | 14,649 | 15,383 | 15,376 | 11,019 | 15,602 | 14,275 | 14,397 | 14,890 |
| Telephone Allowance | 62,155 | 62,717 | 65,575 | 66,194 | 67,561 | 31,043 | 1,783 | -21 | -11 | -17 |
| Household Benefits (Social Insurance) €000 | 200,351 | 208,958 | 210,719 | 224,921 | 224,953 | 177,340 | 143,274 | 145,820 | 145,828 | 146,955 |

Table G2 – Beneficiaries of Supplementary Payments by Type

| Scheme | Beneficiary Type | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Mortgage Interest Supplement | Recipients | 8,091 | 15,101 | 17,974 | 18,988 | 14,597 | 9,768 | 5,007 | 2,907 | 1,832 | 1,247 |
| | Beneficiaries | 8,091 | 15,101 | 17,974 | 18,988 | 14,597 | 9,768 | 5,007 | 2,907 | 1,832 | 1,247 |
| Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation) | Qualified Children (Half Rate) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Recipients | 217 | 192 | 179 | 159 | 141 | 119 | 111 | 97 | 83 | 77 |
| | Beneficiaries | 217 | 192 | 179 | 159 | 141 | 119 | 111 | 97 | 83 | 77 |
| Rent Supplement | Recipients | 74,038 | 93,030 | 97,260 | 96,803 | 87,684 | 79,788 | 66,409 | 56,959 | 44,521 | 32,075 |
| | Beneficiaries | 74,038 | 93,030 | 97,260 | 96,803 | 87,684 | 79,788 | 66,409 | 56,959 | 44,521 | 32,075 |
| Supplementary Payments - Social Assistance | | 82,346 | 108,323 | 115,413 | 115,950 | 102,422 | 89,675 | 71,527 | 59,963 | 46,436 | 33,399 |
| Total Supplementary Payments | | 82,346 | 108,323 | 115,413 | 115,950 | 102,422 | 89,675 | 71,527 | 59,963 | 46,436 | 33,399 |

Table G3 - Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Age and Sex, 2017

| | Rent Supplement | | Mortgage Interest Supplement | | Other Supplements | |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Under 20 | 50 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 17 |
| 20-24 | 879 | 313 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 58 |
| 25-29 | 2,626 | 1,048 | 1 | 0 | 185 | 99 |
| 30-34 | 3,155 | 1,723 | 11 | 26 | 230 | 160 |
| 35-39 | 2,649 | 2,285 | 54 | 102 | 267 | 238 |
| 40-44 | 2,130 | 2,449 | 102 | 168 | 248 | 253 |
| 45-49 | 1,542 | 2,259 | 113 | 190 | 229 | 275 |
| 50-54 | 1,108 | 1,843 | 69 | 154 | 268 | 326 |
| 55-59 | 834 | 1,436 | 34 | 103 | 286 | 293 |
| 60-64 | 551 | 1,192 | 23 | 60 | 313 | 309 |
| 65 | 78 | 153 | 2 | 7 | 49 | 53 |
| 66-69 | 243 | 488 | 9 | 14 | 191 | 177 |
| 70-74 | 181 | 313 | 1 | 3 | 283 | 172 |
| 75-79 | 128 | 149 | 1 | 0 | 291 | 181 |
| 80-84 | 89 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 264 | 107 |
| 85-89 | 46 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 35 |
| 90-94 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 13 |
| 95 and over | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Total | 16,308 | 15,767 | 420 | 827 | 3,412 | 2,767 |

Table G4 - Recipients of Rent Supplement by Duration and Primary Payment, 2017

| Rent Supplement - Primary Scheme | 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 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| State Pensions | 26 | 30 | 37 | 33 | 105 | 98 | 89 | 77 | 120 | 109 | 101 | 445 |
| Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions | 3 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 20 | 23 | 23 | 18 | 33 | 31 | 37 | 109 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 264 | 367 | 330 | 456 | 1,037 | 944 | 951 | 824 | 1,371 | 1,160 | 910 | 1,965 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 71 | 119 | 138 | 163 | 437 | 400 | 436 | 397 | 582 | 479 | 376 | 847 |
| Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 66 | 74 | 54 | 53 | 134 | 117 | 92 | 73 | 126 | 127 | 109 | 247 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 34 | 44 | 48 | 33 | 41 | 21 | 29 | 22 | 30 | 22 | 24 | 63 |
| Employment Support Services | 35 | 44 | 56 | 70 | 196 | 204 | 162 | 175 | 274 | 228 | 172 | 389 |
| Disability Allowance | 108 | 176 | 201 | 207 | 485 | 533 | 517 | 424 | 756 | 592 | 479 | 1,542 |
| Illness Benefit | 36 | 61 | 60 | 84 | 131 | 77 | 73 | 57 | 88 | 64 | 53 | 154 |
| Invalidity Pension | 6 | 19 | 17 | 22 | 58 | 38 | 55 | 61 | 91 | 77 | 64 | 184 |
| Department of Work and Pensions (UK) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 25 |
| Other | 104 | 145 | 138 | 154 | 415 | 395 | 401 | 390 | 526 | 427 | 311 | 640 |
| Total | 753 | 1,089 | 1,084 | 1,287 | 3,068 | 2,856 | 2,830 | 2,520 | 4,006 | 3,319 | 2,643 | 6,620 |

Table G5 - Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement by Duration and Primary Payment, 2017

| Mortgage Interest Supplement - Primary Scheme | 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 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| State Pensions | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 21 | 49 | 62 | 310 |
| One-Parent Family Payment | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 48 |
| Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 44 |
| Pre-Retirement Allowance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 36 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 79 |
| Employment Support Services | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 130 |
| Disability Allowance | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 45 |
| Illness Benefit | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 40 |
| Invalidity Pension | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 87 |
| Department of Work and Pensions (UK) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 3 | 6 | 22 | 9 | 13 | 22 | 18 | 24 | 44 | 98 | 151 | 837 |

Table G6 - Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration, 2017

| 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 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 to 24 years | 39 | 63 | 67 | 60 | 138 | 121 | 91 | 77 | 85 | 52 | 13 | 5 |
| 25 to 29 years | 105 | 128 | 120 | 153 | 388 | 333 | 325 | 301 | 448 | 358 | 265 | 295 |
| 30 to 34 years | 128 | 187 | 183 | 225 | 517 | 482 | 467 | 414 | 569 | 500 | 381 | 712 |
| 35 to 39 years | 147 | 206 | 191 | 214 | 506 | 447 | 470 | 420 | 671 | 527 | 375 | 824 |
| 40 to 44 years | 97 | 154 | 131 | 167 | 434 | 437 | 435 | 356 | 586 | 499 | 421 | 943 |
| 45 to 49 years | 66 | 115 | 140 | 156 | 316 | 305 | 330 | 319 | 493 | 419 | 367 | 950 |
| 50 to 54 years | 54 | 85 | 88 | 113 | 287 | 233 | 248 | 214 | 396 | 322 | 238 | 798 |
| 55 to 59 years | 42 | 61 | 61 | 81 | 182 | 174 | 193 | 158 | 300 | 253 | 223 | 695 |
| 60 to 64 years | 38 | 37 | 51 | 60 | 137 | 165 | 117 | 138 | 222 | 186 | 163 | 508 |
| 65 years | 8 | 11 | 6 | 10 | 21 | 22 | 26 | 13 | 39 | 28 | 19 | 113 |
| 66 to 69 years | 14 | 21 | 13 | 18 | 60 | 54 | 58 | 59 | 93 | 78 | 78 | 275 |
| 70 to 74 years | 9 | 10 | 17 | 16 | 30 | 42 | 35 | 22 | 51 | 52 | 56 | 221 |
| 75 to 79 years | 1 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 25 | 23 | 17 | 18 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 134 |
| 80 to 84 years | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 87 |
| 85 to 89 years | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 45 |
| 90 to 94 years | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 95 years + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 753 | 1,089 | 1,084 | 1,287 | 3,070 | 2,856 | 2,830 | 2,520 | 4,006 | 3,320 | 2,643 | 6,620 |

Table G7 - Number of Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age and Duration, 2017

| 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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 to 24 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 to 29 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 to 34 years | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| 35 to 39 years | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 16 | 91 |
| 40 to 44 years | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 15 | 34 | 155 |
| 45 to 49 years | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 38 | 208 |
| 50 to 54 years | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 20 | 27 | 179 |
| 55 to 59 years | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 18 | 12 | 103 |
| 60 to 64 years | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 49 |
| 65 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 16 |
| 66 to 69 years | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 19 |
| 70 to 74 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 75 to 79 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 80 to 84 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 85 to 89 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 90 to 94 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3 | 6 | 22 | 9 | 13 | 22 | 18 | 24 | 44 | 98 | 151 | 837 |

Table G8 - Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2017

| County | Short-Term Cases (Recipients) | Short-Term as % All Cases (County Total) | Long-Term Cases (Recipients) | Long-Term as % All Cases (County Total) | All Cases (Recipients) | County Total as % of National Total |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Carlow | 68 | 19.3% | 284 | 80.7% | 352 | 1.1% |
| Cavan | 99 | 34.5% | 188 | 65.5% | 287 | 0.9% |
| Clare | 10 | 6.1% | 154 | 93.9% | 164 | 0.5% |
| Cork | 679 | 20.9% | 2,564 | 79.1% | 3,243 | 10.1% |
| Donegal | 22 | 16.3% | 113 | 83.7% | 135 | 0.4% |
| Dublin | 2,136 | 13.9% | 13,284 | 86.1% | 15,420 | 48.1% |
| Galway | 53 | 3.4% | 1,523 | 96.6% | 1,576 | 4.9% |
| Kerry | 188 | 18.1% | 850 | 81.9% | 1,038 | 3.2% |
| Kildare | 144 | 8.4% | 1,573 | 91.6% | 1,717 | 5.4% |
| Kilkenny | 13 | 7.6% | 157 | 92.4% | 170 | 0.5% |
| Laois | 96 | 18.4% | 427 | 81.6% | 523 | 1.6% |
| Leitrim | 38 | 22.1% | 134 | 77.9% | 172 | 0.5% |
| Limerick | 177 | 26.6% | 488 | 73.4% | 665 | 2.1% |
| Longford | 60 | 24.7% | 183 | 75.3% | 243 | 0.8% |
| Louth | 52 | 13.0% | 349 | 87.0% | 401 | 1.3% |
| Mayo | 37 | 6.5% | 532 | 93.5% | 569 | 1.8% |
| Meath | 38 | 7.6% | 463 | 92.4% | 501 | 1.6% |
| Monaghan | 11 | 8.5% | 118 | 91.5% | 129 | 0.4% |
| Offaly | 1 | 0.5% | 212 | 99.5% | 213 | 0.7% |
| Roscommon | 100 | 27.3% | 266 | 72.7% | 366 | 1.1% |
| Sligo | 16 | 12.7% | 110 | 87.3% | 126 | 0.4% |
| Tipperary | 68 | 17.3% | 326 | 82.7% | 394 | 1.2% |
| Waterford | 56 | 33.9% | 109 | 66.1% | 165 | 0.5% |
| Westmeath | 124 | 15.5% | 677 | 84.5% | 801 | 2.5% |
| Wexford | 296 | 23.4% | 971 | 76.6% | 1,267 | 4.0% |
| Wicklow | 219 | 15.2% | 1,219 | 84.8% | 1,438 | 4.5% |
| Total | 4,801 | 15.0% | 27,274 | 85.0% | 32,075 | 100.0% |

H Operational Activity

FIGURE 9 - CLAIMS REGISTERED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2009-2017

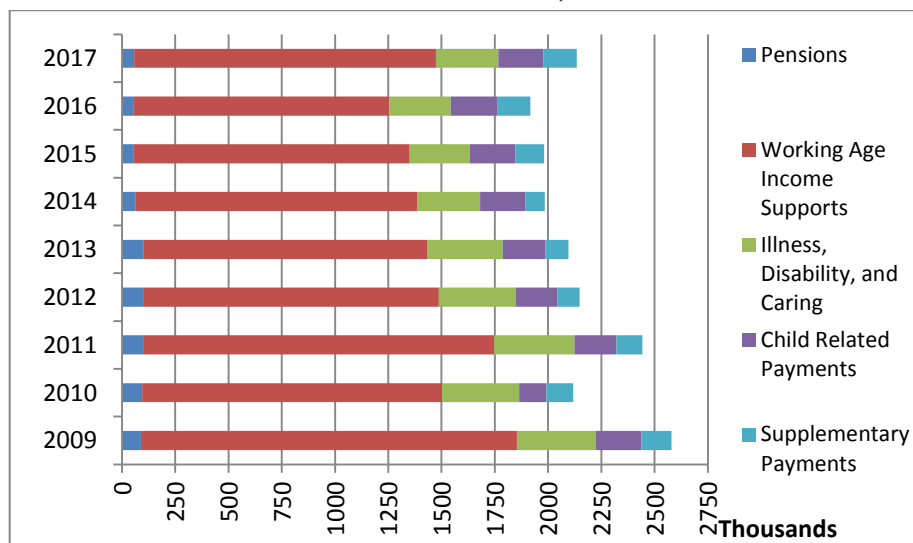
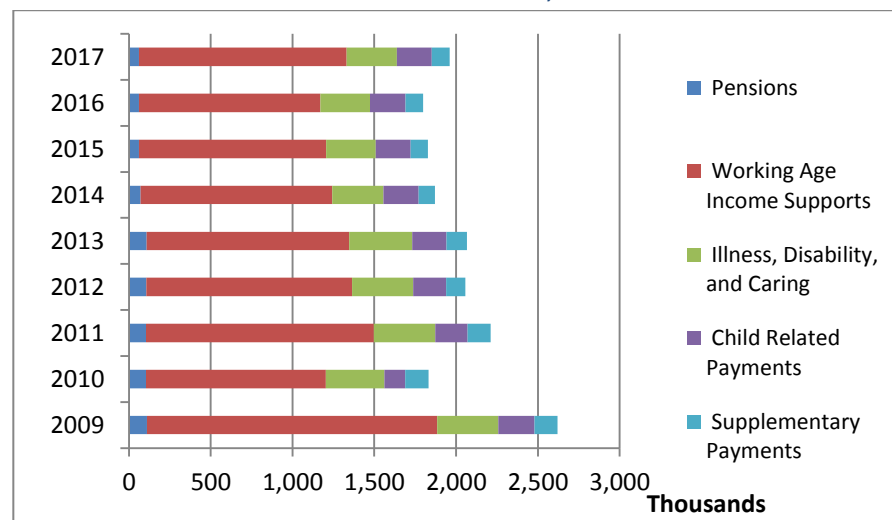


FIGURE 10 - CLAIMS CLEARED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2009-2017



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 11 - CLAIMS PENDING YEAR END, 2009-2017

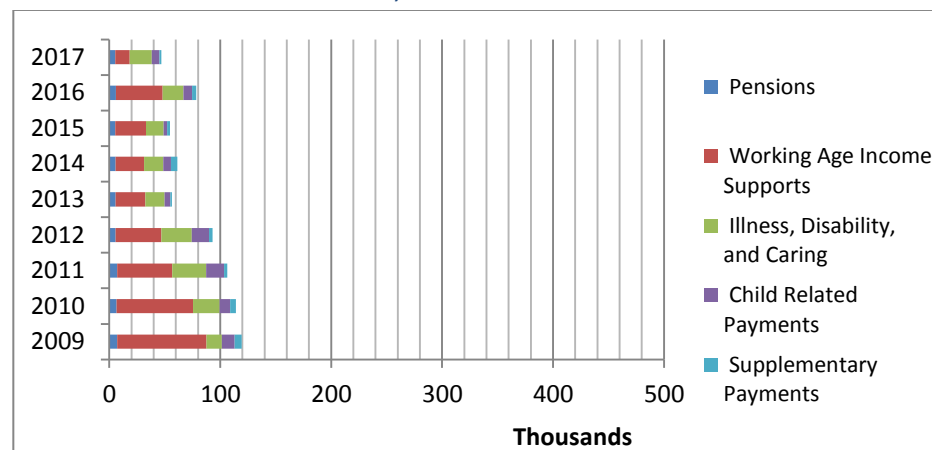


Table H1 – Claims Registered by Year and Benefit

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 10,802 | 9,835 | 7,344 | 9,035 | 9,429 | 8,998 | 9,732 | 9,213 | 9,187 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 30,595 | 32,940 | 36,281 | 35,198 | 39,215 | 40,212 | 37,902 | 38,431 | 39,883 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 15,401 | 20,184 | 22,719 | 22,430 | 19,270 | 3,885 | 521 | 204 | 137 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension | 7,662 | 7,534 | 7,549 | 7,451 | 7,574 | 7,390 | 7,707 | 7,699 | 7,599 |
| Bereavement Grant - Sligo | 17,320 | 17,568 | 18,763 | 19,252 | 24,991 | 3,743 | | | |
| Bereavement Grant - Longford | 6,873 | 6,511 | 6,987 | 6,714 | 2,385 | 83 | | | |
| Total Pensions | 88,653 | 94,572 | 99,643 | 100,080 | 102,864 | 64,311 | 55,862 | 55,547 | 56,806 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 273,653 | 263,942 | 239,667 | 225,262 | 227,722 | 209,444 | 191,781 | 171,243 | 155,854 |
| One Parent Family Payment | 18,769 | 17,325 | 16,943 | 14,330 | 13,887 | 12,288 | 11,484 | 11,751 | 11,452 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension | 748 | 792 | 556 | 428 | 526 | 100 | | | |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾ | 0 | 578,035 | 643,526 | 453,833 | 386,161 | 400,479 | 371,899 | 290,097 | 346,743 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 365,094 | 267,271 | 223,938 | 192,965 | 165,457 | 147,636 | 137,131 | 131,005 | 129,241 |
| Maternity Benefit | 48,980 | 50,078 | 50,430 | 47,875 | 46,692 | 46,819 | 45,255 | 45,280 | 44,227 |
| Paternity Benefit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,471 | 27,200 |
| Treatment Benefit | 1,058,107 | 229,928 | 473,123 | 453,236 | 492,127 | 503,691 | 536,654 | 542,968 | 701,732 |
| Total Working Age Income Supports | 1,765,351 | 1,407,371 | 1,648,183 | 1,387,929 | 1,332,572 | 1,320,457 | 1,294,204 | 1,198,815 | 1,416,449 |
| Disability Allowance | 20,794 | 21,409 | 24,264 | 25,887 | 20,538 | 21,071 | 22,538 | 23,804 | 23,657 |
| Blind Pension | 0 | 219 | 208 | 198 | 181 | 46 | | | |
| Carer's Allowance | 16,574 | 18,212 | 17,758 | 15,493 | 12,060 | 17,759 | 18,929 | 22,722 | 23,800 |
| Domiciliary Care Allowance | 0 | 5,529 | 5,191 | 4,079 | 4,464 | 5,743 | 6,422 | 7,434 | 8,197 |
| Illness Benefit | 309,031 | 289,962 | 296,730 | 286,534 | 288,052 | 226,274 | 209,750 | 209,685 | 209,384 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 14,739 | 15,157 | 14,177 | 13,641 | 13,838 | 13,404 | 13,314 | 13,708 | 13,913 |
| Invalidity Pension | 7,475 | 8,774 | 14,621 | 11,510 | 9,640 | 9,240 | 9,454 | 9,134 | 10,458 |
| Disablement Benefit | 0 | 1,652 | 1,775 | 1,436 | 1,215 | 347 | | | |
| Carer's Benefit | 0 | 2,080 | 2,060 | 1,788 | 1,804 | 2,074 | 1,842 | 1,344 | 3,590 |
| Total Illness Disability and Caring | 368,613 | 362,994 | 376,784 | 360,566 | 351,792 | 295,958 | 282,249 | 287,831 | 292,999 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad | 40,468 | 21,400 | 30,417 | 33,723 | 31,678 | 32,940 | 31,309 | 30,915 | 32,448 |
| Child Benefit - EU regulation | 4,773 | 1,146 | 1,267 | 2,436 | 0 | 4,271 | 4,319 | 4,037 | 3,473 |
| Child Benefit - Over 16 | 87,543 | 36,648 | 72,226 | 69,639 | 71,870 | 72,857 | 68,590 | 72,726 | 65,607 |
| Child Benefit - Additional Child | 36,210 | 19,009 | 40,476 | 39,830 | 38,846 | 37,254 | 35,671 | 34,293 | 33,843 |
| Family Income Supplement - New Claims | 22,190 | 22,472 | 23,453 | 20,341 | 24,965 | 26,679 | 31,191 | 28,516 | 28,730 |
| Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals | 24,369 | 25,638 | 27,761 | 29,589 | 32,879 | 39,755 | 42,714 | 47,608 | 47,998 |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 0 | 176 | 173 | 172 | 183 | 42 | | | |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 0 | 431 | 498 | 456 | 452 | 134 | | | |
| Total Child Related Payments | 215,553 | 126,920 | 196,271 | 196,186 | 200,873 | 213,932 | 213,794 | 218,095 | 212,099 |
| Household Benefits | 85,890 | 107,353 | 101,812 | 82,480 | 89,463 | 69,527 | 72,826 | 75,443 | 75,593 |
| Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance | 0 | 10,105 | 11,093 | 11,040 | 11,151 | 12,847 | 13,744 | 13,573 | 13,841 |
| Free Travel | 55,292 | 9,065 | 8,668 | 9,258 | 7,652 | 8,173 | 48,347 | 68,336 | 66,754 |
| Total Supplementary Payments | 141,182 | 126,523 | 121,573 | 102,778 | 108,266 | 90,547 | 134,917 | 157,352 | 156,188 |
| Grand Total | 2,579,352 | 2,118,380 | 2,442,454 | 2,147,539 | 2,096,367 | 1,985,205 | 1,981,026 | 1,917,640 | 2,134,541 |

Table H2 – Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 7,811 | 7,191 | 5,730 | 7,243 | 7,445 | 7,750 | 7,675 | 8,132 | 7,577 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 21,478 | 23,194 | 25,964 | 25,586 | 28,129 | 27,591 | 24,662 | 25,947 | 27,673 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 10,467 | 11,243 | 12,775 | 12,599 | 10,598 | 1,623 | 217 | 87 | 46 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension | 6,110 | 5,872 | 5,870 | 5,783 | 5,709 | 5,615 | 5,916 | 5,775 | 5,695 |
| Bereavement Grant - Sligo | 15,431 | 15,862 | 16,993 | 17,451 | 21,179 | 4,643 | | | |
| Bereavement Grant - Longford | 5,428 | 5,918 | 5,926 | 5,342 | 2,537 | 78 | | | |
| Total Pensions | 66,725 | 69,280 | 73,258 | 74,004 | 75,597 | 47,300 | 38,470 | 39,941 | 40,991 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 176,912 | 191,144 | 174,491 | 167,623 | 180,009 | 166,048 | 152,807 | 136,003 | 124,790 |
| One Parent Family Payment | 13,967 | 12,127 | 12,178 | 10,293 | 10,673 | 10,011 | 8,905 | 9,038 | 8,741 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension | 449 | 533 | 377 | 287 | 283 | 74 | | | |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 0 | 193,014 | 292,641 | 253,652 | 225,509 | 206,828 | 186,002 | 178,623 | 175,836 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 317,620 | 234,020 | 197,369 | 169,755 | 148,480 | 132,714 | 124,152 | 119,168 | 118,076 |
| Maternity Benefit | 48,367 | 48,806 | 48,827 | 45,415 | 45,491 | 44,555 | 44,740 | 41,646 | 45,621 |
| Paternity Benefit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,013 | 26,559 |
| Treatment Benefit | 1,006,232 | 217,854 | 447,908 | 430,778 | 465,583 | 477,658 | 508,202 | 510,956 | 663,891 |
| Total Working Age Income Supports | 1,563,547 | 897,498 | 1,173,791 | 1,077,803 | 1,076,028 | 1,037,888 | 1,024,808 | 1,000,447 | 1,163,514 |
| Disability Allowance | 10,179 | 8,306 | 9,246 | 10,400 | 12,497 | 13,876 | 15,814 | 16,669 | 17,469 |
| Blind Pension | 0 | 117 | 106 | 96 | 77 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carer's Allowance | 10,730 | 8,769 | 7,465 | 9,880 | 16,011 | 12,560 | 14,378 | 19,308 | 17,290 |
| Domiciliary Care Allowance | 0 | 3,103 | 2,686 | 1,586 | 1,877 | 3,104 | 4,186 | 4,996 | 6,823 |
| Illness Benefit | 262,864 | 249,166 | 259,008 | 245,319 | 245,456 | 162,187 | 154,692 | 156,153 | 159,030 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 11,516 | 12,289 | 11,616 | 10,927 | 11,428 | 9,768 | 10,182 | 10,485 | 10,739 |
| Invalidity Pension | 4,580 | 3,597 | 2,445 | 6,352 | 9,494 | 7,018 | 7,691 | 7,467 | 8,976 |
| Disablement Benefit | 0 | 1,293 | 1,310 | 1,384 | 731 | 392 | | | |
| Carer's Benefit | 0 | 1,965 | 1,941 | 2,021 | 1,917 | 2,264 | 2,234 | 1,302 | 2,605 |
| Total Illness, Disability, and Caring | 299,869 | 288,605 | 295,823 | 287,965 | 299,488 | 211,198 | 209,177 | 216,380 | 222,932 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad | 44,244 | 22,382 | 34,735 | 34,576 | 31,151 | 31,765 | 30,592 | 30,991 | 31,301 |
| Child Benefit - EU regulation | 4,272 | 724 | 1,371 | 2,487 | 0 | 3,501 | 3,730 | 3,692 | 3,009 |
| Child Benefit - Over 16 | 88,054 | 36,488 | 72,248 | 69,576 | 71,205 | 73,434 | 68,871 | 71,620 | 66,305 |
| Child Benefit - Additional Child | 36,594 | 18,940 | 40,501 | 39,837 | 38,870 | 37,225 | 35,703 | 34,258 | 33,885 |
| Family Income Supplement - New Claims | 12,573 | 14,328 | 13,631 | 13,264 | 20,156 | 19,761 | 21,779 | 18,617 | 18,832 |
| Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals | 20,539 | 22,101 | 23,787 | 28,118 | 33,091 | 36,403 | 31,130 | 33,303 | 30,492 |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 0 | 106 | 117 | 95 | 111 | 34 | | | |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 0 | 309 | 350 | 265 | 318 | 82 | | | |
| Total Child Related Payments | 206,276 | 115,378 | 186,740 | 188,218 | 194,902 | 202,205 | 191,805 | 192,481 | 183,824 |
| Household Benefits | 66,793 | 90,990 | 83,889 | 65,844 | 72,578 | 50,999 | 52,088 | 54,871 | 56,020 |
| Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance | 0 | 9,157 | 10,425 | 10,323 | 10,441 | 11,960 | 13,090 | 12,829 | 13,170 |
| Free Travel | 52,638 | 7,200 | 7,086 | 6,754 | 6,087 | 6,207 | 6,191 | 4,987 | 6,281 |
| Total Supplementary Payments | 119,431 | 107,347 | 101,400 | 82,921 | 89,106 | 69,166 | 71,369 | 72,687 | 75,471 |
| Grand Total | 2,255,848 | 1,478,108 | 1,831,012 | 1,710,911 | 1,735,121 | 1,567,757 | 1,535,629 | 1,521,936 | 1,686,732 |

Table H3 – Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 10,950 | 9,916 | 8,737 | 10,845 | 10,795 | 11,231 | 11,030 | 11,634 | 11,039 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 44,377 | 38,655 | 38,676 | 38,359 | 41,797 | 41,387 | 41,192 | 41,059 | 43,011 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 23,427 | 24,308 | 24,236 | 24,663 | 21,703 | 5,065 | 787 | 156 | 151 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension | 7,536 | 7,703 | 7,622 | 7,478 | 7,447 | 7,361 | 7,792 | 7,781 | 7,370 |
| Bereavement Grant - Sligo | 16,919 | 17,363 | 18,627 | 19,147 | 23,293 | 5,700 | | | |
| Bereavement Grant - Longford | 6,376 | 6,957 | 7,027 | 6,265 | 2,935 | 92 | | | |
| Total Pensions | 109,585 | 104,902 | 104,925 | 106,757 | 107,970 | 70,836 | 60,801 | 60,630 | 61,571 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 257,137 | 273,386 | 245,855 | 230,398 | 238,230 | 214,961 | 196,121 | 177,685 | 162,168 |
| One Parent Family Payment | 19,711 | 18,165 | 18,594 | 15,784 | 16,249 | 14,598 | 13,659 | 11,806 | 11,360 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension | 791 | 854 | 576 | 461 | 455 | 122 | | | |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾ | | 240,766 | 349,789 | 304,268 | 264,819 | 238,641 | 213,714 | 206,056 | 203,821 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 381,869 | 287,397 | 242,318 | 205,423 | 179,003 | 155,876 | 144,345 | 137,647 | 134,905 |
| Maternity Benefit | 50,395 | 50,165 | 50,601 | 46,905 | 46,929 | 46,013 | 46,308 | 43,019 | 48,149 |
| Paternity Benefit | | | | | | | | 5,144 | 27,779 |
| Treatment Benefit | 1,064,803 | 228,647 | 484,896 | 455,166 | 492,916 | 502,377 | 531,697 | 528,684 | 680,754 |
| Total Working Age Income Supports | 1,774,706 | 1,099,380 | 1,392,629 | 1,258,405 | 1,238,601 | 1,172,588 | 1,145,844 | 1,110,041 | 1,268,936 |
| Disability Allowance | 20,504 | 19,248 | 24,145 | 26,159 | 28,616 | 27,608 | 31,592 | 29,643 | 30,644 |
| Blind Pension | | 206 | 221 | 203 | 174 | 66 | | | |
| Carer's Allowance | 17,957 | 16,629 | 13,886 | 18,483 | 28,421 | 21,248 | 24,186 | 31,881 | 26,459 |
| Domiciliary Care Allowance | | 6,416 | 6,491 | 4,810 | 4,340 | 5,142 | 6,313 | 6,703 | 9,034 |
| Illness Benefit | 312,468 | 287,846 | 298,644 | 287,543 | 288,093 | 228,412 | 209,719 | 207,482 | 208,814 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 14,837 | 15,119 | 14,240 | 13,374 | 13,981 | 13,472 | 13,327 | 13,709 | 13,868 |
| Invalidity Pension | 7,513 | 7,559 | 12,829 | 17,775 | 18,792 | 13,561 | 13,800 | 12,348 | 14,562 |
| Disablement Benefit | 0 | 1,545 | 1,785 | 1,717 | 1,323 | 975 | 77 | | |
| Carer's Benefit | 0 | 2,957 | 2,919 | 2,994 | 2,687 | 3,019 | 2,752 | 1,720 | 3,303 |
| Total Illness, Disability, and Caring | 373,279 | 357,525 | 375,160 | 373,058 | 386,427 | 313,503 | 301,766 | 303,486 | 306,684 |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad | 47,459 | 23,224 | 36,079 | 35,824 | 32,211 | 32,662 | 31,321 | 31,800 | 32,100 |
| Child Benefit - EU regulation | 5,062 | 1,064 | 1,890 | 3,081 | 0 | 4,058 | 4,482 | 4,608 | 3,783 |
| Child Benefit - Over 16 | 88,054 | 36,488 | 72,248 | 69,576 | 71,205 | 73,434 | 68,871 | 71,620 | 66,305 |
| Child Benefit - Additional Child | 36,594 | 18,940 | 40,501 | 39,837 | 38,870 | 37,225 | 35,703 | 34,258 | 33,885 |
| Family Income Supplement - New Claims | 20,034 | 21,753 | 20,573 | 20,994 | 30,238 | 26,986 | 30,987 | 27,532 | 28,908 |
| Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals | 23,903 | 24,616 | 25,746 | 30,767 | 35,878 | 39,552 | 42,668 | 47,491 | 49,320 |
| Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) | 0 | 163 | 189 | 161 | 185 | 59 | | | |
| Guardian's Payment (Contributory) | 0 | 444 | 504 | 436 | 478 | 149 | | | |
| Total Child Related Payments | 221,106 | 126,692 | 197,730 | 200,676 | 209,065 | 214,125 | 214,032 | 217,309 | 214,301 |
| Household Benefits | 86,502 | 120,714 | 117,791 | 95,899 | 103,626 | 77,552 | 81,576 | 84,366 | 85,878 |
| Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance | 0 | 10,957 | 12,605 | 12,229 | 12,115 | 13,810 | 15,253 | 14,892 | 15,075 |
| Free Travel | 55,946 | 10,701 | 11,191 | 9,941 | 8,483 | 8,827 | 8,717 | 7,955 | 8,973 |
| Total Supplementary Payments | 142,448 | 142,372 | 141,587 | 118,069 | 124,224 | 100,189 | 105,546 | 107,213 | 109,926 |
| Grand Total | 2,621,124 | 1,830,871 | 2,212,031 | 2,056,965 | 2,066,287 | 1,871,241 | 1,827,989 | 1,798,679 | 1,961,418 |

Table H4 – Claims Pending by Year and Benefit

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 1,639 | 1,507 | 1,869 | 1,432 | 1,780 | 1,552 | 2,058 | 1,762 | 1,896 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 3,264 | 2,826 | 2,888 | 2,154 | 2,094 | 3,397 | 2,934 | 3,757 | 3,059 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 1,608 | 1,731 | 2,009 | 1,622 | 1,163 | 255 | 23 | 32 | 0 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension | 567 | 430 | 367 | 345 | 492 | 445 | 400 | 288 | 519 |
| Bereavement Grant - Sligo | 582 | 806 | 954 | 1,105 | 2,845 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bereavement Grant - Longford | 634 | 175 | 141 | 601 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Pensions | 7,078 | 6,494 | 7,133 | 5,553 | 5,529 | 5,649 | 5,415 | 5,839 | 5,474 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 37,664 | 26,377 | 21,880 | 18,464 | 10,148 | 8,074 | 7,167 | 5,955 | 4,893 |
| One Parent Family Payment | 5,562 | 5,250 | 4,249 | 3,369 | 2,490 | 1,452 | 1,173 | 1,001 | 900 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension | 197 | 134 | 110 | 69 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾ | 0 | 5,670 | 6,371 | 4,701 | 3,762 | 3,905 | 3,567 | 3,559 | 2,729 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 13,919 | 11,659 | 9,065 | 7,723 | 4,613 | 4,257 | 3,905 | 3,562 | 3,131 |
| Maternity Benefit | 3,084 | 2,997 | 2,826 | 3,796 | 3,559 | 4,365 | 3,312 | 3,953 | 185 |
| Paternity Benefit | | | | | | | | 1,389 | 876 |
| Treatment Benefit | 20,002 | 16,872 | 5,099 | 3,079 | 2,290 | 3,604 | 8,561 | 22,845 | n/a |
| Total Working Age Income Supports | 80,428 | 68,959 | 49,600 | 41,201 | 26,946 | 25,657 | 27,685 | 42,264 | 12,714 |
| Disability Allowance | 4,770 | 6,880 | 6,999 | 7,775 | 5,022 | 6,058 | 4,855 | 5,947 | 5,768 |
| Blind Pension | | 52 | 39 | 34 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carer's Allowance | 2,186 | 3,769 | 7,765 | 8,553 | 2,719 | 4,461 | 5,461 | 3,490 | 5,284 |
| Domiciliary Care Allowance | 0 | 690 | 819 | 478 | 694 | 1,237 | 1,346 | 2,077 | 1,240 |
| Illness Benefit | 5,259 | 7,375 | 5,461 | 4,452 | 4,411 | 2,273 | 2,304 | 4,507 | 5,077 |
| Interim Illness Benefit | 249 | 287 | 224 | 491 | 348 | 280 | 267 | 266 | 311 |
| Invalidity Pension | 1,541 | 2,701 | 6,814 | 3,662 | 2,013 | 2,034 | 1,559 | 2,133 | 1,653 |
| Disablement Benefit | 0 | 1,972 | 1,962 | 1,699 | 1,617 | 990 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carer's Benefit | 0 | 356 | 449 | 255 | 363 | 0 | 0 | 328 | 615 |
| Total Illness, Disability, and Caring | 14,005 | 24,082 | 30,532 | 27,399 | 17,228 | 17,333 | 15,792 | 18,748 | 19,948 |

Table H5 – Average Weeks to Award by Year and Benefit

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| State Pension (Non-Contributory) | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 14 | 12 |
| State Pension (Contributory) | 13 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| State Pension (Transition) | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Bereavement Grant - Sligo | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bereavement Grant - Longford | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pensions | | | | | | | | | |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| One Parent Family Payment | 13 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension | 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplementary Welfare Allowance | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Jobseeker's Benefit | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Maternity Benefit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Paternity Benefit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Treatment Benefit | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Working Age Income Supports | | | | | | | | | |
| Disability Allowance | 15 | 14 | 17 | 5 | 28 | 23 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| Carer's Allowance | 9 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 30 | 24 | 15 | 14 | 14 |
| Domiciliary Care Allowance | 0 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 17 |
| Illness Benefit | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Invalidity Pension | 12 | 13 | 2 | 35 | 52 | 22 | 8 | 10 | 6 |
| Illness, Disability and Caring | | | | | | | | | |

Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services 2017

| Scheme | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Child Benefit - EU regulation | 0 | 0 | 51 | 38 | 0 | 26 | 28 | 33 | 34 |
| Family Income Supplement - New Claims | 8 | 10 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals | 8 | 10 | 18 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant | | | | | | | | | |
| Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Household Benefits | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Free Travel | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Supplementary Payments | | | | | | | | | |

Table H6 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – EU Countries

| Country of origin or declared nationality | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Austria | 670 | 338 | 290 | 313 | 300 | 334 | 286 | 289 | 316 | 282 |
| Belgium | 466 | 288 | 278 | 336 | 281 | 326 | 370 | 366 | 338 | 432 |
| Bulgaria | 772 | 277 | 295 | 281 | 469 | 879 | 883 | 1,098 | 1,302 | 1,692 |
| Croatia | 123 | 60 | 51 | 60 | 86 | 486 | 2,091 | 4,342 | 5,312 | 4,908 |
| Cyprus | 19 | 26 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 53 | 124 | 42 | 59 | 60 |
| Czech Republic | 2,762 | 901 | 712 | 621 | 594 | 693 | 654 | 718 | 723 | 754 |
| Denmark | 349 | 209 | 324 | 306 | 319 | 266 | 222 | 240 | 235 | 235 |
| Estonia | 572 | 428 | 207 | 155 | 259 | 231 | 237 | 184 | 124 | 120 |
| Finland | 372 | 153 | 188 | 181 | 203 | 223 | 189 | 241 | 235 | 232 |
| France | 7,066 | 3,109 | 2,877 | 2,668 | 2,915 | 3,175 | 3,739 | 3,744 | 4,379 | 4,863 |
| Germany | 3,823 | 2,090 | 2,090 | 2,160 | 2,142 | 2,162 | 2,406 | 2,455 | 2,477 | 2,647 |
| Greece | 168 | 100 | 124 | 168 | 269 | 275 | 332 | 408 | 628 | 797 |
| Hungary | 4,562 | 1,794 | 1,584 | 1,556 | 1,985 | 1,881 | 1,727 | 1,617 | 1,433 | 1,370 |
| Ireland | 92,999 | 86,748 | 85,939 | 85,210 | 81,772 | 78,630 | 76,091 | 75,008 | 73,328 | 72,657 |
| Italy | 4,428 | 2,237 | 2,039 | 2,095 | 2,680 | 3,552 | 4,263 | 4,130 | 5,525 | 5,983 |
| Latvia | 3,727 | 3,916 | 3,134 | 2,195 | 1,759 | 1,568 | 1,312 | 1,171 | 1,316 | 1,399 |
| Lithuania | 6,443 | 3,768 | 4,353 | 3,555 | 2,860 | 2,521 | 2,316 | 2,337 | 2,838 | 3,120 |
| Luxembourg | 19 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 21 | 24 | 15 | 25 | 25 |
| Malta | 132 | 69 | 57 | 51 | 46 | 32 | 50 | 49 | 80 | 70 |
| Netherlands | 904 | 647 | 649 | 710 | 654 | 823 | 882 | 825 | 957 | 985 |
| Poland | 42,553 | 13,794 | 8,742 | 8,087 | 8,663 | 9,243 | 9,126 | 8,593 | 8,019 | 6,819 |
| Portugal | 2,125 | 1,125 | 786 | 706 | 1,128 | 1,577 | 1,946 | 1,622 | 2,138 | 2,208 |
| Romania | 6,762 | 2,624 | 3,002 | 3,841 | 5,283 | 7,709 | 9,076 | 8,638 | 11,208 | 12,080 |
| Slovakia | 4,994 | 1,784 | 1,288 | 1,012 | 1,138 | 1,092 | 1,081 | 957 | 996 | 1,068 |
| Slovenia | 87 | 40 | 37 | 42 | 47 | 56 | 72 | 90 | 97 | 101 |
| Spain | 4,618 | 2,595 | 2,388 | 2,604 | 3,929 | 5,000 | 5,195 | 4,351 | 5,441 | 6,341 |
| Sweden | 757 | 481 | 629 | 582 | 499 | 480 | 473 | 515 | 419 | 463 |
| United Kingdom | 19,707 | 13,996 | 13,437 | 13,135 | 12,727 | 13,135 | 13,729 | 14,758 | 15,862 | 15,312 |
| Total EU | 211,979 | 143,612 | 135,532 | 132,658 | 133,030 | 136,423 | 138,896 | 138,803 | 145,810 | 147,023 |

Table H7 - PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – non-EU Countries

| Country of origin or declared nationality | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Brazil | 5,632 | 2,741 | 4,257 | 4,939 | 5,542 | 6,270 | 7,778 | 5,052 | 7,283 | 10,382 |
| United States of America | 3,504 | 2,544 | 2,518 | 2,705 | 2,697 | 3,048 | 3,403 | 3,337 | 3,867 | 4,393 |
| India | 4,332 | 2,249 | 1,430 | 1,475 | 1,854 | 2,620 | 2,815 | 3,132 | 4,956 | 5,782 |
| Venezuela | 66 | 52 | 169 | 346 | 409 | 2,227 | 1,639 | 69 | 66 | 89 |
| China | 1,685 | 1,266 | 977 | 877 | 1,138 | 1,099 | 1,416 | 1,145 | 1,474 | 1,845 |
| Republic of Korea | 1,147 | 431 | 558 | 505 | 678 | 1,043 | 1,271 | 513 | 495 | 659 |
| Pakistan | 911 | 868 | 478 | 807 | 741 | 891 | 1,618 | 3,168 | 2,217 | 1,646 |
| Canada | 1,213 | 841 | 698 | 606 | 613 | 739 | 841 | 886 | 1,038 | 965 |
| Australia | 1,857 | 1,013 | 688 | 554 | 587 | 644 | 883 | 1,043 | 1,162 | 1,211 |
| Nigeria | 1,545 | 888 | 513 | 482 | 421 | 545 | 647 | 613 | 766 | 820 |
| Mexico | 189 | 160 | 290 | 316 | 384 | 545 | 774 | 439 | 640 | 1,123 |
| Saudi Arabia | 33 | 159 | 247 | 288 | 344 | 480 | 481 | 337 | 353 | 332 |
| Malaysia | 656 | 436 | 410 | 291 | 362 | 435 | 540 | 502 | 567 | 565 |
| Philippines | 1,440 | 695 | 394 | 434 | 414 | 429 | 413 | 428 | 919 | 1,161 |
| Japan | 445 | 248 | 232 | 275 | 281 | 359 | 387 | 280 | 354 | 400 |
| South Africa | 1,105 | 678 | 413 | 346 | 344 | 354 | 448 | 482 | 804 | 975 |
| Russia | 358 | 258 | 233 | 267 | 258 | 329 | 357 | 417 | 455 | 488 |
| Libya | 26 | 30 | 21 | 40 | 58 | 276 | 254 | 61 | 61 | 67 |
| Ukraine | 467 | 302 | 150 | 167 | 182 | 257 | 293 | 341 | 309 | 289 |
| New Zealand | 819 | 413 | 238 | 194 | 200 | 212 | 275 | 273 | 260 | 298 |
| Switzerland | 277 | 156 | 143 | 180 | 171 | 202 | 185 | 221 | 229 | 267 |
| Argentina | 137 | 158 | 143 | 155 | 185 | 200 | 258 | 169 | 269 | 306 |
| Bangladesh | 240 | 167 | 109 | 88 | 134 | 196 | 311 | 427 | 191 | 203 |
| Nepal | 94 | 97 | 107 | 93 | 103 | 187 | 202 | 103 | 48 | 56 |
| Egypt | 337 | 201 | 93 | 99 | 147 | 184 | 239 | 294 | 512 | 537 |
| Norway | 240 | 196 | 187 | 195 | 122 | 168 | 191 | 185 | 191 | 202 |
| Turkey | 197 | 140 | 117 | 131 | 122 | 156 | 233 | 206 | 319 | 440 |
| Thailand | 275 | 224 | 175 | 161 | 168 | 141 | 112 | 142 | 135 | 153 |
| Moldova | 300 | 252 | 124 | 93 | 90 | 124 | 116 | 88 | 116 | 122 |
| Mauritius | 1,431 | 887 | 156 | 46 | 45 | 40 | 65 | 33 | 49 | 42 |
| Other | 4,494 | 3,533 | 2,368 | 3,237 | 2,833 | 3,359 | 5,122 | 4,507 | 5,110 | 6,115 |
| Total Non-EU | 35,452 | 22,283 | 18,636 | 20,392 | 21,627 | 27,759 | 33,567 | 28,893 | 35,215 | 41,993 |
| Total EU + non-EU | 247,431 | 165,895 | 154,168 | 153,050 | 154,657 | 164,182 | 172,463 | 169,711 | 181,025 | 188,956 |

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

Effective from September 2006 scheme names were changed as follows:

| 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 |