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INTRODUCTION

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

This Report is also available on the internet, in an open data format, at 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.

The statistics set out in this report relate to 2016 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 Social Protection.

Time Series data are given, where available. However, the introduction of new payments and changes to existing payments can affect comparability over time. Relevant tables are footnoted where appropriate.

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

The report is divided into nine 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 the Live Register

Section J provides details of Claims Activity

MINISTER'S FOREWORD



I welcome the publication of the 34th edition of the Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services.

This 2016 edition of the Annual Statistical Report provides comprehensive information on all programmes administered by the Department of Social Protection.

The main features of the Department's activities in 2016 were:

- ❖ Total Social Welfare expenditure was just under €19.9 billion (compared to just under €20.0 billion in 2015), representing 29.2% of gross current government expenditure and 8.8% of GNP;
- ❖ Over 1.3 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of over 2.0 million beneficiaries;
- ❖ Expenditure on Pensions increased by 3.1% to just under €7.1 billion as a result of a 2.8% increase in the number of recipients. Payments were made to just over 593,000 people in this area.
- ❖ There was almost €4.0 billion spent on Working Age Income Supports, a decrease of 11.7% on the previous year. Within this, expenditure on Jobseeker's supports decreased by 10.3% to just over €2.8 billion.
- ❖ Spending on Working Age Employment Supports decreased by 6.4% to just over €1.0 billion, as a result of higher take up of labour market programmes and the introduction of new schemes such as JobPath;
- ❖ Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by 7.0% to just over €653 million while that on Carer's Benefit increased by 8.7% to just under

€33 million. The numbers in receipt of Carer's Allowance increased from 63,003 to 70,459 an increase of 11.8%;

- ❖ 623,141 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,194,869 children – an increase of 0.6%;
- ❖ Family Income Supplement was paid to 57,567 families – an increase of 3.0% over 2015 – and benefitted 127,408 people. Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 12.9% to almost €416million;

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.

Ba mhaith liomsa mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le foireann na Roinne a chabhraíonn le muintir na tíre gach aon lá.

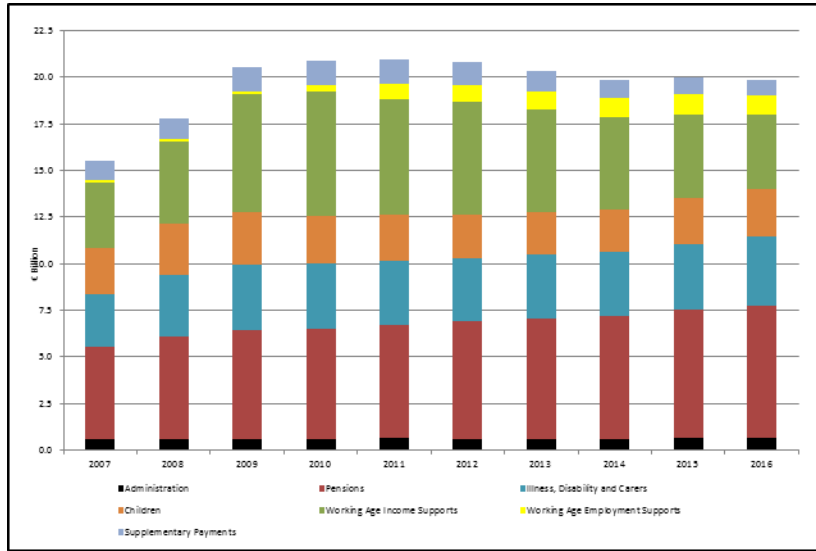
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Regina Doherty T.D.
Minister for Social Protection

A SUMMARY AND FINANCIAL

EXPENDITURE

FIGURE 1 - SOCIAL PROTECTION EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAMME, 2007 - 2016

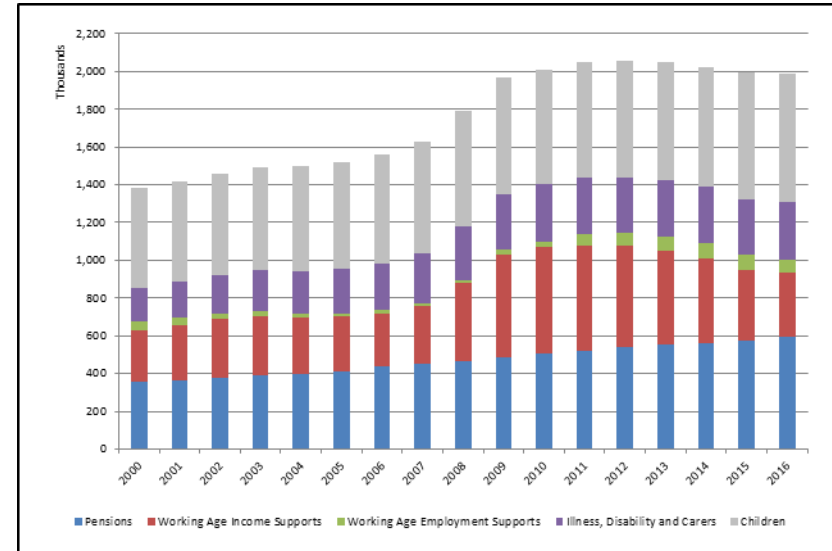


Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2016 was just under €19.9 billion, an increase of 0.2% over 2015. Expenditure in 2016 represented 29.2% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 8.8% of GNP (Table A1). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Pensions 35.7%, Working Age Income Supports 19.9%, Illness, Disability and Caring 18.6%, Children 13.1%, Working Age Employment Supports 5.1%, Supplementary Payments 4.4% and Administration of the Social Welfare system accounted for 3.3% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer 55.9% and the Social Insurance Fund 44.1%. The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers 71.7%, employees 21.2%, the self-employed 6.6%. See Table A7.

RECIPIENTS OF WEEKLY SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS

FIGURE 2 - SOCIAL PROTECTION RECIPIENTS BY PROGRAMME, 2000 - 2016



There were 1,367,882 people in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare Payment at the end of 2016. As these payments included increases in respect of 171,634 Qualified Adults and 428,445 children, along with Family Income Supplement payments made in respect of 122,417 children, there were over 2,110,988 beneficiaries in all.

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 Widow/er'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) From September 2007 a person may receive half rate carer's allowance while in receipt of another social welfare payment. This may result in double counting.

Table A1 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme

Scheme	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	10 Year Trend
Administration - Assistance Schemes	320,354	322,035	311,212	298,815	349,353	345,868	341,433	347,014	373,770	374,235	
Administration - Insurance Schemes	242,711	257,780	281,428	280,777	280,987	276,652	272,520	270,501	270,806	272,632	
Total Administration	563,065	579,815	592,640	579,592	630,340	622,520	613,953	617,515	644,576	646,867	
Pensions - Social Assistance	920,167	972,765	1,000,546	977,293	971,769	963,211	952,457	954,411	972,206	982,138	
Pensions - Social Insurance	4,063,045	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	
Total Pensions	4,983,212	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	
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	2,306,394	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	
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	1,185,153	1,650,948	2,617,678	2,246,019	1,672,811	1,461,528	1,108,890	876,856	798,050	757,191	
Total Working Age Income Supports	3,491,547	4,393,296	6,291,700	6,669,207	6,182,498	5,994,457	5,503,907	4,930,007	4,468,296	3,947,520	
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	145,024	160,531	193,888	300,162	862,395	954,025	992,430	1,035,350	1,077,835	1,009,262	
Total Working Age Employment Supports	145,024	160,531	193,888	300,162	862,395	954,025	992,430	1,035,350	1,077,835	1,009,262	
Illness, Disability & Carers - Social Assistance	1,350,795	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	
Illness, Disability & Carers - Social Insurance	1,496,885	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	
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	2,847,680	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	
Children - Social Assistance	2,446,192	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	
Children - Social Insurance	13,422	19,916	17,127	17,917	17,644	16,736	17,298	16,647	17,713	17,894	
Total Children	2,459,614	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	
Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	778,567	884,716	1,009,487	1,022,208	1,018,161	890,454	801,655	720,160	669,848	653,052	
Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance	249,774	260,562	279,039	288,855	311,575	291,655	249,882	213,136	218,246	225,939	
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services	1,028,341	1,145,278	1,288,526	1,311,063	1,329,736	1,182,109	1,051,537	933,296	888,094	878,991	
Total - Social Assistance	8,267,493	9,413,834	10,751,809	11,389,738	11,965,845	11,914,555	11,669,556	11,416,074	11,361,491	11,116,273	
Total - Social Insurance	7,250,990	8,399,739	9,784,226	9,460,838	9,004,245	8,861,618	8,617,230	8,412,939	8,605,196	8,750,598	
Grand Total	15,518,483	17,813,573	20,536,035	20,850,576	20,970,090	20,776,173	20,286,786	19,829,013	19,966,687	19,866,871	

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Index of Expenditure	114.2	131.1	151.2	153.5	154.3	152.9	149.3	145.9	147.0	146.2
Consumer Price Index ⁽²⁾	102.8	107.0	102.2	101.2	103.8	105.6	106.1	106.3	106.0	106.0
Expenditure as percentage of Gross Current Government Expenditure ⁽³⁾	26.0%	27.3%	30.4%	31.4%	31.4%	30.6%	29.9%	29.3%	29.5%	29.2%
Expenditure as percentage of Gross National Product ⁽³⁾	9.2%	11.1%	14.6%	15.0%	15.2%	14.6%	13.3%	12.0%	9.7%	8.8%
Expenditure as percentage of Gross Domestic Product ⁽³⁾	7.9%	9.5%	12.1%	12.5%	12.2%	11.8%	11.3%	10.2%	7.6%	7.2%

(1) Provisional

(2) Re-based from Consumer Price Index data published by the Central Statistics Office.

(3) Source: Central Statistics Office

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

Scheme	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Administration - Assistance Schemes	320,354	322,035	311,212	298,815	349,353	345,868	341,433	347,014	373,770	374,235
Administration - Insurance Schemes	242,711	257,780	281,428	280,777	280,987	276,652	272,520	270,501	270,806	272,632
Total Administration	563,065	579,815	592,640	579,592	630,340	622,520	613,953	617,515	644,576	646,867
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	920,167	972,765	1,000,546	977,293	971,769	963,211	952,457	954,411	972,206	982,138
Pensions - Social Assistance	920,167	972,765	1,000,546	977,293	971,769	963,211	952,457	954,411	972,206	982,138
State Pension (Contributory)	2,754,749	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
State Pension (Transition)	79,070	92,089	104,976	108,194	132,395	146,629	137,270	73,768	1,185	245
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,204,979	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
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	7,574	8,036	8,207	7,778	7,977	7,827	7,775	8,068	8,248	8,594
Bereavement Grants	16,673	17,851	18,889	18,292	19,436	19,755	20,286	4,271	56	10
Pensions - Social Insurance	4,063,045	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
Total Pensions	4,983,212	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
Jobseeker's Allowance	875,092	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
One Parent Family Payment	962,425	1,067,158	1,121,344	1,110,328	1,088,897	1,057,753	977,960	867,307	670,564	500,699
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Non-Contributory)	19,921	21,181	21,275	19,252	18,173	17,670	16,735	16,464	15,865	14,557
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,897	6,624	6,038	5,020	4,211	3,546	2,876	2,504	2,132	1,736
Prisoners Wife's Allowance	16	7	6							
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	150,420	184,477	233,532	199,951	168,848	176,491	104,539	81,718	91,729	89,018
Direct Provision Allowance	4,784	4,963	7,339	6,619	5,545	3,800	3,776	3,629	3,851	3,987
Farm Assist	78,686	84,881	93,297	110,931	113,724	108,170	99,178	93,632	88,487	78,831
Pre-Retirement Allowance	124,490	117,666	96,606	77,850	59,942	46,091	34,555	24,319	16,268	8,607
Other Working Age Income Supports	83,663	96,540	90,029	83,856	75,360	64,667	46,424	40,287	38,845	40,562
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	2,306,394	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

Scheme	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jobseeker's Benefit	544,931	928,844	1,733,816	1,285,438	926,900	736,881	560,460	420,398	387,152	355,806
Deserted Wife's Benefit	100,710	104,618	100,130	93,387	85,828	83,565	80,400	79,105	77,435	74,314
Maternity Benefit	257,896	315,878	331,289	323,938	309,141	303,527	292,597	269,930	259,791	255,284
Paternity Benefit										2,005
Adoptive Benefit	1,333	1,644	1,247	891	1,075	465	309	169	279	288
Health and Safety Benefit	503	576	619	588	643	526	578	536	523	408
Redundancy and Insolvency	188,178	202,264	350,398	490,304	326,184	317,578	141,118	77,982	42,977	38,201
Treatment Benefits	91,602	97,124	100,179	51,473	23,040	18,986	33,428	28,736	29,893	30,885
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	1,185,153	1,650,948	2,617,678	2,246,019	1,672,811	1,461,528	1,108,890	876,856	798,050	757,191
Total Working Age Income Supports	3,491,547	4,393,296	6,291,700	6,669,207	6,182,498	5,994,457	5,503,907	4,930,007	4,468,296	3,947,520
Community Employment Programme					349,396	330,399	341,250	359,474	364,991	356,341
Rural Social Schemes				13,872	46,835	45,242	44,203	43,762	44,105	42,393
Tús					11,761	67,055	92,060	116,052	124,576	118,604
Job Initiative				8,198	29,678	25,794	24,924	23,364	21,698	20,150
Community Services Programme					45,452	45,390	44,853	43,028	42,730	43,644
Back to Work Allowance	71,072	73,169	76,434	87,960	114,582	127,203	119,505	118,825	129,037	124,383
National Internship Scheme - Jobbridge					7,914	54,739	67,688	76,030	63,489	37,793
Back to Education Allowance	64,142	77,136	107,316	179,851	201,519	199,567	186,879	162,450	143,965	114,829
Gateway							255	7,576	29,543	21,183
Back to Work Family Dividend									14,422	28,454
Partial Capacity Benefit						2,107	7,377	9,972	11,310	13,083
Other Employment Supports	9,810	10,226	10,138	10,281	55,258	56,529	63,436	74,817	87,969	88,405
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	145,024	160,531	193,888	300,162	862,395	954,025	992,430	1,035,350	1,077,835	1,009,262
Total Working Age Employment Supports	145,024	160,531	193,888	300,162	862,395	954,025	992,430	1,035,350	1,077,835	1,009,262

Scheme	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Disability Allowance	901,131	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
Blind Pension	15,031	16,319	16,277	16,032	15,624	15,747	14,823	14,428	14,379	13,660
Carer's Allowance	361,257	450,260	502,469	501,789	507,193	509,671	554,801	559,325	611,139	653,667
Domiciliary Care Allowance	0	0	31,017	95,710	99,924	102,237	104,272	110,669	120,882	133,075
Respite Care Grant	73,376	98,204	99,200	128,097	130,392	136,353	119,945	118,500	125,143	172,321
Illness, Disability & Carers - Social Assistance	1,350,795	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
Illness Benefit	755,077	852,305	919,783	942,571	875,549	773,959	648,938	625,975	620,007	597,460
Injury Benefit	17,194	19,250	18,143	17,884	16,507	15,860	14,592	16,537	16,988	18,696
Invalidity Pension	618,133	685,717	681,642	639,994	606,502	604,024	707,769	651,666	649,220	644,928
Disablement Benefit	79,283	84,443	85,677	78,822	77,460	76,147	76,118	76,622	76,676	74,765
Medical Care	298	282	309	360	317	355	345	248	95	252
Carer's Benefit	26,900	33,666	30,204	26,288	24,474	24,498	22,443	23,652	30,117	32,746
Illness, Disability & Carers - Social Insurance	1,496,885	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
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	2,847,680	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
Child Benefit	2,232,974	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
Family Income Supplement	140,020	170,309	167,133	185,998	204,543	223,608	261,758	297,907	367,872	415,437
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	40,176	49,632	67,188	77,401	90,903	65,679	47,976	42,452	41,342	39,810
School Meals	28,202	32,422	34,848	34,939	34,975	35,005	36,775	16,572	38,777	36,886
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,366	7,147	6,024	4,697	5,134	4,987	5,124	5,196	5,720	5,869
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	454	529	425	475	276	313	252	276	444	432
Children - Social Assistance	2,446,192	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
Guardian's Payments (Contributory)	9,560	14,373	11,510	11,462	11,416	10,768	10,967	10,989	11,942	12,201
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	3,862	5,543	5,617	6,455	6,228	5,968	6,331	5,658	5,771	5,693
Children - Social Insurance	13,422	19,916	17,127	17,917	17,644	16,736	17,298	16,647	17,713	17,894
Total Children	2,459,614	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

Scheme	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Rent Supplement	391,466	440,548	510,751	516,538	502,747	422,536	372,909	338,203	311,059	275,294
Mortgage Interest Supplements	12,197	27,675	60,885	65,615	67,849	55,082	35,063	20,878	11,922	6,558
Household Benefits - Social Assistance	124,738	138,905	150,144	157,196	144,654	143,732	113,130	88,482	74,932	83,915
Free Travel	64,125	68,428	73,489	74,094	75,597	75,518	75,477	75,487	75,244	77,112
Fuel Allowance - Social Assistance	96,888	115,779	129,528	150,630	179,184	144,692	155,599	147,873	143,797	154,701
Grant to the Citizen's Information Board	27,860	29,468	28,005	44,986	45,114	45,743	46,000	45,000	46,000	49,178
Office of the Pensions Ombudsman	0	35,981	0	0	906	977	877	935	877	533
Grant to Family Support Agency	35,339	0	34,660	9,909	0	0	0	0	0	0
Combat Poverty Agency	4,008	4,114	1,564	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	14,578	16,217	17,041	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Services funded by Vote 37	7,368	7,601	3,420	3,240	2,110	2,174	2,600	3,302	6,017	5,761
Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	778,567	884,716	1,009,487	1,022,208	1,018,161	890,454	801,655	720,160	669,848	653,052
Fuel Allowance - Social Insurance	61,401	60,211	70,081	78,136	86,654	66,702	72,542	69,862	72,426	80,111
Household Benefits - Social Insurance	188,373	200,351	208,958	210,719	224,921	224,953	177,340	143,274	145,820	145,828
Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance	249,774	260,562	279,039	288,855	311,575	291,655	249,882	213,136	218,246	225,939
<i>Memo: Total Fuel Allowance</i>	<i>285,261</i>	<i>316,130</i>	<i>338,486</i>	<i>361,349</i>	<i>404,105</i>	<i>369,645</i>	<i>332,939</i>	<i>291,147</i>	<i>289,617</i>	<i>300,529</i>
<i>Memo: Total Household Benefits</i>	<i>313,111</i>	<i>339,256</i>	<i>359,102</i>	<i>367,915</i>	<i>369,575</i>	<i>368,685</i>	<i>290,470</i>	<i>231,756</i>	<i>220,752</i>	<i>229,743</i>
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services	1,028,341	1,145,278	1,288,526	1,311,063	1,329,736	1,182,109	1,051,537	933,296	888,094	878,991
Total - Social Assistance	8,267,493	9,413,834	10,751,809	11,389,738	11,965,845	11,914,555	11,669,556	11,416,074	11,361,491	11,116,273
Total - Social Insurance	7,250,990	8,399,739	9,784,226	9,460,838	9,004,245	8,861,618	8,617,230	8,412,939	8,605,196	8,750,598
Grand Total	15,518,483	17,813,573	20,536,035	20,850,576	20,970,090	20,776,173	20,286,786	19,829,013	19,966,687	19,866,871

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

Benefit	Rate component	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
State Pension (Contributory)	Personal	209.30	223.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	233.30
	Qualified Adult Allowance	139.50	148.80	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	155.50
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Personal	200.00	200.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	222.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	132.20	132.20	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	146.70
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
State Pension (Transition)	Personal	209.30	223.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	233.30
	Qualified Adult Allowance	139.50	148.80	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	155.50
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	Personal	191.30	203.30	209.80	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Widow(ers)' & Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Personal	213.70	227.70	234.70	226.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	186.00	186.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	135.60	29.80	29.80	29.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 25	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	186.00	186.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Personal	191.30	203.30	209.80	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80

Benefit	Rate component	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Farm Assist	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 25	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jobseeker's Benefit	Personal	185.80	197.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	148.80	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
One Parent Family Payment	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00
Community Employment Programme	Personal							208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance							124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase							29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80

Benefit	Rate component	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Rural Social Scheme	Personal						208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance						124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase						28.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
TÚS	Personal						208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance						124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase						28.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Carer's Allowance	Personal	200.00	200.00	220.50	212.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Carer's Benefit	Personal	200.70	214.70	221.20	213.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Disability Allowance	Personal	185.80	185.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	29.80	188.00	188.00	188.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	123.30	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	22.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Illness Benefit	Personal	185.80	197.80	204.30	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	123.30	148.80	135.60	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Invalidity Pension	Personal	191.30	203.30	209.80	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance	136.50	145.10	149.70	143.80	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10
	Qualified Child Increase	22.00	24.00	26.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80
Child Benefit (Monthly)	First and second child	160.00	166.00	166.00	150.00	140.00	140.00	130.00	130.00	135.00	140.00
	Third child	195.00	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	158.00	170.00	176.50	169.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00
Guardian's Payment (Non-Con.)	Personal	158.00	158.00	176.50	169.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00
Other Allowances	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	7.70	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

Benefit	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	10 Year Trend
Pensions - Social Assistance	97,726	97,784	97,798	97,179	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	
Pensions - Social Insurance	355,557	370,247	387,225	405,837	425,495	444,082	460,224	467,274	482,124	498,570	
Total Pensions	453,283	468,031	485,023	503,016	522,244	540,208	556,025	562,844	577,303	593,791	
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	213,562	256,016	355,495	410,874	425,460	427,834	411,472	371,772	317,127	286,277	
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	89,604	154,377	192,266	155,398	129,176	109,136	85,404	76,098	66,193	63,063	
Total Working Age Income Supports	303,166	410,393	547,761	566,272	554,636	536,970	496,876	447,870	383,320	349,340	
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	10,495	11,628	18,062	22,159	27,869	59,869	64,013	71,182	62,425	52,200	
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	
Total Working Age Employment Supports	10,495	11,628	18,062	22,159	27,869	59,869	65,247	72,614	64,037	54,073	
Illness, Disability & Caring - Social Assistance	128,229	145,399	153,857	184,559	190,880	190,958	200,408	211,280	224,572	240,884	
Illness, Disability & Caring- Social Insurance	140,654	144,146	147,068	148,591	139,922	131,356	129,212	126,542	127,612	128,509	
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	268,883	289,545	300,925	333,150	330,802	322,314	329,620	337,822	352,184	369,393	
Children - Social Assistance	602,877	624,343	629,315	620,084	626,650	641,473	655,960	666,068	675,671	681,206	
Children - Social Insurance	818	833	860	919	955	938	947	937	983	1,048	
Total Children	603,695	625,176	630,175	621,003	627,605	642,411	656,907	667,005	676,654	682,254	
Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	64,064	82,346	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services	64,064	82,346	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	
Total - Social Assistance	1,116,953	1,217,516	1,362,850	1,450,268	1,483,558	1,518,682	1,517,329	1,487,399	1,434,937	1,402,224	
Total - Social Insurance	586,633	669,603	727,419	710,745	695,548	685,512	677,021	672,283	678,524	693,063	
Total Recipients	1,703,586	1,887,119	2,090,269	2,161,013	2,179,106	2,204,194	2,194,350	2,159,682	2,113,461	2,095,287	

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

Benefit	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	10 Year Trend
Pensions - Social Assistance	101,469	101,577	101,349	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	
Pensions - Social Insurance	432,501	449,251	467,844	487,778	509,173	528,793	544,791	549,653	564,140	579,474	
Total Pensions	533,970	550,828	569,193	588,454	609,472	628,518	644,239	648,966	663,106	678,543	
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	453,662	527,537	704,534	817,348	851,794	862,800	831,083	756,162	646,405	585,568	
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	100,654	192,561	252,475	199,804	162,071	134,939	99,734	86,700	73,190	69,628	
Total Working Age Income Supports	554,316	720,098	957,009	1,017,152	1,013,865	997,739	930,817	842,862	719,595	655,196	
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	32,821	34,277	57,841	81,804	105,099	167,622	176,669	183,731	168,507	145,420	
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	
Total Working Age Income Supports	32,821	34,277	57,841	81,804	105,099	167,622	178,240	185,559	170,586	147,818	
Illness, Disability & Carers - Social Assistance	180,349	201,287	217,750	243,583	248,537	248,564	265,016	280,210	299,534	325,587	
Illness, Disability & Carers - Social Insurance	187,817	191,894	192,905	194,448	182,572	171,641	168,685	164,118	164,085	163,720	
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	368,166	393,181	410,655	438,031	431,109	420,205	433,701	444,328	463,619	489,307	
Children - Social Assistance	1,181,509	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	
Children - Social Insurance	818	833	1,951	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	
Total Children	1,182,327	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	
Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	64,064	82,346	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services	64,064	82,346	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	
Total Social Assistance	734,527	846,250	926,399	894,165	865,397	846,335	825,151	811,795	812,675	824,315	
Total Social Assurance	2,002,517	2,164,572	2,419,249	2,564,721	2,643,877	2,741,599	2,766,266	2,724,429	2,633,979	2,576,756	
Total Beneficiaries	2,737,044	3,010,822	3,345,648	3,458,886	3,509,274	3,587,934	3,591,417	3,536,225	3,446,654	3,401,071	

Table A6 – Number of Recipients of main Social Welfare benefits by broad nationality group, 2016

Payment Type	Ireland	UK	EU 13	EU 15 to EU 28	Non-EU	Total
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	88,690	4,527	466	837	701	95,221
State Pension (Contributory)	365,879	7,974	1,385	553	1,271	377,062
State Pension (Transition)	122	15	4		8	149
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pens	116,143	2,537	452	926	615	120,673
Total Number of Recipients of Pensions	570,834	15,053	2,307	2,316	2,595	593,105
Jobseeker's Allowance	179,821	9,330	2,068	20,635	6,406	218,260
One Parent Family Payment	34,576	1,152	207	2,933	1,449	40,317
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	12,259	642	120	1,409	3,171	17,601
Farm Assist	7,601	174	36	3	14	7,828
Pre-Retirement Allowance	528	23				551
Jobseeker's Benefit	31,133	1,112	655	4,302	423	37,625
Deserted Wife's Benefit						0
Maternity Benefit	15,533	384	418	2,142	535	19,012
Adoptive Benefit	16			2		18
Health and Safety Benefit	14	1	2	18	1	36
Total Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports	281,481	12,818	3,506	31,444	11,999	341,248
Back To Work Enterprise Allowance	8,644	532	159	1,419	224	10,978
JobBridge	1,436	82	27	183	36	1,764
Back To Education Allowance	11,310	519	177	883	1,006	13,895
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	416	17	4	23	7	467
Partial Capacity Benefit	1,769	56	9	28	11	1,873
Total Number of Recipients of Working Age on Employment Sup	23,575	1,206	376	2,536	1,284	28,977

Payment Type	Ireland	UK	EU 13	EU 15 to EU 28	Non-EU	Total
Disability Allowance	114,763	5,093	535	4,206	1,606	126,203
Carer's Allowance	63,103	3,070	247	1,707	2,332	70,459
Illness Benefit	48,068	1,469	357	4,140	458	54,492
Interim Illness Benefit	296	12	3	103	9	423
Injury Benefit	739	31	9	212	19	1,010
Invalidity Pension	52,817	1,291	210	1,076	138	55,532
Disablement Benefit	14,425	106	33	44		14,608
Carer's Benefit	2,456	67	24	129	34	2,710
Domiciliary Care Allowance	27,812	1,250	280	1,555	1,063	31,960
Respite Care Grant	80,627	3,665	426	2,273	3,221	90,212
Total People with Disabilities	405,106	16,054	2,124	15,445	8,880	447,609
Child Benefit	499,776	20,125	9,624	65,497	28,119	623,141
Family Income Supplement	40,938	2,011	614	11,660	2,344	57,567
Total Child Related Payments	540,714	22,136	10,238	77,157	30,463	680,708
Rent Supplement	29,492	1,961	713	8,388	3,967	44,521
Mortgage Interest Supplement	1,714	86	6	19	7	1,832
Household Benefits	397,691	11,703	1,281	2,560	2,202	415,437
Free Travel	827,210	27,951	3,575	8,861	5,857	873,454
Total Supplementary Payments	1,256,107	41,701	5,575	19,828	12,033	1,335,244
Grand Total	3,077,817	108,968	24,126	148,726	67,254	3,426,891

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

Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Employer PRSI	5,167,274	5,762,011	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
Employee PRSI	1,380,234	1,539,147	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
Self-Employed PRSI	373,714	420,852	405,582	314,787	330,603	348,342	310,386	397,079	406,266	460,266	607,441
Total Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI)	6,921,222	7,722,010	7,984,182	7,164,606	6,708,018	7,426,480	6,786,340	7,307,776	7,859,650	8,451,885	9,170,618
Income from Health Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	115,257	-13,676	-5,061	7,324	6,537	4,242
Investment Income	53,084	112,049	160,209	132,976	1,612	999	369	51	56	231	90
Other Receipts	105	88	19	19	50	1,147	6,683	7,711	14,083	38,779	41,396
Total Other Income	53,189	112,137	160,228	132,995	1,662	117,403	-6,624	2,701	21,463	45,547	45,728
Total Income	6,974,411	7,834,147	8,144,410	7,297,601	6,709,680	7,543,883	6,779,716	7,310,477	7,881,113	8,497,432	9,216,346
Expenditure	6,325,554	7,250,990	8,393,757	9,784,225	9,460,835	9,004,245	8,863,725	8,624,607	8,422,911	8,605,196	8,750,598
Surplus/Deficit before Exchequer subvention	648,857	583,157	-249,347	-2,486,624	-2,751,155	-1,460,362	-2,084,009	-1,314,130	-541,798	-107,764	465,748
Exchequer subvention	0	0	249,347	2,486,624	2,751,155	1,460,362	2,084,009	1,314,130	541,798	107,764	0
Surplus / Deficit net of Exchequer subvention	648,857	583,157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	465,748

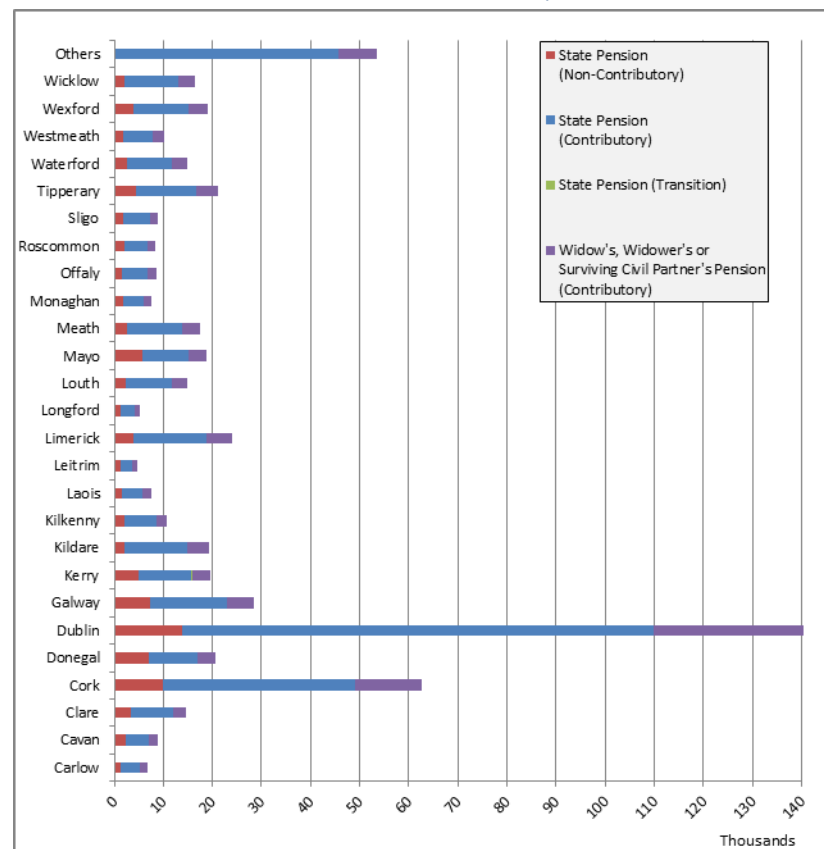
Table A8 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by predominant class

PRSI class	Number of contributors insured for	Sex	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
A	All Benefits ^(B)	Male							1,087,365	1,114,460	1,151,857
		Female							1,079,575	1,100,455	1,130,843
		Total	2,414,659	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 Benefits.	Male							10,879	10,796	10,157
		Female							10,596	10,525	10,302
		Total	28,687	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, Carer's Benefit and Guardian's Payment (Contributory).	Male							441	403	354
		Female							43	40	34
		Total	890	831	749	664	615	538	484	443	388
D	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	Male							20,527	19,759	18,241
		Female							31,569	30,643	28,691
		Total	80,601	77,417	74,010	68,430	63,603	56,891	52,096	50,402	46,932
E	All benefits except Jobseeker's Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	Male							124	126	125
		Female							32	32	31
		Total	160	166	173	165	165	155	156	158	156
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
		Female							426	414	412
		Total	8,447	8,511	8,530	7,960	7,808	7,816	7,673	7,697	7,576
J	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	Male							23,629	22,707	16,807
		Female							21,553	20,409	15,792
		Total	30,092	33,308	32,125	40,146	46,240	46,417	45,182	43,116	32,599
K	No Social Insurance benefits.	Male							2,928	4,280	3,498
		Female							1,355	3,029	3,254
		Total	39,075	39,817	36,363	32,891	2,462	2,045	4,283	7,309	6,752
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	Male							168,930	171,702	175,744
		Female							110,122	112,646	117,467
		Total	168,209	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
		Female							0	0	0
		Total	14	13	21	21	17	16	9	10	10
S	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), State Pension (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	Male							272,986	256,305	233,911
		Female							63,691	99,062	92,324
		Total	361,769	369,319	372,279	373,669	340,671	333,619	336,677	355,367	326,235
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate + Low Rate: State Pension (Transition), State Pension (Contributory), Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Death Grant.	Male							2,473	2,476	1,960
		Female							1,614	1,734	1,480
		Total	2,040	2,786	3,567	3,736	4,369	4,983	4,087	4,210	3,440
TOTAL		Male							1,597,538	1,610,307	1,619,828
		Female							1,320,576	1,378,989	1,400,630
		Total	3,134,643	3,133,924	3,004,320	2,966,261	2,939,310	2,929,639	2,918,114	2,989,296	3,020,458

B PENSIONS

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FIGURE 3 - PENSION RECIPIENTS BY SCHEME AND COUNTY, 2016



Expenditure on pensions was just over €7.0 billion in 2016, representing an increase of 3.1% on 2015, while the number of recipients rose by 13,838, an increase of 2.5% on 2015.

Almost all of this increase was caused by a rise of 15,337 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

Table B1 – Number of Beneficiaries of main State Pension benefits by type

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Qualified Adults	3,098	3,166	2,955	2,962	3,012	3,059	3,080	3,162	3,207	3,252
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	503	492	474	439	434	423	451	473	474	484
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	142	135	122	96	104	117	116	108	106	112
	Recipients	97,726	97,784	97,798	97,179	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221
	Beneficiaries	101,469	101,577	101,349	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069
Pensions - Social Assistance		101,469	101,577	101,349	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069
State Pension (Contributory)	Qualified Adults	59,329	61,383	63,446	65,031	66,609	67,892	68,505	68,850	68,561	67,604
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,568	1,555	1,438	1,376	1,359	1,367	1,366	1,327	1,300	1,303
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,167	1,240	1,287	1,318	1,377	1,376	1,228	1,056	909	805
	Recipients	237,599	250,117	265,102	280,419	296,995	312,314	329,531	346,420	361,725	377,062
	Beneficiaries	299,663	314,295	331,273	348,144	366,340	382,949	400,630	417,653	432,495	446,774
State Pension (Transition)	Qualified Adults	1,745	2,039	2,096	2,360	2,572	2,690	2,098	173	23	26
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	92	123	113	124	157	153	126	10	2	3
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	64	107	117	160	174	173	70	4	2	-
	Recipients	5,851	7,242	8,378	10,206	12,110	14,372	12,630	1,548	66	149
	Beneficiaries	7,752	9,511	10,704	12,850	15,013	17,388	14,924	1,735	93	178
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	12,827	12,409	11,998	11,444	11,310	10,940	11,067	10,899	11,161	11,099
	Recipients	111,460	112,237	113,108	114,579	115,762	116,751	117,417	118,670	119,712	120,673
	Beneficiaries	124,287	124,646	125,106	126,023	127,072	127,691	128,484	129,569	130,873	131,772
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	152	148	124	128	120	120	107	60	59	65
	Recipients	647	651	637	633	628	645	646	636	621	686
	Beneficiaries	799	799	761	761	748	765	753	696	679	750
Pensions - Social Insurance		432,501	449,251	467,844	487,778	509,173	528,793	544,791	549,653	564,140	579,474
Total Pensions		533,970	550,828	569,193	588,454	609,472	628,518	644,239	648,966	663,106	678,543

Table B2 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Age and Sex, 2016

Scheme	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Non-contributory)	State Pension (Non-contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	State Pension (Transition)	Widow(er)'s or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	Widow(er)'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	16	1
30-34	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	40
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	448	132
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	998	338
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,842	626
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,299	1,202
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,679	2,107
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,587	3,185
65	1,541	2,118	120	106	0	0	2,113	736
66-69	52,505	83,756	15,411	12,021	22	47	9,745	2,347
70-74	30,923	54,710	10,130	7,104	19	30	14,866	2,409
75-79	23,539	48,285	11,029	7,001	14	12	17,486	1,947
80-84	16,993	32,473	9,724	4,946	1	4	17,572	1,422
85-89	8,706	13,962	7,214	3,605	0	0	12,568	883
90-94	2,909	3,398	3,828	1,463	0	0	6,034	289
95 and over	693	551	1,221	298	0	0	1,521	60
Total	137,809	239,253	58,677	36,544	56	93	102,949	17,724

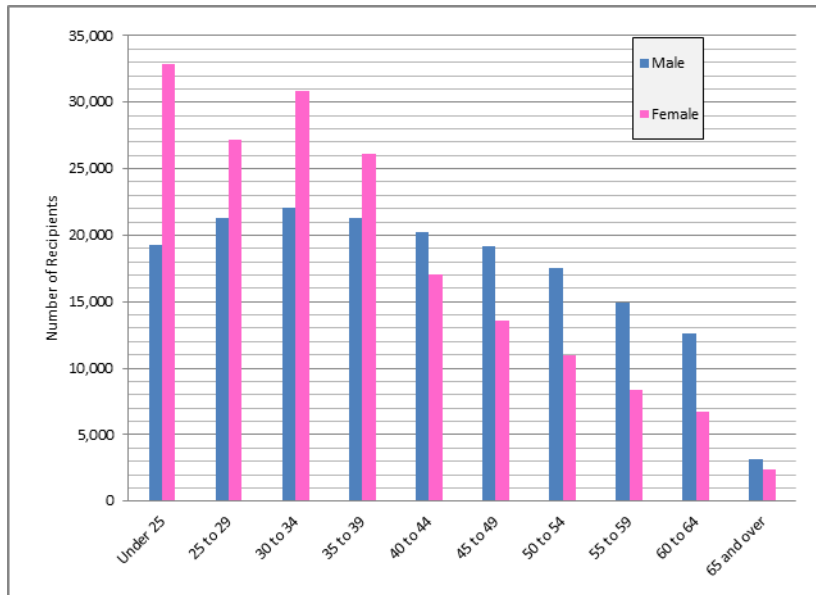
Table B3 – Number of Recipients of main State Pension benefits by Type of Payment and County, 2016

Scheme by County	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	Widow(er)'s or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)
Carlow	1,205	4,128	0	1,469
Cavan	2,425	4,711	0	1,697
Clare	3,375	8,502	0	2,815
Cork	9,978	39,062	2	13,462
Donegal	6,980	10,094	4	3,502
Dublin	13,824	96,074	11	30,669
Galway	7,372	15,678	1	5,520
Kerry	4,967	10,818	3	3,840
Kildare	2,132	12,718	1	4,440
Kilkenny	1,997	6,600	0	2,200
Laois	1,548	4,304	1	1,637
Leitrim	1,218	2,448	2	1,024
Limerick	4,008	14,799	4	5,151
Longford	1,297	2,908	0	1,051
Louth	2,322	9,476	1	3,050
Mayo	5,672	9,492	2	3,493
Meath	2,580	11,150	0	3,800
Monaghan	1,873	4,091	0	1,485
Offaly	1,562	5,117	1	1,906
Roscommon	2,216	4,479	0	1,667
Sligo	1,947	5,260	1	1,779
Tipperary	4,329	12,313	1	4,526
Waterford	2,510	9,143	1	3,147
Westmeath	1,714	6,118	0	2,293
Wexford	4,013	11,167	2	3,870
Wicklow	2,130	10,848	1	3,336
Others	27	45,564	110	7,844

C WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORTS

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FIGURE 4 - RECIPIENTS OF WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORTS BY SEX AND AGE, 2016



Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports decreased by just over €0.52 billion or 11.7% overall in 2016.

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 218,260 recipients. Expenditure in 2016 was nearly €2.5 billion which represented a decrease of 10.6% over 2015.

The next largest payment type is the One-parent Family Payment with 40,317 recipients in 2016, down by 1,151 on 2015 or 2.8%

Jobseeker’s Benefit dropped by 220 recipients from the 2015 figure of 37,845 to 37,625 at the end of 2016.

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

Item detail	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Exceptional and Urgent Needs	69,828	82,254	75,210	69,420	62,593	52,705	35,674	30,090	30,987	32,186
Humanitarian Aid			605	1,045	1	714	1,224	2,072	479	1,682
Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	13,835	14,286	14,214	13,391	12,766	11,248	9,526	8,125	7,379	6,694
Other Working Age Income Supports	83,663	96,540	90,029	83,856	75,360	64,667	46,424	40,287	38,845	40,562
Dental Benefit	64,846	69,419	70,817	34,213	10,448	8,933	19,553	16,042	16,618	16,574
Medical and Surgical Benefit	5,706	6,002	7,367	7,269	7,999	6,666	5,386	6,081	6,466	7,462
Optical Benefit	21,050	21,703	21,994	9,989	4,593	3,387	8,489	6,613	6,809	6,849
Treatment Benefits	91,602	97,124	100,178	51,471	23,040	18,986	33,428	28,736	29,893	30,885

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

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Qualified Adults	4,413	6,757	9,357	8,126	7,906	7,492	4,573	3,191	2,656	2,693
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	16,396	20,948	25,434	23,987	22,280	20,190	13,955	9,819	8,774	8,636
	Recipients	27,379	35,546	42,775	37,499	34,597	32,358	23,127	18,187	17,343	17,601
	Beneficiaries	48,188	63,251	77,566	69,612	64,783	60,040	41,655	31,197	28,773	28,930
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Recipients	693	617	550	487	409	336	274	264	205	164
	Beneficiaries	693	617	550	487	409	336	274	264	205	164
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	2,991	2,348	1,786	1,393	1,081	842	652	397	374	362
	Recipients	9,395	9,056	8,737	8,372	8,071	7,753	7,457	6,989	6,592	6,372
	Beneficiaries	12,386	11,404	10,523	9,765	9,152	8,595	8,109	7,386	6,966	6,734
Farm Assist	Qualified Adults	3,236	3,308	4,073	4,948	5,171	5,043	4,641	4,314	3,794	3,297
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	5,225	5,443	6,074	7,702	8,057	7,784	6,819	6,207	5,361	4,622
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	677	540	1,541	2,005	2,211	2,145	1,941	1,834	1,642	1,465
	Recipients	7,376	7,496	8,972	10,714	11,246	11,029	10,303	9,809	8,790	7,828
	Beneficiaries	16,514	16,787	20,660	25,369	26,685	26,001	23,704	22,164	19,587	17,212
Jobseeker's Allowance	Qualified Adults	16,044	22,872	44,050	60,582	68,183	72,300	73,175	67,361	58,251	50,959
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	34,260	46,543	74,661	102,491	115,313	124,133	129,264	124,076	133,225	118,481
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	3,778	4,784	20,793	32,297	39,368	42,812	44,245	40,539	34,048	29,353
	Recipients	80,268	113,603	203,248	261,850	283,313	291,640	295,077	269,951	246,536	218,260
	Beneficiaries	134,350	187,802	342,752	457,220	506,177	530,885	541,761	501,927	472,060	417,053
One Parent Family Payment	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	139,591	145,723	150,024	152,651	147,223	143,406	132,166	119,169	74,281	72,931
	Recipients	85,084	87,840	90,484	92,326	89,134	86,941	78,246	69,884	41,468	40,317
	Beneficiaries	224,675	233,563	240,508	244,977	236,357	230,347	210,412	189,053	115,749	113,248
Pre-Retirement Allowance	Qualified Adults	3,103	2,484	2,021	1,571	1,226	902	636	446	253	118
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	991	715	488	349	244	164	87	48	27	2
	Recipients	10,624	8,872	7,468	6,021	4,802	3,670	2,664	1,887	1,110	551
	Beneficiaries	14,718	12,071	9,977	7,941	6,272	4,736	3,387	2,381	1,390	671

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Recipients	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	1,790	1,675	1,556
	Beneficiaries	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	1,790	1,675	1,556
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance		453,662	527,537	704,534	817,348	851,794	862,800	831,083	756,162	646,405	585,568
Adoptive Benefit	Recipients	55	68	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	18
	Beneficiaries	55	68	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	18
Health and Safety Benefit	Qualified Adults	1	-	2	1	1	2	3	3	2	3
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	1	3	-	2	3	4	9	4	7
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	1	4	3	5	7	7	3	6	-
	Recipients	39	69	49	60	61	60	52	53	50	36
	Beneficiaries	40	71	58	64	69	72	66	68	62	46
Jobseeker's Benefit	Qualified Adults	6,131	13,449	18,281	13,350	10,112	8,570	5,429	4,714	3,829	3,451
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	8,977	20,636	28,280	20,635	15,331	12,597	8,018	6,614	5,277	4,919
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	5,336	13,153	22,376	18,789	15,515	12,377	8,326	6,248	4,471	3,992
	Recipients	59,167	121,763	160,122	123,457	97,052	78,459	55,068	46,335	37,845	37,625
	Beneficiaries	79,611	169,001	229,059	176,231	138,010	112,003	76,841	63,911	51,422	49,987
Maternity Benefit	Qualified Adults	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	339
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93
	Recipients	20,948	23,421	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	19,012
	Beneficiaries	20,948	23,421	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	19,577
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance		100,654	192,561	252,475	199,804	162,071	134,939	99,734	86,700	73,190	69,628
Total Working Age Income Supports		554,316	720,098	957,009	1,017,152	1,013,865	997,739	930,817	842,862	719,595	655,196

Table C3 – Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Income Support benefits by Age and Sex, 2016

Scheme	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Direct Provision	Direct Provision	Farm Assist	Farm Assist	Adoptive Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Jobseeker's Allowance
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female	Male
Under 20	201	213	29	72	1	6	0	2,543	3,394
20-24	696	790	102	211	15	204	8	7,554	11,704
25-29	697	999	162	357	8	232	11	11,701	17,164
30-34	778	1,078	207	361	41	417	8	12,534	17,413
35-39	822	1,052	144	279	54	663	10	11,655	16,667
40-44	801	1,072	85	189	108	989	8	10,722	15,559
45-49	864	878	48	108	117	1,262	8	9,760	14,783
50-54	822	816	28	45	142	1,438	1	7,784	13,252
55-59	617	726	16	18	130	1,630	0	5,721	10,783
60-64	353	447	15	7	22	338	0	4,582	10,300
65	31	50	2	1	0	0	0	724	1,915
66-69	67	153	4	6	0	0	0	10	36
70-74	12	14	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
75-79	6	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
80-84	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85-89	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
95 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6,771	8,296	844	1,658	638	7,179	54	85,290	132,970

Scheme	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Benefit	Maternity Benefit	One-parent Family Payment	One-parent Family Payment	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Sex	Female	Male	Female	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	12	21	21	1,416	1		
20-24	2,683	2,484	665	16,757	72		
25-29	2,885	2,316	2,514	9,000	79		
30-34	2,980	2,527	7,301	6,704	106		
35-39	2,321	2,332	6,882	3,959	76		
40-44	1,988	2,092	1,529	1,558	57		
45-49	1,966	1,817	94	424	27		
50-54	1,809	1,678	4	65	11		
55-59	1,596	1,462	0	4	1		
60-64	1,392	1,198	0	0	0	40	128
65	34	32	0	0	0	92	287
66-69	0	11	0	0	0	1	3
70-74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75-79	0	0	0	0	0		
80-84	0	0	0	0	0		
85-89	0	0	0	0	0		
90-94	0	0	0	0	0		
95 and over	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	19,666	17,970	19,010	39,887	430	133	418

Table C4 – Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance by category, 2016

Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pending State Pension	157	171	217	201	208	199	199	195	230	243
Pending Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension	79	96	72	85	80	65	57	89	56	46
Pending Pensions	236	267	289	286	288	264	256	284	286	289
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance	5,559	11,041	18,016	12,935	10,154	7,805	3,463	1,929	1,734	1,532
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance Appeal	595	882	1,263	1,558	976	668	327	176	107	75
Pending One- Parent Family Payment	2,814	3,036	3,461	3,291	2,750	2,291	1,518	733	593	523
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit	1,218	2,822	1,792	1,062	704	482	165	81	71	54
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit Appeal	26	33	35	33	17	15	10	4	1	6
Pending Working Age Income Supports	10,212	17,814	24,567	18,879	14,601	11,261	5,483	2,923	2,506	2,190
Pending Disability Allowance	3,750	3,687	4,352	5,401	6,455	6,978	5,856	4,375	3,619	3,396
Pending Carer's Allowance	282	288	281	361	504	633	355	363	338	321
Pending Illness Benefit	850	1,573	1,703	1,731	1,630	1,377	1,089	906	944	1,225
Pending Illness Benefit Appeal	56	87	188	198	203	157	103	51	54	36
Pending Injury Benefit	74	95	57	42	30	50	33	48	27	39
Pending Illness, Disability and Caring	5,012	5,730	6,581	7,733	8,822	9,195	7,436	5,743	4,982	5,017
Pending Other Social Welfare Payments	507	457	410	393	1,640	2,323	1,094	786	523	480
Pending decision on other benefit total	507	457	410	393	1,640	2,323	1,094	786	523	480
Illness or disability, no other benefit entitlement	3,813	3,558	3,426	3,247	3,318	3,887	3,745	3,687	3,795	4,176
Other Increment to Scale	339	399	507	521	523	523	411	390	329	302
Direct Provision									2,647	2,502
Other	7,260	7,321	6,984	6,440	5,405	4,905	4,702	4,374	2,275	2,613
All other recipients total	11,412	11,278	10,917	10,208	9,246	9,315	8,858	8,451	9,046	9,593
Total	27,379	35,546	42,764	37,499	34,597	32,358	23,127	18,187	17,343	17,569

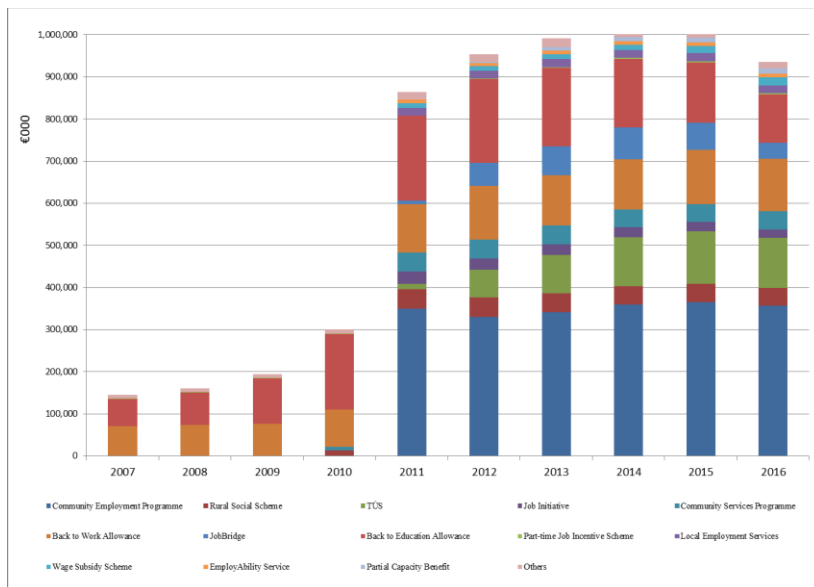
Table C5 – Recipients of main Working Age Income Supports by Scheme and County, 2016

Scheme by County	Jobseeker's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	Direct Provision ⁽²⁾	Farm Assist	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Exceptional Needs Payments and Urgent Needs Payments	Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾	Jobseeker's Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit / Adoptive Benefit	Maternity Benefit
Carlow	3,794	565	294	0	58	11	1,123	88	432	0	203
Cavan	3,760	460	152	0	265	11	600	37	501	3	297
Clare	4,966	635	113	137	400	6	2,233	79	1,192	0	426
Cork	18,840	3,820	1,432	387	606	77	11,089	728	3,398	3	2,196
Donegal	12,276	1,344	384	0	1,294	56	1,634	100	1,451	0	519
Dublin	52,353	14,610	5,173	294	33	82	35,347	2,835	9,478	11	5,601
Galway	10,744	1,322	607	197	767	23	2,680	127	2,014	1	1,070
Kerry	8,004	980	312	180	568	21	2,584	138	2,352	1	498
Kildare	8,308	1,603	686	40	19	9	3,747	232	1,692	1	964
Kilkenny	3,587	507	434	0	91	7	1,427	98	597	0	392
Laois	4,579	695	263	126	94	7	3,593	146	668	1	324
Leitrim	1,908	167	77	0	331	3	729	12	334	2	146
Limerick	9,341	2,059	574	193	164	27	4,907	908	1,351	3	721
Longford	2,924	383	155	55	139	5	1,232	67	381	1	155
Louth	9,181	1,600	562	17	59	32	1,580	103	1,183	1	509
Mayo	6,941	883	349	63	1,289	27	2,324	76	1,155	2	479
Meath	4,876	728	511	279	55	5	2,956	115	873	1	839
Monaghan	2,791	342	176	96	344	6	989	51	416	0	264
Offaly	4,853	691	227	0	76	6	1,283	186	777	1	285
Roscommon	2,114	220	210	0	276	8	808	55	393	0	227
Sligo	3,078	456	238	125	228	6	2,325	26	562	1	242
Tipperary	9,106	1,473	580	0	269	27	4,602	393	1,533	1	597
Waterford	7,525	1,336	448	203	64	21	3,588	105	1,120	1	416
Westmeath	5,750	807	247	110	120	4	2,795	136	959	0	338
Wexford	10,357	1,478	366	0	166	44	1,049	109	1,685	4	541
Wicklow	6,304	1,153	497	0	53	20	2,883	123	1,128	0	595
Others										15	168

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FIGURE 5 - EXPENDITURE ON WORKING-AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS BY PROGRAMME, 2007-2016



Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports decreased by 6.4% overall in 2016.

The payment type in this programme group with the highest number of recipients is Community Employment. At the end of 2016 there were 22,356 recipients. Expenditure in 2016 was just over €0.35 billion which represented a decrease of 2.4% over 2015.

There were 10,977 recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance in 2016, a decrease of 8.2% over 2015.

The Rural Social Scheme, Tús and JobBridge had 2,527 and 7,140 and 1,765 participants, respectively.

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 Social Protection in September 2010.*
- ❖ *Tús and JobBridge commenced during June, 2011.*

Table D1 – Working Age Employment Supports – additional expenditure details

Item detail	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)				2,813	2,538	3,175	1,391	1,391	1,325	843
Disability Activation and Employment Supports				394	112	405	341	341	347	352
EmployAbility Service				8,353	8,104	8,713	8,434	8,434	8,656	8,558
Employment Support Unit (ESU) policy initiatives					0	13	0	0		
Enterprise Support Grant				3,170	3,459	3,264	3,338	3,338	4,218	4,475
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training and Other Initiatives					0	100	319	368	355	365
Jobs Clubs				5,723	5,719	5,490	5,493	5,493	5,875	5,404
Local Employment Service				18,310	17,854	19,371	18,283	18,283	19,514	18,437
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1,324	1,445	1,157	1,032	1,370	1,978	2,281	2,281	2,722	2,998
Pre-activation for people with Disabilities				36	15	2,427	3,003	3,003	1,782	100
Projects funded from Drugs Task Force					2,100	1,861	1,631	1,737	836	647
Social Inclusion Initiatives (Employment Programmes)				40	256	0	0			
Special Initiatives for Travellers programme					38	187	291	312	4	0
Special payments to Long-Term Unemployed and Lone Parents				47	27	16	10	10	2	0
Technical Support Grant					3,137	4,348	4,274	5,031	3,311	3,144
Other Working Age Employment Supports	1,324	1,445	1,157	39,918	44,729	51,348	49,089	50,022	48,947	45,323

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

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Back to Education Allowance	Qualified Adults	628	808	1,405	1,894	2,317	2,487	2,701	2,594	2,051	1,633
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,902	2,322	3,341	4,019	7,055	7,005	7,029	6,795	5,861	4,916
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	709	860	2,112	2,760	3,002	3,126	2,896	2,491	1,813	1,402
	Recipients	5,980	7,886	15,877	21,147	24,530	24,910	24,175	22,714	17,879	13,895
	Beneficiaries	9,219	11,876	22,735	29,820	36,904	37,528	36,801	34,594	27,604	21,846
Back to Work Allowance (Employee)	Qualified Adults	792	596	307	116	17	4	2	1	-	-
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	3,249	2,377	1,255	492	89	13	2	2	-	-
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	740	654	347	214	44	4	2	1	-	-
	Recipients	4,305	3,558	2,012	851	182	18	11	2	-	-
	Beneficiaries	8,294	6,589	3,614	1,557	315	35	15	5	-	-
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Qualified Adults	1,493	1,356	1,302	2,581	4,101	3,642	3,445	3,723	3,907	3,562
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	3,880	3,801	3,501	5,591	7,282	7,408	6,953	7,618	8,474	7,623
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	976	977	1,015	1,748	2,177	2,153	2,003	2,347	2,326	2,050
	Recipients	4,828	4,604	4,591	7,958	10,751	10,810	10,098	11,166	11,881	10,977
	Beneficiaries	11,177	10,738	10,409	17,878	24,311	24,013	22,499	24,854	26,588	24,212
Community Employment Programme	Qualified Adults	-	-	-	-	-	4,152	5,740	6,685	6,748	6,365
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	10,236	9,327	8,787	8,757	8,360
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	4,550	6,092	6,948	6,842	6,326
	Recipients	-	-	-	-	-	22,445	23,943	23,249	24,218	22,356
	Beneficiaries	-	-	-	-	-	41,383	45,102	45,669	46,565	43,407
Gateway	Qualified Adults	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	657	185
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,090	301
	Recipients	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,266	683
	Beneficiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,013	1,169
Job Initiative	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	-	-	-	196	485	576	582	400	178
	Recipients	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,031	958	886
	Beneficiaries	-	-	-	-	196	485	576	1,613	1,358	1,064

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
JobBridge	Qualified Adults	-	-	-	-	288	596	755	869	618	288
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	-	-	486	1,002	1,296	1,500	1,084	468
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	3,778	4,784	20,793	32,297	39,368	42,812	44,245	40,539	34,048	29,353
	Recipients	-	-	-	-	2,977	5,160	6,058	6,047	4,207	1,764
	Beneficiaries	3,778	4,784	20,793	32,297	43,119	49,570	52,354	48,955	39,957	31,873
Other Employment Supports	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	-	278	277	298	335
	Recipients	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,313	2,144	2,482
	Beneficiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	278	7,590	2,442	2,817
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	143	106	117	91	74	48	25	12	3	1
	Recipients	210	184	173	161	180	215	290	373	403	467
	Beneficiaries	353	290	290	252	254	263	315	385	406	468
Rural Social Scheme	Qualified Adults	-	-	-	-	-	1,069	1,042	1,009	983	994
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,454	1,380	1,293	1,276
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	371	348	386	409	408
	Recipients	-	-	-	-	-	2,591	2,537	2,576	2,532	2,527
	Beneficiaries	-	-	-	-	-	5,531	5,381	5,351	5,217	5,205
TÚS	Qualified Adults	-	-	-	-	-	1,268	1,895	2,056	1,889	1,703
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	2,181	2,887	3,141	2,619	2,458
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	835	1,567	1,641	2,031	2,058
	Recipients	-	-	-	-	-	4,530	6,999	7,877	7,818	7,140
	Beneficiaries	-	-	-	-	-	8,814	13,348	14,715	14,357	13,359
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance		32,821	34,277	57,841	81,804	105,099	167,622	176,669	183,731	168,507	145,420
Partial Capacity Benefit	Qualified Adults	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	156	168	198
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	-	204	240	299	327
	Recipients	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873
	Beneficiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance		-	-	-	-	-	-	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398
Total Working Age Income Supports		32,821	34,277	57,841	81,804	105,099	167,622	178,240	185,559	170,586	147,818

Table D3 – Number of Recipients of main Working-Age Employment Supports by Age and Sex, 2016

Scheme	Back to Education Allowance	Back to Education Allowance	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Community Employment Programme	Community Employment Programme	Gateway	Gateway	JobBridge	JobBridge
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	92	101	0	0	55	48	0	0	25	16
20-24	1,299	1,652	49	98	464	348	9	45	172	131
25-29	1,463	2,327	329	853	900	634	15	75	170	216
30-34	935	1,444	606	1,622	1,033	683	10	68	120	169
35-39	767	944	562	1,703	1,272	1,115	9	68	97	122
40-44	548	644	477	1,334	1,165	1,305	5	86	74	104
45-49	398	429	363	1,139	1,077	1,609	9	89	71	73
50-54	252	257	249	733	1,072	1,725	2	96	47	63
55-59	114	142	144	456	1,371	2,662	8	71	30	34
60-64	37	44	54	188	959	2,472	1	40	15	14
65	4	2	4	12	105	282	0	0	0	1
66-69	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
70-74										
75-79										
80-84										
85-89										
90-94										
95 and over										
Total	5,909	7,986	2,837	8,141	9,473	12,883	68	638	821	943

Scheme	Partial Capacity Benefit	Partial Capacity Benefit	Rural Social Scheme	Rural Social Scheme	Short Term Enterprise Allowance	Short Term Enterprise Allowance	TÚS	TÚS
Sex	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	32
20-24	1	1	2	2	1	1	370	630
25-29	16	7	5	10	13	17	279	493
30-34	58	31	4	37	27	39	284	482
35-39	137	62	15	60	41	55	283	502
40-44	178	105	39	147	31	49	300	578
45-49	195	125	71	241	10	31	317	663
50-54	240	136	99	394	12	21	318	659
55-59	172	125	131	508	4	22	232	544
60-64	141	111	112	578	4	11	90	193
65	17	15	17	99	0	1	0	6
66-69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70-74								
75-79								
80-84								
85-89								
90-94								
95 and over								
Total	1,155	718	495	2,076	143	247	2,491	4,782

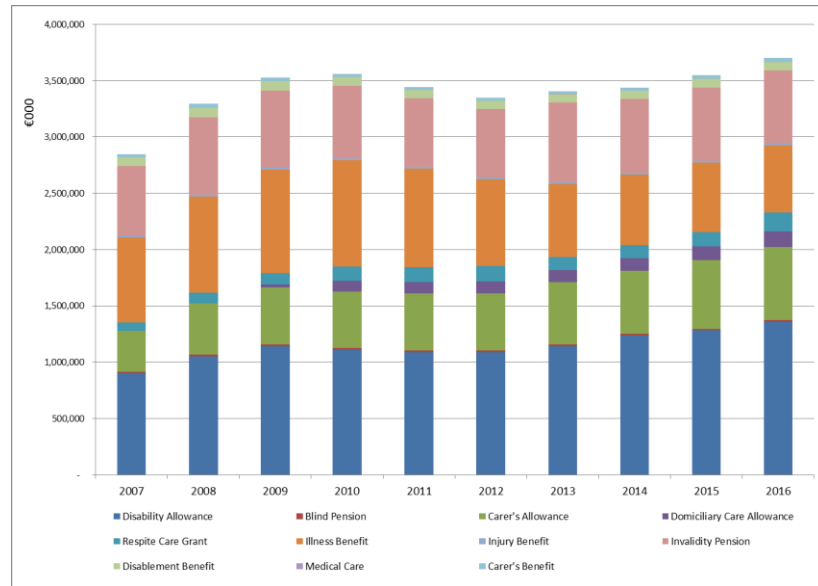
Table D4 – Number of Recipients of main Working Age Employment Supports by County, 2016

Scheme by County	Community Employment	Rural Social Scheme	Tús	Gateway	Back To Work Enterprise Allowance	JobBridge	Back to Education Allowance	Partial Capacity Benefit	Short-Term Enterprise Allowance	Part-Time Job Incentive(1)
Carlow	410	18	170	10	204	37	249	30	7	2
Cavan	321	79	117	8	250	36	146	24	9	13
Clare	493	113	121	27	424	36	256	49	6	9
Cork	1,979	166	674	49	755	122	1,358	248	27	29
Donegal	1,101	225	408	7	410	88	641	59	7	11
Dublin	4,922	0	1,507	222	2,501	414	3,569	448	152	99
Galway	1,412	271	402	31	580	94	937	82	23	37
Kerry	979	267	224		374	91	573	54	21	28
Kildare	838	24	291	41	405	86	438	78	12	12
Kilkenny	446	18	120	18	259	26	245	40	4	6
Laois	324	22	105	15	225	35	234	23	9	10
Leitrim	158	99	77	9	163	20	114	23	4	5
Limerick	1,233	77	290	6	390	116	805	77	12	28
Longford	332	52	74	5	179	25	155	24	4	5
Louth	749	11	176	6	485	65	536	49	18	21
Mayo	728	547	271	33	375	60	361	63	6	33
Meath	502	16	248	17	427	42	210	90	5	2
Monaghan	388	41	108	24	177	43	164	21	2	6
Offaly	413	44	157	7	206	38	258	29	3	7
Roscommon	321	146	133	3	154	25	89	37	3	1
Sligo	455	124	123	20	156	33	338	32	3	6
Tipperary	877	60	389	15	394	58	539	84	15	21
Waterford	779	12	291	39	386	61	512	51	8	30
Westmeath	577	37	128	1	243	41	321	30	11	13
Wexford	1,025	39	280	40	364	41	434	73	6	22
Wicklow	594	19	256	30	491	31	413	50	13	11
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0

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FIGURE 6 - EXPENDITURE ON ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING SCHEMES, 2007-2016



Expenditure on Illness Benefit decreased by 3.6% and expenditure on Invalidity Pension decreased by 0.7% while expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 6.0%; there are now 126,203 recipients of the scheme, an increase of 6.0% over 2015.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €42million or 7.0% in 2016. There are now 70,459 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 7,456 year on year, including 31,046 recipients of a half-rate Carer's Allowance.

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 Social Protection in April, 2009.

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

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Blind Pension	Qualified Adults	110	110	113	122	127	128	110	109	107	102
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	223	216	232	244	264	274	250	247	242	231
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	168	132	133	333	141	129	130	135	143	160
	Recipients	1,474	1,472	1,467	1,485	1,496	1,456	1,385	1,369	1,341	1,282
	Beneficiaries	1,975	1,930	1,945	2,184	2,028	1,987	1,875	1,860	1,832	1,775
Carer's Allowance	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	4,422	3,311	2,985	2,906	2,541	2,307	2,734	3,112	3,447	3,850
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	23,276	25,055	31,684	27,894	28,919	28,494	31,180	32,377	34,194	38,274
	Recipients	33,067	43,569	48,223	50,577	51,666	52,209	57,136	59,380	63,003	70,459
	Beneficiaries	60,765	71,935	82,892	81,377	83,126	83,010	91,050	94,869	100,644	112,583
Disability Allowance	Qualified Adults	7,442	8,306	8,577	8,622	8,737	9,871	10,585	11,614	12,440	13,351
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	14,636	16,534	17,386	17,641	18,137	17,812	19,706	21,829	24,492	26,664
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	6,671	6,828	7,374	7,414	7,729	7,584	8,158	8,672	9,456	10,384
	Recipients	88,860	95,754	99,576	101,111	102,866	101,784	106,279	112,097	119,042	126,203
	Beneficiaries	117,609	127,422	132,913	134,788	137,469	137,051	144,728	154,212	165,430	176,602
Domiciliary Care Allowance	Recipients	-	-	-	23,428	24,101	24,699	25,510	27,268	29,305	31,963
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	-	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269	31,628	34,627
	Beneficiaries	-	-	-	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269	31,628	34,627
Illness, Disability & Carers - Social Assistance		180,349	201,287	217,750	243,583	248,537	248,564	265,016	280,210	299,534	325,587
Carer's Benefit	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	88	79	65	57	57	99	76	110	139	169
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,261	2,473	2,173	1,932	1,940	1,735	936	540	684	827
	Recipients	2,080	2,249	1,917	1,642	1,637	1,638	1,598	1,769	2,240	2,710
	Beneficiaries	4,429	4,801	4,155	3,631	3,634	3,472	2,610	2,419	3,062	3,706

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Disablement Benefit	Qualified Adults	218	177	159	896	161	163	167	-	-	-
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	186	148	289	136	140	148	77	-	-	-
	Recipients	12,874	13,192	13,520	13,721	13,993	14,202	14,226	12,293	13,318	14,342
	Beneficiaries	13,278	13,517	13,968	14,753	14,294	14,513	14,470	12,293	13,318	14,342
Illness Benefit	Qualified Adults	8,733	9,332	8,271	8,884	7,894	6,754	5,941	5,510	4,992	4,671
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	9,120	9,813	10,293	10,678	9,807	9,052	8,681	8,523	8,311	8,137
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	80	105	74	135	122	101	105	81	125	112
	Recipients	70,404	73,609	77,665	81,253	73,397	64,429	58,990	57,024	55,540	54,492
	Beneficiaries	88,337	92,859	96,303	100,950	91,220	80,336	73,717	71,138	68,968	67,412
Injury Benefit	Qualified Adults	123	126	97	95	95	83	88	101	100	83
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	164	161	154	120	137	143	156	158	159	170
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	48	83	38	37	28	28	41	24	45	54
	Recipients	900	846	726	835	776	671	822	906	1,094	1,010
	Beneficiaries	1,235	1,216	1,015	1,087	1,036	925	1,107	1,189	1,398	1,317
Interim Illness Benefit	Qualified Adults	48	51	32	38	33	34	46	37	35	25
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	69	72	72	55	45	57	107	68	77	56
	Recipients	440	525	318	374	327	363	380	327	306	423
	Beneficiaries	557	648	422	467	405	454	533	432	418	504
Invalidity Pension	Qualified Adults	9,251	8,916	8,493	7,880	7,728	7,483	7,769	7,621	7,404	7,040
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	4,937	4,808	4,678	4,578	4,474	4,442	4,911	5,092	5,329	5,388
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	11,837	11,404	10,949	10,336	9,989	9,963	10,372	9,711	9,073	8,479
	Recipients	53,956	53,725	52,922	50,766	49,792	50,053	53,196	54,223	55,115	55,532
	Beneficiaries	79,981	78,853	77,042	73,560	71,983	71,941	76,248	76,647	76,921	76,439
Illness, Disability & Carers - Social Insurance		187,817	191,894	192,905	194,448	182,572	171,641	168,685	164,118	164,085	163,720
Total Illness, Disability and Caring		368,166	393,181	410,655	438,031	431,109	420,205	433,701	444,328	463,619	489,307

Table E2 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Age and Sex, 2016

Scheme	Carer's Allowance		Disability Allowance		Illness Benefit		Injury Benefit		Interim Illness Benefit	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	42	18	2,327	4,246	3	3	3	2	0	0
20-24	556	182	3,472	5,153	330	228	30	38	6	6
25-29	1,885	336	3,802	5,235	1,504	736	36	63	16	13
30-34	3,946	541	4,483	5,643	3,252	1,232	49	94	20	37
35-39	6,021	980	5,011	6,856	4,065	1,897	60	92	29	54
40-44	7,279	1,669	5,626	7,453	4,374	2,088	51	105	32	42
45-49	7,568	2,162	6,287	8,405	4,836	2,242	43	73	28	32
50-54	6,765	2,361	7,045	8,965	5,082	2,582	51	58	26	19
55-59	5,471	2,172	7,055	9,289	5,278	3,175	40	51	24	19
60-64	4,614	1,808	6,983	9,750	5,568	4,083	24	37	11	7
65	799	332	1,250	1,780	1,068	866	7	3	1	1
66-69	3,175	1,240	34	53	0	0	0	0	0	0
70-74	3,045	1,250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75-79	1,795	834	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80-84	769	441	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85-89	218	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90-94	27	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
95 and over	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	53,978	16,481	53,375	72,828	35,360	19,132	394	616	193	230

Scheme	Invalidity Pension	Invalidity Pension	Respite Care Grant	Respite Care Grant
Sex	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	0	0	50	18
20-24	0	1	644	182
25-29	55	28	2,371	338
30-34	443	198	5,507	593
35-39	1,255	622	9,431	1,136
40-44	1,949	1,218	11,482	1,926
45-49	3,029	1,898	10,880	2,445
50-54	4,942	3,126	8,454	2,513
55-59	7,449	5,529	6,331	2,326
60-64	9,789	9,394	5,233	1,942
65	2,203	2,364	917	355
66-69	18	20	3,603	1,348
70-74	1	1	3,551	1,402
75-79	0	0	2,145	993
80-84	0	0	982	571
85-89	0	0	282	179
90-94	0	0	38	30
95 and over	0	0	5	9
Total	31,133	24,399	71,906	18,306

Table E3 – Number of Recipients of Carer’s Allowance Half-Rate Payment by primary benefit

Type of Payment	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
State Pension Non-Contributory	1,904	1,925	1,960	2,289	2,327	2,303	2,037	2,588
State Pension Non-Contributory Qualified Adult	225	260	297	283	318	350	362	415
State Pension (Transition/ Contributory)	2,715	2,873	3,031	3,587	3,809	3,918	4,055	5,070
State Pension (Transition/Contributory) Qualified Adult	1,723	1,784	1,813	1,716	1,819	1,811	1,615	2,114
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,062	1,129	1,169	1,297	1,313	1,357	1,346	1,659
Total Pensions	7,629	7,971	8,270	9,172	9,586	9,739	9,415	11,846
Jobseeker's Allowance Qualified Adult	796	1,105	1,318	1,492	1,849	2,003	2,148	2,359
One Parent Family Payment	3,637	4,077	4,289	4,674	4,490	4,462	4,737	5,887
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	74	76	80	95	101	94	100	12
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	1							
Farm Assist	94	116	131	132	130	142	163	167
Farm Assist Qualified Adult	72	84	99	136	135	124	113	119
Pre - Retirement Allowance	111	113	106	78	68	61	59	47
Pre-Retirement Allowance Qualified Adult	27	29	29	25	25	22	18	18
Jobseeker's Benefit Qualified Adult	340	399	394	383	360	304	257	578
Deserted Wife's Benefit	305	307	309	301	297	287	286	308
Maternity Benefit	47	32	39	34	38	45	54	45
Adoptive Benefit	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Health & Safety Benefit	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	
Health & Safety Benefit Qualified Adult	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	
Total Working Age Income Supports	5,509	6,345	6,801	7,351	7,494	7,544	7,935	9,351

Type of Payment	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Back to Education	1	1	1	0	1	0	-	
Back to Work Employee Qualified Adult							36	40
Back to Work Self Employed	0	0	2	1	11	11	-	17
Back to Work Qualified Adult - Employee & Self employed	10	15	15	70	56	42	18	
Total Working Age Employment Supports	11	16	18	71	68	53	54	57
Disability Allowance	1,040	1,083	1,115	1,168	1,321	1,445	1,663	2,191
Disability Allowance Qualified Adult	1,157	1,314	1,422	1,417	1,657	1,882	2,013	2,527
Blind Pension	15	15	16	20	18	14	13	16
Blind Pension Qualified Adult	21	24	28	33	34	37	34	47
Illness Benefit	960	1,101	1,031	933	1,003	1,030	1,067	1,275
Illness Benefit Qualified Adult	264	328	327	324	365	421	406	451
Injury Benefit	20	21	17	11	10	13	14	12
Injury Benefit Qualified Adult	12	10	11	10	14	14	19	24
Invalidity Pension	1,068	1,118	1,155	1,069	1,141	1,196	1,248	1,547
Invalidity Pension Qualified Adult	976	1,082	1,146	1,239	1,353	1,426	1,455	1,678
Disablement Pension		0	0	2	2	7	7	7
Incapacity Benefit	3	2	0	3	2	3	4	5
Incapacity Benefit Qualified Adult	8	5	5	5	9	8	9	12
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	5,544	6,103	6,273	6,234	6,929	7,496	7,952	9,792
Others	439	546	589	549	863	919	932	1,212
Total	19,132	20,981	21,951	23,377	24,940	25,751	26,288	31,046

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

Age	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0	295	292	262	330	273	222	252
1	708	721	653	629	681	695	673
2	891	870	898	811	881	910	959
3	1,166	1,110	1,086	1,195	1,222	1,349	1,414
4	1,336	1,401	1,407	1,502	1,669	1,759	1,945
5	1,530	1,530	1,627	1,701	1,935	2,163	2,245
6	1,721	1,702	1,740	1,835	2,075	2,320	2,653
7	1,786	1,888	1,847	1,915	2,153	2,405	2,749
8	1,991	1,901	2,005	1,963	2,161	2,429	2,812
9	2,091	2,072	2,003	2,124	2,165	2,391	2,757
10	2,037	2,183	2,175	2,080	2,294	2,381	2,666
11	2,024	2,120	2,249	2,244	2,245	2,501	2,620
12	2,012	2,093	2,181	2,285	2,341	2,411	2,744
13	1,887	2,060	2,140	2,218	2,377	2,496	2,594
14	1,826	1,952	2,071	2,205	2,313	2,517	2,652
15	1,813	1,863	2,003	2,140	2,293	2,453	2,686
16	120	156	169	186	191	226	206
Total	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269	31,628	34,627

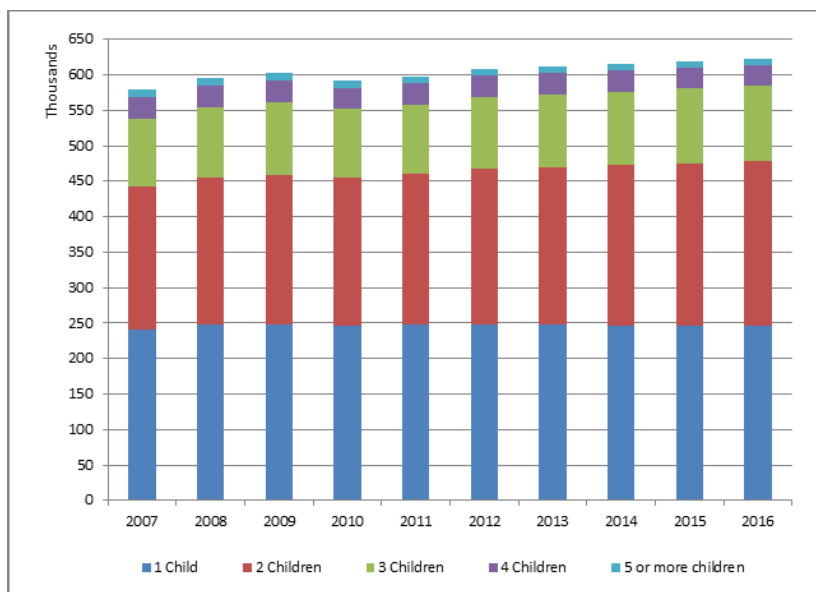
Table E5 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by County, 2016

Scheme by County	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance	Domiciliary Care Allowance	Respite Care Grant	Illness Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Disablement Benefit	Carer's Benefit
Carlow	2,061	N/a	1,200	513	1,430	1,104	2	22	1,024	247	22
Cavan	1,774	N/a	1,171	466	1,455	914	6	21	777	214	68
Clare	3,053	N/a	1,752	780	2,275	1,093	9	26	1,165	337	77
Cork	15,553	N/a	7,929	4,426	10,745	6,963	46	108	7,341	2,038	349
Donegal	5,228	N/a	3,683	1,055	4,210	1,724	7	20	1,550	416	74
Dublin	30,809	N/a	14,152	7,569	19,011	13,388	146	260	13,621	3,072	550
Galway	7,151	N/a	3,934	1,592	5,039	2,395	19	50	2,051	661	199
Kerry	4,755	N/a	2,729	1,082	3,408	1,429	13	38	1,621	413	129
Kildare	4,341	N/a	2,535	1,555	3,482	2,682	18	54	2,305	557	115
Kilkenny	2,396	N/a	1,380	585	1,783	971	5	22	1,010	279	62
Laois	2,174	N/a	1,275	627	1,624	808	6	13	914	220	63
Leitrim	904	N/a	621	184	737	448	4	5	458	136	21
Limerick	6,574	N/a	3,756	1,667	4,711	2,734	19	52	3,274	937	110
Longford	1,472	N/a	959	265	1,103	527	9	10	596	181	24
Louth	3,472	N/a	2,108	868	2,604	2,146	11	37	1,791	508	64
Mayo	3,920	N/a	2,651	789	3,226	1,509	10	28	1,447	384	100
Meath	3,303	N/a	2,137	1,366	2,958	2,364	16	55	1,763	610	108
Monaghan	1,455	N/a	960	319	1,156	763	9	12	529	168	39
Offaly	2,262	N/a	1,585	694	1,921	942	8	20	1,137	279	47
Roscommon	1,760	N/a	1,221	424	1,530	695	1	18	826	286	56
Sligo	2,042	N/a	1,186	391	1,476	796	9	8	851	224	59
Tipperary	5,554	N/a	3,248	1,162	3,957	1,739	19	31	2,232	705	81
Waterford	3,554	N/a	1,882	725	2,318	1,535	10	20	1,568	460	53
Westmeath	2,607	N/a	1,527	704	1,938	1,062	6	22	1,227	245	62
Wexford	4,667	N/a	2,997	1,166	3,591	1,704	5	30	2,046	458	80
Wicklow	3,357	N/a	1,881	971	2,501	1,563	8	24	1,448	345	81
Others	5	N/a	0	15	23	494	2	4	960	228	17

F CHILDREN

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FIGURE 7 - NUMBER OF FAMILIES RECEIVING CHILD BENEFIT BY NUMBER OF CHILD BENEFICIARIES, 2007-2016



Expenditure on payments in this programme group increased by 5.4% in 2016. In 2016, 76.7% of families receiving Child Benefit had one or two children, compared to 76.8% in 2015. The number of families receiving Child Benefit increased by 3,834 to 623,141. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 7,095 to 1,194,869.

Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by just under €88 million in 2016, an increase of 4.4%, while Family Income Supplement expenditure increased by just over €47million or 12.9%.

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 (See Table F11). 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.

Table F1 – Number of Beneficiaries of Children benefits by type

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Child Benefit	Recipients	579,612	596,108	602,932	591,432	597,333	608,733	611,366	615,335	619,307	623,141
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,110,715	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
	Beneficiaries	1,110,715	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
Family Income Supplement	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	47,529	58,019	55,716	62,240	65,281	73,238	98,350	111,583	122,417	127,408
	Recipients	22,823	27,798	25,963	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	57,567
	Beneficiaries	70,352	85,817	81,679	90,463	94,157	105,545	142,509	161,889	178,330	184,975
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	528	557	591	583	576	565	597	659
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	1	4	3	5	7	7	3	6	-
	Recipients	442	437	420	429	441	433	435	427	451	498
	Beneficiaries	442	438	952	989	1,037	1,023	1,018	995	1,054	1,157
Children - Social Assistance		1,181,509	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
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	-	-	1,091	1,165	1,188	1,178	1,186	1,173	1,231	1,312
	Recipients	818	833	860	919	955	938	947	937	983	1,048
	Beneficiaries	818	833	1,951	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360
Children - Social Insurance		818	833	1,951	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360
Total Children		1,182,327	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

Table F2 – Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age and Sex, 2016

Scheme	Family Income Supplement	
	Female	Male
Under 20	2	0
20-24	496	138
25-29	3,046	1,078
30-34	6,044	3,550
35-39	8,259	5,793
40-44	7,342	5,410
45-49	5,534	4,020
50-54	2,872	2,113
55-59	836	709
60-64	122	163
65	5	12
66-69	5	18
70-74		
75-79		
80-84		
85-89		
90-94		
95 and over		
Total	34,563	23,004

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

Age	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0 (1)	59,123	64,205	62,525	61,748	62,045	60,444	57,871	56,213	54,902	53,830
1	65,990	71,256	72,638	73,200	72,956	72,574	69,864	68,052	66,107	64,776
2	63,684	66,764	70,498	72,774	72,996	73,338	72,208	70,301	68,111	66,823
3	65,175	64,472	66,394	70,476	72,728	73,301	73,059	72,277	70,574	68,697
4	64,296	65,689	64,117	66,542	70,362	73,467	73,213	73,202	72,375	71,017
5	63,914	64,740	65,249	64,327	65,338	70,791	72,831	72,951	73,099	72,691
6	62,326	64,191	64,390	64,974	61,997	66,515	70,474	72,831	72,923	73,389
7	60,129	62,692	63,808	64,246	64,834	64,047	66,305	70,329	73,017	73,258
8	60,137	60,608	62,690	63,820	63,978	65,428	64,006	66,348	70,248	73,383
9	60,456	60,627	60,431	62,358	63,301	64,430	65,068	63,804	66,157	70,583
10	59,470	61,063	60,598	60,111	62,030	63,918	64,238	64,978	63,797	66,370
11	57,488	60,013	61,114	60,337	59,901	62,486	63,594	64,132	65,056	64,085
12	55,757	58,120	60,224	60,989	60,298	60,564	62,450	63,675	64,066	65,218
13	54,993	56,384	57,936	59,874	60,504	60,678	60,291	62,243	63,359	64,099
14	55,588	55,563	56,410	57,802	59,517	60,984	60,571	60,315	62,103	63,503
15	57,365	55,938	55,476	56,305	57,634	60,018	60,889	60,611	60,442	62,298
16	52,574	53,175	52,844	51,825	53,836	55,651	56,719	58,540	58,873	58,733
17	52,619	53,135	53,010	52,295	51,810	53,436	54,931	56,787	58,001	57,501
18	39,631	43,303	46,565	-	-	-	-	-	4,564	4,615
Total	1,110,715	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

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

Family Type	Income Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
One-Parent Family	€100 - €199	126	144	133	144	548	901	2,684	2,128
	€200 - €299	752	696	623	673	1,779	2,601	6,551	6,495
	€300 - €399	2,825	2,889	3,345	3,759	6,083	7,656	7,968	8,247
	€400 - €499	8,506	8,216	7,563	8,205	9,695	9,819	7,535	7,898
	€500 - €599	1,598	1,910	1,845	1,999	2,350	2,565	2,360	2,687
	€600 - €699	258	419	404	449	569	588	573	692
	€700+	79	121	149	170	193	177	167	178
	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
	€200 - €299	1,045	1,211	1,173	1,172	1,621	1,981	2,547	2,693
	€300 - €399	2,910	3,187	3,239	3,545	5,048	5,959	6,351	6,471
	€400 - €499	4,011	4,484	4,770	5,333	6,882	7,729	8,058	8,260
	€500 - €599	2,427	3,006	3,481	4,140	5,654	6,065	6,415	6,632
	€600 - €699	877	1,202	1,363	1,822	2,360	2,661	2,858	3,115
	€700+	296	424	475	618	909	995	1,015	1,265
	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
	€200 - €299	1,797	1,907	1,796	1,845	3,400	4,582	9,098	9,188
	€300 - €399	5,735	6,076	6,584	7,304	11,131	13,615	14,319	14,718
	€400 - €499	12,517	12,700	12,333	13,538	16,577	17,548	15,593	16,158
	€500 - €599	4,025	4,916	5,326	6,139	8,004	8,630	8,775	9,319
	€600 - €699	1,135	1,621	1,767	2,271	2,929	3,249	3,431	3,807
	€700+	375	545	624	788	1,102	1,172	1,182	1,443
	Total	25,963	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	57,567

Table F5 – Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Primary Payment

Benefit	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Disability Allowance	8,957	7,997	8,472	8,447	9,037	9,955
Employment Support Services	6,302	4,810	5,174	5,383	6,182	4,954
Illness Benefit	7,031	6,837	5,327	4,446	3,989	3,192
Invalidity Pension	2,737	2,580	2,650	2,575	1,218	2,616
Jobseeker's Allowance	49,107	53,069	58,432	56,051	51,787	44,948
Jobseeker's Benefit	13,451	10,888	5,424	2,746	2,293	1,867
One-Parent Family Payment	77,288	69,788	64,251	57,146	50,517	41,546
Pre-Retirement Allowance	5			1	0	0
State Pensions	523	328	382	264	418	322
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	8,801	7,328	6,576	4,723	4,042	3,970
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	1,287	1,182	1,994	1,592	1,449	1,484
Department of Work and Pensions (UK)	12	16	3	1	2	4
Other	20,104	19,947	22,094	23,470	30,452	39,704
Total	195,605	184,770	180,779	166,845	161,386	154,562

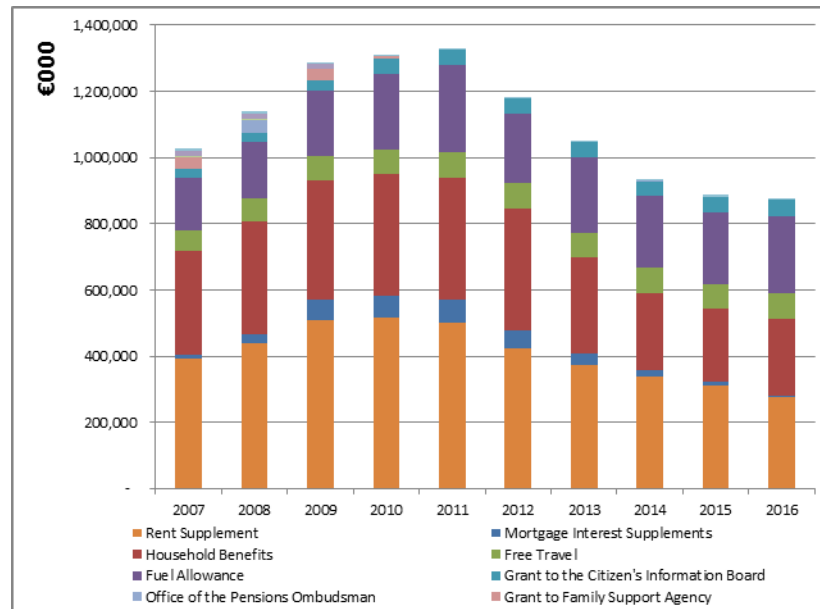
Table F6 – Number of Recipients of main Child-Related Payments by County, 2016

Scheme by County	Child Benefit: Recipients	Child Benefit: Children	Family Income Supplement	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance
Carlow	8,844	16,854	984	2,804
Cavan	10,227	20,710	1,267	2,788
Clare	15,179	29,942	1,313	3,529
Cork	69,792	134,370	6,110	14,778
Donegal	20,034	40,056	2,676	7,076
Dublin	167,002	306,611	13,569	39,921
Galway	32,201	63,854	2,761	7,198
Kerry	17,928	34,462	1,717	4,598
Kildare	32,735	63,117	2,388	6,743
Kilkenny	12,114	23,664	980	2,739
Laois	11,045	22,131	1,046	3,065
Leitrim	4,030	8,137	383	1,094
Limerick	25,175	48,160	2,463	6,755
Longford	5,706	11,440	801	1,978
Louth	18,883	36,171	2,193	5,591
Mayo	15,658	31,542	1,626	4,288
Meath	28,708	56,182	2,311	5,484
Monaghan	7,955	16,171	1,132	2,175
Offaly	10,380	20,386	1,085	3,087
Roscommon	7,591	15,410	708	1,963
Sligo	7,898	15,720	761	2,026
Tipperary	21,425	41,507	2,171	5,894
Waterford	16,260	30,795	1,828	4,806
Westmeath	12,588	24,348	1,247	3,442
Wexford	21,146	40,312	2,447	6,495
Wicklow	20,540	38,916	1,478	4,245
Others	2,097	3,901	122	

G SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

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FIGURE 8 - EXPENDITURE ON SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS, 2007 TO 2016



Expenditure on Rent Supplement amounted to just over €275 million in 2016. This represents a decrease of 11.5% on 2015. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2016 was 44,521, a decrease of 21.8% on 2015.

In 2016 expenditure on Household Benefits was just over €229 million, an increase of 4.1% over expenditure in 2015, while Free Travel expenditure in 2016 was just over €77million, an increase of just over €1.8 million compared to 2015. Fuel Allowance expenditure increased in 2016 to just under €235million, an increase of 8.6% or approximately €18.5 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 – additional expenditure details

Item detail	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Dormant Accounts - Economic & Social Disadvantage					274	192	0	0		
EU Community Action Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity (Progress) 2007 to 2013										
EU Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion					5					
Ex gratia payments to women from Magdalen Laundries and other institutions								1,833	3,443	3,254
Food Aid							-		36	1,099
Grants - Information & Welfare Rights					568	585	634	686	686	686
National Pensions Awareness Campaign					377	377	23	0		
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)					701	663	654	530	507	471
Social Inclusion Initiatives					54	61	1,068	75	79	78
Social Welfare Tribunal										
Superannuation benefits recouped by the Pension Authority for retired staff					131	296	221	175	360	173
Training for Carers in areas of economic and social disadvantage (funded from the Dormant Accounts Fund)								0	906	0
Miscellaneous Services	0	0	0	0	2,110	2,174	2,600	3,299	6,017	5,761
Electricity Allowance	59,313	63,967	66,325	76,065	71,036	69,808	65,389	61,119	53,615	59,610
Free Television Licence	20,214	20,722	21,731	22,688	22,518	22,475	22,003	19,994	16,857	18,772
Gas Allowance	3,844	4,179	4,625	5,333	5,333	5,238	4,554	6,213	4,477	5,547
Telephone Allowance	41,367	50,037	57,463	53,110	45,767	46,211	21,184	1,156	-17	-14
Household Benefits (Social Assistance)	124,738	138,905	150,144	157,196	144,654	143,732	113,130	88,482	74,932	83,915
Electricity Allowance	87,912	92,772	99,190	95,533	108,215	106,925	99,608	93,434	95,957	97,796
Free Television Licence	31,458	33,976	33,981	34,962	35,129	35,091	35,670	32,455	35,609	33,646
Gas Allowance	11,515	11,448	13,070	14,649	15,383	15,376	11,019	15,602	14,275	14,397
Telephone Allowance	57,488	62,155	62,717	65,575	66,194	67,561	31,043	1,783	-21	-11
Household Benefits (Social Insurance)	188,373	200,351	208,958	210,719	224,921	224,953	177,340	143,274	145,820	145,828

Table G2 – Beneficiaries of selected Supplementary Payments by type

Benefit	Beneficiary type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mortgage Interest Supplement	Recipients	4,111	8,091	15,101	17,974	18,988	14,597	9,768	5,007	2,907	1,832
	Beneficiaries	4,111	8,091	15,101	17,974	18,988	14,597	9,768	5,007	2,907	1,832
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	-	-	-	-	-	371	348	386	409	408
	Recipients	227	217	192	179	159	141	119	111	97	83
	Beneficiaries	227	217	192	179	159	141	119	111	97	83
Rent Supplement	Recipients	59,726	74,038	93,030	97,260	96,803	87,684	79,788	66,409	56,959	44,521
	Beneficiaries	59,726	74,038	93,030	97,260	96,803	87,684	79,788	66,409	56,959	44,521
Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance		64,064	82,346	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies and Miscellaneous Services		64,064	82,346	108,323	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436

Table G3 – Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Age and Sex, 2016

Scheme	Rent Supplement		Mortgage Interest Supplement		Other Supplements	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	43	17	0	0	19	12
20-24	1,256	465	0	0	153	61
25-29	3,900	1,643	1	1	205	114
30-34	4,397	2,581	22	39	277	165
35-39	3,673	3,358	82	155	303	263
40-44	2,878	3,453	128	273	286	278
45-49	2,060	3,062	154	288	269	293
50-54	1,496	2,461	87	236	286	335
55-59	1,079	1,957	51	147	314	339
60-64	657	1,523	33	83	340	334
65	116	213	3	9	70	83
66-69	309	635	10	19	229	225
70-74	234	412	3	7	299	201
75-79	149	190	1	0	338	210
80-84	98	97	0	0	330	130
85-89	53	21	0	0	166	52
90-94	24	6	0	0	60	22
95 and over	5	0	0	0	11	1
Total	22,427	22,094	575	1,257	3,955	3,118

Table G4 – Recipients of Rent and Mortgage Income Supplement by Duration and Primary Payment, 2016

Rent Supplement Primary Scheme	0 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	18 to 24 Months	24 to 30 Months	30 to 36 Months	36 to 48 Months	48 to 60 Months	60 to 72 Months	72 plus Months	Total
State Pensions	50	72	64	63	102	93	77	70	143	132	114	450	1,430
Jobseeker's Allowance	641	1,047	937	876	1,715	1,582	1,361	1,233	2,094	1,580	1,154	2,108	16,328
One-Parent Family Payment	214	401	339	335	738	716	567	458	816	622	488	818	6,512
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	103	156	116	86	180	151	104	120	221	181	143	238	1,799
Pre-Retirement Allowance								1		1		18	20
Jobseeker's Benefit	77	72	43	34	62	45	36	26	53	39	40	90	617
Employment Support Services ⁽⁴⁾	75	146	157	145	264	264	232	198	371	273	216	397	2,738
Disability Allowance	233	352	366	366	716	626	535	507	830	654	596	1,504	7,285
Illness Benefit	82	114	87	93	143	116	98	71	105	82	73	140	1,204
Invalidity Pension	20	42	22	30	69	78	61	60	109	86	69	181	827
Department of Work and Pensions (UK)	5	8	6	3	8	5	7	3	6	9	11	30	101
Other	218	328	337	316	634	590	460	381	655	463	307	579	5,268

Mortgage Interest Supplement Primary Scheme	0 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	18 to 24 Months	24 to 30 Months	30 to 36 Months	36 to 48 Months	48 to 60 Months	60 to 72 Months	72 plus Months	Total
State Pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	8	12
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	6	8	20
Jobseeker's Allowance	1	1	10	10	10	25	18	20	73	101	148	353	770
One-Parent Family Payment	-	2	1	1	2	4	-	1	12	11	21	45	100
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	14	15	49	87
Jobseeker's Benefit	-	2	5	3	9	6	1	2	13	20	31	86	178
Employment Support Services ⁽⁴⁾	-	1	2	2	4	8	5	2	26	24	28	122	224
Disability Allowance	1	-	1	2	1	2	3	2	7	13	15	54	101
Illness Benefit	1	1	1	1	2	4	-	2	9	13	13	41	88
Invalidity Pension	1	2	3	1	6	10	5	3	11	22	32	78	174
Department of Work and Pensions (UK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

Table G5 – Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration, 2016

Age Group	0 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	18 to 24 Months	24 to 30 Months	30 to 36 Months	36 to 48 Months	48 to 60 Months	60 to 72 Months	72 plus Months	Short Term <18 Mths Total	Long Term >18 Mths Total
Under 20	16	12	17	7	6	2							58	2
20 to 24 years	119	200	188	139	288	232	159	130	174	66	22	4	934	787
25 to 29 years	249	424	399	344	665	624	497	427	756	532	316	310	2,081	3,462
30 to 34 years	315	477	441	397	812	804	593	473	882	651	437	696	2,442	4,536
35 to 39 years	287	474	404	402	780	703	625	532	845	613	495	871	2,347	4,684
40 to 44 years	223	380	295	344	668	593	488	454	771	636	501	978	1,910	4,421
45 to 49 years	162	263	245	228	483	448	392	364	669	512	413	943	1,381	3,741
50 to 54 years	143	191	199	172	355	319	300	292	478	363	339	806	1,060	2,897
55 to 59 years	81	135	109	132	259	235	213	204	361	330	289	688	716	2,320
60 to 64 years	65	97	99	111	172	171	148	139	252	213	206	507	544	1,636
65 years	9	12	12	7	24	22	24	21	45	36	35	82	64	265
66 to 69 years	28	38	33	34	70	76	70	52	98	94	81	270	203	741
70 to 74 years	18	24	29	26	38	37	26	30	64	62	53	239	135	511
75 to 79 years	8	14	8	15	18	20	19	18	30	31	28	130	63	276
80 to 84 years	3	6	7	4	17	5	8	12	12	18	17	86	37	158
85 to 89 years		7	2		4	2	4	1	8	7	5	34	13	61
90 to 94 years	1	2	2	1	1	1	1		2		1	18	7	23
95 years and over						1					1	4	-	6
TOTAL	1,727	2,756	2,489	2,363	4,660	4,295	3,567	3,149	5,447	4,164	3,239	6,666	13,995	30,527

Table G6 – Number of Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age and Duration, 2016

Age Group	0 to 3 Months	3 to 6 Months	6 to 9 Months	9 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	18 to 24 Months	24 to 30 Months	30 to 36 Months	36 to 48 Months	48 to 60 Months	60 to 72 Months	72 plus Months	Short Term <18 Mths Total	Long Term >18 Mths Total
25 to 29 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
30 to 34 years	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	8	6	15	25	3	58
35 to 39 years	1	3	5	2	3	5	6	5	20	31	51	105	14	223
40 to 44 years	1	2	4	6	9	15	6	11	31	58	78	180	22	379
45 to 49 years	1	1	7	5	9	14	6	7	31	59	75	227	23	419
50 to 54 years	1	3	6	2	7	13	5	4	30	31	51	170	19	304
55 to 59 years	1	0	1	1	3	7	4	3	26	18	38	96	6	192
60 to 64 years	0	0	0	2	3	2	3	1	16	16	14	59	5	111
65 years	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	6	1	11
66 to 69 years	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	4	4	16	0	29
70 to 74 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	0	10
75 to 79 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
80 to 84 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TOTAL	5	9	24	20	35	59	33	33	166	226	330	892	93	1,739

Table G7 – Recipients of Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance by primary benefit, 2016

Primary Scheme	Free Electricity Allowance	Free Bottled Gas	Free Natural Gas	Total Electricity or Gas	Free Television Licence	Free Telephone Rental	Free Travel
State Pension (Contributory)	158,641	9,531	13,340	181,512	183,469	0	328,962
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	50,617	1,126	1,589	53,332	53,936	0	94,969
State Pension (Transition)*	11	2	2	15	16	0	38
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pe	58,651	3,172	5,594	67,417	68,129	0	85,646
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non - Contribut	147	6	6	159	159	0	241
Invalidity Pension	16,596	910	1,071	18,577	18,588	0	54,220
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10	0	0	10	10	0	16
Deserted Wife's Benefit	1,502	137	233	1,872	1,882	0	2,804
Occupational Injury Benefit	320	15	44	379	383	0	469
Free Fuel	1,034	10	14	1,058	1,056	0	1,170
Blind Pension	464	29	19	512	515	0	1,264
No Active Pension	12,220	518	634	13,372	13,941	0	100,588
Carer's Allowance	30,637	2,169	1,912	34,718	34,785	0	69,726
Disability Allowance	38,850	1,981	1,681	42,512	42,650	0	124,242
Others	4,393	228	328	4,949	4,973	0	9,099
Total	374,093	19,834	26,467	420,394	424,492	0	873,454

Table G8 – Recipients of Living Alone, Over 80 and Island Allowances by primary benefit

Allowance	Primary Benefit	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Living Alone Allowance	Blind Pension	269	269	266	272	267	263	266	248			
	Death Benefit	208	214	218	214	210	215	232	236	238		
	Deserted Wife's Benefit	475	554	607	656	683	748	798	885	957		
	Disability Allowance	16,943	18,831	21,068	22,334	22,989	23,491	23,210	24,006	24,978	29,509	27,684
	Invalidity Pension	8,403	8,995	9,259	9,279	9,130	9,064	9,019	9,348	9,369	9,446	9,503
	State Pension (Contributory)	31,216	52,210	53,891	54,903	56,736	59,093	60,437	62,234	64,879	68,149	70,756
	State Pension (Non-Contributory) Pension	62,691	32,904	33,211	33,032	32,942	33,058	32,854	32,969	32,908	33,297	33,391
	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	45,243	46,352	47,881	47,042	47,613	48,076	48,973	49,597	50,365	51,744	52,622
	Total recipients	165,448	160,329	166,401	167,732	170,570	174,008	175,789	179,523	183,694	192,145	193,956
Over 80 Allowance	Deserted Wife's Benefit	756	81	96	116	118	135	158	179	186		
	Death Benefit	85	96	105	113	118	118	128	137	147		
	State Pension (Contributory)	31,454	51,154	45,566	48,930	56,736	57,316	61,490	66,171	71,070	75,639	79,685
	State Pension (Non-Contributory) Pension	37,185	37,222	37,297	33,032	36,942	36,432	35,842	34,946	34,156	33,151	32,299
	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	30,444	31,339	32,182	32,819	34,086	35,071	36,022	36,999	38,050	39,144	40,349
	Total recipients	99,924	119,892	115,246	115,010	128,000	129,072	133,640	138,432	143,609	147,934	152,333
Island Allowance	Blind Pension	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5			
	Death Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	Disability Allowance	94	99	97	98	91	90	78	77	75	68	69
	Invalidity Pension	13	14	17	18	18	16	15	12	13	13	13
	State Pension (Contributory)	59	130	126	126	128	134	144	148	160	165	170
	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	242	244	253	250	252	257	254	253	240	250	255
	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	59	58	60	53	51	51	50	54	50	49	48
	Total recipients	472	550	558	550	545	553	546	550	539	545	555

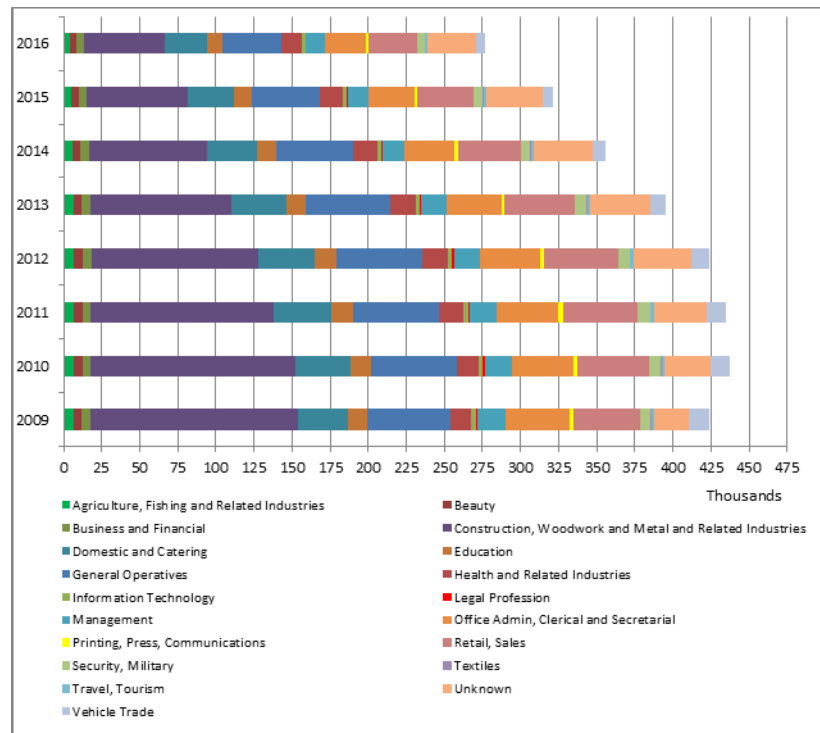
Table G9 – Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2016

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	120	24.4%	372	75.6%	492	1.1%
Cavan	187	49.6%	190	50.4%	377	0.8%
Clare	41	11.5%	317	88.5%	358	0.8%
Cork	1,141	25.4%	3,350	74.6%	4,491	10.1%
Donegal	30	7.8%	353	92.2%	383	0.9%
Dublin	4,015	20.9%	15,237	79.1%	19,252	43.2%
Galway	411	18.0%	1,874	82.0%	2,285	5.1%
Kerry	547	38.8%	864	61.2%	1,411	3.2%
Kildare	363	15.7%	1,945	84.3%	2,308	5.2%
Kilkenny	40	13.4%	259	86.6%	299	0.7%
Laois	303	36.9%	518	63.1%	821	1.8%
Leitrim	135	50.2%	134	49.8%	269	0.6%
Limerick	181	20.2%	715	79.8%	896	2.0%
Longford	185	49.2%	191	50.8%	376	0.8%
Louth	91	11.6%	693	88.4%	784	1.8%
Mayo	212	21.2%	786	78.8%	998	2.2%
Meath	179	19.4%	743	80.6%	922	2.1%
Monaghan	37	21.4%	136	78.6%	173	0.4%
Offaly	32	5.9%	506	94.1%	538	1.2%
Roscommon	218	40.8%	316	59.2%	534	1.2%
Sligo	72	26.4%	201	73.6%	273	0.6%
Tipperary	175	20.7%	671	79.3%	846	1.9%
Waterford	127	23.1%	423	76.9%	550	1.2%
Westmeath	432	35.4%	790	64.6%	1,222	2.7%
Wexford	675	36.1%	1,196	63.9%	1,871	4.2%
Wicklow	482	26.9%	1,310	73.1%	1,792	4.0%
Total	10,431	23.4%	34,090	76.6%	44,521	100.0%

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FIGURE 9 - NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE LIVE REGISTER BY OCCUPATION CATEGORY AT END DECEMBER, 2009 TO 2016



The average Live Register decreased from 343,557 in 2015 to 302,945 in 2016, a decrease of 40,612 or 11.8%. Table H12 shows the numbers on the Live Register, at the end of December in each year, by County from 2006 to 2016.

NOTES

The statistics in this section of the report relate to the Live Register.

The Live Register is a monthly statistical count compiled by the Central Statistics Office of certain categories of persons registered with the Department of Social Protection for Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance and credited Social Insurance contributions.

The Live Register comprises of the following classes of people under the age of 65 years:

- ❖ all claimants of Jobseeker's Benefit excluding systematic short-time workers,
- ❖ applicants for Jobseeker's Allowance excluding smallholders and self-employed persons,
- ❖ other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

This means that not all persons who are in receipt of Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance are on the Live Register. Some persons who are included on the Live Register e.g. applicants for credited contributions, are not in receipt of a Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance payment.

The jobseeker's recipients figure shown in Section A and Section C is not directly comparable with the Live Register figure, as this figure only includes those who were in receipt of a payment at the end of December.

Table H1 – Number of Persons on the Live Register by Month, 2016

Month	Jobseeker's Allowance	Jobseeker's Benefit	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow	Net Change
January	243,877	45,502	32,423	321,802	30,592	30,406	186
February	242,039	45,550	32,134	319,723	25,889	27,968	-2,079
March	238,038	45,533	32,029	315,600	26,876	30,999	-4,123
April	233,073	41,117	31,595	305,785	23,671	33,486	-9,815
May	235,159	40,419	31,481	307,059	20,947	19,673	1,274
June	239,391	44,821	31,671	315,883	34,886	26,062	8,824
July	238,771	48,615	31,908	319,294	27,462	24,051	3,411
August	236,823	47,639	31,834	316,296	20,837	23,835	-2,998
September	218,941	37,097	30,452	286,490	27,530	57,336	-29,806
October	210,798	36,131	30,290	277,219	22,058	31,329	-9,271
November	206,362	37,013	30,109	273,484	25,660	29,395	-3,735
December	206,089	40,482	30,130	276,701	25,664	22,447	3,217
Average	229,113	42,493	31,338	302,945	312,072	356,987	-44,915

Table H2 – Average Number of Persons on the Live Register by Year

Year	Jobseeker's Allowance	Jobseeker's Benefit	Credited Contributions	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force (CSO)	Average CSO Unemployment Rate %
2016	206,089	40,482	30,130	302,945	2,195,600	7.1
2015	262,710	46,908	33,939	343,557	2,170,500	8.7
2014	294,375	53,841	35,563	383,779	2,152,500	10.4
2013	310,736	73,805	34,409	418,950	2,163,350	14.7
2012	310,033	93,236	32,984	436,254	2,153,825	14.6
2011	302,813	112,574	29,518	444,905	2,165,825	13.9
2010	274,666	142,976	24,047	441,689	2,184,900	12.0
2009	201,779	181,312	15,068	398,159	2,228,975	6.4
2008	113,643	103,004	10,423	227,070	2,273,900	4.7
2007	87,756	65,146	9,390	162,292	2,248,175	4.5
2006	85,950	61,729	9,719	157,398	2,150,300	4.4

Table H3 – Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2016

Age	Males	Percentage of Total Live Register	Females	Percentage of Total Live Register	Totals	Percentage of Total Live Register
18 years	1,681	0.6%	1,347	0.5%	3,028	1.1%
19 years	2,440	0.9%	1,905	0.7%	4,345	1.6%
20 years	2,638	1.0%	1,846	0.7%	4,484	1.6%
21 years	2,706	1.0%	1,965	0.7%	4,671	1.7%
22 years	2,937	1.1%	2,056	0.7%	4,993	1.8%
23 years	3,092	1.1%	2,088	0.8%	5,180	1.9%
24 years	3,342	1.2%	2,216	0.8%	5,558	2.0%
25 to 34 years	41,544	15.0%	27,978	10.1%	69,522	25.1%
35 to 44 years	37,966	13.7%	26,686	9.6%	64,652	23.3%
45 to 54 years	32,299	11.7%	23,125	8.3%	55,424	20.0%
55 to 59 years	14,153	5.1%	11,171	4.0%	25,324	9.1%
60 to 64 years	16,743	6.0%	13,295	4.8%	30,038	10.8%
Total Live Register	161,541	58.3%	115,678	41.7%	277,219	100.0%

Table H4 – Number of Persons on the Live Register by Sex and Claim Duration, October 2016

Sex/Age	< 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	>3 years	Total
Male							
< 20 yrs	1,902	752	776	691	0	0	4,121
20 - 24 yrs	5,318	2,142	1,865	2,308	1,434	1,648	14,715
25 - 34 yrs	15,430	4,094	4,255	4,716	2,642	10,407	41,544
35 - 44 yrs	13,811	3,258	3,552	3,964	2,369	11,012	37,966
45 - 54 yrs	10,555	2,532	2,986	3,270	2,134	10,822	32,299
55 - 59 yrs	3,897	1,065	1,279	1,433	1,100	5,379	14,153
60 - 64 yrs	2,774	941	1,208	1,840	1,604	8,376	16,743
Total Males	53,687	14,784	15,921	18,222	11,283	47,644	161,541
Female							
< 20 yrs	1,423	697	616	515	1		3,252
20 - 24 yrs	4,473	1,445	1,022	1,411	854	966	10,171
25 - 34 yrs	12,967	3,004	2,877	3,010	1,677	4,443	27,978
35 - 44 yrs	10,628	2,872	2,834	3,305	1,892	5,155	26,686
45 - 54 yrs	8,988	1,981	2,060	2,832	1,786	5,478	23,125
55 - 59 yrs	3,711	865	957	1,277	945	3,416	11,171
60 - 64 yrs	2,429	906	1,009	1,537	1,436	5,978	13,295
Total Females	44,619	11,770	11,375	13,887	8,591	25,436	115,678

Sex/Age	< 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	>3 years	Total
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	3,325	1,449	1,392	1,206	1	0	7,373
20 - 24 yrs	9,791	3,587	2,887	3,719	2,288	2,614	24,886
25 - 34 yrs	28,397	7,098	7,132	7,726	4,319	14,850	69,522
35 - 44 yrs	24,439	6,130	6,386	7,269	4,261	16,167	64,652
45 - 54 yrs	19,543	4,513	5,046	6,102	3,920	16,300	55,424
55 - 59 yrs	7,608	1,930	2,236	2,710	2,045	8,795	25,324
60 - 64 yrs	5,203	1,847	2,217	3,377	3,040	14,354	30,038
Total	98,306	26,554	27,296	32,109	19,874	73,080	277,219

Table H5 – Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Claim Duration, 2006 to 2016

Year	Number of Males < 1 year on the Live Register	Number of Males >= 1 year on the Live Register	Total number of Males on the Live Register	Males as percentage of Live Register	Number of Females < 1 year on the Live Register	Number of Females >= 1 year on the Live Register	Total number of Females on the Live Register	Females as a Percentage of the Live Register	Live Register Total
2016	84,392	77,149	161,541	58.3%	67,764	47,914	115,678	41.7%	277,219
2015	84,392	77,149	169,239	52.8%	71,501	80,054	151,555	47.2%	320,794
2014	105,136	112,636	217,772	60.7%	82,602	58,256	140,858	39.3%	358,630
2013	121,261	125,492	246,753	62.2%	92,850	56,909	149,759	37.8%	396,512
2012	135,596	132,949	254,210	62.6%	96,459	55,168	151,627	37.4%	405,837
2011	147,303	130,292	265,888	63.5%	103,356	49,481	152,837	36.5%	418,725
2010	173,572	108,027	255,330	63.3%	108,373	39,581	147,954	36.7%	403,284
2009	209,580	64,015	237,587	63.1%	115,413	23,399	138,812	36.9%	376,399
2008	122,358	40,030	249,610	74.8%	68,038	16,103	84,141	25.2%	333,751
2007	64,272	32,638	154,996	71.9%	46,340	14,136	60,476	28.1%	215,472
2006	57,050	31,632	95,904	61.3%	46,675	13,912	60,587	38.7%	156,491

Table H6 – Selected Categories excluded from the Live Register by Month

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Short-Term Enterprise Allowance Scheme	Work Placement Programme Graduate	Work Placement Programme Open	Average Unemployment Rate %	Persons Aged 65 years	Jobseeker's Allowance Transitional Arrangement	Labour Market Education (Fulltime)	Totals
January	853	9,670	371	4	26	3,798	8,111	14,840	56	37,729
February	847	9,589	371	4	26	3,698	8,072	14,801	85	37,493
March	720	9,378	374	5	23	3,751	8,064	14,804	45	37,164
April	626	9,280	383	5	26	3,479	8,075	14,696	44	36,614
May	650	9,079	413	3	23	3,351	8,103	14,716	43	36,381
June	679	9,001	414	6	25	3,027	8,084	14,989	37	36,262
July	605	8,895	400	6	25	2,758	8,223	14,936	40	35,888
August	571	8,928	399	5	25	2,408	8,283	14,968	31	35,618
September	454	8,781	404	2	20	2,149	8,159	14,743	25	34,737
October	471	8,654	380	2	17	2,072	8,302	14,439	20	34,357
November	542	8,636	385	2	14	1,948	8,255	14,500	18	34,300
December	600	8,639	390	1	12	1,764	8,365	14,580	18	34,369
Average	635	9,044	390	4	22	2,850	8,175	14,751	39	35,909

Table H7 – Categories Excluded from the Live Register – Annual Average Numbers

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years	Total
2006	1,259	1,839	971	4,069
2007	1,284	1,925	1,060	4,269
2008	2,962	2,547	1,283	6,792
2009	16,290	5,651	1,801	23,742
2010	15,116	8,855	2,234	26,205
2011	11,079	10,377	2,885	24,341
2012	7,208	10,934	3,306	21,448
2013	4,684	11,112	3,559	19,355
2014	1,880	10,709	5,352	17,941
2015	1,002	10,037	7,762	18,801
2016	635	9,044	8,175	17,854

Table H8 – Number of people on the Live Register by Occupation Category

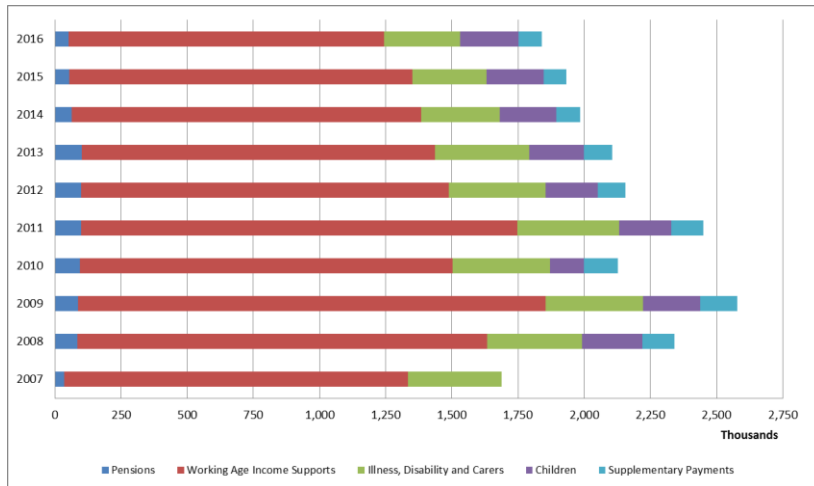
County	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Agriculture, Fishing and Related Industries	6,585	7,023	6,920	6,914	6,449	6,060	5,346	4,530
Beauty	4,888	5,517	5,808	5,772	5,652	5,118	4,672	4,124
Business and Financial	5,740	5,334	4,803	5,609	5,705	5,297	4,975	4,578
Construction, Woodwork and Metal and Related Industries	136,433	134,030	120,129	109,257	92,663	77,585	66,403	53,393
Domestic and Catering	33,188	36,136	37,747	36,932	35,633	33,165	30,601	27,246
Education	12,478	13,562	14,755	14,432	13,202	12,610	11,519	10,749
General Operatives	55,083	56,395	56,649	56,534	55,166	49,835	44,767	38,141
Health and Related Industries	12,777	14,203	15,875	16,832	16,871	16,029	15,194	13,647
Information Technology	3,271	3,014	2,834	2,876	2,837	2,619	2,395	2,167
Legal Profession	1,314	1,270	1,193	1,047	860	714	628	534
Management	18,808	17,768	17,605	17,142	16,058	14,665	13,493	12,305
Office Admin, Clerical and Secretarial	41,664	40,828	40,578	39,192	36,149	32,909	30,220	27,022
Printing, Press, Communications	2,504	2,559	2,733	2,658	2,461	2,135	1,930	1,722
Retail, Sales	43,764	46,821	49,496	48,693	46,293	41,269	37,182	31,714
Security, Military	6,954	7,550	7,749	7,798	7,322	6,527	5,985	5,118
Textiles	468	548	508	435	402	330	281	243
Travel, Tourism	2,216	2,034	2,000	1,870	1,957	1,727	1,555	1,304
Unknown	22,683	29,994	35,242	37,978	39,375	38,817	37,050	32,050
Vehicle Trade	12,777	12,493	12,160	11,762	10,356	8,701	7,420	6,114
Total	423,595	437,079	434,784	423,733	395,411	356,112	321,616	276,701

Table H9 – Number of people on the Live Register by County

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Carlow	2,448	4,395	6,578	6,794	6,732	6,922	6,453	5,867	5,354	4,508
Cavan	2,628	5,073	7,189	7,498	7,227	6,994	6,629	5,844	5,458	4,562
Clare	4,696	7,503	10,404	10,619	10,368	9,965	9,285	8,427	7,744	6,730
Cork	16,696	28,064	43,637	44,651	43,651	41,687	38,049	33,407	29,844	24,949
Donegal	9,107	15,264	20,748	21,712	21,596	20,902	19,664	18,116	16,241	14,214
Dublin	40,832	67,505	101,172	101,962	102,269	100,324	94,395	84,707	76,220	66,123
Galway	9,755	16,479	22,722	23,099	22,585	22,081	20,174	18,134	16,060	14,100
Kerry	7,288	12,364	15,923	16,594	16,906	16,322	14,760	13,439	12,428	10,786
Kildare	6,061	11,533	17,229	18,015	17,683	18,018	17,208	15,385	13,918	11,383
Kilkenny	2,692	4,973	7,069	7,506	7,442	7,300	6,740	6,144	5,542	4,485
Laois	2,787	5,378	7,679	8,560	8,575	8,809	8,614	7,739	6,846	5,841
Leitrim	1,442	2,501	3,600	3,630	3,477	3,398	3,130	2,952	2,582	2,368
Limerick	8,236	14,030	21,375	20,970	20,339	19,228	17,539	15,358	13,600	11,292
Longford	2,378	3,840	5,157	5,254	5,121	5,072	4,727	4,293	3,934	3,396
Louth	6,892	11,457	16,614	17,418	17,526	16,806	15,376	14,105	12,922	10,917
Mayo	5,089	8,792	12,736	13,251	13,107	12,844	12,041	10,094	9,975	8,788
Meath	3,557	6,977	11,071	12,016	11,726	10,727	9,671	8,701	7,655	6,492
Monaghan	2,257	4,298	6,334	6,372	6,489	6,487	5,990	5,339	4,494	3,717
Offaly	3,282	5,617	8,191	9,162	9,330	9,208	8,697	7,935	7,238	6,106
Roscommon	1,512	2,694	3,820	4,002	3,980	4,068	3,882	4,348	3,274	3,026
Sligo	2,136	3,530	4,992	5,404	5,239	5,108	4,942	4,599	4,197	3,864
Tipperary	5,756	10,261	15,087	16,711	16,850	16,468	15,579	14,135	13,077	11,521
Waterford	6,625	10,491	14,345	13,989	14,480	13,964	13,069	11,400	10,678	9,399
Westmeath	4,102	7,284	9,996	10,154	10,240	10,244	9,814	8,860	8,283	7,358
Wexford	7,511	12,978	18,156	19,278	19,366	18,705	17,310	16,197	14,531	12,644
Wicklow	4,611	8,082	11,771	12,458	12,480	12,082	11,673	10,587	9,521	8,132
Total Live Register	170,376	291,363	423,595	437,079	434,784	423,733	395,411	356,112	321,616	276,701

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FIGURE 10 - CLAIMS REGISTERED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2007-2016



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

In 2016 the total number of registered claims that were finalised (cleared) was 1,792,043 of which 1,528,150 or 85.3% were awarded. The remainder (263,893) were either disallowed by the Department’s staff or withdrawn by the client.

At the end of 2016 there were 76,818 claims on hand pending award, 31.3% higher than at the end of 2015, which represented 4.2% of the total received claims (1,840,471).

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

FIGURE 11 - CLAIMS CLEARED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2007-2016

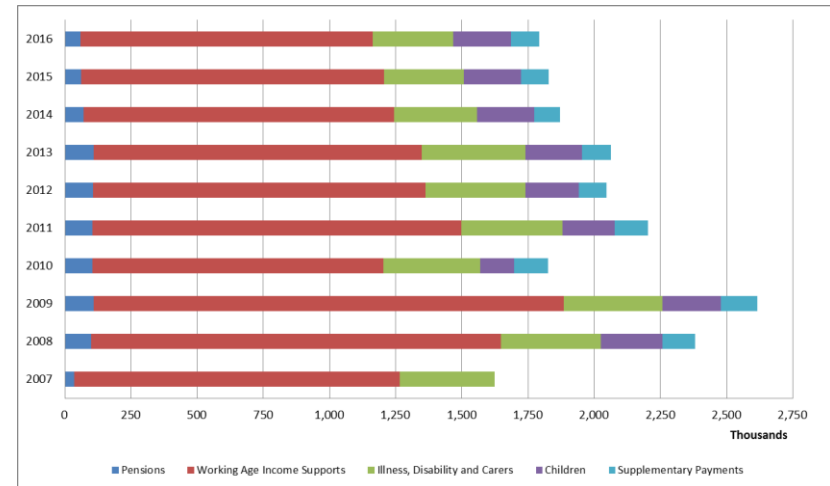


FIGURE 12 - CLAIMS PENDING AWARD AT END-YEAR, 2007-2016

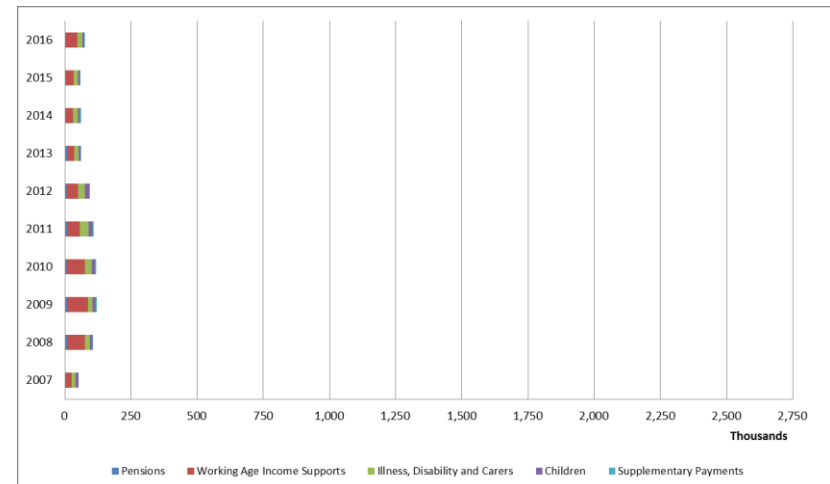


Table J1 – Claims Registered by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9,835	7,344	9,035	9,429	8,998	9,732	9,213
State Pension (Contributory)	32,940	36,281	35,198	39,215	40,212	37,902	35,184
State Pension (Transition)	20,184	22,719	22,430	19,270	3,885	-	-
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,534	7,549	7,451	7,574	7,390	7,707	7,699
Bereavement Grant - Sligo ⁽¹⁾	17,568	18,763	19,252	24,991	3,743	-	-
Bereavement Grant - Longford ⁽¹⁾	6,511	6,987	6,714	2,385	83	-	-
Total Pensions	94,572	99,643	100,080	102,864	64,311	55,341	52,096
Jobseeker's Allowance	263,942	239,667	225,262	227,722	209,444	191,781	171,243
One-Parent Family Payment	17,325	16,943	14,330	13,887	12,288	11,484	11,751
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	792	556	428	526	100	-	-
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	578,035	643,526	453,833	386,161	400,479	371,899	290,097
Jobseeker's Benefit	267,271	223,938	192,965	165,457	147,636	137,131	131,005
Maternity Benefit	50,078	50,430	47,875	46,692	46,819	45,225	45,280
Treatment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	229,928	473,123	453,236	492,127	503,691	536,654	542,968
Total Working Age Income Supports	1,407,371	1,648,183	1,387,929	1,332,572	1,320,457	1,294,174	1,192,344
Disability Allowance	21,409	24,264	25,887	20,538	21,071	22,538	23,804
Blind Pension ⁽³⁾	219	208	198	181	46	-	-
Carer's Allowance	18,212	17,758	15,493	12,060	15,171	18,152	22,722
Domiciliary Care Allowance	5,529	5,191	4,079	4,464	5,743	6,422	7,434
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	6,420	6,574	5,854	5,188	1,900	-	-
Illness Benefit	289,962	296,730	286,534	288,052	226,274	209,750	209,685
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	15,157	14,177	13,641	13,838	13,404	13,314	13,708

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Invalidity Pension	8,774	14,621	11,510	9,640	9,240	9,454	9,134
Disablement Pension	1,652	1,775	1,436	1,215	347	-	-
Carer's Benefit*	2,080	2,060	1,788	1,804	2,074	1,842	1,344
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	369,414	383,358	366,420	356,980	295,270	281,472	287,831
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad ⁽²⁾	21,400	30,417	33,723	31,678	32,940	31,309	30,915
Child Benefit - EU Regulation ⁽²⁾	1,146	1,267	2,436	3,576	4,271	4,319	4,037
Child Benefit - Over 16 ⁽²⁾	36,648	72,226	69,639	71,870	72,857	68,590	72,726
Child Benefit - Additional Child ⁽²⁾	19,009	40,476	39,830	38,846	37,254	35,671	34,293
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	22,472	23,453	20,341	24,965	26,679	31,191	28,516
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	25,638	27,761	29,589	32,879	39,755	42,714	47,608
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) ⁽³⁾	176	173	172	183	42	-	-
Guardian's Payment (Contributory) ⁽³⁾	431	498	456	452	134	-	-
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	1,224	1,178	1,130	1,185	1,044	1,112	1,089
Total Children	128,144	197,449	197,316	205,634	214,976	214,906	219,184
Household Benefits	107,353	101,812	82,480	89,463	69,527	72,826	75,443
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	10,105	11,093	11,040	11,151	12,847	13,744	13,573
Free Travel	9,065	8,668	9,258	7,652	8,173	-	-
Total Supplementary Payments	126,523	121,573	102,778	108,266	90,547	86,570	89,016
Grand Total Claims Registered	2,126,024	2,450,206	2,154,523	2,106,316	1,985,561	1,932,463	1,840,471

Table J2 – Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	7,191	5,730	7,243	7,445	7,750	7,675	8,132
State Pension (Contributory)	23,194	25,964	25,586	28,129	27,591	24,662	24,538
State Pension (Transition)	11,243	12,775	12,599	10,598	1,623	-	-
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	5,872	5,870	5,783	5,709	5,615	5,916	5,775
Bereavement Grant - Sligo ⁽¹⁾	15,862	16,993	17,451	21,179	4,643	-	-
Bereavement Grant - Longford ⁽¹⁾	5,918	5,926	5,342	2,537	78		
Total Pensions	69,280	73,258	74,004	75,597	47,300	38,253	38,445
Jobseeker's Allowance	191,144	174,491	167,623	180,009	166,048	152,807	136,003
One-Parent Family Payment	12,127	12,178	11,151	11,025	10,049	8,905	9,038
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension ⁽³⁾	533	377	287	283	74	-	-
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	193,014	292,641	253,652	225,509	206,828	186,002	178,623
Jobseeker's Benefit	234,020	197,369	169,755	148,480	132,714	124,152	119,168
Maternity Benefit	48,806	48,827	45,415	45,491	44,555	44,740	41,646
Treatment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	217,854	447,908	430,778	465,583	477,658	477,658	510,956
Total Working Age Income Supports	897,498	1,173,791	1,078,661	1,076,380	1,037,926	994,264	995,434
Disability Allowance	8,306	9,246	10,400	12,497	13,876	15,814	16,669
Blind Pension ⁽³⁾	117	106	96	77	29	-	-
Carer's Allowance	8,769	7,465	9,880	16,011	12,560	14,378	19,308
Domiciliary Care Allowance	3,103	2,686	1,586	1,877	3,104	4,186	4,996
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	5,486	4,965	4,575	4,218	299	-	-
Illness Benefit	249,166	259,008	245,319	245,456	162,187	154,692	156,153
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	12,289	11,616	10,927	11,428	9,768	10,182	10,485

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Invalidity Pension	3,597	2,657	6,352	9,494	7,018	7,691	7,467
Disablement Pension	1,293	1,310	1,384	731	392	-	-
Carer's Benefit*	1,965	1,941	2,021	1,917	2,264	2,234	13,023
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	294,091	301,000	292,540	303,706	211,497	209,177	228,101
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad ⁽²⁾	22,382	34,735	34,576	31,151	31,765	30,592	30,991
Child Benefit - EU Regulation ⁽²⁾	724	1,371	2,487	3,277	3,501	3,730	3,692
Child Benefit - Over 16 ⁽²⁾	36,488	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871	71,620
Child Benefit - Additional Child ⁽²⁾	18,940	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703	34,258
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	14,328	13,631	13,264	20,156	19,761	21,779	18,617
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	22,101	23,787	28,118	33,091	36,403	31,130	33,303
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) ⁽³⁾	106	117	95	111	34	-	-
Guardian's Payment (Contributory) ⁽³⁾	309	350	265	318	82	-	-
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	995	1,091	1,036	1,108	951	1,026	1,002
Total Children	116,373	187,831	189,254	199,287	203,156	192,831	193,483
Household Benefits	90,990	83,889	65,844	72,578	50,999	52,088	54,871
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	9,157	10,425	10,323	10,441	11,960	13,090	12,829
Free Travel	7,200	7,086	6,754	6,087	6,207	6,191	4,987
Total Supplementary Payments	107,347	101,400	82,921	89,106	69,166	71,369	72,687
Grand Total Claims Cleared	1,484,589	1,837,280	1,717,380	1,744,076	1,569,045	1,505,894	1,528,150

Table J3 – Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9,916	8,737	10,845	10,795	11,231	11,030	11,634
State Pension (Contributory)	38,655	38,676	38,359	41,797	41,387	41,192	38,734
State Pension (Transition)	24,308	24,236	24,663	21,703	5,065	787	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,703	7,622	7,478	7,447	7,361	7,792	7,781
Bereavement Grant - Sligo ⁽¹⁾	17,363	18,627	19,147	23,293	5,700	-	
Bereavement Grant - Longford ⁽¹⁾	6,957	7,027	6,265	2,935	92		
Total Pensions	104,902	104,925	106,757	107,970	70,836	60,801	58,149
Jobseeker's Allowance	273,386	245,855	230,398	238,230	214,961	196,121	177,685
One-Parent Family Payment	18,165	18,594	17,185	16,995	14,663	13,659	11,806
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension ⁽⁴⁾	854	576	461	455	122	-	-
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	240,766	349,789	299,959	264,819	238,641	213,714	206,056
Jobseeker's Benefit	287,397	242,318	205,423	179,003	155,876	144,345	137,647
Maternity Benefit	50,165	50,601	46,905	46,929	46,013	46,308	43,019
Treatment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	228,647	484,896	455,166	492,916	502,377	531,697	528,684
Total Working Age Income Supports	1,099,380	1,392,629	1,255,497	1,239,347	1,172,653	1,145,844	1,104,897
Disability Allowance	19,248	24,145	26,159	28,616	27,608	31,592	29,643
Blind Pension ⁽⁴⁾	206	221	203	174	66	-	-
Carer's Allowance	16,629	13,886	18,483	28,421	21,248	24,186	31,881
Domiciliary Care Allowance	6,416	6,491	4,810	4,340	5,142	6,313	6,703
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	6,722	6,473	5,773	5,602	507	-	-
Illness Benefit	287,846	298,644	287,543	288,093	228,412	209,719	207,482
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	15,119	14,240	13,374	13,981	13,472	13,327	13,709

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Invalidity Pension	7,614	12,829	17,775	18,792	13,561	13,800	12,348
Disablement Pension	1,545	1,785	1,720	1,323	975	-	-
Carer's Benefit	2,957	2,919	2,994	2,687	3,019	2,752	1,720
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	364,302	381,633	378,834	392,029	314,010	301,689	303,486
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad ⁽³⁾	23,224	36,079	35,824	32,211	32,662	31,321	31,800
Child Benefit - EU Regulation ⁽³⁾	1,064	1,890	3,081	3,790	4,058	4,482	4,608
Child Benefit - Over 16 ⁽³⁾	36,488	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871	71,620
Child Benefit - Additional Child ⁽³⁾	18,940	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703	34,258
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	21,753	20,573	20,994	30,238	26,986	30,987	27,532
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	24,616	25,746	30,767	35,878	39,552	42,668	47,491
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) ⁽⁴⁾	163	189	161	185	59	-	-
Guardian's Payment (Contributory) ⁽⁴⁾	444	504	436	478	149	-	-
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	1,247	1,161	1,130	1,208	1,031	1,112	1,089
Total Children	127,939	198,891	201,806	214,063	215,156	215,144	218,398
Household Benefits	107,976	101,509	81,130	88,170	74,338	81,576	84,366
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	10,957	12,605	12,229	12,115	13,810	15,253	14,892
Free Travel	10,701	11,191	9,941	8,483	8,827	8,717	7,855
Total Supplementary Payments	129,634	125,305	103,300	108,768	96,975	105,546	107,113
Grand Total Claims Cleared	1,826,157	2,203,383	2,046,194	2,062,177	1,869,630	1,829,024	1,792,043

Table J4 – Claims Pending by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,507	1,869	1,432	1,780	1,552	2,058	1,762
State Pension (Contributory)	2,826	2,888	2,154	2,094	3,397	2,934	3,593
State Pension (Transition)	1,731	2,009	1,622	1,163	255	-	-
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	430	367	345	492	445	400	288
Bereavement Grant - Sligo ⁽¹⁾	806	954	1,105	2,845	-	-	-
Bereavement Grant - Longford ⁽¹⁾	175	141	601	57	-	-	-
Total Pensions	7,475	8,228	7,259	8,431	5,649	5,392	5,643
Jobseeker's Allowance	26,377	21,880	18,464	10,148	8,074	7,167	5,955
One-Parent Family Payment	5,250	4,249	3,536	2,515	1,452	1,173	1,001
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	134	110	69	84	-	-	-
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	5,670	6,371	4,701	3,762	3,905	3,567	3,559
Jobseeker's Benefit	11,659	9,065	7,723	4,613	4,257	3,905	3,562
Maternity Benefit	2,997	2,826	3,796	3,559	4,365	3,312	3,953
Treatment Benefit	16,872	5,099	3,079	2,290	3,604	8,561	22,845
Total Working Age Income Supports	68,959	49,600	41,368	26,971	25,657	27,685	40,875
Disability Allowance	6,880	6,999	7,775	5,022	6,058	4,855	5,947
Blind Pension	52	39	34	41	-	-	-
Carer's Allowance	3,769	7,765	8,553	2,719	4,461	5,461	3,490
Domiciliary Care Allowance	690	819	478	694	1,237	1,346	2,077
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	361	462	543	129	-	-	-
Illness Benefit	7,375	5,461	4,452	4,411	2,273	2,304	4,507
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	287	224	491	348	280	267	266

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Invalidity Pension	2,701	6,814	3,662	2,013	2,034	1,559	2,133
Disablement Pension	1,972	1,962	1,699	1,617	990	-	-
Carer's Benefit*	356	449	255	363	477	421	328
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	24,443	30,994	27,942	17,357	17,810	16,213	18,748
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad ⁽²⁾	1,260	654	2,276	1,743	2,021	2,009	1,524
Child Benefit - EU Regulation ⁽²⁾	3,071	2,413	2,033	1,819	2,032	1,869	1,298
Child Benefit - Over 16 ⁽²⁾	160	138	201	866	289	8	1,114
Child Benefit - Additional Child ⁽²⁾	69	44	37	13	42	10	45
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	5,133	8,013	7,360	2,087	1,780	1,984	2,968
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	2,654	4,669	3,491	492	695	741	858
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	78	63	74	71	-	-	-
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	121	116	136	110	-	-	-
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	0	28	37	14	16	15	15
Total Children	12,546	16,138	15,645	7,215	6,875	6,636	7,822
Household Benefits	4,582	2,566	2,949	1,855	5,197	2,079	3,177
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	455	300	307	366	599	451	548
Free Travel	31	27	62	48	43	42	5
Total Supplementary Payments	5,068	2,893	3,318	2,269	5,839	2,572	3,730
Grand Total Claims Pending	118,491	107,853	95,532	62,243	61,830	58,498	76,818

Table J5 – Average Weeks to Award by Benefit

Scheme	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pensions										
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	8	9	8	9	10	12	16	13	14	14
State Pension (Contributory)	-	16	13	7	5	6	5	5	6	7
State Pension (Transition)	-	6	6	4	4	5	6	8	-	-
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	5	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	-	-
Bereavement Grant - Longford	-	2	4	4	3	2	2	1		
Working Age Income Supports										
Jobseeker's Allowance	3	5	6	6	5	5	3	2	2	2
One-Parent Family Payment	10	11	13	16	16	15	13	11	9	6
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	7	9	9	11	10	10	7	11	-	-
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jobseeker's Benefit	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Illness, Disability and Caring										
Disability Allowance	16	15	15	14	17	19	28	12	11	12
Carer's Allowance	12	15	9	8	-	-	30	13	15	19
Domiciliary Care Allowance	-	-	-	7	9	6	7	10	13	14
Illness Benefit	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Invalidity Pension	8	10	12	13	-	35	51	10	8	10

Scheme	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Children										
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	2	3	2
Child Benefit - EU Regulation	-	-	-	-	51	38	28	26	26	33
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	-	13	8	10	17	16	7	4	4	4
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	-	5	8	10	18	15	5	5	5	-
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Supplementary Payments										
Household Benefits	-	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2
Free Travel	-	1	1	4	4	2	1	2	3	2

Table J6 – Personal Public Service Numbers issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality

Country of origin or declared nationality	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Austria	814	670	338	290	313	300	334	286	289	316
Belgium	523	466	288	278	336	281	326	370	366	338
Bulgaria	1,008	772	277	295	281	469	879	883	1,098	1,302
Croatia	170	123	60	51	60	86	486	2,091	4,342	5,312
Cyprus	43	19	26	21	21	20	53	124	42	59
Czech Republic	3,838	2,762	901	712	621	594	693	654	718	723
Denmark	338	349	209	324	306	319	266	222	240	235
Estonia	648	572	428	207	155	259	231	237	184	124
Finland	473	372	153	188	181	203	223	189	241	235
France	7,673	7,066	3,109	2,877	2,668	2,915	3,175	3,739	3,744	4,379
Germany	4,534	3,823	2,090	2,090	2,160	2,142	2,162	2,406	2,455	2,477
Greece	167	168	100	124	168	269	275	332	408	628
Hungary	5,046	4,562	1,794	1,584	1,556	1,985	1,881	1,727	1,617	1,433
Ireland	90,238	92,999	86,748	85,939	85,210	81,772	78,630	76,091	75,008	73,328
Italy	4,715	4,428	2,237	2,039	2,095	2,680	3,552	4,263	4,130	5,525
Latvia	4,674	3,727	3,916	3,134	2,195	1,759	1,568	1,312	1,171	1,316
Lithuania	10,728	6,443	3,768	4,353	3,555	2,860	2,521	2,316	2,337	2,838
Luxembourg	10	19	15	11	7	3	21	24	15	25
Malta	161	132	69	57	51	46	32	50	49	80
Netherlands	1,051	904	647	649	710	654	823	882	825	957
Poland	79,816	42,553	13,794	8,742	8,087	8,663	9,243	9,126	8,593	8,019
Portugal	1,517	2,125	1,125	786	706	1,128	1,577	1,946	1,622	2,138
Romania	14,525	6,762	2,624	3,002	3,841	5,283	7,709	9,076	8,638	11,208
Slovakia	8,375	4,994	1,784	1,288	1,012	1,138	1,092	1,081	957	996
Slovenia	63	87	40	37	42	47	56	72	90	97
Spain	4,691	4,618	2,595	2,388	2,604	3,929	5,000	5,195	4,351	5,441
Sweden	932	757	481	629	582	499	480	473	515	419
United Kingdom	22,040	19,707	13,996	13,437	13,135	12,727	13,135	13,729	14,758	15,862
Total EU	268,811	211,979	143,612	135,532	132,658	133,030	136,423	138,896	138,803	145,810

Country of origin or declared nationality	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Brazil	4,805	5,632	2,741	4,257	4,939	5,542	6,270	7,778	5,052	7,283
United States of America	3,841	3,504	2,544	2,518	2,705	2,697	3,048	3,403	3,337	3,867
India	4,778	4,332	2,249	1,430	1,475	1,854	2,620	2,815	3,132	4,956
Venezuela	71	66	52	169	346	409	2,227	1,639	69	66
China	1,519	1,685	1,266	977	877	1,138	1,099	1,416	1,145	1,474
Republic of Korea	948	1,147	431	558	505	678	1,043	1,271	513	495
Pakistan	1,439	911	868	478	807	741	891	1,618	3,168	2,217
Canada	1,071	1,213	841	698	606	613	739	841	886	1,038
Australia	1,966	1,857	1,013	688	554	587	644	883	1,043	1,162
Nigeria	1,610	1,545	888	513	482	421	545	647	613	766
Mexico	169	189	160	290	316	384	545	774	439	640
Saudi Arabia	36	33	159	247	288	344	480	481	337	353
Malaysia	744	656	436	410	291	362	435	540	502	567
Philippines	1,624	1,440	695	394	434	414	429	413	428	919
Japan	426	445	248	232	275	281	359	387	280	354
South Africa	1,046	1,105	678	413	346	344	354	448	482	804
Russia	398	358	258	233	267	258	329	357	417	455
Libya	27	26	30	21	40	58	276	254	61	61
Ukraine	394	467	302	150	167	182	257	293	341	309
New Zealand	886	819	413	238	194	200	212	275	273	260
Switzerland	262	277	156	143	180	171	202	185	221	229
Argentina	201	137	158	143	155	185	200	258	169	269
Bangladesh	405	240	167	109	88	134	196	311	427	191
Nepal	84	94	97	107	93	103	187	202	103	48
Egypt	263	337	201	93	99	147	184	239	294	512
Norway	218	240	196	187	195	122	168	191	185	191
Turkey	228	197	140	117	131	122	156	233	206	319
Thailand	271	275	224	175	161	168	141	112	142	135
Moldova	409	300	252	124	93	90	124	116	88	116
Mauritius	1,989	1,431	887	156	46	45	40	65	33	49
Other	4,671	4,494	3,533	2,368	3,237	2,833	3,359	5,122	6,522	5,110
Total Non-EU	36,799	35,452	22,283	18,636	20,392	21,627	27,759	33,567	30,908	35,215
Total	305,610	247,431	165,895	154,168	153,050	154,657	164,182	172,463	169,711	181,025

APPENDIX 1 – SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL INSURANCE

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

SOCIAL INSURANCE

Payments made under the Social Insurance system are funded, 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, 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)

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

One-Parent Family Payment

Other Supplements (Including Heating, Diet and Light)

Paternity Benefit

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

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)

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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

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

Rent Supplement

APPENDIX 3 – GLOSSARY

RECIPIENT

Person actually receiving a Social Welfare Payment.

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.

BENEFICIARIES:

Total number of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children.

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, Invalidation Pension, Illness Benefit, Partial Capacity Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity 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).

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) ⁽¹⁾
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Allowance	

(1) Scheme name changed effective from July 2006