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## INTRODUCTION

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This is the thirty-third 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](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](mailto:statsunit@welfare.ie).

*The statistics set out in this report relate to 2015 and earlier years. In the case of data relating to recipients and beneficiaries, the figures, unless otherwise stated, refer to the 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 31<sup>st</sup> 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.*

*Where not otherwise stated, expenditure figures are given in millions of euros, with tables formatted in green, whereas recipient and beneficiary figures refer to numbers of people, and are shown in tables formatted in blue.*

*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

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I welcome the publication of the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services. This 2015 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 2015 were:

- ❖ Total Social Welfare expenditure was just over €19.9 billion (compared to €19.3 billion in 2014), representing 29.1% of gross current government expenditure and 9.3% of GDP;
- ❖ Over 1.3 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of over 2.1 million beneficiaries;
- ❖ Expenditure on Pensions increased by 4.3% to almost €6.9 billion as a result of a 2.5% increase in the number of recipients. Payments were made to just under 580,00 people in this area.
- ❖ There was almost €4.5 billion spent on Working Age Income Supports, a decrease of 9.3% on the previous year. Within this, expenditure on Jobseeker's supports decreased by 6.4% to just over €3.1 billion. This Government in accordance with its commitments maintained primary welfare rates in Budget 2015;
- ❖ Spending on Working Age Employment Supports increased by 4.2% to just under €1.1 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 9.2% to just over €611 million while that on Carer's Benefit increased by 27.3% to just over €30 million. The numbers in receipt of Carer's Allowance increased from 59,380 to 63,003 an increase of 6.1%;
- ❖ 619,308 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,187,774 children an increase of 0.6% and 0.9% respectively;
- ❖ Family Income Supplement was paid to 55,913 families an increase of 11.1% over 2014 and benefitted 122,417 children. Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 23.5% to almost €368 million;
- ❖ The number of pending claims (i.e. backlogs) declined by 5.4% in 2015, with particularly strong reductions in the Invalidity Pension, Maternity Benefit and One-parent Family Payment processing areas (-23.4%, 24.1% and -19.2% respectively).

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.

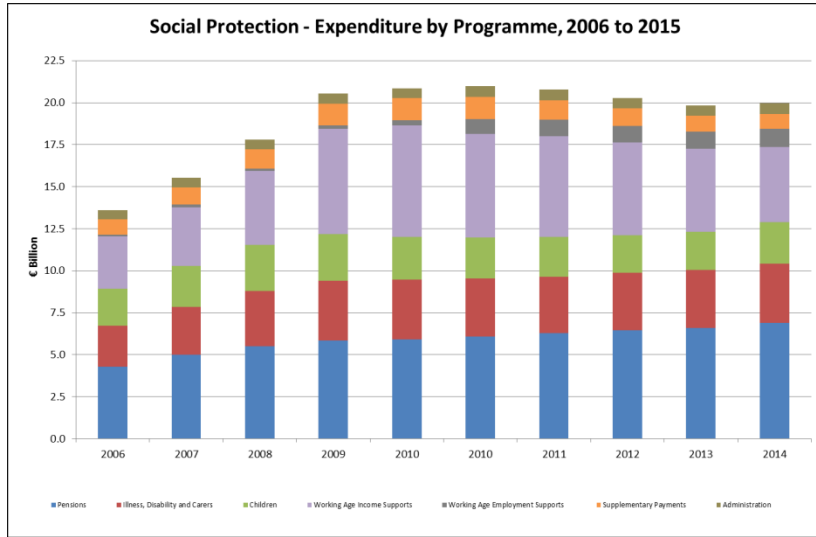
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**Leo Varadkar T.D.**

Minister for Social Protection

# A SUMMARY AND FINANCIAL

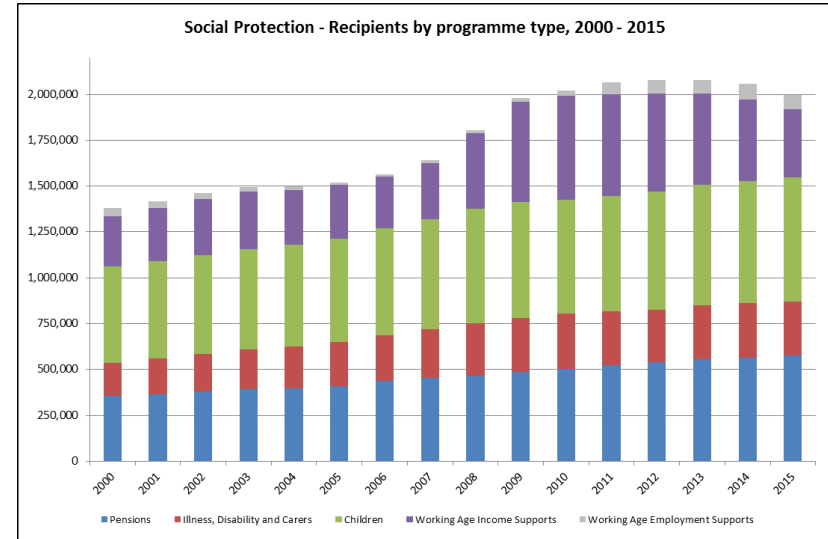
## EXPENDITURE



Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2015 was just under €20 billion, an increase of 0.7% over 2014. Expenditure in 2015 represented 29.1% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 11.0% of GNP (Table A1). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Pensions 34.5%, Working Age Income Supports 22.4%, Illness, Disability and Caring 17.8%, Children 12.3%, Working Age Employment Supports 5.4%, Supplementary Payments 4.4% and Administration of the Social Welfare system accounted for 3.2% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer 56.8% and the Social Insurance Fund 43.2%. The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers 72.6%, employees 21.5%, the self-employed 5.4%. See Tables A6 and A7.

## RECIPIENTS OF WEEKLY SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS



There were 1,377,558 people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare Payment at the end of 2015. As these payments included increases in respect of 182,568 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

Table A1	Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2006 to 2015										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
Administration	517,252	563,065	579,815	592,640	579,592	630,340	622,520	613,953	617,515	644,576	4.4%
Pensions	4,280,922	4,983,212	5,507,635	5,853,742	5,898,644	6,092,188	6,283,415	6,450,892	6,595,467	6,879,388	4.3%
Working Age Income Supports	3,111,776	3,491,547	4,393,296	6,291,700	6,669,207	6,182,498	5,994,457	5,503,907	4,931,715	4,468,297	-9.4%
Working Age Employment Supports	115,552	145,024	160,531	193,888	300,162	862,395	954,025	992,430	1,035,376	1,078,621	4.2%
Illness, Disability and Carers	2,426,122	2,847,680	3,293,106	3,527,490	3,557,052	3,443,120	3,346,364	3,404,962	3,436,236	3,546,226	3.2%
Children	2,218,817	2,459,614	2,733,912	2,788,049	2,534,856	2,429,813	2,393,283	2,269,105	2,281,687	2,462,165	7.9%
Supplementary Payments	916,000	1,028,341	1,140,292	1,288,531	1,310,948	1,329,736	1,182,109	1,052,021	933,456	886,613	-5.0%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>13,586,441</b>	<b>15,518,483</b>	<b>17,808,587</b>	<b>20,536,040</b>	<b>20,850,461</b>	<b>20,970,090</b>	<b>20,776,173</b>	<b>20,287,270</b>	<b>19,831,452</b>	<b>19,965,886</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 2006 to 2015</b>											
<b>Index of Expenditure</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>147</b>	
<b>Consumer Price Index<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>100</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>108.1</b>	
<b>Percentage of Gross Current Government Expenditure<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>31.4%</b>	<b>31.4%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	
<b>Percentage of Gross National Product<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	
<b>Percentage of Gross Domestic Product<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	
(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 Payment Type

Table A2	Expenditure on Social Welfare by Payment Type 2006 to 2015										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	295,568	320,354	322,035	311,212	298,815	349,353	345,868	341,433	347,014	373,770	7.7%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	221,684	242,711	257,780	281,428	280,777	280,987	276,652	272,520	270,501	270,806	0.1%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>517,252</b>	<b>563,065</b>	<b>579,815</b>	<b>592,640</b>	<b>579,592</b>	<b>630,340</b>	<b>622,520</b>	<b>613,953</b>	<b>617,515</b>	<b>644,576</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	727,782	920,167	972,765	1,000,546	977,293	971,769	963,211	952,457	954,368	972,130	1.9%
State Pension (Contributory)	1,580,896	2,754,749	3,117,855	3,367,733	3,451,503	3,622,746	3,802,795	3,983,264	4,185,233	4,475,655	6.9%
State Pension (Transition)	857,627	79,070	92,089	104,976	108,194	132,395	146,629	137,270	73,768	1,185	-98.4%
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,094,884	1,204,979	1,299,039	1,353,391	1,335,584	1,337,865	1,343,198	1,349,840	1,369,759	1,422,114	3.8%
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	7,047	7,574	8,036	8,207	7,778	7,977	7,827	7,775	8,068	8,248	2.2%
Bereavement Grants	12,686	16,673	17,851	18,889	18,292	19,436	19,755	20,286	4,271	56	-98.7%
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>4,280,922</b>	<b>4,983,212</b>	<b>5,507,635</b>	<b>5,853,742</b>	<b>5,898,644</b>	<b>6,092,188</b>	<b>6,283,415</b>	<b>6,450,892</b>	<b>6,595,467</b>	<b>6,879,388</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	768,560	875,092	1,158,851	2,004,556	2,809,381	2,974,987	3,054,741	3,108,974	2,924,261	2,742,509	-6.2%
One Parent Family Payment	834,262	962,425	1,067,158	1,121,344	1,110,328	1,088,897	1,057,753	977,960	867,863	670,564	-22.7%
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Non-Contributory)	103,688	19,921	21,181	21,275	19,252	18,173	17,670	16,735	16,479	15,865	-3.7%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10,547	6,897	6,624	6,038	5,020	4,211	3,546	2,876	2,504	2,132	-14.9%
Prisoners Wife's Allowance	13	16	7	6	-	0	0	0	0	0	N/a
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments	134,974	150,420	184,477	233,532	199,951	168,848	176,491	104,539	81,863	91,729	12.1%
Direct Provision Allowance	4215	4,784	4,963	7,339	6,619	5,545	3,800	3,776	3,629	3,851	6.1%
Farm Assist	71,085	78,686	84,881	93,297	110,931	113,724	108,170	99,178	93,639	88,485	-5.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	113,063	124,490	117,666	96,606	77,850	59,942	46,091	34,555	24,334	16,268	-33.1%
Other Working Age Income Supports <sup>(2)</sup>	74,671	83,663	96,540	90,029	83,856	75,360	64,667	46,424	40,287	38,845	-3.6%
Jobseeker's Benefit	455,073	544,931	928,844	1,733,816	1,285,438	926,900	736,881	560,460	420,398	387,152	-7.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	94,621	100,710	104,618	100,130	93,387	85,828	83,565	80,400	79,105	77,435	-2.1%
Maternity Benefit	180,801	257,896	315,878	331,289	323,938	309,141	303,527	292,597	269,930	259,791	-3.8%
Adoptive Benefit	818	1,333	1,644	1,247	891	1,075	465	309	169	279	65.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	353	503	576	619	588	643	526	578	536	523	-2.4%
Redundancy and Insolvency	170,012	188,178	202,264	350,398	490,304	326,184	317,578	141,118	77,982	42,977	-44.9%
Treatment Benefits <sup>(2)</sup>	95,020	91,602	97,124	100,179	51,473	23,040	18,986	33,428	28,736	29,892	4.0%
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>3,111,776</b>	<b>3,491,547</b>	<b>4,393,296</b>	<b>6,291,700</b>	<b>6,669,207</b>	<b>6,182,498</b>	<b>5,994,457</b>	<b>5,503,907</b>	<b>4,931,715</b>	<b>4,468,297</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>

Table A2 (Continued)	Expenditure on Social Welfare by Payment Type 2006 to 2015										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
Community Employment Programme	0	0	0	0	0	349,396	330,399	341,250	359,474	366,415	1.9%
Rural Social Schemes	0	0	0	0	13,872	46,835	45,242	44,203	43,763	44,105	0.8%
Tús	0	0	0	0	0	11,761	67,055	92,060	116,054	124,576	7.3%
Job Initiative	0	0	0	0	8,198	29,678	25,794	24,924	23,364	21,698	-7.1%
Community Services Programme	0	0	0	0	0	45,452	45,390	44,853	43,028	42,730	-0.7%
Back to Work Allowance	56,497	71,072	73,169	76,434	87,960	114,582	127,203	119,505	118,833	129,037	8.6%
National Internship Scheme - Jobbridge	0	0	0	0	0	7,914	54,739	67,688	76,030	63,489	-16.5%
Back to Education Allowance	52,070	64,142	77,136	107,316	179,851	201,519	199,567	186,879	162,465	143,965	-11.4%
Gateway								255	7,576	29,544	290.0%
Back to Work Family Dividend									0	14,422	N/a
Partial Capacity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,107	7,377	9,972	11,310	13.4%
Other Employment Support <sup>(2)</sup>	6,985	9,810	10,226	10,138	10,281	55,258	56,529	63,436	74,817	87,330	16.7%
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>115,552</b>	<b>145,024</b>	<b>160,531</b>	<b>193,888</b>	<b>300,162</b>	<b>862,395</b>	<b>954,025</b>	<b>992,430</b>	<b>1,035,376</b>	<b>1,078,621</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Disability Allowance	738,431	901,131	1,052,660	1,142,769	1,109,505	1,089,178	1,087,513	1,140,916	1,238,470	1,281,584	3.5%
Blind Pension	16,964	15,031	16,319	16,277	16,032	15,624	15,747	14,823	14,429	14,379	-0.3%
Carer's Allowance	284,584	361,257	450,260	502,469	501,789	507,193	509,671	554,801	559,456	611,135	9.2%
Domiciliary Care Allowance	0	0	0	31,017	95,710	99,924	102,237	104,272	110,675	120,882	9.2%
Respite Care Grant	50,458	73,376	98,204	99,200	128,097	130,392	136,353	119,945	118,506	125,143	5.6%
Illness Benefit	627,642	755,077	852,305	919,783	942,571	875,549	773,959	648,938	625,975	620,007	-1.0%
Injury Benefit	16,123	17,194	19,250	18,143	17,884	16,507	15,860	14,592	16,537	16,988	2.7%
Invalidity Pension	602,414	618,133	685,717	681,642	639,994	606,502	604,024	707,769	651,666	649,220	-0.4%
Disablement Benefit	72,526	79,283	84,443	85,677	78,822	77,460	76,147	76,118	76,622	76,676	0.1%
Medical Care	292	298	282	309	360	317	355	345	248	95	-61.7%
Carer's Benefit	16,688	26,900	33,666	30,204	26,288	24,474	24,498	22,443	23,652	30,117	27.3%
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>2,426,122</b>	<b>2,847,680</b>	<b>3,293,106</b>	<b>3,527,490</b>	<b>3,557,052</b>	<b>3,443,120</b>	<b>3,346,364</b>	<b>3,404,962</b>	<b>3,436,236</b>	<b>3,546,226</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Child Benefit	2,056,295	2,232,974	2,453,957	2,495,304	2,213,429	2,076,338	2,046,955	1,899,922	1,902,603	1,990,296	4.6%
Family Income Supplement	107,137	140,020	170,309	167,133	185,998	204,543	223,608	261,758	297,941	367,872	23.5%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	24,892	40,176	49,632	67,188	77,401	90,903	65,679	47,976	42,452	41,342	-2.6%
School Meals	13,622	28,202	32,422	34,848	34,939	34,975	35,005	36,775	16,572	38,778	134.0%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,832	4,366	7,147	6,024	4,697	5,134	4,987	5,124	5,196	5,720	10.1%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	282	454	529	425	475	276	313	252	276	444	60.9%
Guardian's Payments (Contributory)	8,815	9,560	14,373	11,510	11,462	11,416	10,768	10,967	10,989	11,942	8.7%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	2,942	3,862	5,543	5,617	6,455	6,228	5,968	6,331	5,658	5,771	2.0%
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>2,218,817</b>	<b>2,459,614</b>	<b>2,733,912</b>	<b>2,788,049</b>	<b>2,534,856</b>	<b>2,429,813</b>	<b>2,393,283</b>	<b>2,269,105</b>	<b>2,281,687</b>	<b>2,462,165</b>	<b>7.9%</b>

Table A2 (Continued)	Expenditure on Social Welfare by Payment Type 2006 to 2015										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
Rent Supplement	388,339	391,466	440,548	510,751	516,538	502,747	422,536	372,909	338,347	311,059	-8.1%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	7,873	12,197	27,675	60,885	65,615	67,849	55,082	35,063	20,897	11,922	-42.9%
Household Benefits <sup>(2)</sup>	256,137	313,111	340,252	359,107	367,800	369,575	368,685	290,470	231,756	220,752	-4.7%
Free Travel	58,042	64,125	68,428	73,489	74,094	75,597	75,518	75,477	75,487	75,244	-0.3%
Fuel Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	130,250	158,289	170,008	199,609	228,766	265,838	211,394	228,141	217,735	214,742	-1.4%
Grant to the Citizen's Information Board <sup>(3)</sup>	24,362	27,860	29,468	28,005	44,986	45,114	45,743	46,387	45,000	46,000	2.2%
Office of the Pensions Ombudsman	0	0	35981	0	0	906	977	974	935	877	-6.2%
Grant to Family Support Agency	26,506	35,339	0	34,660	9,909	0	0	0	0	0	N/a
Combat Poverty Agency	3,689	4,008	4,114	1,564	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a
Money Advice and Budgeting Service <sup>(3)</sup>	13,575	14,578	16,217	17,041	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a
Miscellaneous Services funded by Vote 37 <sup>(2)</sup>	7,227	7,368	7,601	3,420	3,240	2,110	2,174	2,600	3,299	6,017	82.4%
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>916,000</b>	<b>1,028,341</b>	<b>1,140,292</b>	<b>1,288,531</b>	<b>1,310,948</b>	<b>1,329,736</b>	<b>1,182,109</b>	<b>1,052,021</b>	<b>933,456</b>	<b>886,613</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,586,441</b>	<b>15,518,483</b>	<b>17,808,587</b>	<b>20,536,040</b>	<b>20,850,461</b>	<b>20,970,090</b>	<b>20,776,173</b>	<b>20,287,270</b>	<b>19,831,452</b>	<b>19,965,886</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

(1) Provisional  
(2) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A3 for 2014 and 2015  
(3) Money Advice and Budgeting Service was merged with the Citizen's Information Board from 2010

Table A3 – Additional Expenditure Details

Table A3	Additional Expenditure Details 2014 and 2015			
	Scheme	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2014 over 2015
		€000	€000	%
<b>Other Working Age Income Supports</b>				
Exceptional and Urgent Needs	30,090	30,987	3.0%	
Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	8,125	7,379	-9.2%	
Humanitarian Aid	2,072	479	-76.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,287</b>	<b>38,845</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	
<b>TREATMENT BENEFITS</b>				
Dental	16,042	16,618	3.6%	
Optical	6,613	6,808	2.9%	
Medical and Surgical	6,081	6,466	6.3%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,736</b>	<b>29,892</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	
<b>Other Employment Supports</b>				
Assistance towards training for BTW participants	3,338	4,218	26.4%	
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	2,281	2,722	19.3%	
Wage Subsidy Scheme	12,912	16,392	27.0%	
EmployAbility Service	8,434	8,656	2.6%	
Disability Activation Project	3,003	1,782	-40.7%	
Disability Support Awareness	341	347	1.8%	
Local Employment Service	18,283	19,514	6.7%	
Local Employment Service Jobs Clubs	5,493	5,875	7.0%	
Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)	1,391	1,325	-4.7%	
Special payments to long term Unemployed and Lone Parents	10	2	-80.0%	
Special Initiatives for Travellers programme	312	4	-98.7%	
Drugs Task Force	1,737	836	-51.9%	
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training Initiatives	368	355	-3.5%	
Technical Employment Support Grants (funded from National Training Fund)	5,031	2,672	-46.9%	
JobsPlus	11,883	22,630	90.4%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74,817</b>	<b>87,330</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	

Table A3	Additional Expenditure Details 2014 and 2015 continued			
	Scheme	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2014 over 2015
		€000	€000	%
Electricity Allowance	61,119	53,615	-12.3%	
Gas Allowance	6,213	4,477	-27.9%	
Telephone Allowance	1,156	17	-101.5%	
Free Television Licence	19,994	16,857	-15.7%	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>88,482</b>	<b>74,932</b>	<b>-15.3%</b>	
<b>Household Benefits - Social Insurance</b>				
Electricity Allowance	93,434	95,957	2.7%	
Gas Allowance	15,602	14,275	-8.5%	
Telephone Allowance	1,783	21	-101.2%	
Free Television Licence	32,455	35,609	9.7%	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>143,274</b>	<b>145,820</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	
<b>Household Benefits Grand Total</b>	<b>231,756</b>	<b>220,752</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>	
<b>Fuel Allowance</b>				
Fuel Allowance - Social Assistance	147,873	142,318	-3.8%	
Fuel Allowance - Social Insurance	69,862	72,424	3.7%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217,735</b>	<b>214,742</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous Services funded by Vote 37</b>				
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	530	507	-4.3%	
Training For Carers (Funded from Dormant Accounts)	-	906	N/a	
Grants - Information & Welfare Rights	686	686	0.0%	
Recoupment of superannuation expenses to The Pensions Board	175	360	105.7%	
Ex gratia payments - Magdalene Laundries and other Institutions	1,833	3,443	87.8%	
Social Inclusion Initiatives	75	79	5.3%	
EU Food Aid	-	36	N/a	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>6,017</b>	<b>82.4%</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>596,630</b>	<b>597,578</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	
<b>(1) Provisional</b>				

Table A4 – Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme

Table A4  Type of Payment	Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 2006 to 2015										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	727,782	920,167	972,765	1,000,546	977,293	971,769	963,211	952,457	954,368	972,130	1.9%
Jobseeker's Allowance	768,560	875,092	1,158,851	2,004,556	2,809,381	2,974,987	3,054,741	3,108,974	2,924,261	2,742,509	-6.2%
One-Parent Family Payment	834,262	962,425	1,067,158	1,121,344	1,110,328	1,088,897	1,057,753	977,960	867,863	670,564	-22.7%
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Non-Contributory)	103,688	19,921	21,181	21,275	19,252	18,173	17,670	16,735	16,479	15,865	-3.7%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10,547	6,897	6,624	6,038	5,020	4,211	3,546	2,876	2,504	2,132	-14.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	13	16	7	6	-	0	0	0	0	0	N/a
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	134,974	150,420	184,477	233,532	199,951	168,848	176,491	104,539	81,863	91,729	12.1%
Direct Provision Allowance	4,215	4,784	4,963	7,339	6,619	5,545	3,800	3,776	3,629	3,851	6.1%
Farm Assist	71,085	78,686	84,881	93,297	110,931	113,724	108,170	99,178	93,639	88,485	-5.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	113,063	124,490	117,666	96,606	77,850	59,942	46,091	34,555	24,334	16,268	-33.1%
Exceptional and Urgent Needs	61,138	69,828	82,254	75,210	69,420	62,593	52,705	35,674	30,090	30,987	3.0%
Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	13,533	13,835	14,286	14,214	13,391	12,766	11,248	9,526	8,125	7,379	-9.2%
Humanitarian Aid	0	-	0	605	1,045	1	714	1,224	2,072	479	-76.9%
Community Employment	-	-	-	-	-	349,396	330,399	341,250	359,474	366,415	1.9%
Rural Social Schemes	-	-	-	-	13,872	46,835	45,242	44,203	43,763	44,105	0.8%
Tús	-	-	-	-	-	11,761	67,055	92,060	116,054	124,576	7.3%
Job Initiative	-	-	-	-	8,198	29,678	25,794	24,924	23,364	21,698	-7.1%
Community Services Programme	-	-	-	-	-	45,452	45,390	44,853	43,028	42,730	-0.7%
Back to Work Allowance	56,497	71,072	73,169	76,434	87,960	114,582	127,203	119,505	118,833	129,037	8.6%
Jobbridge	-	-	-	-	-	7,914	54,739	67,688	76,030	63,489	-16.5%
Back to Education Allowance	52,070	64,142	77,136	107,316	179,851	201,519	199,567	186,879	162,465	143,965	-11.4%
Gateway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	255	7,576	29,544	-
Back to Work Family Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,422	-
Other Employment Supports	6,985	9,810	10,226	10,138	10,281	55,258	56,529	63,436	74,817	87,330	16.7%
Disability Allowance	738,431	901,131	1,052,660	1,142,769	1,109,505	1,089,178	1,087,513	1,140,916	1,238,470	1,281,584	3.5%
Blind Pension	16,964	15,031	16,319	16,277	16,032	15,624	15,747	14,823	14,429	14,379	-0.3%



Table A4  Type of Payment	Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 2006 to 2015 continued										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015(1)	Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
Carer's Allowance	284,584	361,257	450,260	502,469	501,789	507,193	509,671	554,801	559,456	611,135	9.2%
Domiciliary Care Allowance	-	-	-	31,017	95,710	99,924	102,237	104,272	110,675	120,882	9.2%
Respite Care Grant	50,458	73,376	98,204	99,200	128,097	130,392	136,353	119,945	118,506	125,143	5.6%
Child Benefit	2,056,295	2,232,974	2,453,957	2,495,304	2,213,429	2,076,338	2,046,955	1,899,922	1,902,603	1,990,296	4.6%
Family Income Supplement	107,137	140,020	170,309	167,133	185,998	204,543	223,608	261,758	297,941	367,872	23.5%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	24,892	40,176	49,632	67,188	77,401	90,903	65,679	47,976	42,452	41,342	-2.6%
School Meals	13,622	28,202	32,422	34,848	34,939	34,975	35,005	36,775	16,572	38,778	134.0%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,832	4,366	7,147	6,024	4,697	5,134	4,987	5,124	5,196	5,720	10.1%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	282	454	529	425	475	276	313	252	276	444	60.9%
Rent Allowances	839	792	732	725	804	701	663	654	530	507	-4.3%
Household Benefits	98,478	124,738	139,901	150,149	157,084	144,654	143,732	113,130	88,482	74,932	-15.3%
Fuel Allowance	81,319	96,888	115,779	129,528	150,630	179,184	144,692	155,599	147,873	142,318	-3.8%
Free Travel	58,042	64,125	68,428	73,489	74,094	75,597	75,518	75,477	75,487	75,244	-0.3%
Grant to Citizen's Information Board	24,362	27,860	29,468	28,005	44,986	45,114	45,743	46,387	45,000	46,000	2.2%
Office of the Pension's Ombudsman	0	0	35,981	-	0	906	977	974	935	877	-6.2%
Grant to Family Support Agency	26,506	35,339	-	34,660	9,909	-	0	0	0	0	N/a
Combat Poverty Agency	3,689	4,008	4,114	1,564	-	0	0	0	0	0	N/a
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	13,575	14,578	16,217	17,041	-	0	0	0	0	0	N/a
Rent Supplement	388,339	391,466	440,548	510,751	516,538	502,747	422,536	372,909	338,347	311,059	-8.1%
Mortgage Interest Supplement	7,873	12,197	27,675	60,885	65,615	67,849	55,082	35,063	20,897	11,922	-42.9%
Administration	295,568	320,354	322,035	311,212	298,815	349,353	345,868	341,433	347,014	373,770	7.7%
Supplementary Payments	6,388	6,576	6,869	2,695	2,436	1,409	1,511	1,946	2,769	5,510	99.0%
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>7,262,893</b>	<b>8,269,500</b>	<b>9,416,838</b>	<b>10,753,823</b>	<b>11,391,636</b>	<b>11,967,856</b>	<b>11,914,460</b>	<b>11,664,676</b>	<b>11,410,555</b>	<b>11,349,403</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
<b>Annual Percentage Variance</b>	<b>20.66%</b>	<b>13.86%</b>	<b>13.87%</b>	<b>14.20%</b>	<b>5.93%</b>	<b>5.06%</b>	<b>-0.45%</b>	<b>-2.10%</b>	<b>-2.18%</b>	<b>-0.54%</b>	
<b>Percentage of Total Departmental Spend</b>	<b>53.46%</b>	<b>53.29%</b>	<b>52.88%</b>	<b>52.37%</b>	<b>54.63%</b>	<b>57.07%</b>	<b>57.35%</b>	<b>57.50%</b>	<b>57.54%</b>	<b>56.84%</b>	

(1) Provisional

Table A5 – Social Insurance Expenditure by Scheme

Table A5  Type of Payment	Social Insurance Expenditure by Scheme, 2006 to 2015										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2013 over 2012
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
State Pension (Contributory)	1,580,896	2,754,749	3,117,855	3,367,733	3,451,503	3,622,746	3,802,795	3,983,264	4,185,233	4,475,655	6.9%
State Pension (Transition)	857,627	79,070	92,089	104,976	108,194	132,395	146,629	137,270	73,768	1,185	-98.4%
Widows',Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	1,094,884	1,204,979	1,299,039	1,353,391	1,335,584	1,337,865	1,343,198	1,349,840	1,369,759	1,422,114	3.8%
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	7,047	7,574	8,036	8,207	7,778	7,977	7,827	7,775	8,068	8,248	2.2%
Bereavement Grant	12,686	16,673	17,851	18,889	18,292	19,436	19,755	20,286	4,271	56	-98.7%
Jobseeker's Benefit	455,073	544,931	928,844	1,733,816	1,285,438	926,900	736,881	560,460	420,398	387,152	-7.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	94,621	100,710	104,618	100,130	93,387	85,828	83,565	80,400	79,105	77,435	-2.1%
Maternity Benefit	180,801	257,896	315,878	331,289	323,938	309,141	303,527	292,597	269,930	259,791	-3.8%
Adoptive Benefit	818	1,333	1,644	1,247	891	1,075	465	309	169	279	65.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	353	503	576	619	588	643	526	578	536	523	-2.4%
Redundancy and Insolvency	170,012	188,178	202,264	350,398	490,304	326,184	317,578	141,118	77,982	42,977	-44.9%
Treatment Benefit	95,020	91,602	97,124	100,179	51,473	23,040	18,986	33,428	28,736	29,892	4.0%
Illness Benefit	627,642	755,077	852,305	919,783	942,571	875,549	773,959	648,938	625,975	620,007	-1.0%
Injury Benefit	16,123	17,194	19,250	18,143	17,884	16,507	15,860	14,592	16,537	16,988	2.7%
Invalidity Pension	602,414	618,133	685,717	681,642	639,994	606,502	604,024	707,769	651,666	649,220	-0.4%
Partial Capacity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,107	7,377	9,972	11,310	13.4%
Disablement Benefit	72,526	79,283	84,443	85,677	78,822	77,460	76,147	76,118	76,622	76,676	0.1%
Medical Care	292	298	282	309	360	317	355	345	248	95	-61.7%
Carer's Benefit	16,688	26,900	33,666	30,204	26,288	24,474	24,498	22,443	23,652	30,117	27.3%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	8,815	9,560	14,373	11,510	11,462	11,416	10,768	10,967	10,989	11,942	8.7%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	2,942	3,862	5,543	5,617	6,455	6,228	5,968	6,331	5,658	5,771	2.0%
Household Benefits	157,659	188,373	200,351	208,958	210,716	224,921	224,953	177,340	143,274	145,820	1.8%
Fuel Allowance	48,931	61,401	54,229	70,081	78,136	86,654	66,702	72,542	69,862	72,424	3.7%
Administration	221,684	242,711	257,780	281,428	280,777	280,987	276,652	272,520	270,501	270,806	0.1%
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>6,325,554</b>	<b>7,250,990</b>	<b>8,393,757</b>	<b>9,784,226</b>	<b>9,460,835</b>	<b>9,004,245</b>	<b>8,863,725</b>	<b>8,624,607</b>	<b>8,422,911</b>	<b>8,616,483</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Annual Percentage Variance</b>	<b>19.97%</b>	<b>14.63%</b>	<b>15.76%</b>	<b>16.57%</b>	<b>-3.31%</b>	<b>-4.83%</b>	<b>-1.56%</b>	<b>-2.70%</b>	<b>-2.34%</b>	<b>2.30%</b>	
<b>Percentage of Total Departmental Spend</b>	<b>46.56%</b>	<b>46.72%</b>	<b>47.13%</b>	<b>47.64%</b>	<b>45.37%</b>	<b>42.94%</b>	<b>42.66%</b>	<b>42.51%</b>	<b>42.47%</b>	<b>43.16%</b>	

(1) Provisional

Table A6 – Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure

Table A6	Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 2006 and 2015													
	2006	2007	2008(2)	2009(3)	2010(4)	2011(5)	2012(6)	2013 <sup>(7)</sup>	2014 <sup>(8)</sup>		2015 <sup>(1)(9)</sup>		Change 2015 over 2006	
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%	€000	%		
<b>Sources of Finance</b>														
Social Insurance Fund	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	42.5%	8,616,483	43.2%	36.22%	
State	7,260,888	8,267,493	9,414,830	10,751,815	11,389,626	11,965,845	11,912,448	11,664,676	11,408,541	57.5%	11,349,403	56.8%	56.31%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,586,442</b>	<b>15,518,483</b>	<b>17,808,587</b>	<b>20,536,040</b>	<b>20,850,461</b>	<b>20,970,090</b>	<b>20,776,173</b>	<b>20,289,283</b>	<b>19,831,452</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>19,965,886</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	46.95%	
<p>(1) Provisional                      (2) A payment of €0.249 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2008                      (3) A payment of €2.487 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2009                      (4) A payment of €2.751 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2010                      (5) A payment of €1.463 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2011                      (6) A payment of €2.084 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2012                      (7) A payment of €1.314 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2013                      (8) A payment of €0.542 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2014                      (9) A payment of €0.119 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2015</p>														

Table A7 – Financing of the Social Insurance Fund

Sources of Finance	2006	2007	2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	2009 <sup>(5)</sup>	2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	2011 <sup>(7)</sup>	2012 <sup>(8)</sup>	2013 <sup>(9)</sup>	2014 <sup>(10)</sup>		2015 <sup>(11)</sup>		Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%	€000	%	
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	73.0%	6,165,212	72.6%	7.2%
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	21.6%	1,826,407	21.5%	7.2%
Self-Employed PRSI	373,714	420,852	405,582	314,787	330,603	348,342	310,386	397,079	406,266	5.2%	460,266	5.4%	13.3%
Income from Health Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	115,257	-13,676	-5,061	7,324	0.1%	6,537	0.1%	10.7%
Investment Income	53,084	112,049	160,209	132,976	1,612	999	369	51	56	0.0%	231	0.0%	312.5%
Other Receipts	105	88	19	19	50	1,147	6,683	7,711	14,083	0.2%	38,793	0.5%	175.5%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,974,411</b>	<b>7,834,147</b>	<b>8,144,410</b>	<b>7,297,601</b>	<b>6,709,680</b>	<b>7,543,883</b>	<b>6,779,716</b>	<b>7,310,477</b>	<b>7,881,113</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,497,446</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<b>Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes</b>	<b>6,325,554</b>	<b>7,250,990</b>	<b>8,393,757</b>	<b>9,784,225</b>	<b>9,460,835</b>	<b>9,004,245</b>	<b>8,863,725</b>	<b>8,624,607</b>	<b>8,422,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,616,483</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>648,857</b>	<b>583,157</b>	<b>- 249,347</b>	<b>- 2,486,624</b>	<b>- 2,751,155</b>	<b>- 1,460,362</b>	<b>- 2,084,009</b>	<b>- 1,314,130</b>	<b>-541,798</b>		<b>-119,037</b>		<b>-78.0%</b>

(1) The financial data for 2013 is as published in the Social Insurance Fund account as audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The financial data for 2014 is provisional and is subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

(2) Following the introduction of the Universal Social Charge on 1st January 2011, no further Health Contributions were due to the Health Service Executive. Health contributions received after this date but due in respect of 2010 and earlier years were retained by the Social Insurance Fund in accordance with Section 15 of the Social Welfare Act 2010. Claims for refunds of health contributions exceeded health contribution income in 2012 and 2013 and the amount shown for that year is the net effect of contributions received and refunds made in respect of previous years.

(3) The breakdown between employer, employee and self-employed contributions requires a detailed analysis of data collected by the Revenue Commissioners. The contributions are apportioned on the basis of the most recently available information and are of necessity provisional.

(4) A payment of €0.249 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2008

(5) A payment of €2.487 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2009

(6) A payment of €2.751 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2010

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(9) A payment of €1.314 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2013

(10) A payment of €0.542 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2014

(11) A payment of €0.119 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2015

Table A8 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

<b>Table A8</b>		<b>Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2006 to 2015</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Recipients<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Beneficiaries<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Population<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Recipients as a % of population</b>	<b>Beneficiaries as a % of population</b>
<b>2006</b>	1,003,517	1,506,824	4,232,900	23.7%	35.6%
<b>2007</b>	1,060,327	1,577,463	4,375,800	24.2%	36.0%
<b>2008</b>	1,208,883	1,799,875	4,485,100	27.0%	40.1%
<b>2009</b>	1,379,206	2,076,256	4,533,400	30.4%	45.8%
<b>2010</b>	1,430,833	2,179,428	4,554,800	31.4%	47.8%
<b>2011</b>	1,467,129	2,248,284	4,574,900	32.1%	49.1%
<b>2012</b>	1,469,214	2,267,499	4,585,400	32.0%	49.5%
<b>2013</b>	1,467,918	2,273,003	4,593,100	32.0%	49.5%
<b>2014</b>	1,440,876	2,219,662	4,609,600	31.3%	48.2%
<b>2015</b>	1,377,558	2,110,988	4,635,400	29.7%	45.5%

(1) There is an element of double counting due to recipients and beneficiaries being in receipt of concurrent payments under various payments such as Carer's Allowance, Domiciliary Care Allowance and Disablement Benefit.

(2) Sources: CSO - Population Estimates

Table A9 – Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme

Table A9 Type of Payment	Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2006 to 2015										
	Recipients										Change 2015 over 2014
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,404	97,726	97,784	97,798	97,179	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	-0.4%
State Pension (Contributory)	139,724	237,599	250,117	265,102	280,419	296,995	312,314	329,531	346,420	361,725	4.4%
State Pension (Transition)	91,086	5,851	7,242	8,378	10,206	12,110	14,372	12,630	1,548	66	-95.7%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	110,146	111,460	112,237	113,108	114,579	115,762	116,751	117,417	118,670	119,712	0.9%
Death Benefit Pension	646	647	651	637	633	628	645	646	636		-100.0%
<b>Total Number of Recipients of Pensions</b>	<b>439,006</b>	<b>453,283</b>	<b>468,031</b>	<b>485,023</b>	<b>503,016</b>	<b>522,244</b>	<b>540,208</b>	<b>556,025</b>	<b>562,844</b>	<b>576,682</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,801	80,268	113,603	203,248	261,850	283,929	291,640	295,077	269,951	246,536	-8.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	83,081	85,084	87,840	90,484	92,326	90,307	86,941	78,246	69,884	41,468	-40.7%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	2,168	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	N/a	N/a	N/a
Deserted Wife's Allowance	766	693	617	550	487	409	336	274	N/a	N/a	N/a
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	1	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c
Basic Supplementary Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	25,331	27,379	35,546	42,775	37,413	34,597	32,358	23,127	18,187	17,343	-4.6%
Farm Assist	7,480	7,376	7,496	8,972	10,714	11,333	11,029	10,303	9,809	8,790	-10.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,149	10,624	8,872	7,468	6,021	4,820	3,670	2,664	1,887	1,110	-41.2%
Jobseeker's Benefit	50,542	59,167	121,763	160,122	123,457	96,044	78,459	55,068	46,335	37,845	-18.3%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,760	9,395	9,056	8,737	8,372	8,071	7,753	7,457	6,989		-100.0%
Maternity Benefit	14,898	20,948	23,421	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	-4.5%
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	68	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	46.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	37	39	69	49	60	61	60	52	53	50	-5.7%
<b>Total Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports</b>	<b>281,074</b>	<b>303,168</b>	<b>410,394</b>	<b>547,761</b>	<b>566,186</b>	<b>555,522</b>	<b>536,970</b>	<b>496,876</b>	<b>445,816</b>	<b>374,848</b>	<b>-15.9%</b>
Community Employment Programme <sup>(5)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	22,589	22,445	22,575	23,249	24,218	4.2%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	2,537	2,591	2,537	2,576	2,532	-1.7%
Tús- Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	2,077	4,530	6,999	7,877	7,818	-0.7%
Job Initiative	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,031	958	-7.1%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,963	4,305	3,558	2,012	851	182	18	11	2	S/c	N/a
<b>Back to Work Enterprise Allowance</b>											
Self - Employed First Year	1,683	1,811	1,470	1,966	5,011	5,617	5,656	5,216	6,580	6,214	-5.6%
Self - Employed Years 2 - 4	2,690	3,017	3,134	2,625	2,947	5,134	5,154	4,882	4,586	5,667	23.6%
JobBridge	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5,160	6,058	6,047	4,207	-30.4%
Back to Education Allowance	5,679	5,980	7,886	15,877	21,147	24,666	24,910	24,175	22,714	17,879	-21.3%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	184	173	161	180	215	290	373	403	8.0%
Gateway										2,266	N/a
Jobsplus											N/a
Other Employment Supports	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	7,313	2,144	-70.7%
Partial Capacity Benefit	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	733	1,234	1,432	1,612	12.6%
<b>Total Number of Recipients of Working Age on Employment Supports</b>	<b>14,216</b>	<b>15,323</b>	<b>16,232</b>	<b>22,653</b>	<b>30,117</b>	<b>62,982</b>	<b>71,412</b>	<b>73,977</b>	<b>83,780</b>	<b>75,918</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>

Type of Payment	Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2006 to 2015										Change 2015 over 2014
	Recipients										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
Disability Allowance	83,697	89,048	95,754	99,576	101,111	102,866	101,784	106,279	112,097	119,042	6.2%
Blind Pension	1,476	1,474	1,472	1,467	1,485	1,496	1,456	1,385	N/a	N/a	N/a
Carer's Allowance	27,474	33,067	43,569	48,223	50,577	51,666	52,209	57,136	59,380	63,003	6.1%
Illness Benefit	65,774	70,404	73,609	77,665	81,253	73,397	64,429	58,990	57,024	55,540	-2.6%
Interim Illness Benefit	338	440	525	318	374	327	363	380	327	306	-6.4%
Injury Benefit	924	900	846	726	835	776	671	822	906	1,094	20.8%
Invalidity Pension	51,954	53,956	53,725	52,922	50,766	49,792	50,053	53,196	54,223	55,115	1.6%
Disablement Benefit	12,646	12,874	13,192	13,520	13,721	13,993	14,202	14,226	12,293	N/a	N/a
Carer's Benefit	1,647	2,080	2,249	1,917	1,642	1,637	1,638	1,598	1,769	N/a	N/a
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>245,930</b>	<b>264,243</b>	<b>284,941</b>	<b>296,334</b>	<b>301,764</b>	<b>295,950</b>	<b>286,805</b>	<b>294,012</b>	<b>298,019</b>	<b>294,100</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
Family Income Supplement	21,800	22,823	27,798	25,963	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	11.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	437	420	429	441	433	435	N/a	N/a	N/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	833	860	919	955	938	947	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>23,041</b>	<b>24,083</b>	<b>29,068</b>	<b>27,243</b>	<b>29,571</b>	<b>30,272</b>	<b>33,678</b>	<b>45,541</b>	<b>50,306</b>	<b>55,913</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
Rent Allowance	250	227	217	192	179	159	141	119	111	97	-12.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,003,517</b>	<b>1,060,327</b>	<b>1,208,883</b>	<b>1,379,206</b>	<b>1,430,833</b>	<b>1,467,129</b>	<b>1,469,214</b>	<b>1,466,550</b>	<b>1,440,876</b>	<b>1,377,558</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>

(1) Includes Basic weekly payments only. See Section G for details of other Supplementary Payments  
(2) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included a small number of whom may be unpaid.  
(3) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included a small number of whom may be unpaid.  
(4) The total figures include a small element of double counting as some people could be in receipt of more than one payment, the second of which might be, for example, Disablement Benefit, Rent Allowance, Family Income Supplement or half rate Carer's Allowance  
(5) Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors of Community Employment Programme are waged and are not in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment (see footnotes on Table D2 for number of Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors).

Table A10	Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2016 to 2015										
	Type of Payment	Recipients									
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,404	97,726	97,784	97,798	97,179	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	-0.4%
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,801	80,268	113,603	203,248	261,850	283,929	291,640	295,077	269,951	246,536	-8.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	83,081	85,084	87,840	90,484	92,326	90,307	86,941	78,246	69,884	41,468	-40.7%
Widows, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	2,168	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	N/a	N/a	N/a
Deserted Wife's Allowance	766	693	617	550	487	409	336	274	N/a	N/a	N/a
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	1	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	25,331	27,379	35,546	42,775	37,413	34,597	32,358	23,127	18,187	17,343	-4.6%
Farm Assist	7,480	7,376	7,496	8,972	10,714	11,333	11,029	10,303	9,809	8,790	-10.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,149	10,624	8,872	7,468	6,021	4,820	3,670	2,664	1,887	1,110	-41.2%
Back to Education Allowance	5,679	5,980	7,886	15,877	21,147	24,666	24,910	24,175	22,714	17,879	-21.3%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,963	4,305	3,558	2,012	851	182	18	11	2	S/c	S/c
<b>Back to Work Enterprise Allowance</b>											
Self - Employed First Year	1,683	1,811	1,470	1,966	5,011	5,617	5,656	5,216	6,580	6,214	-5.6%
Self - Employed Years 2 - 4	2,690	3,017	3,134	2,625	2,947	5,134	5,154	4,882	4,586	5,667	23.6%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	184	173	161	180	215	290	373	403	8.0%
Community Employment Programme	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	22,589	22,445	22,575	23,249	24,218	4.2%
Tús - Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	2,077	4,530	6,999	7,877	7,818	-0.7%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	2,537	2,591	2,537	2,576	2,532	-1.7%
Job Initiative	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,031	958	-7.1%
JobBridge	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5,160	6,058	6,047	4,207	-30.4%
Gateway										2,266	N/a
Other Employment Supports	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	7,313	2,144	-70.7%
Disability Allowance	83,697	89,048	95,754	99,576	101,111	102,866	101,784	106,279	112,097	119,042	6.2%
Blind Pension	1,476	1,474	1,472	1,467	1,485	1,496	1,456	1,385	N/a	N/a	N/a
Carer's Allowance	27,474	33,067	43,569	48,223	50,577	51,666	52,209	57,136	59,380	63,003	6.1%
Family Income Supplement	21,800	22,823	27,798	25,963	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	11.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	437	420	429	441	433	435	N/a	N/a	N/a
Rent Allowance	250	227	217	192	179	159	141	119	111	97	-12.6%
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>452,536</b>	<b>473,694</b>	<b>539,280</b>	<b>651,787</b>	<b>720,088</b>	<b>772,589</b>	<b>782,969</b>	<b>789,529</b>	<b>769,530</b>	<b>722,787</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>



Table A10 – Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Type

Table A10	Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2016 to 2015										
	Type of Payment	Recipients									Change 2015 over 2014
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
State Pension (Contributory)	139724	237599	250117	265102	280419	296995	312314	329531	346420	361725	5.1%
State Pension (Transition)	91086	5851	7242	8378	10206	12110	14372	12630	1548	66	-87.7%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	110146	111460	112237	113108	114579	115762	116751	117417	118670	119712	1.1%
Death Benefit Pension	646	647	651	637	633	628	645	646	636	0	-1.5%
Jobseeker's Benefit	50542	59167	121763	160122	123457	96044	78459	55068	46335	37845	-15.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9760	9395	9056	8737	8372	8071	7753	7457	6989	0	-6.3%
Maternity Benefit	14898	20948	23421	23294	23456	23947	22850	22812	22708	21687	-0.5%
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	68	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	-13.3%
Health and Safety Benefit	37	39	69	49	60	61	60	52	53	50	1.9%
Illness Benefit	65774	70404	73609	77665	81253	73397	64429	58990	57024	55540	-3.3%
Interim Illness Benefit	338	440	525	318	374	327	363	380	327	306	-13.9%
Injury Benefit	924	900	846	726	835	776	671	822	906	1094	10.2%
Invalidity Pension	51954	53956	53725	52922	50766	49792	50053	53196	54223	55115	1.9%
Disablement Benefit	12646	12874	13192	13520	13721	13993	14202	14226	12293	N/a	-13.6%
Carer's Benefit	1647	2080	2249	1917	1642	1637	1638	1598	1769	N/a	10.7%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	833	860	919	955	938	947	N/a	N/a	0.0%
Partial Capacity Benefit	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	733	1234	1432	1612	16.0%
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>550,981</b>	<b>586,633</b>	<b>669,603</b>	<b>727,419</b>	<b>710,745</b>	<b>694,540</b>	<b>686,245</b>	<b>677,021</b>	<b>671,346</b>	<b>654,771</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,003,517</b>	<b>1,060,327</b>	<b>1,208,883</b>	<b>1,379,206</b>	<b>1,430,833</b>	<b>1,467,129</b>	<b>1,469,214</b>	<b>1,466,550</b>	<b>1,440,876</b>	<b>1,377,558</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>

(1) Includes Basic Weekly Payments only. See Section F and G for details of other Supplementary Payments  
(2) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included a small number of whom may be unpaid.  
(3) The total figures include a small element of double counting as some people could be in receipt of more than one payment, the

Table A11 – Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme

Table A11  Type of Payment	Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2006 to 2015										
	Beneficiaries										Change 2015 over 2014
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	101,050	101,469	101,577	101,349	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	-0.3%
State Pension (Contributory)	173,949	299,663	314,295	331,273	348,144	366,340	382,949	400,630	417,653	432,495	3.6%
State Pension (Transition)	118,009	7,752	9,511	10,704	12,850	15,013	17,388	14,924	1,735	93	-94.6%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	123,283	124,287	124,646	125,106	126,023	127,072	127,691	128,484	129,569	130,873	1.0%
Death Benefit Pension	797	799	799	761	761	748	765	753	696		-100.0%
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>517,088</b>	<b>533,970</b>	<b>550,828</b>	<b>569,193</b>	<b>588,454</b>	<b>609,472</b>	<b>628,518</b>	<b>644,239</b>	<b>648,966</b>	<b>662,427</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	127,477	134,350	187,802	342,752	457,220	497,646	525,513	541,761	501,927	472,060	-6.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	225,663	224,769	233,620	240,511	244,977	239,507	232,834	210,412	189,053	115,749	-38.8%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	2,168	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	N/a	N/a	0.0%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	766	693	617	550	487	409	336	274	N/a	N/a	0.0%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	1	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	44,889	48,188	63,251	77,566	69,430	64,783	60,040	41,655	31,197	28,773	-7.8%
Farm Assist	17,039	16,514	16,787	20,660	25,369	26,909	26,327	23,704	22,164	19,587	-11.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	15,743	14,861	12,177	10,094	8,032	6,372	4,801	3,412	2,393	1,393	-41.8%
Jobseeker's Benefit	66,773	79,611	169,001	229,059	176,231	135,491	113,904	76,841	63,911	51,422	-19.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,614	12,386	11,404	10,523	9,765	9,152	8,595	8,109	7,386	N/a	N/a
Maternity Benefit	14,898	20,948	23,421	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	-4.5%
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	68	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	46.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	37	40	71	58	64	69	72	66	68	62	-8.8%
<b>Total Number of Beneficiaries of Working Age on Income Supports</b>	<b>529,128</b>	<b>554,555</b>	<b>720,262</b>	<b>957,129</b>	<b>1,017,061</b>	<b>1,006,289</b>	<b>997,146</b>	<b>930,842</b>	<b>840,820</b>	<b>710,752</b>	<b>-15.5%</b>
Community Employment Programme	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	42,438	41,383	45,102	45,669	46,565	2.0%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5,419	5,531	5,381	5,351	5,217	-2.5%
Tús - Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	4,342	8,814	13,348	14,715	14,357	-2.4%
Job Initiative	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,031	958	-7.1%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	7,336	9,086	7,185	3,921	1,673	332	39	17	6	S/c	N/A
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed First Year	3,312	4,249	3,506	4,303	11,165	12,669	12,637	11,690	14,735	13,939	-5.4%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed Years 2 - 4	5,064	6,928	7,232	6,106	6,713	11,642	11,376	10,809	10,119	12,649	25.0%
JobBridge	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	8,685	8,998	6,309	-29.9%
Back to Education Allowance	8,473	9,219	11,876	22,735	29,820	37,099	37,720	36,801	34,594	27,604	-20.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	184	173	161	180	215	290	373	403	8.0%
Gateway										4,351	N/a
Other Employment Supports	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	7,313	2,144	-70.7%
Partial Capacity Benefit	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,849	2,105	2,377	12.9%
<b>Total Number of Beneficiaries of Working Age on Employment Supports</b>	<b>24,386</b>	<b>29,692</b>	<b>29,983</b>	<b>37,238</b>	<b>49,532</b>	<b>114,121</b>	<b>117,715</b>	<b>133,972</b>	<b>145,009</b>	<b>136,873</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>

Table A11	Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2006 to 2015										
Type of Payment	Beneficiaries										Change 2015 over 2014
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
Disability Allowance	109,756	117,797	127,422	132,913	134,788	137,469	137,051	144,728	154,212	165,430	7.3%
Blind Pension	1,949	1,975	1,930	1,945	2,184	2,028	1,987	1,875	N/a	N/a	N/a
Carer's Allowance	52,916	60,765	71,935	82,892	81,377	83,126	83,010	91,050	94,869	100,644	6.1%
Illness Benefit	104,203	106,959	110,764	114,418	118,401	106,528	93,905	85,324	80,725	77,573	-3.9%
Interim Illness Benefit	488	605	731	460	504	433	482	574	456	463	1.5%
Injury Benefit	1,372	1,267	1,238	1,051	1,185	1,130	998	1,171	1,246	1,478	18.6%
Invalidity Pension	79,793	79,981	78,853	77,042	73,560	71,983	71,941	76,248	76,647	76,921	0.4%
Disablement Benefit	13,435	13,629	13,824	14,669	15,039	14,580	14,764	14,598	12,293	N/a	N/a
Carer's Benefit	3,553	4,429	4,801	4,155	3,631	3,634	3,472	2,610	2,419	N/a	N/a
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>367,465</b>	<b>387,407</b>	<b>411,498</b>	<b>429,545</b>	<b>430,669</b>	<b>420,911</b>	<b>407,610</b>	<b>418,178</b>	<b>422,867</b>	<b>422,509</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>
Family Income Supplement	65,661	70,352	85,817	81,679	90,463	94,157	105,545	142,509	161,889	178,330	10.2%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	1,019	442	437	420	986	1,032	1,016	1,011	N/a	N/a	N/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	1,827	818	833	860	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Total Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>68,507</b>	<b>71,612</b>	<b>87,087</b>	<b>82,959</b>	<b>93,533</b>	<b>97,332</b>	<b>108,677</b>	<b>145,653</b>	<b>161,889</b>	<b>178,330</b>	<b>10.2%</b>
Rent Allowance	250	227	217	192	179	159	141	119	111	97	-12.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,506,824</b>	<b>1,577,463</b>	<b>1,799,875</b>	<b>2,076,256</b>	<b>2,179,428</b>	<b>2,248,284</b>	<b>2,259,807</b>	<b>2,273,003</b>	<b>2,219,662</b>	<b>2,110,988</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>
(1) Includes Basic Weekly Payments only. See Section F and G for details of other Supplementary Payments. (2) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included, a small number of whom may be unpaid.											

Table A12 – Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Payments by Type and Assistance/Insurance

Table A12	Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2006 to 2015										
	Type of Payment	Beneficiaries									Change 2015 over 2014
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	101,050	101,469	101,577	101,349	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	-0.3%
Jobseeker's Allowance	127,477	134,350	187,802	342,752	457,220	497,646	525,513	541,761	501,927	472,060	-6.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	225,663	224,769	233,620	240,511	244,977	239,507	232,834	210,412	189,053	115,749	-38.8%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	2,168	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	N/a	N/a	0.0%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	766	693	617	550	487	409	336	274	N/a	N/a	0.0%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	1	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	44,889	48,188	63,251	77,566	69,430	64,783	60,040	41,655	31,197	28,773	-7.8%
Farm Assist	17,039	16,514	16,787	20,660	25,369	26,909	26,327	23,704	22,164	19,587	-11.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	15,743	14,861	12,177	10,094	8,032	6,372	4,801	3,412	2,393	1,393	-41.8%
Back to Education Allowance	8,473	9,219	11,876	22,735	29,820	37,099	37,720	36,801	34,594	27,604	-20.2%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	7,336	9,086	7,185	3,921	1,673	332	39	17	6	S/c	#VALUE!
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self-Employed First Year	3,312	4,249	3,506	4,303	11,165	12,669	12,637	11,690	14,735	13,939	-5.4%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self-Employed Years 2 - 4	5,064	6,928	7,232	6,106	6,713	11,642	11,376	10,809	10,119	12,649	25.0%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	184	173	161	180	215	290	373	403	8.0%
Community Employment Programme	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	42,438	41,383	45,102	45,669	46,565	2.0%
Tús - Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	4,342	8,814	13,348	14,715	14,357	-2.4%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5,419	5,531	5,381	5,351	5,217	-2.5%
Job Initiative	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,031	958	-7.1%
JobBridge	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	8,685	8,998	6,309	-29.9%
Gateway										4,351	N/a
Other Employment Supports	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	7,313	2,144	-70.7%
Blind Pension	1,949	1,975	1,930	1,945	2,184	2,028	1,987	1,875	N/a	N/a	0.0%
Disability Allowance	109,756	117,797	127,422	132,913	134,788	137,469	137,051	144,728	154,212	165,430	7.3%
Carer's Allowance	52,916	60,765	71,935	82,892	81,377	83,126	83,010	91,050	94,869	100,644	6.1%
Family Income Supplement	65,661	70,352	85,817	81,679	90,463	94,157	105,545	142,509	161,889	178,330	10.2%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	1,019	442	437	420	986	1,032	1,016	1,011	N/a	N/a	0.0%
Rent Allowance	250	227	217	192	179	159	141	119	111	97	-12.6%
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>790,734</b>	<b>824,234</b>	<b>935,615</b>	<b>1,132,759</b>	<b>1,267,677</b>	<b>1,369,976</b>	<b>1,397,901</b>	<b>1,435,862</b>	<b>1,400,032</b>	<b>1,315,525</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>

Table A12	Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2006 to 2015										
	Type of Payment	Beneficiaries									Change 2015 over 2014
2006		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
State Pension (Contributory)	173,949	299,663	314,295	331,273	348,144	366,340	382,949	400,630	417,653	432,495	3.6%
State Pension (Transition)	118,009	7,752	9,511	10,704	12,850	15,013	17,388	14,924	1,735	93	-94.6%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	123,283	124,287	124,646	125,106	126,023	127,072	127,691	128,484	129,569	130,873	1.0%
Death Benefit Pension	797	799	799	761	761	748	765	753	696	0	-100.0%
Jobseeker's Benefit	66,773	79,611	169,001	229,059	176,231	135,491	113,904	76,841	63,911	51,422	-19.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,614	12,386	11,404	10,523	9,765	9,152	8,595	8,109	7,386	N/a	
Maternity Benefit	14,898	20,948	23,421	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	-4.5%
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	68	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	46.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	37	40	71	58	64	69	72	66	68	62	-8.8%
Illness Benefit	104,203	106,959	110,764	114,418	118,401	106,528	93,905	85,324	80,725	77,573	-3.9%
Interim Illness Benefit	488	605	731	460	504	433	482	574	456	463	1.5%
Injury Benefit	1,372	1,267	1,238	1,051	1,185	1,130	998	1,171	1,246	1,478	18.6%
Invalidity Pension	79,793	79,981	78,853	77,042	73,560	71,983	71,941	76,248	76,647	76,921	0.4%
Disablement Benefit	13,435	13,629	13,824	14,669	15,039	14,580	14,764	14,598	12,293	N/a	
Carer's Benefit	3,553	4,429	4,801	4,155	3,631	3,634	3,472	2,610	2,419	N/a	
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	1,827	818	833	860	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	N/a	N/a	0.0%
Partial Capacity Benefit	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,849	2,105	2,377	12.9%
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>716,090</b>	<b>753,229</b>	<b>864,260</b>	<b>943,497</b>	<b>911,751</b>	<b>878,308</b>	<b>861,906</b>	<b>835,292</b>	<b>817,525</b>	<b>795,463</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,506,824</b>	<b>1,577,463</b>	<b>1,799,875</b>	<b>2,076,256</b>	<b>2,179,428</b>	<b>2,248,284</b>	<b>2,259,807</b>	<b>2,271,154</b>	<b>2,217,557</b>	<b>2,110,988</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>
<p>(1) Includes Basic Weekly Payments only. See Section F and G for details of other Supplementary Payments.</p> <p>(2) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included a small number of whom may be unpaid.</p>											

Table A13 – Number of Recipients by Sex, Payment Type and Assistance/Insurance

Table A13	Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Sex, Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2014 and 2015									
	Type of Payment	Male				Female				Total
		2014	2015	Percentage of Total Scheme Recipients (2015)	Change 2014 over 2013	2014	2015	Percentage of Total Scheme Recipients (2015)	Change 2015 over 2014	
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	35,898	36,101	37.9%	0.6%	59,672	59,078	62.1%	-1.0%	<b>95,179</b>	
Jobseeker's Allowance	181,127	153,975	62.5%	-15.0%	88,824	92,561	37.5%	4.2%	<b>246,536</b>	
One-Parent Family Payment	1,018	390	0.9%	-61.7%	68,866	41,078	99.1%	-40.4%	<b>41,468</b>	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	N/a	N/a	0.0%	0.0%	N/a	N/a	0.0%	0.0%	-	
Deserted Wife's Allowance	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	10,299	8,047	54.8%	-21.9%	7,888	6,649	45.2%	-15.7%	<b>14,696</b>	
Farm Assist	9,033	8,083	92.0%	-10.5%	776	707	8.0%	-8.9%	<b>8,790</b>	
Pre-Retirement Allowance	1,445	839	75.6%	-41.9%	442	271	24.4%	-38.7%	<b>1,110</b>	
Back to Education Allowance	13,760	10,555	59.0%	-23.3%	8,954	7,324	41.0%	-18.2%	<b>17,879</b>	
Back to Work Allowance	2	0	0.0%	-100.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	8,408	8,889	74.8%	5.7%	2,758	2,992	25.2%	8.5%	<b>11,881</b>	
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	195	208	51.6%	6.7%	178	195	48.4%	9.6%	<b>403</b>	
Community Employment Programme	12,880	13,063	57.3%	1.4%	10,369	9,750	42.7%	-6.0%	<b>22,813</b>	
Tús <sup>(2)</sup>	5,613	5,355	68.5%	-4.6%	2,264	2,463	31.5%	-56.1%	<b>7,818</b>	
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	2,071	2,030	80.2%	-2.0%	505	502	19.8%	-0.6%	<b>2,532</b>	
JobBridge	3,069	2,190	52.1%	-28.6%	2,978	2,017	47.9%	-32.3%	<b>4,207</b>	
Disability Allowance	65,737	69,250	58.2%	5.3%	46,360	49,792	41.8%	7.4%	<b>119,042</b>	
Blind Pension	N/a	N/a	0.0%	0.0%	n/a	N/a	0.0%	0.0%	-	
Carer's Allowance	13,376	14,413	22.9%	7.8%	46,004	48,590	77.1%	5.6%	<b>63,003</b>	
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	N/a	N/a	0.0%	0.0%	N/a	N/a	0.0%	0.0%	-	
Family Income Supplement	20,343	21,866	39.1%	7.5%	29,963	34,047	60.9%	13.6%	<b>55,913</b>	
Rent Allowance	41	37	38.1%	-9.8%	70	60	61.9%	-14.3%	<b>97</b>	
<b>Total Social Assistance <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>384,315</b>	<b>355,291</b>	<b>49.8%</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>376,871</b>	<b>358,076</b>	<b>52.8%</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>	<b>713,367</b>	

Table A13	Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Sex, Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2014 and 2015									
	Type of Payment	Male				Female				Total
		2014	2015	Percentage of Total Scheme Recipients (2015)	Change 2014 over 2013	2014	2015	Percentage of Total Scheme Recipients (2015)	Change 2015 over 2014	
State Pension (Contributory)	222,807	231,030	63.9%	3.7%	123,613	130,695	36.1%	5.7%	<b>361,725</b>	
State Pension (Transition)	935	44	66.7%	-95.3%	613	22	33.3%	-96.4%	<b>66</b>	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	17,004	17,324	14.5%	1.9%	101,666	102,389	85.5%	0.7%	<b>119,713</b>	
Death Benefit Pension	7	N/a	N/a	N/a	629	N/a	N/a	N/a	<b>N/a</b>	
Jobseeker's Benefit	22,849	18,758	49.6%	-17.9%	23,486	19,087	50.4%	-18.7%	<b>37,845</b>	
Deserted Wife's Benefit	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	6989	N/a	N/a	N/a	<b>N/a</b>	
Maternity Benefit	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	22,708	21,687	100.0%	-4.5%	<b>21,687</b>	
Adoptive Benefit	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	13	19	100.0%	46.2%	<b>19</b>	
Health and Safety Benefit	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	53	50	100.0%	-5.7%	<b>50</b>	
Illness Benefit	20,259	19,413	35.0%	-4.2%	36,765	36,127	65.0%	-1.7%	<b>55,540</b>	
Injury Benefit	571	686	62.7%	20.1%	335	408	37.3%	21.8%	<b>1,094</b>	
Interim Illness Benefit	199	184	60.1%	-7.5%	128	122	39.9%	-4.7%	<b>306</b>	
Invalidity Pension	24,976	24,856	45.1%	-0.5%	29,247	30,259	54.9%	3.5%	<b>55,115</b>	
Disablement Benefit	9,822	N/a	N/a	N/a	2,471	N/a	N/a	N/a	<b>N/a</b>	
Carer's Benefit	265	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,504	N/a	N/a	N/a	<b>N/a</b>	
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	<b>N/a</b>	
Partial Capacity Benefit	543	599	37.2%	10.3%	889	1,013	62.8%	13.9%	<b>1,612</b>	
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>320,237</b>	<b>312,894</b>	<b>47.8%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>351,109</b>	<b>341,878</b>	<b>53.6%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>654,772</b>	
<b>Grand Total<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>704552</b>	<b>668,185</b>	<b>48.8%</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	<b>727,980</b>	<b>699,954</b>	<b>53.2%</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>1,368,139</b>	

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated  
(2) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included a small number of whom may be unpaid.  
(3) A breakdown of the Job Initiative and Other Employment Support recipients on Tables A9 & A10 are not available.

Table A14 – Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children by Programme

Table A14	Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2015						
	Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Totals
				Full Rate	Half Rate <sup>(1)</sup>		
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	95,179	3,207	474	106	0	98,966	
State Pension (Contributory)	361,725	68,561	1,300	909	0	432,495	
State Pension (Transition)	66	23	2	2	0	93	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	119,712		11,161		0	130,873	
Death Benefit Pension	0				0	-	
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>576,682</b>	<b>71,791</b>	<b>12,937</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>662,427</b>	
Jobseeker's Allowance	246,536	58,251	133,225	34,048	0	472,060	
One-Parent Family Payment	41,468		74,281		0	115,749	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	N/a				N/A	N/A	
Deserted Wife's Allowance	N/a				N/A	N/A	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	17,343	2,656	8,774		0	28,773	
Farm Assist	8,790	3,794	5,361	1,642	0	19,587	
Pre-Retirement Allowance	1,110	253	27	3	0	1,393	
Jobseeker's Benefit	37,845	3,829	5,277	4,471	0	51,422	
Deserted Wife's Benefit	0				0	-	
Maternity Benefit	21,687				0	21,687	
Adoptive Benefit	19				0	19	
Health and Safety Benefit	50	2	4	6	0	62	
<b>Total Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports</b>	<b>374,848</b>	<b>68,785</b>	<b>226,949</b>	<b>40,170</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>710,752</b>	
Community Employment Programme	24,218	6,748	8,757	6,842	0	46,565	
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(3)</sup>	2,532	983	1,293	409	0	5,217	
Tús <sup>(3)</sup>	7,818	1,889	2,619	2,031	0	14,357	
Job Initiative	958				0	958	
Back to Work Allowance Employee	S/c				0	-	
<b>Back to Work Enterprise Allowance</b>							
Self - Employed First Year	6,214	2,031	4,596	1,098	0	13,939	
Self - Employed Years 2 - 4	5,667	1,876	3,878	1,228	0	12,649	
JobBridge	4,207	618	1,084	400	0	6,309	
Back to Education Allowance	17,879	2,051	5,861	1,813	0	27,604	
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	403				0	403	
Gateway	2,266	657	1,090	338	0	4,351	
Other Employment Supports	2,144				0	2,144	
Partial Capacity Benefit	1,612	168	299	298	0	2,377	
<b>Total Recipients of Working Age on Employment Supports</b>	<b>75,918</b>	<b>17,021</b>	<b>29,477</b>	<b>14,457</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>136,873</b>	



Table A14	Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2015					
Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Totals
			Full Rate	Half Rate <sup>(1)</sup>		
Disability Allowance	119,042	12,440	24,492	9,456	0	165,430
Blind Pension	N/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A
Carer's Allowance	63,003		3,447	34,194	0	100,644
Illness Benefit	55,540	4,992	8,311	8,730	0	77,573
Interim Illness Benefit	306	35	77	45	0	463
Injury Benefit	1,094	100	159	125	0	1,478
Invalidity Pension	55,115	7,404	5,329	9,073	0	76,921
Disablement Benefit	N/a				0	-
Carer's Benefit	N/a				0	-
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>294,100</b>	<b>24,971</b>	<b>41,815</b>	<b>61,623</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>422,509</b>
Family Income Supplement	55,913				122,417	178,330
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	N/a				N/A	N/A
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	N/a				N/A	N/A
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>55,913</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,417</b>	<b>178,330</b>
Rent Allowance	97	0	0	0	0	97
<b>Grand Total<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>1,377,558</b>	<b>182,568</b>	<b>311,178</b>	<b>117,267</b>	<b>122,417</b>	<b>2,110,988</b>

(1) Where each spouse is in receipt of a half rate increase in respect of a qualified child, some double counting of the number of qualified children may occur.  
(2) Includes Basic Weekly Payments only.  
(3) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included, a small number of whom may be unpaid.  
(4) The total figures include a small element of double counting as some people could be in receipt of more than one payment, the second of which might be, for example, Disablement Benefit, Rent Allowance, Family Income Supplement or half rate Carer's Allowance

Table A15 – Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class

Table A15		Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 2005 to 2014													
Insurance Class	Insured for	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>			2014 <sup>(2)</sup>		
		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
A	All Benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	2,177,034	2,312,003	2,414,659	2,399,052	2,260,305	2,206,758	2,199,625	2,188,809	1,087,365	1,079,575	2,166,940	1,118,167	1,101,823	2,219,990
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.	30,320	29,285	28,687	27,920	27,068	24,767	23,578	23,255	10,879	10,596	21,475	10,789	10,527	21,316
C	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Guardian's Payment (Contributory).	1,021	950	890	831	749	664	615	538	441	43	484	405	41	446
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.	88,281	82,885	80,601	77,417	74,010	68,430	63,603	56,891	20,527	31,569	52,096	19,727	30,658	50,385
E	All benefits except Jobseeker's Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	163	176	160	166	173	165	165	155	124	32	156	127	32	159
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service	8,572	8,361	8,447	8,511	8,530	7,960	7,808	7,816	7,247	426	7,673	7,281	414	7,695
J <sup>(4)</sup>	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	25,559	24,314	30,092	33,308	32,125	40,146	46,240	46,417	23,629	21,553	45,182	22,599	20,100	42,699
K	No Social Insurance benefits.	36,158	39,655	39,075	39,817	36,363	32,891	2,462	2,045	2,928	1,355	4,283	1,939	1,579	3,518
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	154,554	158,372	168,209	174,784	189,130	207,054	250,157	265,095	168,930	110,122	279,052	179,768	115,932	295,700
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Jobseeker's and Illness Benefits.	14	14	14	13	21	21	17	16	9	0	9	10	0	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.	356,640	356,548	361,769	369,319	372,279	373,669	340,671	333,619	272,986	63,691	336,677	74,923	34,659	109,582

<b>Table A15</b>	<b>Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 2005 to 2014 continued</b>
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Insurance Class	Insured for	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>			2014 <sup>(2)</sup>		
		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>Voluntary Contributors</b>	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.	1,874	1,924	2,040	2,786	3,567	3,736	4,369	4,983	2,473	1,614	4,087	2,066	1,492	3,558
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,880,190</b>	<b>3,014,487</b>	<b>3,134,643</b>	<b>3,133,924</b>	<b>3,004,320</b>	<b>2,966,261</b>	<b>2,939,310</b>	<b>2,929,639</b>	<b>1,597,538</b>	<b>1,320,576</b>	<b>2,918,114</b>	<b>1,437,801</b>	<b>1,317,257</b>	<b>2,755,058</b>

(1) Revised figures

(2) Provisional figures

(3) This includes 289,020 and 265,114 people in 2013 and 2014 respectively in receipt of credited contributions.

(4) Class J includes FAS and other trainees.

Note: The figures for 2014 represent the most recent out-turn of End - of - Year returns received from the Revenue Commissioners for both employees and self - employed contributors, for example, the Self - Employed figures represent the number of self -

Table A16 – Number of Insured Persons

<b>Table A16</b>	<b>Number of Insured Persons, 2005 to 2014</b>	
	<b>Insured Population</b>	<b>Index</b>
<b>2005</b>	2,880,190	100.0
<b>2006</b>	3,014,487	104.7
<b>2007</b>	3,134,643	108.8
<b>2008</b>	3,133,924	108.8
<b>2009</b>	3,004,320	104.3
<b>2010</b>	2,966,261	103.0
<b>2011</b>	2,939,310	102.1
<b>2012</b>	2,929,639	101.7
<b>2013<sup>(1)</sup></b>	2,918,114	101.3
<b>2014<sup>(2)</sup></b>	2,755,058	95.7
(1) Revised (2) Provisional		

Table A17 – Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment (2015)

Table A17	Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2015		
	Personal	Qualified Dependent	
		Adult	Child
	€	€	€
<b><u>SOCIAL INSURANCE:</u></b>			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	230.30	153.50	29.80
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension / Deserted			
Wife's Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	193.50	0.00	29.80
Death Benefit Pension	218.50	0.00	29.80
Jobseeker's Benefit	188.00	124.80	29.80
Maternity Benefit	230.00	0.00	0.00
Illness Benefit	188.00	124.80	29.80
Invalidity Pension	193.50	138.10	29.80
Disablement Benefit	219.00	0.00	0.00
Carer's Benefit	205.00	0.00	29.80
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	161.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE:</u></b>			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	219.00	144.70	29.80
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>(3)</sup> :			
<i>Maximum personal rate age 26 years or over</i>	<i>188.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>29.80</i>
<i>Maximum personal rate age 25 years</i>	<i>144.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Maximum rate aged 18 years to 24 years</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
One Parent Family Payment/Deserted Wife's Allowance	188.00	0.00	29.80
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	188.00	0.00	29.80
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(3)</sup> :			
<i>Maximum personal rate age 26 years or over</i>	<i>186.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>29.80</i>
<i>Maximum personal rate age 25 years</i>	<i>144.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Maximum personal rate under 25 years</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
Farm Assist	188.00	124.80	29.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	188.00	124.80	29.80
Community Employment Programme	208.00	124.80	29.80
Rural Social Scheme	208.00	124.80	29.80
Tús	208.00	124.80	29.80
Disability Allowance	188.00	124.80	29.80
Carer's Allowance <sup>(4)</sup>	204.00	0.00	29.80
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	161.00	0.00	0.00

Table A17	Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2015 continued		
	Personal	Qualified Dependent	
		Adult	Child
	€	€	€
<b><u>OTHER PAYMENTS:</u></b>			
Living Alone Allowance	9.00	0.00	0.00
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	0.00	0.00
Island Allowance	12.70	0.00	0.00
Child Benefit (monthly)	135.00	0.00	0.00
<p>(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of € 206.30 is payable.  (2) If Recipient is 66 or over a rate of € 230.30 is payable.  (3) These rates apply on or after 15 January 2014 - see <a href="http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/sw19.aspx">www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/sw19.aspx</a> for further details.  (4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of € 239.00 is payable.</p>			

Table A18 – Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment (2016)

Table A18  Type of Payment	Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2016		
	Personal	Qualified Dependent	
		Adult	Child
€	€	€	
<b><u>SOCIAL INSURANCE:</u></b>			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	233.30	155.50	29.80
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	193.50	0.00	29.80
Death Benefit Pension	218.50	0.00	29.80
Jobseeker's Benefit	188.00	124.80	29.80
Maternity Benefit	230.00	0.00	0.00
Illness Benefit	188.00	124.80	29.80
Invalidity Pension	193.50	138.10	29.80
Disablement Benefit	219.00	0.00	0.00
Carer's Benefit	205.00	0.00	29.80
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	161.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE:</u></b>			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	222.00	146.70	29.80
Jobseeker's Allowance <sup>(3)</sup> :			
<i>Maximum personal rate age 26 years or over</i>	<i>188.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>29.80</i>
<i>Maximum personal rate age 25 years</i>	<i>144.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Maximum rate aged 18 years to 24 years</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
One Parent Family Payment/Deserted Wife's Allowance	188.00	0.00	29.80
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	188.00	0.00	29.80
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(3)</sup> :			
<i>Maximum personal rate age 26 years or over</i>	<i>186.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>29.80</i>
<i>Maximum personal rate age 25 years</i>	<i>144.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Maximum personal rate under 25 years</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
Farm Assist	188.00	124.80	29.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	188.00	124.80	29.80
Community Employment Programme	210.50	124.80	29.80
Rural Social Scheme	210.50	124.80	29.80
Tús	210.50	124.80	29.80
Disability Allowance	188.00	124.80	29.80
Carer's Allowance <sup>(4)</sup>	204.00	0.00	29.80
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	161.00	0.00	0.00

Table A18	Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2016 continued		
Type of Payment	Personal	Qualified Dependent	
		Adult	Child
	€	€	€
<b><u>OTHER PAYMENTS:</u></b>			
Living Alone Allowance	9.00	0.00	0.00
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	0.00	0.00
Island Allowance	12.70	0.00	0.00
Child Benefit (monthly)	140.00	0.00	0.00
<p>(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of € 209.00 is payable.  (2) If Recipient is 66 or over a rate of € 233.30 is payable.  (3) These rates apply on or after 15 January 2016  (4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of € 242.00 is payable.</p>			



Table A19 – Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment and Consumer Price Index

<b>Table A19</b>		<b>Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment and Consumer Price Index, 2006 to 2015</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Single Person</b>	<b>Couple</b>	<b>Couple with 2 Children Including Child Benefit</b>	<b>Couple with 4 Children Including Child Benefit</b>	<b>Consumer Price Index <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>2006</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>2007</b>	112.1	112.1	112.8	112.7	104.8
<b>2008</b>	119.3	119.3	119.8	119.7	109.2
<b>2009</b>	123.2	123.2	123.7	123.4	104.2
<b>2010</b>	118.2	118.2	120.2	120.7	103.3
<b>2011</b>	113.4	113.4	115.4	116.2	105.9
<b>2012</b>	113.4	113.4	115.4	116.2	107.8
<b>2013</b>	113.4	113.4	114.2	111.4	108.0
<b>2014</b>	113.4	113.4	114.2	110.9	107.7
<b>2015</b>	113.4	113.4	114.8	111.9	108.1

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.  
 Note: Based on the rates of Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance and Illness Benefit.

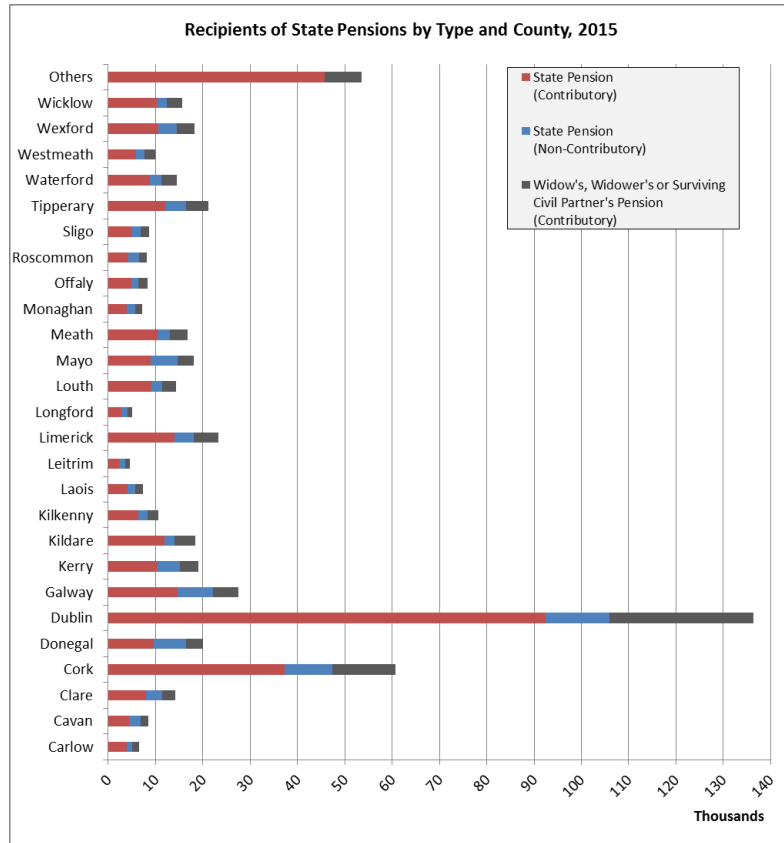
Table A20 – Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment and Consumer Price Index

<b>Table A20</b>		<b>Index of Long-Term Rates (State Pensions) of Payment and Consumer Price Index, 2006 to 2015</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Single Person</b>	<b>Couple</b>	<b>Couple with 2 Children Including Child Benefit</b>	<b>Couple with 4 Children Including Child Benefit</b>	<b>Consumer Price Index (1)</b>
<b>2006</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>2007</b>	108.3	108.3	108.5	108.4	104.8
<b>2008</b>	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.3	109.2
<b>2009</b>	119.1	119.2	119.2	118.8	104.2
<b>2010</b>	119.1	119.2	119.2	118.9	103.3
<b>2011</b>	119.1	119.2	118.2	117.2	105.9
<b>2012</b>	119.1	119.2	118.2	115.3	107.8
<b>2013</b>	119.1	119.2	117.1	113.3	108.0
<b>2014</b>	119.1	119.2	117.1	112.5	107.7
<b>2015</b>	119.1	119.2	117.6	113.3	108.1

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.  
 Note: Based on the rates of State Pension (Contributory).

## B PENSIONS

### 2015 AT A GLANCE



Expenditure on pensions was just under €6.9 billion in 2015, representing an increase of 4.3% on 2014, while the number of recipients rose by 13,838, an increase of 2.5% on 2014.

Almost all of this increase was caused by a rise of 13,823 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 – Expenditure on Pensions by Payment Type

Table B1	Expenditure on Pensions by Payment Type, 2006 to 2015										
Payment Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2014 over 2013
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
<b>Social Assistance</b>											
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	727,782	920,167	972,765	1,000,546	977,293	971,769	963,211	952,457	954,368	972,130	1.9%
<b>Social Insurance</b>											
State Pension (Contributory)	1,580,896	2,754,749	3,117,855	3,367,733	3,451,503	3,622,746	3,802,795	3,983,264	4,185,233	4,475,655	6.9%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(2)</sup>	857,627	79,070	92,089	104,976	108,194	132,395	146,629	137,270	73,768	1,185	-98.4%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	1,094,884	1,204,979	1,299,039	1,353,391	1,335,584	1,337,865	1,343,198	1,349,840	1,369,759	1,422,114	3.8%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Death Benefit)	7,047	7,574	8,036	8,207	7,778	7,977	7,827	7,775	8,068	8,248	2.2%
Bereavement Grant <sup>(2)</sup>	12,686	16,673	17,851	18,889	18,292	19,436	19,755	20,286	4,271	56	-98.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,280,922</b>	<b>4,983,212</b>	<b>5,507,635</b>	<b>5,853,742</b>	<b>5,898,644</b>	<b>6,092,188</b>	<b>6,283,415</b>	<b>6,450,892</b>	<b>6,595,467</b>	<b>6,879,388</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
(1) Provisional											
(2) Both the State Pension Transition and Bereavement Grant schemes were closed to new applicants with effect from 1 January 2014											

Table B2 – Number of Recipients by Type of State Pension

Table B2		Number of Recipients by Type of State Pension, 2006 to 2015					
Year	State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	State Pension (Transition) <sup>(2)</sup>	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	Death Benefit	Total	Annual Percentage Variance
2006	97,404	139,724	91,086	110,146	646	<b>439,006</b>	-
2007	97,726	237,599	5,851	111,460	647	<b>453,283</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
2008	97,784	250,117	7,242	112,237	651	<b>468,031</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
2009	97,798	265,102	8,378	113,108	637	<b>485,023</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
2010	97,179	280,419	10,206	114,579	633	<b>503,016</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
2011	96,749	296,995	12,110	115,762	628	<b>522,244</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
2012	96,126	312,314	14,372	116,751	645	<b>540,208</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
2013	95,801	329,531	12,630	117,417	646	<b>556,025</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
2014	95,570	346,420	1,548	118,670	636	<b>562,844</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
2015	95,179	361,725	66	119,712	N/a	<b>576,682</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

(1) See note on scheme changes and comparability of data in the introduction to this section  
(2) State Pension Transition was closed to new applicants with effect from 1 January 2014

Table B3 – Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Beneficiaries

<b>Table B3</b>	<b>Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Beneficiaries, 2015</b>			
<b>Type of Recipient</b>	<b>State Pension Non-Contributory</b>	<b>State Pension Contributory</b>	<b>State Pension Transition<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)</b>
<b>Personal Rate only</b>	91,972	293,164	43	119,712
<b>with Qualified Adult under 66</b>	3,202	15,342	10	-
<b>With Qualified Adult over 66</b>	5	53,219	13	-
<b>Total Number of Recipients</b>	<b>95,179</b>	<b>361,725</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>119,712</b>
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult	3,207	68,561	23	-
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	3.4%	19.0%	34.8%	0.0%
<b>1 full rate Qualified Child</b>	230	764	2	3,652
<b>2 full rate Qualified Children</b>	162	332	0	4,212
<b>3 full rate Qualified Children</b>	42	90	0	2,322
<b>4 full rate Qualified Children</b>	24	76	0	740
<b>5 full rate Qualified Children</b>	10	20	0	190
<b>6+full rate Qualified Children</b>	6	18	0	45
<b>1 half rate Qualified Child</b>	63	520	2	0
<b>2 half rate Qualified Children</b>	28	268	0	0
<b>3 half rate Qualified Children</b>	15	93	0	0
<b>4 half rate Qualified Children</b>	0	16	0	0
<b>5 half rate Qualified Children</b>	0	5	0	0
<b>6+ half rate Qualified Children</b>	0	7	0	0
<b>Number of Recipients with Qualified Child Allowance</b>	580	2,209	4	11,161
<b>With Qualified Children</b>	334	986	4	6,762
<b>% of Recipients with Children</b>	0.6%	0.6%	6.1%	9.3%
<b>Total Number of Children</b>				

(1) State Pension Transition was closed to new applicants with effect from 1 January 2014

Table B4 – Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Age and Sex

Table B4	Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Age and Sex, 2015									
	State Pension (Non-contributory)		State Pension (Contributory)		State Pension (Transition)		Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's		Totals	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 20 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 to 24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
25 to 29 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	3	22
30 to 34 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	194	36	194
35 to 39 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	463	138	463
40 to 44 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	342	1,059	342	1059
45 to 49 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	663	1,886	663	1886
50 to 54 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,208	3,442	1208	3442
55 to 59 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,142	5,690	2142	5690
60 to 64 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,167	8,627	3167	8627
65 years	99	111	2,060	1,655	0	0	755	2,185	2914	3951
66 to 69 years	11,332	15,073	82,661	50,818	27	10	2,226	9,832	96246	75733
70 to 74 years	7,138	10,014	51,286	27,392	12	10	2,358	14,672	60794	52088
75 to 79 years	6,941	11,320	47,419	22,795	4	2	1,849	17,607	56213	51724
80 to 84 years	5,140	9,979	30,979	16,438	1	0	1,350	17,140	37470	43557
85 to 89 years	3,672	7,491	12,885	8,194	0	0	770	12,326	17327	28011
90 to 94 years	1,478	3,883	3,232	2,769	0	0	261	5,815	4971	12467
95 years and over	301	1,207	508	634	0	0	56	1,428	865	3269
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,101</b>	<b>59,078</b>	<b>231,030</b>	<b>130,695</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17,324</b>	<b>102,389</b>	<b>284,499</b>	<b>292,184</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>95,179</b>		<b>361,725</b>		<b>66</b>		<b>119,713</b>		<b>576,683</b>	

Table B5 – Number of Recipients of Pension Allowances by Primary Payment Type

<b>Table B5</b>	<b>Number of Recipients of Pension Allowances by Primary Payment Type, 2006 to 2015</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>State Pension (Non-Contributory) Pension</b>	<b>State Pension (Contributory)</b>	<b>Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension</b>	<b>Death Benefit</b>
<b>Living Alone Allowance</b>				
2006	62,691	31,216	45,243	208
2007	32,904	52,210	46,352	214
2008	33,211	53,891	47,881	218
2009	33,032	54,903	47,042	214
2010	32,942	56,736	47,613	210
2011	33,058	59,093	48,076	215
2012	32,854	60,437	48,973	232
2013	32,969	62,234	49,597	236
2014	32,908	64,879	50,365	238
2015	33,297	68,149	51,744	N/a
<b>Over 80 Allowance</b>				
2006	37,185	31,454	30,444	85
2007	37,222	51,154	31,339	96
2008	37,297	45,566	32,182	105
2009	33,032	48,930	32,819	113
2010	36,942	56,736	34,086	118
2011	36,432	57,316	35,071	118
2012	35,842	61,490	36,022	128
2013	34,946	66,171	36,999	137
2014	34,156	71,070	38,050	147
2015	33,151	75,639	39,144	N/a



<b>Table B5</b>	<b>Number of Recipients of Pension Allowances by Primary Payment Type, 2006 to 2015 continued</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>State Pension (Non-Contributory) Pension</b>	<b>State Pension (Contributory)</b>	<b>Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension</b>	<b>Death Benefit</b>
<b>Island Allowance</b>				
2006	242	59	59	0
2007	244	130	58	0
2008	253	126	60	0
2009	250	126	53	0
2010	252	128	51	0
2011	257	134	51	0
2012	254	144	50	0
2013	253	148	54	1
2014	240	160	50	1
2015	250	165	49	N/a

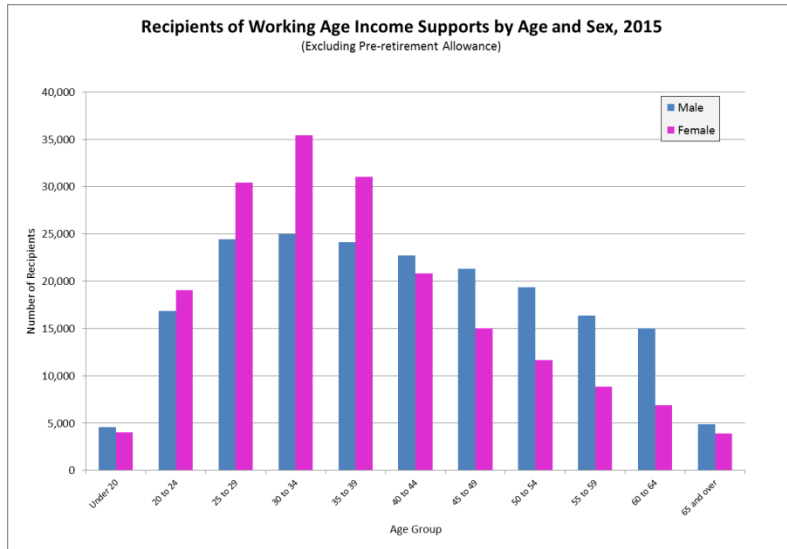
Table B6 – Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Payment and County

<b>Table B6</b>	<b>Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Payment and County, 2015</b>			
<b>County</b>	<b>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</b>	<b>State Pension (Contributory)</b>	<b>State Pension (Transition)</b>	<b>Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)</b>
<b>Carlow</b>	1,186	3,928		1,458
<b>Cavan</b>	2,465	4,441		1,641
<b>Clare</b>	3,465	7,973		2,803
<b>Cork</b>	10,102	37,274	1	13,337
<b>Donegal</b>	6,927	9,552	3	3,500
<b>Dublin</b>	13,396	92,499	5	30,512
<b>Galway</b>	7,430	14,692	1	5,450
<b>Kerry</b>	4,999	10,195	1	3,791
<b>Kildare</b>	2,052	11,927		4,360
<b>Kilkenny</b>	2,027	6,301		2,190
<b>Laois</b>	1,585	4,103		1,644
<b>Leitrim</b>	1,224	2,343	1	1,012
<b>Limerick</b>	4,043	14,075	2	5,132
<b>Longford</b>	1,321	2,737		1,044
<b>Louth</b>	2,248	9,115	1	2,978
<b>Mayo</b>	5,717	8,892		3,446
<b>Meath</b>	2,529	10,460		3,772
<b>Monaghan</b>	1,915	3,854		1,456

<b>Table B6</b>	<b>Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Payment and County, 2015 continued</b>			
<b>County</b>	<b>State Pension (Non-Contributory)</b>	<b>State Pension (Contributory)</b>	<b>State Pension (Transition)</b>	<b>Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)</b>
<b>Offaly</b>	1,556	4,862		1,885
<b>Roscommon</b>	2,288	4,186		1,645
<b>Sligo</b>	1,947	4,932	1	1,760
<b>Tipperary</b>	4,416	12,109		4,620
<b>Waterford</b>	2,513	8,791	1	3,136
<b>Westmeath</b>	1,749	5,831		2,296
<b>Wexford</b>	3,960	10,570	1	3,785
<b>Wicklow</b>	2,094	10,312	1	3,268
<b>Others</b>	25	45,771	47	7,791
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,179</b>	<b>361,725</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>119,712</b>

## C WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORTS

### 2015 AT A GLANCE



Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports decreased by just over €0.46 billion or 9.4% overall in 2015 as a result of a 70,968 reduction in recipient numbers.

The payment type in this programme group with both the largest expenditure and number of recipients is Jobseeker’s Allowance. At the end of 2015 there were 246,536 recipients. Expenditure in 2015 was nearly €2.75 billion which represented a decrease of 6.2% over 2014.

The next largest payment type is the One-parent Family Payment with 41,468 recipients in 2015, down by 28,416 on 2014 or 40.7%

Jobseeker’s Benefit dropped by 8,490 recipients from the 2014 figure of 46,335 and was 37,845 in 2015.

### 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 – Expenditure on Working-Age Income Supports by Payment Type

Table C1	Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Payment Type, 2006 to 2015										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	
<b>Social Assistance</b>											
Jobseeker's Allowance	768,560	875,092	1,158,851	2,004,556	2,809,381	2,974,987	3,054,741	3,108,974	2,924,261	2,742,509	-6.2%
One-Parent Family Payment	834,262	962,425	1,067,158	1,121,344	1,110,328	1,088,897	1,057,753	977,960	867,863	670,564	-22.7%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	103,688	19,921	21,181	21,275	19,252	18,173	17,670	16,735	16,479	15,865	-3.7%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10,547	6,897	6,624	6,038	5,020	4,211	3,546	2,876	2,504	2,132	-14.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	13	16	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	134,974	150,420	184,477	233,532	199,951	168,848	176,491	104,539	81,863	91,729	-21.7%
Direct Provision Allowance	4,215	4,784	4,963	7,339	6,619	5,545	3,800	3,776	3,629	3,851	-3.9%
Farm Assist	71,085	78,686	84,881	93,297	110,931	113,724	108,170	99,178	93,639	88,485	-5.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	113,063	124,490	117,666	96,606	77,850	59,942	46,091	34,555	24,334	16,268	-33.1%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	61,138	69,828	82,254	75,210	69,420	62,593	52,705	35,674	30,090	30,987	3.0%
Other Supplements <sup>(2)</sup>	13,533	13,835	14,286	14,214	13,391	12,766	11,248	9,526	8,125	7,379	-9.2%
Humanitarian Aid	0	0	0	605	1,045	1	714	1,224	2,072	479	-76.9%
<b>Social Insurance</b>											
Jobseeker's Benefit	455,073	544,931	928,844	1,733,816	1,285,438	926,900	736,881	560,460	420,398	387,152	-7.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	94,621	100,710	104,618	100,130	93,387	85,828	83,565	80,400	79,105	77,435	-2.1%
Maternity Benefit	180,801	257,896	315,878	331,289	323,938	309,141	303,527	292,597	269,930	259,791	-3.8%
Adoptive Benefit	818	1,333	1,644	1,247	891	1,075	465	309	169	279	65.1%
Health & Safety Benefit	353	503	576	619	588	643	526	578	536	523	-2.4%
Redundancy & Insolvency Payments	170,012	188,178	202,264	350,398	490,304	326,184	317,578	141,118	77,982	42,977	-44.9%
Treatment Benefits	95,020	91,602	97,124	100,179	51,473	23,040	18,986	33,428	28,736	29,892	4.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,111,776</b>	<b>3,491,547</b>	<b>4,393,296</b>	<b>6,291,700</b>	<b>6,669,207</b>	<b>6,182,498</b>	<b>5,994,457</b>	<b>5,503,907</b>	<b>4,931,715</b>	<b>4,468,297</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>
(1) Provisional											
(2) Includes Heating, Diet and Travel											
(3) The Redundancy and Employers Insolvency schemes were administered by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (DJEI) up to 30th September 2011. From October 2011, the administration of the schemes transferred to the Department of Social Protection.											

Table C2 – Number of Recipients of Working Age Income Supports by Payment Type

Table C2	Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports by Payment Type, 2006 to 2015											
	Type of Payment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013	2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	2015 <sup>(3)</sup>	Percentage Variance 2015 over 2014
<b>Social Assistance</b>												
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,801	80,268	113,603	203,248	261,850	283,929	291,640	295,077	269,951	246,536	-8.7%	
One-Parent Family Payment	83,081	85,084	87,840	90,484	92,326	90,307	86,941	78,246	69,884	41,468	-40.7%	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	2,168	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	N/a	N/a	N/a	
Deserted Wife's Allowance	766	693	617	550	487	409	336	274	N/a	N/a	N/a	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(4)</sup>	25,330	27,379	35,546	42,775	37,499	34,597	32,358	23,127	18,187	14,696	-19.2%	
Direct Provision <sup>(4)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	2,647	N/a	
Farm Assist	7,480	7,376	7,496	8,972	10,714	11,333	11,029	10,303	9,809	8,790	-10.4%	
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,149	10,624	8,872	7,468	6,021	4,820	3,670	2,664	1,887	1,110	-41.2%	
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	1	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	S/c	
<b>Social Insurance</b>												
Jobseeker's Benefit	50,542	59,167	121,763	160,122	123,457	96,044	78,459	55,068	46,335	37,845	-18.3%	
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,760	9,395	9,056	8,737	8,372	8,071	7,753	7,457	6,989	N/a	N/a	
Maternity Benefit	14,898	20,948	23,421	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	-4.5%	
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	68	64	53	45	14	15	13	19	46.2%	
Health & Safety Benefit	37	39	69	49	60	61	60	52	53	50	-5.7%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>281,073</b>	<b>303,168</b>	<b>410,394</b>	<b>547,761</b>	<b>566,272</b>	<b>555,522</b>	<b>536,970</b>	<b>496,876</b>	<b>445,816</b>	<b>374,848</b>	<b>-15.9%</b>	

(1) Minor revisions to previously published figures for JA, JB ,One Parent Family Payment Farm Assist and Pre-Retirement Allowance for 2012 due to revised methodology.

(2) Recipients of other supplements which includes Heating Diet and Travel totalled 9,181 in 2014.

(3) Recipients of other supplements which includes Heating Diet and Travel totalled \*\*\*\*\* in 2015.

(4) In 2015 recipients of Direct Provision Allowance are not included with Basic SWA. These recipients were included in previous years.

Table C3 – Number of Recipients of Working-Age Income Supports by Number of Dependents

Table C3	Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports by Number of Dependents, 2015		
	Jobseeker's Allowance	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Jobseeker's Benefit
<b>Type of Recipient</b>			
Personal Rate only	145,763	852	30,779
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult Only	16,963	235	1,720
With Qualified Adult and Qualified Children	41,288	18	2,109
With Qualified Children only	42,522	5	3,237
<b>Total Number of Recipients</b>	<b>246,536</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>37,845</b>
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult	58,251	253	3,829
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	23.63%	22.79%	10.12%
1 full rate Qualified Child	28,309	15	1,285
2 full rate Qualified Children	22,942	3	982
3 full rate Qualified Children	10,598	2	429
4 full rate Qualified Children	3,997	0	135
5 full rate Qualified Children	1,305	0	31
6+full rate Qualified Children	703	0	7
1 half rate Qualified Child	5,225	3	1,053
2 half rate Qualified Children	5,776	0	981
3 half rate Qualified Children	3,233	0	339
4 half rate Qualified Children	1,237	0	85
5 half rate Qualified Children	339	0	16
6+ half rate Qualified Children	146	0	3
<b>Total Recipients with Children</b>	<b>83,810</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5,346</b>
<b>% of Recipients with Children</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>
<b>Total Number of Children</b>	<b>167,273</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9,748</b>

Table C4 – Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit

Table C4	Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit in Receipt of Allowances 2006 - 2015	
	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance
2006	475	756
2007	554	81
2008	607	96
2009	656	116
2010	683	118
2011	748	135
2012	798	158
2013	885	179
2014	957	186
2015	N/a	N/a

Table C5 – Number of Recipients of Working-Age Income Supports by Age and Sex

Table C5	Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports by Age & Sex, 2015																			
	Jobseeker's Allowance		One-parent Family Payment		Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>		Direct Provision <sup>(1)</sup>		Other Supplements		Farm Assist		Jobseeker's Benefit		Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit / Adoptive Benefit	Totals		Grand Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female	Female	Male	Female		
14 years	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		2
15 years	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	
16 years	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	39	
17 years	0	0	0	110	5	11	11	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	126	147	
18 years	1,688	1,186	0	219	105	100	20	8	4	4	0	0	3	0	2	0	1,820	1,519	3,339	
19 years	2,584	1,768	0	404	113	108	26	11	3	15	3	2	3	1	16	0	2,732	2,325	5,057	
20 years	2,667	1,796	1	750	158	110	35	12	16	12	7	1	33	16	59	0	2,917	2,756	5,673	
21 years	2,730	1,784	2	1,088	165	135	34	14	11	31	9	2	81	49	108	2	3,032	3,213	6,245	
22 years	2,856	1,742	3	1,466	164	137	36	23	11	39	12		194	140	155	2	3,276	3,704	6,980	
23 years	3,015	1,862	4	1,833	167	150	59	19	13	37	19	1	290	239	199	2	3,567	4,342	7,909	
24 years	3,421	2,085	8	2,223	144	114	60	29	17	40	19		369	297	238	2	4,038	5,028	9,066	
25 to 29 years	20,782	13,168	46	11,158	956	704	457	146	125	239	145	8	1,901	1,967	3,050	15	24,412	30,455	54,867	
30 to 34 years	20,473	13,440	71	9,110	1,050	772	413	181	191	323	263	13	2,543	3,025	8,562	15	25,004	35,441	60,445	
35 to 39 years	19,071	12,371	102	6,716	1,086	820	286	194	307	351	457	45	2,802	2,863	7,651	13	24,111	31,024	55,135	
40 to 44 years	18,021	11,712	75	4,021	970	790	178	93	317	279	779	66	2,381	2,268	1,569	6	22,721	20,804	43,525	

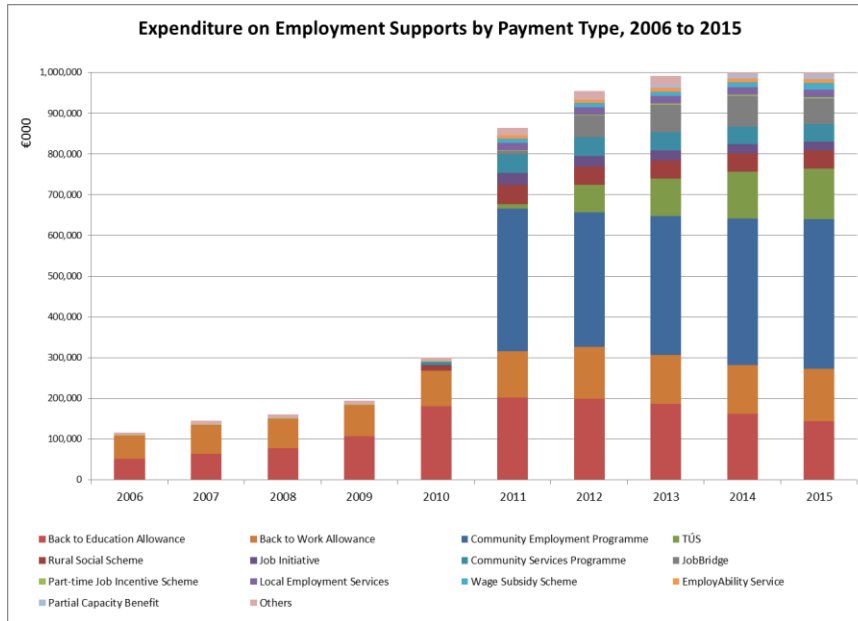


Table C5		Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports by Age & Sex, 2015																		
Age of Recipient	Jobseeker's Allowance		One-parent Family Payment		Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>		Direct Provision <sup>(1)</sup>		Other Supplements		Farm Assist		Jobseeker's Benefit		Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit / Adoptive Benefit	Totals		Grand Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female	Female	Male	Female		
45 to 49 years	16,799	10,353	45	1,500	847	828	111	46	329	258	1,173	122	2,011	1,858	73	11	21,315	15,049	36,364	
50 to 54 years	14,948	8,152	22	372	792	815	42	24	363	329	1,390	135	1,834	1,854	4	1	19,391	11,686	31,077	
55 to 59 years	12,056	5,969	11	59	661	587	18	24	368	356	1,647	146	1,595	1,696	0	0	16,356	8,837	25,193	
60 to 64 years	10,937	4,510	0	2	436	338	7	14	379	371	1,764	145	1,475	1,484	0	0	14,998	6,864	21,862	
65 years	1,908	654	0	1	55	42		1	81	74	396	21	1,218	1,307	0	0	3,658	2,100	5,758	
66 to 69 years	19	9	0	0	148	68	4	5	265	297	0	0	25	23	0	0	461	402	863	
70 to 74 years	0	0	0	0	14	9	3	1	243	342	0	0	0	0	0	0	260	352	612	
75 to 79 years	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	1	258	412	0	0	0	0	0	0	264	415	679	
80 to 84 years	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	1	130	382	0	0	0	0	0	0	133	390	523	
85 to 89 years	0	0	0	0	2	1	0		53	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	163	218	
90 to 94 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		21	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	66	87	
95 years and over	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	
Total	153,975	92,561	390	41,078	8,047	6,649	1,800	847	3,510	4,435	8,083	707	18,758	19,087		21,687	69	194,563	187,120	381,683
Scheme Total	246,536		41,468		14,696		2,647		7,945		8,790		37,845						381,683	

(1) In 2015 recipients of Direct Provision Allowance are not included with Basic SWA. These recipients were included in previous years.

## D WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

### 2015 AT A GLANCE



### 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.*

Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports increased by 4.2% overall in 2015.

The payment type in this programme group with the highest number of recipients is Community Employment. At the end of 2015 there were 24,218 recipients. Expenditure in 2015 was just under €0.37 billion which represented an increase of 1.9% over 2014.

There were 11,881 recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance in 2015, an increase of 6.4% over 2014.

The Rural Social Scheme, Tús and JobBridge had 2,532 and 7,818 and 4,207 participants, respectively.

Table D1 – Expenditure on Working-Age Employment Supports by Payment Type

Table D1	Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2006 to 2015											
	Type of Payment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
		€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	
Community Employment Programme <sup>(2)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	349,396	330,399	341,250	359,474	366,415	1.9%	
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	13,872	46,835	45,242	44,203	43,763	44,105	0.8%	
TUS <sup>(4)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	11,761	67,055	92,060	116,054	124,576	7.3%	
Job Initiative	0	0	0	0	0	29,932	25,794	24,924	23,364	21,698	-7.1%	
Community Services Programme <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	8,198	45,452	45,390	44,853	43,028	42,730	-0.7%	
Back to Work Allowance	56,497	71,072	73,169	76,434	87,960	114,582	127,203	119,505	118,833	129,037	8.6%	
JobBridge	0	0	0	0	0	7,914	54,739	67,688	76,030	63,489	-16.5%	
Back to Education Allowance	52,070	64,142	77,136	107,316	179,851	201,519	199,567	186,879	162,465	143,965	-11.4%	
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,277	1,320	1,324	1,445	1,157	1,032	1,370	1,978	2,281	2,722	19.3%	
Local Employment Services	0	0	0	0	0	18,310	17,854	19,371	18,283	19,514	6.7%	
Wage Subsidy Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	10,695	10,566	11,042	12,912	16,392	27.0%	
EmployAbility Service	0	0	0	0	0	8,483	8,104	8,713	8,434	8,656	2.6%	
Partial Capacity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,107	7,377	9,972	11,310	13.4%	
Gateway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	255	7,576	29,544	290.0%	
JobsPlus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,040	11,883	22,630	90.4%	
Others <sup>(5)</sup>	5,708	8,490	8,902	8,693	9,124	17,498	18,635	21,292	21,024	31,838	51.4%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115,552</b>	<b>145,024</b>	<b>160,531</b>	<b>193,888</b>	<b>300,162</b>	<b>863,409</b>	<b>954,025</b>	<b>992,430</b>	<b>1,035,376</b>	<b>1,078,621</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	
<p>(1) Provisional</p> <p>(2) Responsibility for the expenditure in relation to Community Employment and Other Employment Programmes transferred to the Department of Social Protection from January 2011 and information prior to 2011 is not available for inclusion in this report.</p> <p>(3) Rural Social Schemes and Community Services Programme transferred to Department of Social Protection in September 2010.</p> <p>(4) TUS Community Work Placement Programme commenced early 2011.</p> <p>(5) Includes Activation and Family Programme, Technical Assistance and Training Grants, Second Chance Education opportunities scheme, Payments to the long term unemployed (out of pocket expenses), Credit Union loan guarantee for Back to Work Participants. See Table A4 for full list of supports.</p>												

Table D2 – Number of Recipients of Working-Age Employment Supports by Scheme Type

Table D2	Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Scheme Type, 2006 to 2015											
	Type of Payment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014 <sup>(3)</sup>	2015 <sup>(4)</sup>	Percentage Variance 2015 over 2014
Community Employment Programme	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,589	22,445	22,575	23,249	24,218	4.2%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,537	2,591	2,537	2,576	2,532	-1.7%
Tús <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,077	4,530	6,999	7,877	7,818	-0.7%
Job Initiative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,031	958	0.0%
Back to Work Allowance - Employee	3,963	4,305	3,558	2,012	851	182	18	11	2	S/c	S/c	
<b>Back to Work Enterprise Allowance -</b>												
Self Employed First Year	1,683	1,811	1,470	1,966	5,011	5,617	5,656	5,216	6,580	6,214	-5.6%	
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	2,690	3,017	3,134	2,625	2,947	5,134	5,154	4,882	4,586	5,667	23.6%	
JobBridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,160	6,058	6,047	4,207	-30.4%
Back to Education Allowance	5,679	5,982	7,886	15,877	21,147	24,666	24,910	24,175	22,714	17,879	-21.3%	
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	184	173	161	180	215	290	373	403	8.0%	
Gateway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,266	N/a
JobPath	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0%
Partial Capacity Benefit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	733	1,234	1,432	1,612	12.6%
Other Employment Supports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,313	2,144	-70.7%
Short-Term Enterprise Allowance	-	-	-	1,152	1,364	1,285	1,052	559	458	385	385	-15.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,216</b>	<b>15,325</b>	<b>16,232</b>	<b>23,805</b>	<b>31,481</b>	<b>64,267</b>	<b>72,464</b>	<b>74,536</b>	<b>84,238</b>	<b>76,303</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>	

(1) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included a small number of whom may be unpaid.

(2) In 2013 there were 1,364 Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors of Community Employment Programmes who are waged and therefore not in receipt of a Social Welfare payment.

(3) In 2014 there were 1,396 Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors of Community Employment Programmes who are waged and therefore not in receipt of a Social Welfare payment.

(4) In 2015 there were 1,400 Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors of Community Employment Programmes who are waged and therefore not in receipt of a Social Welfare payment.

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

Table D3	Number of Recipients of Employment Support Payments by Scheme, Age and Sex 2015																					
	Community Employment Programme		Rural Social Scheme <sup>(1)</sup>		TÚS <sup>(1)</sup>		Gateway		Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Education Allowance		Partial Capacity Benefit		JobBridge		Short Term Enterprise Allowance		Work Placement Programme Graduate		Work Placement Programme Open	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 years	0									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 years	0									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 years	11	11	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	25	13	0	0	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 years	37	28	0	0	71	62	0	0	0	0	110	103	0	0	33	55	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 years	58	60	0	0	125	94	2	0	4	3	281	239	0	0	38	75	0	0	0	0	0	0
21 years	73	73	0	0	139	85	12	3	13	4	415	300	1	0	53	71	0	0	0	0	0	0
22 years	77	77	1	0	136	85	38	6	21	8	494	384	0	0	71	95	1	0	0	0	1	0
23 years	68	66	1	1	148	82	64	12	31	18	554	457	0	1	88	100	2	0	0	0	0	1
24 years	59	63	2	1	130	63	47	13	68	34	721	471	0	1	123	108	3	1	0	0	2	1
25 to 29 years	638	1,008	11	3	564	271	223	36	1,064	403	3,055	1,819	7	14	540	470	16	17	0	1	3	0
30 to 34 years	812	1,123	32	4	619	276	223	42	1,868	676	1,793	1,097	19	69	345	297	49	32	0	1	1	0
35 to 39 years	1,268	1,265	59	13	584	268	230	30	1,789	595	1,247	855	52	117	310	222	45	32	1	0	4	1
40 to 44 years	1,418	1,239	131	49	677	268	293	26	1,494	467	774	644	85	144	200	169	46	33	1	0	1	2
45 to 49 years	1,701	1,137	258	77	702	313	253	42	1,119	361	532	469	96	206	162	155	31	13	0	0	2	0
50 to 54 years	1,763	1,142	389	110	723	300	272	30	768	252	313	280	109	188	127	104	21	16	0	0	4	0
55 to 59 years	2,662	1,486	508	130	548	236	221	36	457	129	165	153	114	146	59	63	15	3	0	0	0	1
60 to 64 years	2,170	889	554	104	188	58	97	9	182	41	72	38	96	118	32	22	7	2	0	1	1	1
65 years	240	78	84	10	0	0	5	1	10	1	4	2	20	9	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
66 to 69 years	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,063</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>5,355</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>8,889</b>	<b>2,992</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>7,324</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Scheme Total</b>	<b>22,813</b>		<b>2,532</b>		<b>7,818</b>		<b>2,266</b>		<b>11,881</b>		<b>17,879</b>		<b>1,612</b>		<b>4,207</b>		<b>385</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>26</b>	

(1) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included, a small number of whom may be unpaid.

Table D4 – Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Dependents

Table D4	Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Dependents 2015						
	Community Employment Programme <sup>(1)</sup>	Rural Social Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	TÚS <sup>(2)</sup>	Gateway	Partial Capacity Benefit	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Back to Education Allowance
<b>Type of Recipient</b>							
Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors	1,405	131	400				
Personal Rate only	12,410	1,347	5,103	1,455	1,199	6,000	13,448
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult Only	2,405	424	575	180	80	689	485
With Qualified Adult and Qualified Children	4,343	559	1,315	477	88	3,218	1,566
With Qualified Children only	3,655	202	825	154	245	1,974	2,380
<b>Total Number of Recipients</b>	<b>24,218</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>7,818</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>11,881</b>	<b>17,879</b>
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult	6,748	983	1,890	657	168	3,907	2,051
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	27.9%	38.8%	24.2%	29.0%	10.4%	32.9%	11.5%
<b>1 full rate Qualified Child</b>	1,903	189	473	123	69	1,343	1,433
<b>2 full rate Qualified Children</b>	1,435	174	519	196	61	1,587	926
<b>3 full rate Qualified Children</b>	748	115	215	93	26	816	494
<b>4 full rate Qualified Children</b>	277	65	81	42	5	236	187
<b>5 full rate Qualified Children</b>	81	11	20	15	2	68	47
<b>6+ full rate Qualified Children</b>	36	16	6	8	-	25	17
<b>1 half rate Qualified Child</b>	1,275	52	188	45	80	339	258
<b>2 half rate Qualified Children</b>	1,389	78	353	63	65	455	303
<b>3 half rate Qualified Children</b>	645	25	124	25	18	234	195
<b>4 half rate Qualified Children</b>	168	25	110	17	5	74	69
<b>5 half rate Qualified Children</b>	55	4	14	-	1	12	14
<b>6+ half rate Qualified Children</b>	6	1	38	4	1	3	3
<b>Total Recipients with Children</b>	8,018	755	2,141	631	333	5,192	3,946
<b>% of Recipients with Children</b>	33.1%	29.8%	27.4%	27.8%	20.7%	43.7%	22.1%
<b>Total Number of Children</b>	15,559	1,702	4,650	1,428	597	10,800	7,674
(1) Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors of Community Employment Programme are waged and are not in receipt of Dependents Increases.							
(2) From 2014 all participants on the scheme are included, a small number of whom may be unpaid.							
(3) A Qualified Child increase is payable at half rate where a spouse living with the recipient is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse may receive half the Qualified Child increase where both spouses are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. This can result in an element of double-counting.							

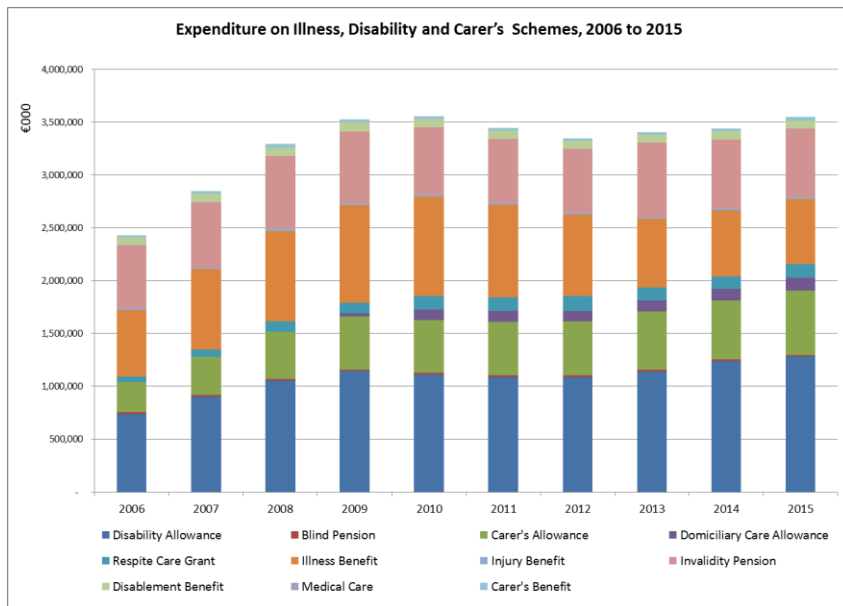
Table D5 – Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Scheme and County

Table D5	Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Scheme and County, 2015										
	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 <sup>(1)</sup>	Totals
Carlow	394	16	191	47	185	82	331	22	11	4	1,283
Cavan	340	79	130	35	280	69	223	20	4	10	1,190
Clare	612	113	165	58	420	85	320	28	13	7	1,821
Cork	2,090	171	843	259	795	356	1,709	210	27	23	6,483
Donegal	1,156	222	453	34	421	163	826	58	5	10	3,348
Dublin	5,712	0	1,544	562	2,926	1,016	4,744	410	121	99	17,134
Galway	1,492	274	475	104	664	233	1,217	76	19	25	4,579
Kerry	1,027	271	230	60	392	178	794	46	18	18	3,034
Kildare	890	24	258	70	471	185	603	66	17	7	2,591
Kilkenny	471	18	105	49	317	52	277	36	2	8	1,335
Laois	316	21	121	34	230	81	287	18	4	8	1,120
Leitrim	151	96	83	45	123	50	140	16	6	5	715
Limerick	1,333	76	315	64	418	243	991	66	19	29	3,554
Longford	356	51	101	5	153	47	197	19	4	4	937
Louth	833	11	216	65	524	178	661	50	18	14	2,570
Mayo	770	556	316	78	385	139	467	51	16	28	2,806
Meath	531	15	254	112	513	85	267	82	3	5	1,867
Monaghan	416	40	110	59	167	85	234	20	2	4	1,137
Offaly	419	44	169	52	207	88	322	26	4	5	1,336
Roscommon	346	143	127	44	153	40	112	30	2	0	997
Sligo	478	123	162	47	216	64	385	24	8	1	1,508
Tipperary	917	61	393	72	389	155	645	64	6	24	2,726
Waterford	868	11	320	73	386	153	659	41	6	26	2,543
Westmeath	623	37	128	74	228	112	451	19	18	8	1,698
Wexford	1,052	40	340	68	353	155	533	62	10	24	2,637
Wicklow	625	19	269	96	565	113	484	46	4	7	2,228
Other	0	0			0	0	0	6	18	0	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,218</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>7,818</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>11,881</b>	<b>4,207</b>	<b>17,879</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>73,201</b>

(1) Based on the number of recipients/participants at each Social Welfare Local Office

## E ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

### 2015 AT A GLANCE



Expenditure on Illness Benefit decreased by 1.0% and expenditure on Invalidity Pension decreased by 0.4% while expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 3.5%; there are now 119,042 recipients of the scheme an increase of 6.2% over 2014.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €51 million or 9.2% in 2015. There are now 63,003 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 3,623 year on year, including 26,288 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 – Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Carers by Payment Type

Table E1 Type of Payment	Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Carer's by Payment Type 2006 to 2015										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2014 over 2013
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>											
Disability Allowance	738,431	901,131	1,052,660	1,142,769	1,109,505	1,089,178	1,087,513	1,140,916	1,238,470	1,281,584	3.5%
Blind Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	16,964	15,031	16,319	16,277	16,032	15,624	15,747	14,823	14,429	14,379	-0.3%
Carer's Allowance	284,584	361,257	450,260	502,469	501,789	507,193	509,671	554,801	559,456	611,135	9.2%
Domiciliary Care Allowance <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	31,017	95,710	99,924	102,237	104,272	110,675	120,882	9.2%
Respite Care Grant <sup>(4)</sup>	50,458	73,376	98,204	99,200	128,097	130,392	136,353	119,945	118,506	125,143	5.6%
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>											
Illness Benefit	627,642	755,077	852,305	919,783	942,571	875,549	773,959	648,938	625,975	620,007	-1.0%
Injury Benefit	16,123	17,194	19,250	18,143	17,884	16,507	15,860	14,592	16,537	16,988	2.7%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	602,414	618,133	685,717	681,642	639,994	606,502	604,024	707,769	651,666	649,220	-0.4%
Disablement Benefit	72,526	79,283	84,443	85,677	78,822	77,460	76,147	76,118	76,622	76,676	0.1%
Medical Care	292	298	282	309	360	317	355	345	248	95	-61.7%
Carer's Benefit	16,688	26,900	33,666	30,204	26,288	24,474	24,498	22,443	23,652	30,117	27.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,426,122</b>	<b>2,847,680</b>	<b>3,293,106</b>	<b>3,527,490</b>	<b>3,557,052</b>	<b>3,443,120</b>	<b>3,346,364</b>	<b>3,404,962</b>	<b>3,436,236</b>	<b>3,546,226</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

(1) Provisional

(2) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section.

(3) Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred from the Health Service Executive to the Department of Social Protection in 2009.

(4) Respite Care Grant was reported on separately for the first time in June 2005. Prior to that it was included in its parent scheme.

Table E2 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Payment Type

Table E2	Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Payment Type, 2006 to 2015										
Type of Payment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percentage Variance 2014 over 2015
Disability Allowance	83,697	89,048	95,754	99,576	101,111	102,866	101,784	106,279	112,097	119,042	6.2%
Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	1,476	1,474	1,472	1,467	1,485	1,496	1,456	1,385	N/a	N/a	N/a
Carer's Allowance	27,474	33,067	43,569	48,223	50,577	51,666	52,209	57,136	59,380	63,003	6.1%
Illness Benefit	65,774	70,404	73,609	77,665	81,253	73,397	64,429	58,990	57,024	55,540	-2.6%
Interim Illness Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>	338	440	525	318	374	327	363	380	327	306	-6.4%
Injury Benefit	924	900	846	726	835	776	671	822	906	1,094	20.8%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	51,954	53,956	53,725	52,922	50,766	48,792	50,053	53,196	54,223	55,115	1.6%
Disablement Benefit <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	12,646	12,874	13,192	13,520	13,721	13,993	14,202	14,226	12,293	N/a	N/a
Carer's Benefit	1,647	2,080	2,249	1,917	1,642	1,637	1,638	1,598	1,769	N/a	N/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>245,930</b>	<b>264,243</b>	<b>284,941</b>	<b>296,334</b>	<b>301,764</b>	<b>294,950</b>	<b>286,805</b>	<b>294,012</b>	<b>298,019</b>	<b>294,100</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
<p>(1) See note on scheme changes in the introduction to this section</p> <p>(2) Disablement Benefit is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It differs fundamentally from other Social Welfare income support payments in that it is a compensatory payment, rather than an income maintenance payment. Accordingly Disablement Benefit can be paid in addition to other Social Welfare payments such as Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.</p> <p>(3) Incapacity Supplement is paid as an increase to Disablement Benefit where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment. 890 and 859 persons</p> <p>(4) Interim Illness Benefit is payable to Injury Benefit claimants who satisfy the PRSI conditions for Illness Benefit while the Injury Benefit claim is being decided.</p>											

Table E3 – Number of Recipients of Allowances by Primary Payment Type

<b>Table E3</b>	<b>Number of Recipients of Allowances by Primary Payment Type, 2006 to 2015</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Disability Allowance</b>	<b>Invalidity Pension</b>	<b>Blind Pension</b>
<b>Living Alone Allowance</b>			
2006	16,943	8,403	269
2007	18,831	8,995	269
2008	21,068	9,259	266
2009	22,334	9,279	272
2010	22,989	9,130	267
2011	23,491	9,064	263
2012	23,210	9,019	266
2013	24,006	9,348	248
2014	24,978	9,369	N/a
2015	29,509	9,446	N/a
<b>Island Allowance</b>			
2006	94	13	5
2007	99	14	5
2008	97	17	5
2009	98	18	5
2010	91	18	5
2011	90	16	5
2012	78	15	5
2013	77	12	5
2014	75	13	N/a
2015	68	13	N/a

**Table E4 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Age and Sex**

Table E4		Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Age and Sex, 2015																	
Age	Disability Allowance		Carer's Allowance		Respite Care Grant		Illness Benefit		Injury Benefit		Interim Illness Benefit		Invalidity Pension		Disablement Benefit		Carer's Benefit		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
16 years	846	462				2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
17 years	998	507				1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
18 years	965	556	0	5	1	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
19 years	960	585	13	13	13	16	2	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
20 years	955	628	16	42	14	46	12	9	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
21 years	905	582	21	48	21	56	21	34	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
22 years	955	661	29	90	30	99	42	73	12	5	1	1	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
23 years	1016	674	41	141	39	167	71	112	14	8	4	3	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
24 years	1071	752	47	162	43	203	95	161	9	5	1	5	0	1	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
25 to 29 years	5024	3,537	271	1,642	270	2,099	669	1586	53	48	16	15	36	58	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
30 to 34 years	5599	4,356	444	3,485	486	5,002	1398	3341	96	45	29	14	220	412	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
35 to 39 years	6400	4,718	859	5,260	1,006	8,327	1867	4098	118	52	40	18	612	1,145	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
40 to 44 years	7,312	5,281	1,504	6,770	1,715	10,509	2104	4632	112	51	28	16	1,219	1,944	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
45 to 49 years	7,905	5,822	1,896	6,811	2,106	9,665	2220	4793	89	47	20	16	1,836	2,916	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
50 to 54 years	8,495	6,399	2,079	6,119	2,188	7,388	2661	5185	69	49	21	19	3,219	4,918	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
55 to 59 years	8,786	6,575	1,907	4,902	2,008	5,496	3145	5325	54	58	12	9	5,648	7,217	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
60 to 64 years	9,142	6,517	1,627	4,201	1,698	4,613	4138	5721	34	31	12	6	9,535	9,476	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
65 years	1,907	1,176	297	743	306	820	968	1056	5	1	0	0	2,531	2,172	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
66 to 69 years	9	4	1,113	3,014	1,205	3,357	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
70 to 74 years			1,057	2,671	1,175	3,093	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
75 to 79 years			698	1,591	824	1,877	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
80 to 84 years			361	665	455	838	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
85 to 89 years			116	191	151	246	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
90 to 94 years			16	19	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
95 years and over			1	5	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,250</b>	<b>49,792</b>	<b>14,413</b>	<b>48,590</b>	<b>15,781</b>	<b>63,955</b>	<b>19,413</b>	<b>36,127</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>24,856</b>	<b>30,259</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>119,042</b>		<b>63,003</b>		<b>79,736</b>		<b>55,540</b>		<b>1,094</b>		<b>306</b>		<b>55,115</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>

The number of Respite Care Grant recipients reported is the total number in payment and include those who are not in receipt of any other Carer's payment.

Table E5 – Number of Recipients of Carer’s Allowance Half-Rate Payment

Table E5	Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance Half-Rate Payment, 2009 to 2015							
	Type of Payment	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Pension Non-Contributory	1,904	1,925	1,960	2,289	2,327	2,303	2,037	-11.6%
State Pension Non-Contributory Qualified Adult	225	260	297	283	318	350	362	3.4%
State Pension (Transition/ Contributory)	2,715	2,873	3,031	3,587	3,809	3,918	4,055	3.5%
State Pension (Transition/Contributory) Qualified Adult	1,723	1,784	1,813	1,716	1,819	1,811	1,615	-10.8%
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	-0.8%
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>8,270</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>9,586</b>	<b>9,739</b>	<b>9,415</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance Qualified Adult	796	1,105	1,318	1,492	1,849	2,003	2,148	7.2%
One Parent Family Payment	3,637	4,077	4,289	4,674	4,490	4,462	4,737	6.2%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	74	76	80	95	101	94	100	6.4%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	1							
Farm Assist	94	116	131	132	130	142	163	14.8%
Farm Assist Qualified Adult	72	84	99	136	135	124	113	-8.9%
Pre - Retirement Allowance	111	113	106	78	68	61	59	-3.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance Qualified Adult	27	29	29	25	25	22	18	-18.2%
Jobseeker's Benefit Qualified Adult	340	399	394	383	360	304	257	-15.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	305	307	309	301	297	287	286	-0.3%
Maternity Benefit	47	32	39	34	38	45	54	20.0%
Adoptive Benefit	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	#DIV/0!
Health & Safety Benefit	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Health & Safety Benefit Qualified Adult	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>6,345</b>	<b>6,801</b>	<b>14,702</b>	<b>7,494</b>	<b>7,544</b>	<b>7,935</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
Back to Education	1	1	1	0	1	0	-	#DIV/0!
Back to Work Employee Qualified Adult							36	
Back to Work Self Employed	0	0	2	1	11	11	-	-100.0%
Back to Work Qualified Adult - Employee & Self employed	10	15	15	70	56	42	18	-57.1%
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

Table E5	Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance Half-Rate Payment, 2009 to 2015 continued														
Type of Payment	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change 2015 over 2014							
Disability Allowance	1,040	1,083	1,115	1,168	1,321	1,445	1,663	15.1%							
Disability Allowance Qualified Adult	1,157	1,314	1,422	1,417	1,657	1,882	2,013	7.0%							
Blind Pension	15	15	16	20	18	14	13	-7.1%							
Blind Pension Qualified Adult	21	24	28	33	34	37	34	-8.1%							
Illness Benefit	960	1,101	1,031	933	1,003	1,030	1,067	3.6%							
Illness Benefit Qualified Adult	264	328	327	324	365	421	406	-3.6%							
Injury Benefit	20	21	17	11	10	13	14	7.7%							
Injury Benefit Qualified Adult	12	10	11	10	14	14	19	35.7%							
Invalidity Pension	1,068	1,118	1,155	1,069	1,141	1,196	1,248	4.3%							
Invalidity Pension Qualified Adult	976	1,082	1,146	1,239	1,353	1,426	1,455	2.0%							
Disablement Pension		0	0	2	2	7	7	0.0%							
Incapacity Benefit	3	2	0	3	2	3	4	33.3%							
Incapacity Benefit Qualified Adult	8	5	5	5	9	8	9	12.5%							
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>5,544</b>	<b>6,103</b>	<b>6,273</b>	<b>12,468</b>	<b>6,929</b>	<b>7,496</b>	<b>7,952</b>	<b>6.1%</b>							
Others	439	546	589	549	863	919	932	1.4%							
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,132</b>	<b>20,981</b>	<b>21,951</b>	<b>40,044</b>	<b>24,940</b>	<b>25,751</b>	<b>26,288</b>	<b>25.3%</b>							
<b>Number of Recipients of Full and Half Rate Carer's allowance by Rate and Age Group (under 66 and 66+)</b>															
Age	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Totals 2015
Under 66	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	30,512	16,403	31,949	16,687	35,195	1,512	36,707
66 years and over	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,684	8,537	1,608	9,064	17,247	9,049	26,296
<b>Totals</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>32,196</b>	<b>24,940</b>	<b>33,557</b>	<b>25,751</b>	<b>52,442</b>	<b>10,561</b>	<b>63,003</b>

Table E6 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Dependants

Table E6	Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Dependents, 2015					
	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension
<b>Type of Recipient</b>						
<b>Personal Rate only</b>	94,226	46,248	43,761	910	239	41,389
<b>Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult Only</b>	7,669	-	2,501	35	8	5,387
<b>With Qualified Adult and Qualified Children</b>	4,771	-	2,491	65	27	2,017
<b>With Qualified Children only</b>	12,376	16,755	6,787	84	32	6,322
<b>Total Number of Recipients</b>	<b>119,042</b>	<b>63,003</b>	<b>55,540</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>55,115</b>
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult	12,440	N/a	4,992	100	35	7,404
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	10.4%	0.0%	9.7%	11.1%	11.3%	13.4%
<b>1 full rate Qualified Child</b>	5,879	998	1,976	40	12	1,596
<b>2 full rate Qualified Children</b>	3,555	521	1,465	33	15	923
<b>3 full rate Qualified Children</b>	1,783	226	682	12	7	383
<b>4 full rate Qualified Children</b>	782	93	222	3	2	124
<b>5 full rate Qualified Children</b>	341	40	61	1	-	36
<b>6+full rate Qualified Children</b>	198	24	25	-	1	10
<b>1 half rate Qualified Child</b>	1,875	4,037	2,187	17	7	2,583
<b>2 half rate Qualified Children</b>	1,488	5,344	1,744	29	9	1,814
<b>3 half rate Qualified Children</b>	710	3,382	671	7	4	679
<b>4 half rate Qualified Children</b>	327	1,448	196	6	2	147
<b>5 half rate Qualified Children</b>	132	436	40	1	-	35
<b>6+ half rate Qualified Children</b>	77	206	9	-	-	9
<b>Total Recipients with Children</b>	17,147	16,755	9,278	149	59	8,339
<b>% of Recipients with Children</b>	14.4%	26.6%	16.7%	13.6%	19.3%	15.1%
<b>Total Number of Children</b>	33,948	37,641	17,041	284	122	14,402

**Table E7 – Number of Families receiving Domiciliary Care Allowance by Number of Children**

<b>Table E7</b>	<b>Number of Families Receiving Domiciliary Care Allowance by Number of Children, 2010 to 2015</b>					
<b>Number of Eligible Children in Family</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>1</b>	21,774	22,434	23,020	23,794	25,420	27,182
<b>2</b>	1,513	1,532	1,548	1,584	1,706	1,944
<b>3</b>	131	124	124	127	131	158
<b>4</b>	9	11	7	5	11	21
<b>5</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Number of Families</b>	<b>23,428</b>	<b>24,101</b>	<b>24,699</b>	<b>25,510</b>	<b>27,268</b>	<b>29,305</b>
<b>Total Number of Children in respect of whom Benefit is paid</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,914</b>	<b>26,516</b>	<b>27,363</b>	<b>29,269</b>	<b>31,628</b>
Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred from the Health Service Executive to the Department of Social Protection in 2009.						



Table E8 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Age

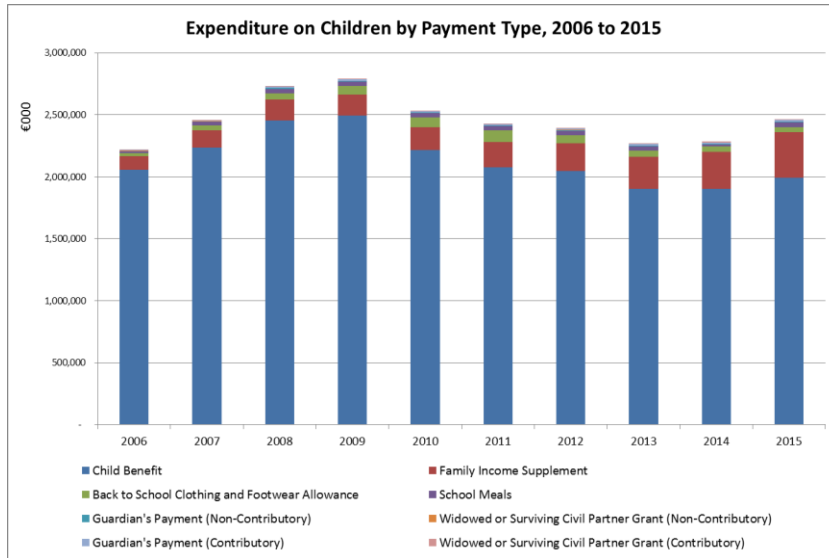
Table E8	Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Age, 2010 to 2015					
Age	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
0	295	292	262	330	273	222
1	708	721	653	629	681	695
2	891	870	898	811	881	910
3	1,166	1,110	1,086	1,195	1,222	1,349
4	1,336	1,401	1,407	1,502	1,669	1,759
5	1,530	1,530	1,627	1,701	1,935	2,163
6	1,721	1,702	1,740	1,835	2,075	2,320
7	1,786	1,888	1,847	1,915	2,153	2,405
8	1,991	1,901	2,005	1,963	2,161	2,429
9	2,091	2,072	2,003	2,124	2,165	2,391
10	2,037	2,183	2,175	2,080	2,294	2,381
11	2,024	2,120	2,249	2,244	2,245	2,501
12	2,012	2,093	2,181	2,285	2,341	2,411
13	1,887	2,060	2,140	2,218	2,377	2,496
14	1,826	1,952	2,071	2,205	2,313	2,517
15	1,813	1,863	2,003	2,140	2,293	2,453
16	120	156	169	186	191	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,914</b>	<b>26,516</b>	<b>27,363</b>	<b>29,269</b>	<b>31,628</b>

Table E9 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer’s Payments by Payment Type and County

Table E9	Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Carer's Payments by Payment Type and County, 2015.										
	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Domiciliary Care Allowance	Respite Care Grant	Illness Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Disablement Benefit	Carer's Benefit	Totals
Carlow	1,904	1,073	470	1,280	1,119	6	28	978	N/a	N/a	6,858
Cavan	1,691	1,030	421	1,253	868	9	20	744	N/a	N/a	6,036
Clare	2,893	1,568	721	2,027	1,113	5	28	1,177	N/a	N/a	9,532
Cork	14,568	7,127	4,086	9,509	7,109	34	136	7,308	N/a	N/a	49,877
Donegal	5,003	3,359	956	3,817	1,805	5	21	1,576	N/a	N/a	16,542
Dublin	29,324	12,582	6,883	16,747	13,966	87	282	13,767	N/a	N/a	93,638
Galway	6,820	3,611	1,474	4,468	2,407	7	39	2,019	N/a	N/a	20,845
Kerry	4,469	2,499	1,037	3,064	1,484	7	39	1,607	N/a	N/a	14,206
Kildare	4,016	2,211	1,439	3,063	2,645	19	68	2,244	N/a	N/a	15,705
Kilkenny	2,248	1,254	560	1,595	886	3	17	995	N/a	N/a	7,558
Laois	2,054	1,107	558	1,386	830	6	19	885	N/a	N/a	6,845
Leitrim	842	585	170	675	479	2	5	467	N/a	N/a	3,225
Limerick	6,195	3,283	1,505	4,103	2,776	17	50	3,242	N/a	N/a	21,171
Longford	1,378	844	233	959	551	5	10	583	N/a	N/a	4,563
Louth	3,191	1,833	775	2,256	2,239	14	39	1,773	N/a	N/a	12,120
Mayo	3,817	2,496	737	2,941	1,543	9	26	1,449	N/a	N/a	13,018
Meath	3,121	1,865	1,251	2,586	2,442	11	46	1,700	N/a	N/a	13,022
Monaghan	1,396	853	307	1,027	813	3	16	536	N/a	N/a	4,951
Offaly	2,063	1,402	627	1,696	941	7	11	1,129	N/a	N/a	7,876
Roscommon	1,663	1,116	373	1,347	724	4	11	798	N/a	N/a	6,036
Sligo	1,936	1,065	367	1,285	818	2	17	845	N/a	N/a	6,335
Tipperary	5,286	2,935	1,080	3,569	1,835	8	49	2,197	N/a	N/a	16,959
Waterford	3,307	1,647	669	2,027	1,488	8	29	1,565	N/a	N/a	10,740
Westmeath	2,412	1,350	624	1,673	1,014	8	25	1,230	N/a	N/a	8,336
Wexford	4,316	2,643	1,077	3,179	1,717	10	37	2,003	N/a	N/a	14,982
Wicklow	3,123	1,665	894	2,193	1,558	8	23	1,435	N/a	N/a	10,899
Others	6	0	11	11	370	2	3	863	N/a	N/a	1,266
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,042</b>	<b>63,003</b>	<b>29,305</b>	<b>79,736</b>	<b>55,540</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>55,115</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>403,141</b>

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### 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.*

Expenditure on payments in this programme group increased by 7.9% in 2015. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 76.7% of recipient families in 2015 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 2006 was 75.9%. See Table F3 and Graph F3. The number of families receiving Child Benefit increased by 3,973 to 619,308. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 10,185 to 1,187,774.

Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by just under €88 million in 2015, an increase of 4.6% while Family Income Supplement expenditure increased by just under €70 million, an increase of 23.5%. Expenditure on Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance decreased by over €1 million in 2015, a decrease of 2.6%.

Table F1 – Expenditure on Child-related Payments by Payment Type

Table F1	Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2006 to 2015										
Payment Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>											
Child Benefit	2,056,925	2,232,974	2,453,957	2,495,304	2,213,429	2,076,338	2,046,955	1,899,922	1,902,603	1,990,296	4.6%
Family Income Supplement	107,137	140,020	170,309	167,133	185,998	204,543	223,608	261,758	297,941	367,872	23.5%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	24,892	40,176	49,632	67,188	77,401	90,903	65,679	47,976	42,452	41,342	-2.6%
School Meals	13,622	28,202	34,422	34,848	34,939	34,975	35,005	36,775	16,572	38,778	134.0%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,832	4,366	7,147	6,024	4,697	5,134	4,987	5,124	5,196	5,720	10.1%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	282	454	529	425	475	276	313	252	276	444	60.9%
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>											
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	7,516	8,815	9,560	14,373	11,510	11,462	11,416	10,768	10,967	11,942	8.9%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	3,304	2,942	3,862	5,543	5,617	6,455	6,228	5,968	6,331	5,771	-8.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,218,510</b>	<b>2,457,949</b>	<b>2,729,418</b>	<b>2,790,838</b>	<b>2,534,066</b>	<b>2,430,086</b>	<b>2,394,191</b>	<b>2,268,543</b>	<b>2,282,338</b>	<b>2,462,165</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
(1) Provisional											

Table F2 – Number of Recipients of Child-related Payments by Payment Type

Table F2	Number of Recipients of Child Related Payments, 2006 to 2015										
Payment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change 2015 over 2014
<b>Family Income Supplement</b>	21,800	22,823	27,798	25,963	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	11.1%
<b>Child Benefit</b>	562,860	579,612	596,108	602,932	591,432	597,333	608,733	611,366	615,335	619,308	0.6%
<b>Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)</b>	441	442	437	420	429	441	433	435	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Guardian's Payment (Contributory)</b>	800	818	833	860	919	955	938	947	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>585,901</b>	<b>603,695</b>	<b>625,176</b>	<b>630,175</b>	<b>621,003</b>	<b>627,605</b>	<b>642,411</b>	<b>656,907</b>	<b>665,641</b>	<b>675,221</b>	N/a

Table F3 – Number of Families receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries

<b>Table F3</b>	<b>Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 2005 to 2014</b>									
<b>Number of Eligible Children in Family</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>1</b>	232,974	241,138	247,345	248,541	246,937	247,606	248,908	247,706	247,238	246,261
<b>2</b>	194,250	200,949	207,816	211,167	208,308	212,366	218,638	221,854	225,260	228,845
<b>3</b>	94,960	96,956	99,550	101,454	97,396	98,643	101,797	102,780	104,056	105,411
<b>4</b>	30,329	30,385	31,069	31,508	29,480	29,501	30,177	29,934	29,816	29,957
<b>5</b>	7,266	7,234	7,368	7,341	6,752	6,726	6,701	6,649	6,582	6,452
<b>6</b>	2,094	2,022	2,017	1,988	1,767	1,716	1,751	1,690	1,638	1,620
<b>7</b>	649	615	617	609	495	486	482	484	466	484
<b>8</b>	230	207	213	221	204	179	169	160	178	172
<b>9</b>	61	68	74	64	58	75	70	74	60	68
<b>10</b>	38	26	29	27	27	29	24	20	25	25
<b>11</b>	5	8	8	8	6	4	13	9	10	5
<b>12</b>	3	4	2	2	1	1	2	4	3	4
<b>13</b>	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	3	3
<b>14</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>562,860</b>	<b>579,612</b>	<b>596,108</b>	<b>602,932</b>	<b>591,432</b>	<b>597,333</b>	<b>608,733</b>	<b>611,366</b>	<b>615,335</b>	<b>619,308</b>
<b>Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid</b>	<b>1,083,980</b>	<b>1,110,715</b>	<b>1,141,938</b>	<b>1,156,917</b>	<b>1,124,003</b>	<b>1,136,065</b>	<b>1,162,070</b>	<b>1,168,582</b>	<b>1,177,589</b>	<b>1,187,774</b>
<b>Average number of Beneficiaries in Family</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>1.92</b>

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

<b>Table F4</b>	<b>Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 2006 to 2015</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>0<sup>(1)</sup></b>	58,551	59,123	64,205	62,525	61,748	62,045	60,444	57,871	56,213	54,902
<b>1</b>	62,207	65,990	71,256	72,638	73,200	72,956	72,574	69,864	68,052	66,107
<b>2</b>	63,085	63,684	66,764	70,498	72,774	72,996	73,338	72,208	70,301	68,111
<b>3</b>	62,906	65,175	64,472	66,394	70,476	72,728	73,301	73,059	72,277	70,574
<b>4</b>	62,211	64,296	65,689	64,117	66,542	70,362	73,467	73,213	73,202	72,375
<b>5</b>	60,795	63,914	64,740	65,249	64,327	65,338	70,791	72,831	72,951	73,099
<b>6</b>	58,862	62,326	64,191	64,390	64,974	61,997	66,515	70,474	72,831	72,923
<b>7</b>	59,007	60,129	62,692	63,808	64,246	64,834	64,047	66,305	70,329	73,017
<b>8</b>	59,517	60,137	60,608	62,690	63,820	63,978	65,428	64,006	66,348	70,248
<b>9</b>	58,470	60,456	60,627	60,431	62,358	63,301	64,430	65,068	63,804	66,157
<b>10</b>	56,036	59,470	61,063	60,598	60,111	62,030	63,918	64,238	64,978	63,797
<b>11</b>	54,984	57,488	60,013	61,114	60,337	59,901	62,486	63,594	64,132	65,056
<b>12</b>	53,960	55,757	58,120	60,224	60,989	60,298	60,564	62,450	63,675	64,066
<b>13</b>	55,109	54,993	56,384	57,936	59,874	60,504	60,678	60,291	62,243	63,359
<b>14</b>	56,804	55,588	55,563	56,410	57,802	59,517	60,984	60,571	60,315	62,103
<b>15</b>	58,136	57,365	55,938	55,476	56,305	57,634	60,018	60,889	60,611	60,442
<b>16</b>	54,920	52,574	53,175	52,844	51,825	53,836	55,651	56,719	58,540	58,873
<b>17</b>	49,703	52,619	53,135	53,010	52,295	51,810	53,436	54,931	56,787	58,001
<b>18</b>	38,717	39,631	43,303	46,565	0	0	0	0	0	4,564
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,083,980</b>	<b>1,110,715</b>	<b>1,141,938</b>	<b>1,156,917</b>	<b>1,124,003</b>	<b>1,136,065</b>	<b>1,162,070</b>	<b>1,168,582</b>	<b>1,177,589</b>	<b>1,187,774</b>

(1) Underestimates the number eligible because of the time lag in applying for benefit.

Table F5 – Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Number of Child Beneficiaries

Table F5	Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement, 2006 to 2015				
Year	Number of Families	Percentage Variance	Number of Child Beneficiaries	Percentage Variance	Average number of Beneficiaries in Family
2006	21,800	-	43,861	-	2.01
2007	22,823	4.7%	47,529	8.4%	2.08
2008	27,798	21.8%	58,019	22.1%	2.09
2009	25,963	-6.6%	55,716	-4.0%	2.15
2010	28,223	8.7%	62,240	11.7%	2.21
2011	28,876	2.3%	65,281	4.9%	2.26
2012	32,307	11.9%	73,238	12.2%	2.27
2013	44,159	36.7%	98,350	34.3%	2.23
2014	50,306	13.9%	111,583	13.5%	2.22
2015	55,913	11.1%	122,417	9.7%	2.19



Table F6 – Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age and Sex

Table F6	Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age & Sex, 2015		
	Age	Male	Female
15 years	0	0	0
16 years	0	0	0
17 years	0	0	0
18 years	0	0	0
19 years	1	0	1
20 years	1	2	3
21 years	9	21	30
<b>22 years</b>	21	64	<b>85</b>
<b>23 years</b>	39	131	<b>170</b>
<b>24 years</b>	76	231	<b>307</b>
<b>25 to 29 years</b>	1,062	3,112	<b>4,174</b>
<b>30 to 34 years</b>	3,530	6,274	<b>9,804</b>
<b>35 to 39 years</b>	5,457	8,031	<b>13,488</b>
<b>40 to 44 years</b>	5,149	7,283	<b>12,432</b>
<b>45 to 49 years</b>	3,824	5,288	<b>9,112</b>
<b>50 to 54 years</b>	1,870	2,724	<b>4,594</b>
<b>55 to 59 years</b>	656	759	<b>1,415</b>
<b>60 to 64 years</b>	139	120	<b>259</b>
<b>65 years</b>	21	6	<b>27</b>
<b>66 to 69 years</b>	11	1	<b>12</b>
<b>70 to 74 years</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>75 to 79 years</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>80 years and over</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,866</b>	<b>34,047</b>	<b>55,913</b>

Table F7 – Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Rate and Family Size

<b>Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2015</b>									
<b>Table F7</b>									
<b>Weekly Rate Euro</b>	<b>Family Size (Number of Children)</b>								
<b>Euro</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8+</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>20 - 25</b>	1,465	1,230	585	152	19	3	1	0	<b>3,455</b>
<b>26 - 50</b>	2,260	1,782	832	211	31	6	1	0	<b>5,123</b>
<b>51 - 75</b>	2,901	2,099	1,137	312	35	3	0	0	<b>6,487</b>
<b>76 - 100</b>	3,169	2,543	1,260	392	75	12	2	0	<b>7,453</b>
<b>101 - 125</b>	2,473	2,475	1,333	458	75	12	0	0	<b>6,826</b>
<b>126 - 150</b>	2,022	2,081	1,383	487	97	7	2	1	<b>6,080</b>
<b>Over 150</b>	4,632	5,890	4,899	3,187	1,290	400	134	57	<b>20,489</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,922</b>	<b>18,100</b>	<b>11,429</b>	<b>5,199</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55,913</b>
<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>18,922</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>34,287</b>	<b>20,796</b>	<b>8,110</b>	<b>2,658</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>122,417</b>

Table F8 – Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Family Type, Age and Income Group

<b>Table F8</b>	<b>Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Family Type, Age and Family Income Group, 2015</b>							
<b>Age of Recipient</b>	<b>Family Income Group (Euro per week - Net)</b>							
	<b>100-199</b>	<b>200-299</b>	<b>300-399</b>	<b>400-499</b>	<b>500-599</b>	<b>600-699</b>	<b>700+</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>One- Parent Family</b>	2,684	6,551	7,968	7,535	2,360	573	167	<b>27,838</b>
<b>Two- Parent Family</b>	831	2,547	6,351	8,058	6,415	2,858	1,015	<b>28,075</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,515</b>	<b>9,098</b>	<b>14,319</b>	<b>15,593</b>	<b>8,775</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>55,913</b>
<b>18 years and under</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>19 years</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>20 years</b>	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
<b>21 years</b>	1	5	12	12	0	0	0	30
<b>22 years</b>	3	16	43	23	0	0	0	85
<b>23 years</b>	3	23	77	66	1	0	0	170
<b>24 years</b>	9	40	157	96	5	0	0	307
<b>25 to 29 years</b>	190	585	1,620	1,514	239	24	2	4174
<b>30 to 34 years</b>	580	1604	2,814	3,232	1,252	270	52	9804
<b>35 to 39 years</b>	853	2,110	3,106	3,960	2,316	922	221	13488
<b>40 to 44 years</b>	801	1,944	2,888	3,018	2,314	1,066	401	12432
<b>45 to 49 years</b>	625	1,584	2,003	2,161	1,646	771	322	9112
<b>50 to 54 years</b>	318	835	1,132	1,108	743	311	147	4594
<b>55 to 59 years</b>	111	287	378	329	217	59	34	1415
<b>60 to 64 years</b>	20	57	76	63	35	5	3	259
<b>65 years</b>	-	5	9	7	5	1	0	27
<b>66 to 69 years</b>	1	1	3	3	2	2	0	12
<b>70 to 79 years</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>80 years and over</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,515</b>	<b>9,098</b>	<b>14,319</b>	<b>15,593</b>	<b>8,775</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>55,913</b>

Table F9 – Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Primary Payment

Table F9	Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Primary Payment, 2011 to 2015					
	Payment Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Pensions	523	328	382	264	365	38.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	5			1	0	-100.0%
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	1,287	1,182	1,994	1,592	1,383	-13.1%
One-Parent Family Payment	77,288	69,788	64,251	57,146	49,937	-12.6%
Invalidity Pension	2,737	2,580	2,650	2,575	1,059	-58.9%
Illness Benefit	7,031	6,837	5,327	4,446	3,630	-18.4%
Disability Allowance	8,957	7,997	8,472	8,447	8,546	1.2%
Jobseeker's Allowance	49,107	53,069	58,432	56,051	49,695	-11.3%
Jobseeker's Benefit	13,451	10,888	5,424	2,746	1,999	-27.2%
Supplement Welfare Allowance	8,801	7,328	6,576	4,723	3,948	-16.4%
Employment Support Services <sup>(1)</sup>	6,302	4,810	5,174	5,383	5,338	-0.8%
Department of Work and Pensions (UK)	12	16	3	1	1	0.0%
Other	20,104	19,947	22,094	23,470	27,384	16.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>195,605</b>	<b>184,770</b>	<b>180,779</b>	<b>166,845</b>	<b>153,285</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>
(1) Includes Back to Work Allowance, Community Employment, Back to Education Allowance, VTOS and FAS						

Table F10 – Number of Qualified Child Increases by Primary Payment Type

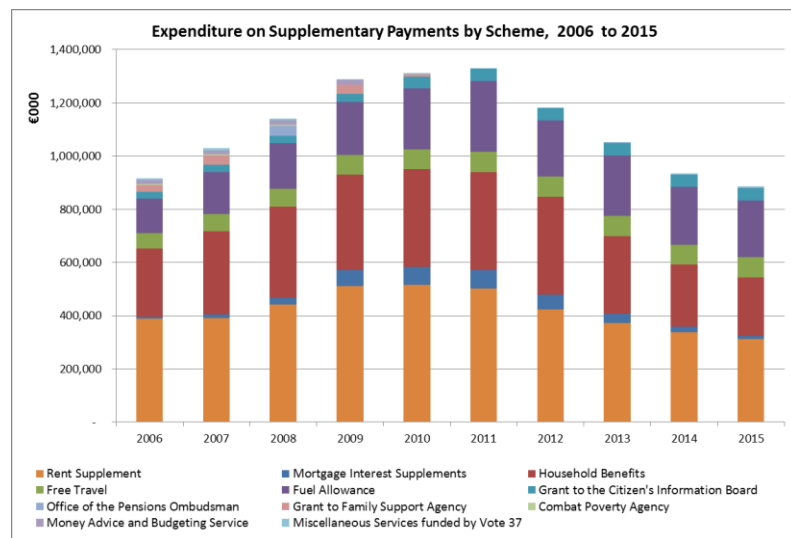
Table F10	Number of Qualified Child Increases by Primary Payment Type, 2015															
	1 Qualified Child		2 Qualified		3 Qualified		4 Qualified Children		5 Qualified		6+ Qualified		Total Families		Total Children	
	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate	Full Rate	Half Rate
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	230	63	162	28	42	15	24	0	10	0	6	0	474	106	474	106
State Pension (Contributory)	764	520	332	268	90	93	76	16	20	5	18	7	1,300	909	1,300	909
State Pension (Transition)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	3,652	0	4,212	0	2,322	0	740	0	190	0	45	0	45	0	11,161	0
Death Benefit Pension	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Jobseeker's Allowance	28,309	5,225	22,942	5,776	10,598	3,233	3,997	1,237	1,305	339	703	146	67,854	15,956	133,225	34,048
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	20,379	0	12,998	0	5,372	0	1,902	0	542	0	232	0	41,425	0	74,281	0
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(3)</sup>													0	0		
Farm Assist	732	206	714	236	530	133	236	80	88	36	35	10	2,335	701	5,361	1,642
Pre-Retirement Allowance	15	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	3	27	3
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,285	1,053	982	981	429	339	135	85	31	16	7	3	2,869	2,477	5,277	4,471
Deserted Wife's Benefit	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Health and Safety Benefit													0	0		
Community Employment Programme	1,903	1,275	1,435	1,389	748	645	277	168	81	55	36	6	4,480	3,538	8,757	6,842
Rural Social Scheme	189	52	174	78	115	25	65	25	11	4	16	1	570	185	1,293	409
TÚS	473	188	519	353	215	124	81	110	20	14	6	38	1,314	827	2,619	2,031
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	1,343	339	1,587	455	816	234	236	74	68	12	25	3	4,075	1,117	8,474	2,326
JobBridge	235	53	205	74	99	50	29	11	4	1	1	0	573	189	1,084	400
Back to Education Allowance	1,433	258	926	303	494	195	187	69	47	14	17	3	3,104	842	5,861	1,813
Partial Capacity Benefit	69	80	61	65	26	18	5	5	2	1	0	1	163	170	299	298
Disability Allowance													0	0		
Blind Pension	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Carer's Allowance	998	4,037	521	5,344	226	3,382	63	1,448	40	436	24	206	1,872	14,853	3,447	34,194
Illness Benefit	1,976	2,187	1,465	1,744	682	671	222	196	61	40	25	9	4,431	4,847	8,311	8,730
Interim Illness Benefit	12	7	15	9	7	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	37	22	77	45
Injury Benefit	40	17	33	29	12	7	3	6	1	1	0	0	89	60	159	125
Invalidity Pension	1,596	2,583	923	1,814	383	679	124	147	36	35	10	9	3,072	5,267	5,329	9,073
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Carer's Benefit	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65,635</b>	<b>18,148</b>	<b>50,209</b>	<b>18,946</b>	<b>23,208</b>	<b>9,847</b>	<b>8,404</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>140,102</b>	<b>52,071</b>	<b>276,818</b>	<b>107,467</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>83,783</b>		<b>69,155</b>		<b>33,055</b>		<b>12,083</b>		<b>3,566</b>		<b>1,649</b>		<b>192,173</b>		<b>384,285</b>	
(1) There were 43 recipients of One-Parent Family Payment who were not in receipt of a qualified child increase at December 2015. This is usually because their qualified child is now claiming a One-Parent Family																
(2) A breakdown between full and half-rate children by family size is not available for One-Parent Family Payment																
(3) Includes Direct Provision Allowance.																

Table F11 – Number of Recipients of Child-Related Payments by County

Table F11	Number of Recipients of Child Related Payments by County, 2015				
	County	Child Benefit		Family Income Supplement	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance
		Recipients	Children		
Carlow	8,830	16,814	920	2,728	
Cavan	10,121	20,579	1,234	2,714	
Clare	15,168	29,980	1,280	3,461	
Cork	69,473	133,587	6,039	14,706	
Donegal	20,407	40,918	2,511	7,172	
Dublin	165,571	303,787	13,351	39,428	
Galway	31,973	63,342	2,675	7,255	
Kerry	17,964	34,503	1,592	4,511	
Kildare	32,436	62,766	2,386	6,851	
Kilkenny	12,086	23,623	899	2,768	
Laois	10,906	21,876	967	3,043	
Leitrim	4,008	8,113	395	1,090	
Limerick	25,106	47,889	2,350	6,514	
Longford	5,611	11,341	721	1,907	
Louth	18,662	35,785	2,084	5,567	
Mayo	15,574	31,438	1,568	4,281	
Meath	28,489	55,859	2,285	5,566	
Monaghan	7,967	16,152	1,073	2,212	
Offaly	10,452	20,515	1,049	3,067	
Roscommon	7,617	15,417	723	1,992	
Sligo	7,905	15,703	748	1,949	
Tipperary	21,402	41,423	2,175	5,780	
Waterford	16,177	30,626	1,810	4,633	
Westmeath	12,497	24,228	1,224	3,396	
Wexford	21,140	40,276	2,273	6,417	
Wicklow	20,318	38,614	1,442	4,272	
Others	1,448	2,620	139	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>619,308</b>	<b>1,187,774</b>	<b>55,913</b>	<b>153,285</b>	

## G SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

### 2015 AT A GLANCE



Expenditure on Rent and Mortgage Supplements amounted to almost €323 million in 2015. This represents a decrease of 10.1% on 2014.

Expenditure on Rent Supplements fell by over €27 million in 2015, a decrease of 8.1%. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2015 was 56,959 a decrease of 14.2% on 2014.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements decreased by 42.9% to just under €12 million. The number of recipients at the end of 2015 decreased to 2,907 a decrease of 41.9%.

In 2015 expenditure on Household Benefits was just over €220 million, a reduction of 4.7% over expenditure in 2014, while Free Travel expenditure in 2015 was just over €75.2 million, a small decrease of €243,000 compared to 2014. Fuel Allowance expenditure decreased in 2015 to just under €214.7 million, a decrease of 1.4% or €2.99 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 – Expenditure on Supplementary Payments

Table G1	Expenditure on Supplementary Payments, 2006 to 2015											
	Payment Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2015 over 2014
		€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
Rent Supplement	388,339	391,466	440,548	510,751	516,538	502,747	422,536	372,909	338,347	311,059	-8.1%	
Mortgage Interest Supplements	7,873	12,197	27,675	60,885	65,615	67,849	55,082	35,063	20,897	11,922	-42.9%	
Household Benefits	256,137	313,111	340,252	359,107	367,800	369,575	368,685	290,470	231,756	220,752	-4.7%	
Free Travel	58,042	64,125	68,428	73,489	74,094	75,597	75,518	75,477	75,487	75,244	-0.3%	
Fuel Allowance	130,250	158,289	170,008	199,609	228,766	265,838	211,394	228,141	217,735	214,742	-1.4%	
Grant to the Citizen's Information Board	24,362	27,860	29,468	28,005	44,986	45,114	45,743	46,387	45,000	46,000	2.2%	
Office of the Pensions Ombudsman	0	0	35,981	0	0	906	977	974	935	877	-6.2%	
Grant to Family Support Agency	26,506	35,339	0	34,660	9,909	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	
Combat Poverty Agency	3,689	4,008	4,114	1,564	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	13,575	14,578	16,217	17,041	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/a	
Miscellaneous Services funded by Vote 37	7,227	7,368	7,601	3,420	3,240	2,110	2,174	2,600	3,299	6,017	82.4%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>916,000</b>	<b>1,028,341</b>	<b>1,140,292</b>	<b>1,288,531</b>	<b>1,310,948</b>	<b>1,329,736</b>	<b>1,182,109</b>	<b>1,052,021</b>	<b>933,456</b>	<b>886,613</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>	

(1) Provisional.



Table G2 – Expenditure on Household Benefits

<b>Table G2</b>	<b>Expenditure on Household Benefits 2006 to 2015</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Electricity Allowance</b>	<b>Television Licence Allowance</b>	<b>Telephone Allowance</b>	<b>Gas Allowance</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
<b>2006</b>	108,323	48,966	90,333	8,515	<b>256,137</b>
<b>2007</b>	147,225	51,672	98,855	15,359	<b>313,111</b>
<b>2008</b>	156,738	55,698	112,190	15,626	<b>340,252</b>
<b>2009</b>	165,515	55,712	120,180	17,700	<b>359,107</b>
<b>2010</b>	171,589	57,650	118,579	19,982	<b>367,800</b>
<b>2011</b>	179,251	57,647	111,961	20,716	<b>369,575</b>
<b>2012</b>	176,733	57,566	113,772	20,614	<b>368,685</b>
<b>2013</b>	164,997	57,673	52,227	15,573	<b>290,470</b>
<b>2014</b>	154,553	52,449	2,939	21,815	<b>231,756</b>
<b>2015<sup>(1)</sup></b>	149,572	52,466	-38	18,752	<b>220,752</b>

(1) Provisional.

Table G3 – Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement

<b>Table G3</b>	<b>Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement, 2006 to 2015</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Rent Supplement</b>	<b>Mortgage Interest Supplement*</b>	<b>Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement*</b>
	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
2006	59,861	3,023	401
2007	59,726	3,712	399
2008	74,038	7,647	444
2009	93,030	14,716	385
2010	97,260	17,648	326
2011	96,803	18,703	285
2012	87,684	14,437	160
2013	79,788	9,768	-
2014	66,409	5,007	-
2015	56,959	2,907	-
* From 2013 Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement reported with Mortgage Interest Supplement			

Table G4 – Rent and Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age and Sex

Table G4	Supplement by Age and Sex, 2015			
	Rent Supplement		Mortgage Interest Supplement*	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
17 Years	0	1		
18 Years	7	16		
19 Years	37	59		
20 Years	66	156		
21 Years	104	268		
22 Years	155	419		
23 Years	229	594		
24 Years	295	798		
25 to 29 years	2,510	5,455	6	3
30 to 34 years	3,711	5,413	93	57
35 to 39 years	4,591	4,542	291	153
40 to 44 years	4,480	3,432	452	236
45 to 49 years	3,868	2,419	443	214
50 to 54 years	3,028	1,770	334	133
55 to 59 years	2,323	1,148	191	86
60 to 64 years	1,646	729	115	37
65 years	258	99	16	6
66 to 69 years	636	334	17	9
70 to 74 years	446	251	9	4
75 to 79 years	184	162	1	
80 to 84 years	105	106		1
85 to 89 years	16	65		
90 to 94 years	6	17		
95 years and over	0	5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,701</b>	<b>28,258</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>939</b>

\* Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement now reported with Mortgage Interest Supplement

**Table G5 – Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Duration and Primary Payment**

Table G5	Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Duration <sup>(1)</sup> and by Primary Payment, 2015																	
Payment Type <sup>(3)</sup>	Duration in Months <sup>(2)</sup>													Short Term <18 Mths		Long Term >18 Mths		TOTAL
	0 to 3	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	Total	%	Total	%		
State Pensions	44	72	60	53	111	91	105	93	171	150	132	443	340	0.6%	1,185	2.1%	<b>1,525</b>	
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	17	24	15	18	38	28	38	24	54	47	40	91	112	0.2%	322	0.6%	<b>434</b>	
Jobseeker's Allowance	1,113	1,576	1,591	1,463	2,612	2,365	2,113	1,741	2,714	1,956	1,390	1,996	8,355	14.7%	14,275	25.1%	<b>22,630</b>	
One-Parent Family Payment	437	618	609	541	990	823	779	639	1,089	799	526	811	3,195	5.6%	5,466	9.6%	<b>8,661</b>	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	181	172	163	140	218	229	204	176	310	225	164	238	874	1.5%	1,546	2.7%	<b>2,420</b>	
Pre-Retirement Allowance			1			2			1		1	19	1	0.0%	23	0.0%	<b>24</b>	
Jobseeker's Benefit	99	104	86	65	95	65	54	50	79	79	67	112	449	0.8%	506	0.9%	<b>955</b>	
Employment Support Services <sup>(4)</sup>	120	195	185	228	390	341	335	269	441	303	247	351	1,118	2.0%	2,287	4.0%	<b>3,405</b>	
Disability Allowance	346	493	497	452	801	757	667	555	1,015	804	621	1,388	2,589	4.5%	5,807	10.2%	<b>8,396</b>	
Illness Benefit	98	149	125	100	200	133	103	78	127	105	80	127	672	1.2%	753	1.3%	<b>1,425</b>	
Invalidity Pension	25	53	48	53	83	82	74	79	113	96	62	177	262	0.5%	683	1.2%	<b>945</b>	
Department of Work and Pensions (UK)	2	6	9	3	12	7	7	4	17	15	15	28	32	0.1%	93	0.2%	<b>125</b>	
Other	367	503	472	397	697	614	594	452	666	477	314	461	2,436	4.3%	3,578	6.3%	<b>6,014</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,849</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>3,861</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>6,247</b>	<b>5,537</b>	<b>5,073</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>6,797</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>3,659</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>35.9%</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>64.1%</b>	<b>56,959</b>	

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(3) The recipient may not necessarily have been in receipt of the same Primary Payment for the duration of the Rent Supplement claim. The payment above relates to the current primary claim in payment at end of 2014

(4) Includes Back to Work Allowance, Community Employment, Back to Education Allowance, VTOS and FAS.

**Table G6 – Number of Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement by Duration and Primary Payment**

Table G6	Number of Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement* by Duration <sup>(1)</sup> and by Primary Payment, 2015																	
Payment Type <sup>(3)</sup>	Duration in Months <sup>(2)</sup>												Short Term Recipients <18 Mths		Long Term Recipients >18 Mths		TOTAL	
	0 to 3	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	Total	%	Total	%		
State Pensions				1		2	1		1	3	2	7	1	0.0%	16	0.6%	17	
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	1			1	1			2	7	5	9	3	9	3	0.1%	35	1.2%	38
Jobseeker's Allowance	5	11	38	16	31	39	67	81	161	263	235	348	101	3.5%	1,194	41.1%	1,295	
One-Parent Family Payment			7	1	2	3	8	8	13	30	39	43	10	0.3%	144	5.0%	154	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	2	2	1			3	3	6	22	30	35	62	5	0.2%	161	5.5%	166	
Jobseeker's Benefit							6	6	15	35	23	64	-	0.0%	149	5.1%	149	
Employment Support Services <sup>(4)</sup>	3	6	5	4	4	7	12	6	27	42	44	109	22	0.8%	247	8.5%	269	
Disability Allowance	3		3	5	9	3	11	27	31	44	36	112	20	0.7%	264	9.1%	284	
Illness Benefit			2	1	4	6	8	7	21	29	28	53	7	0.2%	152	5.2%	159	
Invalidity Pension	1	1	5	2	3	5	10	2	12	19	18	36	12	0.4%	102	3.5%	114	
Department of Work and Pensions (UK)							1					1	-	0.0%	2	0.1%	2	
Other	2	1	8	4	7	4	11	12	40	53	40	78	22	0.8%	238	8.2%	260	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>2,907</b>	
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Table G7 – Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration

Table G7	Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration <sup>(1)</sup> , 2015																	
	Age Group	Duration in Months <sup>(2)</sup>												Short Term <18 Mths		Long Term >18 Mths		TOTAL
		0 to 3	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	Total	%	Total	%	
Under 20	30	31	33	10	12	3		1					116	0.2%	4	0.0%	120	
20 to 24 years	246	363	380	305	530	404	313	220	211	80	30	2	1,824	3.2%	1,260	2.2%	3,084	
25 to 29 years	477	681	661	588	997	855	803	656	967	643	338	299	3,404	6.0%	4,561	8.0%	7,965	
30 to 34 years	525	698	691	659	1,077	901	869	665	1,116	766	518	639	3,650	6.4%	5,474	9.6%	9,124	
35 to 39 years	482	695	589	551	1,033	954	809	666	1,073	821	624	836	3,350	5.9%	5,783	10.2%	9,133	
40 to 44 years	380	477	492	492	797	728	735	547	1,026	731	532	975	2,638	4.6%	5,274	9.3%	7,912	
45 to 49 years	258	392	397	326	626	579	530	482	773	583	479	862	1,999	3.5%	4,288	7.5%	6,287	
50 to 54 years	179	246	258	197	456	460	405	367	579	519	381	751	1,336	2.3%	3,462	6.1%	4,798	
55 to 59 years	127	165	176	170	308	311	255	244	438	387	304	586	946	1.7%	2,525	4.4%	3,471	
60 to 64 years	76	116	92	117	224	184	179	163	304	251	198	471	625	1.1%	1,750	3.1%	2,375	
65 years	8	14	19	19	31	22	17	20	50	31	38	88	91	0.2%	266	0.5%	357	
66 to 69 years	29	44	37	40	71	61	80	59	124	99	72	254	221	0.4%	749	1.3%	970	
70 to 74 years	19	23	20	26	46	38	40	35	71	80	82	217	134	0.2%	563	1.0%	697	
75 to 79 years	6	7	10	9	22	24	23	19	40	34	36	116	54	0.1%	292	0.5%	346	
80 to 84 years	4	12	4	3	12	10	9	10	20	24	15	88	35	0.1%	176	0.3%	211	
85 to 89 years	3	1	2	1	4	1	6	3	4	5	8	43	11	0.0%	70	0.1%	81	
90 to 94 years					1	1		3	1	1	2	14	1	0.0%	22	0.0%	23	
95 years and over						1				1	2	1	-	0.0%	5	0.0%	5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,849</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>3,861</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>6,247</b>	<b>5,537</b>	<b>5,073</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>6,797</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>3,659</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>20,435</b>	<b>35.9%</b>	<b>36,524</b>	<b>64.1%</b>	<b>56,959</b>	

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**Table G8 – Number of Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age and Duration**

Table G8	Number of Recipients of Mortgage Interest Supplement <sup>(3)</sup> by Age and Duration <sup>(1)</sup> , 2015																	
<u>Age Group</u>	Duration in Months <sup>(2)</sup>													Short Term <18 Mths		Long Term >18 Mths		TOTAL
	0 to 3	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	Total	%	Total	%		
	25 to 29 years							3	2	3	1			-	0.0%	9	0.3%	<b>9</b>
30 to 34 years		3	1	3	3	4	5	9	21	39	25	37	10	0.3%	140	4.8%	<b>150</b>	
35 to 39 years	2	4	10	9	9	10	25	25	58	94	79	119	34	1.2%	410	14.1%	<b>444</b>	
40 to 44 years	4	5	21	8	18	24	32	36	85	136	109	210	56	1.9%	632	21.7%	<b>688</b>	
45 to 49 years	5	4	14	3	10	17	28	29	83	115	116	233	36	1.2%	621	21.4%	<b>657</b>	
50 to 54 years	3	1	14	5	11	4	23	28	45	94	87	152	34	1.2%	433	14.9%	<b>467</b>	
55 to 59 years	1	2	7	5	4	8	14	20	30	41	52	93	19	0.7%	258	8.9%	<b>277</b>	
60 to 64 years	2	2	1	1	4	3	10	11	18	24	24	52	10	0.3%	142	4.9%	<b>152</b>	
65 years			1		1			1	4	4	4	7	2	0.1%	20	0.7%	<b>22</b>	
66 to 69 years					1	1	2		2	5	4	11	1	0.0%	25	0.9%	<b>26</b>	
70 to 74 years				1		1				2	2	7	1	0.0%	12	0.4%	<b>13</b>	
75 to 79 years							1						-	0.0%	1	0.0%	<b>1</b>	
80 to 84 years												1	-	0.0%	1	0.0%	<b>1</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>2,907</b>	

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(3) From 2013 Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement reported with Mortgage Interest Supplement

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

Table G9	Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2015					
	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)
Carlow	303	34.0%	587	66.0%	890	1.6%
Cavan	214	55.9%	169	44.1%	383	0.7%
Clare	280	28.9%	690	71.1%	970	1.7%
Cork	1,720	27.1%	4,629	72.9%	6,349	11.1%
Donegal	276	24.8%	837	75.2%	1,113	2.0%
Dublin	4,916	22.2%	17,255	77.8%	22,171	38.9%
Galway	923	30.2%	2,134	69.8%	3,057	5.4%
Kerry	545	36.3%	957	63.7%	1,502	2.6%
Kildare	722	23.2%	2,395	76.8%	3,117	5.5%
Kilkenny	94	18.1%	425	81.9%	519	0.9%
Laois	361	39.5%	552	60.5%	913	1.6%
Leitrim	150	47.5%	166	52.5%	316	0.6%
Limerick	293	22.1%	1,035	77.9%	1,328	2.3%
Longford	169	46.7%	193	53.3%	362	0.6%
Louth	243	18.9%	1,041	81.1%	1,284	2.3%
Mayo	493	36.3%	867	63.8%	1,360	2.4%
Meath	488	34.0%	946	66.0%	1,434	2.5%
Monaghan	67	27.0%	181	73.0%	248	0.4%
Offaly	180	23.2%	595	76.8%	775	1.4%
Roscommon	256	44.3%	322	55.7%	578	1.0%
Sligo	222	49.3%	228	50.7%	450	0.8%
Tipperary	600	37.7%	992	62.3%	1,592	2.8%
Waterford	308	34.1%	596	65.9%	904	1.6%
Westmeath	440	32.8%	902	67.2%	1,342	2.4%
Wexford	799	37.1%	1,354	62.9%	2,153	3.8%
Wicklow	452	24.4%	1,397	75.6%	1,849	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,514</b>	<b>27.2%</b>	<b>41,445</b>	<b>72.8%</b>	<b>56,959</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

At December 2015 there were 56,959 households in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment. Of these, 41,445 had been in receipt of a payment for 18 months or longer and were the Target group for the Rental Accommodation Scheme. The above table is derived from an analysis of those persons in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment in June 2014 and in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment at every three monthly interval thereafter.

2015 Supplementary Welfare Allowance Recipients figures exclude suspended cases.



Table G10 – Recipients of Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance by Primary Payment

<b>Table G10</b>	<b>Number of Recipients of Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance by Primary Payment, 2015</b>				
<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Free Electricity Allowance</b>	<b>Free Television Licence<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Gas Allowance</b>	<b>Free Travel<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Fuel Allowance</b>
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	52,255	55,630	1,073	1,072	95,016
State Pension (Contributory)	168,032	195,026	9,912	15,297	313,930
State Pension (Transition)	8	11	1	2	22
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Jobseeker's Allowance, Pre-Retirement Allowance One Parent Family Payment	58,541	67,912	2,958	5,777	84,327
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Deserted Wife's Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Deserted Wife's Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Back to Work Allowance					
Disability Allowance					
Blind Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carer's Allowance					
Invalidity Pension					
Injury Benefit					
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)					
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)					
Others					
<b>Total</b>	<b>278,836</b>	<b>318,579</b>	<b>13,944</b>	<b>22,148</b>	<b>493,295</b>
(1) Refers to the number of Licences issued.					
(2) Refers to the number of persons in respect of whom travel passes have been issued.					

Table G11 – Number of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type

Table G11	Number of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type 2010 to 2015*									
	Payment Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			Total
							Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Post Draft/EIT	
State Pension(Non-Contributory)	1,169,348	1,159,684	1,155,764	1,147,845	1,144,813	26	400,091	741,021	1,141,138	
State Pension(Contributory)	3,273,737	3,474,561	3,660,480	3,860,425	4,068,645	3,606	2,762,755	1,489,379	4,255,740	
State Pension(Transition)	109,256	134,676	161,297	166,494	80,977	53	5,450	131	5,634	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,366,406	1,381,983	1,395,769	1,403,932	1,416,425	1,763	728,583	697,948	1,428,294	
Death Benefit	7,585	7,535	7,787	7,880	7,683	5	206	358	569	
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>5,926,332</b>	<b>6,158,439</b>	<b>6,381,097</b>	<b>6,586,576</b>	<b>6,718,543</b>	<b>5,453</b>	<b>3,897,085</b>	<b>2,928,837</b>	<b>6,831,375</b>	
Jobseeker's Allowance	2,919,924	3,380,056	3,485,538	3,533,280	3,408,801	528,248	139,513	2,452,257	3,120,018	
One-Parent Family Payment	1,096,717	1,105,023	1,061,017	990,280	888,716	322	213,550	445,138	659,010	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	24,174	23,626	22,738	21,923	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,144	5,394	4,511	3,626	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	484,987	427,872	400,422	327,825	244,868	26,284	11,658	154,058	192,000	
Farm Assist	120,258	132,905	132,446	126,347	119,458	520	55,653	52,814	108,987	
Pre-Retirement Allowance	79,743	64,242	49,942	37,553	26,544	100	6,097	11,125	17,322	
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,676,447	1,303,495	1,040,177	805,942	577,665	161,927	32,531	311,107	505,565	
Deserted Wife's Benefit	102,667	98,531	94,865	90,815	72,942	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	
Maternity Benefit	277,286	279,176	273,848	262,809	260,561	6,073	249,612	0	255,685	
Adoptive Benefit	579	702	320	201	124	6	224	0	230	
Health and Safety Benefit	641	759	622	738	638	68	583	0	651	
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>6,789,567</b>	<b>6,821,781</b>	<b>6,566,446</b>	<b>6,201,339</b>	<b>5,600,317</b>	<b>723,548</b>	<b>709,421</b>	<b>3,426,499</b>	<b>4,859,468</b>	

Table G11  Payment Type	Number of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type								
	2010 to 2015* Continued					2015			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Cheque	Electronic	Post Draft/EIT	Total
Community Employment Programme	0	0	181,745	274,340	292,512	0	291,543	0	291,543
Rural Social Scheme	0	0	23,005	36,555	30,404	0	30,361	0	30,361
Tús-Community Work Placement Scheme	0	0	38,738	64,998	88,222	0	93,195	0	93,195
Job Initiative	0	0	0	0	12,732	0	11,925	0	11,925
Back to Work Allowance Employee	16,012	5,388	751	157	72	0	4	0	4
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	74,575	115,493	131,562	124,993	127,179	93	133,055	6,158	139,306
JobBridge National Internship Scheme	0	2,977	53,296	64,752	71,643	287	49,493	7,150	56,930
Back to Education Allowance	151,390	199,131	207,445	227,281	192,819	615	154,087	31,733	186,435
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1,947	1,989	2,321	2,919	3,827	32	3,218	1,255	4,505
Gateway	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,665	0	23,665
Jobsplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,757	0	33,757
Other Employment Supports	0	0	0	0	55,114	0	33,443	0	33,443
Partial Capacity Benefit	0	0	0	1,234	16,291	9	18,164	0	18,173
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>243,924</b>	<b>324,978</b>	<b>638,863</b>	<b>797,229</b>	<b>890,815</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>875,910</b>	<b>46,296</b>	<b>923,242</b>
Disability Allowance	1,206,847	1,224,233	1,233,206	1,242,131	1,311,533	79	667,244	721,922	1,389,245
Blind Pension	17,707	17,933	17,686	17,085	13,659	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Carer's Allowance	591,612	614,751	617,576	668,086	695,860	158	366,731	371,321	738,210
Illness Benefit	959,758	926,939	829,406	736,088	697,960	68,113	610,828	1,443	680,384
Interim Illness Benefit	4,211	3,699	3,908	4,156	4,023	566	2,971	0	3,537
Injury Benefit	9,717	9,547	8,250	9,100	10,299	1,503	10,203	0	11,706
Invalidity Pension	624,802	597,585	593,563	622,479	643,983	1,151	438,564	217,662	657,377
Disablement Benefit	163,623	165,718	169,543	170,584	158,112	24,328	78,941	2,833	106,102
Carer's Benefit	21,436	20,090	19,901	19,502	19,498	0	17,920	2,117	20,037
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>3,599,713</b>	<b>3,580,495</b>	<b>3,493,039</b>	<b>3,489,211</b>	<b>3,554,927</b>	<b>95,898</b>	<b>2,193,402</b>	<b>1,317,298</b>	<b>3,606,598</b>
Child Benefit	7,019,402	7,132,564	7,241,799	7,318,884	7,341,644	0	5,404,201	1,991,814	7,396,015
Family Income Supplement	328,266	322,120	332,031	482,978	559,036	72	624,150	6,304	630,526
Guardian's Payment(Non-Contributory)	5,013	5,221	5,106	5,197	1,777	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	10,576	11,081	10,972	11,071	3,959	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>7,363,257</b>	<b>7,470,986</b>	<b>7,589,908</b>	<b>7,818,130</b>	<b>7,906,416</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6,028,351</b>	<b>1,998,118</b>	<b>8,026,541</b>
Rent Allowance	2,195	1,971	1,774	1,578	1,375	0	1,237	14	1,251
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,924,988</b>	<b>24,358,650</b>	<b>24,671,127</b>	<b>24,894,063</b>	<b>24,672,393</b>	<b>826,007</b>	<b>13,705,406</b>	<b>9,717,062</b>	<b>24,248,475</b>

\* These are aggregates of the payment methods to recipients of the listed Social Welfare schemes at the end of each month and should not be used for statistical purposes as it excludes recipients whose claim was suspended or closed during any given month.

Table G12 – Personal Public Service Numbers issued by County

Table G12	Personal Public Service Numbers Issued by Country, 2006 to 2015												
	Country of origin/declared nationality	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percentage Change 2015 Vs 2014	Change over 10 year period
<b>EU Countries</b>													
Austria	769	814	670	338	290	313	300	334	286	289	1.0%	-62.4%	
Belgium	506	523	466	288	278	336	281	326	370	366	-1.1%	-27.7%	
Bulgaria <sup>(1)</sup>	267	1,008	772	277	295	281	469	879	883	1,098	24.3%	311.2%	
Croatia	176	170	123	60	51	60	86	486	2,091	4,342	107.7%	2367.0%	
Cyprus <sup>(2)</sup>	33	43	19	26	21	21	20	53	124	42	-66.1%	27.3%	
Czech Republic <sup>(2)</sup>	4,458	3,838	2,762	901	712	621	594	693	654	718	9.8%	-83.9%	
Denmark	286	338	349	209	324	306	319	266	222	240	8.1%	-16.1%	
Estonia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,407	648	572	428	207	155	259	231	237	184	-22.4%	-86.9%	
Finland	508	473	372	153	188	181	203	223	189	241	27.5%	-52.6%	
France	6,880	7,673	7,066	3,109	2,877	2,668	2,915	3,175	3,739	3,744	0.1%	-45.6%	
Germany	4,605	4,534	3,823	2,090	2,090	2,160	2,142	2,162	2,406	2,455	2.0%	-46.7%	
Greece	207	167	168	100	124	168	269	275	332	408	22.9%	97.1%	
Hungary <sup>(2)</sup>	4,330	5,046	4,562	1,794	1,584	1,556	1,985	1,881	1,727	1,617	-6.4%	-62.7%	
Ireland <sup>(3)</sup>	84,740	90,238	92,999	86,748	85,939	85,210	81,772	78,630	76,091	75,008	-1.4%	-11.5%	
Italy	4,222	4,715	4,428	2,237	2,039	2,095	2,680	3,552	4,263	4,130	-3.1%	-2.2%	
Latvia <sup>(2)</sup>	7,954	4,674	3,727	3,916	3,134	2,195	1,759	1,568	1,312	1,171	-10.7%	-85.3%	
Lithuania <sup>(2)</sup>	16,039	10,728	6,443	3,768	4,353	3,555	2,860	2,521	2,316	2,337	0.9%	-85.4%	
Luxembourg	18	10	19	15	11	7	3	21	24	15	-37.5%	-16.7%	
Malta <sup>(2)</sup>	143	161	132	69	57	51	46	32	50	49	-2.0%	-65.7%	
Netherlands	1,104	1,051	904	647	649	710	654	823	882	825	-6.5%	-25.3%	
Poland <sup>(2)</sup>	93,787	79,816	42,553	13,794	8,742	8,087	8,663	9,243	9,126	8,593	-5.8%	-90.8%	
Portugal	935	1,517	2,125	1,125	786	706	1,128	1,577	1,946	1,622	-16.6%	73.5%	
Romania <sup>(2)</sup>	3,336	14,525	6,762	2,624	3,002	3,841	5,283	7,709	9,076	8,638	-4.8%	158.9%	
Slovakia <sup>(2)</sup>	10,687	8,375	4,994	1,784	1,288	1,012	1,138	1,092	1,081	957	-11.5%	-91.0%	
Slovenia <sup>(2)</sup>	101	63	87	40	37	42	47	56	72	90	25.0%	-10.9%	
Spain	4,433	4,691	4,618	2,595	2,388	2,604	3,929	5,000	5,195	4,351	-16.2%	-1.8%	
Sweden	1,103	932	757	481	629	582	499	480	473	515	8.9%	-53.3%	
United Kingdom	22,283	22,040	19,707	13,996	13,437	13,135	12,727	13,135	13,729	14,758	7.5%	-33.8%	
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>275,317</b>	<b>268,811</b>	<b>211,979</b>	<b>143,612</b>	<b>135,532</b>	<b>132,658</b>	<b>133,030</b>	<b>136,423</b>	<b>138,896</b>	<b>138,803</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-49.6%</b>	

Table G12	Personal Public Service Numbers Issued by Country, 2006 to 2015												
	Country of origin/declared nationality	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percentage Change 2015 Vs 2014	Change over 10 year period
<b>Non-EU Countries</b>													
Brazil	3,460	4,805	5,632	2,741	4,257	4,939	5,542	6,270	7,778	5,052	-35.0%	46.0%	
United States of America	4,079	3,841	3,504	2,544	2,518	2,705	2,697	3,048	3,403	3,337	-1.9%	-18.2%	
India	5,580	4,778	4,332	2,249	1,430	1,475	1,854	2,620	2,815	3,132	11.3%	-43.9%	
Venezuela	53	71	66	52	169	346	409	2,227	1,639	69	-95.8%	30.2%	
China	1,418	1,519	1,685	1,266	977	877	1,138	1,099	1,416	1,145	-19.1%	-19.3%	
Republic of Korea	491	948	1,147	431	558	505	678	1,043	1,271	513	-59.6%	4.5%	
Pakistan	1,425	1,439	911	868	478	807	741	891	1,618	3,168	95.8%	122.3%	
Canada	1,161	1,071	1,213	841	698	606	613	739	841	886	5.4%	-23.7%	
Australia	2,105	1,966	1,857	1,013	688	554	587	644	883	1,043	18.1%	-50.5%	
Nigeria	1,623	1,610	1,545	888	513	482	421	545	647	613	-5.3%	-62.2%	
Mexico	158	169	189	160	290	316	384	545	774	439	-43.3%	177.8%	
Saudi Arabia	38	36	33	159	247	288	344	480	481	337	-29.9%	786.8%	
Malaysia	636	744	656	436	410	291	362	435	540	502	-7.0%	-21.1%	
Philippines	1,884	1,624	1,440	695	394	434	414	429	413	428	3.6%	-77.3%	
Japan	277	426	445	248	232	275	281	359	387	280	-27.6%	1.1%	
South Africa	1,126	1,046	1,105	678	413	346	344	354	448	482	7.6%	-57.2%	
Russia	464	398	358	258	233	267	258	329	357	417	16.8%	-10.1%	
Libya	51	27	26	30	21	40	58	276	254	61	-76.0%	19.6%	
Ukraine	405	394	467	302	150	167	182	257	293	341	16.4%	-15.8%	
New Zealand	1,010	886	819	413	238	194	200	212	275	273	-0.7%	-73.0%	
Switzerland	291	262	277	156	143	180	171	202	185	221	19.5%	-24.1%	
Argentina	212	201	137	158	143	155	185	200	258	169	-34.5%	-20.3%	
Bangladesh	456	405	240	167	109	88	134	196	311	427	37.3%	-6.4%	
Nepal	66	84	94	97	107	93	103	187	202	103	-49.0%	56.1%	
Egypt	206	263	337	201	93	99	147	184	239	294	23.0%	42.7%	
Norway	196	218	240	196	187	195	122	168	191	185	-3.1%	-5.6%	
Turkey	165	228	197	140	117	131	122	156	233	206	-11.6%	24.8%	
Thailand	210	271	275	224	175	161	168	141	112	142	26.8%	-32.4%	
Moldova	294	409	300	252	124	93	90	124	116	88	-24.1%	-70.1%	
Mauritius	1,938	1,989	1,431	887	156	46	45	40	65	33	-49.2%	-98.3%	
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	5,055	4,671	4,494	3,533	2,368	3,237	2,833	3,359	5,122	4,507	-12.0%	-10.8%	
<b>Total Non-EU</b>	<b>36,533</b>	<b>36,799</b>	<b>35,452</b>	<b>22,283</b>	<b>18,636</b>	<b>20,392</b>	<b>21,627</b>	<b>27,759</b>	<b>33,567</b>	<b>28,893</b>	<b>-13.9%</b>	<b>-20.9%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>311,850</b>	<b>305,610</b>	<b>247,431</b>	<b>165,895</b>	<b>154,168</b>	<b>153,050</b>	<b>154,657</b>	<b>164,182</b>	<b>172,463</b>	<b>169,711</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-45.6%</b>	

(1) Joined the EU on 1 January 2007.

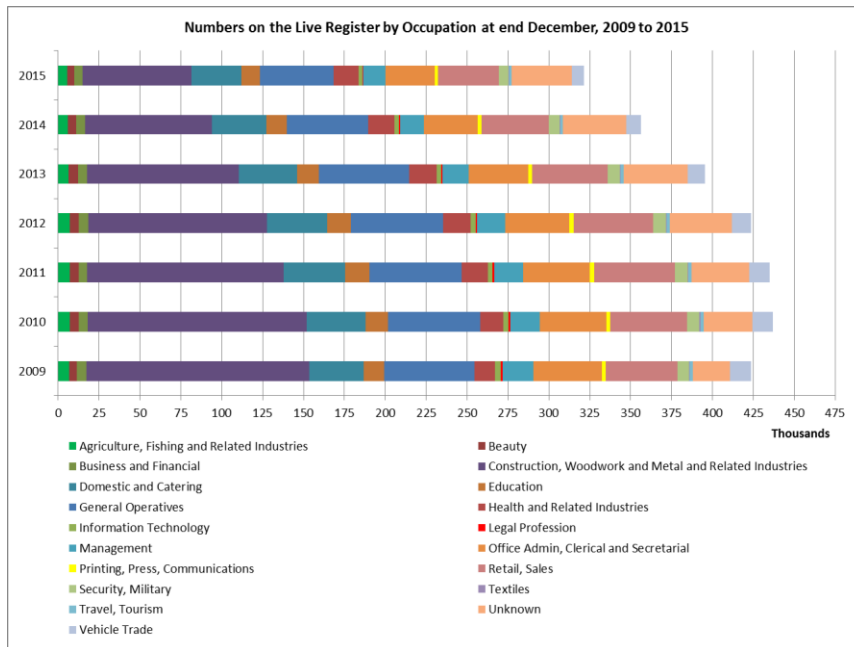
(2) Joined the EU on 1 May 2004

(3) Also contains those classified as unknown.

(4) A more detailed breakdown of the number of PPSns issued in each year is available at <http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Personal-Public-Service-Number-Statistics-on-Numbers-Issued.aspx>

# H LIVE REGISTER

## 2015 AT A GLANCE



The average Live Register decreased from 383,779 in 2014 to 343,556 in 2015, a decrease of 40,223 or 10.5%. Table H12 shows the numbers on the Live Register, at the end of December in each year, by County from 2006 to 2015 and the percentage increase in each county.

## 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

<b>Table H1</b>	<b>Number of Persons on the Live Register on the last Friday of each Month, 2015</b>			
	<b>Jobseeker's Allowance</b>	<b>Jobseeker's Benefit</b>	<b>Credited Contributions</b>	<b>Total Live Register</b>
January	272,511	51,490	34,671	<b>358,672</b>
February	269,598	50,845	34,681	<b>355,124</b>
March	265,722	48,573	34,381	<b>348,676</b>
April	262,311	46,919	34,321	<b>343,551</b>
May	265,719	45,534	34,380	<b>345,633</b>
June	274,312	47,794	34,414	<b>356,520</b>
July	275,181	53,735	34,712	<b>363,628</b>
August	273,707	50,878	34,491	<b>359,076</b>
September	258,766	40,921	33,114	<b>332,801</b>
October	247,103	40,881	32,810	<b>320,794</b>
November	243,385	40,680	32,521	<b>316,586</b>
December	244,205	44,641	32,770	<b>321,616</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>262,710</b>	<b>46,908</b>	<b>33,939</b>	<b>343,556</b>

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

<b>Table H2</b>	<b>Average Number of Persons on the Live Register 2006 to 2015</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Jobseeker's Allowance</b>	<b>Jobseeker's Benefit</b>	<b>Credited Contributions</b>	<b>Average Live Register</b>
<b>2006</b>	85,950	61,729	9,719	<b>157,398</b>
<b>2007</b>	87,756	65,146	9,390	<b>162,292</b>
<b>2008</b>	113,643	103,004	10,423	<b>227,069</b>
<b>2009</b>	201,779	181,312	15,068	<b>398,159</b>
<b>2010</b>	274,666	142,976	24,047	<b>441,689</b>
<b>2011</b>	302,813	112,574	29,518	<b>444,905</b>
<b>2012</b>	310,033	93,236	32,984	<b>436,254</b>
<b>2013</b>	310,736	73,805	34,409	<b>418,950</b>
<b>2014</b>	294,375	53,841	35,563	<b>383,779</b>
<b>2015</b>	262,710	46,908	33,939	<b>343,556</b>

Table H3 – Flows on and off the Live Register by Month

Table H3	Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2015			
Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	37,745	35,185	358,672	2,560
February	27,720	31,268	355,124	-3,548
March	23,095	29,543	348,676	-6,448
April	27,254	32,379	343,551	-5,125
May	29,608	27,526	345,633	2,082
June	31,099	20,212	356,520	10,887
July	39,474	32,366	363,628	7,108
August	22,497	27,049	359,076	-4,552
September	25,417	51,692	332,801	-26,275
October	31,245	43,252	320,794	-12,007
November	27,040	31,248	316,586	-4,208
December	24,892	19,862	321,616	5,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>347,086</b>	<b>381,582</b>		<b>-34,496</b>



Table H4 – Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex

Table H4	Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October, 2015					
Age	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
18 years	2,145	1.1%	1,554	1.2%	3,699	1.2%
19 years	3,051	1.6%	2,165	1.7%	5,216	1.6%
20 years	3,292	1.7%	2,415	1.8%	5,707	1.8%
21 years	3,324	1.8%	2,377	1.8%	5,701	1.8%
22 years	3,651	1.9%	2,603	2.0%	6,254	1.9%
23 years	4,100	2.2%	2,810	2.1%	6,910	2.2%
24 years	4,530	2.4%	3,095	2.4%	7,625	2.4%
25 to 34 years	50,654	26.7%	32,892	25.1%	83,546	26.0%
35 to 44 years	44,581	23.5%	29,940	22.8%	74,521	23.2%
45 to 54 years	36,810	19.4%	25,720	19.6%	62,530	19.5%
55 to 59 years	15,985	8.4%	12,193	9.3%	28,178	8.8%
60 to 64 years	17,544	9.2%	13,363	10.2%	30,907	9.6%
<b>Total Live Register</b>	<b>189,667</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>131,127</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>320,794</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table H5 – Number of Persons on the Live Register by Duration

Table H5	Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2015, Classified by Duration of Claim						
Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						
	< 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	> 3 yrs	Total
<b>Male</b>							
< 20 yrs	2,350	985	998	863	0	0	5,196
20 - 24 yrs	1,691	761	657	610	0	0	3,719
25 - 34 yrs	6,492	2,606	2,260	3,152	1,926	2,461	18,897
35 - 44 yrs	5,710	1,783	1,284	1,921	1,240	1,362	13,300
45 - 54 yrs	17,949	4,852	4,973	5,532	3,577	13,771	50,654
55 - 59 yrs	14,754	3,482	3,372	3,585	2,169	5,530	32,892
60 - 64 yrs	14,891	3,551	4,289	4,688	3,093	14,069	44,581
<b>Total Males</b>	<b>63,837</b>	<b>18,020</b>	<b>17,833</b>	<b>20,351</b>	<b>12,005</b>	<b>37,193</b>	<b>169,239</b>
<b>Female</b>							
< 20 yrs	11,613	3,543	3,129	3,557	2,433	5,665	29,940
20 - 24 yrs	10,741	2,553	3,373	4,043	2,825	13,275	36,810
25 - 34 yrs	9,651	2,697	2,275	3,125	2,334	5,638	25,720
35 - 44 yrs	3,864	1,010	1,468	1,854	1,399	6,390	15,985
45 - 54 yrs	3,919	951	1,058	1,457	1,353	3,455	12,193
55 - 59 yrs	2,884	877	1,383	2,024	2,052	8,324	17,544
60 - 64 yrs	2,664	802	1,046	1,702	1,887	5,262	13,363
<b>Total Females</b>	<b>45,336</b>	<b>12,433</b>	<b>13,732</b>	<b>17,762</b>	<b>14,283</b>	<b>48,009</b>	<b>151,555</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
< 20 yrs	13,963	4,528	4,127	4,420	2,433	5,665	35,136
20 - 24 yrs	12,432	3,314	4,030	4,653	2,825	13,275	40,529
25 - 34 yrs	16,143	5,303	4,535	6,277	4,260	8,099	44,617
35 - 44 yrs	9,574	2,793	2,752	3,775	2,639	7,752	29,285
45 - 54 yrs	21,868	5,803	6,031	6,989	4,930	17,226	62,847
55 - 59 yrs	17,638	4,359	4,755	5,609	4,221	13,854	50,436
60 - 64 yrs	17,555	4,353	5,335	6,390	4,980	19,331	57,944
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,173</b>	<b>30,453</b>	<b>31,565</b>	<b>38,113</b>	<b>26,288</b>	<b>85,202</b>	<b>320,794</b>
Source: Central Statistics Office							

Table H6 – Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration

Table H6	Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration 2006 to 2015						
Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
2006	57,050	31,632	<b>95,904</b>	46,675	13,912	<b>60,587</b>	<b>156,491</b>
2007	64,272	32,638	<b>154,996</b>	46,340	14,136	<b>60,476</b>	<b>215,472</b>
2008	122,358	40,030	<b>249,610</b>	68,038	16,103	<b>84,141</b>	<b>333,751</b>
2009	209,580	64,015	<b>237,587</b>	115,413	23,399	<b>138,812</b>	<b>376,399</b>
2010	173,572	108,027	<b>255,330</b>	108,373	39,581	<b>147,954</b>	<b>403,284</b>
2011	147,303	130,292	<b>265,888</b>	103,356	49,481	<b>152,837</b>	<b>418,725</b>
2012	135,596	132,949	<b>254,210</b>	96,459	55,168	<b>151,627</b>	<b>405,837</b>
2013	121,261	125,492	<b>246,753</b>	92,850	56,909	<b>149,759</b>	<b>396,512</b>
2014	105,136	112,636	<b>217,772</b>	82,602	58,256	<b>140,858</b>	<b>358,630</b>
2015	99,690	69,549	<b>169,239</b>	71,501	80,054	<b>151,555</b>	<b>320,794</b>

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table H7 – Selected Categories excluded from the Live Register by Month

Selected Categories excluded from the Live Register in each Month during 2015										
Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Short-Term Enterprise Allowance Scheme	Work Placement Programme Graduate	Work Placement Programme Open	JobBridge Internship Scheme	Persons Aged 65 years	Jobseeker's Allowance Transitional Arrangement	Labour Market Education (Fulltime)	Totals
January	1,309	10,522	435	3	33	5,558	7,367	1,977	189	27,393
February	1,291	10,437	435	4	32	5,439	7,387	2,013	531	27,569
March	1,207	10,132	459	4	32	5,348	7,487	2,036	649	27,354
April	1,113	10,268	458	5	30	5,231	7,621	2,078	663	27,467
May	1,046	10,154	475	7	30	5,158	7,707	2,078	663	27,318
June	1,025	10,126	471	7	36	4,695	7,712	2,318	579	26,969
July	1,055	9,973	469	7	32	4,458	7,951	15,942	458	40,345
August	904	9,917	460	5	33	4,153	7,850	15,941	389	39,652
September	751	9,803	454	6	29	4,158	7,918	15,506	191	38,816
October	731	9,643	438	6	27	4,290	7,990	15,067	100	38,292
November	836	9,721	419	5	28	4,235	8,108	14,927	67	38,346
December	750	9,747	385	5	26	4,207	8,048	14,995	58	38,221
<b>Average</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>10,037</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4,744</b>	<b>7,762</b>	<b>8,740</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>33,145</b>

Table H8 – Categories Excluded from the Live Register – Annual Average Numbers

Table H8	Categories Excluded from the Live Register Annual Averages 2006 to 2015			
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

Table H9 – Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

Table H9		Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 2006 to 2015	
Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate % <sup>(1)</sup>
2006	157,398	2,150,300	4.4
2007	162,292	2,248,175	4.5
2008	227,069	2,273,900	4.7
2009	398,159	2,228,975	6.4
2010	441,689	2,184,900	12.0
2011	444,905	2,165,825	13.9
2012	436,254	2,153,825	14.6
2013	418,950	2,163,350	14.7
2014	383,779	2,152,500	10.4
2015	343,556	2,170,500	8.7

(1) Source:  
<http://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/er/qnhs/quarterlynationalhouseholdsurveyquarter42015/>

Table H10 – Number of people on the Live Register by Occupation Category

<b>Table H10</b>	<b>Number on the Live Register by Occupation Category at end December, 2009 to 2015</b>							
<b>County</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Percentage Variance 2015 over 2014</b>
Agriculture, Fishing and Related Industries	6,585	7,023	6,920	6,914	6,449	6,060	5,346	-11.8%
Beauty	4,888	5,517	5,808	5,772	5,652	5,118	4,672	-8.7%
Business and Financial	5,740	5,334	4,803	5,609	5,705	5,297	4,975	-6.1%
Construction, Woodwork and Metal and Related Industries	136,433	134,030	120,129	109,257	92,663	77,585	66,403	-14.4%
Domestic and Catering	33,188	36,136	37,747	36,932	35,633	33,165	30,601	-7.7%
Education	12,478	13,562	14,755	14,432	13,202	12,610	11,519	-8.7%
General Operatives	55,083	56,395	56,649	56,534	55,166	49,835	44,767	-10.2%
Health and Related Industries	12,777	14,203	15,875	16,832	16,871	16,029	15,194	-5.2%
Information Technology	3,271	3,014	2,834	2,876	2,837	2,619	2,395	-8.6%
Legal Profession	1,314	1,270	1,193	1,047	860	714	628	-12.0%
Management	18,808	17,768	17,605	17,142	16,058	14,665	13,493	-8.0%
Office Admin, Clerical and Secretarial	41,664	40,828	40,578	39,192	36,149	32,909	30,220	-8.2%
Printing, Press, Communications	2,504	2,559	2,733	2,658	2,461	2,135	1,930	-9.6%
Retail, Sales	43,764	46,821	49,496	48,693	46,293	41,269	37,182	-9.9%
Security, Military	6,954	7,550	7,749	7,798	7,322	6,527	5,985	-8.3%
Textiles	468	548	508	435	402	330	281	-14.8%
Travel, Tourism	2,216	2,034	2,000	1,870	1,957	1,727	1,555	-10.0%
Unknown	22,683	29,994	35,242	37,978	39,375	38,817	37,050	-4.6%
Vehicle Trade	12,777	12,493	12,160	11,762	10,356	8,701	7,420	-14.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>423,595</b>	<b>437,079</b>	<b>434,784</b>	<b>423,733</b>	<b>395,411</b>	<b>356,112</b>	<b>321,616</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>

Table H11 – Number of people on the Live Register by Occupation, Age and Sex

Table H11	Live Register by Occupation, Age and Sex December 2015																
	<20		20-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-59		60-64		Total	Total	Grand
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Males	Females	Total
Administrative/Clerical Officers and Assistants in Civil Service and Local Government	21	42	250	383	886	2,194	638	3,029	475	2,579	275	1,434	473	1,771	3,018	11,432	14,450
Architects, Town Planners and Surveyors	1		8	2	81	44	77	63	63	25	28	10	41	10	299	154	453
Assemblers/Lineworkers	203	62	1,011	291	2,833	951	2,482	1,134	1,884	1,092	703	494	808	373	9,924	4,397	14,321
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations not elsewhere classified			14	3	61	30	66	57	50	33	45	14	62	14	298	151	449
Business and Financial Associate Professionals			21	18	72	74	70	129	54	80	26	44	47	36	290	381	671
Business and Financial Professionals		2	41	21	191	165	170	325	133	168	72	69	146	110	753	860	1,613
Buyers, Brokers and Related Agents			2	1	13	14	20	24	17	12	13	7	14	2	79	60	139
Catering Occupations	134	117	646	752	1,842	2,212	1,425	1,566	891	1,366	328	644	270	547	5,536	7,204	12,740
Chemical, Paper, Plastics and Related Workers/Machine Operators	4		16	3	47	12	53	26	40	22	22	10	18	7	200	80	280
Childcare and Related Occupations	3	110	19	620	47	1,746	50	1,436	46	1,218	16	398	8	283	189	5,811	6,000
Clerical and Secretarial Occupations not elsewhere classified	5	6	11	32	39	178	32	242	35	228	23	126	27	141	172	953	1,125
Clerks (not otherwise specified)	8	9	47	75	175	279	120	463	88	383	61	230	89	275	588	1,714	2,302
Computer Analyst/Programmers	27	2	234	34	565	102	498	151	398	92	128	26	106	32	1,956	439	2,395
Construction Trades	326	1	1,569	8	8,941	43	8,808	41	7,549	29	2,875	17	2,619	22	32,687	161	32,848
Domestic Staff and Related Occupations	34	90	175	328	491	1,429	508	1,505	454	1,768	178	860	199	763	2,039	6,743	8,782
Draughtspersons, Quantity and Other Surveyors			11		32	9	52	10	40	8	22	6	17	2	174	35	209
Electrical/Electronic Trades	16		125	5	833	11	526	20	355	16	177	5	291	2	2,323	59	2,382
Engineers and Technologists	6		170	17	694	62	684	140	560	61	309	13	385	10	2,808	303	3,111
Farmers/Landowners, Managers in Horticulture, Forestry and Fishing	10		47	5	141	9	144	15	179	23	94	14	118	10	733	76	809
Filing and Records Clerks	1	4	20	24	53	107	32	127	32	127	22	63	26	77	186	529	715
Financial Institution and Office Managers			23	18	208	220	212	469	183	291	169	212	349	337	1,144	1,547	2,691
Food, Drink and Tobacco Workers/Machine Operators	52	29	302	225	812	567	559	334	411	257	137	93	124	87	2,397	1,592	3,989
Food Preparation Trades	91	85	484	423	1,443	1,367	1,354	981	838	828	319	353	207	306	4,736	4,343	9,079
General Managers and Administrators in Large Companies and Organisations	14	9	63	59	329	372	350	490	353	341	200	153	318	148	1,627	1,572	3,199
Hairdressers, Beauticians and Related Occupations	13	185	45	927	124	2,030	73	739	52	339	15	80	11	39	333	4,339	4,672
Health and Related Occupations	19	16	109	136	231	514	171	568	158	702	62	312	87	360	837	2,608	3,445
Health Associate Professionals	6	8	41	74	146	296	132	298	84	315	31	207	50	338	490	1,536	2,026
Health Professionals	6	9	51	111	169	486	141	435	113	340	59	254	71	609	610	2,244	2,854
Homehelp		2	2	15	15	89	29	148	26	248	14	143	12	126	98	771	869
Legal Associate Professionals			6	4	13	35	6	26	5	22	4	13	8	9	42	109	151
Legal Professionals			21	18	48	81	35	91	36	48	20	26	22	31	182	295	477
Librarians and Related Professionals			3	2	17	19	16	14	17	14	2	14	7	22	62	85	147
Literary, Artistic and Sports Professionals	9	4	131	75	401	258	285	190	248	122	81	50	102	46	1,257	745	2,002
Managers and Administrators not elsewhere classified		2	25	26	233	351	382	622	400	454	231	192	387	195	1,658	1,842	3,500
Managers and Proprietors in Service Industries	1		4	4	45	43	84	65	120	56	60	19	66	16	380	203	583
Managers in Transport and Storing					16	5	27	11	42	6	26	7	30	5	141	34	175
Metal Forming, Welding and Related Trades	16		108	1	554	1	463	3	336	3	147	3	143	1	1,767	9	1,776
Metal Machining, Fitting and Instrument Making Trades	15		114	1	501	5	493	7	437	6	193	2	183	3	1,936	24	1,960
Metal Making and Treating Workers	3		6		14		28		16	1	12		5	1	84	2	86
Metal Working Process Workers	2		17	2	47	2	75	3	51	1	18		25		235	8	243



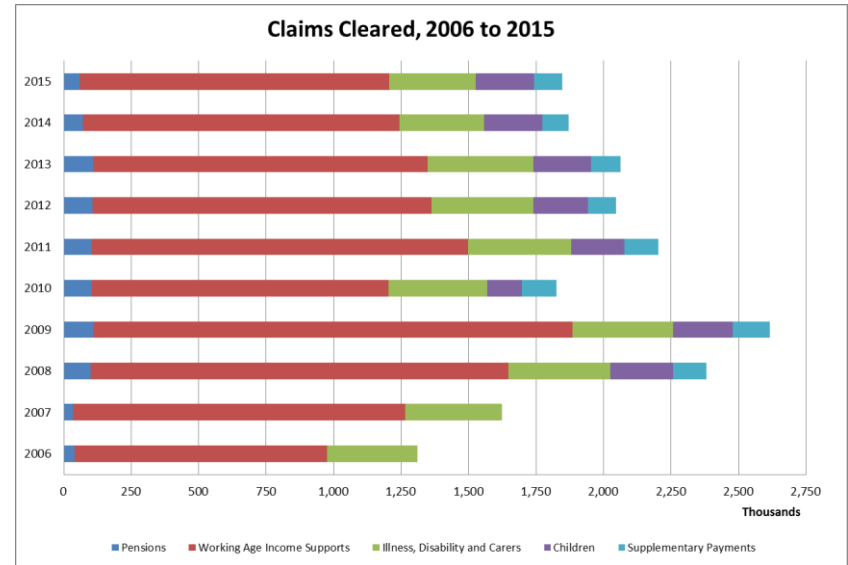
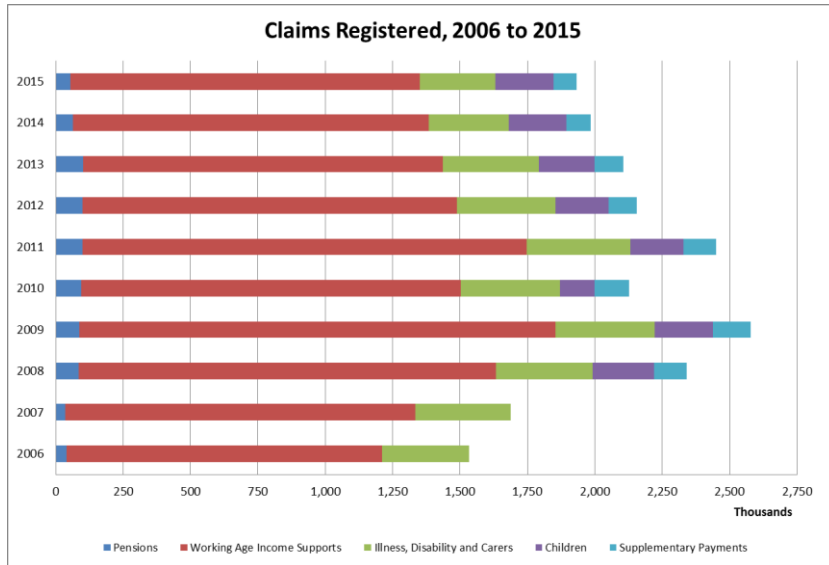
Mobile, Market and Door-to-Door Salespersons and Agents	1		16	9	39	27	53	23	42	9	16	6	15	4	182	78	260
Natural Scientists	1		23	19	77	74	55	42	33	11	14	7	8	7	211	160	371
NCOs and Other Ranks, Armed Forces	2	2	25	2	48	7	43	6	50	8	43	4	71	4	282	33	315
Numerical Clerks and Cashiers	6	5	54	43	170	333	133	580	118	476	72	250	119	332	672	2,019	2,691
Occupation Unknown	1,437	958	2,948	1,790	3,203	1,677	1,935	1,430	1,255	1,240	392	395	351	282	11,521	7,772	19,293
Other Craft and Related Occupations not elsewhere classified	67	39	263	140	748	323	762	300	608	279	289	142	296	104	3,033	1,327	4,360
Other Occupations in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	54	11	323	59	985	163	863	147	886	113	413	55	420	45	3,944	593	4,537
Other Occupations in Communications	12	6	102	42	231	87	151	79	154	74	78	32	81	28	809	348	1,157
Other Occupations in Construction	146	14	614	27	2,492	36	2,575	37	2,404	21	1,047	14	1,067	7	10,345	156	10,501
Other Occupations in Mining and Manufacturing	4		10		40	4	60	6	47	6	24	2	29	1	214	19	233
Other Occupations in Sales and Services	36	29	207	130	582	365	488	361	405	399	192	206	172	198	2,082	1,688	3,770
Other Occupations in Transport	5		23		165	8	219	13	298	13	143	4	155	6	1,008	44	1,052
Other Occupations not elsewhere classified	877	578	2,273	1,264	2,956	1,504	2,133	1,380	1,574	1,163	617	450	571	417	11,001	6,756	17,757
Other Routine Process Workers	394	222	1,474	639	3,571	1,495	3,075	1,329	2,499	1,097	976	484	1,070	461	13,059	5,727	18,786
Other Transport and Machinery Workers and Operators	10	1	48	1	311	8	544	11	496	27	242	5	238	3	1,889	56	1,945
Personal and Protective Service Occupations not elsewhere classified	1		20	6	82	23	106	21	106	16	62	7	52	11	429	84	513
Photographer	2		9	8	19	13	29	6	19	12	6	2	10	4	94	45	139
Plant and Machine Operatives not elsewhere classified	118	35	439	94	1,604	309	1,657	271	1,376	224	543	99	528	94	6,265	1,126	7,391
Printing and Related Trades	2		15	4	121	41	129	37	118	28	48	12	69	10	502	132	634
Production Managers in Manufacturing, Construction, Mining and Energy Industries	1		4	1	36	21	60	40	84	23	42	9	67	9	294	103	397
Professional Occupations not elsewhere classified	11	6	86	62	305	278	293	301	252	202	131	112	177	108	1,255	1,069	2,324
Protective Service Officers	4		21	4	164	19	196	35	225	29	190	16	223	20	1,023	123	1,146
Public Servant			11	1	45	32	47	31	103	47	209	72	429	164	844	347	1,191
Receptionists, Telephonists and Related Occupations	7	17	29	94	101	454	47	363	25	291	12	170	15	163	236	1,552	1,788
Road Transport Workers	12		49	3	570	19	1,145	28	1,373	35	684	20	667	18	4,500	123	4,623
Sales Assistants and Check-Out Operators	455	559	1,917	2,306	3,515	5,585	1,607	3,925	1,027	3,285	330	1,452	381	1,480	9,232	18,592	27,824
Sales Occupations not elsewhere classified	18	17	84	57	224	183	163	173	129	120	53	55	52	74	723	679	1,402
Sales Representatives	28	40	185	191	545	482	512	416	399	300	168	134	261	126	2,098	1,689	3,787
School Worker	1	5	23	80	95	418	102	508	133	819	111	389	150	391	615	2,610	3,225
Scientific Technicians	1		55	45	161	153	108	134	72	60	61	19	71	28	529	439	968
Secretaries, Personal Assistants, Typists, Word Processor Operators	1	19	20	68	50	362	44	565	33	607	14	318	43	399	205	2,338	2,543
Security and Protective Service Occupations	34	3	168	14	846	51	994	50	929	53	418	23	417	11	3,806	205	4,011
Ship and Aircraft Officers, Air Traffic Planners and Controllers			7	5	38	21	29	10	26	7	12	4	22	3	134	50	184
Social Welfare Associate Professionals	2	2	3	9	24	35	18	25	12	20	9	21	6	12	74	124	198
Specialist Managers	1		2	1	70	77	111	132	114	76	77	35	108	37	483	358	841
Stores and Despatch Clerks, Storekeepers	27	7	235	21	816	120	738	108	520	89	245	50	244	48	2,825	443	3,268
Teaching Professionals	1		100	166	573	1,239	441	842	261	766	209	550	549	1,258	2,134	4,821	6,955
Textiles and Leather Workers/Machine Operators	3	2	5	3	25	15	33	27	26	45	15	31	25	26	132	149	281
Textiles, Garments and Related Trades	2	3	8	12	56	66	65	126	61	142	36	72	23	63	251	484	735
Travel Attendants	2	2	14	24	76	146	68	102	31	42	26	30	29	44	246	390	636
Vehicle Trades	50		248	4	1,006	8	1,133	23	925	22	400	3	415	11	4,177	71	4,248
Woodworking Trades	25		99	1	1,069	4	1,003	8	799	7	295	3	303	2	3,593	25	3,618
Totals	4,907	3,376	18,251	12,192	51,257	32,697	45,337	30,048	37,316	26,027	16,181	12,378	17,970	13,679	191,219	130,397	321,616
Grand Totals		8,283	30,443		83,954		75,385		63,343		28,559		31,649				

Table H12 – Number of people on the Live Register by County

Table H12	Number on the Live Register by County at end December, 2006 to 2015										
County	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percentage Variance 2015 over 2014
Carlow	1,965	2,448	4,395	6,578	6,794	6,732	6,922	6,453	5,867	5,354	-8.7%
Cavan	2,287	2,628	5,073	7,189	7,498	7,227	6,994	6,629	5,844	5,458	-6.6%
Clare	4,073	4,696	7,503	10,404	10,619	10,368	9,965	9,285	8,427	7,744	-8.1%
Cork	15,208	16,696	28,064	43,637	44,651	43,651	41,687	38,049	33,407	29,844	-10.7%
Donegal	8,774	9,107	15,264	20,748	21,712	21,596	20,902	19,664	18,116	16,241	-10.3%
Dublin	38,505	40,832	67,505	101,172	101,962	102,269	100,324	94,395	84,707	76,220	-10.0%
Galway	9,046	9,755	16,479	22,722	23,099	22,585	22,081	20,174	18,134	16,060	-11.4%
Kerry	6,793	7,288	12,364	15,923	16,594	16,906	16,322	14,760	13,439	12,428	-7.5%
Kildare	5,187	6,061	11,533	17,229	18,015	17,683	18,018	17,208	15,385	13,918	-9.5%
Kilkenny	2,557	2,692	4,973	7,069	7,506	7,442	7,300	6,740	6,144	5,542	-9.8%
Laois	2,034	2,787	5,378	7,679	8,560	8,575	8,809	8,614	7,739	6,846	-11.5%
Leitrim	1,185	1,442	2,501	3,600	3,630	3,477	3,398	3,130	2,952	2,582	-12.5%
Limerick	7,314	8,236	14,030	21,375	20,970	20,339	19,228	17,539	15,358	13,600	-11.4%
Longford	1,941	2,378	3,840	5,157	5,254	5,121	5,072	4,727	4,293	3,934	-8.4%
Louth	6,536	6,892	11,457	16,614	17,418	17,526	16,806	15,376	14,105	12,922	-8.4%
Mayo	4,710	5,089	8,792	12,736	13,251	13,107	12,844	12,041	10,094	9,975	-1.2%
Meath	3,038	3,557	6,977	11,071	12,016	11,726	10,727	9,671	8,701	7,655	-12.0%
Monaghan	2,009	2,257	4,298	6,334	6,372	6,489	6,487	5,990	5,339	4,494	-15.8%
Offaly	2,768	3,282	5,617	8,191	9,162	9,330	9,208	8,697	7,935	7,238	-8.8%
Roscommon	1,285	1,512	2,694	3,820	4,002	3,980	4,068	3,882	4,348	3,274	-24.7%
Sligo	1,859	2,136	3,530	4,992	5,404	5,239	5,108	4,942	4,599	4,197	-8.7%
Tipperary	5,315	5,756	10,261	15,087	16,711	16,850	16,468	15,579	14,135	13,077	-7.5%
Waterford	6,266	6,625	10,491	14,345	13,989	14,480	13,964	13,069	11,400	10,678	-6.3%
Westmeath	3,800	4,102	7,284	9,996	10,154	10,240	10,244	9,814	8,860	8,283	-6.5%
Wexford	6,710	7,511	12,978	18,156	19,278	19,366	18,705	17,310	16,197	14,531	-10.3%
Wicklow	4,224	4,611	8,082	11,771	12,458	12,480	12,082	11,673	10,587	9,521	-10.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,389</b>	<b>170,376</b>	<b>291,363</b>	<b>423,595</b>	<b>437,079</b>	<b>434,784</b>	<b>423,733</b>	<b>395,411</b>	<b>356,112</b>	<b>321,616</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>

Source: Central Statistics Office

# J CLAIMS ACTIVITY



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

In 2015 the total number of registered claims that were finalised (cleared) was 1,846,930 of which 1,504,812 or 81.5% were awarded. The remainder (342,118) were either disallowed by the Department’s staff or withdrawn by the client.

At the end of 2015 there were 58,498 claims pending award (i.e. on hands), 5.4% lower than at the end of 2014, which represented 3.0% of the total received claims (1,932,463).

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

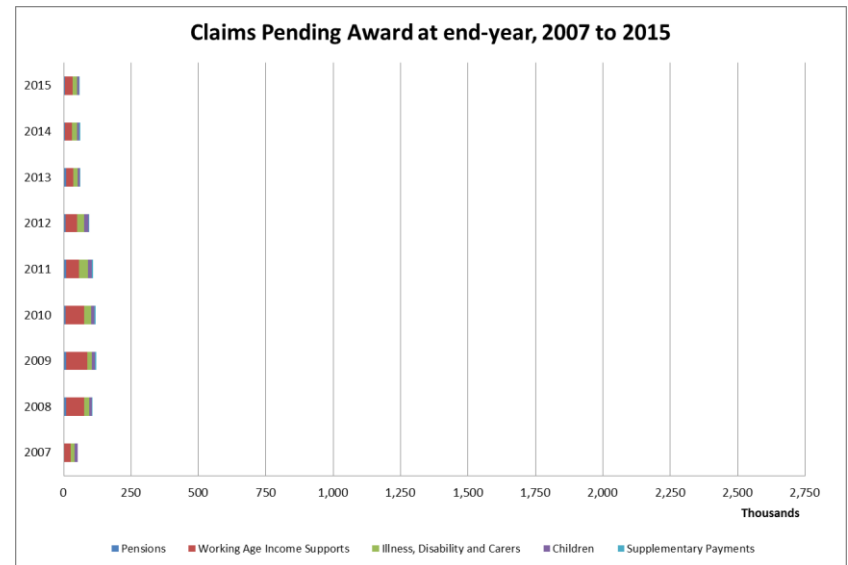


Table J1 – Claims Registered by Year and Benefit

Table J1	Claims Registered in Each Year 2006 To 2015									
	Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	10,380	12,219	10,980	10,802	9,835	7,344	9,035	9,429	8,998	9,732
State Pension (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	32,053	30,595	32,940	36,281	35,198	39,215	40,212	37,902
State Pension (Transition)	N/a	N/a	14,481	15,401	20,184	22,719	22,430	19,270	3,885	S/c
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,825	7,867	7,275	7,662	7,534	7,549	7,451	7,574	7,390	7,707
Bereavement Grant - Sligo <sup>(1)</sup>	15,905	9,479	13,022	17,320	17,568	18,763	19,252	24,991	3,743	S/c
Bereavement Grant - Longford <sup>(1)</sup>	6,725	6,552	6,484	6,873	6,511	6,987	6,714	2,385	83	
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>40,835</b>	<b>36,117</b>	<b>84,295</b>	<b>88,653</b>	<b>94,572</b>	<b>99,643</b>	<b>100,080</b>	<b>102,864</b>	<b>64,311</b>	<b>55,341</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	104,521	109,949	169,879	273,653	263,942	239,667	225,262	227,722	209,444	191,781
One-Parent Family Payment	17,758	17,856	18,545	18,769	17,325	16,943	14,330	13,887	12,288	11,484
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension <sup>(3)</sup>	1,222	1,022	949	748	792	556	428	526	100	N/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	578,035	643,526	453,833	386,161	400,479	371,899
Jobseeker's Benefit	157,246	174,354	294,880	365,094	267,271	223,938	192,965	165,457	147,636	137,131
Maternity Benefit	N/a	46,632	51,314	48,980	50,078	50,430	47,875	46,692	46,819	45,225
Treatment Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	888,896	949,220	1,014,214	1,058,107	229,928	473,123	453,236	492,127	503,691	536,654
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,169,643</b>	<b>1,299,033</b>	<b>1,549,781</b>	<b>1,765,351</b>	<b>1,407,371</b>	<b>1,648,183</b>	<b>1,387,929</b>	<b>1,332,572</b>	<b>1,320,457</b>	<b>1,294,174</b>
Disability Allowance	17,581	19,990	21,359	20,794	21,409	24,264	25,887	20,538	21,071	22,538
Blind Pension <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	219	208	198	181	46	N/a
Carer's Allowance	10,671	18,098	18,929	16,574	18,212	17,758	15,493	12,060	15,171	18,152
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5,529	5,191	4,079	4,464	5,743	6,422
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	6,420	6,574	5,854	5,188	1,900	N/a
Illness Benefit	287,733	305,734	308,860	309,031	289,962	296,730	286,534	288,052	226,274	209,750
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	N/a	N/a	N/a	14,739	15,157	14,177	13,641	13,838	13,404	13,314
Invalidity Pension	7,552	8,187	7,758	7,475	8,774	14,621	11,510	9,640	9,240	9,454
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,652	1,775	1,436	1,215	347	N/a
Carer's Benefit*	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	2,080	2,060	1,788	1,804	2,074	1,842
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>323,537</b>	<b>352,009</b>	<b>356,906</b>	<b>368,613</b>	<b>369,414</b>	<b>383,358</b>	<b>366,420</b>	<b>356,980</b>	<b>295,270</b>	<b>281,472</b>

Table J1 (cont.)	Claims Registered in Each Year 2006 To 2015									
	Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	37,118	40,468	21,400	30,417	33,723	31,678	32,940	31,309
Child Benefit - EU Regulation <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	6,962	4,773	1,146	1,267	2,436	3,576	4,271	4,319
Child Benefit - Over 16 <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	99,108	87,543	36,648	72,226	69,639	71,870	72,857	68,590
Child Benefit - Additional Child <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	42,689	36,210	19,009	40,476	39,830	38,846	37,254	35,671
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	N/a	N/a	15,428	22,190	22,472	23,453	20,341	24,965	26,679	31,191
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	N/a	N/a	27,593	24,369	25,638	27,761	29,589	32,879	39,755	42,714
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	176	173	172	183	42	N/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory) <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	431	498	456	452	134	N/a
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,224	1,178	1,130	1,185	1,044	1,112
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>228,898</b>	<b>215,553</b>	<b>128,144</b>	<b>197,449</b>	<b>197,316</b>	<b>205,634</b>	<b>214,976</b>	<b>214,906</b>
Household Benefits	N/a	N/a	62,685	85,890	107,353	101,812	82,480	89,463	69,527	72,826
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	10,105	11,093	11,040	11,151	12,847	13,744
Free Travel	N/a	N/a	57,989	55,292	9,065	8,668	9,258	7,652	8,173	N/a
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120,674</b>	<b>141,182</b>	<b>126,523</b>	<b>121,573</b>	<b>102,778</b>	<b>108,266</b>	<b>90,547</b>	<b>86,570</b>
<b>Grand Total Claims Registered</b>	<b>1,534,015</b>	<b>1,687,159</b>	<b>2,340,554</b>	<b>2,579,352</b>	<b>2,126,024</b>	<b>2,450,206</b>	<b>2,154,523</b>	<b>2,106,316</b>	<b>1,985,561</b>	<b>1,932,463</b>
<p>(1) Bereavement Grant Scheme discontinued in January 2014</p> <p>(2) 2010 Child Benefit and Treatment Benefit statistics are lower than usual due to incomplete returns for the year</p> <p>(3) These are not total figures for 2014 as these schemes migrated to a new payment system and statistics are not available for the latter part of the year.</p> <p>* Statistics available up until 31 October 2015 only</p>										

Table J2 – Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit

Table J2	Claims Awarded in Each Year 2006 To 2015										
	Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	7,373	8,812	10,991	10,950	7,191	5,730	7,243	7,445	7,750	7,675	
State Pension (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	38,461	44,377	23,194	25,964	25,586	28,129	27,591	24,662	
State Pension (Transition)	N/a	N/a	22,939	23,427	11,243	12,775	12,599	10,598	1,623	S/c	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	6,489	6,716	7,166	7,536	5,872	5,870	5,783	5,709	5,615	5,916	
Bereavement Grant - Sligo <sup>(1)</sup>	14,164	7,545	13,021	16,919	15,862	16,993	17,451	21,179	4,643	S/c	
Bereavement Grant - Longford <sup>(1)</sup>	5,840	5,633	6,402	6,376	5,918	5,926	5,342	2,537	78		
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>33,866</b>	<b>28,706</b>	<b>98,980</b>	<b>109,585</b>	<b>69,280</b>	<b>73,258</b>	<b>74,004</b>	<b>75,597</b>	<b>47,300</b>	<b>38,253</b>	
Jobseeker's Allowance	77,026	77,193	155,134	257,137	191,144	174,491	167,623	180,009	166,048	152,807	
One-Parent Family Payment	16,108	12,120	19,928	19,711	12,127	12,178	11,151	11,025	10,049	8,905	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension <sup>(3)</sup>	622	701	964	791	533	377	287	283	74	N/a	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	193,014	292,641	253,652	225,509	206,828	186,002	
Jobseeker's Benefit	141,365	154,607	285,494	381,869	234,020	197,369	169,755	148,480	132,714	124,152	
Maternity Benefit	N/a	N/a	54,859	50,395	48,806	48,827	45,415	45,491	44,555	44,740	
Treatment Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	896,067	823,084	1,032,868	1,064,803	217,854	447,908	430,778	465,583	477,658	477,658	
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,131,188</b>	<b>1,067,705</b>	<b>1,549,247</b>	<b>1,774,706</b>	<b>897,498</b>	<b>1,173,791</b>	<b>1,078,661</b>	<b>1,076,380</b>	<b>1,037,926</b>	<b>994,264</b>	
Disability Allowance	11,099	11,684	21,962	20,504	8,306	9,246	10,400	12,497	13,876	15,814	
Blind Pension <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	117	106	96	77	29	N/a	
Carer's Allowance	5,813	9,109	21,682	17,957	8,769	7,465	9,880	16,011	12,560	14,378	
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	3,103	2,686	1,586	1,877	3,104	3,104	
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5,486	4,965	4,575	4,218	299	N/a	
Illness Benefit	284,207	302,285	308,989	312,468	249,166	259,008	245,319	245,456	162,187	154,692	
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	13,832	14,380	15,755	14,837	12,289	11,616	10,927	11,428	9,768	10,182	
Invalidity Pension	5,657	5,909	7,596	7,513	3,597	2,657	6,352	9,494	7,018	7,691	
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,293	1,310	1,384	731	392	N/a	
Carer's Benefit*	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,965	1,941	2,021	1,917	2,264	2,234	
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>320,608</b>	<b>343,367</b>	<b>375,984</b>	<b>373,279</b>	<b>294,091</b>	<b>301,000</b>	<b>292,540</b>	<b>303,706</b>	<b>211,497</b>	<b>208,095</b>	

Table J2 (cont.)	Claims Awarded in Each Year 2006 To 2015									
	Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	36,914	47,459	22,382	34,735	34,576	31,151	31,765	30,592
Child Benefit - EU Regulation <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	7,129	5,582	724	1,371	2,487	3,277	3,501	3,730
Child Benefit - Over 16 <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	98,715	88,054	36,488	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871
Child Benefit - Additional Child <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	42,576	36,594	18,940	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	N/a	N/a	20,661	20,034	14,328	13,631	13,264	20,156	19,761	21,779
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	N/a	N/a	28,582	23,903	22,101	23,787	28,118	33,091	36,403	31,130
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	106	117	95	111	34	N/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory) <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	309	350	265	318	82	N/a
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	995	1,091	1,036	1,108	951	1,026
<b>Total Children</b>	-	-	<b>234,577</b>	<b>221,626</b>	<b>116,373</b>	<b>187,831</b>	<b>189,254</b>	<b>199,287</b>	<b>203,156</b>	<b>192,831</b>
Household Benefits	N/a	N/a	64,107	80,172	90,990	83,889	65,844	72,578	50,999	52,088
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	9,157	10,425	10,323	10,441	11,960	13,090
Free Travel	N/a	N/a	58,542	55,946	7,200	7,086	6,754	6,087	6,207	6,191
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,649</b>	<b>136,118</b>	<b>107,347</b>	<b>101,400</b>	<b>82,921</b>	<b>89,106</b>	<b>69,166</b>	<b>71,369</b>
<b>Grand Total Claims Cleared</b>	<b>1,485,662</b>	<b>1,439,778</b>	<b>2,381,437</b>	<b>2,615,314</b>	<b>1,484,589</b>	<b>1,837,280</b>	<b>1,717,380</b>	<b>1,744,076</b>	<b>1,569,045</b>	<b>1,504,812</b>
<p>(1) Bereavement Grant Scheme discontinued in January 2014</p> <p>(2) 2010 Child Benefit and Treatment Benefit statistics are lower than usual due to incomplete returns for the year</p> <p>(3) These are not total figures for 2014 as these schemes migrated to a new payment system and statistics are not available for the latter part of the year.</p> <p>* Statistics available up until 31 October 2015 only</p>										

Table J3 – Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit

Table J3	Claims Cleared (i.e. Awarded, Disallowed or Withdrawn by Client) in Each Year 2006 to 2015									
Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	10,255	11,875	10,991	10,950	9,916	8,737	10,845	10,795	11,231	11,030
State Pension (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	38,461	44,377	38,655	38,676	38,359	41,797	41,387	41,192
State Pension (Transition)	N/a	N/a	22,939	23,427	24,308	24,236	24,663	21,703	5,065	S/c
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,587	7,799	7,166	7,536	7,703	7,622	7,478	7,447	7,361	7,792
Bereavement Grant - Sligo <sup>(1)</sup>	16,076	9,617	13,021	16,919	17,363	18,627	19,147	23,293	5,700	S/c
Bereavement Grant - Longford <sup>(1)</sup>	6,685	6,666	6,402	6,376	6,957	7,027	6,265	2,935	92	
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>40,603</b>	<b>35,957</b>	<b>98,980</b>	<b>109,585</b>	<b>104,902</b>	<b>104,925</b>	<b>106,757</b>	<b>107,970</b>	<b>70,836</b>	<b>60,014</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	N/a	77,193	155,134	257,137	273,386	245,855	230,398	238,230	214,961	196,121
One-Parent Family Payment	N/a	12,120	19,928	19,711	18,165	18,594	17,185	16,995	14,663	13,659
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension <sup>(4)</sup>	1,078	1,059	964	791	854	576	461	455	122	N/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	240,766	349,789	299,959	264,819	238,641	213,714
Jobseeker's Benefit	N/a	154,607	285,494	381,869	287,397	242,318	205,423	179,003	155,876	144,345
Maternity Benefit	37,372	44,425	54,859	50,395	50,165	50,601	46,905	46,929	46,013	46,308
Treatment Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	896,067	940,869	1,032,868	1,064,803	228,647	484,896	455,166	492,916	502,377	531,697
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>934,517</b>	<b>1,230,273</b>	<b>1,549,247</b>	<b>1,774,706</b>	<b>1,099,380</b>	<b>1,392,629</b>	<b>1,255,497</b>	<b>1,239,347</b>	<b>1,172,653</b>	<b>1,145,844</b>
Disability Allowance	19,290	18,959	21,962	20,504	19,248	24,145	26,159	28,616	27,608	31,592
Blind Pension <sup>(4)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	206	221	203	174	66	N/a
Carer's Allowance	9,619	13,918	21,682	17,957	16,629	13,886	18,483	28,421	21,248	24,186
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	6,416	6,491	4,810	4,340	5,142	6,313
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	6,722	6,473	5,773	5,602	507	N/a
Illness Benefit	284,207	302,285	308,989	312,468	287,846	298,644	287,543	288,093	228,412	228,412
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	13,832	14,380	15,755	14,837	15,119	14,240	13,374	13,981	13,472	13,327
Invalidity Pension	7,322	7,960	7,596	7,513	7,614	12,829	17,775	18,792	13,561	13,800
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,545	1,785	1,720	1,323	975	N/a
Carer's Benefit	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	2,957	2,919	2,994	2,687	3,019	2,752
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>334,270</b>	<b>357,502</b>	<b>375,984</b>	<b>373,279</b>	<b>364,302</b>	<b>381,633</b>	<b>378,834</b>	<b>392,029</b>	<b>314,010</b>	<b>320,382</b>



Table J3 (cont.)	Claims Cleared (i.e. Awarded, Disallowed or Withdrawn by Client) in Each Year 2006 to 2015									
	Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	36,914	47,459	23,224	36,079	35,824	32,211	32,662	31,321
Child Benefit - EU Regulation <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	7,129	5,582	1,064	1,890	3,081	3,790	4,058	4,482
Child Benefit - Over 16 <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	98,715	88,054	36,488	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871
Child Benefit - Additional Child <sup>(3)</sup>	N/a	N/a	42,576	36,594	18,940	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	N/a	N/a	20,661	20,034	21,753	20,573	20,994	30,238	26,986	30,987
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	N/a	N/a	28,582	23,903	24,616	25,746	30,767	35,878	39,552	42,668
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) <sup>(4)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	163	189	161	185	59	N/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory) <sup>(4)</sup>	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	444	504	436	478	149	N/a
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,247	1,161	1,130	1,208	1,031	1,112
<b>Total Children</b>	-	-	<b>234,577</b>	<b>221,626</b>	<b>127,939</b>	<b>198,891</b>	<b>201,806</b>	<b>214,063</b>	<b>215,156</b>	<b>215,144</b>
Household Benefits	N/a	N/a	64,107	80,172	107,976	101,509	81,130	88,170	74,338	81,576
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	10,957	12,605	12,229	12,115	13,810	15,253
Free Travel	N/a	N/a	58,542	55,946	10,701	11,191	9,941	8,483	8,827	8,717
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,649</b>	<b>136,118</b>	<b>129,634</b>	<b>125,305</b>	<b>103,300</b>	<b>108,768</b>	<b>96,975</b>	<b>105,546</b>
<b>Grand Total Claims Cleared</b>	<b>1,309,390</b>	<b>1,623,732</b>	<b>2,381,437</b>	<b>2,615,314</b>	<b>1,826,157</b>	<b>2,203,383</b>	<b>2,046,194</b>	<b>2,062,177</b>	<b>1,869,630</b>	<b>1,846,930</b>
<p>(1) Bereavement Grant Scheme discontinued in January 2014</p> <p>(2) Approximately 100,000 Exceptional Needs Payments that are registered but automatically closed on the system are not reflected in these cleared figures.</p> <p>(3) 2010 Child Benefit and Treatment Benefit statistics are lower than usual due to incomplete returns for the year</p> <p>(4) These are not total figures for 2014 as these schemes migrated to a new payment system and statistics are not available for the latter part of the year.</p> <p>* Statistics available up until 31 October 2015 only</p>										

Table J4 – Claims Pending by Year and Benefit

Table J4	Claims Pending 31 December of Each Year 2006 to 2015										
	Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	N/a	N/a	1,415	1,639	1,507	1,869	1,432	1,780	1,552	2,058	
State Pension (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	4,405	3,264	2,826	2,888	2,154	2,094	3,397	2,934	
State Pension (Transition)	N/a	N/a	1,632	1,608	1,731	2,009	1,622	1,163	255	S/c	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	N/a	N/a	626	567	430	367	345	492	445	400	
Bereavement Grant - Sligo <sup>(1)</sup>	N/a	N/a	119	582	806	954	1,105	2,845	N/a	S/c	
Bereavement Grant - Longford <sup>(1)</sup>	N/a	339	439	634	175	141	601	57	N/a		
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>8,636</b>	<b>8,294</b>	<b>7,475</b>	<b>8,228</b>	<b>7,259</b>	<b>8,431</b>	<b>5,649</b>	<b>5,392</b>	
Jobseeker's Allowance	N/a	10,119	24,529	37,664	26,377	21,880	18,464	10,148	8,074	7,167	
One-Parent Family Payment	N/a	4,737	5,267	5,562	5,250	4,249	3,536	2,515	1,452	1,173	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	N/a	N/a	149	197	134	110	69	84	N/a	N/a	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5,670	6,371	4,701	3,762	3,905	3,567	
Jobseeker's Benefit	N/a	10,752	21,071	13,919	11,659	9,065	7,723	4,613	4,257	3,905	
Maternity Benefit	N/a	N/a	4,499	3,084	2,997	2,826	3,796	3,559	4,365	3,312	
Treatment Benefit	N/a	N/a	12,726	20,002	16,872	5,099	3,079	2,290	3,604	8,561	
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,608</b>	<b>68,241</b>	<b>80,428</b>	<b>68,959</b>	<b>49,600</b>	<b>41,368</b>	<b>26,971</b>	<b>25,657</b>	<b>27,685</b>	
Disability Allowance	N/a	5,729	4,619	4,770	6,880	6,999	7,775	5,022	6,058	4,855	
Blind Pension	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	52	39	34	41	N/a	N/a	
Carer's Allowance	N/a	6,323	3,569	2,186	3,769	7,765	8,553	2,719	4,461	5,461	
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	556	690	819	478	694	1,237	1,346	
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	361	462	543	129	N/a	N/a	
Illness Benefit	N/a	N/a	8,696	5,259	7,375	5,461	4,452	4,411	2,273	2,304	
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	N/a	N/a	347	249	287	224	491	348	280	267	
Invalidity Pension	N/a	1,418	1,578	1,541	2,701	6,814	3,662	2,013	2,034	1,559	
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1,972	1,962	1,699	1,617	990	N/a	
Carer's Benefit*	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	356	449	255	363	477	421	
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,470</b>	<b>18,809</b>	<b>14,561</b>	<b>24,443</b>	<b>30,994</b>	<b>27,942</b>	<b>17,357</b>	<b>17,810</b>	<b>16,213</b>	

Table J4 (cont.)	Claims Pending 31 December of Each Year 2006 to 2015									
	Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	575	2,153	1,260	654	2,276	1,743	2,021	2,009
Child Benefit - EU Regulation <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	N/a	3,002	2,071	3,071	2,413	2,033	1,819	2,032	1,869
Child Benefit - Over 16 <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	1,170	1,563	1,052	160	138	201	866	289	8
Child Benefit - Additional Child <sup>(2)</sup>	N/a	515	628	244	69	44	37	13	42	10
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	N/a	5,585	778	4,414	5,133	8,013	7,360	2,087	1,780	1,984
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	N/a	4,593	1,722	1,632	2,654	4,669	3,491	492	695	741
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	N/a	N/a	N/a	64	78	63	74	71	N/a	N/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	N/a	134	121	116	136	110	N/a	N/a
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	0	28	37	14	16	15
<b>Total Children</b>	-	<b>11,863</b>	<b>8,268</b>	<b>11,764</b>	<b>12,546</b>	<b>16,138</b>	<b>15,645</b>	<b>7,215</b>	<b>6,875</b>	<b>6,636</b>
Household Benefits	N/a	N/a	2,233	5,967	4,582	2,566	2,949	1,855	5,197	2,079
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	455	300	307	366	599	451
Free Travel	N/a	N/a	66	153	31	27	62	48	43	42
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>3,318</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>2,572</b>
<b>Grand Total Claims Pending</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,280</b>	<b>106,253</b>	<b>121,167</b>	<b>118,491</b>	<b>107,853</b>	<b>95,532</b>	<b>62,243</b>	<b>61,830</b>	<b>58,498</b>

(1) Bereavement Grant Scheme discontinued in January 2014  
(2) 2010 Child Benefit and Treatment Benefit statistics are lower than usual due to incomplete returns for the year  
\* Statistics available up until 31 October 2015 only

Table J5 – Average Weeks to Award by Benefit

Table J5	Average Weeks to Award Received Claims 2010 to 2014										
	Scheme	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Pensions</b>											
State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	9	8	9	8	9	10	12	16	13	14	
State Pension (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	16	13	7	5	6	5	5	6	
State Pension (Transition)	N/a	N/a	6	6	4	4	5	6	8	S/c	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	4	5	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	
Bereavement Grant - Sligo <sup>(1)</sup>	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	S/c	
Bereavement Grant - Longford <sup>(1)</sup>	5	N/a	2	4	4	3	2	2	1		
<b>Working Age Income Supports</b>											
Jobseeker's Allowance	4	3	5	6	6	5	5	3	2	2	
One-Parent Family Payment	9	10	11	13	16	16	15	13	11	9	
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non- Contributory Pension	6	7	9	9	11	10	10	7	11	N/a	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Jobseeker's Benefit	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	
<b>Illness, Disability and Caring</b>											
Disability Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	14	16	15	15	14	17	19	28	12	11	
Carer's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	10	12	15	9	8	N/a	N/a	30	13	15	
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	7	9	6	7	10	13	
Illness Benefit	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	8	8	10	12	13	N/a	35	51	10	8	
<b>Children</b>											
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	3	3	3	2	3	
Child Benefit - EU Regulation	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	51	38	28	26	26	
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	N/a	N/a	13	8	10	17	16	7	4	4	
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	N/a	N/a	5	8	10	18	15	5	5	5	
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	2	1	1	2	1	1	
<b>Supplementary Payments</b>											
Household Benefits	N/a	N/a	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	
Free Travel	N/a	N/a	1	1	4	4	2	1	2	3	
(1) Bereavement Grant Scheme discontinued in January 2014											
(2) Average times to award are published based on July/August to December in respect of these schemes											

## APPENDIX 1 – SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL INSURANCE

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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

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### 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)*

*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 2 – GLOSSARY

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### 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

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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) <sup>(1)</sup>
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Allowance	

*(1) Scheme name changed effective from July 2006*