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## Notes

Data relating to Recipients and Beneficiaries, unless otherwise stated, refer to the numbers on the 31st December each year. See introduction for further details.

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

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## Foreword from the Minister

In 1983 my predecessor Barry Desmond realised the importance of reliable statistical data for the development and implementation of policies to protect those dependent on Social Welfare. He arranged for the publication of the first edition of the Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services at a time when the live register was in excess of 207,500.

This edition is the 30th Annual Statistical Report to be published and provides comprehensive statistical information on all programmes administered by the Department of Social Protection.

We must remember during this time of continued austerity 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 these challenging times.

The main features of the Department's activities in 2012 were:

- Total Social Welfare expenditure was €20,774 million (compared to €1,889 million in 1983), representing 40.6% of gross current government expenditure and 12.7% of GDP
- Over 1.4 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of 2.2 million beneficiaries;
- Expenditure on Pensions increased by 3.1% to almost €6,279 million. Payments were made to over 540,000 people in this area.
- There was almost €5,992 million spent on Working Age Income Supports, a decrease of 3.1% on the previous year. Within this, expenditure on Jobseeker's supports decreased by 2.9% to €3,790 million. This Government in accordance with its commitments maintained primary welfare rates in Budget 2012;
- Spending on Working Age Employment Supports rose by 10.6% to €954 million, as a result of higher take up of labour market programmes like JobBridge;
- Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by 0.5% to almost €510 million while that on Carer's Benefit decreased by 0.1% to just over €24 million. The numbers in receipt of a Carer's payment increased from 53,303 to 53,847 an increase of 1%;
- 608,733 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,162,070 children. Expenditure on Child Benefit decreased by 1.4% to just under €2,047 million.
- Family Income Supplement was paid to 32,307 families an increase of 11.9% over 2011 and benefitted over 73,000 children. Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 9.3% to almost €224 million;
- 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 challenging period.

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

**Joan Burton T.D.** Minister for Social Protection



## Réamhrá an Aire

Sa bhliain 1983 thuig mo réamhtheachtaí Barry Desmond a thábhachtaí atá sé sonraí staitistiúla iontaoifa a bheith ar fáil chun beartais a cheapadh agus a chur chun feidhme ar mhaithe leo siúd a bhraitheann ar Leas Sóisialach. Shocraigh sé go bhfoilseofaí an chéad eagrán den Eolas Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh an tráth go raibh breis is 207,500 duine ar an mbeochlár.

Seo é an 30ú eagrán den Tuarascáil Staitistiúil Bhliantúil agus gheofar ann eolas cuimsitheach staitistiúil ar gach clár a riarann an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí.

Ní mór dúinn a mheabhrú dúinn féin sa tréimhse leanúnach déine seo go seasann gach ceann de na staitisticí seo d'fhíordhuine nó d'fhíorthéaghlach, rud á dhéanann níos práinní ná riamh é go dtuigfimis nach mbaineann an tslí ina gcuirtear seirbhísí ar fáil le huimhreacha agus le spriocanna feidhmíochta amháin ach leis an tslí ina dtacaítear lenár saoránaigh uile sna hamanna dúshlánacha seo.

Ba iad seo a leanas príomhghnéithe ghníomhaíochtaí mo Roinne sa bhliain 2012:

- Ba é €20,774 milliún caiteachas iomlán na Roinne Coimirce Sóisialaí (i gcomparáid le €1,889 milliún sa bhliain 1983), arbh ionann é agus 40.6% de chaiteachas reatha comhlán an Rialtais agus 12.7% den OTN.
- Bhí geall le 1.4 milliún duine ag fáil íocaíocht sheachtainiúil Leasa Shóisialaigh, a íocadh ar son 2.2 milliún tairbhí;
- Mhéadaigh caiteachas ar Phinsin de 3.1% go €6.279 billiún nó geall leis. Rinneadh íocaíochtaí le 540,000 duine nó geall leis sa réimse sin.
- Caitheadh €5,992 milliún nó geall leis ar Thacaíochtaí Ioncaim Aois Oibre, rud ab ionann agus 3.1% de laghdú ar an mbliain roimhe. Laistigh den fhigiúr sin, laghdaigh an caiteachas ar thacaíochtaí Cuardaitheora Poist de 2.9% go €3,790 milliún. Chaomhnaigh an Roinn na rátaí príomhúla leasa, faoi mar a gealladh i mBuiséad 2012:
- Mhéadaigh an caiteachas ar Thacaíochtaí Fostaíochta Aois Oibre de 10.6% go €954 milliún, de thoradh glacadh níos airde de chláir mhargadh saothair ar nós JobBridge;
- Mhéadaigh an caiteachas ar Líuntas Cúramóra de 0.5% go beagán os cionn €510 milliún ach thit an caiteachas ar Shochar Cúramóra de 0.1% go díreach os cionn €24 milliún. Mhéadaigh líon na ndaoine a fhaigheann íocaíocht cúramóra de 1%, ó 53,303 go 53,847.
- Fuair 608,733 teaghlach íocaíocht Sochar Linbh, a íocadh ar son 1,162,070 leanbh. Laghdaigh caiteachas ar Shochar Linbh de 1.4% go díreach faoi €2.047 milliún.
- Íocadh Forlíonadh Ioncaim Teaghlaigh le 32,307 teaghlach, arb ionann é agus méadú de 11.9% ar an mbliain 2011 agus thairbhí 73,000 leanbh de. Mhéadaigh caiteachas ar an Fhorlíonadh Ioncam Teaghlaigh de 9.3% go €224 milliún nó geall leis.
- Léiríonn an tuarascáil seo an dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh chun seirbhísí a fheabhsú agus a fhorbairt, i gcomhar le haidhmeanna agus cuspóirí ginearálta an Rialtais a fhéachann le caighdeán beatha agus deiseanna níos fearr a sholáthar do dhaoine de gach aois.

Mar fhocal scoir, is mór agam iarrachtaí leanúnacha fhoireann na Roinne seo chun clár an Rialtais um chosaint, tacaíochtaí agus athchóiriú leasa shóisialaigh a chur i ngníomh i mbliain dhúshlánach.

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

**An tAire Joan Burton, T.D.** Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí

## Introduction

### General

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This is the thirtieth issue of the annual “Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services” prepared by the Department of Social Protection. It sets out comprehensive data relating to services provided by the Department.

The statistics set out in this report relate to 2012 and earlier years. In the case of data relating to recipients and beneficiaries, the figures, unless otherwise stated, refer to the 31st December each year. Several tables, which provide a breakdown of recipients or beneficiaries by some characteristic such as number of dependants or age, are referred to as “estimated”. This means that the proportionate breakdown, which is considered to be a reliable estimate, was established at a date other than, but close to, 31st December.

Expenditure figures for 2012 are provisional pending certification by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

### Source of Data

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The source for the statistics presented, unless otherwise stated, is the Department of Social Protection.

### Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

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Time Series data are given, where available. However, the introduction of new payments and changes to existing payments affects the comparability of different years’ figures in some instances. Relevant tables are footnoted where appropriate.

### Breakdown by Section

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The report is divided into nine sections as follows:

Section A	Summary and Financial
Section B	Pensions
Section C	Working Age Income Supports
Section D	Working Age Employment Supports
Section E	Illness, Disability and Caring
Section F	Children
Section G	Supplementary Welfare Payments
Section H	Live Register
Section J	Claims Activity

Appendix 2 (page XXX) lists the payments covered by each category.



- 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

## Summary

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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. In addition, the "Guide to Social Welfare Services" provides comprehensive information on all social welfare services and is available directly from any office of the Department and on the Internet.

## Réamhrá

### Ginearálta

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Seo é an tríochadú den “Eolas Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh” arna ullmhú ag an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí. Leagtar amach ann sonraí a bhaineann le seirbhísí arna soláthar ag an Roinn.

Baineann na staitisticí atá leagtha amach sa tuarascáil seo leis an mbliain 2012 agus le blianta roimpi. I gcás sonraí a bhaineann le faighteoír agus tairbhíthe, tagraíonn na figiúirí, muna ndeirtear a mhalairt, leis an 31 Nollaig i ngach bliain. Tagraítear do roinnt táblaí, a sholáthraíonn miondealú ar fhaighteoír nó ar thairbhíthe ar bhonn tréithe éigin ar nós líon na gcleithiúnach nó aois, mar táblaí “measta”. Ciallaíonn sin gur socraíodh an miondealú comhréireach, a mheastar a bheith ina mheastachán iontaoifa, ag dáta seachas an 31ú Nollaig, ach gar dó.

Tá na figiúirí caiteachais don bhliain 2012 sealadach ar feitheamh ar dheimhniú ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste.

### Foinse Sonraí

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Is í an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialta foinse na staitisticí a chuirtear i láthair, ach sa chás go ndeirtear a mhalairt.

### Amsraitheanna agus Athruithe ar Íocaíochtaí a bhí ann cheana

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Tugtar sonraí Amsraitheanna, ach iad a bheith ar fáil. Ach tá tionchar ag íocaíochtaí nua agus ag athruithe ar íocaíochtaí a bhí ann cheana ar inchoimparáideacht fhigiúirí bhlianta difriúla i gcásanna áirithe. Tá fo-nótaí ag gabháil leis na táblaí cuí áit is cuí.

### Miondealú de réir Ranna

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Tá an tuarascáil roinnte ina naoi roinn mar seo a leanas:

Roinn A	Achoimre agus Airgeadas
Roinn B	Pinsin
Roinn C	Tacaíochtaí Ioncaim Aois Oibre
Roinn D	Tacaíochtaí Fostaíochta Aois Oibre
Roinn E	Breuiteacht, Míchumas agus Cúram
Roinn F	Leanáí
Roinn G	Íocaíochtaí Leasa Forlíontacha
Roinn H	An Beochlár
Roinn J	Gníomhaíocht Éileamh

Liostaítear in Aguisín 2 (lch XXX) na híocaíochtaí atá i gceist i ngach catagóir.

- I **Roinn A** gheofar sonraí caiteachais, sonraí fhaighteoírí íocaíochtaí Leasa Shóisialaigh, sonraí daoine faoi árachas agus sonraí rátaí íocaíochta
- I **Roinn B** gheofar sonraí caiteachais agus sonraí fhaighteoírí íocaíochtaí le Seanóirí agus le Daoine ar Scor
- I **Roinn C** gheofar sonraí caiteachais agus sonraí fhaighteoírí sna Grúpaí Ioncaim Aois Oibre
- I **Roinn D** gheofar sonraí tacaíochtaí fostaíocht lena n-áirítear an Liúntas um Fhilleadh ar an Obair, an Liúntas Fiontraíochta um Fhilleadh ar an Obair, an Liúntas um Fhilleadh ar an Oideachas
- I **Roinn E** gheofar sonraí caiteachais agus sonraí fhaighteoírí an tSochair Bhreiteachta, an Phinsin Easláine, an Liúntais Mhíchumais, Phinsean na nDall, an Liúntais Chúramóra agus Shochair Dhíobhála Ceirde
- I **Roinn F** gheofar sonraí caiteachais agus sonraí fhaighteoírí íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le leanaí lena n-áirítear Sochar Linbh, Íocaíocht Chaomhnóra agus an Liúntas um Éadaí agus Coisbhirt don Scoilbhliain Nua
- I **Roinn G** gheofar sonraí caiteachais agus sonraí fhaighteoírí an Fhorlíonta Chíosa, an Fhorlíonta Mhorgáiste agus an Fhorlíonta Mhorgáiste Údaráis Áitiúil agus íocaíochtaí ilghnéitheacha eile.
- I **Roinn H** gheofar sonraí an Bheochláir
- I **Roinn J** gheofar sonraí Ghníomhaíocht Éilimh

## Achoimre

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Ba mhór againn tuairimí agus ráitis léitheoirí a fháil ar an tuarascáil seo agus ba cheart iad a sheoladh chuig:

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Foilsíonn an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí tuarascáil bhliantúil, leis, ina bhfaighfear sonraí gach mórfhorbairte sa bhliain i dtrácht. Tuarascáil dhul chun cinn atá sa Tuarascáil don Aire agus don Rialtas ar chur i bhfeidhm Ráiteas Straitéise na Roinne. Lena chois sin, soláthraíonn an 'Treoir do Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh' eolas cuimsitheach ar gach seirbhís leasa shóisialaigh agus gheofar é díreach ó oifig ar bith de chuid na Roinne agus ar an Idirlíon.

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**SECTION A**  
SUMMARY AND FINANCIAL

## Section A: Summary and Financial

### Expenditure

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Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2012 was €20,774 million, a decrease of 0.9% over 2011. Expenditure in 2012 represented 40.6% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 15.6% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Pensions (30.2%), Working Age Income Supports (28.8%), Working Age Employment Supports (4.6%), Illness, Disability and Caring (16.1%), Children (11.5%), Supplementary Payments (5.7%) and Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 3.0% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (57.4%) and the Social Insurance Fund (42.6%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (73.8%), employees (21.8%), the self-employed (4.6%). The shortfall between expenditure on the Social Insurance Fund (SIF) schemes and the SIF income is met by an Exchequer subvention to the SIF. See Tables A6 and A7.

### Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

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Over 1,469,000 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2012. As these payments included increases in respect of over 202,500 Qualified Adults and over 512,500 children, along with Family Income Supplement and Guardian's payments made in respect of 75,000 children, there were over 2,259,000 beneficiaries in all.

### Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

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- (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.

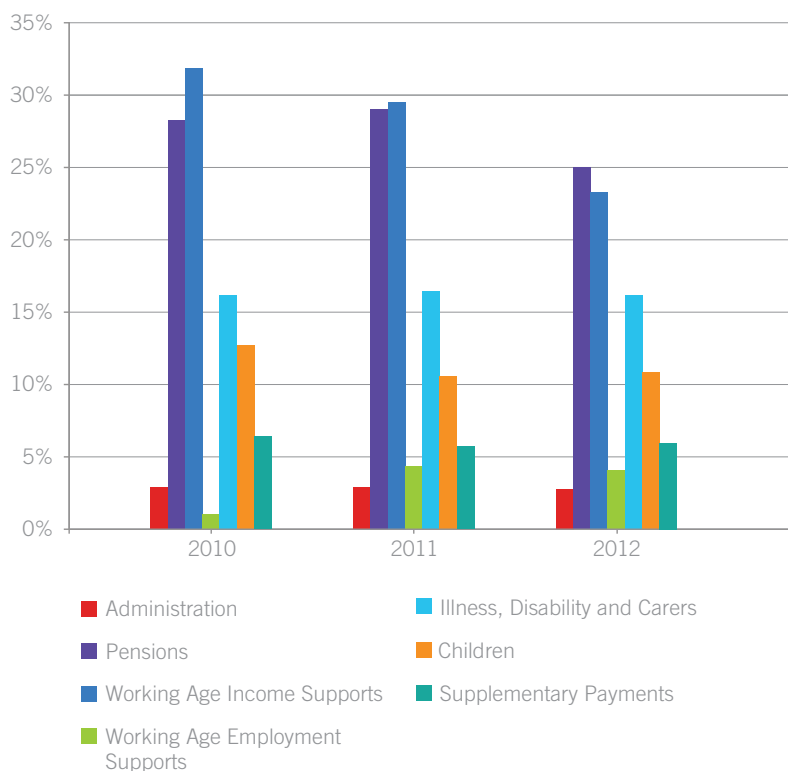
Recipients of Widow/er's Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Blind Pension, One Parent Family Payment and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance have since 2006 transferred to State Pension (Non-Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in some decreases in recipients and expenditure on such schemes 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.

**Graph A1: Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2010 to 2012**



**Table A1: Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2011 and 2012**

Programme	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	
Administration	630,340	627,115	-0.5%
Pensions	6,092,188	6,279,925	3.1%
Working Age Income Supports	6,182,498	5,992,104	-3.1%
Working Age Employment Supports	862,395	954,024	10.6%
Illness, Disability and Carers	3,443,120	3,345,448	-2.8%
Children	2,429,813	2,393,363	-1.5%
Supplementary Payments	1,329,736	1,182,109	-11.1%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>20,970,090</b>	<b>20,774,088</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

(1) Provisional

**Table A2: Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Total Social Welfare Expenditure (€m)	Index of Expenditure	Consumer Price Index <sup>(1)</sup>	Social Welfare Expenditure as a percentage of: <sup>(2)</sup>		
				Gross Current Government Expenditure	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
2003	10,493	100.0	100.0	28.9	8.9	7.5
2004	11,291	107.6	102.2	28.9	8.9	7.6
2005	12,168	116.0	104.7	28.2	8.8	7.5
2006	13,586	129.5	108.8	28.6	8.8	7.7
2007	15,518	147.9	114.1	29.5	9.5	8.2
2008	17,809	169.7	118.8	31.1	11.5	9.9
2009	20,536	195.7	113.5	33.8	15.6	12.9
2010	20,850	198.7	112.4	38.4	16.3	13.4
2011	20,968	199.8	115.2	39.9	16.5	13.2
2012	20,774	198.0	117.2	40.6	15.6	12.7

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

(2) Source: Central Statistics Office

**Table A3: Expenditure on Social Welfare by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	
Administration - Assistance Schemes	349,353	350,462	0.3%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	280,987	276,653	-1.5%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>630,340</b>	<b>627,115</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	971,769	963,211	-0.9%
State Pension (Contributory)	3,622,746	3,800,469	4.9%
State Pension (Transition)	132,395	146,468	10.6%
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,337,865	1,342,192	0.3%
Death Benefit Pension	7,977	7,827	-1.9%
Bereavement Grants	19,436	19,758	1.7%
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>6,092,188</b>	<b>6,279,925</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	2,974,987	3,054,741	2.7%
One Parent Family Payment	1,088,897	1,057,753	-2.9%
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Non-Contributory)	18,173	17,670	-2.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	4,211	3,546	-15.8%
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments <sup>(2)</sup>	174,393	179,437	2.9%
Farm Assist	113,724	108,170	-4.9%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	59,942	46,091	-23.1%
Other Working Age Income Supports <sup>(3)</sup>	75,360	64,667	-14.2%
Jobseeker's Benefit	926,900	735,747	-20.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	85,828	83,536	-2.7%
Maternity Benefit	309,141	303,196	-1.9%
Adoptive Benefit	1,075	465	-56.7%
Health and Safety Benefit	643	518	-19.4%
Redundancy and Insolvency	326,184	317,578	-2.6%
Treatment Benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	23,040	18,989	-17.6%
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>6,182,498</b>	<b>5,992,104</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
Community Employment Programme	349,396	330,399	-5.4%
Rural Social Schemes	46,835	45,242	-3.4%
TÚS - Community Work Placement	11,761	67,055	470.1%
Job Initiative	29,678	25,793	-13.1%
Community Services Programme	45,452	45,390	-0.1%
Back to Work Allowance	114,582	127,203	11.0%
National Internship Scheme - Jobbridge	7,914	54,739	591.7%
Back to Education Allowance	201,519	199,567	-1.0%
Partial Capacity Benefit	0	2,107	100.0%
Other Employment Support <sup>(3)</sup>	55,258	56,529	2.3%
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>862,395</b>	<b>954,024</b>	<b>10.6%</b>
Disability Allowance	1,089,178	1,087,512	-0.2%
Blind Pension	15,624	15,747	0.8%
Carer's Allowance	507,193	509,671	0.5%
Domiciliary Care Allowance	99,924	102,237	2.3%
Respite Care Grant	130,392	136,353	4.6%
Illness Benefit	875,549	773,224	-11.7%
Injury Benefit	16,507	15,848	-4.0%
Invalidity Pension	606,502	603,925	-0.4%
Disablement Benefit	77,460	76,123	-1.7%
Medical Care	317	355	12.0%
Carer's Benefit	24,474	24,453	-0.1%
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>3,443,120</b>	<b>3,345,448</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>



**Table A3: (Continued)**

Type of Payment	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	
Child Benefit	2,076,338	2,046,955	-1.4%
Family Income Supplement	204,543	223,608	9.3%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	90,903	65,679	-27.7%
School Meals	34,975	35,005	0.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	5,134	4,987	-2.9%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	276	313	13.4%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11,416	10,848	-5.0%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	6,228	5,968	-4.2%
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>2,429,813</b>	<b>2,393,363</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
Rent Supplement	502,747	422,536	-16.0%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	67,849	55,082	-18.8%
Household Benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	369,575	368,685	-0.2%
Free Travel	75,597	75,518	-0.1%
Fuel Allowance <sup>(3)</sup>	265,838	211,394	-20.5%
Grant to the Citizen's Information Board	45,114	45,743	1.4%
Office of the Pensions Ombudsman	906	977	7.8%
Miscellaneous Services funded by Vote 37 <sup>(3)</sup>	2,110	2,174	3.0%
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>1,329,736</b>	<b>1,182,109</b>	<b>-11.1%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20,970,090</b>	<b>20,774,088</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

(1) Provisional.

(2) Includes Direct Provision Allowance

(3) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4

**Table A4: Additional Expenditure Details, 2011 and 2012**

Additional Details	2011	2012	Change
	€000	Provisional €000	
Administration - Assistance Schemes	349,353	350,462	0.3%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	280,987	276,653	-1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>630,340</b>	<b>627,115</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
<b>Other Working Age Income Supports</b>			
Exceptional and Urgent Needs	62,593	52,705	-15.8%
Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	12,766	11,248	-11.9%
Humanitarian Aid	1	714	71300.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,360</b>	<b>64,667</b>	<b>-14.2%</b>
<b>Treatment Benefits</b>			
Dental	10,448	8,935	-14.5%
Optical	4,593	3,387	-26.3%
Medical and Surgical	7,999	6,667	-16.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,040</b>	<b>18,989</b>	<b>-17.6%</b>
<b>Other Employment Supports</b>			
Assistance towards training for BTW participants	3,170	3,459	9.1%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,032	1,370	32.8%
Wage Subsidy Scheme	10,065	10,566	5.0%
Supported Employment Programme	8,353	8,104	-3.0%
Disability Activation Project	36	15	-58.3%
Disability Support Awareness	394	228	-42.1%
Local Employment Service	18,310	17,854	-2.5%
Local Employment Service Jobs Clubs	5,723	5,719	-0.1%
Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)	2,813	2,538	-9.8%
Special payments to long term Unemployed and Lone Parents	47	27	-42.6%
Social Inclusion Initiatives (Employment Programmes)	40	140	250.0%
Special Initiatives for Traveller's programme	38	187	392.1%
Employment Support Unit (ESU) policy initiatives	0	13	100.0%
Drugs Task Force	2,100	1,861	-11.4%
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training Initiatives	0	100	100.0%
Technical Employment Support Grants (funded from National Training Fund) <sup>(1)</sup>	3,137	4,348	38.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,258</b>	<b>56,529</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Household Benefits - Social Assistance</b>			
Electricity Allowance	71,036	69,808	-1.7%
Gas Allowance	5,333	5,238	-1.8%
Telephone Allowance	45,767	46,211	1.0%
Free Television Licence	22,518	22,475	-0.2%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>144,654</b>	<b>143,732</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>Household Benefits - Social Insurance</b>			
Electricity Allowance	108,215	106,925	-1.2%
Gas Allowance	15,383	15,376	0.0%
Telephone Allowance	66,194	67,561	2.1%
Free Television Licence	35,129	35,091	-0.1%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>224,921</b>	<b>224,953</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Household Benefits Grand Total</b>	<b>369,575</b>	<b>368,685</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>Fuel Allowance</b>			
Fuel Allowance - Social Assistance	179,184	144,692	-19.2%
Fuel Allowance - Social Insurance	86,654	66,702	-23.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>265,838</b>	<b>211,394</b>	<b>-20.5%</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Services</b>			
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	701	663	-5.4%
National Pensions Awareness Campaign	377	377	0.0%
Recoupment of Superannuation expenses to The Pensions Board	131	296	126.0%
Grants - Information & Welfare Rights	568	585	3.0%
Dormant Accounts - Economic & Social Disadvantage	274	192	-29.9%
Social Inclusion Initiatives	54	61	13.0%
EU Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion	5	0	-100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

(1) Technical Employment Support Grants were funded by the Department of Education and Skills in 2011.

**Table A5: Social Assistance and Social Insurance Expenditure by Scheme, 2011 and 2012**

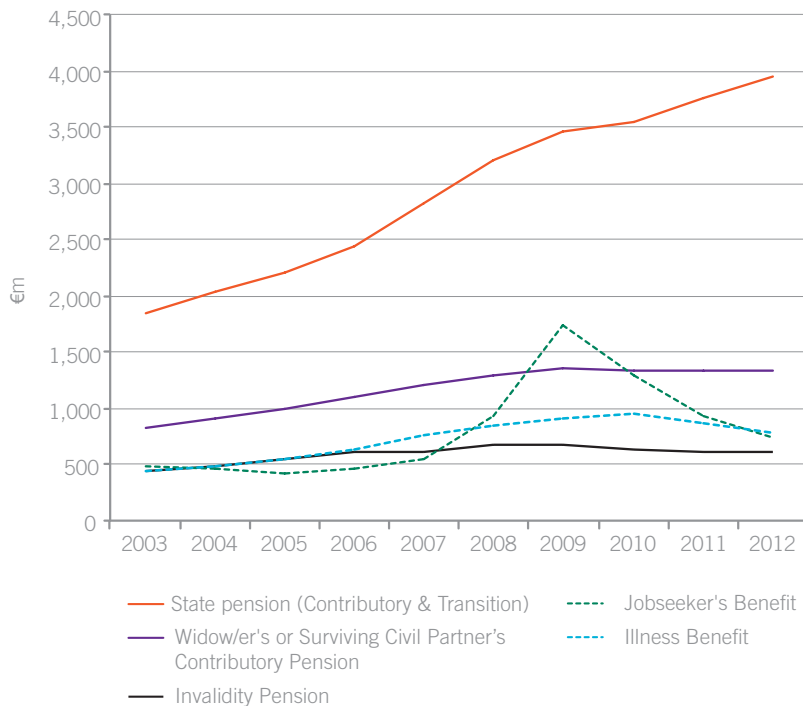
Type of Payment	Expenditure		Change 2012 over 2011
	2011	2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	
	€000	€000	
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	971,769	963,211	-0.9%
Jobseeker's Allowance	2,974,987	3,054,741	2.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	1,088,897	1,057,753	-2.9%
Widow's, Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Non-Contributory)	18,173	17,670	-2.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	4,211	3,546	-15.8%
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	174,393	179,437	2.9%
Farm Assist	113,724	108,170	-4.9%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	59,942	46,091	-23.1%
Exceptional and Urgent Needs	62,593	52,705	-15.8%
Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	12,766	11,248	-11.9%
Humanitarian Aid	1	714	71,300.0%
Community Employment <sup>(3)</sup>	349,396	330,399	-5.4%
Other Employment Programmes <sup>(3)</sup>	457,741	564,989	23.4%
Employment Support Services <sup>(3)</sup>	55,258	56,529	2.3%
Disability Allowance	1,089,178	1,087,512	-0.2%
Blind Pension	15,624	15,747	0.8%
Carer's Allowance	507,193	509,671	0.5%
Domiciliary Care Allowance	99,924	102,237	2.3%
Respite Care Grant	130,392	136,353	4.6%
Child Benefit	2,076,338	2,046,955	-1.4%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	90,903	65,679	-27.7%
School Meals	34,975	35,005	0.1%
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Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	276	313	13.4%
Rent Allowances	701	663	-5.4%
Household Benefits and Free Travel <sup>(1)</sup>	399,435	363,942	-8.9%
Grant to Citizen's Information Board	45,114	45,743	1.4%
Office of the Pension's Ombudsman	906	977	7.8%
Rent Supplement	502,747	422,536	-16.0%
Mortgage Interest Supplement	67,849	55,082	-18.8%
Administration	349,353	350,462	0.3%
Supplementary Payments	1,409	1,511	7.2%
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>11,965,845</b>	<b>11,916,186</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
State Pension (Contributory)	3,622,746	3,800,469	4.9%
State Pension (Transition)	132,395	146,468	10.6%
Widows', Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	1,337,865	1,342,192	0.3%
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Maternity Benefit	309,141	303,196	-1.9%
Adoptive Benefit	1,075	465	-56.7%
Health and Safety Benefit	643	518	-19.4%
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Disablement Benefit	77,460	76,123	-1.7%
Medical Care	317	355	12.0%
Carer's Benefit	24,474	24,453	-0.1%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11,416	10,848	-5.0%
Widowed Parent or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	6,228	5,968	-4.2%
Household Benefits and Free Travel <sup>(1)</sup>	224,921	224,953	0.0%
Free Fuel	86,654	66,702	-23.0%
Administration	280,987	276,653	-1.5%
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>9,004,245</b>	<b>8,857,902</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20,907,090</b>	<b>20,774,088</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

(2) Provisional

(3) Includes additional FÁS Employment and Community Services Expenditure of €468 million for 2011.

**Graph A2: Expenditure on Main Social Insurance Schemes, 2003 to 2012**



**Graph A3: Expenditure on Main Social Assistance Schemes, 2003 to 2012**



**Table A6: Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 2011 and 2012**

	2011		2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	
	€000		€000	
<b>Sources of Finance</b>				
Social Insurance Fund	9,004,245	42.9%	8,857,902	42.6%
State	11,965,845	57.1%	11,916,186	57.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,970,090</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,774,088</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(1) Provisional

A payment of €2.086 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005

**Table A7: Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2011 and 2012**

	2011		2012	
	€000		€000	
<b>Sources of Finance</b>				
Employer PRSI	5,460,786	72.4%	4,995,061	73.8%
Employee PRSI	1,617,352	21.4%	1,479,726	21.8%
Self-Employed PRSI	348,342	4.6%	311,576	4.6%
Income from Health Contribution	115,257	1.5%	-14,866	-0.2%
Investment Income	999	0.0%	369	0.0%
Other Receipts	1,147	0.0%	464	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,543,883</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,772,330</b>	<b>100%</b>
Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes	9,004,245		8,857,902	
Surplus	-1,460,362		-2,085,572	

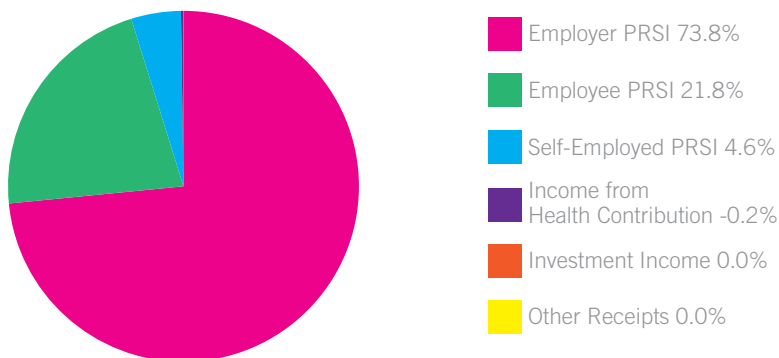
(1) The financial data for 2011 is as published in the Social Insurance Fund account as audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The financial data for 2012 is provisional and is subject to audit by the C and AG.

(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 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 €2.086 billion was made to the Social Insurance Fund under Section 9(9) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 in 2012

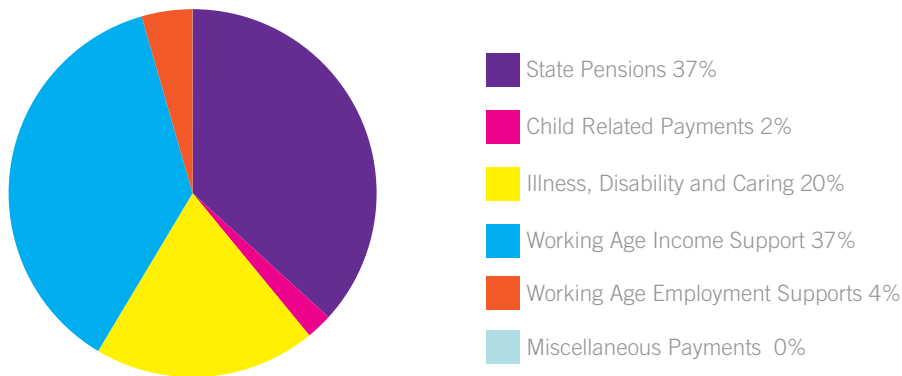
**Graph A4: Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2012**



**Table A8: Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Recipients	Beneficiaries
2003	959,432	1,511,740
2004	957,732	1,463,921
2005	976,613	1,469,106
2006	1,003,517	1,506,824
2007	1,060,327	1,577,463
2008	1,208,883	1,799,875
2009	1,379,206	2,076,256
2010	1,430,833	2,179,428
2011	1,467,129	2,248,284
2012	1,469,202	2,259,807

**Graph A5: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme Area, 2012**



**Table A9: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change 2012 over 2011
	2011	2012	
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	96,749	96,126	-0.6%
State Pension (Contributory)	296,995	312,314	5.2%
State Pension (Transition)	12,110	14,372	18.7%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	115,762	116,751	0.9%
Death Benefit Pension	628	645	2.7%
<b>Total Number of Recipients of Pensions</b>	<b>522,244</b>	<b>540,208</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	283,929	294,442	3.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	90,307	87,918	-2.6%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	1,959	1,860	-5.1%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	409	336	-17.8%
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	34,597	32,358	-6.5%
Farm Assist	11,333	11,162	-1.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	4,820	3,684	-23.6%
Jobseeker's Benefit	96,044	80,291	-16.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	8,071	7,753	-3.9%
Maternity Benefit	23,947	22,850	-4.6%
Adoptive Benefit	45	14	-68.9%
Health and Safety Benefit	61	60	-1.6%
<b>Total Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports</b>	<b>555,522</b>	<b>542,728</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
Back to Education Allowance	24,666	25,033	1.5%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	182	18	-90.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed First Year	5,617	5,656	0.4%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed Years 2 - 4	5,134	5,154	1.5%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	180	215	19.4%
Community Employment Programme <sup>(2)</sup>	22,589	22,445	-0.6%
Tús- Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(3)</sup>	2,077	4,530	118.1%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(4)</sup>	2,537	2,591	2.1%
<b>Total Number of Recipients of Working Age on Employment Supports</b>	<b>62,982</b>	<b>65,642</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Disability Allowance	102,866	101,784	-1.1%
Blind Pension	1,496	1,456	-2.7%
Carer's Allowance	51,666	52,209	1.1%
Illness Benefit	73,397	64,429	-12.2%
Interim Illness Benefit	327	363	11.0%
Injury Benefit	776	671	-13.5%
Invalidity Pension	49,792	50,053	0.5%
Disablement Benefit	13,993	14,202	1.5%
Carer's Benefit	1,637	1,638	0.1%
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>295,950</b>	<b>286,805</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
Family Income Supplement	28,876	32,307	11.9%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	433	-1.8%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	955	938	-1.8%
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>30,272</b>	<b>33,678</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
Rent Allowance	159	141	-11.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,467,129</b>	<b>1,469,202</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

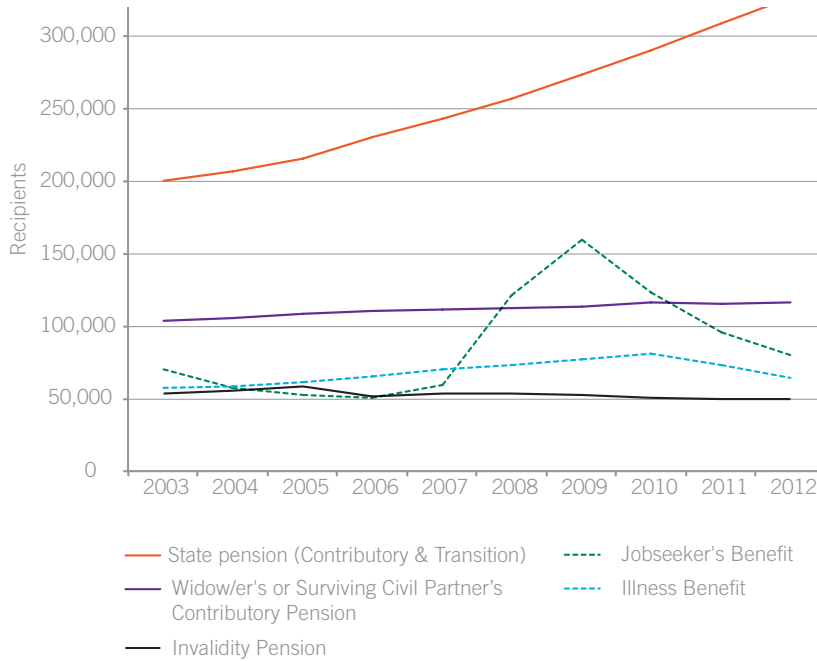
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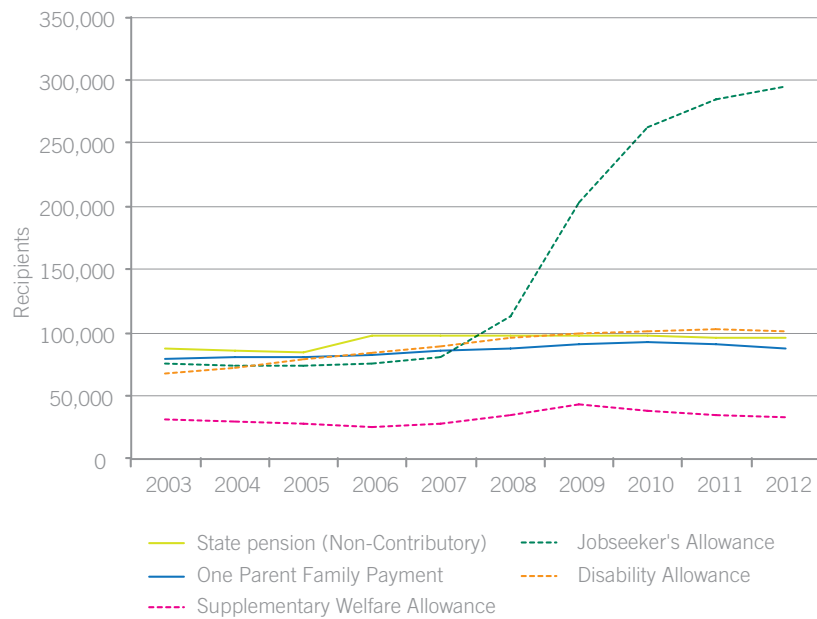
(3) Tús commenced in early 2011.

(4) Rural Social Scheme transferred to the Department of Social Protection in September 2010.

**Graph A6: Recipients of Main Social Insurance Payments, 2003 to 2012**



**Graph A7: Recipients of Main Social Assistance Payments, 2003 to 2012**





**Table A10 : Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change 2012 over 2011
	2011	2012	
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	96,749	96,126	-0.6%
Jobseeker's Allowance	283,929	294,442	3.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	90,307	87,918	-2.6%
Widows, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	1,959	1,860	-5.1%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	409	336	-17.8%
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	34,597	32,358	-6.5%
Farm Assist	11,333	11,162	-1.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	4,820	3,684	-23.6%
Back to Education Allowance	24,666	25,033	1.5%
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Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed First Year	5,617	5,656	0.7%
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Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	180	215	19.4%
Community Employment Programme <sup>(2)</sup>	22,589	22,445	-0.6%
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Rural Social Scheme <sup>(4)</sup>	2,537	2,591	2.1%
Disability Allowance	102,866	101,784	-1.1%
Blind Pension	1,496	1,456	-2.7%
Carer's Allowance	51,666	52,209	1.1%
Family Income Supplement	28,876	32,307	11.9%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	433	-1.8%
Rent Allowance	159	141	-11.3%
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>772,589</b>	<b>781,858</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
State Pension (Contributory)	296,995	312,314	5.2%
State Pension (Transition)	12,110	14,372	18.7%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	115,762	116,751	0.9%
Death Benefit Pension	628	645	2.7%
Jobseeker's Benefit	96,044	80,291	-16.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	8,071	7,753	-3.9%
Maternity Benefit	23,947	22,850	-4.6%
Adoptive Benefit	45	14	-68.9%
Health and Safety Benefit	61	60	-1.6%
Illness Benefit	73,397	64,429	-12.2%
Interim Illness Benefit	327	363	11.0%
Injury Benefit	776	671	-13.5%
Invalidity Pension	49,792	50,053	0.5%
Disablement Benefit	13,993	14,202	1.5%
Carer's Benefit	1,637	1,638	0.1%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	955	938	-1.8%
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>694,540</b>	<b>687,344</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,467,129</b>	<b>1,469,202</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

(1) Includes Basic weekly payments only. See Section G for details of other Supplementary Payments

(2) Funding Responsibility for FÁS Employment Programmes and associated Administration Costs transferred from Department of Education and Skills to Department of Social Protection from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

(3) Tús commenced in early 2011.

(4) Rural Social Scheme transferred to the Department of Social Protection in September 2010.

**Table A11: Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change 2012 over 2011
	2011	2012	
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	100,299	99,725	-0.6%
State Pension (Contributory)	366,340	382,949	4.5%
State Pension (Transition)	15,013	17,388	15.8%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	127,072	127,691	0.5%
Death Benefit Pension	748	765	2.3%
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>609,472</b>	<b>628,518</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	497,646	525,513	5.6%
One-Parent Family Payment	239,507	232,834	-2.8%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	1,959	1,860	-5.1%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	409	336	-17.8%
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	64,783	60,040	-7.3%
Farm Assist	26,909	26,327	-2.2%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	6,372	4,801	-24.7%
Jobseeker's Benefit	135,491	113,904	-15.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,152	8,595	-6.1%
Maternity Benefit	23,947	22,850	-4.6%
Adoptive Benefit	45	14	-68.9%
Health and Safety Benefit	69	72	4.3%
<b>Total Number of Beneficiaries of Working Age on Income Supports</b>	<b>1,006,289</b>	<b>997,146</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
Back to Education Allowance	37,099	37,720	1.7%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	332	39	-88.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed First Year	12,669	12,637	-0.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed Years 2 - 4	11,642	11,376	-2.3%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	180	215	19.4%
Community Employment Programme <sup>(2)</sup>	42,438	41,383	-2.5%
Tús - Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(3)</sup>	4,342	8,814	103.0%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(4)</sup>	5,419	5,531	2.1%
<b>Total Number of Beneficiaries of Working Age on Employment Supports</b>	<b>114,121</b>	<b>117,715</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Disability Allowance	137,469	137,051	-0.3%
Blind Pension	2,028	1,987	2.1%
Carer's Allowance	83,126	83,010	-0.1%
Illness Benefit	106,528	93,905	-13.4%
Interim Illness Benefit	433	482	11.3%
Injury Benefit	1,130	998	-11.7%
Invalidity Pension	71,983	71,941	-0.1%
Disablement Benefit	14,580	14,764	1.2%
Carer's Benefit	3,634	3,472	-4.7%
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>420,911</b>	<b>407,610</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>
Family Income Supplement	94,157	105,545	12.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	1,032	1,016	-1.6%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	2,143	2,116	-1.3%
<b>Total Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>97,332</b>	<b>108,677</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
Rent Allowance	159	141	-11.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,248,125</b>	<b>2,259,807</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

(1) Includes Basic Weekly Payments only. See Section G for details of other Supplementary Payments

(2) Funding Responsibility for FÁS Employment Programmes and associated Administration Costs transferred from Department of Education and Skills to Department of Social Protection from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

(3) Tús commenced in early 2011.

(4) Rural Social Scheme transferred to the Department of Social Protection in September 2010.

**Table A12: Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change 2012 over 2011
	2011	2012	
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	100,299	99,725	-0.6%
Jobseeker's Allowance	497,646	525,513	5.6%
One-Parent Family Payment	239,507	232,834	-2.8%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	1,959	1,860	-5.1%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	409	336	-17.8%
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	64,783	60,040	-7.3%
Farm Assist	26,909	26,327	-2.2%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	6,372	4,801	-24.7%
Back to Education Allowance	37,099	37,720	1.7%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	332	39	-88.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed First Year	12,669	12,637	-0.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed Years 2 - 4	11,642	11,376	-2.3%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	180	215	19.4%
Community Employment Programme <sup>(2)</sup>	42,438	41,383	-2.5%
Tús - Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(3)</sup>	4,342	8,814	103.0%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(4)</sup>	5,419	5,531	2.1%
Blind Pension	2,028	1,987	-2.0%
Disability Allowance	137,469	137,051	-0.3%
Carer's Allowance	83,126	83,010	-0.1%
Family Income Supplement	94,157	105,545	12.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	1,032	1,016	-1.6%
Rent Allowance	159	141	-11.3%
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>1,369,976</b>	<b>1,397,901</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
State Pension (Contributory)	366,340	382,949	4.5%
State Pension (Transition)	15,013	17,388	15.8%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	127,072	127,691	0.5%
Death Benefit Pension	748	765	2.3%
Jobseeker's Benefit	135,491	113,904	-15.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,152	8,595	-6.1%
Maternity Benefit	23,947	22,850	-4.6%
Adoptive Benefit	45	14	-68.9%
Health and Safety Benefit	69	72	4.3%
Illness Benefit	106,528	93,905	-11.8%
Interim Illness Benefit	433	482	11.3%
Injury Benefit	1,130	998	-11.7%
Invalidity Pension	71,983	71,941	-0.1%
Disablement Benefit	14,580	14,764	1.3%
Carer's Benefit	3,634	3,472	-4.5%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	2,143	2,116	-1.3%
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>878,308</b>	<b>861,906</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,248,284</b>	<b>2,259,807</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

(1) Includes Basic Weekly Payments only. See Section G for details of other Supplementary Payments.

(2) Funding Responsibility for FÁS Employment Programmes and associated Administration Costs transferred from Department of Education and Skills to Department of Social Protection from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

(3) Tús commenced in early 2011.

(4) Rural Social Scheme transferred to the Department of Social Protection in September 2010.

**Table A13: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Sex, Payment Type and Assistance or Insurance, 2012**

Type of Payment	2012				Total
	Male		Female		
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	35,671	37.1%	60,455	62.9%	96,126
Jobseeker's Allowance	206,754	70.2%	87,688	29.8%	294,442
One-Parent Family Payment	1,984	2.3%	85,934	97.7%	87,918
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	286	15.4%	1,574	84.6%	1,860
Deserted Wife's Allowance	0	0.0%	336	100.0%	336
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	18,971	58.6%	13,387	41.4%	32,358
Farm Assist	10,339	92.6%	823	7.4%	11,162
Pre-Retirement Allowance	2,834	76.9%	850	23.1%	3,684
Back to Education Allowance	15,010	60.0%	10,023	40.0%	25,033
Back to Work Allowance	10	55.6%	8	44.4%	18
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	8,301	76.8%	2,509	23.2%	10,810
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	99	46.0%	116	54.0%	215
Community Employment Programme	11,901	53.0%	10,544	47.0%	22,445
Tús - Community Placement Scheme	3,277	72.3%	1,253	27.7%	4,530
Rural Social Scheme	2,085	80.5%	506	19.5%	2,591
Disability Allowance	60,173	59.1%	41,611	40.9%	101,784
Blind Pension	766	52.6%	690	47.4%	1,456
Carer's Allowance	11,187	21.4%	41,022	78.6%	52,209
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	66	15.2%	367	84.8%	433
Family Income Supplement	13,569	42.0%	18,738	58.0%	32,307
Rent Allowance	43	30.5%	98	69.5%	141
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>403,326</b>	<b>51.6%</b>	<b>378,532</b>	<b>48.4%</b>	<b>781,858</b>
State Pension (Contributory)	203,474	65.2%	108,840	34.8%	312,314
State Pension (Transition)	8,934	62.2%	5,438	37.8%	14,372
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	16,248	13.9%	100,503	86.1%	116,751
Death Benefit Pension	5	0.8%	640	99.2%	645
Jobseeker's Benefit	42,894	53.4%	37,397	46.6%	80,291
Deserted Wife's Benefit	0	0.0%	7,753	100.0%	7,753
Maternity Benefit	0	0.0%	22,850	100.0%	22,850
Adoptive Benefit	0	0.0%	14	100.0%	14
Health and Safety Benefit	0	0.0%	60	100.0%	60
Illness Benefit	24,257	37.6%	40,172	62.4%	64,429
Injury Benefit	431	64.2%	240	35.8%	671
Interim Illness Benefit	225	62.0%	138	38.0%	363
Partial Capacity Benefit	263	35.9%	470	64.1%	733
Invalidity Pension	23,417	46.8%	26,636	53.2%	50,053
Disablement Benefit	11,111	78.2%	3,091	21.8%	14,202
Carer's Benefit	278	17.0%	1,360	83.0%	1,638
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	160	17.1%	778	82.9%	938
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>331,697</b>	<b>48.2%</b>	<b>356,380</b>	<b>51.8%</b>	<b>688,077</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>735,023</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>734,912</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>1,469,935</b>

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated

**Table A14: Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme, 2012**

Type of Payment	Recipient	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Totals
			Full Rate	Half Rate <sup>(1)</sup>		
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	96,126	3,059	423	117	0	99,725
State Pension (Contributory)	312,314	67,892	1,367	1,376	0	382,949
State Pension (Transition)	14,372	2,690	153	173	0	17,388
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	116,751	0	10,940	0	0	127,691
Death Benefit Pension	645	0	120	0	0	765
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>540,208</b>	<b>73,641</b>	<b>13,003</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>628,518</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	294,442	69,866	119,389	41,816	0	525,513
One-Parent Family Payment	87,918	0	144,916	0	0	232,834
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	1,860	0	0	0	0	1,860
Deserted Wife's Allowance	336	0	0	0	0	336
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	32,358	7,492	20,190	0	0	60,040
Farm Assist	11,162	5,109	7,887	2,169	0	26,327
Pre-Retirement Allowance	3,684	903	166	48	0	4,801
Jobseeker's Benefit	80,291	8,615	12,715	12,283	0	113,904
Deserted Wife's Benefit	7,753	0	842	0	0	8,595
Maternity Benefit	22,850	0	0	0	0	22,850
Adoptive Benefit	14	0	0	0	0	14
Health and Safety Benefit	60	2	3	7	0	72
<b>Total Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports</b>	<b>542,728</b>	<b>91,987</b>	<b>306,108</b>	<b>56,323</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>997,146</b>
Back to Education Allowance	25,033	2,499	7,047	3,141	0	37,720
Back to Work Allowance Employee	18	4	13	4	0	39
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed First Year	5,656	1,979	4,011	991	0	12,637
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self - Employed Years 2 - 4	5,154	1,663	3,397	1,162	0	11,376
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	215	0	0	0	0	215
Community Employment Programme	22,445	4,152	10,236	4,550	0	41,383
Tús - Community Work Placement Scheme	4,530	1,268	2,181	835	0	8,814
Rural Social Scheme	2,591	1,069	1,500	371	0	5,531
<b>Total Recipients of Working Age on Employment Supports</b>	<b>65,642</b>	<b>12,634</b>	<b>28,385</b>	<b>11,054</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>117,715</b>
Disability Allowance	101,784	9,871	17,812	7,584	0	137,051
Blind Pension	1,456	128	274	129	0	1,987
Carer's Allowance	52,209	0	2,307	28,494	0	83,010
Illness Benefit	64,429	6,754	9,052	13,670	0	93,905
Interim Illness Benefit	363	34	57	28	0	482
Injury Benefit	671	83	143	101	0	998
Invalidity Pension	50,053	7,483	4,442	9,963	0	71,941
Disablement Benefit	14,202	163	148	251	0	14,764
Carer's Benefit	1,638	0	99	1,735	0	3,472
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>286,805</b>	<b>24,516</b>	<b>34,334</b>	<b>61,955</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>407,610</b>
Family Income Supplement	32,307	0	0	0	73,238	105,545
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	938	0	0	0	1,178	2,116
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	433	0	0	0	583	1,016
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>33,678</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74,999</b>	<b>108,677</b>
Rent Allowance	141	0	0	0	0	141
<b>Grand Total<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,469,202</b>	<b>202,778</b>	<b>381,830</b>	<b>130,998</b>	<b>74,999</b>	<b>2,259,807</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) 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, 2010 and 2011**

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number insured					
		2010 <sup>(1)</sup>			2011 <sup>(2)</sup>		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
A	All Benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	1,107,952	1,098,806	2,206,758	1,097,564	1,101,929	2,199,493
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.	13,709	11,058	24,767	12,989	10,870	23,859
C	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Guardian's Payment (Contributory).	605	59	664	567	51	618
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.	28,381	40,049	68,430	26,656	37,701	64,357
E	All benefits except Jobseeker's Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	136	29	165	138	27	165
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service.	7,545	415	7,960	7,403	409	7,812
J <sup>(4)</sup>	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	22,945	17,201	40,146	25,413	21,317	46,730
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution.	23,774	9,117	32,891	1,829	955	2,784
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	124,082	82,972	207,054	158,303	97,323	255,626
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Jobseeker's and Illness Benefits.	21	0	21	18	0	18
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.	281,548	92,121	373,669	251,928	83,505	335,433
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate + Low Rate: State Pension (Transition), State Pension (Contributory), Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Death Grant.	2,324	1,412	3,736	2,589	1,563	4,152
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,613,022</b>	<b>1,353,239</b>	<b>2,966,261</b>	<b>1,585,397</b>	<b>1,355,650</b>	<b>2,941,047</b>

(1) Revised figures

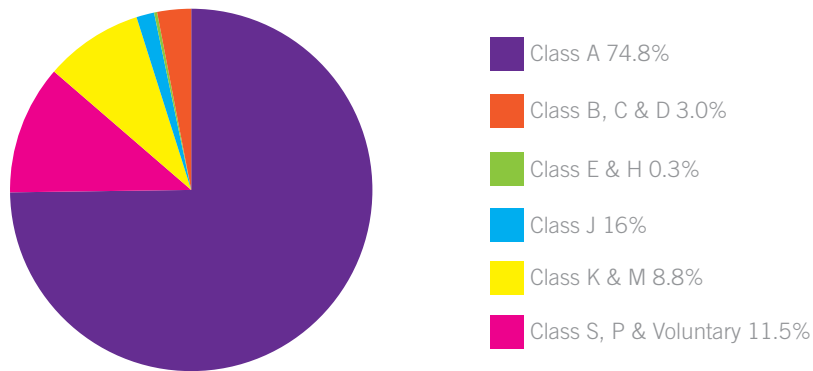
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(3) This includes 343,041 and 357,702 people in 2010 and 2011 respectively in receipt of credited contributions.

(4) Class J includes FÁS and other trainees.

Note: The figures for 2011 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 - employed returns received in the Department at the time the extraction exercise was carried out. As the transfer of End of Year data is an ongoing process, these figures should not be viewed as an estimate of the final outturn of contributors for that year. Data for 2012 is not yet processed..

**Graph A8: Analysis of Insured Population, 2011**



**Table A16: Number of Insured Persons, 2002 to 2011**

Year	Insured Population	Index
2002	2,503,671	100.0
2003	2,662,148	106.3
2004	2,752,162	109.9
2005	2,880,190	115.0
2006	3,014,487	120.4
2007	3,134,643	125.2
2008	3,133,924	125.2
2009	3,004,320	120.0
2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,928,936	117.0
2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,941,047	117.5

(1) Revised

(2) Provisional

**Table A17: Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2012**

Type of Payment	Personal €	Qualified	
		Adult €	Child €
<b>Social Insurance</b>			
<b>Long Term</b>			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	230.30	153.50	29.80
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	193.50	138.10	29.80
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>	193.50	0	29.80
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	161.00	0	0.00
Death Benefit Pension	218.50	0	29.80
Disablement Benefit	219.00	0	0.00
<b>Short Term</b>			
Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit	188.00	124.80	29.80
Carer's Benefit	205.00	0	29.80
<b>Social Assistance</b>			
<b>Long Term</b>			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	219.00	144.70	29.80
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	188.00	0	29.80
Deserted Wife's Allowance	188.00	0	29.80
One-Parent Family Payment	188.00	0	29.80
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	161.00	0	0
Carer's Allowance <sup>(5)</sup>	204.00	0	29.80
<b>Jobseeker's Allowance</b>			
Pre-Retirement Allowance	188.00	124.80	29.80
Disability Allowance	188.00	124.80	29.80
Farm Assist	188.00	124.80	29.80
Rural Social Scheme	208.00	124.80	28.80
<b>Short Term</b>			
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	186.00	124.80	29.80
Tús	208.00	124.80	28.80
<b>Other Payments</b>			
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	0	0
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	0	0
Island Allowance	12.70	0	0
Child Benefit (monthly) -1st & 2nd Child	140.00	0	0
-3rd Child	148.00	0	0
-4th and other Children	160.00	0	0

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €206.30 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is age 65 a rate of €230.30 is payable.

(3) If qualified adult is age 66 or over a rate of €206.30 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is 66 or over a rate of €230.30 is payable.

(5) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €239.00 is payable.



**Table A18: Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2013**

Type of Payment	Personal	Qualified	
		Adult	Child
	€	€	€
<b>Social Insurance</b>			
<b>Long Term</b>			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	230.30	153.50	29.80
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	193.50	138.10	29.80
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>	193.50	0	29.80
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	161.00	0	0.00
Death Benefit Pension	218.50	0	29.80
Disablement Benefit	219.00	0	0.00
<b>Short Term</b>			
Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit	188.00	124.80	29.80
Carer's Benefit	205.00	0	29.80
<b>Social Assistance</b>			
<b>Long Term</b>			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	219.00	144.70	29.80
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	188.00	0	29.80
Deserted Wife's Allowance	188.00	0	29.80
One-Parent Family Payment	188.00	0	29.80
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	161.00	0	0
Carer's Allowance <sup>(5)</sup>	204.00	0	29.80
<b>Jobseeker's Allowance</b>			
Pre-Retirement Allowance	188.00	124.80	29.80
Disability Allowance	188.00	124.80	29.80
Farm Assist	188.00	124.80	29.80
Rural Social Scheme	208.00	124.80	28.80
<b>Short Term</b>			
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	186.00	124.80	29.80
Tús	208.00	124.80	28.80
<b>Other Payments</b>			
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	0	0
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	0	0
Island Allowance	12.70	0	0
Child Benefit (monthly) -1st, 2nd and 3rd Child	130.00	0	0
-4th and other Children	140.00	0	0

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €206.30 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is age 65 a rate of €230.30 is payable.

(3) If qualified adult is age 66 or over a rate of €206.30 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is 66 or over a rate of €230.30 is payable.

(5) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €239.00 is payable.

**Table A19: Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment and Consumer Price Index, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index <sup>(1)</sup>
2003	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2004	108.0	108.0	106.5	105.7	102.2
2005	119.2	119.2	115.8	113.9	104.7
2006	132.9	132.9	126.6	122.8	108.8
2007	148.9	148.9	142.7	138.4	114.1
2008	158.5	158.5	151.7	146.9	118.8
2009	163.7	163.7	156.6	151.5	113.5
2010	157.1	157.1	152.1	148.2	112.4
2011	150.6	150.7	145.4	141.7	115.2
2012	150.6	150.7	145.4	141.7	117.2

(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, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index <sup>(1)</sup>
2003	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2004	106.4	106.4	105.4	104.9	102.2
2005	114.0	114.0	112.3	111.3	104.7
2006	122.9	122.9	119.9	117.9	108.8
2007	133.1	133.1	130.1	127.8	114.1
2008	142.0	142.0	138.5	135.9	118.8
2009	146.4	146.4	142.9	140.1	113.5
2010	146.4	146.4	142.9	140.2	112.4
2011	146.4	146.4	141.6	138.2	115.2
2012	146.4	146.4	141.6	138.2	117.2

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.

Note: Based on the rates of State Pension (Contributory).

**SECTION B**  
**PENSIONS**

## Section B: Pensions

### Expenditure and Recipients

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Expenditure on pensions was just under €6,280 million in 2012. This represents an increase of 3.1% on 2011.

The overall number of payments in respect of pensions rose by 17,964 in 2012, an increase of 3.4% on 2011. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition) based on social insurance contributions rose by 17,581 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested State Pension (Non-Contributory) decreased by 623. The number of people in receipt of Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory) increased by 989 in 2012. The number of Death Benefit Pensions in payment increased by 17 during 2012.

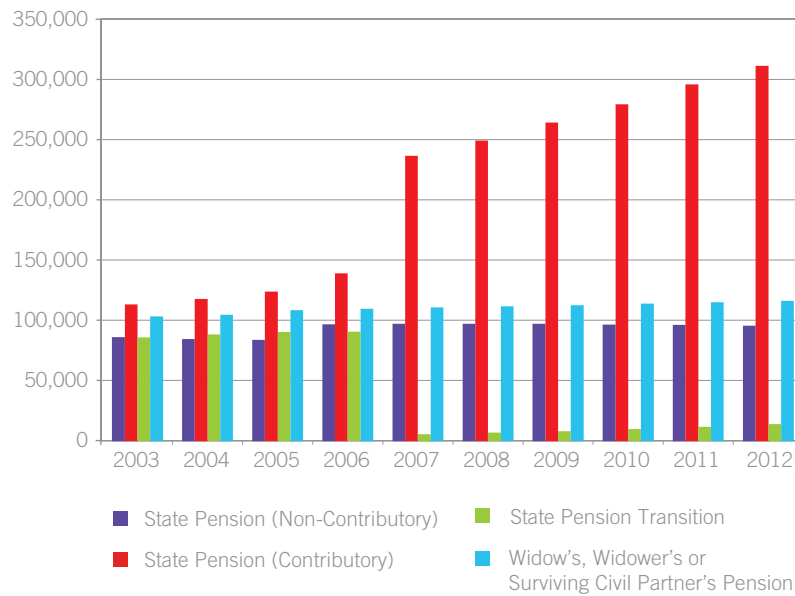
### Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

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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.

**Graph B1: Number of Recipients of State Pensions, 2003 to 2012****Table B1: Expenditure on Pensions by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Payment Type	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	%
<b>Social Assistance</b>			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	971,769	963,211	-0.9%
<b>Social Insurance</b>			
State Pension (Contributory)	3,622,746	3,800,469	4.9%
State Pension (Transition)	132,395	146,468	10.6%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	1,337,865	1,342,192	0.3%
Death Benefit	7,977	7,827	-1.9%
Bereavement Grant	19,436	19,758	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,092,188</b>	<b>6,279,925</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

*(1) Provisional*

**Table B2: Expenditure on Pensions by Payment Type, 2003 to 2012**

Year	State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	State Pension (Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	Death Benefit	Bereavement Grant	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
2003	565,006	946,902	898,981	826,135	5,813	12,288	3,255,125
2004	599,988	1,050,348	983,706	906,449	6,185	13,190	3,559,866
2005	631,299	1,152,849	1,060,052	998,524	6,523	13,572	3,862,819
2006	727,782	1,580,896	857,627	1,094,884	7,047	12,686	4,280,922
2007	920,167	2,754,749	79,070	1,204,979	7,574	16,673	4,983,212
2008	972,765	3,117,855	92,089	1,299,039	8,036	17,851	5,507,635
2009	1,000,546	3,367,733	104,976	1,353,391	8,207	18,889	5,853,742
2010	977,293	3,451,503	108,194	1,335,584	7,778	18,292	5,898,644
2011	971,769	3,622,746	132,395	1,337,865	7,977	19,436	6,092,188
2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	963,211	3,800,469	146,468	1,342,192	7,827	19,758	6,279,925

(1) See note on scheme changes and comparability of data in the introduction to this section

(2) Provisional.

**Table B3: Number of Recipients by Type of State Pension, 2003 to 2012**

Year	State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	State Pension (Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	Death Benefit	Total
2003	86,733	113,970	86,509	103,831	664	391,707
2004	85,172	118,383	88,870	105,338	652	398,415
2005	84,454	124,611	91,047	109,017	647	409,776
2006	97,404	139,724	91,086	110,146	646	439,006
2007	97,726	237,599	5,851	111,460	647	453,283
2008	97,784	250,117	7,242	112,237	651	468,031
2009	97,798	265,102	8,378	113,108	637	485,023
2010	97,179	280,419	10,206	114,579	633	503,016
2011	96,749	296,995	12,110	115,762	628	522,244
2012	96,126	312,314	14,372	116,751	645	540,208

(1) See note on scheme changes and comparability of data in the introduction to this section

**Table B4: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2012**

Dependency Status	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	Widow's, Widower's, or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	Death Benefit	Total
Personal Rate only	93,067	244,422	11,682	116,751	645	466,567
With Qualified Adult under 66	3,059	17,974	2,337	0	0	23,370
With Qualified Adult over 66	0	49,936	353	0	0	50,289
Total Number of Recipients	96,126	312,332	14,372	116,751	645	540,226
Number of Recipients with Qualified Adult Allowance	3,059	67,910	2,690	0	0	73,659
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Adult Allowance	3%	22%	19%	0%	0%	14%
1 full rate Qualified Child	217	811	98	3,690	48	4,864
2 full rate Qualified Children	61	173	17	2,002	38	2,291
3 full rate Qualified Children	16	45	5	744	21	831
4 full rate Qualified Children	6	16	0	180	8	210
5 full rate Qualified Children	1	1	0	39	5	46
6+ full rate Qualified Children	1	1	1	15	0	18
1 half rate Qualified Child	56	789	104	0	0	949
2 half rate Qualified Children	16	199	31	0	0	246
3 half rate Qualified Children	7	47	1	0	0	55
4 half rate Qualified Children	2	5	1	0	0	8
5 half rate Qualified Children	0	3	0	0	0	3
6+ half rate Qualified Children	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total Number of Children <sup>(1)</sup>	540	2,743	326	10,940	120	14,669
Number of Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	383	2,092	258	6,670	77	9,480
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	0.4%	0.7%	2.1%	5.8%	0.1%	1.8%

(1) 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 B5: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 2012**

Age Group	State Pension (Non-Contributory)		State Pension (Contributory)		State Pension (Transition)		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 70 years	8,205	11,307	63,259	36,218	8,726	5,357	80,190	52,882
70 to 74 years	8,841	12,865	57,903	28,119	186	76	66,930	41,060
75 to 79 years	6,856	12,210	44,085	21,240	19	5	50,960	33,455
80 to 84 years	6,110	10,937	25,496	13,896	2	0	31,608	24,833
85 to 89 years	3,973	8,139	9,718	6,466	1	0	13,692	14,605
90 to 94 years	1,423	3,838	2,642	2,376	0	0	4,065	6,214
95 years and over	263	1,159	371	525	0	0	634	1,684
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,671</b>	<b>60,455</b>	<b>203,474</b>	<b>108,840</b>	<b>8,934</b>	<b>5,438</b>	<b>248,079</b>	<b>174,733</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>96,126</b>		<b>312,314</b>		<b>14,372</b>		<b>422,812</b>	

**Table B6: Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension and Death Benefit by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension		Death Benefit		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Under 25 years	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29 years	7	44	0	0	51
30 to 34 years	45	195	0	3	243
35 to 39 years	155	537	0	8	700
40 to 44 years	364	1,016	1	17	1,398
45 to 49 years	699	2,028	0	24	2,751
50 to 54 years	1,342	3,637	1	41	5,021
55 to 59 years	2,215	5,786	0	58	8,059
60 to 64 years	3,245	9,054	1	84	12,384
65 to 69 years	2,584	11,871	0	94	14,549
70 to 74 years	2,041	14,803	0	100	16,944
75 to 79 years	1,600	17,461	1	84	19,146
80 to 84 years	1,122	16,127	1	127	17,377
85 to 89 years	574	11,705	0	0	12,279
90 to 94 years	220	5,114	0	0	5,334
95 years and over	35	1,125	0	0	1,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,248</b>	<b>100,503</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>117,396</b>



**Table B7: Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Pension Type, 2012**

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	32,854	35,842	254
State Pension (Contributory)	60,437	61,490	144
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	48,973	36,022	50
Death Benefit	232	128	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,496</b>	<b>133,482</b>	<b>448</b>

**Table B8: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Payment and County, 2012**

County	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension (Contributory)	Death Benefit Pension
Carlow	1,213	3,293	151	1,375	12
Cavan	2,602	3,680	148	1,594	10
Clare	3,691	6,452	356	2,687	10
Cork	10,325	31,643	1,420	13,076	92
Donegal	6,805	8,124	362	3,396	20
Dublin	12,480	81,527	3,788	30,276	148
Galway	7,632	12,043	571	5,141	16
Kerry	5,269	8,399	321	3,611	23
Kildare	1,917	9,517	528	4,131	23
Kilkenny	2,144	5,162	258	2,083	17
Laois	1,656	3,470	163	1,588	4
Leitrim	1,350	1,952	84	969	6
Limerick	4,196	11,922	558	5,013	32
Longford	1,370	2,198	111	1,006	8
Louth	2,115	7,931	363	2,938	18
Mayo	5,940	7,400	342	3,372	12
Meath	2,490	8,529	416	3,504	21
Monaghan	2,028	3,211	158	1,410	12
Offaly	1,615	4,088	199	1,831	13
Roscommon	2,456	3,490	164	1,569	15
Sligo	1,971	4,128	224	1,697	6
Tipperary	4,641	9,974	412	4,406	47
Waterford	2,520	7,580	371	3,051	14
Westmeath	1,827	4,951	207	2,228	15
Wexford	3,892	8,903	401	3,610	20
Wicklow	1,954	8,469	470	3,148	17
Others	27	44,278	1,826	8,041	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,126</b>	<b>312,314</b>	<b>14,372</b>	<b>116,751</b>	<b>645</b>

**SECTION C**  
**WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORTS**

## Section C: Working Age Income Supports

### Expenditure and Recipients

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Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports decreased by €190 million or 3.1% overall in 2012 as a result of a 2.5% reduction of 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 2012 there were 294,442 recipients. Expenditure in 2012 was nearly €3,055 million which represented an increase of 2.7% over 2011.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance fell by 318 and 73, respectively, during 2012, while recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 1,136. It should be noted that these schemes are closed to new entrants.

### Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

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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.

**Table C1: Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Payment Type	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	
<b>Social Assistance</b>			
Jobseeker's Allowance	2,974,987	3,054,741	2.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	1,088,897	1,057,753	-2.9%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	18,173	17,670	-2.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	4,211	3,546	-15.8%
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	174,393	179,437	2.9%
Farm Assist	113,724	108,170	-4.9%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	59,942	46,091	-23.1%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	62,593	52,705	-15.8%
Other Supplements <sup>(2)</sup>	12,766	11,248	-11.9%
Humanitarian Aid	1	714	71300.0%
<b>Social Insurance</b>			
Jobseeker's Benefit	926,900	735,747	-20.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	85,828	83,536	-2.7%
Maternity Benefit	309,141	303,196	-1.9%
Adoptive Benefit	1,075	465	-56.7%
Health & Safety Benefit	643	518	-19.4%
Redundancy & Insolvency Payments	326,184	317,578	-2.6%
Treatment Benefits	23,040	18,989	-17.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,182,498</b>	<b>5,992,104</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>

(1) Provisional

(2) Includes Heating, Diet and Travel

**Table C2: Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Payment Type, 2003 to 2012**

Payment Type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
<b>Social Assistance</b>										
Jobseeker's Allowance	565,952	613,817	667,483	768,560	875,092	1,158,851	2,004,556	2,809,381	2,974,987	3,054,741
One-Parent Family Payment	660,586	694,835	751,102	834,262	962,425	1,067,158	1,121,344	1,110,328	1,088,897	1,057,753
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	116,834	122,300	126,944	103,688	19,921	21,181	21,275	19,252	18,173	17,670
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10,605	10,967	11,468	10,547	6,897	6,624	6,038	5,020	4,211	3,546
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	160,488	158,572	162,368	139,189	155,204	189,440	240,871	206,570	174,393	179,437
Farm Assist	62,806	66,343	67,284	71,085	78,686	84,881	93,297	110,931	113,724	108,170
Pre-Retirement Allowance	89,077	94,726	102,879	113,063	124,490	117,666	96,606	77,850	59,942	46,091
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance (2)	13	15	14	13	16	7	6	0	0	0
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	55,431	51,319	56,513	61,138	69,828	82,254	75,210	69,420	62,593	52,705
Other Supplements(3)	15,043	14,568	13,392	13,533	13,835	14,286	14,214	13,391	12,766	11,248
Humanitarian Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	605	1045	1	714
<b>Social Insurance</b>										
Jobseeker's Benefit	477,129	455,586	418,085	455,073	544,931	928,844	1,733,816	1,285,438	926,900	735,747
Deserted Wife's Benefit	89,234	89,749	90,620	94,621	100,710	104,618	100,130	93,387	85,828	83,536
Maternity Benefit	107,336	121,571	132,412	180,801	257,896	315,878	331,289	323,938	309,141	303,196
Adoptive Benefit	532	609	709	818	1,333	1,644	1,247	891	1,075	465
Health & Safety Benefit	213	143	293	353	503	576	619	588	643	518
Redundancy and Insolvency	97,636	147,643	150,347	170,012	188,178	202,264	350,398	490,304	326,184	317,578
Treatment Benefits	63,348	70,454	65,497	95,020	91,602	97,124	100,179	51,473	23,040	18,989
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,572,263</b>	<b>2,713,217</b>	<b>2,817,410</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>5,992,104</b>

(1) Provisional

(2) See note on scheme changes and data comparability in the introduction to this section

(3) Includes Heating, Diet and Travel.

Table C3: Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports by Payment Type, 2003 to 2012

Type of Payment	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Social Assistance</b>										
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,249	73,840	75,357	75,801	80,268	113,603	203,248	261,850	283,929	294,442
One-Parent Family Payment	79,296	80,103	80,366	83,081	85,084	87,840	90,484	92,326	90,307	87,918
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	15,783	15,284	14,729	2,168	2,138	2,042	1,998	1,977	1,959	1,860
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,523	1,456	1,382	766	693	617	550	487	409	336
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	31,217	29,748	28,066	25,330	27,379	35,546	42,775	37,499	34,597	32,358
Farm Assist	8,707	8,350	7,824	7,480	7,376	7,496	8,972	10,714	11,333	11,162
Pre-Retirement Allowance	10,957	11,228	11,058	11,149	10,624	8,872	7,468	6,021	4,820	3,684
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Other Supplements <sup>(1)</sup>	22,598	19,844	18,990	18,495	17,744	17,043	15,763	15,206	14,244	13,009
<b>Social Insurance</b>										
Jobseeker's Benefit	70,090	57,699	52,754	50,542	59,167	121,763	160,122	123,457	96,044	80,291
Deserted Wife's Benefit	11,339	10,769	10,180	9,760	9,395	9,056	8,737	8,372	8,071	7,753
Maternity Benefit	10,594	10,356	10,791	14,898	20,948	23,421	23,294	23,456	23,947	22,850
Adoptive Benefit	33	26	32	59	55	68	64	53	45	14
Health & Safety Benefit	12	21	26	37	39	69	49	60	61	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>337,400</b>	<b>318,726</b>	<b>311,557</b>	<b>299,568</b>	<b>320,912</b>	<b>427,437</b>	<b>563,524</b>	<b>581,478</b>	<b>569,766</b>	<b>555,737</b>

(1) Includes Heating, Diet and Travel.

**Table C4: Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2011 and 2012**

Payment	2011	2012	Change 2012 over 2011
<b>Recipients at 31st December:</b>			
Maternity Benefit	23,947	22,850	-4.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	61	60	-1.6%
Adoptive Benefit	45	14	-68.9%
<b>Awards during the year:</b>			
Maternity Benefit	48,413	45,129	-6.8%

**Table C5: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Allowance and Deserted Wife's Benefit by Age, 2012**

Age	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Deserted Wife's Benefit
Under 25 years	0	0
25 to 29 years	0	0
30 to 34 years	0	0
35 to 39 years	0	2
40 to 44 years	0	64
45 to 49 years	11	533
50 to 54 years	42	1,384
55 to 59 years	74	1,850
60 to 64 years	162	1,875
65 years and over	47	2,045
<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>7,753</b>

*Deserted Wife's Allowance is not payable to 66 years and over*

**Table C6: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit by Number of Qualified Children, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Recipient	2011	2012	Percentage Change 2012 over 2011
Without Qualified Children	7,256	7,096	-2.2%
With 1 child	609	515	-15.4%
With 2 children	161	110	-31.7%
With 3 children	36	25	-30.6%
With 4 children	5	4	-20.0%
With 5 children	3	2	-33.3%
With 6 or more children	1	1	0.0%
<b>Total Recipients</b>	<b>8,071</b>	<b>7,753</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>
<b>Total Recipients with Children</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>-19.4%</b>
<b>% of Recipients with Children</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>-16.1%</b>
<b>Total Number of Children</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>-22.1%</b>



**Table C7: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit in Receipt of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance, 2012**

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Deserted Wife's Benefit	798	158	0
Total	798	158	0

**Table C8: Number of Recipients of Farm Assist by Age & Sex, 2012**

Age of Recipient	Farm Assist		
	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	68	4	72
25 to 29 years	182	4	186
30 to 34 years	385	22	407
35 to 39 years	738	44	782
40 to 44 years	1,169	122	1,291
45 to 49 years	1,548	130	1,678
50 to 54 years	1,729	160	1,889
55 to 59 years	1,929	165	2,094
60 to 64 years	2,194	144	2,338
65 years	397	28	425
Total	10,339	823	11,162

**Table C9: Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit by Number of Dependants, 2012**

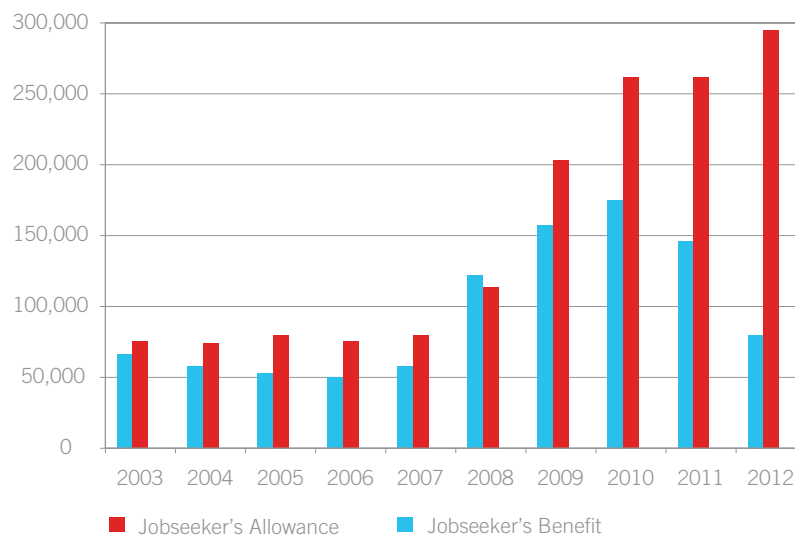
Number of Recipients	Jobseeker's Allowance	Jobseeker's Benefit	Total
Personal Rate only	198,022	63,389	261,411
With Qualified Adult only	19,111	3,308	22,419
With Qualified Adult and Qualified Children	69,866	8,615	78,481
<b>Total Number of Recipients</b>	<b>294,442</b>	<b>80,291</b>	<b>374,733</b>
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	88,977	11,923	100,900
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	30.2%	14.8%	26.9%
1 full rate Qualified Child	19,931	2,741	22,672
2 full rate Qualified Children	20,038	2,372	22,410
3 full rate Qualified Children	10,285	1,102	11,387
4 full rate Qualified Children	4,082	350	4,432
5 full rate Qualified Children	1,401	71	1,472
6+full rate Qualified Children	783	27	810
1 half rate Qualified Child	7,771	3,113	10,884
2 half rate Qualified Children	7,470	2,596	10,066
3 half rate Qualified Children	3,775	969	4,744
4 half rate Qualified Children	1,272	201	1,473
5 half rate Qualified Children	373	45	418
6+ half rate Qualified Children	128	7	135
<b>Number of Recipients with Qualified Children</b>	<b>77,309</b>	<b>13,594</b>	<b>90,903</b>
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	26.3%	16.9%	24.3%
<b>Total Number of Children<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>161,205</b>	<b>24,998</b>	<b>186,203</b>

(1) A Qualified Child Increase is payable at half rate where a spouse/civil partner/cohabitant, living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/civil partner/cohabitant may receive half the Qualified Child Increase where both are in receipt of a social welfare payment. This can result in some double counting of the actual number of Qualified Children.

**Table C10: Number of Recipients of Jobseeker’s Allowance and Jobseeker’s Benefit by Age & Sex, 2012**

Age of Recipient	Jobseeker’s Allowance		Total	Jobseeker’s Benefit		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
Under 25	35,677	22,099	57,776	2,748	2,467	5,215
25 to 29 years	34,405	15,818	50,223	5,887	5,637	11,524
30 to 34 years	30,799	11,877	42,676	7,417	6,409	13,826
35 to 39 years	25,496	8,813	34,309	6,393	5,242	11,635
40 to 44 years	22,824	7,525	30,349	5,342	4,092	9,434
45 to 49 years	19,236	6,711	25,947	4,530	3,790	8,320
50 to 54 years	15,905	6,203	22,108	4,014	3,584	7,598
55 to 59 years	12,763	5,157	17,920	3,477	3,270	6,747
60 to 64 years	8,844	3,171	12,015	2,829	2,568	5,397
65 years	805	314	1,119	257	338	595
<b>Total</b>	<b>206,754</b>	<b>87,688</b>	<b>294,442</b>	<b>42,894</b>	<b>37,397</b>	<b>80,291</b>

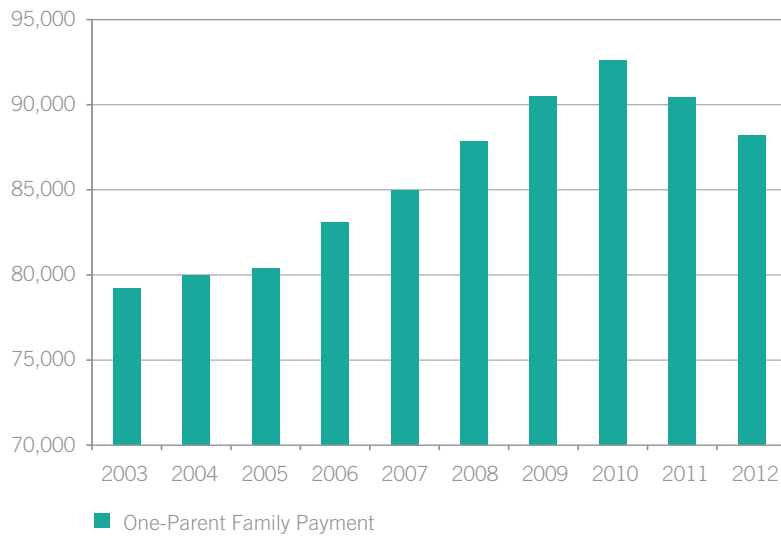
**Graph C1: Recipients of Jobseeker’s Allowance and Jobseeker’s Benefit, 2003 to 2012**



**Table C11: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2012**

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent		Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	19	10,657	0	8	19	10,665
25 to 29 years	102	16,258	1	24	103	16,282
30 to 34 years	217	17,343	2	72	219	17,415
35 to 39 years	290	15,205	13	115	303	15,320
40 to 44 years	438	12,847	16	151	454	12,998
45 to 49 years	405	8,207	34	171	439	8,378
50 to 54 years	231	3,503	22	105	253	3,608
55 to 59 years	129	1,022	15	65	144	1,087
60 to 64 years	41	153	8	22	49	175
65 years	0	5	1	1	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>85,200</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>85,934</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>87,072</b>		<b>846</b>		<b>87,918</b>	

**Graph C2: Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment, 2003 to 2012**



**Table C12: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Children, 2012**

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent	Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner	Total <sup>(1)</sup>
With 1 child	48,735	395	49,130
With 2 children	25,200	229	25,429
With 3 children	9,107	131	9,238
With 4 children	2,825	46	2,871
With 5 children	201	7	208
With 6 or more children	270	12	282
<b>Total Recipients</b>	<b>86,338</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>87,158</b>

*(1) There were 760 recipients of One-Parent Family Payment who were not in receipt of a qualified child increase at December 2012. This is usually because their qualified child is now claiming a One-Parent Family Payment in their own right.*

**Table C13: Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Male	Female	Total
60	165	49	214
61	370	112	482
62	466	153	619
63	615	181	796
64	717	192	909
65	501	163	664
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>3,684</b>

*Note: Pre-Retirement Allowance was abolished for new claimants with effect from 4th July 2007*

**Table C14: Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance, Qualified Adults and Children, 2011 and 2012**

Dependency Status	2011	2012	Change 2012 over 2011
Personal Rate only	3,587	2,739	-23.6%
With Qualified Adult under 66	1,222	797	-34.8%
With Qualified Adult over 66	11	1	-90.9%
<b>Total Number of Qualified Adults</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>-35.3%</b>
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Adult Allowances	25.6%	22.6%	84.2%
1 full rate Qualified Child	132	84	-36.4%
2 full rate Qualified Children	58	18	-69.0%
3 full rate Qualified Children	30	7	-76.7%
4 full rate Qualified Children	20	5	-75.0%
5 full rate Qualified Children	5	1	-80.0%
6+ full rate Qualified Children	0	0	0.0%
1 half rate Qualified Child	30	22	-26.7%
2 half rate Qualified Children	22	5	-77.3%
3 half rate Qualified Children	6	4	-33.3%
4 half rate Qualified Children	4	1	-75.0%
5 half rate Qualified Children	5	0	-100.0%
6+ half rate Qualified Children	7	0	-100.0%
Recipients with Qualified Child Allowances <sup>(1)</sup>	319	147	-53.9%
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	6.6%	4.2%	-37.2%

(1) 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 C15: Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	0	1	1
25 to 29 years	1	1	2
30 to 34 years	0	5	5
35 to 39 years	2	4	6
40 to 44 years	8	24	32
45 to 49 years	26	85	111
50 to 54 years	46	203	249
55 to 59 years	65	386	451
60 to 64 years	116	653	769
65 to 69 years	22	212	234
<b>Total</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,860</b>

**Table C16: Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Other Supplements by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age of Recipient	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance			Other Supplements <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	715	658	1,373	38	45	83
20 - 24	1,999	1,785	3,784	117	293	410
25 - 29	2,307	1,866	4,173	201	431	632
30 - 34	2,568	1,806	4,374	384	545	929
35 - 39	2,464	1,633	4,097	504	507	1,011
40 - 44	2,240	1,471	3,711	508	462	970
45 - 49	1,885	1,235	3,120	501	464	965
50 - 54	1,671	1,195	2,866	534	478	1,012
55 - 59	1,485	925	2,410	522	497	1,019
60 - 64	1,368	670	2,038	677	667	1,344
65-69	229	111	340	596	639	1,235
70 plus	40	32	72	1,251	2,148	3,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,971</b>	<b>13,387</b>	<b>32,358</b>	<b>5,833</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>13,009</b>

(1) Includes Heating, Diet and Travel.

**Table C17: Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Category, 2012**

Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments	2011	2012
<b>Interim Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments</b>		
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance	10,154	7,805
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance Appeal	976	668
Pending One- Parent Family Payment	2,750	2,291
Pending Disability Allowance	6,455	6,978
Pending Carer's Allowance	504	633
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit	704	482
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit Appeal	17	15
Pending Illness Benefit	1,630	1,377
Pending Illness Benefit Appeal	203	157
Pending State Pension	208	199
Pending Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension	80	65
Pending Occupational Injuries Benefit	30	50
Pending Other Social Welfare Payments	1,640	2,323
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>25,351</b>	<b>23,043</b>
<b>Other Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments</b>		
Sick No Benefit	3,318	3,887
Other Increment to Scale	523	523
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	5,405	4,905
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9,246</b>	<b>9,315</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,597</b>	<b>32,358</b>

(1) This category includes payments to persons who do not qualify for other Social Welfare payments and whose means are below the appropriate Supplementary Welfare Allowance rates.

**Table C18: Expenditure on Exceptional Needs Payments, Other Exceptional Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Urgent Needs Payments, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	2011 €000	2012 €000	Change 2012 over 2011
<b>EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS PAYMENTS AND OTHER EXCEPTIONAL SWA PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>Housing</b>			
New Accommodation Kit	8,796	7,903	-10.2%
Household Appliances	5,387	4,951	-8.1%
Rent Deposit	3,768	2,671	-29.1%
Furniture	2,401	1,880	-21.7%
Floor Covering	1,753	1,385	-21.0%
Bedding	1,314	1,029	-21.7%
Repair/maintenance	1,341	1,018	-24.1%
<b>Total Housing</b>	<b>24,761</b>	<b>20,837</b>	<b>-15.8%</b>
<b>Clothing</b>			
Adult Clothing	6,883	6,078	-11.7%
Child Clothing	4,003	1,893	-52.7%
<b>Total Clothing</b>	<b>10,887</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>-26.8%</b>
<b>Funeral</b>			
Funeral Expenses	5,116	4,836	-5.5%
Burial Expenses	370	332	-10.3%
<b>Total Funeral</b>	<b>5,486</b>	<b>5,168</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>
<b>Child Related</b>			
Pram/Buggy	1,012	867	-14.3%
Cot	986	843	-14.5%
<b>Total Child Related</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>-14.4%</b>
<b>Bills</b>			
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	5,103	4,980	-2.4%
Household	2,568	2,140	-16.7%
<b>Total Bills</b>	<b>7,671</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>
<b>Illness</b>			
Confinement Costs	818	701	-14.3%
Hospital Requirements	374	371	-0.8%
<b>Total Illness</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>-10.1%</b>
<b>General</b>			
Other	3,665	2,969	-19.0%
Travel Costs	2,196	1,867	-15.0%
Insufficient Means	2,595	2,357	-9.2%
Heating	1,301	1,141	-12.3%
Lost/Stolen Money	145	127	-12.4%
Household Budget	144	176	22.2%
<b>Total General</b>	<b>10,045</b>	<b>8,637</b>	<b>-14.0%</b>
<b>URGENT NEEDS PAYMENTS</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>62,228</b>	<b>52,704</b>	<b>-15.3%</b>

*It should be noted that some of the totals are not equal to the sum of the parts. This is due to rounding.*



**Table C19: Number of Recipients of Working Age on Income Supports by Payment Type and County, 2012**

County	Jobseeker's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Farm Assist	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Other Supplements <sup>(1)</sup>	Jobseeker's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	4,981	1,646	24	7	504	84	62	162	1,251	93	275	0
Cavan	5,301	957	34	4	325	404	53	122	1,133	66	386	1
Clare	6,759	1,390	45	8	457	609	70	290	2,012	148	505	4
Cork	27,160	5,712	170	33	3,765	922	466	1,588	8,355	741	2,695	9
Donegal	15,745	2,881	159	17	769	1,534	323	144	3,326	159	621	0
Dublin	71,404	33,871	359	117	8,638	37	680	4,936	19,239	3,120	6,680	14
Galway	14,365	3,126	142	20	1,995	1,112	162	338	3,970	235	1,291	4
Kerry	10,521	2,966	106	10	864	818	147	230	4,078	178	621	2
Kildare	11,823	4,589	44	6	1,495	53	56	361	3,560	303	1,222	1
Kilkenny	5,153	924	24	10	640	146	66	166	1,377	113	438	0
Laois	6,185	1,113	38	1	591	158	44	226	1,618	68	348	0
Leitrim	2,447	520	18	3	126	394	21	29	664	29	129	0
Limerick	13,483	3,542	77	13	1,818	250	176	1,460	3,502	327	830	0
Longford	3,736	952	26	1	320	260	40	103	741	69	173	5
Louth	12,702	3,789	47	10	988	87	163	187	2,740	324	582	1
Mayo	8,897	1,842	120	9	948	1,813	161	242	2,339	115	563	3
Meath	6,857	1,432	41	15	1,588	93	62	176	1,988	252	1,043	1
Monaghan	4,762	822	31	4	279	504	53	96	1,170	68	308	2
Offaly	6,528	1,056	27	4	385	130	51	229	1,705	86	345	1
Roscommon	2,667	545	41	4	542	424	32	174	798	52	279	1
Sligo	3,653	1,249	33	4	581	310	41	46	975	111	314	0
Tipperary	11,561	2,737	72	5	1,013	404	207	730	3,247	210	708	2
Waterford	9,678	2,441	36	5	1,112	92	146	219	2,579	221	526	2
Westmeath	6,878	1,758	33	9	560	197	38	142	1,956	138	425	1
Wexford	12,744	3,006	71	6	1,354	248	256	327	3,632	241	656	2
Wicklow	8,452	3,052	41	11	701	79	108	286	2,336	286	695	2
Others	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>294,442</b>	<b>87,918</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>32,358</b>	<b>11,162</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>13,009</b>	<b>80,291</b>	<b>7,753</b>	<b>22,850</b>	<b>60</b>

(1) Includes Heating, Diet and Travel.



**SECTION D**  
**WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS**

## Section D: Working Age Employment Supports

### Expenditure and Recipients

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Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports increased by 10.4% overall in 2012.

The payment type in this programme group with the highest number of recipients is Back to Education Allowance. At the end of 2012 there were 25,033 recipients. Expenditure in 2012 was nearly €200 million which represented a decrease of 1% over 2011.

The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance Employee decreased by 164 while the number in receipt of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance increased by 59 during 2012.

Over 29,500 people engaged in employment programmes during 2012, the Community Employment Programme had the highest number of participants (22,445). The Rural Social Scheme and Tús had 2,591 and 4,530 participants, respectively.

### Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

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- (a) *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)*
- (b) *Expenditure and recipients for the Rural Social Scheme and the Community Services Programme transferred to the Department of Social Protection in September 2010.*
- (c) *Tús and JobBridge commenced during June, 2011.*

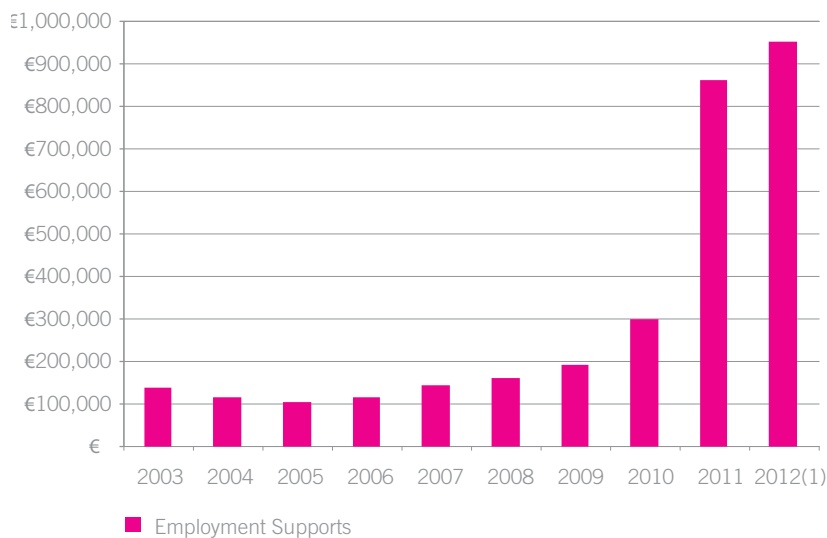
**Table D1: Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	
Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	114,582	127,203	11.0%
Back to Education Allowance	201,519	199,567	-1.0%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,032	1,370	32.8%
Rural Social Schemes	46,835	45,242	-3.4%
Tús Community Work Placement Programme	11,761	67,055	470.1%
Community Services Programme	45,452	45,390	-0.1%
Community Employment	349,396	330,399	-5.4%
Job Initiative	29,678	25,793	-13.1%
Supported Employment	8,353	8,104	-3.0%
Wage Subsidy Scheme	10,065	10,566	5.0%
National Internship Scheme - JobBridge	7,914	54,739	591.7%
Local Employment Services	18,310	17,854	-2.5%
Others <sup>(2)</sup>	17,498	18,635	6.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>862,395</b>	<b>951,917</b>	<b>10.4%</b>

(1) Provisional

(2) 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.

**Graph D1: Expenditure on Employment Supports, 2003 to 2012**



**Table D2: Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Back to Education Allowance	Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	Rural Social Schemes <sup>(2)</sup>	Tús Community Work Programme <sup>(3)</sup>	Community Services Programme <sup>(4)</sup>	Community Employment <sup>(4)</sup>	JobBridge - National Internship Scheme	Other Employment Programmes <sup>(4) (5)</sup>	Local Employment Services	Others	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
2003	97,396	38,276	1,056	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,679	139,407
2004	65,712	44,160	1,243	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,841	115,956
2005	53,563	46,695	1,295	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,060	106,613
2006	56,497	52,070	1,277	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,708	115,552
2007	71,072	64,142	1,320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,490	145,024
2008	73,169	77,136	1,324	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,902	160,531
2009	76,434	107,316	1,445	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,693	193,888
2010	87,960	179,851	1,157	13,872	0	8,198	0	0	0	0	9,124	300,162
2011	114,582	201,519	1,032	46,835	11,761	45,452	349,396	7,914	48,096	18,310	17,498	862,395
2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	127,203	199,567	1,370	45,242	67,055	45,390	330,399	54,739	44,463	17,854	18,635	951,917

(1) Provisional

(2) Rural Social Schemes transferred to Department of Social Protection in September, 2010.

(3) Tús Community Work Placement Programme commenced early 2011.

(4) Responsibility for the expenditure in relation to Community Services Programme, Community Employment and Other Employment Programmes transferred to the Department of Social Protection 2011 from January 2011 and information prior to 2011 is not available for inclusion in this report.

(5) Includes expenditure in respect of Job Initiative, Supported Employment and Wage Subsidy Scheme.

**Table D3: Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	2011	2012	Change 2012 over 2011
Back to Work Allowance - Employee	182	18	-90.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance - Self Employed First Year	5,617	5,656	0.7%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance - Self Employed Years 2 - 4	5,134	5,154	0.4%
Back to Education Allowance	24,666	25,033	1.5%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	180	215	19.4%
Community Employment Programme <sup>(1)</sup>	22,589	22,445	-0.6%
Tús - Community Work Placement Scheme <sup>(2)</sup>	2,077	4,530	118.1%
Rural Social Scheme <sup>(3)</sup>	2,537	2,591	2.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,982</b>	<b>65,642</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

(1) Responsibility for the expenditure in relation to FÁS Employment and Community Schemes transferred to the Department in January 2011 and information prior to 2011 is not available for inclusion in this report.

(2) Tús commenced in early 2011

(3) Rural Social Scheme transferred to the Department of Social Protection in September 2010.

**Table D4: Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2012**

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	10	8	18
Self-Employed	8,301	2,509	10,810
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,311</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>10,828</b>

**Table D5: Number of Recipients of Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Work Allowance, Back to Education Allowance by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education Allowance	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	236	76	0	0	3,847	2,898
25 to 29 years	1,282	463	0	0	4,132	2,525
30 to 34 years	1,850	616	2	2	2,719	1,553
35 to 39 years	1,590	476	1	4	1,706	1,024
40 to 44 years	1,265	367	6	0	1,118	768
45 to 49 years	983	251	0	1	731	627
50 to 54 years	608	157	1	0	391	370
55 to 59 years	341	81	0	0	246	199
60 to 64 years	135	20	0	1	113	57
65+ years	11	2	0	0	7	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,301</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15,010</b>	<b>10,023</b>

**Table D6: Recipients of Short Term Enterprise Allowance, Work Placement Programme Graduate, Work Placement Programme Open and JobBridge Internship Programme by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age of Recipients	Short Term Enterprise Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>			Work Placement Programme Graduate			Work Placement Programme Open			JobBridge Internship Programme <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	12	4	16	12	12	24	3	6	9	604	738	1,342
25 to 29 years	81	49	130	29	19	48	2	3	5	771	665	1,436
30 to 34 years	173	84	257	17	8	25	4	1	5	483	378	861
35 to 39 years	150	53	203	9	3	12	2	3	5	311	220	531
40 to 44 years	113	42	155	9	3	12	2	2	4	257	147	404
45 to 49 years	94	31	125	9	3	12	0	0	0	139	153	292
50 to 54 years	74	22	96	4	1	5	0	0	0	85	107	192
55 to 59 years	40	8	48	1	2	3	0	1	1	62	69	131
60 to 64 years	20	2	22	0	1	1	0	0	0	22	15	37
65 years and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>2,492</b>	<b>5,227</b>

(1) Short Term Enterprise Allowance scheme was introduced from 1st May 2009.

(2) JobBridge Internship Programme was introduced in June 2011

**Table D7: Number of Participants in Community Employment Programme, Rural Social Scheme and Tús by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age of Recipient	Community Employment Programme			Rural Social Scheme			Tús		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	166	160	326	8	4	12	341	228	569
25 to 29 years	541	1,043	1,584	18	2	20	406	182	588
30 to 34 years	773	1,172	1,945	29	7	36	475	178	653
35 to 39 years	1,256	1,536	2,792	81	23	104	456	147	603
40 to 44 years	1,535	1,419	2,954	145	44	189	474	145	619
45 to 49 years	1,637	1,369	3,006	289	89	378	407	108	515
50 to 54 years	1,672	1,274	2,946	408	120	528	316	127	443
55 to 59 years	2,352	1,531	3,883	545	130	675	250	85	335
60 to 64 years	1,797	948	2,745	514	77	591	145	50	195
65 years and over	172	92	264	48	10	58	7	3	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,901</b>	<b>10,544</b>	<b>22,445</b>	<b>2,085</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>3,277</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>4,530</b>



**Table D8: Number of Participants in Community Employment Programme, Rural Social Scheme and Tús by Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2012**

Dependency Status	Community Employment Programme	Rural Social Scheme	Tús
Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors <sup>(1)</sup>	1,364		
Personal Rate only	16,929	1,522	3,262
With Qualified Adult	4,152	1,069	1,268
Total Number of Participants	32,681	4,462	7,546
Percentage of Participants with Qualified Adult Allowance	20%	41%	28%
1 full rate Qualified Child	2,066	214	286
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,769	416	720
3 full rate Qualified Children	894	414	651
4 full rate Qualified Children	314	304	364
5 full rate Qualified Children	96	100	115
6+ full rate Qualified Children	31	52	45
1 half rate Qualified Child	755	43	89
2 half rate Qualified Children	887	122	282
3 half rate Qualified Children	446	66	147
4 half rate Qualified Children	124	64	176
5 half rate Qualified Children	27	20	60
6+ half rate Qualified Children	8	56	81
Total Number of Children <sup>(2)</sup>	10,236	4,550	3,016
Number of Participants with Qualified Child allowances	7,417	1,871	3,016
Percentage of Participants with Qualified Child Allowances	7.7%	15.5%	0.6%

(1) Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors of Community Employment Programme are waged and are not in receipt of Dependents Increases..

(2) 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 D9: Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2012**

County	Back To Work Allowance Self-employed	Back to Work Allowance Employee	Back to Education Allowance	Short-Term Enterprise Allowance	Community Employment	Rural Social Scheme	TÚS	Part-Time Job Incentive <sup>(1)</sup>
Carlow	210	0	548	12	320	18	61	0
Cavan	216	1	303	15	216	83	72	0
Clare	320	0	449	12	573	115	115	3
Cork	982	4	2,219	80	2,122	170	531	0
Donegal	402	0	1,363	19	1,124	228	259	1
Dublin	2,584	6	6,337	389	5,802	0	993	85
Galway	747	2	1,585	45	1,513	281	227	11
Kerry	416	1	924	30	973	280	106	25
Kildare	398	1	844	43	562	23	165	6
Kilkenny	279	1	418	15	389	18	91	5
Laois	207	0	378	14	296	20	79	0
Leitrim	108	0	206	22	182	98	57	4
Limerick	428	1	1,260	44	1,160	76	191	3
Longford	121	0	309	3	291	53	61	0
Louth	392	0	998	40	776	11	174	3
Mayo	292	0	890	32	767	566	183	21
Meath	419	0	370	21	357	14	102	3
Monaghan	97	0	427	6	340	42	66	0
Offaly	198	0	355	23	357	45	121	0
Roscommon	128	0	202	10	310	149	78	0
Sligo	184	0	576	22	399	129	82	2
Tipperary	351	0	919	28	905	65	158	14
Waterford	378	0	978	22	716	12	170	12
Westmeath	182	0	586	24	544	36	99	1
Wexford	319	1	881	20	859	41	179	11
Wicklow	452	0	708	61	592	18	110	5
Others								
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,810</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25,033</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>22,445</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>215</b>

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

**SECTION E**  
ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

## Section E: Illness, Disability and Caring

### Expenditure and Recipients

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Expenditure on Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension decreased by 11.7% and 0.4% respectively. Expenditure on Disability Allowance decreased by 0.2%. There are now 101,784 recipients of the scheme.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €2 million in 2012, an increase of 0.5%. There are now 52,209 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 543 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 2003 to 2012.

Carer's Benefit is a payment made to insured persons who leave the workforce to care for a person(s) who require full time care and attention. The number of recipients increased by 1 to 1,638 in 2012.

There were 23,377 recipients of a half-rate Carer's Allowance at the end of 2012 which represents an increase of 1,426 over 2011.

### Notes: Scheme Changes

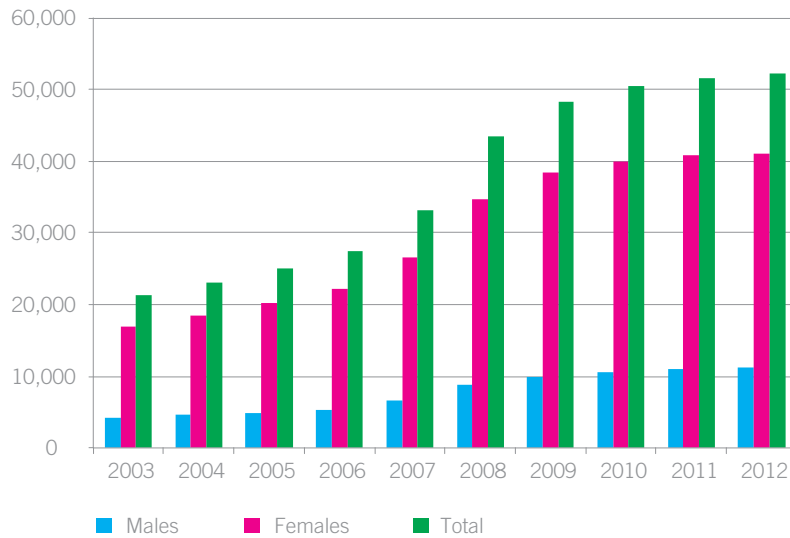
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Recipients of Blind Pension have since 2006 been transferred to State Pension (Non Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in decreases in recipients and expenditure on the scheme. Recipients of Invalidity Pension have been transferred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

**Graph E1: Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 2003 to 2012**

**Table E1: Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	
<b>Social Assistance</b>			
Disability Allowance	1,089,178	1,087,512	-0.2%
Blind Pension	15,624	15,747	0.8%
Carer's Allowance	507,193	509,671	0.5%
Domiciliary Care Allowance	99,924	102,237	2.3%
Respite Care Grant	130,392	136,353	4.6%
<b>Social Insurance</b>			
Illness Benefit	875,549	773,224	-11.7%
Injury Benefit	16,507	15,848	-4.0%
Partial Capacity Benefit	0	2,107	-
Invalidity Pension	606,502	603,925	-0.4%
Disablement Benefit	77,460	76,123	-1.7%
Medical Care	317	355	12.0%
Carer's Benefit	24,474	24,453	-0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,443,120</b>	<b>3,347,555</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>

(1) Provisional

**Table E2: Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Carer's Allowance	Domiciliary Care Allowance <sup>(4)</sup>	Respite Care Grant <sup>(3)</sup>	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Partial Capacity Benefit <sup>(5)</sup>	Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Disablement Benefit	Medical Care	Carer's Benefit	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000		€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
2003	463,608	14,816	183,273	0	0	433,455	11,883	0	440,263	60,810	251	6,943	1,615,302
2004	544,489	15,868	210,277	0	0	479,611	13,598	0	487,375	62,599	275	7,698	1,821,790
2005	630,728	16,661	223,059	0	34,302	540,245	14,231	0	548,285	67,026	298	9,588	2,084,423
2006	738,431	16,964	284,584	0	50,458	627,642	16,123	0	602,414	72,526	292	16,688	2,426,122
2007	901,131	15,031	361,257	0	73,376	755,077	17,194	0	618,133	79,283	298	26,900	2,847,680
2008	1,052,660	16,319	450,260	0	98,204	852,305	19,250	0	685,717	84,443	282	33,666	3,293,106
2009	1,142,769	16,277	502,469	31,017	99,200	919,783	18,143	0	681,642	85,677	309	30,204	3,527,490
2010	1,109,505	16,032	501,789	95,710	128,097	942,571	17,884	0	639,994	78,822	360	26,288	3,557,052
2011	1,089,178	15,624	507,193	99,924	130,392	875,549	16,507	0	606,502	77,460	317	24,474	3,443,120
2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,087,512	15,747	509,671	102,237	136,353	773,224	15,848	2,107	603,925	76,123	355	24,453	3,347,555

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

(2) Provisional.

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

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

(5) Partial Capacity Benefit was introduced in February, 2012

**Table E3: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	2011	2012	Change 2012 over 2011
Disability Allowance	102,866	101,784	-1.1%
Blind Pension	1,496	1,456	-2.7%
Carer's Allowance	51,666	52,209	1.1%
Illness Benefit	73,397	64,429	-12.2%
Injury Benefit	776	671	-13.5%
Interim Illness Benefit	327	363	11.0%
Invalidity Pension	49,792	50,053	0.5%
Partial Capacity Benefit	0	733	100.0%
Disablement Benefit <sup>(1) (2)(3)</sup>	13,993	14,202	1.5%
Carer's Benefit	1,637	1,638	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>295,950</b>	<b>287,538</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>

(1) Disablement Benefit is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It differs fundamentally from other Social Welfare income support payments in that it is a compensatory payment, rather than an income maintenance payment. Accordingly Disablement Benefit can be paid in addition to other Social Welfare payments such as Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

(2) 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. 906 persons were in receipt of an Incapacity Supplement payment at the end of 2012.

(3) Constant Attendance Allowance is paid as an increase to Disablement Pension where the degree of disablement is assessed at between 50% and 100% and the person has been certified as being in need of constant care and attention. 99 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2012.

(4) Partial Capacity Benefit was introduced in February, 2012

**Table E4: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Carer's Allowance	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Disablement Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	Carer's Benefit
2003	67,720	2,061	21,316	57,464	821	295	53,414	11,898	639
2004	72,976	2,027	23,030	58,726	915	316	55,864	12,162	679
2005	79,253	1,985	24,970	61,845	908	355	58,352	12,475	867
2006	83,697	1,476	27,474	65,774	924	338	51,954	12,646	1,647
2007	89,048	1,474	33,067	70,404	900	440	53,956	12,874	2,080
2008	95,754	1,472	43,569	73,609	846	525	53,725	13,192	2,249
2009	99,576	1,467	48,223	77,665	726	318	52,922	13,520	1,917
2010	101,111	1,485	50,577	81,253	835	374	50,766	13,721	1,642
2011	102,866	1,496	51,666	73,397	776	327	49,792	13,993	1,637
2012	101,784	1,456	52,209	64,429	671	363	50,053	14,202	1,638

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

(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.

(3) Partial Capacity Benefit was introduced in February 2012

**Table E5: Number of Recipients of Living Alone and Island Allowances by Payment Type 2012**

Payment Type	Living Alone Allowance	Island Allowance
Disability Allowance	23,210	78
Invalidity Pension	9,019	15
Blind Pension	266	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,495</b>	<b>98</b>

**Table E6: Number of Recipients of Illness Benefit by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	325	462	787
25 to 29 Years	1,005	1,881	2,886
30 to 34 years	1,750	3,977	5,727
35 to 39 years	2,045	4,813	6,858
40 to 44 years	2,436	5,238	7,674
45 to 49 years	2,691	5,211	7,902
50 to 54 years	3,230	5,605	8,835
55 to 59 years	4,273	5,981	10,254
60 to 64 years	6,116	6,524	12,640
65 years	386	480	866
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,257</b>	<b>40,172</b>	<b>64,429</b>

**Table E7: Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	1	0	1
25 to 29 years	26	43	69
30 to 34 years	170	273	443
35 to 39 years	483	716	1,199
40 to 44 years	924	1,583	2,507
45 to 49 years	1,728	2,857	4,585
50 to 54 years	3,078	5,784	8,862
55 to 59 years	5,467	5,175	10,642
60 to 65 years	11,540	10,205	21,745
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,417</b>	<b>26,636</b>	<b>50,053</b>



**Table E8: Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit and Respite Care Grant by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Carer's Allowance			Carer's Benefit			Respite Care Grant <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	126	404	530	2	4	6	1	8	9
25 to 29 years	207	1,346	1,553	6	46	52	1	21	22
30 to 34 years	369	2,834	3,203	23	187	210	2	35	37
35 to 39 years	714	4,334	5,048	35	285	320	8	64	72
40 to 44 years	1,178	5,825	7,003	30	245	275	14	132	146
45 to 49 years	1,515	5,769	7,284	45	194	239	30	243	273
50 to 54 years	1,565	4,846	6,411	47	170	217	55	387	442
55 to 59 years	1,458	4,229	5,687	46	137	183	73	442	515
60 to 64 years	1,250	3,870	5,120	37	74	111	76	514	590
65 to 69 years	1,089	3,325	4,414	19	6	25	129	510	639
70 to 74 years	804	2,220	3,024	0	0	0	179	445	624
75 to 79 years	567	1,360	1,927	0	0	0	177	347	524
80 years and over	345	660	1,005	0	0	0	164	244	408
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,187</b>	<b>41,022</b>	<b>52,209</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>3,392</b>	<b>4,301</b>

(1) The number of recipients of Respite Care Grant reported are those who are not in receipt of any other Carer's payment (Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit and Domiciliary Care Allowance). There are approximately a further 65,000 Respite Care Grant recipients who qualify for payment automatically under the terms of the relevant scheme.

**Table E9: Number of Recipients of Half Rate Carers by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	2011	2012	Change 2012 over 2011
State Pension Non-Contributory	1,960	2,289	16.8%
State Pension Non-Contributory Qualified Adult	297	283	-4.7%
State Pension (Transition/ Contributory)	3,031	3,587	18.3%
State Pension (Transition/Contributory) Qualified Adult	1,813	1,716	-5.4%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,169	1,297	10.9%
Jobseeker's Allowance Qualified Adult	1,318	1,492	13.2%
One Parent Family Payment	4,289	4,674	9.0%
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	80	95	18.8%
Farm Assist	131	132	0.8%
Farm Assist Qualified Adult	99	136	37.4%
Pre - Retirement Allowance	106	78	-26.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance Qualified Adult	29	25	-13.8%
Jobseeker's Benefit Qualified Adult	394	383	-2.8%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	309	301	-2.6%
Maternity Benefit	39	34	-12.8%
Adoptive Benefit	1	1	0.0%
Health & Safety Benefit	3	0	-100.0%
Health & Safety Benefit Qualified Adult	3	0	-100.0%
Back to Work Qualified Adult	15	68	353.3%
Back to Education	1	0	-100.0%
1/2 Rate Back to Work Self Employed	2	1	-50.0%
Back to Work Self Employed Qualified Adult	0	2	100.0%
Disability Allowance	1,115	1,168	4.8%
Disability Allowance Qualified Adult	1,422	1,417	-0.4%
Disablement Pension	0	2	100.0%
Blind Pension	16	20	25.0%
Qualified Adult Blind Pension	28	33	17.9%
Illness Benefit	1,031	933	-9.5%
Illness Benefit Qualified Adult	327	324	-0.9%
Injury Benefit	17	11	-35.3%
Injury Benefit Qualified Adult	11	10	-9.1%
Invalidity Pension	1,155	1,069	-7.4%
Invalidity Pension Qualified Adult	1,146	1,239	8.1%
Incapacity Benefit	0	3	100.0%
Incapacity Benefit Qualified Adult	5	5	0.0%
Others	589	549	-6.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,951</b>	<b>23,377</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

**Table E10: Number of Recipients of Blind Pension by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	25	23	48
25 to 29 years	26	38	64
30 to 34 years	62	53	115
35 to 39 years	66	66	132
40 to 44 years	97	82	179
45 to 49 years	121	85	206
50 to 54 years	107	98	205
55 to 59 years	122	104	226
60 to 64 years	115	117	232
65 years	25	24	49
Total	766	690	1,456

**Table E11: Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	7,112	4,510	11,622
25 to 29 years	4,670	3,404	8,074
30 to 34 years	5,415	3,837	9,252
35 to 39 years	5,784	3,954	9,738
40 to 44 years	6,455	4,261	10,716
45 to 49 years	6,947	4,821	11,768
50 to 54 years	6,934	4,888	11,822
55 to 59 years	7,331	5,344	12,675
60+ years	9,525	6,592	16,117
Total	60,173	41,611	101,784

**Table E12: Number of Recipients of Disablement Benefit and Incapacity Supplement by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Disablement Benefit			Incapacity Supplement <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	45	7	52	6	0	6
25 to 29 years	156	51	207	14	3	17
30 to 34 years	338	117	455	22	11	33
35 to 39 years	606	220	826	34	14	48
40 to 44 years	903	331	1,234	67	30	97
45 to 49 years	1,191	411	1,602	81	34	115
50 to 54 years	1,468	493	1,961	104	55	159
55 to 59 years	1,616	454	2,070	101	43	144
60 to 64 years	1,622	438	2,060	101	38	139
65 to 69 years	1,371	297	1,668	51	29	80
70 to 74 years	890	133	1,023	29	9	38
75 to 79 years	536	76	612	13	4	17
80 years and over	369	63	432	6	7	13
Total	11,111	3,091	14,202	629	277	906

(1) Incapacity Supplement is paid as a supplement to Disablement Pension.

**Table E13: Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit, Interim Illness Benefit and Partial Capacity Benefit by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Illness Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>			Partial Capacity Benefit		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	30	14	44	10	10	20	2	2	4
25 to 29 years	42	31	73	31	26	57	4	14	18
30 to 34 years	57	43	100	34	14	48	16	39	55
35 to 39 years	83	29	112	40	12	52	21	55	76
40 to 44 years	59	31	90	41	16	57	33	71	104
45 to 49 years	51	34	85	20	20	40	40	92	132
50 to 54 years	43	22	65	22	17	39	37	89	126
55 to 59 years	39	19	58	14	11	25	57	62	119
60 to 64 years	27	16	43	13	10	23	47	38	85
65 years	0	1	1	0	2	2	6	8	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>733</b>

(1) 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.

**Table E14: Number of Recipients of Disablement Benefit by Degree of Disablement and Sex, 2012<sup>(1)</sup>**

Degree of Disablement <sup>(2)</sup>	Male	Female	Total
Under 20%	1,699	592	2,291
20%	2,259	948	3,207
30%	3,087	832	3,919
40%	1,746	597	2,343
50%	828	137	965
60%	526	80	606
70%	262	39	301
80%	213	38	251
90%	63	9	72
100%	227	20	247
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,910</b>	<b>3,292</b>	<b>14,202</b>

(1) Includes 906 Incapacity Supplement payments and 99 Constant Attendance Allowance payments. These payments are in addition to Disablement Benefit.

(2) The rate of Disablement Benefit depends on the degree of disablement, which is medically assessed. For assessments of up to 19% disablement, benefit will be paid as a single Gratuity, and from 20% upwards a pension is payable. In addition 1,056 Gratuities were paid.

**Table E15: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependants, 2012**

Number of Recipients	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Incapacity Pension	Incapacity Supplement	Carer's Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	Partial Capacity Benefit	Total
Personal rate only	84,270	1,328	38,611	48,536	530	306	35,856	216	1,638	536	211,827
With Qualified Adult only	4,904	128	0	3,921	24	9	5,720	461	0	46	15,213
Total number of Recipients	101,784	1,456	52,209	64,429	671	363	50,053	905	1,638	733	274,241
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Adult Increase	4.8%	8.8%	0.0%	6.1%	3.6%	2.5%	11.4%	50.9%	0.0%	6.3%	5.5%
With 1 full rate Qualified Children	4,080	56	445	2,064	26	16	1,437	43	24	23	8,214
With 2 full rate Qualified Children	2,528	43	330	1,528	25	12	752	27	24	19	5,288
With 3 full rate Qualified Children	1,277	20	173	779	11	3	300	7	6	7	2,583
With 4 full rate Qualified Children	581	9	90	267	6	2	91	3	1	3	1,053
With 5 full rate Qualified Children	268	6	29	64	2	0	30	2	1	0	402
With 6+ full rate Qualified Children	175	1	26	31	0	0	14	1	0	0	248
With 1 half rate Qualified Children	1,520	33	3,637	2,931	15	6	2,941	74	225	47	11,429
With 2 half rate Qualified Children	1,180	22	4,303	2,739	14	5	1,991	40	315	34	10,643
With 3 half rate Qualified Children	591	10	2,835	1,149	14	4	718	21	203	14	5,559
With 4 half rate Qualified Children	233	3	1,204	321	4	0	155	9	52	3	1,984
With 5 half rate Qualified Children	112	2	338	75	0	0	34	0	9	0	570
With 6+ half rate Qualified Children	65	0	188	24	0	0	14	1	3	1	296
Total number of Children <sup>(1)</sup>	25,396	403	30,801	22,722	244	85	14,405	228	1,834	269	96,387
Recipients with Qualified Child increases	12,610	205	13,598	11,972	117	48	8,477	228	863	151	48,269
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child increases	12.4%	14.1%	26.0%	18.6%	17.4%	13.2%	16.9%	25.2%	52.7%	20.6%	17.6%

(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) No Qualified Adult Increase payable

**Table E16: Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance, 2009 to 2012**

Year	Families	Children
2009	22,945	24,786
2010	23,428	25,234
2011	24,101	25,914
2012	24,699	26,516

*Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred from the Health Service Executive to the Department of Social Protection in 2009*

**Table E17: Number of Families Receiving Domiciliary Care Allowance by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 2011 and 2012**

Number of Eligible Children in Family	2011	2012
1	22,434	23,020
2	1,532	1,548
3	124	124
4	11	7
5	0	0
Total	24,101	24,699
Total Number of Children in respect of whom Benefit is paid	25,914	26,516

*Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred from the Health Service Executive to the Department of Social Protection in 2009*

**Table E18: Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Age, 2011 and 2012.**

Age	2011	2012
Under 1	295	262
1 under 2	708	653
2 under 3	891	898
3 under 4	1,166	1,086
4 under 5	1,336	1,407
5 under 6	1,530	1,627
6 under 7	1,721	1,740
7 under 8	1,786	1,847
8 under 9	1,991	2,005
9 under 10	2,091	2,003
10 under 11	2,037	2,175
11 under 12	2,024	2,249
12 under 13	2,012	2,181
13 under 14	1,887	2,140
14 under 15	1,826	2,071
15 under 16	1,813	2,003
16 under 17	120	169
Total	25,234	26,516

*Responsibility for Domiciliary Care Allowance was transferred from the Health Service Executive to the Department of Social Protection in 2009*

**Table E19: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and County, 2012**

County	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance	Domiciliary Care Allowance	Respite Care Grant <sup>(2)</sup>	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Incapacity Pension	Disability Benefit	Incapacity Supplement <sup>(1)</sup>	Partial Capacity Benefit	Carer's Benefit
Carlow	1,527	23	890	404	53	1,219	13	4	916	244	11	8	15
Cavan	1,367	16	825	329	55	1,051	6	7	581	196	11	11	17
Clare	2,451	20	1,370	660	185	1,360	16	9	1,019	320	22	20	37
Cork	12,456	126	5,995	3,560	514	8,331	95	58	6,601	2,011	111	101	208
Donegal	4,562	76	3,028	801	158	2,111	17	4	1,449	409	34	19	60
Dublin	25,340	396	9,907	5,638	1,051	16,271	167	94	13,417	3,202	187	190	342
Galway	5,920	83	3,098	1,328	253	2,642	32	27	1,767	654	56	29	121
Kerry	3,936	54	2,185	939	174	1,722	20	11	1,385	379	28	21	89
Kildare	3,312	36	1,737	1,233	119	3,020	40	18	1,926	514	39	35	66
Kilkenny	1,923	38	1,067	485	74	1,087	13	6	851	281	13	22	38
Laois	1,642	26	840	428	85	965	9	7	724	202	18	8	22
Leitrim	713	15	485	174	39	551	2	1	419	113	7	6	13
Limerick	5,224	66	2,745	1,299	221	3,343	26	10	2,907	892	54	36	67
Longford	1,157	12	725	183	38	552	8	5	559	163	12	9	13
Louth	2,673	47	1,321	634	90	2,540	23	9	1,755	514	29	18	32
Mayo	3,457	61	2,289	627	157	1,775	18	13	1,212	377	36	31	70
Meath	2,516	45	1,468	981	131	2,824	24	17	1,421	558	35	27	68
Monaghan	1,216	15	743	241	43	896	6	9	508	177	11	1	16
Offaly	1,679	35	1,128	488	74	1,216	16	1	967	255	20	10	24
Roscommon	1,434	10	902	316	85	849	8	5	680	243	12	12	38
Sligo	1,751	47	902	305	70	913	8	3	727	203	18	12	45
Tipperary	4,587	57	2,562	907	227	2,160	36	10	1,962	642	46	26	54
Waterford	2,654	34	1,349	596	90	1,748	23	4	1,432	450	24	20	44
Westmeath	2,041	30	1,107	460	80	1,259	7	10	1,108	253	24	10	42
Wexford	3,550	55	2,217	892	141	1,940	23	10	1,775	428	27	31	49
Wicklow	2,692	33	1,323	780	94	1,783	15	10	1,292	340	14	19	46
Others	4	0	1	11	0	301	0	1	693	182	7	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,784</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>52,209</b>	<b>24,699</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>64,429</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>50,053</b>	<b>14,202</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>1,638</b>

(1) Incapacity Supplement is paid as a supplement to Disability Benefit

(2) The number of recipients of Respite Care Grant reported are those who are not in receipt of any other Carer's payment (Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit and Domiciliary Care Allowance). There are approximately a further 65,000 Respite Care Grant recipients who qualify for payment automatically under the terms of the relevant scheme.





**SECTION F**  
**CHILDREN**

## Section F: Children

### Expenditure and Recipients

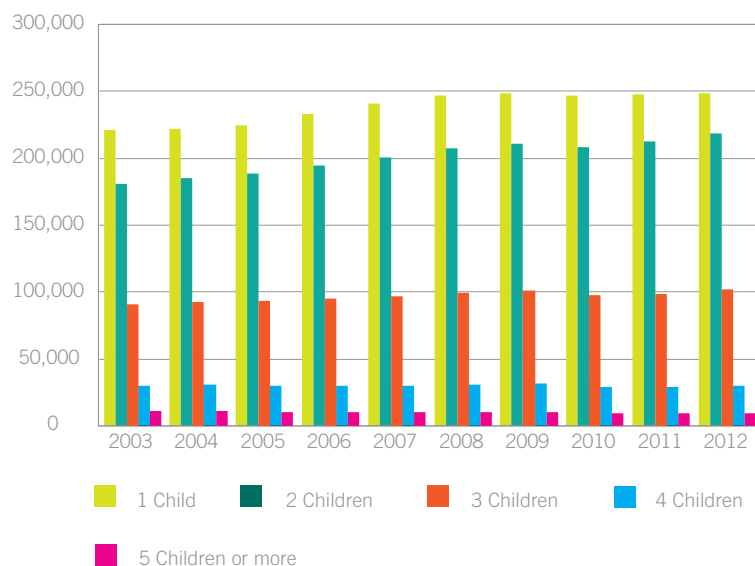
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This section relates to payments made in respect of children such as Child Benefit, Guardian's Payments, Family Income Supplement and School related payments. For ease of reference, this section also gives details of increases in respect of qualified children which are payable with social welfare payments (See Table F13). 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 decreased by 1.5% in 2012. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 76.8% of recipient families in 2012 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 2003 was 75.4%. See Table F5 and Graph F1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit increased by 11,400 to 608,733. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 26,005 to 1,162,070.

Expenditure on Child Benefit decreased by over €29 million in 2012, a decrease of 1.4% while Family Income Supplement expenditure increased by over €19 million, an increase of 9.3%. Expenditure on Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance decreased by over €25 million in 2012, a decrease of 27.7%.

**Graph F1: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 2003 to 2012**



**Table F1: Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2011 and 2012**

Payment Type	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	
<b>Social Assistance</b>			
Child Benefit	2,076,338	2,046,955	-1.4%
Family Income Supplement	204,543	223,608	9.3%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	90,903	65,679	-27.7%
School Meals	34,975	35,005	0.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	5,134	4,987	-2.9%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	276	313	13.4%
<b>Social Insurance</b>			
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11,416	10,848	-5.0%
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	6,228	5,968	-4.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,429,813</b>	<b>2,393,363</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>

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**Table F2: Expenditure on Child Benefit, Family Income Supplement, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) and Guardian's Payment (Contributory), 2003 to 2012**

Year	Child Benefit	Family Income Supplement	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
	€000	€000	€000	€000
2003	1,666,530	45,360	5,805	8,895
2004	1,765,117	55,812	6,223	9,659
2005	1,899,936	72,152	4,096	7,516
2006	2,056,925	107,137	4,832	8,815
2007	2,232,974	140,020	4,366	9,560
2008	2,453,957	170,309	7,147	14,373
2009	2,495,304	167,133	6,024	11,510
2010	2,213,429	185,998	4,697	11,462
2011	2,076,338	204,543	5,134	11,416
2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,046,955	223,608	4,987	10,848

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**Table F3: Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Families	Children
2003	534,009	1,034,851
2004	540,911	1,051,005
2005	547,540	1,060,740
2006	562,860	1,083,980
2007	579,612	1,110,715
2008	596,108	1,141,938
2009	602,932	1,156,917
2010	591,432	1,124,003
2011	597,333	1,136,065
2012	608,733	1,162,070

Table F4: Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 2003 to 2012

Age (in years)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 1 <sup>(1)</sup>	41,383	53,401	51,033	58,551	59,123	64,205	62,525	61,748	62,045	60,444
1 under 2	59,980	60,096	61,337	62,207	65,990	71,256	72,638	73,200	72,956	72,574
2 under 3	58,764	60,421	61,457	63,085	63,684	66,764	70,498	72,774	72,996	73,338
3 under 4	56,753	58,989	61,451	62,906	65,175	64,472	66,394	70,476	72,728	73,301
4 under 5	57,013	56,915	59,922	62,211	64,296	65,689	64,117	66,542	70,362	73,467
5 under 6	57,741	57,197	57,850	60,795	63,914	64,740	65,249	64,327	65,338	70,791
6 under 7	56,967	57,857	58,234	58,862	62,326	64,191	64,390	64,974	61,997	66,515
7 under 8	54,979	57,094	58,760	59,007	60,129	62,692	63,808	64,246	64,834	64,047
8 under 9	53,345	55,116	57,816	59,517	60,137	60,608	62,690	63,820	63,978	65,428
9 under 10	52,771	53,488	55,852	58,470	60,456	60,627	60,431	62,358	63,301	64,430
10 under 11	53,548	52,977	54,218	56,036	59,470	61,063	60,598	60,111	62,030	63,918
11 under 12	55,471	53,698	53,693	54,984	57,488	60,013	61,114	60,337	59,901	62,486
12 under 13	56,871	55,401	54,317	53,960	55,757	58,120	60,224	60,989	60,298	60,564
13 under 14	57,811	56,940	56,069	55,109	54,993	56,384	57,936	59,874	60,504	60,678
14 under 15	56,343	57,891	57,566	56,804	55,588	55,563	56,410	57,802	59,517	60,984
15 under 16	57,887	56,398	58,514	58,136	57,365	55,938	55,476	56,305	57,634	60,018
16 under 17	53,084	53,582	50,958	54,920	52,574	53,175	52,844	51,825	53,836	55,651
17 under 18	52,184	52,145	50,563	49,703	52,619	53,135	53,010	52,281	51,805	53,429
18 under 19	41,956	41,399	41,130	38,717	39,631	43,303	46,565	14	5	7
Total	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980	1,110,715	1,141,938	1,156,917	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070

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

**Table F5: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 2003 to 2012**

Number of Eligible Children in Family	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1	221,515	221,837	224,686	232,974	241,138	247,345	248,541	246,937	247,606	248,908
2	181,018	185,282	188,536	194,250	200,949	207,816	211,167	208,308	212,366	218,638
3	90,512	92,379	93,516	94,960	96,956	99,550	101,454	97,396	98,643	101,797
4	29,996	30,542	30,258	30,329	30,385	31,069	31,508	29,480	29,501	30,177
5	7,732	7,619	7,417	7,266	7,234	7,368	7,341	6,752	6,726	6,701
6	2,161	2,175	2,130	2,094	2,022	2,017	1,988	1,767	1,716	1,751
7	669	679	630	649	615	617	609	495	486	482
8	264	258	242	230	207	213	221	204	179	169
9	88	91	79	61	68	74	64	58	75	70
10	34	28	34	38	26	29	27	27	29	24
11	15	16	6	5	8	8	8	6	4	13
12	4	4	4	3	4	2	2	1	1	2
13	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	1
14	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	534,009	540,911	547,540	562,860	579,612	596,108	602,932	591,432	597,333	608,733
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980	1,110,715	1,141,938	1,156,917	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070

**Table F6: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Number of Families	Number of Child Beneficiaries
2003	12,317	26,409
2004	14,727	29,991
2005	17,448	33,956
2006	21,800	43,861
2007	22,823	47,529
2008	27,798	58,019
2009	25,963	55,716
2010	28,223	62,240
2011	28,876	65,281
2012	32,307	73,238

**Table F7: Number of Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age & Sex, 2012**

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	57	217	274
25 to 29 Years	683	1,842	2,525
30 to 34 years	2,311	3,749	6,060
35 to 39 years	3,247	4,337	7,584
40 to 44 years	3,255	4,073	7,328
45 to 49 years	2,359	2,798	5,157
50 to 54 years	1,109	1,323	2,432
55 to 59 years	419	334	753
60 to 64 years	121	65	186
65 years and over	8	0	8
Total	13,569	18,738	32,307

**Table F8: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2012**

Weekly Rate	Family Size (Number of Children)								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
20 - 25	1,372	890	335	91	14	1	1	0	2,704
26 - 50	2,469	1,248	546	170	16	2	0	0	4,451
51 - 75	2,988	1,661	754	194	26	3	0	0	5,626
76 - 100	1,517	2,148	826	313	37	6	0	0	4,847
101 - 125	734	2,083	944	276	69	9	0	0	4,115
126 - 150	343	1,086	1,050	341	66	8	1	0	2,895
Over 150	459	1,627	2,434	1,950	813	258	102	26	7,669
Total	9,882	10,743	6,889	3,335	1,041	287	104	26	32,307
Number of Children	9,882	21,486	20,667	13,340	5,205	1,722	728	208	73,238

**Table F9: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2012**

Age of Recipient	Family Income Group (Euro per week - Net)							Total
	100-200	200-300	300-400	400-500	500-600	600-700	>700	
Under 25 years	7	29	99	132	6	1	0	274
25 to 29 years	31	155	852	1,261	203	19	4	2,525
30 to 34 years	71	315	1,539	2,866	1,007	230	32	6,060
35 to 39 years	81	352	1,657	3,277	1,538	529	150	7,584
40 to 44 years	92	419	1,379	2,794	1,619	729	296	7,328
45 to 49 years	80	305	1,003	1,907	1,116	537	209	5,157
50 to 54 years	39	169	540	918	496	178	92	2,432
55 to 59 years	14	75	182	318	123	37	4	753
60 to 64 years	6	26	51	63	28	11	1	186
65 years or more	1	0	2	2	3	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>7,304</b>	<b>13,538</b>	<b>6,139</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>32,307</b>

**Table F10: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Family Status and Income Group, 2012**

Marital Status	Family Income Group (Euro per week - Net)							Total
	100-200	200-300	300-400	400-500	500-600	600-700	>700	
One- Parent Family	144	673	3,759	8,205	1,999	449	170	15,399
Two- Parent Family	278	1,172	3,545	5,333	4,140	1,822	618	16,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>7,304</b>	<b>13,538</b>	<b>6,139</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>32,307</b>

**Table F11: Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Primary Payment, 2011 and 2012**

Payment Type	2011	2012	Change 2012 over 2011
State Pensions	523	328	-37.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	5	0	-100.0%
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	1,287	1,182	-8.2%
One-Parent Family Payment	77,288	69,788	-9.7%
Invalidity Pension	2,737	2,580	-5.7%
Illness Benefit	7,031	6,837	-2.8%
Disability Allowance	8,957	7,997	-10.7%
Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	32,987	39,487	19.7%
Short-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	16,120	13,582	-15.7%
Jobseeker's Benefit	13,451	10,888	-19.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	8,801	7,328	-16.7%
Employment Support Services <sup>(1)</sup>	6,302	4,810	-23.7%
DSS (UK)	12	16	33.3%
Other	20,104	19,947	-0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>195,605</b>	<b>184,770</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>

(1) Includes Back to Work Allowance, Community Employment and Back to Education Allowance.



**Table F12: Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, 2011 and 2012**

Payment	2011	2012	Change 2012 over 2011
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	433	-1.8%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	955	938	-1.8%
Total	1,396	1,371	-1.8%

**Table F13: Number of Qualified Child Increases by Payment Type, 2012**

Payment	1 Qualified Child		2 Qualified Children		3 Qualified Children		4 Qualified Children		5 Qualified Children		6+ Qualified Children		Total Children		Total Families with 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)	217	56	16	7	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	423	117	302	81
State Pension (Contributory)	811	789	173	45	16	5	1	3	1	1	2	1,376	1,376	1,047	1,045	1,045
State Pension (Transition)	98	104	17	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	153	173	121	137	137
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	3,690	0	2,002	0	744	0	39	0	0	0	0	10,940	0	6,670	0	0
Death Benefit Pension	48	0	38	0	21	0	5	0	0	0	0	120	0	120	0	0
Jobseeker's Allowance	19,931	7,771	20,038	7,470	10,285	3,775	1,401	1,272	373	783	128	119,389	41,816	56,520	20,789	20,789
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	49,130	0	25,429	0	9,238	0	208	0	0	282	0	144,916	0	87,158	0	0
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(3)</sup>	3,632	0	2,918	0	1,654	0	284	0	0	161	0	20,190	0	9,466	0	0
Farm Assist	957	280	979	309	783	215	127	75	45	68	15	7,887	2,169	2,169	939	939
Pre-Retirement Allowance	84	22	18	5	7	4	1	1	0	0	0	166	48	115	32	32
Jobseeker's Benefit	2,741	3,113	2,372	2,596	1,102	969	71	201	45	27	7	12,715	12,283	6,663	6,931	6,931
Deserted Wife's Benefit	515	0	110	0	25	0	2	0	0	1	0	842	0	657	0	0
Health and Safety Benefit	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	3	6	6
Back to Work Allowance	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4	6	2	2
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	1,001	361	1,380	412	704	212	67	65	12	14	2	7,408	2,153	3,444	1,064	1,064
Back to Education Allowance	1,699	593	1,108	573	562	294	64	88	27	26	5	7,047	3,141	3,700	1,580	1,580
Community Employment Programme	2,066	755	1,769	887	894	446	96	124	27	31	8	10,236	4,550	5,170	2,247	2,247
Rural Social Scheme	214	43	416	122	414	66	100	64	20	52	56	1,500	371	1,500	371	371
Tús	286	89	720	282	651	147	115	176	60	45	81	2,181	835	2,181	835	835
Disability Allowance	4,080	1,520	2,528	1,180	1,277	591	268	233	112	175	65	17,812	7,584	8,909	3,701	3,701
Blind Pension	56	33	43	22	20	10	6	3	2	1	0	274	129	135	70	70
Carer's Allowance	445	3,637	330	4,303	173	2,835	29	1,204	338	26	188	28,494	1,093	1,093	12,505	12,505
Illness Benefit	2,064	2,931	1,528	2,739	779	1,149	64	321	75	31	24	9,052	13,670	4,733	7,239	7,239
Interim Illness Benefit	16	6	12	5	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	57	28	33	15	15
Partial Capacity Benefit	23	47	19	34	7	14	0	3	0	0	1	52	99	52	99	99
Invalidity Pension	1,437	2,941	752	1,991	300	718	30	155	34	14	14	4,442	9,963	2,624	5,853	5,853
Injury Benefit	26	15	25	14	11	14	2	4	0	0	0	143	101	70	47	47
Disablement Pension	43	74	27	40	7	21	2	9	0	1	1	83	228	83	145	145
Carer's Benefit	24	225	24	315	6	203	1	52	9	0	3	99	1,735	56	807	807
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,339</b>	<b>25,410</b>	<b>64,838</b>	<b>23,548</b>	<b>29,734</b>	<b>11,742</b>	<b>2,984</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>381,882</b>	<b>131,097</b>	<b>205,931</b>	<b>66,540</b>	<b>66,540</b>

(1) There were 760 recipients of One-Parent Family Payment who were not in receipt of a qualified child increase at December 2012. This is usually because their qualified child is now claiming a One-Parent Family Payment in their own right.

(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 F14: Number of Recipients of Child Benefit, Family Income Supplement, Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance and Guardian's Payments by County, 2012**

County	Child Benefit Recipients	Child Benefit Children	Family Income Supplement	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
Carlow	8,532	16,253	584	3,191	8	9
Cavan	9,890	20,091	710	3,415	2	14
Clare	15,269	30,172	763	4,307	6	17
Cork	68,423	130,746	3,372	18,308	38	57
Donegal	20,405	40,846	1,564	9,176	9	20
Dublin	160,342	292,964	7,397	45,514	167	435
Galway	31,121	61,490	1,535	9,017	14	30
Kerry	18,067	34,554	972	5,715	14	26
Kildare	31,694	61,100	1,356	8,350	16	30
Kilkenny	11,941	23,190	514	3,375	8	15
Laois	10,513	20,892	557	3,343	7	8
Leitrim	4,116	8,311	214	1,343	3	6
Limerick	25,129	47,452	1,377	7,792	26	32
Longford	5,400	10,939	446	2,188	0	6
Louth	18,286	34,678	1,159	6,331	13	14
Mayo	15,698	31,557	992	5,676	10	13
Meath	27,646	53,814	1,191	6,807	11	30
Monaghan	7,914	15,726	631	2,767	0	7
Offaly	10,474	20,479	637	3,674	5	13
Roscommon	7,599	15,159	480	2,498	7	10
Sligo	7,890	15,541	479	2,322	4	19
Tipperary	21,446	41,179	1,353	6,953	21	22
Waterford	16,009	30,166	1,011	5,451	6	26
Westmeath	12,156	23,538	766	3,900	9	23
Wexford	20,930	39,865	1,395	7,854	23	34
Wicklow	19,973	37,648	770	5,503	6	19
Others	1,870	3,720	82	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>608,733</b>	<b>1,162,070</b>	<b>32,307</b>	<b>184,770</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>938</b>



**SECTION G:  
SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS**

## Section G: Supplementary Payments

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

### Expenditure and Recipients

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Expenditure on Rent and Mortgage Supplements amounted to €477.6 million in 2012. This represents a decrease of 16.3% on 2011. Expenditure on Rent Supplements fell by over €80.2 million in 2012, a decrease of 16%. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2012 was 87,684 a decrease of 9.4% on 2011.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements decreased by 18.8% to just over €55 million. The number of recipients at the end of 2012 decreased to 14,437 a decrease of 22.8%.

In 2012 expenditure on Household Benefit was just under €369 million a reduction of 0.2% over expenditure in 2011.

Free Travel expenditure in 2012 reduced to just over €75 million, a decrease of 0.1% compared to 2011.

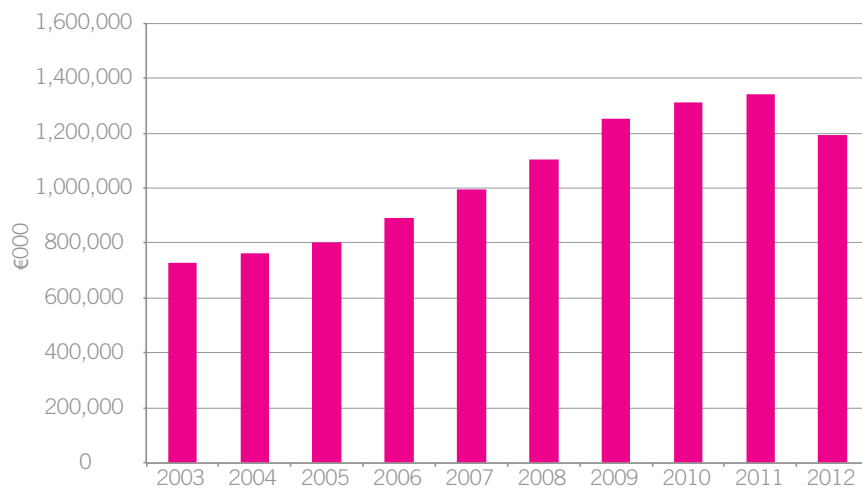
A 20.5% reduction in the Fuel Allowance expenditure in 2012 resulted in a saving of just over €54 million.

**Table G1: Expenditure on Supplementary Payments, 2011 and 2012**

Type of Payment	2011	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2012 over 2011
	€000	€000	
Rent Supplement	502,747	422,536	-16.0%
Mortgage Interest Supplement	67,849	55,082	-18.8%
Household Benefits	369,575	368,685	-0.2%
Free Travel	75,597	75,518	-0.1%
Fuel Allowance	265,838	211,394	-20.5%
Rent Allowance	701	663	-5.4%
Grant to Citizen's Information Board	45,114	45,743	1.4%
Office of the Pension's Ombudsman	906	977	7.8%
Miscellaneous Services	1,409	1,511	7.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,329,736</b>	<b>1,182,109</b>	<b>-11.1%</b>

(1) Provisional.

**Graph G1: Expenditure on Supplementary Payments, 2003 to 2012**



**Table G2: Expenditure on Supplementary Payments, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Expenditure
	€000
2003	726,687
2004	764,442
2005	804,204
2006	889,494
2007	993,002
2008	1,104,311
2009	1,253,871
2010	1,310,948
2011	1,342,502
2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,182,109

(1) Provisional.

**Table G3: Total Expenditure on Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Electricity Allowance	Television Licence Allowance	Telephone Allowance	Gas Allowance	Free Travel	Fuel Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
2003	75,402	43,801	83,258	5,025	49,820	83,208	340,514
2004	87,992	47,859	85,697	5,614	52,400	84,710	364,272
2005	103,919	46,224	89,143	6,424	55,333	82,386	383,429
2006	108,323	48,966	90,333	8,515	58,042	130,250	444,429
2007	147,225	51,672	98,855	15,359	64,125	158,289	535,525
2008	156,738	55,698	112,190	15,626	68,428	170,008	578,688
2009	165,515	55,712	120,180	17,700	73,489	199,609	632,205
2010	171,589	57,650	118,579	19,982	74,094	228,766	670,660
2011	179,251	57,647	111,961	20,716	75,597	265,838	711,010
2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	176,733	57,566	113,772	20,614	75,518	211,394	655,597

(1) Provisional.

**Table G4: Recipients and Expenditure on Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Rent Supplement		Mortgage Interest Supplement		Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement	
	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000
2003	59,976	331,471	3,161	6,725	772	938
2004	57,874	353,762	2,763	5,705	555	628
2005	60,176	368,705	2,741	5,834	479	505
2006	59,861	388,339	3,023	7,377	401	496
2007	59,726	391,466	3,712	11,624	399	574
2008	74,038	440,548	7,647	26,866	444	809
2009	93,030	510,751	14,716	60,885	385	544
2010	97,260	516,538	17,648	65,615	326	469
2011	96,803	502,747	18,703	67,849	285	463
2012	87,684	422,536	14,437	55,082	160	286



**Table G5: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age and Sex, 2012**

Age Group	Rent Supplement			Mortgage Interest Supplement			Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	176	403	579	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 - 24	2,702	6,376	9,078	4	5	9	0	0	0
25 - 29	6,151	9,053	15,204	298	168	466	5	3	8
30 - 34	8,045	7,413	15,458	1,417	623	2,040	8	8	16
35 - 39	7,975	5,653	13,628	2,211	998	3,209	21	15	36
40 - 44	6,749	4,021	10,770	2,487	949	3,436	21	10	31
45 - 49	5,024	2,821	7,845	1,811	719	2,530	15	7	22
50 - 54	3,883	1,875	5,758	1,122	427	1,549	8	8	16
55 - 59	2,726	1,228	3,954	546	216	762	8	4	12
60 - 64	1,811	713	2,524	253	102	355	5	6	11
65 - 69	919	452	1,371	54	18	72	3	1	4
70 plus	799	716	1,515	3	6	9	3	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,960</b>	<b>40,724</b>	<b>87,684</b>	<b>10,206</b>	<b>4,231</b>	<b>14,437</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>160</b>

**Table G6: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 2012**

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	28,014	4,251	40
One-Parent Family Payment	14,354	737	14
Short-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	8,452	2,046	10
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	7,504	1,473	19
Disability Allowance	9,625	539	7
Jobseeker's Benefit	4,138	1,976	24
Other	6,071	903	15
Employment Support Services <sup>(1)</sup>	3,676	925	7
Illness Benefit	2,412	1,218	12
State Pensions	1,663	30	3
Invalidity Pension	1,040	242	6
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension	464	94	1
DSS (UK)	212	3	0
Pre-Retirement Allowance	59	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,684</b>	<b>14,437</b>	<b>160</b>

*(1) Includes Back to Work Allowance, Community Employment and Back to Education Allowance.*

**Table G7: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Claim Duration, 2012<sup>(1)</sup>**

Months <sup>(2)</sup>	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	7,429	272	1
3 to 6	10,195	428	5
6 to 9	8,536	1,083	11
9 to 12	7,124	1,158	16
12 to 18	12,730	2,011	20
18 to 24	9,916	1,966	22
24 to 36	13,589	2,969	23
36 to 48	9,093	2,743	19
48 to 60	3,827	1,259	14
60 to 72	1,586	273	3
72 plus	3,659	275	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,684</b>	<b>14,437</b>	<b>160</b>

(1) This represents unbroken continuous claims only. Where recipients change address, the claim at the new address may be recorded as a new claim and the duration spent at the previous address may not be taken into account in these statistics.

(2) Claims with duration of precisely 3 months are recorded under the 3-6 months heading, claims with duration of precisely 6 months are recorded under the 6-9 months heading and so on.

Table G8: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Duration<sup>(1)</sup> and by Primary Payment, 2012

Duration in Months	0 to 3 <sup>(2)</sup>	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
<b>Payment Type<sup>(3)</sup></b>													
State Pensions	61	107	79	84	171	182	137	108	190	133	81	330	1,663
Pre-Retirement Allowance	1	0	3	2	1	1	1	3	2	6	2	37	59
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	25	44	31	22	64	58	36	30	52	28	15	59	464
One-Parent Family Payment	1,152	1,637	1,405	1,107	2,030	1,639	1,238	1,024	1,494	712	304	612	14,354
Incapacity Pension	58	83	62	57	116	114	73	79	121	70	36	171	1,040
Illness Benefit	222	288	264	209	368	289	189	167	219	98	40	59	2,412
Disability Allowance	647	908	768	700	1,258	975	749	733	1,112	565	338	872	9,625
Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	2,515	3,543	3,049	2,478	4,435	3,331	2,427	1,838	2,552	889	336	621	28,014
Short-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	586	886	696	645	1,176	985	796	693	1,116	437	130	306	8,452
Jobseeker's Benefit	409	494	413	370	538	453	333	319	547	187	31	44	4,138
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	890	1,017	786	609	1,042	763	564	470	734	291	100	238	7,504
Employment Support Services <sup>(4)</sup>	303	400	309	285	581	410	331	294	433	157	62	111	3,676
Department of Social Security (UK)	13	13	10	6	25	17	20	19	22	20	13	34	212
Other	547	775	661	550	925	699	496	422	499	234	98	165	6,071
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,429</b>	<b>10,195</b>	<b>8,536</b>	<b>7,124</b>	<b>12,730</b>	<b>9,916</b>	<b>7,390</b>	<b>6,199</b>	<b>9,093</b>	<b>3,827</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>3,659</b>	<b>87,684</b>

(1) This represents unbroken continuous claims only. Where recipients change address, the claim at the new address may be recorded as a new claim and the duration spent at the previous address may not be taken into account in these statistics.

(2) Claims with duration of precisely 3 months are recorded under the 3-6 months heading, claims with duration of precisely 6 months are recorded under the 6-9 months heading and so on.

(3) The recipient may not necessarily have been in receipt of the same Primary Payment for the duration of the Rent Supplement claim.

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

**Table G9: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration, <sup>(1)</sup> 2012**

Duration in Months	0 to 3 <sup>(2)</sup>	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
<b>Age Group</b>													
Under 20	174	188	112	44	48	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	579
20 - 24	1,215	1,686	1,287	981	1,457	981	616	370	377	85	20	3	9,078
25 - 29	1,503	1,984	1,729	1,426	2,441	1,884	1,269	980	1,240	441	147	160	15,204
30 - 34	1,355	1,909	1,571	1,335	2,392	1,728	1,379	1,146	1,551	558	203	331	15,458
35 - 39	1,045	1,435	1,300	1,066	1,973	1,564	1,217	1,037	1,650	627	232	482	13,628
40 - 44	758	1,100	884	794	1,489	1,220	954	836	1,353	623	225	534	10,770
45 - 49	550	721	662	548	1,069	874	704	628	958	448	238	445	7,845
50 - 54	380	493	449	388	809	618	506	469	759	354	152	381	5,758
55 - 59	218	329	269	263	485	477	321	326	536	253	116	361	3,954
60 - 64	139	188	135	150	287	275	204	197	333	197	93	326	2,524
65 - 69	58	85	77	65	158	145	113	109	160	99	59	243	1,371
70 plus	34	77	61	64	122	140	105	100	176	142	101	393	1,515
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,429</b>	<b>10,195</b>	<b>8,536</b>	<b>7,124</b>	<b>12,730</b>	<b>9,916</b>	<b>7,390</b>	<b>6,199</b>	<b>9,093</b>	<b>3,827</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>3,659</b>	<b>87,684</b>

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**Table G10: Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by Primary Payment, 2012**

Payment Type	All Cases		Short-Term <18 Months		Long-Term >18 Months	
State Pensions	1,663	1.9%	395	1.1%	1,268	2.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	59	0.1%	3	0.0%	56	0.1%
Widow's, Widower's and Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions	464	0.5%	153	0.4%	311	0.6%
One-Parent Family Payment	14,354	16.4%	4,810	13.9%	9,544	17.9%
Invalidity Pension	1,040	1.2%	259	0.8%	781	1.5%
Illness Benefit	2,412	2.8%	1,192	3.5%	1,220	2.3%
Disability Allowance	9,625	11.0%	2,827	8.2%	6,798	12.8%
Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	28,014	31.9%	11,456	33.2%	16,558	31.1%
Short-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	8,452	9.6%	3,326	9.6%	5,126	9.6%
Jobseeker's Benefit	4,138	4.7%	2,188	6.3%	1,950	3.7%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	7,504	8.6%	3,787	11.0%	3,717	7.0%
Employment Support Services <sup>(1)</sup>	3,676	4.2%	1,362	3.9%	2,314	4.4%
Department of Social Security (UK)	212	0.2%	60	0.2%	152	0.3%
Other	6,071	6.9%	2,692	7.8%	3,379	6.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,684</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>34,510</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>53,174</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(1) Includes Back to Work Allowance, Community Employment and Back to Education Allowance.

At December 2012 there were 53,174 households in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment, of which 53,097 are the Target group for the Rental Accommodation Scheme that have been in receipt of a payment for 18 months or longer. This group of 53,174 is derived from an analysis of those in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment in June 2011 and in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment at every three monthly interval thereafter.

**Table G11: Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2012**

County	Short-Term Cases (Recipients)	Short-Term as % All Cases (County Total)	Long-Term Cases (Recipients)	Long-Term as % All Cases (County Total)	All Cases (Recipients)	County Total as % of National Total
Carlow	535	43.2%	704	56.8%	1,239	1.4%
Cavan	286	55.1%	233	44.9%	519	0.6%
Clare	745	43.3%	977	56.7%	1,722	2.0%
Cork	4,069	41.2%	5,809	58.8%	9,878	11.3%
Donegal	814	33.8%	1,597	66.2%	2,411	2.7%
Dublin	11,475	35.2%	21,109	64.8%	32,584	37.2%
Galway	1,705	41.2%	2,429	58.8%	4,134	4.7%
Kerry	967	47.5%	1,070	52.5%	2,037	2.3%
Kildare	1,556	35.9%	2,782	64.1%	4,338	4.9%
Kilkenny	651	47.7%	714	52.3%	1,365	1.6%
Laois	513	46.8%	584	53.2%	1,097	1.3%
Leitrim	160	42.8%	214	57.2%	374	0.4%
Limerick	1,357	40.8%	1,966	59.2%	3,323	3.8%
Longford	248	48.5%	263	51.5%	511	0.6%
Louth	1,058	41.5%	1,491	58.5%	2,549	2.9%
Mayo	810	33.3%	1,625	66.7%	2,435	2.8%
Meath	888	41.4%	1,255	58.6%	2,143	2.4%
Monaghan	262	59.8%	176	40.2%	438	0.5%
Offaly	602	48.5%	638	51.5%	1,240	1.4%
Roscommon	400	40.1%	597	59.9%	997	1.1%
Sligo	316	53.5%	275	46.5%	591	0.7%
Tipperary	1,078	49.0%	1,121	51.0%	2,199	2.5%
Waterford	885	49.9%	888	50.1%	1,773	2.0%
Westmeath	760	47.7%	832	52.3%	1,592	1.8%
Wexford	1,436	38.8%	2,264	61.2%	3,700	4.2%
Wicklow	934	37.4%	1,561	62.6%	2,495	2.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,510</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>53,174</b>	<b>60.6%</b>	<b>87,684</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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**Table G12: Number of Recipients of Household Benefits by Type of Payment Received, 2012**

Type of Payment	Free Electricity Allowance	Free Television Licence <sup>(1)</sup>	Free Telephone Rental	Gas Allowance	Free Travel <sup>(2)</sup>
State Pension (Contributory)	145,633	168,264	163,086	21,367	266,637
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	53,638	56,906	54,602	2,522	95,977
State Pension (Transition)	442	511	500	66	1,751
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	57,699	66,767	65,441	8,544	79,896
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	211	221	221	13	303
Invalidity Pension	17,772	20,234	19,377	2,380	49,341
Deserted Wife's Allowance	21	21	21	0	29
Deserted Wife's Benefit	1,150	1,466	1,419	306	2,042
Occupational Injury Benefit	282	341	338	56	384
Blind Pension	543	585	569	40	1,395
Carer's Allowance	26,887	30,584	29,907	3,574	52,197
Disability Allowance	35,332	39,190	36,743	3,393	101,772
Others	20,795	23,536	22,447	2,085	103,007
<b>Total</b>	<b>360,405</b>	<b>408,626</b>	<b>394,671</b>	<b>44,346</b>	<b>754,731</b>

(1) Refers to the number of Licences issued.

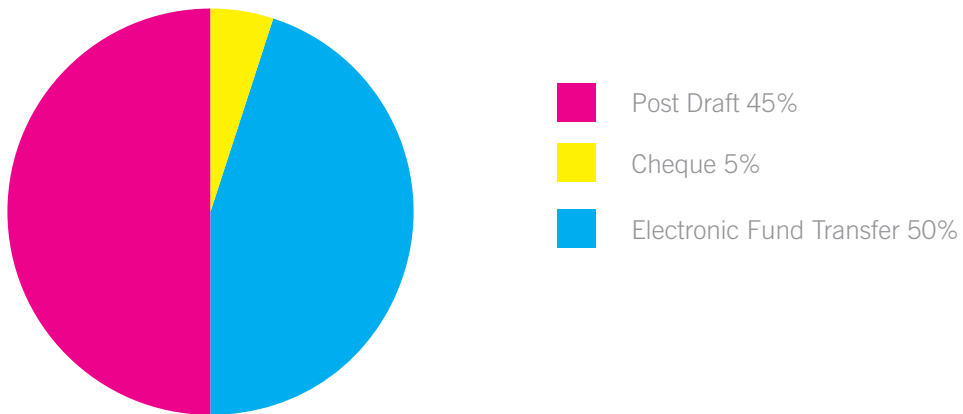
(2) Refers to the number of persons in respect of whom travel passes have been issued.

**Table G13: Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2012**

Type of Payment	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Post Draft/ EIT	Total
State Pension(Non-Contributory)	19	28,900	67,207	96,126
State Pension(Contributory)	268	189,140	122,906	312,314
State Pension(Transition)	21	10,658	3,693	14,372
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	261	53,794	62,696	116,751
Death Benefit	6	195	444	645
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>282,687</b>	<b>256,946</b>	<b>540,208</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	50,295	15,903	228,244	294,442
One-Parent Family Payment	33	36,470	51,415	87,918
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	0	688	1,172	1,860
Deserted Wife's Allowance	0	82	254	336
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	5,276	1,471	25,611	32,358
Farm Assist	64	5,427	5,671	11,162
Pre-Retirement Allowance	34	1,271	2,379	3,684
Jobseeker's Benefit	34,986	1,870	43,435	80,291
Deserted Wife's Benefit	0	2,196	5,557	7,753
Maternity Benefit	1,027	21,823	0	22,850
Adoptive Benefit	0	14	0	14
Health and Safety Benefit	0	60	0	60
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>91,715</b>	<b>87,275</b>	<b>363,738</b>	<b>542,728</b>
Back to Education Allowance	40	21,523	3,470	25,033
Back to Work Allowance Employee	0	18	0	18
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	7	10,531	272	10,810
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	0	0	215	215
Community Employment Programme	0	22,445	0	22,445
Tús-Community Work Placement Scheme	0	4,530	0	4,530
Rural Social Scheme	0	2,591	0	2,591
<b>Total Working Age Employment Supports</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>61,638</b>	<b>3,957</b>	<b>65,642</b>
Disability Allowance	6	45,192	56,586	101,784
Blind Pension	0	731	725	1,456
Carer's Allowance	9	23,628	28,572	52,209
Illness Benefit	8,081	56,175	173	64,429
Interim Illness Benefit	88	275	0	363
Injury Benefit	141	530	0	671
Invalidity Pension	76	28,310	21,667	50,053
Disablement Benefit	3,689	10,513	0	14,202
Carer's Benefit	0	1,415	223	1,638
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>12,090</b>	<b>166,769</b>	<b>107,946</b>	<b>286,805</b>
Child Benefit	0	417,823	190,910	608,733
Family Income Supplement	21	32,080	206	32,307
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	0	196	237	433
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	2	461	475	938
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>450,560</b>	<b>191,828</b>	<b>642,411</b>
Rent Allowance	141	0	0	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,591</b>	<b>1,048,929</b>	<b>924,415</b>	<b>2,077,935</b>



**Graph G2: Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Method of Payment, 2012**



**Table G14: Personal Public Service Numbers Issued by Country, 2003 to 2012**

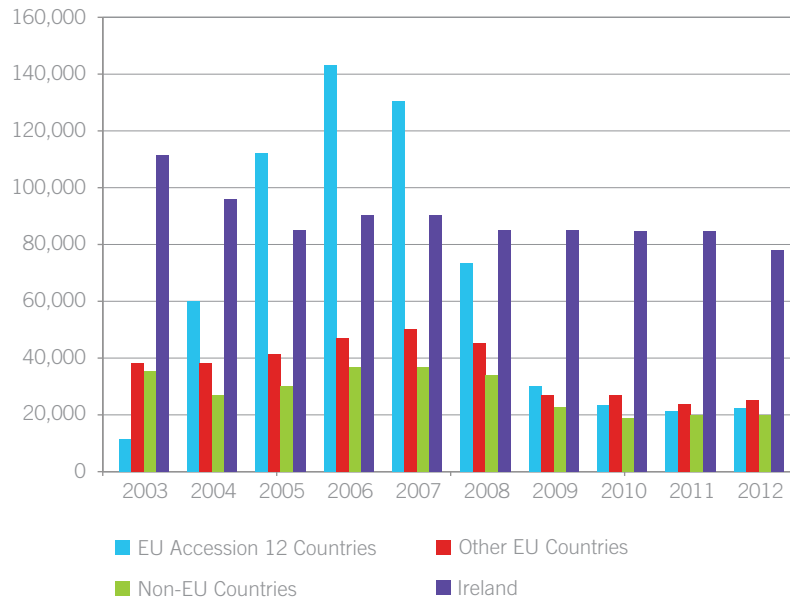
Country of origin/declared nationality	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
<b>EU Countries</b>											
Austria	519	851	655	769	814	670	338	290	313	300	5,519
Belgium	478	383	415	506	523	466	288	278	336	281	3,954
Bulgaria <sup>(1)</sup>	374	104	98	267	1,008	772	277	295	281	469	3,945
Cyprus <sup>(2)</sup>	6	27	23	33	43	19	26	21	21	20	239
Czech Republic <sup>(2)</sup>	831	3,298	4,505	4,458	3,838	2,762	901	712	621	594	22,520
Denmark	285	267	314	286	338	349	209	324	306	319	2,997
Estonia <sup>(2)</sup>	546	1,788	2,011	1,407	648	572	428	207	155	259	8,021
Finland	384	346	469	508	473	372	153	188	181	203	3,277
France	4,333	4,683	4,973	6,880	7,673	7,066	3,109	2,877	2,668	2,915	47,177
Germany	2,877	3,147	3,839	4,605	4,534	3,823	2,090	2,090	2,160	2,142	31,307
Greece	116	158	169	207	167	168	100	124	168	269	1,646
Hungary <sup>(2)</sup>	185	1,839	3,086	4,330	5,046	4,562	1,794	1,584	1,556	1,985	25,967
Ireland <sup>(3)</sup>	109,064	95,386	85,616	84,740	90,238	92,999	86,748	85,939	85,210	81,772	897,712
Italy	2,763	2,927	3,692	4,222	4,715	4,428	2,237	2,039	2,095	2,680	31,798
Latvia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,230	6,266	9,328	7,954	4,674	3,727	3,916	3,134	2,195	1,759	44,183
Lithuania <sup>(2)</sup>	2,379	12,817	18,717	16,039	10,728	6,443	3,768	4,353	3,555	2,860	81,659
Luxembourg	36	12	21	18	10	19	15	11	7	3	152
Malta <sup>(2)</sup>	191	205	124	143	161	132	69	57	51	46	1,179
Netherlands	757	924	970	1,104	1,051	904	647	649	710	654	8,370
Poland <sup>(2)</sup>	3,828	27,295	64,731	93,787	79,816	42,553	13,794	8,742	8,087	8,663	351,296
Portugal	725	680	791	935	1,517	2,125	1,125	786	706	1,128	10,518
Romania <sup>(2)</sup>	1,387	591	813	3,336	14,525	6,762	2,624	3,002	3,841	5,283	42,164
Slovakia <sup>(2)</sup>	248	5,187	9,258	10,687	8,375	4,994	1,784	1,288	1,012	1,138	43,971
Slovenia <sup>(2)</sup>	7	64	76	101	63	87	40	37	42	47	564
Spain	4,920	4,456	4,670	4,433	4,691	4,618	2,595	2,388	2,604	3,929	39,304
Sweden	1,017	943	1,102	1,103	932	757	481	629	582	499	8,045
United Kingdom	18,474	18,545	20,655	22,283	22,040	19,707	13,996	13,437	13,135	12,727	174,999
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>157,960</b>	<b>193,189</b>	<b>241,121</b>	<b>275,141</b>	<b>268,641</b>	<b>211,856</b>	<b>143,552</b>	<b>135,481</b>	<b>132,598</b>	<b>132,944</b>	<b>1,892,483</b>
<b>Non-EU Countries</b>											
United States of America	3,010	3,195	3,811	4,079	3,841	3,504	2,544	2,518	2,705	2,697	31,904
India	1,422	1,887	3,407	5,580	4,778	4,332	2,249	1,430	1,475	1,854	28,414
China	3,762	3,471	1,756	1,418	1,519	1,685	1,266	977	877	1,138	17,869
Brazil	725	864	2,225	3,460	4,805	5,632	2,741	4,257	4,939	5,542	35,190
Nigeria	3,795	1,973	2,168	1,623	1,610	1,545	888	513	482	421	15,018
Australia	2,421	1,713	2,128	2,105	1,966	1,857	1,013	688	554	587	15,032
Philippines	2,064	1,227	1,499	1,884	1,624	1,440	695	394	434	414	11,675
South Africa	1,869	1,013	1,060	1,126	1,046	1,105	678	413	346	344	9,000
Pakistan	1,350	1,114	1,024	1,425	1,439	911	868	478	807	741	10,157
Canada	754	866	970	1,161	1,071	1,213	841	698	606	613	8,793
New Zealand	1,016	896	923	1,010	886	819	413	238	194	200	6,595
Mauritius	125	158	473	1,938	1,989	1,431	887	156	46	45	7,248
Ukraine	1,282	489	378	405	394	467	302	150	167	182	4,216
Russia	658	559	473	464	398	358	258	233	267	258	3,926
Malaysia	349	301	523	636	744	656	436	410	291	362	4,708
Republic of Korea	148	272	461	491	948	1,147	431	558	505	678	5,639
Moldova	563	214	194	294	409	300	252	124	93	90	2,533
Bangladesh	655	347	209	456	405	240	167	109	88	134	2,810
Other	7,637	6,206	6,399	7,154	7,097	6,933	5,414	4,343	5,576	5,413	62,172
<b>Total Non-EU</b>	<b>33,605</b>	<b>26,765</b>	<b>30,081</b>	<b>36,709</b>	<b>36,969</b>	<b>35,575</b>	<b>22,343</b>	<b>18,687</b>	<b>20,452</b>	<b>21,713</b>	<b>282,899</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,565</b>	<b>219,954</b>	<b>271,202</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>2,175,382</b>

(1) Joined the EU on 1 January 2007.

(2) Joined the EU on 1 May 2004

(3) Also contains those classified as other and unknown.

**Graph G3: Personal Public Service Numbers Issued, 2003 to 2012**



**Table G15: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by County, 2012**

County	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement	Total
Carlow	1,239	307	0	1,546
Cavan	519	423	0	942
Clare	1,722	235	3	1,960
Cork	9,878	1,235	8	11,121
Donegal	2,411	274	5	2,690
Dublin	32,584	3,593	81	36,258
Galway	4,134	414	6	4,554
Kerry	2,037	191	1	2,229
Kildare	4,338	1,156	5	5,499
Kilkenny	1,365	356	7	1,728
Laois	1,097	229	10	1,336
Leitrim	374	57	0	431
Limerick	3,323	482	2	3,807
Longford	511	75	1	587
Louth	2,549	367	0	2,916
Mayo	2,435	504	4	2,943
Meath	2,143	1,205	0	3,348
Monaghan	438	180	4	622
Offaly	1,240	276	0	1,516
Roscommon	997	263	0	1,260
Sligo	591	49	0	640
Tipperary	2,199	456	1	2,656
Waterford	1,773	372	6	2,151
Westmeath	1,592	188	0	1,780
Wexford	3,700	1,011	15	4,726
Wicklow	2,495	539	1	3,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,684</b>	<b>14,437</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>102,281</b>



**SECTION H:  
LIVE REGISTER**

## Section H: Live Register

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

### Live Register

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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:

- (i) all claimants of Jobseeker's Benefit excluding systematic short-time workers,
- (ii) applicants for Jobseeker's Allowance excluding smallholders and self-employed persons,
- (iii) 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 tables C3, C9 and C18 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.

### Trends

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The average Live Register decreased by 8,651 during 2012, a decrease of 1.9%. Table H10 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County from 2003 to 2012 and the percentage increase in each county.

**Table H1: Number of Persons on the Live Register on the last Friday of each Month, 2012**

Month	Jobseeker's Allowance	Jobseeker's Benefit	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
January	304,200	104,333	31,056	439,589
February	304,683	103,254	31,485	439,422
March	302,854	98,972	32,228	434,054
April	301,164	96,212	32,625	430,001
May	305,991	93,989	32,927	432,907
June	321,453	96,789	33,732	451,974
July	326,002	100,035	34,286	460,323
August	327,786	94,054	34,416	456,256
September	312,211	83,663	33,461	429,335
October	305,593	81,618	32,961	420,172
November	302,830	81,320	33,127	417,277
December	305,634	84,591	33,508	423,733
Average	310,033	93,236	32,984	436,254

**Table H2: Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Jobseeker's Allowance	Jobseeker's Benefit	Credited Contributions	Average Live Register
2003	81,355	79,232	11,828	172,415
2004	82,693	71,884	11,436	166,013
2005	84,150	62,536	10,430	157,116
2006	85,950	61,729	9,719	157,398
2007	87,756	65,146	9,390	162,292
2008	113,643	103,004	10,423	227,069
2009	201,779	181,312	15,068	398,159
2010	274,666	142,976	24,047	441,689
2011	302,813	112,574	29,518	444,905
2012	310,033	93,236	32,984	436,254

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Table H3: Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2012**

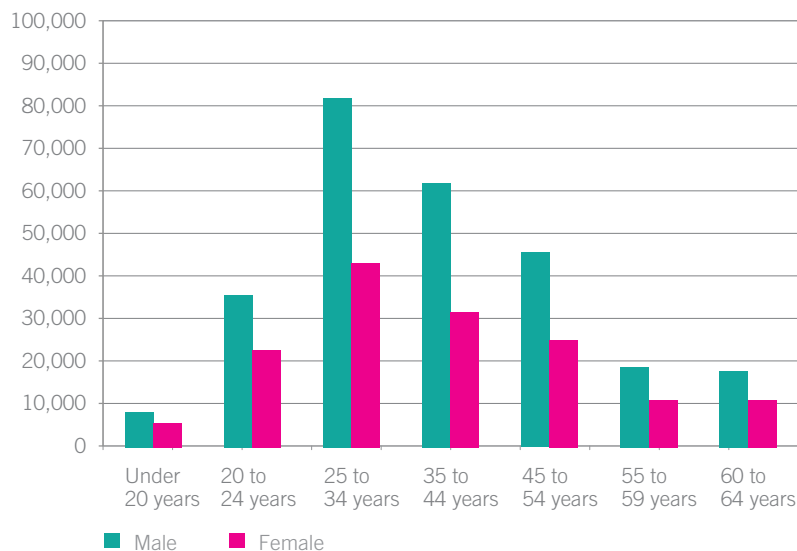
Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	42,029	37,224	439,589	4,805
February	36,102	36,269	439,422	-167
March	37,234	42,602	434,054	-5,368
April	33,083	37,136	430,001	-4,053
May	30,405	27,499	432,907	2,906
June	47,409	28,342	451,974	19,067
July	39,627	31,278	460,323	8,349
August	36,706	40,773	456,256	-4,067
September	32,719	59,640	429,335	-26,921
October	33,269	42,432	420,172	-9,163
November	43,392	46,287	417,277	-2,895
December	26,829	20,373	423,733	6,456
Total	438,804	449,855		-11,051

**Table H4: Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2012**

Age	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	7,397	2.8%	5,304	3.5%	12,701	3.0%
20 to 24 years	34,815	13.0%	22,400	14.8%	57,215	13.6%
25 to 34 years	81,388	30.3%	43,318	28.6%	124,706	29.7%
35 to 44 years	62,666	23.3%	31,898	21.0%	94,564	22.5%
45 to 54 years	46,411	17.3%	25,597	16.9%	72,008	17.1%
55 to 59 years	19,315	7.2%	12,273	8.1%	31,588	7.5%
60 to 64 years	16,553	6.2%	10,837	7.1%	27,390	6.5%
Total Live Register	268,545	100.0%	151,627	100.0%	420,172	100.0%

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Graph H1: Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2012**





**Table H5: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2012, Classified by Duration of Claim**

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	< 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	> 3 yrs	
<b>Males</b>							
< 20 yrs	3,288	1,404	1,343	1,361	1	0	7,397
20 - 24 yrs	11,412	4,436	3,761	5,323	3,735	6,148	34,815
25 - 34 yrs	27,758	7,178	8,720	10,149	9,181	18,402	81,388
35 - 44 yrs	18,943	4,811	6,794	7,919	7,756	16,443	62,666
45 - 54 yrs	12,693	3,234	5,125	5,935	5,815	13,609	46,411
55 - 59 yrs	4,405	1,196	2,399	2,649	2,513	6,153	19,315
60 - 64 yrs	3,088	1,127	2,481	2,457	2,599	4,801	16,553
<b>Total Males</b>	<b>81,587</b>	<b>23,386</b>	<b>30,623</b>	<b>35,793</b>	<b>31,600</b>	<b>65,556</b>	<b>268,545</b>
<b>Females</b>							
< 20 yrs	2,342	1,211	879	871	1	0	5,304
20 - 24 yrs	9,800	2,965	1,925	2,967	1,905	2,838	22,400
25 - 34 yrs	20,085	4,699	5,006	4,884	3,295	5,349	43,318
35 - 44 yrs	12,476	3,299	4,245	4,280	3,106	4,492	31,898
45 - 54 yrs	10,165	2,347	3,018	3,183	2,336	4,548	25,597
55 - 59 yrs	3,984	990	1,716	1,726	1,356	2,501	12,273
60 - 64 yrs	2,553	875	1,879	1,626	1,454	2,450	10,837
<b>Total Females</b>	<b>61,405</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>18,668</b>	<b>19,537</b>	<b>13,453</b>	<b>22,178</b>	<b>151,627</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
< 20 yrs	5,630	2,615	2,222	2,232	2	0	12,701
20 - 24 yrs	21,212	7,401	5,686	8,290	5,640	8,986	57,215
25 - 34 yrs	47,843	11,877	13,726	15,033	12,476	23,751	124,706
35 - 44 yrs	31,419	8,110	11,039	12,199	10,862	20,935	94,564
45 - 54 yrs	22,858	5,581	8,143	9,118	8,151	18,157	72,008
55 - 59 yrs	8,389	2,186	4,115	4,375	3,869	8,654	31,588
60 - 64 yrs	5,641	2,002	4,360	4,083	4,053	7,251	27,390
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,992</b>	<b>39,772</b>	<b>49,291</b>	<b>55,330</b>	<b>45,053</b>	<b>87,734</b>	<b>420,172</b>

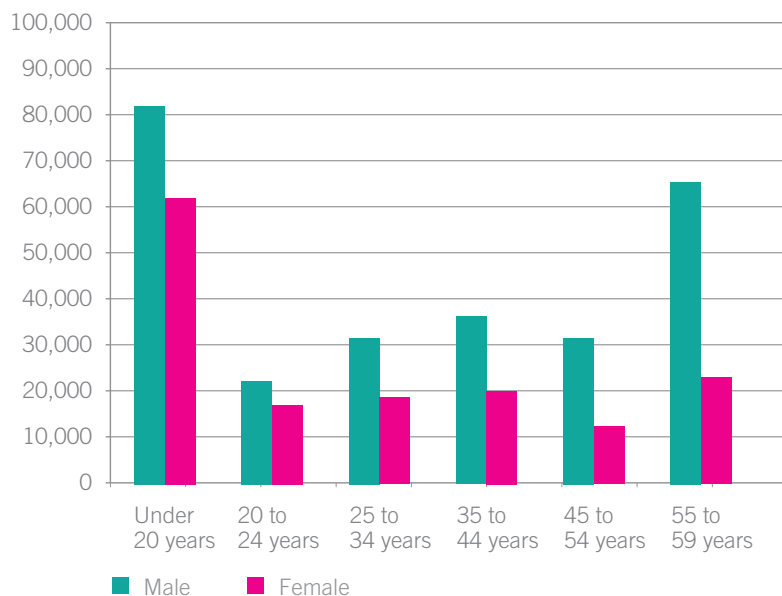
Source: Central Statistics Office

**Table H6: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 2003 to 2013**

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
2003	64,449	31,489	95,938	53,354	15,283	68,637	164,575
2004	59,478	30,529	90,007	49,889	14,148	64,037	154,044
2005	58,473	30,301	88,774	47,829	13,239	61,068	149,842
2006	57,050	31,632	88,682	46,675	13,912	60,587	149,269
2007	64,272	32,638	96,910	46,340	14,136	60,476	157,386
2008	122,358	40,030	162,388	68,038	16,103	84,141	246,529
2009	209,580	64,015	273,595	115,413	23,399	138,812	412,407
2010	173,572	108,027	281,599	108,373	39,581	147,954	429,553
2011	147,303	130,292	277,595	103,356	49,481	152,837	430,432
2012	135,596	132,949	268,545	96,459	55,168	151,627	420,172

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Graph H2: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2013, by Sex and Duration**



**Table H7: Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed, Short-Term Enterprise Allowance, Work Placement Programme, JobBridge Internship Scheme and Persons aged 65, in each Month during 2012**

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Short-Term Enterprise Allowance Scheme <sup>(1)</sup>	Work Placement Programme Graduate <sup>(2)</sup>	Work Placement Programme Open <sup>(2)</sup>	JobBridge Internship Scheme <sup>(3)</sup>	Persons Aged 65 years
January	8,623	10,705	1,191	393	77	3,376	3,061
February	8,628	10,751	1,155	371	64	3,626	3,030
March	8,324	10,819	1,158	319	59	4,149	3,096
April	7,900	10,844	1,128	289	56	4,498	3,201
May	7,617	11,024	1,161	262	47	4,750	3,353
June	7,350	11,057	1,168	242	40	4,734	3,489
July	7,513	11,133	1,154	224	37	4,837	3,502
August	6,668	11,118	1,153	194	35	4,615	3,482
September	6,172	10,924	1,141	178	30	4,587	3,439
October	5,988	10,825	1,133	157	27	4,860	3,318
November	5,937	10,926	1,125	149	28	5,105	3,305
December	5,771	11,077	1,052	142	29	5,227	3,396
Average	7,208	10,934	1,143	243	44	4,879	3,306

(1) Short-Term Enterprise Allowance Scheme was introduced from the 1st May 2009.

(2) Work Placement Programme Graduate and Open were introduced from the 1st August 2009.

(3) JobBridge Internship Scheme commenced on 29th June 2011.

**Table H8: Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years
2003	2,410	1,759	946
2004	1,829	1,764	962
2005	1,841	1,829	932
2006	1,259	1,839	971
2007	1,284	1,925	1,060
2008	2,962	2,547	1,283
2009	16,290	5,651	1,801
2010	15,116	8,855	2,234
2011	11,079	10,377	2,885
2012	7,208	10,934	3,306

**Table H9: Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 2003 to 2012**

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate %
2003	172,415	1,912,700	4.6
2004	166,013	1,982,100	4.4
2005	157,116	2,078,100	4.4
2006	157,398	2,162,400	4.4
2007	162,292	2,239,900	4.5
2008	227,069	2,222,700	6.4
2009	398,159	2,155,200	11.8
2010	441,689	2,122,200	13.7
2011	444,905	2,109,800	14.6
2012	436,254	2,143,500	14.8

Source: Central Statistics Office

(1) Figures from 2002 onward revised by Central Statistics Office

**Table H10: Number on the Live Register by County, 2003 to 2012**

County	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change
Carlow	2,227	2,223	2,065	1,965	2,448	4,395	6,578	6,794	6,732	6,922	210.8%
Cavan	2,128	2,072	2,211	2,287	2,628	5,073	7,189	7,498	7,227	6,994	228.7%
Clare	4,219	3,851	3,945	4,073	4,696	7,503	10,404	10,619	10,368	9,965	136.2%
Cork	17,200	15,920	15,533	15,208	16,696	28,064	43,637	44,651	43,651	41,687	142.4%
Donegal	10,149	9,440	8,637	8,774	9,107	15,264	20,748	21,712	21,596	20,902	106.0%
Dublin	43,562	39,361	39,933	38,505	40,832	67,505	101,172	101,962	102,269	100,324	130.3%
Galway	9,348	8,797	8,645	9,046	9,755	16,479	22,722	23,099	22,585	22,081	136.2%
Kerry	7,086	6,732	6,650	6,793	7,288	12,364	15,923	16,594	16,906	16,322	130.3%
Kildare	4,752	4,350	4,662	5,187	6,061	11,533	17,229	18,015	17,683	18,018	279.2%
Kilkenny	2,716	2,489	2,484	2,557	2,692	4,973	7,069	7,506	7,442	7,300	168.8%
Laois	2,196	2,014	1,980	2,034	2,787	5,378	7,679	8,560	8,575	8,809	301.1%
Leitrim	1,231	1,028	1,109	1,185	1,442	2,501	3,600	3,630	3,477	3,398	176.0%
Limerick	8,123	7,245	7,106	7,314	8,236	14,030	21,375	20,970	20,339	19,228	136.7%
Longford	1,820	1,736	1,800	1,941	2,378	3,840	5,157	5,254	5,121	5,072	178.7%
Louth	7,508	6,743	6,480	6,536	6,892	11,457	16,614	17,418	17,526	16,806	123.8%
Mayo	6,106	5,420	5,141	4,710	5,089	8,792	12,736	13,251	13,107	12,844	110.4%
Meath	3,218	3,137	3,001	3,038	3,557	6,977	11,071	12,016	11,726	10,727	233.3%
Monaghan	2,486	2,335	2,038	2,009	2,257	4,298	6,334	6,372	6,489	6,487	160.9%
Offaly	2,840	2,563	2,771	2,768	3,282	5,617	8,191	9,162	9,330	9,208	224.2%
Roscommon	1,389	1,266	1,190	1,285	1,512	2,694	3,820	4,002	3,980	4,068	192.9%
Sligo	2,236	2,043	1,938	1,859	2,136	3,530	4,992	5,404	5,239	5,108	128.4%
Tipperary	6,548	5,902	5,623	5,315	5,756	10,261	15,087	16,711	16,850	16,468	151.5%
Waterford	6,098	7,164	6,248	6,266	6,625	10,491	14,345	13,989	14,480	13,964	129.0%
Westmeath	3,628	3,658	3,599	3,800	4,102	7,284	9,996	10,154	10,240	10,244	182.4%
Wexford	7,141	6,773	6,615	6,710	7,511	12,978	18,156	19,278	19,366	18,705	161.9%
Wicklow	4,649	4,554	4,429	4,224	4,611	8,082	11,771	12,458	12,480	12,082	159.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>158,816</b>	<b>155,833</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>148.4%</b>

Source: Central Statistics Office

**SECTION J:  
CLAIMS ACTIVITY**

## Section J: Claims Activity

This section relates to the Department's management and performance in relation to the claims received over the past 5 years.

In 2012 the total number of registered claims that were finalised (cleared) was 2,046,194 of which 1,717,380 or 84% were awarded. The remainder (328,814) were either disallowed by the Department's staff or withdrawn by the client.

At the end of 2012 there were 95,532 claims pending award (i.e. on hands), 11.4% lower than at the end of 2011, which represented 4.4% of the total received claims (2,155,578).

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

**Table J1: Claims Registered in Each Year 2008 To 2012**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	10,980	10,802	9,835	7,344	9,035
State Pension (Contributory)	32,053	30,595	32,940	36,281	35,198
State Pension (Transition)	14,481	15,401	20,184	22,719	22,430
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,275	7,662	7,534	7,549	7,451
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	13,022	17,320	17,568	18,763	19,252
Bereavement Grant - Longford	6,484	6,873	6,511	6,987	6,714
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>84,295</b>	<b>88,653</b>	<b>94,572</b>	<b>99,643</b>	<b>100,080</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	169,879	273,653	263,942	239,667	225,262
One-Parent Family Payment	18,545	18,769	17,325	16,943	15,385
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	949	748	792	556	428
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	578,035	643,526	453,833
Jobseeker's Benefit	294,880	365,094	267,271	223,938	192,965
Maternity Benefit	51,314	48,980	50,078	50,430	47,875
Treatment Benefit <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1,014,214	1,058,107	229,928	473,123	453,236
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,549,781</b>	<b>1,765,351</b>	<b>1,407,371</b>	<b>1,648,183</b>	<b>1,388,984</b>
Disability Allowance	21,358	20,794	21,409	24,264	25,887
Blind Pension	N/a	N/a	219	208	198
Carer's Allowance	18,928	16,574	18,212	17,758	15,493
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	5,529	5,191	4,079
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	N/a	N/a	6,420	6,574	5,854
Illness Benefit	308,859	309,031	289,962	296,730	286,534
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	N/a	14,739	15,157	14,177	13,641
Invalidity Pension	7,757	7,475	8,774	14,621	11,510
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	1,652	1,775	1,436
Carer's Benefit	N/a	N/a	2,080	2,060	1,788
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>356,902</b>	<b>368,613</b>	<b>369,414</b>	<b>383,358</b>	<b>366,420</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	37,118	40,468	21,400	30,417	33,723
Child Benefit - EU Regulation <sup>(1)</sup>	6,962	4,773	1,146	1,267	2,436
Child Benefit - Over 16 <sup>(1)</sup>	99,108	87,543	36,648	72,226	69,639
Child Benefit - Additional Child <sup>(1)</sup>	42,689	36,210	19,009	40,476	39,830
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	15,428	22,190	22,472	23,453	20,341
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	27,593	24,369	25,638	27,761	29,589
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	N/a	N/a	176	173	172
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	431	498	456
Widowed Parent Grants	N/a	N/a	1,224	1,178	1,130
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>228,898</b>	<b>215,553</b>	<b>128,144</b>	<b>197,449</b>	<b>197,316</b>
Household Benefits	62,684	85,890	107,353	101,812	82,480
Living Alone Allowance	N/a	N/a	10,105	11,093	11,040
Free Travel <sup>(4)</sup>	57,988	55,292	9,065	8,668	9,258
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>120,672</b>	<b>141,182</b>	<b>126,523</b>	<b>121,573</b>	<b>102,778</b>
<b>Grand Total Claims Registered</b>	<b>2,340,548</b>	<b>2,579,352</b>	<b>2,126,024</b>	<b>2,450,206</b>	<b>2,155,578</b>

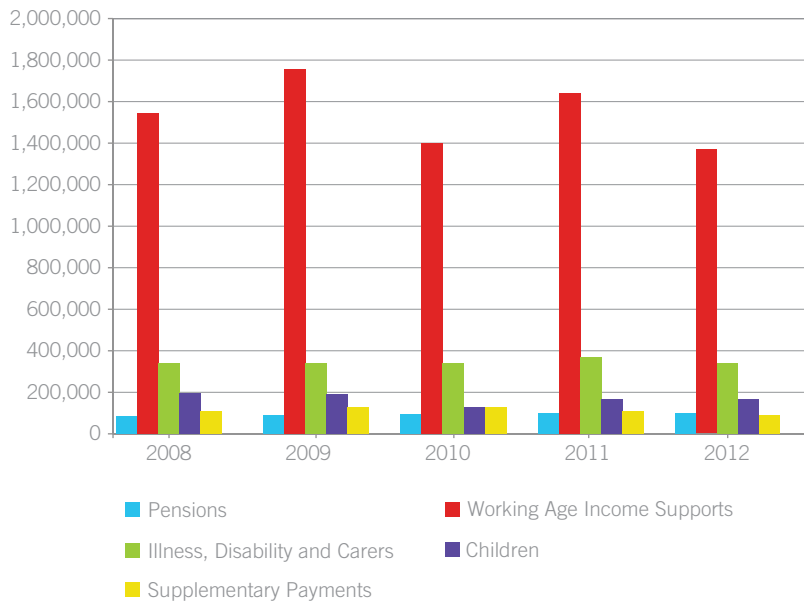
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## Graph J1: Claims Registered





**Table J2: Claims Awarded in Each Year 2008 To 2012**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	7,797	7,811	7,191	5,730	7,243
State Pension (Contributory)	12,201	21,478	23,194	25,964	25,586
State Pension (Transition)	10,059	10,467	11,243	12,775	12,599
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	6,145	6,110	5,872	5,870	5,783
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	12,791	15,431	15,862	16,993	17,451
Bereavement Grant - Longford	5,377	5,428	5,918	5,926	5,342
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>54,370</b>	<b>66,725</b>	<b>69,280</b>	<b>73,258</b>	<b>74,004</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	99,522	176,912	191,144	174,491	167,623
One-Parent Family Payment	14,447	13,967	12,127	12,178	11,151
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	586	449	533	377	287
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	193,014	292,641	253,652
Jobseeker's Benefit	241,471	317,620	234,020	197,369	169,755
Maternity Benefit	48,410	48,367	48,806	48,827	45,415
Treatment Benefit <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	907,241	1,006,232	217,854	447,908	430,778
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>1,311,677</b>	<b>1,563,547</b>	<b>897,498</b>	<b>1,173,791</b>	<b>1,078,661</b>
Disability Allowance	13,176	10,179	8,306	9,246	10,400
Blind Pension	N/a	N/a	117	106	96
Care's Allowance	15,457	10,730	8,769	7,465	9,880
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	3,103	2,686	1,586
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	N/a	N/a	5,486	4,965	4,575
Illness Benefit	276,081	262,864	249,166	259,008	245,319
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	13,762	11,516	12,289	11,616	10,927
Invalidity Pension	5,431	4,580	3,597	2,657	6,352
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	1,293	1,310	1,384
Care's Benefit	N/a	N/a	1,965	1,941	2,021
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>323,907</b>	<b>299,869</b>	<b>294,091</b>	<b>301,000</b>	<b>292,540</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	36,350	44,244	22,382	34,735	34,576
Child Benefit - EU Regulation <sup>(1)</sup>	6,165	4,272	724	1,371	2,487
Child Benefit - Over 16 <sup>(1)</sup>	98,695	88,054	36,488	72,248	69,576
Child Benefit - Additional Child <sup>(1)</sup>	42,566	36,594	18,940	40,501	39,837
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	14,551	12,573	14,328	13,631	13,264
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	25,247	20,539	22,101	23,787	28,118
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	N/a	N/a	106	117	95
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	309	350	265
Widowed Parent Grants	N/a	N/a	995	1,091	1,036
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>223,574</b>	<b>206,276</b>	<b>116,373</b>	<b>187,831</b>	<b>189,254</b>
Household Benefits	49,112	66,793	90,990	83,889	65,844
Living Alone Allowance	N/a	N/a	9,157	10,425	10,323
Free Travel <sup>(4)</sup>	56,432	52,638	7,200	7,086	6,754
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>105,544</b>	<b>119,431</b>	<b>107,347</b>	<b>101,400</b>	<b>82,921</b>
<b>Grand Total Claims Cleared</b>	<b>2,019,072</b>	<b>2,255,848</b>	<b>1,484,589</b>	<b>1,837,280</b>	<b>1,717,380</b>

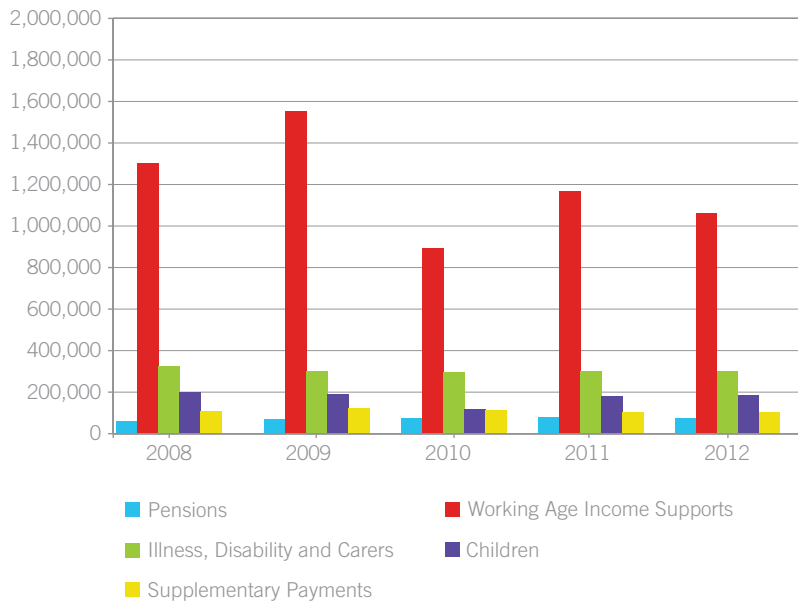
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## Graph J2: Claims Awarded



**Table J3: Claims Cleared (i.e Awarded, Disallowed or Withdrawn by Client) in Each Year 2008 to 2012**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	10,991	10,950	9,916	8,737	10,845
State Pension (Contributory)	38,461	44,377	38,655	38,676	38,359
State Pension (Transition)	22,939	23,427	24,308	24,236	24,663
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,166	7,536	7,703	7,622	7,478
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	13,021	16,919	17,363	18,627	19,147
Bereavement Grant - Longford	6,402	6,376	6,957	7,027	6,265
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>98,980</b>	<b>109,585</b>	<b>104,902</b>	<b>104,925</b>	<b>106,757</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	155,134	257,137	273,386	245,855	230,398
One-Parent Family Payment	19,928	19,711	18,165	18,594	17,185
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	964	791	854	576	461
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	N/a	N/a	240,766	349,789	299,959
Jobseeker's Benefit	285,494	381,869	287,397	242,318	205,423
Maternity Benefit	54,859	50,395	50,165	50,601	46,905
Treatment Benefit <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1,032,868	1,064,803	228,647	484,896	455,166
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</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>
Disability Allowance	21,962	20,504	19,248	24,145	26,159
Blind Pension	N/a	N/a	206	221	203
Carer's Allowance	21,682	17,957	16,629	13,886	18,483
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	6,416	6,491	4,810
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	N/a	N/a	6,722	6,473	5,773
Illness Benefit	308,989	312,468	287,846	298,644	287,543
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	15,755	14,837	15,119	14,240	13,374
Invalidity Pension	7,596	7,513	7,614	12,829	17,775
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	1,545	1,785	1,720
Carer's Benefit	N/a	N/a	2,957	2,919	2,994
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>375,984</b>	<b>373,279</b>	<b>364,302</b>	<b>381,633</b>	<b>378,834</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	36,914	47,459	23,224	36,079	35,824
Child Benefit - EU Regulation <sup>(2)</sup>	7,129	5,582	1,064	1,890	3,081
Child Benefit - Over 16 <sup>(2)</sup>	98,715	88,054	36,488	72,248	69,576
Child Benefit - Additional Child <sup>(2)</sup>	42,576	36,594	18,940	40,501	39,837
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	20,661	20,034	21,753	20,573	20,994
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	28,582	23,903	24,616	25,746	30,767
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	N/a	N/a	163	189	161
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	N/a	N/a	444	504	436
Widowed Parent Grants	N/a	N/a	1,247	1,161	1,130
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>234,577</b>	<b>221,626</b>	<b>127,939</b>	<b>198,891</b>	<b>201,806</b>
Household Benefits	64,107	80,172	107,976	101,509	81,130
Living Alone Allowance	N/a	N/a	10,957	12,605	12,229
Free Travel <sup>(5)</sup>	58,542	55,946	10,701	11,191	9,941
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>122,649</b>	<b>136,118</b>	<b>129,634</b>	<b>125,305</b>	<b>103,300</b>
<b>Grand Total Claims Cleared</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>

(1) Approximately 200,000 Exceptional Needs Payments that are registered but automatically closed on the system are not reflected in these cleared figures.

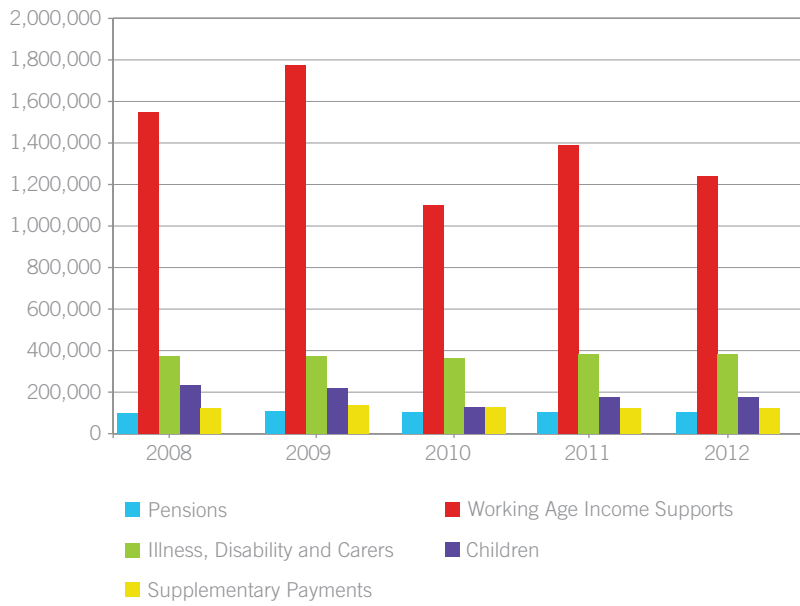
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## Graph J3: Claims Cleared



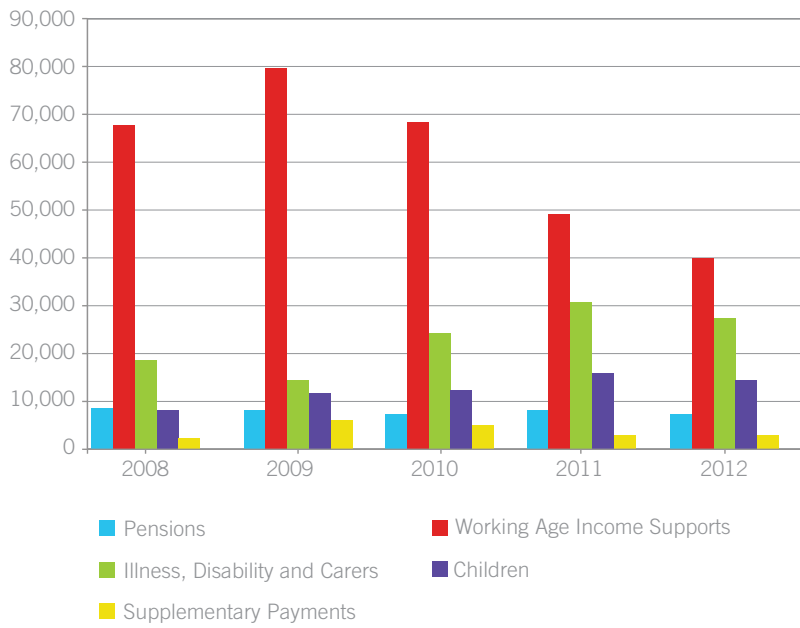
**Table J4: Claims Pending 31<sup>st</sup> December of each Year, 2008 to 2012**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,415	1,639	1,507	1,869	1,432
State Pension (Contributory)	4,405	3,264	2,826	2,888	2,154
State Pension (Transition)	1,632	1,608	1,731	2,009	1,622
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	626	567	430	367	345
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	119	582	806	954	1,105
Bereavement Grant - Longford	439	634	175	141	601
<b>Total Pensions</b>	<b>8,636</b>	<b>8,294</b>	<b>7,475</b>	<b>8,228</b>	<b>7,259</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	24,529	37,664	26,377	21,880	18,464
One-Parent Family Payment	5,267	5,562	5,250	4,249	3,536
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	149	197	134	110	69
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	5,670	6,371	4,701
Jobseeker's Benefit	21,071	13,919	11,659	9,065	7,723
Maternity Benefit	4,499	3,084	2,997	2,826	3,796
Treatment Benefit	12,726	20,002	16,872	5,099	3,079
<b>Total Working Age Income Supports</b>	<b>68,241</b>	<b>80,428</b>	<b>68,959</b>	<b>49,600</b>	<b>41,368</b>
Disability Allowance	4,619	4,770	6,880	6,999	7,775
Blind Pension	N/a	N/a	52	39	34
Carer's Allowance	3,569	2,186	3,769	7,765	8,553
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	556	690	819	478
Respite Care Grant (Once off)	N/a	N/a	361	462	543
Illness Benefit	8,696	5,259	7,375	5,461	4,452
Interim Illness Benefit/Occupational Injury	347	249	287	224	491
Invalidity Pension	1,578	1,541	2,701	6,814	3,662
Disablement Pension	N/a	N/a	1,972	1,962	1,699
Carer's Benefit	N/a	N/a	356	449	255
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>18,809</b>	<b>14,561</b>	<b>24,443</b>	<b>30,994</b>	<b>27,942</b>
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad <sup>(1)</sup>	575	2,153	1,260	654	2,276
Child Benefit - EU Regulation	3,002	2,071	3,071	2,413	2,033
Child Benefit - Over 16	1,563	1,052	160	138	201
Child Benefit - Additional Child	628	244	69	44	37
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	778	4,414	5,133	8,013	7,360
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	1,722	1,632	2,654	4,669	3,491
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	N/a	64	78	63	74
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	N/a	134	121	116	136
Widowed Parent Grants	N/a	N/a	0	28	37
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>8,268</b>	<b>11,764</b>	<b>12,546</b>	<b>16,138</b>	<b>15,645</b>
Household Benefits	2,233	5,967	4,582	2,566	2,949
Living Alone Allowance	N/a	N/a	455	300	307
Free Travel <sup>(2)</sup>	66	153	31	27	62
<b>Total Supplementary Payments</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>3,318</b>
<b>Grand Total Claims Pending</b>	<b>106,253</b>	<b>121,167</b>	<b>118,491</b>	<b>107,853</b>	<b>95,532</b>

(1) Domestic Claims only, 2009.

(2) From 2011 Free Travel Statistics refer to Stand Alone Free Travel applications

## Graph J4: Claims Pending



**Table J5: Average Weeks to Award Received Claims 2008 to 2012**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Pensions</b>					
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9	8	9	10	12
State Pension (Contributory)	16	13	7	5	6
State Pension (Transition)	6	6	4	4	5
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	4	2	3	2	2
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	1	1	1	1	1
Bereavement Grant - Longford	2	4	4	3	2
<b>Working Age Income Supports</b>					
Jobseeker's Allowance	5	6	6	5	5
One-Parent Family Payment	11	13	16	16	15
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	9	9	11	10	10
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	N/a	N/a	1	1	1
Jobseeker's Benefit	2	3	2	2	2
<b>Illness, Disability and Caring</b>					
Disability Allowance	15	15	14	17	19
Carer's Allowance	15	9	8	N/a	N/a
Domiciliary Care Allowance	N/a	N/a	7	9	6
Illness Benefit	1	1	1	1	1
Invalidity Pension	10	12	13	N/a	35
<b>Children</b>					
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	N/a	N/a	N/a	3	3
Child Benefit - EU Regulation	N/a	N/a	N/a	51	38
Family Income Supplement - New Claims	13	8	10	17	16
Family Income Supplement - Claim Renewals	5	8	10	18	15
Widowed Parents Grant	N/a	N/a	2	1	1
<b>Supplementary Payments</b>					
Household Benefits	2	3	3	2	2
Free Travel <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1	4	4	2

(1) From 2011 Free Travel Statistics refer to Stand Alone Free Travel applications





## **APPENDICES**

## Appendix 1: Social Assistance and Social Insurance

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

### Social Assistance

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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 and Household Benefits and Free Travel.

### Social Insurance

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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 and Household Benefits and Free Travel.

### Child Benefit

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

## Appendix 2: Classification of Social Welfare Schemes

### 1. Pensions

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Bereavement Grant  
 Death Benefit  
 State Pension (Contributory)  
 State Pension (Transition)  
 State Pension (Non-Contributory)  
 Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil  
 Partner's Contributory Pension

### 2. Working Age Income Supports

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Adoptive Benefit  
 Deserted Wife's Benefit  
 Deserted Wife's Allowance  
 Exceptional and Urgent Needs Payments  
 Farm Assist  
 Health and Safety Benefit  
 Heating and Diet Supplements  
 Jobseeker's Benefit  
 Jobseeker's Allowance  
 Maternity Benefit  
 One Parent Family Payment  
 Pre-Retirement Allowance  
 Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance  
 Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil  
 Partner's Non-Contributory Pension

### 3. Working Age Employment Supports

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Back to Education Allowance  
 Back to Work Allowance  
 Back to Work Enterprise Allowance  
 Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme  
 Short Term Enterprise Allowance  
 Work Placement Programme Graduate  
 Work Placement Programme Open  
 JobBridge Internship Scheme  
 Community Employment Programme  
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 Rural Social Scheme

### 4. Illness, Disability and Caring

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Domiciliary Care Allowance  
 Illness Benefit  
 Partial Capacity Benefit  
 Invalidity Pension  
 Disability Allowance  
 Blind Pension  
 Carer's Benefit  
 Carer's Allowance  
 Injury Benefit  
 Disablement Benefit  
 Medical Care

### 5. Children

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

### 6. Supplementary Payments

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Rent and Mortgage Interest Supplement  
 Household Benefits and Free Travel  
 Fuel Allowance

## Appendix 3: Glossary

<b>Recipient:</b>	Person actually receiving a social welfare payment.
<b>Qualified Adult:</b>	Person in respect of whom a Qualified Adult Increase is paid to the recipient.
<b>Qualified Child:</b>	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.
<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	Total number of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children.
<b>Claim/Claimant:</b>	An application/applicant for a social welfare payment.
<b>Social Insurance Payments:</b>	These comprise State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Partial Capacity Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant, Bereavement Grants and Household Benefits and Free Travel.
<b>Social Assistance Payments:</b>	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 and Household Benefits and Free Travel.

## Appendix 4: Details of Scheme Changes

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

Also effective from September 2006 recipients of Invalidity Pension aged 66 years or over were automatically transferred to State Pension (Contributory).

### Scheme Name Changes

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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	Guardian’s Payment (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>

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

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