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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

- Not Applicable
- n.a. Not Available

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Foreword from the Minister

I welcome this publication of Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services for 2008. This 26th edition of the Annual Statistical Report of the Department of Social and Family Affairs provides comprehensive statistical information on all programmes administered by my Department.

Accurate information is vital to support evidence-based policy making and enable the measurement of progress in these areas. Reliable data on outputs and trends as contained in this Report are invaluable elements in the development and implementation of policies to build social inclusion and progress social cohesion.

Supports administered by this Department provide for the complex and multi-faceted needs of people at every stage of life. Behind each and every one of these statistics is a real person or family, making it all the more important for us to see that delivering services is not just about numbers but about affecting the daily lives and wellbeing of all our citizens particularly in these challenging times.

This report shows that social welfare expenditure increased to over €17.8 billion in 2008, an increase of almost 15% on the previous year. This funding provided supports to children and families, people of working age, carers and people with disabilities as well as retired and older people. The increasing level of investment reflects the desire to achieve real social progress as well as meet the challenges facing a changing society. Statistics tell their own story and in 2008:

- Over 1.2 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of 1.8 million beneficiaries;
- There was over €5.3 billion spent on supports for people of working age, an increase of almost 25% on the previous year. Within this, expenditure on Jobseekers supports increased by 48% rising to €2.1 billion.
- Expenditure on State Pensions increased by 10.9% to €4.3 billion. Payments were made to over 364,000 people in this area.
- 596,108 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,141,938 children. Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by 10.0% to €2.5 billion.
- Family Income Supplement was paid to 27,798 families, an increase 21.8% on the previous year and benefiting over 58,000 children, 22.1% more than 2007. Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 21.6% to €170 million;
- Expenditure on Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit increased by 24.6% and 25.2% respectively. The numbers in receipt of a Carer's payment increased from 35,147 to 45,818, an increase of 30.4%;

This report illustrates and charts the progress being made in improving and developing services, in tandem with wider Government aims and objectives, which have at their core the delivery of improved quality of life and opportunities to people of all ages. Every one of the services provided daily by the almost 5,000 staff of the Department is a core feature of our society, ensuring that supports are there for those who need them.

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

Mary Hanafin T.D. Minister for Social and Family Affairs



Réamhrá an Aire

Fáiltím roimh fhoilsiú seo Faisnéis Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh do 2008. Tugann 26ú eagrán seo de Thuarascáil Staitistiúil Bhliantúil an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh faisnéis chuimsitheach Staitistiúil maidir le gach clár atá á riaradh ag mo Roinn.

Bíonn eolas cruinn den riachtanas chun tacú le cinnteoireacht atá bunaithe ar fhianaise agus chun a chur ar ár gcumas dul chun cinn sna réimsí seo a thomhas. Gnéithe fíor-luachmhara atá i sonraí iontaofa maidir le torthaí agus treochtaí, mar atá sa Tuarascáil seo, ó thaobh polasaithe a fhorbairt agus a chur i bhfeidhm chun iniamh sóisialta a chothú agus comhtháthú sóisialta a chur chun cinn.

Déanann tacaíochtaí atá á riaradh ag an Roinn seo foráil do na riachtanais casta agus ilghnéitheacha a bhíonn ag daoine ag gach céim den saol. Tá duine daonna nó teaghlach taobh thiar de gach ceann de na staitisticí seo, rud a fhágann go bhfuil sé thar a bheith tábhachtach dúinne cinntiú go mbeidh seachadadh seirbhísí dírithe ní hamháin ar uimhreacha ach ar thionchar a imirt ar shaol agus leas laethúil ár saoránach uile, go háirithe sna cúinsí deacra ina bhfuilimid faoi láthair.

Taispeánann an tuarascáil seo gur tháinig ardú ar chaiteachas leasa shóisialaigh go dtí os cionn €17.8 billiún in 2008, ardú de bheagnach 15% i gcomparáid leis an mbliain roimhe sin. Soláthraíonn an maoiniú seo tacaíochtaí do leanaí agus teaghlaigh, do dhaoine atá in aois fostaíochta, do chúramóirí agus daoine le míchumais chomh maith le daoine atá imithe ar scor agus daoine níos sine. Tugann an t-ardleibhéal infheistíochta aitheantas don mhian atá ann dul chun cinn sóisialta dáiríre a bhaint amach chomh maith le dul i ngleic leis na dúshlán atá ann do shochaí atá ag athrú. Tugann staitisticí a léiríú féin ar an scéal féin agus in 2008:

- Bhí os cionn 1.2 milliún duine ag fáil íocaíocht sheachtainiúil Leasa Shóisialaigh, ar íocadh í ar son 1.8 milliún tairbhí;
- Caitheadh os cionn €5.3 billiún ar thacaíochtaí do dhaoine in aois fostaíochta, ardú beagnach 25% ar an mbliain roimhe sin. Laistigh den fhigiúr seo, tháinig ardú 48% ar chaiteachas dóibh siúd atá ag fáil tacaíochtaí Cuardaitheora Oibre, rud a d'fhág go bhfuil €2.1 billiún á chaitheamh anois air.
- Tháinig ardú 10.9% ar Phinsin Stáit go dtí €4.3 billiún. Rinneadh íocaíochtaí do níos mó ná 364,000 duine sa earnáil seo.
- Fuair 596,108 teaghlach íocaíocht mhíosúil Sochar Linbh, a íocadh i ndáil le 1,141,938 leanbh. Bhí ardú 10.0% go dtí €2.5 billiún ar an méid a caitheadh ar Shochar Linbh.
- Íocadh Forlíonadh Ioncam Teaghlaigh do 27,798 teaghlach, ardú 21.8% ar an mbliain roimhe sin. Chuaigh sé seo chun tairbhe os cionn 58,000 leanbh, 22.1% níos mó ná 2007. Bhí ardú 21.6% go dtí €170 milliún ar chaiteachas ar Fhorlíonadh Ioncam Teaghlaigh;
- Tháinig ardú 24.6% and 25.2% faoi seach ar chaiteachas ar Liúntas Cúramóra agus ar Shochar Cúramóra. Bhí ardú i líon na ndaoine a bhí ag fáil íocaíocht Cúramóra ó 35,147 go dtí 45,818, ardú de 30.4%;

Taispeánann agus léiríonn an tuarascáil seo an dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh ó thaobh seirbhísí a fheabhsú agus a fhorbairt, i gcompháirt le haidhmeanna agus le cuspóirí níos leithne an Rialtais, a bhfuil sé mar mhóraidhm acu caighdeán maireachtála níos fearr agus deiseanna a sheachadadh do dhaoine de gach aois. Tá gach ceann de na seirbhísí seo á gcur ar fáil ar bhonn laethúil ag beagnach 5,000 ball foirne na Roinne agus gné lárnach dár sochaí atá iontu anois, agus iad ag cinntiú go bhfuil tacaíocht ar fáil dóibh siúd a bhfuil sé ag teastáil uathu.

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

Mary Hanafin T.D. Aire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh

Introduction

General

This is the twenty sixth issue of the annual “Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services” prepared by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It sets out comprehensive data relating to services provided by the Department.

The statistics set out in this report relate to 2008 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 2008 are provisional pending certification by the Comptroller and Auditor General. All Expenditure figures have been converted to Euro amounts.

Source of Data

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

Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

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

Breakdown by Section

The report is divided into nine sections as follows:

Section A	Summary and Financial
Section B	Older People
Section C	Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families
Section D	Child Related Payments
Section E	Illness, Disability and Caring
Section F	Jobseeker’s Supports
Section G	Employment Supports
Section H	Supplementary Welfare Allowance
Section J	Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

Appendix 2 (page 103) 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 relating to older people.

Section C provides details of expenditure and recipients of payments to widows, widowers and one parent families. It also includes some statistics on payment to deserted wives and prisoners' wives.

Section D provides details of expenditure and recipients of child related payments including Child Benefit, Guardian's Payment and Maternity Benefit.

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

Section F provides details of jobseeker's payments.

Section G provides details of employment supports including Back to Work Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Education Allowance, the Family Income Supplement and Farm Assist. For the first time, this report includes data relating to the number of people referred to FÁS under the National Employment Action Plan.

Section H provides details of the range of payments available under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance scheme.

Section J provides details of Treatment Benefits, Free Schemes and other miscellaneous payments. This section includes the number of Personalised Public Service numbers issued by Nationality.

Summary

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The Department of Social and Family Affairs 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

Cúrsaí Ginearálta

Is é seo an séú a fiche don bhfoilsíúcháin bliantúil 'Eolas Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh' a ullmhaíonn An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh. Leagann sé amach sonraí cuimsitheach maidir leis na seirbhísí atá curtha ar fáil ag an Roinn.

Baineann na staitistic san eagraan seo le 2008 agus níos luaithe. Maidir leis na sonraí i leith na n-daoine atá ag fáil íocaíochtaí nó íocaíochtaí ar a son is iad na figiúirí ar 31 Nollaig gach bliain atá luaite, ach amháin nuair a deirtear a mhalairt. Tá a lan de na táblaí a leiríonn miondealaithe i leith daoine ag fáil íocaíochtaí, nó íocaíochtaí ar a son, de réir treith áirithe mar an meid deithiúnaithe, nó aois luaithe mar 'measta'. Ciallaíonn sé seo gur bunaíodh na miondealaithe, ata measaithe a bheith údarásach, ar dháta seachas 31 Nollaig ach gar don dáta sin.

Is figiúirí sealadach iad na figiúirí caiteachas le haghaidh 2008 go dtí go mbeidh siad deimhnithe ag An Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste. Ta na figiúirí caiteachas ar fad athruithe go suimeanna Euro.

Foinse na Sonraí

Is í An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh foinse na staitistic atá léirithe, ach amháin nuair a deirtear a mhalairt.

Amsraith agus Athraithe ar Íocaíochtaí

Tugtar sonraí ar amshraith nuair atá siad ar fáil. I gcásanna áirithe, áfach, cuireann íocaíochtaí nua, m. sh. Liuntas Cúnamh Feirme, nó athraithe ar íocaíochtaí, isteach ar chomparáid idir blianta. Tá fonóta leis na tablaí cuí nuair is gá.

Miondealú De Réir Ranna

Tá an eolaí roinnte i naoi gcuid mar a leanas:

- Cuid A Coimriú agus Airgeadais
- Cuid B Daoine Aosta
- Cuid C Baintreacha Fir & Mná agus Teaghlaigh le Tuismitheoir Amháin
- Cuid D Íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le Páistí
- Cuid E Tinneas, Míchumas agus Cúram
- Cuid F Tacáíochtaí Dífhostaíochta
- Cuid G Tacáíochtaí Fostaíochta
- Cuid H Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach
- Cuid J Íocaíochtaí Ilghnéitheach agus Deontais

Tá na h-íocaíochtaí i ngach earnáil leagtha amach in Aguisín 2 (leath. 103)

Tugann Cuid A sonraí maidir le caiteachas, le faighteoirí íocaíochtaí seachtainiúil leasa shóisialaigh, le daoine inárachais agus le rátaí íocaíochtaí.

Tugann Cuid B eolas maidir le caiteachas agus faighteoirí íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le daoine aosta.

Tugann Cuid C eolas maidir le caiteachas ar agus faighteoirí íocaíochtaí do bhaintreacha fir agus mná agus teaghlaigh le tuismitheoir amháin. Tá roinnt staitistic maidir le h-íocaíochtaí do mhná chéile tréigthe agus do mhná chéile príosúnaigh san áireamh sa chuid seo freisin.

Tugann Cuid D eolas maidir le caiteachas ar agus faighteoirí íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le páistí, Sochar Leanaí, Pinsean Dílleachta agus Sochar Maithreachais san áireamh.

Tugann Cuid E eolas maidir le caiteachas ar agus faighteoirí Sochar Breoiteachta, Pinsean Easláinte, Liúntas Míchumais, Pinsean na nDall, Liúntas Cúraim agus Sochair Gortú Ceirde.

Tugann Cuid F eolas maidir le h-íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le dífhostaíocht.

Tugann Cuid G eolas maidir le tacaíochtaí fostaíochta, an Liúntas Filleadh ar Obair, Liúntas Fiontar Filleadh ar Obair, Liúntas Filleadh ar Oideachais, Forlíonadh d'Ioncam Teaghlaigh agus Liúntas Cunamh Feirme san aireamh. Den chéad uair, tugtar sonraí sa tuarascáil seo maidir le líon na ndaoine a cuireadh ar aghaidh chuig FÁS faoin bPlean Gnímh Náisiúnta um Fhostaíocht.

Tugann Cuid H eolas maidir leis na h-íocaíochtaí éagsúla a chuirtear ar fáil faoin Scéim Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach

Tugann Cuid J eolas maidir le Sochar Coireála, Saorscéimeanna agus íocaíochtaí ilgnéitheach eile. Tugtar sa chuid seo líon na nUimhreacha Pearsanta Seirbhísí Poiblí a eisíodh, arna roinnt de réir náisiúnachtaí.

Achomair

Tá achomair de Staitistic Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i bhfoirm Bileog foilsithe leis an tuairisc seo. Tá achomhair dos na sonraí caiteachas agus uimhreacha faighteoirí chomh maith leis na bun rátaí leasa shóisialaigh i bhfeidhm ó Eanáir 2007, ar fáil sa bhileog seo.

Beidh fáilte roimh tuairimí leitheoirí maidir leis an tuairisc seo. Ba cheart iad a sheoladh chuig:

Rannóg Staitistic,
An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha
agus Teaghlaigh,
Urlár 5,
Áras Mhic Dhiarmada,
Sráid Stórais,
Baile Átha Cliath 1

Tá an Tuairisc seo ar fáil freisin ar an idir-líne ag www.welfare.ie

Foilsíonn an Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail agus Teaghlaigh Tuairisc Bliantúil a thugann sonraí ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta sa bhliain atá i gceist. Is tuairisc í chuig an Aire agus an Rialtas ar dul chun cinn maidir le cur i bhfeidhm Ráiteas Straitéiseach na Roinne. Chomh maith le sin tugann an 'Treoirleabhar ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh' eolas cuimsitheach ar na seirbhísí leasa shóisialaigh ar fad agus tá sé seo ar fáil ó aon oifig den Roinn agus ar an idir-líne.

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SECTION A
SUMMARY AND FINANCIAL

Section A: Summary and Financial

Expenditure

Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2008 was €17,815million, an increase of 14.8% over 2007. Expenditure in 2008 represented 33.4% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 11.4% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Older People (24.1%), Widow's, Widower's and One Parent Families (14.0%), Illness, Disability and Caring (18.5%), Jobseeker's Supports (11.8%), Child Related Payments (15.7%), Supplementary Welfare Allowance (4.5%) and Employment Supports (2.3%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 3.3% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (52.9%) and the Social Insurance Fund (47.1%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (73.0%), employees (20.1%), the self-employed (5.0%) and Investment Income (2.0%). See Tables A6 and A7.

Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Over 1,208,800 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2008. As these payments included increases in respect of over 145,200 Qualified Adults and over 445,700 children, there were over 1,799,800 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients increased by 148,556, year on year, while the number of beneficiaries increased by 222,412.

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

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) 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, 2008

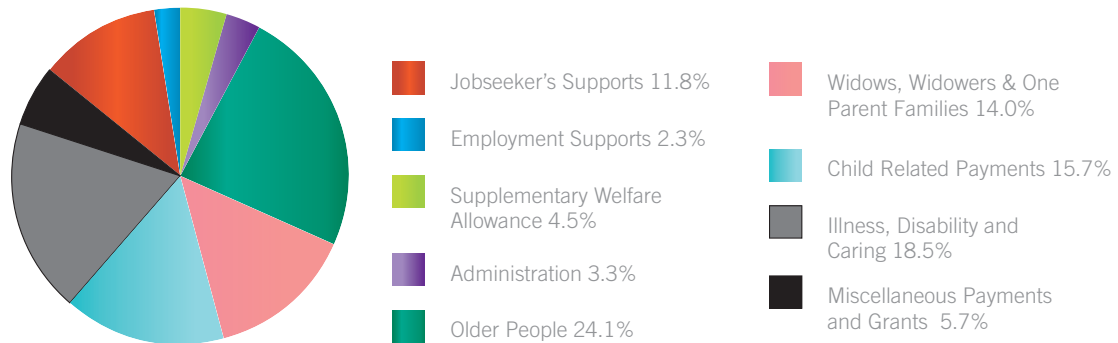


Table A1: Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2007 and 2008

Programme	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2008 over 2007
	€000	€000	
Older People	3,878,476	4,300,849	10.9%
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	2,299,264	2,501,989	8.8%
Child Related Payments	2,506,632	2,799,029	11.7%
Illness, Disability and Caring	2,855,254	3,301,260	15.6%
Jobseeker's Supports	1,420,023	2,097,637	47.7%
Employment Supports	363,730	415,725	14.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	682,706	804,410	17.8%
Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	949,333	1,014,503	6.9%
Administration	563,065	579,880	3.0%
Total Expenditure	15,518,483	17,815,282	14.8%

(1) Provisional

Table A2: Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1999 to 2008

Year	Total Social Welfare Expenditure ⁽¹⁾ (€m)	Index of Expenditure	Consumer Price Index ⁽²⁾	Social Welfare Expenditure as a percentage of ⁽³⁾		
				Gross Current Government Expenditure	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
1999 ⁽⁴⁾	6,283	100.0	100.0	26.1	8.2	6.9
2000 ⁽⁴⁾	6,713	106.8	105.5	25.9	7.5	6.4
2001 ⁽⁴⁾	7,842	124.8	110.7	26.2	8.0	6.7
2002 ⁽⁴⁾	9,517	151.5	115.8	28.8	8.9	7.3
2003 ⁽⁴⁾	10,493	167.0	119.8	28.9	8.9	7.5
2004 ⁽⁴⁾	11,291	179.7	122.4	28.9	9.0	7.6
2005 ⁽⁴⁾	12,168	193.7	125.5	28.2	8.9	7.5
2006 ⁽⁴⁾	13,586	216.2	130.4	28.6	8.9	7.7
2007 ⁽⁴⁾	15,518	247.0	136.8	29.4	9.6	8.1
2008 ⁽⁴⁾	17,815	283.5	142.4	33.4	11.4	9.6

(1) Includes the full cost of Supplementary Welfare Allowance which is administered by the Health Service Executive.

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

(3) Source: Central Statistics Office and Department of Finance.

(4) Total Social Welfare expenditure for these years includes expenditure on the Redundancy and Insolvency Schemes which are administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Table A3: Expenditure on Social Welfare by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007	2008 ⁽³⁾	Change
	€000	€000	
State Pension (Contributory)	2,754,749	3,118,029	13.2%
State Pension (Transition)	79,070	92,107	16.5%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	920,167	973,047	5.7%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	124,490	117,666	-5.5%
Total Older People	3,878,476	4,300,849	10.9%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	1,204,979	1,299,406	7.8%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	19,921	17,628	-11.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	100,710	104,671	3.9%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,897	6,627	-3.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	16	7	-56.3%
One Parent Family Payment	962,425	1,067,578	10.9%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	3,862	5,543	43.5%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	454	529	16.5%
Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	2,299,264	2,501,989	8.8%
Maternity Benefit	257,896	315,879	22.5%
Health and Safety Benefit	503	576	14.5%
Adoptive Benefit	1,333	1,644	23.3%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	9,560	14,373	50.3%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,366	10,711	145.3%
Child Benefit	2,232,974	2,455,846	10.0%
Total Child Related Payments	2,506,632	2,799,029	11.7%
Illness Benefit	755,077	852,334	12.9%
Invalidity Pension	618,133	685,732	10.9%
Injury Benefit	17,194	19,252	12.0%
Disablement Benefit	79,283	84,444	6.5%
Death Benefit	7,574	8,036	6.1%
Disability Allowance	901,131	1,052,686	16.8%
Medical Care	298	282	-5.4%
Carer's Allowance	361,257	450,298	24.6%
Carer's Benefit	26,900	33,672	25.2%
Respite Care Grant	73,376	98,204	33.8%
Blind Pension	15,031	16,320	8.6%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	2,855,254	3,301,260	15.6%
Jobseeker's Benefit	544,931	929,844	70.6%
Jobseeker's Allowance	875,092	1,167,793	33.4%
Total Jobseeker's Supports	1,420,023	2,097,637	47.7%
Family Income Supplement	140,020	170,310	21.6%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	145,024	160,534	10.7%
Farm Assist	78,686	84,881	7.9%
Total Employment Supports	363,730	415,725	14.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	682,706	804,410	17.8%
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Treatment Benefits ⁽¹⁾	91,602	97,124	6.0%
Rent Allowance	792	732	-7.6%
Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾	535,525	584,674	9.2%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	133,236	142,921	7.3%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	188,178	189,052	0.5%
Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	949,333	1,014,503	6.9%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	242,711	257,845	6.2%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	320,354	322,035	0.5%
Total Administration	563,065	579,880	3.0%
Grand Total	15,518,483	17,815,282	14.8%

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

(2) These schemes are administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

(3) Provisional.

Table A4: Additional Expenditure Details, 2007 and 2008

Additional Details	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change
	€000	€000	
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES			
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	71,072	73,172	3.0%
Back to Education Allowance	64,142	77,136	20.3%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,320	1,324	0.3%
Other	8,490	8,902	4.9%
TOTAL	145,024	160,534	10.7%
TREATMENT BENEFITS			
Dental	64,846	69,419	7.1%
Optical	21,050	21,703	3.1%
Medical and Surgical	5,706	6,002	5.2%
TOTAL	91,602	97,124	6.0%
HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL			
Social Insurance			
Fuel Allowances	61,401	60,211	-1.9%
Free Electricity	87,912	92,772	5.5%
Free Bottled Gas	16	15	-6.3%
Free Natural Gas	11,499	11,433	-0.6%
Free Television Licence	31,458	33,976	8.0%
Free Telephone Rental	57,488	62,155	8.1%
TOTAL	249,774	260,562	4.3%
HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL			
Social Assistance			
Fuel Allowances	96,888	115,779	19.5%
Free Travel	64,125	68,428	6.7%
Free Electricity	59,313	63,967	7.8%
Free Bottled Gas	100	81	-19.0%
Free Natural Gas	3,744	4,098	9.5%
Free Television Licence	20,214	21,722	7.5%
Free Telephone Rental	41,367	50,037	21.0%
TOTAL	285,751	324,112	13.4%
MISCELLANEOUS			
Bereavement Grants	16,673	17,851	7.1%
School Meals	28,202	32,422	15.0%
Combat Poverty Agency	4,008	4,114	2.6%
Citizen's Information Board (Comhairle)	27,860	29,468	5.8%
Family Support Agency	35,339	35,981	1.8%
Money Advice and Budgeting Services	14,578	16,217	11.2%
Other Grants/Payments	6,576	6,868	4.4%
TOTAL	133,236	142,921	7.3%

(1) Provisional.

Table A5: Social Insurance and Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	Expenditure		Change
	2007	2008 ⁽²⁾	
	€000	€000	
State Pension (Contributory)	2,754,749	3,118,029	13.2%
State Pension (Transition)	79,070	92,107	16.5%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	1,204,979	1,299,406	7.8%
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Disablement Benefit	79,283	84,444	6.5%
Death Benefit Pension	7,574	8,036	6.1%
Jobseeker's Benefit	544,931	929,844	70.6%
Treatment Benefit	91,602	97,124	6.0%
Bereavement Grant	16,673	17,851	7.1%
Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾	249,774	260,562	4.3%
Redundancy and Insolvency	188,178	189,052	0.5%
Administration	242,711	257,845	6.2%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	7,250,990	8,388,258	15.7%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	920,167	973,047	5.7%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	124,490	117,666	-5.5%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	19,921	17,628	-11.5%
Widowed Parent Grant	454	529	16.5%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,897	6,627	-3.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	16	7	-56.3%
One-Parent Family Payment	962,425	1,067,578	10.9%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,366	10,711	145.3%
Child Benefit	2,232,974	2,455,846	10.0%
Disability Allowance	901,131	1,052,686	16.8%
Blind Pension	15,031	16,320	8.6%
Carer's Allowance	361,257	450,298	24.6%
Respite Care Grant	73,376	98,204	33.8%
Jobseeker's Allowance	875,092	1,167,793	33.4%
Farm Assist	78,686	84,881	7.9%
Employment Support Services	145,024	160,534	10.7%
Family Income Supplement	140,020	170,310	21.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	682,706	804,410	17.8%
Rent Allowance	792	732	-7.6%
Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾	285,751	324,112	13.4%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	116,563	125,070	7.3%
Administration	320,354	322,035	0.5%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	8,267,493	9,427,024	14.0%
GRAND TOTAL	15,518,483	17,815,282	14.8%

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

(2) Provisional.

Graph A2 Expenditure on Main Social Insurance Schemes, 1999 to 2008

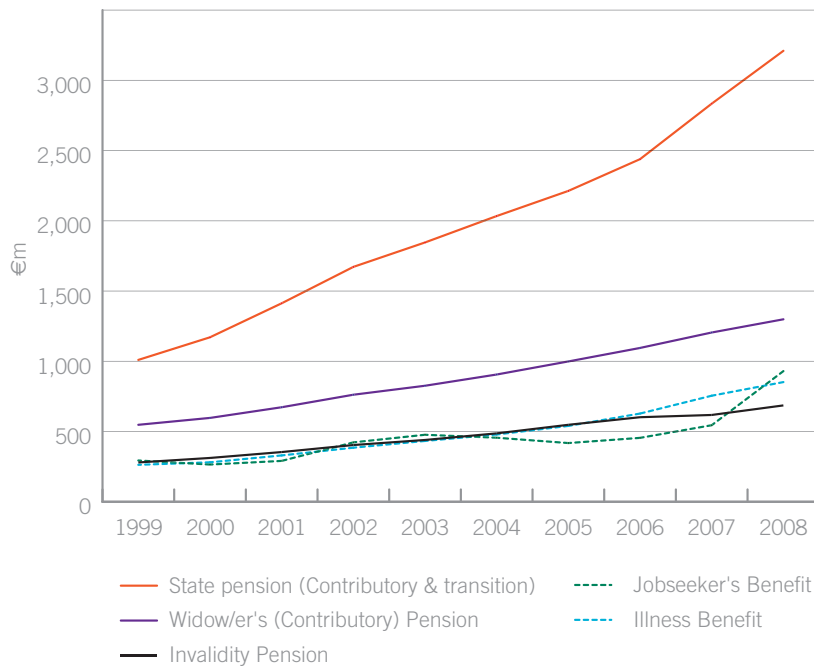


Table A6: Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 2007 and 2008

	2007		2008 ⁽¹⁾	
	€000		€000	
Sources of Finance				
State	8,267,493	53.3%	9,427,024	52.9%
Social Insurance Fund	7,250,990	46.7%	8,388,258	47.1%
TOTAL	15,518,483	100.0%	17,815,282	100.0%

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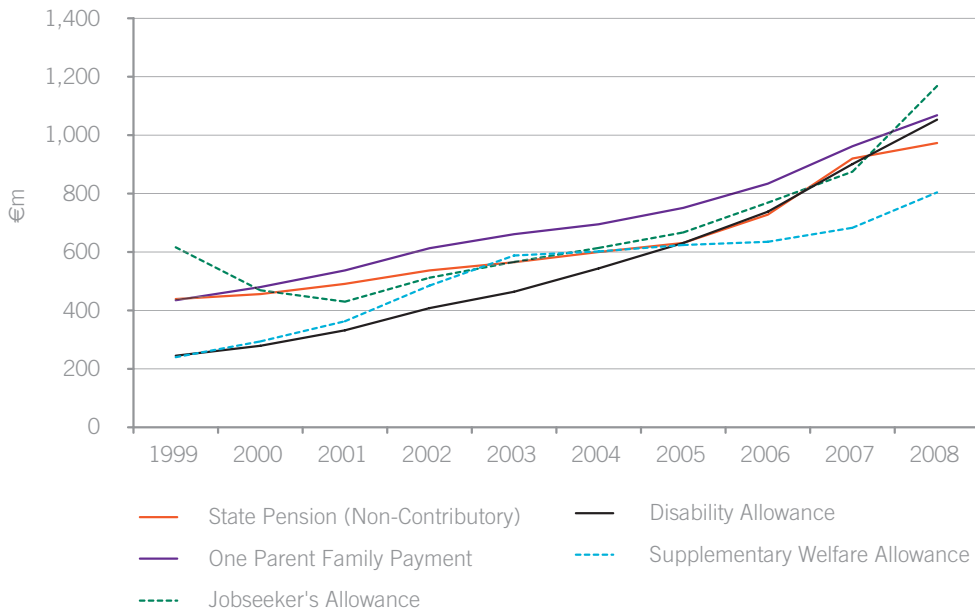
Table A7: Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2007 and 2008

	2007		2008 ⁽¹⁾	
	€000		€000	
Sources of Finance				
Employer PRSI	5,762,011	73.5%	5,944,212	73.0%
Employee PRSI	1,539,147	19.6%	1,633,519	20.1%
Self-Employed PRSI	420,852	5.4%	405,581	5.0%
Investment Income	112,049	1.4%	160,209	2.0%
Other Receipts	88	0.0%	19	0.0%
Total Income	7,834,147	100.0%	8,143,540	100.0%
Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes	7,250,990		8,388,258	
Surplus	583,157		-244,718	

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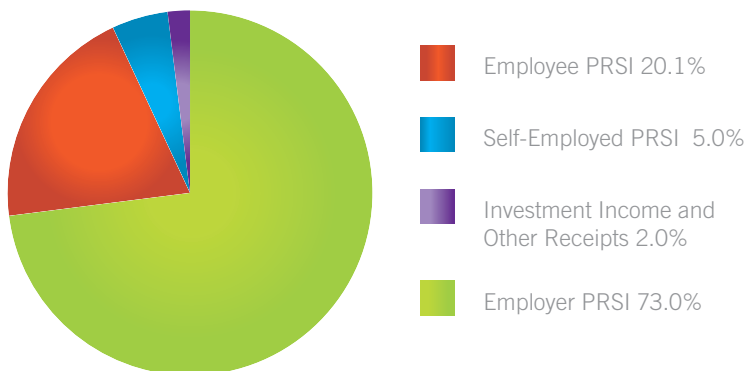
Note: The breakdown between employer and employee contributions requires a detailed analysis of data collected by the Revenue Commissioners. The contributions are apportioned on the basis of the most recently available information and are of necessity provisional.

Graph A3: Expenditure on Main Social Assistance Schemes, 1999 to 2008



Graph A4: Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2008

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Graph A5: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme Area, 2008

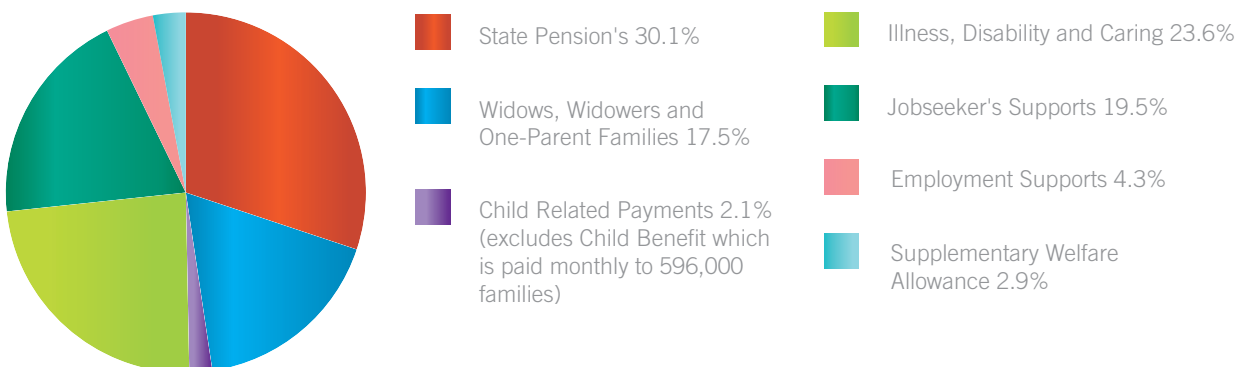


Table A8: Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1999 to 2008

Year	Recipients	Beneficiaries
1999	880,758	1,476,088
2000	869,994	1,432,774
2001	903,375	1,460,574
2002	938,971	1,496,714
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

Table A9: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change 2008 Over 2007
	2007	2008	
State Pension (Contributory)	237,599	250,117	5.3%
State Pension (Transition)	5,851	7,242	23.8%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,726	97,784	0.1%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	10,624	8,872	-16.5%
Total Older People	351,800	364,015	3.5%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	111,460	112,237	0.7%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,138	2,042	-4.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,395	9,056	-3.6%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	693	617	-11.0%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	1	-50.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	85,084	87,840	3.2%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	208,772	211,793	1.4%
Maternity Benefit	20,948	23,421	11.8%
Health and Safety Benefit	39	69	76.9%
Adoptive Benefit	55	68	23.6%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	818	833	1.8%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	442	437	-1.1%
Total Child Related Payments	22,302	24,828	11.3%
Illness Benefit	70,404	73,609	4.6%
Invalidity Pension	53,956	53,725	-0.4%
Injury Benefit	900	846	-6.0%
Interim Illness Benefit	440	525	19.3%
Disablement Pension	12,874	13,192	2.5%
Death Benefit Pension	647	651	0.6%
Disability Allowance	89,048	95,754	7.5%
Carer's Benefit	2,080	2,249	8.1%
Carer's Allowance	33,067	43,569	31.8%
Blind Pension	1,474	1,472	-0.1%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	264,890	285,592	7.8%
Jobseeker's Benefit	59,167	121,763	105.8%
Jobseeker's Allowance	80,268	113,603	41.5%
Total Jobseeker's Supports	139,435	235,366	68.8%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	4,305	3,558	-17.4%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,811	1,470	-18.8%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,017	3,134	3.9%
Back to Education Allowance	5,980	7,886	31.9%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	210	184	-12.4%
Family Income Supplement	22,823	27,798	21.8%
Farm Assist	7,376	7,496	1.6%
Total Employment Supports	45,522	51,526	13.2%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	27,379	35,546	29.8%
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	27,379	35,546	29.8%
Rent Allowance	227	217	-4.4%
Total Miscellaneous Payments	227	217	-4.4%
Grand Total	1,060,327	1,208,883	14.0%

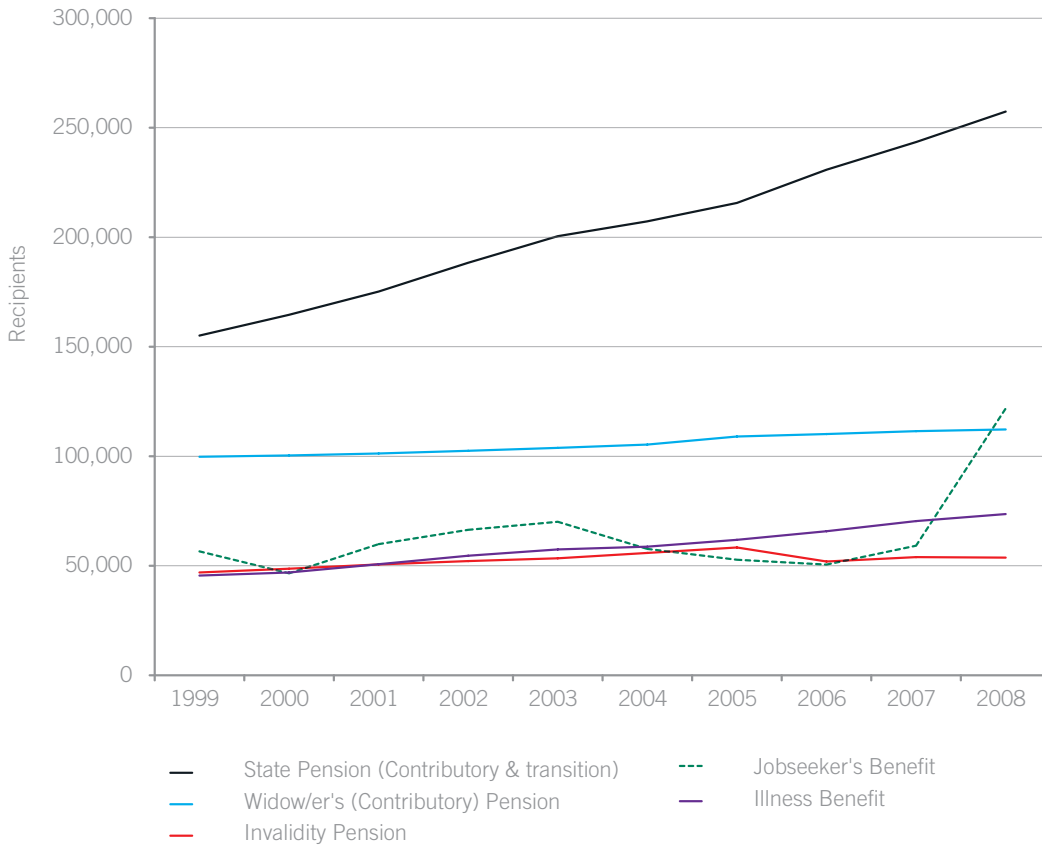
(1) Includes basic weekly payments only. See Section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments.

Table A10: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Lifecycle Stage, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change 2008 over 2007
	2007	2008	
Family Income Supplement	22,823	27,798	21.8%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	818	833	1.8%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	442	437	-1.1%
Total Children & Families	24,083	29,068	20.7%
Adoptive Benefit	55	68	23.6%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	4,305	3,558	-17.4%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	1,811	1,470	-18.8%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,017	3,134	3.9%
Back to Education Allowance	5,980	7,886	31.9%
Carer's Benefit	2,080	2,249	8.1%
Carer's Allowance	33,067	43,569	31.8%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,395	9,056	-3.6%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	693	617	-11.0%
Farm Assist	7,376	7,496	1.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	39	69	76.9%
Illness Benefit	70,404	73,609	4.6%
Jobseeker's Benefit	59,167	121,763	105.8%
Jobseeker's Allowance	80,268	113,603	41.5%
Maternity Benefit	20,948	23,421	11.8%
One-Parent Family Payment	85,084	87,840	3.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	210	184	-12.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	10,624	8,872	-16.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	1	-50.0%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,138	2,042	-4.5%
Total People of Working Age	396,663	510,507	28.7%
Rent Allowance	227	217	-4.4%
State Pension (Contributory)	237,599	250,117	5.3%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,726	97,784	0.1%
State Pension (Transition)	5,851	7,242	23.8%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	111,460	112,237	0.7%
Total Retired & Older People	452,863	467,597	3.3%
Death Benefit Pension	647	651	0.6%
Disability Allowance	89,048	95,754	7.5%
Disablement Pension	12,874	13,192	2.5%
Invalidity Pension	53,956	53,725	-0.4%
Injury Benefit	900	846	-6.0%
Interim Illness Benefit	440	525	19.3%
Blind Pension	1,474	1,472	-0.1%
Total People with Disabilities	159,339	166,165	4.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	27,379	35,546	29.8%
Total Poverty & Social Inclusion	27,379	35,546	29.8%
Grand Total	1,060,327	1,208,883	14.0%

(1) Includes basic weekly payments only. See Section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments.

Graph A6: Recipients of Main Social Insurance Payments, 1999 to 2008



Graph A7: Recipients of Main Social Assistance Payments, 1999 to 2008

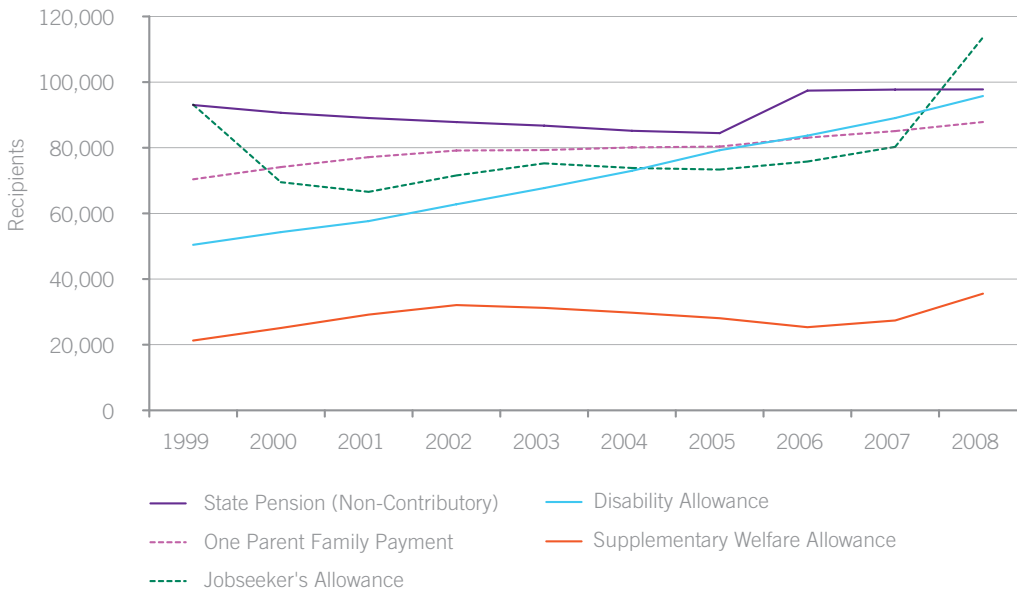


Table A11: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change 2008 over 2007
	2007	2008	
State Pension (Contributory)	237,599	250,117	5.3%
State Pension (Transition)	5,851	7,242	23.8%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	111,460	112,237	0.7%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,395	9,056	-3.6%
Maternity Benefit	20,948	23,421	11.8%
Health and Safety Benefit	39	69	76.9%
Adoptive Benefit	55	68	23.6%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	818	833	1.8%
Illness Benefit	70,404	73,609	4.6%
Invalidity Pension	53,956	53,725	-0.4%
Injury Benefit	900	846	-6.0%
Interim Illness Benefit	440	525	19.3%
Disablement Benefit	12,874	13,192	2.5%
Death Benefit Pension	647	651	0.6%
Carer's Benefit	2,080	2,249	8.1%
Jobseeker's Benefit	59,167	121,763	105.8%
Total Social Insurance	586,633	669,603	14.1%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,726	97,784	0.1%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	10,624	8,872	-16.5%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,138	2,042	-4.5%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	693	617	-11.0%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	1	-50.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	85,084	87,840	3.2%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	442	437	-1.1%
Disability Allowance	89,048	95,754	7.5%
Blind Pension	1,474	1,472	-0.1%
Carer's Allowance	33,067	43,569	31.8%
Jobseeker's Allowance	80,268	113,603	41.5%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	4,305	3,558	-17.4%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,811	1,470	-18.8%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,017	3,134	3.9%
Back to Education Allowance	5,980	7,886	31.9%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	210	184	-12.4%
Family Income Supplement	22,823	27,798	21.8%
Farm Assist	7,376	7,496	1.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	27,379	35,546	29.8%
Rent Allowance	227	217	-4.4%
Total Social Assistance	473,694	539,280	13.8%
Grand Total	1,060,327	1,208,883	14.0%

(1) Includes basic weekly payments only. See Section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments.

Table A12: Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change 2008 over 2007
	2007	2008	
State Pension (Contributory)	299,663	314,295	4.9%
State Pension (Transition)	7,752	9,511	22.7%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	101,469	101,577	0.1%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	14,861	12,177	-18.1%
Total Older People	423,745	437,560	3.3%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	124,287	124,646	0.3%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,138	2,042	-4.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,386	11,404	-7.9%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	693	617	-11.0%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	1	-50.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	224,769	233,620	3.9%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	364,275	372,330	2.2%
Maternity Benefit	20,948	23,421	11.8%
Health and Safety Benefit	40	71	77.5%
Adoptive Benefit	55	68	23.6%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	818	833	1.8%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	442	437	-1.1%
Total Child Related Payments	22,303	24,830	11.3%
Illness Benefit	106,959	110,764	3.6%
Invalidity Pension	79,981	78,853	-1.4%
Injury Benefit	1,267	1,238	-2.3%
Interim Illness Benefit	605	731	20.8%
Disablement Pension	13,629	13,824	1.4%
Death Benefit Pension	799	799	0.0%
Disability Allowance	117,797	127,422	8.2%
Carer's Benefit	4,429	4,801	8.4%
Carer's Allowance	60,765	71,935	18.4%
Blind Pension	1,975	1,930	-2.3%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	388,206	412,297	6.2%
Jobseeker's Benefit	79,611	169,001	112.3%
Jobseeker's Allowance	134,350	187,802	39.8%
Total Jobseeker's Supports	213,961	356,803	66.8%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	9,086	7,185	-20.9%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	4,249	3,506	-17.5%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4	6,928	7,232	4.4%
Back to Education Allowance	9,219	11,876	28.8%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	210	184	-12.4%
Family Income Supplement	70,352	85,817	22.0%
Farm Assist	16,514	16,787	1.7%
Total Employment Supports	116,558	132,587	13.8%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	48,188	63,251	31.3%
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	48,188	63,251	31.3%
Rent Allowance	227	217	-4.4%
Total Miscellaneous Payments	227	217	-4.4%
Grand Total	1,577,463	1,799,875	14.1%

(1) Includes basic weekly payments only. See Section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments.

Table A13: Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Lifecycle Stage, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change 2008 over 2007
	2007	2008	
Family Income Supplement	70,352	85,817	22.0%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	818	833	1.8%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	442	437	-1.1%
Total Children & Families	71,612	87,087	21.6%
Adoptive Benefit	55	68	23.6%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	9,086	7,185	-20.9%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	4,249	3,506	-17.5%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4	6,928	7,232	4.4%
Back to Education Allowance	9,219	11,876	28.8%
Carer's Benefit	4,429	4,801	8.4%
Carer's Allowance	60,765	71,935	18.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,386	11,404	-7.9%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	693	617	-11.0%
Farm Assist	16,514	16,787	1.7%
Health and Safety Benefit	40	71	77.5%
Illness Benefit	106,959	110,764	3.6%
Jobseeker's Benefit	79,611	169,001	112.3%
Jobseeker's Allowance	134,350	187,802	39.8%
Maternity Benefit	20,948	23,421	11.8%
One-Parent Family Payment	224,769	233,620	3.9%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	210	184	-12.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	14,861	12,177	-18.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	1	-50.0%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,138	2,042	-4.5%
Total People of Working Age	708,212	874,494	23.5%
Rent Allowance	227	217	-4.4%
State Pension (Contributory)	299,663	314,295	4.9%
State Pension (Transition)	7,752	9,511	22.7%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	101,469	101,577	0.1%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	124,287	124,646	0.3%
Total Retired & Older People	533,398	550,246	3.2%
Invalidity Pension	79,981	78,853	-1.4%
Injury Benefit	1,267	1,238	-2.3%
Interim Illness Benefit	605	731	20.8%
Disablement Pension	13,629	13,824	1.4%
Death Benefit Pension	799	799	0.0%
Disability Allowance	117,797	127,422	8.2%
Blind Pension	1,975	1,930	-2.3%
Total People with Disabilities	216,053	224,797	4.0%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	48,188	63,251	31.3%
Total Poverty & Social Inclusion	48,188	63,251	31.3%
Grand Total	1,577,463	1,799,875	14.1%

(1) Includes basic weekly payments only. See Section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments.

Table A14: Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change 2008 over 2007
	2007	2008	
State Pension (Contributory)	299,663	314,295	4.9%
State Pension (Transition)	7,752	9,511	22.7%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	124,287	124,646	0.3%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,386	11,404	-7.9%
Maternity Benefit	20,948	23,421	11.8%
Health and Safety Benefit	40	71	77.5%
Adoptive Benefit	55	68	23.6%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	818	833	1.8%
Illness Benefit	106,959	110,764	3.6%
Invalidity Pension	79,981	78,853	-1.4%
Injury Benefit	1,267	1,238	-2.3%
Interim Illness Benefit	605	731	20.8%
Disablement Pension	13,629	13,824	1.4%
Death Benefit Pension	799	799	0.0%
Carer's Benefit	4,429	4,801	8.4%
Jobseeker's Benefit	79,611	169,001	112.3%
Total Social Insurance	753,229	864,260	14.7%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	101,469	101,577	0.1%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	14,861	12,177	-18.1%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,138	2,042	-4.5%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	693	617	-11.0%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	1	-50.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	224,769	233,620	3.9%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	442	437	-1.1%
Disability Allowance	117,797	127,422	8.2%
Blind Pension	1,975	1,930	-2.3%
Carer's Allowance	60,765	71,935	18.4%
Jobseeker's Allowance	134,350	187,802	39.8%
Family Income Supplement	70,352	85,817	22.0%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	9,086	7,185	-20.9%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	4,249	3,506	-17.5%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	6,928	7,232	4.4%
Back to Education Allowance	9,219	11,876	28.8%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	210	184	-12.4%
Farm Assist	16,514	16,787	1.7%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	48,188	63,251	31.3%
Rent Allowance	227	217	-4.4%
Total Social Assistance	824,234	935,615	13.5%
Grand Total	1,577,463	1,799,875	14.1%

(1) Includes basic weekly payments only. See Section H for details of other Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments.

Table A15: Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Sex, Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2008

Type of Payment	2008				Total
	Male		Female		
State Pension (Contributory)	166,869	66.7%	83,248	33.3%	250,117
State Pension (Transition)	5,015	69.2%	2,227	30.8%	7,242
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	14,447	12.9%	97,790	87.1%	112,237
Deserted Wife's Benefit	-	0.0%	9,056	100.0%	9,056
Maternity Benefit	-	0.0%	23,421	100.0%	23,421
Health and Safety Benefit	-	0.0%	69	100.0%	69
Adoptive Benefit	-	0.0%	68	100.0%	68
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	416	49.9%	417	50.1%	833
Illness Benefit	27,156	36.9%	46,453	63.1%	73,609
Invalidity Pension	26,193	48.8%	27,532	51.2%	53,725
Injury Benefit	611	72.2%	235	27.8%	846
Interim Illness Benefit	335	63.8%	190	36.2%	525
Disablement Pension	10,504	79.6%	2,688	20.4%	13,192
Death Benefit Pension	7	1.1%	644	98.9%	651
Carer's Benefit	332	14.8%	1,917	85.2%	2,249
Jobseeker's Benefit	78,203	64.2%	43,560	35.8%	121,763
Total Social Insurance	330,088	49.3%	339,515	50.7%	669,603
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	35,950	36.8%	61,834	63.2%	97,784
Pre-Retirement Allowance	6,809	76.7%	2,063	23.3%	8,872
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	193	9.5%	1,849	90.5%	2,042
Deserted Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	617	100.0%	617
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	1	100.0%	1
One-Parent Family Payment	1,804	2.1%	86,036	97.9%	87,840
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	218	34.2%	419	65.8%	637
Disability Allowance	56,974	59.5%	38,780	40.5%	95,754
Blind Pension	770	52.3%	702	47.7%	1,472
Carer's Allowance	8,843	20.3%	34,726	79.7%	43,569
Jobseeker's Allowance	85,216	75.0%	28,387	25.0%	113,603
Family Income Supplement	10,694	38.5%	17,104	61.5%	27,798
Back to Work Allowance	1,855	52.1%	1,703	47.9%	3,558
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,329	72.3%	1,275	27.7%	4,604
Back to Education Allowance	4,548	57.7%	3,338	42.3%	7,886
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	94	51.1%	90	48.9%	184
Farm Assist	6,900	92.0%	596	8.0%	7,496
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	22,771	64.1%	12,775	35.9%	35,546
Rent Allowance	157	72.4%	60	27.6%	217
Total Social Assistance	247,125	45.8%	292,355	54.2%	539,480
Grand Total	577,213	47.7%	631,870	52.3%	1,209,083

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated

Table A16: Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2008

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾		
State Pension (Contributory)	250,117	61,383	1,555	1,240	-	314,295
State Pension (Transition)	7,242	2,039	123	107	-	9,511
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,784	3,166	492	135	-	101,577
Pre-Retirement Allowance	8,872	2,484	715	106	-	12,177
Total Older People	364,015	69,072	2,885	1,588	0	437,560
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	112,237	-	12,409	-	-	124,646
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,042	-	-	-	-	2,042
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,056	-	2,348	-	-	11,404
Deserted Wife's Allowance	617	-	-	-	-	617
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	1	-	-	-	-	1
One-Parent Family Payment	87,840	-	145,723	57	-	233,620
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	211,793	0	160,480	57	0	372,330
Maternity Benefit	23,421	-	-	-	-	23,421
Health and Safety Benefit	69	-	1	1	-	71
Adoptive Benefit	68	-	-	-	-	68
Guardian's Pension (Contributory)	833	-	-	-	-	833
Guardian's Pension (Non-Contributory)	437	-	-	-	-	437
Total Child Related Payments	24,828	0-	1	1	0	24,830
Illness Benefit	73,609	9,332	9,813	18,010	-	110,764
Invalidity Pension	53,725	8,916	4,808	11,404	-	78,853
Injury Benefit	846	126	161	105	-	1,238
Interim Illness Benefit	525	51	72	83	-	731
Disablement Pension	13,192	177	148	307	-	13,824
Death Benefit Pension	651	-	148	-	-	799
Disability Allowance	95,754	8,306	16,534	6,828	-	127,422
Carer's Benefit	2,249	-	79	2,473	-	4,801
Carer's Allowance	43,569	-	3,311	25,055	-	71,935
Blind Pension	1,472	110	216	132	-	1,930
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	285,592	27,018	35,290	64,397	0	412,297
Jobseeker's Benefit	121,763	13,449	20,636	13,153	-	169,001
Jobseeker's Allowance	113,603	22,872	46,543	4,784	-	187,802
Total Jobseeker's Supports	235,366	36,321	67,179	17,937	0	356,803
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,558	596	2,377	654	-	7,185
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	1,470	409	1,236	391	-	3,506
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,134	947	2,565	586	-	7,232
Back to Education Allowance	7,886	808	2,322	860	-	11,876
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	184	-	-	-	-	184
Family Income Supplement	27,798	-	-	-	58,019	85,817
Farm Assist	7,496	3,308	5,443	540	-	16,787
Total Employment Supports	51,526	6,068	13,943	3,031	58,019	132,587
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	35,546	6,757	20,948	-	-	63,251
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	35,546	6,757	20,948	0	0	63,251
Rent Allowance	217	-	-	-	-	217
Total Miscellaneous Payments	217	0	0	0	0	217
Grand Total ⁽³⁾	1,208,883	145,236	300,726	87,011	58,019	1,799,875

(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 A17: Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Lifecycle Stage, 2008

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾		
Family Income Supplement	27,798	-	-	-	58,019	85,817
Guardian's Pension (Contributory)	833	-	-	-	-	833
Guardian's Pension (Non-Contributory)	437	-	-	-	-	437
Total Children & Families	29,068	0	0	0	58,019	87,087
Adoptive Benefit	68	-	-	-	-	68
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,558	596	2,377	654	-	7,185
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	1,470	409	1,236	391	-	3,506
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,134	947	2,565	586	-	7,232
Back to Education Allowance	7,886	808	2,322	860	-	11,876
Carer's Benefit	2,249	-	79	2,473	-	4,801
Carer's Allowance	43,569	-	3,311	25,055	-	71,935
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,056	-	2,348	-	-	11,404
Deserted Wife's Allowance	617	-	-	-	-	617
Farm Assist	7,496	3,308	5,443	540	-	16,787
Health and Safety Benefit	69	-	1	1	-	71
Illness Benefit	73,609	9,332	9,813	18,010	-	110,764
Jobseeker's Benefit	121,763	13,449	20,636	13,153	-	169,001
Jobseeker's Allowance	113,603	22,872	46,543	4,784	-	187,802
Maternity Benefit	23,421	-	-	-	-	23,421
One-Parent Family Payment	87,840	-	145,723	57	-	233,620
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	184	-	-	-	-	184
Pre-Retirement Allowance	8,872	2,484	715	106	-	12,177
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	1	-	-	-	-	1
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,042	-	-	-	-	2,042
Total People of Working Age	510,507	54,205	243,112	66,670	0	874,494
Rent Allowance	217	-	-	-	-	217
State Pension (Contributory)	250,117	61,383	1,555	1,240	-	314,295
State Pension (Transition)	7,242	2,039	123	107	-	9,511
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,784	3,166	492	135	-	101,577
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	112,237	-	12,409	-	-	124,646
Total Retired & Older People	467,597	66,588	14,579	1,482	0	550,246
Invalidity Pension	53,725	8,916	4,808	11,404	-	78,853
Injury Benefit	846	126	161	105	-	1,238
Interim Illness Benefit	525	51	72	83	-	731
Disablement Pension	13,192	177	148	307	-	13,824
Death Benefit Pension	651	-	148	-	-	799
Disability Allowance	95,754	8,306	16,534	6,828	-	127,422
Blind Pension	1,472	110	216	132	-	1,930
Total People with Disabilities	166,165	17,686	22,087	18,859	-	224,797
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	35,546	6,757	20,948	-	-	63,251
Total Poverty & Social Inclusion	35,546	6,757	20,948	0	0	63,251
Grand Total⁽³⁾	1,208,883	145,236	300,726	87,011	58,019	1,799,875

(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 A18: Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 2006 and 2007

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number insured					
		2006 ⁽¹⁾			2007 ⁽²⁾		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
A	All Benefits ⁽³⁾	1,207,465	1,104,538	2,312,003	1,245,686	1,147,992	2,393,678
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Carer's Benefit and limited Injuries Benefits.	17,190	12,095	29,285	17,053	12,161	29,214
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Guardian's Payment (Contributory).	822	128	950	817	129	946
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	36,587	46,298	82,885	36,692	46,021	82,713
E	All benefits except Jobseeker's Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	144	32	176	131	29	160
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service	7,960	401	8,361	7,914	416	8,330
J ⁽⁴⁾	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	11,688	12,626	24,314	14,436	16,065	30,501
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution.	27,846	11,809	39,655	24,890	9,636	34,526
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	91,824	66,548	158,372	102,731	71,004	173,735
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Jobseeker's and Illness Benefits.	14	0	14	14	0	14
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), State Pension (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	283,440	73,108	356,548	265,357	70,467	335,824
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate + Low Rate: State Pension (Transition), State Pension (Contributory), Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Death Grant.	1,260	664	1,924	1,174	740	1,914
	TOTAL	1,686,240	1,328,247	3,014,487	1,716,895	1,374,660	3,091,555

(1) Revised figures

(2) Provisional figures

(3) This includes 175,349 and 182,404 people in 2006 and 2007 respectively in receipt of credited contributions.

(4) Class J includes FAS and other trainees.

Note: The figures for 2007 represent the most recent out-turn of End-of-Year returns received for 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 figure should not be viewed as an estimate of the final outturn of contributors for that year. Data for 2008 is not yet processed.

Graph A8: Analysis of Insured Population, 2007

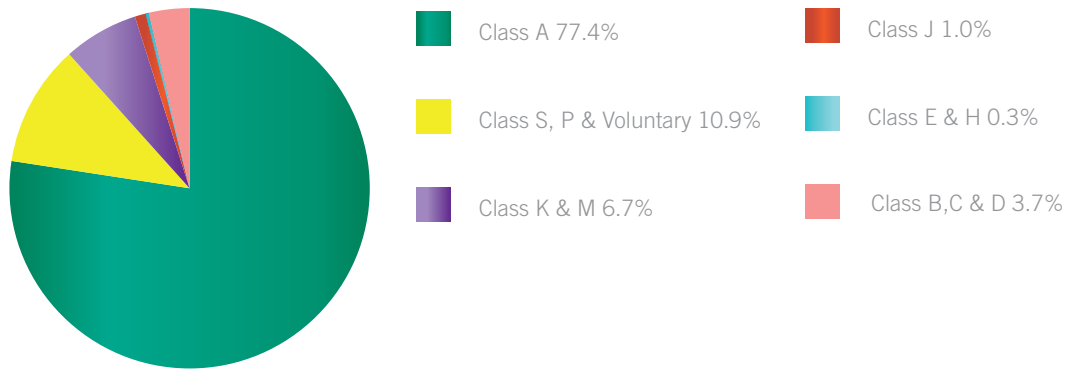


Table A19: Number of Insured Persons, 1998/1999 to 2007

Year	Insured Population	Index
1998/1999	2,200,399	100.0
1999/2000	2,310,525	105.0
2000/2001	2,417,231	109.9
2001 ⁽¹⁾	2,410,265	109.5
2002	2,503,671	113.8
2003	2,662,148	121.0
2004	2,752,162	125.1
2005	2,880,190	130.9
2006 ⁽²⁾	3,014,487	137.0
2007 ⁽³⁾	3,091,555	140.5

(1) Short Tax Year

(2) Revised

(3) Provisional

Table A20: Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2008

Type of Payment	Personal	Qualified	
		Adult	Child
	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) ⁽¹⁾	223.30	148.80	24.00
Invalidity Pension ^{(2) (3)}	203.30	145.10	24.00
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽⁴⁾	203.30	-	24.00
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	170.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	227.70	-	-
Disablement Pension	228.90	-	-
Short Term			
Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit	197.80	148.80	24.00
Carer's Benefit	214.70	-	24.00
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	212.00	140.10	24.00
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	197.80	-	24.00
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	197.80	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment	197.80	-	-
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	170.00	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	214.00	-	24.00
Jobseeker's Allowance (Long Term)	197.80	131.30	24.00
Pre-Retirement Allowance	197.80	131.30	24.00
Disability Allowance	197.80	131.30	24.00
Farm Assist	197.80	131.30	24.00
Short Term			
Jobseeker's Allowance (Short Term)	197.80	131.30	24.00
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	197.80	131.30	24.00
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	-	-
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	166.00	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	203.00	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €200.00 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is age 65 a rate of €223.30 is payable.

(3) If qualified adult is age 66 or over a rate of €200.00 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €223.30 is payable.

(5) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €232.00 is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2008.

Table A21: Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2009

Type of Payment	Personal €	Qualified	
		Adult €	Child €
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) ⁽¹⁾	230.30	153.50	26.00
Invalidity Pension ^{(2) (3)}	209.80	149.70	26.00
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽⁴⁾	209.80	-	26.00
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	176.50	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	234.70	-	26.00
Disablement Pension	235.40	-	-
Short Term			
Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit	204.30	135.60	26.00
Carer's Benefit	221.20	-	26.00
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	219.00	144.70	26.00
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	204.30	-	26.00
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	204.30	-	26.00
One-Parent Family Payment	204.30	-	26.00
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	176.50	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	220.50	-	26.00
Jobseeker's Allowance	204.30	135.60	26.00
Pre-Retirement Allowance	204.30	135.60	26.00
Disability Allowance	204.30	135.60	26.00
Farm Assist	204.30	135.60	26.00
Short Term			
Short Term Jobseeker's Allowance	204.30	135.60	26.00
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	204.30	135.60	26.00
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	-	-
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	166.00	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	203.00	-	-

(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.

(6) These rates apply from April 2009.

Table A22: Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment and Consumer Price Index, 1999 to 2008

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾
1999	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2000	105.4	106.7	111.9	115.4	105.5
2001	116.3	119.5	121.2	122.5	110.7
2002	127.3	133.4	138.2	141.8	115.8
2003	133.7	140.1	144.8	148.5	119.8
2004	144.4	151.3	154.2	157.0	122.4
2005	159.4	167.0	167.7	169.2	125.5
2006	177.7	186.1	183.3	182.3	130.4
2007	199.1	208.6	206.6	205.5	136.8
2008 ^c	211.9	222.1	219.6	218.1	142.4

(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 A23: Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment and Consumer Price Index, 1999 to 2008

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾
1999	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2000	107.9	108.1	111.9	114.8	105.5
2001	119.1	120.6	121.2	122.0	110.7
2002	130.3	133.7	137.0	139.7	115.8
2003	139.2	142.8	145.2	147.6	119.8
2004	148.0	152.0	153.1	154.8	122.4
2005	158.7	162.9	163.1	164.3	125.5
2006	171.0	175.6	174.1	174.0	130.4
2007	185.2	190.1	188.9	188.6	136.8
2008	197.6	202.8	201.1	200.5	142.4

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

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

SECTION B
OLDER PEOPLE

Section B: Older People

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on payments for older people was over €4,300 million in 2008. This represents an increase of 10.9% on 2007.

The overall number of payments for older people rose by 12,215 in 2008, an increase of 3.5% on 2007. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition)) based on social insurance contributions rose by 13,909 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested State Pension (Non-Contributory) increased by 58. The number of people in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 1,752 in 2008.

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

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/er'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, 1999 to 2008

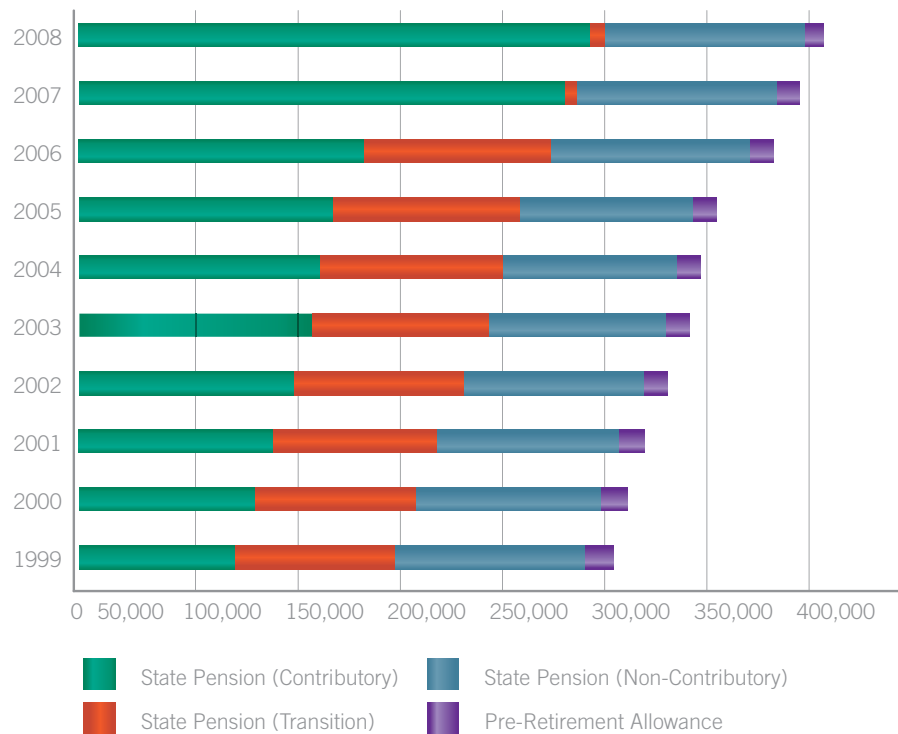


Table B1: Expenditure on Older People by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Payment Type	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2008 over 2007
	€000	€000	
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
State Pension (Contributory)	2,754,749	3,118,029	13.2%
State Pension (Transition)	79,070	92,107	16.5%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	920,167	973,047	5.7%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	124,490	117,666	-5.5%
TOTAL	3,878,476	4,300,849	10.9%

(1) Provisional

Table B2: Expenditure on Older People by Payment Type, 1999 to 2008

Year	State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Transition) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1999	498,084	511,543	439,359	76,506	1,525,491
2000	577,365	594,239	456,230	79,252	1,707,086
2001	716,474	697,349	490,718	82,774	1,987,315
2002	868,529	803,413	537,308	87,028	2,296,278
2003	946,902	898,981	565,006	89,077	2,499,966
2004	1,050,348	983,706	599,988	94,726	2,728,768
2005	1,152,849	1,060,052	631,299	102,879	2,947,079
2006	1,580,896	857,627	727,782	113,063	3,279,368
2007	2,754,749	79,070	920,167	124,490	3,878,476
2008 ⁽²⁾	3,118,029	92,107	973,047	117,666	4,300,849

(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, 1999 to 2008

Year	State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Transition) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
1999	76,241	78,868	93,023	13,149	261,281
2000	86,217	78,370	90,652	12,521	267,760
2001	94,871	80,326	89,061	11,807	276,065
2002	105,295	83,055	87,823	11,222	287,395
2003	113,970	86,509	86,733	10,957	298,169
2004	118,383	88,870	85,172	11,228	303,653
2005	124,611	91,047	84,454	11,058	311,170
2006	139,724	91,086	97,404	11,149	339,363
2007	237,599	5,851	97,726	10,624	351,800
2008	250,117	7,242	97,784	8,872	364,015

(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, 2008

Dependency Status	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Pre-retirement Allowance	Total
Personal Rate only	187,696	5,121	94,618	6,250	293,685
With Qualified Adult under 66	18,633	1,748	2,333	2,475	25,189
With Qualified Adult over 66	42,750	291	833	18	43,892
1 full rate Qualified Child	966	75	243	337	1,621
2 full rate Qualified Children	180	17	64	105	366
3 full rate Qualified Children	45	2	22	26	95
4 full rate Qualified Children	13	2	10	11	36
5 full rate Qualified Children	7	-	3	5	10
6+ full rate Qualified Children	1	-	-	3	4
1 half rate Qualified Child	713	64	82	45	904
2 half rate Qualified Children	191	12	17	17	237
3 half rate Qualified Children	36	5	2	4	47
4 half rate Qualified Children	8	1	2	1	12
5 half rate Qualified Children	1	-	1	1	3
6+ half rate Qualified Children	-	-	-	1	1
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	2,161	178	446	556	3,341
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	0.9%	2.5%	0.5%	6.3%	0.9%
Total Number of Qualified Adults	61,383	2,039	3,166	2,484	69,072
Total Number of Children ⁽¹⁾	2,795	230	627	821	4,473

(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, 2008

Age Group	State Pension (Contributory)		State Pension (Transition)		State Pension (Non-Contributory)		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 70 years	49,038	23,542	5,015	2,227	7,585	10,600	61,638	36,369
70 to 74 years	52,802	24,047	-	-	8,101	13,713	60,903	37,760
75 to 79 years	37,042	18,065	-	-	7,890	12,598	44,932	30,663
80 to 84 years	18,364	10,373	-	-	6,932	12,083	25,296	22,456
85 to 89 years	7,564	5,125	-	-	3,973	8,195	11,537	13,320
90 to 94 years	1,796	1,681	-	-	1,210	3,550	3,006	5,231
95 years and over	263	415	-	-	259	1,095	522	1,510
Total	166,869	83,248	5,015	2,227	35,950	61,834	207,834	147,309
OVERALL TOTAL	250,117		7,242		97,784		355,143	

Table B6: Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
56	171	48	219
57	419	124	543
58	549	174	723
59	716	205	921
60	846	235	1,081
61	853	252	1,105
62	810	265	1,075
63	915	247	1,162
64	861	280	1,141
65	669	233	902
Total	6,809	2,063	8,872

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

Table B7: Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Pension Type, 2008

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
State Pension (Contributory)	53,891	45,566	126
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	33,211	37,297	253
Total	87,102	82,863	379

Table B8: Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Payment and County, 2008

County	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	2,650	61	1,191	141
Cavan	2,780	88	2,776	133
Clare	4,600	194	3,901	226
Cork	24,827	718	10,916	1,055
Donegal	6,192	201	6,487	752
Dublin	68,591	2,224	11,718	1,801
Galway	9,059	286	7,896	385
Kerry	6,173	167	5,399	373
Kildare	6,678	263	1,802	174
Kilkenny	3,854	129	2,300	190
Laois	2,673	75	1,702	118
Leitrim	1,518	51	1,420	48
Limerick	9,364	274	4,403	402
Longford	1,653	53	1,448	70
Louth	6,426	217	2,071	312
Mayo	5,650	200	6,112	341
Meath	6,202	222	2,432	234
Monaghan	2,456	73	2,180	132
Offaly	3,225	104	1,680	102
Roscommon	2,712	60	2,646	108
Sligo	3,118	120	2,138	131
Tipperary	7,808	199	4,975	403
Waterford	5,968	212	2,454	333
Westmeath	3,840	98	1,945	94
Wexford	6,908	235	3,841	570
Wicklow	6,462	238	1,906	244
Others	38,730	480	45	-
Total	250,117	7,242	97,784	8,872

SECTION C
WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES

Section C: Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families increased by 8.8% overall in 2008.

The payment type in this programme group with both the largest expenditure and number of recipients is Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension. At the end of 2008 there were 112,237 recipients (97,790 widows and 14,447 widowers). Expenditure in 2007 was nearly €1,300 million which represented an increase of 7.8% over 2007.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance fell by 339 and 76 respectively during 2008.

Expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment increased by 10.9%, while the number of recipients rose by 2,756, an increase of 3.2% on 2007.

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

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 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 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 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 C1: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2008

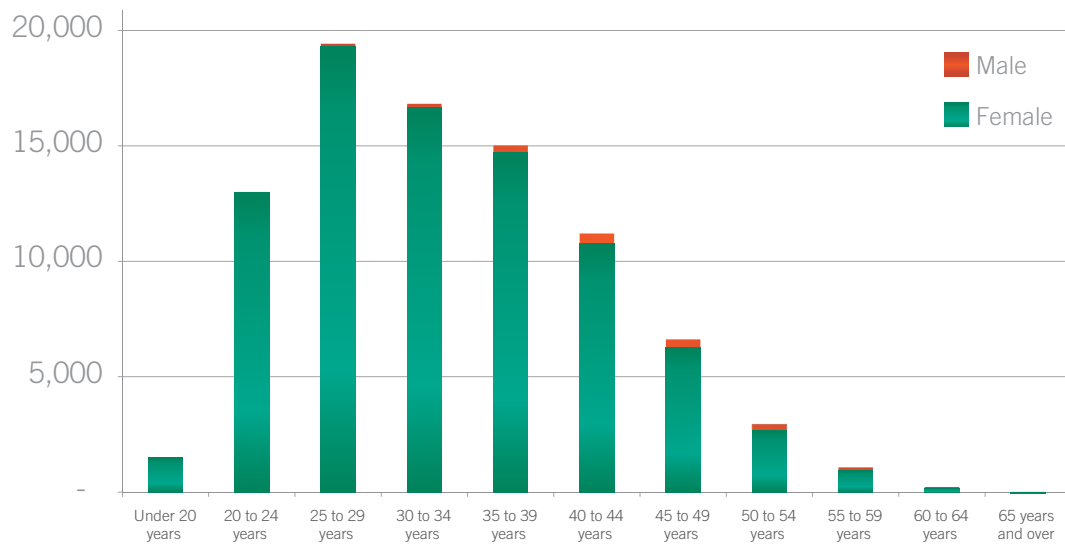


Table C1: Expenditure on Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Families by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Payment Type	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2008 over 2007
	€000	€000	
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	1,204,979	1,299,406	7.8%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	100,710	104,671	3.9%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	3,862	5,543	43.5%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	19,921	17,628	-11.5%
Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽²⁾	6,897	6,627	-3.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	16	7	-56.3%
One-Parent Family Payment	962,425	1,067,578	10.9%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	454	529	16.5%
TOTAL	2,299,264	2,501,989	8.8%

(1) Provisional

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

Table C2: Expenditure on Widow/er's Pensions, 1999 to 2008

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1999	547,775	88,364	636,139
2000	597,473	94,377	691,850
2001	672,959	107,164	780,123
2002	761,539	116,493	878,032
2003	826,135	116,834	942,969
2004	906,449	122,300	1,028,749
2005	998,524	126,944	1,125,468
2006	1,094,884	103,688	1,198,572
2007	1,204,979	19,921	1,224,900
2008 ⁽²⁾	1,299,406	17,628	1,317,034

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

(2) Provisional

Table C3: Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1999 to 2008

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Prisoner's Wife Allowance ⁽¹⁾	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1999	85,983	8,359	19	435,177	529,538
2000	83,921	8,394	15	480,113	572,443
2001	84,877	9,179	13	537,376	631,445
2002	88,150	10,238	12	613,035	711,435
2003	89,234	10,605	13	660,586	760,438
2004	89,749	10,967	15	694,835	795,566
2005	90,620	11,468	14	751,102	853,204
2006	94,621	10,547	13	834,262	939,443
2007	100,710	6,897	16	962,425	1,070,048
2008 ⁽²⁾	104,671	6,627	7	1,067,578	1,178,883

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

(2) Provisional

Table C4: Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, 1999 to 2008

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Total
1999	99,771	17,978	117,749
2000	100,374	17,367	117,741
2001	101,267	16,811	118,078
2002	102,494	16,318	118,812
2003	103,831	15,783	119,614
2004	105,338	15,284	120,622
2005	109,017	14,729	123,746
2006	110,146	2,168	112,314
2007	111,460	2,138	113,598
2008	112,237	2,042	114,279

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

Table C5: Number of Recipients of Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension and Deserted Wife's Benefit by Number of Qualified Children, 2008

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	104,756	7,400	112,156
With 1 child	4,155	1,131	5,286
With 2 children	2,174	404	2,578
With 3 children	824	93	917
With 4 children	243	17	260
With 5 children	61	6	67
With 6 or more children	24	5	29
Total Recipients	112,237	9,056	121,293
Total Recipients with children	7,481	1,656	9,137
% of Recipients with children	6.7%	18.3%	7.5%
Total Number of children	12,409	2,348	14,757

Table C6: Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pensions			Overall Total
	Widows	Widowers	Total	Widows	Widowers	Total	
Under 25 years	1	1	2	1	-	1	3
25 to 29 years	43	7	50	1	-	1	51
30 to 34 years	178	37	215	6	-	6	221
35 to 39 years	471	149	620	30	1	31	651
40 to 44 years	1,086	349	1,435	76	6	82	1,517
45 to 49 years	2,241	779	3,020	190	17	207	3,227
50 to 54 years	3,690	1,376	5,066	423	61	484	5,550
55 to 59 years	6,039	2,155	8,194	883	96	979	9,173
60 to 64 years	9,469	3,071	12,540	239	12	251	12,791
65 to 69 years	11,843	2,248	14,091	-	-	-	14,091
70 to 74 years	15,256	1,661	16,917	-	-	-	16,917
75 to 79 years	16,766	1,269	18,035	-	-	-	18,035
80 years and over	30,707	1,345	32,052	-	-	-	32,052
TOTAL	97,790	14,447	112,237	1,849	193	2,042	114,279

Table C7: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1999 to 2008

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
1999	13,242	1,709	4	70,387	85,342
2000	12,654	1,613	3	74,119	88,389
2001	12,177	1,612	2	77,142	90,933
2002	11,794	1,582	2	79,195	92,573
2003	11,339	1,523	2	79,296	92,160
2004	10,769	1,456	2	80,103	92,330
2005	10,180	1,382	2	80,366	91,930
2006	9,760	766	2	83,081	93,609
2007	9,395	693	2	85,084	95,174
2008	9,056	617	1	87,840	97,514

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

Table C8: Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance by Age, 2008

Age	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	-	-	-
25 to 29 years	-	-	-
30 to 34 years	2	-	-
35 to 39 years	80	-	-
40 to 44 years	410	7	-
45 to 49 years	1,388	42	-
50 to 54 years	1,964	82	-
55 to 59 years	2,152	180	-
60 to 64 years	1,617	249	1
65 years and over	1,443	57	-
TOTAL	9,056	617	1

Table C9: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Children, 2008

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total ⁽¹⁾
With 1 child	49,387	407	49,794
With 2 children	24,225	215	24,440
With 3 children	9,020	115	9,135
With 4 children	3,049	55	3,104
With 5 children	901	24	925
With 6 or more children	397	16	413
Total Recipients	86,979	832	87,811

(1) 29 recipients of One-Parent Family Payment were not in receipt of a qualified child increase at December 2008. This is usually because their dependent child is now claiming a One-Parent Family Payment in their own right

Table C10: Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2008

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 20 years	1	1,497	-	-	1	1,497
20 to 24 years	23	12,979	-	4	23	12,983
25 to 29 years	105	19,294	2	24	107	19,318
30 to 34 years	138	16,617	7	62	145	16,679
35 to 39 years	295	14,589	10	123	305	14,712
40 to 44 years	429	10,611	23	142	452	10,753
45 to 49 years	306	6,138	28	146	334	6,284
50 to 54 years	221	2,591	29	97	250	2,688
55 to 59 years	113	851	23	86	136	937
60 to 64 years	39	134	6	45	45	179
65 years and over	3	5	3	1	6	6
Total	1,673	85,306	131	730	1,804	86,036
Overall Total	86,979		861		87,840	

Table C11: Number of Recipients of Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension and Deserted Wife's Benefit in receipt of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance, 2008

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	47,881	32,182	60
Deserted Wife's Benefit	607	96	-
Total	48,488	32,278	60

Table C12: Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 2008

County	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Widow/er's (Non- Contributory) Pension	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance
Carlow	1,311	31	1,287	108	10
Cavan	1,492	50	1,093	73	6
Clare	2,527	68	1,769	161	16
Cork	12,500	184	8,609	857	65
Donegal	3,261	185	3,755	177	28
Dublin	29,620	295	28,772	3,703	203
Galway	4,796	160	3,483	263	34
Kerry	3,415	123	2,576	203	24
Kildare	3,819	51	3,543	346	11
Kilkenny	1,984	38	1,320	135	14
Laois	1,533	32	1,095	85	1
Leitrim	945	18	392	36	6
Limerick	4,889	78	3,751	383	23
Longford	972	29	899	82	4
Louth	2,888	43	2,943	380	16
Mayo	3,306	141	1,997	134	19
Meath	3,181	53	2,284	287	25
Monaghan	1,300	51	993	82	13
Offaly	1,777	28	1,331	100	5
Roscommon	1,415	49	739	60	6
Sligo	1,658	45	1,074	136	5
Tipperary	4,267	82	3,161	234	14
Waterford	2,971	49	2,970	248	14
Westmeath	2,150	40	1,636	165	10
Wexford	3,364	81	3,526	276	22
Wicklow	2,963	38	2,833	342	23
Others	7,933	-	10	-	-
Total	112,237	2,042	87,841	9,056	617

(1) Includes Prisoner's Wife's Allowance

SECTION D
CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS

Section D: Child Related Payments

Expenditure and Recipients

This section relates to payments made in respect of children such as Child Benefit, Guardian's Payments and Maternity 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 D10). 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 'Older People' programme.

Expenditure on payments in this programme group rose by 11.7% in 2008. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 76.4% of recipient families in 2008 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1999 was 72.4%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 16,496 to 596,108. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 31,223 to 1,141,938.

Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by over €222 million in 2008, an increase of 10.0% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by over €57 million, an increase of 22.5%.

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

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.

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 D1: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1999 to 2008

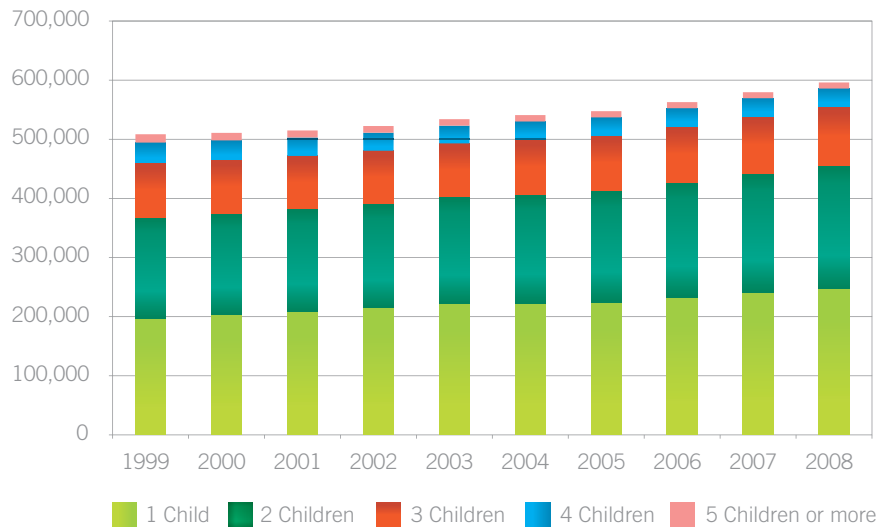


Table D1: Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Payment Type	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2008 over 2007
	€000	€000	
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Maternity Benefit ⁽²⁾	257,896	315,879	22.5%
Adoptive Benefit ⁽²⁾	1,333	1,644	23.3%
Health and Safety Benefit ⁽²⁾	503	576	14.5%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	9,560	14,373	50.3%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,366	10,711	145.3%
OTHER			
Child Benefit	2,232,974	2,455,846	10.0%
TOTAL	2,506,632	2,799,029	11.7%

(1) Provisional

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

Table D2: Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1999 to 2008

Year	Expenditure
	€000
1999	565,013
2000	637,543
2001	964,847
2002	1,462,793
2003	1,666,530
2004	1,765,117
2005	1,899,936
2006	2,056,925
2007	2,232,974
2008 ⁽¹⁾	2,455,846

(1) Provisional

Table D3: Expenditure on Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), 1999 to 2008

Year	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
	€000	€000
1999	3,765	1,804
2000	5,617	2,896
2001	9,447	4,421
2002	11,694	4,494
2003	8,895	5,805
2004	9,659	6,223
2005	7,516	4,096
2006	8,815	4,832
2007	9,560	4,366
2008 ⁽¹⁾	14,373	10,711

(1) Provisional

Table D4: Expenditure on Maternity, Adoptive and Health & Safety Benefits, 1999 to 2008

Year	Maternity Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Adoptive Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Health & Safety Benefit ⁽¹⁾
	€000	€000	€000
1999	52,733	211	164
2000	58,041	185	171
2001	78,933	260	210
2002	99,129	578	217
2003	107,336	532	213
2004	121,571	609	143
2005	132,412	709	293
2006	180,801	818	353
2007	257,896	1,333	503
2008 ⁽²⁾	315,879	1,644	576

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

(2) Provisional.

Table D5: Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, 2007 and 2008

Payment	2007	2008	Change 2008 over 2007
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	818	833	1.8%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	442	437	-1.1%
Total	1,260	1,270	0.8%

Table D6: Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2007 and 2008

Payment	2007	2008	Change 2008 over 2007
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	20,948	23,421	11.8%
Health and Safety Benefit	39	69	76.9%
Adoptive Benefit	55	68	23.6%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	42,390	48,037	13.3%
Health and Safety Benefit	184	289	57.1%
Adoptive Benefit	179	281	57.0%

Table D7: Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1999 to 2008

Year	Families	Children
1999	508,504	1,028,877
2000	510,840	1,018,175
2001	514,919	1,014,340
2002	522,441	1,019,551
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

Table D8: Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1999 to 2008

Number of Eligible Children in Family	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1	197,457	203,342	208,712	214,916	221,515	221,837	224,686	232,974	241,138	247,345
2	170,777	171,646	173,525	176,284	181,018	185,282	188,536	194,250	200,949	207,816
3	92,172	90,667	89,564	89,397	90,512	92,379	93,516	94,960	96,956	99,550
4	33,979	32,431	31,225	30,552	29,996	30,542	30,258	30,329	30,385	31,069
5	9,651	8,795	8,257	7,884	7,732	7,619	7,417	7,266	7,234	7,368
6	2,965	2,628	2,450	2,275	2,161	2,175	2,130	2,094	2,022	2,017
7	980	869	742	712	669	679	630	649	615	617
8	324	294	287	267	264	258	242	230	207	213
9	107	89	94	95	88	91	79	61	68	74
10	56	48	39	36	34	28	34	38	26	29
11	22	20	16	15	15	16	6	5	8	8
12	11	7	6	7	4	4	4	3	4	0
13	2	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2
14	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	508,504	510,840	514,919	522,441	534,009	540,911	547,540	562,860	579,612	596,108
Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340	1,019,551	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980	1,110,715	1,141,938

Table D9: Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 1999 to 2008

Age (in years)	1999	2000	2001	2002 ⁽²⁾	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	46,390	46,094	45,691	32,832	41,383	53,401	51,033	58,551	59,123	64,205
1 under 2	54,123	54,032	54,931	59,235	59,980	60,096	61,337	62,207	65,990	71,256
2 under 3	53,690	55,066	55,214	57,341	58,764	60,421	61,457	63,085	63,684	66,764
3 under 4	51,871	54,521	56,131	57,749	56,753	58,989	61,451	62,906	65,175	64,472
4 under 5	51,028	52,435	55,473	58,520	57,013	56,915	59,922	62,211	64,296	65,689
5 under 6	50,386	51,569	53,276	57,870	57,741	57,197	57,850	60,795	63,914	64,740
6 under 7	51,851	50,827	52,279	55,888	56,967	57,857	58,234	58,862	62,326	64,191
7 under 8	53,723	52,261	51,447	54,231	54,979	57,094	58,760	59,007	60,129	62,692
8 under 9	55,213	54,195	52,815	53,711	53,345	55,116	57,816	59,517	60,137	60,608
9 under 10	56,299	55,573	54,738	54,536	52,771	53,488	55,852	58,470	60,456	60,627
10 under 11	54,662	56,584	56,074	56,618	53,548	52,977	54,218	56,036	59,470	61,063
11 under 12	56,952	54,937	57,015	58,024	55,471	53,698	53,693	54,984	57,488	60,013
12 under 13	59,352	57,220	55,383	59,011	56,871	55,401	54,317	53,960	55,757	58,120
13 under 14	61,203	59,529	57,522	57,578	57,811	56,940	56,069	55,109	54,993	56,384
14 under 15	61,640	61,396	59,815	59,281	56,343	57,891	57,566	56,804	55,588	55,563
15 under 16	61,771	60,940	60,652	61,772	57,887	56,398	58,514	58,136	57,365	55,938
16 under 17	54,216	50,772	49,485	50,534	53,084	53,582	50,958	54,920	52,574	53,175
17 under 18	55,592	52,398	50,488	48,016	52,184	52,145	50,563	49,703	52,619	53,135
18 under 19	38,915	37,826	35,911	26,804	41,956	41,399	41,130	38,717	39,631	43,303
Total	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340	1,019,551	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980	1,110,715	1,141,938

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

(2) 2002 numbers understated because of processing delays which were rectified in the early months of 2003.

Table D10: Number of Qualified Child Increases by Payment Type, 2008

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 (Contributory)	966	713	180	191	45	36	13	8	7	1	1	-	1,555	1,240	1,212	949
State Pension (Transition)	75	64	17	12	2	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	123	107	96	82
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	243	82	64	17	22	2	10	2	3	1	-	-	492	135	342	104
Pre-Retirement Allowance	337	45	105	17	26	4	11	1	5	1	3	1	715	106	487	69
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	4,155	-	2,174	-	824	-	243	-	61	-	24	-	12,409	-	7,481	0
Deserted Wife's Benefit	1,131	-	404	-	93	-	17	-	6	-	5	-	2,348	-	1,656	0
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	49,794	-	24,440	-	9,135	-	3,104	-	925	-	413	-	145,723	57	87,811	0
Health and Safety Benefit	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Illness Benefit	2,330	3,652	1,613	3,603	775	1,568	275	469	109	84	44	23	9,813	18,010	5,146	9,399
Invalidity Pension	1,724	3,292	755	2,169	289	826	100	232	32	51	23	17	4,808	11,404	2,923	6,587
Injury Benefit	34	23	28	18	12	7	6	1	1	3	1	1	161	105	82	53
Interim Illness Benefit	16	12	14	20	8	6	1	2	-	1	-	-	72	83	39	41
Disablement Pension	43	78	18	64	14	25	4	8	1	2	-	-	148	307	80	177
Death Benefit Pension	48	-	29	-	10	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	148	-	90	0
Disability Allowance	3,724	1,295	2,216	885	1,152	510	552	241	277	117	196	102	16,534	6,828	8,117	3,150
Carer's Benefit	26	368	16	496	3	242	3	81	-	9	-	3	79	2,473	48	1,199
Blind Pension	46	23	30	21	23	15	7	3	2	2	1	-	216	132	109	64
Carer's Allowance	548	3,227	510	3,618	270	2,427	129	1,106	51	347	27	192	3,311	25,055	1,535	10,917
Jobseeker's Benefit	4,245	3,230	3,715	2,598	1,775	1,077	637	289	148	51	56	14	20,636	13,153	10,576	7,259
Jobseeker's Allowance	6,708	850	6,269	674	3,958	425	1,978	193	786	53	220	32	46,543	4,784	19,919	2,227
Farm Assist	748	79	649	63	468	56	267	24	91	10	71	3	5,443	540	2,294	235
Back to Work Allowance	654	140	359	113	164	59	72	20	22	4	17	2	2,377	654	1,288	338
Enterprise Allowance	492	250	543	164	389	63	167	36	51	6	20	5	3,801	977	1,662	524
Back to Education Allowance	286	143	334	141	232	78	108	36	24	9	18	2	2,322	860	1,002	409
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾	4,502	-	2,995	-	1,658	-	741	-	314	-	196	-	20,948	-	10,406	0
TOTAL	82,876	17,567	47,477	14,884	21,347	7,431	8,450	2,753	2,916	752	1,336	397	300,726	87,011	164,402	43,784

(1) 29 lone parents were not claiming a child increase at December 2008. This is usually because their dependent child is now claiming a lone parents allowance in their own right and they are removed from their parent's claim.

(2) A breakdown between full and half-rate children is not available for One-Parent Family Payment

(3) Estimated

Table D11: Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, Child Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Health & Safety Benefit by County, 2008

County	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Child Benefit Recipients	Child Benefit Children	Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	5	4	8,521	16,073	298	1
Cavan	6	6	9,575	19,402	358	1
Clare	17	6	15,476	30,634	538	1
Cork	63	23	67,240	129,251	2,757	5
Donegal	24	12	20,628	41,462	538	1
Dublin	390	196	153,879	283,459	6,567	17
Galway	18	14	30,565	60,808	1,283	7
Kerry	27	18	18,423	35,558	586	5
Kildare	24	15	30,387	57,982	1,320	2
Kilkenny	13	8	11,525	22,554	482	-
Laois	5	4	9,805	19,341	409	1
Leitrim	3	4	4,138	8,319	154	-
Limerick	28	20	25,571	48,182	909	-
Longford	3	1	5,377	10,893	165	2
Louth	14	11	17,777	33,717	658	1
Mayo	18	6	16,295	33,125	546	8
Meath	21	12	25,886	49,966	1,190	2
Monaghan	5	1	7,822	15,528	285	-
Offaly	19	6	10,290	20,168	369	1
Roscommon	8	3	7,448	14,921	293	1
Sligo	11	5	8,088	15,846	306	1
Tipperary	21	16	21,642	41,812	767	5
Waterford	26	11	16,060	30,332	553	1
Westmeath	12	9	12,207	23,908	403	1
Wexford	27	13	20,684	39,525	706	-
Wicklow	19	13	19,770	37,040	858	-
Others	6	-	1,029	2,132	125	3
Total	833	437	596,108	1,141,938	23,421	69

SECTION E
ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

Section E : Illness, Disability and Caring

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 12.9% and 10.9% respectively. Expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 16.8% to over €1.05 billion. There are now 95,754 recipients of the scheme.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €89 million in 2008, an increase of 24.6%. There are now 43,569 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 10,502 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1999 to 2008.

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 169 to 2,249 in 2008.

Notes: Scheme Changes

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 having been 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.

There were 15,790 recipients of a half-rate Carer's Allowance at the end of 2008.

Graph E1: Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1999 to 2008

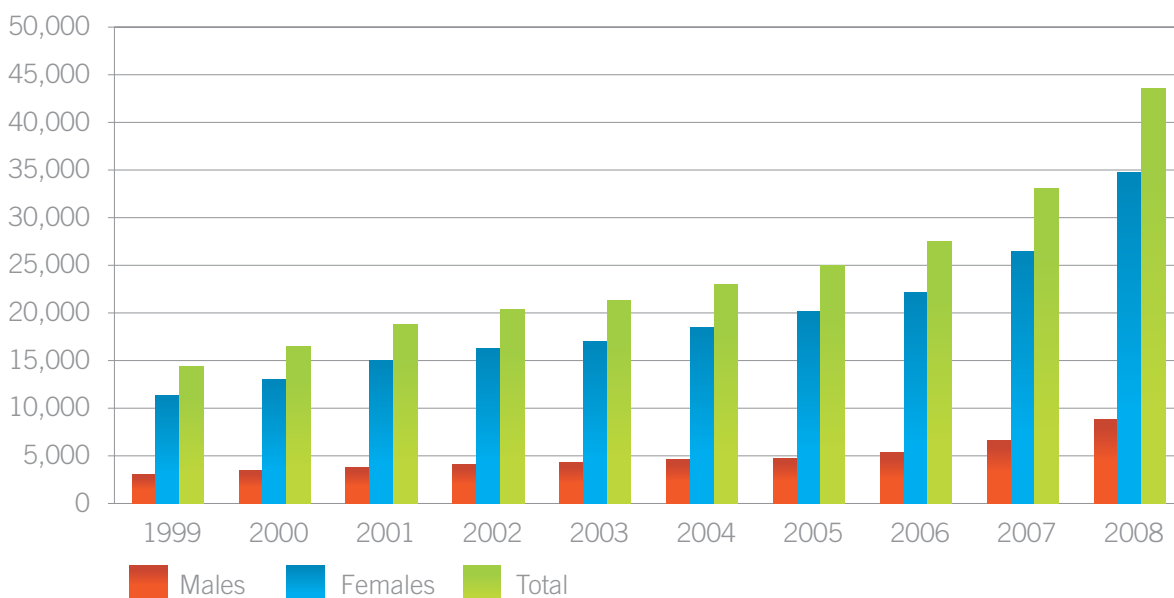


Table E1: Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2008 over 2007
	€000	€000	
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Illness Benefit	755,077	852,334	12.9%
Invalidity Pension	618,133	685,732	10.9%
Carer's Benefit	26,900	33,672	25.2%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Disability Allowance	901,131	1,052,686	16.8%
Blind Pension	15,031	16,320	8.6%
Carer's Allowance	361,257	450,298	24.6%
Respite Care Grant	73,376	98,204	33.8%
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS			
Injury Benefit	17,194	19,252	12.0%
Disablement Benefit	79,283	84,444	6.5%
Death Benefit	7,574	8,036	6.1%
Medical Care	298	282	-5.4%
TOTAL	2,855,254	3,301,260	15.6%

(1) Provisional

Table E2: Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1999 to 2008

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Year	Illness Benefit	Occupational Injuries	Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾	Carer's Benefit ⁽²⁾	Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Respite Care Grant ⁽⁴⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1999	262,702	63,303	279,576	-	11,760	245,160	72,896	-	935,397
2000	280,828	65,353	311,511	36	12,302	279,176	99,561	-	1,048,767
2001	329,897	70,496	354,459	2,457	13,156	332,308	130,325	-	1,233,098
2002	385,297	77,018	403,617	5,807	14,221	407,585	160,042	-	1,453,587
2003	433,455	78,757	440,263	6,943	14,816	463,608	183,273	-	1,621,115
2004	479,611	82,657	487,375	7,698	15,868	544,489	210,277	-	1,827,975
2005	540,245	88,057	548,285	9,588	16,661	630,728	223,059	34,302	2,090,925
2006	627,642	95,988	602,414	16,688	16,964	738,431	284,584	50,458	2,433,169
2007	755,077	104,349	618,133	26,900	15,031	901,131	361,257	73,376	2,855,254
2008 ⁽³⁾	852,334	112,014	685,732	33,672	16,320	1,052,686	450,298	98,204	3,301,260

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

(2) Carer's Benefit was introduced in October, 2000.

(3) Provisional

(4) Respite Care Grant was introduced in June 2005.

Table E3: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007	2008	Change 2008 over 2007
Illness Benefit	70,404	73,609	4.6%
Invalidity Pension	53,956	53,725	-0.4%
Interim Illness Benefit	440	525	19.3%
Carer's Benefit	2,080	2,249	8.1%
Disability Allowance	89,048	95,754	7.5%
Carer's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	33,067	43,569	31.8%
Blind Pension	1,474	1,472	-0.1%
Injury Benefit	900	846	-6.0%
Death Benefit Pension	647	651	0.6%
Disablement Pension ^{(2) (3) (4)}	12,874	13,192	2.5%
TOTAL	264,890	285,592	7.8%

(1) There were 6 people in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2008. Prescribed Relatives Allowance was replaced by Carer's Allowance in 1990.

(2) Disablement Pension 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 Pension 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) 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. 914 persons were in receipt of an Incapacity Supplement payment at the end of 2008.

(4) 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. 86 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2008.

Table E4: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments, 1999 to 2008

Year	Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾	Interim Illness Benefit	Carer's Benefit ⁽²⁾	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾	Injury Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disablement Pension ⁽³⁾
1999	45,535	46,946	514	-	50,431	14,387	2,304	748	662	10,577
2000	46,940	48,663	488	50	54,303	16,478	2,229	828	665	10,925
2001	50,715	50,615	449	425	57,655	18,785	2,125	861	676	11,230
2002	54,590	52,147	404	615	62,783	20,395	2,095	828	668	11,612
2003	57,464	53,414	295	639	67,720	21,316	2,061	821	664	11,898
2004	58,726	55,864	316	679	72,976	23,030	2,027	915	652	12,162
2005	61,845	58,352	355	867	79,253	24,970	1,985	908	647	12,475
2006	65,774	51,954	338	1,647	83,697	27,474	1,476	924	646	12,646
2007	70,404	53,956	440	2,080	89,048	33,067	1,474	900	647	12,874
2008	73,609	53,725	525	2,249	95,754	43,569	1,472	846	651	13,192

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

(2) Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000.

(3) Disablement pension 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 others social welfare income support payments in that it is a compensatory payment, rather than an income maintenance payment. Accordingly Disablement Pension 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.

Table E5: Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Payment Type, 2008

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾	-	9,259
Death Benefit Pension	105	218
Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾	-	266
Total	105	9,743

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

Table E6: Number of Recipients of Illness Benefit by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	1,048	1,141	2,189
25 to 29 Years	1,596	2,827	4,423
30 to 34 years	1,858	5,034	6,892
35 to 39 years	2,268	6,777	9,045
40 to 44 years	2,604	6,252	8,856
45 to 49 years	3,141	6,094	9,235
50 to 54 years	3,888	6,559	10,447
55 to 59 years	4,932	6,509	11,441
60 to 64 years	5,410	4,819	10,229
65 years and over	411	441	852
Total	27,156	46,453	73,609

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Table E7: Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	3	5	8
25 to 29 years	40	42	82
30 to 34 years	162	238	400
35 to 39 years	391	838	1,229
40 to 44 years	925	1,800	2,725
45 to 49 years	1,942	3,335	5,277
50 to 54 years	3,515	4,555	8,070
55 to 59 years	6,144	6,245	12,389
60 to 65 years	13,071	10,474	23,545
TOTAL	26,193	27,532	53,725

Table E8: Number of Recipients of Carer's Benefit and Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Carer's Allowance			Carer's Benefit		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	101	521	622	1	12	13
25 to 29 years	178	1,331	1,509	6	69	76
30 to 34 years	311	2,312	2,623	19	245	265
35 to 39 years	584	3,846	4,430	41	358	399
40 to 44 years	925	4,589	5,514	58	348	407
45 to 49 years	1,212	4,376	5,588	66	312	378
50 to 54 years	1,269	3,921	5,190	55	297	353
55 to 59 years	1,142	3,873	5,015	43	166	208
60 to 64 years	1,007	3,596	4,603	36	92	128
65 to 69 years	835	2,825	3,660	6	17	24
70 to 74 years	622	2,018	2,640	-	-	-
75 to 79 years	378	1,061	1,439	-	-	-
80 years and over	279	457	736	-	-	-
Total	8,843	34,726	43,569	332	1,917	2,249

Table E9: Number of Recipients of Blind Pension⁽¹⁾ by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	29	31	60
25 to 29 years	45	39	84
30 to 34 years	52	51	103
35 to 39 years	87	89	176
40 to 44 years	91	64	155
45 to 49 years	119	89	208
50 to 54 years	94	93	187
55 to 59 years	120	110	230
60 to 64 years	112	112	224
65 years	21	24	45
Total	770	702	1,472

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

Table E10: Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	7,818	5,321	13,139
25 to 29 years	4,215	2,830	7,045
30 to 34 years	5,187	3,528	8,715
35 to 39 years	5,903	3,632	9,535
40 to 44 years	6,225	4,027	10,252
45 to 49 years	6,228	4,169	10,397
50 to 54 years	6,288	4,525	10,813
55 to 59 years	6,958	4,986	11,944
60+ years	8,152	5,762	13,914
TOTAL	56,974	38,780	95,754

Table E11: Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension, Disablement Pension and Incapacity Supplement by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Death Benefit Pension			Disablement Pension			Incapacity Supplement ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	0	0	-	72	15	87	8	0	8
25 to 29 years	0	1	1	213	57	270	20	8	28
30 to 34 years	1	5	6	387	136	523	22	12	34
35 to 39 years	0	8	8	665	283	948	56	34	90
40 to 44 years	0	17	17	1,001	311	1,312	79	33	112
45 to 49 years	1	36	37	1,290	400	1,690	84	39	123
50 to 54 years	0	54	54	1,462	384	1,846	107	50	157
55 to 59 years	1	70	71	1,523	398	1,921	102	36	138
60 to 64 years	0	92	92	1,478	324	1,802	78	43	121
65 to 69 years	0	93	93	1,092	169	1,261	42	13	55
70 to 74 years	1	87	88	671	99	770	18	7	25
75 to 79 years	3	79	82	390	56	446	9	5	14
80 years and over	0	102	102	260	56	316	5	4	9
Total	7	644	651	10,504	2,688	13,192	630	284	914

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

Table E12: Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit and Interim Illness Benefit by Age and Sex, 2008

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Illness Benefit ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	48	21	69	40	18	58
25 to 29 years	88	31	119	48	28	76
30 to 34 years	95	22	117	43	25	68
35 to 39 years	83	48	131	58	14	72
40 to 44 years	70	20	90	48	18	66
45 to 49 years	59	23	82	41	34	75
50 to 54 years	70	35	105	31	18	49
55 to 59 years	63	22	85	14	16	30
60 to 64 years	34	11	45	11	17	28
65 years	1	2	3	1	2	3
Total	611	235	846	335	190	525

(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 E13: Number of Recipients of Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement and by Sex, 2008⁽¹⁾

Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement ⁽²⁾	Number of Recipients		
	Male	Female	Total
Under 20%	1,583	504	2,087
20%	2,289	792	3,081
30%	2,902	749	3,651
40%	1,670	359	2,029
50%	793	122	915
60%	505	71	576
70%	256	28	284
80%	206	34	240
90%	66	6	72
100%	232	24	256
Total	10,502	2,689	13,192

(1) Includes 914 Incapacity Supplement payments and 86 Constant Attendance Allowance payments. These payments are in addition to Disablement Pension.

(2) The rate of Disablement Pension 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. There were also 1,314 gratuities paid in 2008, 370 of which were provisional, with 944 finalised.

Table E14: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependants, 2008

Number of Recipients	Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾	Carer's Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension ⁽¹⁾	Carer's Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	54,878	37,248	1,002	667	433	561	80,485	1,299	31,117	207,690
With Qualified Adult only	4,186	6,967	-	44	12	-	4,002	-	-	15,211
With 1 full rate Qualified Child	2,330	1,724	26	34	16	48	3,724	46	548	8,496
With 2 full rate Qualified Children	1,613	755	16	28	14	29	2,216	30	510	5,211
With 3 full rate Qualified Children	775	289	3	12	8	10	1,152	23	270	2,542
With 4 full rate Qualified Children	275	100	3	6	1	3	552	7	129	1,076
With 5 full rate Qualified Children	109	32	-	1	-	-	277	2	51	472
With 6+ full rate Qualified Children	44	23	-	1	-	-	196	1	27	292
With 1 half rate Qualified Child	3,652	3,292	368	23	12	-	1,295	23	3,227	11,892
With 2 half rate Qualified Children	3,603	2,169	496	18	20	-	885	21	3,618	10,830
With 3 half rate Qualified Children	1,568	826	242	7	6	-	510	15	2,427	5,601
With 4 half rate Qualified Children	469	232	81	1	2	-	241	3	1,106	2,135
With 5 half rate Qualified Children	84	51	9	3	1	-	117	2	347	614
With 6+ half rate Qualified Children	23	17	3	1	-	-	102	-	192	338
Total number of recipients	73,609	53,725	2,249	846	525	651	95,754	1,472	43,569	272,400
Recipients with Qualified Child increases	14,545	9,510	1,247	135	80	90	11,267	173	12,452	49,499
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child increases	19.8%	17.7%	55.4%	16.0%	15.2%	13.8%	11.8%	11.8%	28.6%	18.2%
Total number of Qualified Adults	9,332	8,916	-	126	51	-	8,306	110	-	26,841
Total number of children ⁽²⁾	27,786	16,112	2,552	266	155	148	23,137	351	28,366	98,873

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

(2) 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.

Table E15: Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and County, 2008

	Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Disablement Pension	Incapacity Supplement (1)	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance
Carlow	1,515	929	28	216	15	14	4	11	1,324	21	689
Cavan	1,183	628	29	184	11	25	11	10	1,191	17	775
Clare	1,531	1,090	66	280	27	15	15	9	2,371	18	1,181
Cork	9,379	7,251	245	1,902	111	91	66	93	11,696	120	4,994
Donegal	3,034	1,606	100	375	35	27	11	20	4,433	81	2,731
Dublin	18,135	15,080	381	3,030	189	204	118	146	23,941	391	7,754
Galway	2,793	1,733	188	614	63	42	38	15	5,683	78	2,709
Kerry	1,944	1,429	98	348	26	22	18	22	3,953	54	1,954
Kildare	3,365	1,922	84	463	36	43	27	25	2,970	29	1,318
Kilkenny	1,042	968	40	262	12	14	9	16	1,767	45	870
Laois	1,042	692	36	178	16	11	15	6	1,408	25	629
Leitrim	652	419	20	103	8	2	4	8	713	21	403
Limerick	4,039	3,036	98	814	55	46	23	31	4,970	65	2,328
Longford	665	599	28	144	10	8	4	8	1,055	11	634
Louth	3,202	2,018	64	499	30	30	20	22	2,499	48	1,097
Mayo	2,035	1,274	107	365	39	27	14	12	3,484	65	2,148
Meath	3,161	1,455	92	520	30	38	17	19	2,139	45	1,101
Monaghan	1,041	569	27	169	12	9	8	12	1,193	16	673
Offaly	1,494	991	46	237	19	15	7	14	1,589	33	884
Roscommon	974	647	49	207	10	14	9	19	1,352	11	736
Sligo	1,115	740	57	194	20	9	4	5	1,690	55	783
Tipperary	2,383	1,929	105	573	48	43	25	46	4,350	62	2,323
Waterford	1,950	1,486	58	400	25	29	17	13	2,478	35	1,140
Westmeath	1,462	1,137	59	226	24	21	13	16	1,811	31	893
Wexford	2,241	1,870	89	395	26	28	18	23	3,267	55	1,814
Wicklow	1,929	1,358	49	317	15	16	9	13	2,426	40	1,007
Others	303	869	5	177	2	3	1	17	1	-	1
Total	73,609	53,725	2,249	13,192	914	846	525	651	95,754	1,472	43,569

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

Table E16: Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1999 to 2008

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined	Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination
1999	6,685	5,114	1,571
2000	4,589	3,428	1,161
2001	4,311	2,997	1,314
2002	3,898	2,709	1,189
2003	3,234	2,296	938
2004	2,450	1,744	706
2005	2,247	1,541	706
2006	2,343	1,621	722
2007	2,383	1,617	766
2008	2,323	1,564	759

Table E17: Number of Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension and Incapacity Supplement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1999 to 2008

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined and found to be		Number of Persons who did not attend for Examination	
		Incapable of Work	Capable of Work	Medically Certified Unfit to Attend	Others
1999	64,075	35,145	9,330	408	19,192
2000	49,860	27,110	9,120	238	13,392
2001	46,072	24,468	8,037	207	13,360
2002	45,912	25,091	7,342	208	13,271
2003	44,307	22,549	8,267	273	13,218
2004	40,762	20,944	7,434	208	12,176
2005	37,794	19,584	6,188	192	11,830
2006	33,970	18,162	5,560	152	10,096
2007	37,853	19,735	6,137	224	11,757
2008	43,241	23,028	7,616	289	12,308

Table E18: Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1999 to 2008

Year	Number of Examinations Scheduled ⁽¹⁾	Number of Persons Examined and found to be		Number of Persons who did not attend for Examination
		Qualified for Disability Allowance	Not qualified for Disability Allowance	
1999	8,862	3,801	2,631	2,430
2000	10,285	4,017	2,840	3,428
2001	9,663	3,577	3,016	3,070
2002	8,952	3,295	2,755	2,902
2003	10,349	3,511	3,478	3,360
2004	11,069	4,182	3,290	3,597
2005	10,847	3,808	3,336	3,703
2006	10,832	3,838	3,421	3,573
2007	13,190	4,724	4,255	4,211
2008	14,661	5,370	4,852	4,439

(1) These figures include Disability Allowance Application, Review and Appeal examinations.

SECTION F
JOBSEEKER'S SUPPORTS

Section F: Jobseeker's Supports

The statistics in this section of the report relate to the Live Register, expenditure and recipients of jobseeker's payments.

Live Register and Jobseeker's Payments

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 and Family Affairs 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 F3 and F4 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.

Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The new scheme provides an income supplement for low-income farmers. The great majority of existing recipients of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 and 2000.

Data on expenditure on Farm Assist and recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders is contained in Section G (Employment Supports). Expenditure on Jobseeker's Allowance shown in this section includes expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance in 1999. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this section and in Section G.

Trends

Overall expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports increased by 47.7% over 2007.

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance rose by nearly €385 million and €293 million compared with 2007, increases of 70.6% and 33.4% respectively.

The Live Register increased by 120,987 during 2008, an increase of 71%. Table F14 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County from 1999 to 2008 and the percentage increase in each county.

Table F1: Expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2008 over 2007
	€000	€000	
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Jobseeker's Benefit	544,931	929,844	70.6%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Jobseeker's Allowance	875,092	1,167,793	33.4%
TOTAL	1,420,023	2,097,637	47.7%

(1) Provisional

Table F2: Expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports by Payment Type, 1999 to 2008

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1999	293,769	615,624	909,393
2000	265,016	469,092	734,108
2001	290,689	429,875	720,564
2002	423,487	511,985	935,472
2003	477,129	565,952	1,043,081
2004	455,586	613,817	1,069,403
2005	418,085	667,483	1,085,568
2006	455,073	768,560	1,223,633
2007	544,931	875,092	1,420,023
2008 ⁽¹⁾	929,844	1,167,793	2,097,637

(1) Provisional

Table F3: Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 1999 to 2008

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Total
1999	56,576	93,129	149,705
2000	46,565	69,504	116,069
2001	59,884	66,563	126,447
2002	66,416	71,566	137,982
2003	70,090	75,249	145,339
2004	57,699	73,840	131,539
2005	52,754	75,357	128,111
2006	50,542	75,801	126,343
2007	59,167	80,268	139,435
2008	121,763	113,603	235,366

Graph F1: Expenditure on Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 1999 to 2008

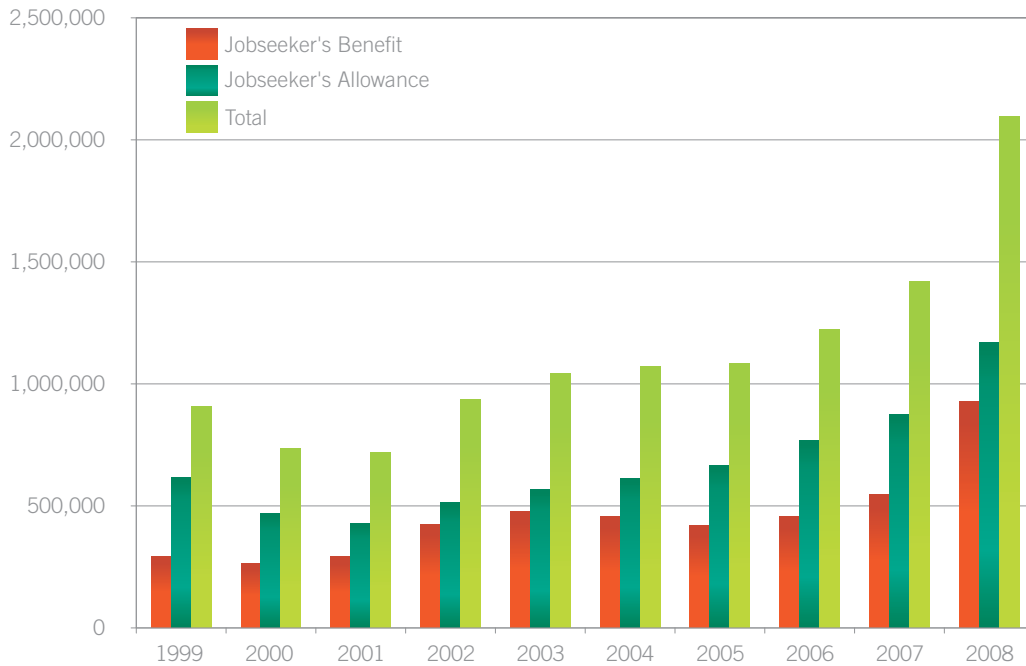


Table F4: Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance by Number of Dependants, 2008

Number of Recipients	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Total
Personal Rate only	99,265	84,540	183,805
With Qualified Adult only	4,663	6,597	11,260
1 full rate Qualified Child	4,245	6,708	10,953
2 full rate Qualified Children	3,715	6,269	9,984
3 full rate Qualified Children	1,775	3,958	5,733
4 full rate Qualified Children	637	1,978	2,615
5 full rate Qualified Children	148	786	934
6+full rate Qualified Children	56	540	596
1 half rate Qualified Child	3,230	850	4,080
2 half rate Qualified Children	2,598	674	3,272
3 half rate Qualified Children	1,077	425	1,502
4 half rate Qualified Children	289	193	482
5 half rate Qualified Children	51	53	104
6+ half rate Qualified Children	14	32	46
Total Number of Recipients	121,763	113,603	235,366
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	13,449	22,872	36,321
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	11.0%	20.1%	15.4%
Number of Recipients with Qualified Children	17,835	22,466	40,301
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	14.6%	19.8%	17.1%
Total Number of Children⁽¹⁾	33,776	50,904	84,680

(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 are in receipt of a social welfare payment. This can result in some double counting of the actual number of Qualified Children.

Table F5: Number of Persons on the Live Register on the last Friday of each Month, 2008

Month	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
January	77,788	94,093	9,568	181,449
February	82,829	97,203	9,453	189,485
March	88,998	99,323	9,671	197,992
April	85,188	100,770	9,640	195,598
May	87,699	104,311	9,746	201,756
June	98,734	111,872	10,205	220,811
July	109,457	117,813	10,970	238,240
August	113,289	122,867	11,228	247,384
September	107,574	121,865	10,778	240,217
October	116,255	124,705	10,991	251,951
November	126,058	131,373	11,155	268,586
December	142,177	137,519	11,667	291,363
Average	103,004	113,643	10,423	227,069

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F6: Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1999 to 2008

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Credited Contributions	Average Live Register
1999	64,945	113,276	15,288	193,509
2000	57,198	85,013	13,187	155,398
2001	58,197	72,552	11,504	142,253
2002	73,931	78,010	11,420	163,361
2003	79,232	81,355	11,828	172,415
2004	71,884	82,693	11,436	166,013
2005	62,536	84,150	10,430	157,116
2006	61,729	85,950	9,719	157,398
2007	65,146	87,756	9,390	162,292
2008	103,004	113,643	10,423	227,069

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F7: Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2008

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	32,642	21,569	181,449	11,073
February	37,354	29,318	189,485	8,036
March	28,135	19,628	197,992	8,507
April	25,950	28,344	195,598	-2,394
May	34,408	28,250	201,756	6,158
June	38,536	19,481	220,811	19,055
July	40,473	23,044	238,240	17,429
August	39,289	30,145	247,384	9,144
September	34,873	42,040	240,217	-7,167
October	50,280	38,546	251,951	11,734
November	46,154	29,519	268,586	16,635
December	41,801	19,024	291,363	22,777
Total	449,895	328,908		120,987

Table F8: Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2008

Age	Males		Females		Total	
	Number		Number		Number	
Under 20 years	6,985	4.3%	4,513	5.4%	11,498	4.7%
20 to 24 years	27,792	17.1%	14,700	17.5%	42,492	17.2%
25 to 34 years	50,339	31.0%	23,500	27.9%	73,839	30.0%
35 to 44 years	34,915	21.5%	17,699	21.0%	52,614	21.3%
45 to 54 years	25,437	15.7%	13,861	16.5%	39,298	15.9%
55 to 59 years	9,287	5.7%	5,550	6.6%	14,837	6.0%
60 to 64 years	7,633	4.7%	4,318	5.1%	11,951	4.8%
Total Live Register	162,388	100.0%	84,141	100.0%	246,529	100.0%

Graph F2: Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2008

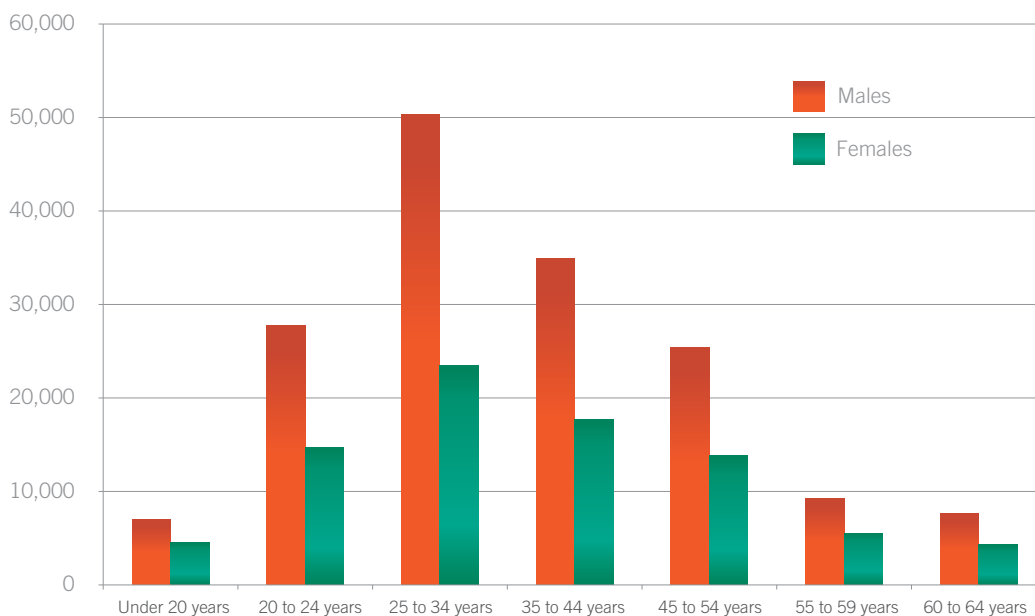


Table F9: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2008, Classified by Duration of Claim

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	< 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	> 3 yrs	
Males							
< 20 yrs	3,501	1,388	1,343	753	-	-	6,985
20 - 24 yrs	12,143	5,611	5,066	2,536	1,247	1,189	27,792
25 - 34 yrs	21,652	9,352	8,926	4,567	1,967	3,875	50,339
35 - 44 yrs	13,377	5,660	6,219	3,587	1,703	4,369	34,915
45 - 54 yrs	8,834	3,546	4,186	2,525	1,476	4,870	25,437
55 - 59 yrs	3,256	1,223	1,646	962	474	1,726	9,287
60 - 64 yrs	2,697	1,092	1,640	919	316	969	7,633
Total Males	65,460	27,872	29,026	15,849	7,183	16,998	162,388
Females							
< 20 yrs	2,251	919	813	530	-	-	4,513
20 - 24 yrs	7,382	2,748	1,911	1,265	694	700	14,700
25 - 34 yrs	12,494	4,246	3,456	1,558	566	1,180	23,500
35 - 44 yrs	8,554	2,835	2,812	1,586	611	1,301	17,699
45 - 54 yrs	6,717	1,788	1,875	1,153	598	1,730	13,861
55 - 59 yrs	2,549	679	830	595	270	627	5,550
60 - 64 yrs	1,849	559	771	552	219	368	4,318
Total Females	41,796	13,774	12,468	7,239	2,958	5,906	84,141
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	5,752	2,307	2,156	1,283	-	-	11,498
20 - 24 yrs	19,525	8,359	6,977	3,801	1,941	1,889	42,492
25 - 34 yrs	34,146	13,598	12,382	6,125	2,533	5,055	73,839
35 - 44 yrs	21,931	8,495	9,031	5,173	2,314	5,670	52,614
45 - 54 yrs	15,551	5,334	6,061	3,678	2,074	6,600	39,298
55 - 59 yrs	5,805	1,902	2,476	1,557	744	2,353	14,837
60 - 64 yrs	4,546	1,651	2,411	1,471	535	1,337	11,951
Total	107,256	41,646	41,494	23,088	10,141	22,904	246,529

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table F10: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1999 to 2008

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
1999	52,032	49,522	101,554	50,151	25,587	75,738	177,292
2000	45,206	35,138	80,344	40,462	18,904	59,366	139,710
2001	53,472	30,061	83,533	42,628	15,342	57,970	141,503
2002	64,586	29,107	93,693	50,106	13,866	63,972	157,665
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

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F3: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2008, by Sex and Duration

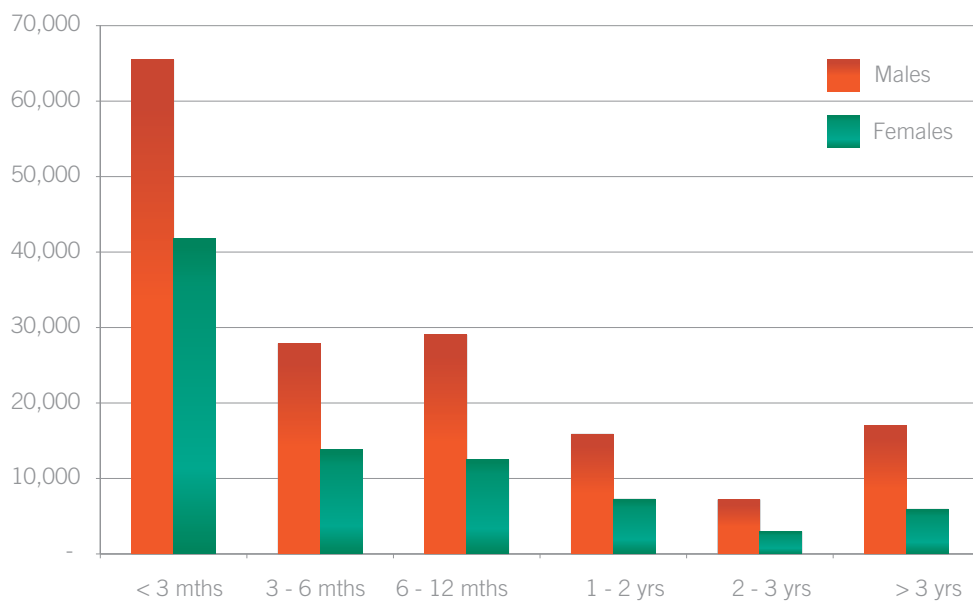


Table F11: Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65, in each Month during 2008

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years
January	1,511	2,071	1,108
February	1,903	2,134	1,123
March	2,002	2,202	1,200
April	2,332	2,275	1,199
May	2,397	2,328	1,196
June	2,433	2,413	1,249
July	2,498	2,499	1,349
August	2,523	2,622	1,342
September	2,584	2,682	1,314
October	3,638	2,859	1,395
November	5,583	3,103	1,412
December	6,140	3,377	1,507
Average	2,962	2,547	1,283

Table F12: Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65, 1999 to 2008

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years
1999	3,642	2,306	778
2000	2,791	1,876	741
2001	2,949	1,593	679
2002	3,131	1,547	821
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

Table F13: Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 1999 to 2008

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force ⁽¹⁾	Average Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate
1999	193,509	1,735,700	5.5%
2000	155,398	1,781,000	4.2%
2001	142,253	1,831,600	3.9%
2002 ⁽¹⁾	163,361	1,862,100	4.4%
2003	172,414	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	162,309	2,239,900	4.5%
2008	227,069	2,222,700	7.7%

Source: Central Statistics Office

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

Table F14: Number on the Live Register by County, 1999 to 2008

County	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Change
Carlow	2,496	1,964	2,026	2,079	2,227	2,223	2,065	1,965	2,448	4,395	76.1%
Cavan	2,019	1,736	1,834	2,002	2,128	2,072	2,211	2,287	2,628	5,073	151.3%
Clare	3,602	3,003	3,473	4,058	4,219	3,851	3,945	4,073	4,696	7,503	108.3%
Cork	17,855	14,538	16,698	17,456	17,200	15,920	15,533	15,208	16,696	28,064	57.2%
Donegal	11,699	10,088	9,896	9,897	10,149	9,440	8,637	8,774	9,107	15,264	30.5%
Dublin	45,483	33,186	35,596	41,455	43,562	39,361	39,933	38,505	40,832	67,505	48.4%
Galway	9,862	8,011	8,625	9,403	9,348	8,797	8,645	9,046	9,755	16,479	67.1%
Kerry	7,587	6,025	6,162	6,704	7,086	6,732	6,650	6,793	7,288	12,364	63.0%
Kildare	4,347	3,268	3,697	4,362	4,752	4,350	4,662	5,187	6,061	11,533	165.3%
Kilkenny	2,703	2,047	2,182	2,467	2,716	2,489	2,484	2,557	2,692	4,973	84.0%
Laois	2,131	1,798	1,850	2,049	2,196	2,014	1,980	2,034	2,787	5,378	152.4%
Leitrim	1,406	1,216	1,108	1,247	1,231	1,028	1,109	1,185	1,442	2,501	77.9%
Limerick	7,595	6,306	6,954	8,281	8,123	7,245	7,106	7,314	8,236	14,030	84.7%
Longford	2,054	1,715	1,674	1,810	1,820	1,736	1,800	1,941	2,378	3,840	87.0%
Louth	7,020	6,075	7,189	7,559	7,508	6,743	6,480	6,536	6,892	11,457	63.2%
Mayo	7,629	6,140	6,094	6,342	6,106	5,420	5,141	4,710	5,089	8,792	15.2%
Meath	2,753	2,085	2,855	2,844	3,218	3,137	3,001	3,038	3,557	6,977	153.4%
Monaghan	2,743	2,482	2,752	2,521	2,486	2,335	2,038	2,009	2,257	4,298	56.7%
Offaly	2,623	2,222	2,341	2,640	2,840	2,563	2,771	2,768	3,282	5,617	114.1%
Roscommon	1,876	1,528	1,502	1,513	1,389	1,266	1,190	1,285	1,512	2,694	43.6%
Sligo	2,794	2,372	2,343	2,388	2,236	2,043	1,938	1,859	2,136	3,530	26.3%
Tipperary	6,737	5,775	5,466	6,286	6,548	5,902	5,623	5,315	5,756	10,261	52.3%
Waterford	6,573	5,699	7,043	6,074	6,098	7,164	6,248	6,266	6,625	10,491	59.6%
Westmeath	3,283	2,618	2,960	3,305	3,628	3,658	3,599	3,800	4,102	7,284	121.9%
Wexford	6,885	5,938	6,257	7,058	7,141	6,773	6,615	6,710	7,511	12,978	88.5%
Wicklow	4,784	3,751	3,829	4,342	4,649	4,554	4,429	4,224	4,611	8,082	68.9%
Total	176,539	141,586	152,406	166,142	170,604	158,816	155,833	155,389	170,376	291,363	65.0%

Source: Central Statistics Office

SECTION G
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Section G: Employment Supports

The statistics in this section of the report relate to expenditure and recipients of a range of Employment Supports provided by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. These include:

- Family Income Supplement
- Back to Work Allowance
- Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
- Back to Education Allowance
- Part Time Job Incentive Scheme
- Farm Assist

Time Series and Existing Payments

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance Scheme. The new scheme provides an income supplement for low-income farmers. The great majority of existing recipients of Smallholders Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 and 2000.

Data on expenditure on Farm Assist and recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders is contained in this Section. Expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance is contained in Section F (Jobseeker's Supports). This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this Section and in Section F.

Trends

Overall expenditure on Employment Supports increased by €52 million in 2008, an increase of 14.3% over 2007. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports rose by 6,004 an increase of 13.2%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 21.6%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement increased by 4,975 an increase of 21.8% over 2007. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance (including Back to Work Enterprise Allowance) increased by over €2 million, an increase of 3%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance decreased by 747, a decrease of 17.4%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance decreased by 224, a decrease of 4.6%. The number of recipients of Farm Assist increased by 120, an increase of 1.6% from the previous year.

Table G1: Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007 €000	2008 ⁽¹⁾ €000	Change 2008 over 2007
Family Income Supplement	140,020	170,310	21.6%
Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	71,072	73,172	3.0%
Back to Education Allowance	64,142	77,136	20.3%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,320	1,324	0.3%
Farm Assist	78,686	84,881	7.9%
Others ⁽²⁾	8,490	8,902	4.9%
TOTAL	363,730	415,725	14.3%

(1) Provisional

(2) Includes, Technical Assistance/Training Grants to Back to Work participants, Credit Union loan guarantee scheme for Back to Work participants, Small Project grants and continued payment for qualified children.

Graph G1: Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1999 to 2008

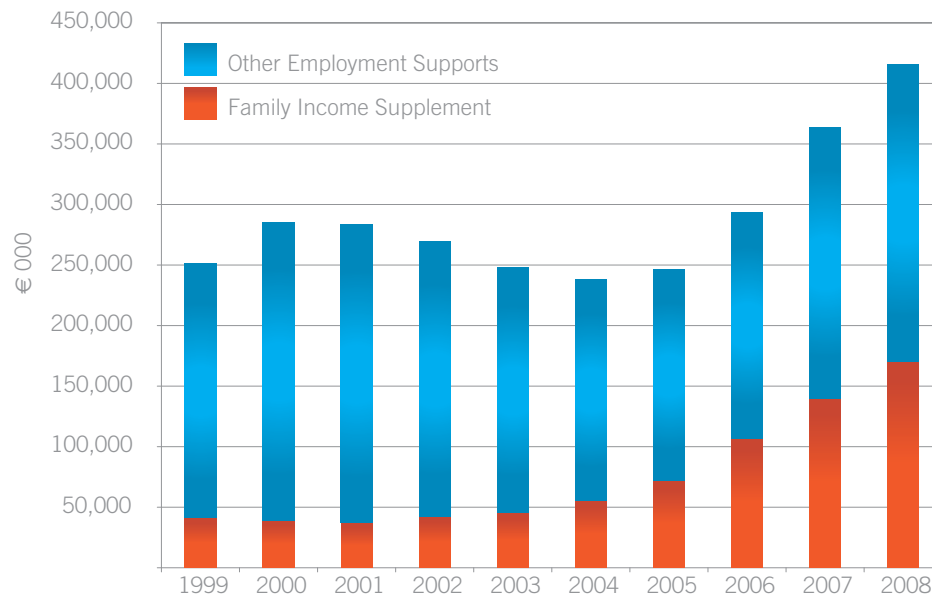


Table G2: Expenditure on Family Income Supplement and Other Employment Supports, 1999 to 2008

Year	Family Income Supplement	Other Employment Supports	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1999	41,134	209,951	251,085
2000	39,386	245,898	285,284
2001	37,099	246,605	283,704
2002	42,423	226,705	269,128
2003	45,360	202,213	247,573
2004	55,812	182,299	238,111
2005	72,152	173,897	246,049
2006	107,137	186,637	293,774
2007	140,020	223,710	363,730
2008 ⁽¹⁾	170,310	245,415	415,725

(1) Provisional

Table G3: Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007	2008	Change 2008 over 2007
Back to Work Allowance	4,305	3,558	-17.4%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,828	4,604	-4.6%
Back to Education Allowance	5,980	7,886	31.9%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	210	184	-12.4%
Family Income Supplement	22,823	27,798	21.8%
Farm Assist	7,376	7,496	1.6%
Total	45,522	51,526	13.2%

Table G4: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1999 to 2008

Year	Number of Families	Number of Child Beneficiaries
1999	14,686	35,726
2000	13,181	31,274
2001	11,880	26,426
2002	12,043	26,531
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

Table G5: Recipients of Family Income Supplement by Age & Sex, 2008

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	245	1,139	1,384
25 to 29 Years	1,283	3,269	4,552
30 to 34 years	2,127	3,696	5,823
35 to 39 years	2,553	3,652	6,205
40 to 44 years	2,171	2,840	5,011
45 to 49 years	1,326	1,676	3,002
50 to 54 years	669	633	1,302
55 to 59 years	236	172	408
60 to 64 years	78	24	102
65 years and over	6	3	9
Total	10,694	17,104	27,798

Table G6: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2008

Weekly Rate Euro	Family Size (Number of Children)								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
20-25	1,929	622	250	67	11	1	-	-	2,880
26 - 50	2,977	1,143	323	94	12	4	-	1	4,554
51 - 75	3,306	1,753	431	128	21	7	-	1	5,647
76 - 100	1,322	2,321	643	156	42	10	2	-	4,496
101 - 125	532	1,193	890	216	52	8	-	-	2,891
126 - 150	363	861	739	268	64	7	4	2	2,308
Over 150	496	934	1,289	1,328	599	255	82	39	5,022
Total	10,925	8,827	4,565	2,257	801	292	88	43	27,798
Number of Children	10,925	17,654	13,695	9,028	4,005	1,752	616	344	58,019

Table G7: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2008

Age of Recipient	Family Income Group (Euro per week)									Total
	0-100	101-150	151-200	201-250	251-300	301-350	351-400	401-450	>450	
Under 25 years	-	1	20	43	60	149	469	444	198	1,384
25 to 29 years	-	-	71	115	181	455	1,144	1,536	1,050	4,552
30 to 34 years	-	3	69	131	219	484	1,250	1,718	1,949	5,823
35 to 39 years	-	-	101	142	207	453	1,181	1,588	2,533	6,205
40 to 44 years	-	4	114	151	188	376	787	1,235	2,156	5,011
45 to 49 years	1	1	73	108	138	264	444	689	1,284	3,002
50 to 54 years	-	2	46	52	78	115	233	314	462	1,302
55 to 59 years	-	1	15	19	35	54	88	86	110	408
60 to 64 years	-	-	8	4	13	14	21	22	20	102
65 years or more	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	2	2	9
Total	1	12	519	765	1,121	2,364	5,618	7,634	9,764	27,798

Table G8: Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Family Status and Income Group, 2008

Marital Status	Family Income Group (Euro per week)									Total
	0-100	101-150	151-200	201-250	251-300	301-350	351-400	401-450	> 450	
One Parent Family	-	4	190	331	469	1,015	3,566	5,423	4,730	15,728
Two Parent Family	1	8	329	434	652	1,349	2,052	2,211	5,034	12,070
Total	1	12	519	765	1,121	2,364	5,618	7,634	9,764	27,798

Table G9: Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2008

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	1,855	1,703	3,558
Self-Employed	3,329	1,275	4,604
Total	5,184	2,978	8,162

Table G10: Number of Recipients of Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Work Allowance, Back to Education Allowance and Farm Assist, by Age and Sex, 2008

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education		Farm Assist	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	62	46	87	163	1,011	811	15	-
25 to 29 years	312	134	256	312	1,208	729	71	4
30 to 34 years	525	271	374	283	819	520	162	17
35 to 39 years	647	267	320	256	592	412	364	42
40 to 44 years	658	201	276	253	404	305	616	82
45 to 49 years	462	173	223	201	238	255	907	90
50 to 54 years	359	116	137	139	143	170	1,190	91
55 to 59 years	204	51	114	76	94	88	1,553	136
60 to 64 years	91	15	59	17	36	47	1,715	120
65+ years	9	1	9	3	3	1	307	14
Total	3,329	1,275	1,855	1,703	4,548	3,338	6,900	596

Table G11: Number of recipients of Farm Assist, 1999 to 2008

Year	Number of recipients
1999	7,874
2000	8,051
2001	8,380
2002	8,514
2003	8,707
2004	8,350
2005	7,824
2006	7,480
2007	7,376
2008	7,496

Table G12: Number of People on the Live Register referred to FÁS under The National Employment Action Plan (NEAP), 2000 to 2008

Year	Number referred to FÁS	FÁS		Total Number who Left the Live Register ⁽¹⁾
		Number Interviewed by FÁS	Number who left Live Register after FÁS Interview	
2000	24,404	16,865	12,067	16,705
2001	24,119	15,869	10,237	14,727
2002	32,427	20,695	13,180	19,811
2003	43,595	28,646	16,218	25,184
2004	52,328	35,136	20,199	30,133
2005	40,718	28,714	17,191	24,282
2006	37,959	25,186	14,702	22,280
2007	51,452	32,124	18,224	32,359
2008	60,260	40,933	19,844	33,919

(1) With or without FÁS intervention

Data is obtained from FÁS in respect of referrals processed in each year, and outcomes as viewed at the end of January of the following year.

Table G13: Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2008

County	Family Income Supplement	Back To Work Self-employed	Back To Work Employee	Back to Education Allowance	Farm Assist	Part-Time Job Incentive ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	476	72	49	206	56	-
Cavan	530	62	27	88	273	4
Clare	680	64	58	181	417	2
Cork	2,856	424	357	877	582	18
Donegal	1,523	430	248	418	1,053	3
Dublin	6,185	1,133	1,067	1,981	9	58
Galway	1,310	382	191	625	782	10
Kerry	981	196	106	285	547	8
Kildare	963	133	126	230	33	1
Kilkenny	425	91	76	167	112	5
Laois	462	48	44	75	75	1
Leitrim	198	41	28	58	209	1
Limerick	1,454	163	123	357	182	9
Longford	378	53	43	97	91	-
Louth	1,050	180	99	243	59	1
Mayo	909	146	124	220	1,401	18
Meath	759	85	59	114	57	-
Monaghan	519	80	90	96	386	2
Offaly	521	72	50	75	70	2
Roscommon	388	45	42	66	274	-
Sligo	434	64	47	157	354	7
Tipperary	1,248	144	99	274	181	8
Waterford	991	132	106	408	41	13
Westmeath	583	87	59	123	72	1
Wexford	1,300	158	145	228	129	11
Wicklow	627	119	95	236	51	1
Others	48	-	-	1	-	-
Total	27,798	4,604	3,558	7,886	7,496	184

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

SECTION H
SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCE

Section H: Supplementary Welfare Allowance

This section relates to payments made under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance scheme and includes:

- Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance payments
- Rent supplements and Mortgage Interest supplements
- Other supplements
- Exceptional Needs Payments and Urgent Needs Payments
- The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance scheme

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance amounted to €804 million in 2008. This represents an increase of 17.8% on 2007. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over €49 million in 2008, an increase of 12.6%. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2008 was 78,038, an increase of 24.0% on 2007.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements increased by 126.9% to €27.7 million. The number of recipients at the end of 2008 increased to 8,091 an increase of 96.8%.

In 2007, a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 200,246 children, an increase of 19,994 on 2007. Expenditure on the scheme increased by 23.5% to 49.6 million.

Net expenditure on Basic SWA payments in 2008 was €184.8 million, an increase of 22.9% on 2007. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (€295.6 million) on Basic SWA payments in 2008. This represents the gross amount of expenditure on such Basic SWA payments before inter scheme adjustments and refunds have been taken into account. There were 35,546 recipients of Basic SWA payments at the end of 2008, an increase of 8,167 on 2007.

Table H2 and Graph H1 shows expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1999 to 2008.

Table H1: Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Scheme, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2008 over 2007
	€000	€000	
Basic SWA Payments	150,420	184,816	22.9%
Rent Supplements	391,466	440,784	12.6%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	12,197	27,675	126.9%
Other Supplements	13,835	14,286	3.3%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	69,828	82,254	17.8%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear	40,176	49,632	23.5%
Direct Provision Allowance	4,784	4,963	3.7%
Total	682,706	804,410	17.8%

(1) Provisional.

Graph H1: Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance, 1999 to 2008

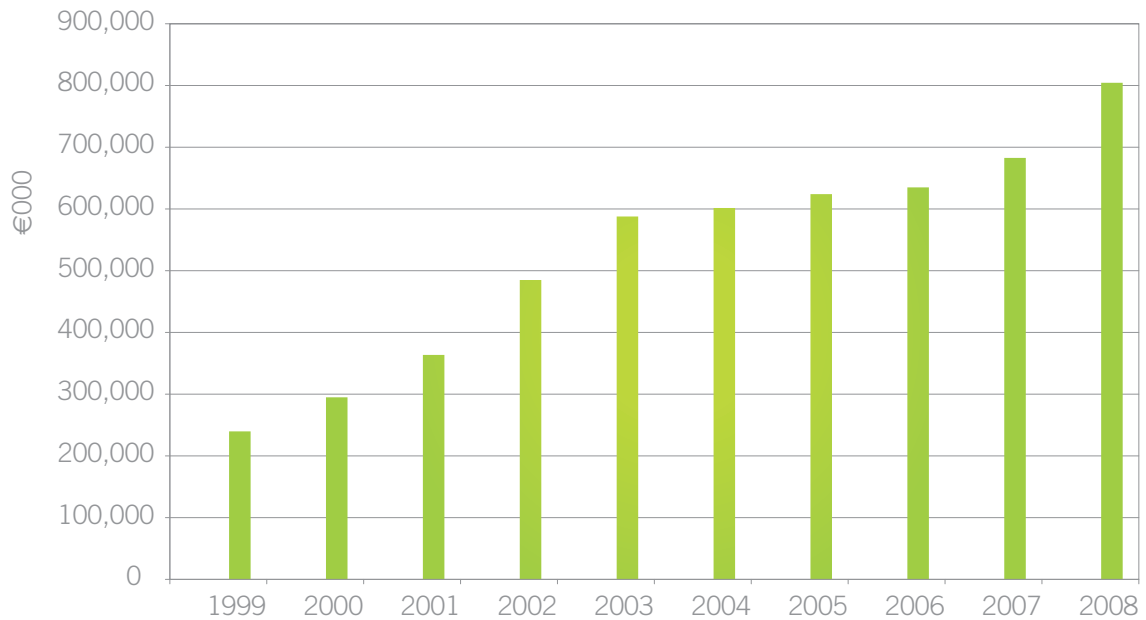


Table H2: Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1999 to 2008

Year	Expenditure
	€000
1999	239,721
2000	294,906
2001	363,576
2002	484,929
2003	587,813
2004	601,582
2005	624,029
2006	634,964
2007	682,706
2008 ⁽¹⁾	804,410

(1) Provisional.

Table H3: Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2008

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Basic Payments ⁽¹⁾	103,709	18,706	16,442	34,965	15,481	31,610	37,711	36,938	295,563
Supplements									
Rent	223,300	16,451	25,234	22,668	18,231	40,641	56,895	37,363	440,784
Local Authority Mortgage	406	30	29	5	22	133	84	100	809
Other Mortgage	11,310	771	1,757	2,902	492	3,708	3,632	2,294	26,866
Heating	257	106	1,007	24	19	172	707	67	2,357
Diet	2,251	287	367	297	117	597	780	316	5,012
Other	3,011	141	757	28	23	862	1,563	532	6,917
Exceptional Needs Payments	35,785	3,634	6,386	3,581	3,746	9,735	11,499	7,650	82,014
Urgent Needs Payments	109	13	16	15	10	42	23	14	241
Administration Costs ⁽²⁾									63,107
Grand Total⁽³⁾	380,138	40,138	51,996	64,485	38,140	87,498	112,894	85,274	923,669

Note:

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

(1) This is the gross expenditure on Basic Payments before inter scheme adjustments and refunds are taken into account.

(2) Administration costs were re-imbursed to the eight individual Health Boards prior to the formation of the HSE. Since the formation of the HSE, administration costs are re-imbursed by the Department to a central unit within the HSE. The table shows the level of re-imburement, not the level of expenditure incurred.

(3) These totals are not the final outturn because inter scheme adjustments and refunds are not reflected.

Table H4: Expenditure on Exceptional Needs Payments, Other Exceptional Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Urgent Needs Payments, 2008

Type of Payment	Expenditure	Total Expenditure
	€000	€000
Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments		
Housing		
New Accommodation Kit	13,595	
Household Appliances	7,375	
Rent Deposit	7,218	
Furniture	3,791	
Floor Covering	2,454	
Bedding	1,957	
Repair/maintenance	1,331	37,720
Clothing		
Adult Clothing	8,113	
Child Clothing	6,290	14,403
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	4,178	
Burial Expenses	572	4,750
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	1,277	
Cot	1,010	2,286
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	5,885	
Household	2,353	8,238
Illness		
Confinement Costs	1,110	
Hospital Requirements	364	1,474
General		
Other ⁽¹⁾	5,887	
Travel Costs	2,805	
Insufficient Means	2,637	
Heating	1,497	
Lost/Stolen Money	203	
Household Budget	113	13,142
Urgent Needs Payments	241	241
Grand Total		82,254

(1) This includes €0.9m in payments in respect of homeless people made on behalf of local authorities and subsequently re-imbursed. It should be noted that some of the totals are not equal to the sum of the parts. This is due to rounding.

Table H5: Number of Recipients of Supplementary Welfare Allowance by HSE Area, 2008

	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payment⁽¹⁾:									
Recipients	11,575	2,222	2,484	4,134	1,952	3,910	4,726	4,543	35,546
Qualified Adults	1,950	565	395	906	355	820	860	906	6,757
Qualified Children	7,227	1,604	1,090	2,752	974	2,114	2,449	2,738	20,948
Total Beneficiaries	20,752	4,391	3,969	7,792	3,281	6,844	8,035	8,187	63,251
Supplements:									
Rent	29,460	3,520	5,269	4,723	4,471	8,445	10,790	7,360	74,038
Other Mortgage	2,889	238	572	917	201	1,100	980	750	7,647
Local Authority Mortgage	203	11	16	8	17	73	51	65	444
Heating	462	186	1,643	46	18	261	918	81	3,615
Diet	4,203	585	743	610	216	1,156	1,344	566	9,423
Other ⁽²⁾	1,882	128	311	28	19	479	812	346	4,005

(1) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

(2) Includes Creche, MABS, Other etc.

Table H6: Recipients and Expenditure on Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement, Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements, 1999 to 2008

Year	Basic SWA ⁽¹⁾		Rent Supplement		Mortgage Interest Supplement		Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement		Other Supplements ⁽²⁾	
	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000	Recipients	€000
1999	21,269	67,930	41,873	128,240	3,132	5,922	1,976	2,265	12,864	7,431
2000	25,094	85,546	42,683	150,590	2,726	4,250	1,507	1,628	14,530	8,421
2001	29,167	113,552	45,028	179,438	2,860	4,945	1,204	1,398	17,326	10,351
2002	32,073	145,125	54,213	252,203	3,296	6,426	1,063	1,232	19,599	12,519
2003	31,217	160,488	59,976	331,471	3,161	6,725	772	938	22,598	15,043
2004	29,748	158,572	57,874	353,762	2,763	5,705	555	628	19,844	14,568
2005	28,066	162,368	60,176	368,705	2,741	5,834	479	505	18,990	13,392
2006	25,330	139,189	59,861	388,339	3,023	7,377	401	496	18,495	13,533
2007	27,379	150,420	59,726	391,466	3,712	12,197	399	574	17,744	13,835
2008	35,546	184,816	74,038	440,784	7,647	27,675	444	809	17,043	14,286

(1) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

(2) Includes Diet, Other, Travel, etc.

Table H7: Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement, Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements⁽¹⁾ by Age and Sex, 2008

Age Group	Basic SWA ⁽²⁾			Rent Supplement			Mortgage Interest Supplement			Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement			Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	1,540	1,433	2,973	466	1,326	1,792	1	-	1	-	-	-	23	76	99
20 - 24	3,771	2,644	6,415	3,180	8,453	11,633	61	27	88	3	2	5	115	342	457
25 - 29	4,152	2,196	6,348	5,063	8,321	13,384	412	211	623	12	13	25	265	641	906
30 - 34	3,513	1,923	5,436	5,713	6,375	12,088	782	434	1,216	32	27	59	397	776	1,173
35 - 39	2,943	1,394	4,337	5,459	4,747	10,206	1,086	507	1,593	39	15	54	511	635	1,146
40 - 44	2,331	1,075	3,406	4,579	3,213	7,792	1,064	522	1,586	21	24	45	530	586	1,116
45 - 49	1,694	753	2,447	3,498	2,095	5,593	753	366	1,119	39	23	62	622	575	1,197
50 - 54	1,269	570	1,839	2,690	1,345	4,035	478	236	714	38	22	60	627	594	1,221
55 - 59	873	442	1,315	1,975	1,001	2,976	289	153	442	37	20	57	803	766	1,569
60 - 64	477	229	706	1,332	608	1,940	155	65	220	23	15	38	985	935	1,920
65 - 69	162	73	235	718	372	1,090	21	12	33	15	11	26	876	886	1,762
70 plus	46	43	89	771	738	1,509	4	8	12	4	9	13	1,666	2,811	4,477
Total	22,771	12,775	35,546	35,444	38,594	74,038	5,106	2,541	7,647	263	181	444	7,420	9,623	17,043

(1) Includes Diet, Other, Travel, etc.

(2) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

Table H8: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 2008

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
State Pensions	1,490	11	9
Pre-Retirement Allowance	140	1	4
Widows and Widower's Pensions	371	53	14
One-Parent Family Payment	15,573	538	36
Invalidity Pension	1,044	185	31
Illness Benefit	2,390	1,176	40
Disability Allowance	9,253	406	56
Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance	11,032	571	54
Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance	7,243	623	17
Jobseekers Benefit	6,205	2,045	85
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	10,272	1,182	39
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	3,529	193	20
DSS (UK)	391	6	2
Other	5,105	657	37
Total	74,038	7,647	444

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

Table H9: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Claim Duration, 2008⁽¹⁾

Months ⁽²⁾	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	14,759	1,561	46
3 to 6	13,535	1,798	71
6 to 9	8,587	1,010	35
9 to 12	6,040	770	18
12 to 24	12,463	1,191	59
24 to 36	6,936	555	38
36 to 48	4,348	268	22
48 to 60	2,738	158	18
60 to 72	1,892	118	21
72 plus	2,740	218	116
Total⁽¹⁾	74,038	7,647	444

(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 H10: Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2008

HSE Area	Age 2 to 11	Age 12 to 17	Age 18 to 22	Total
Eastern	44,103	19,050	1,724	64,877
Midland	9,009	4,310	498	13,817
Mid-Western	9,815	4,881	603	15,299
North Eastern	11,519	5,657	787	17,963
North Western	7,825	4,364	830	13,019
South Eastern	14,700	7,552	970	23,222
Southern	18,668	9,575	1,723	29,966
Western	13,140	7,212	1,731	22,083
Total	128,779	62,601	8,866	200,246

Table H11: Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2007 and 2008

HSE Area	2007 ⁽¹⁾	2008 ⁽¹⁾
	€000	€000
Eastern	13,094	15,867
Midland	2,566	3,335
Mid-Western	3,075	3,800
North Eastern	3,294	4,303
North Western	3,155	3,733
South Eastern	4,662	5,775
Southern	6,060	7,430
Western	4,270	5,389
Total Expenditure	40,176	49,632

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

**Table: H12 Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance⁽¹⁾
Payments by Category, 2008**

Interim Basic SWA Payments	No of Payments	
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance	11,041	
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance Appeal	882	
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit	2,822	
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit Appeal	33	
Pending Disability Allowance	3,687	
Pending Illness Benefit	1,573	
Pending Illness Benefit Appeal	87	
Pending State Pension	171	
Pending Widows and Widower's Pension	96	
Pending Carer's Allowance	288	
Pending Occupational Injuries Benefit	95	
Pending One Parent Family Payment	3,036	
Pending Other Social Welfare Payments	457	
Sub-Total		24,268
Other Basic SWA Payments		
Sick No Benefit	3,558	
Other Increment to Scale	399	
Other ⁽²⁾	7,321	
Sub-Total		11,278
Total		35,546

(1) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

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

Table H13: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Duration⁽¹⁾ and by Primary Payment, 2008

Duration in Months	0 to 3 ⁽²⁾	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
Payment Type⁽³⁾													
State Pensions	117	121	126	115	132	138	76	84	116	100	94	271	1,490
Pre-Retirement Allowance	4	8	6	3	2	7	4	8	12	9	10	67	140
Widows and Widower's Pensions	32	49	23	31	41	33	25	21	38	19	23	36	371
One-Parent Family Payment	2,248	2,511	1,828	1,374	1,822	1,267	1,024	806	1,124	739	489	341	15,573
Invalidity Pension	92	101	77	42	101	89	73	61	93	77	65	173	1,044
Illness Benefit	496	440	356	235	247	176	109	98	104	57	35	37	2,390
Disability Allowance	1,263	1,295	948	661	982	740	578	515	756	525	333	657	9,253
Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance	2,124	2,002	1,251	917	1,193	761	621	447	655	366	255	440	11,032
Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance	1,646	1,523	842	571	724	404	352	290	381	209	138	163	7,243
Jobseekers Benefit	2,211	1,639	875	558	399	170	97	60	87	41	31	37	6,205
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	2,917	2,219	1,205	750	844	431	355	326	442	306	230	247	10,272
Employment Support Services ⁽⁴⁾	538	633	358	286	444	303	222	179	232	122	83	129	3,529
DSS (UK)	37	49	41	37	48	27	29	22	33	17	12	39	391
Other	1,034	945	651	460	596	342	246	208	275	151	94	103	5,105
TOTAL	14,759	13,535	8,587	6,040	7,575	4,888	3,811	3,125	4,348	2,738	1,892	2,740	74,038

(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, Back to Education Allowance, VTOS and FAS

Table H14: Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and by Duration⁽¹⁾, 2008

Duration in Months	0 to 3 ⁽²⁾	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
Age Group													
Under 20 years	726	546	268	135	91	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	1,792
20 - 24 years	3,100	2,788	1,718	1,042	1,214	618	431	298	295	101	27	1	11,633
25 - 29 years	3,005	2,791	1,636	1,131	1,401	864	690	485	687	388	204	102	13,384
30 - 34 years	2,477	2,214	1,396	980	1,278	829	652	534	741	458	308	221	12,088
35 - 39 years	1,841	1,717	1,124	837	1,078	690	553	528	743	444	328	323	10,206
40 - 44 years	1,363	1,243	869	635	818	579	428	369	529	364	269	326	7,792
45 - 49 years	943	860	587	460	545	414	334	277	411	271	175	316	5,593
50 - 54 years	588	600	374	287	423	300	259	196	308	228	171	301	4,035
55 - 59 years	356	370	260	208	297	201	196	171	247	185	158	327	2,976
60 - 64 years	172	198	152	138	206	159	130	111	173	120	91	290	1,940
65 - 69 years	94	101	83	87	89	90	63	65	84	72	56	206	1,090
70 plus years	94	107	120	100	135	122	71	91	130	107	105	327	1,509
TOTAL	14,759	13,535	8,587	6,040	7,575	4,888	3,811	3,125	4,348	2,738	1,892	2,740	74,038

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Table H15: Short Term and Long Term recipients of Rent Supplement by Primary Payment, 2008

Payment Type	All Cases		Short Term <18 Months		Long Term >18 Months	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
State Pensions	1,490	2.0%	512	1.2%	978	3.1%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	140	0.2%	12	0.0%	128	0.4%
Widows and Widower's Pensions	371	0.5%	154	0.4%	217	0.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	15,573	21.0%	6,904	16.3%	8,669	27.4%
Invalidity Pension	1,044	1.4%	320	0.8%	724	2.3%
Illness Benefit	2,390	3.2%	1,674	4.0%	716	2.3%
Disability Allowance	9,253	12.5%	3,815	9.0%	5,438	17.2%
Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance	11,032	14.9%	6,001	14.2%	5,031	15.9%
Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance	7,243	9.8%	4,768	11.3%	2,475	7.8%
Jobseekers Benefit	6,205	8.4%	5,603	13.2%	602	1.9%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	10,272	13.9%	7,490	17.7%	2,782	8.8%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	3,529	4.8%	1,806	4.3%	1,723	5.4%
DSS (UK)	391	0.5%	197	0.5%	194	0.6%
Other	5,105	6.9%	3,115	7.4%	1,990	6.3%
Total	74,038	100.0%	42,371	100.0%	31,667	100.0%

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

At December 2008 there were 74,038 households in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment, of which 31,345 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 31,345 is derived from an analysis of those in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment in June 2007 and in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment at every three monthly interval thereafter.

Note: The 31,667 Long Term cases includes Asylum Seekers that are not included in the Target group of 31,345 for transfer to the Rental Assistance Scheme.

Table H16: Short Term and Long Term recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2008

	All Cases	Short Term	Short Term as	Long Term	Long Term as
County	Recipients	Cases	% All Cases	Cases	% All Cases
	Recipients	Recipients		Recipients	
Carlow	1,161	681	58.7%	480	41.3%
Cavan	874	661	75.6%	213	24.4%
Clare	1,441	904	62.7%	537	37.3%
Cork	8,538	4,966	58.2%	3,572	41.8%
Donegal	3,282	2,088	63.6%	1,194	36.4%
Dublin	24,119	11,602	48.1%	12,517	51.9%
Galway	3,733	2,035	54.5%	1,698	45.5%
Kerry	2,252	1,369	60.8%	883	39.2%
Kildare	3,275	1,769	54.0%	1,506	46.0%
Kilkenny	1,092	737	67.5%	355	32.5%
Laois	706	570	80.7%	136	19.3%
Leitrim	456	325	71.3%	131	28.7%
Limerick	2,942	1,783	60.6%	1,159	39.4%
Longford	706	565	80.0%	141	20.0%
Louth	1,887	1,166	61.8%	721	38.2%
Mayo	2,585	1,485	57.4%	1,100	42.6%
Meath	1,453	1,042	71.7%	411	28.3%
Monaghan	509	364	71.5%	145	28.5%
Offaly	833	570	68.4%	263	31.6%
Roscommon	1,042	698	67.0%	344	33.0%
Sligo	733	552	75.3%	181	24.7%
Tipperary	2,082	1,377	66.1%	705	33.9%
Waterford	2,126	1,332	62.7%	794	37.3%
Westmeath	1,275	858	67.3%	417	32.7%
Wexford	2,870	1,829	63.7%	1,041	36.3%
Wicklow	2,066	1,043	50.5%	1,023	49.5%
Total	74,038	42,371	57.2%	31,667	42.8%

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 Note: The 31,667 Long Term cases includes Asylum Seekers that are not included in the Target group of 31,345 for transfer to the Rental Assistance Scheme.

Table H17: Number of Recipients of Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements by County, 2008

County	Basic SWA ⁽²⁾	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement	Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	691	1,161	175	9	210
Cavan	663	874	260	2	201
Clare	569	1,441	167	3	374
Cork	3,844	8,538	826	45	2,584
Donegal	1,259	3,282	164	13	169
Dublin	9,235	24,119	2,077	180	5,748
Galway	2,490	3,733	336	28	408
Kerry	882	2,252	154	6	490
Kildare	1,534	3,275	494	20	414
Kilkenny	608	1,092	142	18	219
Laois	641	706	60	4	293
Leitrim	158	456	12	1	43
Limerick	1,622	2,942	287	11	1,929
Longford	438	706	25	3	136
Louth	1,169	1,887	145	2	220
Mayo	1,178	2,585	277	31	362
Meath	1,908	1,453	438	-	181
Monaghan	394	509	74	4	82
Offaly	513	833	55	1	281
Roscommon	875	1,042	137	6	223
Sligo	535	733	25	3	41
Tipperary	974	2,082	257	10	1,039
Waterford	881	2,126	215	14	399
Westmeath	630	1,275	98	3	189
Wexford	1,049	2,870	429	24	423
Wicklow	806	2,066	318	3	385
Total	35,546	74,038	7,647	444	17,043

(1) Includes Diet, Other, Travel, etc.

(2) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

SECTION J
MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS AND GRANTS

Section J: Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

This programme group contains details of a range of payments and services provided by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, including:

- Treatment Benefits
- Household Benefits and Free Travel
- Bereavement Grants
- Redundancy and Insolvency Payments
- Citizens Information Board (formerly Comhairle)
- School Meals
- Money Advice and Budgeting Service

Also included in this Section are details of methods of payments for benefits and allowances which are processed by the Department of Social and Family Affairs on a day to day basis and details of Personal Public Service (PPS) Numbers issued for the last ten years by nationality.

Graph J1: Expenditure on Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance, 2008

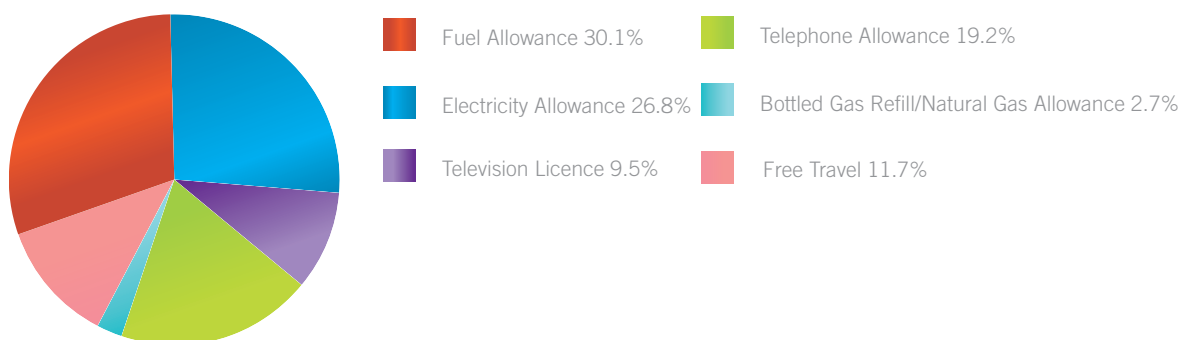


Table J1: Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment type, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007	2008 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2008 over 2007
	€000	€000	
Household Benefits, Free Travel, and Fuel Allowance	535,525	584,674	9.2%
Treatment Benefit	91,602	97,124	6.0%
Bereavement Grants	16,673	17,851	7.1%
Rent Allowance	792	730	-7.8%
Combat Poverty Agency	4,008	4,114	2.6%
School Meals	28,202	32,422	15.0%
Citizens Information Board (formerly Comhairle)	27,860	29,468	5.8%
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	14,578	16,217	11.2%
Other Grants/Payments	6,576	6,868	4.4%
Total	725,816	789,468	8.8%

(1) Provisional

Table J2: Total Expenditure on Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance, 1999 to 2008

	Electricity Allowance	Television Licence Allowance	Telephone Allowance	Bottled Gas Allowance	Natural Gas Allowance	Free Travel	Fuel Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1999	39,443	19,093	37,991	74	1,602	42,791	55,809	196,803
2000	40,185	20,199	41,660	88	1,918	44,817	55,487	204,354
2001	51,275	24,773	55,335	99	2,517	45,860	61,136	240,995
2002	62,648	30,967	72,887	108	3,276	45,625	80,532	296,043
2003	75,402	43,801	83,258	120	4,905	49,820	83,208	340,514
2004	87,992	47,859	85,697	116	5,498	52,400	84,710	364,272
2005	103,919	46,224	89,143	108	6,316	55,333	82,386	383,429
2006	108,323	48,966	90,333	116	8,399	58,042	130,250	444,429
2007	147,225	51,672	98,855	116	15,243	64,125	158,289	535,525
2008 ⁽¹⁾	156,739	55,698	112,192	96	15,531	68,428	175,990	584,674

(1) Provisional.

Table J3: Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 2007 and 2008

Type of Payment	2007	2008	Change 2008 over 2007
Bereavement Grants	21,755	22,827	4.9%
Treatment Benefit:			
Dental	634,077	675,578	6.5%
Optical	207,555	220,379	6.2%
Medical and Surgical	6,425	6,505	1.2%
Rent Allowance	7	8	14.3%
Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾	295,795	300,000	1.4%

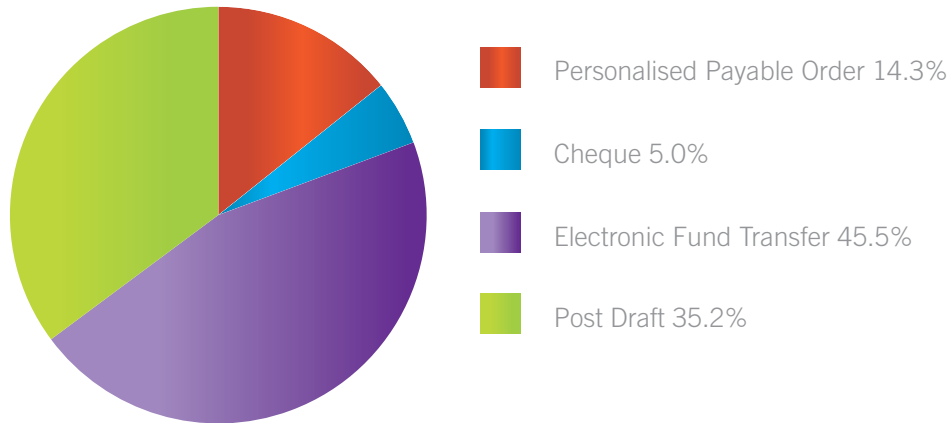
(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance during 2007 and 2008.

There was an average of 118,000 recipients of Smokeless Fuel Allowance in 2007 and an average of 120,000 recipients in 2008

Table J4: Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2008

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Post Draft	Total
State Pension(Contributory)	59,756	915	127,264	62,182	250,117
State Pension(Transition)	21	1	5,029	2,191	7,242
State Pension(Non-Contributory)	48,576	22	17,992	31,194	97,784
Pre-Retirement Allowance	-	159	2,913	5,800	8,872
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	45,124	596	40,739	25,778	112,237
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	45	-	476	1,521	2,042
Deserted Wife's Benefit	640	1	1,961	6,454	9,056
Deserted Wife's Allowance	8	-	99	510	617
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	1	-	-	-	1
One-Parent Family Payment	-	46	40,961	46,833	87,840
Maternity Benefit	-	1,920	21,501	-	23,421
Health and Safety Benefit	-	68	1	-	69
Adoptive Benefit	-	66	2	-	68
Guardian's Payment(Contributory)	488	-	305	40	833
Guardian's Payment(Non-Contributory)	290	-	135	12	437
Child Benefit (Families)	-	-	340,801	255,307	596,108
Illness Benefit	-	35,065	38,224	320	73,609
Invalidity Pension	28,535	10	22,662	2,518	53,725
Injury Benefit	-	510	336	-	846
Interim Illness Benefit	-	323	202	-	525
Disablement Pension	-	3,889	9,303	-	13,192
Death Benefit	502	5	138	6	651
Disability Allowance	53,617	-	33,314	8,823	95,754
Carer's Benefit	-	-	2,084	165	2,249
Carer's Allowance	19,193	-	14,898	9,478	43,569
Blind Pension	940	-	464	68	1,472
Jobseeker's Benefit	-	28,380	21,111	72,272	121,763
Jobseeker's Allowance	-	8,320	32,903	72,380	113,603
Back to Work Allowance Employee	20	8	3,500	30	3,558
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	6	2	4,567	29	4,604
Back to Education Allowance	-	23	7,065	798	7,886
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	-	184	-	-	184
Family Income Supplement	-	1,936	25,761	101	27,798
Farm Assist	-	60	2,846	4,590	7,496
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	8,407	1,744	25,395	35,546
Rent Allowance	-	217	-	-	217
Total	257,762	91,133	821,301	634,795	1,804,991

Graph J2: Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Method of Payment, 2008



Graph J3 Personal Public Service Numbers Issued, 2000 to 2008

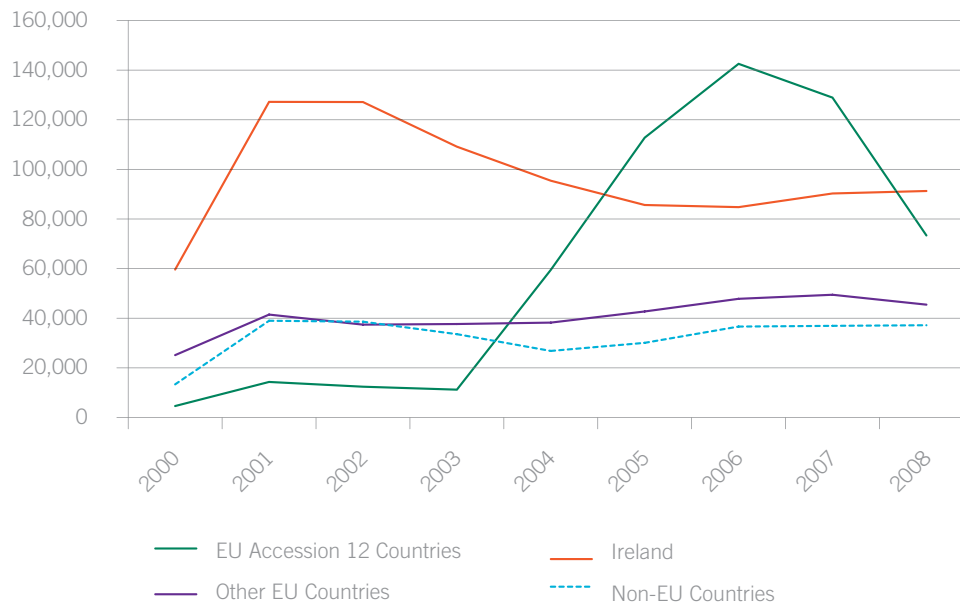


Table J5: Personal Public Service Numbers Issued by Country, 2000 to 2008

Country of origin/ declared nationality	2000 ⁽¹⁾	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
EU Countries										
Austria	638	919	545	519	851	655	769	814	670	6,380
Belgium	221	443	424	478	383	415	506	523	466	3,859
Bulgaria ⁽²⁾	160	512	427	374	104	98	267	1,008	772	3,722
Cyprus ⁽³⁾	6	12	8	6	27	23	33	43	2,762	2,920
Czech Republic ⁽³⁾	641	1,428	1,144	831	3,298	4,505	4,458	3,838	19	20,162
Denmark	245	367	279	285	267	314	286	338	349	2,730
Estonia ⁽³⁾	212	858	463	546	1,788	2,011	1,407	648	572	8,505
Finland	381	568	441	384	346	469	508	473	372	3,942
France	3,056	4,487	3,769	4,332	4,678	4,973	6,879	7,673	7,066	46,913
Germany	1,621	2,695	2,547	2,877	3,147	3,839	4,605	4,534	3,823	29,688
Greece	139	134	117	116	158	169	207	167	168	1,375
Hungary ⁽³⁾	167	511	259	185	1,839	3,086	4,330	5,046	4,562	19,985
Ireland	59,643	127,209	127,135	109,151	95,435	85,642	84,777	90,287	91,280	870,559
Italy	1,672	2,544	2,507	2,763	2,927	3,692	4,222	4,715	4,428	29,470
Latvia ⁽³⁾	1,046	3,023	1,538	1,230	6,266	9,328	7,954	4,674	3,727	38,786
Lithuania ⁽³⁾	642	2,735	2,782	2,379	12,817	18,717	16,039	10,728	6,443	73,282
Luxembourg	28	28	45	36	12	21	18	10	19	217
Malta ⁽³⁾	137	237	209	191	205	124	143	161	132	1,539
Netherlands	471	861	776	757	924	970	1,104	1,051	904	7,818
Poland ⁽³⁾	570	2,259	2,649	3,828	27,295	64,731	93,787	79,816	42,554	317,489
Portugal	554	788	419	725	680	791	935	1,517	2,125	8,534
Romania ⁽³⁾	920	2,416	2,667	1,387	591	813	3,336	14,525	6,762	33,417
Slovakia ⁽³⁾	111	328	252	248	5,187	9,258	10,687	8,375	4,994	39,440
Slovenia ⁽³⁾	3	1	2	7	64	76	101	63	87	404
Spain	3,796	5,800	5,687	4,920	4,456	4,670	4,433	4,691	4,618	43,071
Sweden	872	1,451	949	1,017	943	1,102	1,103	932	757	9,126
United Kingdom	11,445	20,390	18,915	18,463	18,464	20,649	22,253	22,026	19,713	172,318
Total EU	89,397	183,004	176,955	158,035	193,152	241,141	275,147	268,676	210,144	1,795,651
Non-EU Countries										
USA	1,222	2,645	2,736	3,010	3,195	3,811	4,079	3,841	3,505	28,044
China	1,468	5,748	4,839	3,762	3,471	1,756	1,418	1,519	1,685	25,666
Nigeria	1,890	3,813	5,417	3,795	1,973	2,168	1,623	1,610	1,545	23,834
India	394	1,522	1,591	1,422	1,887	3,407	5,580	4,778	4,332	24,913
Brazil	384	660	759	725	864	2,225	3,460	4,805	5,632	19,514
Australia	1,027	2,874	2,656	2,421	1,713	2,128	2,105	1,966	1,857	18,747
Philippines	682	3,526	2,540	2,064	1,227	1,499	1,884	1,624	1,440	16,486
South Africa	762	3,075	2,195	1,869	1,013	1,060	1,126	1,046	1,105	13,251
Pakistan	297	1,146	1,091	1,350	1,114	1,024	1,425	1,439	812	9,698
New Zealand	572	1,462	1,408	1,016	896	923	1,010	886	819	8,992
Canada	737	1,019	733	754	866	970	1,161	1,071	1,213	8,524
Russia	677	1,649	1,167	658	559	473	464	398	358	6,403
Ukraine	241	1,267	1,421	1,282	489	378	405	394	467	6,344
Mauritius	4	32	46	125	158	473	1,938	1,989	1,431	6,196
Malaysia	246	527	341	349	301	523	636	744	656	4,323
Moldova	160	600	651	563	214	194	294	409	300	3,385
Bangladesh	66	454	486	655	347	209	456	405	240	3,318
Turkey	70	198	619	770	456	374	165	228	197	3,077
Other ⁽⁴⁾	2,463	6,767	7,914	6,995	6,079	6,488	7,415	7,782	9,587	61,490
Total Non-EU	13,362	38,984	38,610	33,585	26,822	30,083	36,644	36,934	37,181	292,205
Total	102,759	221,988	215,565	191,620	219,974	271,224	311,791	305,610	247,325	2,087,856

(1) Data for 2000 from 19 June 2000 when DSFA assumed responsibility for issuing PPS numbers.

(2) Joined the EU on 1 January 2007.

(3) Joined the EU on 1 May 2004

(4) Consists of 166 other countries.

Note: EU Countries are shown in alphabetical order while Non-EU Countries are shown in order of total PPS numbers issued.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Social Insurance and Social Assistance

The Department of Social & Family Affairs provides a range of payments which can be classified as follows.

Social Insurance

Payments made under the social insurance system are funded, in part, by contributions from employers, employees and the self-employed. Any deficit in the fund is met by Exchequer subvention. Entitlement to social insurance benefits is conditional upon the claimants having a certain number of contributions paid or credited in a specific period of time. The contributions conditions vary according to the different insurance schemes.

Social Insurance schemes comprise State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Disablement Pension, Carer's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed Parent Grant, Bereavement Grants and Household Benefits and Free Travel.

Social Assistance

Social Assistance schemes are financed entirely by the Exchequer. One of the basic requirements to qualify for payment under the social assistance schemes is that the claimant must satisfy a means test.

Social Assistance schemes comprise State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's 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.

Child Benefit

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. Older People

State Pension (Contributory)
 State Pension (Transition)
 State Pension (Non-Contributory)
 Pre-Retirement Allowance

2. Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension
 Deserted Wife's Benefit
 Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension
 Deserted Wife's Allowance
 Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
 One Parent Family Payment
 Widowed Parent Grant

3. Child Related Payments

Maternity Benefit
 Adoptive Benefit
 Health and Safety Benefit
 Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
 Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
 Child Benefit

4. Illness, Disability And Caring

Illness Benefit
 Invalidity Pension
 Disability Allowance
 Blind Pension
 Carer's Benefit
 Carer's Allowance
 Injury Benefit
 Disablement Benefit
 Death Benefit
 Medical Care

5. Jobseeker's Supports

Jobseeker's Benefit
 Jobseeker's Allowance

6. Employment Supports

Family Income Supplement
 Back to Work Allowance
 Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
 Back to Education Allowance
 Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme
 Farm Assist

7. Supplementary Welfare Allowance

Basic Payments
 Rent and Mortgage Interest Supplements
 Heating and Diet Supplements
 Exceptional and Urgent Needs Payments
 The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme

8. Miscellaneous Payments And Grants

Treatment Benefits
 Household Benefits and Free Travel
 Bereavement Grants
 Money Advice and Budgeting Service

Appendix 3: Glossary

Recipient:	Person actually receiving a social welfare payment.
Qualified adult:	Person in respect of whom a Qualified Adult Increase is paid to the recipient.
Qualified child:	Child in respect of whom an Increase for a Qualified Child is paid to the recipient. This allowance is payable at half the rate where a spouse/partner, living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/partner may receive half the Increase for a Qualified Child where both are in receipt of a social welfare payment.
Beneficiaries:	Total number of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children.
Claim/claimant:	An application/applicant for a social welfare payment.
Social Insurance Payments:	These comprise State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed Parent Grant, Bereavement Grants and Household Benefits and Free Travel.
Social Assistance Payments:	These comprise State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's 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/er's Pension, One Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's 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).

These changes will affect the comparability of different year's figures in Section B, Older People, Section C, Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families and Section E, Illness, Disability and Caring.

Scheme Name Changes

Effective from September 2006 scheme names were changed as follows:

Previous Name of Scheme	New Name of Scheme
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	State Pension (Contributory)
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	State Pension (Non-Contributory)
Retirement Pension	State Pension (Transition)
Unemployment Benefit	Jobseeker's Benefit
Unemployment Assistance	Jobseeker's Allowance
Unemployability Supplement	Incapacity Supplement
Disability Benefit	Illness Benefit
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Scheme name changed effective from July 2006

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