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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 2007. This is our 25th annual statistical report, which provides comprehensive statistical information on all programmes administered by the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

Ensuring that there is reliable data available on the services provided by the Department, as contained in this Report, is an important factor in the development and implementation of policies to enhance social inclusion and progress social cohesion.

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.

The supports provided by this Department are available to people with multi-faceted needs, covering a range of circumstances and at every stage of their lives from birth through to educational supports, assistance for those seeking jobs as well as those with disabilities and pensioners who have served this state for many decades.

Continuing to reflect the trend of recent years, social welfare programme expenditure increased to €15.5 billion in 2007, an increase of 14.2% over the previous year, demonstrating the Government's commitment to caring and supporting those less well off in our society. This level of investment reflects the desire to achieve real social progress and which, allied with a will to reform where necessary, displays how our social protection system is now framed to meet the challenges facing a changing society.

Statistics tell their own story and in 2007:

- Over 1 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of 1.5 million beneficiaries;
- Expenditure on State Pensions increased by 18.3% to €3.9 billion. Payments were made to over 350,000 people in this area;
- Family Income Supplement was paid to 22,800 families, an increase of 4.7% on the previous year and benefiting over 47,500 children, 8.4% more than 2006. Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 30.7% to €140 million;
- Expenditure on Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit increased by 26.9% and 61.2% respectively. The numbers in receipt of a Carer's payment increased from 29,121 to 35,147, an increase of 20.7%;
- 579,612 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,110,715 children. Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by 8.6% to €2.2 billion.

Every one of the services provided by the Department is a core feature of our society, ensuring that supports are there for those who need them. Ensuring that we have accurate information is also vital to support evidence-based policy-making and enable the measurement of progress in these areas.

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



## Réamhfhocal ón Aire

Fáiltím roimh fhoilsiú Staitisticí um Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh 2007. Is é seo an 25ú tuarascáil staidrimh dár gcuid, ina soláthraítear eolas cuimsitheach staidrimh i dtaobh na gclár ar fad a reáchtálann an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh.

Toisc thábhachtach i bhforbairt agus i gcur i bhfeidhm polasaithe chun críocha cuimsiú sóisialta a fheabhsú agus comhtháthú sóisialta a chur chun cinn, is ea é a chinntiú go gcuirtear sonraí iontabhacha ar fáil, mar a chuirtear sa Tuarascáil seo, maidir leis na seirbhísí a sholáthraíonn an Roinn seo.

Tá fiordhuine daonna nó fíortheachlach laistiar de gach staidreamh acu seo, rud a chuireann lena thábhachtaí is atá sé dúinn a chinntiú nach mbaineann seachadadh seirbhísí le huimhreacha amháin, ach le tionchar ar shaol laethúil agus ar leas ár saoránach uile.

Bíonn na tacaí a sholáthraíonn an Roinn seo ar fáil do dhaoine le riachtanais ilghnéitheacha, a chuimsíonn réimse cúinsí agus gach céim dá saol ó lá a saolaithe, trí thacaí oideachais agus cabhair dóibh siúd ag lorg oibre, chomh maith le daoine faoi mhíchumas agus pinsinéirí a thug seirbhís don stát seo leis na scórtha bliain.

Ag leanúint den treocht chéanna le blianta beaga anuas, tháinig fás ar chaiteachas clár go dtí €15.5 billiún i 2007, rud is méadú 14.2% ar an mbliain roimhe sin agus a léiríonn tiomantas an Rialtais maidir le cúram a ghlacadh de na daoine is daibhre de chuid ár sochaí agus tacú leo. Is cruthúnas an leibhéal infheistíochta sin den fionn fíordhul chun cinn sóisialta a bhaint amach agus léiríonn sé sin, in éineacht le toil chun leasaithe más gá, go bhfuil ár gcóras leasa shóisialaigh anois i gcruth dul i ngleic leis na dúshláin a bhíonn roimh shochaí agus í ag dul faoi athrú.

Insíonn staitisticí a scéal féin: sa bhliain 2007:

- Bhí íocaíocht sheachtainiúil Leasa Shóisialaigh á fáil ag breis agus 1 milliún duine, agus an íocaíocht sin á hóc i leith 1.5 milliún dílseánach;
- Méadaíodh an caiteachas ar Phinsin Stáit de 18.3%, go dtí €3.9 billiún. Íocadh na híocaíochtaí sa réimse sin le breis agus 350,000 duine;
- Íocach Forlíonadh Ioncam Teaghlaigh le 22,800 teaghlach, rud is méadú 4.7% ar an mbliain roimhe sin agus a chuaigh chun leasa breis agus 47,500 leanbh, mar atá, 8.4% níos mó ná 2006. Méadaíodh an caiteachas maidir le Forlíonadh Ioncam Teaghlaigh de 30.7% go dtí €140 milliún;
- Méadaíodh an caiteachas maidir le Liúntas Cúramóra agus le Sochar Cúramóra de 26.9% agus de 61.2%, faoi seach. Tháinig méadú ar líon na ndaoine lena n-íoctar íocaíochtaí Cúramóra ó 29,121 go dtí 35,147, mar atá, méadú 20.7%;
- Fuair 579,612 teaghlach íocaíocht mhíosúil maidir le Sochar Linbh, a íocadh i leith 1,110,715 leanbh. Méadaíodh an caiteachas maidir le Sochar Linbh de 8.6%, go dtí €2.2 billiún.

Gné lárnach dár sochaí is ea gach ceann de na seirbhísí a sholáthraíonn an Roinn seo, a chinntíonn go mbíonn tacaí ann dóibh siúd a bhíonn ina ngátar. Ina theannta sin, tá sé den riachtanas a chinntiú go mbíonn eolas beacht againn mar thaca le polasaithe a dhéanamh a mbíonn fianaise mar bhonn leo agus go mbítear in ann dul chun cinn sna réimsí sin a thomhas.

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

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## Introduction

### General

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This is the twenty fifth 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 2007 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 2007 are provisional pending certification by the Comptroller and Auditor General. All Expenditure figures have been converted to Euro amounts.

### Source of Data

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

### Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

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

### Breakdown by Section

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The report is divided into nine sections as follows:

Section A	Summary and Financial
Section B	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, Carer's 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. For the first time, 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 cúigiú 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 eagra seo le 2007 agus níos luaithe. Maidir leis na sonraí i leith na n-daoine atá ag fáil íocaíochtaí no 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, atá measaithe a bheith údarásach, ar dháta seachas 31 Nollaig ach gar don dáta sin.

Is figiúirí sealadach iad na figiúirí caiteachas le haghaidh 2007 go dtí go mbeidh siad deimhnithe ag An Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste. Tá 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.

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## Amsraith agus Athraithe ar Íocaíochtaí

Tugtar sonraí ar amsraith 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 táblaí 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 Tacaíochtaí 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 áireamh. 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 eagsula a chuirtear ar fail faoin Scéim Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach

Tugann Cuid J eolas maidir le Sochar Coireála, Saorscéimeanna agus íocaíochtaí ilgnéitheach eile. Den chéad uair, 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.

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Foilsíonn an Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail agus Teaghlaigh Tuairisc Bliantúil a thugann sonraí ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta sa bhlian 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 2007 was €15,519 million, an increase of 14.2% over 2006. Expenditure in 2007 represented 29.4% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 9.8% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were State Pensions (25.0%), Widow's, Widower's and One Parent Families (14.8%), Illness, Disability and Caring (18.4%), Jobseeker's Supports (9.2%), Child Related Payments (16.2%), Supplementary Welfare Allowance (4.4%) and Employment Supports (2.3%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 3.6% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (53.3%) and the Social Insurance Fund (46.7%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (73.3%), employees (19.9%), the self-employed (5.4%) and Investment Income (1.4%). See Tables A6 and A7.

### Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Over 1,060,300 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2007. As these payments included increases in respect of over 125,900 Qualified Adults and over 391,100 children, there were over 1,577,450 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients increased by 56,810, year on year, while the number of beneficiaries increased by 69,466.

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 2007 and 2006 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. In addition, the maximum payment of Maternity Benefit was increased to €280 per week. As a result of these and previous changes, the average payment per claim has increased from €4,176 in 2004 to €7,280 in 2007.

(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, 2007

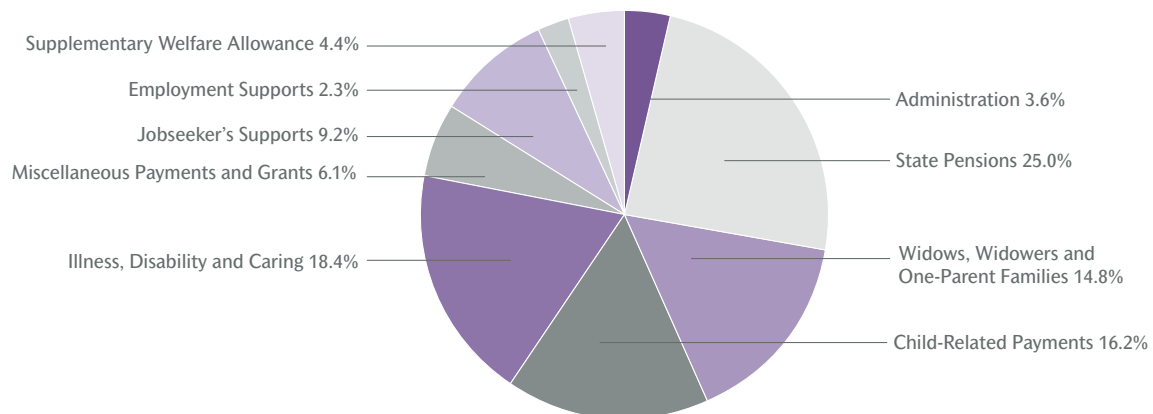


Table A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2006 and 2007

Programme	2006 €000	2007 <sup>(1)</sup> €000	Change 2007 over 2006
Older People <sup>(2)</sup>	3,279,368	3,878,658	18.3%
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families <sup>(2)</sup>	2,141,239	2,299,220	7.4%
Child Related Payments <sup>(3)</sup>	2,251,914	2,506,597	11.3%
Illness, Disability and Caring <sup>(2)</sup>	2,433,169	2,855,397	17.4%
Jobseeker's Supports	1,223,633	1,420,369	16.1%
Employment Supports	293,774	363,730	23.8%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	634,964	682,706	7.5%
Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	811,128	949,165	17.0%
Administration	517,252	563,065	8.9%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>13,586,441</b>	<b>15,518,907</b>	<b>14.2%</b>

(1) Provisional

(2) See note (a) in the introduction to this section

(3) See note (b) in the introduction to this section

Table A2

Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1998 to 2007

Year	Total Social Welfare Expenditure <sup>(1)</sup> (€m)	Index of Expenditure	Consumer Price Index <sup>(2)</sup>	Social Welfare Expenditure as a percentage of: <sup>(3)</sup>		
				Gross Current Government Expenditure	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
1998 <sup>(4)</sup>	6,046	100.0	100.0	27.1	8.8	7.7
1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	6,283	103.9	101.7	26.0	8.2	6.9
2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	6,713	111.0	107.3	25.9	7.5	6.4
2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	7,842	129.7	112.6	26.2	8.0	6.7
2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	9,517	157.4	117.8	28.8	8.9	7.3
2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	10,493	173.6	121.9	28.9	8.9	7.5
2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	11,291	186.8	124.5	28.9	9.0	7.6
2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	12,168	201.3	127.6	28.2	9.0	7.5
2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	13,586	224.7	132.7	28.5	9.1	7.8
2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	15,519	256.7	139.1	29.4	9.8	8.4

(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, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	2006	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2007 over 2006
	€000	€000	
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	1,580,896	2,754,947	74.3%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(2)</sup>	857,627	79,054	-90.8%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	727,782	920,167	26.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	113,063	124,490	10.1%
<b>Total State Pension</b>	<b>3,279,368</b>	<b>3,878,658</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	1,094,884	1,204,953	10.1%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	103,688	19,921	-80.8%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	94,621	100,689	6.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	10,547	6,897	-34.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	13	16	23.1%
One Parent Family Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	834,262	962,425	15.4%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	2,942	3,865	31.4%
Widowed Parent Grant ( Non-Contributory)	282	454	61.0%
<b>Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families</b>	<b>2,141,239</b>	<b>2,299,220</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
Maternity Benefit <sup>(3)</sup>	180,801	257,861	42.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	353	503	42.5%
Adoptive Benefit	818	1,333	63.0%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	8,815	9,560	8.5%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,832	4,366	-9.6%
Child Benefit	2,056,295	2,232,974	8.6%
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>2,251,914</b>	<b>2,506,597</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
Illness Benefit	627,642	755,321	20.3%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	602,414	618,051	2.6%
Injury Benefit	16,123	17,178	6.5%
Disablement Benefit	72,526	79,281	9.3%
Death Benefit	7,047	7,574	7.5%
Disability Allowance	738,431	901,131	22.0%
Medical Care	292	298	2.1%
Carer's Allowance	284,584	361,257	26.9%
Carer's Benefit	16,688	26,899	61.2%
Respite Care Grant	50,458	73,376	45.4%
Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	16,964	15,031	-11.4%
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>2,433,169</b>	<b>2,855,397</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit	455,073	545,277	19.8%
Jobseeker's Allowance	768,560	875,092	13.9%
<b>Total Jobseeker's Supports</b>	<b>1,223,633</b>	<b>1,420,369</b>	<b>16.1%</b>
Family Income Supplement	107,137	140,020	30.7%
Employment Support Services <sup>(4)</sup>	115,552	145,024	25.5%
Farm Assist	71,085	78,686	10.7%
<b>Total Employment Supports</b>	<b>293,774</b>	<b>363,730</b>	<b>23.8%</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	634,964	682,706	7.5%
<b>Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance</b>	<b>634,964</b>	<b>682,706</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
Treatment Benefits <sup>(4)</sup>	95,020	91,602	-3.6%
Rent Allowance	839	792	-5.6%
Free Schemes <sup>(4)</sup>	444,429	535,525	20.5%
Miscellaneous <sup>(4)</sup>	100,828	133,235	32.1%
Redundancy and Insolvency <sup>(5)</sup>	170,012	188,011	10.6%
<b>Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants</b>	<b>811,128</b>	<b>949,165</b>	<b>17.0%</b>
Administration - Insurance Schemes	221,684	242,711	9.5%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	295,568	320,354	8.4%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>517,252</b>	<b>563,065</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,586,441</b>	<b>15,518,907</b>	<b>14.2%</b>

(1) Provisional

(2) See note (a) in the introduction to this section.

(3) See note (b) in the introduction to this section

(4) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4

(5) This scheme is administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment



Table A4

## Additional Expenditure Details, 2006 and 2007

Additional Details	2006	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change
	€000	€000	
<b>EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>			
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	56,497	71,072	25.8%
Back to Education Allowance	52,070	64,142	23.2%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,277	1,320	3.4%
Other	5,708	8,490	48.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115,552</b>	<b>145,024</b>	<b>25.5%</b>
<b>TREATMENT BENEFITS</b>			
Dental	67,845	64,846	-4.4%
Optical	22,583	21,050	-6.8%
Medical and Surgical	4,592	5,706	24.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95,020</b>	<b>91,602</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL</b>			
<b>Social Insurance</b>			
Fuel Allowances	48,931	61,401	25.5%
Electricity	65,466	87,912	34.3%
Bottled Gas	26	16	-38.5%
Natural Gas	6,380	11,499	80.2%
Television Licence	29,783	31,458	5.6%
Telephone Rental	56,004	57,488	2.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>206,590</b>	<b>249,774</b>	<b>20.9%</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL</b>			
<b>Social Assistance</b>			
Fuel Allowances	81,319	96,888	19.1%
Free Travel	58,042	64,125	10.5%
Electricity	42,857	59,313	38.4%
Bottled Gas	90	100	11.1%
Natural Gas	2,019	3,744	85.4%
Television Licence	19,183	20,214	5.4%
Telephone Rental	34,329	41,367	20.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237,839</b>	<b>285,751</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Bereavement Grants	12,686	16,672	31.4%
School Meals	13,622	28,202	107.0%
Combat Poverty Agency	3,689	4,008	8.6%
Comhairle	24,362	27,860	14.4%
Family Support Agency	26,506	35,339	33.3%
Money Advice and Budgeting Services	13,575	14,578	7.4%
Other Grants/Payments	6,388	6,576	2.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,828</b>	<b>133,235</b>	<b>32.1%</b>

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**Table A5**

Social Insurance and Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	2006	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2007 over 2006
	€000	€000	
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	1,580,896	2,754,947	74.3%
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Bereavement Grant	12,686	16,672	31.4%
Free Schemes	206,590	249,774	20.9%
Redundancy and Insolvency Administration	170,012	188,011	10.6%
	221,684	242,711	9.5%
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>6,325,554</b>	<b>7,251,414</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
State Pensions (Non-Contributory)	727,782	920,167	26.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	113,063	124,490	10.1%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	103,688	19,921	-80.8%
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Farm Assist	71,085	78,686	10.7%
Employment Support Services	115,552	145,024	25.5%
Family Income Supplement	107,137	140,020	30.7%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	634,964	682,706	7.5%
Rent Allowance	839	792	-5.6%
Free Schemes	237,839	285,751	20.1%
Miscellaneous	88,142	116,563	32.2%
Administration	295,568	320,354	8.4%
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>7,260,887</b>	<b>8,267,493</b>	<b>13.9%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>13,586,441</b>	<b>15,518,907</b>	<b>14.2%</b>

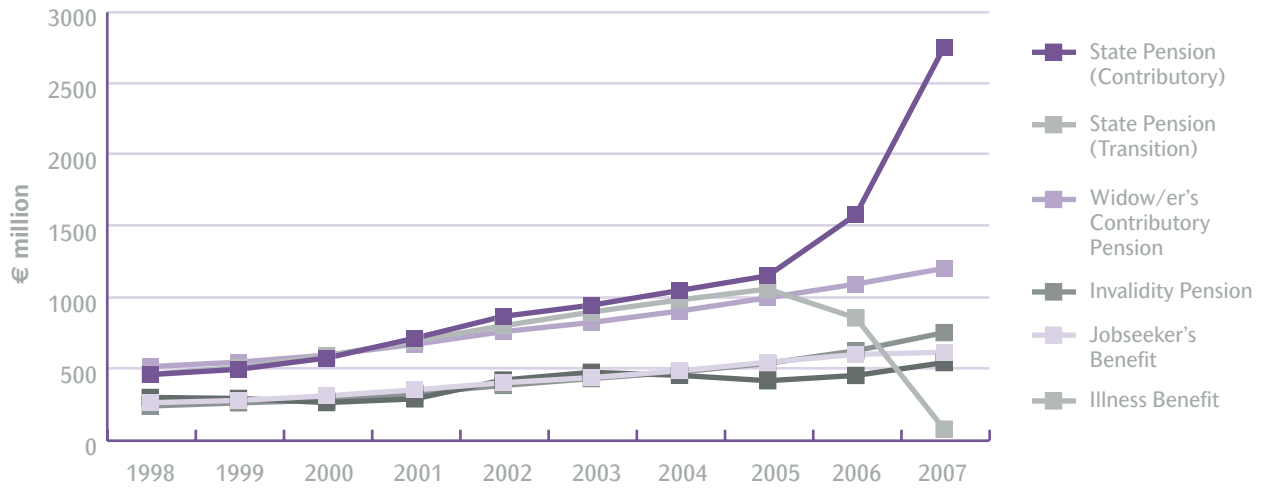
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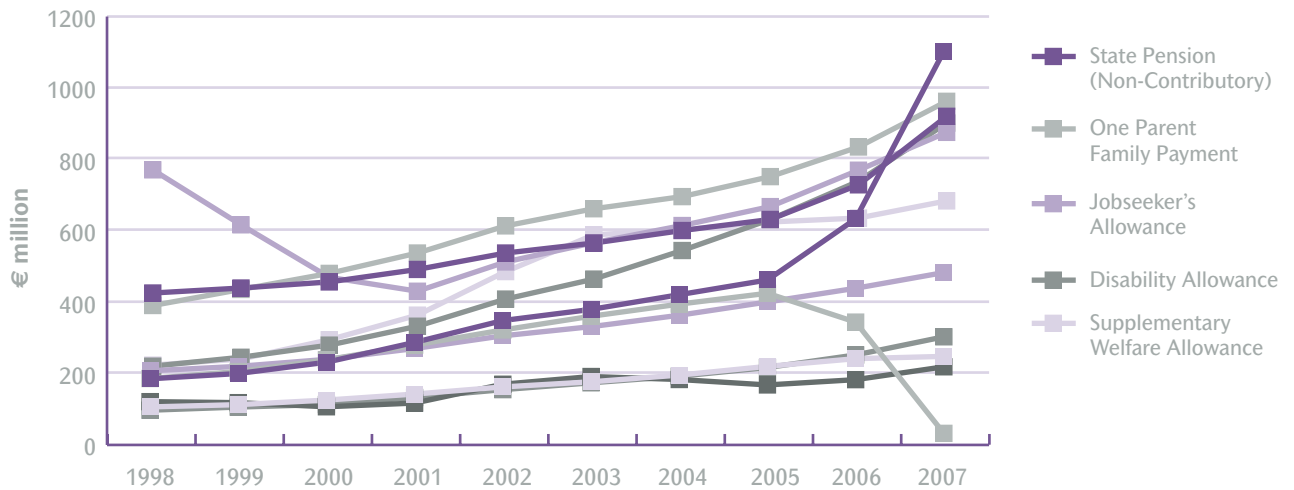
Graph A2

Expenditure on Main Social Insurance Schemes, 1998 to 2007



Graph A3

Expenditure on Main Social Assistance Schemes, 1998 to 2007



**Table A6**

Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 2006 and 2007

Sources of Finance	2006		2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	
	€000		€000	
State	7,260,888	53.4%	8,267,493	53.3%
Social Insurance Fund	6,325,554	46.6%	7,251,414	46.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,586,442</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15,518,907</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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**Table A7**

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2006 and 2007

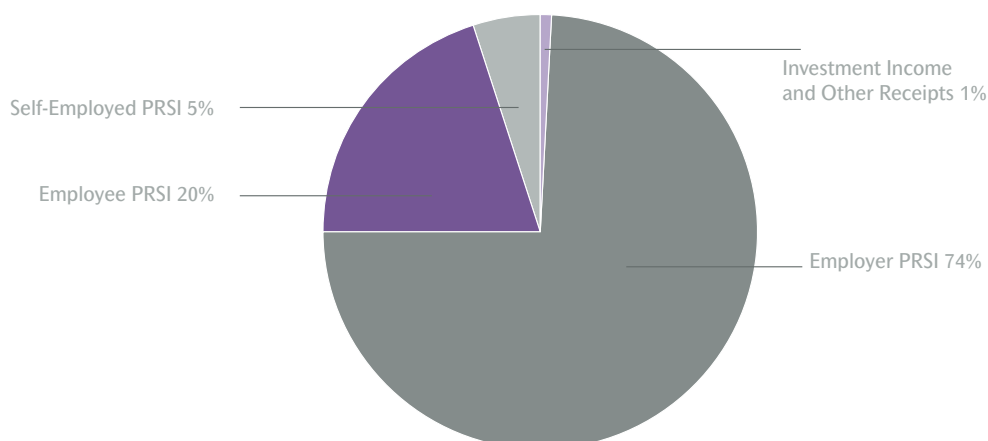
Sources of Finance	2006		2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	
	€000		€000	
Employer PRSI	5,167,274	74.1%	5,738,000	73.3%
Employee PRSI	1,380,234	19.8%	1,562,000	19.9%
Self-Employed PRSI	373,714	5.4%	421,000	5.4%
Investment Income	53,084	0.8%	112,049	1.4%
Other Receipts	105	0.0%	88	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,974,411</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,833,137</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes</b>	<b>6,325,554</b>		<b>7,251,414</b>	
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>648,857</b>		<b>581,723</b>	

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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 A4:**

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2007



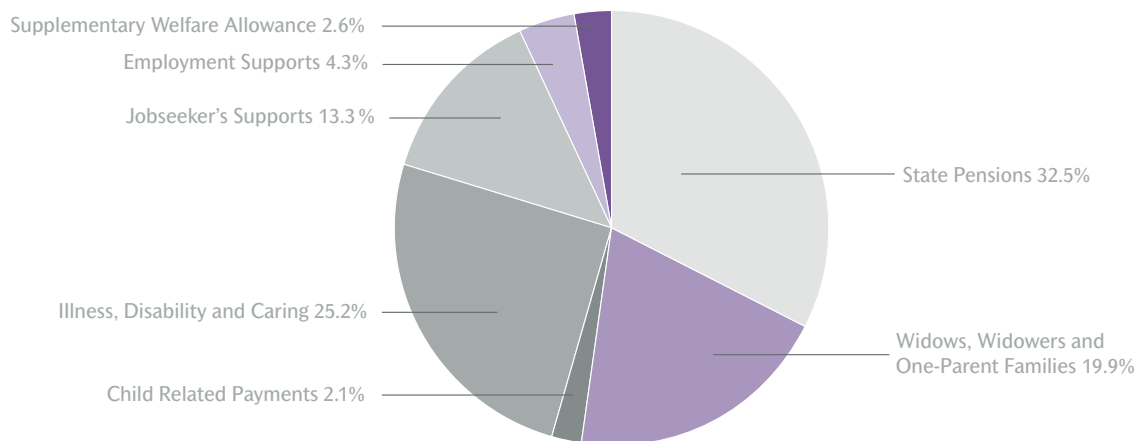
**Table A8**

Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1998 to 2007

Year	Recipients	Beneficiaries
1998	878,249	1,475,496
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

**Graph A5**

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme Area, 2007



**Table A9**

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change 2007 over 2006
	2006	2007	
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	139,724	237,599	70.0%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	91,086	5,851	-93.6%
State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	97,404	97,726	0.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,149	10,624	-4.7%
<b>Total Older People</b>	<b>339,363</b>	<b>351,800</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	110,146	111,460	1.2%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	2,168	2,138	-1.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,760	9,395	-3.7%
Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	766	693	-9.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(1)</sup>	83,081	85,084	2.4%
<b>Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families</b>	<b>205,923</b>	<b>208,772</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Maternity Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	14,898	20,948	40.6%
Health and Safety Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	37	39	5.4%
Adoptive Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	59	55	-6.8%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	2.3%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	0.2%
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>16,235</b>	<b>22,302</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
Illness Benefit	65,774	70,404	7.0%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	51,954	53,956	3.9%
Injury Benefit	924	900	-2.6%
Interim Illness Benefit	338	440	30.2%
Disablement Pension	12,646	12,874	1.8%
Death Benefit Pension	646	647	0.2%
Disability Allowance	83,697	89,048	6.4%
Carer's Benefit	1,647	2,080	26.3%
Carer's Allowance	27,474	33,067	20.4%
Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	1,476	1,474	-0.1%
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>246,576</b>	<b>264,890</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit	50,542	59,167	17.1%
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,801	80,268	5.9%
<b>Total Jobseeker's Supports</b>	<b>126,343</b>	<b>139,435</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,963	4,305	8.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,683	1,811	7.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	2,690	3,017	12.2%
Back to Education Allowance	5,679	5,980	5.3%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	4.5%
Family Income Supplement	21,800	22,823	4.7%
Farm Assist	7,480	7,376	-1.4%
<b>Total Employment Supports</b>	<b>43,496</b>	<b>45,522</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(3)</sup>	25,331	27,379	8.1%
<b>Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance</b>	<b>25,331</b>	<b>27,379</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
Rent Allowance	250	227	-9.2%
<b>Total Miscellaneous Payments</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,003,517</b>	<b>1,060,327</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

(1) See note (a) in the introduction to this section

(2) See note (b) in the introduction to this section

(3) 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, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change 2007 over 2006
	2006	2007	
Family Income Supplement	21,800	22,823	4.7%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	2.3%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	0.2%
<b>Total Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>23,041</b>	<b>24,083</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
Adoptive Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	59	55	-6.8%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,963	4,305	8.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,683	1,811	7.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	2,690	3,017	12.2%
Back to Education Allowance	5,679	5,980	5.3%
Carer's Allowance	27,474	33,067	20.4%
Carer's Benefit	1,647	2,080	26.3%
Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	766	693	-9.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,760	9,395	-3.7%
Farm Assist	7,480	7,376	-1.4%
Health and Safety Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	37	39	5.4%
Illness Benefit	65,774	70,404	7.0%
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,801	80,268	5.9%
Jobseeker's Benefit	50,542	59,167	17.1%
Maternity Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	14,898	20,948	40.6%
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	83,081	85,084	2.4%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	4.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,149	10,624	-4.7%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	2	2	0.0%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	2,168	2,138	-1.4%
<b>Total People of Working Age</b>	<b>364,854</b>	<b>396,663</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
Rent Allowance	250	227	-9.2%
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	139,724	237,599	70.0%
State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	97,404	97,726	0.3%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(2)</sup>	91,086	5,851	-93.6%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	110,146	111,460	1.2%
<b>Total Retired &amp; Older People</b>	<b>438,610</b>	<b>452,863</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Death Benefit Pension	646	647	0.2%
Disability Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	83,697	89,048	6.4%
Disablement Pension	12,646	12,874	1.8%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	51,954	53,956	3.9%
Injury Benefit	924	900	-2.6%
Interim Illness Benefit	338	440	30.2%
Blind Pension	1,476	1,474	-0.1%
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>151,681</b>	<b>159,339</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(3)</sup>	25,331	27,379	8.1%
<b>Total Poverty &amp; Social Inclusion</b>	<b>25,331</b>	<b>27,379</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,003,517</b>	<b>1,060,327</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

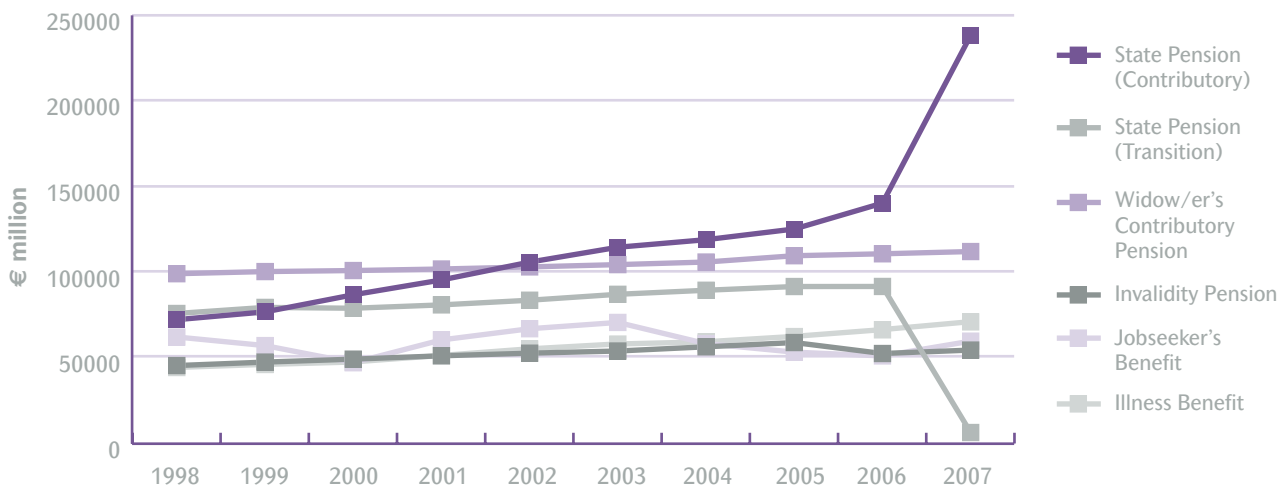
(1) See note (b) in the introduction to this section

(2) See note (a) in the introduction to this section

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

**Graph A6**

Recipients of Main Social Insurance Payments, 1998 to 2007



**Graph A7**

Recipients of Main Social Assistance Payments, 1998 to 2007

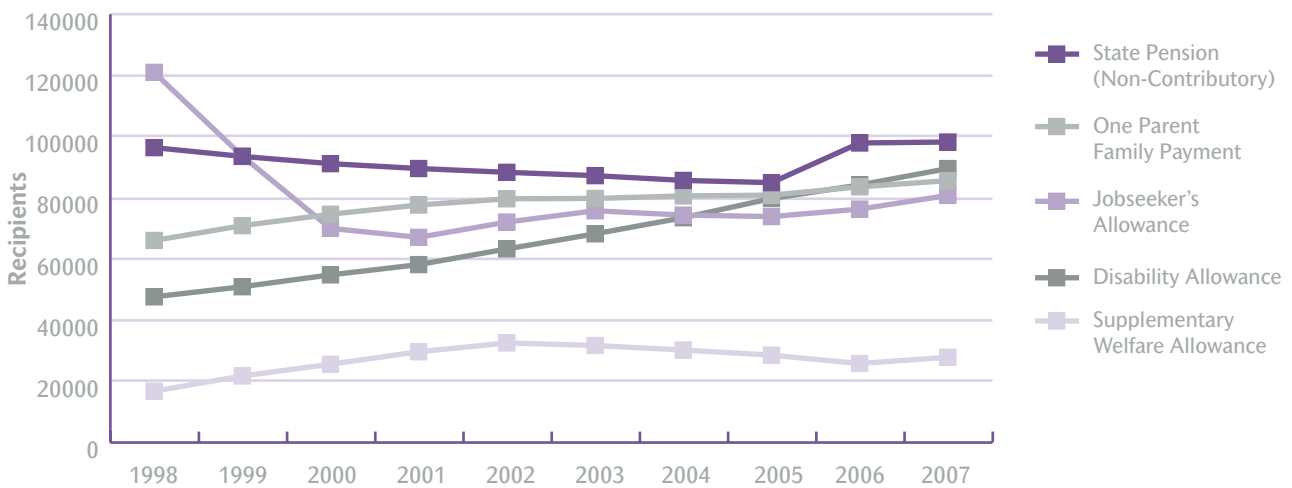




Table A11

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change 2007 over 2006
	2006	2007	
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	139,724	237,599	70.0%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	91,086	5,851	-93.6%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	110,146	111,460	1.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,760	9,395	-3.7%
Maternity Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	14,898	20,948	40.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	37	39	5.4%
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	-6.8%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	2.3%
Illness Benefit	65,774	70,404	7.0%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	51,954	53,956	3.9%
Injury Benefit	924	900	-2.6%
Interim Illness Benefit	338	440	30.2%
Disablement Benefit	12,646	12,874	1.8%
Death Benefit Pension	646	647	0.2%
Carer's Benefit	1,647	2,080	26.3%
Jobseeker's Benefit	50,542	59,167	17.1%
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>550,981</b>	<b>586,633</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	97,404	97,726	0.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,149	10,624	-4.7%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,168	2,138	-1.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	766	693	-9.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(1)</sup>	83,081	85,084	2.4%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	0.2%
Disability Allowance	83,697	89,048	6.4%
Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	1,476	1,474	-0.1%
Carer's Allowance	27,474	33,067	20.4%
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,801	80,268	5.9%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,963	4,305	8.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,683	1,811	7.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	2,690	3,017	12.2%
Back to Education Allowance	5,679	5,980	5.3%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	4.5%
Family Income Supplement	21,800	22,823	4.7%
Farm Assist	7,480	7,376	-1.4%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(3)</sup>	25,331	27,379	8.1%
Rent Allowance	250	227	-9.2%
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>452,536</b>	<b>473,694</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,003,517</b>	<b>1,060,327</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

(1) See note (a) in the introduction to this section

(2) See note (b) in the introduction to this section

(3) 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, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change 2007 over 2006
	2006	2007	
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	173,949	299,663	72.3%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	118,009	7,752	-93.4%
State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	101,050	101,469	0.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	15,743	14,861	-5.6%
<b>Total Older People</b>	<b>408,751</b>	<b>423,745</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	123,283	124,287	0.8%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	2,168	2,138	-1.4%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,614	12,386	-9.0%
Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	766	693	-9.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(1)</sup>	225,663	224,769	-0.4%
<b>Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families</b>	<b>365,496</b>	<b>364,275</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>
Maternity Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	14,898	20,948	40.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	37	40	8.1%
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	-6.8%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	2.3%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	0.2%
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>16,235</b>	<b>22,303</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
Illness Benefit	104,203	106,959	2.6%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	79,793	79,981	0.2%
Injury Benefit	1,372	1,267	-7.7%
Interim Illness Benefit	488	605	24.0%
Disablement Pension	13,435	13,629	1.4%
Death Benefit Pension	797	799	0.3%
Carer's Benefit	3,553	4,429	24.7%
Disability Allowance	109,756	117,797	7.3%
Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	1,949	1,975	1.3%
Carer's Allowance	52,916	60,765	14.8%
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>368,262</b>	<b>388,206</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit	66,773	79,611	19.2%
Jobseeker's Allowance	127,477	134,350	5.4%
Total Jobseeker's Supports	194,250	213,961	10.1%
Back to Work Allowance Employee <sup>(3)</sup>	8,366	9,086	8.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year <sup>(3)</sup>	3,949	4,249	7.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4 <sup>(3)</sup>	6,175	6,928	12.2%
Back to Education Allowance	8,473	9,219	8.8%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	4.5%
Family Income Supplement	65,661	70,352	7.1%
Farm Assist	17,039	16,514	-3.1%
<b>Total Employment Supports</b>	<b>109,864</b>	<b>116,558</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(4)</sup>	44,889	48,188	7.3%
<b>Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance</b>	<b>44,889</b>	<b>48,188</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
Rent Allowance	250	227	-9.2%
<b>Total Miscellaneous Payments</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,507,997</b>	<b>1,577,463</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

(1) See note (a) in the introduction to this section

(2) See note (b) in the introduction to this section

(3) Revised.

(4) 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, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change 2007 over 2006
	2006	2007	
Family Income Supplement	65,661	70,352	7.1%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	2.3%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	0.2%
<b>Total Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>66,902</b>	<b>71,612</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	-6.8%
Back to Work Allowance Employee <sup>(1)</sup>	8,366	9,086	8.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year <sup>(1)</sup>	3,949	4,249	7.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4 <sup>(1)</sup>	6,175	6,928	12.2%
Back to Education Allowance	8,473	9,219	8.8%
Carer's Allowance	52,916	60,765	14.8%
Carer's Benefit	3,553	4,429	24.7%
Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	766	693	-9.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,614	12,386	-9.0%
Farm Assist	17,039	16,514	-3.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	37	40	8.1%
Illness Benefit	104,203	106,959	2.6%
Jobseeker's Allowance	127,477	134,350	5.4%
Jobseeker's Benefit	66,773	79,611	19.2%
Maternity Benefit <sup>(3)</sup>	14,898	20,948	40.6%
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	225,663	224,769	-0.4%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	4.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	15,743	14,861	-5.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	2	2	0.0%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	2,168	2,138	-1.4%
<b>Total People of Working Age</b>	<b>672,075</b>	<b>708,212</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
Rent Allowance	250	227	-9.2%
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	173,949	299,663	72.3%
State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	101,050	101,469	0.4%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(2)</sup>	118,009	7,752	-93.4%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	123,283	124,287	0.8%
<b>Total Retired &amp; Older People</b>	<b>516,541</b>	<b>533,398</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Death Benefit Pension	797	799	0.3%
Disability Allowance	109,756	117,797	7.3%
Disablement Pension	13,435	13,629	1.4%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	79,793	79,981	0.2%
Injury Benefit	1,372	1,267	-7.7%
Interim Illness Benefit	488	605	24.0%
Blind Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	1,949	1,975	1.3%
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>207,590</b>	<b>216,053</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(4)</sup>	44,889	48,188	7.3%
<b>Total Poverty &amp; Social Inclusion</b>	<b>44,889</b>	<b>48,188</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,507,997</b>	<b>1,577,463</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

(1) Revised

(2) See note (a) in the introduction to this section

(3) See note (b) in the introduction to this section

(4) 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, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change 2007 over 2006
	2006	2007	
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	173,949	299,663	72.3%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	118,009	7,752	-93.4%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	123,283	124,287	0.8%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,614	12,386	-9.0%
Maternity Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	14,898	20,948	40.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	37	40	8.1%
Adoptive Benefit	59	55	-6.8%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	2.3%
Illness Benefit	104,203	106,959	2.6%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	79,793	79,981	0.2%
Injury Benefit	1,372	1,267	-7.7%
Interim Illness Benefit	488	605	24.0%
Disablement Pension	13,435	13,629	1.4%
Death Benefit Pension	797	799	0.3%
Carer's Benefit	3,553	4,429	24.7%
Jobseeker's Benefit	66,773	79,611	19.2%
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>715,063</b>	<b>753,229</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	101,050	101,469	0.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	15,743	14,861	-5.6%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	2,168	2,138	-1.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	766	693	-9.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	225,663	224,769	-0.4%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	0.2%
Disability Allowance	109,756	117,797	7.3%
Blind Pension	1,949	1,975	1.3%
Carer's Allowance	52,916	60,765	14.8%
Jobseeker's Allowance	127,477	134,350	5.4%
Family Income Supplement	65,661	70,352	7.1%
Back to Work Allowance Employee <sup>(3)</sup>	8,366	9,086	8.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year <sup>(3)</sup>	3,949	4,249	7.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4 <sup>(3)</sup>	6,175	6,928	12.2%
Back to Education Allowance	8,473	9,219	8.8%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	4.5%
Farm Assist	17,039	16,514	-3.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(4)</sup>	44,889	48,188	7.3%
Rent Allowance	250	227	-9.2%
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>792,934</b>	<b>824,234</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,507,997</b>	<b>1,577,463</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

(1) See note (a) in the introduction to this section

(2) See note (b) in the introduction to this section

(3) Revised

(4) 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, 2007

Type of Payment	2007				Total
	Male	%	Female	%	
State Pension (Contributory)	159,168	67.0%	78,431	33.0%	237,599
State Pension (Transition)	4,140	70.8%	1,711	29.2%	5,851
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	97,482	87.5%	13,978	12.5%	111,460
Deserted Wife's Benefit	-	0.0%	9,395	100.0%	9,395
Maternity Benefit	-	0.0%	20,948	100.0%	20,948
Health and Safety Benefit	-	0.0%	39	100.0%	39
Adoptive Benefit	-	0.0%	55	100.0%	55
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	409	50.0%	409	50.0%	818
Illness Benefit	25,038	35.6%	45,366	64.4%	70,404
Invalidity Pension	26,800	49.7%	27,156	50.3%	53,956
Injury Benefit	656	72.9%	244	27.1%	900
Interim Illness Benefit	292	66.4%	148	33.6%	440
Disablement Pension	10,316	80.1%	2,558	19.9%	12,874
Death Benefit Pension	7	1.1%	640	98.9%	647
Carer's Benefit	272	13.1%	1,808	86.9%	2,080
Jobseeker's Benefit	32,341	54.7%	26,826	45.3%	59,167
<b>Total Social Insurance</b>	<b>356,921</b>	<b>60.8%</b>	<b>229,712</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>586,633</b>
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	35,812	36.6%	61,914	63.4%	97,726
Pre-Retirement Allowance	8,201	77.2%	2,423	22.8%	10,624
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,907	89.2%	231	10.8%	2,138
Deserted Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	693	100.0%	693
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	2	100.0%	2
One-Parent Family Payment	1,773	2.1%	83,311	97.9%	85,084
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	221	50.0%	221	50.0%	442
Disability Allowance	52,973	59.5%	36,075	40.5%	89,048
Blind Pension	765	51.9%	709	48.1%	1,474
Carer's Allowance	6,597	20.0%	26,470	80.0%	33,067
Jobseeker's Allowance	59,338	73.9%	20,930	26.1%	80,268
Family Income Supplement	8,742	38.3%	14,081	61.7%	22,823
Back to Work Allowance	3,507	72.6%	1,321	27.4%	4,828
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	2,520	58.5%	1,785	41.5%	4,305
Back to Education Allowance	3,243	54.2%	2,737	45.8%	5,980
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	111	52.9%	99	47.1%	210
Farm Assist	6,783	92.0%	593	8.0%	7,376
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	16,537	60.4%	10,842	39.6%	27,379
Rent Allowance	166	73.1%	61	26.9%	227
<b>Total Social Assistance</b>	<b>209,196</b>	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>264,498</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>473,694</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>566,117</b>	<b>53.4%</b>	<b>494,210</b>	<b>46.6%</b>	<b>1,060,327</b>

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated

**Table A16**

Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2007

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate <sup>(1)</sup>		
State Pension (Contributory)	237,599	59,329	1,568	1,167	-	299,663
State Pension (Transition)	5,851	1,745	92	64	-	7,752
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,726	3,098	503	142	-	101,469
Pre-Retirement Allowance	10,624	3,103	991	143	-	14,861
<b>Total Older People</b>	<b>351,800</b>	<b>67,275</b>	<b>3,154</b>	<b>1,516</b>	-	<b>423,745</b>
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	111,460	-	12,827	-	-	124,287
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,138	-	-	-	-	2,138
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,395	-	2,991	-	-	12,386
Deserted Wife's Allowance	693	-	-	-	-	693
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	85,084	-	139,591	94	-	224,769
<b>Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families</b>	<b>208,772</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>155,409</b>	<b>94</b>	-	<b>364,275</b>
Maternity Benefit	20,948	-	-	-	-	20,948
Health and Safety Benefit	39	1	-	-	-	40
Adoptive Benefit	55	-	-	-	-	55
Guardian's Pension (Contributory)	818	-	-	-	-	818
Guardian's Pension (Non-Contributory)	442	-	-	-	-	442
<b>Total Child Related Payments</b>	<b>22,302</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	-	<b>22,303</b>
Illness Benefit	70,404	8,733	9,120	18,702	-	106,959
Invalidity Pension	53,956	9,251	4,937	11,837	-	79,981
Injury Benefit	900	123	164	96	-	1,267
Interim Illness Benefit	440	48	69	48	-	605
Disablement Pension	12,874	218	186	351	-	13,629
Death Benefit Pension	647	-	152	-	-	799
Carer's Benefit	2,080	-	88	2,261	-	4,429
Disability Allowance	89,048	7,442	14,636	6,671	-	117,797
Blind Pension	1,474	110	223	168	-	1,975
Carer's Allowance	33,067	-	4,422	23,276	-	60,765
<b>Total Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>264,890</b>	<b>25,925</b>	<b>33,997</b>	<b>63,410</b>	-	<b>388,222</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit	59,167	6,131	8,977	5,336	-	79,611
Jobseeker's Allowance	80,268	16,044	34,260	3,778	-	134,350
<b>Total Jobseeker's Supports</b>	<b>139,435</b>	<b>22,175</b>	<b>43,237</b>	<b>9,114</b>	-	<b>213,961</b>
Back to Work Allowance Employee	4,305	792	3,249	740	-	9,086
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance						
Self Employed First Year	1,811	558	1,479	401	-	4,249
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance						
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,017	935	2,401	575	-	6,928
Back to Education Allowance	5,980	628	1,902	709	-	9,219
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	210	-	-	-	-	210
Family Income Supplement	22,823	-	-	-	47,529	70,352
Farm Assist	7,376	3,236	5,225	677	-	16,514
<b>Total Employment Supports</b>	<b>45,522</b>	<b>6,149</b>	<b>14,256</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>47,529</b>	<b>116,558</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	27,379	4,413	16,396	-	-	48,188
<b>Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance</b>	<b>27,379</b>	<b>4,413</b>	<b>16,396</b>	-	-	<b>48,188</b>
Rent Allowance	227	-	-	-	-	227
<b>Total Miscellaneous Payments</b>	<b>227</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>227</b>
<b>Grand Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,060,327</b>	<b>125,938</b>	<b>266,449</b>	<b>77,236</b>	<b>47,529</b>	<b>1,577,479</b>

(1) Where each spouse is in receipt of a half-rate increase in respect of a qualified child, some double counting of the number of qualified children may occur.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only.

(3) The total figures include a small element of double counting as some people could be in receipt of more than one payment, the second of which might be, for example, Disablement Benefit, Rent Allowance, Family Income Supplement or half rate Carer's Allowance.

Table A17

Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Lifecycle Stage, 2007

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other Children	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate <sup>(1)</sup>		
Family Income Supplement	22,823	-	-	-	47,529	70,352
Guardian's Pension (Contributory)	818	-	-	-	-	818
Guardian's Pension (Non-Contributory)	442	-	-	-	-	442
<b>Total Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>24,083</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,529</b>	<b>71,612</b>
Adoptive Benefit	55	-	-	-	-	55
Back to Work Allowance Employee	4,305	792	3,249	740	-	9,086
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	1,811	558	1,479	401	-	4,249
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,017	935	2,401	575	-	6,928
Back to Education Allowance	5,980	628	1,902	709	-	9,219
Carer's Allowance	33,067	-	4,422	23,276	-	60,765
Carer's Benefit	2,080	-	88	2,261	-	4,429
Deserted Wife's Allowance	693	-	-	-	-	693
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,395	-	2,991	-	-	12,386
Farm Assist	7,376	3,236	5,225	677	-	16,514
Health and Safety Benefit	39	1	-	-	-	40
Illness Benefit	70,404	8,733	9,120	18,702	-	106,959
Jobseeker's Allowance	80,268	16,044	34,260	3,778	-	134,350
Jobseeker's Benefit	59,167	6,131	8,977	5,336	-	79,611
Maternity Benefit	20,948	-	-	-	-	20,948
One-Parent Family Payment	85,084	-	139,591	94	-	224,769
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	210	-	-	-	-	210
Pre-Retirement Allowance	10,624	3,103	991	143	-	14,861
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	-	2
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,138	-	-	-	-	2,138
<b>Total People of Working Age</b>	<b>396,663</b>	<b>40,161</b>	<b>214,696</b>	<b>56,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>708,212</b>
Rent Allowance	227	-	-	-	-	227
State Pension (Contributory)	237,599	59,329	1,568	1,167	-	299,663
State Pension (Transition)	5,851	1,745	92	64	-	7,752
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,726	3,098	503	142	-	101,469
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	111,460	-	12,827	-	-	124,287
<b>Total Retired &amp; Older People</b>	<b>452,863</b>	<b>64,172</b>	<b>14,990</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>533,398</b>
Death Benefit Pension	647	-	152	-	-	799
Disability Allowance	89,048	7,442	14,636	6,671	-	117,797
Disablement Pension	12,874	218	186	351	-	13,629
Invalidity Pension	53,956	9,251	4,937	11,837	-	79,981
Injury Benefit	900	123	164	96	-	1,267
Interim Illness Benefit	440	48	69	48	-	605
Blind Pension	1,474	110	223	168	-	1,975
<b>Total People with Disabilities</b>	<b>159,339</b>	<b>17,192</b>	<b>20,367</b>	<b>19,171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>216,069</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	27,379	4,413	16,396	-	-	48,188
<b>Total Poverty &amp; Social Inclusion</b>	<b>27,379</b>	<b>4,413</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,188</b>
<b>Grand Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,060,327</b>	<b>125,938</b>	<b>266,449</b>	<b>77,236</b>	<b>47,529</b>	<b>1,577,479</b>

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(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, 2005 and 2006

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number insured					
		2005 <sup>(1)</sup>			2006 <sup>(2)</sup>		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
A	All Benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	1,130,743	1,046,291	2,177,034	1,207,387	1,103,854	2,311,241
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Carer's Benefit and limited Injuries Benefits.	17,934	12,386	30,320	17,391	12,362	29,753
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Guardian's Payment (Contributory).	872	149	1,021	834	144	978
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	38,871	49,410	88,281	37,086	47,530	84,616
E	All benefits except Jobseeker's Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	133	30	163	144	31	175
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service	8,165	407	8,572	7,973	402	8,375
J <sup>(4)</sup>	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	12,046	13,513	25,559	11,703	12,465	24,168
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution.	25,181	10,977	36,158	28,442	12,014	40,456
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	89,514	65,040	154,554	92,381	66,703	159,084
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Jobseeker's and Illness Benefits.	14	-	14	14	-	14
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), State Pension (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	280,991	75,649	356,640	267,947	73,616	341,563
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate: State Pension (Transition), State Pension (Contributory), Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Death Grant. Low Rate: Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Death Grant.	1,275	599	1,874	1,203	650	1,853
	TOTAL	1,605,739	1,274,451	2,880,190	1,672,505	1,329,771	3,002,276

(1) Revised figures

(2) Provisional figures

(3) This includes 178,145 and 177,832 people in 2005 and 2006 respectively in receipt of credited contributions.

(4) Class J includes FAS and other trainee.

Note: The figures for 2006 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 figures should not be viewed as an estimate of the final out-turn of contributors for that year. Data for 2007 is not yet processed.



**Table A19**

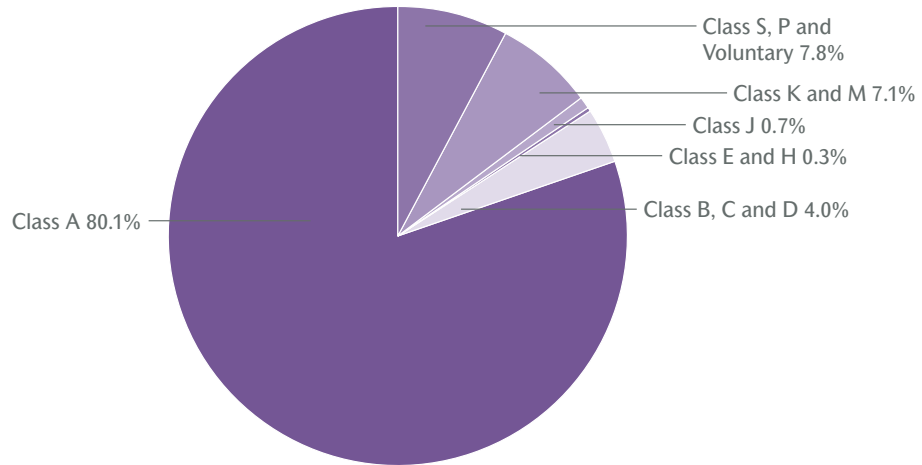
Number of Insured Persons, 1997/98 to 2006

Year	Insured Population	Index
1997/1998	2,037,647	100.0
1998/1999	2,200,399	108.0
1999/2000	2,310,525	113.4
2000/2001	2,417,231	118.6
2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,410,265	118.3
2002	2,503,671	122.9
2003	2,662,148	130.6
2004	2,752,162	135.1
2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,880,190	141.3
2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,002,276	147.3

(1) Short Tax Year  
 (2) Revised  
 (3) Provisional

**Graph A8**

Analysis of Insured Population, 2006



**Table A20**

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2007

Type of Payment	Personal	Qualified	
		Adult	Child
	€	€	€
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>			
<b>Long Term</b>			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	209.30	139.50	22.00
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	191.30	136.50	22.00
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted			
Wife's Benefit <sup>(3)</sup>	191.30	-	22.00
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	158.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	213.70	-	-
Disablement Pension	216.90	-	-
<b>Short Term</b>			
Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit	185.80	123.30	22.00
Carer's Benefit	200.70	-	22.00
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
<b>Long Term</b>			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	200.00	132.20	22.00
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	185.80	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	185.80	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment	185.80	-	22.00
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	158.00	-	-
Carer's Allowance <sup>(4)</sup>	200.00	-	22.00
Jobseeker's Allowance (Long Term)	185.80	123.30	22.00
Pre-Retirement Allowance	185.80	123.30	22.00
Disability Allowance	185.80	123.30	22.00
Farm Assist	185.80	123.30	22.00
<b>Short Term</b>			
Jobseeker's Allowance (Short Term)	185.80	123.30	22.00
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	185.80	123.30	22.00
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS</b>			
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	-	-
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Child Benefit <sup>(5)</sup> (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	160.00	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	195.00	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €173.00 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 a rate of €209.30 is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €209.30 is payable.

(4) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €218.00 is payable.

(5) These rates apply from April 2007.

Table A21

## Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2008

Type of Payment	Personal €	Qualified	
		Adult €	Child €
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>			
<b>Long Term</b>			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	223.30	148.80	24.00
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	203.30	145.10	24.00
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>	203.30	-	24.00
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	170.00	-	24.00
Death Benefit Pension	227.70	-	-
Disablement Pension	228.90	-	-
<b>Short Term</b>			
Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit	197.80	148.80	24.00
Carer's Benefit	214.70	131.30	24.00
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
<b>Long Term</b>			
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	-	24.00
Carer's Allowance <sup>(5)</sup>	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
<b>Short Term</b>			
Jobseeker's Allowance (Short Term)	165.80	110.00	24.00
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	165.80	110.00	24.00
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS</b>			
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	-	-
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Child Benefit <sup>(6)</sup> (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 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 A22**

Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1998 to 2007

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index <sup>(1)</sup>	Gross Average Industrial Earnings <sup>(1)</sup>
1998	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1999	104.3	104.5	105.6	106.6	101.7	110.9
2000	109.9	111.5	118.2	123.1	107.3	118.2
2001	121.3	124.9	128.0	130.6	112.6	127.6
2002	132.7	139.3	146.0	151.2	117.8	135.9
2003	139.4	146.4	153.0	158.3	121.9	145.1
2004	150.6	158.1	162.9	167.3	124.5	151.9
2005	166.2	174.5	177.1	180.4	127.6	157.4
2006	185.2	194.5	193.6	194.3	132.7	162.9
2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	207.6	217.9	218.3	219.1	139.1	169.9

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

(2) Gross Average Industrial Earnings rebased from latest confirmed figures; June 2007.

Note: Based on the rates of Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance and Illness Benefit.

**Table A23**

Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1998 to 2007

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index <sup>(1)</sup>	Gross Average Industrial Earnings <sup>(1)</sup>
1998	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1999	107.2	106.6	107.0	107.4	101.7	110.9
2000	115.7	115.3	119.8	123.3	107.3	118.2
2001	127.7	128.6	129.7	131.0	112.6	127.6
2002	139.8	142.6	146.5	150.1	117.8	135.9
2003	149.3	152.3	155.4	158.5	121.9	145.1
2004	158.7	162.0	163.8	166.3	124.5	151.9
2005	170.1	173.7	174.5	176.5	127.6	157.4
2006	183.4	187.2	186.2	186.9	132.7	162.9
2007	198.6	202.7	202.1	202.6	139.1	169.9

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office. Earnings figure for 2007 is in respect of June.

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

**SECTION B**  
**OLDER PEOPLE**

## Section B: Older People

### Expenditure and Recipients

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Expenditure on payments for older people was over €3,878 million in 2007. This represents an increase of 18.3% on 2006.

The overall number of payments for older people rose by 12,437 in 2007, an increase of 3.7% on 2006. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition)) based on social insurance contributions rose by 12,640 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested State Pension (Non-Contributory) increased by 322. The number of people in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 525 in 2007.

Over the last ten years, the number of recipients of State Pension (Contributory) rose by 165,893 and the number of recipients of State Pension (Non-Contributory) increased by 1,836. The number of recipients of State Pension (Transition) decreased by 69,465 and the number of recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 3,273 in the same period. See Table B3 and Graph B1 for details.

### Scheme Changes

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Details of scheme changes introduced in 2006 are outlined in Appendix 4 on page 105.

#### 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.

One effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2007 and 2006 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.

Graph B1

Number of Recipients of State Pensions, 1998 to 2007

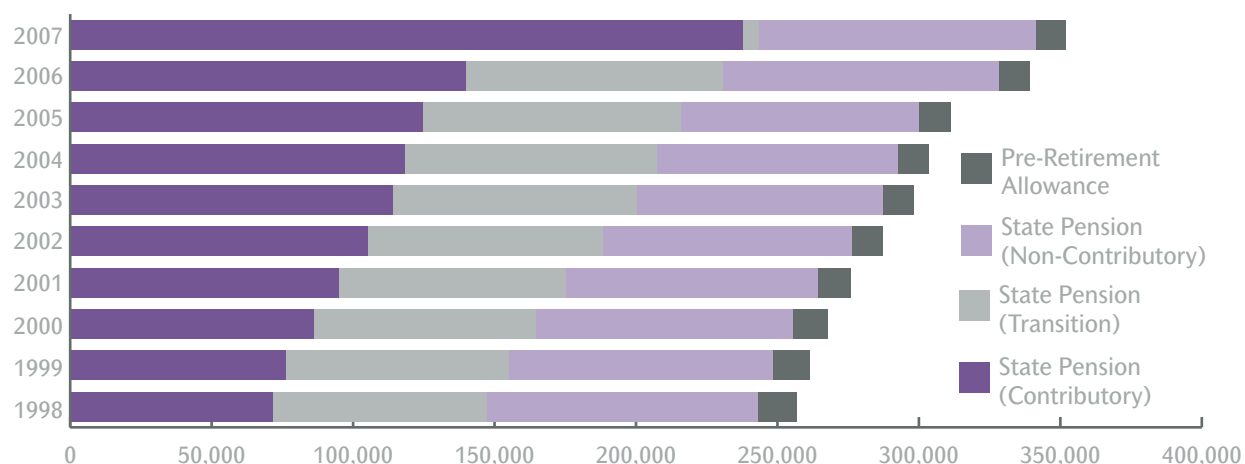


Table B1

Expenditure on Older People by Payment Type, 2006 and 2007

Payment Type	2006 €000	2007 <sup>1</sup> €000	Change 2007 over 2006
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>			
State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	1,580,896	2,754,947	74.3%
State Pension (Transition) <sup>(2)</sup>	857,627	79,054	-90.8%
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup>	727,782	920,167	26.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	113,063	124,490	10.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,279,368</b>	<b>3,878,658</b>	<b>18.3%</b>

(1) Provisional

(2) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

Table B2

Expenditure on Older People by Type, 1998 to 2007

Year	State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup> €000	State Pension (Transition) <sup>(2)</sup> €000	State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(2)</sup> €000	Pre-Retirement Allowance €000	Total €000
1998	460,995	463,489	424,586	76,428	1,425,498
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,754,947	79,054	920,167	124,490	3,878,658

(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, 1998 to 2007

Year	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
1998	71,706	75,316	95,890	13,897	256,809
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	237,599	5,851	97,726	10,624	351,800

(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, 2007

Dependency Status	State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	State Pension (Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>	State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>	Pre-Retirement Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	Total
Personal Rate only	177,308	4,055	93,983	7,342	<b>282,688</b>
With Qualified Adult under 66	20,535	499	3,098	2,529	<b>26,661</b>
With Qualified Adult aged 66 or over	38,794	1,246	-	-	<b>40,040</b>
<b>1 full rate Qualified Child</b>	1,006	70	233	433	<b>1,742</b>
<b>2 full rate Qualified Children</b>	174	9	61	153	<b>397</b>
<b>3 full rate Qualified Children</b>	41	-	23	41	<b>105</b>
<b>4 full rate Qualified Children</b>	12	1	11	18	<b>42</b>
<b>5 full rate Qualified Children</b>	6	-	7	7	<b>20</b>
<b>6+full rate Qualified Children</b>	2	-	-	3	<b>5</b>
<b>1 half rate Qualified Child</b>	673	32	88	69	<b>862</b>
<b>2 half rate Qualified Children</b>	174	10	20	20	<b>224</b>
<b>3 half rate Qualified Children</b>	27	4	3	6	<b>40</b>
<b>4 half rate Qualified Children</b>	12	-	-	1	<b>13</b>
<b>5 half rate Qualified Children</b>	2	-	1	1	<b>4</b>
<b>6+half rate Qualified Children</b>	1	-	-	1	<b>2</b>
Recipients with Qualified Child increases	2,130	126	447	753	<b>3,456</b>
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child increases	2.0%	0.2%	0.5%	6.7%	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Total Number of Qualified Adults</b>	<b>59,329</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>67,275</b>
<b>Total Number of Children<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>4,670</b>

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

(2) An age breakdown for Qualified Adults is not available.

(3) 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 B5**

Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 2007

Age Group	State Pension (Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>		State Pension (Transition) <sup>(1)</sup>		State Pension (Non-Contributory) <sup>(1)</sup>		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 70 years	35,134	16,209	4,140	1,711	7,415	10,051	46,689	27,971
70 to 74 years	53,705	24,119	-	-	7,728	13,267	61,433	37,386
75 to 79 years	38,669	18,609	-	-	8,201	13,342	46,870	31,951
80 to 84 years	20,102	11,087	-	-	7,036	12,184	27,138	23,271
85 to 89 years	8,820	5,785	-	-	3,854	8,037	12,674	13,822
90 to 94 years	2,354	2,056	-	-	1,207	3,541	3,561	5,597
95 years and over	384	566	-	-	371	1,492	755	2,058
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,168</b>	<b>78,431</b>	<b>4,140</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>35,812</b>	<b>61,914</b>	<b>199,120</b>	<b>142,056</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>237,599</b>		<b>5,851</b>		<b>97,726</b>		<b>341,176</b>	

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

**Table B6**

Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2007

Age	Male	Female	Total
55	170	49	219
56	438	131	569
57	575	179	754
58	755	218	973
59	874	253	1,127
60	909	267	1,176
61	871	275	1,146
62	970	261	1,231
63	929	299	1,228
64	1,020	284	1,304
65	690	207	897
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,201</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>10,624</b>

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, 2007

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
State Pension (Contributory)	52,210	51,154	130
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	32,904	37,222	244
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,114</b>	<b>88,376</b>	<b>374</b>

**Table B8**

Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension and County, 2007

County	State Pension <sup>(1)</sup> (Contributory)	State Pension <sup>(1)</sup> (Transition)	State Pension <sup>(1)</sup> (Non-Contributory)	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	2,486	66	1,200	169
Cavan	2,624	54	2,857	161
Clare	4,295	122	3,985	267
Cork	23,692	656	10,540	1,252
Donegal	5,823	179	6,414	895
Dublin	66,247	1,901	11,450	2,211
Galway	8,469	297	7,900	451
Kerry	5,830	149	5,400	454
Kildare	6,152	222	1,816	211
Kilkenny	3,602	93	2,365	223
Laois	2,534	66	1,740	139
Leitrim	1,468	38	1,467	56
Limerick	8,809	246	4,446	487
Longford	1,531	44	1,479	89
Louth	6,133	148	2,097	362
Mayo	5,341	161	6,100	405
Meath	5,807	157	2,440	295
Monaghan	2,330	76	2,231	146
Offaly	3,025	81	1,743	123
Roscommon	2,569	47	2,742	114
Sligo	2,909	107	2,188	160
Tipperary	7,457	160	4,980	486
Waterford	5,679	190	2,452	406
Westmeath	3,640	86	1,990	112
Wexford	6,479	180	3,794	667
Wicklow	6,089	204	1,910	283
Others	36,579	121	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>237,599</b>	<b>5,851</b>	<b>97,726</b>	<b>10,624</b>

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

**SECTION C**  
WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND  
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES

## Section C: Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

### Expenditure and Recipients

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Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families increased by 7.4% overall in 2007.

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 2007 there were 111,460 recipients (97,482 widows and 13,978 widowers). Expenditure in 2007 was nearly €1,205 million which represented an increase of 10.1% over 2006.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance fell by 365 and 73 respectively during 2007.

Expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment increased by 15.4%, while the number of recipients rose by 2,003, an increase of 2.4% on 2006.

### Scheme Changes

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Details of scheme changes introduced in 2006 are outlined in Appendix 4 on page 105.

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

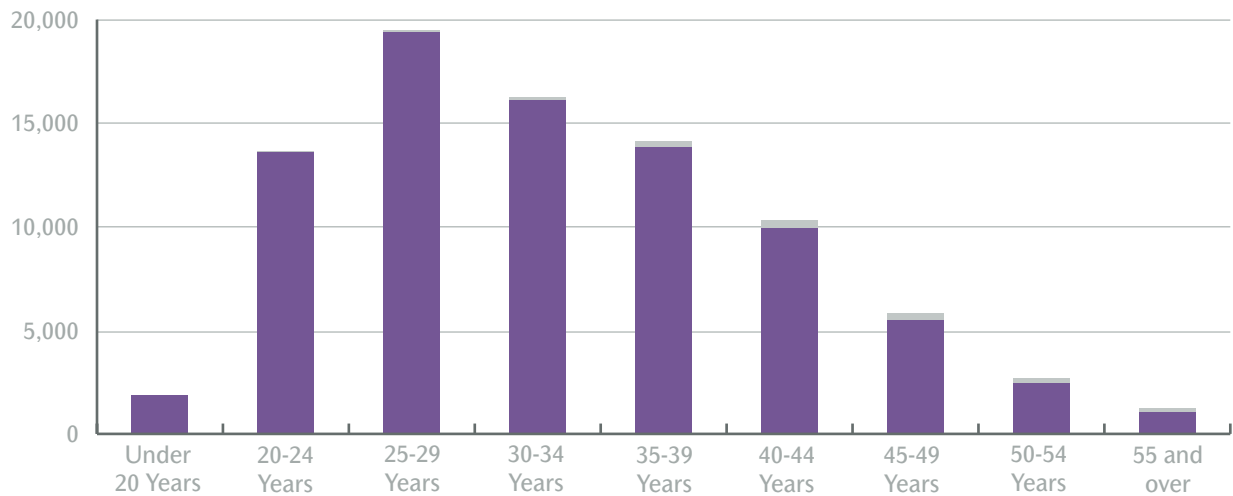
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A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2007 and 2006 in relation to recipients and expenditure on the schemes altered in 2006 and 2007.

**Graph C1**

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2007



**Table C1**

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families by Payment Type, 2006 and 2007<sup>(1)</sup>

Payment Type	2006 €000	2007 <sup>(1)</sup> €000	Change 2007 over 2006
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	1,094,884	1,204,953	10.1%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	94,621	100,689	6.4%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	2,942	3,865	31.4%
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	103,688	19,921	-80.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	10,547	6,897	-34.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	13	16	23.1%
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	834,262	962,425	15.4%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	282	484	71.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,141,239</b>	<b>2,299,250</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

(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, 1998 to 2007

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension €000	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension <sup>(1)</sup> €000	Total €000
1998	517,455	84,133	601,588
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,204,953	19,921	1,224,874

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

(2) Provisional

**Table C3**

Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoners Wife's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1998 to 2007

	<b>Deserted Wife's Benefit</b>	<b>Deserted Wife's Allowance<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Prisoners Wife's Allowance<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>One-Parent Family Payment<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
1998	88,592	8,483	19	389,859	486,953
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	100,689	6,897	16	962,425	1,070,027

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

(2) Provisional

**Table C4**

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, 1998 to 2007

	<b>Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension</b>	<b>Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
1998	98,518	18,382	116,900
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

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data 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, 2007

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	103,722	7,338	111,060
With 1 child	4,317	1,352	5,669
With 2 children	2,208	539	2,747
With 3 children	872	126	998
With 4 children	257	26	283
With 5 children	64	8	72
With 6 or more children	20	6	26
<b>Total Recipients</b>	<b>111,460</b>	<b>9,395</b>	<b>120,855</b>
Total Recipients with children	7,738	2,057	9,795
% of Recipients with children	6.9%	21.9%	8.1%
<b>Total Number of children</b>	<b>12,827</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>15,818</b>

**Table C6**

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 2007

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pensions <sup>(1)</sup>			Overall Total
	Widows	Widowers	Total	Widows	Widowers	Total	
Under 25 years	13	2	15	-	-	-	15
25 to 29 years	32	10	42	1	-	1	43
30 to 34 years	179	38	217	2	-	2	219
35 to 39 years	495	131	626	6	3	9	635
40 to 44 years	1,128	382	1,510	29	8	37	1,547
45 to 49 years	2,290	770	3,060	82	15	97	3,157
50 to 54 years	3,754	1,371	5,125	210	34	244	5,369
55 to 59 years	6,141	2,180	8,321	415	54	469	8,790
60 to 64 years	9,594	2,950	12,544	868	84	952	13,496
65 to 69 years <sup>(2)</sup>	12,034	2,143	14,177	294	33	327	14,504
70 to 74 years	15,321	1,539	16,860	-	-	-	16,860
75 to 79 years	16,425	1,199	17,624	-	-	-	17,624
80 years and over	30,076	1,263	31,339	-	-	-	31,339
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97,482</b>	<b>13,978</b>	<b>111,460</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>113,598</b>

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

(2) In the case of Widow/er's Non-Contributory Pensions, recipients in this age group are 65 years old.

**Table C7**

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1998 to 2007

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
1998	13,835	1,807	4	65,548	81,194
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

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data 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, 2007

Age	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>
Under 25 years	-	-	-
25 to 29 years	-	-	-
30 to 34 years	3	-	-
35 to 39 years	90	-	-
40 to 44 years	638	10	-
45 to 49 years	1,577	49	-
50 to 54 years	2,090	100	2
55 to 59 years	2,191	209	-
60 to 64 years	1,511	273	-
65 years and over	1,295	52	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,395</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>2</b>

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.



**Table C9**

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Children, 2007<sup>(1)</sup>

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total
With 1 child	48,613	405	49,018
With 2 children	22,988	207	23,195
With 3 children	8,490	122	8,612
With 4 children	2,930	47	2,977
With 5 children	852	16	868
With 6 or more children	397	17	414
<b>Total Recipients</b>	<b>84,270</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>85,084</b>

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

**Table C10**

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment<sup>(1)</sup> by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2007

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 20 years	1	1,805	-	-	1	1,805
20 to 24 years	38	13,557	-	4	38	13,561
25 to 29 years	120	19,321	2	23	122	19,344
30 to 34 years	164	16,003	4	58	168	16,061
35 to 39 years	284	13,684	10	114	294	13,798
40 to 44 years	385	9,742	23	138	408	9,880
45 to 49 years	322	5,303	24	120	346	5,423
50 to 54 years	196	2,321	30	105	226	2,426
55 to 59 years	111	752	21	91	132	843
60 to 64 years	31	126	6	41	37	167
Age 65 years	1	3	-	-	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>82,617</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>83,311</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>84,270</b>		<b>814</b>		<b>85,084</b>	

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

**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, 2007

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Widow / er's (Contributory) Pension	46,352	31,339	58
Deserted Wife's Benefit	554	81	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,906</b>	<b>31,420</b>	<b>58</b>

**Table C12**

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 2007

County	Widow/er's (Con) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(1)</sup>	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>
Carlow	1,293	34	1,210	110	11	-
Cavan	1,481	46	961	76	7	1
Clare	2,474	77	1,642	170	19	-
Cork	12,465	182	8,675	894	70	-
Donegal	3,276	200	3,627	188	30	1
Dublin	29,659	302	28,582	3,863	229	-
Galway	4,740	175	3,102	276	40	-
Kerry	3,380	122	2,364	215	28	-
Kildare	3,742	55	3,358	360	16	-
Kilkenny	1,952	38	1,230	142	14	-
Laois	1,515	32	964	83	1	-
Leitrim	936	19	362	36	6	-
Limerick	4,898	87	3,728	397	24	-
Longford	965	31	819	83	3	-
Louth	2,878	42	2,997	387	17	-
Mayo	3,338	136	1,779	137	22	-
Meath	3,102	62	2,182	292	29	-
Monaghan	1,280	55	927	84	13	-
Offaly	1,775	26	1,237	103	5	-
Roscommon	1,420	54	671	59	7	-
Sligo	1,658	44	974	137	5	-
Tipperary	4,253	90	2,901	242	16	-
Waterford	2,977	52	2,911	260	15	-
Westmeath	2,159	37	1,521	169	11	-
Wexford	3,334	95	3,616	282	28	-
Wicklow	2,919	45	2,739	350	27	-
Others	7,591	-	5	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,460</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>85,084</b>	<b>9,395</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>2</b>

(1) See note on Scheme Changes and Comparability of Data in the Introduction to this section.

**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 11.3% in 2007. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 76% of recipient families in 2007 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1998 was 71%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 16,752 to 579,612. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 26,735 to 1,110,715.

Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by over €176 million in 2007, an increase of 8.6% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by over €77 million, an increase of 42.6%.

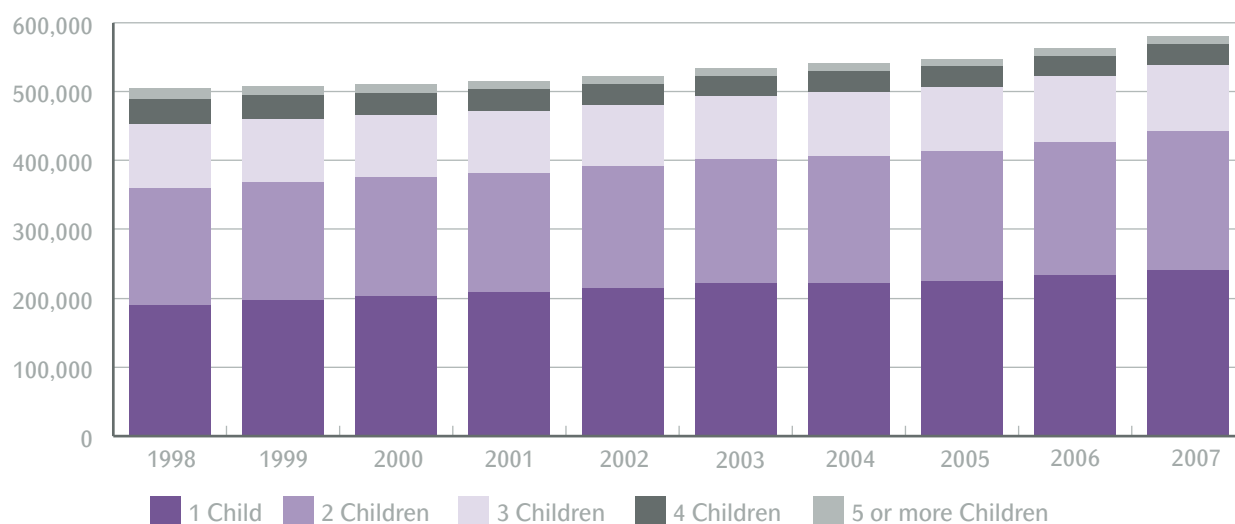
#### Notes: Scheme Changes and Comparability of Year-on-Year Data

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. In addition, the maximum payment of Maternity Benefit was increased to €280 per week. As a result of these and previous changes, the average payment per claim has increased from €4,176 in 2004 to €7,280 in 2007.

A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2007 and 2006 in relation to recipients and expenditure on the schemes altered in 2006 and 2007.

### Graph D1

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1998 to 2007



**Table D1**

Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2006 and 2007

Payment Type	2006	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change
	€000	€000	%
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>			
Maternity Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	180,801	257,861	42.6%
Adoptive Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	818	1,333	63.0%
Health and Safety Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	353	503	42.5%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	8,815	9,560	8.5%
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,832	4,366	-9.6%
<b>OTHER</b>			
Child Benefit	2,056,295	2,232,974	8.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,251,914</b>	<b>2,506,597</b>	<b>11.3%</b>

(1) Provisional

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

**Table D2**

Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1998 to 2007

Year	Expenditure
	€000
1998	531,728
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,232,974

(1) Provisional

**Table D3**

Expenditure on Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), 1998 to 2007

Year	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
	€000	€000
1998	2,981	1,347
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	9,560	4,366

(1) Provisional

**Table D4**

Expenditure on Maternity, Adoptive and Health & Safety Benefits, 1998 to 2007

Year	Maternity Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	Adoptive Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	Health & Safety Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>
	€000	€000	€000
1998	48,514	151	113
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	257,861	1,333	503

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

(2) Provisional

**Table D5**

Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, 2006 and 2007

Payment	2006	2007	Change 2007 over 2006
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	800	818	2.3%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	441	442	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

**Table D6**

Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2006 and 2007

Payment	2006	2007	Change 2007 over 2006
<b>Recipients at 31st December:</b>			
Maternity Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	14,898	20,948	40.6%
Health and Safety Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	37	39	5.4%
Adoptive Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	59	55	-6.8%
<b>Awards during the year:</b>			
Maternity Benefit	36,975	42,390	14.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	182	184	1.1%
Adoptive Benefit	197	179	-9.1%

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

**Table D7**

Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1998 to 2007

Year	Families	Children
1998	504,811	1,039,746
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

**Table D8**

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1998 to 2007

Number of Eligible Children in Family	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1	190,083	197,457	203,342	208,712	214,916	221,515	221,837	224,686	232,974	241,138
2	169,509	170,777	171,646	173,525	176,284	181,018	185,282	188,536	194,250	200,949
3	93,671	92,172	90,667	89,564	89,397	90,512	92,379	93,516	94,960	96,956
4	35,932	33,979	32,431	31,225	30,552	29,996	30,542	30,258	30,329	30,385
5	10,592	9,651	8,795	8,257	7,884	7,732	7,619	7,417	7,266	7,234
6	3,304	2,965	2,628	2,450	2,275	2,161	2,175	2,130	2,094	2,022
7	1,071	980	869	742	712	669	679	630	649	615
8	401	324	294	287	267	264	258	242	230	207
9	145	107	89	94	95	88	91	79	61	68
10	57	56	48	39	36	34	28	34	38	26
11	22	22	20	16	15	15	16	6	5	8
12	16	11	7	6	7	4	4	4	3	4
13	6	2	3	1	-	-	-	2	1	-
14	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>504,811</b>	<b>508,504</b>	<b>510,840</b>	<b>514,919</b>	<b>522,441</b>	<b>534,009</b>	<b>540,911</b>	<b>547,540</b>	<b>562,860</b>	<b>579,612</b>
<b>Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid</b>	<b>1,039,746</b>	<b>1,028,877</b>	<b>1,018,175</b>	<b>1,014,340</b>	<b>1,019,551</b>	<b>1,034,851</b>	<b>1,051,005</b>	<b>1,060,740</b>	<b>1,083,980</b>	<b>1,110,715</b>

**Table D9**

**Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 1998 to 2007**

Age (in years)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Under 1 <sup>(1)</sup>	46,962	46,390	46,094	45,691	32,832	41,383	53,401	51,033	58,551	59,123
1 under 2	52,805	54,123	54,032	54,931	59,235	59,980	60,096	61,337	62,207	65,990
2 under 3	51,086	53,690	55,066	55,214	57,341	58,764	60,421	61,457	63,085	63,684
3 under 4	50,430	51,871	54,521	56,131	57,749	56,753	58,989	61,451	62,906	65,175
4 under 5	49,779	51,028	52,435	55,473	58,520	57,013	56,915	59,922	62,211	64,296
5 under 6	51,379	50,386	51,569	53,276	57,870	57,741	57,197	57,850	60,795	63,914
6 under 7	53,288	51,851	50,827	52,279	55,888	56,967	57,857	58,234	58,862	62,326
7 under 8	54,800	53,723	52,261	51,447	54,231	54,979	57,094	58,760	59,007	60,129
8 under 9	55,940	55,213	54,195	52,815	53,711	53,345	55,116	57,816	59,517	60,137
9 under 10	54,357	56,299	55,573	54,738	54,536	52,771	53,488	55,852	58,470	60,456
10 under 11	56,645	54,662	56,584	56,074	56,618	53,548	52,977	54,218	56,036	59,470
11 under 12	59,085	56,952	54,937	57,015	58,024	55,471	53,698	53,693	54,984	57,488
12 under 13	60,993	59,352	57,220	55,383	59,011	56,871	55,401	54,317	53,960	55,757
13 under 14	61,457	61,203	59,529	57,522	57,578	57,811	56,940	56,069	55,109	54,993
14 under 15	62,741	61,640	61,396	59,815	59,281	56,343	57,891	57,566	56,804	55,588
15 under 16	64,637	61,771	60,940	60,652	61,772	57,887	56,398	58,514	58,136	57,365
16 under 17	56,615	54,216	50,772	49,485	50,534	53,084	53,582	50,958	54,920	52,574
17 under 18	56,915	55,592	52,398	50,488	48,016	52,184	52,145	50,563	49,703	52,619
18 under 19	39,832	38,915	37,826	35,911	26,804	41,956	41,399	41,130	38,717	39,631
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,039,746</b>	<b>1,028,877</b>	<b>1,018,175</b>	<b>1,014,340</b>	<b>1,019,551</b>	<b>1,034,851</b>	<b>1,051,005</b>	<b>1,060,740</b>	<b>1,083,980</b>	<b>1,110,715</b>

(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, 2007

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)	1,006	673	174	174	41	27	12	12	6	2	2	1	1,568	1,167	1,241	889
State Pension (Transition)	70	32	9	10	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	92	64	80	46
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	233	88	61	20	23	3	-	11	7	1	-	-	503	142	335	112
Pre-Retirement Allowance	433	69	153	20	41	6	18	1	7	1	3	1	991	143	655	98
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	4,317	-	2,208	-	872	-	257	-	64	-	20	-	12,827	-	7,738	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	1,352	-	539	-	126	-	26	-	8	-	6	-	2,991	-	2,057	-
One-Parent Family Payment <sup>(1)</sup>	49,018	-	23,195	-	8,612	-	2,977	-	868	-	414	-	139,591	94	85,084	-
Health and Safety Benefit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illness Benefit	2,177	3,700	1,547	3,697	705	1,681	273	478	73	96	44	27	9,120	18,702	4,819	9,679
Invalidity Pension	1,786	3,530	747	2,223	287	850	113	224	39	55	20	23	4,937	11,837	2,992	6,905
Injury Benefit	38	16	22	22	19	12	5	-	1	-	-	-	164	96	85	50
Interim Illness Benefit	13	10	11	13	7	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	69	48	34	27
Disablement Pension	55	80	21	68	19	31	4	8	2	2	1	-	186	351	102	189
Death Benefit Pension	46	-	31	-	8	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	152	-	90	-
Disability Allowance	3,240	1,302	1,922	872	1,005	495	512	212	244	121	188	103	14,636	6,671	7,111	3,105
Carer's Benefit	30	356	11	425	9	257	2	71	-	-	-	-	88	2,261	52	1,109
Blind Pension	54	24	30	21	23	20	6	8	2	2	1	-	223	168	116	75
Carer's Allowance	818	3,112	622	3,274	356	2,224	181	988	69	334	35	200	4,422	23,276	2,081	10,132
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,893	1,250	1,462	1,037	785	423	284	136	85	30	38	8	8,977	5,336	4,547	2,884
Jobseeker's Allowance	4,567	623	4,324	522	2,811	332	1,532	151	653	52	483	36	34,260	3,778	14,370	1,716
Farm Assist	765	94	601	74	458	64	255	31	90	18	62	4	5,225	677	2,231	285
Back to Work Allowance	536	226	566	151	400	78	168	39	50	8	12	3	3,249	740	1,732	505
Enterprise Allowance	879	173	476	122	277	63	89	22	29	4	14	1	3,880	976	1,764	385
Back to Education Allowance	237	114	287	120	186	64	69	28	28	6	17	3	1,902	709	824	335
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	3,468	-	2,307	-	1,277	-	571	-	242	-	151	-	16,396	-	8,016	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77,031</b>	<b>15,472</b>	<b>41,326</b>	<b>12,865</b>	<b>18,347</b>	<b>6,638</b>	<b>7,373</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>266,449</b>	<b>77,236</b>	<b>148,156</b>	<b>38,526</b>

(1) Family breakdown not available.

**Table D11**

Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, Child Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Health & Safety Benefit by County, 2007

County	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Child Benefit Recipients	Child Benefit Children	Maternity Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	Health & Safety Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>
Carlow	5	4	8,181	15,345	290	1
Cavan	6	5	9,041	18,352	294	-
Clare	19	9	15,098	29,990	497	1
Cork	57	17	65,389	125,771	2,428	4
Donegal	25	10	20,245	40,672	510	-
Dublin	380	211	151,665	279,699	5,752	13
Galway	19	18	29,726	59,221	1,191	3
Kerry	26	13	18,044	34,920	580	-
Kildare	20	12	29,099	55,423	1,255	5
Kilkenny	14	9	11,117	21,811	411	-
Laois	7	5	9,239	18,237	359	-
Leitrim	4	4	3,985	7,984	106	-
Limerick	23	18	24,901	47,089	857	-
Longford	3	1	5,072	10,232	156	2
Louth	15	12	17,289	32,574	564	1
Mayo	16	5	15,889	32,492	490	4
Meath	22	13	24,624	47,483	1,081	-
Monaghan	6	2	7,604	15,117	288	1
Offaly	19	6	9,911	19,451	297	-
Roscommon	7	7	7,192	14,340	239	-
Sligo	11	6	7,845	15,437	278	-
Tipperary	24	14	21,008	40,732	691	1
Waterford	31	10	15,659	29,532	483	1
Westmeath	11	8	11,874	23,306	394	1
Wexford	28	13	19,838	37,950	631	-
Wicklow	20	10	19,178	35,930	736	1
Others	-	-	896	1,627	92	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>579,612</b>	<b>1,110,715</b>	<b>20,948</b>	<b>39</b>

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

**SECTION E**  
ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

## Section E: Illness, Disability and Caring

### Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 20.3% and 2.6% respectively. Expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 22.0% to over €901 million. There are now 89,048 recipients of the scheme.

Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €76 million in 2007, an increase of 26.9%. There are now 33,067 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 5,593 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1998 to 2007.

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 433 to 2,080 year on year.

#### Notes: Scheme Changes

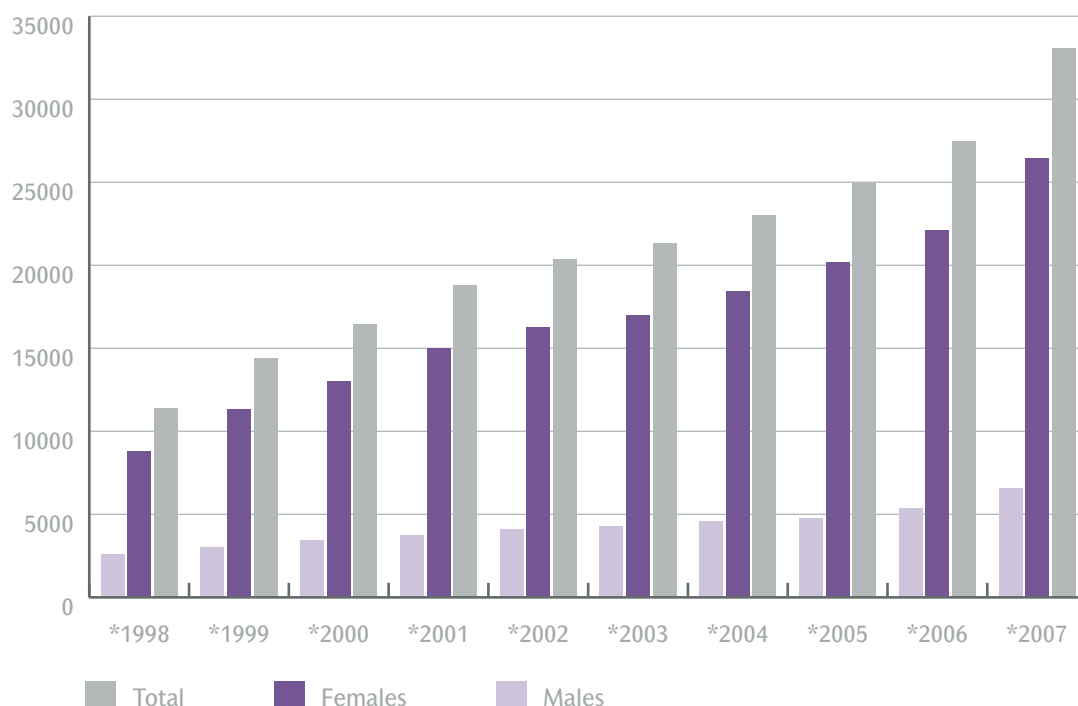
Recipients of Blind Pension have since 2006 been transferred to State Pension (Non-Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age, resulting in decreases in recipients and expenditure on the scheme. Recipients of Invalidity Pension have been transferred to State Pension (Contributory) upon reaching 66 years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

A side-effect of these changes is the erosion of data comparability between 2007 and 2006 in relation to recipients and expenditure on the schemes altered in 2006 and 2007.

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.

### Graph E1

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1998 to 2007



**Table E1**

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	2006	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2007 over 2006
	€000	€000	
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>			
Illness Benefit	627,642	755,321	20.3%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	602,414	618,051	2.6%
Carer's Benefit	16,688	26,899	61.2%
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
Disability Allowance	738,431	901,131	22.0%
Blind Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	16,964	15,031	-11.4%
Carer's Allowance	284,584	361,257	26.9%
Respite Care Grant	50,458	73,376	45.4%
<b>OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS</b>			
Injury Benefit	16,123	17,178	6.5%
Disablement Benefit	72,526	79,281	9.3%
Death Benefit	7,047	7,574	7.5%
Medical Care	292	298	2.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,433,169</b>	<b>2,855,397</b>	<b>17.4%</b>

(1) Provisional

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

**Table E2**

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1998 to 2007

	Illness Benefit	Occupational Injuries	Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Carer's Benefit <sup>(2)</sup>	Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Respite Care Grant	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1998	241,437	61,438	264,259	-	11,655	219,550	57,264	-	855,603
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 <sup>(3)</sup>	755,321	104,331	618,051	26,899	15,031	901,131	361,257	73,376	2,855,397

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

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

(3) Provisional

**Table E3**

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	2006	2007	Change 2007 over 2006
Illness Benefit	65,774	70,404	7.0%
Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	51,954	53,956	3.9%
Interim Illness Benefit	338	440	30.2%
Carer's Benefit	1,647	2,080	26.3%
Disability Allowance	83,697	89,048	6.4%
Carer's Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	27,474	33,067	20.4%
Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	1,476	1,474	-0.1%
Injury Benefit	924	900	-2.6%
Death Benefit Pension	646	647	0.2%
Disablement Pension <sup>(3) (4) (5)</sup>	12,646	12,874	1.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246,576</b>	<b>264,890</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

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

(2) There were 8 people in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2007. Prescribed Relatives Allowance was replaced by Carer's Allowance in 1990.

(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 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.

(4) 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. 922 persons were in receipt of an Incapacity Supplement payment at the end of 2007.

(5) 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. 84 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2007.

**Table E4**

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Disablement Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Death Benefit Pension & Blind Pension, 1998 to 2007

	Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Illness Benefit	Disablement Pension <sup>(2)</sup>	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Death Benefit Pension	Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>
1998	44,925	43,766	10,182	47,126	11,416	630	2,358
1999	46,946	45,535	10,577	50,431	14,387	662	2,304
2000	48,663	46,940	10,925	54,303	16,478	665	2,229
2001	50,615	50,715	11,230	57,655	18,785	676	2,125
2002	52,147	54,590	11,612	62,783	20,395	668	2,095
2003	53,414	57,464	11,898	67,720	21,316	664	2,061
2004	55,864	58,726	12,162	72,976	23,030	652	2,027
2005	58,352	61,845	12,475	79,253	24,970	647	1,985
2006	51,954	65,774	12,646	83,697	27,474	646	1,476
2007	53,956	70,404	12,874	89,048	33,067	647	1,474

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

(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.

**Table E5**

Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Payment Type, 2007

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	-	8,995
Death Benefit Pension	96	214
Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	-	269
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>9,478</b>

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

**Table E6**

Number of Recipients of Illness Benefit by Age and Sex, 2007

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	1,030	1,041	<b>2,071</b>
25 to 29 Years	1,429	2,782	<b>4,211</b>
30 to 34 years	1,731	5,231	<b>6,962</b>
35 to 39 years	2,120	6,888	<b>9,008</b>
40 to 44 years	2,505	6,232	<b>8,737</b>
45 to 49 years	2,893	6,081	<b>8,974</b>
50 to 54 years	3,658	6,372	<b>10,030</b>
55 to 59 years	4,492	6,132	<b>10,624</b>
60 to 64 years	4,793	4,219	<b>9,012</b>
65 years and over	387	388	<b>775</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,038</b>	<b>45,366</b>	<b>70,404</b>

**Table E7**

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension<sup>(1)</sup> by Age and Sex, 2007

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	4	3	<b>7</b>
25 to 29 years	48	40	<b>88</b>
30 to 34 years	174	252	<b>426</b>
35 to 39 years	389	865	<b>1,254</b>
40 to 44 years	972	1,918	<b>2,890</b>
45 to 49 years	1,981	3,361	<b>5,342</b>
50 to 54 years	3,653	4,501	<b>8,154</b>
55 to 59 years	6,383	6,014	<b>12,397</b>
60 to 65 years	13,196	10,202	<b>23,398</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>27,156</b>	<b>53,956</b>

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

**Table E8**

Number of Recipients of Carer's Benefit, Carer's Allowance and Respite Care Grant by Age and Sex, 2007

Age	Carer's Allowance			Carer's Benefit			Respite Care Grant <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	89	400	<b>489</b>	2	16	<b>18</b>	305	68	<b>373</b>
25 to 29 years	137	898	<b>1,035</b>	9	81	<b>90</b>	122	746	<b>868</b>
30 to 34 years	263	1713	<b>1,976</b>	25	195	<b>220</b>	236	1590	<b>1,826</b>
35 to 39 years	475	2927	<b>3,402</b>	42	349	<b>391</b>	415	2791	<b>3,206</b>
40 to 44 years	759	3,538	<b>4,297</b>	40	344	<b>384</b>	696	3578	<b>4,274</b>
45 to 49 years	1,021	3,484	<b>4,505</b>	44	319	<b>363</b>	957	3739	<b>4,696</b>
50 to 54 years	1,044	3,197	<b>4,241</b>	57	256	<b>313</b>	952	3724	<b>4,676</b>
55 to 59 years	932	3,262	<b>4,194</b>	26	156	<b>182</b>	931	3846	<b>4,777</b>
60 to 64 years	784	2,909	<b>3,693</b>	25	85	<b>110</b>	840	3441	<b>4,281</b>
65 to 69 years	516	2,084	<b>2,600</b>	2	7	<b>9</b>	712	2718	<b>3,430</b>
70 to 74 years	290	1,277	<b>1,567</b>	-	-	-	578	1914	<b>2,492</b>
75 to 79 years	162	578	<b>740</b>	-	-	-	406	1080	<b>1,486</b>
80 years and over	125	203	<b>328</b>	-	-	-	347	571	<b>918</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,597</b>	<b>26,470</b>	<b>33,067</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>7,497</b>	<b>29,806</b>	<b>37,303</b>

(1) Respite Carer Grant figures refer to payments made in June 2007.

**Table E9**

Number of Recipients of Blind Pension<sup>(1)</sup> by Age and Sex, 2007

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	22	38	60
25 to 29 years	52	40	92
30 to 34 years	52	60	112
35 to 39 years	89	73	162
40 to 44 years	99	69	168
45 to 49 years	93	86	179
50 to 54 years	104	105	209
55 to 59 years	122	113	235
60 to 64 years	111	104	215
65 years	21	21	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>1,474</b>

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



**Table E10**

Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 2007

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	7,257	5,124	<b>12,381</b>
25 to 29 years	3,862	2,665	<b>6,527</b>
30 to 34 years	4,984	3,290	<b>8,274</b>
35 to 39 years	5,519	3,424	<b>8,943</b>
40 to 44 years	5,883	3,717	<b>9,600</b>
45 to 49 years	5,643	3,833	<b>9,476</b>
50 to 54 years	5,919	4,214	<b>10,133</b>
55 to 59 years	6,478	4,608	<b>11,086</b>
60 to 65 years	7,428	5,200	<b>12,628</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,973</b>	<b>36,075</b>	<b>89,048</b>

**Table E11**

Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension, Disablement Pension and Incapacity Supplement by Age and Sex, 2007

Age	Death Benefit Pension			Disablement Pension			Incapacity Supplement <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	1	<b>1</b>	76	11	<b>87</b>	11	-	<b>11</b>
25 to 29 years	-	-	-	219	62	<b>281</b>	17	10	<b>27</b>
30 to 34 years	-	4	<b>4</b>	422	148	<b>570</b>	32	12	<b>44</b>
35 to 39 years	-	12	<b>12</b>	691	285	<b>976</b>	70	36	<b>106</b>
40 to 44 years	-	22	<b>22</b>	999	310	<b>1,309</b>	71	35	<b>106</b>
45 to 49 years	1	34	<b>35</b>	1,266	371	<b>1,637</b>	91	46	<b>137</b>
50 to 54 years	-	54	<b>54</b>	1,453	359	<b>1,812</b>	97	41	<b>138</b>
55 to 59 years	1	72	<b>73</b>	1,543	382	<b>1,925</b>	103	35	<b>138</b>
60 to 64 years	-	87	<b>87</b>	1,404	296	<b>1,700</b>	74	42	<b>116</b>
65 to 69 years	-	92	<b>92</b>	1,209	164	<b>1,373</b>	37	14	<b>51</b>
70 to 74 years	1	91	<b>92</b>	575	73	<b>648</b>	20	4	<b>24</b>
75 to 79 years	3	78	<b>81</b>	208	41	<b>249</b>	10	7	<b>17</b>
80 years and over	1	93	<b>94</b>	251	56	<b>307</b>	4	3	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>10,316</b>	<b>2,558</b>	<b>12,874</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>922</b>

(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, 2007

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Illness Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	80	30	<b>110</b>	40	19	<b>59</b>
25 to 29 years	88	31	<b>119</b>	33	20	<b>53</b>
30 to 34 years	109	27	<b>136</b>	42	21	<b>63</b>
35 to 39 years	85	30	<b>115</b>	44	23	<b>67</b>
40 to 44 years	70	21	<b>91</b>	35	15	<b>50</b>
45 to 49 years	75	34	<b>109</b>	37	17	<b>54</b>
50 to 54 years	71	34	<b>105</b>	21	14	<b>35</b>
55 to 59 years	48	23	<b>71</b>	25	11	<b>36</b>
60 to 64 years	29	13	<b>42</b>	14	7	<b>21</b>
65 years	1	1	<b>2</b>	1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>440</b>

(1) Interim Illness Benefit is payable to Injury Benefit claimants who satisfy the PRSI conditions for Illness Benefit while the Injury Benefit claim is being decided.

**Table E13**

Number of Recipients of Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement and by Sex, 2007<sup>(1)</sup>

Degree of Disablement: <sup>(2)</sup>	Number of Recipients		
	Male	Female	Total
Under 20%	1,523	477	<b>2,000</b>
20%	2,228	762	<b>2,990</b>
30%	2,864	699	<b>3,563</b>
40%	1,647	341	<b>1,988</b>
50%	806	120	<b>926</b>
60%	503	66	<b>569</b>
70%	250	25	<b>275</b>
80%	197	33	<b>230</b>
90%	63	6	<b>69</b>
100%	240	24	<b>264</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,321</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>12,874</b>

(1) Includes 922 Incapacity Supplement payments and 84 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. In addition to these 2,000 pensions, 1,146 received a once-off Gratuity.

**Table E14**

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependents, 2007

Number of Recipients	Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Carer's Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	51,992	34,808	919	727	365	557	75,228	1,173	20,854	186,623
With Qualified Adult only	3,914	9,251	-	38	14	-	3,604	110	-	16,931
With 1 full rate Qualified Child	2,177	1,786	30	38	13	46	3,240	54	818	8,202
With 2 full rate Qualified Children	1,547	747	11	22	11	31	1,922	30	622	4,943
With 3 full rate Qualified Children	705	287	9	19	7	8	1,005	23	356	2,419
With 4 full rate Qualified Children	273	113	2	5	2	5	512	6	181	1,099
With 5 full rate Qualified Children	73	39	-	1	1	-	244	2	69	429
With 6+ full rate Qualified Children	44	20	-	-	-	-	188	1	35	288
With 1 half rate Qualified Child	3,700	3,530	356	16	10	-	1,302	24	3,112	12,050
With 2 half rate Qualified Children	3,697	2,223	425	22	13	-	872	21	3,274	10,547
With 3 half rate Qualified Children	1,681	850	257	12	4	-	495	20	2,224	5,543
With 4 half rate Qualified Children	478	224	71	-	-	-	212	8	988	1,981
With 5 half rate Qualified Children	96	55	-	-	-	-	121	2	334	608
With 6+ half rate Qualified Children	27	23	-	-	-	-	103	-	200	353
<b>Total number of recipients</b>	<b>70,404</b>	<b>53,956</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>89,048</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>33,067</b>	<b>252,016</b>
Recipients with Qualified Child increases	14,498	9,897	1,161	135	61	90	10,216	191	12,213	48,462
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child increases	20.6%	18.3%	55.8%	15.0%	13.9%	13.9%	11.5%	13.0%	36.9%	19.2%
<b>Total number of Qualified Adults</b>	8,733	9,251	-	123	48	-	7,442	110	-	25,707
<b>Total number of children<sup>(2)</sup></b>	27,838	16,774	2,349	260	117	152	21,307	391	27,698	96,886

(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 arise.

**Table E15**

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and County, 2007

County	Illness Benefit	Incapacity Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Carer's Benefit	Disablement Pension	Incapacity Supplement <sup>(2)</sup>	Injury Benefit	Illness Benefit	Interim Benefit Pension	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension <sup>(1)</sup>	Carer's Allowance	Respite Care Grant <sup>(3)</sup>
Carlow	1426	937	27	218	15	22	11	11	11	1,221	22	502	512
Cavan	1060	639	23	187	13	7	6	11	11	1,119	15	630	683
Clare	1455	1,084	64	272	28	18	6	9	9	2,240	18	892	1,129
Cork	9012	7,368	234	1,859	124	117	72	93	20	11,068	117	3,664	4,330
Donegal	3194	1,604	85	365	36	21	15	20	20	4,090	80	2,223	2,298
Dublin	17398	15,450	356	2,964	186	189	86	150	150	22,166	398	5,386	6,520
Galway	2623	1,724	179	582	62	51	20	16	16	5,347	83	2,236	2,393
Kerry	1907	1,386	115	325	25	21	20	22	22	3,700	53	1,608	1,783
Kildare	3182	1,922	67	461	36	52	15	25	25	2,741	27	956	1,092
Kilkenny	1024	958	40	258	12	19	8	15	15	1,626	44	682	742
Laois	973	677	38	167	15	22	9	6	6	1,270	25	478	585
Leitrim	623	413	16	100	8	10	5	8	8	661	21	326	370
Limerick	3926	3,051	87	793	53	45	23	31	31	4,696	67	1,777	2,003
Longford	609	581	18	137	9	10	1	7	7	934	11	498	515
Louth	2914	2,076	55	496	33	30	25	23	23	2,315	48	826	908
Mayo	2038	1,274	96	353	38	28	11	12	12	3,267	69	1,752	1,860
Meath	2869	1,443	73	513	33	41	18	19	19	1,919	43	815	934
Monaghan	990	580	23	163	13	14	7	11	11	1,137	16	533	537
Offaly	1393	956	37	233	20	15	7	12	12	1,447	31	681	738
Roscommon	948	623	43	210	9	10	8	19	19	1,218	12	593	689
Sligo	1069	726	64	189	20	14	6	5	5	1,575	56	623	675
Tipperary	2280	1,870	95	564	47	31	15	45	45	4,018	56	1,814	2,033
Waterford	1871	1,514	52	389	22	24	8	12	12	2,278	33	808	919
Westmeath	1367	1,100	50	210	23	21	11	17	17	1,686	32	689	786
Wexford	2123	1,832	100	378	23	45	16	23	23	3,085	55	1,307	1,432
Wicklow	1835	1,365	42	312	16	22	11	14	14	2,203	42	759	830
Others	295	803	1	176	3	1	-	11	11	21	-	9	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,404</b>	<b>53,956</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>12,874</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>89,048</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>33,067</b>	<b>37,303</b>

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

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

(3) Respite Carer Grant figures refer to payments made in June 2007.

**Table E16**

Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1998 to 2007

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined	Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination
1998	6,386	5,032	1,354
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

**Table E17**

Number of Illness Benefit , Invalidity Pension and Incapacity Supplement Cases referred to Medical Assessors, 1998 to 2007

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
1998	68,402	37,296	9,265	430	21,411
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

**Table E18**

Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1998 to 2007

Year	Number of Examinations Scheduled <sup>(1)</sup>	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	
1998	7,229	3,032	2,288	1,909
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

*(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

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The Live Register is a monthly statistical count compiled by the Central Statistics Office of certain categories of persons registered with the Department of Social 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 are 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

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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 and earlier years. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this Section and in Section G.

### Trends

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Overall expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports increased by 16.1% over 2007.

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance rose by over €90 million and €107 million compared with 2006, increases of 19.8% and 13.9% respectively.

The Live Register increased by 14,987 during 2007, an increase of 9.6%. Table F14 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County from 1998 to 2007 and the percentage increase in each county.



**Table F1**

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports by Payment Type, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	2006	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2007 over 2006
	€000	€000	
<b>SOCIAL INSURANCE</b>			
Jobseeker's Benefit	455,073	545,277	19.8%
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
Jobseeker's Allowance	768,560	875,092	13.9%
<b>TOTAL<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>1,223,633</b>	<b>1,420,369</b>	<b>16.1%</b>

(1) Provisional

**Table F2**

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports by Payment Type, 1998 to 2007

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit €000	Jobseeker's Allowance €000	Total €000
1998	300,506	770,022	1,070,529
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	545,277	875,092	1,420,369

(1) Provisional

**Table F3**

Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 1998 to 2007

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Total
1998	61,591	120,496	<b>182,087</b>
1999	56,576	93,129	<b>149,705</b>
2000	46,565	69,504	<b>116,069</b>
2001	59,884	66,563	<b>126,447</b>
2002	66,416	71,566	<b>137,982</b>
2003	70,090	75,249	<b>145,339</b>
2004	57,699	73,840	<b>131,539</b>
2005	52,754	75,357	<b>128,111</b>
2006	50,542	75,801	<b>126,343</b>
2007	59,167	80,268	<b>139,435</b>

**Table F4**

Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance by Number of Dependents, 2007

Number of Recipients	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Total
Personal Rate only	49,129	59,652	108,781
With Qualified Adult only	2,607	4,530	7,137
1 full rate Qualified Child	1,893	4,567	6,460
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,462	4,324	5,786
3 full rate Qualified Children	785	2,811	3,596
4 full rate Qualified Children	284	1,532	1,816
5 full rate Qualified Children	85	653	738
6+ full rate Qualified Children	38	483	521
1 half rate Qualified Child	1,250	623	1,873
2 half rate Qualified Children	1,037	522	1,559
3 half rate Qualified Children	423	332	755
4 half rate Qualified Children	136	151	287
5 half rate Qualified Children	30	52	82
6+ half rate Qualified Children	8	36	44
<b>Total Number of Recipients</b>	<b>59,167</b>	<b>80,268</b>	<b>139,435</b>
<b>Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult</b>	<b>6,131</b>	<b>16,044</b>	<b>22,175</b>
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	10.4%	20.0%	15.9%
<b>Number of Recipients with Qualified Children</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>16,086</b>	<b>23,517</b>
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	12.6%	20.0%	16.9%
<b>Total Number of Children <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>14,313</b>	<b>38,038</b>	<b>52,351</b>

(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, 2007

Month	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
January	63,409	85,840	9,503	<b>158,752</b>
February	64,434	85,609	9,356	<b>159,399</b>
March	61,771	84,996	9,102	<b>155,869</b>
April	60,541	84,653	9,125	<b>154,319</b>
May	60,133	84,880	8,997	<b>154,010</b>
June	67,412	89,643	9,308	<b>166,363</b>
July	73,082	91,582	9,930	<b>174,594</b>
August	71,591	92,698	9,917	<b>174,206</b>
September	62,629	88,552	9,270	<b>160,451</b>
October	61,723	86,520	9,206	<b>157,449</b>
November	64,377	88,040	9,305	<b>161,722</b>
December	70,647	90,063	9,666	<b>170,376</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>65,146</b>	<b>87,756</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>162,293</b>

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Table F6**

Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1998 to 2007

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Credited Contributions	Average Live Register
1998	68,088	142,649	16,358	227,095
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	<b>65,146</b>	<b>87,756</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>162,293</b>

Source: Central Statistics Office

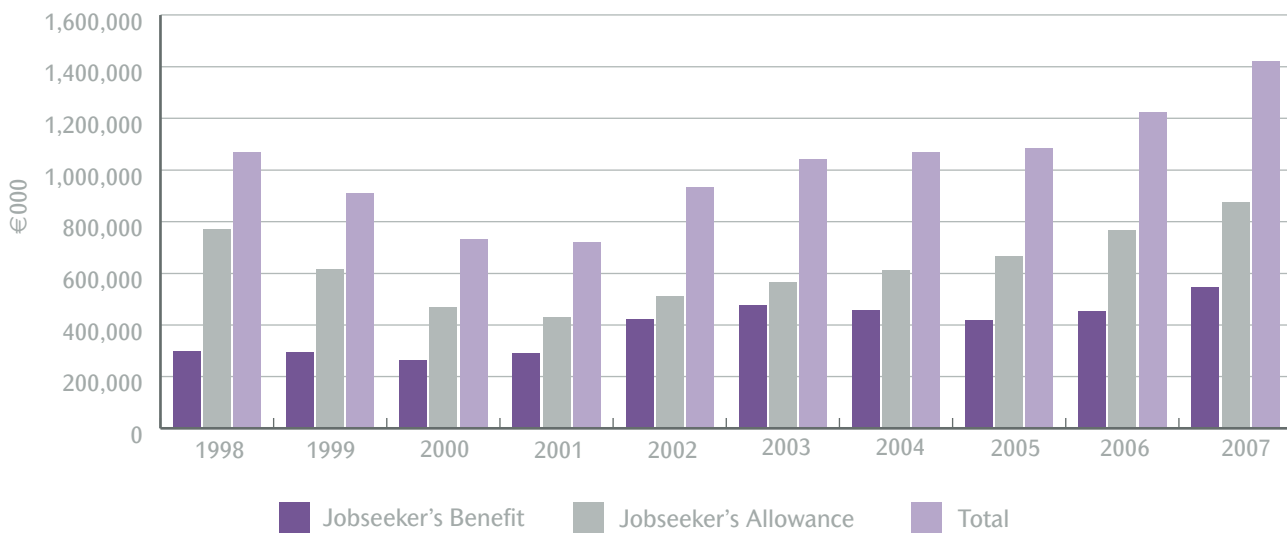
**Table F7**

Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2007

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Net Change
January	24,505	21,142	-
February	21,938	21,291	647
March	23,404	26,934	-3,530
April	22,603	24,153	-1,550
May	19,179	19,488	-309
June	33,747	21,394	12,353
July	27,692	19,461	8,231
August	25,608	25,996	-388
September	21,976	35,731	-13,755
October	22,761	25,763	-3,002
November	31,486	27,213	4,273
December	21,318	12,664	8,654
<b>Total</b>	<b>296,217</b>	<b>281,230</b>	<b>11,624</b>

**Graph F1**

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 1998 to 2007



**Table F8**

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2007

Age Group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	4,281	4.4%	3,203	5.3%	<b>7,484</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
20 to 24 years	15,193	15.7%	9,474	15.7%	<b>24,667</b>	<b>15.7%</b>
25 to 34 years	27,257	28.1%	15,372	25.4%	<b>42,629</b>	<b>27.1%</b>
35 to 44 years	21,282	22.0%	13,716	22.7%	<b>34,998</b>	<b>22.2%</b>
45 to 54 years	17,501	18.1%	11,140	18.4%	<b>28,641</b>	<b>18.2%</b>
55 to 59 years	6,273	6.5%	4,330	7.2%	<b>10,603</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
60 to 64 years	5,123	5.3%	3,241	5.4%	<b>8,364</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
<b>Total Live Register</b>	<b>96,910</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>60,476</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>157,386</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Table F9**

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2007, Classified by Duration of Claim

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	< 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	> 3 yrs	
<b>Males</b>							
< 20 yrs	2,059	796	827	599	-	-	<b>4,281</b>
20 - 24 yrs	6,247	2,694	2,531	1,755	1,020	946	<b>15,193</b>
25 - 34 yrs	10,240	4,553	4,259	3,262	1,638	3,305	<b>27,257</b>
35 - 44 yrs	6,973	3,004	3,269	2,707	1,504	3,825	<b>21,282</b>
45 - 54 yrs	5,125	1,876	2,446	2,145	1,402	4,507	<b>17,501</b>
55 - 59 yrs	2,192	742	974	711	365	1,289	<b>6,273</b>
60 - 64 yrs	1,833	707	925	609	263	786	<b>5,123</b>
<b>Total Males</b>	<b>34,669</b>	<b>14,372</b>	<b>15,231</b>	<b>11,788</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>14,658</b>	<b>96,910</b>
<b>Females</b>							
< 20 yrs	1,474	648	643	438	-	-	<b>3,203</b>
20 - 24 yrs	4,360	1,626	1,255	1,003	629	601	<b>9,474</b>
25 - 34 yrs	7,510	2,516	2,427	1,393	538	988	<b>15,372</b>
35 - 44 yrs	6,165	2,078	2,192	1,473	571	1,237	<b>13,716</b>
45 - 54 yrs	4,942	1,381	1,493	1,147	618	1,559	<b>11,140</b>
55 - 59 yrs	2,027	529	629	503	201	441	<b>4,330</b>
60 - 64 yrs	1,525	402	518	371	163	262	<b>3,241</b>
<b>Total Females</b>	<b>28,003</b>	<b>9,180</b>	<b>9,157</b>	<b>6,328</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>5,088</b>	<b>60,476</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
< 20 yrs	3,533	1,444	1,470	1,037	-	-	<b>7,484</b>
20 - 24 yrs	10,607	4,320	3,786	2,758	1,649	1,547	<b>24,667</b>
25 - 34 yrs	17,750	7,069	6,686	4,655	2,176	4,293	<b>42,629</b>
35 - 44 yrs	13,138	5,082	5,461	4,180	2,075	5,062	<b>34,998</b>
45 - 54 yrs	10,067	3,257	3,939	3,292	2,020	6,066	<b>28,641</b>
55 - 59 yrs	4,219	1,271	1,603	1,214	566	1,730	<b>10,603</b>
60 - 64 yrs	3,358	1,109	1,443	980	426	1,048	<b>8,364</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,672</b>	<b>23,552</b>	<b>24,388</b>	<b>18,116</b>	<b>8,912</b>	<b>19,746</b>	<b>157,386</b>

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Table F10**

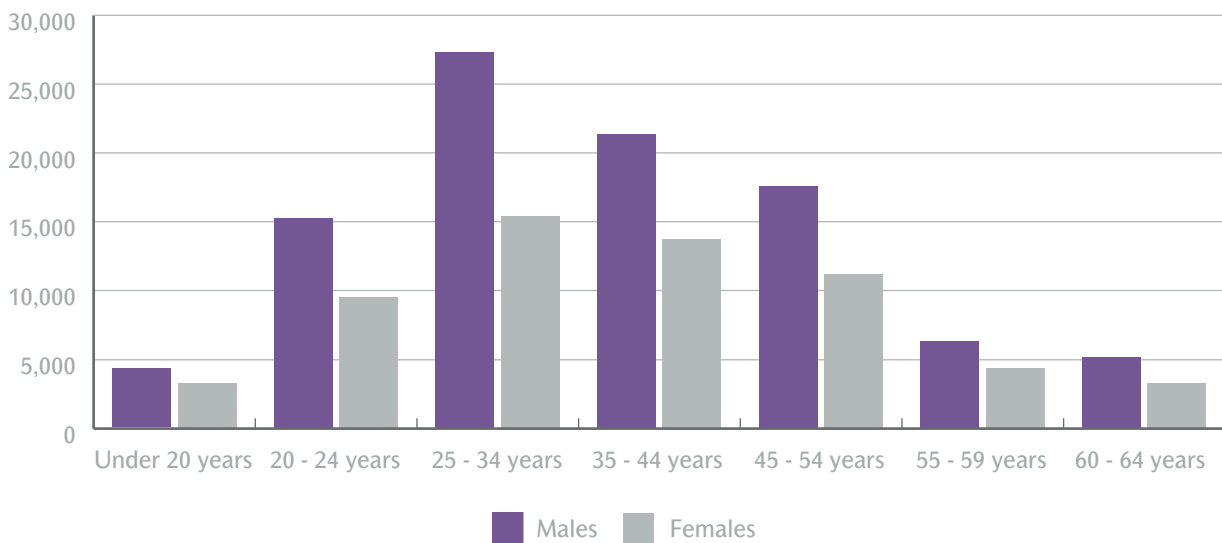
Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1998 to 2007

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
1998	62,255	63,503	<b>125,758</b>	53,860	31,852	<b>85,712</b>	<b>211,470</b>
1999	52,032	49,522	<b>101,554</b>	50,151	25,587	<b>75,738</b>	<b>177,292</b>
2000	45,206	35,138	<b>80,344</b>	40,462	18,904	<b>59,366</b>	<b>139,710</b>
2001	53,472	30,061	<b>83,533</b>	42,628	15,342	<b>57,970</b>	<b>141,503</b>
2002	64,586	29,107	<b>93,693</b>	50,106	13,866	<b>63,972</b>	<b>157,665</b>
2003	64,449	31,489	<b>95,938</b>	53,354	15,283	<b>68,637</b>	<b>164,575</b>
2004	59,478	30,529	<b>90,007</b>	49,889	14,148	<b>64,037</b>	<b>154,044</b>
2005	58,473	30,301	<b>88,774</b>	47,829	13,239	<b>61,068</b>	<b>149,842</b>
2006	57,050	31,632	<b>88,682</b>	46,675	13,912	<b>60,587</b>	<b>149,269</b>
2007	64,272	32,638	<b>96,910</b>	46,340	14,136	<b>60,476</b>	<b>157,386</b>

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Graph F2**

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2007



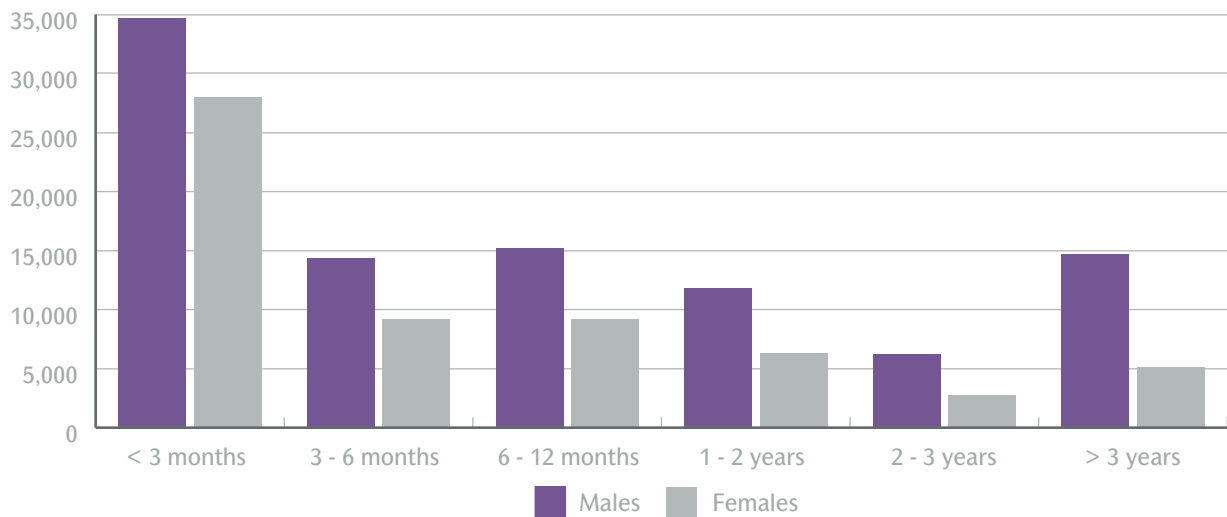
**Table F11**

Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65, in each Month during 2007

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years
January	1,184	1,851	1,035
February	1,298	1,865	1,076
March	1,279	1,894	1,044
April	1,235	1,891	1,076
May	1,072	1,939	1,074
June	1,311	1,941	1,116
July	1,365	1,961	1,094
August	1,351	1,938	1,067
September	1,353	1,909	999
October	1,349	1,907	1,022
November	1,330	1,975	1,022
December	1,284	2,028	1,091
<b>Average</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,925</b>	<b>1,060</b>

**Graph F3**

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2007, by Sex and Duration



**Table F12**

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65, 1998 to 2007

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years
1998	4,380	2,771	691
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

**Table F13**

Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 1998 to 2007

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate
1998	227,095	1,653,300	7.4
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	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

Source: Central Statistics Office

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



**Table F14**

Number on the Live Register by County, 1998 to 2007

County	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change
Carlow	3,050	2,496	1,964	2,026	2,079	2,227	2,223	2,065	1,965	2,448	-19.7%
Cavan	2,370	2,019	1,736	1,834	2,002	2,128	2,072	2,211	2,287	2,628	10.9%
Clare	4,245	3,602	3,003	3,473	4,058	4,219	3,851	3,945	4,073	4,696	10.6%
Cork	22,138	17,855	14,538	16,698	17,456	17,200	15,920	15,533	15,208	16,696	-24.6%
Donegal	13,485	11,699	10,088	9,896	9,897	10,149	9,440	8,637	8,774	9,107	-32.5%
Dublin	60,244	45,483	33,186	35,596	41,455	43,562	39,361	39,933	38,505	40,832	-32.2%
Galway	11,789	9,862	8,011	8,625	9,403	9,348	8,797	8,645	9,046	9,755	-17.3%
Kerry	9,101	7,587	6,025	6,162	6,704	7,086	6,732	6,650	6,793	7,288	-19.9%
Kildare	5,839	4,347	3,268	3,697	4,362	4,752	4,350	4,662	5,187	6,061	3.8%
Kilkenny	3,472	2,703	2,047	2,182	2,467	2,716	2,489	2,484	2,557	2,692	-22.5%
Laois	2,575	2,131	1,798	1,850	2,049	2,196	2,014	1,980	2,034	2,787	8.2%
Leitrim	1,669	1,406	1,216	1,108	1,247	1,231	1,028	1,109	1,185	1,442	-13.6%
Limerick	8,787	7,595	6,306	6,954	8,281	8,123	7,245	7,106	7,314	8,236	-6.3%
Longford	2,166	2,054	1,715	1,674	1,810	1,820	1,736	1,800	1,941	2,378	9.8%
Louth	8,583	7,020	6,075	7,189	7,559	7,508	6,743	6,480	6,536	6,892	-19.7%
Mayo	8,449	7,629	6,140	6,094	6,342	6,106	5,420	5,141	4,710	5,089	-39.8%
Meath	3,393	2,753	2,085	2,855	2,844	3,218	3,137	3,001	3,038	3,557	4.8%
Monaghan	3,195	2,743	2,482	2,752	2,521	2,486	2,335	2,038	2,009	2,257	-29.4%
Offaly	3,376	2,623	2,222	2,341	2,640	2,840	2,563	2,771	2,768	3,282	-2.8%
Roscommon	1,994	1,876	1,528	1,502	1,513	1,389	1,266	1,190	1,285	1,512	-24.2%
Sligo	3,160	2,794	2,372	2,343	2,388	2,236	2,043	1,938	1,859	2,136	-32.4%
Tipperary	7,881	6,737	5,775	5,466	6,286	6,548	5,902	5,623	5,315	5,756	-27.0%
Waterford	7,257	6,573	5,699	7,043	6,074	6,098	7,164	6,248	6,266	6,625	-8.7%
Westmeath	3,665	3,283	2,618	2,960	3,305	3,628	3,658	3,599	3,800	4,102	11.9%
Wexford	7,842	6,885	5,938	6,257	7,058	7,141	6,773	6,615	6,710	7,511	-4.2%
Wicklow	6,027	4,784	3,751	3,829	4,342	4,649	4,554	4,429	4,224	4,611	-23.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>215,752</b>	<b>176,539</b>	<b>141,586</b>	<b>152,406</b>	<b>166,142</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>158,816</b>	<b>155,833</b>	<b>155,389</b>	<b>170,376</b>	<b>-21.0%</b>

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

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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.

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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

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Overall expenditure on Employment Supports increased by €70 million in 2007, an increase of 23.8% over 2006. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports rose by 2,026 an increase of 4.7%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 30.7%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement increased by 1,023 an increase of 4.7% over 2007. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance (including Back to Work Enterprise Allowance) increased by over €15 million, an increase of 25.8%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance increased by 342, an increase of 8.6%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance increased by 455, an increase of 10.4%. The number of recipients of Farm Assist decreased by 104, a decrease of 1.4% from the previous year.

**Table G1**

Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	2006	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2007 over 2006
	€000	€000	
Family Income Supplement	107,137	140,020	30.7%
Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	56,497	71,072	25.8%
Back to Education Allowance	52,070	64,142	23.2%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,277	1,320	3.4%
Farm Assist	71,085	78,686	10.7%
Others <sup>(2)</sup>	5,708	8,490	48.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>293,774</b>	<b>363,730</b>	<b>23.8%</b>

(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.

**Table G2**

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement and Other Employment Supports, 1998 to 2007

Year	Family Income Supplement	Other Employment Supports	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1998	36,386	163,768	200,154
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	140,020	223,710	363,730

(1) Provisional

**Table G3**

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	2006	2007	Change 2007 over 2006
Back to Work Allowance	3,963	4,305	8.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,373	4,828	10.4%
Back to Education Allowance	5,679	5,980	5.3%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	210	4.5%
Family Income Supplement	21,800	22,823	4.7%
Farm Assist	7,480	7,376	-1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,496</b>	<b>45,522</b>	<b>4.7%</b>

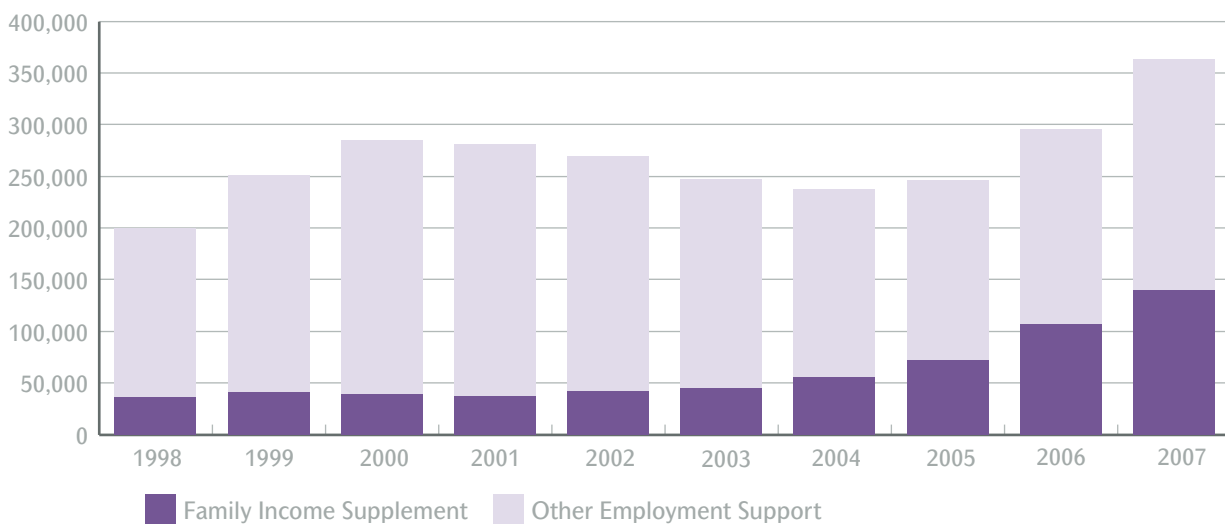
**Table G4**

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1998 to 2007

Year	Number of Families	Number of Child Beneficiaries
1998	13,260	33,334
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

**Graph G1**

Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1998 to 2007



**Table G5**

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2007

Weekly Rate Euro	Family Size (Number of Children)								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
20-25	1,353	435	154	33	11	-	-	-	<b>1,986</b>
26-50	2,340	837	232	75	10	1	-	1	<b>3,496</b>
51-75	3,062	1,439	393	106	26	5	1	-	<b>5,032</b>
76-100	1,214	1,975	557	145	25	12	1	-	<b>3,929</b>
101-125	751	1,032	807	206	51	4	3	-	<b>2,854</b>
126-150	212	627	575	244	58	4	-	2	<b>1,722</b>
Over 150	281	650	995	1,022	540	205	75	36	<b>3,804</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,213</b>	<b>6,995</b>	<b>3,713</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22,823</b>
<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>9,213</b>	<b>13,990</b>	<b>11,139</b>	<b>7,324</b>	<b>3,605</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>47,529</b>

**Table G6**

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2007

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	2	22	41	70	200	600	397	204	<b>1,537</b>
25 to 29 years	3	1	48	80	212	443	1,234	1,240	587	<b>3,848</b>
30 to 34 years	-	5	59	93	239	612	1,286	1,040	1,070	<b>4,404</b>
35 to 39 years	-	4	83	105	201	506	1,000	1,193	1,417	<b>4,509</b>
40 to 44 years	-	7	111	123	136	358	861	1,203	1,292	<b>4,091</b>
45 to 49 years	-	8	66	95	116	342	570	594	784	<b>2,575</b>
50 to 54 years	-	4	58	62	67	111	449	243	315	<b>1,309</b>
55 to 59 years	-	3	20	24	41	47	96	92	87	<b>410</b>
60 to 65 years	-	-	11	7	11	20	52	23	12	<b>136</b>
65 years or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>6,149</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>22,823</b>

**Table G7**

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Family Status and Income Group, 2007

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	3	8	152	254	519	1,207	4,445	4,142	2,631	<b>13,361</b>
Two Parent Family	1	26	326	376	574	1,432	1,704	1,886	3,137	<b>9,462</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>6,149</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>22,823</b>

**Table G8**

Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2007

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	3,507	1,321	4,828
Self-Employed	2,520	1,785	4,305
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,027</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>9,133</b>

**Table G9**

Number of Recipients of Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Work Allowance, Back to Education Allowance and Farm Assist, by Age and Sex, 2007

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education Allowance		Farm Assist	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	69	32	140	220	593	592	17	-
25 to 29 years	324	133	355	318	868	688	68	2
30 to 34 years	421	222	377	309	602	403	148	20
35 to 39 years	673	280	426	204	470	313	328	42
40 to 44 years	660	241	378	279	314	266	610	76
45 to 49 years	532	207	303	192	179	225	898	83
50 to 54 years	443	121	247	152	123	141	1,167	92
55 to 59 years	255	58	193	82	63	75	1,606	132
60 to 64 years	118	26	96	27	27	34	1,664	120
65+ years	12	1	5	2	4	-	277	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,507</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>6,783</b>	<b>593</b>



**Table G10**

Number of recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders,<sup>(1)</sup> 1998 to 2007

Year	Recipients
1998	6,578
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

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999. The number of recipients at the end of 2005 is the number of persons in receipt of a Farm Assist or Smallholders payment. The source of the data for the period 1996 to 1998 is the Central Statistics Office. The data is the number of persons claiming smallholders Unemployment Assistance and includes claims awaiting decision or not otherwise in payment. From 1999 onward only claims in payment are shown.

**Table G11**

Number of People on the Live Register referred to FÁS under The National Employment Action Plan (NEAP), 2000 to 2007

Year	Number referred to FÁS	FÁS		Total Number who Left the Live Register <sup>(1)</sup>
		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

(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 G12**

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2007

County	Family Income Supplement	Back To Work Self-employed	Back To Work Employee	Back to Education Allowance	Farm Assist	Part-Time Job Incentive <sup>(1)</sup>
Carlow	377	61	80	151	52	-
Cavan	395	55	75	59	259	5
Clare	581	72	92	150	393	4
Cork	2,379	420	470	644	559	24
Donegal	1,369	348	454	354	1,034	6
Dublin	4,986	1,201	1,074	1538	10	55
Galway	1,018	206	403	534	781	11
Kerry	829	145	216	206	563	9
Kildare	731	128	116	167	36	1
Kilkenny	327	92	96	126	118	6
Laois	375	56	50	61	78	1
Leitrim	176	31	53	37	185	7
Limerick	1,216	147	161	294	183	6
Longford	283	54	62	53	88	-
Louth	913	128	183	178	65	5
Mayo	723	176	168	163	1,382	21
Meath	591	67	80	88	48	2
Monaghan	450	103	89	68	387	2
Offaly	412	58	64	45	70	1
Roscommon	306	59	63	42	275	-
Sligo	358	66	72	113	339	7
Tipperary	1,042	134	165	209	173	8
Waterford	821	131	144	307	43	16
Westmeath	470	76	98	70	76	3
Wexford	1,117	179	185	172	125	9
Wicklow	527	112	115	151	54	1
Other	51	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,823</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>4,828</b>	<b>5,980</b>	<b>7,376</b>	<b>210</b>

(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

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Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance amounted to €683 million in 2007. This represents an increase of 7.5% on 2006. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over €3 million in 2007, an increase of 0.8%. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2007 was 59,726, a decrease of 0.2% on 2006.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements increased by 54.9% to €12.2 million. The number of recipients at the end of 2007 increased to 4,111 an increase of 20.1%.

In 2007, a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 180,252 children, an increase of 18,801 on 2006. Expenditure on the scheme increased by 61.4% to €40.2 million.

Net expenditure on Basic SWA payments in 2007 was €150.4 million, an increase of 11.4% on 2006. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (€221.3 million) on Basic SWA payments in 2007. 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 27,379 recipients of Basic SWA payments at the end of 2007, an increase of 2,049 on 2006.

Table H2 and Graph H1 show expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1998 to 2007.

**Table H1**

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Scheme, 2006 and 2007 <sup>(1)</sup>

Type of Payment	2006 €000	2007 <sup>(1)</sup> €000	Change
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
Basic SWA Payments	134,974	150,420	11.4%
Rent Supplements	388,339	391,466	0.8%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	7,873	12,197	54.9%
Other Supplements	13,533	13,835	2.2%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	61,138	69,828	14.2%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear	24,892	40,176	61.4%
Direct Provision Allowance	4,215	4,784	13.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>634,964</b>	<b>682,706</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

(1) Provisional.

**Table H2**

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1998 to 2007

Year	Expenditure €000
1998	223,059
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	682,706

(1) Provisional.

**Graph H1**

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1998 to 2007

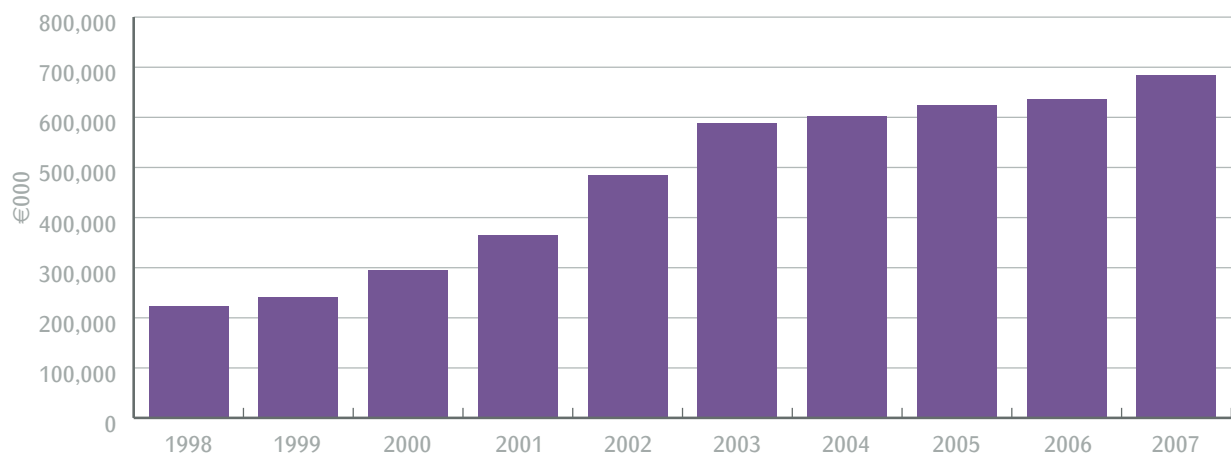


Table H3

Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2007

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern €000	Midland	Mid Western €000	North Eastern €000	North Western €000	South Eastern €000	Southern €000	Western €000	Total €000
<b>Basic Payments <sup>(1)</sup></b>	88,501	12,366	12,680	22,087	11,084	22,587	26,566	25,466	221,337
<b>Supplements</b>	207,521	12,809	21,615	17,457	14,472	35,346	49,214	33,031	391,466
Rent	276	9	27	6	12	95	78	71	574
Local Authority Mortgage	4,993	295	796	1,103	274	1,343	1,913	908	11,624
Other Mortgage	246	103	867	27	22	210	689	68	2,230
Heating	2,464	312	405	328	131	668	848	344	5,500
Diet	2,641	80	605	27	29	778	1,452	494	6,105
<b>Exceptional Needs Payments</b>	29,834	3,139	5,394	2,655	3,661	7,588	10,633	6,665	69,569
<b>Urgent Needs Payments</b>	99	11	44	5	15	43	21	21	259
<b>Administration Costs <sup>(2)</sup></b>									57,114
<b>Grand Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>336,573</b>	<b>29,125</b>	<b>42,433</b>	<b>43,695</b>	<b>29,699</b>	<b>68,658</b>	<b>91,414</b>	<b>67,066</b>	<b>765,777</b>

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 reimbursement, 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, 2007

Type of Payment	Expenditure €000	Total Expenditure €000
<b>Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments</b>		
<b>Housing</b>		
New Accommodation Kit	12,513	
Household Appliances	6,647	
Rent Deposit	4,549	
Furniture	3,049	
Floor Covering	1,974	
Bedding	1,667	
Repair/maintenance	1,451	<b>31,849</b>
<b>Clothing</b>		
Adult Clothing	7,603	
Child Clothing	4,710	<b>12,313</b>
<b>Funeral</b>		
Funeral Expenses	3,747	
Burial Expenses	456	<b>4,203</b>
<b>Child Related</b>		
Pram/Buggy	1,179	
Cot	915	<b>2,094</b>
<b>Bills</b>		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	4,486	
Household	2,016	<b>6,502</b>
<b>Illness</b>		
Confinement Costs	988	
Hospital Requirements	343	<b>1,331</b>
<b>General</b>		
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	5,545	
Travel Costs	2,452	
Insufficient Means	1,989	
Heating	1,050	
Lost/Stolen Money	160	
Household Budget	82	<b>11,278</b>
<b>Urgent Needs Payments</b>	259	<b>259</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>69,828</b>

(1) This includes €0.92m 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 Health Service Executive Area, 2007

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern	Midland	Mid Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
<b>Basic Payment <sup>(1)</sup>:</b>									
Recipients	9,932	1,598	1,740	2,842	1,515	2,916	3,579	3,257	<b>27,379</b>
Qualified Adults	1,461	317	234	564	249	483	597	508	<b>4,413</b>
Qualified Children	6,359	1,197	794	1,952	734	1,384	1,902	2,074	<b>16,396</b>
<b>Total Beneficiaries</b>	<b>17,752</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>5,358</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>4,783</b>	<b>6,078</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>48,188</b>
<b>Supplements:</b>									
Rent	24,899	2,479	4,179	3,325	3,230	6,541	9,076	5,997	<b>59,726</b>
Other Mortgage	1,501	96	290	365	106	445	569	340	<b>3,712</b>
Local Authority mortgage	172	10	20	9	12	61	54	61	<b>399</b>
Heating	453	182	1,552	46	24	298	945	81	<b>3,581</b>
Diet	4,487	625	808	678	238	1,296	1,447	595	<b>10,174</b>
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	1,815	120	311	34	23	439	883	364	<b>3,989</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Creche, MABS, Other etc.



**Table H6**

Recipients and Expenditure on Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement, Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements, 1999 to 2007

Year	Basic SWA <sup>(1)</sup>		Rent Supplement		Mortgage Interest Supplement		Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement		Other Supplements <sup>(2)</sup>	
	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	155,203	59,726	391,466	3,712	11,624	399	574	17,744	13,835

(1) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

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

**Table H7**

Number of Recipients of Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements<sup>(1)</sup> by Age and Sex, 2007

Age Group	Basic SWA <sup>(2)</sup>			Rent Supplement			Mortgage Interest Supplement			Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement			Other Supplements <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	1,165	1,207	2,372	256	961	1,217	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	69	101
20 - 24	2,775	2,226	5,001	1,952	7,058	9,010	16	21	37	1	2	3	115	355	470
25 - 29	2,909	1,923	4,832	3,119	7,535	10,654	94	105	199	10	17	27	259	703	962
30 - 34	2,503	1,590	4,093	3,893	5,725	9,618	239	240	479	18	11	29	416	805	1,221
35 - 39	2,159	1,191	3,350	4,146	4,330	8,476	406	330	736	16	11	27	475	678	1,153
40 - 44	1,677	863	2,540	3,463	2,721	6,184	425	344	769	19	23	42	529	626	1,155
45 - 49	1,270	659	1,929	2,706	1,750	4,456	366	252	618	32	25	57	633	610	1,243
50 - 54	918	495	1,413	2,176	1,212	3,388	256	162	418	46	26	72	641	641	1,282
55 - 59	662	370	1,032	1,788	864	2,652	177	99	276	44	19	63	891	841	1,732
60 - 64	334	200	534	1,148	553	1,701	90	51	141	27	16	43	1,069	969	2,038
65 - 69	133	79	212	673	361	1,034	13	13	26	17	8	25	941	931	1,872
70 plus	32	39	71	665	671	1,336	5	8	13	3	8	11	1,664	2,851	4,515
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,537</b>	<b>10,842</b>	<b>27,379</b>	<b>25,985</b>	<b>33,741</b>	<b>59,726</b>	<b>2,087</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>10,079</b>	<b>17,744</b>

(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, 2007

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
State Pensions	1,339	14	8
Pre-Retirement Allowance	183	4	2
Widow's and Widower's Pensions	334	40	17
One-Parent Family Payment	14,513	386	40
Invalidity Pension	1,028	133	33
Illness Benefit	1,948	758	30
Disability Allowance	8,110	287	64
Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	8,612	300	66
Short-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	5,332	242	14
Jobseeker's Benefit	2,489	574	49
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	7,944	496	24
Employment Support Services <sup>(1)</sup>	3,474	117	18
DSS (UK)	343	2	1
Other	4,077	359	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,726</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>399</b>

(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, 2007 <sup>(1)</sup>

Months <sup>(2)</sup>	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	7,983	501	26
3 to 6	8,595	607	23
6 to 9	5,976	423	30
9 to 12	4,870	317	26
12 to 24	13,149	824	50
24 to 36	7,643	375	30
36 to 48	4,558	208	23
48 to 60	2,969	163	29
60 to 72	1,420	116	23
72 plus	2,563	178	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,726</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>399</b>

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

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

**Table H10**

Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2007

HSE Area	Age 2 to 11	Age 12 to 17	Age 18 to 22	Total
Eastern	40,307	17,051	1,436	<b>58,794</b>
Midland	7,489	3,703	427	<b>11,619</b>
Mid-Western	8,672	4,287	524	<b>13,483</b>
North Eastern	9,030	5,144	630	<b>14,804</b>
North Western	8,146	4,795	936	<b>13,877</b>
South Eastern	12,573	8,907	894	<b>22,374</b>
Southern	16,328	8,771	1,639	<b>26,738</b>
Western	10,828	6,291	1,444	<b>18,563</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,373</b>	<b>58,949</b>	<b>7,930</b>	<b>180,252</b>

**Table H11**

Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2006 and 2007

HSE Area	2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>
	€000	€000
Eastern	8,139	13,094
Midland	1,581	2,566
Mid-Western	1,967	3,075
North Eastern	1,956	3,294
North Western	2,012	3,155
South Eastern	3,043	4,662
Southern	3,585	6,060
Western	2,610	4,270
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>40,176</b>

(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<sup>(1)</sup> Payments by Category, 2007

Interim Basic SWA Payments	No of Payments	
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance	5,559	
Pending Jobseeker's Allowance Appeal	595	
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit	1,218	
Pending Jobseeker's Benefit Appeal	26	
Pending Disability Allowance	3,750	
Pending Illness Benefit	850	
Pending Illness Benefit Appeal	56	
Pending State Pension	157	
Pending Widow's and Widower's Pension	79	
Pending Carer's Allowance	282	
Pending Occupational Injuries Benefit	74	
Pending One-Parent Family Payment	2,814	
Pending Other Social Welfare Payments	507	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>15,967</b>
<b>Other Basic SWA Payments</b>		
Sick No Benefit	3,813	
Other Increment to Scale	339	
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	7,260	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>11,412</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,379</b>

(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<sup>(2)</sup> and by Primary Payment, 2007

Duration in Months Payment Type <sup>(4)</sup>	0 to 3 <sup>(3)</sup>	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	TOTAL
State Pensions	89	85	108	88	111	111	87	81	126	112	60	281	1,339
Pre-Retirement Allowance	4	2	7	5	9	13	11	9	13	15	10	85	183
Widow's and Widower's Pensions	23	41	22	32	36	26	27	29	27	28	18	25	334
One-Parent Family Payment	1,515	1,903	1,434	1,249	2,016	1,564	1,262	864	1,295	840	287	284	14,513
Invalidity Pension	76	94	63	58	103	85	67	59	113	88	53	169	1,028
Illness Benefit	280	353	253	198	246	191	115	78	107	62	20	45	1,948
Disability Allowance	795	888	723	599	982	804	634	531	781	482	281	610	8,110
Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	1,183	1,228	825	724	1,160	806	656	425	582	398	178	447	8,612
Short-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	796	874	578	471	684	504	389	252	326	219	109	130	5,332
Jobseeker's Benefit	585	581	378	243	229	121	98	62	76	53	35	28	2,489
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	1,552	1,297	779	556	872	656	561	325	574	366	215	191	7,944
Employment Support Services <sup>(1)</sup>	418	519	326	300	472	359	304	170	241	143	86	136	3,474
DSS (UK)	31	38	26	19	49	30	29	19	30	15	18	39	343
Other	636	692	454	328	497	413	300	199	267	148	50	93	4,077
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>8,595</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>4,870</b>	<b>7,466</b>	<b>5,683</b>	<b>4,540</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>4,558</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>59,726</b>

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

(2) 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

(3) 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.

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

**Table H14**

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and by Duration<sup>(1)</sup>, 2007

Duration in Months	0 to 3 <sup>(2)</sup>	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	TOTAL
Age Group													
Under 20	437	356	175	105	96	38	7	3	-	-	-	-	1,217
20 - 24	1,642	1,865	1,146	930	1,261	827	588	300	315	112	20	4	9,010
25 - 29	1,587	1,707	1,181	863	1,436	1,058	813	564	771	449	138	87	10,654
30 - 34	1,231	1,359	972	802	1,231	1,006	808	523	794	505	209	178	9,618
35 - 39	987	1,107	787	719	1,051	865	737	468	731	499	242	283	8,476
40 - 44	740	832	573	459	755	572	522	345	559	382	189	256	6,184
45 - 49	508	497	400	323	531	413	343	298	414	273	154	302	4,456
50 - 54	344	332	253	238	424	308	253	200	341	242	138	315	3,388
55 - 59	242	237	218	171	301	254	195	160	246	191	116	321	2,652
60 - 64	126	151	110	118	179	149	117	107	151	121	100	272	1,701
65 - 69	63	72	79	66	99	82	72	56	106	79	46	214	1,034
70 plus	76	80	82	76	102	111	85	79	130	116	68	331	1,336
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>8,595</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>4,870</b>	<b>7,466</b>	<b>5,683</b>	<b>4,540</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>4,558</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>59,726</b>

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**Table H15**

Short Term and Long Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by Primary Payment, 2007

Payment Type	All Cases		Short Term <18 Months		Long Term >18 Months	
State Pensions	1,339	2.2%	424	1.5%	915	2.8%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	183	0.3%	24	0.1%	159	0.5%
Widow's and Widower's Pensions	334	0.6%	125	0.5%	209	0.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	14,513	24.3%	5,544	20.1%	8,969	27.9%
Incapacity Pension	1,028	1.7%	286	1.0%	742	2.3%
Illness Benefit	1,948	3.3%	1,215	4.4%	733	2.3%
Disability Allowance	8,110	13.6%	2,857	10.4%	5,253	16.4%
Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	8,612	14.4%	3,870	14.0%	4,742	14.8%
Short-Term Jobseeker's Allowance	5,332	8.9%	2,902	10.5%	2,430	7.6%
Jobseeker's Benefit	2,489	4.2%	1,964	7.1%	525	1.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	7,944	13.3%	4,587	16.6%	3,357	10.5%
Employment Support Services <sup>(1)</sup>	3,474	5.8%	1,502	5.4%	1,972	6.1%
DSS (UK)	343	0.6%	157	0.6%	186	0.6%
Other	4,077	6.8%	2,146	7.8%	1,931	6.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,726</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>27,603</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>32,123</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

*At December 2007 there were 59,726 households in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment, of which 31,574 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 31,574 is derived from an analysis of those in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment in June 2006 and in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment at every three monthly intervals thereafter.*

*Note: The 32,123 Long Term cases includes Asylum Seekers that are not included in the Target group of 31,574 for transfer to the Rental Assistance Scheme.*



**Table H16**

Short Term and Long Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2007

	All Cases	Short Term Cases	Short Term as % All Cases	Long Term Cases	Long Term as % All Cases
County	Recipients	Recipients		Recipients	
Carlow	933	446	47.8%	487	52.2%
Cavan	521	311	59.7%	210	40.3%
Clare	1,144	593	51.8%	551	48.2%
Cork	7,222	3,462	47.9%	3,760	52.1%
Donegal	2,418	1,351	55.9%	1,067	44.1%
Dublin	20,498	7,625	37.2%	12,873	62.8%
Galway	3,257	1,514	46.5%	1,743	53.5%
Kerry	1,854	933	50.3%	921	49.7%
Kildare	2,675	1,154	43.1%	1,521	56.9%
Kilkenny	808	449	55.6%	359	44.4%
Laois	428	300	70.1%	128	29.9%
Leitrim	300	198	66.0%	102	34.0%
Limerick	2,323	1,185	51.0%	1,138	49.0%
Longford	495	367	74.1%	128	25.9%
Louth	1,530	792	51.8%	738	48.2%
Mayo	2,031	965	47.5%	1,066	52.5%
Meath	910	543	59.7%	367	40.3%
Monaghan	364	225	61.8%	139	38.2%
Offaly	653	337	51.6%	316	48.4%
Roscommon	709	401	56.6%	308	43.4%
Sligo	512	354	69.1%	158	30.9%
Tipperary	1,711	941	55.0%	770	45.0%
Waterford	1,776	975	54.9%	801	45.1%
Westmeath	903	508	56.3%	395	43.7%
Wexford	2,025	983	48.5%	1,042	51.5%
Wicklow	1,726	691	40.0%	1,035	60.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,726</b>	<b>27,603</b>	<b>46.2%</b>	<b>32,123</b>	<b>53.8%</b>

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**Table H17**

Number of Recipients of Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements<sup>(1)</sup> by County, 2007

County	Basic SWA	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement	Other Supplements <sup>(1)</sup>
Carlow	457	933	77	10	217
Cavan	347	521	87	5	218
Clare	442	1,144	74	4	374
Cork	2,814	7,222	485	48	2,720
Donegal	978	2,418	89	8	185
Dublin	8,326	20,498	1,141	154	5,935
Galway	1,750	3,257	152	19	449
Kerry	765	1,854	84	6	555
Kildare	1,014	2,675	209	13	409
Kilkenny	470	808	64	22	220
Laois	510	428	32	3	291
Leitrim	119	300	8	1	53
Limerick	1,043	2,323	137	12	1,920
Longford	317	495	9	4	133
Louth	862	1,530	73	2	252
Mayo	1,013	2,031	133	35	381
Meath	1,342	910	169	-	191
Monaghan	291	364	36	2	97
Offaly	312	653	21	1	290
Roscommon	494	709	55	7	210
Sligo	418	512	9	3	47
Tipperary	798	1,711	137	10	1,112
Waterford	779	1,776	78	13	412
Westmeath	459	903	34	2	213
Wexford	667	2,025	168	10	449
Wicklow	592	1,726	151	5	411
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,379</b>	<b>59,726</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>17,744</b>

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

**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:

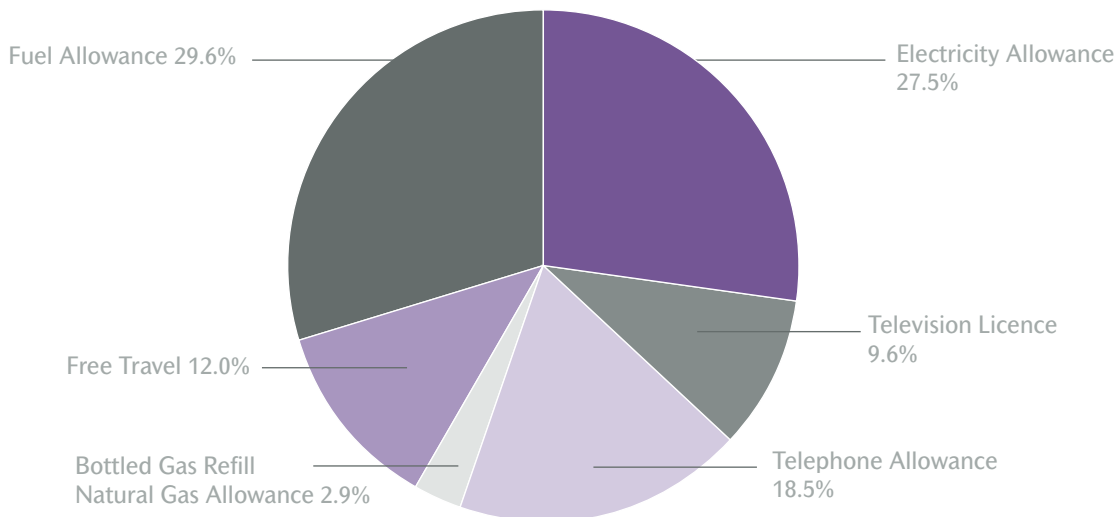
- Treatment Benefits
- Household Benefits and Free Travel
- Bereavement Grants
- Redundancy and Insolvency Payments
- Citizens Information Board (formerly Comhairle)
- School Meals
- Money Advice and Budgeting Service

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

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Expenditure on Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance, 2007



**Table J1**

Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment type, 2006 and 2007

	2006	2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change 2007 over 2006
Type of Payment	€000	€000	
Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance	444,429	535,525	20.5%
Treatment Benefit	95,020	91,602	-3.6%
Bereavement Grants	12,686	16,672	31.4%
Rent Allowance	839	792	-5.6%
Combat Poverty Agency	3,689	4,008	8.6%
School Meals	13,622	28,202	107.0%
Citizen's Information Board (formerly Comhairle)	24,362	27,860	14.4%
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	13,575	14,578	7.4%
Other Grants/Payments	6,388	6,576	2.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>614,610</b>	<b>725,815</b>	<b>18.1%</b>

(1) Provisional

**Table J2**

Total Expenditure on Household Benefits, Free Travel and Fuel Allowance, 1998 to 2007

	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
1998	38,595	19,535	36,746	69	1,345	41,432	57,004	<b>194,724</b>
1999	39,443	19,093	37,991	74	1,602	42,791	55,809	<b>196,803</b>
2000	40,185	20,199	41,660	88	1,918	44,817	55,487	<b>204,354</b>
2001	51,275	24,773	55,335	99	2,517	45,860	61,136	<b>240,995</b>
2002	62,648	30,967	72,887	108	3,276	45,625	80,532	<b>296,043</b>
2003	75,402	43,801	83,258	120	4,905	49,820	83,208	<b>340,514</b>
2004	87,992	47,859	85,697	116	5,498	52,400	84,710	<b>364,272</b>
2005	103,919	46,224	89,143	108	6,316	55,333	82,386	<b>383,429</b>
2006	108,323	48,966	90,333	116	8,399	58,042	130,250	<b>444,429</b>
2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	147,225	51,672	98,855	116	15,243	64,125	158,289	<b>535,525</b>

(1) Provisional.

**Table J3**

Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 2006 and 2007

Type of Payment	2006	2007	Change 2007 over 2006
Bereavement Grants	21,113	21,755	3.0%
<b>Treatment Benefit:</b>			
Dental	587,094	634,077	8.0%
Optical	190,733	207,555	8.8%
Medical and Surgical	5,512	6,425	16.6%
Rent Allowance	14	7	-50.0%
Fuel Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	288,800	295,795	2.4%

(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance during 2006 and 2007. There was an average of 114,200 recipients of Smokeless Fuel Allowance in 2006 and an average of 118,000 recipients in 2007

**Table J4**

Number of Recipients of Household Benefits and Free Travel by Type of Payment Received, 2007

Type of Payment	Electricity Allowance	Television Licence Allowance <sup>(1)</sup>	Telephone Allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	Bottled Gas Allowance	Natural Gas Allowance	Free Travel <sup>(3)</sup>
State Pension (Contributory)	119,239	136,125	129,019	50	15,498	198,634
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	55,256	58,263	53,989	102	1,656	96,486
State Pension (Transition)	89	107	104	-	17	199
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	54,484	61,793	59,657	8	6,666	71,790
Widow/er's (Non Contributory) Pension	244	252	245	-	7	182
Invalidity Pension	17,933	20,076	17,372	16	1,944	48,161
Deserted Wife's Allowance	20	23	21	-	3	26
Deserted Wife's Benefit	706	888	831	-	178	1,220
One Parent Family Payment	140	173	167	3	25	379
Occupational Injury Benefit	289	328	320	-	63	357
Free Fuel	1,577	1,611	1,543	-	78	1,490
Blind Pension	522	569	500	3	40	1,420
No Active Pension	23,649	25,799	13,871	5	2,039	97,994
Carer's Allowance	15,008	16,640	15,627	47	1,390	31,591
Disability Allowance	27,045	29,686	22,378	144	1,945	86,744
EU/Bilateral/British Pension	28	539	528	-	5	-
Others	495	545	457	2	154	639
<b>Total</b>	<b>316,724</b>	<b>353,417</b>	<b>316,629</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>31,708</b>	<b>637,312</b>

(1) Refers to the number of Licences issued.

(2) Does not include 10,707 recipients of Mobile Phone allowance.

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

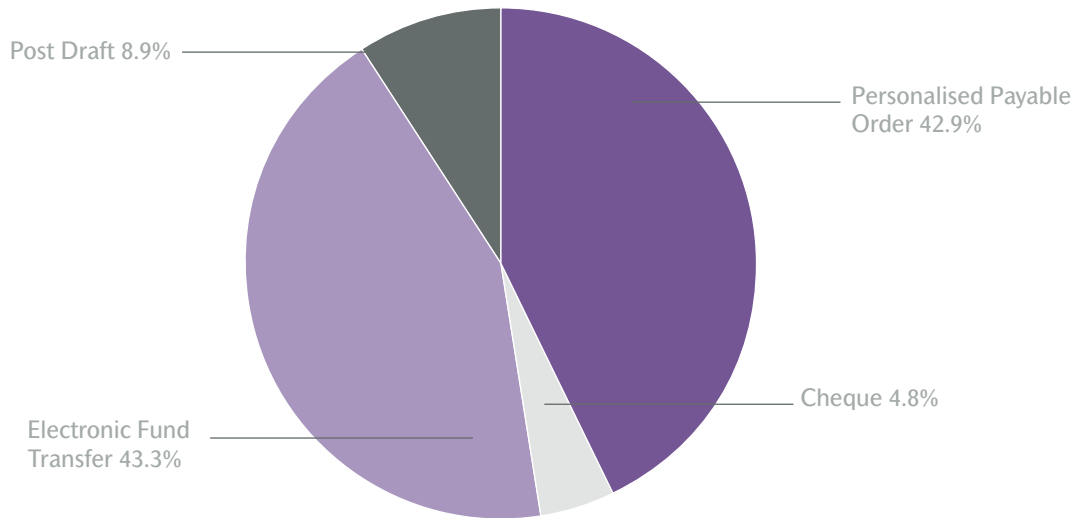
Table J5

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2007

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Post Draft	Total
State Pension (Contributory)	121,615	1,008	113,269	1,707	<b>237,599</b>
State Pension (Transition)	1,377	5	4,011	458	<b>5,851</b>
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	81,445	28	15,215	1,038	<b>97,726</b>
Pre-Retirement Allowance	-	241	3,260	7,123	<b>10,624</b>
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	73,214	637	37,400	209	<b>111,460</b>
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,670	-	366	102	<b>2,138</b>
Deserted Wife's Benefit	7,437	-	1,366	592	<b>9,395</b>
Deserted Wife's Allowance	567	-	63	63	<b>693</b>
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
One-Parent Family Payment	2	51	35,333	49,698	<b>85,084</b>
Maternity Benefit	-	2,713	18,235	-	<b>20,948</b>
Health and Safety Benefit	-	1	38	-	<b>39</b>
Adoptive Benefit	-	5	50	-	<b>55</b>
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	566	-	252	-	<b>818</b>
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	334	-	108	-	<b>442</b>
Child Benefit (Families)	300,828	-	278,784	-	<b>579,612</b>
Illness Benefit	-	39,073	30,946	385	<b>70,404</b>
Invalidity Pension	32,456	8	20,637	855	<b>53,956</b>
Injury Benefit	-	617	283	-	<b>900</b>
Interim Illness Benefit	-	288	152	-	<b>440</b>
Disablement Benefit	-	3,909	8,965	-	<b>12,874</b>
Death Benefit	522	5	120	-	<b>647</b>
Disability Allowance	59,220	4	27,751	2,073	<b>89,048</b>
Carer's Benefit	-	-	1,978	102	<b>2,080</b>
Carer's Allowance	21,802	2	9,509	1,754	<b>33,067</b>
Blind Pension	1,082	-	378	14	<b>1,474</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit	-	12,492	30,966	15,709	<b>59,167</b>
Jobseeker's Allowance	-	6,277	30,467	43,524	<b>80,268</b>
Back to Work Allowance	35	14	9,022	62	<b>9,133</b>
Back to Education Allowance	-	13	5,498	469	<b>5,980</b>
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	-	210	-	-	<b>210</b>
Family Income Supplement	-	1,482	21,215	126	<b>22,823</b>
Farm Assist	-	85	2,611	4,680	<b>7,376</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	9,615	2,143	15,621	<b>27,379</b>
Rent Allowance	-	227	-	-	<b>227</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>704,174</b>	<b>79,010</b>	<b>710,391</b>	<b>146,364</b>	<b>1,639,939</b>

**Graph J2**

Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Method of Payment, 2007



**Graph J3**

Personal Public Service Numbers Issued, 2000 to 2007

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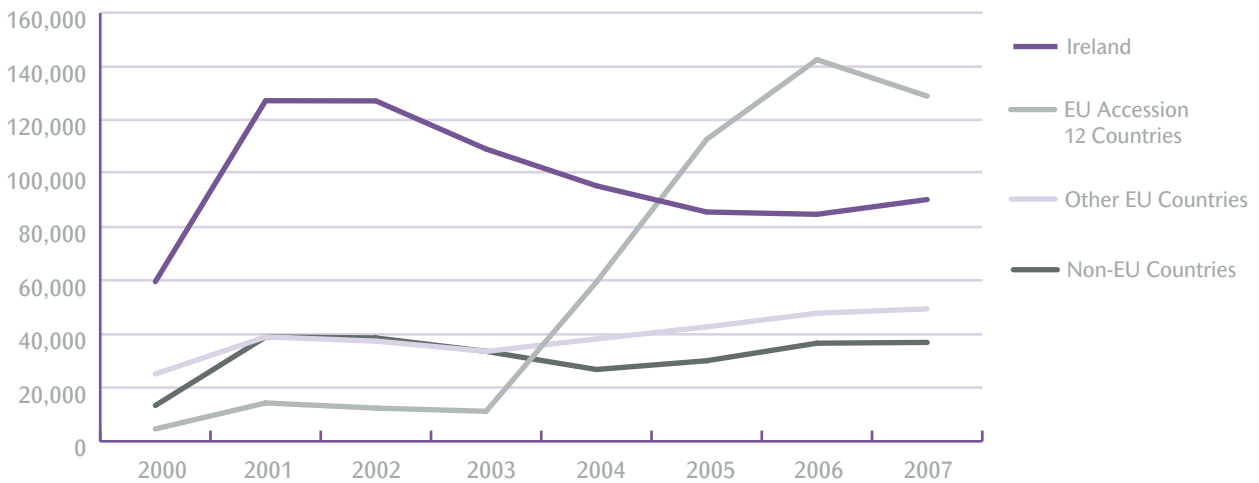




Table J6:

## Personal Public Service Numbers Issued by Country, 2000 to 2007

Country of origin/ declared nationality	2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
<b>EU Countries</b>									
Austria	638	919	545	519	851	655	769	814	<b>5,710</b>
Belgium	221	443	424	478	383	415	506	523	<b>3,393</b>
Bulgaria <sup>(2)</sup>	160	512	427	374	104	98	267	1,008	<b>2,950</b>
Czech Republic <sup>(3)</sup>	641	1,428	1,144	831	3,298	4,505	4,458	3,838	<b>20,143</b>
Cyprus <sup>(3)</sup>	6	12	8	6	27	23	33	43	<b>158</b>
Denmark	245	367	279	285	267	314	286	338	<b>2,381</b>
Estonia <sup>(3)</sup>	212	858	463	546	1,788	2,011	1,407	648	<b>7,933</b>
Finland	381	568	441	384	346	469	508	473	<b>3,570</b>
France	3,056	4,487	3,769	4,332	4,678	4,973	6,879	7,673	<b>39,847</b>
Germany	1,621	2,695	2,547	2,877	3,147	3,839	4,605	4,534	<b>25,865</b>
Greece	139	134	117	116	158	169	207	167	<b>1,207</b>
Hungary <sup>(3)</sup>	167	511	259	185	1,839	3,086	4,330	5,046	<b>15,423</b>
Ireland	59,643	127,209	127,135	109,151	95,435	85,642	84,777	90,287	<b>779,279</b>
Italy	1,672	2,544	2,507	2,763	2,927	3,692	4,222	4,715	<b>25,042</b>
Latvia <sup>(3)</sup>	1,046	3,023	1,538	1,230	6,266	9,328	7,954	4,674	<b>35,059</b>
Lithuania <sup>(3)</sup>	642	2,735	2,782	2,379	12,817	18,717	16,039	10,728	<b>66,839</b>
Luxembourg	28	28	45	36	12	21	18	10	<b>198</b>
Malta <sup>(3)</sup>	137	237	209	191	205	124	143	161	<b>1,407</b>
Netherlands	471	861	776	757	924	970	1,104	1,051	<b>6,914</b>
Poland <sup>(3)</sup>	570	2,259	2,649	3,828	27,295	64,731	93,787	79,816	<b>274,935</b>
Portugal	554	788	419	725	680	791	935	1,517	<b>6,409</b>
Romania <sup>(3)</sup>	920	2,416	2,667	1,387	591	813	3,336	14,525	<b>26,655</b>
Slovakia <sup>(3)</sup>	111	328	252	248	5,187	9,258	10,687	8,375	<b>34,446</b>
Slovenia <sup>(3)</sup>	3	1	2	7	64	76	101	63	<b>317</b>
Spain	3,796	5,800	5,687	4,920	4,456	4,670	4,433	4,691	<b>38,453</b>
Sweden	872	1,451	949	1,017	943	1,102	1,103	932	<b>8,369</b>
United Kingdom	11,445	20,390	18,915	18,463	18,464	20,649	22,253	22,026	<b>152,605</b>
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>89,397</b>	<b>183,004</b>	<b>176,955</b>	<b>158,035</b>	<b>193,152</b>	<b>241,141</b>	<b>275,147</b>	<b>268,676</b>	<b>1,585,507</b>
<b>Non-EU Countries</b>									
USA	1,222	2,645	2,736	3,010	3,195	3,811	4,079	3,841	<b>24,539</b>
China	1,468	5,748	4,839	3,762	3,471	1,756	1,418	1,519	<b>23,981</b>
Nigeria	1,890	3,813	5,417	3,795	1,973	2,168	1,623	1,610	<b>22,289</b>
India	394	1,522	1,591	1,422	1,887	3,407	5,580	4,778	<b>20,581</b>
Australia	1,027	2,874	2,656	2,421	1,713	2,128	2,105	1,966	<b>16,890</b>
Philippines	682	3,526	2,540	2,064	1,227	1,499	1,884	1,624	<b>15,046</b>
Brazil	384	660	759	725	864	2,225	3,460	4,805	<b>13,882</b>
South Africa	762	3,075	2,195	1,869	1,013	1,060	1,126	1,046	<b>12,146</b>
Pakistan	297	1,146	1,091	1,350	1,114	1,024	1,425	1,439	<b>8,886</b>
New Zealand	572	1,462	1,408	1,016	896	923	1,010	886	<b>8,173</b>
Canada	737	1,019	733	754	866	970	1,161	1,071	<b>7,311</b>
Russia	677	1,649	1,167	658	559	473	464	398	<b>6,045</b>
Ukraine	241	1,267	1,421	1,282	489	378	405	394	<b>5,877</b>
Mauritius	4	32	46	125	158	473	1,938	1,989	<b>4,765</b>
Malaysia	246	527	341	349	301	523	636	744	<b>3,667</b>
Moldova	160	600	651	563	214	194	294	409	<b>3,085</b>
Bangladesh	66	454	486	655	347	209	456	405	<b>3,078</b>
Turkey	70	198	619	770	456	374	165	228	<b>2,880</b>
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	2,463	6,767	7,914	6,995	6,079	6,488	7,415	7,782	<b>51,903</b>
<b>Total Non-EU</b>	<b>13,362</b>	<b>38,984</b>	<b>38,610</b>	<b>33,585</b>	<b>26,822</b>	<b>30,083</b>	<b>36,644</b>	<b>36,934</b>	<b>255,024</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,759</b>	<b>221,988</b>	<b>215,565</b>	<b>191,620</b>	<b>219,974</b>	<b>271,224</b>	<b>311,791</b>	<b>305,610</b>	<b>1,840,531</b>

(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

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

Social Insurance schemes comprise State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), Widow /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

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

Social Assistance schemes comprise State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's (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

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

## Appendix 2: Classification of Social Welfare Schemes

### 1. Older People

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

### 2. Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

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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

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

### 4. Illness, Disability and Caring

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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

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Jobseeker's Benefit  
 Jobseeker's Allowance

### 6. Employment Supports

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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

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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

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

## Appendix 3: Glossary

<b>Recipient:</b>	Person actually receiving a social welfare payment.
<b>Qualified Adult:</b>	Person in respect of whom a Qualified Adult Increase is paid to the recipient.
<b>Qualified Child:</b>	Child in respect of whom an Increase for a Qualified Child is paid to the recipient. This allowance is payable at half the rate where a spouse/partner, living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/partner may receive half the Increase for a Qualified Child where both are in receipt of a social welfare payment.
<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	Total number of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children.
<b>Claim/Claimant:</b>	An application/applicant for a social welfare payment.
<b>Social Insurance Payments:</b>	These comprise State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Transition), Widow/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.
<b>Social Assistance Payments:</b>	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 years figures in Section B, Older People, Section C, Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families and Section E, Illness, Disability and Caring.

### Scheme Name Changes

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Effective from September 2006 scheme names were changed as follows:

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

*(1) Scheme name change effective from July 2006.*







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