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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 the publication of this 24th edition of the Annual Statistical Report of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. This important report provides comprehensive statistical information on all programmes administered by my Department.

The document illustrates my Department's ongoing commitment to improving and developing services in tandem with, and as an integral part, of wider Government aims and objectives. Improved quality of life and opportunities for people of all ages are at the core of these aims and I am committed to the ongoing provision and development of our social service policies allied to our policies on education, housing, health and governance in order to make a real difference to the lives of our citizens.

Supports administered by this Department provide for the complex and multi-faceted needs of people at every stage of life. Continuing to reflect the trend of recent years and re-affirming the Government's commitment to the welfare of all those in need of support, social welfare programme expenditure increased to €13.6 billion in 2006 - an increase of 11.7% over the previous year.

The main features of my Department's activities in 2006 were:

- Over 1 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of 1.5 million beneficiaries;
- Expenditure of Old Age (now State Pension) has increased by 11.3% to €3.3 billion. Payments were made to some 340,000 people in this area;
- Family Income Supplement was paid in respect of 21,800 families with 43,861 children, an increase of 24.9% on the previous year. Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 48.5% to €107 million;
- Expenditure on Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit increased by 27.6% and 74.0% respectively. The numbers in receipt of a Carer's payment increased from 25,837 to 29,121, an increase of 12.7%;
- 562,860 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,083,980 children. Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by 8.2% to €2.1 billion.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the staff throughout the Department for their continuing efforts in implementing the Government's programme of social welfare protection and support.

Martin Cullen TD
Minister for Social and Family Affairs



Brollach ón Aire

Cuirim fáilte roimh foilsíú an 24ú eagrán seo den Tuarascáil Staitistiúil Bhliantúil de chuid na Roinne Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh. Soláthraíonn an tuarascáil tábhachtach seo eolas staitistiúil cuimsitheach ar gach clár riartha ag mo Roinn féin.

Léireoidh an cháipéis tiomantas leanúnach mo Roinn i leith seirbhísí a fheabhsú agus a fhorbairt i gcomhar le, agus mar chuid bunúsach, d'aidhmeanna agus spriocanna níos leithne an Rialtais. I gcroílár na haidhmeanna seo tá deiseanna agus caighdeán maireachtála feabhsaithe do dhaoine de gach aois agus táim tiomanta do sholáthar agus fhorbairt leanúnach ar bpolasaithe seirbhíse shóisialaigh ceangailte lenár bpolasaithe ar oideachas, tithíocht, sláinte agus rialachas ar mhaithe le difríocht dáiríre a dhéanamh do shaolta ár saoránaigh.

Soláthraíonn tacaíochtaí riartha ag an Roinn seo le haghaidh riachtanais coimpléascacha agus il-ghruacha na ndaoine ag gach staid den saol. Ag leanúint ar aghaidh ag léiriú treocht na blianta beaga anuas agus ag ath-dhearbhú tiomantas an Rialtais i leith leasa na ndaoine uile le tacaíocht de dhíth orthu, mhéadaigh caiteachas an chláir leasa shóisialaigh go EUR13.6 billiún i 2006 – méadú de 11.7% os cionn an bhliain roimh ré.

B'iad seo a leanas príomh-ghnéithe de ghníomhaíochtaí mo Roinn i 2006:

- Bhí os cionn 1 milliún duine ag fáil íocaíocht Leasa Shóisialaigh seachtainiúil, a bhí íoctha i leith 1.5 tairbhí;
- Tá caiteachas an Phinsin Seanaoise (Pinsean Stáit anois) tar éis méadú le 11.3% chuig €3.3 billiún. Rinneadh íocaíochtaí le thart ar 340,000 duine sa réimse seo;
- Íocadh Ioncam Forlíonadh Teaghlaigh i leith 21,800 teaghlach le 43,861 leanbh, méadú de 24.9% ar an mbliain roimhe sin. Mhéadaigh caiteachas ar Forlíonadh Ioncaim Teaghlaigh 48.5% chuig €107 milliún;
- Mhéadaigh caiteachas ar Liúntas Cúramóra agus Sochar Cúramóra 27.6% agus 74.0% faoi seach. Mhéadaigh an líon daoine ag fáil íocaíocht cúramóra ó 25,837 go 29,121, méadú de 12.7%;
- Fuair 562,860 teaghlach íocaíocht Sochair Linbh míosúil, a íocadh i leith 1,083,980 leanbh. Mhéadaigh caiteachas ar Sochar Linbh le 8.2% go €2.1 billiún.

Ar deireadh, Ba mhaith líom mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl don bhfoireann tríd síos na Roinne as ucht a gcuid iarrachtaí leanúnacha i gclár an Rialtais de thacaíocht agus cosaint leasa shóisialaigh a fhorfheidhmiú.

Martin Cullen TD
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Introduction

General

This is the twenty fourth 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 2006 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 2006 are provisional pending certification by the Comptroller and Auditor General. All Expenditure figures have been converted to Euro amounts.

Source of Data

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

Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

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

Breakdown by Section

The report is divided into nine sections as follows:

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

Appendix 2 (page 101) 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 Payments 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, Family Income Supplement and Farm Assist.

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

Summary

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Réamhrá

Cúrsaí Ginearálta

Is é seo an ceathrú 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 2005 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, no íocaíochtaí ar a son, de réir treith áirithe mar an meid deithiúnaithe, nó aois luaithe mar 'measta'. Ciallaíonn sé seo gur bunaíodh na miondealaithe, ata measaithe a bheith údarásach, ar dháta seachas 31 Nollaig ach gar don dáta sin.

Is figiúirí sealadach iad na figiúirí caiteachas le haghaidh 2005 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 leirithe, 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 tablaí cuí nuair is gá.

Miondealú De Réir Ranna

Tá an eolai roinnte i naoi gcuid mar 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 do lucht Cuardaigh Fastaíochta
- 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. 101)

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 lucht cuardaigh Fostaíochta.

Tugann Cuid G eolas maidir le tacaíochtaí fostaíochta, an Liuntas Filleadh ar Obair, Liuntas Fiontar Filleadh ar Obair, Liuntas Filleadh ar Oideachais, Forlíonadh d'Íoncam Teaghlaigh agus Liuntas Cunamh Feirme san áireamh.

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.

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 2006, ar fáil sa bhileog seo.

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

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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 2006 was €13,591 million, an increase of 11.7% over 2005. Expenditure in 2006 represented 28.5% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 9.1% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Older People (24.1%), Widow's, Widower's and One Parent Families (15.8%), Illness, Disability and Caring (17.9%), Jobseeker's Supports (9%), Child Related Payments (16.6%), Supplementary Welfare Allowance (4.7%) and Employment Supports (2.2%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 3.8% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (53.4%) and the Social Insurance Fund (46.6%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (73.8%), employees (19.7%), the self-employed (5.3%) and Investment Income (1.1%). See Tables A6 and A7.

Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Over 1,003,500 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2006. As these payments included increases in respect of over 118,100 Qualified Adults and over 341,300 Children, there were over 1,506,800 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients increased by 26,904 and the number of beneficiaries increased by 37,718 year on year.

Graph A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2006

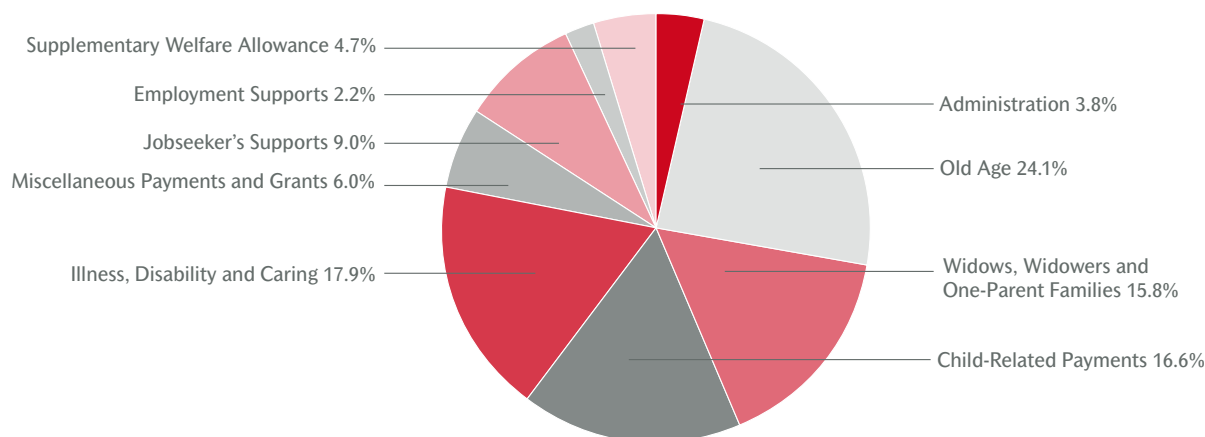


Table A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	2005	2006 Provisional	Change 2006 over 2005
	€000	€000	
Older People	2,947,079	3,279,141	11.3%
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,982,245	2,141,286	8.0%
Child Related Payments	2,044,962	2,251,914	10.1%
Illness, Disability and Caring	2,090,946	2,433,243	16.4%
Jobseeker's Supports	1,085,568	1,223,459	12.7%
Employment Supports	246,049	293,752	19.4%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	624,029	635,195	1.8%
Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	689,880	815,410	18.2%
Administration	458,911	517,252	12.7%
Total Expenditure	12,169,669	13,590,652	11.7%

Table A2

Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1997 to 2006

Year	Total Social Welfare Expenditure ⁽¹⁾ (€m)	Index of Expenditure	Consumer Price Index ⁽²⁾	Social Welfare Expenditure as a percentage of: ⁽³⁾		
				Gross Current Government Expenditure	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
1997 ⁽⁴⁾	5,744	100.0	100.0	26.7	9.7	8.5
1998 ⁽⁴⁾	6,046	105.3	102.3	27.1	8.8	7.7
1999 ⁽⁴⁾	6,283	109.4	104.1	26.0	8.2	6.9
2000 ⁽⁴⁾	6,713	116.9	109.9	25.9	7.5	6.4
2001 ⁽⁴⁾	7,842	136.5	115.3	26.2	8.0	6.7
2002 ⁽⁴⁾	9,517	165.7	120.5	28.8	8.9	7.3
2003 ⁽⁴⁾	10,493	182.7	124.8	28.9	8.9	7.5
2004 ⁽⁴⁾	11,291	196.6	127.5	28.9	9.0	7.6
2005 ⁽⁴⁾	12,168	211.8	130.6	28.2	9.0	7.5
2006 ⁽⁴⁾	13,591	236.6	135.9	28.5	9.1	7.8

(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, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	2005 €000	2006 Provisional €000	Change
State Pension (Contributory)	1,152,849	1,293,702	12.2%
State Pension (Transition)	1,060,052	1,144,636	8.0%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	631,299	727,767	15.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	102,879	113,036	9.9%
Total State Pension	2,947,079	3,279,141	11.3%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	998,524	1,094,969	9.7%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	126,944	103,684	-18.3%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	90,620	94,637	4.4%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	11,468	10,545	-8.0%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	14	13	-7.1%
One Parent Family Payment	751,102	834,214	11.1%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	3,304	2,942	-11.0%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	269	282	4.8%
Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,982,245	2,141,286	8.0%
Maternity Benefit	132,412	180,825	36.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	293	352	20.1%
Adoptive Benefit	709	818	15.4%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	7,516	8,799	17.1%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,096	4,832	18.0%
Child Benefit	1,899,936	2,056,288	8.2%
Total Child Related Payments	2,044,962	2,251,914	10.1%
Illness Benefit	540,245	627,724	16.2%
Invalidity Pension	548,285	602,421	9.9%
Injury Benefit	14,231	16,127	13.3%
Disablement Pension	67,026	72,530	8.2%
Death Benefit	6,523	7,047	8.0%
Disability Allowance	630,728	738,426	17.1%
Medical Care	298	292	-2.0%
Carer's Allowance	223,059	284,574	27.6%
Carer's Benefit	9,588	16,681	74.0%
Respite Care Grant	34,302	50,458	47.1%
Blind Pension	16,661	16,963	1.8%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	2,090,946	2,433,243	16.4%
Jobseeker's Benefit	418,085	454,742	8.8%
Jobseeker's Allowance	667,483	768,717	15.2%
Total Jobseeker's Supports	1,085,568	1,223,459	12.7%
Family Income Supplement	72,152	107,126	48.5%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	106,613	115,541	8.4%
Farm Assist	67,284	71,085	5.6%
Total Employment Supports	246,049	293,752	19.4%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	624,029	635,195	1.8%
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Treatment Benefits ⁽¹⁾	65,497	95,020	45.1%
Rent Allowance	855	839	-1.9%
Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾	383,429	444,429	15.9%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	89,751	102,828	14.6%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	150,348	172,294	14.6%
Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	689,880	815,410	18.2%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	202,580	221,684	9.4%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	256,331	295,568	15.3%
Total Administration	458,911	517,252	12.7%
Grand Total	12,169,669	13,590,652	11.7%

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

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

Table A4

Additional Expenditure Details, 2005 and 2006

Additional Details	2005	2006 Provisional	Change
	€000	€000	
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES			
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	53,563	56,486	5.5%
Back to Education Allowance	46,695	52,070	11.5%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,295	1,277	-1.4%
Other	5,060	5,708	12.8%
TOTAL	106,613	115,541	8.4%
TREATMENT BENEFITS			
Dental	67,845	49,612	-26.9%
Optical	22,583	11,688	-48.2%
Medical and Surgical	4,592	4,197	-8.6%
TOTAL	95,020	65,497	-31.1%
HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL ⁽¹⁾			
Social Insurance			
Fuel Allowances	33,142	48,931	47.6%
Free Electricity	61,845	65,466	5.9%
Free Bottled Gas	25	26	4.0%
Free Natural Gas	4,849	6,380	31.6%
Free Television Licence	27,734	29,783	7.4%
Free Telephone Rental	54,457	56,004	2.8%
TOTAL	182,052	206,590	13.5%
HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS AND FREE TRAVEL ⁽¹⁾			
Social Assistance			
Fuel Allowances	49,244	81,318	65.1%
Free Travel	55,333	58,042	4.9%
Free Electricity	42,074	42,857	1.9%
Free Bottled Gas	83	90	8.4%
Free Natural Gas	1,467	2,019	37.6%
Free Television Licence	18,490	19,183	3.7%
Free Telephone Rental	34,686	34,329	-1.0%
TOTAL	201,377	237,838	18.1%
MISCELLANEOUS			
Bereavement Grants	13,572	12,686	-6.5%
School Meals	8,434	13,622	61.5%
Combat Poverty Agency	4,236	3,689	-12.9%
Citizen's Information Board	20,917	24,362	16.5%
Family Support Agency	22,869	26,506	15.9%
Money Advice and Budgeting Services	13,593	13,575	-0.1%
Other Grants/Payments	6,130	8,388	36.8%
TOTAL	89,751	102,828	14.6%

Table A5

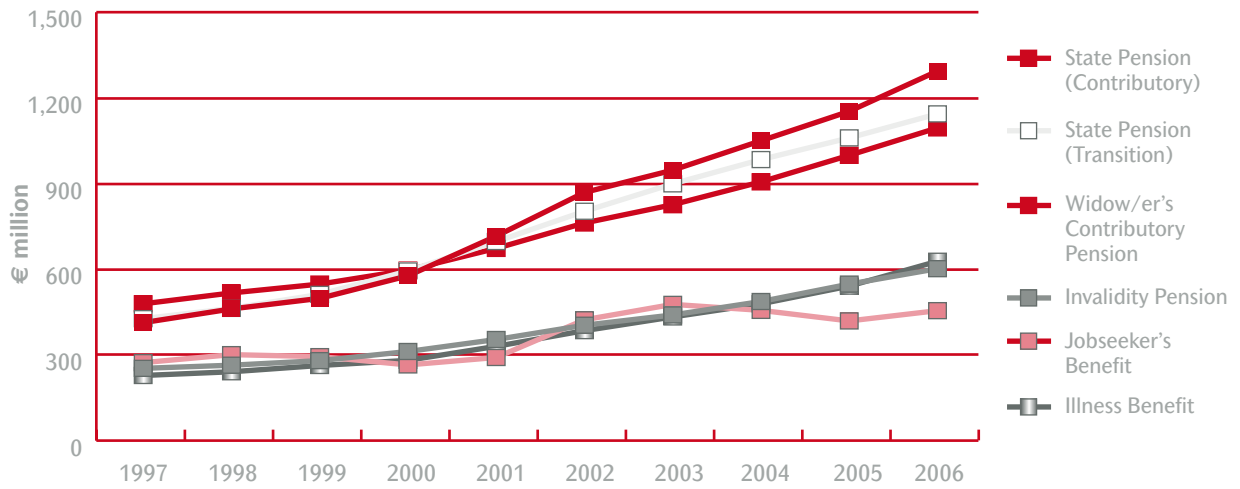
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	2005	2006 Provisional	
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Bereavement Grant	13,572	12,686	-6.5%
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Redundancy and Insolvency	150,348	172,294	14.6%
Administration	202,580	221,684	9.4%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	5,664,609	6,327,518	11.7%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	631,299	727,767	15.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	102,879	113,036	9.9%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	126,944	103,684	-18.3%
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Employment Support Services	106,613	115,541	8.4%
Family Income Supplement	72,152	107,126	48.5%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	624,029	635,195	1.8%
Rent Allowance	855	839	-1.9%
Household Benefits and Free Travel ⁽¹⁾	201,377	237,838	18.1%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	76,179	90,143	18.3%
Administration	256,331	295,568	15.3%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	6,505,060	7,263,134	11.7%
GRAND TOTAL	12,169,669	13,590,652	11.7%

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

Graph A2

Expenditure on Main Social Insurance Schemes, 1997 to 2006



Graph A3

Expenditure on Main Social Assistance Schemes, 1997 to 2006

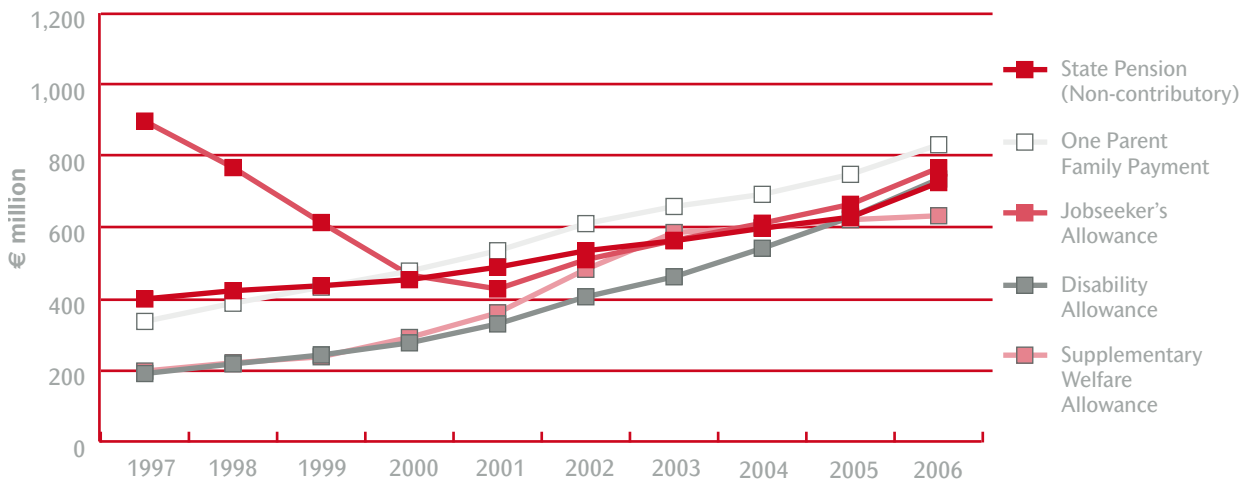


Table A6

Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 2005 and 2006

Sources of Finance	2005		2006 Provisional	
	€000	%	€000	%
State	6,505,060	53.5%	7,263,133	53.4%
Social Insurance Fund	5,664,609	46.5%	6,327,518	46.6%
TOTAL	12,169,669	100.0%	13,590,651	100.0%

Table A7

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2005 and 2006

Sources of Finance	2005		2006 Provisional	
	€000	%	€000	%
Employer PRSI	4,532,572	73.6%	5,167,275	73.8%
Employee PRSI	1,196,858	19.4%	1,380,234	19.7%
Self-Employed PRSI	380,450	6.2%	373,714	5.3%
Investment Income	49,012	0.8%	75,823	1.1%
Other Receipts	126	0.0%	105	0.0%
Total Income	6,159,018	100.0%	6,997,151	100.0%
Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes	5,664,609		6,327,518	
Surplus	494,409		669,633	

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, 2006

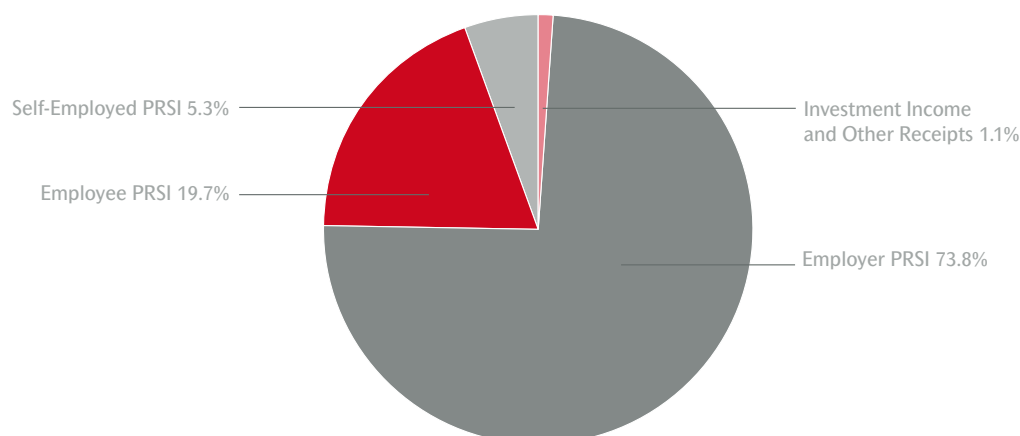


Table A8

Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1997 to 2006

Year	Number of Recipients		Number of Beneficiaries	
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
1997	870,852		1,485,943	
1998	841,983	878,249	1,387,372	1,475,496
1999	838,061	880,758	1,371,730	1,476,088
2000	826,274	869,994	1,327,377	1,432,774
2001	866,743	903,375	1,372,911	1,460,574
2002	908,608	938,971	1,430,521	1,496,714
2003	936,343	959,432	1,463,046	1,511,740
2004	940,593	957,732	1,429,602	1,463,921
2005	962,296	976,613	1,441,291	1,469,106
2006	989,301	1,003,517	1,482,438	1,506,824

(1) These series are included for comparability purposes and do not include the number of recipients and beneficiaries of certain Employment Supports (Back to Work Allowance, Back to Education Allowance, Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme and earlier analogous payments). This arises as fully comprehensive data in relation to the number of recipients and beneficiaries of these schemes is not available.

(2) These series shows the number of recipients and beneficiaries, as appropriate, of social welfare weekly payments, including all Employment Supports. See Tables A9 and A11.

Graph A5

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme Area, 2006

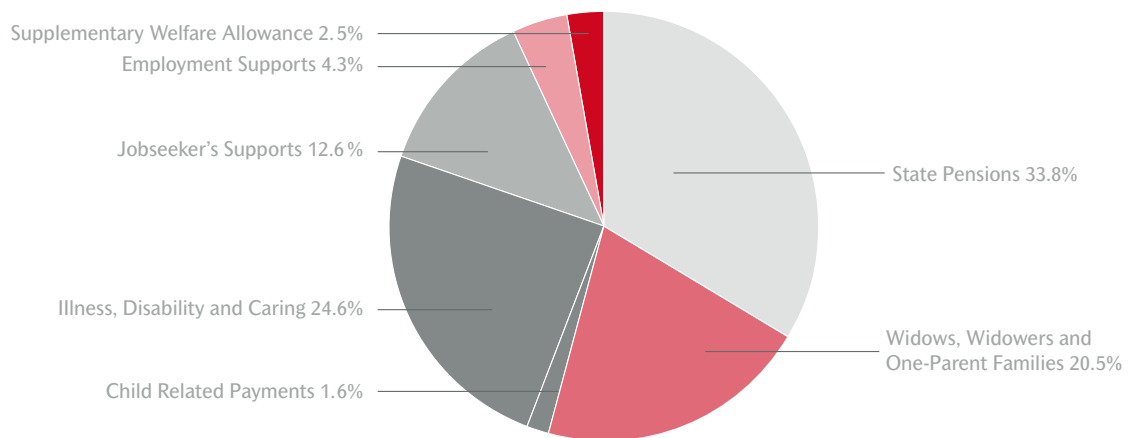


Table A9

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	2005	2006	
State Pension (Contributory)	124,611	139,724	12.1%
State Pension (Transition)	91,047	91,086	0.0%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	84,454	97,404	15.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,058	11,149	0.8%
Total Older People	311,170	339,363	9.1%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	109,017	110,146	1.0%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	14,729	2,168	-85.3%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	10,180	9,760	-4.1%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,382	766	-44.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	80,366	83,081	3.4%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	215,676	205,923	-4.5%
Maternity Benefit	10,791	14,898	38.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	26	37	42.3%
Adoptive Benefit	32	59	84.4%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	781	800	2.4%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	444	441	-0.7%
Total Child Related Payments	12,074	16,235	34.5%
Illness Benefit	61,845	65,774	6.4%
Invalidity Pension	58,352	51,954	-11.0%
Injury Benefit	908	924	1.8%
Interim Illness Benefit	355	338	-4.8%
Disablement Pension	12,475	12,646	1.4%
Death Benefit Pension	647	646	-0.2%
Carer's Benefit	867	1,647	90.0%
Disability Allowance	79,253	83,697	5.6%
Blind Pension	1,985	1,476	-25.6%
Carer's Allowance	24,970	27,474	10.0%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	241,657	246,576	2.0%
Jobseeker's Benefit	52,754	50,542	-4.2%
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,357	75,801	0.6%
Total Jobseeker's Supports	128,111	126,343	-1.4%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,646	3,963	8.7%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,302	1,683	29.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,995	2,690	-32.7%
Back to Education Allowance	5,156	5,679	10.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	218	201	-7.8%
Family Income Supplement	17,448	21,800	24.9%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,824	7,480	-4.4%
Total Employment Supports	39,589	43,496	9.9%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	28,066	25,331	-9.7%
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	28,066	25,331	-9.7%
Rent Allowance	270	250	-7.4%
Total Miscellaneous Payments	270	250	-7.4%
Grand Total	976,613	1,003,517	2.8%

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

Table A10

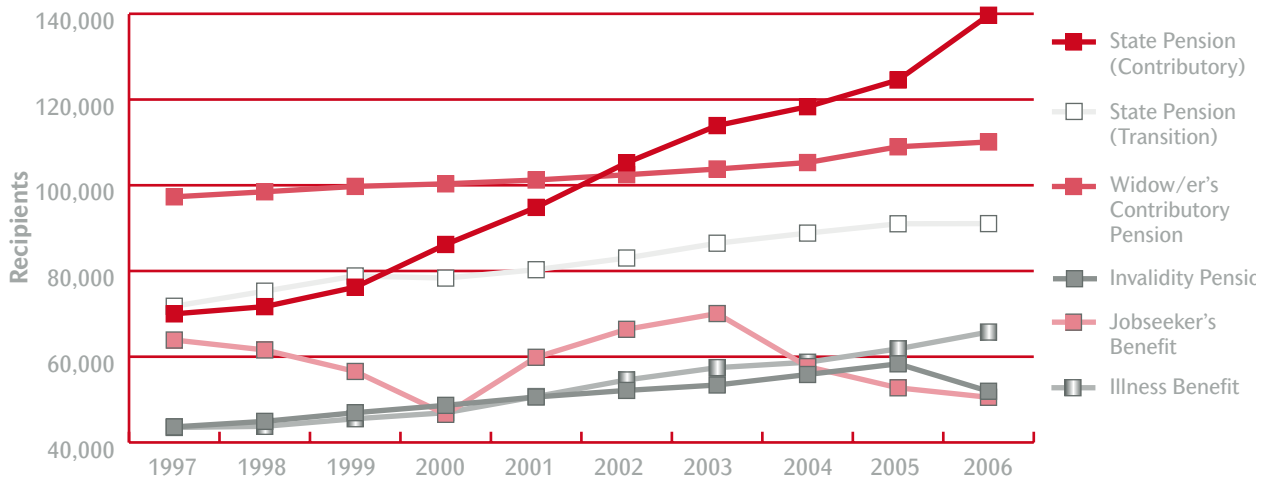
Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	2005	2006	
State Pension (Contributory)	124,611	139,724	12.1%
State Pension (Transition)	91,047	91,086	0.0%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	109,017	110,146	1.0%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	10,180	9,760	-4.1%
Maternity Benefit	10,791	14,898	38.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	26	37	42.3%
Adoptive Benefit	32	59	84.4%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	781	800	2.4%
Illness Benefit	61,845	65,774	6.4%
Invalidity Pension	58,352	51,954	-11.0%
Injury Benefit	908	924	1.8%
Interim Illness Benefit	355	338	-4.8%
Disablement Pension	12,475	12,646	1.4%
Death Benefit Pension	647	646	-0.2%
Carer's Benefit	867	1,647	90.0%
Jobseeker's Benefit	52,754	50,542	-4.2%
Total Social Insurance	534,688	550,981	3.0%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	84,454	97,404	15.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,058	11,149	0.8%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	14,729	2,168	-85.3%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,382	766	-44.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	80,366	83,081	3.4%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	444	441	-0.7%
Disability Allowance	79,253	83,697	5.6%
Blind Pension	1,985	1,476	-25.6%
Carer's Allowance	24,970	27,474	10.0%
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,357	75,801	0.6%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,646	3,963	8.7%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	1,302	1,683	29.3%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	3,995	2,690	-32.7%
Back to Education Allowance	5,156	5,679	10.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	218	201	-7.8%
Family Income Supplement	17,448	21,800	24.9%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,824	7,480	-4.4%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	28,066	25,331	-9.7%
Rent Allowance	270	250	-7.4%
Total Social Assistance	441,925	452,536	-14.5%
Grand Total	976,613	1,003,517	2.8%

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

Graph A6

Recipients of Main Social Insurance Payments, 1997 to 2006



Graph A7

Recipients of Main Social Assistance Payments, 1997 to 2006

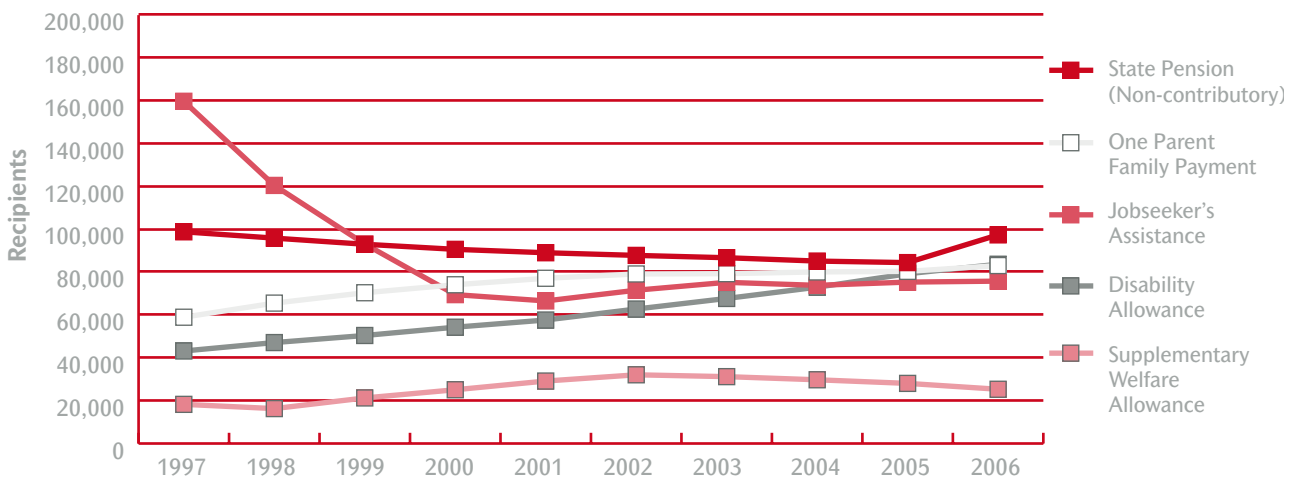


Table A11

Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	2005	2006	
State Pension (Contributory)	156,007	173,949	11.5%
State Pension (Transition)	118,706	118,009	-0.6%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	88,194	101,050	14.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	15,895	15,743	-1.0%
Total Older People	378,802	408,751	7.9%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	122,624	123,283	0.5%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	14,729	2,168	-85.3%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	14,995	13,614	-9.2%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,382	766	-44.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	211,531	225,663	6.7%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	365,263	365,496	0.1%
Maternity Benefit	10,791	14,898	38.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	31	37	19.4%
Adoptive Benefit	32	59	84.4%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	781	1,827	133.9%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	444	1,019	129.5%
Total Child Related Payments	12,079	17,840	47.7%
Illness Benefit	102,476	104,203	1.7%
Invalidity Pension	86,662	79,793	-7.9%
Injury Benefit	1,354	1,372	1.3%
Interim Illness Benefit	537	488	-9.1%
Disablement Pension	13,318	13,435	0.9%
Death Benefit Pension	812	797	-1.8%
Carer's Benefit	1,810	3,553	96.3%
Disability Allowance	104,319	109,756	5.2%
Blind Pension	2,476	1,949	-21.3%
Carer's Allowance	48,014	52,916	10.2%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	361,778	368,262	1.8%
Jobseeker's Benefit	71,384	66,773	-6.5%
Jobseeker's Allowance	127,624	127,477	-0.1%
Total Jobseeker's Supports	199,008	194,250	-2.4%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	7,733	7,336	-5.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	3,247	3,312	2.0%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed Years 2 - 4	9,246	5,064	-45.2%
Back to Education Allowance	7,371	8,473	15.0%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	218	201	-7.8%
Family Income Supplement	51,404	65,661	27.7%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	18,442	17,039	-7.6%
Total Employment Supports	97,661	107,086	9.7%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	54,245	44,889	-17.2%
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	54,245	44,889	-17.2%
Rent Allowance	270	250	-7.4%
Total Miscellaneous Payments	270	250	-7.4%
Grand Total	1,469,106	1,506,824	2.6%

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

Table A12

Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	2005	2006	
State Pension (Contributory)	156,007	173,949	11.5%
State Pension (Transition)	118,706	118,009	-0.6%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	122,624	123,283	0.5%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	14,995	13,614	-9.2%
Maternity Benefit	10,791	14,898	38.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	31	37	19.4%
Adoptive Benefit	32	59	84.4%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	781	1,827	133.9%
Illness Benefit	102,476	104,203	1.7%
Incapacity Pension	86,662	79,793	-7.9%
Injury Benefit	1,354	1,372	1.3%
Interim Illness Benefit	537	488	-9.1%
Disablement Pension	13,318	13,435	0.9%
Death Benefit Pension	812	797	-1.8%
Carer's Benefit	1,810	3,553	96.3%
Jobseeker's Benefit	71,384	66,773	-6.5%
Total Social Insurance	702,320	716,090	2.0%
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	88,194	101,050	14.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	15,895	15,743	-1.0%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	14,729	2,168	-85.3%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,382	766	-44.6%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	211,531	225,663	6.7%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	444	1,019	129.5%
Disability Allowance	104,319	109,756	5.2%
Blind Pension	2,476	1,949	-21.3%
Carer's Allowance	48,014	52,916	10.2%
Jobseeker's Allowance	127,624	127,477	-0.1%
Family Income Supplement	51,404	65,661	27.7%
Back to Work Allowance Employee	7,733	7,336	-5.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed First Year	3,247	3,312	2.0%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance			
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	9,246	5,064	-45.2%
Back to Education Allowance	7,371	8,473	15.0%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	218	201	-7.8%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	18,442	17,039	-7.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	54,245	44,889	-17.2%
Rent Allowance	270	250	-7.4%
Total Social Assistance	766,786	790,734	3.1%
Grand Total	1,469,106	1,506,824	2.6%

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

Table A13

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

Type of Payment	2006				Total
	Male	%	Female	%	
State Pension (Contributory)	88,786	63.5%	50,938	36.5%	139,724
State Pension (Transition)	66,378	72.9%	24,708	27.1%	91,086
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	13,393	12.2%	96,753	87.8%	110,146
Deserted Wife's Benefit	-	0.0%	9,760	100.0%	9,760
Maternity Benefit	-	0.0%	14,898	100.0%	14,898
Health and Safety Benefit	-	0.0%	37	100.0%	37
Adoptive Benefit	-	0.0%	59	100.0%	59
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	400	50.0%	400	50.0%	800
Illness Benefit	23,580	35.9%	42,194	64.1%	65,774
Invalidity Pension	25,954	50.0%	26,000	50.0%	51,954
Injury Benefit	648	70.1%	276	29.9%	924
Interim Illness Benefit	223	66.0%	115	34.0%	338
Disablement Pension	10,197	80.6%	2,449	19.4%	12,646
Death Benefit Pension	5	0.8%	641	99.2%	646
Carer's Benefit	209	12.7%	1,438	87.3%	1,647
Jobseeker's Benefit	24,319	48.1%	26,223	51.9%	50,542
Total Social Insurance	254,092	46.1%	296,889	53.9%	550,981
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	35,654	36.6%	61,750	63.4%	97,404
Pre-Retirement Allowance	8,664	77.7%	2,485	22.3%	11,149
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	217	10.0%	1,951	90.0%	2,168
Deserted Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	766	100.0%	766
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	2	100.0%	2
One-Parent Family Payment	1,804	2.2%	81,277	97.8%	83,081
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	220	49.9%	221	50.1%	441
Disability Allowance	49,886	59.6%	33,811	40.4%	83,697
Blind Pension	768	52.0%	708	48.0%	1,476
Carer's Allowance	5,351	19.5%	22,123	80.5%	27,474
Jobseeker's Allowance	55,483	73.2%	20,318	26.8%	75,801
Family Income Supplement	8,144	37.4%	13,656	62.6%	21,800
Back to Work Allowance	2,247	56.7%	1,716	43.3%	3,963
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,172	72.5%	1,201	27.5%	4,373
Back to Education Allowance	2,938	51.7%	2,741	48.3%	5,679
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	100	49.8%	101	50.2%	201
Farm Assist/Smallholders	6,901	92.3%	579	7.7%	7,480
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	14,910	58.9%	10,421	41.1%	25,331
Rent Allowance	172	68.8%	78	31.2%	250
Total Social Assistance	196,631	43.5%	255,905	56.5%	452,536
Grand Total	450,723	44.9%	552,794	55.1%	1,003,517

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated.

Table A14

Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2006

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Other children	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾		
State Pension (Contributory)	139,724	32,512	940	773	-	173,949
State Pension (Transition)	91,086	26,026	552	345	-	118,009
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	97,404	2,983	507	156	-	101,050
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,149	3,294	1,048	252	-	15,743
Total Older People	339,363	64,815	3,047	1,526	-	408,751
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	110,146	-	13,137	-	-	123,283
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	2,168	-	-	-	-	2,168
Deserted Wife's Benefit	9,760	-	3,854	-	-	13,614
Deserted Wife's Allowance	766	-	-	-	-	766
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	83,081	-	142,421	161	-	225,663
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	205,923	-	159,412	161	-	365,496
Maternity Benefit	14,898	-	-	-	-	14,898
Health and Safety Benefit	37	-	-	-	-	37
Adoptive Benefit	59	-	-	-	-	59
Guardian's Pension (Contributory)	800	-	1,027	-	-	1,827
Guardian's Pension (Non-Contributory)	441	-	578	-	-	1,019
Total Child Related Payments	16,235	-	1,605	-	-	17,840
Illness Benefit	65,774	8,618	8,943	20,868	-	104,203
Invalidity Pension	51,954	8,928	5,245	13,666	-	79,793
Injury Benefit	924	135	177	136	-	1,372
Interim Illness Benefit	338	42	71	37	-	488
Disablement (Pension)	12,646	189	212	388	-	13,435
Death Benefit Pension	646	-	151	-	-	797
Carer's Benefit	1,647	-	69	1,837	-	3,553
Disability Allowance	83,697	6,472	12,702	6,885	-	109,756
Blind Pension	1,476	99	215	159	-	1,949
Carer's Allowance	27,474	-	4,070	21,372	-	52,916
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	246,576	24,483	31,855	65,348	-	368,262
Jobseeker's Benefit	50,542	4,481	7,189	4,561	-	66,773
Jobseeker's Allowance	75,801	14,485	29,734	7,457	-	127,477
Total Jobseeker's Supports	126,343	18,966	36,923	12,018	-	194,250
Back to Work Allowance Employee	3,963	768	2,160	445	-	7,336
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self Employed First Year	1,683	542	819	268	-	3,312
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Self Employed Years 2 - 4	2,690	795	1,222	357	-	5,064
Back to Education Allowance	5,679	550	1,478	766	-	8,473
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	201	-	-	-	-	201
Family Income Supplement	21,800	-	-	-	43,861	65,661
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,480	3,186	4,716	1,657	-	17,039
Total Employment Supports	43,496	5,841	10,395	3,493	43,861	107,086
Supplementary Welfare Allowance (2)	25,331	4,005	15,553	-	-	44,889
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowance	25,331	4,005	15,553	-	-	44,889
Rent Allowance	250	-	-	-	-	250
Total Miscellaneous Payments	250	-	-	-	-	250
Grand Total (3)	1,003,517	118,110	258,790	82,546	43,861	1,506,824

(1) A Qualified Child increase is payable at half rate where a spouse living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse may receive half the Qualified Child increase where both spouses are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. This can result in some double counting of the actual number of Qualified Children.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only.

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

Table A15

Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 2004 and 2005

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number insured					
		2004 ⁽¹⁾			2005 ⁽¹⁾		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
A	All Benefits (3)	1,072,844	1,007,054	2,079,898	1,137,039	1,051,716	2,188,755
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant Guardian's Payment (Contributory, Carer's Benefit and limited Injuries Benefits.	18,850	12,640	31,490	18,016	12,390	30,406
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Guardian's Payment (Contributory).	854	90	944	886	165	1,051
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	41,270	51,376	92,646	39,113	49,427	88,540
E	All benefits except Jobseeker's Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	137	28	165	138	30	168
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service	8,119	384	8,503	8,175	407	8,582
J(4)	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	12,300	14,784	27,084	11,103	12,250	23,353
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution.	25,809	11,493	37,302	25,388	11,044	36,432
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	87,792	63,508	151,300	89,844	64,921	154,765
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Jobseeker's and Illness Benefits.	8	-	8	7	-	7
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), State Pension (Contributory), Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	253,863	67,133	320,996	254,722	67,110	321,832
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate: State Pension (Transition), State Pension (Contributory), Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Death Grant. Low Rate: Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Guardian's Payment (Contributory) and Death Grant.	1,268	558	1,826	1,171	550	1,721
	TOTAL	1,523,114	1,229,048	2,752,162	1,585,602	1,270,010	2,855,612

(1) Revised figures.

(2) Provisional figures.

(3) This includes 176,757 and 178,145 people in 2004 and 2005 respectively in receipt of credited contributions.

(4) Class J includes FÁS and other trainees.

Note: The figures for 2005 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.

Table A16

Number of Insured Persons, 1996/97 to 2005

Year	Insured Population	Index
1996/97	1,925,453	100.0
1997/98	2,037,647	105.8
1998/99	2,200,399	114.3
1999/2000	2,310,525	120.0
2000/2001	2,417,231	125.5
2001 ⁽¹⁾	2,410,265	125.2
2002	2,503,671	130.0
2003 ⁽²⁾	2,662,148	138.3
2004 ⁽³⁾	2,752,162	142.9
2005	2,855,612	148.3

(1) Short Tax Year

(2) Revised

(3) Provisional

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Analysis of Insured Population, 2005

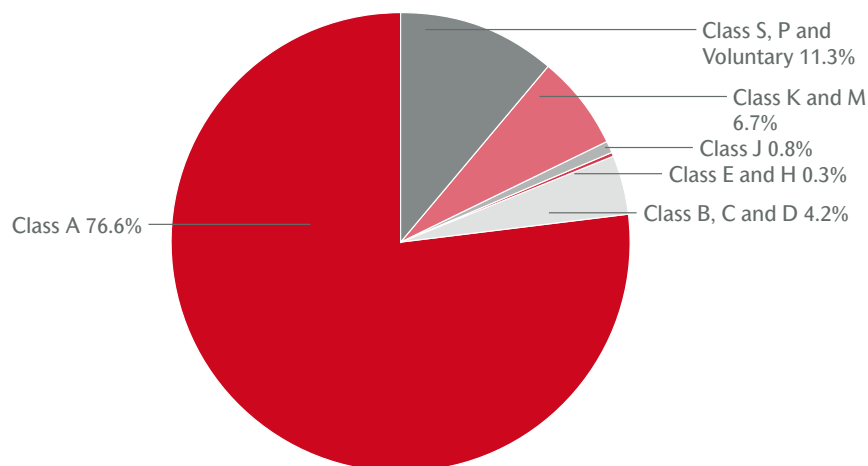


Table A17

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2006

Type of Payment	Personal €	Qualified	
		Adult €	Child €
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
State Pension (Contributory/Transition) ⁽¹⁾	193.30	128.80	19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	171.30	122.20	19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	171.30	-	21.60
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	138.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	194.60	-	-
Disablement Pension	196.90	-	-
Short Term			
Illness/Jobseeker's Benefit	165.80	110.00	16.80
Carer's Benefit	180.70	-	16.80
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	182.00	120.30	16.80
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	165.80	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	165.80	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	165.80	-	19.30
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	138.00	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	180.00	-	16.80
Long Term Jobseeker's Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80
Disability Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80
Farm Assist	165.80	110.00	16.80
Short Term			
Short Term Jobseeker's Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	165.80	110.00	16.80
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	150.00	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	185.00	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of €149.30 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of €193.30 is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €193.30 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €182.00 is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of €200.00 is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2006.

Table A18

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2007

Type of Payment	Personal €	Qualified	
		Adult €	Child €
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
State Pension (Contributory / Transition) ⁽¹⁾	209.30	139.50	22.00
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	191.30	136.50	22.00
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	191.30	-	22.00
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	158.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	213.70	-	-
Disablement Pension	216.90	-	-
Short Term			
Illness / Jobseeker's Benefit	185.80	123.30	22.00
Carer's Benefit	200.70	-	22.00
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
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 ⁽⁴⁾	200.00	-	22.00
Long Term Jobseeker's Allowance	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
Short Term			
Short Term Jobseeker's Allowance	185.80	123.30	22.00
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	185.80	123.30	22.00
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	10.00	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁵⁾ (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 or over 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 A19

Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1997 to 2006

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1997	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1998	104.4	103.9	104.3	104.9	102.3	104.5
1999	108.9	108.6	110.1	111.9	104.1	115.9
2000	114.8	115.8	123.2	129.1	109.9	123.5
2001	126.7	129.8	133.4	137.0	115.3	133.4
2002	138.6	144.8	152.2	158.6	120.5	142.0
2003	145.6	152.1	159.5	166.2	124.8	151.7
2004	157.3	164.3	169.8	175.6	127.5	158.8
2005	173.6	181.3	184.7	189.3	130.6	164.5
2006	193.4	202.1	201.8	204.0	135.9	170.6

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

Table A20

Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1997 to 2006

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1997	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1998	106.4	105.2	104.2	104.3	102.3	104.5
1999	114.1	112.2	110.2	112.0	104.1	115.9
2000	123.1	121.2	119.1	130.0	109.9	123.5
2001	135.9	135.2	136.2	181.1	115.3	133.4
2002	148.7	150.0	153.9	232.9	120.5	142.0
2003	158.8	160.2	163.2	239.7	124.8	151.7
2004	168.9	170.4	172.1	252.2	127.5	158.8
2005	181.0	182.6	183.3	271.0	130.6	164.5
2006	195.2	196.9	195.6	287.6	135.9	170.6

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

Table A21

Index of Rates of Payment for the Long-Term Unemployed, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1997 to 2006

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 children including Child Benefit	Couple with 4 children including Child Benefit	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1997	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1998	104.4	103.9	103.3	103.3	102.3	104.5
1999	108.9	108.6	107.6	107.6	104.1	115.9
2000	114.8	115.8	115.4	115.9	109.9	123.5
2001	126.7	129.8	133.4	137.0	115.3	133.4
2002	138.6	144.8	152.2	158.6	120.5	142.0
2003	145.6	152.1	159.5	166.2	124.8	151.7
2004	157.3	164.3	169.8	175.6	127.5	158.8
2005	173.6	181.3	184.7	189.3	130.6	164.5
2006	193.4	202.1	201.8	204.0	135.9	170.6

*(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.
Note: Based on the rates of Long-Term Jobseeker's Allowance*

SECTION B
OLDER PEOPLE

Section B: Older People

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on payments for older people was over €3,279 million in 2006. This represents an increase of 11.3% on 2005.

The overall number of payments for older people rose by 28,193 in 2006, an increase of 9.1%. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition)) based on social insurance contributions rose by 15,152 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested State Pension (Non-Contributory) increased by 12,950. The number of people in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance rose by 91 in 2006.

Over the last ten years, the number of recipients of State Pension (Contributory) rose by 69,702 and the number of recipients of State Pension (Non-Contributory) fell by 1,431. The number of recipients of State Pension (Transition) increased by 19,293 and the number of recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance has fallen by 2,498 in the same period. See Table B3 and Graph B1 for details.

Graph B1

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Number of Recipients of State Pensions, 1997 to 2006

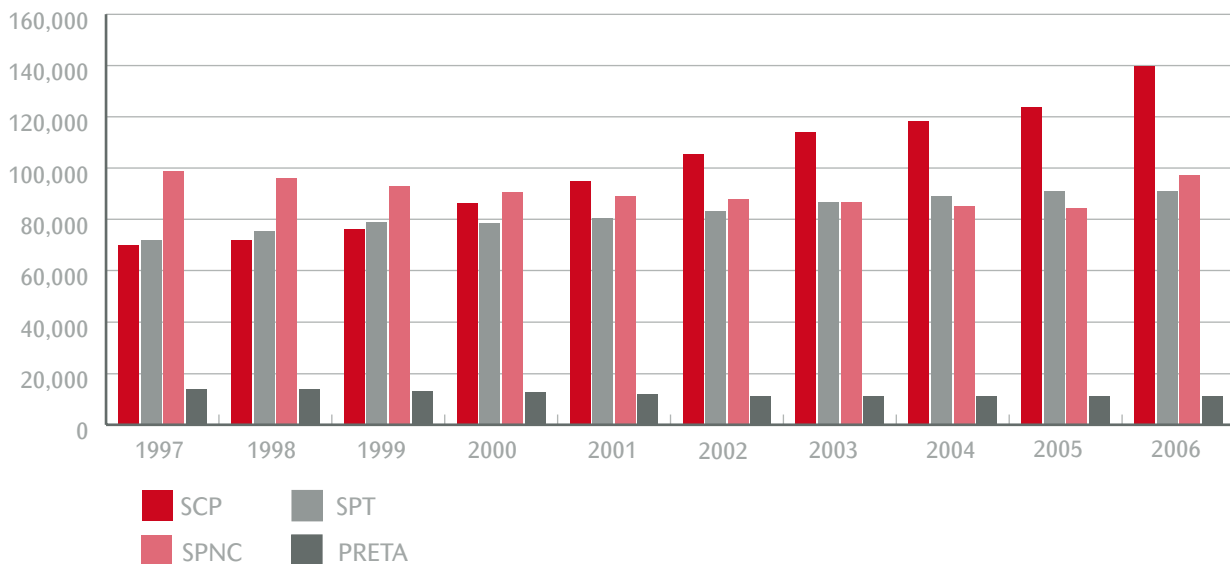


Table B1

Expenditure on Older People by Payment Type, 2005 and 2006

Payment Type	2005	2006 Provisional	Change 2006 over 2005
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	1,152,849	1,293,702	12.2%
State Pension (Transition) ⁽²⁾	1,060,052	1,144,636	8.0%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽³⁾	631,299	727,767	15.3%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	102,879	113,036	9.9%
Total	2,947,079	3,279,141	11.3%

(1) Formerly Old Age (Contributory) Pension

(2) Formerly Retirement Pension

(3) Formerly Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension

Table B2

Expenditure on Older People by Type, 1997 to 2006

Year	State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Transition) ⁽²⁾	State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽³⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1997	412,643	426,854	402,247	72,878	1,314,622
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 ⁽⁴⁾	1,293,702	1,144,636	727,767	113,036	3,279,141

(1) Formerly Old Age (Contributory) Pension

(2) Formerly Retirement Pension

(3) Formerly Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension

(4) Provisional

Table B3

Number of Recipients by Type of State Pension, 1997 to 2006

Year	State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Transition) ⁽²⁾	State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽³⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
1997	70,022	71,793	98,835	13,647	254,297
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

(1) Formerly Old Age (Contributory) Pension

(2) Formerly Retirement Pension

(3) Formerly Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension

Table B4

Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension, and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2006

Dependency Status	State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾	State Pension (Transition) ⁽²⁾	State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽³⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	Total
Personal Rate only	107,025	64,938	95,406	7,647	275,016
With Qualified Adult under 66	8,389	7,481	2,538	3,294	18,408
With Qualified Adult over 66	24,309	18,667	480		62,140
1 full rate Qualified Child	584	361	265	442	1,652
2 full rate Qualified Children	127	62	54	153	396
3 full rate Qualified Children	20	15	21	55	111
4 full rate Qualified Children	12	4	9	17	42
5 full rate Qualified Children	1	1	7	8	17
6+full rate Qualified Children	-	1	-	4	5
1 half rate Qualified Child	412	199	93	125	829
2 half rate Qualified Children	128	55	21	30	234
3 half rate Qualified Children	20	9	3	10	42
4 half rate Qualified Children	7	3	3	2	15
5 half rate Qualified Children	3	-	-	2	5
6+half rate Qualified Children	2	-	-	3	5
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	1,316	710	476	851	3,353
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	1.2%	0.9%	0.5%	7.6%	1.2%
Total Number of Qualified Adults	32,698	26,148	3,018	3,294	65,158
Total Number of Children⁽⁵⁾	1,713	897	633	1,300	

(1) Formerly Old Age (Contributory) Pension

(2) Formerly Retirement Pension

(3) Formerly Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension

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

(5) A Qualified Child increase is payable at half rate where a spouse living with the recipient is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse may receive half the Qualified Child increase where both spouses are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. This can result in some double counting of the actual number of Qualified Children.

Table B5

Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 2006

Age Group	State Pension (Contributory) ⁽¹⁾		State Pension (Transition) ⁽²⁾		State Pension (Non-Contributory) ⁽³⁾		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 70 years	20,220	10,214	16,701	6,022	7,024	9,880	43,945	26,116
70 to 74 years	30,274	15,781	22,015	7,679	7,886	13,580	60,175	37,040
75 to 79 years	20,211	11,570	16,134	6,018	8,577	13,698	44,922	31,286
80 to 84 years	10,823	7,139	7,938	3,292	7,069	12,306	25,830	22,737
85 to 89 years	5,334	4,156	2,915	1,277	3,650	7,821	11,899	13,254
90 to 94 years	1,668	1,662	559	316	1,207	3,510	3,434	5,488
95 years and over	256	416	116	104	239	956	611	1,476
Total	88,786	50,938	66,378	24,708	35,654	61,750	190,818	137,396
OVERALL TOTAL	139,724		91,086		97,404		328,214	

(1) Formerly Old Age (Contributory) Pension

(2) Formerly Retirement Pension

(3) Formerly Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension

Table B6

Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2006

Age	Male	Female	Total
55	302	93	395
56	502	144	646
57	686	196	882
58	809	229	1,038
59	863	257	1,120
60	852	275	1,127
61	951	260	1,211
62	928	289	1,217
63	1,042	280	1,322
64	1,009	262	1,271
65	720	200	920
Total	8,664	2,485	11,149

Table B7

Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Pension Type, 2006

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
State Pension (Contributory)	31,216	31,454	59
State Pension (Transition)	19,690	13,763	61
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	62,691	37,185	242
Total	113,597	82,402	362

Table B8

Number of Recipients of State Pensions by Type of Pension and County, 2006

	State Pension (Contributory)	State Pension (Transition)	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	1,327	1,076	1,178	175
Cavan	1,506	993	2,899	162
Clare	2,411	1,697	3,996	301
Cork	12,843	10,177	10,871	1,219
Donegal	2,760	2,902	6,180	816
Dublin	35,014	30,283	11,231	2,538
Galway	4,720	3,350	7,965	506
Kerry	3,374	2,240	5,425	470
Kildare	3,343	2,476	1,751	231
Kilkenny	1,999	1,470	2,330	239
Laois	1,463	959	1,719	149
Leitrim	758	664	1,461	64
Limerick	4,865	3,693	4,416	529
Longford	930	566	1,498	97
Louth	3,134	2,889	2,075	359
Mayo	2,706	2,433	6,001	454
Meath	3,309	2,199	2,426	312
Monaghan	1,294	959	2,286	158
Offaly	1,705	1,218	1,745	140
Roscommon	1,534	973	2,719	106
Sligo	1,563	1,275	2,206	161
Tipperary	4,503	2,760	5,049	493
Waterford	2,798	2,719	2,393	442
Westmeath	2,107	1,439	1,977	128
Wexford	3,529	2,672	3,652	645
Wicklow	3,268	2,613	1,890	255
Others	30,961	4,391	63	0
Total	139,724	91,086	97,404	11,149

SECTION C
WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES

Section C: Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families increased by 8% overall in 2006.

The payment in this programme group with both the largest expenditure and number of recipients is Widow's and Widower's (Contributory) Pension. At the end of 2006 there were 110,146 recipients (96,573 widows and 13,393 widowers). Expenditure in 2006 was over €2,141 million which represented an increase of 8% over 2005.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance fell by 420 and 616 respectively during 2006.

Expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment increased by 11.1%, while the number of recipients rose by 2,715.

Graph C1

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2006

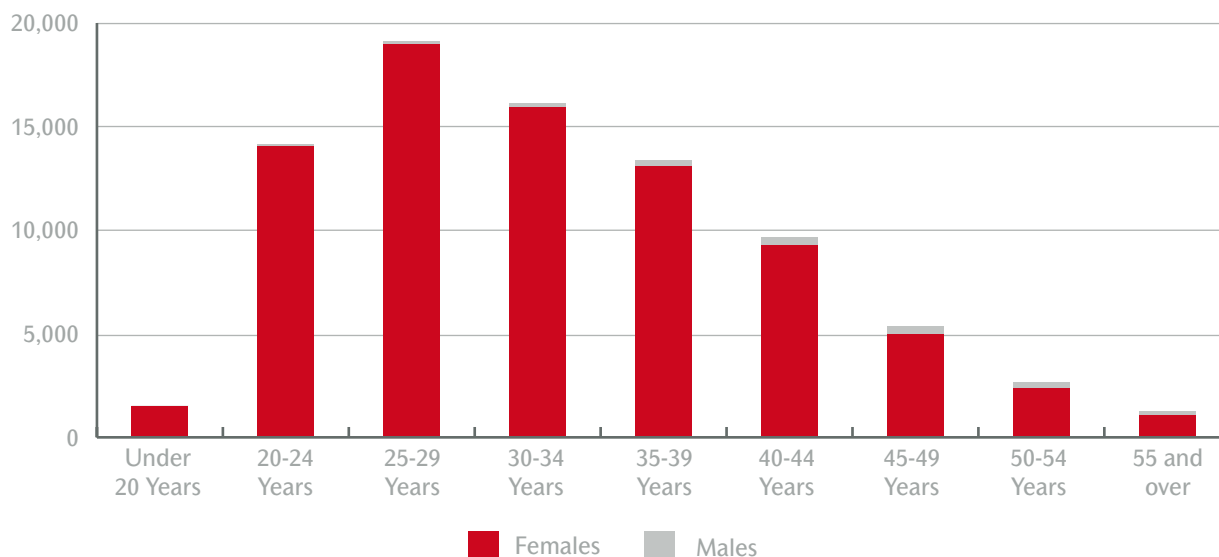


Table C1

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families by Payment Type 2005 and 2006

Payment Type	2005	2006	Change 2006 over 2005
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	998,524	1,094,969	9.7%
Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	90,620	94,637	4.4%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	3,304	2,942	-11.0%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	126,944	103,684	-18.3%
Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	11,468	10,545	-8.0%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	14	13	-7.1%
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	751,102	834,214	11.1%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	269	282	4.8%
TOTAL	1,982,245	2,141,286	8.0%

(1) Lone Parent's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Prisoners Wife's Allowance were discontinued for new claimants from the end of December 1996. A new unified payment, One-Parent Family Payment, was introduced in January 1997 for all parents who are bringing up children on their own.

Table C2

Expenditure on Widow/er's Pensions, 1997 to 2006

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1997	478,894	79,418	558,313
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 ⁽²⁾	1,094,969	103,684	1,198,653

(1) Payment was extended in October 1997 to include widowed men.

(2) Provisional.

Table C3

Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoners Wife's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1997 to 2006

	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoners Wife's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1997	94,336	8,848	23	338,530	441,737
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 ⁽¹⁾	94,637	10,545	13	834,214	939,409

(1) Provisional

Table C4

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions 1997 to 2006

	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Total
1997	97,340	18,786	116,126
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

(1) Payment was extended, in October 1997 to include both widowed men and women.

Table C5

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension and Deserted Wife's Benefit by Number of Qualified Children, 2006

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	102,195	7,206	109,401
With 1 child	4,460	1,623	6,083
With 2 children	2,255	671	2,926
With 3 children	882	189	1,071
With 4 children	270	51	321
With 5 children	66	12	78
With 6 or more children	18	9	27
Total Recipients	110,146	9,761	119,907
Total Recipients with children	7,951	2,555	10,506
% of Recipients with children	7.2%	26.2%	8.7%
Total Number of children	13,144	3,854	16,998

Table C6

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 2006

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pensions			Overall Total
	Widows	Widowers	Total	Widows	Widowers	Total	
Under 25 years	2	1	3	-	-	-	3
25 to 29 years	30	9	39	-	-	-	39
30 to 34 years	177	48	225	3	-	3	228
35 to 39 years	536	137	673	7	2	9	682
40 to 44 years	1,166	434	1,600	31	5	36	1,636
45 to 49 years	2,281	775	3,056	84	21	104	3,161
50 to 54 years	3,796	1,338	5,134	182	30	212	5,346
55 to 59 years	6,160	2,176	8,336	456	54	510	8,846
60 to 64 years	9,460	2,733	12,193	886	89	975	13,168
65 to 69 years	12,076	2,030	14,106	294	17	311	14,417
70 to 74 years	15,248	1,458	16,707	3	-	3	16,710
75 to 79 years	16,548	1,082	17,630	3	-	3	17,633
80 years and over	29,272	1,171	30,444	2	-	2	30,446
TOTAL	96,753	13,393	110,146	1,951	217	2,168	112,314

Table C7

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1997 to 2006

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
1997	14,387	1,960	5	58,960	75,312
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

(1) Lone Parent's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Prisoners Wife's Allowance were discontinued for new claimants from the end of December 1996. A new unified payment, One-Parent Family Payment, was introduced in January 1997 for all parents who are bringing up children on their own.

Table C8

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, by Age, 2006 (Estimated)

Age	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	-	-	-
25 to 29 years	-	-	-
30 to 34 years	4	-	-
35 to 39 years	151	-	-
40 to 44 years	867	15	-
45 to 49 years	1,799	49	-
50 to 54 years	2,210	117	-
55 to 59 years	2,169	224	1
60 to 64 years	1,386	291	1
65 years and over	1,175	70	-
TOTAL	9,760	766	2

Table C9

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Children, 2006

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total
With 1 child	48,062	421	48,483
With 2 children	21,934	221	22,155
With 3 children	8,189	116	8,302
With 4 children	2,796	59	2,855
With 5 children	860	20	880
With 6 or more children	387	19	406
Total Recipients	82,228	853	83,081

Table C10

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2006 (Estimated)

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 20 years	1	1,514	-	-	1	1,514
20 to 24 years	54	14,064	-	7	54	14,071
25 to 29 years	134	18,977	1	19	135	18,996
30 to 34 years	156	15,904	6	56	162	15,960
35 to 39 years	262	12,981	13	107	275	13,088
40 to 44 years	389	9,131	21	124	410	9,255
45 to 49 years	317	4,882	23	115	340	4,997
50 to 54 years	209	2,253	41	135	250	2,388
55 to 59 years	111	748	22	95	133	843
60 to 64 years	25	106	13	47	38	153
65 years and over	3	7	3	5	6	12
Total	1,661	80,567	143	710	1,804	81,277
Overall Total	82,228		853		83,081	

Table C11

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance in Receipt of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance, and Island Allowance, 2006

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Widow/er's (Con) Pension	45,243	30,444	59
Deserted Wife's Benefit	475	76	0
Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension	13	2	1
Deserted Wife's Allowance	0	0	0
Total	45,731	30,522	60

Table C12

Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 2006 (Estimated)

	Widow/er's (Con) Pension	Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension	One-Parent Family Payment	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Carlow	1,270	34	1,247	114	14	-
Cavan	1,442	46	832	73	7	-
Clare	2,406	79	1,663	169	24	-
Cork	12,272	172	8,277	925	73	-
Donegal	3,238	204	3,408	196	35	-
Dublin	29,261	307	28,922	4,072	246	1
Galway	4,648	185	2,909	285	45	-
Kerry	3,329	120	2,328	222	31	-
Kildare	3,663	53	3,242	374	20	-
Kilkenny	1,905	39	1,165	148	16	-
Laois	1,475	32	915	82	1	-
Leitrim	918	18	334	38	6	-
Limerick	4,780	96	3,823	412	25	-
Longford	951	30	748	82	4	-
Louth	2,847	49	3,075	403	18	-
Mayo	3,308	135	1,746	144	25	1
Meath	3,013	66	1,994	300	33	-
Monaghan	1,258	60	831	89	15	-
Offaly	1,741	29	1,164	103	3	-
Roscommon	1,365	55	582	59	7	-
Sligo	1,631	49	914	139	5	-
Tipperary	4,140	91	2,825	250	19	-
Waterford	2,948	52	2,658	266	19	-
Westmeath	2,117	43	1,496	171	14	-
Wexford	3,242	90	3,324	286	31	-
Wicklow	2,873	46	2,659	359	30	-
Others	8,105	-	-	-	-	-
Total	110,146	2,180	83,081	9,761	766	2

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 are 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 10.1% in 2006. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 76% of recipient families in 2006 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1997 was 70%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 15,340 to 562,860. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 23,240 to 1,083,980.

Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by over €156 million in 2006, an increase of 8.2% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by nearly €48 million, an increase of 36.6%.

Graph D1

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1996 to 2005

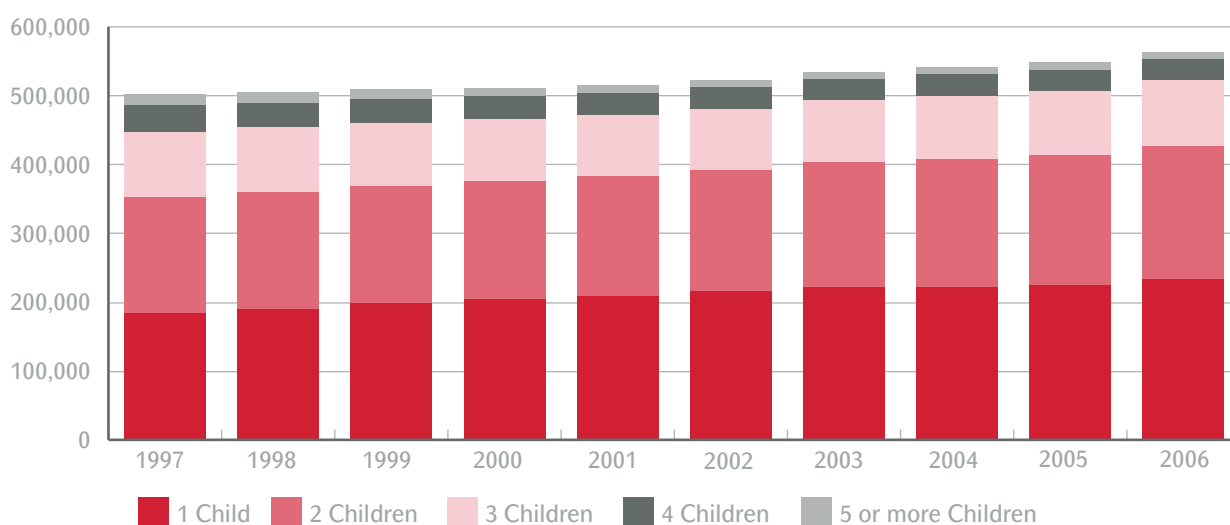


Table D1

Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2005 and 2006

Payment Type	2005	2006	Change 2006 over 2005
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Maternity Benefit ⁽¹⁾	132,412	180,825	36.6%
Adoptive Benefit ⁽¹⁾	709	818	15.4%
Health and Safety Benefit ⁽¹⁾	293	352	20.1%
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	7,516	8,799	17.1%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4,096	4,832	18.0%
OTHER			
Child Benefit	1,899,936	2,056,288	8.2%
TOTAL	2,044,962	2,251,914	10.1%

(1) The duration of Maternity, Adoptive and Health and Safety Benefits were extended from 18 to 22 weeks on 1 March 2006

Table D2

Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1997 to 2006

Year	Expenditure €000
1997	505,787
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 ⁽¹⁾	2,056,288

(1) Provisional

Table D3

Expenditure on Guardian's Payment (Contributory) Allowance and Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) Pension, 1997 to 2006

	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
	€000	€000
1997	2,630	1,087
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 ⁽¹⁾	8,799	4,832

(1) Provisional

Table D4

Expenditure on Maternity, Adoptive and Health & Safety Benefits, 1997 to 2006

	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
	€000	€000	€000
1997	43,245	103	157
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 ⁽¹⁾	180,825	818	352

(1) Provisional.

The duration of Maternity, Adoptive and Health and Safety Benefits were extended from 18 to 22 weeks on 1 March 2006

Table D5

Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment , 2005 and 2006

Payment	2005	2006	% Change 2006 over 2005
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	781	800	2.4%
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	444	441	-0.7%
Total	1,225	1,241	1.3%

Table D6

Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2005 and 2006

Payment	2005	2006	% Change 2005 over 2004
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	10,791	14,898	38.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	26	37	42.3%
Adoptive Benefit	32	59	84.4%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	32,843	36,975	12.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	158	182	15.2%
Adoptive Benefit	197	197	0.0%

Table D7

Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1997 to 2006

	Families	Children
1997	502,318	1,053,401
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

Table D8

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1997 to 2006

Number of Eligible Children in Family	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1	183,271	190,083	197,457	203,342	208,712	214,916	221,515	221,837	224,686	232,974
2	168,421	169,509	170,777	171,646	173,525	176,284	181,018	185,282	188,536	194,250
3	95,450	93,671	92,172	90,667	89,564	89,397	90,512	92,379	93,516	94,960
4	37,836	35,932	33,979	32,431	31,225	30,552	29,996	30,542	30,258	30,329
5	11,652	10,592	9,651	8,795	8,257	7,884	7,732	7,619	7,417	7,266
6	3,746	3,304	2,965	2,628	2,450	2,275	2,161	2,175	2,130	2,094
7	1,201	1,071	980	869	742	712	669	679	630	649
8	433	401	324	294	287	267	264	258	242	230
9	179	145	107	89	94	95	88	91	79	61
10	83	57	56	48	39	36	34	28	34	38
11	20	22	22	20	16	15	15	16	6	5
12	17	16	11	7	6	7	4	4	4	3
13	5	6	2	3	1	-	-	-	2	1
14	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	502,318	504,811	508,504	510,840	514,919	522,441	534,009	540,911	547,540	562,860
Total number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340	1,019,551	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980

Table D9

Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 1996 to 2005

Age (in years)	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	46,470	46,962	46,390	46,094	45,691	32,832 ⁽²⁾	41,383	53,401	51,033	58,551
1 under 2	50,341	52,805	54,123	54,032	54,931	59,235	59,980	60,096	61,337	62,207
2 under 3	49,741	51,086	53,690	55,066	55,214	57,341	58,764	60,421	61,457	63,085
3 under 4	49,187	50,430	51,871	54,521	56,131	57,749	56,753	58,989	61,451	62,906
4 under 5	50,877	49,779	51,028	52,435	55,473	58,520	57,013	56,915	59,922	62,211
5 under 6	52,823	51,379	50,386	51,569	53,276	57,870	57,741	57,197	57,850	60,795
6 under 7	54,456	53,288	51,851	50,827	52,279	55,888	56,967	57,857	58,234	58,862
7 under 8	55,567	54,800	53,723	52,261	51,447	54,231	54,979	57,094	58,760	59,007
8 under 9	54,098	55,940	55,213	54,195	52,815	53,711	53,345	55,116	57,816	59,517
9 under 10	56,405	54,357	56,299	55,573	54,738	54,536	52,771	53,488	55,852	58,470
10 under 11	58,896	56,645	54,662	56,584	56,074	56,618	53,548	52,977	54,218	56,036
11 under 12	60,861	59,085	56,952	54,937	57,015	58,024	55,471	53,698	53,693	54,984
12 under 13	61,389	60,993	59,352	57,220	55,383	59,011	56,871	55,401	54,317	53,960
13 under 14	62,702	61,457	61,203	59,529	57,522	57,578	57,811	56,940	56,069	55,109
14 under 15	65,698	62,741	61,640	61,396	59,815	59,281	56,343	57,891	57,566	56,804
15 under 16	66,839	64,637	61,771	60,940	60,652	61,772	57,887	56,398	58,514	58,136
16 under 17	59,091	56,615	54,216	50,772	49,485	50,534	53,084	53,582	50,958	54,920
17 under 18	58,836	56,915	55,592	52,398	50,488	48,016	52,184	52,145	50,563	49,703
18 under 19	39,124	39,832	38,915	37,826	35,911	26,804 ⁽³⁾	41,956	41,399	41,130	38,717
Total	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340	959,915	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740	1,083,980

(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, 200

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)	584	412	127	128	20	20	12	7	1	3	-	-	940	773	744	572
State Pension (Transition)	361	199	62	55	15	9	4	3	1	-	1	-	552	345	444	266
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	265	93	54	21	21	3	9	3	7	-	-	-	507	156	356	120
Pre-Retirement Allowance	442	125	153	30	55	10	17	2	8	2	4	3	1,048	252	679	172
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	4,457	-	2,253	-	882	-	270	-	70	-	18	-	13,137	-	7,950	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	1,623	-	671	-	189	-	51	-	11	-	9	-	3,854	-	2,554	-
One-Parent Family Payment	48,483	-	22,155	-	8,302	-	2,855	-	880	-	406	-	142,582	-	83,081	-
Health and Safety Benefit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illness Benefit	2,160	3,968	1,453	4,104	688	1,889	272	564	83	116	49	30	8,943	20,868	4,705	10,671
Invalidity Pension	1,833	3,580	801	2,335	330	898	113	253	39	60	26	23	5,245	13,666	3,142	7,149
Injury Benefit	25	25	36	22	17	13	6	3	1	2	-	-	177	136	85	66
Interim Illness Benefit	13	7	8	6	10	2	3	3	-	-	-	-	71	37	34	18
Disablement Pension	52	84	58	146	54	99	32	44	10	15	6	-	212	388	212	388
Death Benefit Pension	43	-	30	-	12	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	151	-	88	-
Disability Allowance	2,769	1,387	1,659	934	890	513	442	237	210	101	378	95	12,702	6,885	6,348	3,267
Carer's Benefit	19	272	10	322	10	218	-	56	-	5	-	2	69	1,837	39	875
Blind Pension	48	21	33	19	24	21	6	8	1	1	-	-	215	159	112	70
Carer's Allowance	779	2,955	567	3,012	344	2,022	158	902	61	320	37	198	4,070	21,372	1,946	9,409
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,492	975	1,167	868	632	370	227	120	69	41	34	9	7,189	4,561	3,621	2,383
Jobseeker's Allowance	3,707	1,223	3,707	1,083	2,437	652	1,346	282	587	101	446	69	29,734	7,457	12,230	3,410
Smallholders/ Farm Assit	655	219	530	198	395	149	254	79	85	32	56	19	4,716	1,657	1,975	696
Back to Work Allowance/ Enterprise Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,201	1,070	n/a	n/a
Back to Education Allowance	210	105	221	139	146	69	55	31	16	8	14	2	1,478	766	662	354
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	3,237	-	2,191	-	1,183	-	553	-	227	-	159	-	15,553	-	7,550	-
TOTAL	73,257	15,650	37,946	13,422	16,656	6,957	6,688	2,597	2,367	807	1,643	453	258,790	82,456	138,557	39,886

Table D11

Number of Recipients of Guardian's Payment, Child Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Health & Safety Benefit by County, 2006

	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Child Benefit Recipients	Child Benefit Children	Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	4	3	7,822	14,704	190	1
Cavan	3	4	8,517	17,553	227	-
Clare	17	10	14,722	29,304	371	-
Cork	54	17	63,408	122,447	1,763	5
Donegal	21	10	19,838	40,078	388	-
Dublin	380	218	149,369	276,199	4,050	9
Galway	24	20	28,917	57,872	812	4
Kerry	22	11	17,559	34,202	431	2
Kildare	19	12	27,749	53,070	819	2
Kilkenny	14	9	10,826	21,428	270	-
Laois	6	5	8,629	17,171	259	-
Leitrim	6	4	3,678	7,452	95	-
Limerick	19	17	24,418	46,410	610	3
Longford	3	3	4,755	9,684	99	1
Louth	14	10	16,783	31,762	435	1
Mayo	21	6	15,555	32,022	360	0
Meath	21	12	23,249	45,061	737	1
Monaghan	5	1	7,394	14,847	184	-
Offaly	22	7	9,496	18,872	233	-
Roscommon	6	8	6,918	13,902	172	1
Sligo	10	5	7,688	15,217	187	0
Tipperary	22	13	20,468	39,968	481	4
Waterford	28	10	15,259	28,860	387	1
Westmeath	11	7	11,564	22,966	292	-
Wexford	27	12	19,141	36,808	467	-
Wicklow	17	9	18,589	34,924	502	0
Others	8	-	550	1,200	79	2
Total	800	441	562,860	1,083,980	14,898	37

SECTION E
ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

Section E: Illness, Disability and Caring

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 16.2% and 9.9% respectively. Disability Allowance was introduced in October 1996 and replaced Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance (DPMA) which was administered by the Health Boards. Expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 17.1% to over €738 million. There are now 83,697 recipients of the scheme.

Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990. Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by over €61 million in 2006, an increase of 27.6%. There are now 27,474 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 2,504 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1997 to 2006.

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 780 to 1,647 year on year.

Graph E1

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1997 to 2006

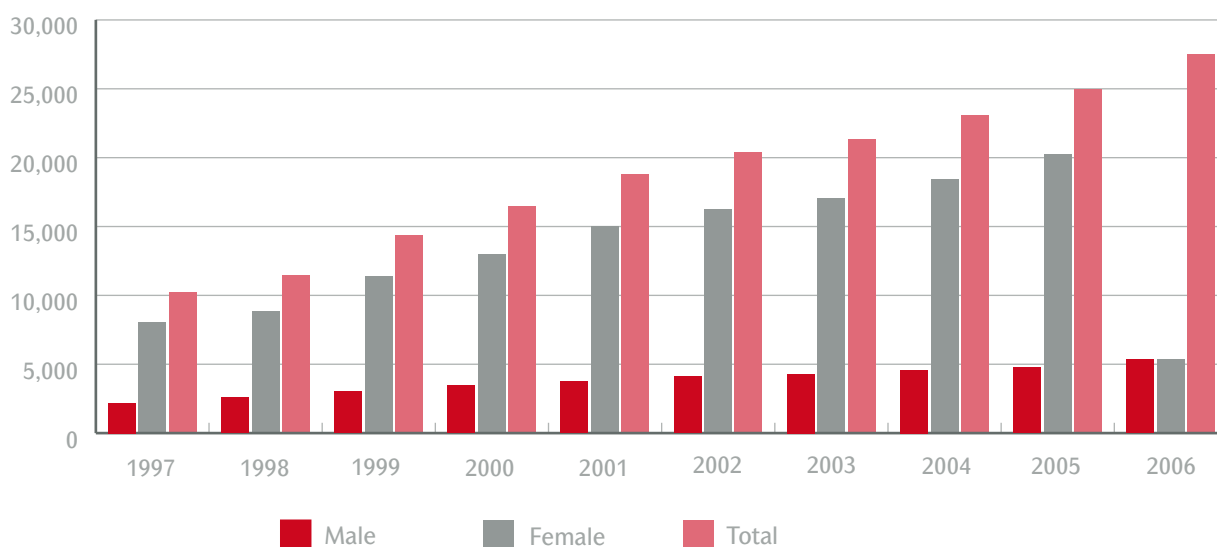


Table E1

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	2005	2006 Provisional	Change 2006 over 2005
	€000	€000	€000
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Illness Benefit	540,245	627,724	16.2%
Invalidity Pension	548,285	602,421	9.9%
Carer's Benefit	9,588	16,681	74.0%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Disability Allowance	630,728	738,426	17.1%
Blind Pension	16,661	16,963	1.8%
Carer's Allowance	223,059	284,574	27.6%
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS			
Injury Benefit	14,231	16,127	13.3%
Disablement Pension	67,026	72,530	8.2%
Death Benefit	6,523	7,047	8.0%
Medical Care	298	292	-2.0%
TOTAL	2,056,644	2,382,785	15.9%

Table E2

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type 1997 to 2006

	Illness Benefit	Occupational Injuries	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Blind Pension	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1997	228,439	60,777	253,023	-	11,134	192,822	46,363	792,559
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	2,056,623
2006 ⁽²⁾	627,724	95,996	602,421	16,681	16,963	738,426	284,574	2,382,785

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

(2) Provisional

Table E3

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	2005	2006	Change 2006 over 2005
Illness Benefit	61,845	65,774	6.4%
Invalidity Pension	58,352	51,954	-11.0%
Interim Illness Benefit	355	338	-4.8%
Carer's Benefit	867	1,647	90.0%
Disability Allowance	79,253	83,697	5.6%
Carer's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	24,970	27,474	10.0%
Blind Pension	1,985	1,476	-25.6%
Injury Benefit	908	924	1.8%
Death Benefit Pension	647	646	-0.2%
Disablement Pension ^{(2) (3) (4)}	12,475	12,646	1.4%
TOTAL	241,657	246,576	2.0%

- (1) There were 11 persons in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2006. Prescribed Relatives Allowance was replaced by Carer's Allowance in 1990.
- (2) Disablement Pension is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It differs fundamentally from other Social Welfare income support payments in that it is a compensatory payment, rather than an income maintenance payment. Accordingly Disablement Pension can be paid in addition to other Social Welfare payments such as Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.
- (3) Incapacity Supplement is paid as an increase to Disablement Benefit where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment. 925 persons were in receipt of an Incapacity Supplement payment at the end of 2006.
- (4) Constant Attendance Allowance is paid as an increase to Disablement Pension where the degree of disablement is assessed at between 50% and 100% and the person has been certified as being in need of constant care and attention. 79 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2006.

Table E4

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Disablement Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Death Benefit Pension & Blind Pension, 1997 to 2006

	Invalidity Pension	Illness Benefit	Disablement Pension ⁽¹⁾	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Death Benefit Pension	Blind Pension
1997	43,633	43,500 ⁽²⁾	9,748	43,192	10,196	558	2,404
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

- (1) 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.
- (2) Estimated

Table E5

Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Payment Type, December 2006

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Invalidity Pension	-	8,403
Death Benefit Pension	85	208
Blind Pension	-	269
Total	85	8,880

Table E6

Number of Recipients of Illness Benefit by Age and Sex, December 2006

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	941	1,074	2,015
25 to 29 Years	1,356	2,583	3,939
30 to 34 years	1,638	5,139	6,777
35 to 39 years	1,995	6,511	8,506
40 to 44 years	2,433	5,952	8,385
45 to 49 years	2,779	5,725	8,504
50 to 54 years	3,538	5,873	9,411
55 to 59 years	4,154	5,493	9,647
60 to 64 years	4,339	3,510	7,849
65 years and over	407	334	741
Total	23,580	42,194	65,774

Table E7

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, December 2006

Sex and Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	4	1	5
25 to 29 years	47	42	89
30 to 34 years	172	250	422
35 to 39 years	407	899	1,306
40 to 44 years	1,003	2,022	3,025
45 to 49 years	2,097	3,362	5,459
50 to 54 years	3,827	4,414	8,241
55 to 59 years	6,529	5,951	12,480
60+ years	11,868	9,059	20,927
TOTAL	25,954	26,000	51,954

Table E8

Number of Recipients of Carer's Benefit and Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, December 2006

Age	Carer's Benefit			Carer's Allowance		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	0	13	13	53	262	315
25 to 29 years	5	45	50	110	634	743
30 to 34 years	13	148	161	199	1277	1,475
35 to 39 years	31	286	316	372	2336	2,708
40 to 44 years	40	255	295	622	2,952	3,574
45 to 49 years	29	254	282	881	2,961	3,842
50 to 54 years	43	209	252	884	2,795	3,679
55 to 59 years	19	126	146	827	2,886	3,714
60 to 64 years	24	95	119	684	2,590	3,274
65 to 69 years	5	7	12	399	1,826	2,225
70 to 74 years			-	189	1,038	1,228
75 to 79 years			-	64	420	484
80 years and over			-	68	145	213
Total	209	1,438	1,647	5,351	22,123	27,474

Table E9

Number of Recipients of Blind Pension by Age and Sex, December 2006

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	30	39	68
25 to 29 years	51	45	95
30 to 34 years	57	64	121
35 to 39 years	91	78	170
40 to 44 years	106	72	179
45 to 49 years	94	82	177
50 to 54 years	103	100	203
55 to 59 years	106	102	208
60 to 64 years	107	101	208
65 to 69 years	23	24	47
Total	768	708	1,476

Table E10

Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, December 2006

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	6,139	4,436	10,575
25 to 29 years	4,617	3,177	7,795
30 to 39 years	10,004	6,375	16,379
40 to 49 years	10,690	6,999	17,689
50 to 59 years	11,805	8,241	20,046
60 years and over	6,630	4,583	11,214
Total	49,886	33,811	83,697

Table E11

Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension, Disablement Pension and Incapacity Supplement by Age and Sex, December 2006

Age	Death Benefit Pension			Disablement Pension			Incapacity Supplement ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	-	-	87	13	100	10	0	10
25 to 29 years	-	-	-	203	61	264	18	7	25
30 to 34 years	-	3	3	392	157	549	29	13	42
35 to 39 years	-	13	13	628	261	890	62	39	101
40 to 44 years	-	22	22	892	277	1,170	71	33	104
45 to 49 years	-	33	33	1,105	327	1,432	91	45	136
50 to 54 years	-	62	62	1,305	319	1,623	99	39	138
55 to 59 years	1	76	77	1,357	313	1,670	105	36	141
60 to 64 years	-	82	82	1,180	237	1,418	77	40	117
65 to 69 years	1	92	93	1,89	296	2,185	42	16	58
70 to 74 years	1	94	95	582	92	675	21	5	26
75 to 79 years	1	77	78	319	38	357	10	7	17
80 years and over	1	88	89	257	57	314	7	3	10
Total	5	641	646	10,197	2,449	12,646	642	283	925

(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, December 2006

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Illness Benefit		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	69	34	103	33	10	43
25 to 29 years	82	29	111	28	16	44
30 to 34 years	85	36	121	37	17	54
35 to 39 years	94	26	120	24	14	38
40 to 44 years	92	41	133	25	11	36
45 to 49 years	85	35	120	20	15	35
50 to 54 years	59	30	89	24	16	40
55 to 59 years	38	28	66	20	13	33
60 to 64 years	41	17	58	11	2	13
65 years and over	3	-	3	1	1	2
Total	648	276	924	223	115	338

Table E13

Number of Recipients of Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement, and by sex, December 2006⁽¹⁾

Type of Payment	Number of Recipients		
	Male	Female	Total
Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement: ⁽²⁾			
Under 20%	1,463	447	1,910
20%	2,255	746	3,001
30%	2,813	669	3,482
40%	1,624	324	1,948
50%	798	112	910
60%	508	63	571
70%	246	29	275
80%	192	30	222
90%	61	6	67
100%	237	23	260
Total	10,197	2,449	12,646

(1) Includes 925 Incapacity Supplement payments and 79 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 normally be a lump sum and from 20% onwards, a pension is payable. 1,361 gratuities were paid in 2006.

Table E14

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependents, December 2006 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	46,485	32,735	714	723	278	646	71,104	1,240	19,485	173,410 ⁽¹⁾
With Qualified Adult only	3,913	8,928	-	50	8	-	2,978	83	-	15,960 ⁽¹⁾
With 1 full rate child allowance	2,160	1,833	19	25	13	43	2,769	40	550	7,473
With 2 full rate child allowances	1,453	801	10	36	8	30	1,659	28	399	4,447
With 3 full rate child allowances	688	330	10	17	10	12	890	20	239	2,250
With 4 full rate child allowances	272	113	-	6	3	3	442	5	110	958
With 5 full rate child allowances	83	39	-	1	-	-	210	1	43	381
With 6+ full rate child allowances	49	26	-	-	-	-	378	-	26	485
With 1 half rate child allowance	3,968	3,580	277	25	7	-	1,387	18	2,091	11,632
With 2 half rate child allowances	4,104	2,335	328	22	6	-	934	16	2,116	10,520
With 3 half rate child allowances	1,889	898	222	13	2	-	513	18	1,421	5,645
With 4 half rate child allowances	564	253	57	3	3	-	237	7	628	1,985
With 5 half rate child allowances	116	60	5	2	-	-	101	1	227	542
With 6+ half rate child allowances	30	23	3	1	-	-	95	-	140	316
Total number of recipients	65,774	51,954	1,647	924	338	734	83,697	1,476	27,474	234,018
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	15,376	10,291	933	151	52	88	9,615	153	7,989	44,648
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child allowances	23.4%	19.8%	56.7%	16.3%	15.4%	12.0%	11.5%	10.4%	29.1%	19.1%
Total number of Qualified Adults	8,618	8,928	-	135	42	-	6,472	83	-	24,278
Total number of children ⁽¹⁾	29,827	18,911	1,906	313	108	151	19,587	374	25,442	96,619

⁽¹⁾ The total number of recipients in receipt of a personal rate only and with a qualified adult only does not include such recipients in relation to Invalidity Pension or Disability Allowance.

⁽²⁾ An increase in respect of a Qualified Child is payable at half rate where a spouse/partner living with the recipient is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/partner may receive half the Qualified Child allowance 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 E15

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and County, December 2006 (Estimated)

	Illness Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Disablement Pension	Incapacity Supplement ⁽¹⁾	Injury Benefit	Interim Illness Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance
Carlow	1,236	886	27	210	11	23	7	11	1,136	21	418
Cavan	987	594	21	183	15	9	4	11	1,042	16	557
Clare	1,348	1,033	39	275	28	18	10	9	2,078	18	737
Cork	8,283	7,076	205	1,827	123	135	48	95	10,342	117	2,950
Donegal	2,958	1,523	56	370	38	24	6	20	3,861	83	1,949
Dublin	16,666	15,226	287	2,953	187	193	82	148	20,939	403	4,179
Galway	2,546	1,618	158	567	65	40	23	17	5,032	84	1,911
Kerry	1,788	1,295	80	370	23	26	11	21	3,517	56	1,383
Kildare	2,981	1,840	47	461	37	35	16	26	2,528	26	737
Kilkenny	957	909	38	255	14	9	7	16	1,554	44	572
Laois	850	637	21	163	15	27	7	5	1,191	26	398
Leitrim	600	388	14	101	8	9	-	8	638	16	291
Limerick	3,587	2,940	53	794	53	42	16	31	4,405	67	1,482
Longford	550	547	18	136	9	11	5	6	851	14	429
Louth	2,655	2,070	33	501	33	35	11	24	2,192	48	652
Mayo	1,872	1,235	90	348	33	26	5	11	3,143	67	1,580
Meath	2,664	1,381	52	508	31	50	12	19	1,778	40	696
Monaghan	938	560	16	162	14	10	4	10	1,076	20	462
Offaly	1,287	905	28	222	20	15	5	12	1,348	29	552
Roscommon	898	565	49	200	10	7	6	18	1,143	13	535
Sligo	985	693	44	185	20	18	5	5	1,487	54	516
Tipperary	2,141	1,749	71	554	49	37	7	45	3,762	55	1,489
Waterford	1,692	1,469	56	386	22	35	14	13	2,131	35	663
Westmeath	1,298	1,022	34	209	26	11	7	16	1,567	31	592
Wexford	2,027	1,723	71	357	21	50	13	21	2,866	57	1,091
Wicklow	1,707	1,315	39	312	16	28	7	15	2,071	39	653
Others	273	753	1	36	2	1	-	15	17	1	
Total	65,774	51,954	1,647	12,646	925	924	338	646	83,697	1,476	27,474

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

Table E16

Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1997 to 2006

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined	Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination
1997	6,588	5,379	1,209
1998	6,386	5,032	1,354
1999	6,604	5,080	1,524
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	811
2004	2,450	1,744	613
2005	2,247	1,541	610
2006	2,343	1,621	641

Table E17

Number of Illness Benefit Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1997 to 2006

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
1997	55,089	30,684	7,137	566	16,702
1998	63,927	35,458	7,574	415	20,480
1999	59,224	33,254	7,410	386	18,174
2000	45,037	25,323	7,036	226	12,452
2001	41,710	22,827	6,271	190	12,422
2002	42,017	23,485	5,887	200	12,445
2003	38,670	19,958	6,406	240	12,066
2004	35,505	18,420	5,798	194	11,093
2005	33,296	17,435	4,845	172	11,016
2006	30,110	16,271	4,361	141	9,337

Table E18

Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1997 to 2006

Year	Number of Examinations Scheduled ⁽¹⁾	Number of Persons Examined and found to be		Number of Persons who did not attend for Examination
		Qualified for Disability Allowance	Not qualified for Disability Allowance	
1997	6,423	3,001	1,806	1,616
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	2,641
2003	8,450	2,985	2,689	2,279
2004	9,025	3,553	2,524	2,948
2005	8,371	3,223	2,567	2,581
2006	10,832	3,838	3,421	2,859

(1) This figure includes Disability Allowance Appeal and Disability Allowance Review examinations.

(2) 1997 data includes data relating to applications received from October 1996.

SECTION F
JOBSEEKER'S SUPPORTS

Section F: Jobseeker's Supports

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

Live Register and Jobseeker's Payments

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

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

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

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

The jobseeker's recipients figure shown in Section A and tables F3 and F4 is not directly comparable with the Live Register figure, as this figure only includes those who were in receipt of a payment at the end of December.

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Time Series and Changes to Existing Payments

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

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

Trends

Overall expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports increased by 12.7% over 2006.

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance rose by over €36 million and €101 million compared with 2005, increases of 8.8% and 15.2% respectively.

The Live Register decreased by 444 during 2006, a decrease of 0.3%. Table F14 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County from 1997 to 2006 and the percentage decrease in each county.

Table F1

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports by Payment Type, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	2005	2006 Provisional	Change 2006 over 2005
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Jobseeker's Benefit	418,085	454,742	8.8%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Jobseeker's Allowance	667,483	768,717	15.2%
TOTAL ⁽¹⁾	1,085,568	1,223,459	12.7%

(1) Data on expenditure on Jobseeker's Allowance includes expenditure on Smallholders Jobseeker's Allowance. Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Jobseeker's Allowance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Jobseeker's Allowance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 & 2000.

Data on Farm Assist expenditure is included in Section G. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this section.

Table F2

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Supports by Payment Type, 1997 to 2006

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit	Pay-Related Benefit with Jobseeker's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Jobseeker's Allowance ⁽²⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000
1997	273,297	1	899,796	1,173,095
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 ⁽³⁾	454,742	-	768,717	1,223,459

(1) Pay-Related Benefit with Jobseeker's Benefit was discontinued for new claimants from July 1994.

(2) Data on expenditure on Jobseeker's Allowance includes expenditure on Smallholders Jobseeker's Allowance. Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Jobseeker's Allowance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Jobseeker's Allowance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 & 2000.

Data on Farm Assist expenditure is included in Section G. This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this section.

(3) Provisional

Table F3

Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 1997 to 2006

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Total
1997	63,914	159,777	223,691
1998	61,591	120,496	182,087
1999	56,576	93,129	149,705
2000	46,565	69,504	116,069
2001	59,884	66,563	126,447
2002	66,416	71,566	137,982
2003	70,090	75,249	145,339
2004	57,699	73,840	131,539
2005	52,754	75,357	128,111
2006	50,542	75,801	126,343

Table F4

Number of Recipients of Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance by Number of Dependents, December 2006

Number of Recipients	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Total
Personal Rate only	42,326	56,254	98,580
With Qualified Adult only	2,214	3,907	6,121
1 full rate Qualified Child	1,490	3,707	5,197
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,167	3,707	4,874
3 full rate Qualified Children	632	2,437	3,069
4 full rate Qualified Children	227	1,346	1,573
5 full rate Qualified Children	69	587	656
6+full rate Qualified Children	34	446	480
1 half rate Qualified Child	975	1,223	2,198
2 half rate Qualified Children	868	1,083	1,951
3 half rate Qualified Children	370	652	1,022
4 half rate Qualified Children	120	282	402
5 half rate Qualified Children	41	101	142
6+ half rate Qualified Children	9	69	78
Total Number of Recipients	50,542	75,801	126,343
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	4,881	14,485	19,366
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	9.7%	19.1%	15.3%
Number of Recipients with Qualified Children	6,002	15,640	21,642
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	11.9%	20.6%	17.1%
Total Number of Children ⁽¹⁾	11,750	37,191	48,941

(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, 2006

	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
January	64,114	86,123	9,902	160,139
February	63,690	86,273	9,654	159,617
March	60,807	85,309	9,427	155,543
April	60,587	84,597	9,382	154,566
May	58,595	84,730	9,235	152,560
June	64,574	88,649	9,836	163,059
July	68,597	89,929	10,420	168,946
August	68,610	90,527	10,477	169,614
September	57,267	85,443	9,597	152,307
October	56,038	82,988	9,480	148,506
November	56,343	82,713	9,473	148,529
December	61,523	84,122	9,744	155,389
Average	61,729	85,950	9,719	157,398

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F6

Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1997 to 2006

Year	Jobseeker's Benefit	Jobseeker's Allowance	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
1997	64,955	171,755	17,669	254,379
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	172,414
2004	71,884	82,693	11,436	166,013
2005	62,536	84,150	10,430	157,117
2006	61,729	85,950	9,719	157,398

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F7

Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month 2006

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	25,198	20,893	160,139	-
February	22,246	22,768	159,617	-522
March	22,497	26,571	155,543	-4,074
April	21,190	22,167	154,566	-977
May	18,309	20,315	152,560	-2,006
June	31,860	21,361	163,059	10,499
July	24,519	18,632	168,946	5,887
August	19,004	18,336	169,614	668
September	24,448	41,755	152,307	-17,307
October	20,196	23,997	148,506	-3,801
November	21,459	21,436	148,529	23
December	19,767	15,304	155,389	4,463
Total	270,693	273,535		-7,147

Graph F1

Expenditure on Jobseeker's Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance, 1997 to 2006

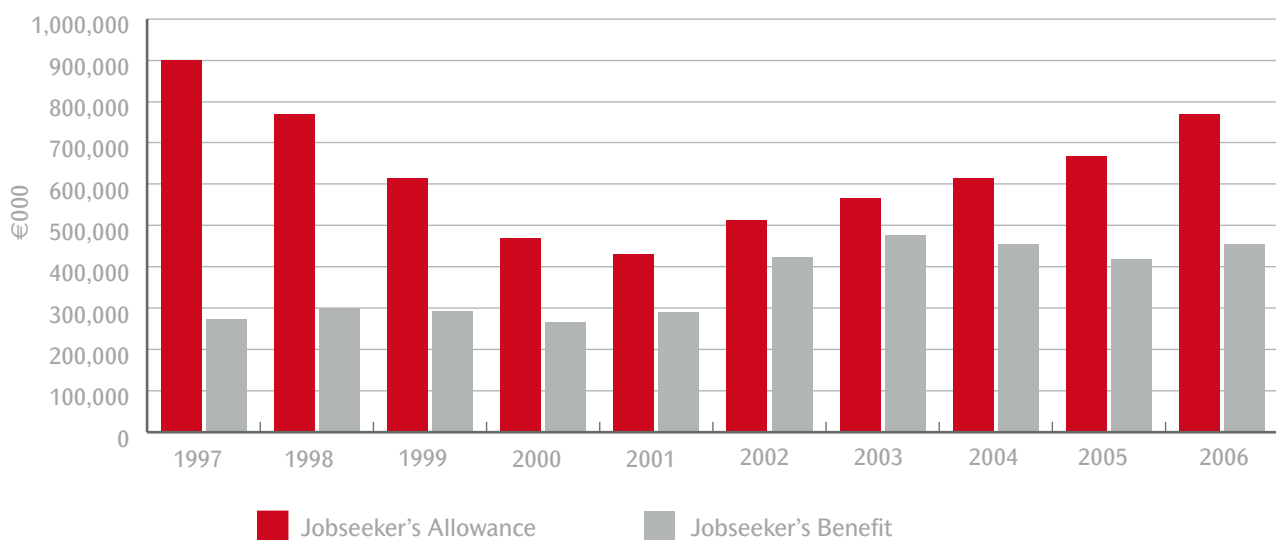


Table F8

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2006

Age Group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	3,961	4.5%	3,216	5.3%	7,177	4.8%
20 to 24 years	13,193	14.9%	9,258	15.3%	22,451	15.0%
25 to 34 years	24,076	27.1%	15,555	25.7%	39,631	26.6%
35 to 44 years	19,638	22.1%	14,048	23.2%	33,686	22.6%
45 to 54 years	16,795	18.9%	11,328	18.7%	28,123	18.8%
55 to 59 years	6,213	7.0%	4,238	7.0%	10,451	7.0%
60 to 64 years	4,806	5.4%	2,944	4.9%	7,750	5.2%
Total Live Register	88,682	100.0%	60,587	100.0%	149,269	100.0%

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F9

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October 2006

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	< 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 2 yrs	2 - 3 yrs	> 3 yrs	
Males							
< 20 yrs	1,922	735	746	558	-	-	3,961
20 - 24 yrs	5,201	2,330	2,237	1,653	916	856	13,193
25 - 34 yrs	8,492	3,668	4,056	3,244	1,552	3,064	24,076
35 - 44 yrs	6,196	2,444	3,279	2,664	1,451	3,604	19,638
45 - 54 yrs	4,690	1,755	2,361	2,309	1,403	4,277	16,795
55 - 59 yrs	2,010	716	1,037	738	410	1,302	6,213
60 - 64 yrs	1,632	621	922	597	252	782	4,806
Total Males	30,143	12,269	14,638	11,763	5,984	13,885	88,682
Females							
< 20 yrs	1,471	658	652	435	-	-	3,216
20 - 24 yrs	4,200	1,649	1,325	1,005	556	523	9,258
25 - 34 yrs	7,538	2,515	2,594	1,473	497	938	15,555
35 - 44 yrs	6,267	2,094	2,309	1,522	619	1,237	14,048
45 - 54 yrs	5,073	1,452	1,505	1,205	584	1,509	11,328
55 - 59 yrs	1,987	542	644	478	183	404	4,238
60 - 64 yrs	1,341	413	446	389	140	215	2,944
Total Females	27,877	9,323	9,475	6,507	2,579	4,826	60,587
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	3,393	1,393	1,398	993	-	-	7,177
20 - 24 yrs	9,401	3,979	3,562	2,658	1,472	1,379	22,451
25 - 34 yrs	16,030	6,183	6,650	4,717	2,049	4,002	39,631
35 - 44 yrs	12,463	4,538	5,588	4,186	2,070	4,841	33,686
45 - 54 yrs	9,763	3,207	3,866	3,514	1,987	5,786	28,123
55 - 59 yrs	3,997	1,258	1,681	1,216	593	1,706	10,451
60 - 64 yrs	2,973	1,034	1,368	986	392	997	7,750
Total	58,020	21,592	24,113	18,270	8,563	18,711	149,269

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F10

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by sex and Duration, 1997 to 2006

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
1997	70,938	78,128	149,066	57,413	37,002	94,415	243,481
1998	62,255	63,503	125,758	53,860	31,852	85,712	211,470
1999	52,032	49,522	101,554	50,151	25,587	75,738	177,292
2000	45,206	35,138	80,344	40,462	18,904	59,366	139,710
2001	53,472	30,061	83,533	42,628	15,342	57,970	141,503
2002	64,586	29,107	93,693	50,106	13,866	63,972	157,665
2003	64,449	31,489	95,938	53,354	15,283	68,637	164,575
2004	59,478	30,529	90,007	49,889	14,148	64,037	154,044
2005	58,473	30,301	88,774	47,829	13,239	61,068	149,842
2006	57,050	31,632	88,682	46,675	13,912	60,587	149,269

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F2

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2006



Table F11

Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, in each Month during 2006

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
January	1,415	1,858	2,023
February	1,506	1,884	2,060
March	1,531	1,883	2,011
April	1,377	1,869	1,968
May	1,601	1,869	1,993
June	1,375	1,845	2,118
July	1,284	1,845	2,248
August	1,125	1,846	2,288
September	961	1,795	2,184
October	957	1,771	2,177
November	994	1,790	2,154
December	985	1,808	2,240
Average	1,259	1,839	2,122

Graph F3

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2006, by Sex and Duration

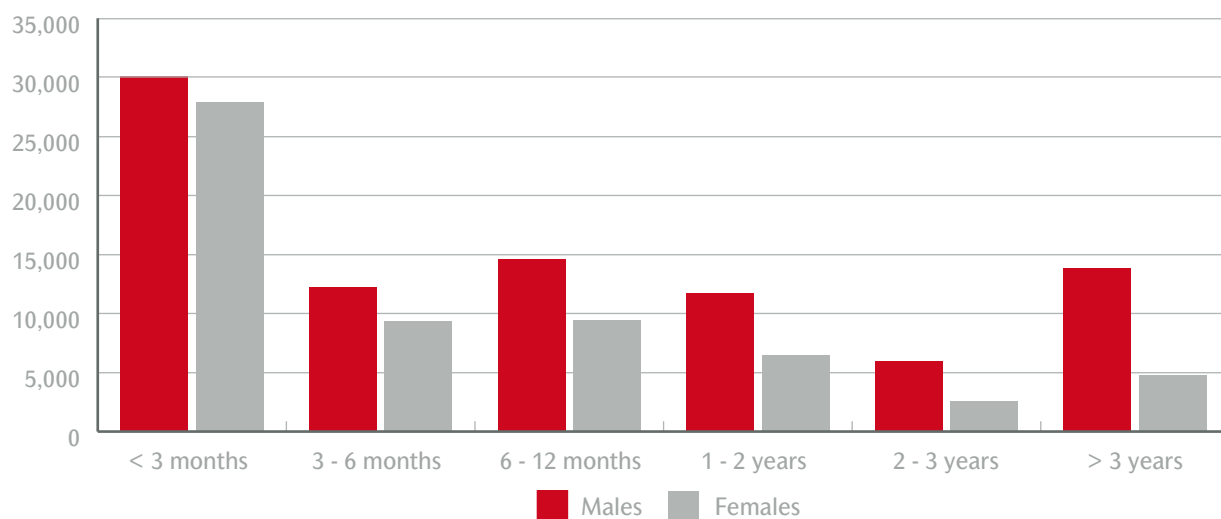


Table F12

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over 1997 to 2006

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
1997	4,925	3,073	752
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	1,018	1,845	

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F13

Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Jobseeker's Rate, 1997 to 2006

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force(1)	Average Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Jobseeker's Rate
1997	254,379	1,539,000	10.3
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	163,361	1,866,300	4.5
2003	172,414	1,914,800	4.6
2004	166,013	1,979,700	4.4
2005	157,116	2,071,900	4.4
2006	157,398	2,154,800	4.5

(1) Data refers to April 1997 and November thereafter.

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F14

Number on the Live Register by County, 1997 to 2006

County	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Change
Carlow	3,407	3,050	2,496	1,964	2,026	2,079	2,227	2,223	2,065	1,965	-42.3%
Cavan	2,627	2,350	2,019	1,736	1,834	2,002	2,128	2,072	2,211	2,287	-12.9%
Clare	5,059	4,245	3,602	3,003	3,473	4,058	4,219	3,851	3,945	4,073	-19.5%
Cork	27,339	22,138	17,855	14,538	16,698	17,456	17,200	15,920	15,533	15,208	-44.4%
Donegal	12,927	13,485	11,699	10,088	9,896	9,897	10,149	9,440	8,637	8,774	-32.1%
Dublin	73,318	59,120	45,483	33,186	35,596	41,455	43,562	39,361	39,933	38,505	-47.5%
Galway	13,404	11,789	9,862	8,011	8,625	9,403	9,348	8,797	8,645	9,046	-32.5%
Kerry	9,985	9,101	7,587	6,025	6,162	6,704	7,086	6,732	6,650	6,793	-32.0%
Kildare	7,022	5,839	4,347	3,268	3,697	4,362	4,752	4,350	4,662	5,187	-26.1%
Kilkenny	3,752	3,472	2,703	2,047	2,182	2,467	2,716	2,489	2,484	2,557	-31.8%
Laois	2,867	2,575	2,131	1,798	1,850	2,049	2,196	2,014	1,980	2,034	-29.1%
Leitrim	1,876	1,669	1,406	1,216	1,108	1,247	1,231	1,028	1,109	1,185	-36.8%
Limerick	10,602	8,787	7,595	6,306	6,954	8,281	8,123	7,245	7,106	7,314	-31.0%
Longford	2,230	2,166	2,054	1,715	1,674	1,810	1,820	1,736	1,800	1,941	-13.0%
Louth	9,696	8,583	7,020	6,075	7,189	7,559	7,508	6,743	6,480	6,536	-32.6%
Mayo	9,445	8,449	7,629	6,140	6,094	6,342	6,106	5,420	5,141	4,710	-50.1%
Meath	3,678	3,393	2,753	2,085	2,855	2,844	3,218	3,137	3,001	3,038	-17.4%
Monaghan	3,384	3,195	2,743	2,482	2,752	2,521	2,486	2,335	2,038	2,009	-40.6%
Offaly	3,443	3,376	2,623	2,222	2,341	2,640	2,840	2,563	2,771	2,768	-19.6%
Roscommon	2,068	1,994	1,876	1,528	1,502	1,513	1,389	1,266	1,190	1,285	-37.9%
Sligo	3,532	3,160	2,794	2,372	2,343	2,388	2,236	2,043	1,938	1,859	-47.4%
Tipperary	8,460	7,881	6,737	5,775	5,466	6,286	6,548	5,902	5,623	5,315	-37.2%
Waterford	7,693	7,257	6,573	5,699	7,043	6,074	6,098	7,164	6,248	6,266	-18.5%
Westmeath	4,379	7,842	3,283	2,618	2,960	3,305	3,628	3,658	3,599	3,800	-13.2%
Wexford	8,621	6,027	6,885	5,938	6,257	7,058	7,141	6,773	6,615	6,710	-22.2%
Wicklow	6,916	1,144	4,784	3,751	3,829	4,342	4,649	4,554	4,429	4,224	-38.9%
	247,730	212,087	176,539	141,586	152,406	166,142	170,604	158,816	155,833	155,389	-37.3%

(1) Source: Central Statistics Office

SECTION G
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Section G: Employment Supports

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

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

Time Series and Existing Payments

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

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

Trends

Overall expenditure on Employment Supports increased by €47 million in 2006, an increase of 19.4% over 2005. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports rose by 3,907, an increase of 9.9%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 48.5%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement increased by 4,352 an increase of 24.9% over 2005. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance (including Back to Work Enterprise Allowance) increased by over €2 million, an increase of 5.5%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance increased by 317, an increase of 8.7%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance decreased by 924, a decrease of 17.4%. The number of recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders decreased by 344, a decrease of 4.4% from the previous year.

Table G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	2005	2006 Provisional	Change 2006 over 2005
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Family Income Supplement	72,152	107,126	48.5%
Back to Work Allowance/ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	53,563	56,486	5.5%
Back to Education Allowance	46,695	52,070	11.5%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,295	1,277	-1.4%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	67,284	71,085	5.6%
Others ⁽²⁾	5,060	5,708	12.8%
TOTAL ⁽¹⁾	246,049	293,752	19.4%

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 and 2000. Data on expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance is contained in Section F. This affects the comparability of different years' expenditure figures.

(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, 1997 to 2006

Year	Family Income Supplement	Other Employment ⁽¹⁾ Supports	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1997	32,999	123,672	156,671
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 ⁽²⁾	107,126	186,626	293,752

(1) Includes expenditure on Farm Assist. Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 and 2000. Data on expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance is contained in Section F. This affects the comparability of different years' expenditure figures.

(2) Provisional

Table G3

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	2005	2006	Change 2006 over 2005
Back to Work Allowance	3,646	3,963	8.7%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	5,297	4,373	-17.4%
Back to Education Allowance	5,156	5,679	10.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	218	201	-7.8%
Family Income Supplement	17,448	21,800	24.9%
Farm Assist/Smallholders ⁽¹⁾	7,824	7,480	-4.4%
Total	39,589	43,496	9.9%

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 and 2000.

Table G4

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1997 to 2006

Year	Number of Recipients Families	Number of Child Beneficiaries
1997	12,973	37,223
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

Graph G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1997 to 2006

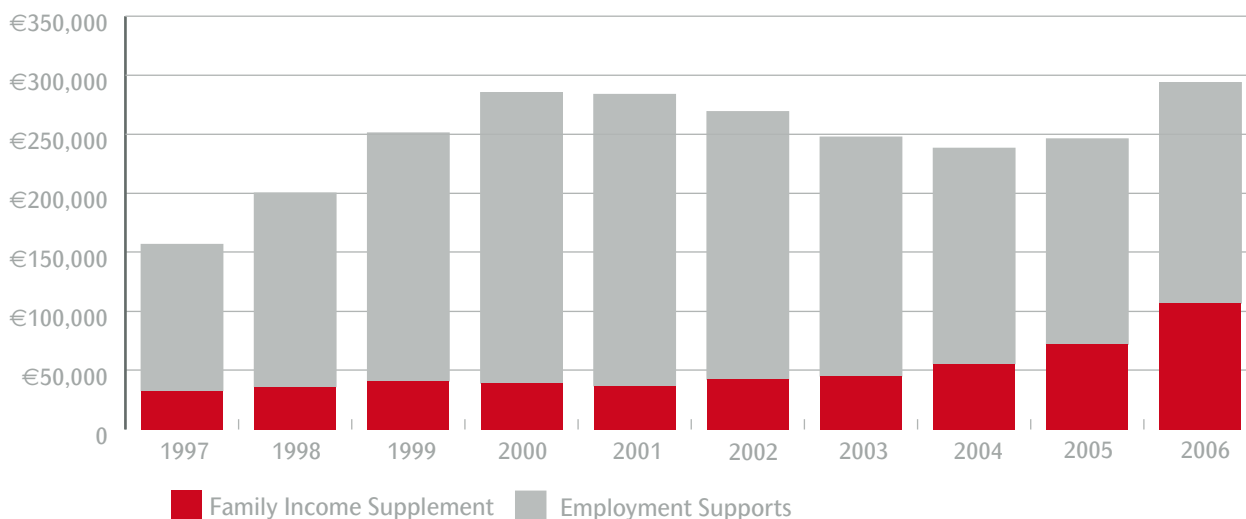


Table G5

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, December 2006

Weekly Rate Euro	Family Size (Number of Children)								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+	
20-25	1,049	522	185	53	16	5	1	-	1,831
26-50	2,236	939	322	106	20	10	1	-	3,634
51-75	3,191	1,529	449	158	48	8	2	1	5,386
76-100	2,037	1,879	687	212	59	5	3	-	4,882
101-125	420	762	760	275	65	17	4	-	2,303
126-150	270	428	392	296	70	14	3	1	1,474
Over 150	245	437	548	498	339	140	57	26	2,290
Total	9,448	6,496	3,343	1,598	617	199	71	28	21,800
Number of Children	9,448	12,992	10,029	6,392	3,085	1,194	497	224	43,861

Table G6

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, December 2006

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	-	5	24	45	86	613	715	274	44	1,806
25 to 29 years	-	3	45	73	183	764	1,101	612	196	2,977
30 to 34 years	-	7	62	95	252	890	1,438	924	495	4,163
35 to 39 years	-	9	113	130	278	752	1,344	960	828	4,414
40 to 44 years	1	12	114	136	256	657	1,206	897	741	4,020
45 to 49 years	-	14	94	90	199	458	722	499	512	2,588
50 to 54 years	-	5	49	40	97	245	331	268	158	1,193
55 to 59 years	-	2	28	32	52	94	132	95	59	494
60 to 65 years	-	1	11	9	20	34	36	14	16	141
65 years or more	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	4
Total	1	58	541	650	1,423	4,509	7,026	4,543	3,049	21,800

Table G7

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Family Status and Income Group, December 2006

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	-	12	86	170	433	2,391	3,836	2,095	708	9,731
Two Parent Family	1	49	458	485	993	2,134	3,153	2,473	2,323	12,069
Total	1	61	544	655	1,426	4,525	6,989	4,568	3,031	21,800

Table G8

Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, December 2006

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	2,247	1,716	3,963
Self-Employed	3,172	1,201	4,373
Total	5,419	2,917	8,336

Table G9

Number of Recipients of Back To Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Work Allowance, Back to Education Allowance and Farm Assist/Smallholders, by Age and Sex, December 2006

Age of Recipient	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Back to Work Allowance		Back to Education Allowance		Farm Assist/Smallholders	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 25 years	57	40	106	216	524	626	18	0
25 to 29 years	253	139	279	300	866	685	65	3
30 to 34 years	472	213	334	301	554	406	163	23
35 to 39 years	578	247	368	257	391	285	344	46
40 to 44 years	567	211	363	251	253	267	639	75
45 to 49 years	510	173	301	184	140	215	884	76
50 to 54 years	390	112	262	128	122	133	1,265	95
55 to 59 years	231	49	148	51	53	91	1,628	119
60 to 64 years	103	15	76	25	33	28	1,600	122
65+ years	11	2	10	3	2	5	295	20
Total	3,172	1,201	2,247	1,716	2,938	2,741	6,901	579

Table G10

Number of recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders, 1997 to 2006

Year	Recipients
1997	8,031
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

(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. This 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 Recipients of Employment Supports by County, December 2006

	Family Income Supplement	Back to Work Allowance Employee	Back to Education Allowance Scheme	Back to Work Allowance Self-Employed	Farm Assist/Smallholders	Part Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	374	73	125	60	58	-
Cavan	360	54	46	65	279	5
Clare	599	73	143	77	404	1
Cork	2,083	421	648	482	521	16
Donegal	1,386	319	342	441	1,076	6
Dublin	4,891	1,018	1,491	930	9	56
Galway	919	217	481	311	815	9
Kerry	811	140	200	229	569	7
Kildare	717	127	146	107	35	1
Kilkenny	350	79	96	84	113	9
Laois	324	66	48	40	80	1
Leitrim	144	28	24	49	192	-
Limerick	980	131	298	149	184	5
Longford	282	55	70	49	93	-
Louth	863	132	180	164	65	6
Mayo	719	160	170	148	1,395	21
Meath	568	62	73	65	50	3
Monaghan	419	83	52	83	391	2
Offaly	415	66	29	55	68	1
Roscommon	279	57	46	57	285	-
Sligo	344	63	110	67	316	11
Tipperary	1,054	117	201	151	177	9
Waterford	817	106	298	140	42	12
Westmeath	421	55	68	97	70	5
Wexford	1,087	156	151	158	138	12
Wicklow	549	105	143	115	55	3
Other	45	-	-	-	-	-
Total	21,800	3,963	5,679	4,373	7,480	201

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

SECTION H
SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCE

Section H: Supplementary Welfare Allowance

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

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

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance amounted to over €634 million in 2006. This represents an increase of 1.8% on 2005. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over €19 million in 2006, an increase of 5.3%. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2006 was 59,861 an increase of 0.5% on 2005.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements increased by 24.2% to €7.9 million. The number of recipients at the end of 2006 decreased to 3,023 a decrease of 0.8%.

In 2006, a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 161,451 children, an increase of 4,197 on 2005. Expenditure on the scheme increased by 48.9% to €24.9 million.

Net expenditure on Basic SWA payments in 2006 was €162.2 million, a decrease of 14.3% on 2005. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (€202.9 million) on Basic SWA payments in 2006. 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 25,330 recipients of Basic SWA payments at the end of 2006, a decrease of 2,736 on 2005.

Table H2 and Graph H1 shows expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1997 to 2006.

Table H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Scheme, 2005 and 2006 ⁽¹⁾

Type of Payment	2005 €000	2006 ⁽¹⁾ €000	Change 2005 over 2004
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Basic SWA Payments ⁽²⁾	162,368	139,189	-14.3%
Rent Supplements	368,705	388,339	5.3%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	6,339	7,873	24.2%
Other Supplements	13,392	13,533	1.1%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	56,513	61,138	8.2%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear	16,713	24,892	48.9%
Total	624,029	634,964	1.8%

(1) Provisional.

(2) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

Table H2

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1997 to 2006

Year	Expenditure €000
1997	200,190
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 ⁽¹⁾	634,964

(1) Provisional.

Graph H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1997 to 2006

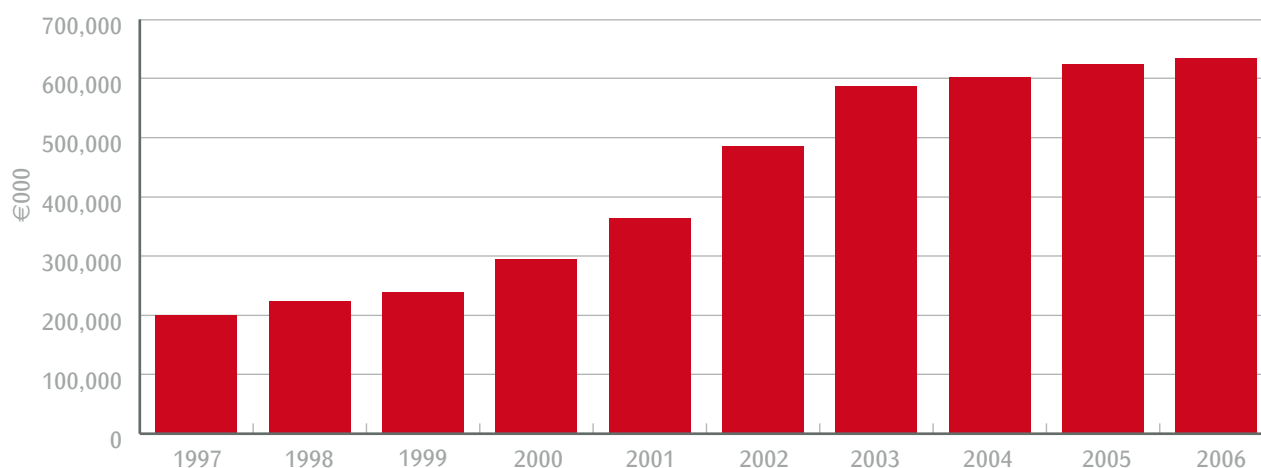


Table H3

Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by HSE Area, 2006

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
Basic Payments ⁽¹⁾	85,596	10,508	12,056	18,023	9,784	21,184	24,945	20,859	202,954
Supplements	213,997	11,944	21,541	15,272	12,998	34,441	46,302	31,844	388,339
Rent	233	6	30	7	10	83	64	63	496
Local Authority Mortgage	3,207	159	456	592	165	842	1,379	579	7,377
Other Mortgage	249	99	781	25	19	207	615	60	2,054
Heating	2,684	335	437	349	143	725	894	366	5,932
Diet	2,403	70	510	38	17	737	1,298	474	5,547
Exceptional Needs Payments	27,025	2,016	5,044	2,086	3,181	7,134	9,262	5,239	60,986
Urgent Needs Payments	59	6	10	4	6	40	17	7	152
Administration Costs ⁽²⁾									
Grand Total ⁽³⁾	335,452	25,143	40,864	36,396	26,323	65,393	84,776	59,490	725,237

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, 2006

Type of Payment	Expenditure €000	Total Expenditure €000
Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments		
Housing		
New Accommodation Kit	8,853	
Household Appliances	6,740	
Rent Deposit	4,805	
Furniture	2,721	
Floor Covering	1,934	
Bedding	1,602	
Repair/maintenance	1,283	27,938
Clothing		
Adult Clothing	7,117	
Child Clothing	3,012	10,128
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	3,387	
Burial Expenses	419	3,805
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	1,135	
Cot	867	2,002
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	4,047	
Household	1,633	5,680
Illness		
Confinement Costs	871	
Hospital Requirements	338	1,209
General		
Other ⁽¹⁾	4,639	
Travel Costs	2,332	
Insufficient Means	1,882	
Heating	1,121	
Lost/Stolen Money	154	
Household Budget	97	10,224
Urgent Needs Payments	152	152
Grand Total		61,138

(1) This includes €0.54m in payments in respect of homeless people made on behalf of local authorities and subsequently re-imbursed. It should be noted that some of the totals are not equal to the sum of the parts. This is due to rounding.

Table H5

Number of Recipients of Supplementary Welfare Allowance by HSE Area, December 2006

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern	Midland	Mid Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payment ⁽¹⁾:									
Recipients	9,993	1,174	1,623	2,431	1,342	2,676	3,326	2,765	25,330
Qualified Adults	1,526	242	201	435	191	449	519	442	4,005
Qualified Children	6,714	956	734	629	566	1,452	1,770	1,732	14,553
Total Beneficiaries	18,233	2,372	2,558	3,495	2,099	4,577	5,615	4,939	43,888
Supplements:									
Rent	25,810	2,299	4,145	3,160	2,986	6,536	8,908	6,017	59,861
Other Mortgage	1,252	73	224	273	105	337	485	274	3,023
Local Authority mortgage	172	8	25	13	10	56	56	61	401
Heating	480	189	1,509	50	23	393	936	82	3,662
Diet	4,900	677	890	733	262	1,413	1,543	633	11,051
Other ⁽²⁾	1,771	75	341	44	15	429	778	329	3,782

⁽¹⁾ Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

⁽²⁾ 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 2006

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

(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⁽¹⁾ by Age and Sex, December 2006

Age Group	Basic SWA ⁽²⁾			Rent Supplement			Mortgage Interest Supplement			Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement			Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	1,094	1,200	2,294	227	973	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	70	105
20 - 24	2,424	2,144	4,568	1,860	7,333	9,193	2	15	17	-	1	1	126	350	476
25 - 29	2,527	1,846	4,373	3,163	7,680	10,843	59	96	155	3	7	10	285	691	976
30 - 34	2,339	1,541	3,880	4,102	6,029	10,131	185	183	368	14	8	22	419	776	1,195
35 - 39	2,021	1,174	3,195	4,070	4,247	8,317	306	255	561	10	13	23	510	704	1,214
40 - 44	1,427	804	2,231	3,267	2,683	5,950	367	297	664	21	22	43	613	654	1,267
45 - 49	1,120	570	1,690	2,581	1,623	4,204	289	226	515	43	29	72	627	593	1,220
50 - 54	866	510	1,376	2,095	1,162	3,257	221	121	342	54	25	79	741	711	1,452
55 - 59	596	358	954	1,708	914	2,622	150	95	245	44	21	65	964	905	1,869
60 - 64	290	160	450	1,104	523	1,627	81	41	122	34	17	51	1,128	1,019	2,147
65 - 69	159	87	246	655	362	1,017	11	10	21	13	10	23	1,035	1,004	2,039
70 plus	47	26	73	682	818	1,500	5	8	13	3	9	12	1,655	2,880	4,535
Total	14,910	10,420	25,330	25,514	34,347	59,861	1,676	1,347	3,023	239	162	401	8,138	10,357	18,495

(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, December 2006

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
State Pensions	1,386	14	6
Pre-Retirement Allowance	233	3	4
Widows and Widower's Pensions	359	34	17
One-Parent Family Payment	14,397	315	37
Invalidity Pension	1,042	111	42
Illness Benefit	1,857	580	32
Disability Allowance	7,975	255	65
Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance	8,168	294	81
Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance	5,681	191	19
Jobseekers Benefit	2,170	416	36
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	9,037	432	19
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	3,551	100	16
DSS (UK)	373	4	2
Other	3,632	274	25
Total	59,861	3,023	401

⁽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, December 2006 ⁽¹⁾

Months ⁽²⁾	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	7,116	313	15
3 to 6	8,422	458	23
6 to 9	6,401	337	19
9 to 12	5,294	313	15
12 to 24	14,099	603	48
24 to 36	7,605	336	31
36 to 48	4,888	247	44
48 to 60	2,276	156	31
60 to 72	1,052	90	26
72 plus	2,708	170	149
Total ⁽¹⁾	59,861	3,023	401

⁽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, 2006

HSE Area	Age 2 to 11	Age 12 to 17	Age 18 to 22	Total
Eastern	33,421	13,762	1,076	48,259
Midland	6,920	3,494	407	10,821
Mid-Western	8,313	4,299	550	13,162
North Eastern	8,520	4,513	632	13,665
North Western	7,783	4,743	890	13,416
South Eastern	13,223	7,420	915	21,558
Southern	14,916	8,198	1,511	24,625
Western	9,112	5,582	1,251	15,945
Total	102,208	52,011	7,232	161,451

Table H11

Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Service Executive Area, 2005 and 2006

HSE Area	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2006 ⁽¹⁾
	€000	€000
Eastern	5,373	8,139
Midland	1,023	1,581
Mid-Western	1,315	1,967
North Eastern	1,401	1,956
North Western	1,366	2,012
South Eastern	1,965	3,043
Southern	2,426	3,585
Western	1,845	2,610
Total Expenditure	16,713	24,892

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

Table H12

Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾ Payments by Category, December 2006

Interim Basic SWA Payments	No of Payments	
Pending Jobseekers Allowance	4,606	
Pending Jobseekers Allowance Appeal	577	
Pending Jobseekers Benefit	808	
Pending Jobseekers Benefit Appeal	28	
Pending Disability Allowance	3,521	
Pending Illness Benefit	1,674	
Pending Illness Benefit Appeal	60	
Pending State Pension	174	
Pending Widows and Widower's Pension	76	
Pending Carers Allowance	240	
Pending Occupational Injuries Benefit	51	
Pending One Parent Family Payment	2,786	
Pending Other Social Welfare Payments	443	
Sub-Total		15,044
Other Basic SWA Payments		
Sick No Benefit	2,764	
Other Increment to Scale	278	
Other(2)	7,244	
Sub-Total		10,286
Total		25,330

(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⁽²⁾ and by Primary Payment, December 2006

Duration in Months Payment Type ⁽⁴⁾	0 to 3 ⁽³⁾	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	TOTAL
State Pensions	60	102	93	96	134	150	96	83	147	86	61	278	1,386
Pre-Retirement Allowance	4	7	7	8	8	11	12	11	22	15	13	115	233
Widows and Widower's Pensions	16	32	31	30	46	38	26	23	44	24	11	38	359
One-Parent Family Payment	1,455	1,851	1,563	1,311	2,120	1,525	1,226	948	1,405	516	191	286	14,397
Invalidity Pension	60	90	63	76	97	91	81	67	106	71	39	201	1,042
Illness Benefit	301	308	256	197	241	157	102	83	105	37	29	41	1,857
Disability Allowance	747	916	749	615	1,062	851	650	508	680	370	181	646	7,975
Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance	1,034	1,207	874	734	1,133	746	568	399	590	256	156	471	8,168
Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance	772	933	683	553	863	483	311	269	405	213	72	124	5,681
Jobseekers Benefit	415	446	290	220	282	156	72	77	103	53	25	31	2,170
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	1,346	1,377	919	786	1,353	720	630	457	731	382	134	202	9,037
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	418	545	366	292	542	304	261	176	286	141	80	140	3,551
DSS (UK)	29	41	36	18	51	32	27	27	25	32	17	38	373
Other	459	567	471	358	550	353	239	176	239	80	43	97	3,632
TOTAL	7,116	8,422	6,401	5,294	8,482	5,617	4,301	3,304	4,888	2,276	1,052	2,708	59,861

(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(1), December 2006

Duration in Months	0 to 3(2)	3 to 6	6 to 9	9 to 12	12 to 18	18 to 24	24 to 30	30 to 36	36 to 48	48 to 60	60 to 72	72 plus	TOTAL
Age Group													
Under 20	347	335	230	128	120	32	6	1	1	-	-	-	1,200
20 - 24	1,529	1,809	1,253	1,013	1,407	822	548	319	387	82	15	9	9,193
25 - 29	1,459	1,695	1,268	1,019	1,630	1,098	793	604	798	308	92	79	10,843
30 - 34	1,187	1,364	1,047	920	1,587	981	758	655	886	405	125	216	10,131
35 - 39	896	1,044	837	720	1,256	780	638	506	817	373	174	276	8,317
40 - 44	613	754	611	497	844	559	494	344	568	266	122	278	5,950
45 - 49	399	499	401	324	537	436	313	278	388	198	116	315	4,204
50 - 54	286	337	261	229	408	303	241	219	351	186	130	306	3,257
55 - 59	195	271	216	181	295	230	206	151	257	172	85	364	2,623
60 - 64	111	135	121	103	151	143	123	82	161	115	79	302	1,626
65 - 69	44	82	72	61	112	93	86	51	119	62	32	203	1,017
70 plus	50	97	84	99	135	140	95	94	155	109	82	360	1,500
TOTAL	7,116	8,422	6,401	5,294	8,482	5,617	4,301	3,304	4,888	2,276	1,052	2,708	59,861

(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

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Table H15

Short Term and Long Term recipients of Rent Supplement by Primary Payment, December 2006

Payment Type	All Cases		Short Term <18 Months		Long Term >18 Months	
		%		%		%
State Pensions	1,386	2.3%	422	1.5%	964	3.0%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	233	0.4%	24	0.1%	209	0.7%
Widows and Widower's Pensions	359	0.6%	119	0.4%	240	0.8%
One-Parent Family Payment	14,397	24.1%	5,578	20.0%	8,819	27.6%
Incapacity Pension	1,042	1.7%	284	1.0%	758	2.4%
Illness Benefit	1,857	3.1%	1,212	4.3%	645	2.0%
Disability Allowance	7,975	13.3%	2,920	10.5%	5,055	15.8%
Long-Term Jobseekers Allowance	8,168	13.6%	3,752	13.4%	4,416	13.8%
Short-Term Jobseekers Allowance	5,681	9.5%	3,190	11.4%	2,491	7.8%
Jobseekers Benefit	2,170	3.6%	1,587	5.7%	583	1.8%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	9,037	15.1%	5,070	18.2%	3,967	12.4%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	3,551	5.9%	1,606	5.8%	1,945	6.1%
DSS (UK)	373	0.6%	167	0.6%	206	0.6%
Other	3,632	6.1%	1,971	7.1%	1,661	5.2%
Total	59,861	100.0%	27,902	100.0%	31,959	100.0%

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

At December 2006 there were 59,861 households in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment, of which 31,007 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 31,007 is derived from an analysis of those in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment in June 2005 and in receipt of a Rent Supplement payment at every three monthly interval thereafter.

Note: The 31,959 Long Term cases includes Asylum Seekers that are not included in the Target group of 31,007 for transfer to the Rental Assistance Scheme.

Table H16

Short Term and Long Term recipients of Rent Supplement by County, December 2006

	All Cases	Short Term Cases	Short Term as % All Cases	Long Term Cases	Long Term as % All Cases
County	Recipients	Recipients	%	Recipients	%
Carlow	960	477	49.7%	483	50.3%
Cavan	523	291	55.6%	232	44.4%
Clare	1,120	528	47.1%	592	52.9%
Cork	7,068	3,314	46.9%	3,754	53.1%
Donegal	2,301	1,254	54.5%	1,047	45.5%
Dublin	21,572	8,605	39.9%	12,967	60.1%
Galway	3,427	1,660	48.4%	1,767	51.6%
Kerry	1,840	941	51.1%	899	48.9%
Kildare	2,549	1,130	44.3%	1,419	55.7%
Kilkenny	821	449	54.7%	372	45.3%
Laois	358	233	65.1%	125	34.9%
Leitrim	214	141	65.9%	73	34.1%
Limerick	2,351	1,196	50.9%	1,155	49.1%
Longford	405	264	65.2%	141	34.8%
Louth	1,513	799	52.8%	714	47.2%
Mayo	1,930	911	47.2%	1,019	52.8%
Meath	782	485	62.0%	297	38.0%
Monaghan	342	202	59.1%	140	40.9%
Offaly	603	329	54.6%	274	45.4%
Roscommon	660	334	50.6%	326	49.4%
Sligo	471	316	67.1%	155	32.9%
Tipperary	1,726	876	50.8%	850	49.2%
Waterford	1,737	1,003	57.7%	734	42.3%
Westmeath	933	505	54.1%	428	45.9%
Wexford	1,966	950	48.3%	1,016	51.7%
Wicklow	1,689	709	42.0%	980	58.0%
Total	59,861	27,902	46.6%	31,959	53.4%

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Note: The 31,959 Long Term cases includes Asylum Seekers that are not included in the Target group of 31,007 for transfer to the Rental Assistance Scheme.

Table H17

Number of Recipients of Basic SWA, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement and Other Supplements(1) by County, December 2006

County	Basic SWA ⁽²⁾	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement	Other Supplements ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	440	960	45	7	213
Cavan	267	523	70	6	253
Clare	454	1,120	61	4	382
Cork	2,517	7,068	408	49	2,637
Donegal	831	2,301	89	7	200
Dublin	8,657	21,572	975	154	6,293
Galway	1,505	3,427	105	17	471
Kerry	809	1,840	77	7	620
Kildare	778	2,549	147	12	420
Kilkenny	434	821	51	20	225
Laois	284	358	24	1	262
Leitrim	119	214	6	1	41
Limerick	945	2,351	97	13	1,974
Longford	251	405	7	4	137
Louth	796	1,513	54	3	266
Mayo	827	1,930	128	35	357
Meath	1,144	782	117	-	210
Monaghan	224	342	32	4	98
Offaly	277	603	18	-	311
Roscommon	433	660	41	9	216
Sligo	392	471	10	2	59
Tipperary	724	1,726	114	15	1,254
Waterford	689	1,737	66	10	423
Westmeath	362	933	24	3	231
Wexford	613	1,966	127	12	504
Wicklow	558	1,689	130	6	438
Total	25,330	59,861	3,023	401	18,495

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

(2) Includes DPA (Direct Provision Allowance)

SECTION J
MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS AND GRANTS

Section J: Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

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

- Treatment Benefits
- Household Benefits and Free Travel
- Bereavement Grants
- Redundancy and Insolvency Payments
- 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.

Graph J1

Expenditure on Household Benefits and Free Travel, 2006

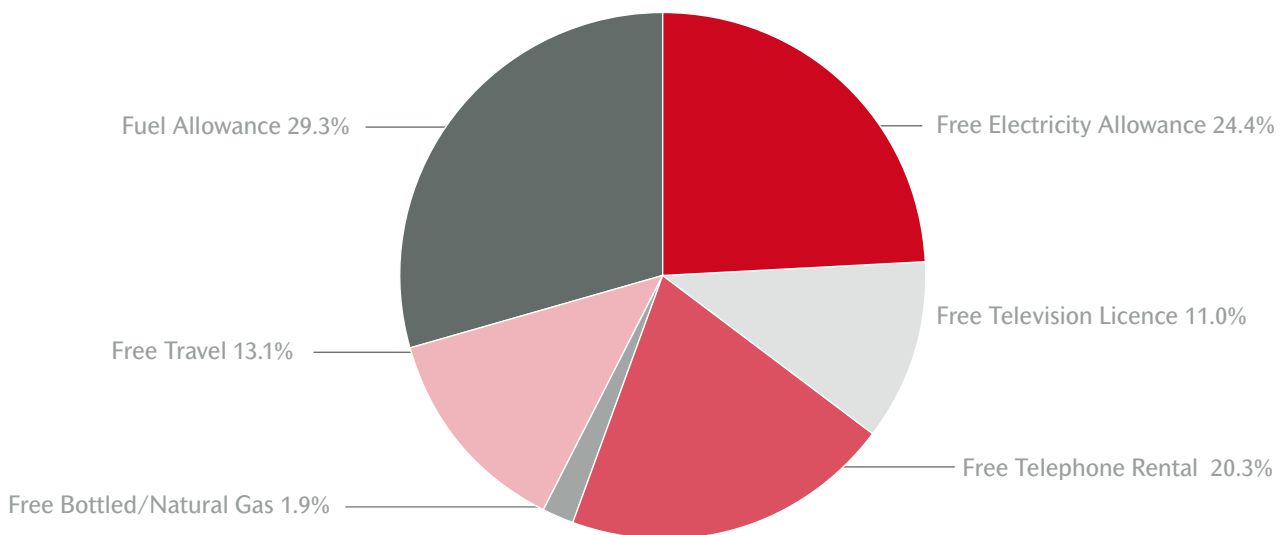


Table J1

Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment type, 2005 and 2006

	2005	2006 ⁽¹⁾	Change
Type of Payment	€000	€000	%
Household Benefits and Free Travel	383,429	444,428	15.9%
Treatment Benefit	95,020	65,497	-31.1%
Bereavement Grants	13,572	12,686	-6.5%
Rent Allowance	855	839	-1.9%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	150,348	172,294	14.6%
Combat Poverty Agency	4,236	3,689	-12.9%
School Meals	8,434	13,622	61.5%
Comhairle	20,917	24,362	16.5%
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	13,593	13,575	-0.1%
Other Grants/Payments	6,130	8,388	36.8%
Total	696,534	759,380	9.0%

(1) Provisional

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

Table J2

Total Expenditure on Household Benefits and Free Travel, 1997 to 2006

	Free Electricity Allowance	Free Television Licence	Free Telephone Rental	Free Bottled Gas	Free Natural Gas	Free Travel	Fuel Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1997	36,916	18,133	34,362	84	1,122	41,085	57,070	188,772
1998	38,595	19,535	36,746	69	1,345	41,432	57,004	194,724
1999	39,443	19,093	37,991	74	1,602	42,791	55,809	196,803
2000	40,185	20,199	41,660	88	1,918	44,817	55,487	204,354
2001	51,275	24,773	55,335	99	2,517	45,860	61,136	240,995
2002	62,648	30,967	72,887	108	3,276	45,625	80,532	296,043
2003	75,402	43,801	83,258	120	4,905	49,820	83,208	340,514
2004	87,992	47,859	85,697	116	5,498	52,400	84,710	364,272
2005	103,919	46,224	89,143	108	6,316	55,333	82,386	383,429
2006	108,323	48,966	90,333	116	8,399	58,042	130,249	444,428

(1) Provisional.

Table J3

Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 2005 and 2006

Type of Payment	2005	2006	Change 2006 over 2005
Bereavement Grants	22,791	21,113	-7.4%
Treatment Benefit:			
Dental	567,144	587,094	3.5%
Optical	174,918	190,733	9.0%
Medical and Surgical	5,332	5,512	3.4%
Rent Allowance	9	14	55.6%
Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾	266,000	288,800	8.6%

(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance in 2005. There was an average of 115,000 recipients of a Smokeless Fuel Allowance in 2005 and an average of 114,200 recipients in 2006.

Table J4

Number of Recipients of Household Benefits by Type of Payment Received, 2006

Type of Payment	Free Electricity Allowance	Free Television Licence ⁽¹⁾	Free Telephone Rental	Free Bottled Gas	Free Natural Gas	Free Travel ⁽²⁾
State Pension (Contributory)	54,305	54,305	59,040	26	6,221	95,610
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	54,722	54,722	53,575	101	1,472	95,685
State Pension (Transition)	52,862	52,862	56,783	30	6,706	83,650
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	53,424	53,424	58,485	3	6,189	70,385
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	244	244	227	0	15	195
Invalidity Pension	16,795	16,795	15,635	12	1,752	45,768
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10	10	7	0	1	24
Deserted Wife's Benefit	579	579	675	0	133	1,009
One Parent Family Payment	41	41	21	0	3	75
Occupational Injury Benefit	258	258	289	0	35	322
Free Fuel	1,544	1,544	1,535	0	21	1,448
Blind Pension	444	444	427	1	30	1,375
No Active Pension	139,447	139,447	153,222	70	17,040	119,985
Garda Widow's Pension (3)	69	69	125	0	8	1,113
Carer's Allowance	12,236	12,236	12,356	22	977	25,984
Disability Allowance	23,475	23,475	17,652	122	1,613	92,337
British Pension (3)	2,479	2,508	3,457	4	108	4,664
Others	958	958	1,140	2	76	1,686
Total	413,892	413,921	434,651	393	42,400	641,315

(1) Refers to the number of Licences issued.

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

(3) The figures for State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Transition) are accurate as at the end of April 2006. More up to date figures are not available.

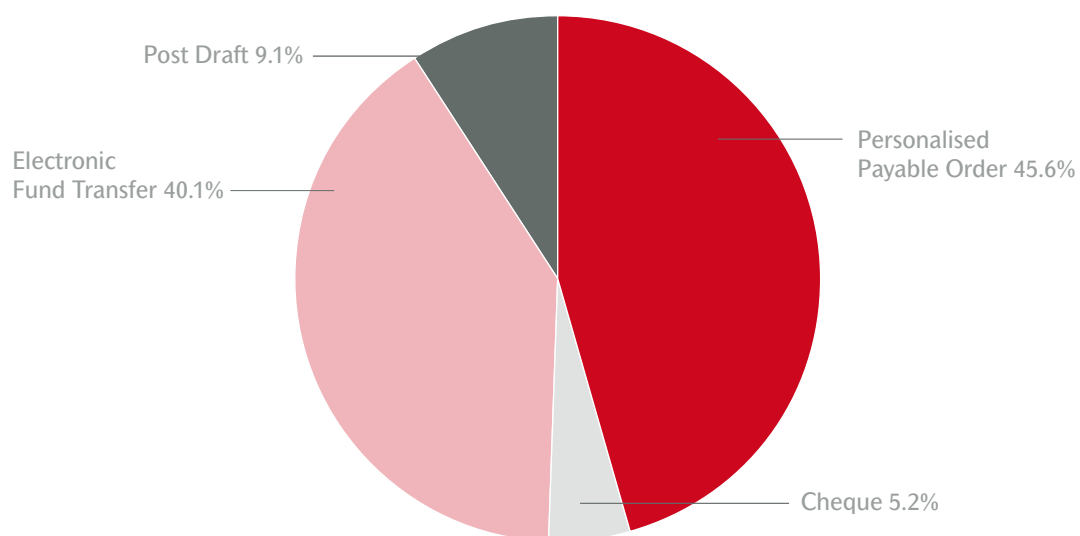
Table J5

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2006

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Post Draft	Total
State Pension(Contributory)	69,957	850	74,822	-	145,629
State Pension(Transition)	64,989	271	29,555	-	94,815
State Pension(Non-Contributory)	84,442	33	12,912	17	97,404
Pre-Retirement Allowance	-	320	3,050	7,779	11,149
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	74,869	699	34,370	208	110,146
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,844	-	293	31	2,168
Deserted Wife's Benefit	7,955	1	1,181	623	9,760
Deserted Wife's Allowance	660	-	48	58	766
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	580	44	27,759	54,698	83,081
Maternity Benefit	-	1,502	13,396	-	14,898
Health and Safety Benefit	-	-	37	-	37
Adoptive Benefit	-	8	51	-	59
Guardian's Payment(Contributory)	563	-	237	-	800
Guardian's Payment(Non-Contributory)	356	-	83	2	441
Child Benefit (Families)	297,957	-	264,903	-	562,860
Illness Benefit	-	38,190	27,099	485	65,774
Invalidity Pension	33,776	-	17,698	480	51,954
Injury Benefit	-	653	271	-	924
Interim Illness Benefit	-	256	82	-	338
Disablement Pension	-	9,676	2,970	-	12,646
Death Benefit	535	4	107	-	646
Disability Allowance	58,427	7	23,615	1,648	83,697
Carer's Benefit	-	-	1,584	63	1,647
Carer's Allowance	21,251	-	6,223	-	27,474
Blind Pension	1,166	-	310	-	1,476
Jobseeker's Benefit	-	11,953	25,491	13,098	50,542
Jobseeker's Allowance	-	5,981	26,248	43,572	75,801
Back to Work Allowance	38	17	8,226	51	8,332
Back to Education Allowance	0	11	5,182	486	5,679
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	0	201	0	0	201
Family Income Supplement	0	1,822	19,848	130	21,800
Farm Assist	0	91	2,381	5,008	7,480
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	0	8,639	1,952	14,740	25,331
Rent Allowance	0	250	0	0	250
Total	719,367	81,479	631,984	143,177	1,576,007

Graph J2

Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Method of Payment, 2006



APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Social Insurance and Social Assistance

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

Social Insurance

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

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

Social Assistance

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

Social Assistance schemes comprise State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, One Parent Family Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance, Farm Assist, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Pension, Rent Allowance and Household Benefits and Free Travel.

Child Benefit

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

Appendix 2: Classification of Social Welfare Schemes

1. Older People

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

2. Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

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

3. Child Related Payments

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

4. Illness, Disability and Caring

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

5. Jobseeker's Supports

Jobseeker's Benefit
 Jobseeker's Allowance

6. Employment Supports

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

7. Supplementary Welfare Allowance

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

8. Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

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

Appendix 3: Glossary

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

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)
Orphan's (Non-Contributory Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)



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