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ABBREVIATIONS

- Not Applicable

n.a. Not Available

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Brollach ón Aire

Cuirim fáilte roimh fhoilsiú Thuairisc Bhliantúil Staitistiúil 2002, an fichiú eagrán den Tuairisc seo a sholáthraíonn eolas cuimsitheach staitistiúil ar na Seirbhísí Leasa Shóisialta go léir a fheidhmíonn an Roinn seo, chomh maith le heolas ar threochtaí le deich mbliana anuas.

Feidhmíonn an Roinn seo réimse leathan scéimeanna agus seirbhísí a théann chun leasa teaghlach mar aon le leas an phobail i gcoitinne agus tá sí lárnach maidir le cosaint shóisialta a sholáthar sa tír seo. Beidh luach sonrath ag baint leis an Tuairisc maidir le forbairt pholasaí a fhreagróidh ar a bhfuil ag teastáil ó dhaoine i réimse leathan imthosca.

Ón bhreith, tríd an saol go bás, cuidíonn ár gcóras tacaíochta sóisialta a fheidhmíonn mo Roinn, thart ar shaoránach amháin as gach triúr ag aon am ar leith. Caitheadh €9.52 billiún de bhuiséad anuraidh agus leis sin, tá an méadú de 21.4% i gcaiteachas leasa shóisialta fanta os cionn an ráta boilscithe agus tá méadú de níos mó ná €3.5 billiún tagtha air idir 1997 agus 2002.

I measc na bhforbairtí tábhachtacha i 2002 atá léirithe sa Tuairisc tá:

- €9.52 billiún an caiteachas iomlán Leasa Shóisialta i 2002, a bhí mar 28.8% de chaiteachas Comhlán Reatha Rialtais.
- Bhí níos mó ná 938,000 duine ag fáil íocaíochta seachtainiúla Leasa Shóisialta ag deireadh 2002.
- Tháinig méadú 15.5% ar chaiteachas ar Íocaíochtaí Seanaoise i gcomparáid le 2001.
- Tháinig méadú 49.2% ar Íocaíochtaí a Bhaineann le Leanaí i 2002.
- Tháinig méadú €30 milliún ar chaiteachas ar Liúntas Feighlí i 2002, méadú 22.8% le hais 2001.
- Tháinig méadú 4.1% ar líon na ndaoine a raibh Forlíonadh Ioncam Teaghlaigh á fháil acu, agus leis sin méadú 14.4% ar chaiteachas.
- Sa bhliain 2002, íocadh Liúntas Éadaí agus Bróg leo siúd ag bhí ag dul ar ais ar scoil i dtaobh 155,811 páiste, méadú de 12,782 páiste le hais 2001 agus leis sin, tháinig méadú 18.8% ar chaiteachas ar an scéim go dtí giota beag níos mó ná €15 milliún.

Déanann ár gcuid polasaithe maidir le seirbhísí sóisialta difir mór i saol ár saoránach nuair a chomhaontaítear iad lenár bpolasaithe maidir le hoideachas, tithíocht, sláinte, rialú agus eile, agus tá mé ceangailte le coinneáil ar aghaidh le cothabháil agus forbairt na seirbhísí sóisialta sin. Is gné thábhachtach den phróiseas seo eolas cruinn a chur ar fáil ag an am cuí agus cuireann an Tuairisc seo go mór leis sin ar bhealach tábhachtach.

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú buíochas a ghabháil leis an réimse leathan chomhaltáí foirne sa Roinn a chuidigh leis an Tuairisc a chur le chéile.

Máire Ní Chochláin, TD

Aire Ghnóthaí Sóisialta agus Teaghlaigh



Foreword from the Minister

I welcome the publication of the 2002 Annual Statistical Report, the twentieth edition of this Report, which provides comprehensive statistical information on all Social Welfare Services operated by this Department, in addition to trends over the past ten years.

This Department operates a broad range of schemes and services to benefit families as well as the wider community and is central to the provision of social protection in this country. The Report will be of significant value in the development of policies responsive to the needs of people in a wide variety of circumstances.

From birth, through life to death, our system of social supports administered by my Department helps approximately one in three citizens at any one time. With a Budget spend last year of €9.52 billion the increase of 21.4% in social welfare spending has remained above the rate of inflation and increased by over €3.5 billion between 1997 and 2002.

Important developments in 2002 highlighted in the Report include:

- Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2002 was €9.52 billion, which represented 28.8% of Gross Current Government expenditure.
- Over 938,000 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2002.
- Expenditure on Old Age Payments increased by 15.5% on 2001.
- Expenditure on Child Related Payments rose by 49.2% in 2002.
- Carer's Allowance expenditure increased by €30 million in 2002, an increase of 22.8% over 2001.
- The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement increased by 4.1% with an increase in expenditure of 14.4%.
- In 2002, a Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 155,811 children, an increase of 12,782 on 2001 with expenditure on the scheme increased by 18.8% to just over €15 million.

Our social service policies allied to our policies on education, housing, health and governance to name a few, make real differences to the lives of our citizens and I am committed to the ongoing maintenance and development of those social services. Timely and accurate information is a key input to this process and this Report makes an important contribution in this regard.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wide range of staff in the Department who contributed to the compilation of the Report.

Mary Coughlan TD
Minister for Social and Family Affairs

Réamhrá

Cúrsaí Ginearálta

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

Baineann na staitistic san eagraan seo le 2002 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 2002 go dtí go mbeidh siad deimhnithe ag An Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste. Ta na figiúirí caiteachas ar fad athruithe go suimeanna Euro.

Foinse na Sonraí

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

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Amsraith agus Athraithe ar Íocaíochtaí

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

Miondealú De Réir Ranna

Tá an eolai roinnte i naoi gcuid mar leanas:

- Cuid A** Coimriú agus Airgeadais
- Cuid B** Seanaois
- 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** Tacaíochtaí Dífhostaíochta
- Cuid G** Tacaíochtaí Fostaíochta
- Cuid H** Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach
- Cuid J** Íocaíochtaí Ilghnéitheach agus Deontais

Tá na h-íocaíochtaí i ngach earnáil leagtha amach in **Aguisín 2** (leath. 95).

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 seanaois.

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 Míchumais, Pinsean Easláinte, Liúntas Míchumais, Pinsean na nDall, Liúntas Cúraim agus Sochair Gortú Ceirde.

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

Tugann **Cuid G** eolas maidir le tacaíochtaí fostaíochta, an Liúntas Filleadh ar Obair, Liúntas Fiontar Filleadh ar Obair, Liúntas Filleadh ar Oideachais, Forlíonadh d'Íoncam Teaghlaigh agus Liúntas 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. Ina theannta san, tugann an chuid seo eolas maidir le Seirbhísí Deonacha agus Pobail chomh maith le Seirbhísí Teaghlach a riarann an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh.

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 2003, ar fáil sa bhileog seo.

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

Introduction

General

This is the twentieth 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 2002 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 2002 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	Old Age
Section C	Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families
Section D	Child Related Payments
Section E	Illness, Disability and Caring
Section F	Unemployment Supports
Section G	Employment Supports
Section H	Supplementary Welfare Allowance
Section J	Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

Appendix 2 (page 95) 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 old age.

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, Orphan's Pensions and Maternity Benefit.

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

Section F provides details of unemployment payments.

Section G provides details of employment supports including Back to Work Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Education Allowance, the Student's Summer Jobs Scheme, 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. In addition this section includes information on the Voluntary and Community Services as well as the Family Services administered by the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

Summary

A Social and Family Affairs Leaflet to complement this report has been published. It contains, in summary form, details of expenditure and recipient numbers along with the social welfare payment rates applicable from January 2003.

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Section A

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Section A: Summary and Financial

Expenditure

Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2002 was €9,520 million, an increase of 21.4% over 2001. Expenditure in 2002 represented 28.8% of Gross Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 9.1% of GNP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Old Age (24.1%), Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Families (16.7%), Illness, Disability and Caring (15.4%), Unemployment Support (9.8%), Child Related Payments (16.6%), Supplementary Welfare Allowance (5.1%), and Employment Support (2.8%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 4.4% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (54%) and the Social Insurance Fund (46%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (73.4%), employees (20.3%), the self-employed (5.3%) and Investment Income (1.1%). See Tables A6 and A7.

Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Over 938,000 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2002. As these payments included increases in respect of over 126,000 Qualified Adults and over 405,000 Children, there were just over 1,495,000 beneficiaries in all. The number of recipients and beneficiaries increased by 35,596 and 36,140 respectively, year on year.

Graph A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2002

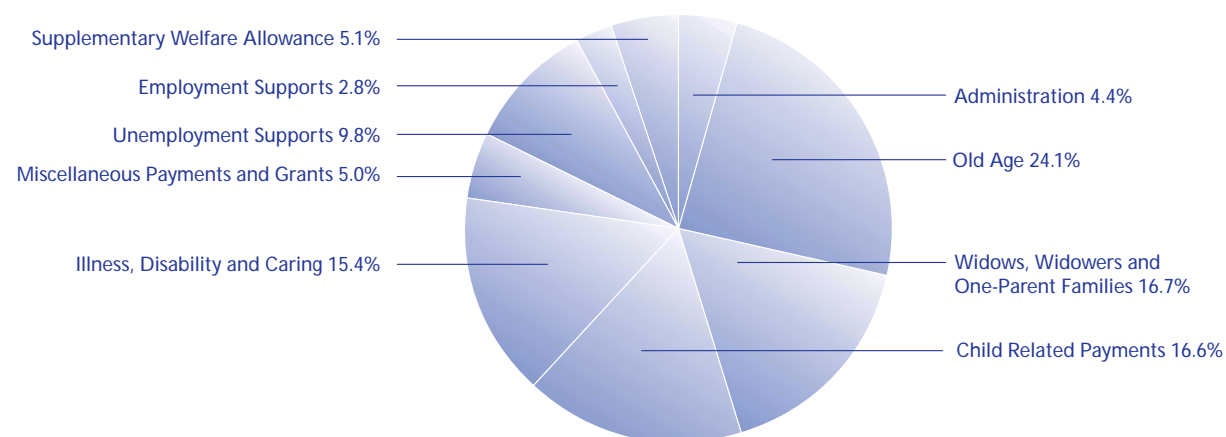


Table A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 2001 and 2002

Programme	2001	2002 Provisional	Change 2002 over 2001
	€000	€000	%
Old Age	1,987,487	2,296,366	15.5%
Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	1,412,960	1,592,479	12.7%
Child Related Payments	1,058,118	1,578,830	49.2%
Illness, Disability and Caring	1,245,675	1,465,828	17.7%
Unemployment Supports	720,564	935,446	29.8%
Employment Supports	283,704	269,128	-5.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	363,576	484,929	33.4%
Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	396,047	476,569	20.3%
Administration	374,748	420,094	12.1%
Total Expenditure	7,842,879	9,519,669	21.4%

Table A2

Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1993 to 2002

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	Net Current Government Expenditure	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
1993	4,607	100.0	100.0	27.9	34.5	11.9	10.7
1994	4,775	103.6	102.4	27.4	33.7	11.4	10.3
1995 ⁽⁴⁾	5,332	115.7	104.9	28.7	34.7	11.4	10.1
1996 ⁽⁴⁾	5,558	120.6	106.6	28.5	34.5	10.8	9.6
1997 ⁽⁴⁾	5,744	124.7	108.3	26.7	32.3	9.7	8.6
1998 ⁽⁴⁾	6,046	131.2	110.8	27.1	33.1	8.9	7.8
1999 ⁽⁴⁾	6,283	136.4	112.7	26.0	31.9	8.3	7.1
2000 ⁽⁴⁾	6,713	145.7	119.0	25.9	32.3	7.7	6.5
2001 ⁽⁴⁾	7,842	170.2	124.7	26.2	38.4	8.1	6.9
2002 ⁽⁴⁾	9,520	206.6	130.2	28.8	40.8	9.1	7.3

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

(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, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001	2002	Change %
	€000	Provisional €000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	716,563	868,647	21.2%
Retirement Pension	697,432	803,383	15.2%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	490,718	537,308	9.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	82,774	87,028	5.1%
Total Old Age	1,987,487	2,296,366	15.5%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	672,959	761,489	13.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	84,877	88,167	3.9%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	107,164	116,493	8.7%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	9,179	10,238	11.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	13	12	-7.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	537,376	613,035	14.1%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	1,312	2,932	123.5%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	80	113	41.3%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	1,412,960	1,592,479	12.7%
Maternity Benefit	78,933	99,128	25.6%
Health and Safety Benefit	210	218	3.8%
Adoptive Benefit	260	578	122.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	9,447	11,619	23.0%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	4,421	4,494	1.7%
Child Benefit	964,847	1,462,793	51.6%
Total Child Related Payments	1,058,118	1,578,830	49.2%
Disability Benefit	329,897	385,352	16.8%
Invalidity Pension	354,459	403,611	13.9%
Carer's Benefit	2,457	5,776	135.1%
Injury Benefit	10,872	11,842	8.9%
Disablement Benefit	54,342	59,393	9.3%
Death Benefit	5,055	5,558	10.0%
Disability Allowance	332,308	407,585	22.7%
Medical Care	227	225	-0.9%
Carer's Allowance	130,325	160,042	22.8%
Blind Pension	13,156	14,221	8.1%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	1,233,098	1,453,605	17.9%
Unemployment Benefit	290,689	423,461	45.7%
Unemployment Assistance	429,875	511,985	19.1%
Total Unemployment Supports	720,564	935,446	29.8%
Family Income Supplement	37,099	42,423	14.4%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	195,955	168,134	-14.2%
Farm Assist	50,650	58,571	15.6%
Total Employment Supports	283,704	269,128	-5.1%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	363,576	484,929	33.4%
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Treatment Benefits ⁽¹⁾	56,505	60,803	7.6%
Rent Allowance	736	666	-9.5%
Free Schemes ⁽¹⁾	240,994	296,043	22.8%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	76,929	69,645	-9.5%
Equal Treatment - Insurance Payments	56	17	-69.6%
Equal Treatment - Assistance Payments	-	-	0.0%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	33,404	61,618	84.5%
Total Miscellaneous Payments and Grants	408,624	488,792	19.6%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	158,910	177,458	11.7%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	215,838	242,636	12.4%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	374,748	420,094	12.1%
GRAND TOTAL	7,842,878	9,519,669	21.4%

(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, 2001 and 2002

Additional Details	2001	2002 Provisional	Change %
	€000	€000	
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES			
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	157,590	129,087	-18.1%
Student's Summer Jobs Scheme	4,024	66	-98.4%
Back to Education Allowance	30,554	35,392	15.8%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,315	1,126	-14.4%
Other	2,472	2,463	-0.4%
Total	195,955	168,134	-14.2%
TREATMENT BENEFITS			
Dental	44,033	44,443	0.9%
Optical	10,898	14,643	34.4%
Medical and Surgical	1,573	1,717	9.2%
Total	56,505	60,803	7.6%
FREE SCHEMES			
Social Insurance			
Fuel Allowances	24,510	33,280	35.8%
Free Electricity	30,672	37,378	21.9%
Free Bottled Gas	23	25	8.7%
Free Natural Gas	1,933	2,488	28.7%
Free Television Licence	14,925	18,580	24.5%
Free Telephone Rental	32,684	43,519	33.2%
Total	104,746	135,270	29.1%
FREE SCHEMES			
Social Assistance			
Fuel Allowances	36,626	47,253	29.0%
Free Travel	45,860	45,625	-0.5%
Free Electricity	20,603	25,269	22.6%
Free Bottled Gas	76	83	9.2%
Free Natural Gas	584	788	34.9%
Free Television Licence	9,848	12,387	25.8%
Free Telephone Rental	22,651	29,368	29.7%
Total	136,248	160,773	18.0%
MISCELLANEOUS			
Bereavement Grants	12,577	12,223	-2.8%
School Meals	1,787	2,023	13.2%
Grants for Marriage and Family Counselling Services	6,106	6,717	10.0%
Combat Poverty Agency	4,222	4,771	13.0%
Programme for Peace and Reconciliation	1,031	919	-10.9%
Comhairle ⁽¹⁾	12,926	16,289	26.0%
Grants for Community and Family Support Groups	25,659	14,852	-
Money Advice and Budgeting Services	8,268	9,287	12.3%
Scheme of Community Support for Older People	2,677	17	-
Other Grants/Payments	1,676	2,547	52.0%
Total	76,929	69,645	-9.5%

(1) Formerly called the National Social Services Board.

Table A5

Social Insurance and Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	Expenditure €000		Change %
	2001	2002	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	716,563	868,647	21.2%
Retirement Pension	697,432	803,383	15.2%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	672,959	761,489	13.2%
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Treatment Benefit	56,505	60,803	7.6%
Bereavement Grant	12,577	12,223	-2.8%
Free Schemes ⁽¹⁾	104,746	135,270	29.1%
Equal Treatment Payments	56	17	-69.6%
Redundancy and Insolvency Administration	33,404	61,618	84.5%
	158,910	177,458	11.7%
Total Social Insurance	3,676,188	4,378,768	19.1%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	490,718	537,308	9.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	82,774	87,028	5.1%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	107,164	116,493	8.7%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	80	113	41.3%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	9,179	10,238	11.5%
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Supplementary Welfare Allowance	363,576	484,929	33.4%
Rent Allowance	736	666	-9.5%
Free Schemes ⁽¹⁾	136,248	160,773	18.0%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	64,352	57,422	-10.8%
Equal Treatment Payments	-	-	0.0%
Administration	215,838	242,636	12.4%
Total Social Assistance	4,166,690	5,140,901	23.4%
GRAND TOTAL	7,842,878	9,519,669	21.4%

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in table A4.

Table A6

Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 2001 and 2002

Sources of Finance	2001		2002 Provisional	
	€000	%	€000	%
State	4,129,324	52.7%	5,116,001	53.7%
Social Insurance Fund	3,676,188	46.9%	4,378,768	46.0%
National Lottery	37,366	0.5%	24,900	0.3%
Total	7,842,878	100.0%	9,519,669	100.0%

Table A7

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2001 and 2002

INCOME	2001		2002 Provisional	
	€000	%	€000	%
Employer PRSI ⁽¹⁾	3,251,639	75.5%	3,520,571	73.4%
Employee PRSI ⁽¹⁾	819,752	19.0%	974,255	20.3%
Self-Employed PRSI	189,191	4.4%	252,508	5.3%
Investment Income	45,754	1.1%	51,015	1.1%
Other Receipts	19	0.0%	111	0.0%
Total Income	4,306,355	100.0%	4,798,460	100.0%
Expenditure on Social Insurance Schemes	3,676,188		4,378,768	
Surplus	630,167		419,692⁽²⁾	

(1) 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.

(2) €635 million was transferred to the exchequer in 2002.

Graph A2

Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 2002

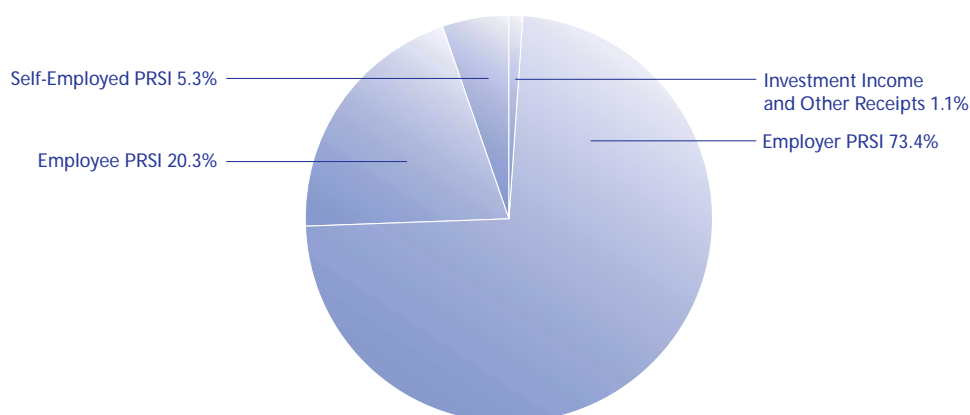


Table A8

Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1993 to 2002

Year	Number of Recipients		Number of Beneficiaries	
	Recipients	Beneficiaries	Recipients	Beneficiaries
1993	832,822 ⁽¹⁾	-	1,454,335 ⁽¹⁾	-
1994	823,308 ⁽¹⁾	-	1,483,200 ⁽¹⁾	-
1995	839,633 ⁽¹⁾	-	1,443,531 ⁽¹⁾	-
1996	874,335 ⁽¹⁾	-	1,465,557 ⁽¹⁾	-
1997	870,852 ⁽¹⁾	-	1,485,943 ⁽¹⁾	-
1998	841,983 ⁽¹⁾	878,249 ⁽²⁾	1,387,372 ⁽¹⁾	1,475,496 ⁽²⁾
1999	838,061 ⁽¹⁾	880,758 ⁽²⁾	1,371,730 ⁽¹⁾	1,476,088 ⁽²⁾
2000	826,274 ⁽¹⁾	869,994 ⁽²⁾	1,327,377 ⁽¹⁾	1,432,774 ⁽²⁾
2001	866,743 ⁽¹⁾	903,375 ⁽²⁾	1,372,911 ⁽¹⁾	1,460,574 ⁽²⁾
2002	908,608 ⁽¹⁾	938,971 ⁽²⁾	1,430,521 ⁽¹⁾	1,496,714 ⁽²⁾

(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 A3

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Programme Area, 2002

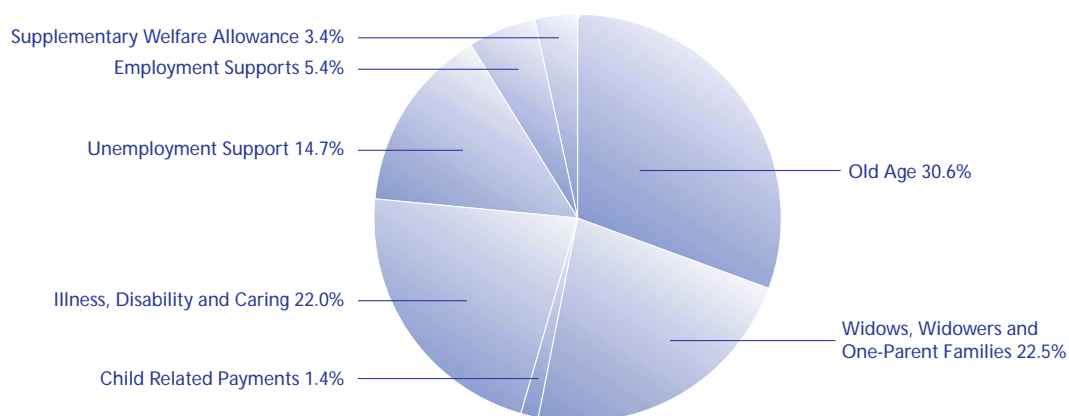


Table A9

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	2001	2002	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	94,871	105,295	11.0%
Retirement Pension	80,326	83,055	3.4%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	89,061	87,823	-1.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,807	11,222	-5.0%
Total Old Age	276,065	287,395	4.1%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	101,267	102,494	1.2%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	16,811	16,318	-2.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,177	11,794	-3.1%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,612	1,582	-1.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	77,142	79,195	2.7%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	209,011	211,385	1.1%
Maternity Benefit	9,376	9,603	2.4%
Health and Safety Benefit	25	32	28.0%
Adoptive Benefit	16	53	231.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,528	1,680	9.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,189	1,328	11.7%
Total Child Related Payments	12,134	12,696	4.6%
Disability Benefit	50,715	54,590	7.6%
Invalidity Pension	50,615	52,147	3.0%
Injury Benefit	861	828	-3.8%
Interim Disability Benefit	449	404	-10.0%
Disablement Benefit	11,230	11,612	3.4%
Death Benefit Pension	676	668	-1.2%
Carer's Benefit	425	615	44.7%
Disability Allowance	57,655	62,783	8.9%
Blind Pension	2,125	2,095	-1.4%
Carer's Allowance	18,785	20,395	8.6%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	193,536	206,137	6.5%
Unemployment Benefit	59,884	66,416	10.9%
Unemployment Assistance	66,563	71,566	7.5%
Total Unemployment Supports	126,447	137,982	9.1%
Back to Work Allowance	28,483	21,757	-23.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,708	3,229	-12.9%
Back to Education Allowance	4,101	5,041	22.9%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	340	336	-1.2%
Family Income Supplement	11,570	12,043	4.1%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,380	8,514	1.6%
Total Employment Supports	56,582	50,920	-10.0%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	29,167	32,073	10.0%
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowances	29,167	32,073	10.0%
Rent Allowance	433	383	-11.5%
Total Miscellaneous Payments	433	383	-11.5%
GRAND TOTAL	903,375	938,971	3.9%

(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, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	2001	2002	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	94,871	105,295	11.0%
Retirement Pension	80,326	83,055	3.4%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	101,267	102,494	1.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	12,177	11,794	-3.1%
Maternity Benefit	9,376	9,603	2.4%
Health and Safety Benefit	25	32	28.0%
Adoptive Benefit	16	53	231.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,528	1,680	9.9%
Disability Benefit	50,715	54,590	7.6%
Invalidity Pension	50,615	52,147	3.0%
Injury Benefit	861	828	-3.8%
Interim Disability Benefit	449	404	-10.0%
Disablement Benefit	11,230	11,612	3.4%
Death Benefit Pension	676	668	-1.2%
Carer's Benefit	425	615	44.7%
Unemployment Benefit	59,884	66,416	10.9%
Total Social Insurance	474,441	501,286	5.7%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	89,061	87,823	-1.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,807	11,222	-5.0%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	16,811	16,318	-2.9%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,612	1,582	-1.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	77,142	79,195	2.7%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,189	1,328	11.7%
Disability Allowance	57,655	62,783	8.9%
Blind Pension	2,125	2,095	-1.4%
Carer's Allowance	18,785	20,395	8.6%
Unemployment Assistance	66,563	71,566	7.5%
Back to Work Allowance	28,483	21,757	-23.6%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,708	3,229	-12.9%
Back to Education Allowance	4,101	5,041	22.9%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	340	336	-1.2%
Family Income Supplement	11,570	12,043	4.1%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,380	8,514	1.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	29,167	32,073	10.0%
Rent Allowance	433	383	-11.5%
Total Social Assistance	428,934	437,685	2.0%
GRAND TOTAL	903,375	938,971	3.9%

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

Table A11

Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	2001	2002	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	120,167	131,905	9.8%
Retirement Pension	106,270	109,611	3.1%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	94,441	92,563	-2.0%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	18,263	17,086	-6.4%
Total Old Age	339,141	351,165	3.5%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	116,443	117,438	0.9%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	16,811	16,318	-2.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	22,743	20,787	-8.6%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,612	1,582	-1.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	200,189	206,241	3.0%
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	357,800	362,368	1.3%
Maternity Benefit	9,376	9,603	2.4%
Health and Safety Benefit	44	64	45.5%
Adoptive Benefit	16	53	231.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,528	1,680	9.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,189	1,328	11.7%
Total Child Related Payments	12,153	12,728	4.7%
Disability Benefit	100,526	106,835	6.3%
Invalidity Pension	83,762	84,144	0.5%
Injury Benefit	1,618	1,536	-5.1%
Interim Disability Benefit	758	707	-6.7%
Disablement Benefit	12,181	12,600	3.4%
Death Benefit Pension	886	862	-2.7%
Carer's Benefit	929	1,351	45.4%
Disability Allowance	75,593	83,562	10.5%
Blind Pension	2,727	2,668	-2.2%
Carer's Allowance	35,770	38,931	8.8%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	314,750	333,196	5.9%
Unemployment Benefit	112,118	120,322	7.3%
Unemployment Assistance	120,911	125,959	4.2%
Total Unemployment Supports	233,029	246,281	5.7%
Back to Work Allowance	71,971	50,927	-29.2%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	9,295	7,471	-19.6%
Back to Education Allowance	6,057	7,459	23.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	340	336	-1.2%
Family Income Supplement	37,996	38,574	1.5%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	22,351	22,117	-1.0%
Total Employment Supports	148,010	126,884	-14.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	55,258	63,709	15.3%
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowances	55,258	63,709	15.3%
Rent Allowance	433	383	-11.5%
Total Miscellaneous Payments	433	383	-11.5%
GRAND TOTAL	1,460,574	1,496,714	2.5%

(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, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries		Change %
	2001	2002	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	120,167	131,905	9.8%
Retirement Pension	106,270	109,611	3.1%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	116,443	117,438	0.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	22,743	20,787	-8.6%
Maternity Benefit	9,376	9,603	2.4%
Health and Safety Benefit	44	64	45.5%
Adoptive Benefit	16	53	231.3%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,528	1,680	9.9%
Disability Benefit	100,526	106,835	6.3%
Invalidity Pension	83,762	84,144	0.5%
Injury Benefit	1,618	1,536	-5.1%
Interim Disability Benefit	758	707	-6.7%
Disablement Benefit	12,181	12,600	3.4%
Death Benefit Pension	886	862	-2.7%
Carer's Benefit	929	1,351	45.4%
Unemployment Benefit	112,118	120,322	7.3%
Total Social Insurance	689,365	719,498	4.4%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	94,441	92,563	-2.0%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	18,263	17,086	-6.4%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	16,811	16,318	-2.9%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,612	1,582	-1.9%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	2	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	200,189	206,241	3.0%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,189	1,328	11.7%
Disability Allowance	75,593	83,562	10.5%
Blind Pension	2,727	2,668	-2.2%
Carer's Allowance	35,770	38,931	8.8%
Unemployment Assistance	120,911	125,959	4.2%
Family Income Supplement	37,996	38,574	1.5%
Back to Work Allowance	71,971	50,927	-29.2%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	9,295	7,471	-19.6%
Back to Education Allowance	6,057	7,459	23.1%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	340	336	-1.2%
Farm Assist/Smallholders	22,351	22,117	-1.0%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	55,258	63,709	15.3%
Rent Allowance	433	383	-11.5%
Total Social Assistance	771,209	777,216	0.8%
GRAND TOTAL	1,460,574	1,496,714	2.5%

(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, 2002

Type of Payment	2002				Total
	Male	%	Female	%	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	66,382	63.0%	38,913	37.0%	105,295
Retirement Pension	60,899	73.3%	22,156	26.7%	83,055
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	10,668	10.4%	91,826	89.6%	102,494
Deserted Wife's Benefit	-	0.0%	11,794	100.0%	11,794
Maternity Benefit	-	0.0%	9,603	100.0%	9,603
Health and Safety Benefit	-	0.0%	32	100.0%	32
Adoptive Benefit	-	0.0%	53	100.0%	53
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance ⁽¹⁾	840	50.0%	840	50.0%	1,680
Disability Benefit	20,611	37.8%	33,979	62.2%	54,590
Invalidity Pension	28,008	53.7%	24,139	46.3%	52,147
Injury Benefit	605	73.1%	223	26.9%	828
Interim Disability Benefit	285	70.5%	119	29.5%	404
Disablement Benefit	9,649	83.1%	1,963	16.9%	11,612
Death Benefit Pension	4	0.6%	664	99.4%	668
Carer's Benefit	67	10.9%	548	89.1%	615
Unemployment Benefit	34,059	51.3%	32,357	48.7%	66,416
Total Social Insurance	232,077	46.3%	269,209	53.7%	501,286
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	37,172	42.3%	50,651	57.7%	87,823
Pre-Retirement Allowance	8,989	80.1%	2,233	19.9%	11,222
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	261	1.6%	16,057	98.4%	16,318
Deserted Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	1,582	100.0%	1,582
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	-	0.0%	2	100.0%	2
One-Parent Family Payment	1,945	2.5%	77,250	97.5%	79,195
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	664	50.0%	664	50.0%	1,328
Disability Allowance	37,645	60.0%	25,138	40.0%	62,783
Blind Pension	1,060	50.6%	1,035	49.4%	2,095
Carer's Allowance	4,132	20.3%	16,263	79.7%	20,395
Unemployment Assistance	53,142	74.3%	18,424	25.7%	71,566
Family Income Supplement	4,706	39.1%	7,337	60.9%	12,043
Back to Work Allowance	8,383	72.9%	3,113	27.1%	11,496
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	10,796	80.0%	2,694	20.0%	13,490
Back to Education Allowance	2,603	51.6%	2,438	48.4%	5,041
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾	168	50.0%	168	50.0%	336
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,956	93.4%	558	6.6%	8,514
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	18,546	57.8%	13,527	42.2%	32,073
Rent Allowance	106	27.7%	277	72.3%	383
Total Social Assistance	198,274	45.3%	239,411	54.7%	437,685
GRAND TOTAL	430,351	45.8%	508,620	54.2%	938,971

(1) Gender breakdown is estimated.

Table A14

Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 2002

Type of Payment			Qualified Children		Other Children	Total
	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾		
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	105,295	24,700	1,170	740	-	131,905
Retirement Pension	83,055	24,776	1,315	465	-	109,611
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	87,823	3,907	664	169	-	92,563
Pre-Retirement Allowance	11,222	4,032	1,601	231	-	17,086
Total Old Age	287,395	57,415	4,750	1,605	-	351,165
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	102,494	-	14,944	-	-	117,438
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	16,318	-	-	-	-	16,318
Deserted Wife's Benefit	11,794	-	8,993	-	-	20,787
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,582	-	-	-	-	1,582
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	79,195	-	126,263	783	-	206,241
Total Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families	211,385	-	150,200	783	-	362,368
Maternity Benefit	9,603	-	-	-	-	9,603
Health and Safety Benefit	32	1	1	30	-	64
Adoptive Benefit	53	-	-	-	-	53
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,680	-	-	-	-	1,680
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,328	-	-	-	-	1,328
Total Child Related Payments	12,696	1	1	30	-	12,728
Disability Benefit	54,590	7,815	8,113	36,317	-	106,835
Incapacity Pension	52,147	10,676	7,411	13,910	-	84,144
Injury Benefit	828	154	236	318	-	1,536
Interim Disability Benefit	404	42	71	190	-	707
Disablement Benefit	11,612	226	341	421	-	12,600
Death Benefit Pension	668	-	194	-	-	862
Carer's Benefit	615	-	28	708	-	1,351
Disability Allowance	62,783	5,233	9,575	5,971	-	83,562
Blind Pension	2,095	131	252	190	-	2,668
Carer's Allowance	20,395	-	1,818	16,718	-	38,931
Total Illness, Disability & Caring	206,137	24,277	26,255	74,743	-	333,196
Unemployment Benefit	66,416	7,977	12,171	33,758	-	120,322
Unemployment Assistance	71,566	15,577	31,962	6,854	-	125,959
Total Unemployment Supports	137,982	23,554	44,133	40,612	-	246,281
Back to Work Allowance Employee	11,496	3,586	9,049	1,679	-	25,810
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self-Employed First Year	3,229	885	2,276	1,081	-	7,471
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self-Employed Years 2-4	10,261	3,786	7,974	3,096	-	25,117
Back to Education Allowance	5,041	341	789	1,288	-	7,459
Part-Time Job Incentive scheme	336	-	-	-	-	336
Family Income Supplement ⁽²⁾	12,043	-	-	-	26,531	38,574
Farm Assist/Smallholders	8,514	4,063	7,376	2,164	-	22,117
Total Employment Supports	50,920	12,661	27,464	9,308	26,531	126,884
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾	32,073	8,146	23,490	-	-	63,709
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowances	32,073	8,146	23,490	-	-	63,709
Rent Allowance	383	-	-	-	-	383
Total Miscellaneous Payments	383	-	-	-	-	383
GRAND TOTAL⁽⁴⁾	938,971	126,054	278,077	127,081	26,531	1,496,714

(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) The number of Children is an estimated figure.

(3) Includes basic weekly payments only.

(4) 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, 2000/2001 and 2001 (Short Tax Year)

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number Insured					
		2000/2001 ⁽¹⁾			2001 (Short Tax Year) ⁽²⁾		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
A	All Benefits ⁽³⁾	947,923	861,116	1,809,039	940,727	868,475	1,809,202
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Carer's Benefit and limited Injuries Benefits	21,214	13,799	35,013	20,718	13,538	34,256
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,035	97	1,132	975	101	1,076
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits	49,195	56,986	106,181	48,757	56,779	105,536
E	All benefits except Unemployment Benefit, Bereavement Grant and Occupational Injuries Benefits	138	10	148	144	15	159
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit, Bereavement Grant, Carer's Benefit and Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension (in certain cases) during service	8,433	406	8,839	8,392	434	8,826
J⁽⁴⁾	Occupational Injuries Benefits	6,490	10,470	16,960	7,700	10,953	18,653
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution	41,433	18,530	59,963	33,191	11,795	44,986
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances	58,874	50,797	109,671	66,135	55,024	121,159
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Unemployment and Disability Benefits	12	-	12	10	-	10
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Bereavement Grant, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	219,246	49,343	268,589	230,631	53,632	284,263
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate: Retirement Pension, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Benefit and Death Grant	1,178	506	1,684	1,152	483	1,635
	Low Rate: Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Death Grant						
	Total	1,355,171	1,062,060	2,417,231	1,358,532	1,071,229	2,429,761

(1) Revised figures.

(2) Provisional figures.

(3) This includes 151,836 and 160,302 persons in 2000/2001 and 2001 (short tax year) respectively, in receipt of credited contributions.

(4) Class J includes FAS and other trainees.

Table A16

Number of Insured Persons, 1994/95 to 2001

Year	Insured Population	Index
1994/95	1,769,920	100
1995/96	1,858,492	105.0
1996/97	1,925,453	108.8
1997/98	2,037,647	115.1
1998/99	2,200,399	124.3
1999/2000	2,310,525	130.5
2000/2001 ⁽¹⁾	2,417,231	136.6
2001 ⁽²⁾	2,429,761	137.3

(1) Revised.

(2) Provisional.

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Analysis of Insured Population, 2001 (Short Tax Year)

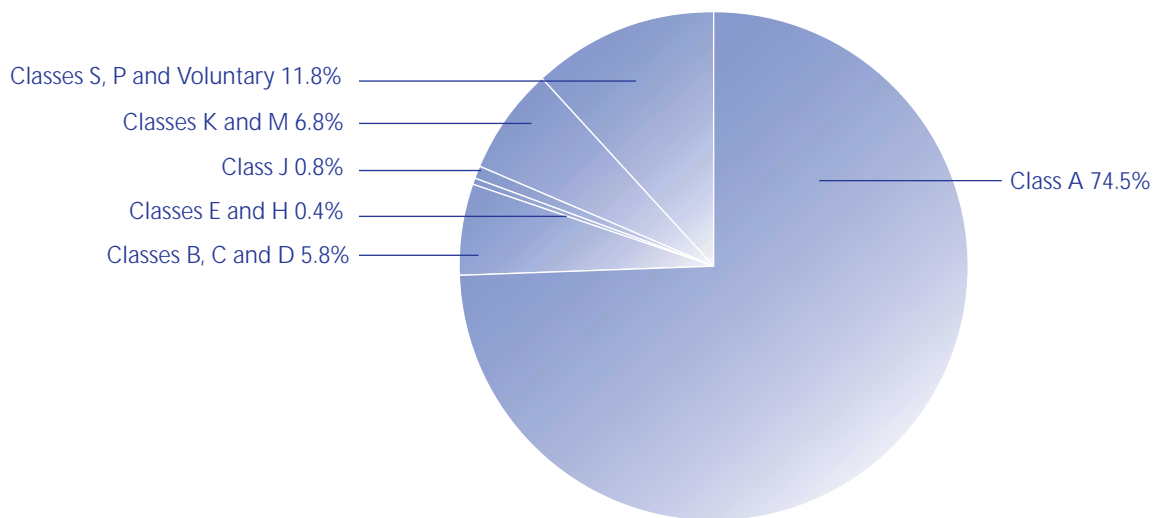


Table A17

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2002

Type of Payment	Qualified		
	Personal	Adult	Child
	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension/Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	147.30	98.10	19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	123.30	88.00	19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension/Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	123.30	-	21.60
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	91.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	146.60	-	-
Disablement Pension	148.90	-	-
Short Term			
Disability/Unemployment Benefit	118.80	78.80	16.80
Carer's Benefit	132.70	-	16.80
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	134.00	95.20	16.80
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	118.80	-	-
Deserted/Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	118.80	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	118.80	-	-
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	91.00	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	122.60	-	-
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	118.80	78.80	16.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	118.80	78.80	16.80
Disability Allowance	118.80	78.80	16.80
Farm Assist	118.80	78.80	16.80
Short Term			
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	118.80	78.80	16.80
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	118.80	78.80	16.80
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	6.40	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly)			
- 1st & 2nd Child	117.60	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	147.30	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of 113.80 Euro is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of 147.30 Euro is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 144.80 Euro is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 134.00 Euro is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 137.80 Euro is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2002.

Table A18

Social Welfare Weekly Rates of Payment from January 2003

Type of Payment	Qualified		
	Personal	Adult	Child
	€	€	€
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension/Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	157.30	104.80	19.30
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	130.30	93.00	19.30
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension/Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	130.30	-	21.60
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	97.00	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	153.60	-	21.60
Disablement Pension	155.90	-	-
Short Term			
Disability/Unemployment Benefit	124.80	82.80	16.80
Carer's Benefit	139.70	-	16.80
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	144.00	95.20	16.80
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	124.80	-	-
Deserted/Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	124.80	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	124.80	-	19.30
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	97.00	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	129.60	-	16.80
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	124.80	82.80	16.80
Pre-Retirement Allowance	124.80	82.80	16.80
Disability Allowance	124.80	82.80	16.80
Farm Assist	124.80	82.80	16.80
Short Term			
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	124.80	82.80	16.80
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	124.80	82.80	16.80
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Island Allowance	12.70	-	-
Living Alone Allowance	7.70	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	6.40	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly)			
- 1st & 2nd Child	125.60	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	157.30	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of 121.50 Euro is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of 157.30 Euro is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 155.80 Euro is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 144.00 Euro is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of 147.80 Euro is payable.

(6) These rates apply from April 2003.

Table A19

Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1993 to 2002

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⁾
1993	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1994	109.7	107.1	105.8	105.3	102.4	102.8
1995	112.4	109.8	110.3	111.5	104.9	104.9
1996	116.0	113.1	113.4	114.5	106.6	109.9
1997	121.4	118.0	117.3	119.0	108.3	113.4
1998	126.8	122.6	121.2	122.9	110.8	118.3
1999	132.2	128.1	126.3	128.0	112.7	124.9
2000	139.4	136.7	135.4	138.0	119.0	133.2
2001	153.8	153.1	156.5	163.0	124.7	143.9
2002	168.3	170.8	178.5	188.8	130.5	153.3

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

Note: Based on the rates of Unemployment Benefit and Disability Benefit.

Table A20

Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1993 to 2002

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⁾
1993	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1994	103.0	103.0	102.6	104.9	102.4	102.8
1995	105.7	107.2	107.9	111.5	104.9	104.9
1996	108.9	110.4	110.8	114.4	106.6	109.9
1997	113.2	114.4	114.1	118.3	108.3	113.4
1998	120.5	120.1	118.8	122.9	110.8	118.3
1999	129.2	128.1	125.7	129.4	112.7	124.9
2000	139.3	138.5	135.8	140.1	119.0	133.2
2001	153.8	154.4	155.3	163.3	124.7	143.9
2002	168.4	171.3	175.5	187.0	130.5	153.3

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

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

Table A21

Index of Rates of Payment for the Long-Term Unemployed, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1993 to 2002

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⁾
1993	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1994	103.0	103.1	102.9	103.0	102.4	102.8
1995	105.6	105.6	107.2	109.1	104.9	104.9
1996	109.0	108.8	110.2	112.0	106.6	109.9
1997	114.0	113.5	114.1	116.4	108.3	113.4
1998	119.1	118.0	117.8	120.2	110.8	118.3
1999	124.2	123.2	122.8	125.2	112.7	124.9
2000	130.9	131.5	131.6	135.0	119.0	133.2
2001	144.4	147.3	152.1	159.4	124.7	143.9
2002	158.0	164.3	173.6	184.7	130.5	153.3

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

Note: Based on the rates of Long-Term Unemployment Assistance.



Section B

old age

Section B: Old Age

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Old Age payments was over £2,296 million in 2002. This represents an increase of 15.5% on 2001.

The overall number of Old Age payments rose by 11,330 in 2002, an increase of 4.1%. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (Old Age Contributory Pension and Retirement Pension) based on social insurance contributions rose by 13,153 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 1,238. The number of persons in receipt of Pre-Retirement Allowance fell by 585 in 2002.

Over the last ten years, the number of recipients of Old Age (Contributory) Pension rose by 33,434 and the number of recipients of Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 23,188. The number of recipients of Retirement Pension increased by 24,655, and the number of recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance has fallen by 4,660 in the same period. See Table B3 and Graph B1 for details.

Graph B1

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions, 1993 to 2002

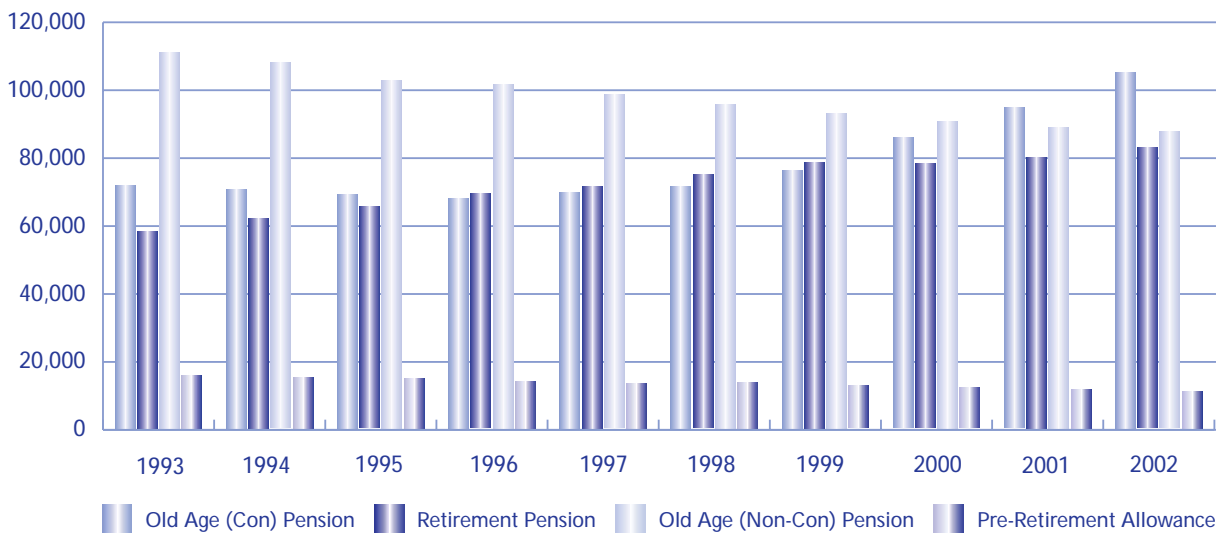


Table B1

Expenditure on Old Age by Payment Type, 2001 and 2002

Payment Type	2001	2002 Provisional	Change 2002 over 2001
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	716,563	868,647	21.2%
Retirement Pension	697,432	803,383	15.2%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	490,718	537,308	9.5%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	82,774	87,028	5.1%
Total	1,987,487	2,296,366	15.5%

Table B2

Expenditure on Old Age by Pension Type, 1993 to 2002

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1993	396,417	297,246	404,324	72,610	1,170,597
1994	399,962	325,218	405,143	74,795	1,205,119
1995	402,394	355,899	392,030	72,696	1,223,019
1996	406,637	388,130	393,992	73,732	1,262,492
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 ⁽²⁾	868,647	803,383	537,308	87,028	2,296,366

(1) Includes expenditure on Blind Pension up to and including 1994. This expenditure is now included in the Illness, Disability and Caring Section.

(2) Provisional.

Table B3

Number of Recipients by Type of Old Age Pension, 1993 to 2002

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
1993	71,861	58,400	111,011	15,882	257,154
1994	70,820	62,211	108,301	15,284	256,616
1995	69,179	65,761	102,984	15,023	252,947
1996	67,988	69,740	101,624	14,151	253,503
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

Table B4

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, and Number of Qualified Adults and Children, 2002

Dependency Status	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Total
Personal Rate only	79,980	57,797	83,916	6,979	228,672
With Qualified Adult under 66	10,048	11,805	3,907	4,032	
With Qualified Adult over 66	14,652	12,971			57,415
With 1 Qualified Child	1,077	1,120	443	787	3,427
With 2 Qualified Children	263	198	104	240	805
With 3 Qualified Children	58	55	35	94	242
With 4 Qualified Children	24	18	10	41	93
With 5 Qualified Children	5	3	3	11	22
With 6 or more Qualified Children	2	2	3	10	17
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	1,429	1,396	598	1,183	4,606
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child Allowances	1.4%	1.7%	0.7%	10.5%	1.7%
Total number of Qualified Adults	24,700	24,776	3,907	4,032	57,415
Total Number of Children⁽²⁾	1,910	1,780	833	1,832	6,355

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

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

Table B5

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age Group	Old Age (Contributory) Pension		Retirement Pension		Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 70 years	19,946	9,591	23,791	8,088	6,201	8,826	49,938	26,505
70 to 75 years	20,604	10,814	19,419	7,006	9,428	12,015	49,451	29,835
75 to 80 years	12,950	8,360	11,037	4,184	9,686	11,643	33,673	24,187
80 to 85 years	8,277	5,939	4,912	1,874	7,128	9,099	20,317	16,912
85 years and over	4,605	4,209	1,740	1,004	4,729	9,068	11,074	14,281
Total	66,382	38,913	60,899	22,156	37,172	50,651	164,453	111,720
OVERALL TOTAL	105,295		83,055		87,823		276,173	

Table B6

Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
55	157	40	197
56	453	116	569
57	575	178	753
58	732	225	957
59	940	242	1,182
60	900	222	1,122
61	1,019	224	1,243
62	929	229	1,158
63	1,066	218	1,284
64	1,001	245	1,246
65	1,217	294	1,511
Total	8,989	2,233	11,222

Table B7

Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance by Pension Type, 2002 (Estimated)

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	26,013	23,030	44
Retirement Pension	18,784	9,530	69
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	24,856	30,747	233
Total	69,653	63,307	346

Table B8

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and County, 2002 (Estimated)

County	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	963	991	1,092	170
Cavan	1,136	875	2,669	156
Clare	1,810	1,458	3,638	286
Cork	9,858	9,452	9,943	1,204
Donegal	2,034	2,796	5,367	1,007
Dublin	29,758	27,892	9,545	2,770
Galway	3,416	3,069	7,170	539
Kerry	2,463	2,115	5,048	480
Kildare	2,390	2,186	1,538	226
Kilkenny	1,494	1,370	2,125	206
Laois	1,146	917	1,556	175
Leitrim	559	645	1,355	66
Limerick	3,688	3,526	4,035	450
Longford	685	555	1,401	88
Louth	2,483	2,693	1,875	356
Mayo	1,988	2,479	5,487	420
Meath	2,431	1,851	2,188	301
Monaghan	991	880	2,140	131
Offaly	1,308	1,148	1,634	162
Roscommon	1,137	897	2,534	97
Sligo	1,167	1,166	2,077	120
Tipperary	3,451	2,558	4,646	474
Waterford	2,153	2,486	2,112	394
Westmeath	1,583	1,293	1,763	123
Wexford	2,511	2,361	3,129	547
Wicklow	2,484	2,294	1,694	274
Others	20,208	3,102	62	-
Total	105,295	83,055	87,823	11,222



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 12.7% overall.

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 2002, there were 102,494 recipients (91,826 widows and 10,668 widowers). Expenditure in 2002 was over £761 million which represented an increase of 13.2% over 2001.

The number of recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance declined during 2002. This arises as a result of the discontinuation of these payments for new claimants with effect from January 1997. One-Parent Family Payment replaced these payments, Prisoners Wife's Allowance and Lone Parent's Allowance from that date.

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Expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment increased by 14.1%, while the number of recipients rose by over 2,000.

Graph C1

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2002

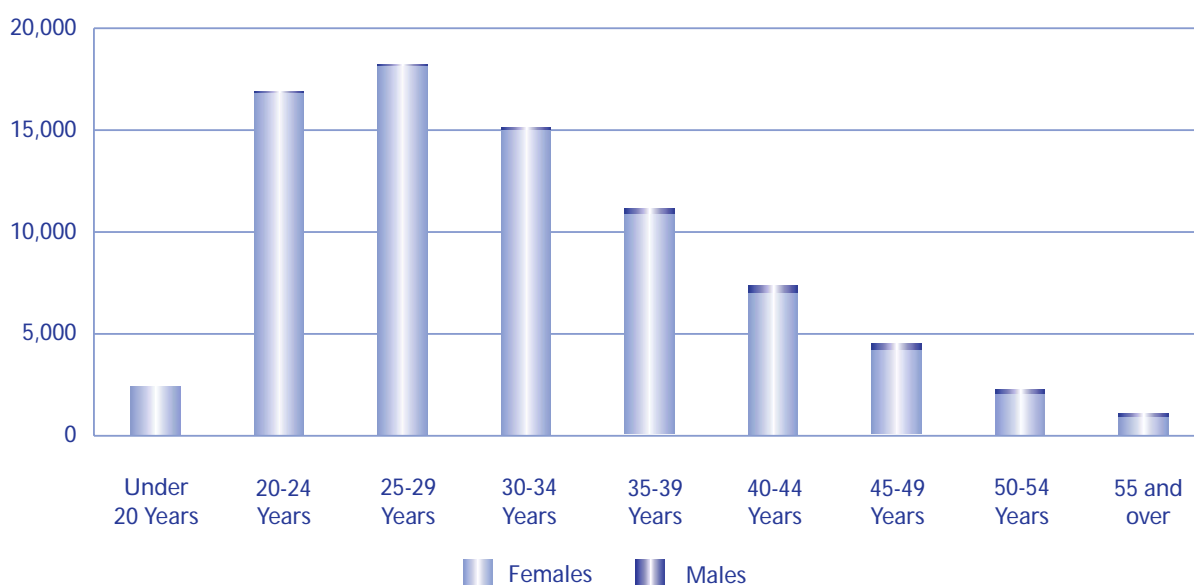


Table C1

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families by Payment Type, 2001 and 2002

Payment Type	2001	2002 Provisional	Change 2002 over 2001
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	672,959	761,489	13.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	84,877	88,167	3.9%
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory)	1,312	2,932	123.5%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	107,164	116,493	8.7%
Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	9,179	10,238	11.5%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	13	12	-7.7%
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	537,376	613,035	14.1%
Widowed Parent Grant (Non-Contributory)	80	113	41.3%
Total	1,412,960	1,592,479	12.7%

(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, 1993 to 2002

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1993	371,510	68,637	440,147
1994	388,840	71,752	460,591
1995	434,446	73,862	508,308
1996	457,036	77,159	534,195
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 ⁽³⁾	761,489	116,493	877,982

(1) Payment was extended in October 1994 to include widowed men.

(2) Payment was extended in October 1997 to include widowed men. Expenditure on Orphan's Non-Contributory Pension is included up to and including 1994. Data on expenditure on this scheme from 1995 to date is contained in Section D.

(3) Provisional.

Table C3

Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoners Wife's Allowance and Lone Parent's/One-Parent Family Payment, 1993 to 2002

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoners Wife's Allowance	Lone Parent's Allowance/One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1993	78,307	7,564	37	191,724	277,632
1994	83,592	8,074	25	216,481	308,173
1995	88,998	8,470	33	246,663	344,165
1996	92,884	8,825	28	277,086	378,823
1997 ⁽²⁾	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 ⁽³⁾	88,167	10,238	12	613,035	711,452

(1) Lone Parent's Allowance was introduced in November 1990 and discontinued in December 1996.

(2) One-Parent Family Payment was introduced in January 1997.

(3) Provisional

Table C4

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions 1993 to 2002

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
1993	86,371	18,825	105,196
1994	90,671	19,043	109,714
1995	94,713	19,108	113,821
1996	96,107	19,046	115,153
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

(1) Payment was extended in October 1994 to include both widowed men and women.

(2) 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, 2002

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	93,630	6,592	100,222
With 1 child	4,898	2,760	7,658
With 2 children	2,498	1,535	4,033
With 3 children	995	603	1,598
With 4 children	353	202	555
With 5 children	85	73	158
With 6 or more children	35	29	64
Total Recipients	102,494	11,794	114,288
Total Recipients with children	8,864	5,202	14,066
% of Recipients with children	8.6%	44.1%	12.3%
Total Number of children	14,944	8,993	23,937

Table C6

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pensions			Overall Total
	Widows	Widowers	Total	Widows	Widowers	Total	
Under 25 years	6	3	9	1	-	1	10
25 to 29 years	49	8	57	-	-	-	57
30 to 34 years	240	47	287	2	-	2	289
35 to 39 years	617	193	810	9	2	11	821
40 to 44 years	1,320	409	1,729	37	6	43	1,772
45 to 49 years	2,319	771	3,090	91	11	102	3,192
50 to 54 years	3,934	1,310	5,244	240	30	270	5,514
55 to 59 years	6,563	1,878	8,441	591	47	638	9,079
60 to 64 years	9,276	2,191	11,467	1,096	66	1,162	12,629
65 to 69 years	12,130	1,403	13,533	1,993	57	2,050	15,583
70 to 74 years	14,531	930	15,461	2,941	24	2,965	18,426
75 to 79 years	16,449	657	17,106	3,583	6	3,589	20,695
80 years and over	24,392	868	25,260	5,473	12	5,485	30,745
Total	91,826	10,668	102,494	16,057	261	16,318	118,812

Table C7

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, Lone Parent's Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, 1993 to 2002

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	Lone Parent's Allowance	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	Total
1993	12,949	2,051	9	36,653	-	51,662
1994	13,662	2,095	8	40,700	-	56,465
1995	14,284	2,125	7	45,779	-	62,195
1996	14,738	2,138	8	50,557	-	67,441
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

(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, 2002 (Estimated)

Age	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	1	-	-
25 to 29 years	4	-	-
30 to 34 years	159	-	-
35 to 39 years	876	-	-
40 to 44 years	1,980	19	-
45 to 49 years	2,541	100	-
50 to 54 years	2,575	210	1
55 to 59 years	1,838	365	1
60 to 64 years	1,047	335	-
65 years and over	773	553	-
Total	11,794	1,582	2

Table C9

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Qualified Children, 2002 (Estimated)

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total
With 1 child	47,801	603	48,404
With 2 children	19,000	293	19,293
With 3 children	7,202	145	7,347
With 4 children	2,673	67	2,740
With 5 children	846	34	880
With 6 or more children	388	20	408
Total Recipients	78,030	1,165	79,195
Total Number of Children	124,857	2,176	127,033

Table C10

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 20 years	13	2,442	-	-	13	2,442
20 to 24 years	125	16,776	-	6	125	16,782
25 to 29 years	93	18,114	2	19	95	18,133
30 to 34 years	185	14,889	7	72	192	14,961
35 to 39 years	309	10,722	18	120	327	10,842
40 to 44 years	369	6,834	25	126	394	6,960
45 to 49 years	324	4,027	46	153	370	4,180
50 to 54 years	207	1,859	47	176	254	2,035
55 to 59 years	74	556	30	175	104	731
60 to 64 years	28	66	24	82	52	148
65 years and over	8	10	11	26	19	36
Total	1,735	76,295	210	955	1,945	77,250
OVERALL TOTAL	78,030		1,165		79,195	

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 Allowances, and Island Allowance, 2002

Pension Type	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Widow/er's (Con) Pension	39,682	25,260	58
Deserted Wife's Benefit	302	32	-
Widow/er's (Non-Con) Pension	7,396	5,485	32
Deserted Wife's Allowance	221	65	1
Total	47,601	30,842	91

Table C12

Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 2002 (Estimated)

County	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	1,178	181	1,136	128	17	-
Cavan	1,338	617	760	72	14	-
Clare	2,096	726	1,603	206	48	-
Cork	11,449	1,765	8,079	1,098	135	-
Donegal	3,115	905	2,985	231	89	-
Dublin	27,733	1,512	27,820	5,062	489	-
Galway	4,302	1,528	3,324	361	89	-
Kerry	3,183	897	2,090	257	66	1
Kildare	3,218	290	2,884	435	43	-
Kilkenny	1,688	327	1,123	172	27	-
Laois	1,312	326	889	85	14	-
Leitrim	868	275	268	44	7	-
Limerick	4,531	749	3,683	516	63	-
Longford	879	326	659	90	8	-
Louth	2,644	256	2,816	462	34	-
Mayo	3,173	1,014	1,675	170	53	1
Meath	2,602	403	1,862	322	58	-
Monaghan	1,173	483	829	108	27	-
Offaly	1,556	350	1,095	123	14	-
Roscommon	1,261	519	562	78	19	-
Sligo	1,512	422	920	192	14	-
Tipperary	3,936	898	2,579	322	49	-
Waterford	2,737	297	2,481	309	41	-
Westmeath	1,978	433	1,449	198	27	-
Wexford	2,908	539	2,984	320	73	-
Wicklow	2,651	280	2,587	433	64	-
Others	7,473	-	53	-	-	-
Total	102,494	16,318	79,195	11,794	1,582	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, Orphan's Pensions, 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 Old Age pensions are included in the 'Old Age' programme.

Expenditure on payments in this programme group rose by 49.2% in 2002. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 74.2% of recipient families in 2002 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1994 was 67.2%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 7,522 to 522,441. The total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid increased by 1,376 to 1,019,551.

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Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by £498 million in 2002, an increase of 51.6% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by over £20 million, an increase of 25.6%.

Graph D1

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Number of Child Beneficiaries, 1994 to 2002

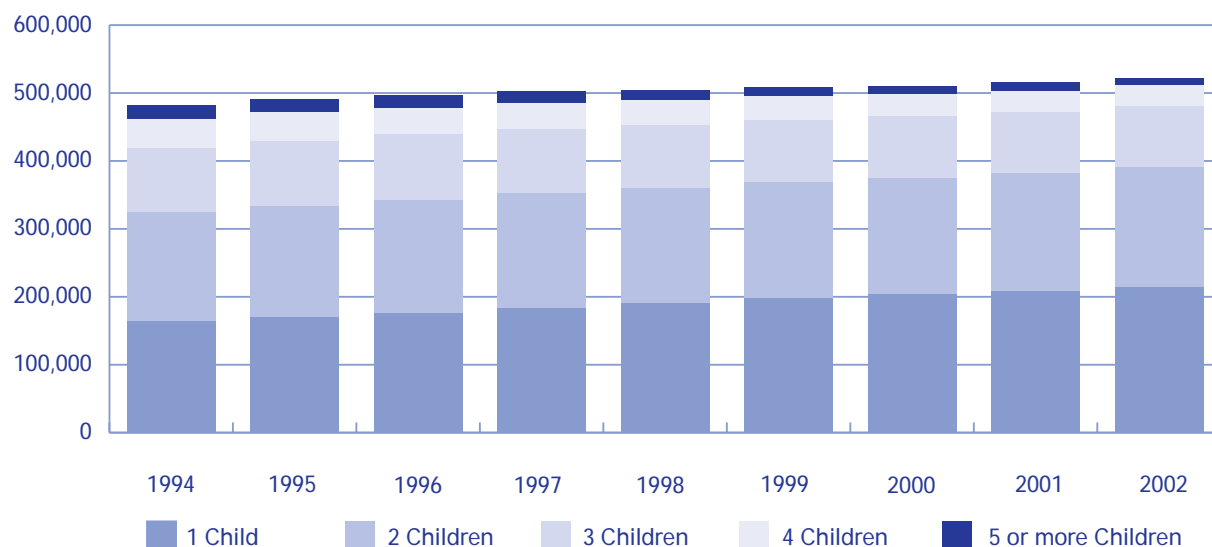


Table D1

Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 2001 and 2002

Payment Type	2001	2002 Provisional	Change 2002 over 2001
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Maternity Benefit	78,933	99,128	25.6%
Adoptive Benefit	260	578	122.3%
Health and Safety Benefit	210	218	3.8%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	9,447	11,619	23.0%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	4,421	4,494	1.7%
OTHER			
Child Benefit	964,847	1,462,793	51.6%
Total	1,058,118	1,578,830	49.2%

Table D2

Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1993 to 2002

Year	Expenditure
	€000
1993	293,709
1994	337,076
1995	382,124
1996	477,404
1997	505,787
1998	531,728
1999	565,013
2000	637,543
2001	964,847
2002 ⁽¹⁾	1,462,793

(1) Provisional.

Table D3

Expenditure on Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Orphans (Non-Contributory) Pension, 1993 to 2002

Year	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾
	€000	€000
1993	1,875	-
1994	1,931	-
1995	2,203	759
1996	2,367	924
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 ⁽²⁾	11,619	4,494

(1) Prior to 1995 Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension expenditure was calculated as part of Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension.

(2) Provisional.

Table D4

Expenditure on Maternity, Adoptive and Health & Safety Benefits, 1993 to 2002

Year	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Health & Safety Benefit ⁽²⁾
	€000	€000	€000
1993	28,196	-	-
1994	30,922	-	-
1995	34,630	77	67
1996	37,888	69	113
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 ⁽³⁾	99,128	578	218

(1) Adoptive Benefit was introduced in April 1995.

(2) Health & Safety Benefit was introduced in October 1994.

(3) Provisional.

Table D5

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Pensions, 2001 and 2002

Payment	2001	2002	% Change 2002 over 2001
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,528	1,680	9.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,189	1,328	11.7%
Total	2,717	3,008	10.7%

Table D6

Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 2001 and 2002

Payment	2001	2002	% Change 2002 over 2001
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	9,376	9,603	2.4%
Health and Safety Benefit	25	32	28.0%
Adoptive Benefit	16	53	231.3%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	27,142	29,042	7.0%
Health and Safety Benefit	103	134	30.1%
Adoptive Benefit	110	215	95.5%

Table D7

Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1993 to 2002

Year	Families	Children
1993	482,300	1,074,735
1994	482,592	1,055,156
1995	491,520	1,065,471
1996	497,252	1,060,496
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

Table D8

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1994 to 2002

Number of Eligible Children in Family	1994	1995 ⁽¹⁾	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
1	164,809	169,625	176,126	183,271	190,083	197,457	203,342	208,712	214,916
2	159,275	163,278	166,364	168,421	169,509	170,777	171,646	173,525	176,284
3	95,536	96,811	96,218	95,450	93,671	92,172	90,667	89,564	89,397
4	41,631	41,323	39,682	37,836	35,932	33,979	32,431	31,225	30,552
5	13,834	13,464	12,557	11,652	10,592	9,651	8,795	8,257	7,884
6	4,829	4,538	4,099	3,746	3,304	2,965	2,628	2,450	2,275
7	1,653	1,521	1,385	1,201	1,071	980	869	742	712
8	586	556	465	433	401	324	294	287	267
9	254	230	201	179	145	107	89	94	95
10	105	104	94	83	57	56	48	39	36
11	50	42	31	20	22	22	20	16	15
12	20	20	19	17	16	11	7	6	7
13	6	4	7	5	6	2	3	1	-
14	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
15	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total	482,592	491,520	497,252	502,318	504,811	508,504	510,840	514,919	522,441
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,074,735	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,019,551

(1) Payment was extended in September 1995 to include 18 year olds in full-time education.

Table D9

Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 1994 to 2002 (Estimated)

Age (in years)	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	38,263	43,255	43,689	46,470	46,962	46,390	46,094	45,691	32,832 ⁽³⁾
1 under 2	49,242	47,869	49,032	50,341	52,805	54,123	54,032	54,931	59,235
2 under 3	51,541	49,808	48,514	49,741	51,086	53,690	55,066	55,214	57,341
3 under 4	53,598	51,818	50,283	49,187	50,430	51,871	54,521	56,131	57,749
4 under 5	54,794	53,639	52,306	50,877	49,779	51,028	52,435	55,473	58,520
5 under 6	53,764	54,813	54,044	52,823	51,379	50,386	51,569	53,276	57,870
6 under 7	55,613	53,431	55,160	54,456	53,288	51,851	50,827	52,279	55,888
7 under 8	58,442	55,743	53,737	55,567	54,800	53,723	52,261	51,447	54,231
8 under 9	60,905	58,327	56,048	54,098	55,940	55,213	54,195	52,815	53,711
9 under 10	61,107	60,453	58,628	56,405	54,357	56,299	55,573	54,738	54,536
10 under 11	62,569	61,012	60,628	58,896	56,645	54,662	56,584	56,074	56,618
11 under 12	65,233	62,495	61,219	60,861	59,085	56,952	54,937	57,015	58,024
12 under 13	68,357	65,473	62,506	61,389	60,993	59,352	57,220	55,383	59,011
13 under 14	70,026	68,185	65,571	62,702	61,457	61,203	59,529	57,522	57,578
14 under 15	72,263	69,903	68,301	65,698	62,741	61,640	61,396	59,815	59,281
15 under 16	71,054	70,445	68,302	66,839	64,637	61,771	60,940	60,652	61,772
16 under 17	54,351	58,581	60,780	59,091	56,615	54,216	50,772	49,485	50,534
17 under 18	54,034	53,487	57,032	58,836	56,915	55,592	52,398	50,488	48,016
18 under 19 ⁽²⁾	-	26,734	34,716	39,124	39,832	38,915	37,826	35,911	26,804 ⁽³⁾
Total	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340	1,019,551

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

(2) Payment was extended to this age group on 1 September 1995.

(3) 2002 numbers understated because of processing delays which were rectified in the early months of 2003.

Table D10

Number of Recipients of Qualified Child Increases by Payment Type, 2002 (Estimated)

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
Old Age Contributory Pension	676	401	148	115	33	25	18	6	3	2	2	-	1,170	740	880	549
Retirement Pension	842	278	138	60	40	15	14	4	3	-	1	1	1,315	465	1,038	358
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	337	106	80	24	34	1	7	3	3	-	3	-	664	169	464	134
Pre-Retirement Allowance	653	134	208	32	87	7	39	2	10	1	10	-	1,601	231	1,007	176
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	4,898	-	2,498	-	995	-	353	-	85	-	35	-	14,944	-	8,864	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	2,760	-	1,535	-	603	-	202	-	73	-	29	-	8,993	-	5,202	-
One-Parent Family Payment	47,542	413	19,146	47	7,306	-	2,725	-	869	-	397	-	126,263	783	77,985	460
Health and Safety Benefit	1	20	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	30	1	25
Disability Benefit	1,762	6,977	1,156	7,039	664	3,241	294	1,047	105	203	54	53	8,113	36,317	4,035	18,560
Invalidity Pension	2,361	3,456	1,094	2,581	504	1,100	169	332	78	84	44	37	7,411	13,910	4,250	7,590
Injury Benefit	35	70	35	63	22	21	7	11	5	3	2	-	236	318	106	168
Interim Disability Benefit	10	39	11	39	8	19	1	4	1	-	1	-	71	190	32	101
Disablement Benefit	55	82	55	70	29	35	8	18	5	2	4	2	341	421	156	209
Death Benefit Pension	52	-	32	-	19	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	194	-	108	-
Disability Allowance	2,036	1,038	1,185	718	652	413	382	196	144	63	144	76	9,575	5,971	4,543	2,504
Carer's Benefit	7	108	6	113	3	83	-	25	-	4	-	1	28	708	16	334
Blind Pension	60	52	37	32	27	19	5	4	2	1	1	-	252	190	132	108
Carer's Allowance	368	2,272	253	2,193	150	1,470	57	733	31	266	17	204	1,818	16,718	876	7,138
Unemployment Benefit	2,290	6,696	1,830	6,772	1,051	2,985	467	855	154	170	64	47	12,171	33,758	5,856	17,525
Unemployment Assistance	4,157	1,068	3,739	933	2,499	570	1,297	258	671	111	624	90	31,962	6,854	12,987	3,030
Smallholders/Farm Assist	805	208	845	233	585	198	370	115	170	48	122	29	7,376	2,164	2,897	831
Back to Work Allowance	1,620	282	1,224	294	787	142	377	67	134	14	73	9	9,049	1,679	4,215	808
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	1,420	621	1,429	764	956	440	424	126	158	24	101	14	10,250	4,177	4,488	1,989
Back to Education Allowance	118	200	116	243	66	112	35	45	8	12	9	4	789	1,288	352	616
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	6,663	-	3,147	-	1,610	-	719	-	290	-	202	-	23,490	-	12,631	-
Total	81,528	24,521	39,947	22,370	18,730	10,896	7,974	3,851	3,003	1,008	1,939	567	278,077	127,081	153,121	63,213

Table D11

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Allowance/Pension, Child Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Health & Safety Benefit by County, 2002 (Estimated)

County	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Child Benefit Recipients	Child Benefit Children	Maternity Benefit	Health & Safety Benefit
Carlow	20	12	7,067	13,581	134	1
Cavan	15	17	7,266	15,458	127	-
Clare	23	22	13,669	27,417	250	1
Cork	244	178	59,226	116,527	1,112	4
Donegal	56	41	16,543	38,489	287	-
Dublin	598	451	143,831	266,114	2,757	12
Galway	34	40	28,570	54,296	517	2
Kerry	66	50	16,699	33,249	271	-
Kildare	53	50	24,693	47,485	537	-
Kilkenny	35	25	10,045	20,213	180	-
Laois	20	11	7,413	15,126	125	-
Leitrim	9	12	3,233	6,834	53	-
Limerick	58	46	23,492	45,552	403	5
Longford	22	11	4,378	8,869	66	-
Louth	33	35	15,220	28,935	287	-
Mayo	38	26	14,960	31,700	232	-
Meath	35	29	18,871	37,034	421	4
Monaghan	22	11	6,785	14,210	121	-
Offaly	15	14	8,546	17,391	149	-
Roscommon	14	17	6,257	13,005	93	1
Sligo	30	17	7,421	15,104	123	1
Tipperary	57	58	19,473	38,698	324	-
Waterford	50	41	14,281	27,170	250	-
Westmeath	30	41	10,672	21,347	179	-
Wexford	38	22	16,929	33,296	270	-
Wicklow	50	51	16,658	31,957	305	1
Others	15	-	243	494	30	-
Total	1,680	1,328	522,441	1,019,551	9,603	32



Section E

illness, disability and caring

Section E: Illness, Disability and Caring

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension increased by 16.8% and 13.9% 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 22.7% to over £407 million. There are now 62,783 recipients of the scheme.

Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990. Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by nearly £30 million in 2002, an increase of 22.8%. There are now 20,395 recipients of the Scheme, an increase of 1,610 year on year.

Graph E1 and Table E4 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1993 to 2002.

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 195 to 615, year on year.

Graph E1

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1993 to 2002

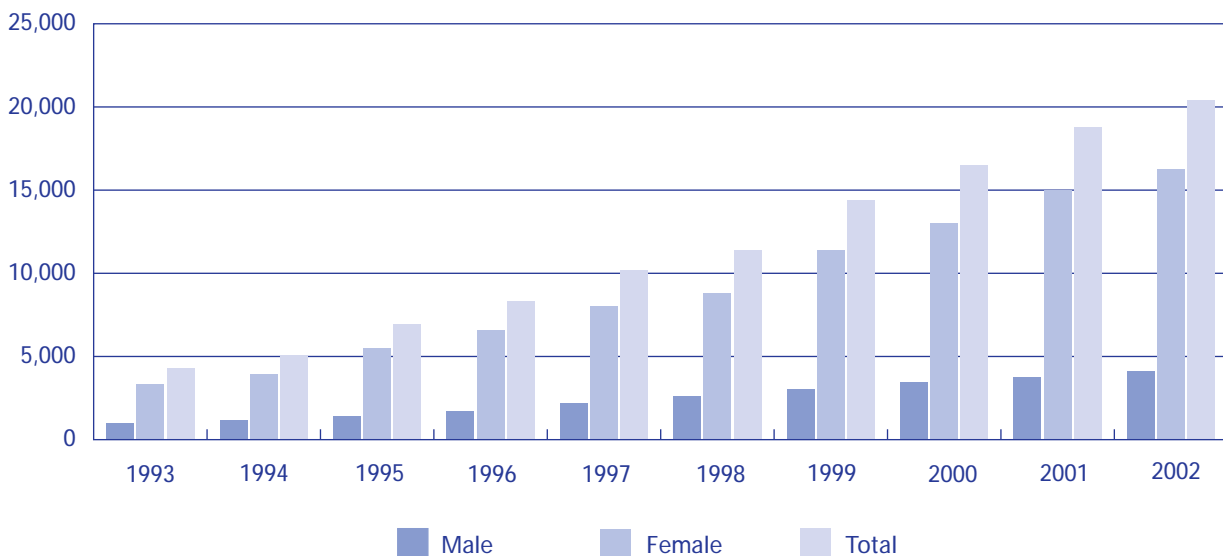


Table E1

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001	2002 Provisional	Change 2002 over 2001
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Disability Benefit	329,897	385,352	16.8%
Invalidity Pension	354,459	403,611	13.9%
Carer's Benefit	2,457	5,776	135.1%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Disability Allowance	332,308	407,585	22.7%
Blind Pension	13,156	14,221	8.1%
Carer's Allowance	130,325	160,042	22.8%
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS			
Injury Benefit	10,872	11,842	8.9%
Disablement Benefit	54,342	59,393	9.3%
Death Benefit	5,055	5,558	10.0%
Medical Care	227	225	-0.9%
Total	1,233,098	1,453,605	17.9%

Table E2

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1993 to 2002

Year	Disability Benefit	Occupational Injuries	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Blind Pension ⁽²⁾	Disability Allowance ⁽³⁾	Carer's Allowance	Total ⁽⁴⁾
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1993	212,034	46,660	199,732	-	-	-	14,620	478,544
1994	210,029	48,494	217,335	-	-	-	18,246	494,850
1995	212,651	51,671	224,052	-	10,793	60,947	25,673	585,805
1996	212,596	54,501	241,034	-	11,047	157,533	34,285	710,996
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 ⁽⁵⁾	385,352	77,018	403,611	5,776	14,221	407,585	160,042	1,453,605

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

(2) Expenditure on Blind Pension was included in the expenditure on Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension up to and including 1994.

(3) Disability Allowance, formerly Disabled Person's Maintenance Allowance, was funded by the Department of Health up to August 1995.

(4) Pay-Related Benefit with Disability Benefit and Injury Benefit was discontinued for new claimants from 6th April 1992. The total includes expenditure on Pay-Related Benefit in the years 1993 to 1994 inclusive.

(5) Provisional.

Table E3

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001	2002	Change 2002 over 2001
Disability Benefit	50,715	54,590	7.6%
Invalidity Pension	50,615	52,147	3.0%
Interim Disability Benefit	449	404	-10.0%
Carer's Benefit	425	615	44.7%
Disability Allowance	57,655	62,783	8.9%
Carer's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	18,785	20,395	8.6%
Blind Pension	2,125	2,095	-1.4%
Injury Benefit	861	828	-3.8%
Death Benefit Pension	676	668	-1.2%
Disablement Pension ^{(2) (3) (4)}	11,230	11,612	3.4%
Total	193,536	206,137	6.5%

- (1) There were 35 persons in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2002. 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 Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.
- (3) Unemployability 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. 902 persons were in receipt of an Unemployability Supplement payment at the end of 2002.
- (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. 67 persons were in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at end of 2002.

Table E4

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Disablement Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Death Benefit Pension and Blind Pension, 1993 to 2002

Year	Invalidity Pension	Disability Benefit	Disablement Pension ⁽¹⁾	Disability Allowance ⁽²⁾	Carer's Allowance	Death Benefit Pension	Blind Pension ⁽³⁾
1993	38,894	43,924	8,301	-	4,328	501	-
1994	40,226	41,869	8,646	-	5,056	499	-
1995	42,092	41,830	8,977	-	6,917	500	2,476
1996	43,046	42,460	9,364	37,054	8,298	502	2,450
1997	43,633	43,500 ⁽⁴⁾	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
2001	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

- (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 Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.
- (2) Disability Allowance, formerly Disabled Person's Maintenance Allowance, was administered by the Health Boards up to October 1996.
- (3) Blind Pension was included with Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension up to and including 1994.
- (4) Estimated.

Table E5

Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Payment Type, 2002

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Invalidity Pension	118	6,598
Death Benefit Pension	71	196
Blind Pension	169	392
Total	358	7,186

Table E6

Number of Recipients of Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	1,175	1,260	2,435
25 to 29 Years	1,200	2,468	3,668
30 to 34 years	1,493	5,002	6,495
35 to 39 years	1,817	5,528	7,345
40 to 44 years	2,109	4,901	7,010
45 to 49 years	2,488	4,470	6,958
50 to 54 years	3,090	4,238	7,328
55 to 59 years	3,450	3,537	6,987
60 to 64 years	3,618	2,426	6,044
65 years and over	171	149	320
Total	20,611	33,979	54,590

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Table E7

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Sex and Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	1	-	1
25 to 29 years	44	46	90
30 to 34 years	155	341	496
35 to 39 years	546	1,135	1,681
40 to 44 years	1,319	2,296	3,615
45 to 49 years	2,562	3,033	5,595
50 to 54 years	4,419	3,774	8,193
55 to 59 years	6,515	4,798	11,313
60 to 64 years	8,867	5,462	14,329
65 years and over	3,580	3,254	6,834
Total	28,008	24,139	52,147

Table E8

Number of Recipients of Carer's Benefit and Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, 2002
(Estimated)

Age	Carer's Benefit			Carer's Allowance		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	6	6	49	204	253
25 to 29 years	1	35	36	90	435	525
30 to 34 years	4	74	78	189	991	1,180
35 to 39 years	11	117	128	375	1,702	2,077
40 to 44 years	13	102	115	546	2,047	2,593
45 to 49 years	14	91	105	698	2,193	2,891
50 to 54 years	12	52	64	785	2,467	3,252
55 to 59 years	6	45	51	608	2,366	2,974
60 to 64 years	6	24	30	435	1,812	2,247
65 years and over	-	2	2	357	2,046	2,403
Total	67	548	615	4,132	16,263	20,395

Table E9

Number of Recipients of Blind Pension by Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	46	53	99
25 to 29 years	56	65	121
30 to 34 years	73	84	157
35 to 39 years	67	98	165
40 to 44 years	87	90	177
45 to 49 years	91	97	188
50 to 54 years	103	99	202
55 to 59 years	97	105	202
60 to 64 years	97	97	194
65 years and over	343	247	590
Total	1,060	1,035	2,095

Table E10

Number of Recipients of Disability Allowance by Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	5,527	4,107	9,634
25 to 29 years	3,631	2,543	6,174
30 to 34 years	3,703	2,467	6,170
35 to 39 years	3,898	2,542	6,440
40 to 44 years	3,812	2,394	6,206
45 to 49 years	3,721	2,500	6,221
50 to 54 years	4,259	2,817	7,076
55 to 59 years	4,361	2,869	7,230
60 years and over	4,732	2,900	7,632
Total	37,644	25,139	62,783

Table E11

Number of Recipients of Death Benefit Pension, Disablement Pension and Unemployability Support by Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age	Death Benefit Pension			Disablement Pension			Unemployability Supplement ⁽¹⁾		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	-	-	-	152	38	190	23	9	32
25 to 29 years	-	3	3	289	84	373	37	13	50
30 to 34 years	-	10	10	494	185	679	62	34	96
35 to 39 years	-	20	20	792	245	1,037	65	33	98
40 to 44 years	-	30	30	1,069	274	1,343	85	46	131
45 to 49 years	-	44	44	1,290	259	1,549	83	38	121
50 to 54 years	-	65	65	1,419	281	1,700	97	39	136
55 to 59 years	-	82	82	1,373	211	1,584	71	39	110
60 to 64 years	-	90	90	1,051	133	1,184	47	16	63
65 years and over	4	320	324	1,720	253	1,973	47	18	65
Total	4	664	668	9,649	1,963	11,612	617	285	902

(1) Unemployability Supplement is paid as a supplement to Disablement Benefit.

Table E12

 Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit and Interim Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 2002
 (Estimated)

Age	Injury Benefit			Interim Disability Benefit		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	84	31	115	43	16	59
25 to 29 years	73	23	96	35	23	58
30 to 34 years	82	26	108	44	16	60
35 to 39 years	74	31	105	51	13	64
40 to 44 years	76	35	111	40	12	52
45 to 49 years	64	21	85	32	15	47
50 to 54 years	67	28	95	20	12	32
55 to 59 years	49	18	67	11	10	21
60 to 64 years	33	10	43	8	2	10
65 years and over	3	-	3	1	-	1
Total	605	223	828	285	119	404

Table E13

 Number of Recipients of Disablement Benefit by Degree of Disablement, 2002⁽¹⁾

Type of Payment	Number of Recipients	
Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement ⁽²⁾ :	Under 20%	1,597
	20%	2,893
	30%	3,178
	40%	1,751
	50%	852
	60%	544
	70%	262
	80%	226
	90%	62
	100%	247
Total	11,612	

(1) Includes 902 Unemployability Supplement payments and 67 Constant Attendance Allowance payments. These payments are in addition to Disablement Benefit.

(2) The rate of Disablement Benefit depends on the degree of disablement, which is medically assessed. For assessments of up to 19% disablement, benefit will normally be a lump sum and from 20% upwards, a pension is payable. 1,588 gratuities were paid in 2002.

Table E14

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependents, 2002 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Injury Benefit	Interim Disability Benefit	Death Benefit Pensions	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	28,215	n.a.	615	506	261	560	n.a.	1,964	12,381	44,502 ⁽¹⁾
With Qualified Adult only	3,780	n.a.	-	48	10	-	n.a.	61	-	3,899 ⁽¹⁾
With 1 full rate child allowance	1,762	2,361	7	35	10	52	2,036	60	368	6,691
With 2 full rate child allowances	1,156	1,094	6	35	11	32	1,185	37	253	3,809
With 3 full rate child allowances	664	504	3	22	8	19	652	27	150	2,049
With 4 full rate child allowances	294	169	-	7	1	4	382	5	57	919
With 5 full rate child allowances	105	78	-	5	1	1	144	2	31	367
With 6+ full rate child allowances	54	44	-	2	1	-	144	1	17	263
With 1 half rate child allowance	6,977	3,456	108	70	39	-	1,038	52	2,272	14,012
With 2 half rate child allowances	7,039	2,581	113	63	39	-	718	32	2,193	12,778
With 3 half rate child allowances	3,241	1,100	83	21	19	-	413	19	1,470	6,366
With 4 half rate child allowances	1,047	332	25	11	4	-	196	4	733	2,352
With 5 half rate child allowances	203	84	4	3	-	-	63	1	266	624
With 6+ half rate child allowances	53	37	1	-	-	-	76	-	204	371
Total number of recipients	54,590	52,147	615	828	404	668	62,783	2,095	20,395	194,525
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	22,595	11,840	350	274	133	108	7,047	240	8,014	50,601
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child allowances	41.4%	22.7%	56.9%	33.1%	32.9%	16.2%	11.2%	11.5%	39.3%	26.0%
Total number of Qualified Adults	7,815	10,676	-	154	42	-	5,233	131	-	24,051
Total number of children⁽²⁾	44,430	21,321	837	554	261	194	15,546	442	18,536	102,121

(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.

(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, 2002 (Estimated)

County	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Disablement Pension	Unemployability Supplement ⁽¹⁾	Injury Benefit	Interim Disability Benefit	Death Benefit Pension	Disability Allowance	Blind Pension	Carer's Allowance
Carlow	903	841	9	189	11	12	4	11	847	28	300
Cavan	727	551	9	164	13	16	8	11	837	34	450
Clare	1,083	907	15	235	27	20	4	7	1,614	38	552
Cork	6,996	7,283	64	1,687	113	110	53	94	7,589	185	2,045
Donegal	2,439	1,463	26	311	35	27	10	20	2,906	138	1,516
Dublin	15,430	16,927	136	2,858	210	175	110	160	15,025	521	2,981
Galway	2,117	1,513	38	466	57	48	18	22	3,975	134	1,536
Kerry	1,344	1,181	30	290	23	28	7	17	2,765	89	1,147
Kildare	2,285	1,709	29	417	36	30	16	25	1,883	37	536
Kilkenny	779	816	10	243	13	14	10	16	1,285	48	442
Laois	570	557	7	136	16	11	7	5	902	30	300
Leitrim	481	398	6	96	9	2	4	7	561	35	245
Limerick	2,914	2,888	35	708	50	51	27	32	3,428	82	1,059
Longford	527	486	4	122	11	12	2	8	608	28	355
Louth	2,327	2,142	17	487	28	41	16	27	1,489	60	502
Mayo	1,460	1,164	33	303	26	25	14	13	2,532	100	1,344
Meath	1,701	1,238	19	443	25	32	9	21	1,357	43	500
Monaghan	842	550	5	157	17	13	3	10	820	30	409
Offaly	987	844	7	193	17	12	4	13	1,027	37	410
Roscommon	659	545	11	179	8	9	7	18	912	36	415
Sligo	799	656	21	166	20	15	5	8	1,133	80	390
Tipperary	1,616	1,643	24	490	52	33	20	46	2,873	65	1,001
Waterford	1,341	1,449	16	357	30	30	18	13	1,570	54	458
Westmeath	1,038	930	21	176	16	15	10	16	1,080	52	438
Wexford	1,479	1,503	10	299	23	24	8	18	2,105	79	708
Wicklow	1,519	1,310	12	303	16	20	11	18	1,660	52	499
Others	227	653	1	137	-	3	-	12		3	
Total	54,590	52,147	615	11,612	902	828	405	668	62,783	2,118	20,538

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

Table E16

Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1993 to 2002

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined	Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination
1993	6,155	5,297	858
1994	5,551	4,804	747
1995	5,375	4,688	687
1996	6,355	5,269	1,086
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

Table E17

Number of Disability Benefit Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1993 to 2002

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
1993	63,318	36,310	9,846	1,982	15,180
1994	59,274	33,299	7,995	1,677	16,303
1995	54,226	29,131	8,029	1,264	15,802
1996	52,059	27,927	6,665	1,138	16,329
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

Table E18

Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1997 to 2002

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 ⁽²⁾	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

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

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

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Section F

unemployment supports

Section F: Unemployment Supports

The statistics in this section of the report relate to the Live Register, expenditure and recipients of unemployment payments:

Live Register and Unemployment 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 Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance and credited Social Insurance contributions.

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

- (i) all claimants of Unemployment Benefit excluding systematic short-time workers,
- (ii) applicants for Unemployment Assistance 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 Unemployment Benefit or Assistance 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 an unemployment benefit or assistance payment.

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. There were 750 recipients of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance at the end of 1999 163 at the end of December 2000, 88 at the end of December 2001 and 33 at the end of December 2002.

Data on expenditure on Farm Assist and recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders is contained in Section G (Employment Supports). Expenditure on Unemployment Assistance 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 Unemployment Supports increased by 29.8% over 2001.

Expenditure on Unemployment Assistance rose by over €82 million over 2001, an increase of 8.4%. Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit rose by nearly €133 million, an increase of 45.7% over 2001.

The Live Register increased by 13,736 during 2002, an increase of 9.0%. Table F14 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County in 2001 and 2002 and the percentage increase/decrease in each county.

Table F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Supports by Payment Type, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001	2002 Provisional	Change 2002 over 2001
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Unemployment Benefit	290,689	423,461	45.7%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Unemployment Assistance ⁽¹⁾	429,875	511,985	19.1%
Total⁽¹⁾	720,564	935,446	29.8%

(1) Data on expenditure on Unemployment Assistance includes expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance. Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance 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 Unemployment Supports by Payment Type, 1993 to 2002

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Unemployment Assistance ⁽²⁾	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000
1993	304,830	24,628	1,001,455	1,330,913
1994	273,131	20,375	1,015,192	1,308,699
1995	254,857	4,779	1,014,535	1,274,171
1996	263,318	62	1,020,518	1,283,898
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 ⁽³⁾	423,461	-	511,985	935,446

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

(2) Data on expenditure on Unemployment Assistance includes expenditure on Smallholders Unemployment Assistance. Farm Assist was introduced in 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance transferred to Farm Assist during the course of 1999 and 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 Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1993 to 2002

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
1993	73,803	207,084	280,887
1994	65,480	200,198	265,678
1995	62,050	200,587	262,637
1996	62,751	184,031	246,782
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

Table F4

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance by Number of Dependants, 2002 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Total
Personal Rate only	39,722	51,493	91,215
With Qualified Adult only	3,313	4,056	7,369
1 full rate Qualified Child	2,290	4,157	6,447
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,830	3,739	5,569
3 full rate Qualified Children	1,051	2,499	3,550
4 full rate Qualified Children	467	1,297	1,764
5 full rate Qualified Children	154	671	825
6+ full rate Qualified Children	64	624	688
1 half rate Qualified Child	6,696	1,068	7,764
2 half rate Qualified Children	6,772	933	7,705
3 half rate Qualified Children	2,985	570	3,555
4 half rate Qualified Children	855	258	1,113
5 half rate Qualified Children	170	111	281
6+ half rate Qualified Children	47	90	137
Total Number of Recipients	66,416	71,566	137,982
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	7,977	15,577	23,554
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	12.0%	21.8%	17.1%
Number of Recipients with Qualified Children	23,381	16,017	39,398
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	35.2%	22.4%	28.6%
Total Number of Children⁽¹⁾	45,929	38,816	84,745

(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, 2002

Month	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
January	79,182	80,349	11,170	170,701
February	74,510	76,794	11,033	162,337
March	75,097	76,117	11,038	162,252
April	70,226	75,171	10,840	156,237
May	69,095	75,095	10,754	154,944
June	74,579	78,156	11,542	164,277
July	79,276	80,485	12,337	172,098
August	79,802	81,345	12,416	173,563
September	70,994	78,960	11,478	161,432
October	69,292	77,146	11,268	157,706
November	69,742	77,605	11,289	158,636
December	75,371	78,897	11,874	166,142
Average	73,931	78,010	11,420	163,361

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F6

Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1993 to 2002

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Credited Contributions	Total Live Register
1993	74,885	202,500	16,894	294,279
1994	65,788	202,157	14,468	282,413
1995	61,508	200,708	15,530	277,746
1996	62,597	198,927	17,707	279,231
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

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F7

Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2002

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	31,817	24,263	159,960	7,554
February	25,468	23,091	162,337	2,377
March	29,785	29,870	162,252	-85
April	20,108	26,123	156,237	-6,015
May	25,082	26,375	154,944	-1,293
June	27,530	18,197	164,277	9,333
July	26,633	18,812	172,098	7,821
August	25,540	24,075	173,563	1,465
September	21,098	33,229	161,432	-12,131
October	23,160	26,886	157,706	-3,726
November	29,506	28,576	158,636	930
December	20,884	13,378	166,142	7,506
Total	306,611	292,875	-	13,736

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F1

Expenditure on Unemployment Benefit/Pay Related Benefit and Unemployment Assistance, 1993 to 2002

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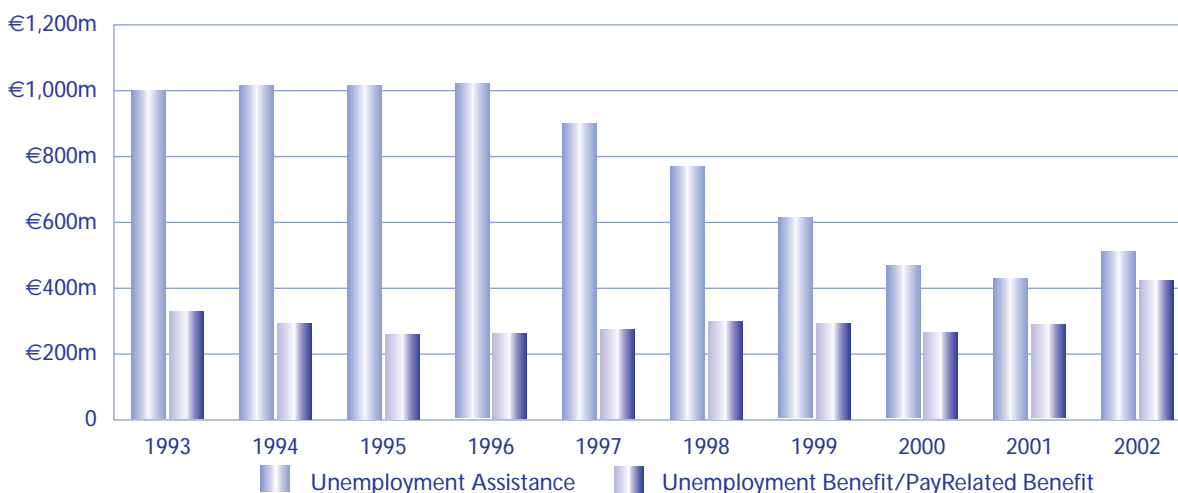


Table F8

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2002 (Estimated)

Age Group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	3,762	4.0%	3,147	4.9%	6,909	4.4%
20 to 24 years	13,454	14.4%	9,526	14.9%	22,980	14.6%
25 to 34 years	25,774	27.5%	18,245	28.5%	44,019	27.9%
35 to 44 years	20,157	21.5%	16,100	25.2%	36,257	23.0%
45 to 54 years	18,740	20.0%	10,942	17.1%	29,682	18.8%
55 to 59 years	7,012	7.5%	3,811	6.0%	10,823	6.9%
60 to 64 years	4,794	5.1%	2,201	3.4%	6,995	4.4%
Total Live Register	93,693	100.0%	63,972	100.0%	157,665	100.0%

Source: Central Statistical Office

Table F9

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2002, Classified by Age and Sex

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	1,824	778	763	384	11	2	3,762
20 - 24 yrs	5,914	2,601	2,412	1,432	514	581	13,454
25 - 34 yrs	9,645	4,559	5,017	3,008	942	2,603	25,774
35 - 44 yrs	6,642	2,853	3,752	2,558	906	3,446	20,157
45 - 54 yrs	5,210	2,107	2,836	2,187	888	5,512	18,740
55 - 59 yrs	2,144	994	1,228	799	301	1,546	7,012
60 - 64 yrs	1,536	759	1,012	593	198	696	4,794
Total Males	32,915	14,651	17,020	10,961	3,760	14,386	93,693
Females							
< 20 yrs	1,554	678	613	302	-	-	3,147
20 - 24 yrs	4,852	1,848	1,395	825	296	310	9,526
25 - 34 yrs	8,691	3,269	3,224	1,572	425	1,064	18,245
35 - 44 yrs	6,800	2,467	2,620	1,644	599	1,970	16,100
45 - 54 yrs	4,681	1,495	1,531	954	418	1,863	10,942
55 - 59 yrs	1,658	537	585	372	141	518	3,811
60 - 64 yrs	932	303	373	260	80	253	2,201
Total Females	29,168	10,597	10,341	5,929	1,959	5,978	63,972
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	3,378	1,456	1,376	686	11	2	6,909
20 - 24 yrs	10,766	4,449	3,807	2,257	810	891	22,980
25 - 34 yrs	18,336	7,828	8,241	4,580	1,367	3,667	44,019
35 - 44 yrs	13,442	5,320	6,372	4,202	1,505	5,416	36,257
45 - 54 yrs	9,891	3,602	4,367	3,141	1,306	7,375	29,682
55 - 59 yrs	3,802	1,531	1,813	1,171	442	2,064	10,823
60 - 64 yrs	2,468	1,062	1,385	853	278	949	6,995
Total	62,083	25,248	27,361	16,890	5,719	20,364	157,665

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table F10

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1993 to 2002.

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
1993	91,177	96,991	188,168	60,307	37,800	98,107	286,275
1994	81,701	95,451	177,152	58,069	37,647	95,716	272,868
1995	81,675	93,766	175,441	60,117	39,976	100,093	275,534
1996	75,092	93,409	168,501	59,614	40,915	100,529	269,030
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

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Graph F2

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2002

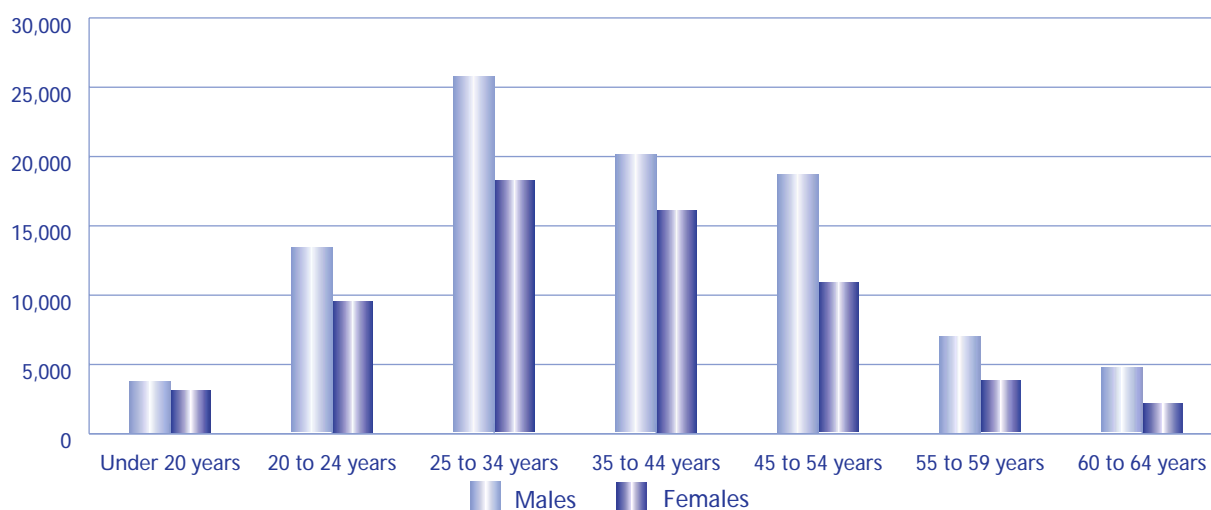


Table F11

Categories excluded from the Live Register: Number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, in each Month during 2002

Month	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
January	3,608	1,522	758
February	3,578	1,542	792
March	3,602	1,545	785
April	3,446	1,558	767
May	3,335	1,541	764
June	3,054	1,533	795
July	3,076	1,566	855
August	2,785	1,561	861
September	2,723	1,553	830
October	3,000	1,546	850
November	2,754	1,544	870
December	2,607	1,550	921
Average	3,131	1,547	821

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F3

Number of persons on the Live Register in October 2002, by Sex and Duration

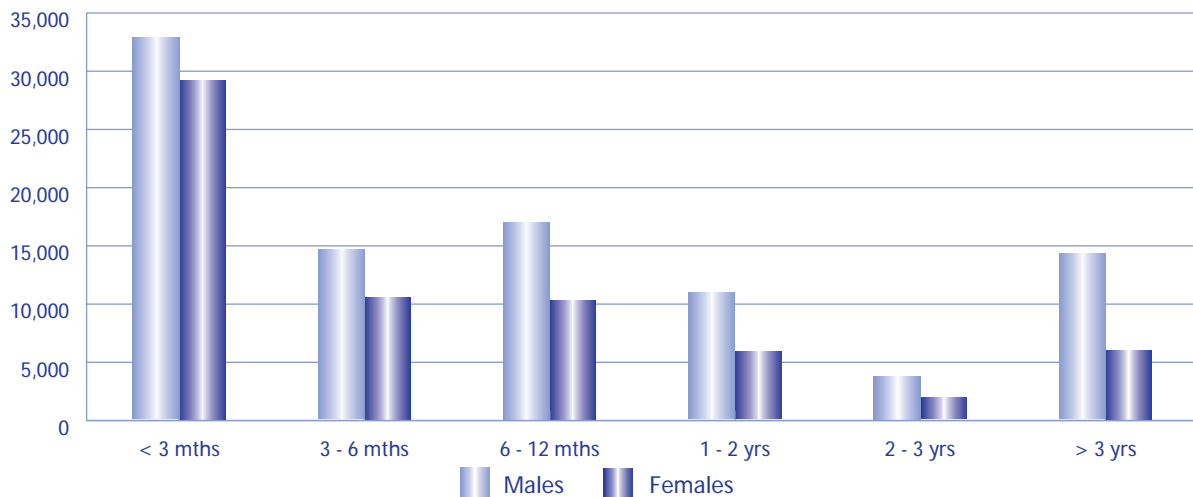


Table F12

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, 1993 to 2002

Year	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
1993	8,136	3,897	685
1994	6,111	3,697	605
1995	6,159	3,541	523
1996	6,908	3,251	651
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

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F13

Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 1993 to 2002

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force ⁽¹⁾	Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate
1993	294,279	1,403,200	15.6
1994	282,413	1,431,600	14.1
1995	277,746	1,459,200	12.1
1996	279,230	1,507,500	11.5
1997	254,379	1,539,000	9.8
1998	227,095	1,621,100	7.4
1999	193,509	1,688,100	5.5
2000	155,398	1,745,600	4.1
2001	142,253	1,781,900	3.8
2002	163,361	1,827,000	4.3

(1) Data refers to April from 1993 to 1997 and May thereafter.
Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F14

Numbers on the Live Register by County, 2001 and 2002

County ⁽¹⁾	Live Register 2001	Live Register 2002	% Change
Carlow	2,026	2,079	2.6%
Cavan	1,834	2,002	9.2%
Clare	3,473	4,058	16.8%
Cork	16,698	17,456	4.5%
Donegal	9,896	9,897	0.0%
Dublin	35,596	41,455	16.5%
Galway	8,625	9,403	9.0%
Kerry	6,162	6,704	8.8%
Kildare	3,697	4,362	18.0%
Kilkenny	2,182	2,467	13.1%
Laois	1,850	2,049	10.8%
Leitrim	1,108	1,247	12.5%
Limerick	6,954	8,281	19.1%
Longford	1,674	1,810	8.1%
Louth	7,189	7,559	5.1%
Mayo	6,094	6,342	4.1%
Meath	2,855	2,844	-0.4%
Monaghan	2,752	2,521	-8.4%
Offaly	2,341	2,640	12.8%
Roscommon	1,502	1,513	0.7%
Sligo	2,343	2,388	1.9%
Tipperary	5,466	6,286	15.0%
Waterford	7,043	6,074	-13.8%
Westmeath	2,960	3,305	11.7%
Wexford	6,257	7,058	12.8%
Wicklow	3,829	4,342	13.4%
Total	152,406	166,142	9.0%

(1) The basis of the county classification used is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of Registration. The areas served by Local Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated.

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
- Student Summer Job Scheme

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. There were 8,514 recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders at the end of 2002, of which 33 continued to be in receipt of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance.

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 (Unemployment Supports). This affects the comparability of different years' figures in this Section and in Section F.

Trends

Overall expenditure on Employment Supports decreased by €14.5 million in 2002, a decrease of 5.1% over 2001. The total number of recipients of Employment Supports decreased by 5,972, a decrease of 10.5%.

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement increased by 14.4%. The number of recipients of Family Income Supplement increased by 163, an increase of 1.4% over 2001. Expenditure on Back to Work Allowance (including Back to Work Enterprise Allowance) decreased by over €28 million, a decrease of 18.1%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Allowance decreased by 4,722, a decrease of 29.1%. The number of recipients of Back to Work Enterprise Allowance decreased by 2,483, a decrease of 15.5%. The number of recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders increased by 134, an increase on 1.6% over the previous year.

Expenditure in 2002 shown in respect of the Students Summer Jobs Scheme declined by 98.4% over 2001 as responsibility for this scheme was transferred to the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs during the year.

Table G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports by Payment Type, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001	2002 Provisional	Change 2002 over 2001
	€000	€000	%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Family Income Supplement	37,099	42,423	14.4%
Back to Work Allowance/Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	157,590	129,087	-18.1%
Back to Education Allowance	30,554	35,392	15.8%
Students Summer Jobs Scheme	4,024	66	-98.4%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1,315	1,126	-14.4%
Farm Assist ⁽¹⁾	50,650	58,571	15.6%
Other ⁽²⁾	2,472	2,463	-0.4%
Total⁽¹⁾	283,704	269,128	-5.1%

(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, 1993 to 2002

Year	Family Income Supplement	Other Employment Supports	Total
	€000	€000	€000
1993	20,872	7,608	28,480
1994	26,442	26,049	52,491
1995	27,078	56,387	83,465
1996	27,792	79,143	106,935
1997	32,999	123,672	156,671
1998	36,386	163,768	200,154
1999	41,134	209,951 ⁽¹⁾	251,085
2000	39,386	245,898 ⁽¹⁾	285,284
2001	37,099	246,605 ⁽¹⁾	283,704
2002 ⁽²⁾	42,423	226,705 ⁽¹⁾	269,128

(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, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001	2002	Change 2002 over 2001
Back to Work Allowance	16,218	11,496	-29.1%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	15,973	13,490	-15.5%
Back to Education Allowance	4,101	5,041	22.9%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	340	336	-1.2%
Family Income Supplement	11,880	12,043	1.4%
Farm Assist/Smallholders ⁽¹⁾	8,380	8,514	1.6%
Total	56,892	50,920	-10.5%

(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. At the end of 2002, 8,481 persons were in receipt of Farm Assist and 33 continued to be in receipt of Smallholders Unemployment Assistance.

Table G4

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1993 to 2002

Year	Number of Recipient Families
1993	9,571
1994	10,802
1995	11,486
1996	11,898
1997	12,973
1998	13,260
1999	14,686
2000	13,181
2001	11,880
2002	12,043

Graph G1

Expenditure on Employment Supports, 1993 to 2002

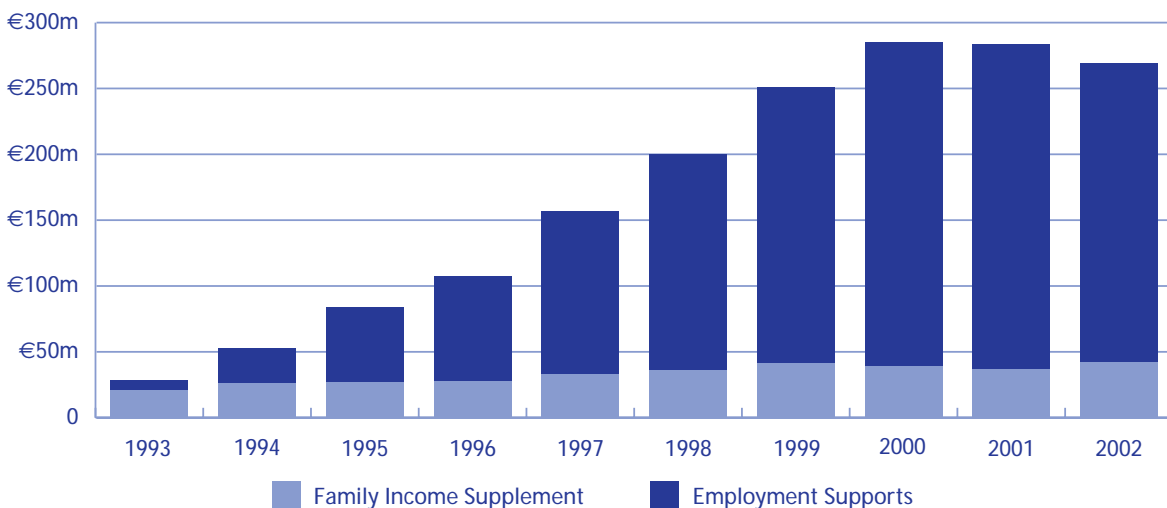


Table G5

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 2002

Weekly Rate (€)	Family Size (Number of Children)						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
1 - 25	854	461	267	110	44	11	1,747
26 - 50	1,869	1,022	488	236	83	28	3,726
51 - 75	1,434	1,187	647	279	108	42	3,697
76 - 100	211	413	415	217	116	49	1,421
101 - 125	110	171	190	176	89	29	765
126 - 150	64	105	108	67	56	23	423
Over 150	6	43	68	69	40	38	264
Total	4,548	3,402	2,183	1,154	536	220	12,043
Number of Children	4,548	6,804	6,549	4,616	2,680	1,334	26,531

Table G6

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2002

Age of Recipient	Family Income Group (€ per week)						Total
	0 - 125	126 - 250	251 - 375	376 - 500	501 - 625	626 or more	
15 to 24	-	53	1,019	5	-	-	1,077
25 to 34	11	382	3,192	90	41	-	3,716
35 to 44	25	747	3,324	249	177	-	4,522
45 to 60	32	550	1,871	127	72	-	2,652
60 or more	1	20	54	1	-	-	76
Total	69	1,752	9,460	472	290	-	12,043

Table G7

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Marital Status of Recipient and Family Income Group, 2002

Marital Status	Family Income Group (€ per week)						Total
	0 - 125	126 - 250	251 - 375	376 - 500	501 - 625	626 or more	
Married	61	1,413	3,627	363	248	-	5,712
Single	2	161	3,991	32	9	-	4,195
Other	6	178	1,842	77	33	-	2,136
Total	69	1,752	9,460	472	290	-	12,043

Table G8

Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex, 2002

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	8,383	3,113	11,496
Self-Employed	10,796	2,694	13,490
Total	19,179	5,807	24,986

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, 2002

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	139	56	180	215	362	374	28	-
25 to 29 years	834	308	1,076	693	900	710	99	12
30 to 34 years	1,577	595	1,334	599	515	424	218	23
35 to 39 years	1,891	623	1,284	449	321	286	513	50
40 to 44 years	1,953	427	1,260	438	187	245	754	85
45 to 49 years	1,786	350	1,230	333	139	201	1,108	92
50 to 54 years	1,457	193	1,034	239	90	105	1,627	104
55 to 59 years	823	101	676	116	63	68	1,758	102
60 to 64 years	301	34	270	31	22	20	1,473	71
65+ years	35	7	39	-	4	5	378	19
Total	10,796	2,694	8,383	3,113	2,603	2,438	7,956	558

Table G10

Number of Recipients of Farm Assist/Smallholders, 1993 to 2002⁽¹⁾

Year	Recipients
1993	11,253
1994	10,071
1995	9,912
1996	9,004
1997	8,031
1998	6,578
1999	7,874
2000	8,051
2001	8,380
2002	8,514

(1) Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999. The number of recipients at the end of 2002 is the number of persons in receipt of a Farm Assist or Smallholders payment. The source of the data for the period 1990 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

Data on Sponsors and Students Participating in the Students Summer Jobs Scheme, 1996 to 2002

Details	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Sponsors							
Applications Received	4,240	4,460	4,599	4,671	3,980	3,255	3,057
Applications Rejected	53	39	31	31	16	4	3
Applications Approved	4,188	4,421	4,568	4,640	3,964	3,251	3,054
Number of Jobs Offered	29,960	30,189	31,552	23,473	20,961	15,233	15,100
Number who Participated	3,454	3,592	3,572	3,190	2,406	2,037	1,910
Students							
Applications Received	25,400	23,237	20,930	15,833	10,078	8,090	7,702
Applications Rejected	6,428	4,622	4,326	3,414	2,337	2,009	1,854
Applications Approved	18,275	18,172	16,104	11,903	7,379	6,081	5,554
Number who Participated	15,764	15,542	13,521	9,200	5,878	4,965	4,614

Table G12

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by County, 2002

County	Family Income Supplement	Back to Work Allowance Employee	Students Summer Jobs Scheme	Back to Education Allowance	Back to Work Allowance Self-Employed	Farm Assist/ Smallholders	Part Time Job Incentive Scheme ⁽¹⁾
Carlow	199	194	74	89	185	72	4
Cavan	242	120	136	19	149	306	6
Clare	263	171	165	96	461	467	2
Cork	1,051	1,128	290	681	1,357	578	16
Donegal	790	843	517	293	814	1,213	9
Dublin	2,753	3,371	34	1,275	3,481	11	102
Galway	490	597	353	532	926	887	14
Kerry	440	386	468	153	518	696	7
Kildare	271	398	39	170	411	45	10
Kilkenny	254	158	108	63	240	112	6
Laois	167	138	80	30	153	96	2
Leitrim	85	99	156	23	157	252	4
Limerick	473	415	197	260	414	226	11
Longford	145	177	116	42	147	113	3
Louth	534	320	49	181	408	61	16
Mayo	369	452	585	179	522	1,594	42
Meath	328	208	34	49	260	57	5
Monaghan	228	161	136	55	310	404	3
Offaly	205	174	107	25	187	81	8
Roscommon	130	115	166	29	211	338	-
Sligo	167	159	101	127	210	344	7
Tipperary	621	428	310	171	454	230	12
Waterford	476	263	98	155	376	42	9
Westmeath	206	265	117	70	286	96	6
Wexford	688	407	143	137	418	145	18
Wicklow	333	349	35	129	435	48	12
Other	135	-	-	8	-	-	-
Total	12,043	11,496	4,614	5,041	13,490	8,514	334

(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 €485 million in 2002. This represents an increase of 33.4% on 2001. Expenditure on Rent Supplements rose by over €72 million in 2002, an increase of 40.6%. The number of recipients of Rent Supplement at the end of 2002 was 54,213, an increase of 20.4% on 2001.

Expenditure on Mortgage Interest Supplements rose to over €7.6 million, an increase of 20.8%. The number of recipients at the end of 2002 increased to 4,359, an increase of 7.3%.

In 2002, Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance was paid in respect of 155,811 children, an increase of 12,782 on 2001. Expenditure on the scheme increased by 18.8% to over €15 million.

Net expenditure on Basic SWA payments in 2002 was €145 million, an increase of 28.4% on 2001. Table H3 shows gross expenditure (€194 million) on Basic SWA payments in 2002. 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 32,073 recipients of Basic SWA payments at the end of 2002, an increase of over 2,900 on 2001.

Table H2 and Graph H1 shows expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance from 1993 to 2002.

Table H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Scheme, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001 €000	2002 ⁽¹⁾ €000	Change 2002 over 2001
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Basic SWA Payments	113,552	145,125	27.8%
Rent Supplements	179,438	252,203	40.6%
Mortgage Interest Supplements	6,342	7,658	20.8%
Other Supplements	10,351	12,519	20.9%
Exceptional Needs & Urgent Needs Payments	41,071	52,195	27.1%
Back to School Clothing and Footwear	12,822	15,229	18.8%
Total	363,576	484,929	33.4%

(1) Provisional.

Table H2

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme, 1993 to 2002

Year	Expenditure €000
1993	124,128
1994	137,266
1995	151,783
1996	173,583
1997	200,190
1998	223,059
1999	239,721
2000	294,906
2001	363,576
2002 ⁽¹⁾	484,929

(1) Provisional.

Graph H1

Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance, 1993 to 2002

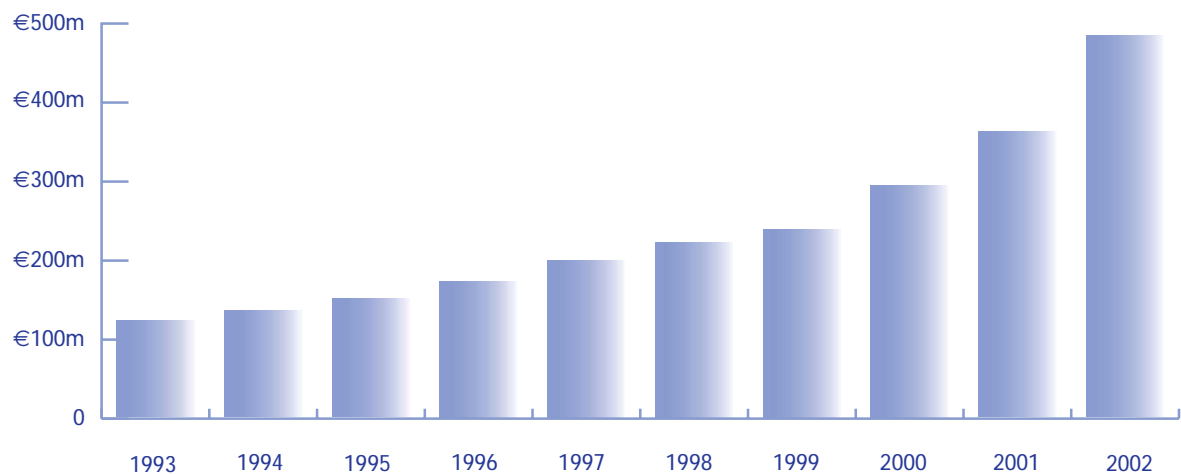


Table H3

Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 2002

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	ERHA ⁽¹⁾	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Basic Payments⁽²⁾	83,187	9,902	13,115	17,003	6,769	20,423	22,767	21,300	194,466
Supplements									
Rent	123,819	8,986	14,764	14,322	8,162	23,591	33,689	24,870	252,203
Local Authority Mortgage	574	27	88	35	41	157	167	143	1,232
Other Mortgage	3,019	146	401	575	197	548	1,004	535	6,426
Heating	204	73	424	28	9	129	401	40	1,307
Diet	2,989	345	443	402	148	741	923	354	6,347
Other	2,000	75	460	81	16	686	1,068	481	4,866
Exceptional Needs Payments	23,468	1,496	4,110	1,695	2,194	6,024	8,170	4,718	51,875
Urgent Needs Payments	157	11	64	1	5	49	21	12	320
Administration Costs⁽³⁾	14,400	1,796	3,519	3,773	1,944	7,476	5,127	3,943	41,978
Grand Total⁽⁴⁾	253,817	22,857	37,388	37,915	19,485	59,824	73,337	56,396	561,020

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) Refers to Eastern Regional Health Authority
- (2) This is the gross expenditure on Basic Payments before inter scheme adjustments and refunds are taken into account.
- (3) Administration costs are incurred directly by the Health Boards and re-imbursed subsequently by the Department. The table shows the level of reimbursement, not the level of expenditure incurred.
- (4) 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, 2002

Type of Payment	Expenditure €000	Total Expenditure €000
Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments		
Housing		
Rent Deposit	7,528	
Household Appliances	6,291	
New Accommodation Kit	4,643	
Furniture	2,821	
Floor Covering	1,954	
Bedding	1,870	
Repair/maintenance	1,129	26,236
Clothing		
Adult Clothing	5,353	
Child Clothing	1,918	7,271
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	1,844	
Burial Expenses	430	2,274
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	1,690	
Cot	1,158	2,848
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	2,790	
Household	968	3,758
Illness		
Confinement Costs	937	
Hospital Requirements	307	1,244
General		
Other ⁽¹⁾	4,379	
Travel Costs	1,933	
Insufficient Means	1,180	
Heating	527	
Lost/Stolen Money	149	
Household Budget	76	8,244
Urgent Needs Payments	320	320
GRAND TOTAL		52,195

(1) This includes €0.9m in payments in respect of homeless people made on behalf of local authorities and subsequently re-imbursed.

Table H5

Number of Recipients of Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 2002

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	ERHA ⁽¹⁾	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payment Recipients									
Qualified Adults	13,448	1,552	2,331	2,794	1,119	3,357	4,044	3,428	32,073
Qualified Children	3,616	461	460	831	216	723	1,030	809	8,146
	9,663	1,589	1,467	2,600	730	2,296	2,734	2,411	23,490
Total Beneficiaries	26,727	3,602	4,258	6,225	2,065	6,376	7,808	6,648	63,709
Supplements									
Rent	21,874	2,285	3,892	3,352	2,569	5,536	8,334	6,371	54,213
Local Authority Mortgage	439	29	66	41	42	151	166	129	1,063
Other Mortgage	1,439	75	236	289	132	297	509	319	3,296
Heating	442	157	925	53	16	257	748	60	2,658
Diet	5,603	717	922	847	286	1,515	1,739	634	12,263
Other	2,270	105	327	104	21	449	998	404	4,678

(1) Refers to Eastern Regional Health Authority.

Table H6

Number of Recipients of Basic Payments, Rent Supplements and Mortgage Interest Supplements, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001	2002	Change 2002 over 2001
Basic Payments	29,167	32,073	10.0%
Rent Supplements	45,028	54,213	20.4%
LA Mortgage Interest Supplements ⁽¹⁾	1,204	1,063	-11.7%
Other Mortgage Interest Supplements	2,860	3,296	15.2%
Total	78,259	90,645	15.8%

(1) Local Authority Mortgage.

Table H7

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Sex, 2002

Sex	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Male	24,615	2,000	648
Female	29,598	1,296	415
Total	54,213	3,296	1,063

Table H8

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age, 2002

Age Group	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Under 20	1,500	-	1
20 - 24	8,953	24	4
25 - 29	11,190	159	26
30 - 34	9,755	465	48
35 - 39	6,776	681	123
40 - 44	4,433	679	177
45 - 49	3,331	487	215
50 - 54	2,712	379	199
55 - 59	1,990	262	138
60 - 64	1,329	118	95
65 - 69	847	29	27
70 plus	1,397	13	10
Total	54,213	3,296	1,063

Table H9

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 2002

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Old Age Pensions	1,271	12	6
Pre-Retirement Allowance	377	19	21
Widows and Widower's Pensions	282	25	30
One-Parent Family Payment	10,916	370	162
Invalidity Pension	960	143	81
Disability Benefit	1,378	484	65
Disability Allowance	4,602	221	112
Long-Term Unemployment Assistance	6,098	341	222
Short-Term Unemployment Assistance	4,432	232	26
Unemployment Benefit	3,069	534	77
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	13,938	429	63
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	4,489	263	119
DSS (UK)	318	2	1
Other	2,083	221	78
Total	54,213	3,296	1,063

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

Table H10

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Claim Duration, 2002⁽¹⁾

Months ⁽²⁾	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	10,235	373	50
3 to 6	10,101	472	55
6 to 9	6,050	365	56
9 to 12	4,148	321	51
12 to 24	9,484	723	171
24 plus	14,195	1,042	680
Total⁽¹⁾	54,213	3,296	1,063

(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 H11

Number of Recipients of Basic Payment by Age and Sex, 2002

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Under 20	1,498	1,559	3,057
21 - 24	3,047	2,810	5,857
25 - 34	6,932	5,279	12,211
35 - 44	3,981	2,249	6,230
45 - 54	2,046	1,110	3,156
55 - 64	830	403	1,233
65 plus	212	117	329
Total	18,546	13,527	32,073

Table H12

Number of Recipients of Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 2002

Health Board	Age 2 to 11	Age 12 to 17	Age 18 to 22	Total
Eastern Regional Health Authority	29,500	14,245	898	44,643
Midland Health Board	7,227	4,214	465	11,906
Mid Western Health Board	7,512	4,486	579	12,577
North Eastern Health Board	8,320	5,146	660	14,126
North Western Health Board	7,327	5,330	942	13,599
South Eastern Health Board	10,895	7,039	941	18,875
Southern Health Board	12,304	7,765	1,504	21,573
Western Health Board	9,709	7,140	1,663	18,512
Total	92,794	55,365	7,652	155,811

Table H13

Expenditure on Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 2001 and 2002

Health Board	2001 €000	2002 €000
Eastern Regional Health Authority	3,653	4,277
Midland Health Board	780	974
Mid Western Health Board	1,162	1,328
North Eastern Health Board	1,182	1,369
North Western Health Board	1,167	1,354
South Eastern Health Board	1,533	1,953
Southern Health Board	1,784	2,112
Western Health Board	1,561	1,861
Total Expenditure	12,822	15,229

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

Table H14

Number of Recipients of Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Rent Supplement by County, 2002

County	Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Rent Supplement
Carlow	525	840
Cavan	270	386
Clare	771	1,175
Cork	3,044	6,792
Donegal	834	1,825
Dublin	11,835	18,585
Galway	2,350	4,257
Kerry	999	1,543
Kildare	1,088	1,991
Kilkenny	561	663
Laois	385	447
Leitrim	101	177
Limerick	1,246	2,019
Longford	349	426
Louth	1,358	1,945
Mayo	778	1,607
Meath	918	669
Monaghan	250	356
Offaly	276	407
Roscommon	287	491
Sligo	191	570
Tipperary	922	1,693
Waterford	971	1,409
Westmeath	510	1,006
Wexford	735	1,657
Wicklow	519	1,277
Total	32,073	54,213



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
- Free Schemes
- Bereavement Grants
- Redundancy and Insolvency Payments
- Money Advice and Budgeting Service
- Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
- Funding of projects under the Community Development Programme
- Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services

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.

Responsibility for the administration of schemes under Voluntary and Community Organisations, Island Development Programme and Community Development Programme were transferred to the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs with effect from 25 June 2002.

Graph J1

Expenditure on Free Schemes, 2002

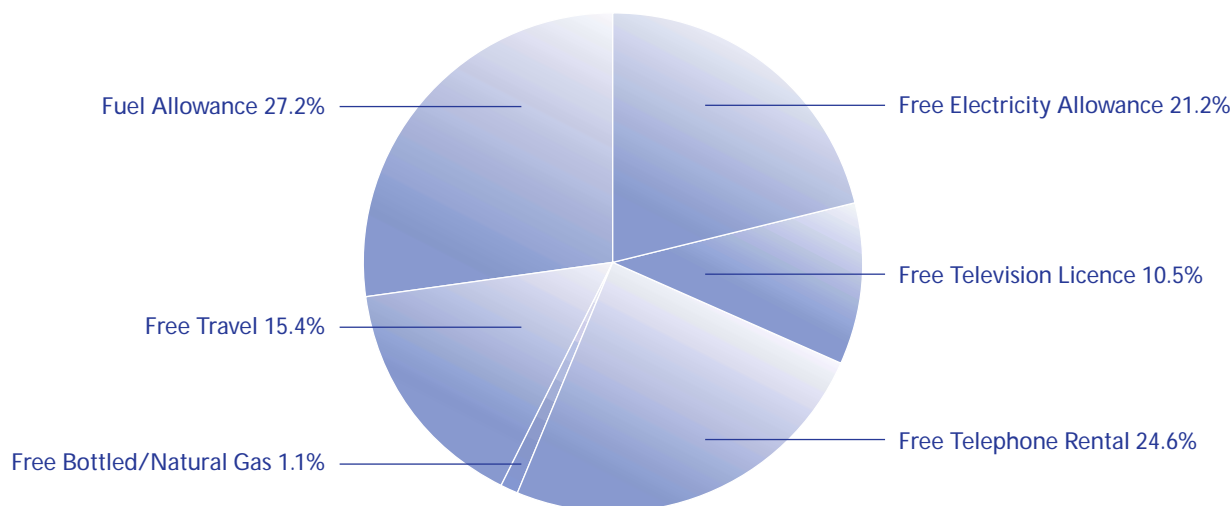


Table J1

Expenditure on Miscellaneous Payments and Grants by Payment Type, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001 €000	2002 ⁽¹⁾ €000	Change %
Free Schemes	240,994	296,043	22.8%
Treatment Benefit	56,505	60,803	7.6%
Bereavement Grants	12,577	12,223	-2.8%
Rent Allowance	736	666	-9.5%
Equal Treatment Payments	56	17	-69.6%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	33,404	61,618	84.5%
Combat Poverty Agency	4,222	4,771	13.0%
School Meals	1,787	2,023	13.2%
Programme for Peace and Reconciliation	1,031	919	-10.9%
Comhairle	12,926	16,289	26.0%
Grants for Marriage & Family Counselling Services	6,106	6,717	10.0%
Grants for Community and Family Support Groups ⁽³⁾	25,659	14,852	-42.1%
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	8,268	9,287	12.3%
Scheme of Community Support for Older People ⁽³⁾	2,677	17	-99.4%
Other Grants/Payments	1,676	2,547	52.0%
Total	408,624	488,792	19.6%

(1) Provisional.

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

(3) Responsibility for the administration of these schemes transferred to the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs with effect from 25 June 2002. Expenditure figure shown refers to period up to 24 June 2002.

Table J2

Total Expenditure on Free Schemes, 1993 to 2002

Year	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
1993	30,691	10,728	20,295	98	461	37,241	47,647	147,161
1994	31,771	12,311	25,137	97	654	37,535	50,666	158,171
1995	33,060	13,181	29,449	88	712	39,697	54,276	170,464
1996	34,658	15,724	31,256	81	1,044	40,680	56,298	179,740
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 ⁽¹⁾	62,647	30,967	72,887	108	3,276	45,625	80,533	296,043

(1) Provisional.

Table J3

Funding of Money Advice and Budgeting Service by County, 2001 and 2002

County	2001 €	2002 €
Carlow	120,388	218,489
Cavan	124,688	196,136
Clare	163,542	197,174
Cork	448,560	644,522
Donegal	129,894	295,674
Dublin	1,920,028	2,651,166
Galway	209,362	402,265
Kerry	406,380	238,000
Kildare	154,779	282,512
Kilkenny	103,395	187,943
Laois	70,470	375,226
Leitrim	79,761	85,500
Limerick	220,934	362,295
Longford	79,018	232,249
Louth	159,440	468,744
Mayo	276,515	230,383
Meath	132,139	220,868
Monaghan	84,438	140,500
Offaly	83,041	161,645
Roscommon	74,661	116,365
Sligo	74,090	94,700
Tipperary	315,186	427,428
Waterford	279,342	360,941
Westmeath	135,514	192,392
Wexford	102,087	166,572
Wicklow	202,111	318,696
Total	6,149,763	9,268,385

Table J4

Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations, 2001 and 2002⁽¹⁾

Type of Grant	2001	2002
Grants to Voluntary Groups		
Allocation	€1,366,051	€1,790,034
Number of Applications	1,053	949
Number of Grants	295	335
Grants for Older People		
Allocation	€2,678,488	€4,444,083
Number of Applications	530	511
Number of Grants	461	406
Locally-Based Community and Family Support Groups⁽²⁾		
Allocation	€940,967	€955,569
Number of Applications	971	870
Number of Grants	543	545
Community Development Education and Training Grants		
Allocation	€157,867	€178,774
Number of Applications	171	158
Number of Grants	95	115

(1) Responsibility for the administration of schemes under Voluntary and Community Organisations, Island Development Programme and Community Development Programme were transferred to the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs with effect from 25 June 2002. Figures shown refer to period up to 24 June 2002.

(2) Locally-Based Community and Family Support Groups include Women's Grants, Men's Grants and Grants to Lone Parents.

Table J5

Funding of Projects under Community Development Programme, 2001 and 2002

Type of Project ⁽¹⁾	2001 €	2002 €
General Projects	10,213,590	12,596,563
Support Agencies	6,083,970	5,665,642
Islands Development Programme	424,329	489,585
Family Resource Centres	2,654,660	3,385,823
Programme of Core Funding to Community Groups	2,163,988	2,953,101
Total	21,540,537	25,090,714

(1) See Appendix 4 for an explanation of the different categories of projects funded under the Community Development Programme.

Table J6

Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services, 2001 and 2002

Type of Grant ⁽¹⁾	2001	2002
Marriage Counselling		
Expenditure	€3,729,272	€4,039,133
Number of Applications	144	158
Number of Grants	138	151
Marriage Preparation		
Expenditure	€639,643	€728,724
Number of Applications	66	67
Number of Grants	64	67
Child Counselling in relation to Parental Separation		
Expenditure	€601,221	€853,410
Number of Applications	126	139
Number of Grants	121	136
Bereavement Counselling and Support		
Expenditure	€1,137,304	€1,041,732
Number of Applications	354	386
Number of Grants	351	379
Total Expenditure	€6,107,440	€6,662,999

(1) In their grant application, voluntary groups may request funding under all or some of the grant categories referred to above. In total, some 465 voluntary groups received funding in 2002.

Table J7

Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 2001 and 2002

Type of Payment	2001	2002	Change 2002 over 2001
Bereavement Grants	15,090	21,745	44.1%
Treatment Benefit:			
Dental	432,835	427,707	-1.2%
Optical	192,913	177,114	-8.2%
Medical and Surgical	4,164	4,401	5.7%
Rent Allowance	23	16	-30.4%
Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾	265,000	259,000	-2.3%

(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance in 2002. There was an average of 108,000 recipients of a Smokeless Fuel Allowance in 2001 and an average of 115,000 recipients in 2002.

Table J8

Number of Recipients of Free Schemes by Type of Payment Received, 2002

Type of Payment	Free Electricity Allowance	Free Television Licence ⁽¹⁾	Free Telephone Rental	Free Bottled Gas	Free Natural Gas	Free Travel ⁽²⁾
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	48,825	47,967	51,531	29	5,091	86,060
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	44,414	43,632	43,019	128	785	86,291
Retirement Pension	47,820	46,978	49,313	47	5,061	76,278
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	47,354	46,521	50,317	9	4,159	64,449
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	9,926	9,751	9,975	21	193	13,780
Invalidity Pension	17,238	16,935	15,968	22	1,460	42,706
Garda Widow's Pension ⁽³⁾	143	140	200	-	10	1,333
Carer's Allowance	7,473	7,341	8,845	25	519	19,631
Disability Allowance	15,400	15,129	13,071	132	714	71,077
British Pension ⁽³⁾	3,617	3,553	4,453	8	134	5,260
Others	27,197	26,719	31,523	41	2,553	169,133
Total	269,407	264,666	278,215	462	20,679	635,998

(1) Refers to the number of Licenses issued.

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

(3) These Pensions are not administered by the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

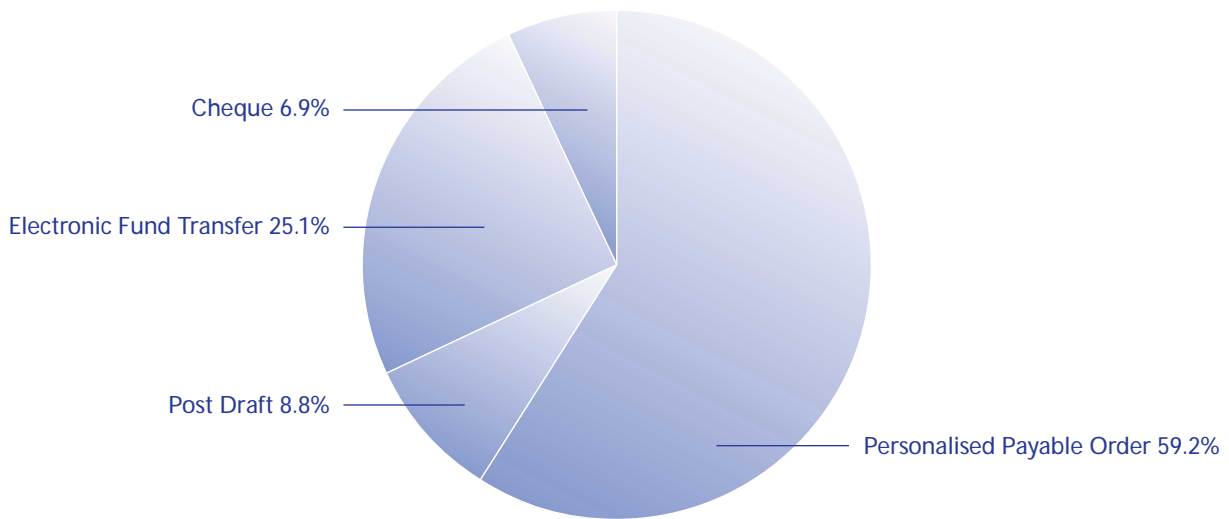
Table J9

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2002

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Post Draft	Cheque	Electronic Fund Transfer	Total
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	60,852	-	1,382	43,061	105,295
Retirement Pension	65,606	-	333	17,116	83,055
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	80,901	-	55	6,867	87,823
Pre-Retirement Allowance	-	9,038	711	1,473	11,222
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	77,906	121	1,410	23,057	102,494
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	15,585	13	-	720	16,318
Deserted Wife's Benefit	10,608	690	-	496	11,794
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,522	33	27	-	1,582
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	2	-	-	-	2
One-Parent Family Payment	64,036	10,934	1	4,224	79,195
Maternity Benefit	-	-	1,852	7,751	9,603
Health and Safety Benefit	-	-	8	24	32
Adoptive Benefit	-	-	12	41	53
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	1,056	-	2	176	1,234
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	881	-	-	76	957
Child Benefit (families)	358,404	-	-	164,037	522,441
Disability Benefit	-	1,319	42,240	11,031	54,590
Invalidity Pension	42,049	437	40	9,621	52,147
Disability Allowance	51,189	909	74	10,611	62,783
Injury Benefit	-	-	741	87	828
Interim Disability Benefit	-	-	360	44	404
Disablement Benefit	-	-	11,612	-	11,612
Death Benefit	592	-	5	71	668
Carer's Benefit	-	-	135	480	615
Carer's Allowance	19,061	-	-	1,334	20,395
Blind Pension	1,936	-	4	155	2,095
Unemployment Benefit	-	28,942	15,233	22,241	66,416
Unemployment Assistance	-	55,512	5,198	10,856	71,566
Back to Work Allowance Employee & Self Employed on Years 2 to 4	88	202	718	20,749	21,757
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Self Employed First Year	8	22	36	3,163	3,229
Back to Education Allowance	-	295	42	4,704	5,041
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	-	309	26	1	336
Family Income Supplement	12,043	-	-	-	12,043
Farm Assist/Smallholders	-	6,600	88	1,826	8,514
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	12,943	18,481	649	32,073
Rent Allowance	-	-	383	-	383
Total	864,325	128,319	101,209	366,742	1,460,595

Graph J2

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 2002





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 Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Retirement Pension, Widow's/Widower's (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed Parent Grant, Bereavement Grants and Free Schemes.

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 Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, One-Parent Family Payment, Unemployment Assistance, Farm Assist, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Pension, Rent Allowance and Free Schemes.

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. Old Age

Old Age (Contributory) Pension
 Retirement Pension
 Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension
 Pre-Retirement Allowance

2. Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families

Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension
 Deserted Wife's Benefit
 Widow'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
 Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance
 Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension
 Child Benefit

4. Illness, Disability and Caring

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

5. Unemployment Supports

Unemployment Benefit
 Unemployment Assistance

6. Employment Supports

Family Income Supplement
 Back to Work Allowance
 Students Summer Jobs Scheme
 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
 Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme

8. Miscellaneous Payments and Grants

Treatment Benefits
 Free Schemes
 Bereavement Grants
 Money Advice and Budgeting Service
 Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
 Funding of projects under the Community Development Programme
 Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services

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 of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children.
Claim/Claimant:	An application/ applicant for a social welfare payment.
Social Insurance Payments:	These comprise Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Retirement Pension, Widow's/Widower's (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed Parent Grant, Bereavement Grants and Free Schemes.
Social Assistance Payments:	These comprise Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension, Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, One-Parent Family Payment, Unemployment Assistance, Farm Assist, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Pension, Rent Allowance and Free Schemes.

Appendix 4: Voluntary and Community Organisations

The Department of Social and Family Affairs grant schemes concentrate on a wide range of support for local self-help groups, community development, welfare rights and information work, and on the provision of seed money to enable community groups to pilot initiatives identified as meeting new and emerging community needs. To be eligible for funding, groups must subscribe to a self-help, community ethos and must involve the intended beneficiaries in the management and the design of the project. These grant schemes are aimed at developing people and their capacity to participate in society, rather than the provision of services or direct economic development or job creation initiatives.

Island Development Programme

A programme of core funding to five off-shore islands, Inishboffin, Inishturk, Sherkin, Clare Island and Bere Island, which is geared towards the specific needs of island communities and is funded under the Community Development Programme.

Community Development Programme

The programme provides financial assistance to projects towards the staffing and equipping of local resource centres which provide a focal point for community development activities and to other specialised community development projects and initiatives having a strategic importance. The projects provide a range of supports, development opportunities and services to community groups and individuals within their areas.

Responsibility for the administration of the above schemes transferred to the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs with effect from 25 June 2002.

Family Resource Centres

The aim of a Family and Community Services Resource Centre is to help combat disadvantage by improving the functioning of the family unit. Centres can provide special services for lone parent families, young mothers and others considered in need of extra support and can act as a first step to community participation and social inclusion for the most vulnerable and marginalised families. Centres are also concerned with initiatives to enhance their parenting skills and initiatives to promote the greater involvement of young men in the life of the community.

Legislation to establish the Family Support Agency was passed in late 2001 and the agency was established on 6 May 2003. Responsibility for the administration of the Family and Community Services Resource Centre Programme has transferred to the new Agency.

Money Advice and Budgeting Service

At the end of 2002, the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) had 62 centres around the country which address the problems of moneylending and overindebtedness.

Appendix 5

Family Affairs Unit

The Family Affairs Unit was established in the Department of Social and Family Affairs in 1998.

The responsibilities of the Unit are:

- to co-ordinate family policy;
- to pursue the findings in the Report of the Commission on the Family following their consideration by the Government;
- to undertake research and promote awareness about family;
- support for the marriage and child and bereavement counselling services;
- the Family Mediation Service;
- an information programme on parenting issues.

Family Support Agency

Legislation to establish the Family Support Agency was enacted in December 2001. The Family Support Agency, which was established on 6 May 2003, has responsibility for a number of functions currently under the remit of the Family Affairs Unit. The new Agency will:

- provide a family mediation service
- support, promote and develop the provision of marriage and relationship counselling and other family supports and
- support, promote and develop the Family and Community Services Resource Centres programme.

The new Agency will undertake research, provide and disseminate information about parenting and family issues and provide advice to the Minister for Social and Family Affairs on matters relating to its functions.

The Family Support Agency will bring together the main programmes and pro-family services developed since 1997. It will provide a comprehensive and coherent response for families in need of these support services and for families generally. It will be a dedicated Agency and a resource for all those involved in the promotion of family well being.

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