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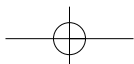
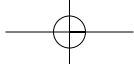
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Notes

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

ABBREVIATIONS

- Not Applicable

n.a. Not Available.

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Is é seo an séú eagrán déag don bhfoilsíúcháin bliantúil ‘Eolaí Staitistiúil ar Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh’ a ullmhaíonn An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha, Pobail agus Teaghlaigh. ‘San eolaí seo leagtar amach sonraí cuimsitheach maidir lena seirbhísí atá curtha ar fáil ag an Roinn.

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- Cuid E Tinneas, Míchumas agus Cúram
- Cuid F Dífhostaíocht agus Tacaíochtaí Fostaíochta
- Cuid G Sochair agus Liúntais Ilghnéitheach agus Deontais
- Cuid H Staitistic Bainistíochta

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General

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

The statistics set out in this report relate to 1998 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 1998 are provisional pending certification by the Comptroller and Auditor General. In a limited number of tables recipient numbers for 1997 are shown as “estimated”. This arose because of the introduction of new payment systems for schemes involved. The data shown is not a precise count of recipients but is nonetheless regarded as a reliable estimate and was established at a date other than 31st December, 1997.

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.

Source of Data

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

Breakdown by Section

The report is divided into eight 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 and Employment Supports
Section G	Miscellaneous Benefits, Allowances and Grants
Section H	Management Statistics

Appendix 2 (page 91) lists the payments covered by each category.

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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 Person's Pension, Carers Allowance and Occupational Injury Benefits.

Section F provides details of unemployment payments, Family Income Supplement and Employment Support Services.

Section G provides details of Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Treatment Benefits, Free Schemes and other miscellaneous payments (e.g. Death Grants, Living Alone Allowance etc.). In addition, this section includes information on the Voluntary and Community Services as well as the Family Services administered by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

Section H provides details of claimload, appeals and payment methods.

Summary

A Social, Community 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 June 1999.

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The Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs also publishes an Annual Report which provides details of all major developments during the year in question. The Report is a progress report to the Minister and the Government on the implementation of the Department's Strategy Statement. In addition, the "Guide to Social Welfare Services" provides comprehensive information on all social welfare services and is available directly from any office of the Department and on the Internet.

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Section A: Summary and Financial

Expenditure

Total Social Welfare expenditure in 1998 was £4,763 million, an increase of 5.3% over 1997. Expenditure in 1998 represented 33.3% of Net Current Government expenditure and was equivalent to 8.8% of GDP (Table A2). The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Old Age (23.6%), Widow's, Widower's and One Parent Families (18.0%), Unemployment Support (17.7%), Employment Support (3.3%), Child Related Payments (9.7%) and Illness, Disability and Caring (14.1%). Administration of the social welfare system accounted for 4.9% of total expenditure (Graph A1).

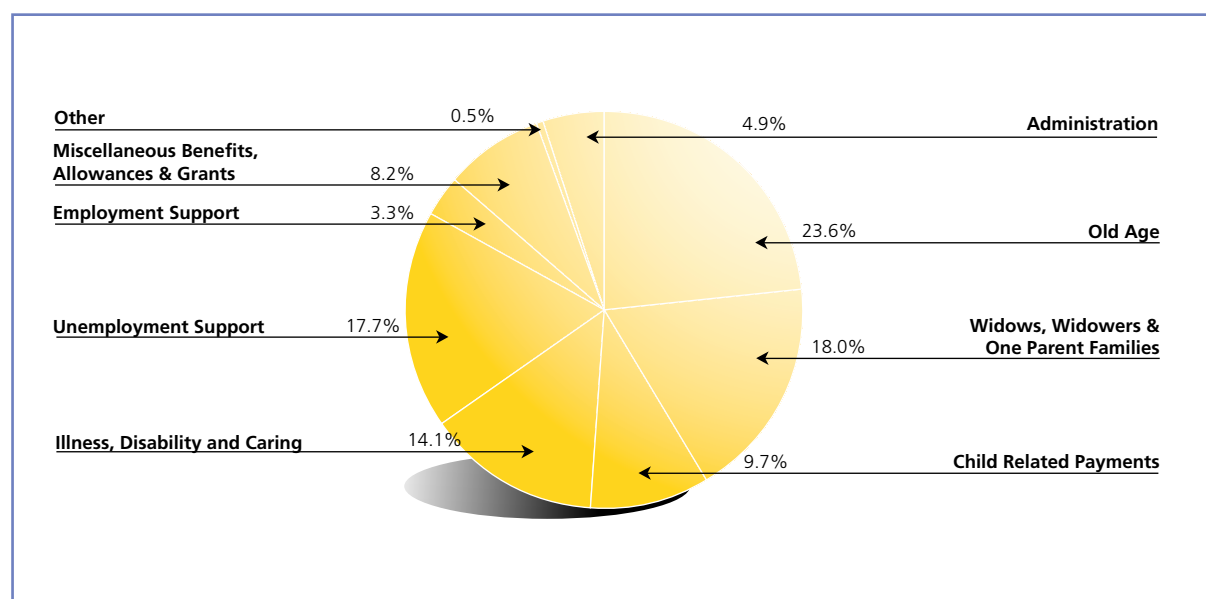
Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer (56%) and by the Social Insurance Fund (44%). The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (71%), employees (23%) and the self-employed (6%). See Table A6 and Graph A2.

Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments

Almost 854,000 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 1998. As these payments included increases in respect of over 120,000 Qualified Adults and over 440,000 Qualified Children, there were over 1.4 million beneficiaries in all. This represents a 2.0% decrease in the number of recipients since 1997 and a decrease of 2.9% in the number of beneficiaries over the same period (Graph A3).

Graph A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 1998



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Table A1

Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme, 1997 and 1998

Programme	1997	1998	Change 1998 over 1997
	£000	Provisional £000	
Old Age	1,035,349	1,122,766	8.4%
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	787,603	857,306	8.9%
Child Related Payments	435,530	460,599	5.8%
Illness, Disability and Caring	624,191	673,916	8.0%
Unemployment Support	923,886	843,155	-8.7%
Employment Support	123,389	157,737	27.8%
Miscellaneous Benefits, Allowances and Grants	360,854	391,557	8.5%
Equal Treatment Payments ⁽¹⁾	4,765	7,131	49.7%
Redundancy and Insolvency Payments ⁽²⁾	18,268	15,214	-16.7%
Administration	210,427	233,701	11.1%
Total Expenditure	4,524,262	4,763,082	5.3%

(1) Payments to married women arising out of the delay in implementing the EC Directive on Equal Treatment.

(2) Payments under the Redundancy and Insolvency schemes are administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Table A2

Expenditure on Social Welfare as a Percentage of Current Government Expenditure, GNP and GDP, 1989 to 1998

Year	Total Social Welfare Expenditure ⁽¹⁾ (£m)	Index of Expenditure	Consumer Price Index ⁽³⁾	Social Welfare Expenditure as a percentage of: ⁽⁴⁾			
				Gross Current Government Expenditure	Net Current Government Expenditure	Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
1989	2,663	100.0	100.0	27.3	33.1	12.0	10.5
1990	2,809	105.5	103.4	27.0	33.3	11.6	10.3
1991	3,092	116.1	106.6	27.4	34.0	12.2	11.0
1992	3,532	132.6	110.0	29.1	36.0	13.1	11.7
1993	3,628	136.2	111.5	27.9	34.5	12.5	11.2
1994	3,761	141.2	114.2	27.4	33.7	11.9	10.7
1995 ⁽²⁾	4,199	157.7	117.0	28.7	34.7	12.1	10.7
1996 ⁽²⁾	4,377	164.4	118.9	28.5	34.5	11.6	10.2
1997 ⁽²⁾	4,524	169.9	120.7	27.4	32.3	10.8	9.4
1998 ⁽²⁾	4,763	178.9	123.6	27.2	33.3	10.2	8.8

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

(2) 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.

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

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

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Table A3
Expenditure on Social Welfare by Payment Type, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	1997	1998	Change %
	£000	Provisional £000	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	324,983	363,091	11.7%
Retirement Pension	336,175	365,094	8.6%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	316,795	334,389	5.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	57,396	60,192	4.9%
Total Old Age	1,035,349	1,122,766	8.4%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	377,160	407,532	8.1%
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	62,547	66,260	5.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	74,296	69,779	-6.1%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,968	6,681	-4.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	18	15	-16.7%
One Parent Family Payment	266,614	307,039	15.2%
Total Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	787,603	857,306	8.9%
Maternity Benefit	34,058	38,211	12.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	124	89	-28.2%
Adoptive Benefit	81	119	46.9%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,071	2,349	13.4%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	856	1,061	23.9%
Child Benefit	398,340	418,770	5.1%
Total Child Related Payments	435,530	460,599	5.8%
Disability Benefit	179,910	190,328	5.8%
Invalidity Pension	199,272	208,027	4.4%
Injury Benefit	6,764	7,107	5.1%
Disablement Benefit	38,286	37,852	-1.1%
Death Benefit	2,680	3,257	21.5%
Disability Allowance	151,860	172,910	13.9%
Workmen's Compensation Supplements	18	18	0.0%
Medical Care	118	139	17.8%
Carer's Allowance	36,514	45,099	23.5%
Blind Person's Pension	8,769	9,179	4.7%
Total Illness, Disability and Caring	624,191	673,916	8.0%
Unemployment Benefit	215,239	236,713	10.0%
Unemployment Assistance	708,647	606,442	-14.4%
Employment Support Services ⁽¹⁾	97,400	129,081	32.5%
Family Income Supplement	25,989	28,656	10.3%
Total Unemployment and Employment Support	1,047,275	1,000,892	-4.4%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	157,663	175,673	11.4%
Treatment Benefits ⁽¹⁾	28,295	30,874	9.1%
Rent Allowance	677	650	-4.0%
Free Schemes ⁽¹⁾	148,670	153,358	3.2%
Miscellaneous ⁽¹⁾	25,549	31,002	21.3%
Total Miscellaneous Benefits, Allowances and Grants	360,854	391,557	8.5%
Equal Treatment - Insurance payments	2,993	6,805	127.4%
Equal Treatment- Assistance payments	1,772	326	-81.6%
Total Equal Treatment Payments	4,765	7,131	49.7%
Redundancy and Insolvency ⁽²⁾	18,268	15,214	-16.7%
Total Redundancy and Insolvency Payments	18,268	15,214	-16.7%
Administration - Insurance Schemes	96,662	102,620	6.2%
Administration - Assistance Schemes	113,765	131,081	15.2%
Total Administration	210,427	233,701	11.1%
Grand Total	4,524,262	4,763,082	5.3%

(1) See Additional Expenditure Details in Table A4.

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

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Table A4**Additional Expenditure Details, 1997 and 1998**

Additional Details	1997	1998 Provisional	Change %
	£000	£000	
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES			
Back to Work Allowance	58,565	67,754	15.7%
Student's Summer Jobs Scheme	9,018	7,992	-11.4%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	15,372	35,013	127.8%
Back to Education Allowance	12,497	16,335	30.7%
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	1,477	1,475	-0.1%
Other	471	512	8.7%
TOTAL	97,400	129,081	32.5%
FREE SCHEMES			
Fuel Allowances	44,946	44,894	-0.1%
Free Travel	32,357	32,630	0.8%
Free Electricity	29,074	30,396	4.5%
Free Bottled Gas	66	54	-18.2%
Free Natural Gas	884	1,059	19.8%
Free Television Licence	14,281	15,385	7.7%
Free Telephone Rental	27,062	28,940	6.9%
TOTAL	148,670	153,358	3.2%
TREATMENT BENEFITS			
Dental	20,751	22,588	8.9%
Optical	6,523	7,156	9.7%
Medical and Surgical	1,021	1,130	10.7%
TOTAL	28,295	30,874	9.1%
MISCELLANEOUS			
Death Grants	970	958	-1.2%
Combat Poverty Agency	2,257	2,273	0.7%
Grants to Voluntary Bodies	17,967	22,670	26.2%
School Meals	764	786	2.9%
Programme for Peace & Reconciliation	621	950	53.0%
National Social Services Board	2,970	3,365	13.3%
TOTAL	25,549	31,002	21.3%

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Table A5
Social Insurance and Social Assistance Expenditure by Scheme, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	Expenditure £000		Change %
	1997	1998	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	324,983	363,091	11.7%
Retirement Pension	336,175	365,094	8.6%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	377,160	407,532	8.1%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	74,296	69,779	-6.1%
Maternity Benefit	34,058	38,211	12.2%
Health and Safety Benefit	124	89	-28.2%
Adoptive Benefit	81	119	46.9%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,071	2,349	13.4%
Disability Benefit	179,910	190,328	5.8%
Invalidity Pension	199,272	208,027	4.4%
Injury Benefit	6,764	7,107	5.1%
Workmen's Compensation Supplements	18	18	0.0%
Medical Care	118	139	17.8%
Disablement Benefit	38,286	37,852	-1.1%
Death Benefit Pension	2,680	3,257	21.5%
Unemployment Benefit	215,239	236,713	10.0%
Treatment Benefit	28,295	30,874	9.1%
Death Grant	970	958	-1.2%
Equal Treatment Payments	2,993	6,805	127.4%
Redundancy and Insolvency Administration	18,268	15,214	-16.7%
	96,662	102,620	6.2%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	1,938,423	2,086,176	7.6%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	316,795	334,389	5.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	57,396	60,192	4.9%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	62,547	66,260	5.9%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	6,968	6,681	-4.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	18	15	-16.7%
One-Parent Family Payment	266,614	307,039	15.2%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	856	1,061	23.9%
Child Benefit	398,340	418,770	5.1%
Disability Allowance	151,860	172,910	13.9%
Blind Person's Pension	8,769	9,179	4.7%
Carer's Allowance	36,514	45,099	23.5%
Unemployment Assistance	708,647	606,442	-14.4%
Employment Support Services	97,400	129,081	32.5%
Family Income Supplement	25,989	28,656	10.3%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	157,663	175,673	11.4%
Rent Allowance	677	650	-4.0%
Free Schemes	148,670	153,358	3.2%
Miscellaneous	24,579	30,044	22.2%
Equal Treatment Payments	1,772	326	-81.6%
Administration	113,765	131,081	15.2%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	2,585,839	2,676,906	3.5%
GRAND TOTAL	4,524,262	4,763,082	5.3%

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Financing of Social Welfare Expenditure, 1997 and 1998

Sources of Finance	1997		1998 Provisional	
	£000	%	£000	%
State	2,579,442	57.0%	2,668,826	56.0%
Social Insurance Fund	1,938,423	42.9%	2,086,176	43.8%
National Lottery	5,600	0.1%	7,848	0.2%
Other Receipts	797	0.0%	232	0.0%
TOTAL	4,524,262	100.0%	4,763,082	100.0%

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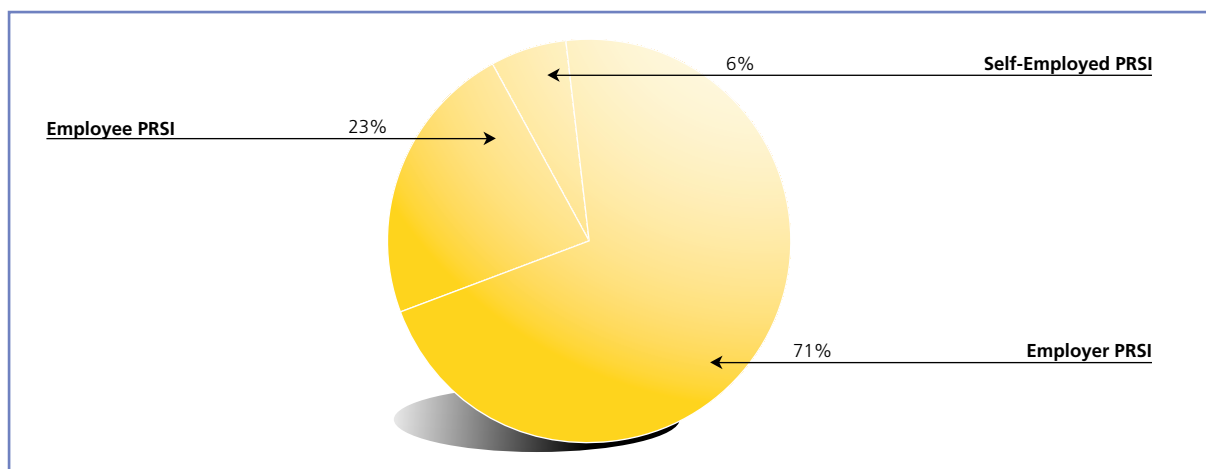
Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 1997 and 1998

Income	1997		1998 Provisional	
	£000s	%	£000s	%
State	-	-	-	-
Employer PRSI ⁽¹⁾	1,370,009	70.4%	1,525,453	71.3%
Employee PRSI ⁽¹⁾	450,346	23.2%	482,250	22.5%
Self-Employed PRSI	124,389	6.4%	130,555	6.1%
Other Receipts	346	0.0%	1,444	0.1%
Total Income	1,945,090	100.0%	2,139,702	100.0%
Total Expenditure	1,938,423		2,086,176	
Surplus	6,667		53,526	

(1) The breakdown between employer and employee contributions requires a detailed analysis of data collected by the Revenue Commissioners which does not become available for some 18 months after the end of the year in question. The breakdown for 1997 and 1998 is based on the latest available data which refers to the 1995/96 contribution year.

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Financing of the Social Insurance Fund, 1998



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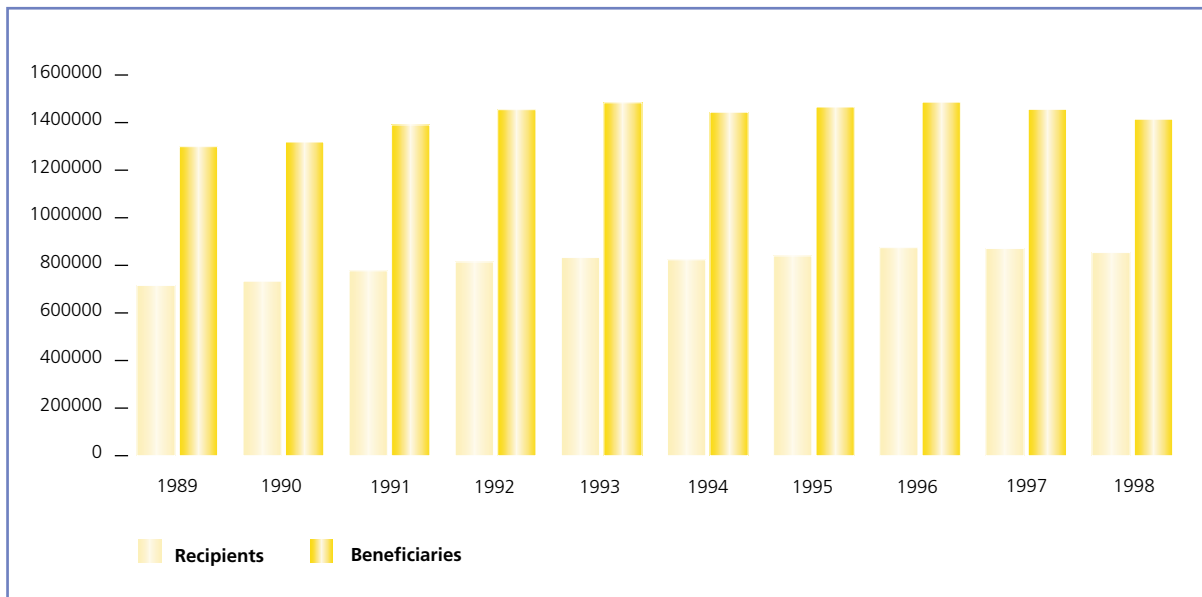
Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1989 - 1998

Year	Number of Recipients	Number of Beneficiaries ⁽¹⁾
1989	715,540	1,298,827
1990	733,297	1,318,455
1991	776,982	1,390,050
1992	814,235	1,454,335
1993	832,822	1,483,200
1994	823,308	1,443,531
1995	839,633	1,465,557
1996	874,335	1,485,943
1997	870,852	1,455,667
1998	853,732	1,414,119

(1) Includes recipients, Qualified Adults, Qualified Children and those in respect of whom a Prescribed Relative Allowance is being paid.

Graph A3

Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1989 - 1998



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Table A9

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	1997	1998	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	70,022	71,706	2.4%
Retirement Pension	71,793	75,316	4.9%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	98,835	95,890	-3.0%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,647	13,897	1.8%
TOTAL OLD AGE	254,297	256,809	1.0%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	97,340	98,518	1.2%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,786	18,382	-2.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	14,387	13,835	-3.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,960	1,807	-7.8%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	5	4	-20.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	58,960	65,548	11.2%
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES	191,438	198,094	3.5%
Maternity Benefit	5,512	5,453	-1.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	24	18	-25.0%
Adoptive Benefit	6	12	100.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	821	886	7.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	393	531	35.1%
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	6,756	6,900	2.1%
Disability Benefit ⁽¹⁾	43,500	43,766	0.6%
Invalidity Pension	43,633	44,925	3.0%
Injury Benefit ⁽¹⁾	720	746	3.6%
Interim Disability Benefit ⁽¹⁾	957	439	-54.1%
Disablement Benefit	9,748	10,182	4.5%
Death Benefit Pension	558	630	12.9%
Disability Allowance	43,192	47,126	9.1%
Blind Person's Pension	2,404	2,358	-1.9%
Carer's Allowance	10,196	11,416	12.0%
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	154,908	161,588	4.3%
Unemployment Benefit	63,914	63,913	0.0%
Unemployment Assistance	159,777	129,923	-18.7%
Smallholders	7,958	6,476	-18.6%
Family Income Supplement	12,888	13,143	2.0%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT	244,537	213,455	-12.7%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	18,279	16,300	-10.8%
Rent Allowance	637	586	-8.0%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES	18,916	16,886	-10.7%
GRAND TOTAL	870,852	853,732	-2.0%

(1) 1997 figures estimated.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only. There were some 76,488 recipients of some type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance payment. (See Table G10).

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Table A10

Number of Recipients of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	Recipients		Change %
	1997	1998	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	70,022	71,706	2.4%
Retirement Pension	71,793	75,316	4.9%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	97,340	98,518	1.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	14,387	13,835	-3.8%
Maternity Benefit	5,512	5,453	-1.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	24	18	-25.0%
Adoptive Benefit	6	12	100.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	821	886	7.9%
Disability Benefit ⁽¹⁾	43,500	43,766	0.6%
Invalidity Pension ⁽¹⁾	43,633	44,925	3.0%
Injury Benefit	720	746	3.6%
Interim Disability Benefit ⁽¹⁾	957	439	-54.1%
Disablement Benefit	9,748	10,182	4.5%
Death Benefit Pension	558	630	12.9%
Unemployment Benefit	63,914	63,913	0.0%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	422,935	430,345	1.8%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	98,835	95,890	-3.0%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,647	13,897	1.8%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,786	18,382	-2.2%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,960	1,807	-7.8%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	5	4	-20.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	58,960	65,548	11.2%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	393	531	35.1%
Disability Allowance	43,192	47,126	9.1%
Blind Person's Pension	2,404	2,358	-1.9%
Carer's Allowance	10,196	11,416	12.0%
Unemployment Assistance	159,777	129,923	-18.7%
Smallholders	7,958	6,476	-18.6%
Family Income Supplement	12,888	13,143	2.0%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	18,279	16,300	-10.8%
Rent Allowance	637	586	-8.0%
TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	447,917	423,387	-5.5%
GRAND TOTAL	870,852	853,732	-2.0%

(1) 1997 figures estimated.

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only. There were some 76,488 recipients of some type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance payment. (See Table G10).

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Table A11

Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Programme, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries ⁽¹⁾		Change %
	1997	1998	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	88,282	89,440	1.3%
Retirement Pension	98,013	100,125	2.2%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	106,814	103,186	-3.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	22,747	22,907	0.7%
TOTAL OLD AGE	315,856	315,658	-0.1%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	113,984	115,063	0.9%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,819	18,409	-2.2%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	34,106	31,102	-8.8%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,960	1,807	-7.8%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	5	4	-20.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	153,876	170,927	11.1%
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES	322,750	337,312	4.5%
Maternity Benefit	5,512	5,453	-1.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	41	35	-14.6%
Adoptive Benefit	6	12	100.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	821	886	7.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	393	531	35.1%
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	6,773	6,917	2.1%
Disability Benefit ⁽²⁾	88,747	89,163	0.5%
Invalidity Pension	80,941	82,146	1.5%
Injury Benefit ⁽²⁾	1,574	1,921	22.0%
Interim Disability Benefit ⁽²⁾	1,963	1,055	-46.3%
Disablement Benefit	10,748	11,196	4.2%
Death Benefit Pension	820	875	6.7%
Disability Allowance	55,387	61,136	10.4%
Blind Person's Pension	3,157	3,102	-1.7%
Carer's Allowance	17,935	19,441	8.4%
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	261,272	270,035	3.4%
Unemployment Benefit	130,379	132,451	1.6%
Unemployment Assistance	308,957	255,584	-17.3%
Smallholders	24,675	18,929	-23.3%
Family Income Supplement	46,764	46,477	-0.6%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT	510,775	453,441	-11.2%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾	37,604	30,170	-19.8%
Rent Allowance	637	586	-8.0%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES	38,241	30,756	-19.6%
GRAND TOTAL	1,455,667	1,414,119	-2.9%

(1) Includes recipients, Qualified Adults, Qualified Children and those in respect of whom a Prescribed Relative Allowance is being paid.

(2) 1997 figures are estimated.

(3) Includes basic weekly payments only.

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Table A12

Number of Beneficiaries of Weekly Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Insurance or Assistance, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	Beneficiaries ⁽¹⁾		Change %
	1997	1998	
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	88,282	89,440	1.3%
Retirement Pension	98,013	100,125	2.2%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	113,984	115,063	0.9%
Deserted Wife's Benefit	34,106	31,102	-8.8%
Maternity Benefit	5,512	5,453	-1.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	41	35	-14.6%
Adoptive Benefit	6	12	100.0%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	821	886	7.9%
Disability Benefit ⁽²⁾	88,747	89,163	0.5%
Invalidity Pension	80,941	82,146	1.5%
Injury Benefit ⁽²⁾	1,574	1,921	22.0%
Interim Disability Benefit ⁽²⁾	1,963	1,055	-46.3%
Disablement Benefit	10,748	11,196	4.2%
Death Benefit Pension	820	875	6.7%
Unemployment Benefit	130,379	132,451	1.6%
TOTAL SOCIAL INSURANCE	655,937	660,923	0.8%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	106,814	103,186	-3.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	22,747	22,907	0.7%
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,819	18,409	-2.2%
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,960	1,807	-7.8%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	5	4	-20.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	153,876	170,927	11.1%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	393	531	35.1%
Disability Allowance	55,387	61,136	10.4%
Blind Person's Pension	3,157	3,102	-1.7%
Carer's Allowance	17,935	19,441	8.4%
Unemployment Assistance	308,957	255,584	-17.3%
Smallholders	24,675	18,929	-23.3%
Family Income Supplement	46,764	46,477	-0.6%
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽³⁾	37,604	30,170	-19.8%
Rent Allowance	637	586	-8.0%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	799,730	753,196	-5.8%
GRAND TOTAL	1,455,667	1,414,119	-2.9%

(1) Includes recipients, Qualified Adults, Qualified Children and those in respect of whom a Prescribed Relative Allowance is being paid.

(2) 1997 figures are estimated.

(3) Includes basic weekly payments only.

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Number of Recipients, Qualified Adults and Qualified Children of Weekly Social Welfare Payments, 1998

Type of Payment	Recipients	Qualified Adults	Qualified Children		Prescribed Relative Allowances	Total
			Full Rate	Half Rate ⁽¹⁾		
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	71,706	16,412	1,027	293	2	89,440
Retirement Pension	75,316	22,531	1,840	437	1	100,125
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	95,890	5,929	1,079	231	57	103,186
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,897	5,522	3,180	308	-	22,907
TOTAL OLD AGE	256,809	50,394	7,126	1,269	60	315,658
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	98,518	-	16,525	-	20	115,063
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	18,382	-	-	-	27	18,409
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,835	-	17,267	-	-	31,102
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,807	-	-	-	-	1,807
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	-	-	-	-	4
One-Parent Family Payment	65,548	-	105,379	-	-	170,927
TOTAL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND ONE PARENT FAMILIES	198,094	-	139,171	-	47	337,312
Maternity Benefit	5,453	-	-	-	-	5,453
Health and Safety Benefit	18	1	4	12	-	35
Adoptive Benefit	12	-	-	-	-	12
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	886	-	-	-	-	886
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	531	-	-	-	-	531
TOTAL CHILD RELATED PAYMENTS	6,900	1	4	12	-	6,917
Disability Benefit	43,766	6,419	8,098	30,880	-	89,163
Invalidity Pension	44,925	11,987	11,519	13,715	-	82,146
Injury Benefit	746	226	358	591	-	1,921
Interim Disability Benefit	439	137	225	254	-	1,055
Disablement Benefit	10,182	217	380	417	-	11,196
Death Benefit Pension	630	-	245	-	-	875
Disability Allowance	47,126	3,553	6,547	3,910	-	61,136
Blind Person's Pension	2,358	176	372	196	-	3,102
Carer's Allowance	11,416	-	242	7,783	-	19,441
TOTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING	161,588	22,715	27,986	57,746	-	270,035
Unemployment Benefit	63,913	8,515	16,473	43,550	-	132,451
Unemployment Assistance	129,923	31,942	73,589	20,130	-	255,584
Smallholders	6,476	3,338	7,585	1,530	-	18,929
Family Income Supplement	13,143	-	33,334	-	-	46,477
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT	213,455	43,795	130,981	65,210	-	453,441
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽²⁾	16,300	3,232	10,638	-	-	30,170
Rent Allowance	586	-	-	-	-	586
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES	16,886	3,232	10,638	-	-	30,756
GRAND TOTAL ⁽³⁾	853,732	120,137	315,906	124,237	107	1,414,119
As a percentage of total population ⁽⁴⁾	23.0%	3.2%	8.5%	3.4%	0.0%	38.2%

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

(2) Includes basic weekly payments only.

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

(4) Estimated based on Population Estimates, April 1998. Source: Central Statistics Office.

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Table A14

Number of Persons in each Social Insurance Class, 1996/97 and 1997/98

Insurance Class	Insured for	Number insured	
		1996/97 ⁽¹⁾	1997/98 ⁽²⁾
A	All Benefits ⁽³⁾	1,394,400	1,475,800
B	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Limited Occupational Injuries Benefits.	38,400	37,700
C	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, and Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance.	1,530	1,400
D	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	125,000	121,300
E	All benefits except Unemployment Benefit and Occupational Injuries Benefits.	160	160
H	All benefits on discharge. Treatment Benefit and Widow/er's Contributory Pension (in certain cases) during service.	11,270	11,300
J	Occupational Injuries Benefits.	33,700	25,000
K	No Social Insurance benefits. Class K consists of the Health Contribution and the Employment and Training Levy only.	59,700	47,700
M	Occupational Injuries Benefits in certain circumstances.	98,600	101,700
P	Treatment Benefit and limited Unemployment and Disability Benefits.	43	40
S	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Maternity Benefit and Adoptive Benefit.	161,400	168,000
Voluntary Contributors	High Rate: Retirement Pension, Old Age (Contributory) Pension, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, Benefit and Death Grant. Low Rate: Widow/er's (Contributory) Pensions, Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance and Death Grant.	1,250	1,800
	TOTAL INSURED POPULATION	1,925,453	1,991,900

(1) Revised figures.

(2) Provisional figures.

(3) Includes insured persons with credited contributions only.

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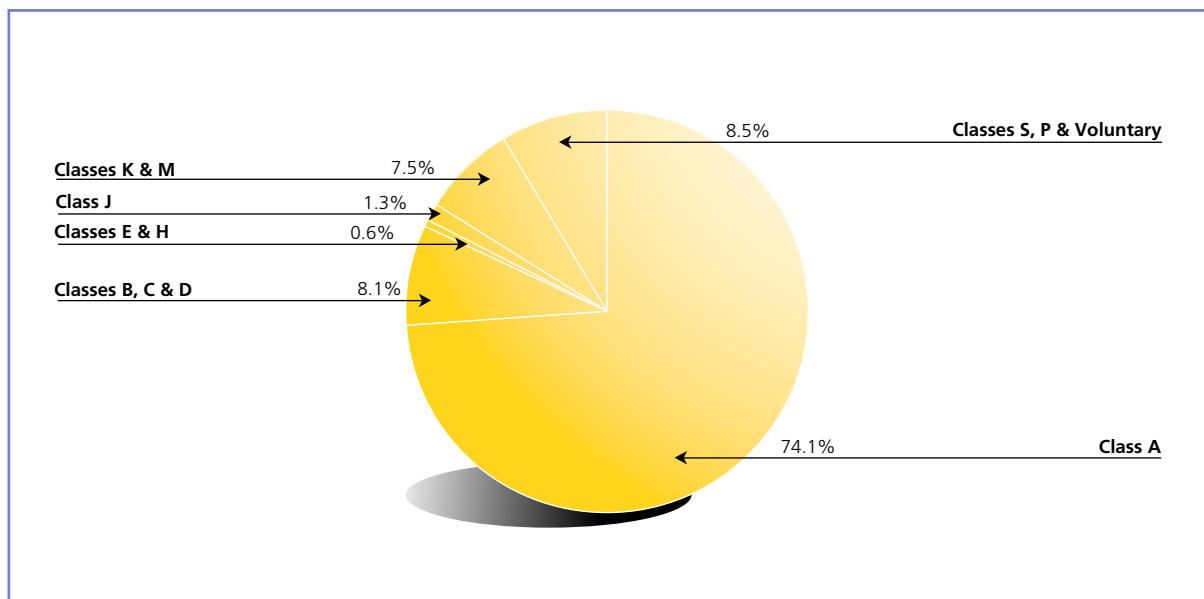
Number of Insured Persons, 1988 to 1998

Year	Insured Population	Index
1988/89	1,450,159	100
1989/90	1,430,264	99
1990/91	1,436,427	99
1991/92	1,461,793	101
1992/93	1,425,850	98
1993/94	1,498,870	103
1994/95	1,769,920	122
1995/96	1,858,492	128
1996/97 ⁽¹⁾	1,925,453	133
1997/98 ⁽²⁾	1,991,900	137

(1) Revised.
 (2) Provisional.

Graph A4

Analysis of Insured Population, 1997/98



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Social Welfare Rates of Payment from June 1998

Type of Payment	Personal £	Qualified	
		Adult £	Child £
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension / Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	£83.00	£52.50	£15.20
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	£72.20	£46.50	£15.20
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	£74.10	-	£17.00
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	£48.60	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	£92.40	-	£17.00
Disablement Pension	£94.20	-	-
Short Term			
Disability / Unemployment Benefit	£70.50	£41.20	£13.20
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	£72.50	£41.20	£13.20
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	£70.50	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	£70.50	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	£70.50	-	£15.20
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	£48.60	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	£73.50	-	£13.20
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	£70.50	£41.20	£13.20
Pre-Retirement Allowance	£70.50	£41.20	£13.20
Disability Allowance	£70.50	£41.20	£13.20
Short Term			
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	£68.40	£41.20	£13.20
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	£68.40	£41.20	£13.20
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Living Alone Allowance	£6.00	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	£5.00	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	£31.50	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	£42.00	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of £59.90 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of £89.00 is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £82.10 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £78.50 is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £81.50 is payable.

(6) These rates applied from September 1998.

Table A17

Social Welfare Rates of Payment from June 1999

Type of Payment	Personal £	Qualified	
		Adult £	Child £
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension / Retirement Pension ⁽¹⁾	£89.00	£55.50	£15.20
Invalidity Pension ⁽²⁾	£75.20	£49.50	£15.20
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽³⁾	£77.10	-	£17.00
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	£51.60	-	-
Death Benefit Pension	£95.40	-	£17.00
Disablement Pension	£97.20	-	-
Short Term			
Disability / Unemployment Benefit	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Long Term			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	£78.50	£44.20	£13.20
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽⁴⁾	£73.50	-	-
Deserted / Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	£73.50	-	-
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽⁴⁾	£73.50	-	£15.20
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	£51.60	-	-
Carer's Allowance ⁽⁵⁾	£76.50	-	£13.20
Long Term Unemployment Assistance	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20
Pre-Retirement Allowance	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20
Disability Allowance	£73.50	£43.20	£13.20
Short Term			
Short Term Unemployment Assistance	£72.00	£43.20	£13.20
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	£72.00	£43.20	£13.20
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Living Alone Allowance	£6.00	-	-
Over 80 Allowance	£5.00	-	-
Child Benefit ⁽⁶⁾ (monthly) - 1st & 2nd Child	£34.50	-	-
- 3rd & other Children	£46.00	-	-

(1) If Qualified Adult is 66 years or over a rate of £59.90 is payable.

(2) If Invalidity Pensioner is 65 or over a rate of £89.00 is payable.

(3) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £82.10 is payable.

(4) If Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £78.50 is payable.

(5) Where Recipient is aged 66 or over a rate of £81.50 is payable.

(6) These rates apply from September 1999.

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Table A18

Index of Short-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1989 to 1998

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 Children	Couple with 4 Children	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1989	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1990	106.7	106.8	106.3	106.9	103.4	104.0
1991	111.1	112.2	111.7	113.1	106.6	108.7
1992	117.8	118.0	117.2	118.6	110.0	112.9
1993	123.6	123.1	121.8	122.9	111.5	119.2
1994	135.6	131.9	129.4	129.9	114.2	122.5
1995	138.9	135.1	131.9	132.0	117.0	125.1
1996	143.3	139.2	135.1	134.5	118.9	129.1
1997	150.0	145.3	139.8	138.4	120.7	132.1
1998	156.7	150.9	144.2	142.1	123.6	138.9

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.
Note: Based on the rates of Unemployment Benefit and Disability Benefit.

Table A19

Index of Long-Term Rates of Payment, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1989 to 1998

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 Children	Couple with 4 Children	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1989	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1990	105.1	105.1	105.1	104.9	103.4	104.0
1991	109.4	109.4	110.5	110.9	106.6	108.7
1992	113.8	113.8	115.0	115.4	109.9	112.9
1993	117.8	117.7	118.6	119.0	111.5	119.2
1994	121.4	121.3	122.0	125.2	114.1	122.5
1995	124.4	126.2	125.9	128.5	117.0	125.1
1996	128.2	130.0	128.9	131.0	119.0	129.1
1997	133.3	134.7	132.6	134.2	120.7	132.1
1998	141.9	141.4	138.0	138.8	123.6	138.9

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

Table A20

Index of Rates of Payment for the Long-Term Unemployed, Consumer Price Index and Average Industrial Earnings, 1989 to 1998

Year	Single Person	Couple	Couple with 2 Children	Couple with 4 Children	Consumer Price Index ⁽¹⁾	Gross Average Industrial Earnings ⁽¹⁾
1989	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1990	110.6	109.2	108.2	108.5	103.4	104.0
1991	117.0	115.8	115.5	116.2	106.6	108.7
1992	121.7	120.4	120.1	120.9	110.0	112.9
1993	126.0	124.6	124.0	124.7	111.5	119.2
1994	129.8	128.4	127.8	128.5	114.2	122.5
1995	133.0	131.6	130.3	130.6	117.0	125.1
1996	137.2	135.5	133.4	133.2	118.9	129.1
1997	143.6	141.4	138.0	137.0	120.7	132.1
1998	150.0	147.0	142.4	140.6	123.6	138.9

(1) Rebased from data published by the Central Statistics Office.
 Note: Based on the rates of Long-Term Unemployment Assistance.

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Section B : Old Age

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Old Age payments was almost £1,123 million in 1998. This represents an increase of 8.4% on 1997.

The overall number of Old Age payments rose by 2,512 in 1998, an increase of 0.9%. The number of people in receipt of a contributory pension (Old Age Contributory Pension and Retirement Pension) based on social insurance contributions rose by 5,207 while the number of people in receipt of the means tested Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 2,945.

Over the last ten years, the number of recipients of both Old Age (Contributory) Pension and the Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension fell by 28,231 in total, 3,489 in the case of Old Age (Contributory) Pension and 24,742 in the case of Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension. On the other hand, the number of recipients of Retirement Pension increased by 29,904 in the same period. Pre-Retirement Allowance was introduced in March 1990 and the number of recipients has increased by 7,793 since then. See Table B3 and Graph B1 for details.

Graph B1

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions, 1989 to 1998

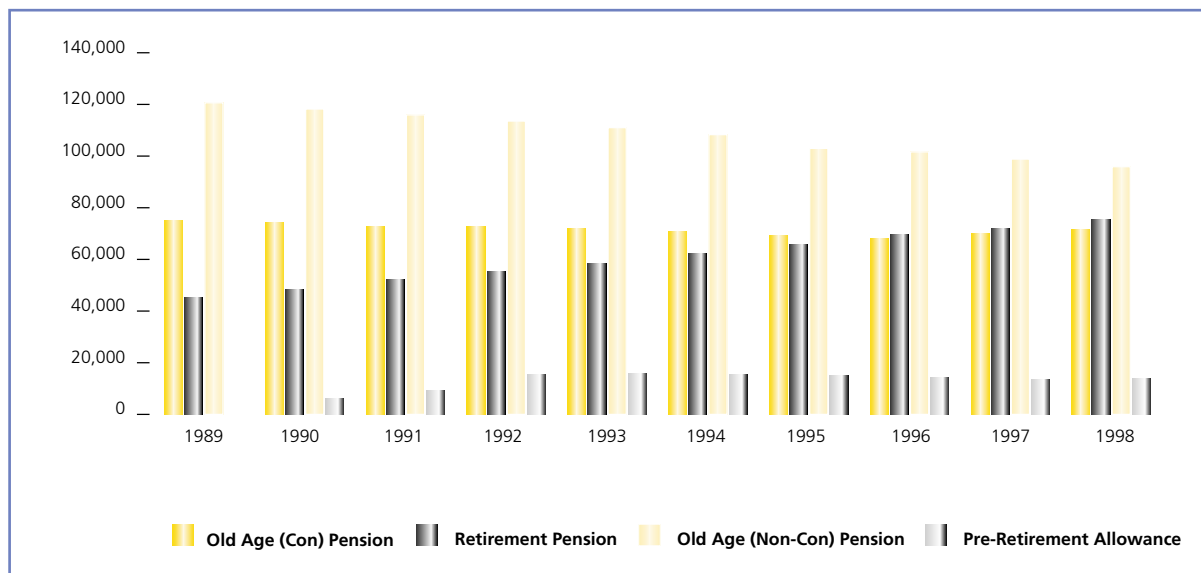


Table B1

Expenditure on Old Age by Payment Type, 1997 and 1998

1997 Payment Type	1998 Provisional	Change 1998 over 1997	%
	£000	£000	
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	324,983	363,091	11.7%
Retirement Pension	336,175	365,094	8.6%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	316,795	334,389	5.6%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	57,396	60,192	4.9%
TOTAL	1,035,349	1,122,766	8.4%

Table B2

Expenditure on Old Age by Pension Type, 1989 to 1998

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1989	280,644	158,397	293,822	-	732,863
1990	290,409	174,461	301,543	13,448	779,861
1991	297,538	196,442	308,838	27,047	829,865
1992	311,746	217,828	317,227	41,834	888,635
1993	312,204	234,100	318,431	57,185	921,920
1994	314,996	256,130	319,076	58,906	949,108
1995	316,911	280,293	308,749	57,253	963,206
1996	320,253	305,677	310,294	58,069	994,293
1997	324,983	336,175	316,795	57,396	1,035,349
1998 ⁽³⁾	363,091	365,094	334,389	60,192	1,122,766

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

(2) Pre-Retirement Allowance was introduced in March 1990.

(3) Provisional.

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Table B3

Number of Recipients by Type of Old Age Pension, 1989 to 1998

Year	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Total
1989	75,195	45,412	120,632	-	241,239
1990	74,470	48,475	118,223	6,104	247,272
1991	72,764	52,236	115,950	9,441	250,391
1992	72,711	55,185	113,555	15,438	256,889
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

(1) Pre-Retirement Allowance was introduced in March 1990.

Table B4

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and Number of Qualified Adults, 1998

Dependency Status	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	55,294	52,785	89,961	8,375	206,505
With Qualified Adults Under 66	6,349	12,256	5929 ⁽¹⁾	5,505 ⁽¹⁾	44,872
With Qualified Adults Over 66	10,063	10,275			
TOTAL	71,706	75,316	95,890	13,880	251,377

(1) An age breakdown is not available.

Table B5

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and Number of Qualified Children, 1998

Dependency Status	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance	Total
Without Qualified Children	70,741	73,626	94,962	11,841	251,170
With 1 Child	716	1,291	673	1,216	3,896
With 2 Children	178	281	170	492	1,121
With 3 Children	49	73	56	208	386
With 4 Children	13	30	18	84	145
With 5 Children	7	10	9	26	52
With 6 or more Children	2	5	2	30	39
Total Number of Recipients	71,706	75,316	95,890	13,897	256,809
Total Number of Children	1,320	2,277	1,310	3,488	8,395

Table B6

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension, Age and Sex, 1998 (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	11,140	5,356	25,292	8,381	7,686	9,560	44,118	23,297
70 under 75	12,324	6,633	16,638	5,605	11,136	13,208	40,098	25,446
75 under 80	10,976	6,729	9,242	2,898	10,521	12,336	30,739	21,963
80 under 85	7,050	4,669	3,235	1,188	7,079	9,275	17,364	15,132
85 and over	3,479	3,350	1,805	1,032	4,796	10,293	10,080	14,675
Total	44,969	26,737	56,212	19,104	41,218	54,672	142,399	100,513
OVERALL TOTAL	71,706		75,316		95,890		242,912	

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Table B7

Number of Recipients of Pre-Retirement Allowance by Age and Sex, 1998 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
55	526	132	658
56	814	193	1,007
57	949	166	1,115
58	997	199	1,196
59	1,030	191	1,221
60	1,095	235	1,330
61	1,256	239	1,495
62	1,343	290	1,633
63	1,368	295	1,663
64	1,294	302	1,596
65	780	203	983
Total	11,452	2,445	13,897

Table B8

Number of Recipients of Old Age Pensions by Type of Pension and County, 1998 (Estimated)

County	Old Age (Contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	Pre-Retirement Allowance
Carlow	757	816	1,137	142
Cavan	747	767	2,955	234
Clare	1,257	1,245	4,058	401
Cork	7,525	8,191	10,800	1,470
Donegal	1,611	2,679	5,867	1,402
Dublin	26,142	23,778	10,075	3,299
Galway	2,283	2,740	8,054	701
Kerry	1,663	1,984	5,836	605
Kildare	1,773	1,777	1,625	237
Kilkenny	979	1,183	2,192	221
Laois	721	802	1,692	195
Leitrim	418	640	1,567	128
Limerick	2,673	3,119	4,255	644
Longford	523	492	1,540	114
Louth	2,199	2,322	1,937	411
Mayo	1,456	2,380	6,307	697
Meath	1,645	1,543	2,236	267
Monaghan	706	818	2,431	124
Offaly	978	1,033	1,789	196
Roscommon	765	829	2,945	110
Sligo	802	1,074	2,409	219
Tipperary	2,324	2,336	4,927	563
Waterford	1,537	2,057	2,274	409
Westmeath	1,150	1,179	1,920	218
Wexford	1,617	2,072	3,149	547
Wicklow	1,888	1,898	1,845	343
Others	5,567	5,562	68	0
Total	71,706	75,316	95,890	13,897

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Section C : Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families

Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One-Parent Families increased by 8.9% overall. The largest percentage increase (15.2%) was in expenditure on One-Parent Family Payment, representing an increase of over £40 million. There were 65,548 recipients of this payment at the end of 1998, an increase of 11.2% over 1997.

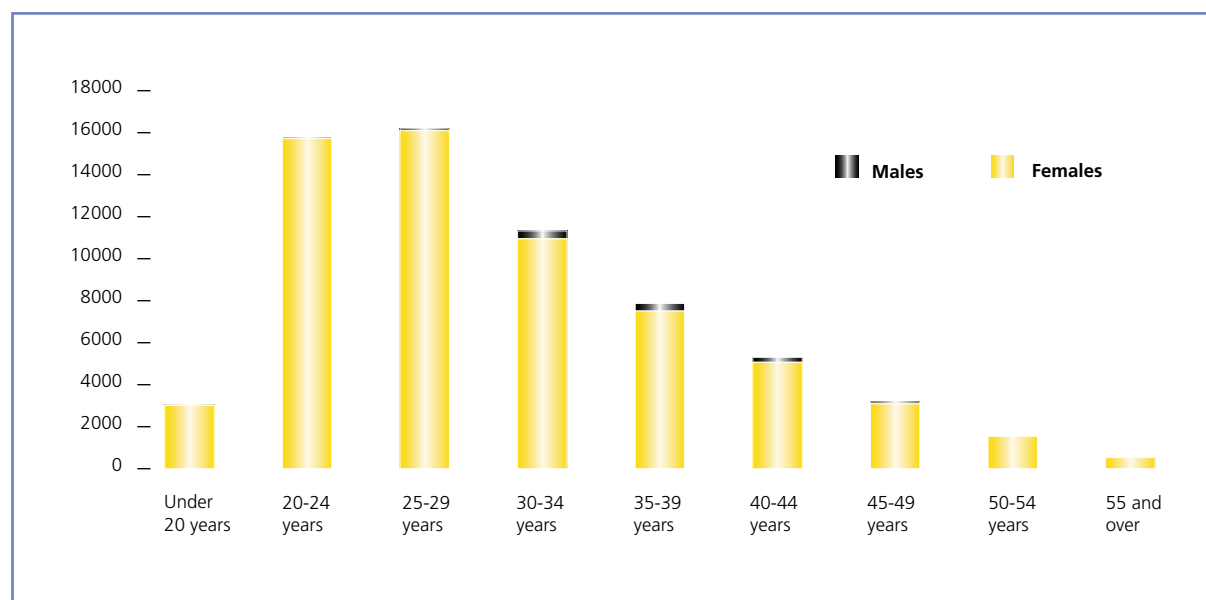
The payment in this programme group with both the largest expenditure and number of recipients is Widow's and Widower's (Contributory) Pension. At the end of 1998, there were 98,518 recipients (90,080 widows and 8,438 widowers). Expenditure in 1998 was over £407 million which represented an increase of 8.1% over 1997.

Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance declined during 1998 as did the number of recipients. 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 and Lone Parent's Allowance from that date.

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Graph C1

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Age and Sex, 1998



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Table C1

Expenditure on Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families by Payment Type, 1997 and 1998

Payment Type	1997	1998 Provisional	Change 1998 over 1997
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	377,160	407,532	8.1%
Deserted Wife's Benefit ⁽¹⁾	74,296	69,779	-6.1%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	62,547	66,260	5.9%
Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	6,968	6,681	-4.1%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	18	15	-16.7%
One-Parent Family Payment ⁽¹⁾	266,614	307,039	15.2%
TOTAL	787,603	857,306	8.9%

(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, 1989 to 1998

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000
1989	241,236	46,480	287,716
1990	252,969	43,600	296,569
1991	265,970	47,582	313,552
1992	282,456	51,901	334,357
1993	292,588	54,056	346,644
1994	306,236	56,509	362,745
1995	342,154	58,171	400,325
1996	359,945	60,768	420,713
1997	377,160	62,547	439,707
1998 ⁽³⁾	407,532	66,260	473,792

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

(2) Recipients of Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension with children transferred to Lone Parent's Allowance from November 1990. Expenditure on Orphan's Non-Contributory Pension is included up to and including 1994. Payment was extended in October 1997 to include widowers.

(3) Provisional.

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Table C3

Expenditure on Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance, 1989 to 1998

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Total
	£000	£000	£000
1989	39,250	19,262	58,512
1990	45,148	4,650	49,798
1991	51,480	5,216	56,696
1992	58,136	5,724	63,860
1993	61,672	5,957	67,629
1994	65,834	6,359	72,193
1995	70,092	6,671	76,763
1996	73,152	6,950	80,102
1997	74,296	6,968	81,264
1998 ⁽²⁾	69,779	6,681	76,460

(1) Recipients of Deserted Wife's Allowance with children transferred to Lone Parent's Allowance from November 1990.

(2) Provisional.

Table C4

Expenditure on Lone Parent's Allowance/One Parent Family Payment, 1990 to 1998

Year	Expenditure
	£000
1990	92,400 ⁽¹⁾
1991	110,546
1992	133,780
1993	150,995
1994	170,493
1995	194,263
1996	218,223
1997 ⁽²⁾	266,614
1998 ⁽³⁾	307,039

(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 C5

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions, 1989 to 1998

Year	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension ⁽¹⁾	Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension ⁽²⁾	Total
1989	83,162	19,002	102,164
1990	84,011	17,877	101,888
1991	84,493	18,287	102,780
1992	85,503	18,577	104,080
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

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

(2) Recipients with children transferred to Lone Parent's Allowance from November 1990. Payment was extended, in October 1997 to include both widowed men and women.

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Table C6

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension and Deserted Wife's Benefit by Number of Qualified Children, 1998

Type of Recipient	Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Total
Without Qualified Children	89,230	5,359	94,589
With 1 child	4,829	3,353	8,182
With 2 children	2,639	2,820	5,459
With 3 children	1,158	1,396	2,554
With 4 children	453	596	1,049
With 5 children	146	210	356
With 6 or more children	63	101	164
Total Recipients	98,518	13,835	112,353
Total Recipients with children	9,288	8,476	17,764
% of Recipients with children	9.4%	61.3%	15.8%
Total Number of children	16,525	17,267	33,792

Table C7

Number of Recipients of Widow/er's Pensions by Age and Sex, 1998 (Estimated)

Age	Contributory Pensions			Non-Contributory Pension			Overall Total
	Widow's	Widower's	Total	Widow's	Widower's	Total	
Under 25 years	7	1	8	-	-	-	8
25 to 29 years	65	6	71	3	-	3	74
30 to 34 years	253	61	314	2	-	2	316
35 to 39 years	722	181	903	15	2	17	920
40 to 44 years	1,269	382	1,650	24	4	28	1,678
45 to 49 years	2,270	662	2,933	104	5	109	3,042
50 to 54 years	4,207	1,162	5,369	362	14	376	5,745
55 to 59 years	6,189	1,436	7,625	737	17	754	8,379
60 to 64 years	9,914	1,900	11,814	1,609	19	1,628	13,442
65 to 69 years	12,395	1,007	13,401	2,874	20	2,894	16,295
70 to 74 years	15,474	557	16,031	3,962	5	3,967	19,998
75 to 79 years	16,402	506	16,908	4,204	2	4,206	21,114
80 years and over	20,914	577	21,491	4,394	4	4,398	25,889
TOTAL	90,080	8,438	98,518	18,290	92	18,382	116,900

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Table C8

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance and Lone Parent's Allowance/One-Parent Family Payment, 1989 to 1998

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance ⁽¹⁾	Lone Parent's Allowance ⁽²⁾	One-Parent Family Payment ⁽³⁾	Total
1989	9,400	5,271	218	16,560	-	31,449
1990	10,462	1,793	225	25,231	-	37,711
1991	11,358	1,895	9	29,184	-	42,446
1992	12,270	1,971	12	32,927	-	47,180
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

(1) Recipients with children transferred to Lone Parent's Allowance from November 1990.

(2) The 1989 figure relates to recipients of Unmarried Mother's Allowance.

Lone Parent's Allowance replaced Unmarried Mother's Allowance in November 1990.

(3) Lone Parent's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Prisoner's 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 C9

Number of Recipients of Deserted Wife's Benefit, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance, by Age, 1998 (Estimated)

Year	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Under 25 years	4	-	-
25 to 29 years	134	-	-
30 to 34 years	878	-	-
35 to 39 years	2,108	-	-
40 to 44 years	2,793	40	-
45 to 49 years	2,931	168	1
50 to 54 years	2,307	345	2
55 to 59 years	1,396	428	-
60 to 64 years	766	356	1
65 years and over	518	470	-
TOTAL	13,835	1,807	4

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Table C10

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent and Number of Qualified Children, 1998

Type of Recipient	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse	Widowed Person	Total
With 1 child	39,871	837	40,708
With 2 children	14,726	415	15,141
With 3 children	5,812	246	6,058
With 4 children	2,282	98	2,380
With 5 children	773	51	824
With 6 or more children	401	36	437
Total Recipients	63,865	1,683	65,548
Total Number of Children	102,128	3,251	105,379

Table C11

Number of Recipients of One-Parent Family Payment by Status of Parent, Age and Sex, 1998 (Estimated)

Age Group	Unmarried Parent, Separated Parent, Prisoner's Spouse		Widowed Person		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 20 years	32	3,015	-	-	32	3,015
20 to 24 years	72	15,706	-	8	72	15,714
25 to 29 years	88	16,062	4	35	92	16,097
30 to 34 years	183	10,858	12	88	195	10,946
35 to 39 years	376	7,387	17	122	393	7,509
40 to 44 years	361	4,885	57	184	418	5,069
45 to 49 years	235	2,840	70	248	305	3,088
50 to 54 years	90	1,251	67	293	157	1,544
55 to 59 years	39	306	49	221	88	527
60 to 64 years	16	57	28	121	44	178
65 years and over	2	4	20	39	22	43
Total	1,494	62,371	324	1,359	1,818	63,730
Overall Total	63,865		1,683		65,548	

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Table C12

Number of Recipients of Widow's, Widower's and One-Parent Family Payments by Payment Type and County, 1998 (Estimated)

County	Widow/er's (Con) Pension	Widow's (Non-Con) Pension	One-Parent Family Payment	Deserted Wife's Benefit	Deserted Wife's Allowance	Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
Carlow	1,143	201	795	148	25	-
Cavan	1,243	703	536	85	18	-
Clare	1,945	816	1,250	242	49	-
Cork	11,064	2,027	6,611	1,295	158	-
Donegal	3,014	986	2,242	283	100	-
Dublin	27,364	1,703	25,702	6,092	565	1
Galway	4,026	1,714	2,581	414	101	-
Kerry	3,019	1,009	1,579	284	77	1
Kildare	2,926	328	2,239	501	50	-
Kilkenny	1,580	379	885	193	31	-
Laois	1,253	361	646	91	15	-
Leitrim	848	314	222	46	5	-
Limerick	4,394	879	2,989	605	77	-
Longford	840	354	483	99	10	-
Louth	2,561	297	2,160	506	46	-
Mayo	3,134	1,142	1,218	191	60	1
Meath	2,364	455	1,435	353	58	-
Monaghan	1,085	522	658	134	31	-
Offaly	1,430	393	857	143	15	1
Roscommon	1,211	610	397	85	17	-
Sligo	1,488	454	731	215	20	-
Tipperary	3,772	1,039	1,986	394	62	-
Waterford	2,669	334	1,957	351	47	-
Westmeath	1,833	486	1,049	237	28	-
Wexford	2,739	581	2,198	345	77	-
Wicklow	2,481	294	2,138	502	65	-
Others	7,092	1	4	1	-	-
Total	98,518	18,382	65,548	13,835	1,807	4

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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 D13). 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).

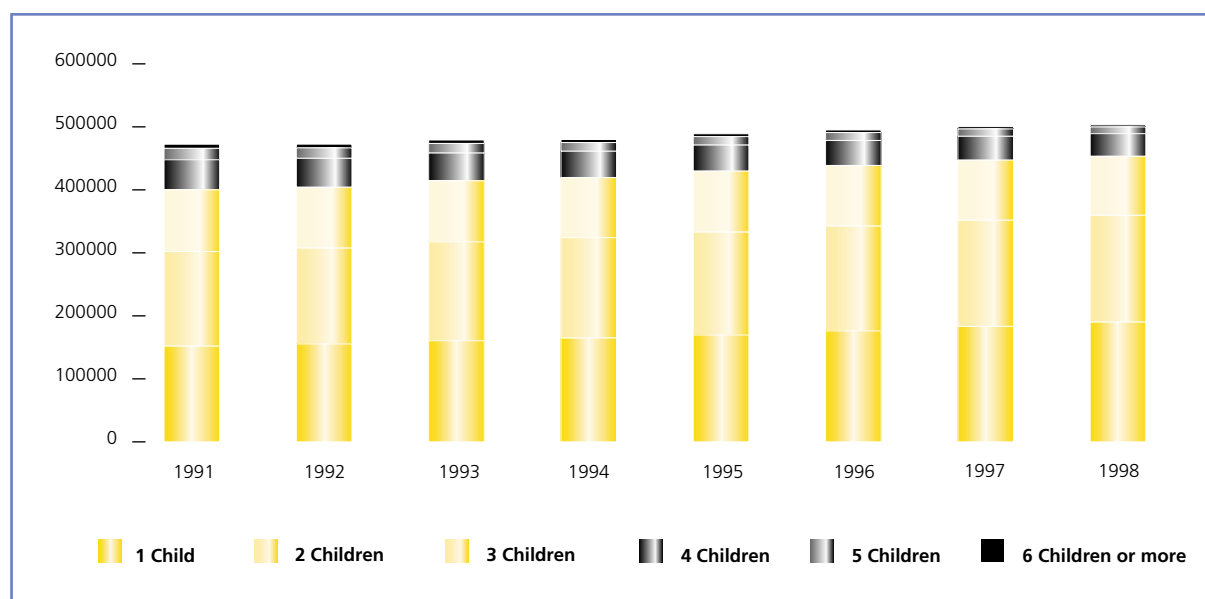
Expenditure on payments in this programme group rose by 5.8% in 1998. The breakdown of Child Benefit by family size shows that 71% of recipient families in 1998 have either one or two children. The equivalent percentage for 1992 was 65%. See Table D8 and Graph D1. The number of families receiving Child Benefit rose by 2,493 to 504,811. However, the total number of children in respect of whom Child Benefit is paid declined by 13,655 to 1,039,746.

Expenditure on Child Benefit increased by £20 million in 1998, an increase of 5.1% while Maternity Benefit expenditure increased by over £4 million, an increase of 12.2%.

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Graph D1

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by Family Size, 1991 to 1998



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Table D1

Expenditure on Child Related Payments by Payment Type, 1997 and 1998

Payment Type	1997	1998 Provisional	Change 1998 over 1997
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Maternity Benefit	34,058	38,211	12.2%
Adoptive Benefit	81	119	46.9%
Health and Safety Benefit	124	89	-28.2%
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	2,071	2,349	13.4%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	856	1,061	23.9%
OTHER			
Child Benefit	398,340	418,770	5.1%
TOTAL	435,530	460,599	5.8%

Table D2

Expenditure on Child Benefit, 1989 to 1998

Year	Expenditure
	£000
1989	207,700
1990	209,723
1991	215,787
1992	219,088
1993	231,315
1994	265,469
1995	300,947
1996	375,986
1997	398,340
1998 ⁽¹⁾	418,770

(1) Provisional.

Table D3

Expenditure on Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance, 1989 to 1998

Year	Expenditure
	£000
1989	1,268
1990	1,355
1991	1,390
1992	1,414
1993	1,477
1994	1,521
1995	1,735
1996	1,864
1997	2,071
1998 ⁽¹⁾	2,349

(1) Provisional.

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Table D4

Expenditure on Maternity Benefit, 1989 to 1998 and Expenditure on Adoptive Benefit, 1995 to 1998⁽¹⁾

Year	Expenditure	Expenditure
	Maternity Benefit	Adoptive Benefit
	£000	£000
1989	18,672	-
1990	20,825	-
1991	22,702	-
1992	21,957	-
1993	22,206	-
1994	24,353	-
1995	27,273	61
1996	29,839	54
1997	34,058	81
1998 ⁽²⁾	38,211	119

(1) Adoptive Benefit introduced in April 1995.

(2) Provisional.

Table D5

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Pensions, 1997 and 1998

Payment	1997	1998	% Change 1998 over 1997
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	821	886	7.9%
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	393	531	35.1%
Total	1,214	1,417	16.7%

Table D6

Number of Recipients of Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit, 1997 and 1998

Payment	1997	1998	% Change 1998 over 1997
Recipients at 31st December:			
Maternity Benefit	5,512	5,453	-1.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	24	18	-25.0%
Adoptive Benefit	6	12	100.0%
Awards during the year:			
Maternity Benefit	19,796	22,384	13.1%
Health and Safety Benefit	123	93	-24.4%
Adoptive Benefit	64	88	37.5%

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Table D7

Number of Families and Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit, 1989 to 1998

Year	Families	Children
1989	471,837	1,122,702
1990	473,232	1,108,561
1991	479,411	1,097,447
1992	476,086	1,078,690
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

Table D8

Number of Families Receiving Child Benefit by number of Child Beneficiaries, 1991 to 1998

Number of Eligible Children in Family	Number of Recipient Families							
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995 ⁽¹⁾	1996	1997	1998
1	151,878	155,424	160,499	164,809	169,625	176,126	183,271	190,083
2	150,199	152,071	157,000	159,275	163,278	166,364	168,421	169,509
3	97,932	96,633	96,782	95,536	96,811	96,218	95,450	93,671
4	47,757	45,877	44,105	41,631	41,323	39,682	37,836	35,932
5	18,090	16,582	15,272	13,834	13,464	12,557	11,652	10,592
6	6,614	5,990	5,479	4,829	4,538	4,099	3,746	3,304
7	2,351	2,114	1,923	1,653	1,521	1,385	1,201	1,071
8	964	844	724	586	556	465	433	401
9	373	323	312	254	230	201	179	145
10	151	149	118	105	104	94	83	57
11	68	46	51	50	42	31	20	22
12	22	21	26	20	20	19	17	16
13	6	7	6	6	4	7	5	6
14	3	4	1	2	2	3	3	2
15	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	0
Total	476,411	476,086	482,300	482,592	491,520	497,252	502,318	504,811
Total Number of Children in Respect of whom Benefit is paid	1,097,447	1,078,690	1,074,735	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746

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

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Table D9

Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age, 1991 to 1998 (Estimated)

Age (in years)	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995 ⁽¹⁾	1996	1997	1998
Under 1 ⁽¹⁾	42,710	41,554	36,305	38,263	43,255	43,689	46,470	46,962
1 under 2	53,521	52,512	51,301	49,242	47,869	49,032	50,341	52,805
2 under 3	52,775	53,845	53,639	51,541	49,808	48,514	49,741	51,086
3 under 4	54,858	52,845	55,242	53,598	51,818	50,283	49,187	50,430
4 under 5	57,834	54,810	53,981	54,794	53,639	52,306	50,877	49,779
5 under 6	60,352	57,686	55,676	53,764	54,813	54,044	52,823	51,379
6 under 7	60,652	60,048	58,620	55,613	53,431	55,160	54,456	53,288
7 under 8	62,120	60,323	61,260	58,442	55,743	53,737	55,567	54,800
8 under 9	64,895	61,744	61,257	60,905	58,327	56,048	54,098	55,940
9 under 10	68,212	64,442	63,104	61,107	60,453	58,628	56,405	54,357
10 under 11	69,788	67,692	65,242	62,569	61,012	60,628	58,896	56,645
11 under 12	72,079	69,313	68,940	65,233	62,495	61,219	60,861	59,085
12 under 13	70,982	71,586	70,298	68,357	65,473	62,506	61,389	60,993
13 under 14	69,043	70,509	72,762	70,026	68,185	65,571	62,702	61,457
14 under 15	68,046	68,605	71,967	72,263	69,903	68,301	65,698	62,741
15 under 16	67,297	67,572	69,776	71,054	70,445	68,302	66,839	64,637
16 under 17	51,617	52,424	50,771	54,351	58,581	60,780	59,091	56,615
17 under 18	50,666	51,180	54,594	54,034	53,487	57,032	58,836	56,915
18 under 19 ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	-	26,734	34,716	39,124	39,832
Total	1,097,447	1,078,690	1,074,735	1,055,156	1,065,471	1,060,496	1,053,401	1,039,746

(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.

Table D10

Expenditure on Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 1997 and 1998

Health Board	1997	1998
	£000	£000
Eastern Health Board	3,862	3,324
Midland Health Board	733	626
Mid-Western Health Board	959	851
North-Eastern Health Board	1,004	898
North-Western Health Board	924	836
South-Eastern Health Board	1,351	1,213
Southern Health Board	1,452	1,300
Western Health Board	1,222	1,305
Total Expenditure	11,507	10,353

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Table D11

Number of Beneficiaries of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance by Health Board Region, 1998

Health Board	Age 2 to 11	Age 12 to 17	Age 18 to 22	Total
Eastern Health Board ⁽¹⁾	40,520	25,070	2,200	67,790
Midland Health Board	7,170	5,080	400	12,650
Mid-Western Health Board	9,330	6,840	720	16,890
North-Eastern Health Board	9,750	7,200	1,150	18,100
North-Western Health Board ⁽¹⁾	9,360	6,530	570	16,460
South-Eastern Health Board	13,710	9,730	1,020	24,460
Southern Health Board	13,960	11,800	300	26,060
Western Health Board ⁽¹⁾	15,300	10,650	940	26,890
Total	119,100	82,900	7,300	209,300

(1) 18 to 22 year old beneficiaries are estimated

Table D12

Number of Recipients of Orphan's Allowance/Pension and Child Benefit by County, 1998 (Estimated)

County	Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Child Benefit
Carlow	16	10	6,637
Cavan	7	1	6,804
Clare	12	8	12,971
Cork	65	18	58,088
Donegal	42	32	17,467
Dublin	361	215	144,137
Galway	25	28	25,292
Kerry	18	25	16,269
Kildare	30	18	22,142
Kilkenny	15	8	9,790
Laois	14	4	6,902
Leitrim	4	17	3,060
Limerick	38	15	23,238
Longford	7	4	4,301
Louth	20	11	14,042
Mayo	20	10	14,514
Meath	11	12	16,725
Monaghan	10	1	6,745
Offaly	16	4	8,240
Roscommon	4	8	5,946
Sligo	19	10	7,338
Tipperary	44	24	19,036
Waterford	25	15	13,631
Westmeath	10	4	9,738
Wexford	20	10	15,712
Wicklow	16	19	15,991
Others	17	-	55
Total	886	531	504,811

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Table D13

Number of Recipients of Qualified Child Increases by Payment Type, 1998

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	555	161	130	48	40	9	12	1	6	1	2	-	1,027	293	745	220
Retirement Pension	1,028	263	217	64	62	11	28	2	9	1	5	-	1,840	437	1,349	341
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	530	143	139	31	50	6	16	2	9	-	2	-	1,079	231	746	182
Pre-Retirement Allowance	1,061	155	444	48	196	12	80	4	25	1	30	-	3,180	308	1,836	220
Widower's (Contributory) Pension	4,829	-	2,639	-	1,158	-	453	-	146	-	63	-	16,525	-	9,288	-
Deserted Wife's Benefit	3,353	-	2,820	-	1,396	-	596	-	210	-	101	-	17,267	-	8,476	-
One-Parent Family Payment	40,707	-	15,142	-	6,058	-	2,380	-	824	-	437	-	105,379	-	65,548	-
Health and Safety Benefit	-	3	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	12	1	7
Disability Benefit	1,596	5,389	1,233	5,852	654	2,871	308	899	100	228	57	73	8,098	30,880	3,948	15,312
Incapacity Pension	2,791	2,976	1,582	2,386	869	1,125	409	423	147	120	88	48	11,519	13,715	5,886	7,078
Injury Benefit	58	110	55	97	29	60	23	23	1	3	1	-	358	591	167	293
Interim Disability Benefit	32	54	34	46	17	23	13	7	3	1	2	-	225	254	101	131
Disablement Benefit	40	68	50	80	35	33	17	12	6	3	8	2	380	417	152	201
Death Benefit Pension	71	-	33	-	16	-	11	-	2	-	1	-	245	-	134	-
Disability Allowance	1,245	671	770	556	481	298	248	152	130	57	99	51	6,547	3,910	2,973	1,785
Blind Person's Pension	60	25	53	28	28	15	17	10	6	6	3	-	372	196	167	84
Carer's Allowance	101	1,303	30	1,080	18	651	3	323	3	114	-	78	242	7,783	155	3,549
Unemployment Benefit	2,190	7,478	2,088	8,668	1,386	4,126	674	1,213	225	234	355	56	16,473	43,550	6,918	21,775
Unemployment Assistance	6,832	2,577	8,257	3,086	6,045	1,790	3,401	967	1,626	281	1,729	123	73,589	20,130	27,885	8,824
Smallholders	551	165	694	143	609	145	432	92	219	36	166	16	7,585	1,530	2,676	597
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10,638	-	n.a.	n.a.
TOTAL	67,630	21,541	36,410	22,216	19,147	11,176	9,122	4,130	3,697	1,086	3,149	447	282,572	124,237	139,151	60,599

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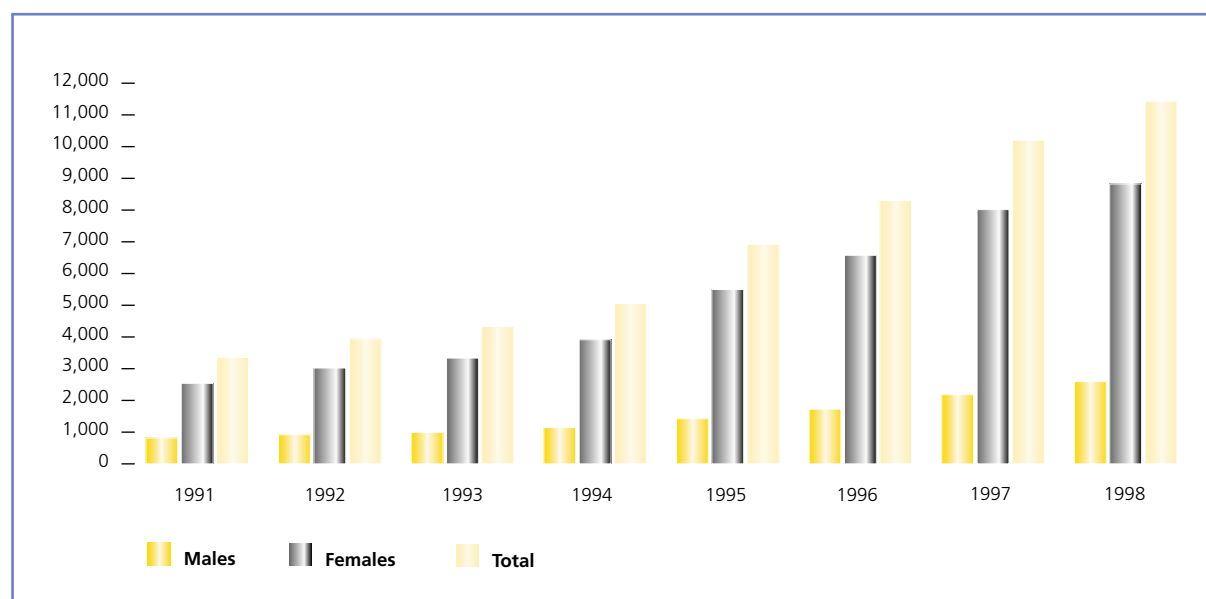
Expenditure and Recipients

Expenditure on payments in the Illness, Disability and Caring programme increased by 8% in 1998. This was mainly due to increases in expenditure both in Disability Allowance and Carer's Allowance. Expenditure on Disability Allowance increased by 13.9% and the number of recipients increased by 9%. Expenditure on Carer's Allowance increased by 23.5% while the number of recipients increased by 12%.

Disability Allowance was introduced in October 1996 and replaced Disabled Person's Maintenance Allowance which was administered by the Health Boards. There are now 47,126 recipients of the scheme. Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990 and there are now 11,416 recipients of this scheme. Table E8 and Graph E1 show details of the numbers of Carer's Allowance recipients from 1991 to 1998.

Graph E1

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1991 to 1998



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Table E1

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	1997	1998 Provisional	Change 1998 over 1997
	£000	£000	%
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Disability Benefit	179,910	190,328	5.8%
Invalidity Pension	199,272	208,027	4.4%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Disability Allowance	151,860	172,910	13.9%
Blind Person's Pension	8,769	9,179	4.7%
Carer's Allowance	36,514	45,099	23.5%
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BENEFITS			
Injury Benefit	6,764	7,107	5.1%
Disablement Benefit	38,286	37,852	-1.1%
Death Benefit	2,680	3,257	21.5%
Workmen's Compensation Supplements	18	18	0.0%
Medical Care	118	139	17.8%
TOTAL	624,191	673,916	8.0%

Table E2

Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Payment Type, 1989 to 1998

	Disability Benefit	Occupational Injuries	Invalidity Pension	Pay-Related Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Blind Person's Pension ⁽²⁾	Disability Allowance ⁽³⁾	Carer's Allowance ⁽⁴⁾	Total
Year	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1989	181,717	31,489	109,917	8,008	-	-	-	331,131
1990	175,691	34,235	121,886	7,812	-	-	97	339,721
1991	172,985	37,001	134,001	7,742	-	-	6,056	357,785
1992	172,917	36,052	144,647	5,498	-	-	10,500	369,614
1993	166,990	36,748	157,302	747	-	-	11,514	373,301
1994	165,411	38,192	171,165	19	-	-	14,370	389,157
1995	167,476	40,694	176,455	-	8,500	48,000	20,219	461,344
1996	167,433	42,923	189,830	-	8,700	124,067	27,002	559,955
1997	179,910	47,866	199,272	-	8,769	151,860	36,514	624,191
1998 ⁽⁵⁾	190,328	48,373	208,027	-	9,179	172,910	45,099	673,916

(1) Pay-Related Benefit with Disability Benefit and Injury Benefit was discontinued for new claimants from 6th April 1992.

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

(3) Disability Allowance was funded by the Department of Health up to August 1995.

(4) Carer's Allowance was introduced in October 1990.

(5) Provisional.

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Table E3

Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	1997	1998	Change 1998 over 1997
Disability Benefit ⁽¹⁾	43,500	43,766	0.6%
Invalidity Pension	43,633	44,925	3.0%
Disability Allowance	43,192	47,126	9.1%
Occupational Injury Benefit ⁽¹⁾	720	746	3.6%
Interim Disability Benefit ⁽¹⁾	957	439	-54.1%
Blind Person's Pension	2,404	2,358	-1.9%
Carer's Allowance	10,196	11,416	12.0%
TOTAL	144,602	150,776	4.3%

(1) 1997 figures for Disability Benefit, Occupational Injury Benefit and Interim Disability Benefit are estimated.

Table E4

Number of Recipients of Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension, 1989 to 1998

Year	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension
1989	55,521	30,909
1990	52,765	24,068
1991	49,726	36,156
1992	47,733	36,849
1993	43,924	38,894
1994	41,869	40,226
1995	41,830	42,092
1996	42,460	43,046
1997	43,500 ⁽¹⁾	43,633
1998	43,766	44,925

(1) Estimated.

Table E5

Number of Recipients of Disability Benefit by Sex and Dependency Status, 1998 (Estimated)

Dependency Status	Males	Females	Total
Personal Rate only	8,643	12,396	21,039
With Qualified Adult and/or Qualified Children	9,166	13,561	22,727
Total	17,809	25,957	43,766

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Table E6

Number of Recipients of Disability Benefit by Age and Sex, 1998 (Estimated)

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 25 years	1,053	1,141	2,194
25 to 29 Years	965	2,320	3,285
30 to 34 years	1,098	4,058	5,156
35 to 39 years	1,509	4,168	5,677
40 to 44 years	1,968	3,658	5,626
45 to 49 years	2,189	3,169	5,358
50 to 54 years	2,552	2,986	5,538
55 to 59 years	2,732	2,521	5,253
60 to 64 years	3,304	1,987	5,291
65+	194	194	388
Total	17,564	26,202	43,766

Table E7

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension by Age, Marital Status and Sex, 1998 (Estimated)

Sex and Age	Single	Married	Widowed & Others	Total
MALES:				
Under 66 years	5,626	17,899	1,749	25,274
66 years and over	342	828	136	1,306
TOTAL MALES	5,968	18,727	1,885	26,580
FEMALES:				
Under 66 years	3,547	12,476	1,106	17,129
66 years and over	248	761	207	1,216
TOTAL FEMALES	3,795	13,237	1,313	18,345
GRAND TOTAL	9,763	31,964	3,198	44,925

Table E8

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Sex, 1991 to 1998

Year	Male	Female	Total
1991	817	2,538	3,355
1992	916	3,022	3,938
1993	993	3,335	4,328
1994	1,144	3,912	5,056
1995	1,421	5,496	6,917
1996	1,724	6,574	8,298
1997	2,181	8,015	10,196
1998	2,593	8,823	11,416

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Table E9

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Age and Sex, 1998 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	41	107	148
25 to 29 years	64	189	253
30 to 34 years	135	375	510
35 to 39 years	255	622	877
40 to 44 years	391	1,010	1,401
45 to 49 years	498	1,364	1,862
50 to 54 years	471	1,542	2,013
55 to 59 years	325	1,299	1,624
60 to 64 years	249	1,237	1,486
65 years and over	164	1,078	1,242
Total	2,593	8,823	11,416

Table E10

Number of Recipients of Carer's Allowance by Number of Qualified Children, 1998 (Estimated)

Type of Recipient	Number of Recipients
Without Qualified Child	7,712
With 1 qualified child	1,404
With 2 qualified children	1,110
With 3 qualified children	669
With 4 qualified children	326
With 5 qualified children	117
With 6 or more qualified children	78
Total Recipients	11,416
Total Recipients with children	3,704
% of Recipients with children	32.4%
Total Number of children	8,025

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Table E11

Number of Recipients of Blind Person's Pension by Age and Sex, 1998 (Estimated)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 25 years	93	79	172
25 to 29 years	90	82	172
30 to 34 years	79	62	141
35 to 39 years	101	82	183
40 to 44 years	80	92	172
45 to 49 years	106	102	208
50 to 54 years	101	90	191
55 to 59 years	112	91	203
60 to 64 years	112	110	222
65 years and over	306	388	694
Total	1,180	1,178	2,358

Table E12

Number of Recipients of Blind Person's Pension by Number of Qualified Children, 1998 (Estimated)

Type of Recipient	Number of Recipients
Without Qualified Children	2,107
With 1 Qualified Child	85
With 2 Qualified Children	81
With 3 Qualified Children	43
With 4 Qualified Children	27
With 5 Qualified Children	12
With 6 or more Qualified Children	3
Total Recipients	2,358
Total Recipients with children	251
% of Recipients with children	10.6%
Total Number of children	568

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Table E13

Occupational Injuries Benefits: Number of Recipients of Injury Benefit, Disablement Benefit and Death Benefit, 1998

Type of Payment	Number of Recipients	
Injury Benefit ⁽¹⁾	746	
Disablement Pension by Degree of Disablement ⁽²⁾ :	Under 20%	1,284
	20%	2,676
	30%	2,720
	40%	1,513
	50%	762
	60%	478
	70%	248
	80%	202
	90%	58
	100%	241
Total	10,182	
Death Benefit Pensions	630	

(1) An additional 439 persons were in receipt of Interim Disability Benefit.

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

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Table E14

Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Payment Type and Number of Dependents, 1998 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Injury Benefit	Interim Disability Benefit	Death Benefit Pensions	Disability Allowance	Total
Personal rate only	21,039	25,860	230	170	496	41,788	89,583
With Qualified Adult only	3,477	6,101	58	39	-	580	10,255
With 1 full rate child allowance	1,595	2,791	58	31	71	1,245	5,791
With 2 full rate child allowances	1,233	1,582	55	34	33	770	3,707
With 3 full rate child allowances	653	869	28	17	16	481	2,064
With 4 full rate child allowances	307	409	23	13	11	248	1,011
With 5 full rate child allowances	98	147	1	3	2	130	381
With 6+ full rate child allowances	56	88	1	1	1	99	246
With 1 half rate child allowance	5,390	2,976	110	54	-	671	9,201
With 2 half rate child allowances	5,850	2,386	96	46	-	556	8,934
With 3 half rate child allowances	2,871	1,125	60	23	-	298	4,377
With 4 half rate child allowances	898	423	23	7	-	152	1,503
With 5 half rate child allowances	227	120	3	1	-	57	408
With 6+ half rate child allowances	72	48	-	-	-	51	171
Total number of recipients	43,766	44,925	746	439	630	47,126	137,632
Recipients with Qualified Child allowances	19,250	12,964	458	230	134	4,758	37,794
Percentage of recipients with Qualified Child allowances	44.0%	28.9%	61.4%	52.4%	21.3%	10.1%	27.5%
Total number of Qualified Adults	6,419	11,987	226	137	-	3,553	22,322
Total number of children ⁽¹⁾	38,978	25,234	949	479	245	10,457	76,342

(1) 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.

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Table E15

Number of Disablement Cases Referred to Medical Assessors for Assessment or Reassessment, 1990 to 1998

Year	Number of Persons Called for Examination	Number of Persons Examined	Number of Persons who did not Attend for Examination
1990	5,195	4,517	678
1991	5,496	4,654	842
1992	5,729	4,772	957
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

Table E16

Number of Disability Benefit Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1990 to 1998

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
1990	66,381	37,127	13,721	2,519	13,014
1991	69,106	38,453	13,614	2,586	14,453
1992	66,732	38,440	12,052	2,437	13,803
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

Table E17

Number of Disability Allowance Cases Referred to Medical Assessors, 1997 and 1998

Year	Number of Examinations Scheduled ⁽¹⁾	Number of Persons Examined and found to be		Number of Persons who did not attend for Examination
		Qualified for Disability Allowance	Not qualified for Disability Allowance	
1997	6,423 ⁽²⁾	3,001	1,806	1,616
1998	7,229	3,032	2,288	1,909

(1) Includes cases where more than one examination was scheduled for individuals who did not attend for their first examination.

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

Table E18

Number of Recipients of Invalidity Pension, Disability Benefit, Carer's Allowance and Disability Allowance by Payment Type and County, 1998 (Estimated)

County	Disability Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance
Carlow	782	713	608	157
Cavan	595	455	660	277
Clare	812	756	1,177	337
Cork	5,228	6,299	5,661	953
Donegal	1,775	1,237	2,246	827
Dublin	13,966	15,335	10,762	1,490
Galway	1,528	1,238	3,006	897
Kerry	1,001	1,032	2,091	657
Kildare	1,708	1,349	1,439	293
Kilkenny	611	685	1,002	232
Laois	447	445	710	182
Leitrim	408	325	453	144
Limerick	2,126	2,455	2,545	591
Longford	430	410	451	216
Louth	1,960	1,839	1,047	231
Mayo	1,117	1,041	2,018	888
Meath	1,163	969	1,019	282
Monaghan	682	476	631	267
Offaly	744	734	781	229
Roscommon	506	443	819	278
Sligo	612	559	989	253
Tipperary	1,225	1,407	2,204	575
Waterford	1,079	1,136	1,150	249
Westmeath	813	794	771	246
Wexford	1,082	1,187	1,603	388
Wicklow	1,149	1,161	1,280	277
Others	217	445	3	0
Total	43,766	44,925	47,126	11,416

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Section F: Unemployment and Employment Supports

The statistics in this section of the report relate to:

- (i) the Live Register, expenditure and recipients of unemployment payments;
- (ii) expenditure and recipients of Family Income Support as well as details of the various Employment Support services provided by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

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, Community 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.

Trends

Overall expenditure on Unemployment and Employment Supports decreased by 4.4% over 1997.

Expenditure on Unemployment Support payments in 1998 decreased by almost £81 million. This represents a decrease of 8.7% over 1997. Expenditure on Unemployment Assistance decreased by 14.4% over 1997 (reflecting a fall in the numbers on these payments), while expenditure on Unemployment Benefit increased by 10%.

Expenditure on Employment Support payments increased by £34 million over 1997, an increase of 27.8%. Expenditure on schemes to encourage unemployed people to take up work, training and educational opportunities increased substantially with significant increases in expenditure on Back to Work Enterprise Allowance (127.8%), Back to Work Allowance (15.7%) and Back to Education Allowance (30.7%). Family Income Supplement expenditure increased by 10.3% over 1997. Expenditure on the Students Summer Jobs Incentive Scheme declined by 11.4% over 1997 reflecting the decline of 2,021 in the number of students who participated in the scheme.

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Table F1

Expenditure on Unemployment and Employment Supports by Payment Type, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	1997	1998 Provisional	Change 1998 over 1997
	£000	£000	%
UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT			
SOCIAL INSURANCE			
Unemployment Benefit	215,239	236,713	10.0%
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE			
Unemployment Assistance	708,647	606,442	-14.4%
TOTAL	923,886	843,155	-8.7%
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT			
Family Income Supplement	25,989	28,656	10.3%
Back to Work Allowance	58,565	67,754	15.7%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	15,372	35,013	127.8%
Back to Education Allowance	12,497	16,335	30.7%
Students Summer Jobs Scheme	9,018	7,992	-11.4%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1,477	1,475	-0.1%
Other ⁽²⁾	471	512	8.7%
TOTAL	123,389	157,737	27.8%
GRAND TOTAL	1,047,275	1,000,892	-4.4%

(1) Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit was discontinued for new claimants from 28th July 1994.

(2) Includes small projects grants for the unemployed, the Christmas Bonus for Jobstart scheme participants and continued payment to the long-term unemployed of Qualified Child Increases on taking up employment.

Table F2

Expenditure on Unemployment Payments by Payment Type, 1989 to 1998

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Pay-Related Benefit with Unemployment Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Unemployment Assistance	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
1989	186,254	14,911	483,470	684,635
1990	172,211	11,981	522,030	706,222
1991	213,291	14,760	602,333	830,384
1992	242,380	18,662	719,379	980,421
1993	240,073	19,396	788,710	1,048,179
1994	215,108	16,047	799,529	1,030,684
1995	200,716	3,764	799,011	1,003,491
1996	207,380	49	803,723	1,011,152
1997	215,239	1	708,647	923,887
1998 ⁽²⁾	236,713	-	606,442	843,155

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

(2) Provisional.

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Table F3

Expenditure on Family Income Supplement, 1989 to 1998

Year	Expenditure
	£000
1989	6,323
1990	8,745
1991	10,370
1992	12,631
1993	16,438
1994	20,825
1995	21,326
1996	21,888
1997	25,989
1998 ⁽¹⁾	28,656

*(1) Provisional.***Table F4**

Average Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance and Smallholders, 1989 to 1998

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Smallholders	Total
1989	64,423	141,107	14,651	220,181
1990	58,644	140,318	13,020	211,982
1991	69,354	155,306	12,270	236,930
1992	75,914	181,048	12,254	269,216
1993	75,508	198,491	11,514	285,513
1994	66,201	198,509	10,536	275,246
1995	61,122	196,792	9,997	267,911
1996	60,927	194,794	9,397	265,118
1997	60,867	167,892	8,309	237,068
1998	63,271	141,703	7,023	211,997

Table F5

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance and Smallholders, on the last Friday of each Month, 1998

Month	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Smallholders	Total
January	66,641	157,165	7,735	231,541
February	67,330	154,571	7,631	229,532
March	65,649	150,897	7,502	224,048
April	66,405	147,497	7,366	221,268
May	60,483	143,308	7,200	210,991
June	61,746	140,499	6,947	209,192
July	64,503	140,259	6,880	211,642
August	64,772	140,556	6,793	212,121
September	59,662	136,350	6,739	202,751
October	58,571	130,456	6,596	195,623
November	59,581	128,955	6,408	194,944
December	63,913	129,923	6,476	200,312
Average	63,271	141,703	7,023	211,997

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Table F6

Number of Recipients of Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance and Smallholders by Number of Dependants, 1998 (Estimated)

Number of Recipients	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Smallholders	Total
Personal Rate only	31,695	86,827	2,507	121,029
With Qualified Adult only	2,734	6,387	696	9,817
With Qualified Adult +	-	-	-	-
1 full rate Qualified Child	1,566	6,280	537	8,383
2 full rate Qualified Children	1,811	7,476	685	9,972
3 full rate Qualified Children	1,278	5,654	607	7,539
4 full rate Qualified Children	647	3,210	429	4,286
5 full rate Qualified Children	221	1,527	218	1,966
6+ full rate Qualified Children	258	1,408	166	1,832
Widows Receiving Half Rate UB +	791	-	-	791
1 full rate Qualified Child	29	-	-	29
2 full rate Qualified Children	11	-	-	11
3 full rate Qualified Children	6	-	-	6
4 full rate Qualified Children	1	-	-	1
5 full rate Qualified Children	-	-	-	-
6+ full rate Qualified Children	-	-	-	-
With no Qualified Adult +	-	-	-	-
1 full rate Qualified Child	595	547	19	1,161
2 full rate Qualified Children	266	781	9	1,056
3 full rate Qualified Children	102	391	2	495
4 full rate Qualified Children	26	191	3	220
5 full rate Qualified Children	4	99	1	104
6+ full rate Qualified Children	97	321	-	418
With no Qualified Adult +	-	-	-	-
1 half rate Qualified Child	7,478	2,577	165	10,220
2 half rate Qualified Children	8,668	3,086	143	11,897
3 half rate Qualified Children	4,126	1,790	145	6,061
4 half rate Qualified Children	1,213	967	92	2,272
5 half rate Qualified Children	234	281	36	551
6+ half rate Qualified Children	56	123	16	195
Total Number of Recipients	63,913	129,923	6,476	200,312
Number of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	8,515	31,942	3,338	43,795
Percentage of Recipients with a Qualified Adult	13.3%	24.6%	51.5%	21.9%
Number of Recipients with Qualified Children	28,693	36,709	3,273	68,675
Percentage of Recipients with Qualified Children	44.9%	28.3%	50.5%	34.3%
Total Number of Children ⁽¹⁾	60,023	93,719	9,115	162,857

(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.

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Table F7

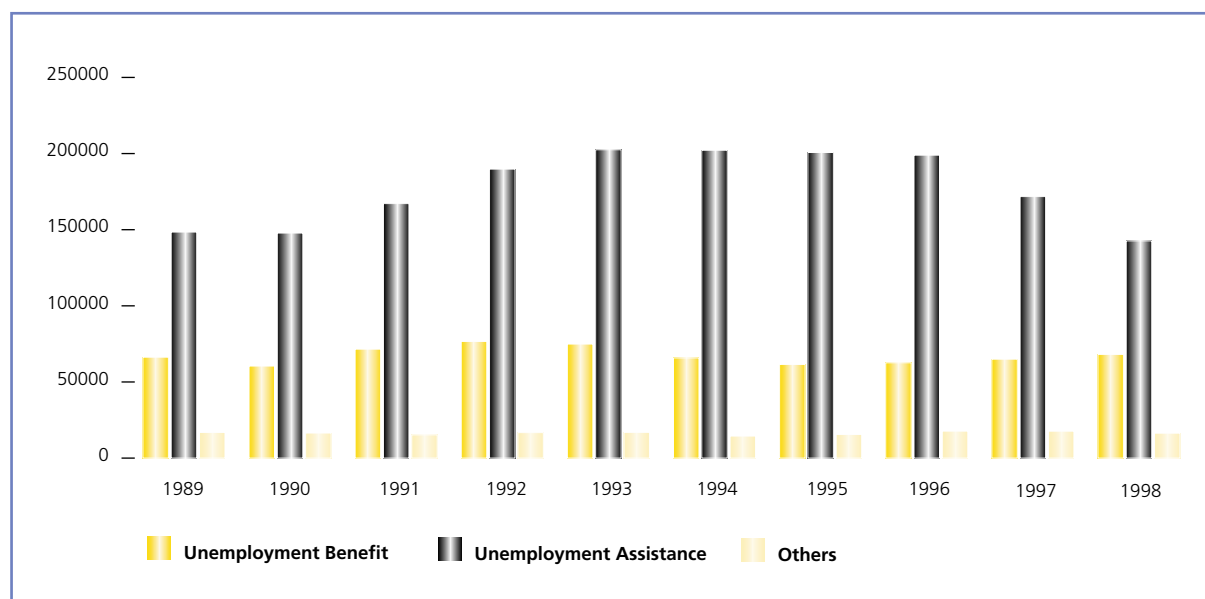
Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1989 to 1998

Year	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Others	Total Live Register
1989	66,262	148,442	16,852	231,556
1990	60,445	147,792	16,474	224,711
1991	71,537	167,141	15,269	253,947
1992	76,609	189,783	16,733	283,125
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

Source: Central Statistics Office

Graph F1

Average Number of Persons on the Live Register, 1989 to 1998



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Table F8

Number of Persons on the Live Register on the last Friday of each Month, 1998

Month	Unemployment Benefit	Unemployment Assistance	Others	Total Live Register
January	71,286	158,217	17,024	246,527
February	70,683	154,289	16,799	241,771
March	68,676	149,887	16,219	234,782
April	67,980	146,898	16,449	231,327
May	65,288	142,596	16,057	223,941
June	67,984	144,513	16,440	228,937
July	71,609	144,471	16,733	232,813
August	70,619	143,006	16,869	230,494
September	64,949	138,140	16,085	219,174
October	64,775	131,946	15,738	212,459
November	62,779	128,842	15,553	207,174
December	70,432	128,986	16,334	215,752
Average	68,088	142,649	16,358	227,095

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F9

Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 1998

Month	New Registrations	Outflow	Live Register	Net Change
January	30,449	31,652	246,527	-1,203
February	21,749	26,505	241,771	-4,756
March	18,674	25,663	234,782	-6,989
April	22,826	26,281	231,327	-3,455
May	24,155	31,541	223,941	-7,386
June	27,713	22,717	228,937	4,996
July	31,044	27,168	232,813	3,876
August	20,451	22,770	230,494	-2,319
September	22,690	34,010	219,174	-11,320
October	30,695	37,410	212,459	-6,715
November	22,668	27,953	207,174	-5,285
December	26,030	17,452	215,752	8,578
Total	299,144	331,122	227,095 ⁽¹⁾	-31,978

(1) Average Live Register.

Source: Central Statistics Office

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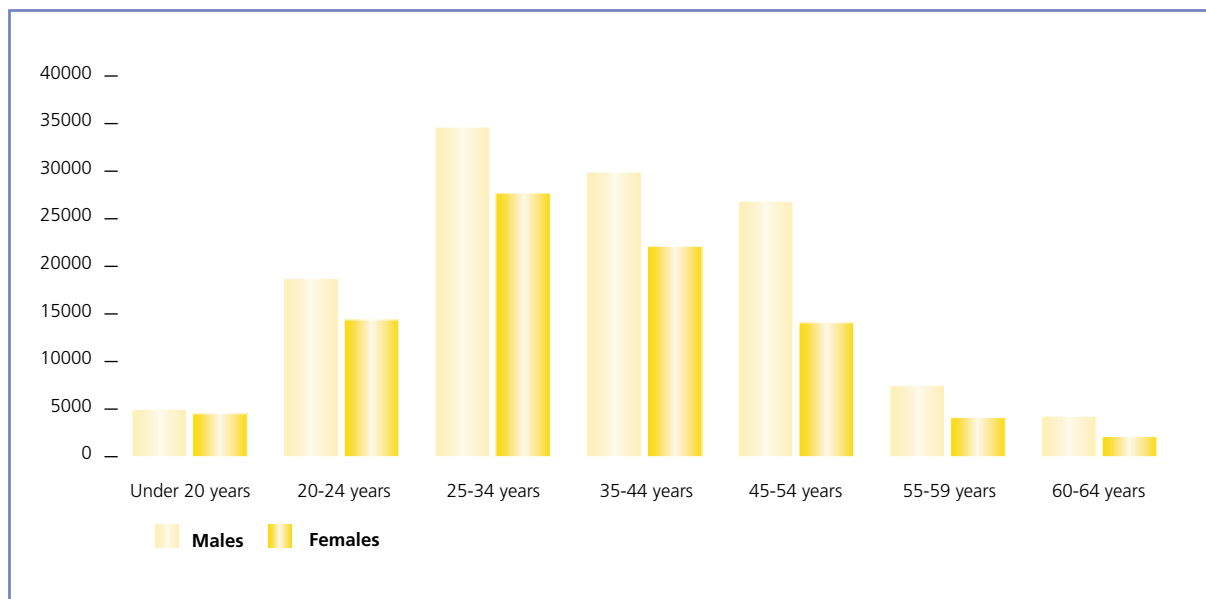
Table F10

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 1998 (Estimated)

Age Group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Under 20 years	4,978	3.9%	4,499	5.1%	9,477	4.4%
20 to 24 years	18,711	14.8%	14,378	16.2%	33,089	15.3%
25 to 34 years	34,632	27.3%	27,705	31.1%	62,337	28.9%
35 to 44 years	29,895	23.6%	22,113	24.9%	52,008	24.1%
45 to 54 years	26,839	21.2%	14,063	15.8%	40,902	19.0%
55 to 59 years	7,461	5.9%	4,106	4.6%	11,567	5.4%
60 to 64 years	4,259	3.4%	2,113	2.4%	6,372	3.0%
Total Live Register	126,775	100.0%	88,977	100.0%	215,752	100.0%

Graph F2

Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 1998



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Table F11

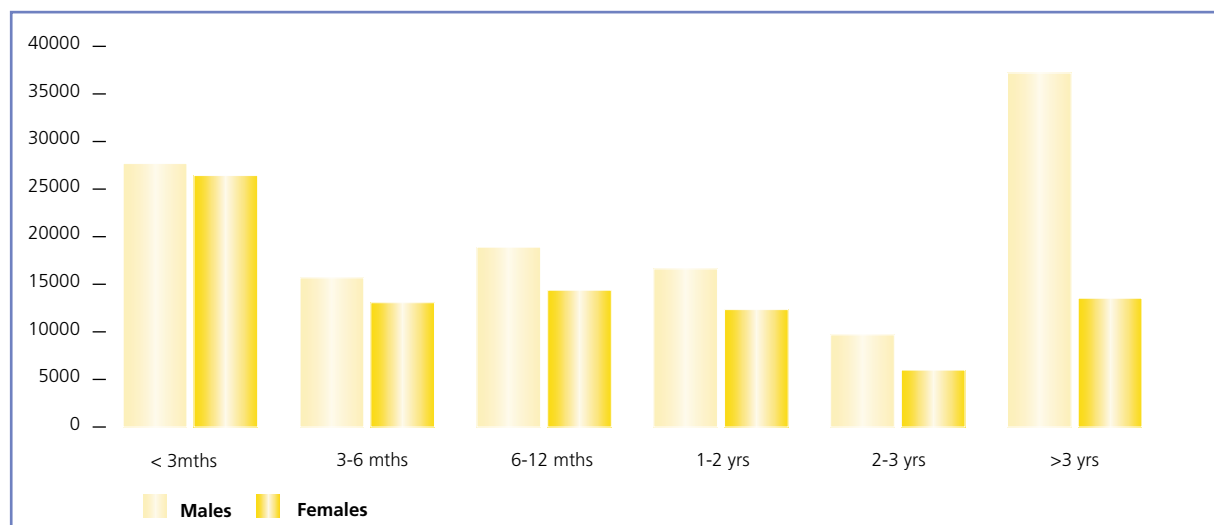
Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 1998, Classified by Age and Sex

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	1,989	1,019	1,060	724	101	45	4,938
20 - 24 yrs	5,509	3,157	3,046	2,756	1,733	2,360	18,561
25 - 34 yrs	8,376	4,637	4,825	4,764	2,837	8,915	34,354
35 - 44 yrs	5,543	3,093	3,614	3,826	2,299	11,280	29,655
45 - 54 yrs	3,958	2,317	4,183	3,037	1,827	11,302	26,624
55 - 59 yrs	1,444	886	1,390	902	550	2,229	7,401
60 - 64 yrs	864	565	780	607	340	1,069	4,225
Total Males	27,683	15,674	18,898	16,616	9,687	37,200	125,758
Females							
< 20 yrs	1,687	959	934	680	48	26	4,334
20 - 24 yrs	4,661	2,493	2,110	2,010	1,153	1,423	13,850
25 - 34 yrs	8,602	4,067	4,464	3,700	1,772	4,083	26,688
35 - 44 yrs	6,095	3,041	3,515	3,040	1,484	4,127	21,302
45 - 54 yrs	3,683	1,663	2,311	1,981	1,056	2,853	13,547
55 - 59 yrs	1,084	549	711	601	299	712	3,956
60 - 64 yrs	611	290	330	326	171	307	2,035
Total Females	26,423	13,062	14,375	12,338	5,983	13,531	85,712
All Persons							
< 20 yrs	3,676	1,978	1,994	1,404	149	71	9,272
20 - 24 yrs	10,170	5,650	5,156	4,766	2,886	3,783	32,411
25 - 34 yrs	16,978	8,704	9,289	8,464	4,609	12,998	61,042
35 - 44 yrs	11,638	6,134	7,129	6,866	3,783	15,407	50,957
45 - 54 yrs	7,641	3,980	6,494	5,018	2,883	14,155	40,171
55 - 59 yrs	2,528	1,435	2,101	1,503	849	2,941	11,357
60 - 64 yrs	1,475	855	1,110	933	511	1,376	6,260
Total	54,106	28,736	33,273	28,954	15,670	50,731	211,470

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Graph F3

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



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Table F12

Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration, 1989 to 1998

Year	Male			Female			Overall Total
	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	< 1 yr	>= 1 yr	Total	
1989	73,637	77,470	151,107	44,729	24,184	68,913	220,020
1990	74,439	72,756	147,195	45,778	25,285	71,063	218,258
1991	91,473	79,120	170,593	55,749	29,266	85,015	255,608
1992	95,219	89,704	184,923	61,795	34,366	96,161	281,084
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

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table F13

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Number of Smallholders, Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, in each Month during 1998

Month	Smallholders	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed	Persons Aged 65 years and over
January	7,810	4,556	3,028	736
February	7,773	4,988	3,009	796
March	7,563	4,749	2,988	732
April	7,447	4,520	2,870	712
May	7,257	4,440	2,792	635
June	7,191	4,099	2,802	652
July	7,012	3,842	2,743	664
August	6,884	3,676	2,681	655
September	6,852	4,204	2,650	652
October	6,716	4,405	2,572	676
November	6,643	4,893	2,553	677
December	6,578	4,184	2,566	703
Average	7,144	4,380	2,771	691

Source: Central Statistics Office

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Table F14

Categories Excluded from the Live Register: Average number of Smallholders, Short-Time Workers, Self-Employed and Persons aged 65 and over, 1989 to 1998

Year	Smallholders	Short-Time Workers	Self-Employed ⁽¹⁾	Persons Aged 65 years and over
1989	15,169	4,009	0	1,319
1990	13,429	3,690	0	1,060
1991	12,940	5,258	0	834
1992	12,570	6,713	3,711	794
1993	11,695	8,136	3,897	685
1994	10,628	6,111	3,697	605
1995	10,100	6,159	3,541	523
1996	9,492	6,908	3,251	651
1997	8,520	4,925	3,073	752
1998	7,144	4,380	2,771	691

(1) The Self-Employed are excluded from the Live Register from May 1992.
Source: Central Statistics Office

Table F15

Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 1989 to 1998

Year	Average Live Register	Total Labour Force	Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate
1989	231,556	1,289,000	14.7
1990	224,711	1,310,000	13.3
1991	253,947	1,342,000	14.7
1992	283,125	1,361,800	15.5
1993	294,279	1,381,800	15.6
1994	282,413	1,407,000	14.1
1995	277,746	1,439,500	12.1
1996	279,230	1,488,500	11.5
1997	254,379	1,517,300	9.8
1998	227,095	1,581,200	7.7

Source: Central Statistics Office

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Table F16

Number of Recipients of Employment Supports by Payment Type,
1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	1997	1998	Change 1998 over 1997
Back to Work Allowance	21,082	24,250	15.0%
Students Summer Jobs Scheme	15,542	13,521	-13.0%
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	4,287	7,431	73.3%
Back to Education Allowance ⁽¹⁾	3,753	4,475	19.2%
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	585	568	-2.9%
Family Income Supplement	12,888	13,143	2.0%
Total	58,137	63,388	9.0%

(1) Back To Education Allowance replaced Third Level Allowance and Second Level Allowance in 1998.

Table F17

Number of Recipients of Back to Work Allowance by Employment Status and Sex,
1998

Employment Status	Males	Females	Total
Employees	12,485	2,032	14,517
Self-Employed	8,275	1,458	9,733
Total	20,760	3,490	24,250

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Table F18

Data on Sponsors and Students Participating in the Students Summer Jobs Scheme,
1994 to 1998

Details	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Sponsors					
Applications Received	2,325	3,384	4,240	4,460	4,599
Applications Rejected	41	60	53	39	31
Applications Approved	2,284	3,324	4,188	4,421	4,568
Number of Jobs offered	11,249	21,761	29,960	30,189	31,552
Number who Participated	1,806	2,900	3,454	3,592	3,572
Students					
Applications Received	13,815	22,899	25,400	23,237	20,930
Applications Rejected	1,637	3,601	6,428	4,622	4,326
Applications Approved	11,961	18,893	18,275	18,172	16,104
Number who Participated	9,200	15,839	15,764	15,542	13,521

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Table F19

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement, 1989 to 1998

Year	Number of Recipient Families
1989	6,066
1990	6,569
1991	7,157
1992	7,735
1993	9,605
1994	10,671
1995	11,398
1996	11,847
1997	12,888
1998	13,143

Table F20

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Rate of Payment and Family Size, 1998

Weekly Rate (£)	Family Size (Number of Children)						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
1 - 20	1,056	792	489	229	79	30	2,675
21 - 40	1,707	1,428	1,028	484	188	83	4,918
41 - 60	770	965	836	521	223	98	3,413
61 - 80	125	300	373	315	200	119	1,432
81 - 100	45	88	107	96	91	71	498
100 - 120	1	15	45	40	38	27	166
Over 120	-	1	-	9	13	18	41
Total	3,704	3,589	2,878	1,694	832	446	13,143
No. of Children	3,704	7,178	8,634	6,776	4,160	2,882	33,334

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Table F21

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Age of Recipient and Family Income Group, 1998

Age of Recipient	Family Income Group (£s per week)						Total
	0 - 100	101 - 140	141 - 170	171 - 200	201 - 230	231 or more	
15 to 24	29	217	659	597	122	7	1,631
25 to 34	126	459	1,192	1,437	727	217	4,158
35 to 44	172	514	1,094	1,462	1,088	545	4,875
45 to 60	90	291	639	689	452	211	2,372
60 or more	6	14	25	34	13	15	107
Total	423	1,495	3,609	4,219	2,402	995	13,143

Table F22

Number of Families Receiving Family Income Supplement by Marital Status of Recipient and Family Income Group, 1998

Marital Status	Family Income Group (£s per week)						Total
	0 - 100	101 - 140	141 - 170	171 - 200	201 - 230	231 or more	
Married	317	957	2,047	2,630	1,898	896	8,745
Single	28	336	1,101	1,005	189	14	2,673
Other	78	202	461	584	315	85	1,725
Total	423	1,495	3,609	4,219	2,402	995	13,143

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Table F23

Numbers on the Live Register, Smallholders and Employment Support Services by County 1998

County	Live Register (1)	Smallholders	Family Income Supplement	Back to Work Allowance	Student's Summer Jobs Scheme	Back to Education Allowance Scheme
Carlow	3,050	41	267	336	202	77
Cavan	2,350	214	241	289	321	26
Clare	4,245	352	256	421	484	93
Cork	22,138	372	1,163	2,489	1,272	534
Donegal	13,485	979	680	1,041	1,155	236
Dublin	59,120	1	2,673	8,256	399	1,350
Galway	11,789	782	603	1,271	986	355
Kerry	9,101	758	459	594	992	140
Kildare	5,839	18	402	741	249	120
Kilkenny	3,472	16	353	335	367	93
Laois	2,575	68	262	199	290	32
Leitrim	1,669	179	79	147	264	20
Limerick	8,787	100	520	903	662	213
Longford	2,166	147	141	268	292	25
Louth	8,583	-	509	716	279	128
Mayo	8,449	1,533	439	1,048	1,113	157
Meath	3,393	7	497	459	240	62
Monaghan	3,195	312	249	318	310	35
Offaly	3,376	41	292	447	397	35
Roscommon	1,994	273	172	225	486	30
Sligo	3,160	118	161	323	340	106
Tipperary	7,881	86	780	791	882	149
Waterford	7,257	14	490	482	349	174
Westmeath	3,665	42	296	619	430	63
Wexford	7,842	95	657	911	487	112
Wicklow	6,027	30	422	618	173	100
Other	1,144	-	80	3	100	10
Total	215,752	6,578	13,143	24,250	13,521	4,475

(1) Source: Central Statistics Office.

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Section G: Miscellaneous Benefits, Allowances and Grants

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

- Supplementary Welfare Allowance
- Treatment Benefits
- Free Schemes
- 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

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The tables relating to Supplementary Welfare Allowance have been expanded in order to provide more comprehensive data relating to the various elements of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance system. These data are now available for the first time following the computerisation of the scheme.

Table G1

Expenditure on Miscellaneous Benefits, Allowances and Grants by Payment Type, 1989 to 1998

Type of Payment	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 ⁽¹⁾
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	36,485	48,900	61,925	89,598	97,759	108,106	119,539	136,708	157,663	175,673
Free Schemes	89,714	95,124	106,612	112,475	115,899	124,570	134,251	141,557	148,670	153,358
Treatment Benefit	14,712	14,090	15,648	17,886	22,643	23,735	25,630	26,939	28,295	30,874
Death Grants	884	917	903	905	956	972	926	993	970	958
Rent Allowance	909	904	878	874	815	751	713	711	677	650
Single Woman's Allowance ⁽²⁾	4,804	5,182	5,207	4,127	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants to Voluntary Bodies	2,018	1,957	2,360	4,485	6,729	9,722	10,759	13,229	17,967	22,670
Combat Poverty Agency	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,350	1,480	1,612	1,920	2,061	2,257	2,273
School Meals	624	647	587	681	708	720	733	806	764	786
Programme for Peace and Reconciliation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	134	621	950
National Social Services Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,592	2,970	3,365
Total	151,150	168,821	195,220	232,381	246,989	270,188	294,471	323,138	360,854	391,557

(1) Provisional.

(2) Transferred to Pre-Retirement Allowance from 5th November 1992.

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Table G2

Gross Expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 1998

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payments ⁽¹⁾	26,372,600	2,781,400	3,936,500	3,879,500	2,259,900	4,787,600	7,483,500	5,099,000	56,600,000
Supplements									
Rent	45,753,300	2,638,700	4,531,100	4,000,400	2,183,300	5,961,000	14,358,000	8,474,200	87,900,000
L.A. Mortgage ⁽²⁾	1,346,800	81,400	147,300	123,900	118,800	293,100	378,700	2,219,200	4,709,200
Other Mortgage	3,539,300	94,100	369,400	589,500	214,600	282,300	774,900	523,900	6,388,000
Heating	182,500	28,600	24,600	25,600	1,200	16,400	99,300	13,700	391,900
Diet	1,861,100	150,200	164,500	214,400	59,200	309,900	425,000	175,700	3,360,000
Other	965,100	41,100	77,200	195,800	4,400	87,200	352,200	125,000	1,848,000
Exceptional Needs Payments	11,160,300	449,200	1,346,900	751,100	603,600	1,734,300	2,821,300	1,591,700	20,458,400
Urgent Needs Payments	37,500	8,000	4,500	4,700	4,200	6,700	10,100	9,900	85,600
Other SWA	585,500	9,700	19,700	50,200	12,700	51,900	76,900	49,400	856,000
Administration Costs ⁽³⁾	7,922,700	1,095,700	1,559,700	1,395,800	1,206,400	2,086,900	2,706,900	2,123,600	20,097,700
Grand Total ⁽⁴⁾	99,726,700	7,378,100	12,181,400	11,230,900	6,668,300	15,617,300	29,486,800	20,405,300	202,694,800

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

(2) Local Authority Mortgage

(3) This is estimated based on current levels of expenditure as the Health Board's accounts for 1998 have not yet been finalised.

(4) These totals are not the final outcome as shown in Table G1 as:

(i) inter scheme adjustments are not reflected.

(ii) the cost of administration shown does not include balancing payments made in 1998 in respect of previous years.

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Table G3

Expenditure on Exceptional Needs Payments, Other Exceptional Supplementary Welfare Allowance Payments and Urgent Needs Payments, 1998

Type of Payment	Expenditure £	Total Expenditure £
<u>Exceptional Needs Payments and Other Exceptional SWA Payments</u>		
Housing		
Household Appliances	4,315,225	
Furniture	1,533,817	
Rent Deposit	1,514,657	
Bedding	1,206,607	
Floor Covering	1,017,059	
Repair/maintenance	571,635	10,159,000
Clothing		
Child Clothing	2,142,508	
Adult Clothing	1,316,892	3,459,400
Funeral		
Funeral Expenses	1,412,944	
Burial Expenses	186,156	1,599,100
Child Related		
Pram/Buggy	801,074	
Cot	460,003	
Homeless Children	2,123	1,263,200
Bills		
Rent/Mortgage Interest Arrears	832,158	
Household	409,442	1,241,600
Illness		
Confinement Costs	278,401	
Hospital Requirements	160,499	438,900
General		
Travel Costs	709,618	
Insufficient Means	349,461	
Household Budget	85,358	
Heating	77,152	
Lost/Stolen Money	58,843	
Other	1,872,768	3,153,200
<u>Urgent Needs Payments</u>	85,600	85,600
Grand Total		21,400,000

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Table G4

Total Expenditure on Free Schemes, 1989 to 1998

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
1989	20,384	6,972	10,333	84	-	26,040	25,901	89,714
1990	21,559	7,258	10,646	108	-	26,047	29,506	95,124
1991	22,769	7,369	13,674	95	116	28,167	34,422	106,612
1992	23,571	7,546	14,206	90	264	29,442	37,356	112,475
1993	24,171	8,449	15,984	77	363	29,330	37,525	115,899
1994	25,022	9,696	19,797	76	515	29,561	39,903	124,570
1995	26,037	10,381	23,193	69	561	31,264	42,746	134,251
1996	27,295	12,384	24,616	64	822	32,038	44,338	141,557
1997	29,074	14,281	27,062	66	884	32,357	44,946	148,670
1998 ⁽¹⁾	30,396	15,385	28,940	54	1,059	32,630	44,894	153,358

(1) Provisional.

Table G5

Funding of Money Advice and Budgeting Service by County, 1997 and 1998

County	1997 £'s	1998 £'s
Carlow	41,230	61,800
Cavan	44,670	51,620
Clare	105,000	188,065
Cork	202,047	246,500
Donegal	20,000	35,000
Dublin	618,669	993,815
Galway	134,520	136,425
Kerry	82,189	88,815
Kildare	77,909	108,277
Kilkenny	47,000	48,000
Laois	31,250	46,500
Limerick	143,964	187,300
Longford	41,910	56,500
Louth	97,300	72,550
Mayo	28,645	57,150
Meath	65,575	77,500
Monaghan	40,750	49,000
Offaly	3,500	75,250
Roscommon	25,150	36,850
Sligo	47,322	51,000
Tipperary	103,000	162,688
Waterford	106,445	115,100
Westmeath	79,300	94,500
Wexford	30,510	60,000
Wicklow	77,000	114,420
Total	2,294,855	3,214,625

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Table G6**Grants to Voluntary & Community Organisations, 1993 to 1998**

Type of Grant	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Grants to Voluntary Groups						
Allocation	£1,250,000	£1,533,000	£1,045,000	£970,000	£1,870,296	£1,443,154
Number of Applications	892	1,105	1,006	1,213	1,150	987
Number of Grants	212	311	225	340	325	369
Grants for Older People						
Allocation	-	-	-	£2,562,680	£4,824,159	£4,996,538
Number of Applications	-	-	-	559	885	1,020
Number of Grants	-	-	-	528	839	1,020
Locally-Based Community & Family Support Groups ⁽¹⁾						
Allocation	-	-	-	-	-	£1,290,458
Number of Applications	-	-	-	-	-	1,453
Number of Grants	-	-	-	-	-	756
Community Development Education & Training Grants						
Allocation	-	-	-	-	£158,715	£116,489
Number of Applications	-	-	-	-	240	181
Number of Grants	-	-	-	-	99	85
Women's Grants ⁽¹⁾						
Allocation	£600,000	£800,000	£1,085,000	£1,155,000	£1,310,914	-
Number of Applications	791	1,063	1,200	1,177	810	-
Number of Grants	590	873	755	792	491	-
Grants to Lone Parent's Groups ⁽¹⁾						
Allocation	£122,000	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	£154,300	-
Number of Applications	58	81	94	121	140	-
Number of Grants	39	62	75	98	87	-
Men's Grants ⁽¹⁾						
Allocation	-	£100,000	£150,000	£150,000	£129,320	-
Number of Applications	-	155	141	152	146	-
Number of Grants	-	115	85	103	80	-

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

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Table G7

Funding of Projects under Community Development Programme, 1997 and 1998

Type of Project ⁽¹⁾	1997 £'s	1998 £'s
General Projects	4,180,413	5,578,306
Support Agencies	835,087	1,039,771
Islands Development Programme	291,500	233,493
Family Resource Centres	207,000	824,830
Once-Off Grants	40,000	0
Core-funding: Others	46,000	82,600
Total	5,600,000	7,759,000

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

Table G8

Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services, 1998

Type of Grant ⁽¹⁾	Number of Applicants	Number of Grants	Amount Paid
Marriage Counselling	56	51	£309,500
Marriage Preparation	45	44	£75,450
Child Counselling in relation to Parental Separation	37	35	£56,550
Bereavement Counselling and Support	150	144	£141,155
Amalgam of Marriage/Child/Bereavement Counselling	81	75	£917,345
Total	369	349 ⁽²⁾	£1,500,000

(1) See Appendix 5 for further details of Grants for Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services.

(2) Some groups have received separate payments in respect of their marriage/child counselling services and marriage preparation/bereavement services.

Table G9

Miscellaneous Benefits and Allowances: Number of Claims Awarded, 1997 and 1998

Type of Payment	1997	1998	Change 1998 over 1997
Death Grants	9,776	9,675	-1.0%
Treatment Benefit:			
Dental	375,193	399,199	6.4%
Optical	159,476	172,754	8.3%
Medical and Surgical	3,896	4,199	7.8%
Rent Allowance	21	21	0.0%
Fuel Allowance ⁽¹⁾	286,800	277,000	-3.4%

(1) Refers to the number of recipients of Fuel Allowance and Smokeless Fuel Allowance.

Table G10**Number of Recipients of Supplementary Welfare Allowance by Health Board Region, 1998**

Type of Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Eastern ⁽¹⁾	Midland	Mid-Western	North Eastern	North Western	South Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Basic Payment Recipients									
Qualified Adults	6,963	790	1,129	1,202	720	1,487	2,141	1,868	16,300
Qualified Children	1,500	167	204	251	136	267	387	320	3,232
	4,200	600	841	864	457	1,056	1,384	1,236	10,638
Total Beneficiaries	12,663	1,557	2,174	2,317	1,313	2,810	3,912	3,424	30,170
Supplements:									
Rent	17,077	1,520	2,638	2,019	1,648	3,285	7,075	4,738	40,000
L.A. Mortgage ⁽²⁾	970	91	152	139	140	328	414	266	2,500
Other Mortgage	1,721	78	273	431	158	210	527	402	3,800
Heating	293	60	90	57	4	57	248	41	850
Diet	3,292	365	398	529	129	739	886	362	6,700
Other	1,316	94	102	253	12	144	445	234	2,600
Total Supplementary Welfare Allowances ⁽³⁾: Recipients	35,145	3,009	4,803	4,649	2,844	6,307	11,789	7,942	76,488

(1) The Eastern Health Board figures are estimated. As computerisation of the Supplementary Allowance Scheme was not completed in the Eastern Health Board region at the end of December 1998, figures were derived from a mixture of computer and manual systems.

(2) Local Authority Mortgage.

(3) Includes Basic Payments, Supplements and Exceptional Needs Payments. Persons who receive two or more elements of Supplementary Welfare Allowance, such as a Basic Payment and a Rent Supplement, are counted only once in this row.

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Table G11

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Sex, 1998

Sex	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Male	19,600	2,550	1,800
Female	20,400	1,250	700
Total ⁽¹⁾	40,000	3,800	2,500

(1) The Eastern Health Board figures are estimated. As computerisation of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme was not completed in the Eastern Health Board region at the end of December 1998, figures were derived from a mixture of computer and manual systems.

Table G12

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Age, 1998

Age Group	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Under 20	605	0	0
21 - 24	7,107	15	4
25 - 29	9,170	241	74
30 - 34	6,208	583	180
35 - 39	4,565	831	447
40 - 44	3,368	710	568
45 - 49	2,774	648	579
50 - 54	2,053	322	265
55 - 59	1,409	261	198
60 - 64	953	131	115
65 - 69	661	42	52
70 plus	1,126	16	18
Total (1)	40,000	3,800	2,500

(1) The Eastern Health Board figures are estimated. As computerisation of the Supplementary Allowance Scheme was not completed in the Eastern Health Board region at the end of December 1998, figures were derived from a mixture of computer and manual systems.

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Table G13

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Primary Payment, 1998

Payment Type	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
Old Age Pensions	1,103	28	18
Pre-Retirement Allowance	469	57	62
Widows and Widower's Pensions	345	46	87
One-Parent Family Payment	7,746	532	336
Invalidity Pension	815	165	155
Disability Benefit	568	381	114
Disability Allowance	2,827	190	148
Long-Term Unemployment Assistance	9,467	887	722
Short-Term Unemployment Assistance	3,688	176	71
Unemployment Benefit	1,836	414	176
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	4,603 ⁽¹⁾	167	65
Employment Support Services ⁽²⁾	5,167	600	370
DSS (UK)	236	0	0
Other	1,130	157	176
Total⁽³⁾	40,000	3,800	2,500

(1) Includes approximately 2,700 asylum seekers

(2) Includes Back to Work Allowance, Community Employment, Area Based Allowance and Back to Education Allowance

(3) The Eastern Health Board figures are estimated. As computerisation of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme was not completed in the Eastern Health Board region at the end of December 1998, figures were derived from a mixture of computer and manual systems.

Table G14

Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement by Claim Duration, 1998

Months	Rent Supplement	Mortgage Interest Supplement	Local Authority Mortgage Interest Supplement
0 to 3	3,778	185	80
3 to 6	2,514	195	82
6 to 9	1,922	155	58
9 to 12	1,624	141	57
12 plus	8,491	1,184	1,114
Total⁽¹⁾	18,329	1,860	1,391

(1) Does not include data in respect of the Eastern and Western Health Boards. Computerisation of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme was completed in the other six Health Boards at the end of 1997. Computerisation was completed in the Western Health Board in mid 1998 and is expected to be completed in the Eastern Health Board by mid 1999.

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Table G15

Number of Recipients of Free Schemes by Type of Payment Received, 1998

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	38,822	37,409	31,813	39	2,469	66,556
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	42,596	39,099	34,797	173	400	93,565
Retirement Pension	38,479	36,978	26,941	58	2,375	65,310
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	41,374	39,283	40,197	8	2,138	61,143
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	9,219	8,484	8,837	16	121	14,970
Invalidity Pension	15,768	15,203	8,694	27	814	32,036
Garda Widow's Pension ⁽³⁾	233	224	254	0	12	1,349
Disability Allowance	11,670	11,379	7,612	75	286	55,544
British Pension ⁽³⁾	4,185	3,905	3,614	6	108	5,497
Others	10,323	9,750	9,102	12	336	136,868
Total	212,669	201,714	171,861	414	9,059	532,838

(1) Refers to the number of Licences issued.

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

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

Table G16

Number of Living Alone and Over 80 Allowances by Payment Type, 1998

Payment Type	Over 80 Allowance	Living Alone Allowance
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	17,347	21,608
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	30,508	25,180
Blind Person's Pension	114	160
Retirement Pension	6,505	15,545
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	21,959	36,347
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	4,330	7,875
Deserted Wife's Benefit	15	216
Deserted Wife's Allowance	47	196
Invalidity Pension	79	369
Death Benefit Pensions	-	146
Total	80,904	107,642



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Section H: Management Statistics

This section provides details of the number of claims for benefits and allowances that are processed by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs on a day to day basis. It also contains details of Appeals and methods of payment.

Table H1

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 1998

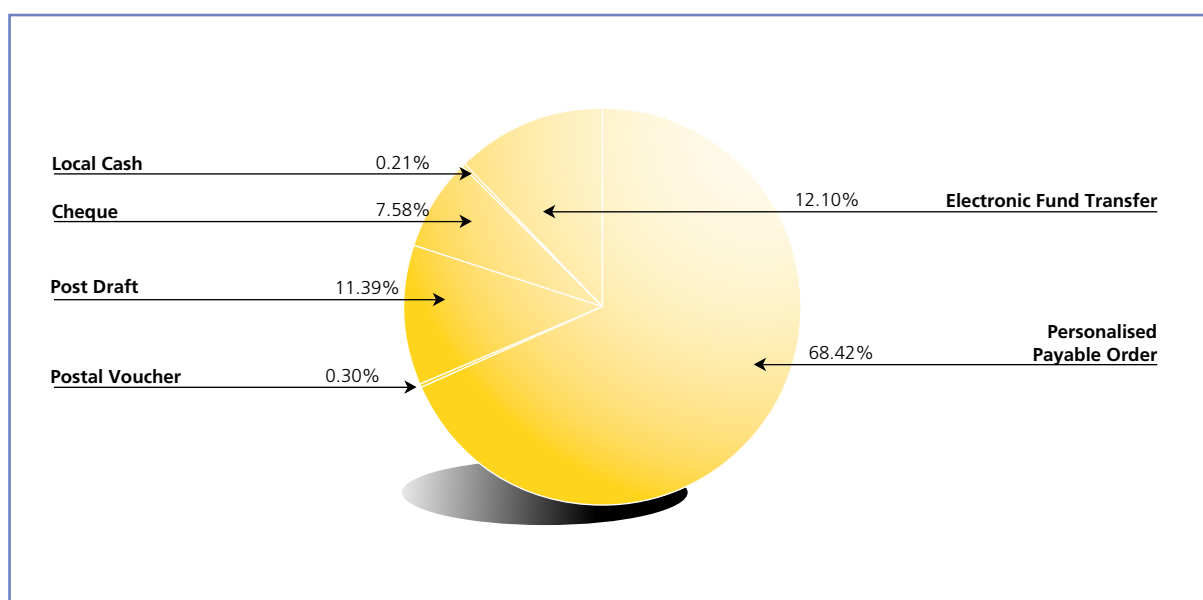


Table H1**Number of New Claims for Benefits and Allowances by Payment Type, 1997 and 1998**

Type of Payment	1997	1998	Change %
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	16,223	14,138	-12.9%
Retirement Pension	13,530	14,302	5.7%
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	11,242	10,069	-10.4%
Pre-Retirement Allowance	2,492	2,985	19.8%
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	8,384	8,226	-1.9%
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,463	1,323	-9.6%
Deserted Wife's Benefit and Deserted Wife's Allowance	549	399	-27.3%
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	0	0	0.0%
One-Parent Family Payment	22,594	19,025	-15.8%
Maternity Benefit	21,198	23,591	11.3%
Health and Safety Benefit	143	114	-20.3%
Adoptive Benefit	64	93	45.3%
Orphan's Allowances	371	428	15.4%
Child Benefit	179,690	179,411	-0.2%
Disability Benefit	214,517	210,163	-2.0%
Invalidity Pension	4,057	4,064	0.2%
Injury Benefit	14,774	15,432	4.5%
Disablement Benefit	3,106	2,900	-6.6%
Disability Allowance	12,254	11,432	-6.7%
Death Benefit	92	67	-27.2%
Carer's Allowance	5,631	4,818	-14.4%
Blind Person's Pension	219	188	-14.2%
Unemployment Payments ⁽¹⁾	317,286	299,144	-5.7%
Family Income Supplement	17,553	18,949	8.0%
Death Grant	13,045	12,153	-6.8%
Treatment Benefits	641,798	698,946	8.9%
Free Schemes ⁽²⁾	116,182	107,799	-7.2%
Rent Allowance	26	23	-11.5%
Total	1,638,483	1,660,182	1.3%

(1) Refers to Live Register new Registrations. See Table F9.

(2) Includes Free Travel awards which are made automatically to Social Welfare recipients when they reach 66 years.

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Table H2
Number of New Claims for Benefits and Allowances by Payment Type, 1998

Type of Payment	Claims Received	Claims Awarded	Claims Rejected	Claims Withdrawn	Claims Terminated
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	14,138	7,461	5,654	2,451	5,567
Retirement Pension	14,302	8,950	4,043	1,735	5,292
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	10,069	6,754	2,689	889	9,781
Pre-Retirement Allowance	2,985	2,885	50	40	2,571
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	8,226	6,825	1,187	272	5,606
Widow/er's (Non-Contributory) Pension	1,323	749	396	204	1,095
Deserted Wife's Benefit	397	230	46	6	788
Deserted Wife's Allowance	2	1	1	-	150
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	0	0	0	0	2
One-Parent Family Payment	19,025	14,795	3,198	873	8,117
Maternity Benefit	23,591	22,384	776	-	-
Health and Safety Benefit	114	93	12	4	-
Adoptive Benefit	93	88	3	-	-
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	254	213	14	36	169
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	174	151	7	14	53
Child Benefit	179,411	165,856	2,076	8,778	10,559
Disability Benefit	210,163	178,638	31,525	-	-
Invalidity Pension	4,064	5,162	4	1	3,528
Injury Benefit	15,432	11,688	1,130	2,327	-
Disablement Benefit	2,900	2,274	206	201	-
Disability Allowance	11,432	7,521	3,697	72	3,645
Death Benefit	67	86	1	1	16
Carer's Allowance	4,818	3,292	1,514	191	2,050
Blind Person's Pension	188	123	63	23	175
Unemployment Payments ⁽¹⁾	299,144	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	331,122
Family Income Supplement	18,949	15,712	3,574	-	2,078
Death Grant	12,153	9,675	2,589	-	-
Treatment Benefits	698,946	611,844	61,152	-	-
Rent Allowance	23	21	10	-	73
Free Schemes:					
Electricity	27,092	25,248	2,968	-	20,778
Bottled Gas	160	110	33	-	89
Natural Gas	2,211	2,004	231	-	597
Travel ⁽²⁾	42,188	39,750	1,397	-	21,431
Phone Rental	36,148	30,124	5,951	-	23,196
Total Free Schemes	107,799	97,236	10,580	-	66,091
Total	1,660,182	1,180,707	136,197	18,118	458,528

(1) Refers to Live Register New Registrations.

(2) Includes Free Travel awards which are made automatically to Social Welfare recipients when they reach 66 years.

Table H3

Number of Appeals against Decisions of Deciding Officers by Payment Type, 1998

Type of Payment	On Hand Jan 1998	Received 1998	Decided by Appeals Officers	Revised Deciding Officer's Decision	Withdrawn 1998	On Hand Dec 1998
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	19	98	67	15	5	30
Retirement Pension	12	29	22	6	0	13
Old Age (Non-Contributory)						
Pension & Blind Person's Pension	335	570	548	72	56	229
Pre-Retirement Allowance	60	81	84	15	19	23
Disability Benefit	1,212	3,813	1,057	1,467	805	1,696
Invalidity Pension	227	543	167	297	75	231
Occupational Injuries Benefits	478	793	607	75	68	521
Disability Allowance	582	1,254	585	368	258	625
Widow/er's & Orphan's Pensions	93	125	139	11	10	58
One-Parent Family Payment (incl. Deserted Wives)	343	578	372	167	42	34
Maternity Benefit	7	14	9	4	0	8
Family Income Supplement	42	64	47	9	4	46
Carer's Allowance	118	285	227	34	9	133
Child Benefit	52	116	64	50	13	41
Unemployment Benefit	406	1,370	1,162	105	61	448
Unemployment Assistance:						
Entitlement	315	1,157	986	51	48	387
Means Assessment	1,434	2,911	2,699	490	206	950
Supplementary Welfare Allowance ⁽¹⁾	0	115	96	0	5	14
Treatment Benefits	1	1	1	0	0	1
Rent Allowance	1	1	1	0	0	1
Insurability of Employment	118	96	106	9	15	84
Total	5,855	14,014	9,046	3,245	1,699	5,879

Source: Social Welfare Appeals Office.

(1) Commenced 6 April 1998.

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Table H4

Number of Recipients of Social Welfare Payments by Payment Type and Method of Payment, 1998

Type of Payment	Personalised Payable Order	Postal Voucher	Post Draft	Cheque	Local Cash	Electronic Fund Transfer	Total
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	57,700	-	-	1,870	-	12,136	71,706
Retirement Pension	62,037	-	-	2,049	-	11,230	75,316
Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension	92,855	-	-	60	-	2,975	95,890
Pre-Retirement Allowance	13,897	-	-	-	-	-	13,897
Widow/er's (Contributory) Pension	80,834	-	-	2,873	-	14,811	98,518
Widow's (Non-Contributory) Pension	17,927	-	-	1	-	454	18,382
Deserted Wife's Benefit	13,329	-	-	-	-	506	13,835
Deserted Wife's Allowance	1,790	-	-	-	-	17	1,807
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
One-Parent Family Payment	61,985	-	-	-	-	3,563	65,548
Maternity Benefit	-	-	-	3,918	-	1,535	5,453
Health and Safety Benefit	-	-	-	18	-	-	18
Adoptive Benefit	-	-	-	12	-	-	12
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	563	-	-	11	-	76	650
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	361	-	-	-	-	21	382
Child Benefit (families)	404,153	-	-	-	-	100,658	504,811
Disability Benefit	12,428	-	-	31,338	-	-	43,766
Invalidity Pension	40,733	-	-	152	-	4,040	44,925
Disability Allowance	41,171	-	-	-	-	5,955	47,126
Injury Benefit	-	-	-	746	-	-	746
Interim Disability Benefit	-	-	-	439	-	-	439
Disablement Benefit	-	-	-	10,182	-	-	10,182
Death Benefit	589	-	-	7	-	34	630
Carer's Allowance	11,416	-	-	-	-	-	11,416
Blind Person's Pension	2,358	-	-	-	-	-	2,358
Unemployment Benefit	-	241	41,053	20,764	-	1,855	63,913
Unemployment Assistance	-	3,423	107,817	11,532	2,656	4,495	129,923
Smallholders	-	428	5,809	103	132	4	6,476
Family Income Supplement	13,143	-	-	-	-	-	13,143
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	-	-	-	16,300	-	-	16,300
Rent Allowance	-	-	-	586	-	-	586
Total	929,273	4,092	154,679	102,961	2,788	164,365	1,358,158

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SOCIAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Department of Social, Community and 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, Occupational Injuries Benefits, Unemployment Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit and Death Grants.

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, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Person's Pension and Rent Allowance.

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

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 Person's Pension
Carer's Allowance
Injury Benefit
Disablement Benefit
Death Benefit
Workmen's Compensation Supplements
Medical Care

5. UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Unemployment Benefit
Unemployment Assistance
Family Income Supplement
Back to Work Allowance
Student's Summer Jobs Scheme
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
Back to Education Allowance
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme

6. MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS, ALLOWANCES AND GRANTS

Supplementary Welfare Allowance
Money Advice and Budgeting Service
Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
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GLOSSARY

RECIPIENT:	Person actually receiving a social welfare payment.
QUALIFIED ADULT:	Person in respect of whom an Qualified Adult Allowance 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 and those in respect of whom a Prescribed Relative Allowance is being paid.
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, Occupational Injuries Benefits, Unemployment Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit and Death Grants.
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, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Person's Pension and Rent Allowance.

Appendix 4

VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

The Department of Social, Community 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 at the provision of services or at the direct economic development or job creation initiatives.

ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

A programme of core funding to five off-shore islands, which is geared towards the specific needs of island communities, funded under the Community Development Programme.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

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.

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 in the area and to other specialised community developed 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.

MONEY ADVICE AND BUDGETING SERVICE

At the end of 1998, the Department's Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) supported 49 projects around the country which address the problems of moneylending and overindebtedness.

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FAMILY AFFAIRS UNIT

A new Family Affairs Unit was established in the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs in 1998. The role of the unit is to co-ordinate family policy, pursue the findings of the Commission on the Family's final report following their consideration by the Government, to undertake research, and promote awareness about family issues.

The Unit has responsibility for a number of family services including the provision of grant aid to support activity in the areas of :-

- Marriage Counselling
- Marriage Preparation Courses
- Child Counselling in relation to parental separation
- Bereavement Counselling and Support on the death of a family member.

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Voluntary organisations providing:-

- marriage counselling services helping people to deal with difficulties they experience in their relationships
- marriage preparation programmes
- counselling services to children whose lives have been affected by parental separation
- bereavement counselling and support to families on the death of a family member

may apply for funding towards the cost of these services.

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