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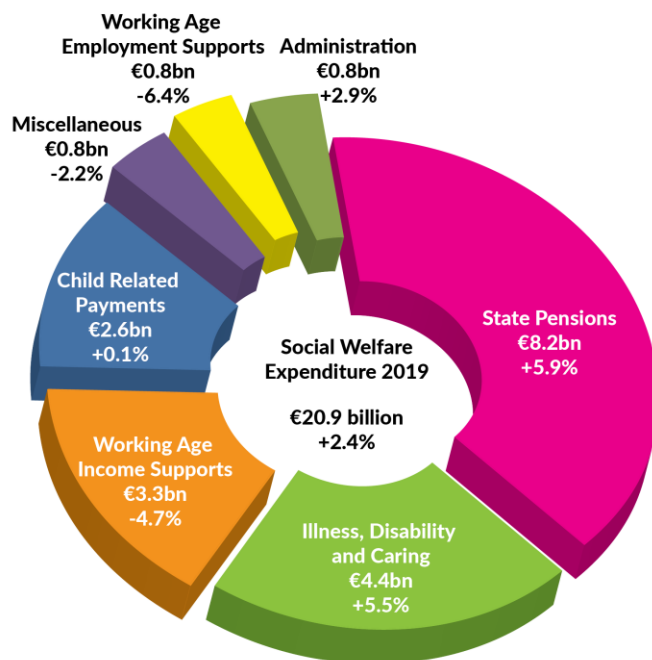
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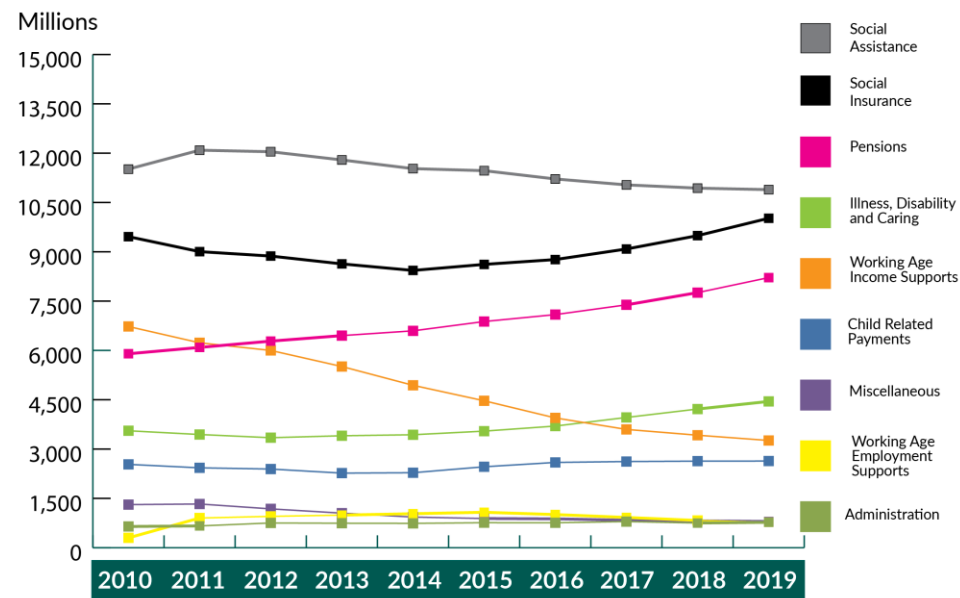
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Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme

(percentages are a comparison with 2018)



Social Welfare Expenditure 2010 - 2019



€20.9 billion - Social Welfare Expenditure in 2019

24% - Percentage of Government Expenditure spent on Social Welfare

6% - Percentage of GDP spent on Social Welfare

1.35 million - Recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments

637,000 - Families in receipt of monthly Child Benefit payments



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Introduction

This is the thirty-seventh issue of the annual *Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services* report prepared by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. It sets out comprehensive data relating to services provided by the Department.

This Report is also available on the internet, in an open data format, at <https://www.gov.ie/>. Readers' views and comments on the report are welcome and should be addressed to statsunit@welfare.ie.

NOTES

This report was published in August 2020.

The statistics set out in this report relate to 2019 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. The Operational Activity section, on the other hand, refers to accumulated annual figures. 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.

The source for the statistics presented, unless otherwise stated, is the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. Time Series data are given, where available. However, the introduction of new payments and changes to existing payments can affect comparability over time. Relevant tables are footnoted where appropriate.

The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection 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.

Previous editions of this report included information on the Live Register. All information on the Live Register, including historic data, is available via the Central Statistics Office's website, at www.cso.ie/en/statistics/labourmarket/liveregister.

The report is divided into nine sections as follows:

Section A provides details of expenditure.

Section B provides details of recipients of weekly Social Welfare Payments, insured persons and rates of payment.

Section C provides details of expenditure and recipients of payments to Older and Retired People

Section D provides details of expenditure and recipients of Working Age Income Groups.

Section E provides details of employment supports including Back to Work Allowance, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Back to Education Allowance.

Section F provides details of expenditure and recipients of Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Disability Allowance, Blind Pension, Carer's Allowance and Occupational Injury Benefits.

Section G provides details of expenditure and recipients of child related payments including Child Benefit, Guardian's Payment and Back to School Footwear and Clothing Allowance.

Section H provides details of expenditure and recipients of Rent Supplement, Mortgage Supplement and Local Authority Mortgage Supplements and other miscellaneous payments.

Section I provides details of Claims Activity.

Minister's Foreword



I warmly welcome the publication of the Annual Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services for 2019. This edition serves as a reminder of the work that officials in my Department of the essential services they have long provided to customers the length and breadth of the country. I would like to express my appreciation to them for their continued efforts in this regard and for their enormous efforts in implementing Social Welfare supports for people.

The following report provides a comprehensive and highly informative insight on all payments, schemes and programmes administered by the Department throughout 2019.

Some highlights of the Department's activities during the year include:

- ❖ Total Social Welfare expenditure was just over €20.9 billion (compared to just over €20.4 billion in 2018), representing 24.1% of general Government expenditure and 5.9% of GDP;
- ❖ Over 1.3 million people were in receipt of a weekly Social Welfare payment, which was paid in respect of over 2 million beneficiaries;
- ❖ In line with the increase in the ageing population, expenditure on Pensions increased by almost 6% to just over €8.2 billion with a 3.2% increase in the number of recipients;
- ❖ Some €3.2 billion was paid on Working Age Income supports which is a decrease of almost 4.7% on the previous year, reflecting the then improved employment growth throughout the year;
- ❖ Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports was just over €775 million, a decrease of almost 6.4% on the previous year, a result of the then improving labour market conditions;

- ❖ 637,007 families received a monthly Child Benefit payment, which was paid in respect of 1,216,475 children – this saw an increase of almost 1.4% and just over 1.1% respectively;
- ❖ Expenditure on Carer's Allowance reached €862 million which was an 8% increase on the previous year while €43 million was paid on Carer's Benefit (up from €38.6 million in 2018).

One should not forget that the data contained in the report relates to real people – friends, family and work colleagues – who, at different stages throughout their lives, may have to avail of a support from the Department. Indeed, the data conveys the far reaching impact of the Department.

Having been recently appointed Minister for Social Protection, the data detailed in this report is of great interest to me as I work with the Department's officials to progress our welfare services and develop new policy proposals in accordance with the Programme for Government – Our Shared Future. Information contained in reports such as this will enable me as Minister to make more considered policy decisions on welfare supports.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Heather Humphreys".

Heather Humphreys
Minister of Social Protection

Réamhrá an Aire



Cuirim fáilte roimh fhoilsiú na Faisnéise Staitistiúla Bliantúla faoi Sheirbhísí Leasa Shóisialaigh don bhliain 2019. Feidhmíonn an t-eagrán seo mar mheabhrúchán go bhfuil seirbhísí bunriachtanacha á soláthar ag oifigigh mo Roinne le fada an lá do chustaiméirí fud fad na tíre. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl dóibh as na hiarrachtaí leanúnacha a rinne siad maidir leis seo agus as na hiarrachtaí ollmhóra a rinne siad le roinnt míonna anuas

chun tacaíochtaí a chur i bhfeidhm do dhaoine.

Cuirtear léargas cuimsitheach agus an-eolasach ar fáil sa tuarascáil seo a leanas ar gach íocaíocht, scéim agus clár a riar an Roinn i gcaitheamh 2019.

Ar chuid de bhuaicphointí ghníomhaíochtaí na Roinne i rith na bliana, tá an méid seo a leanas:

- ❖ B'ionann an caiteachas iomlán Leasa Shóisialaigh agus beagán de bhreis ar €20.9 billiún (i gcomparáid le beagán de bhreis ar €20.4 billiún in 2018), arb ionann sin agus 24.1% de chaiteachas ginearálta an Rialtais agus 5.9% den OTI;
- ❖ Bhí íocaíocht Leasa Shóisialaigh sheachtainiúil á fáil ag breis agus 1.3 milliún duine, a íocadh maidir le breis agus 2 mhiliún tairbhí;
- ❖ Ar aon dul leis an méadú ar an daonra atá ag dul in aois, tháinig méadú beagnach 6% ar an gcaiteachas ar Phinsin aníos go dtí beagán de bhreis ar €8.2 billiún agus tháinig méadú 3.2% ar an líon faighteoirí;
- ❖ Íocadh €3.2 billiún ar mhaithe le tacaíochtaí ioncaim loncaim Aois Oibre, ar laghdú beagnach 4.7% é seo i gcomparáid leis an mbliain

roimhe seo, a léiríonn an borradh feabhsaithe a bhí tagtha ag an tráth sin ar fhostaíocht i gcaitheamh na bliana;

- ❖ Bhí an caiteachas ar Thacaíochtaí Fostaíochta Aois Oibre beagán de bhreis ar €775 milliún, ar laghdú beagnach 6.4% é seo i gcomparáid leis an mbliain roimhe seo, a bhí mar thoradh ar dhálaí feabhsaithe an mhargaidh shaothair ag an tráth sin;
- ❖ Íocadh íocaíocht mhíosúil Sochar Linbh le 637,007 teaghlach a íocadh maidir le 1,216,475 leanbh – b'ionann seo agus méadú beagnach 1.4% agus beagán de bhreis ar 1.1%, faoi seach;
- ❖ Bhain caiteachas ar Liúntas Cúramóra €862 milliún amach, ar mhéadú 8% é seo i gcomparáid leis an mbliain roimhe seo agus íocadh luach €43 milliún de Shochar Cúramóra (ar méadú é seo aníos ó €38.6 milliún in 2018).

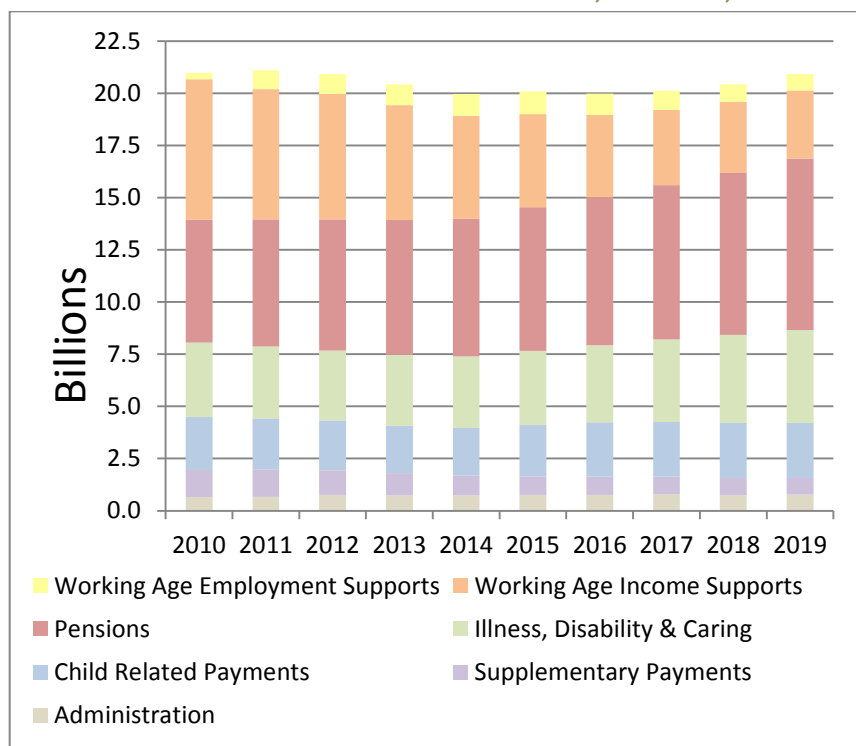
Níor cheart dearmad a dhéanamh de go mbaineann na sonraí atá sa tuarascáil le fíordhaoine – cairde, teaghlach agus comhghleacaithe oibre – a bhféadfadh go mbíonn orthu tacaíocht a fháil ón Roinn ag céimeanna éagsúla dá saol. Léirítear sna sonraí, go deimhin féin, tionchar forleathan na Roinne.

I ndiaidh gur ceapadh mé le déanaí mar an tAire Coimirce Sóisialaí, ábhar mór spéise domsa na sonraí atá sa tuarascáil seo fad a oibrím le hoifigigh na Roinne chun ár seirbhísí leasa a chur chun cinn agus fad a fhorbraímid tograí beartais nua i gcomhréir le Clár an Rialtais – ár dTodhchaí Comhroinnte. Cuirfidh eolas a chuimsítear i dtuarascálacha cosúil leis an gceann seo ar mo chumas, mar Aire, chun cinntí beartais a ndéantar níos mó breithniú orthu a dhéanamh faoi thacaíochtaí leasa.

Heather Humphreys
An tAire Coimirce Sóisialaí

A Social Welfare Expenditure Summary

FIGURE 1 – SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAMME, 2010-2019, €BILLIONS



Total Social Welfare expenditure in 2019 was just over €20.9 billion, an increase of 2.4% over 2018. Expenditure in 2019 represented 24.1% of General Government expenditure and was (provisionally) equivalent to 7.6% of GNP (Table A1/A3).

The main areas of expenditure by programme group were Pensions 39.3%, Illness, Disability and Caring 21.3%, Working Age Income Supports 15.6%, Children 12.6%, Supplementary Payments 3.8% and Working Age Employment Supports 3.7%. Administration of the Social Welfare system accounted for 3.7% of total expenditure (Figure 1).

The largest increases are seen in Pensions and Illness, Disability and Caring showing increased expenditure by 5.9% and 5.5% respectively. Working Age Income Supports and Employment Supports displayed reductions in expenditure of 4.7% and 6.4% respectively.

Three schemes accounted for 45% of all Social Welfare expenditure in 2019; State Pension (Contributory), Child Benefit, and Disability Allowance. See Table A6 for a further breakdown.

Total Social Welfare expenditure was financed by the Exchequer 52% and the Social Insurance Fund 48%. The Social Insurance Fund was financed by Pay-Related Social Insurance contributions from employers (72.9%), employees (21.6%), and the self-employed (5.5%). See Table A2.

Social Insurance Income has exceeded Social Insurance Expenditure for the fourth year running, with a surplus of €1.6billion recorded in 2019.

Table A1 – Expenditure on Social Welfare by Programme (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Administration - Assistance Schemes	365.01	382.37	476.00	472.37	470.37	490.27	486.39	520.91	541.40	542.81
Administration - Insurance Schemes	280.78	280.99	276.65	272.52	270.50	270.81	272.63	274.01	209.62	230.01
Total Administration (€m)	645.79	663.35	752.65	744.89	740.87	761.07	759.02	794.92	751.02	772.82
Pensions - Social Assistance	977.29	971.77	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25	1,042.83
Pensions - Social Insurance	4,921.35	5,120.42	5,320.20	5,498.44	5,641.10	5,907.28	6,108.31	6,391.98	6,737.36	7,172.16
Total Pensions (€m)	5,898.64	6,092.19	6,283.42	6,450.89	6,595.51	6,879.48	7,090.45	7,386.72	7,757.61	8,214.99
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	4,482.40	4,559.96	4,532.93	4,395.02	4,053.15	3,670.25	3,190.33	2,845.39	2,610.47	2,427.03
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	2,246.02	1,673.53	1,467.37	1,115.92	887.09	798.29	757.37	752.85	811.70	834.85
Total Working Age Income Supports (€m)	6,728.41	6,233.49	6,000.30	5,510.93	4,940.24	4,468.54	3,947.70	3,598.24	3,422.16	3,262.26
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance	300.18	903.26	951.91	985.05	1,025.38	1,052.12	967.71	880.57	789.05	736.35
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0.00	0.00	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42	21.11
Total Working Age on Employment Supports (€m)	300.18	903.26	954.02	992.43	1,035.35	1,063.43	980.79	896.57	807.47	757.46
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	1,851.13	1,842.31	1,851.52	1,934.76	2,041.23	2,153.13	2,330.71	2,557.11	2,767.30	2,983.51
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	1,705.92	1,600.81	1,494.84	1,470.21	1,394.70	1,393.10	1,368.85	1,405.10	1,450.74	1,465.12
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring (€m)	3,557.05	3,443.12	3,346.36	3,404.96	3,435.93	3,546.24	3,699.56	3,962.21	4,218.04	4,448.64
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	2,516.94	2,412.17	2,376.55	2,251.81	2,264.76	2,458.87	2,605.00	2,627.30	2,633.61	2,633.52
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	17.92	17.64	16.74	17.30	16.65	17.71	17.89	18.00	20.15	21.27
Total Child Related Payments (€m)	2,534.86	2,429.81	2,393.28	2,269.11	2,281.40	2,476.58	2,622.89	2,645.30	2,653.76	2,654.79
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	1,022.25	1,018.16	890.45	802.04	720.16	669.85	653.05	608.51	573.65	523.61
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance	288.86	311.58	291.66	249.88	213.14	218.25	225.94	227.09	243.31	275.00
Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services (€m)	1,311.10	1,329.74	1,182.11	1,051.92	933.29	888.09	878.99	835.59	816.96	798.62
Total - Social Assistance (€m)	11,515.17	12,089.99	12,042.58	11,793.12	11,529.46	11,466.68	11,215.34	11,034.51	10,935.74	10,889.66
Total - Social Insurance (€m)	9,460.84	9,004.97	8,869.57	8,631.63	8,433.14	8,616.75	8,764.08	9,085.04	9,491.30	10,019.52
Grand Total (€m)	20,976.01	21,094.96	20,912.15	20,424.75	19,962.60	20,083.43	19,979.42	20,119.55	20,427.04	20,909.19

FIGURE 2 – TRENDS IN SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE 2010-2019, €Millions

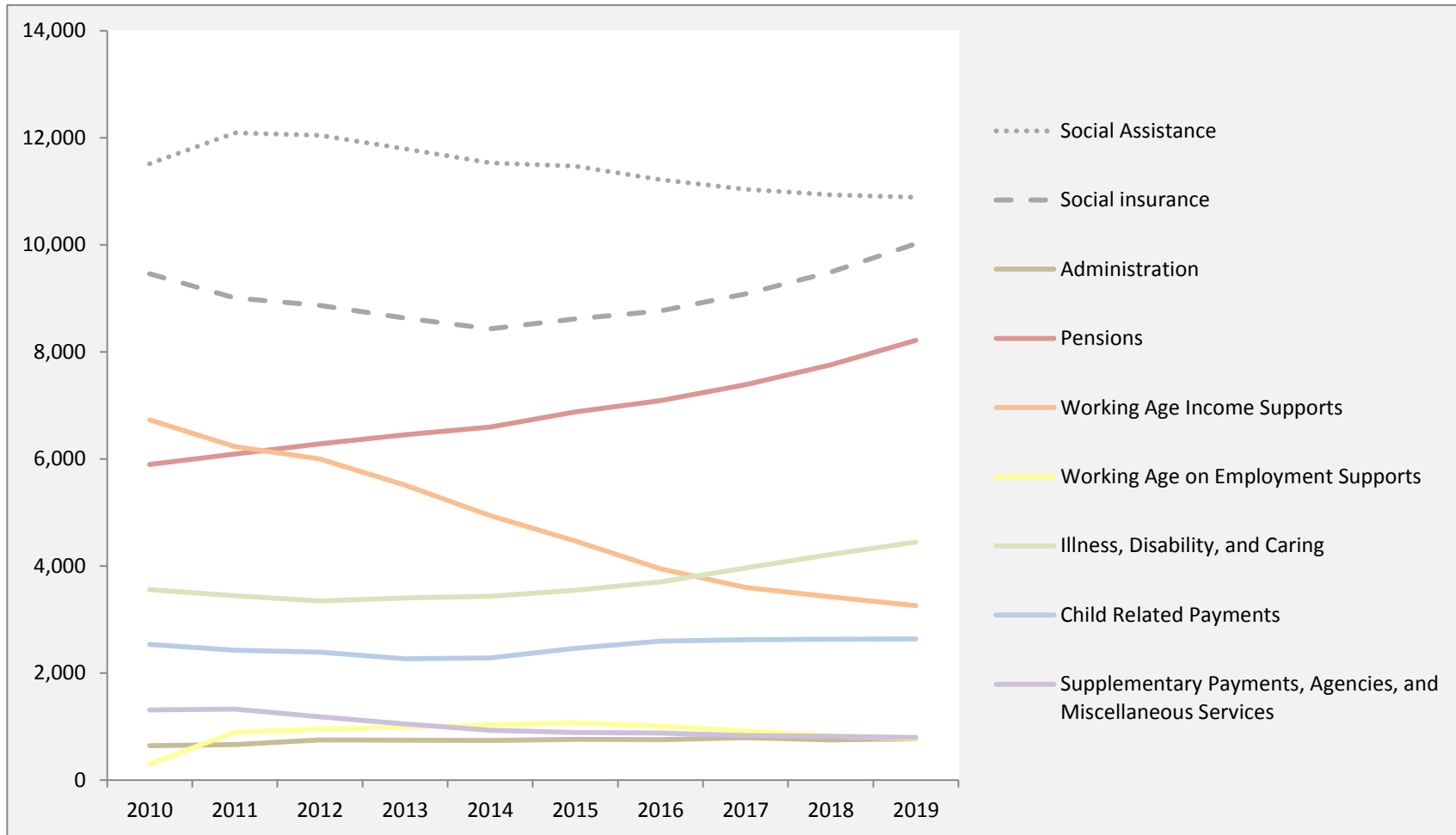


Table A2 – Social Welfare Rates of Payment (Weekly unless otherwise stated, €)

Benefit	Rate	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
All Benefits	Qualified Child Increase	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	31.80	U/12	34.00
												12+	37.00
State Pension (Contributory)	Personal	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	233.30	238.30	243.30	248.30		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	155.50	158.80	162.10	165.40		
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Personal	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	222.00	227.00	232.00	237.00		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	144.70	146.70	150.00	153.30	156.60		
State Pension (Transition)	Personal	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	230.30	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	153.50	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c	s/c		
Widow(er)'s or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	Personal	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50	208.50		
Widow(er)s' & Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Personal	226.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	218.50	223.50	228.50	223.50		
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	196.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	191.00	196.00	201.00		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged 25	Personal	196.00	186.00	186.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	147.80	152.80	157.80		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	196.00	186.00	144.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70		
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Personal	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50	208.50		
Farm Assist	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 26 and over	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged 25	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	144.00	147.80	152.80	157.80		
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70		

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Benefit	Rate	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jobseeker's Allowance - aged under 25	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	102.70	107.70	112.70
Jobseeker's Benefit	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70
One Parent Family Payment	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00
Community Employment Programme	Personal		208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance		124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70
Rural Social Scheme	Personal		208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance		124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70
TÚS	Personal			208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	210.50	215.50	220.50	225.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance			124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70
Carer's Allowance	Personal	212.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	204.00	209.00	214.00	219.00
Carer's Benefit	Personal	213.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	205.00	210.00	215.00	220.00
Disability Allowance	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70
Illness Benefit	Personal	196.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	188.00	193.00	198.00	203.00
	Qualified Adult Allowance	130.10	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	124.80	128.10	131.40	134.70
Invalidity Pension	Personal	201.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	193.50	198.50	203.50	208.50
	Qualified Adult Allowance	143.80	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	138.10	141.70	145.30	148.90

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Benefit	Rate	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Child Benefit(Monthly)	First and second child	150.00	140.00	140.00	130.00	130.00	135.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00
	Third child	187.00	167.00	148.00							
	Fourth or subsequent child		177.00	160.00	140.00	140.00					
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Personal	169.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	176.00	181.00	186.00
Guardian's Payment (Non-Con.)	Personal	169.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	161.00	176.00	181.00	186.00
Other Payments	Island Allowance	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.70
	Living Alone Allowance	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.70	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
	Over-80 Allowance	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	Carer's Support Grant	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	Age 2-11: 200			4-11: 150	4-11: 100				4-11: 125	4-11: 150
		Age 12-22: 305			12-22: 250	12-22: 200				12-22: 250	12-22: 275

Widow(er)s or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Widow(er)s' & Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit), Deserted Wife's Benefit and Carer's Allowance are paid at a higher rate if a person is aged 66 or more.

Table A3 – Social Welfare Expenditure using Indicators

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Social Welfare Expenditure	20,976	21,095	20,912	20,425	19,963	20,083	19,979	20,120	20,427	20,909
Index of Expenditure	100.0	100.6	99.7	97.4	95.2	95.7	95.2	95.9	97.4	99.7
Consumer Price Index	100.0	102.6	104.3	104.8	105.0	104.7	104.7	105.1	105.6	106.5
General Government Expenditure	109,166	79,702	73,692	72,607	73,145	75,999	75,354	77,363	81,983	86,759
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	167,674	170,951	175,104	179,616	195,148	262,853	270,809	300,387	326,986	356,051
Gross National Product (GNP)	139,217	137,163	139,759	150,331	163,741	200,810	219,728	238,135	256,322	274,330
Gross National Income (GNI)	140,481	138,622	141,149	151,534	164,784	202,054	220,721	239,207	257,455	275,463
Modified Gross National Income (GNI*)	128,901	126,467	126,477	136,906	149,058	162,657	174,732	186,217	198,702	213,708
Expenditure as a % of General Government Expenditure	19.2%	26.5%	28.4%	28.1%	27.3%	26.4%	26.5%	26.0%	24.9%	24.1%
Expenditure as % of Gross Domestic Product	12.5%	12.3%	11.9%	11.4%	10.2%	7.6%	7.4%	6.7%	6.2%	5.9%
Expenditure as % of Gross National Product	15.1%	15.4%	15.0%	13.6%	12.2%	10.0%	9.1%	8.4%	8.0%	7.6%
Expenditure as % of Gross National Income	14.9%	15.2%	14.8%	13.5%	12.1%	9.9%	9.1%	8.4%	7.9%	7.6%
Expenditure as % of Modified Gross National Income	16.3%	16.7%	16.5%	14.9%	13.4%	12.3%	11.4%	10.8%	10.3%	9.8%

Note: All figures above, excluding the Social Welfare Expenditure and Index of Expenditure, are sourced from Central Statistics Office (CSO). GNP, GDP, GNI and Modified-GNI are given in units of €1,000,000. Published figures, as of July 2020, have been used noting that the CSO annually updates the reference year in the national accounts.

Table A4 – Financing of Social Insurance Fund (€million)

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Employer PRSI	5,000.275	5,460.786	4,995.971	5,331.152	5,749.428	6,165.212	6,606.092	7,136.821	7,697.182	8,408.306
Employee PRSI	1,377.140	1,617.352	1,479.983	1,579.545	1,703.956	1,826.407	1,957.085	2,114.032	2,280.240	2,490.906
Self-Employed PRSI	330.603	348.342	310.386	397.079	406.266	460.266	607.441	521.803	604.561	631.340
National Training Fund	310.970	319.621	294.580	314.700	339.677	364.298	390.900	421.744	575.065	707.841
Income from Health Contribution	76.59	115.26	-13.68	-5.06	7.32	6.54	4.24	2.94	2.64	3.64
Investment Income	1.613	0.999	0.369	0.051	0.056	0	0	0	0	0
Benefit Overpayment Recoveries	0	5.852	6.218	6.970	8.963	11.964	10.226	10.196	9.335	10.849
Redundancy & Insolvency Recoveries	0	4.452	5.842	7.028	10.232	7.551	10.691	6.934	9.289	12.645
Recoverable Benefits	0	0	0	0	4.686	19.474	20.575	23.117	22.055	21.940
Other Receipts	0.050	1.147	0.464	0.741	0.433	0.277	0.136	0.066	0.043	0.039
Total Income	8,926.237	7,873.808	7,080.137	7,632.205	8,231.021	8,861.985	9,607.428	10,237.733	11,200.41	12,287.51
Expenditure (including payment to the National Training Fund)	11,598.835	9,330.549	9,168.567	8,948.635	8,771.142	8,980.724	9,154.101	9,516.126	10,056.8	10,727.847
Expenditure (excluding payment to the National Training Fund)	9,460.836	9,004.245	8,863.725	8,624.607	8,422.911	8,616.506	8,763.681	9,085.124	9,481.74	10,020.01
Excess of receipts over payments	-2,672.598	-1,456.741	-2,088.430	-1,316.430	-540.121	-118.739	453.327	721.607	1,143.61	1,559.663
Increase in balance due to National Training Fund	-78.556	-3.621	4.420	2.300	-1.677	-0.298	-0.900	9.256	-9.565	4.159
Surplus/Deficit in the year	-2,751.154	-1,460.362	-2,084.010	-1,314.130	-541.798	-119.037	452.427	730.863	1,134.05	1,563.822
Exchequer subvention	1,862.286	1,460.362	2,084.010	1,314.130	541.798	119.037	0	0	0	0

Note: The 2018 National Training Fund has been updated compared to the figure provided in the 2018 report as the finalised figure is now available.

The 2019 National Training Fund is an estimate as the finalised figure was not available at the time of report publication.

Table A5 – Number of Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributors by Class and Benefits 2018

PRSI Class	A	B	C	D	E	H	J	K	M	P	S	Voluntary Contributors
State Pension (Contributory)	X				X	X					X	X
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X
Adoptive Benefit	X				X	X					X	
Health and Safety Benefit	X				X	X						
Jobseeker's Benefit	X					X				X ^[1]		
Maternity Benefit	X				X	X					X	
Paternity Benefit	X				X	X					X	
Treatment Benefit	X					X					X	
Carer's Benefit	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Illness Benefit	X				X	X				X ^[1]		
Invalidity Pension	X				X	X					X	
Occupational Injuries Benefit	X	X ^[1]		X			X		X ^[1]	X		
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X
Death Grant	X				X	X						X
ALL BENEFITS	X											
Number of Contributors Insured	2,219,530	16,944	270	39,918	156	7,880	44,480	19,855	348,203	0	306,049	121

Note: PRSI data is obtained from employer P35 forms and tax returns from the self-employed, who will submit a final return for 2018 in late 2019. As a result, complete PRSI data is only available up to 2018. Since 2011, public office holders earning less than €100 per week are returned as PRSI Class M. Since 2014, unearned income is chargeable to PRSI class K.

[1] In limited circumstance.

Table A6 – Summary of the Largest Schemes by Expenditure in 2019

Rank	Scheme	Expenditure (€million)
1	State Pension (Contributory)	5,603.13
2	Child Benefit	2,102.57
3	Disability Allowance	1,705.97
4	Jobseeker's Allowance	1,629.03
5	Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	1,558.92
6	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,042.83
7	Carer's Allowance	862.56
8	Invalidity Pension	728.11
9	Illness Benefit	607.22
10	One Parent Family Payment	533.07
11	Working Family Payment	397.20
12	Community Employment Programme	353.39
13	Jobseeker's Benefit	348.01
14	Maternity Benefit	267.20
15	Carer's Support Grant	219.54
Total		17,958.75

B Social Welfare Recipients summary

FIGURE 3 – SOCIAL WELFARE RECIPIENTS BY PROGRAMME, 2010-2019, €MILLIONS

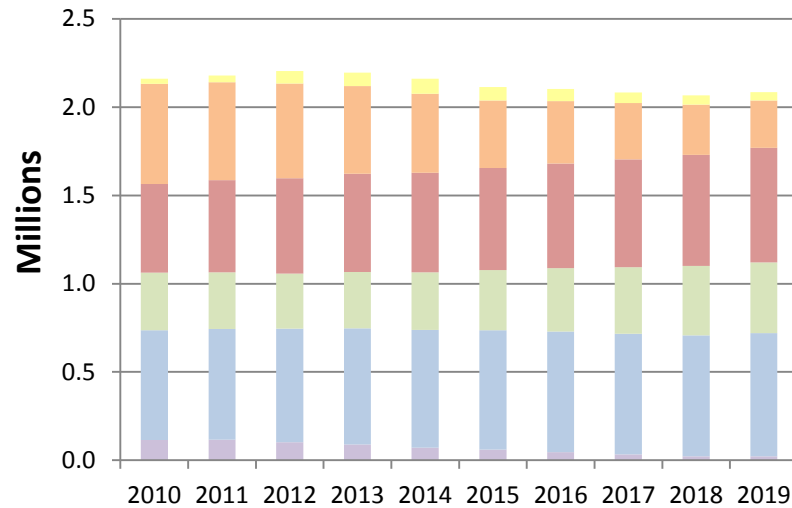
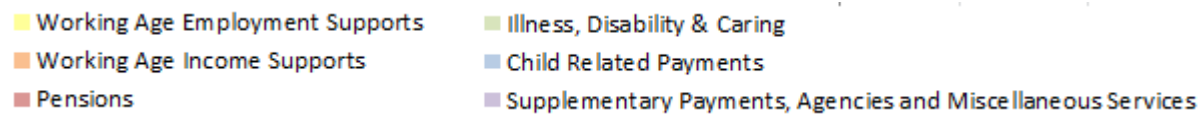
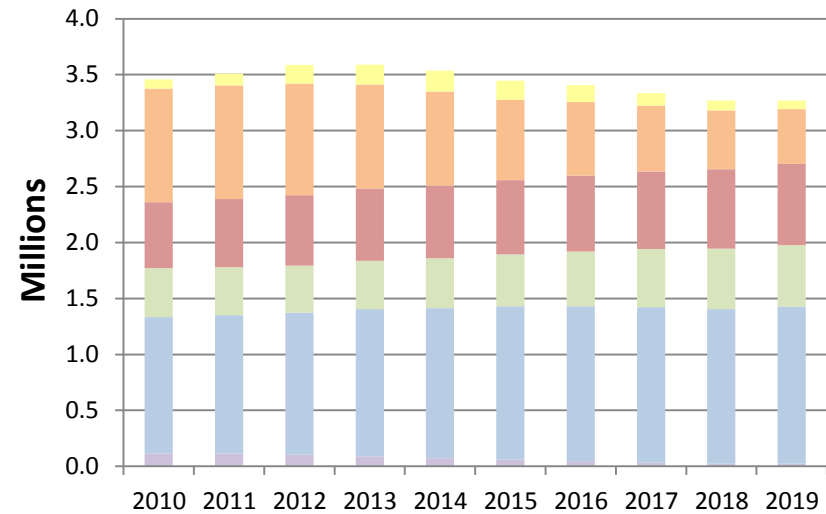


FIGURE 4 – SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFICIARIES BY PROGRAMME, 2010-2019, €MILLIONS



Notes: [1] Community and Employment Services were transferred to the Department from January 2011 and comparison between years should take account of the increased expenditure in relation to these supports.

[2] People may be in receipt of more than one social welfare payment, and this may result in double counting.

FIGURE 5 – TRENDS IN SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE 2010-2019, €Millions

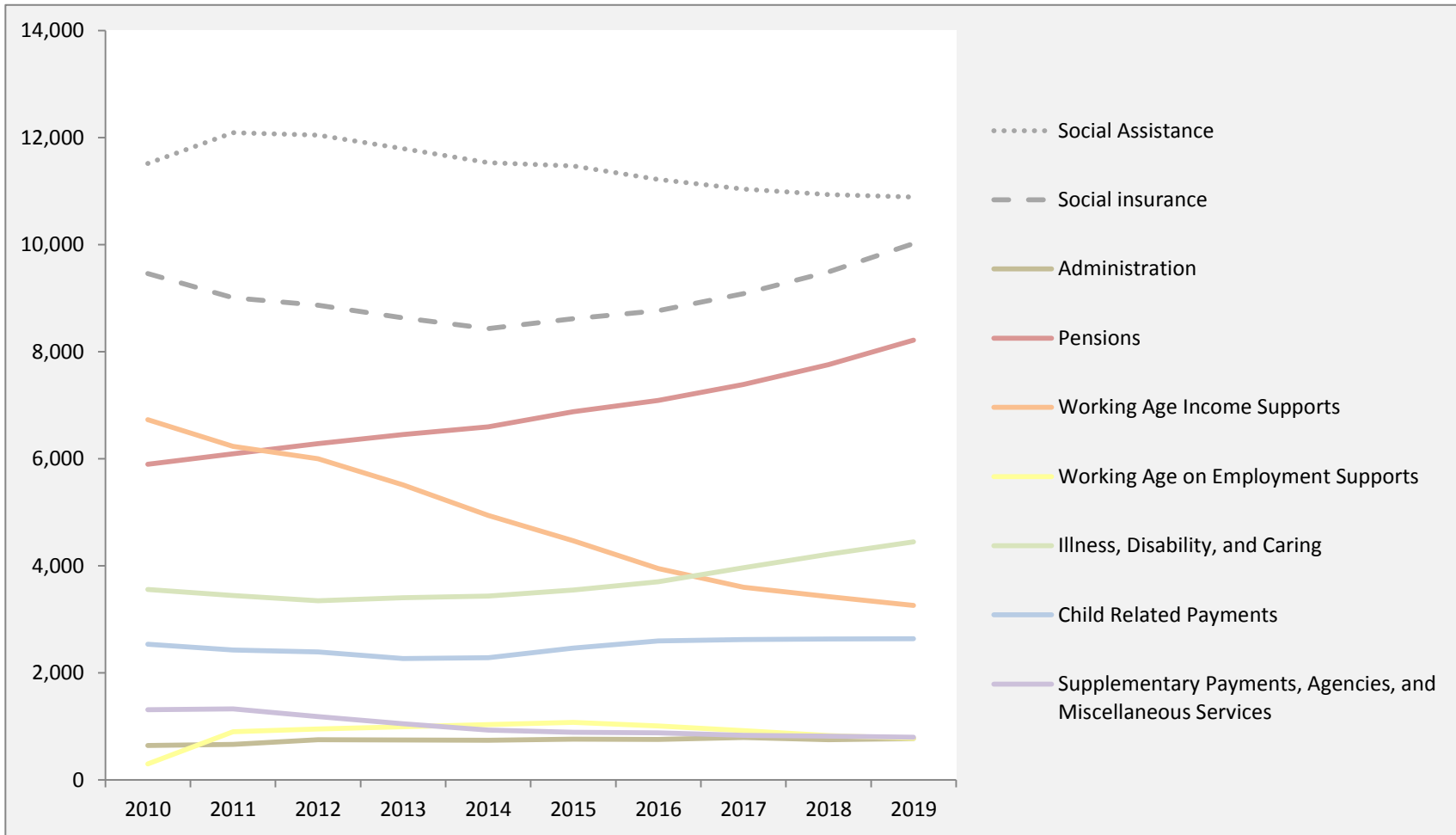


Table B1 – Number of Recipients of Main Periodic Benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pensions - Social Assistance	97,179	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	95,140	95,263	94,854
Pensions - Social Insurance	405,837	425,495	444,082	460,224	467,274	482,152	498,601	516,241	534,106	554,485
Total Pensions	503,016	522,244	540,208	556,025	562,844	577,331	593,822	611,381	629,369	649,339
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance ^[1]	410,874	425,460	427,834	411,472	371,772	317,127	286,277	250,584	221,941	205,872
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	155,398	129,176	109,136	85,404	76,098	66,525	63,576	64,328	62,262	63,005
Total Working Age Income Supports	566,272	554,636	536,970	496,876	447,870	383,652	349,853	314,912	284,203	268,877
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance	30,117	62,846	70,679	74,111	82,348	74,306	67,801	60,559	50,864	43,986
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	0	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	394	2,426	2,956
Total Working Age on Employment Supports	30,117	62,846	70,679	75,345	83,780	75,918	69,674	60,953	53,290	46,942
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	176,601	180,129	180,118	190,310	200,114	212,691	229,907	246,023	260,932	273,858
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	148,591	139,922	131,356	129,212	126,542	127,613	128,509	129,404	132,126	125,910
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	325,192	320,051	311,474	319,522	326,656	340,304	358,416	375,427	393,058	399,768
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	620,084	626,650	641,473	655,960	666,068	675,671	681,206	682,924	690,094	695,998
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	919	955	938	947	937	983	1,048	1,036	1,129	1,164
Total Child Related Payments	621,003	627,605	642,411	656,907	667,005	676,654	682,254	683,960	691,223	697,162
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948	15,969
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948	15,969
Total - Social Assistance	1,450,268	1,507,784	1,518,652	1,517,329	1,487,399	1,434,937	1,406,848	1,368,629	1,342,042	1,330,537
Total - Social insurance	710,745	695,548	685,512	677,021	672,283	678,885	693,607	711,403	732,049	747,520
Total Recipients	2,161,013	2,203,332	2,204,164	2,194,350	2,159,682	2,113,822	2,100,455	2,080,032	2,074,091	2,078,057

[1] Since 2016 this figure includes Daily Expenses Allowance (formerly Direct Provision Allowance). There were 4,258 recipients in 2019.

Note: 2010-2018 data has been revised compared to that presented in the 2018 report.

FIGURE 6 – TRENDS IN SOCIAL WELFARE RECIPIENTS 2010-2019

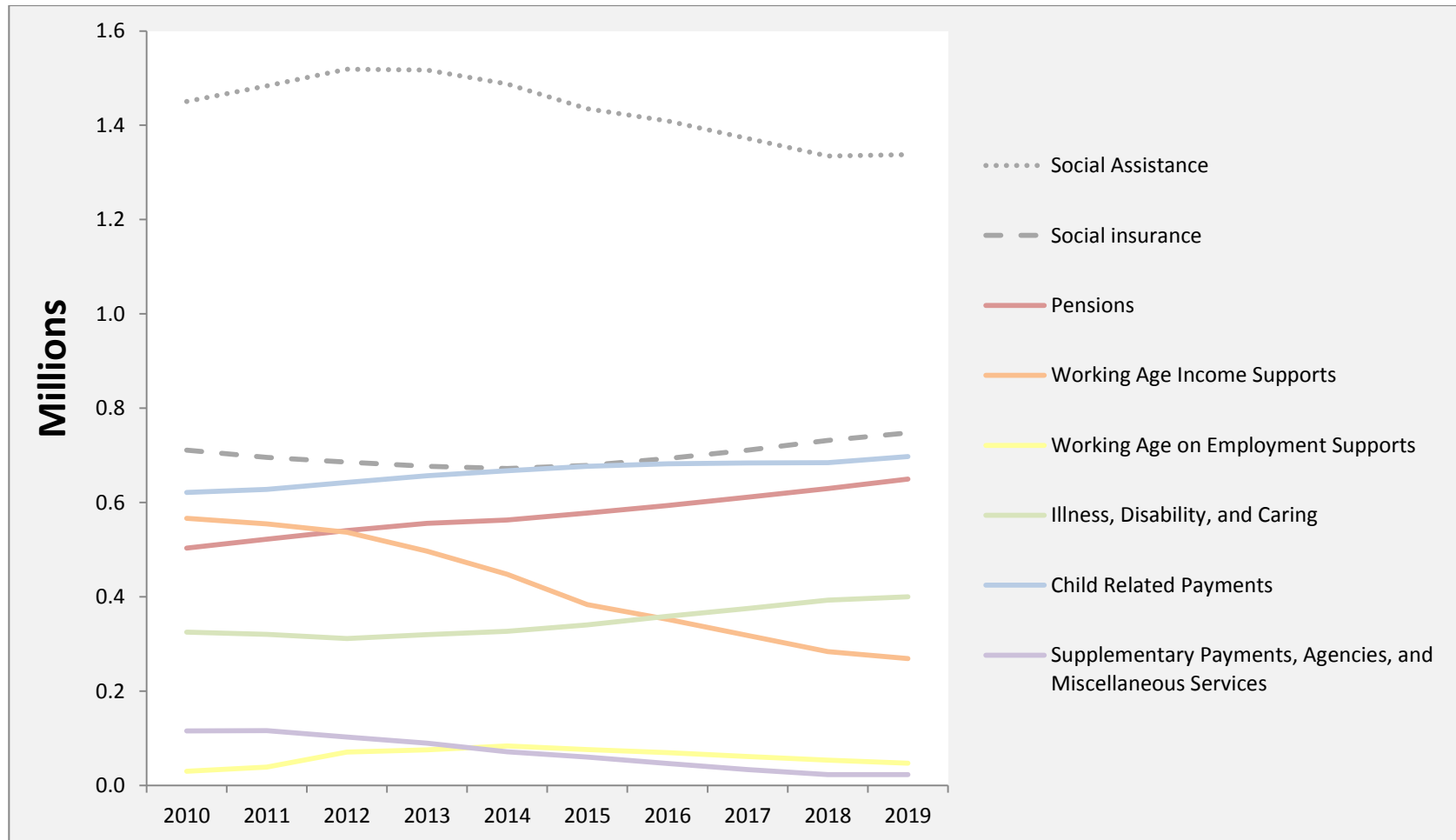


Table B2 – Number of Beneficiaries of Main Periodic Benefits by Programme and Insurance or Assistance

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pensions - Social Assistance	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	98,937	99,034	98,553
Pensions - Social Insurance	487,778	509,173	528,793	544,791	549,653	564,169	579,506	595,473	609,868	627,199
Total Pensions	588,454	609,472	628,518	644,239	648,966	663,135	678,575	694,410	708,902	725,752
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	807,583	842,642	854,205	822,974	748,776	639,439	578,834	509,316	453,255	421,176
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	209,569	171,223	143,534	107,843	94,086	80,488	76,934	76,699	73,944	74,176
Total Working Age Income Supports	1,017,152	1,013,865	997,739	930,817	842,862	719,927	655,768	586,015	527,199	495,352
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Assistance	49,623	114,196	125,299	133,002	143,775	134,859	120,869	108,598	87,122	73,354
Working Age on Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0	0	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	1,014	2,654	3,259
Total Working Age on Employment Supports	49,623	114,196	125,299	134,573	145,603	136,938	123,267	109,612	89,776	76,613
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	243,583	248,537	248,564	265,016	280,210	299,534	325,587	349,047	370,622	389,546
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	212,034	198,002	185,331	180,397	173,786	172,815	171,364	170,260	167,904	159,534
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	455,617	446,539	433,895	445,413	453,996	472,349	496,951	519,307	538,526	549,080
Child Related Payments - Social Assistance	1,215,455	1,231,259	1,268,638	1,312,109	1,340,473	1,367,158	1,381,001	1,386,068	1,395,068	1,401,357
Child Related Payments - Social Insurance	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	2,333	2,542	2,620
Total Child Related Payments	1,217,539	1,233,402	1,270,754	1,314,242	1,342,583	1,369,372	1,383,361	1,388,401	1,397,610	1,403,977
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948	15,969
Total - Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services	115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948	15,969
Total - Social Assistance	2,532,333	2,652,883	2,698,853	2,722,224	2,684,074	2,599,919	2,551,796	2,485,365	2,428,049	2,399,955
Total - Social Insurance	911,465	880,541	859,774	836,735	821,463	821,765	832,562	845,779	856,912	866,788
Total Beneficiaries	3,443,798	3,533,424	3,558,627	3,558,959	3,505,537	3,421,684	3,384,358	3,331,144	3,284,961	3,266,743

Notes: [1] 2010-2018 data has been revised compared to that presented in the 2018 report.

[2] Child Benefit and Domiciliary Care Allowance are monthly payments in respect of children. Recipients and beneficiaries of these schemes may be in receipt of payments from other schemes.

FIGURE 7 – TRENDS IN SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFICIARIES 2010-2019

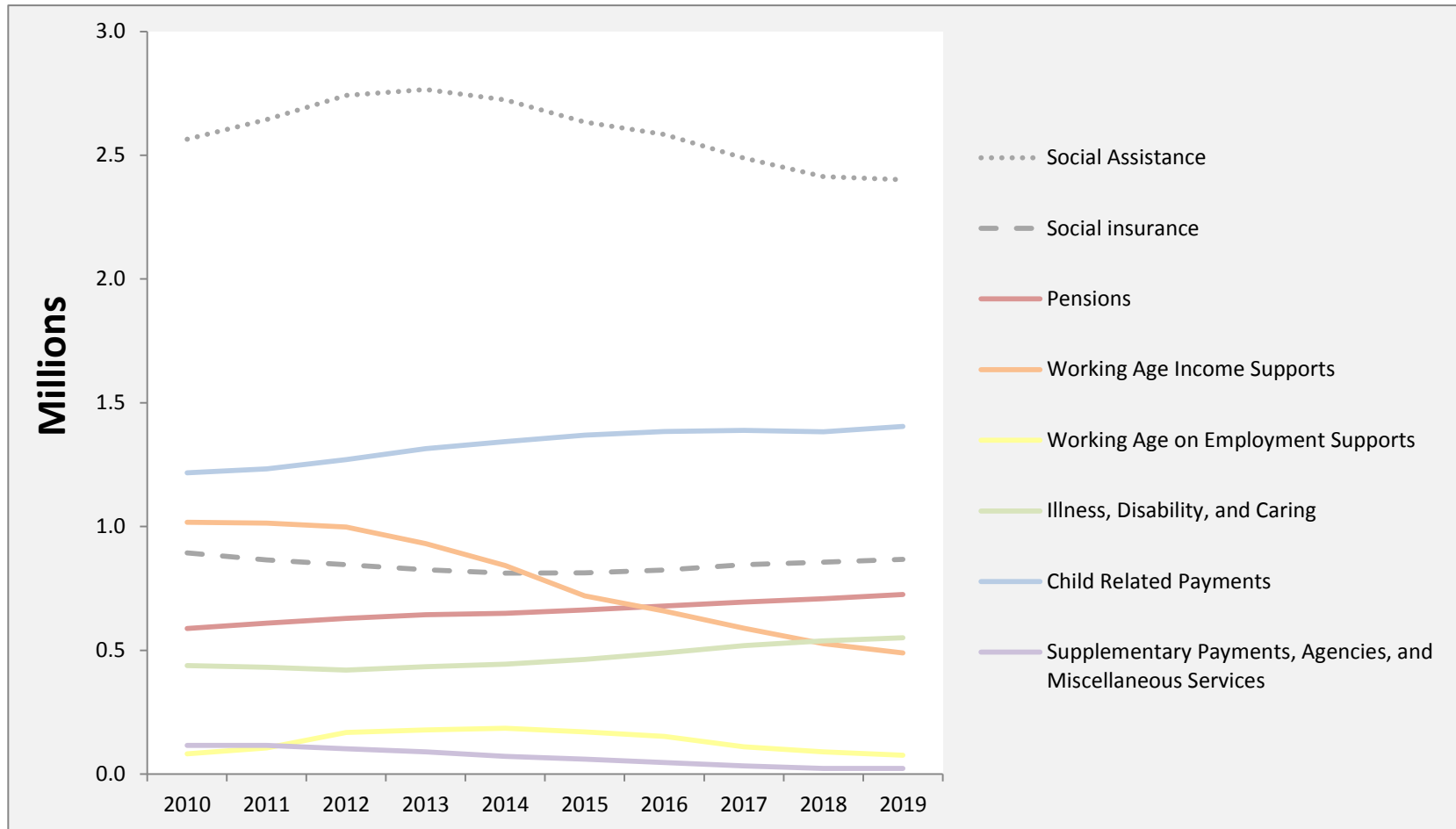


Table B3 – Number of Recipients of Main Social Welfare Benefits by Broad Nationality Group, 2019

Scheme	Ireland	UK	EU13	EU15 to EU28	Non-EU	Total
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	86,751	5,057	576	1,513	957	94,854
State Pension (Contributory)	415,659	10,168	1,967	1,678	1,752	431,224
Total - Pensions	502,410	15,225	2,543	3,191	2,709	526,078
Jobseeker's Allowance ^[1]	112,556	6,173	1,473	13,327	5,338	138,867
One Parent Family Payment	33,588	1,143	259	3,024	1,519	39,533
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	12,685	617	159	1,532	786	15,779
Jobseeker's Benefit ^[2]	28,570	1,030	612	4,019	576	34,807
Maternity Benefit	17,579	397	506	2,071	926	21,479
Adoptive Benefit	11	0	0	0	0	11
Health and Safety Benefit	4	1	3	14	3	25
Total - Working Age Income Supports	204,993	9,361	3,012	23,987	9,148	250,501
Back to Education Allowance	5,365	286	103	496	726	6,976
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	3,089	221	87	618	100	4,115
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	165	5	1	5	5	181
Partial Capacity Benefit	2,788	84	17	56	11	2,956
Total - Working Age Employment Supports	11,407	596	208	1,175	842	14,228
Carer's Allowance	75,840	3,625	334	2,756	1,473	84,028
Disability Allowance	131,088	6,274	743	6,393	2,257	146,755
Domiciliary Care Allowance	35,994	1,523	408	2,491	1,523	41,939
Carer's Benefit	2,781	82	24	249	41	3,177
Illness Benefit	41,808	1,361	431	5,132	581	49,313
Injury Benefit	964	39	16	262	33	1,314
Invalidity Pension	53,906	1,537	311	2,208	206	58,168
Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring	342,381	14,441	2,267	19,491	6,114	384,694

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[1] Includes Jobseeker's Transitional Payment.

[2] Includes Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) and Systematic Short Time Workers.

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Scheme	Ireland	UK	EU13	EU15 to EU28	Non-EU	Total
Child Benefit	500,988	19,988	11,524	70,272	34,235	637,007
Working Family Payment	37,683	1,829	707	8,502	4,383	53,104
Total - Child-Related Payments	538,671	21,817	12,231	78,774	38,618	690,111
Rent Supplement	10,597	689	289	3,077	1,261	15,913
Total - Supplementary Payments	10,597	689	289	3,077	1,261	15,913
Grand Total	1,610,459	62,129	20,550	129,695	58,692	1,881,525
<i>Free Travel</i>	906,568	32,954	4,614	14,420	7,650	966,206
Total - Including Free Travel	2,517,027	95,083	25,164	144,115	66,342	2,847,731

Table B4 – Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance 2010-2019

Allowance	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Island Allowance	549	555	547	551	539	545	555	546	563	564
Living Alone Allowance	170,579	174,015	175,791	179,525	183,694	192,145	193,956	158,529	203,702	209,553
Over-80 Allowance	125,284	129,993	134,645	139,598	144,843	149,308	153,946	198,814	163,390	167,866
Total	296,412	304,563	310,983	319,674	329,076	341,998	348,457	357,889	367,655	377,983

Table B5 – Number of Recipients of Living Alone Allowance, Over 80 Allowance and Island Allowance, by County

	Living Alone Allowance	Over 80 Allowance	Island Allowance
Carlow	2,772	1,790	0
Cavan	3,537	2,576	0
Clare	5,811	3,822	0
Cork	24,038	17,163	99
Donegal	8,346	5,588	151
Dublin	48,654	40,174	0
Galway	10,982	8,050	275
Kerry	8,050	4,914	0
Kildare	6,349	4,398	0
Kilkenny	3,845	2,871	0
Laois	2,980	1,999	0
Leitrim	2,134	1,334	0
Limerick	9,396	6,131	0
Longford	2,287	1,369	0
Louth	5,509	3,845	0
Mayo	7,517	5,153	38
Meath	5,824	4,332	0
Monaghan	2,809	2,092	0
Offaly	3,171	2,344	0
Roscommon	3,535	2,538	0
Sligo	3,684	2,436	1
Tipperary	8,631	5,862	0
Waterford	6,018	4,050	0
Westmeath	3,916	2,763	0
Wexford	7,427	5,062	0
Wicklow	5,437	4,155	0
Others, including those abroad	6,894	21,055	0
Total	209,553	167,866	564

C Pensions

- Total spending on Pensions was €8.2 billion in 2019, representing an annual increase of 5.9%. The State Pension (Contributory) accounted for 68% of this expenditure.
- The number of people in receipt of the State Pension (Contributory) totalled 431,224, a rise of 19,564 (4.8%) compared to the previous year, while numbers in receipt of the State Pension (Non-Contributory) were largely unchanged. There were 140,000 more people receiving a State Pension in 2019 compared to 2010.
- There were 122,502 recipients (103,821 widows and 18,681 widowers) of the Widow’s, Widower’s or Surviving Civil Partner’s Contributory Pension, and total expenditure was €1.6 billion.

FIGURE 8 – NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS OF STATE PENSIONS 2010-2019

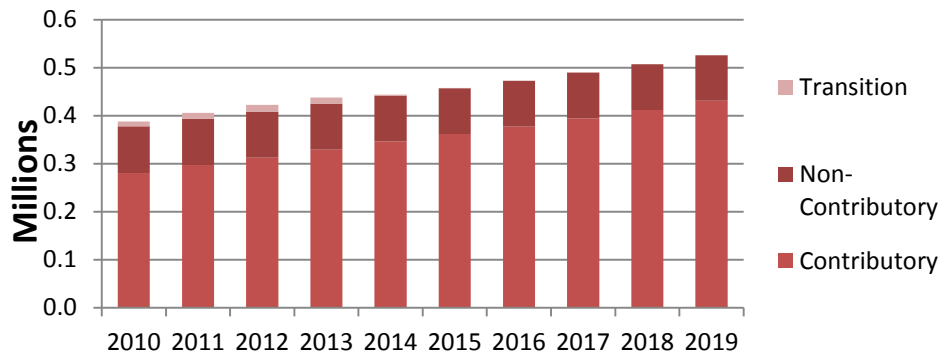


FIGURE 9 – PENSION RECIPIENT PERCENTAGE INCREASE 2019 VERSUS 2018

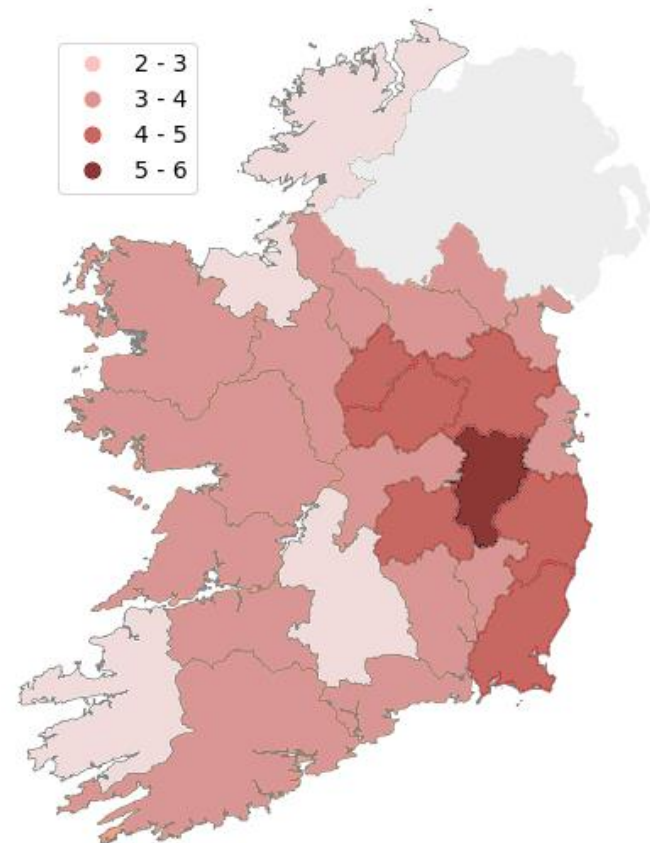
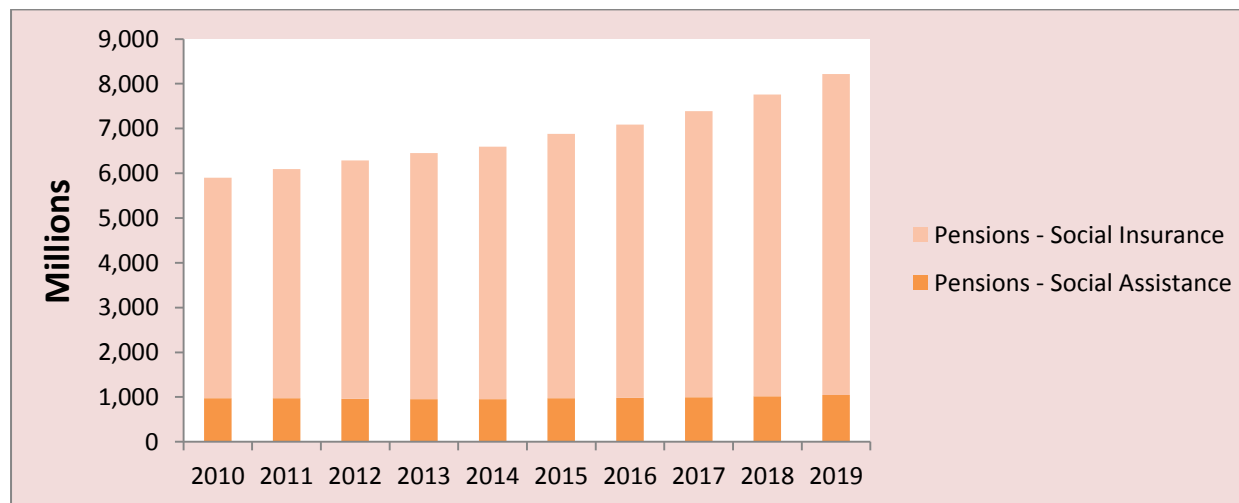


Table C1 – Expenditure on Pensions by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	977.29	971.77	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25	1,042.83
Pensions - Social Assistance	977.29	971.77	963.21	952.46	954.41	972.21	982.14	994.74	1,020.25	1,042.83
Bereavement Grant ^[1]	18.29	19.44	19.76	20.29	4.27	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Pension (Contributory)	3,451.50	3,622.75	3,802.80	3,983.26	4,185.23	4,475.69	4,662.37	4,915.85	5,216.96	5,603.13
State Pension (Transition) ^[1]	108.19	132.40	146.63	137.27	73.77	1.19	0.25	0.16	0.09	0.03
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	1,335.58	1,337.87	1,343.20	1,349.84	1,369.76	1,422.10	1,437.09	1,466.60	1,510.41	1,558.92
Widow(er)s' or Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	7.78	7.98	7.83	7.78	8.07	8.25	8.59	9.37	9.89	10.06
Pensions - Social Insurance	4,921.35	5,120.42	5,320.20	5,498.44	5,641.10	5,907.28	6,108.31	6,391.98	6,737.36	7,172.16
Total - Pensions (€millions)	5,898.64	6,092.19	6,283.42	6,450.89	6,595.51	6,879.48	7,090.45	7,386.72	7,757.61	8,214.99

FIGURE 10 – TRENDS IN PENSIONS EXPENDITURE 2010-2019



[1] Both the State Pension Transition and Bereavement Grant schemes were closed to new applicants with effect from 1 January 2014.

Table C2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main State Pension Benefits by Type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	Recipients	97,179	96,749	96,126	95,801	95,570	95,179	95,221	95,140	95,263	94,854
	Qualified Adult	2,962	3,012	3,059	3,080	3,162	3,207	3,252	3,212	3,189	3,117
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	439	434	423	451	473	474	484	473	476	474
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	96	104	117	116	108	106	112	112	106	108
	Beneficiaries	100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	98,937	99,034	98,553
Pensions - Social Assistance		100,676	100,299	99,725	99,448	99,313	98,966	99,069	98,937	99,034	98,553
State Pension (Contributory)	Recipients	280,419	296,995	312,314	329,531	346,420	361,725	377,062	394,378	411,660	431,224
	Qualified Adult	65,031	66,609	67,892	68,505	68,850	68,561	67,604	66,256	63,559	60,486
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,376	1,359	1,367	1,366	1,327	1,300	1,303	1,257	1,174	1,121
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,318	1,377	1,376	1,228	1,056	909	805	729	599	536
	Beneficiaries	348,144	366,340	382,949	400,630	417,653	432,495	446,774	462,620	476,992	493,367
State Pension (Transition) ^[1]	Recipients	10,206	12,110	14,372	12,630	1,548	66	149	55	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	2,360	2,572	2,690	2,098	173	23	26	13	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	124	157	153	126	10	2	3	0	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	160	174	173	70	4	2	0	0	s/c	s/c
	Beneficiaries	12,850	15,013	17,388	14,924	1,735	93	178	68	s/c	s/c
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	Recipients	114,579	115,762	116,751	117,417	118,670	119,712	120,673	121,091	121,689	122,502
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	11,444	11,310	10,940	11,067	10,899	11,161	11,099	10,908	10,359	10,497
	Beneficiaries	126,023	127,072	127,691	128,484	129,569	130,873	131,772	131,999	132,048	132,999
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension (Death Benefit)	Recipients	633	628	645	646	636	649	717	717	757	759
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	128	120	120	107	60	59	65	69	71	74
	Beneficiaries	761	748	765	753	696	708	782	786	828	833
Pensions - Social Insurance		487,778	509,173	528,793	544,791	549,653	564,169	579,506	595,473	609,868	627,199
Total Pensions		588,454	609,472	628,518	644,239	648,966	663,135	678,575	694,410	708,902	725,752

[1] While the State Pension Transition was closed to new applicants with effect from 1 January 2014, a limited number of retrospective awards were made in subsequent years.

Table C3 – Number of Recipients of Main State Pension Benefits by Age and Sex, 2019

	State Pension (Contributory)		State Pension (Non-contributory)		Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 35 ^[1]					123	28
35-39					116	427
40-44					916	319
45-49					1,795	600
50-54					3,065	1,062
55-59					5,352	1,944
60-64					8,263	3,077
65	1,279	1,625	171	180	2,085	766
66-69	51,069	70,838	11,763	9,947	9,112	2,318
70-74	49,933	79,367	14,314	10,694	15,030	2,831
75-79	29,882	55,243	10,673	7,162	17,345	2,223
80-84	18,054	35,582	8,857	4,850	18,492	1,634
85-89	10,702	17,957	6,771	3,020	13,895	999
90-94	3,706	4,472	3,573	1,387	6,459	384
95 and over	846	669	1,192	300	1,773	69
Total by Sex	165,471	265,753	57,314	37,540	103,821	18,681
Overall Total	431,224		94,854		122,502	

Note: Although applications can be made and awarded at age 65, entitlement to a payment commences at age 66.

Table C4 – Number of Recipients of Main State Pension Benefits by Type of Payment and County, 2019

	State Pension (Non-Contributory)	State Pension (Contributory)	Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Contributory Pension	County Total
Carlow	1,239	4,872	1,536	7,647
Cavan	2,297	5,647	1,743	9,687
Clare	3,236	10,180	2,951	16,367
Cork	9,756	45,487	13,735	68,978
Donegal	7,065	11,715	3,536	22,316
Dublin	14,673	107,820	30,600	153,093
Galway	7,214	18,709	5,657	31,580
Kerry	4,795	12,838	3,883	21,516
Kildare	2,302	15,459	4,693	22,454
Kilkenny	1,958	7,728	2,249	11,935
Laois	1,545	5,171	1,697	8,413
Leitrim	1,152	2,926	1,037	5,115
Limerick	3,942	17,235	5,253	26,430
Longford	1,258	3,495	1,038	5,791
Louth	2,415	10,736	3,110	16,261
Mayo	5,391	11,307	3,591	20,289
Meath	2,660	13,363	4,056	20,079
Monaghan	1,832	4,843	1,533	8,208
Offaly	1,492	6,031	1,929	9,452
Roscommon	2,123	5,444	1,728	9,295
Sligo	1,827	6,119	1,801	9,747
Tipperary	4,151	14,306	4,574	23,031
Waterford	2,560	10,563	3,216	16,339
Westmeath	1,711	7,246	2,340	11,297
Wexford	4,053	13,198	4,062	21,313
Wicklow	2,192	12,648	3,438	18,278
Others, including those abroad	15	46,138	7,516	53,669
Total	94,854	431,224	122,502	648,580

D Working Age Income Supports

- Total spending on Working Age Income Supports was €3.3 billion in 2019, a decrease of €160 million (4.7%) from the previous year. Jobseeker's Allowance accounted for €1.6 billion (50%) of this expenditure.
- Expenditure on Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit combined has fallen by 52% since 2010 – a reduction of €2.1 billion.
- One-Parent Family Payment recorded an expenditure of €533 million, an annual increase of 4.3%. There were 39,533 people in receipt of this payment.

FIGURE 11 – EXPENDITURE ON JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE AND JOBSEEKER'S BENEFIT 2010-2019, €Millions

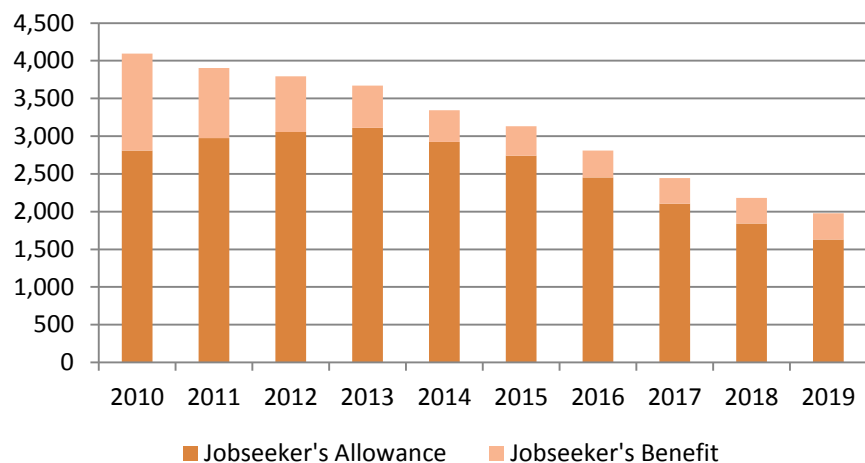
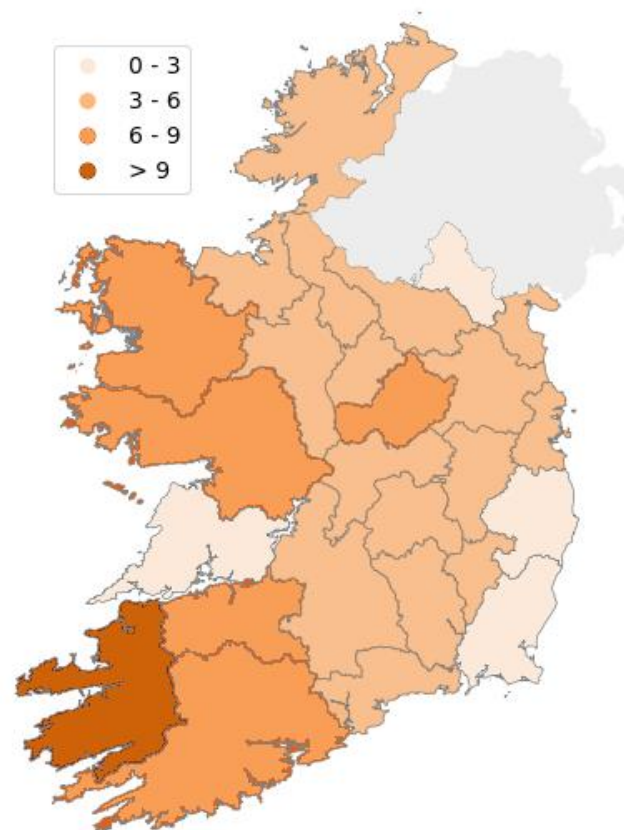


FIGURE 12 – WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORT RECIPIENT PERCENTAGE DECREASE 2019 VERSUS 2018



Note: Figure 12 does not include Exceptional and Urgent Needs payments.

Table D1 – Expenditure on Working Age Income Supports by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	259.16	219.12	176.49	104.54	81.72	91.73	89.02	97.22	111.82	120.18
Daily Expenses Allowance ^[1]	6.62	5.55	3.80	3.78	3.63	3.85	3.99	4.91	6.36	11.22
Deserted Wife's Allowance	5.02	4.21	3.55	2.88	2.50	2.13	1.74	1.43	1.19	0.96
Farm Assist	110.93	113.72	108.17	99.18	93.63	88.49	78.83	78.18	73.82	68.57
Jobseeker's Allowance ^[2]	2,809.38	2,974.99	3,054.74	3,108.97	2,923.29	2,742.51	2,452.33	2,103.45	1,840.75	1,629.03
One Parent Family Payment	1,110.33	1,088.90	1,057.75	977.96	867.31	670.56	500.70	497.65	511.09	533.07
Other Working Age Income Supports - Exceptional and Urgent Needs	69.42	62.59	52.71	35.67	30.09	30.99	32.19	38.08	42.30	43.21
Other Working Age Income Supports - Humanitarian Aid	1.05	0.00	0.71	1.22	2.07	0.48	1.68	0.84	0.72	0.29
Other Working Age Income Supports - Other Supplements [Including Heating and Light]	13.39	12.77	11.25	9.53	8.13	7.38	6.69	5.79	7.65	6.58
Pre-Retirement Allowance	77.85	59.94	46.09	34.56	24.32	16.27	8.61	3.61	0.51	0.00
Widow(ers)' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	19.25	18.17	17.67	16.74	16.46	15.87	14.56	14.23	14.26	13.94
Working Age Income Supports - Social Assistance	4,482.40	4,559.96	4,532.93	4,395.02	4,053.15	3,670.25	3,190.33	2,845.39	2,610.47	2,427.03
Adoptive Benefit	0.89	1.08	0.47	0.31	0.17	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.19	0.15
Deserted Wife's Benefit	93.39	85.83	83.57	80.40	79.11	77.44	74.31	73.29	73.06	71.91
Health and Safety Benefit	0.59	0.64	0.53	0.58	0.54	0.52	0.41	0.47	0.37	0.38
Jobseeker's Benefit	1,285.44	926.90	736.88	560.46	420.40	387.15	355.81	340.46	339.13	348.01
Maternity Benefit	323.94	309.14	303.53	292.60	269.93	259.79	255.28	256.13	265.28	267.20
Paternity Benefit							2.01	12.04	11.84	13.49
Redundancy and Insolvency Payments ^[3]	490.30	326.91	323.42	148.15	88.21	43.22	38.38	29.26	24.19	32.64
Treatment Benefits - Dental Benefit	34.21	10.45	8.93	19.55	16.04	16.62	16.57	21.10	50.58	51.56
Treatment Benefits - Medical and Surgical Benefit	7.27	8.00	6.67	5.39	6.08	6.47	7.46	10.03	12.40	12.55
Treatment Benefits - Optical Benefit	9.99	4.59	3.39	8.49	6.61	6.81	6.85	9.79	34.66	36.97
Working Age Income Supports - Social Insurance	2,246.02	1,673.53	1,467.37	1,115.92	887.09	798.29	757.37	752.85	811.70	834.85
Total - Working Age Income Supports (€millions)	6,728.41	6,183.22	6,000.30	5,510.93	4,940.24	4,468.54	3,947.70	3,598.24	3,422.16	3,262.26

[1] Formerly Direct Provision.

[2] Includes expenditure on Jobseeker's Transition Payment.

[3] The Redundancy and Employers Insolvency schemes were administered by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation up to September 30th 2011.

From October 1st 2011 administration of these schemes transferred to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

Table D2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main Working-Age Income Support Benefits by Type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Recipients	37,499	34,597	32,358	23,127	18,187	17,343	17,601	17,933	16,269	15,779
	Qualified Adult	8,126	7,906	7,492	4,573	3,191	2,656	2,693	2,620	2,553	2,400
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	23,987	22,280	20,190	13,955	9,819	8,774	8,636	8,520	7,603	7,127
	Beneficiaries	69,612	64,783	60,040	41,655	31,197	28,773	28,930	29,073	26,425	25,306
Daily Expenses Allowance ^[1]	Recipients									3,152	4,258
	Number on Adult personal rate									426	532
	Number on Child rate									824	1,025
	Beneficiaries									4,402	5,815
Deserted Wife's Allowance	Recipients	487	409	336	274	264	205	164	135	107	91
	Beneficiaries	487	409	336	274	264	205	164	135	107	91
Farm Assist	Recipients	10,714	11,246	11,029	10,303	9,809	8,790	7,828	7,234	6,535	5,971
	Qualified Adult	4,948	5,171	5,043	4,641	4,314	3,794	3,297	3,025	2,696	2,458
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	7,702	8,057	7,784	6,819	6,207	5,361	4,622	4,308	3,924	3,552
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,005	2,211	2,145	1,941	1,834	1,642	1,465	1,333	1,185	1,091
	Beneficiaries	25,369	26,685	26,001	23,704	22,164	19,587	17,212	15,900	14,340	13,072
Jobseeker's Allowance ^[2]	Recipients	261,850	283,313	291,640	294,570	267,969	231,541	203,680	169,692	140,337	123,633
	Qualified Adult	60,582	68,183	72,300	73,175	67,361	58,251	50,959	42,281	33,939	28,853
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	102,491	115,313	124,133	128,394	120,388	108,301	94,390	78,161	63,446	54,901
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	32,297	39,368	42,812	44,245	40,539	34,048	29,353	22,645	18,229	15,556
	Beneficiaries	457,220	506,177	530,885	540,384	496,257	432,141	378,382	312,779	255,951	222,943
Jobseeker's Transitional Payment ^[2]	Recipients				507	1,982	14,995	14,580	14,618	14,796	15,234
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)				870	3,688	24,924	24,091	24,061	24,202	24,532
	Beneficiaries				1,377	5,670	39,919	38,671	38,679	38,998	39,766
One Parent Family Payment	Recipients	92,326	89,134	86,941	78,246	69,884	41,468	40,317	39,310	39,265	39,533
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	152,651	147,223	143,406	132,166	119,169	74,281	72,931	71,739	72,287	73,277
	Beneficiaries	244,977	236,357	230,347	210,412	189,053	115,749	113,248	111,049	111,552	112,810

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[1] Up until 2018 Daily Expenses Allowance (Direct Provision) was included as part of the Basic SWA Payment figures.

[2] In previous years Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Transitional Payment were presented as combined figures. They are split here, and in subsequent tables. For historical comparison, the totals relating to these schemes should be combined together.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pre-Retirement Allowance	Recipients	6,021	4,802	3,670	2,664	1,887	1,110	551	171	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	1,571	1,226	902	636	446	253	118	39	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	349	244	164	87	48	27	2	0	s/c	s/c
	Beneficiaries	7,941	6,272	4,736	3,387	2,381	1,390	671	210	s/c	s/c
Widows', Widowers' and Surviving Civil Partners' Non-Contributory Pension	Recipients	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	1,790	1,675	1,556	1,491	1,480	1,373
	Beneficiaries	1,977	1,959	1,860	1,781	1,790	1,675	1,556	1,491	1,480	1,373
Working - Age Income supports - Social Assistance		807,583	842,642	854,205	822,974	748,776	639,439	578,834	509,316	453,255	421,176
Adoptive Benefit	Recipients	53	45	14	15	13	19	18	10	9	11
	Beneficiaries	53	45	14	15	13	19	18	10	9	11
Deserted Wife's Benefit	Recipients	8,372	8,071	7,753	7,457	6,989	6,924	6,693	6,387	6,316	5,832
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,393	1,081	842	652	397	374	362	348	338	325
	Beneficiaries	9,765	9,152	8,595	8,109	7,386	7,298	7,055	6,735	6,654	6,157
Health and Safety Benefit	Recipients	60	61	60	52	53	50	36	45	25	25
	Qualified Adults and Children	4	8	12	14	15	12	10	12	4	5
	Beneficiaries	64	69	72	66	68	62	46	57	29	30
Jobseeker's Benefit	Recipients	112,185	88,854	73,137	51,881	44,922	37,095	37,025	35,035	33,383	34,141
	Qualified Adult	12,130	9,284	8,045	5,111	4,564	3,749	3,389	3,036	2,648	2,596
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	18,925	14,143	11,880	7,591	6,438	5,179	4,866	4,291	3,852	3,983
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	16,904	14,052	11,334	7,718	6,239	4,357	3,909	3,223	2,872	2,618
	Beneficiaries	160,144	126,333	104,396	72,301	62,163	50,380	49,189	45,585	42,755	43,338
Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed)	Recipients										266
	Qualified Adult										25
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)										32
	Beneficiaries										323

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Notes: [1] Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed) was introduced in November 2019.

[2] In previous years Jobseeker's Benefit and Systematic Short Time Workers were presented as combined figures. They are split here, and in subsequent tables. For historical comparison, the totals relating to these schemes, plus Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-Employed), should be combined together.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Systematic Short Time Workers ^[2]	Recipients	11,272	8,198	5,322	3,187	1,413	750	600	428	806	400
	Qualified Adult	1,220	828	525	318	150	80	62	33	118	28
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,710	1,188	717	427	176	98	53	41	188	28
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,885	1,463	1,043	608	9	114	83	52	148	47
	Beneficiaries	16,087	11,677	7,607	4,540	1,748	1,042	798	554	1,260	503
Maternity Benefit	Recipients	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	19,012	21,548	21,182	21,479
	Qualified Adult							133	310	298	280
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)							339	758	952	956
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)							93	155	182	101
	Beneficiaries	23,456	23,947	22,850	22,812	22,708	21,687	19,577	22,771	22,614	22,816
Paternity Benefit	Recipients							192	875	541	851
	Qualified Adult							8	36	19	39
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)							18	56	29	63
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)							33	20	34	45
	Beneficiaries							251	987	623	998
Working – Age Income supports – Social Insurance		209,569	171,223	143,534	107,843	94,086	80,488	76,934	76,699	73,944	74,176
Total Working – Age Income supports		1,017,152	1,013,865	997,739	930,817	842,862	719,927	655,768	586,015	527,199	495,352

Note: Parent's Benefit was a new scheme introduced in November 2019. As of December 31st 2019, there were 22 recipients.

Table D3 – Number of Recipients of Main Working-Age Income Support Benefits by Age and Sex, 2019

	Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance		Daily Expenses Allowance		Jobseeker's Allowance		Jobseeker's Transitional Payment	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	292	325	88	145	1,540	2,117	0	0
20-24	610	758	202	351	4,140	6,757	63	0
25-29	638	1,047	286	482	6,623	9,776	1,432	20
30-34	710	1,099	355	497	8,438	9,899	3,082	65
35-39	836	1,144	313	438	8,633	9,847	3,596	121
40-44	825	1,176	189	292	7,831	9,102	3,161	114
45-49	856	1,069	84	181	7,305	8,845	2,391	81
50-54	844	1,009	39	77	5,614	8,167	896	64
55-59	688	814	36	32	4,175	6,926	106	26
60 and over	418	597	36	27	4,472	8,660	8	8
Total	6,717	9,038	1,628	2,522	58,771	80,096	14,735	499

	Jobseeker's Benefit		Farm Assist		One-parent Family Payment		Health and Safety Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Paternity Benefit
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female	Male
Under 25	790	1001	3	26	6,117	22	2	920	20
25-29	1,646	1,964	11	76	9,881	64	6	2,783	92
30-34	2,070	2,030	14	175	9,308	79	10	7,635	294
35-44	4,711	4,403	83	740	11,285	209	7	10,018	409
45-49	1,893	1,930	66	685	1,862	67	0	116	31
50-59	3,370	3,197	229	2,118	574	52	0	7	4
60 and over	3,004	2,798	117	1,628	6	7	0	0	0
Total	17,484	17,323	523	5,448	39,033	500	25	21,479	851

Table D4 – Recipients of Main Working Age Income Supports by Scheme and County, 2019

	Jobseeker's Allowance	Jobseeker's Transitional Payment	Supplementary Welfare Allowance	Daily Expenses Allowance	One-Parent Family Parent	Farm Assist	Jobseeker's Benefit	Maternity Benefit	Paternity Benefit	Exceptional and Urgent Needs
Carlow	2,406	247	263	0	615	51	502	242	9	850
Cavan	2,340	185	146	30	460	209	460	343	14	808
Clare	3,077	284	182	282	694	249	1,098	475	17	2,494
Cork	9,274	1,415	1,380	497	3,698	435	3,330	2,484	118	8,991
Donegal	6,905	478	474	9	1,194	1,045	1,356	596	17	1,865
Dublin	27,994	5,242	5,461	504	13,810	19	8,917	6,125	231	28,805
Galway	6,469	562	475	240	1,280	574	1,873	1,184	47	2,549
Kerry	5,373	447	375	320	1,072	484	2,130	578	26	3,040
Kildare	4,222	632	580	132	1,537	19	1,551	1,178	57	3,447
Kilkenny	2,092	240	437	0	505	68	573	425	27	1,376
Laois	2,565	240	232	229	716	58	613	366	20	3,473
Leitrim	1,206	92	90	28	158	248	281	156	6	764
Limerick	5,075	615	566	176	1,982	105	1,178	881	33	3,342
Longford	1,851	135	164	73	429	112	326	160	2	1,394
Louth	5,205	652	569	48	1,721	54	1,102	590	22	1,780
Mayo	4,456	384	320	97	844	994	1,031	555	20	2,788
Meath	2,789	306	481	295	862	42	815	1,029	42	3,614
Monaghan	1,555	166	181	232	387	274	443	301	7	1,219
Offaly	2,580	244	317	40	650	51	675	303	12	1,156
Roscommon	1,356	96	292	7	241	210	335	278	9	1,742
Sligo	1,926	175	205	143	474	161	470	255	15	1,914
Tipperary	5,353	564	686	106	1,496	212	1,197	664	25	3,854
Waterford	4,868	534	432	261	1,335	53	1,071	462	18	2,930
Westmeath	3,075	282	234	225	807	79	778	375	19	3,503
Wexford	6,240	585	478	72	1,475	129	1,676	639	18	1,172
Wicklow	3,381	432	754	104	1,091	36	1,026	654	15	3,328
Others, including those abroad	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	181	5	0
Total	123,633	15,234	15,779	4,150	39,533	5,971	34,807	21,479	851	92,198

Health and Safety Benefit and Adoptive Benefit have not been included to avoid identification of counts equal to 1. For 2019 the national totals were 25 and 11 respectively.

E Working Age Employment Supports

- Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports totalled €776 million in 2019, a decrease of €53 million (6.4%) compared to 2018.
- The largest Working Age Employment Support was the Community Employment Scheme with 21,290 recipients and payments of €353 million (representing 69% of the total expenditure).
- There were 6,976 people in receipt of the Back to Education Allowance in 2019, a drop of 67% compared to the number of recipients on this scheme in 2010.

FIGURE 13 – WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT BENEFICIARIES 2010-2019

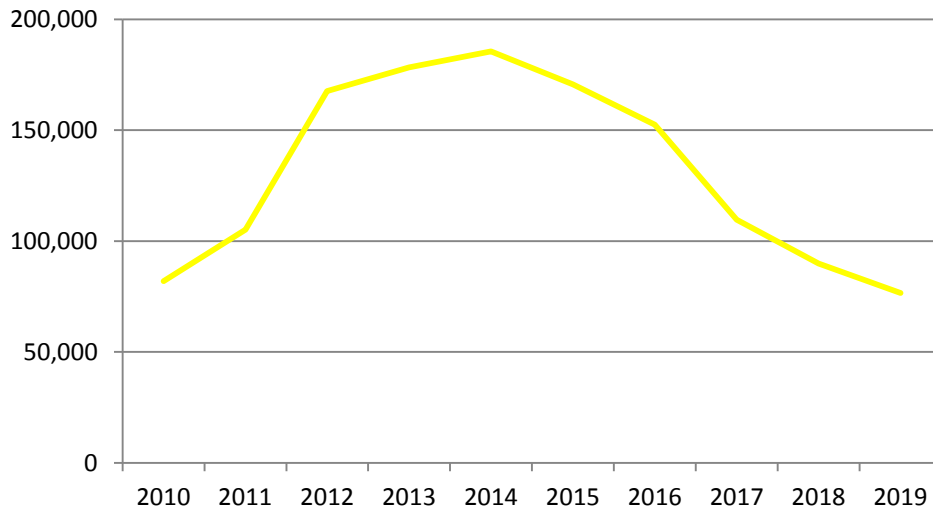


FIGURE 14 – WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT RECIPIENT PERCENTAGE DECREASE 2019 VERSUS 2018

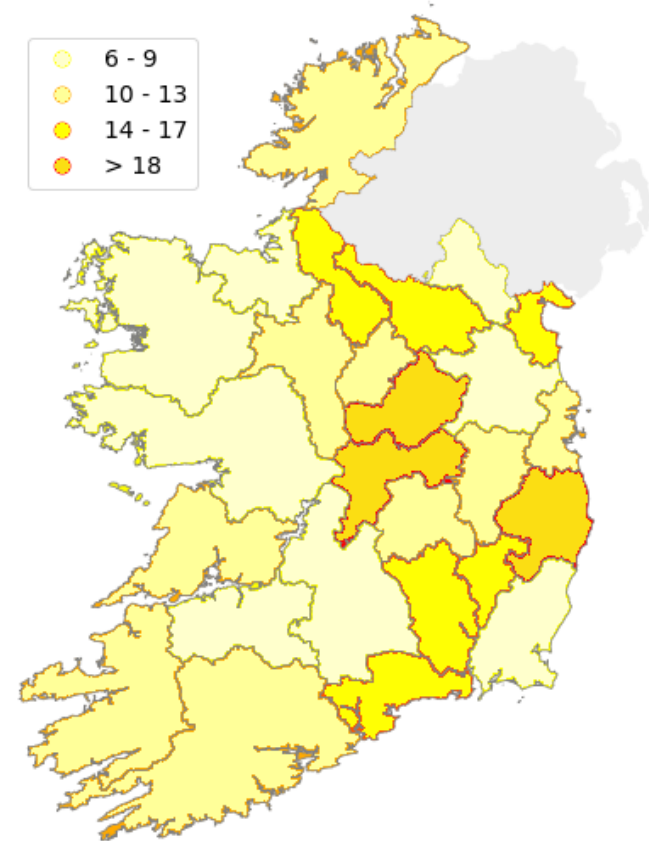


Table E1 – Expenditure on Working Age Employment Supports by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Back to Education Allowance	179.85	201.52	199.57	186.88	162.45	143.97	114.83	93.86	78.69	65.17
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	87.96	114.58	127.20	119.51	118.83	129.04	124.38	115.17	90.47	59.70
Community Employment Programme ^[1]	0.00	349.40	330.40	341.25	359.47	364.99	356.34	350.49	353.07	353.39
Community Services Programme ^{[2] [3]}	8.20	45.45	45.39	44.85	43.03	42.73	43.64	42.46	0.00	0.00
Gateway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	7.58	29.54	21.18	3.50	0.21	0.01
Job Initiative	0.00	29.68	25.79	24.92	23.36	21.70	20.15	19.15	17.75	16.42
JobsPlus	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.04	11.88	22.63	23.68	28.85	22.75	14.38
Rural Social Scheme ^[2]	13.87	46.84	45.24	44.20	43.76	44.11	42.39	44.41	50.03	54.95
TÚS	0.00	11.76	67.06	92.06	116.05	124.58	118.60	109.40	105.98	102.75
Wage Subsidy Scheme	0.00	10.07	10.56	11.04	12.91	16.39	19.40	20.84	22.32	23.81
Youth Employment Support Scheme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.70
Other Working Age Employment Supports	10.30	86.05	100.70	119.04	126.05	112.44	83.12	52.44	47.75	45.07
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance	300.18	903.26	951.91	985.05	1,025.38	1,052.12	967.71	880.57	789.05	736.35
Partial Capacity Benefit	0.00	0.00	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42	21.11
Working Age Employment Supports - Social Insurance	0.00	0.00	2.11	7.38	9.97	11.31	13.08	16.00	18.42	21.11
Total - Working Age Employment Supports (€millions)	300.18	903.26	954.02	992.43	1,035.35	1,063.43	980.79	896.57	807.47	757.46

[1] The Community Employment Programme and Other Employment Programmes transferred from Fás to the Department of Social Protection in January 2011. Information prior to 2011 is not available for inclusion in this report.

[2] The Rural Social Scheme and the Community Services Programme transferred from the Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs to the Department of Social Protection in September 2010.

[3] The Community Services Programme transferred to the Department of Rural and Community Development in December 2017.

Table E2 – Breakdown of Other Working Age Employment Supports (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)	3.95	2.81	2.54	3.18	1.39	1.33	0.84	0.59	0.54	0.38
Credit Union loan guarantee scheme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disability Activation and Employment Supports	0.00	0.11	0.38	2.83	3.34	2.13	0.35	0.44	0.43	0.44
Employability Service	0.00	0.00	8.10	8.71	8.43	8.66	8.56	8.72	8.87	9.10
Employment Support Unit (ESU) policy initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Enterprise Support Grant	4.79	3.17	3.46	3.26	3.34	4.22	4.48	4.59	3.74	2.85
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training and Other Initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.32	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.66	0.45	0.06
JobBridge	0.00	7.91	54.74	67.69	76.03	63.49	37.79	6.90	0.12	0.03
Jobs Clubs	0.00	0.00	5.72	5.49	5.49	5.88	5.40	5.21	5.26	4.84
Local Employment Service	0.00	18.31	17.85	19.37	18.28	19.51	18.44	18.56	18.49	18.32
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	1.16	1.03	1.37	1.98	2.28	2.72	3.00	3.04	2.50	1.69
Pre-activation for people with Disabilities	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.50	4.61	4.60
Projects funded from Drugs Task Force	0.00	2.10	1.86	1.63	1.74	0.84	0.65	0.60	0.51	0.55
Social Inclusion Initiatives (Employment Programmes)	0.30	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Initiatives for Travellers programme	0.00	0.04	0.19	0.29	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special payments to Long-Term Unemployed and Lone Parents	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technical Support Grant	0.00	3.14	4.35	4.27	5.03	3.31	3.14	2.64	2.23	2.21
Total Other Working Age Employment Supports	10.30	86.05	100.70	119.04	126.05	112.44	83.12	52.44	47.75	45.07

Table E3 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Main Working-Age Employment Supports by Type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Back to Education Allowance	Recipients	21,147	24,530	24,910	24,175	22,714	17,879	13,895	10,916	8,816	6,976
	Qualified Adult	1,894	2,317	2,487	2,701	2,594	2,051	1,633	1,390	1,083	854
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	4,019	7,055	7,005	7,029	6,795	5,861	4,916	4,327	3,651	2,967
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	2,760	3,002	3,126	2,896	2,491	1,813	1,402	1,100	810	671
	Beneficiaries	29,820	36,904	37,528	36,801	34,594	27,604	21,846	17,733	14,360	11,468
Back to Work Allowance (Employee)	Recipients	851	182	18	11	2	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adults and Children	822	150	21	6	4	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
	Beneficiaries	1,673	332	39	17	6	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Recipients	7,958	10,751	10,810	10,098	11,166	11,881	10,977	9,655	6,666	4,115
	Qualified Adult	2,581	4,101	3,642	3,445	3,723	3,907	3,562	3,089	2,084	1,279
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	5,591	7,282	7,408	6,953	7,618	8,474	7,623	6,489	4,291	2,709
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,748	2,177	2,153	2,003	2,347	2,326	2,050	1,921	1,433	738
	Beneficiaries	17,878	24,311	24,013	22,499	24,854	26,588	24,212	21,154	14,474	8,841
Community Employment Programme	Recipients	0	22,589	22,445	23,943	23,249	24,218	22,356	21,832	21,424	21,290
	Qualified Adult	0	2,988	4,152	5,740	6,685	6,748	6,365	6,110	4,760	4,732
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	16,861	10,236	9,327	8,787	8,757	8,360	8,073	7,560	6,204
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	0	4,550	6,092	6,948	6,842	6,326	6,013	1,675	1,425
	Beneficiaries	0	42,438	41,383	45,102	45,669	46,565	43,407	42,028	35,419	33,651
Gateway	Recipients	0	0	0	0	0	2,266	683	50	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	0	0	0	0	0	657	185	13	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	0	0	0	1,090	301	16	s/c	s/c
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	0	0	4,013	1,169	79	s/c	s/c
Job Initiative	Recipients	0	0	0	0	1,031	958	886	842	692	624
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	196	485	576	582	400	178	169	157	145
	Beneficiaries	0	196	485	576	1,613	1,358	1,064	1,011	849	769

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
JobBridge	Recipients	0	0	5,160	6,058	6,047	4,207	1,764	29	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	0	0	596	755	869	618	288	4	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	1,002	1,296	1,500	1,084	468	4	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	0	485	576	582	400	178	0	s/c	s/c
	Beneficiaries	0	0	7,243	8,685	8,998	6,309	2,698	37	s/c	s/c
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme	Recipients	161	180	215	290	373	403	467	418	269	181
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	91	74	48	25	12	3	1	0	34	16
	Beneficiaries	252	254	263	315	385	406	468	418	303	197
Rural Social Scheme	Recipients	0	2,537	2,591	2,537	2,576	2,532	2,527	2,850	3,103	3,169
	Qualified Adult	0	1,065	1,069	1,042	1,009	983	994	1,147	1,232	1,192
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	1,736	1,500	1,454	1,380	1,293	1,276	1,504	1,566	1,526
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	81	371	348	386	409	408	523	577	513
	Beneficiaries	0	5,419	5,531	5,381	5,351	5,217	5,205	6,024	6,478	6,400
TÚS	Recipients	0	2,077	4,530	6,999	7,877	7,818	7,140	6,256	6,366	5,482
	Qualified Adult	0	665	1,268	1,895	2,056	1,889	1,703	1,547	1,449	1,151
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	1,130	2,181	2,887	3,141	2,619	2,458	2,190	2,014	1,584
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	470	835	1,567	1,641	2,031	2,058	2,073	1,882	1,662
	Beneficiaries	0	4,342	8,814	13,348	14,715	14,357	13,359	12,066	11,711	9,879
JobsPlus	Recipients							4,624	5,217	3,528	2,149
	Beneficiaries							4,624	5,217	3,528	2,149
Other Working Age Employment Supports	Recipients	0	0	0	0	7,313	2,144	2,482	2,494	0	0
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	0	0	0	278	277	298	335	337	0	0
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	278	7,590	2,442	2,817	2,831	0	0
Working - Age Employment Supports - Social Assistance		49,623	114,196	125,299	133,002	143,775	134,859	120,869	108,598	87,122	73,354
Partial Capacity Benefit	Recipients	0	0	0	1,234	1,432	1,612	1,873	394	2,426	2,956
	Qualified Adult	0	0	0	133	156	168	198	224	216	246
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	0	0	0	204	240	299	327	396	12	57
	Beneficiaries	0	0	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	1,014	2,654	3,259
Working - Age Employment supports - Social Insurance		0	0	0	1,571	1,828	2,079	2,398	1,014	2,654	3,259
Total Working - Age Employment supports		49,623	114,196	125,299	134,573	145,603	136,938	123,267	109,612	89,776	76,613

Note: The Social Assistance totals have been revised compared to the 2018 report.

Table E4 – Number of Recipients of Main Working-Age Employment Supports by Age and Sex, 2019

	Back to Education Allowance		Back to Work Enterprise Allowance		Community Employment Programme		Partial Capacity Benefit		Back to Work Family Dividend	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 30	1,501	1,770	184	258	1,425	1,179	20	12	88	349
30-34	532	663	301	460	803	639	52	35	230	690
35-39	449	421	303	526	968	792	170	90	415	941
40-44	366	320	231	465	946	907	280	171	425	814
45-49	235	208	171	372	1,003	1,221	369	200	336	509
50-54	169	125	146	288	908	1,462	364	232	195	217
55+	102	115	111	299	2,829	6,208	548	413	85	51
Total	3,354	3,622	1,447	2,668	8,882	12,408	1,803	1,153	1,774	3,571

	Rural Social Scheme		Short Term Enterprise Allowance		TÚS	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 30	8	23	21	7	414	679
30-34	17	54	25	20	194	370
35-39	23	104	40	32	238	357
40-44	59	173	28	32	232	391
45-49	76	330	17	24	247	532
50-54	99	474	7	22	235	512
55+	319	1,410	9	12	367	714
Total	601	2,568	147	149	1,927	3,555

Table E5 – Number of Recipients of Main Working Age Employment Supports by County, 2019

	Community Employment Programme	Rural Social Scheme	TUS Community Work Placement	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	Back to Education Allowance	Back to Work Family Dividend	Part Time Job Incentive ^[1]	Partial Capacity Benefit
Carlow	398	20	117	37	167	160	4	46
Cavan	324	103	91	88	81	87	<3	46
Clare	450	152	113	135	140	83	6	69
Cork	1,901	183	452	265	648	522	12	400
Donegal	1,071	314	327	239	347	294	6	93
Dublin	4,549	1	1,051	883	1,664	1,424	40	688
Galway	1,316	402	345	199	389	202	8	145
Kerry	992	292	155	129	305	162	6	95
Kildare	764	28	179	116	218	309	5	140
Kilkenny	466	19	67	118	144	24	<3	51
Laois	299	24	100	81	117	161	<3	49
Leitrim	183	125	53	75	60	43	3	19
Limerick	1,217	101	180	77	415	168	8	123
Longford	297	61	86	106	73	84	6	38
Louth	718	15	181	117	361	199	4	85
Mayo	702	662	255	154	212	98	5	97
Meath	524	23	204	137	96	129	3	130
Monaghan	389	71	92	44	63	69	3	34
Offaly	362	56	147	105	105	84	4	48
Roscommon	261	173	71	92	55	27	3	56
Sligo	428	147	115	73	167	73	3	60
Tipperary	829	76	295	180	280	249	9	113
Waterford	733	12	249	169	343	169	30	81
Westmeath	590	43	72	150	126	131	<3	52
Wexford	919	47	265	218	192	263	4	100
Wicklow	608	19	220	128	208	131	<3	86
Others, including those abroad								12
Total	21,290	3,169	5,482	4,115	6,976	5,345	181	2,956

[1] Based on the number of recipients/participants at each Social Welfare Local Office. Given the small numbers within this scheme, statistical disclosure control methods have been applied.

F Illness, Disability and Caring

- There was €4.5 billion spent on illness, disability and caring payments in 2019, an increase of €231 million (5.5%) compared to 2018. Carer's Allowance and Disability Allowance accounted for €2.6 billion of this expenditure, recording increases of 8.4% and 7.5 % respectively.
- The number of recipients on Disability Allowance increased by 5,920 to 146,755 in 2019 (an increase of 4.2%). Since 2010 the recipient numbers on this scheme have grown by 45%.
- Carer's Allowance expenditure has experienced an increase of 72% since 2010.
- Of the 84,028 people in receipt of Carer's Allowance, 64,338 (77%) were female, while one in five were aged 65 years or over.

FIGURE 15 – AGE BREAKDOWN OF CARER'S ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS 2019

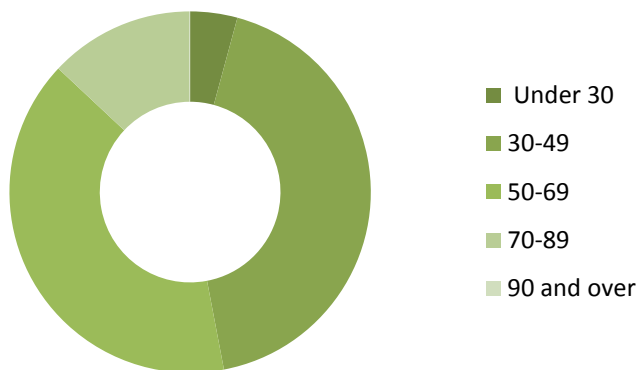


FIGURE 16 – ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING RECIPIENT PERCENTAGE INCREASE 2019 VERSUS 2018

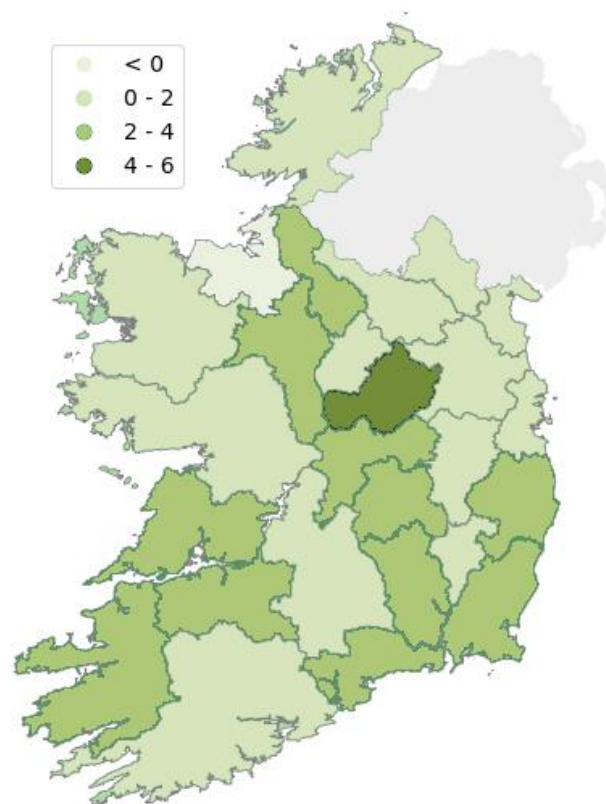
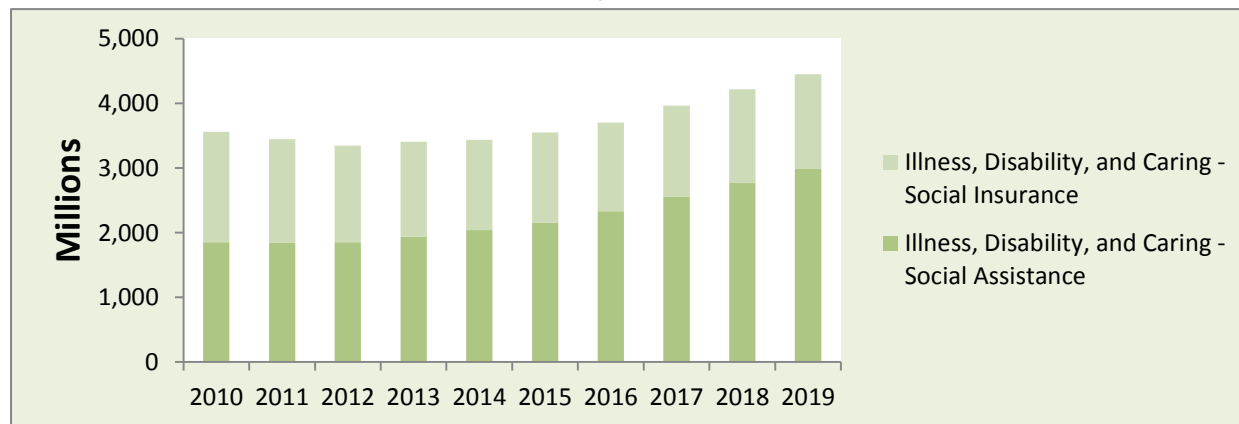


Table F1 – Expenditure on Illness, Disability and Caring by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Blind Pension	16.03	15.62	15.75	14.82	14.43	14.38	13.66	13.39	13.31	12.97
Carer's Allowance	501.79	507.19	509.67	554.80	559.33	611.14	653.67	729.45	795.36	862.56
Disability Allowance	1,109.51	1,089.18	1,087.51	1,140.92	1,238.31	1,281.59	1,357.99	1,469.44	1,586.26	1,705.97
Domiciliary Care Allowance ^[1]	95.71	99.92	102.24	104.27	110.67	120.88	133.08	151.91	168.42	182.49
Carer's Support Grant	128.10	130.39	136.35	119.95	118.50	125.14	172.32	192.92	203.96	219.54
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance	1,851.13	1,842.31	1,851.52	1,934.76	2,041.23	2,153.13	2,330.71	2,557.11	2,767.30	2,983.51
Carer's Benefit	26.29	24.47	24.50	22.44	23.65	30.12	32.75	36.38	38.64	43.29
Disablement Benefit	78.82	77.46	76.15	76.12	76.62	76.68	74.77	76.80	76.50	72.66
Illness Benefit	942.57	875.55	773.96	648.94	625.98	620.01	597.46	599.37	623.30	607.22
Injury Benefit	17.88	16.51	15.86	14.59	16.54	16.99	18.70	19.54	17.85	13.64
Invalidity Pension	639.99	606.50	604.02	707.77	651.67	649.22	644.93	672.77	694.21	728.11
Medical Care Scheme	0.36	0.32	0.36	0.35	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.20
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance	1,705.92	1,600.81	1,494.84	1,470.21	1,394.70	1,393.10	1,368.85	1,405.10	1,450.74	1,465.12
Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring (€millions)	3,557.05	3,443.12	3,346.36	3,404.96	3,435.93	3,546.24	3,699.56	3,962.21	4,218.04	4,448.64

FIGURE 17 – TRENDS IN ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING EXPENDITURE



Note: The duration of Illness Benefit was capped at two years for new entrants from January 2009.

Table F2 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Illness, Disability and Caring Benefits by Type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Blind Pension	Recipients	1,485	1,496	1,456	1,385	1,369	1,341	1,282	1,246	1,176	1,136
	Qualified Adult	122	127	128	110	109	107	102	100	97	92
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	244	264	274	250	247	242	231	227	219	208
	Qualified Children (Half)	333	141	129	130	135	143	160	156	152	144
	Beneficiaries	2,184	2,028	1,987	1,875	1,860	1,832	1,775	1,729	1,644	1,580
Carer's Allowance	Recipients	50,577	51,666	52,209	57,136	59,380	63,003	70,459	75,264	79,914	84,028
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	2,906	2,541	2,307	2,734	3,112	3,447	3,850	3,910	3,946	4,125
	Qualified Children (Half)	27,894	28,919	28,494	31,180	32,377	34,194	38,274	40,942	44,027	46,509
	Beneficiaries	81,377	83,126	83,010	91,050	94,869	100,644	112,583	120,116	127,887	134,662
Disability Allowance	Recipients	101,111	102,866	101,784	106,279	112,097	119,042	126,203	133,929	140,835	146,755
	Qualified Adult	8,622	8,737	9,871	10,585	11,614	12,440	13,351	14,454	15,241	15,719
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	17,641	18,137	17,812	19,706	21,829	24,492	26,664	29,028	30,702	32,382
	Qualified Children (Half)	7,414	7,729	7,584	8,158	8,672	9,456	10,384	10,945	11,491	12,148
	Beneficiaries	134,788	137,469	137,051	144,728	154,212	165,430	176,602	188,356	198,269	207,004
Domiciliary Care Allowance	Recipients	23,428	24,101	24,669	25,510	27,268	29,305	31,963	35,584	39,007	41,939
	Children	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269	31,628	34,627	38,846	42,822	46,300
	Beneficiaries	25,234	25,914	26,516	27,363	29,269	31,628	34,627	38,846	42,822	46,300
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Assistance		243,583	248,537	248,564	265,016	280,210	299,534	325,587	349,047	370,622	389,546
Carer's Benefit	Recipients	1,642	1,637	1,638	1,598	1,769	2,240	2,710	2,762	2,750	3,177
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	57	57	99	76	110	139	169	183	190	0
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	1,932	1,940	1,735	936	540	684	827	897	931	0
	Beneficiaries	3,631	3,634	3,472	2,610	2,419	3,062	3,706	3,842	3,871	3,177
Disablement Benefit ^{[1][2]}	Recipients	13,721	13,993	14,202	14,226	12,293	13,318	14,342	14,733	14,675	13,938
	Qualified Adult	896	161	163	167	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	136	140	148	77	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Beneficiaries	14,753	14,294	14,513	14,470	12,293	13,318	14,342	14,733	14,675	13,938

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[1] Disablement Benefit is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It differs fundamentally from other Social Welfare income support payments in that it is a compensatory payment, rather than an income maintenance payment. Accordingly Disablement Benefit can be paid in addition to other Social Welfare payments such as Illness Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

[2] Incapacity Supplement is paid as an increase to Disablement Benefit where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment.

[3] Domiciliary Care Allowance is a monthly payment in respect of children. Eligibility is dependent on medical assessment.

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Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Illness Benefit	Recipients	81,253	73,397	64,429	58,990	57,024	55,540	54,492	52,809	55,995	49,313
	Qualified Adult	8,884	7,894	6,754	5,941	5,510	4,992	4,671	4,127	3,801	3,197
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	10,678	9,807	9,052	8,681	8,523	8,311	8,137	7,910	6,162	7,085
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	17,586	15,430	13,690	11,712	9,668	8,730	7,644	6,603	5,160	4,600
	Beneficiaries	118,401	106,528	93,925	85,324	80,725	77,573	74,944	71,449	71,118	64,195
Injury Benefit	Recipients	835	776	671	822	906	1,094	1,010	1,085	938	1,314
	Qualified Adult	95	95	83	88	101	100	83	114	58	96
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	120	137	143	156	158	159	170	176	128	181
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	135	122	101	105	81	125	112	120	42	56
	Beneficiaries	1,185	1,130	998	1,171	1,246	1,478	1,375	1,495	1,166	1,647
Interim Illness Benefit	Recipients	374	327	363	380	327	306	423	511	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Adult	38	33	34	46	37	35	25	55	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	55	45	57	107	68	77	56	105	s/c	s/c
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	37	28	28	41	24	45	54	50	s/c	s/c
	Beneficiaries	504	433	482	574	456	463	558	721	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	Recipients	50,766	49,792	50,053	53,196	54,223	55,115	55,532	57,504	57,768	58,168
	Qualified Adult	7,880	7,728	7,483	7,769	7,621	7,404	7,040	6,942	6,465	6,161
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	4,578	4,474	4,442	4,911	5,092	5,329	5,388	5,630	5,516	5,538
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	10,336	9,989	9,963	10,372	9,711	9,073	8,479	7,944	7,325	6,710
	Beneficiaries	73,560	71,983	71,941	76,248	76,647	76,921	76,439	78,020	77,074	76,577
Illness, Disability, and Caring - Social Insurance		212,034	198,002	185,331	180,397	173,786	172,815	171,364	170,260	167,904	159,534
Total -Illness, Disability, and Caring		455,617	446,539	433,895	445,413	453,996	472,349	496,951	519,307	538,526	549,080

Note: The duration of Illness Benefit was capped at two years for new entrants from January 2009.

Table F3 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by Age and Sex, 2019

	Carer's Allowance		Disability Allowance		Illness Benefit		Injury Benefit		Invalidity Pension	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 30	2,929	615	12,027	18,038	1,707	1,006	94	151	39	19
30-34	4,779	703	4,690	6,031	2,694	1,099	54	106	406	175
35-39	7,535	1,123	5,832	7,209	3,809	1,830	67	129	1,421	628
40-44	8,463	1,790	6,426	8,053	3,926	2,049	62	116	2,348	1,257
45-49	9,123	2,432	7,548	9,449	4,466	2,150	60	110	3,372	2,094
50-54	8,064	2,786	8,350	10,184	4,827	2,321	60	99	4,755	3,046
55-59	6,658	2,486	8,874	10,915	4,954	2,713	58	57	7,793	5,346
60-64	5,128	2,156	8,417	11,203	4,791	3,196	31	53	11,094	9,380
65	939	391	1,471	2,038	1,002	773	4	3	2,531	2,464
66-69	3,419	1,573	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70-74	3,700	1,703	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75-79	2,230	1,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80-84	1,034	621	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85-89	291	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90-94	40	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
95 and over	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	64,338	19,690	63,635	83,120	32,176	17,137	490	824	33,759	24,409

Table F4 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Domiciliary Care Allowance by Child Age

Child Age	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0	295	292	262	330	273	222	252	232	294	264
1	708	721	653	629	681	695	673	751	683	722
2	891	870	898	811	881	910	959	992	1,076	972
3	1,166	1,110	1,086	1,195	1,222	1,349	1,414	1,658	1,674	1,697
4	1,336	1,401	1,407	1,502	1,169	1,759	1,945	2,190	2,384	2,375
5	1,530	1,530	1,627	1,701	1,935	2,163	2,245	2,571	2,830	2,981
6	1,721	1,702	1,740	1,835	2,075	2,320	2,653	2,757	3,072	3,365
7	1,786	1,888	1,847	1,915	2,153	2,405	2,749	3,117	3,256	3,552
8	1,991	1,901	2,005	1,963	2,161	2,429	2,812	3,232	3,589	3,679
9	2,019	2,072	2,003	2,124	2,165	2,391	2,757	3,254	3,672	4,013
10	2,037	2,183	2,175	2,080	2,294	2,381	2,666	3,171	3,659	4,057
11	2,024	2,120	2,249	2,244	2,245	2,501	2,620	3,032	3,518	4,007
12	2,012	2,093	2,181	2,285	2,341	2,411	2,744	2,913	3,340	3,856
13	1,887	2,060	2,140	2,218	2,377	2,496	2,594	2,995	3,157	3,611
14	1,826	1,952	2,071	2,205	2,313	2,517	2,652	2,875	3,223	3,389
15	1,813	1,863	2,003	2,140	2,293	2,453	2,686	2,850	3,094	3,477
16	120	156	169	186	191	226	206	256	258	283
Total	25,162	25,914	26,516	27,363	28,769	31,628	34,627	38,846	42,779	46,300

Table F5 – Number of Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Payments by County, 2019

	Disability Allowance	Carer's Allowance	Illness Benefit	Injury Benefit	Invalidity Pension	Carer's Benefit	Domiciliary Care Allowance
Carlow	2,393	1,414	952	18	1,090	32	673
Cavan	2,161	1,397	732	27	846	54	616
Clare	3,548	2,145	998	24	1,278	87	1,005
Cork	17,981	9,350	6,475	190	7,643	365	5,730
Donegal	5,909	4,118	1,557	40	1,596	124	1,334
Dublin	35,021	17,538	12,195	305	13,578	682	10,269
Galway	8,114	4,465	2,164	63	2,222	199	1,951
Kerry	5,474	3,066	1,389	48	1,696	129	1,312
Kildare	5,352	3,074	2,343	54	2,542	130	1,967
Kilkenny	2,784	1,632	793	22	1,099	57	773
Laois	2,605	1,627	711	26	973	57	883
Leitrim	1,087	705	390	14	488	35	251
Limerick	7,746	4,562	2,386	65	3,459	148	2,168
Longford	1,790	1,128	433	13	641	36	406
Louth	4,342	2,583	1,868	47	1,795	86	1,140
Mayo	4,278	2,865	1,246	35	1,455	103	947
Meath	4,032	2,545	2,116	56	1,951	118	1,730
Monaghan	1,624	1,060	639	23	598	43	452
Offaly	2,860	2,000	908	25	1,151	55	921
Roscommon	2,088	1,404	585	18	878	67	575
Sligo	2,285	1,321	653	18	887	57	497
Tipperary	6,387	3,887	1,611	43	2,410	130	1,588
Waterford	4,162	2,298	1,375	26	1,675	76	952
Westmeath	3,229	1,972	993	17	1,322	81	1,013
Wexford	5,552	3,569	1,614	53	2,111	87	1,489
Wicklow	3,947	2,303	1,319	38	1,535	71	1,256
Others	4		868	6	1,249	68	41
Total	146,755	84,028	49,313	1,314	58,168	3,177	41,939

Table F6 – Recipients of Half-Rate Carer’s Allowance by Primary Payment

Primary Payment	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension Non-Contributory	1,925	1,960	2,289	2,327	2,303	2,037	2,605	2,603	2,683	2,736
Qualified Adult State Pension Non-Contributory	260	297	283	318	350	362	418	443	477	501
State Pension (Contributory)	2,873	3,031	3,587	3,809	3,918	4,055	4,945	5,239	5,827	6,459
Qualified Adult State Pension (Contributory)	1,784	1,813	1,716	1,819	1,811	1,615	2,098	2,166	2,269	2,341
Widow’s Contributory Pension	1,129	1,169	1,297	1,313	1,357	1,346	1,669	1,710	1,794	1,851
Jobseeker’s Allowance Qualified Adult	1,105	1,318	1,492	1,849	2,003	2,148	2,383	2,346	2,290	2,171
One Parent Family Payment	4,077	4,289	4,674	4,490	4,462	4,737	5,921	6,486	7,284	8,006
Widow’s Non-Contributory Pension	76	80	95	101	94	100	124	128	133	138
Farm Assist	116	131	132	130	142	163	174	182	181	183
Qualified Adult Farm Assist	84	99	136	135	124	113	120	129	118	114
Jobseeker’s Benefit Qualified Adult	399	394	383	360	304	257	244	244	226	208
Deserted Wife’s Benefit	307	309	301	297	287	286	308	305	294	287
Disability Allowance	1,083	1,115	1,168	1,321	1,445	1,663	2,209	2,603	3,077	3,499
Qualified Adult Disability Allowance	1,314	1,422	1,417	1,657	1,882	2,013	2,548	2,979	3,287	3,551
Invalidity Pension	1,118	1,155	1,069	1,141	1,196	1,248	1,556	1,712	1,869	2,053
Qualified Adult Invalidity Pension	1,082	1,146	1,239	1,353	1,426	1,455	1,686	1,750	1,831	1,876
Illness Benefit	1,101	1,031	933	1,003	1,030	1,067	1,288	1,349	1,420	1,443
Qualified Adult Illness Benefit	328	327	324	365	421	406	454	478	502	480
Other Schemes	817	865	842	1,152	1,196	1,217	1,503	1,758	1,780	1,745
Total	20,978	21,951	23,377	24,940	25,751	26,288	32,253	34,610	37,342	39,642

G Children

- Child related payments amounted to €2.6 billion in 2019, with Child Benefit comprising €2.1 billion of this expenditure.
- Child Benefit was paid to 1.2 million children across 637,000 families in 2019.
- Expenditure on the School Meals Programme has increased by 50% since 2016.
- Over €397 million was paid out through the Working Family Payment (WFP) scheme, more than double the amount spent in 2010.

FIGURE 18 – AGE BREAKDOWN OF NUMBER OF CHILD BENEFICIARIES OF CHILD BENEFIT BY AGE 2019

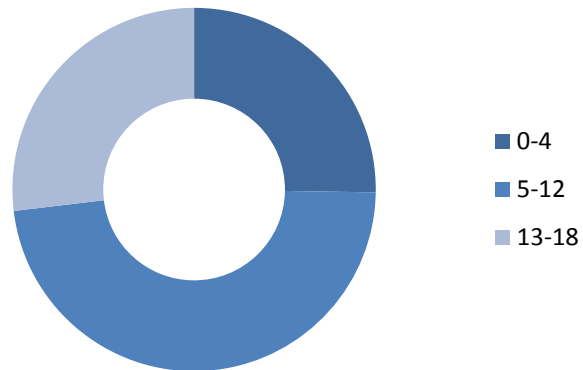


FIGURE 19 – CHILD BENEFIT RECIPIENT PERCENTAGE INCREASE 2019 VERSUS 2018

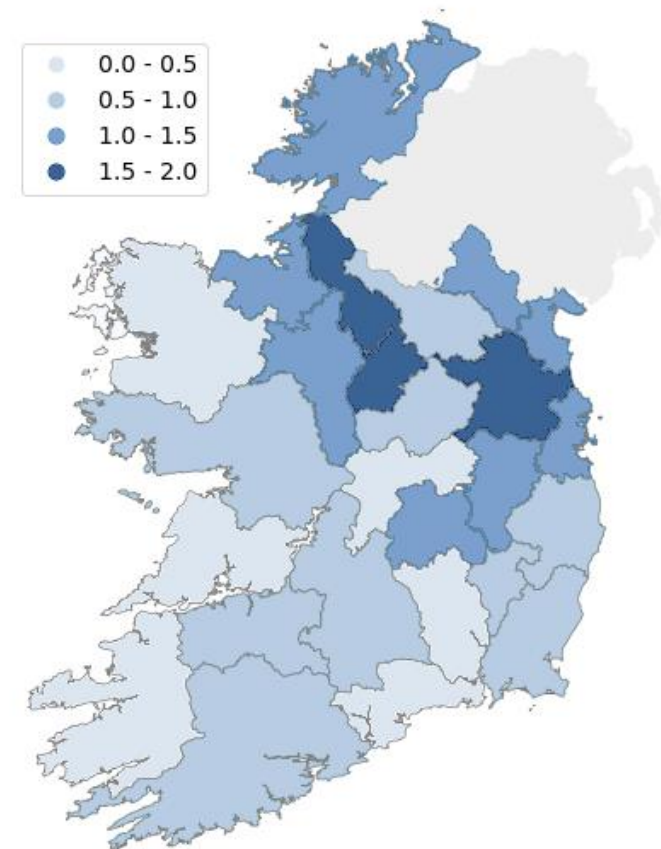
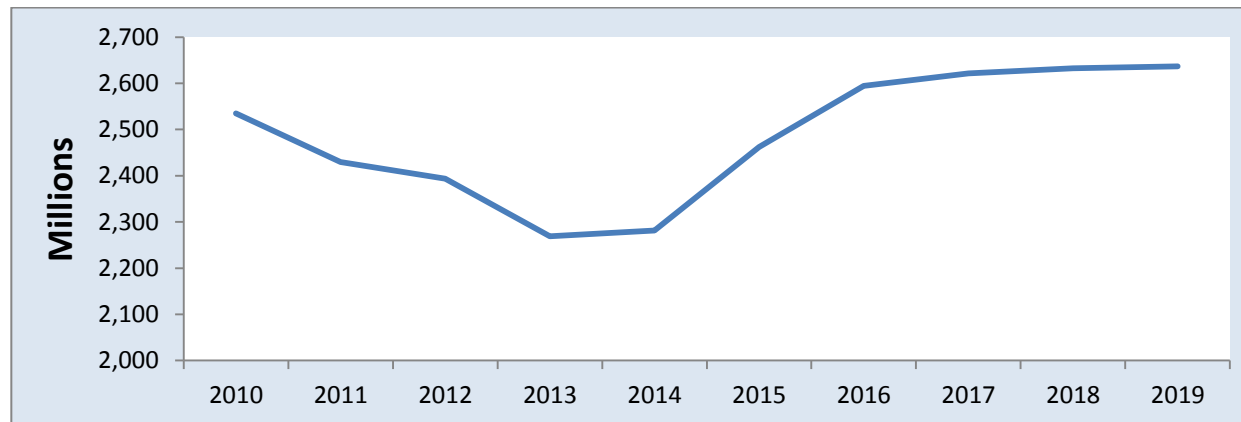


Table G1 – Expenditure on Child-Related Payments by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	77.40	90.90	65.68	47.98	42.45	41.34	39.81	48.85	47.40	53.45
Back to Work Family Dividend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.42	28.45	23.97	21.04	18.36
Child Benefit	2,213.43	2,076.34	2,046.96	1,899.92	1,902.35	1,990.30	2,078.11	2,086.39	2,097.96	2102.57
Working Family Payment ^[1]	186.00	204.54	223.61	261.76	297.91	367.87	415.44	414.63	410.55	397.20
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	4.70	5.13	4.99	5.12	5.20	5.72	5.87	6.56	7.28	7.38
School Meals Programme	34.94	34.98	35.01	36.78	16.57	38.78	36.89	46.62	49.16	54.31
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)	0.48	0.28	0.31	0.25	0.28	0.44	0.43	0.28	0.22	0.25
Child-Related Payments - Social Assistance	2,516.94	2,412.17	2,376.55	2,251.81	2,264.76	2,458.87	2,605.00	2,627.30	2,633.61	2,633.52
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11.46	11.42	10.77	10.97	10.99	11.94	12.20	13.18	14.77	15.64
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)	6.46	6.23	5.97	6.33	5.66	5.77	5.69	4.82	5.39	5.63
Child-Related Payments - Social Insurance	17.92	17.64	16.74	17.30	16.65	17.71	17.89	18.00	20.15	21.27
Total - Child-Related Payments (€millions)	2,534.86	2,429.81	2,393.28	2,269.11	2,281.40	2,476.58	2,622.89	2,645.30	2653.76	2654.79

FIGURE 20 – TRENDS IN CHILD-RELATED PAYMENTS EXPENDITURE



Notes: [1] Working Family Payment was previously known as Family Income Supplement.

[2] Expenditure on Qualified Child Increases is included in individual scheme expenditures in other sections.

Table G2 – Distribution of Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance and School Meals Programme, by County

	Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (number of families)	School Meals Programme (€)
Carlow	850	851,875
Cavan	808	838,019
Clare	2,494	1,077,634
Cork	8,991	5,217,549
Donegal	1,865	4,134,611
Dublin	28,805	19,860,648
Galway	2,549	2,524,059
Kerry	3,040	1,290,385
Kildare	3,447	1,084,265
Kilkenny	1,376	768,586
Laois	3,473	648,011
Leitrim	764	301,133
Limerick	3,342	2,022,812
Longford	1,394	1,507,086
Louth	1,780	2,242,254
Mayo	2,788	2,117,954
Meath	3,614	1,439,668
Monaghan	1,219	972,092
Offaly	1,156	1,264,400
Roscommon	1,742	729,846
Sligo	1,914	752,714
Tipperary	3,854	1,859,456
Waterford	2,930	1,551,506
Westmeath	3,503	1,104,689
Wexford	1,172	2,557,865
Wicklow	3,328	898,092
Total	92,198	59,617,207

Table G3 – Number of Recipients and Beneficiaries of Children Benefits by Type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Child Benefit ^[1]	Recipients	591,432	597,333	608,733	611,366	615,335	619,307	623,141	624,670	628,354	637,007
	Children	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582	1,177,589	1,187,774	1,194,869	1,197,866	1,202,925	1,216,475
	Beneficiaries	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582	1,177,589	1,187,774	1,194,869	1,197,866	1,202,925	1,216,475
Working Family Payment	Recipients	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	57,567	57,745	54,116	53,104
	Children	62,240	65,281	73,238	98,350	111,583	122,417	127,408	129,274	122,056	119,471
	Beneficiaries	90,463	94,157	105,545	142,509	161,889	178,330	184,975	187,019	176,172	172,575
Back to Work Family Dividend	Recipients									7,075	5,345
	Children (Full Rate)									7,303	5,279
	Children (Half Rate)									7,391	5,769
	Beneficiaries									14,694	11,048
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	Recipients	429	441	433	435	427	451	498	509	549	542
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	557	591	583	576	565	597	659	674	727	717
	Qualified Children (Half Rate)	3	5	7	7	3	6	0	0	0	0
	Beneficiaries	989	1,037	1,023	1,018	995	1,054	1,157	1,183	1,277	1,259
Child-related Payments - Social Assistance		1,215,455	1,231,259	1,268,638	1,312,109	1,340,473	1,367,158	1,381,001	1,386,068	1,395,068	1,401,357
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	Recipients	919	955	938	947	937	983	1,048	1,036	1,129	1,164
	Qualified Children (Full Rate)	1,165	1,188	1,178	1,186	1,173	1,231	1,312	1,297	1,413	1,456
	Beneficiaries	2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	2,333	2,542	2,620
Child-related Payments - Social Insurance		2,084	2,143	2,116	2,133	2,110	2,214	2,360	2,333	2,542	2,620
Total Child-related Payments		1,217,539	1,233,402	1,270,754	1,314,242	1,342,584	1,369,372	1,383,362	1,388,401	1,397,610	1,403,977

[1] Child Benefit is a monthly universal payment in respect of children.

Table G4 – Number of Recipients of Working Family Payment by Age and Sex, 2019

	Working Family Payment	
	Female	Male
Under 30	2,964	925
30-34	4,974	2,386
35-39	7,196	4,531
40-44	7,365	5,125
45-49	5,622	3,981
50-54	3,259	2,392
55-59	1,071	877
60-64	161	237
65	2	13
66-69	9	14
70-74		
75-79		
80-84		
85-89		
90-94		
95 and over		
Total	32,623	20,481

Table G5 – Number of Child Beneficiaries of Child Benefit by Age

Age	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0	61,748	62,045	60,444	57,871	56,213	54,902	53,830	51,557	51,463	50,811
1	73,200	72,956	72,574	69,864	68,052	66,107	64,776	62,624	60,926	61,274
2	72,774	72,996	73,338	72,208	70,301	68,111	66,823	65,442	63,782	62,682
3	70,476	72,728	73,301	73,059	72,277	70,574	68,697	67,246	65,971	65,152
4	66,542	70,362	73,467	73,213	73,202	72,375	71,017	69,003	67,739	67,228
5	64,327	65,338	70,791	72,831	72,951	73,099	72,691	71,197	69,424	68,952
6	64,974	61,997	66,515	70,474	72,831	72,923	73,389	72,877	71,512	70,480
7	64,246	64,834	64,047	66,305	70,329	73,017	73,258	73,510	73,091	72,520
8	63,820	63,978	65,428	64,006	66,348	70,248	73,383	73,580	73,824	74,096
9	62,358	63,301	64,430	65,068	63,804	66,157	70,583	73,515	73,845	74,754
10	60,111	62,030	63,918	64,238	64,978	63,797	66,370	70,867	73,785	74,716
11	60,337	59,901	62,486	63,594	64,132	65,056	64,085	66,580	71,156	74,666
12	60,989	60,298	60,564	62,450	63,675	64,066	65,218	64,274	66,928	72,067
13	59,874	60,504	60,678	60,291	62,243	63,359	64,099	65,388	64,584	67,740
14	57,802	59,517	60,984	60,571	60,315	62,103	63,503	64,180	65,590	65,286
15	56,305	57,634	60,018	60,889	60,611	60,442	62,298	63,572	64,487	66,245
16	51,825	53,836	55,651	56,719	58,540	58,873	58,733	60,445	61,321	62,525
17	52,295	51,810	53,436	54,931	56,787	58,001	57,501	57,384	59,093	65,281
18	-	-	-	-	-	4,564	4,615	4,625	4,404	-
Total	1,124,003	1,136,065	1,162,070	1,168,582	1,177,589	1,187,774	1,194,869	1,197,866	1,202,925	1,216,475

Note: This table underestimates the number eligible because of the time lag in applying for benefit.

Table G6 – Number of Recipients of Working Family Payment by Income Group and Family Type

	Income Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
One- Parent Family	€100-€199	144	133	144	548	901	2,684	2,128	1,655	1,194	1,209
	€200-€299	696	623	673	1,779	2,601	6,551	6,495	6,274	5,745	6,216
	€300-€399	2,889	3,345	3,759	6,083	7,656	7,968	8,247	7,710	6,774	6,635
	€400-€499	8,216	7,563	8,205	9,695	9,819	7,535	7,898	8,419	8,167	7,995
	€500-€599	1,910	1,845	1,999	2,350	2,565	2,360	2,687	2,913	2,959	3,248
	€600-€699	419	404	449	569	588	573	692	680	681	744
	€700+	121	149	170	193	177	167	178	197	182	193
	Total	14,395	14,062	15,399	21,217	24,307	27,838	28,325	27,848	25,702	26,240
Two- Parent Family	€100-€199	314	313	278	468	609	831	806	814	655	601
	€200-€299	1,211	1,173	1,172	1,621	1,981	2,547	2,693	2,840	2,678	2,704
	€300-€399	3,187	3,239	3,545	5,048	5,959	6,351	6,471	6,240	5,441	4,813
	€400-€499	4,484	4,770	5,333	6,882	7,729	8,058	8,260	8,376	7,819	7,194
	€500-€599	3,006	3,481	4,140	5,654	6,065	6,415	6,632	6,832	6,783	6,420
	€600-€699	1,202	1,363	1,822	2,360	2,661	2,858	3,115	3,363	3,486	3,450
	€700+	424	475	618	909	995	1,015	1,265	1,432	1,552	1,682
	Total	13,828	14,814	16,908	22,942	25,999	28,075	29,242	29,897	28,414	26,864
Total	€100-€199	458	446	422	1,016	1,510	3,515	2,934	2,469	1,849	1,810
	€200-€299	1,907	1,796	1,845	3,400	4,582	9,098	9,188	9,114	8,423	8,920
	€300-€399	6,076	6,584	7,304	11,131	13,615	14,319	14,718	13,950	12,215	11,448
	€400-€499	12,700	12,333	13,538	16,577	17,548	15,593	16,158	16,795	15,986	15,189
	€500-€599	4,916	5,326	6,139	8,004	8,630	8,775	9,319	9,745	9,742	9,668
	€600-€699	1,621	1,767	2,271	2,929	3,249	3,431	3,807	4,043	4,167	4,194
	€700+	545	624	788	1,102	1,172	1,182	1,443	1,629	1,734	1,875
	Total	28,223	28,876	32,307	44,159	50,306	55,913	57,567	57,745	54,116	53,104

Table G7 – Number of Recipients of Main Child-Related Payments by County, 2019

	Working Family Payment	Child Benefit (Recipients)	Child Benefit (Children)
Carlow	887	8,973	17,001
Cavan	1,247	10,411	20,966
Clare	1,152	15,111	29,609
Cork	5,363	70,870	136,093
Donegal	2,728	20,337	40,559
Dublin	12,557	171,508	313,744
Galway	2,418	32,788	64,665
Kerry	1,604	17,929	34,291
Kildare	2,283	33,596	63,976
Kilkenny	912	12,075	23,682
Laois	1,008	11,448	22,711
Leitrim	364	4,199	8,480
Limerick	2,324	25,398	48,741
Longford	784	5,942	11,872
Louth	2,051	19,222	36,780
Mayo	1,434	15,695	31,357
Meath	2,049	30,079	58,193
Monaghan	983	8,157	16,645
Offaly	986	10,513	20,400
Roscommon	760	7,954	16,082
Sligo	718	8,043	15,886
Tipperary	2,022	21,494	41,759
Waterford	1,719	16,274	30,763
Westmeath	1,112	12,827	24,598
Wexford	2,225	21,296	40,476
Wicklow	1,273	20,859	39,201
Others, including those abroad	141	4,009	7,945
Total	53,104	637,007	1,216,475

H Supplementary Payments

- A total of €799 million was spent on Supplementary Payments in 2019, a decrease of €18 million (2.2%) compared to 2018. Fuel Allowance was responsible for €235 million (29%) of this expenditure.
- Household benefits, which include telephone, gas and electricity allowance as well as the free TV licence accounted for 35% of total supplementary payments. Overall expenditure on these schemes has increased by 12% compared to 2018.
- There was €125 million spent on Rent Supplement in 2019. Spending on this scheme has declined by 75% since 2010.

FIGURE 21 – EXPENDITURE ON HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS BY TYPE 2019

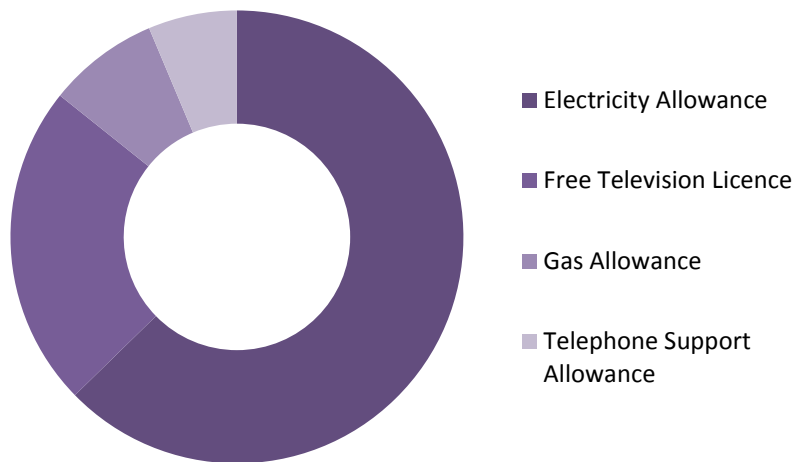


FIGURE 22 – SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM RECIPIENTS OF RENT SUPPLEMENT RECIPIENT PERCENTAGE DECREASE 2019 VERSUS 2018

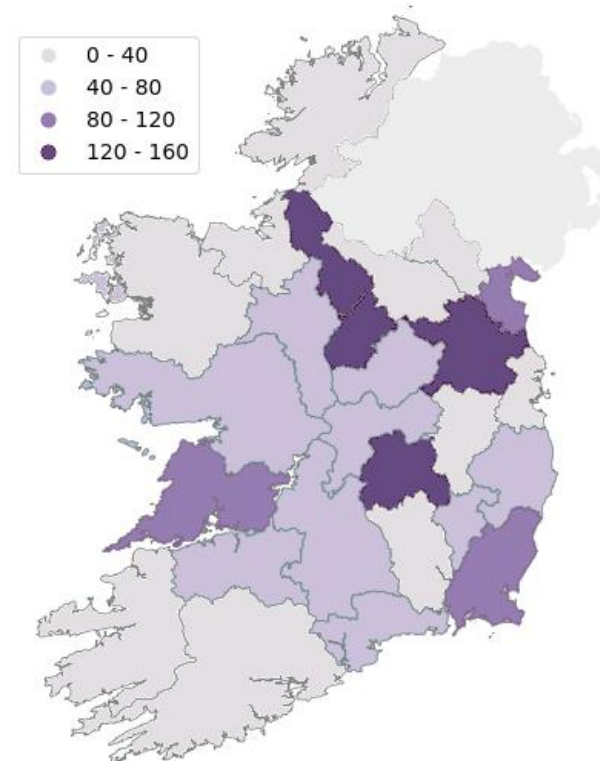


Table H1 – Expenditure on Supplementary Payments and Miscellaneous Services by Scheme (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Free Travel	74.09	75.60	75.52	75.48	75.49	75.24	77.11	77.46	86.81	93.92
Fuel Allowance (Social Assistance)	150.63	179.18	144.69	155.60	147.87	143.80	154.70	148.87	152.67	147.18
Grant to Family Support Agency	9.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant to the Citizens Information Board	44.99	45.11	45.74	46.39	45.00	46.00	49.18	53.05	54.78	56.48
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Electricity Allowance	76.07	71.04	69.81	65.39	61.12	53.62	59.61	60.02	62.09	56.17
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Free Television Licence	22.69	22.52	22.48	22.00	19.99	16.86	18.77	19.14	19.84	18.82
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Gas Allowance	5.33	5.33	5.24	4.55	6.21	4.48	5.55	5.76	5.23	5.45
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Telephone Support Allowance ^[1]	53.01	45.77	46.21	21.18	1.16	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	4.57	8.25
Miscellaneous Services	1.64	1.41	1.51	1.95	2.77	5.51	5.29	8.07	11.82	11.23
Mortgage Interest Supplement	65.62	67.85	55.08	35.06	20.88	11.92	6.56	4.21	0.00	0.00
Office of the Pensions Ombudsman	0.93	0.91	0.98	0.88	0.94	0.88	0.53	0.65	0.00	0.00
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	0.80	0.70	0.66	0.65	0.53	0.51	0.47	0.43	0.41	0.36
Rent Supplement	516.54	502.75	422.54	372.91	338.20	311.06	275.29	230.57	175.02	125.23
Low pay commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.40	0.52
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Assistance	1022.25	1018.16	890.45	802.04	720.16	669.85	653.05	608.51	573.65	523.61
Fuel Allowance (Social Insurance)	78.14	86.65	66.70	72.54	69.86	72.43	80.11	80.13	87.53	87.63
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Electricity Allowance	95.53	108.22	106.93	99.61	93.43	95.96	97.80	97.77	100.68	116.88
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Free Television Licence	34.96	35.13	35.09	35.67	32.46	35.61	33.65	34.31	35.16	44.79
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Gas Allowance	14.65	15.38	15.38	11.02	15.60	14.28	14.40	14.89	14.84	16.45
Household Benefits (Social Insurance) - Telephone Support Allowance ^[1]	65.58	66.19	67.56	31.04	1.78	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	5.10	9.25
Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services - Social Insurance	288.86	311.58	291.66	249.88	213.14	218.25	225.94	227.09	243.31	275.00
Total Supplementary Payments, Agencies, and Miscellaneous Services	1,311.10	1,329.74	1,182.11	1051.92	933.29	888.09	878.99	835.59	816.96	798.62

[1] Formerly called Telephone Allowance

Table H2 – Expenditure on Household Benefits and Fuel Allowance (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fuel Allowance	228.77	265.83	211.39	228.14	217.73	216.23	234.81	229	240.2	234.81
Household Benefits - Electricity Allowance	171.6	179.26	176.74	165	154.55	149.58	157.41	157.79	162.77	173.05
Household Benefits - Free Television Licence	57.65	57.65	57.57	57.67	52.45	52.47	52.42	53.45	55	63.61
Household Benefits - Gas Allowance	19.98	20.71	20.62	15.57	21.81	18.76	19.95	20.65	20.07	21.9
Household Benefits - Telephone Support Allowance	118.59	111.96	113.77	52.22	2.94	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04	9.67	17.5
Total Spend on Fuel Allowance, Social Insurance and Social Assistance and Household Benefits	1,311.10	1,329.74	1,182.11	1051.92	933.29	888.09	878.99	835.59	816.96	798.62

Table H3 – Breakdown of Miscellaneous Services (€million)

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Dormant Accounts - Economic & Social Disadvantage	0.37	0.27	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EU Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ex Gratia Payments to Women from Magdalen Laundries and Other Institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.83	3.44	3.25	3.15	3.30	4.27
Ex-Gratia Payments - Waterford Crystal pension schemes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00
Food Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	1.10	2.93	5.54	5.31
Grants - Information & Welfare Rights	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.63	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69
National Pensions Awareness Campaign	0.50	0.38	0.38	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Inclusion Initiatives	0.03	0.05	0.06	1.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07
Superannuation benefits recouped by the Pension Authority for retired staff	0.14	0.13	0.30	0.22	0.18	0.36	0.17	0.59	0.34	0.34
Training for Carers in areas of economic and social disadvantage (funded from the Dormant Accounts Fund)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.00	0.53	1.76	0.55
Total Miscellaneous Services	1.64	1.41	1.51	1.95	2.77	5.51	5.29	8.07	11.82	11.23

Table H4 – Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Type

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Mortgage Interest Supplement	Recipients	17,974	18,988	14,597	9,768	5,007	2,907	1,832	1,247	s/c	s/c
	Beneficiaries	17,974	18,988	14,597	9,768	5,007	2,907	1,832	1,247	s/c	s/c
Rent Allowance (de-control of rents legislation)	Recipients	179	159	141	119	111	97	83	77	68	56
	Beneficiaries	179	159	141	119	111	97	83	77	68	56
Rent Supplement	Recipients	97,260	96,803	87,684	79,788	66,409	56,959	44,521	32,075	22,880	15,913
	Beneficiaries	97,260	96,803	87,684	79,788	66,409	56,959	44,521	32,075	22,880	15,913
Supplementary Payments - Social Assistance		115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948	15,969
Total Supplementary Payments		115,413	115,950	102,422	89,675	71,527	59,963	46,436	33,399	22,948	15,969

Table H5 – Recipients of Household Benefits and Other Benefits

Scheme	Beneficiary Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Free Travel	Recipients	699,164	726,412	902,513	782,529	812,892	842,744	873,454	902,513	934,298	966,206
	Beneficiaries	699,164	726,412	902,513	782,529	812,892	842,744	873,454	902,513	934,298	966,206
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Electricity Allowance	Recipients	347,398	356,698	383,980	364,459	364,230	369,784	374,093	383,980	391,367	402,443
	Beneficiaries	347,398	356,698	383,980	364,459	364,230	369,784	374,093	383,980	391,367	402,443
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Free Television Licence	Recipients	394,030	404,619	435,337	413,214	412,901	419,209	424,492	435,337	443,580	455,439
	Beneficiaries	394,030	404,619	435,337	413,214	412,901	419,209	424,492	435,337	443,580	455,439
Household Benefits (Social Assistance) - Gas Allowance	Recipients	41,822	43,609	47,170	45,134	45,095	45,652	46,301	47,170	47,806	48,357
	Beneficiaries	41,822	43,609	47,170	45,134	45,095	45,652	46,301	47,170	47,806	48,357
Dental Benefit	Recipients	24,538	25,565	25,871	23,631	22,087	21,815	21,638	8,809	64,038	65,612
	Beneficiaries	24,538	25,565	25,871	23,631	22,087	21,815	21,638	8,809	64,038	65,612
Optical Benefit	Recipients	12,495	13,796	12,098	16,449	13,539	16,477	11,066	10,992	46,997	46,515
	Beneficiaries	12,495	13,796	12,098	16,449	13,539	16,477	11,066	10,992	46,997	46,515
Medical and Surgical Benefit	Recipients	889	874	789	886	708	812	864	1,087	1,697	1,472
	Beneficiaries	889	874	789	886	708	812	864	1,087	1,697	1,472
Total Payments		1,520,336	1,571,573	1,807,758	1,646,302	1,671,452	1,716,493	1,751,908	1,789,888	1,929,783	1,986,044

Table H6 – Recipients of Supplementary Payments by Age and Sex, 2019

	Rent Supplement		Other Supplements (Including Heating and Light)	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	5	2	9	9
20-44	136	60	39	35
25-29	649	248	105	41
30-34	1,312	541	120	102
35-39	1,336	906	169	177
40-44	1,207	1,082	242	244
45-49	948	1,155	235	297
50-54	682	1,027	251	308
55-59	611	971	272	328
60-64	405	800	263	308
65	54	144	56	41
66-69	209	444	125	157
70-74	153	322	240	151
75-79	96	146	209	134
80-84	84	67	211	88
85-89	51	34	105	37
90-94	18	2	35	12
95 and over	3	3	4	2
Total	7,959	7,954	2,690	2,471

Table H7 – Number of Recipients of Rent Supplement by Age and Duration, 2019

Age Group	0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 to 12 months	12 - 18 months	18 - 24 months	24 - 36 months	36 - 48 months	48 - 60 months	60 - 72 months	72 plus months
Under 25	16	28	25	19	32	19	22	24	14	2	2
25 to 29 years	31	32	41	34	53	63	122	160	136	77	148
30-34	51	55	55	63	119	100	227	279	249	152	503
35-39	49	95	80	60	134	117	253	339	321	192	602
40-44	62	79	67	60	122	100	252	304	287	228	728
45-49	40	66	67	57	100	84	191	282	255	204	757
50-54	34	45	46	64	97	70	149	209	192	162	641
55-59	31	57	58	42	77	66	149	197	165	150	590
60-64	20	30	38	41	67	43	115	160	125	115	451
65	2	10	8	3	11	4	17	24	24	13	82
66-69	12	18	16	14	32	27	52	74	70	70	268
70-74	5	16	6	12	21	22	39	58	53	35	208
75 and over	5	10	10	11	21	16	27	44	35	47	278
Total	358	541	517	480	886	731	1,615	2,154	1,926	1,447	5,258

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

Table H8 – Short-Term and Long-Term Recipients of Rent Supplement by County, 2019

County	Short-Term Recipients	Long-Term Recipients	All Recipients
Carlow	41	85	126
Cavan	23	120	143
Clare	0	52	52
Cork	355	1,618	1,973
Donegal	19	44	63
Dublin	740	7,750	8,490
Galway	51	624	675
Kerry	56	500	556
Kildare	197	592	789
Kilkenny	10	67	77
Laois	19	73	92
Leitrim	0	41	41
Limerick	67	264	331
Longford	7	52	59
Louth	15	80	95
Mayo	28	218	246
Meath	24	104	128
Monaghan	22	83	105
Offaly	0	51	51
Roscommon	21	101	122
Sligo	9	45	54
Tipperary	21	138	159
Waterford	30	38	68
Westmeath	27	360	387
Wexford	57	361	418
Wicklow	122	491	613
Total	1,961	13,952	15,913

Note: Recipients are considered as being long-term after 18 months in receipt of the supplement.

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FIGURE 23 – CLAIMS REGISTERED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2010-2019

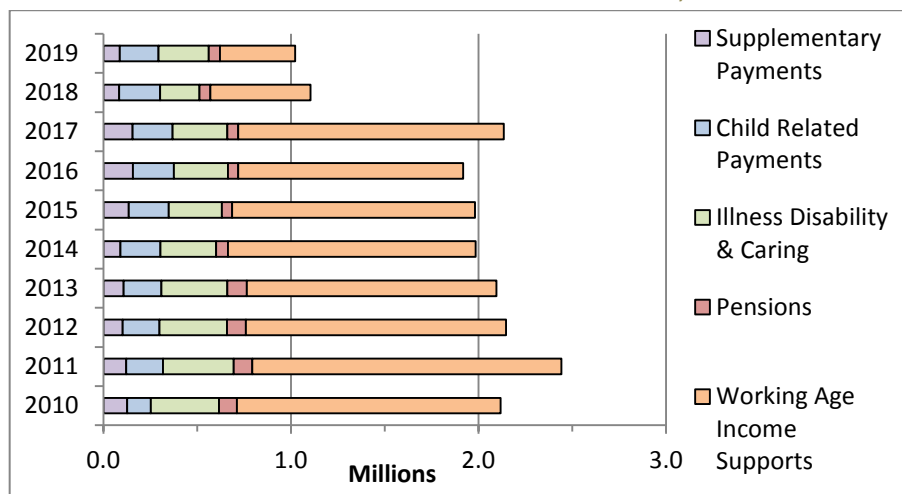
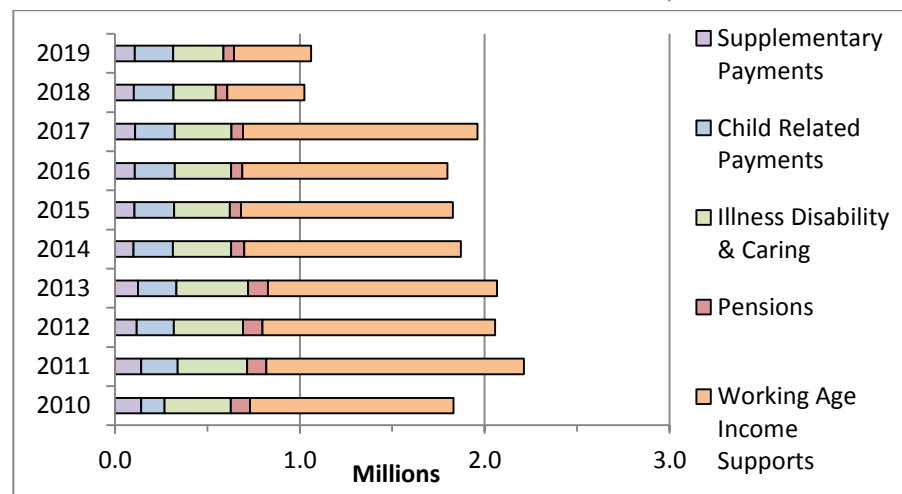


FIGURE 24 – CLAIMS CLEARED BY PROGRAMME AND YEAR, 2010-2019



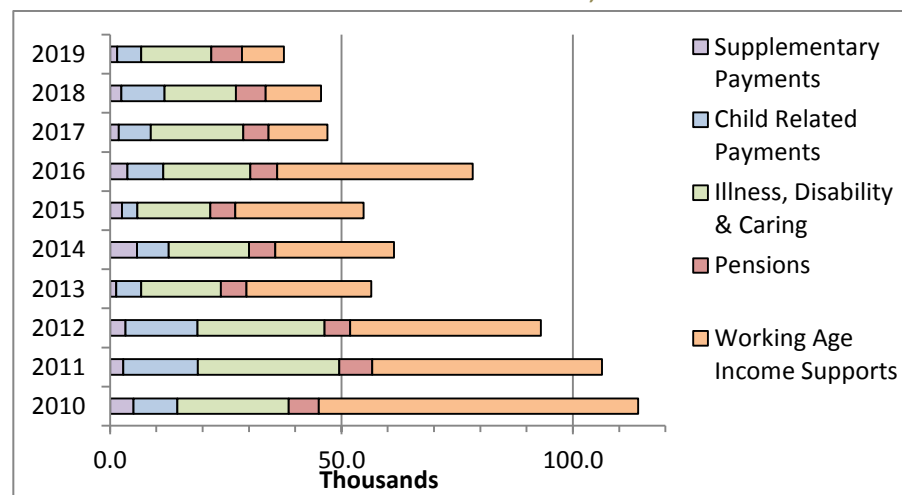
This section relates to the Department’s management and performance in relation to the claims received over the past 10 years.

In 2019 the total number of registered claims that were finalised (cleared) was 1,062,156 of which 910,984 or 86% were awarded. The remainder (151,172) were either disallowed or withdrawn by the client.

At the end of 2019 there were 37,600 claims on hand pending award, an 18% reduction on the number pending award at the end of 2018.

The Department has set measurable performance targets for the majority of the schemes under its remit.

FIGURE 25 – CLAIMS PENDING YEAR END, 2010-2019



Note: Parent’s Benefit was introduced in November 2019. As of December 31st 2019, there were 256 applications received with 216 claims awarded and 9 disallowed.

Table I1 – Claims Registered by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9,835	7,344	9,035	9,429	8,998	9,732	9,213	9,187	9,053	8,766
State Pension (Contributory)	32,940	36,281	35,198	39,215	40,212	37,902	38,431	39,883	42,084	41,551
State Pension (Transition)	20,184	22,719	22,430	19,270	3,885	521	204	137	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,534	7,549	7,451	7,574	7,390	7,707	7,699	7,599	7,542	7,996
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	17,568	18,763	19,252	24,991	3,743	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
Bereavement Grant - Longford	6,511	6,987	6,714	2,385	83	0	0	0	s/c	s/c
Total Pensions	94,572	99,643	100,080	102,864	64,311	55,862	55,547	56,806	58,679	58,313
Jobseeker's Allowance	263,942	239,667	225,262	227,722	209,444	191,781	171,243	155,854	137,770	128,107
One Parent Family Payment	17,325	16,943	14,330	13,887	12,288	11,484	11,751	11,452	11,466	11,625
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	792	556	428	526	100	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	578,035	643,526	453,833	386,161	400,479	371,899	290,097	346,743	187,409	56,673
Jobseeker's Benefit	267,271	223,938	192,965	165,457	147,636	137,131	131,005	129,241	127,586	132,989
Maternity Benefit	50,078	50,430	47,875	46,692	46,819	45,255	45,280	44,227	44,372	44,354
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,471	27,200	25,358	28,153
Treatment Benefit	229,928	473,123	453,236	492,127	503,691	536,654	542,968	701,732	n/a	n/a
Total Working Age Income Supports	1,407,371	1,648,183	1,387,929	1,332,572	1,320,457	1,294,204	1,198,815	1,416,449	533,961	401,901
Disability Allowance	21,409	24,264	25,887	20,538	21,071	22,538	23,804	23,657	23,080	24,017
Blind Pension	219	208	198	181	46	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Carer's Allowance	18,212	17,758	15,493	12,060	17,759	18,929	22,722	23,800	20,208	19,402
Domiciliary Care Allowance	5,529	5,191	4,079	4,464	5,743	6,422	7,434	8,197	8,609	8,719
Illness Benefit	289,962	296,730	286,534	288,052	226,274	209,750	209,685	209,384	143,423	201,362
Interim Illness Benefit	15,157	14,177	13,641	13,838	13,404	13,314	13,708	13,913	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	8,774	14,621	11,510	9,640	9,240	9,454	9,134	10,458	10,967	10,336
Disablement Benefit	1,652	1,775	1,436	1,215	347	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Carer's Benefit	2,080	2,060	1,788	1,804	2,074	1,842	1,344	3,590	4,101	4,693
Total Illness Disability and Caring	362,994	376,784	360,566	351,792	295,958	282,249	287,831	292,999	210,388	268,529

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Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	21,400	30,417	33,723	31,678	32,940	31,309	30,915	32,448	32,034	32,119
Child Benefit - EU regulation	1,146	1,267	2,436	0	4,271	4,319	4,037	3,473	3,753	3,665
Child Benefit - Over 16	36,648	72,226	69,639	71,870	72,857	68,590	72,726	65,607	72,671	71,508
Child Benefit - Additional Child	19,009	40,476	39,830	38,846	37,254	35,671	34,293	33,843	34,672	32,932
Working Family Payment - New Claims	22,472	23,453	20,341	24,965	26,679	31,191	28,516	28,730	27,854	23,878
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	25,638	27,761	29,589	32,879	39,755	42,714	47,608	47,998	46,630	41,842
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory) ^[1]	176	173	172	183	42	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory) ^[1]	431	498	456	452	134	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Child Related Payments	126,920	196,271	196,186	200,873	213,932	213,794	218,095	212,099	217,614	205,944
Household Benefits	107,353	101,812	82,480	89,463	69,527	72,826	75,443	75,593	69,703	72,381
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	10,105	11,093	11,040	11,151	12,847	13,744	13,573	13,841	14,388	15,311
Free Travel	9,065	8,668	9,258	7,652	8,173	48,347	68,336	66,754	n/a	n/a
Total Supplementary Payments	126,523	121,573	102,778	108,266	90,547	134,917	157,352	156,188	84,091	87,692
Grand Total	2,118,380	2,442,454	2,147,539	2,096,367	1,985,205	1,981,026	1,917,640	2,134,541	1,104,733	1,022,379

[1] Due to a system migration in October 2015 operational activity figures are no longer available for inclusion in this report.

Table I2 – Claims Awarded by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	7,191	5,730	7,243	7,445	7,750	7,675	8,132	7,577	8,040	7,917
State Pension (Contributory)	23,194	25,964	25,586	28,129	27,591	24,662	25,947	27,673	28,364	20,737
State Pension (Transition)	11,243	12,775	12,599	10,598	1,623	217	87	46	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	5,872	5,870	5,783	5,709	5,615	5,916	5,775	5,695	5,835	6,325
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	15,862	16,993	17,451	21,179	4,643	0	0	0	0	s/c
Bereavement Grant - Longford	5,918	5,926	5,342	2,537	78	0	0	0	0	s/c
Total Pensions	69,280	73,258	74,004	75,597	47,300	38,470	39,941	40,991	42,239	36,998
Jobseeker's Allowance	191,144	174,491	167,623	180,009	166,048	152,807	136,003	124,790	111,006	103,802
One Parent Family Payment	12,127	12,178	10,293	10,673	10,011	8,905	9,038	8,741	8,978	8,952
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	533	377	287	283	74	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	193,014	292,641	253,652	225,509	206,828	186,002	178,623	175,836	55,542	47,831
Jobseeker's Benefit	234,020	197,369	169,755	148,480	132,714	124,152	119,168	118,076	117,825	123,092
Maternity Benefit	48,806	48,827	45,415	45,491	44,555	44,740	41,646	45,621	41,429	44,456
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,013	26,559	24,080	28,191
Treatment Benefit	217,854	447,908	430,778	465,583	477,658	508,202	510,956	663,891	n/a	n/a
Total Working Age Income Supports	897,498	1,173,791	1,077,803	1,076,028	1,037,888	1,024,808	1,000,447	1,163,514	358,860	393,322
Disability Allowance	8,306	9,246	10,400	12,497	13,876	15,814	16,669	17,469	17,205	16,949
Blind Pension	117	106	96	77	29	0	0	0	0	n/a
Carer's Allowance	8,769	7,465	9,880	16,011	12,560	14,378	19,308	17,290	17,242	16,910
Domiciliary Care Allowance	3,103	2,686	1,586	1,877	3,104	4,186	4,996	6,823	3,104	5,886
Illness Benefit	249,166	259,008	245,319	245,456	162,187	154,692	156,153	159,030	112,012	173,873
Interim Illness Benefit	12,289	11,616	10,927	11,428	9,768	10,182	10,485	10,739	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	3,597	2,445	6,352	9,494	7,018	7,691	7,467	8,976	7,334	7,854
Disablement Benefit	1,293	1,310	1,384	731	392	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Carer's Benefit	1,965	1,941	2,021	1,917	2,264	2,234	1,302	2,605	2,774	3,349
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	288,605	295,823	287,965	299,488	211,198	209,177	216,380	222,932	159,671	207,872

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Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	22,382	34,735	34,576	31,151	31,765	30,592	30,991	31,301	31,549	31,063
Child Benefit - EU regulation	724	1,371	2,487	0	3,501	3,730	3,692	3,009	3,490	2,653
Child Benefit - Over 16	36,488	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871	71,620	66,305	72,124	72,632
Child Benefit - Additional Child	18,940	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703	34,258	33,885	34,672	32,886
Working Family Payment - New Claims	14,328	13,631	13,264	20,156	19,761	21,779	18,617	18,832	17,226	18,763
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	22,101	23,787	28,118	33,091	36,403	31,130	33,303	30,492	29,663	36,263
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	106	117	95	111	34	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	309	350	265	318	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Child Related Payments	115,378	186,740	188,218	194,902	202,205	191,805	192,481	183,824	188,724	194,260
Household Benefits	90,990	83,889	65,844	72,578	50,999	52,088	54,871	56,020	53,626	55,944
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	9,157	10,425	10,323	10,441	11,960	13,090	12,829	13,170	13,507	14,740
Free Travel	7,200	7,086	6,754	6,087	6,207	6,191	4,987	6,281	6,872	7,848
Total Supplementary Payments	107,347	101,400	82,921	89,106	69,166	71,369	72,687	75,471	74,005	78,532
Grand Total	1,478,108	1,831,012	1,710,911	1,735,121	1,567,757	1,535,629	1,521,936	1,686,732	823,499	910,984

Table I3 – Claims Rejected by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	2,641	1,998	2,453	2,351	2,350	2,188	2,332	2,139	2,253	2,252
State Pension (Contributory)	10,639	7,778	7,049	7,877	8,205	9,727	9,703	10,002	10,304	16,063
State Pension (Transition)	10,884	9,153	9,363	8,484	2,296	406	66	0	0	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	1,273	1,193	1,232	1,263	1,250	1,361	1,436	1,240	1,085	1,386
Bereavement Grant - Sligo & Longford	2,315	2,535	2,406	2,365	0	0	0	0	0	s/c
Total - Pensions	27,752	22,657	22,503	22,340	14,101	13,682	13,537	13,381	13,642	19,701
Jobseeker's Allowance	27,884	23,017	19,811	18,952	16,185	13,255	11,979	10,238	9,563	8,877
One Parent Family Payment	2,036	2,032	1,579	1,357	1,078	3,270	699	725	774	874
Jobseeker's Benefit	7,243	7,680	6,373	5,179	4,048	3,270	2,766	2,459	2,745	3,419
Maternity Benefit	1,359	1,774	1,488	1,343	1,458	1,568	1,370	1,570	1,335	1,699
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	542	380	690
Treatment Benefit	10,793	36,988	24,388	27,333	24,719	23,495	17,728	16,863	n/a	n/a
Total - Working Age Income Supports	49,315	71,491	53,639	54,164	47,488	44,858	34,542	32,397	14,797	15,559
Disability Allowance	10,316	14,116	14,519	14,691	12,621	14,800	12,027	12,022	12,682	13,981
Carer's Allowance	6,972	5,227	6,827	9,881	7,078	7,920	11,144	8,599	9,291	8,811
Illness Benefit	33,905	33,934	36,855	37,615	61,165	50,083	46,118	44,709	29,109	3,246
Interim Illness Benefit	1,279	1,073	1,101	1,061	1,832	1,470	1,682	2,019	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	3,677	5,945	10,721	8,546	5,496	5,070	3,909	4,579	4,601	4,753
Total – Illness, Disability, and Caring	56,149	60,295	70,023	71,794	88,192	79,343	74,880	71,928	55,683	30,791
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	681	832	764	623	549	682	801	674	833	776
Child Benefit - EU regulation	202	342	531	497	543	725	899	716	750	625
Working Family Payment - New Claims	7,187	6,448	7,396	10,082	7,225	9,208	8,915	10,402	8,274	7,768
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	1,763	1,959	2,649	2,787	3,149	11,538	14,188	17,512	16,651	5,668
Total - Child Related Payments	9,833	9,581	11,340	13,989	11,466	22,153	24,803	29,304	26,508	14,837
Household Benefits	16,754	17,297	15,919	16,030	14,459	17,282	16,806	18,030	16,604	16,414
Free Travel	3,284	3,831	3,046	2,268	2,447	2,103	2,552	2,193	2,511	2,487
Total - Supplementary Payments	20,038	21,128	18,965	18,298	16,906	19,385	19,358	20,223	19,115	18,901
Grand Total	163,087	185,152	176,470	180,585	178,153	179,421	167,120	167,233	129,745	99,789

Table I4 – Claims Withdrawn by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	84	1,009	1,149	999	1,131	1,167	1,170	1,323	1,212	1,146
State Pension (Contributory)	4,822	4,934	5,724	5,791	5,591	6,803	5,409	5,336	4,736	6,776
State Pension (Transition)	2,181	2,308	2,701	2,621	1,146	164	3	0	0	0
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	558	559	463	475	496	515	570	435	521	612
Bereavement Grant - Sligo & Longford	171	200	213	147	0	0	0	0	S/c	s/c
Total - Pensions	7,816	9,010	10,250	10,033	8,364	8,649	7,152	7,094	6,469	10,553
Jobseeker's Allowance	54,358	48,347	42,964	39,269	32,728	30,059	29,703	27,140	22,921	18,832
One Parent Family Payment	4,002	4,384	3,912	4,219	3,509	4,011	2,069	1,894	1,705	1,472
Jobseeker's Benefit	46,134	34,269	29,295	25,344	19,114	16,923	15,713	24,370	13,234	12,818
Maternity Benefit	0	0	2	95	0	0	3	958	845	1,078
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	678	460	1,190
Total - Working Age Income Supports	104,494	87,000	76,173	68,927	55,351	50,993	47,488	55,040	39,165	35,390
Disability Allowance	626	783	1,240	1,428	1,111	978	947	1,153	1,130	1,519
Carer's Allowance	888	1,194	1,776	2,529	1,610	1,888	1,429	570	707	580
Illness Benefit	4,775	5,702	5,369	5,022	5,060	4,944	5,211	5,075	3,761	7,703
Interim Illness Benefit	1,551	1,551	1,346	1,492	1,872	1,675	1,542	1,110	580	s/c
Invalidity Pension	285	1,699	702	752	1,047	1,039	972	1,007	1,157	1,242
Total - Illness, Disability, and Caring	8,125	10,929	10,433	11,223	10,700	10,524	10,101	8,915	7,335	11,044
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	161	512	484	437	348	47	8	125	6	7
Child Benefit - EU regulation	138	177	63	16	14	27	17	58	23	30
Working Family Payment - New Claims	238	494	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	752	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,316	0	0
Total - Child Related Payments	1,289	1,183	881	453	362	74	25	1,499	29	37
Household Benefits	12,970	16,605	14,136	15,018	12,094	12,206	12,689	112,828	6,216	6,896
Free Travel	217	274	141	128	173	423	416	499	759	346
Total - Supplementary Payments	13,187	16,879	14,277	15,146	12,267	12,629	13,105	113,327	6,975	7,242
Grand Total	134,911	125,001	112,014	105,782	87,044	82,869	77,871	185,875	59,973	64,229

Table I5 – Claims Cleared by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9,916	8,737	10,845	10,795	11,231	11,030	11,634	11,039	11,505	11,315
State Pension (Contributory)	38,655	38,676	38,359	41,797	41,387	41,192	41,059	43,011	43,404	43,576
State Pension (Transition)	24,308	24,236	24,663	21,703	5,065	787	156	151	S/C	S/C
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	7,703	7,622	7,478	7,447	7,361	7,792	7,781	7,370	7,441	3,372
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	17,363	18,627	19,147	23,293	5,700	0	0	0	0	S/c
Bereavement Grant - Longford	6,957	7,027	6,265	2,935	92	0	0	0	0	S/c
Total Pensions	104,902	104,925	106,757	107,970	70,836	60,801	60,630	61,571	62,350	58,263
Jobseeker's Allowance	273,386	245,855	230,398	238,230	214,961	196,121	177,685	162,168	143,490	131,511
One Parent Family Payment	18,165	18,594	15,784	16,249	14,598	13,659	11,806	11,360	11,457	11,298
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	854	576	461	455	122	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	240,766	349,789	304,268	264,819	238,641	213,714	206,056	203,821	59,032	57,429
Jobseeker's Benefit	287,397	242,318	205,423	179,003	155,876	144,345	137,647	134,905	133,804	139,329
Maternity Benefit	50,165	50,601	46,905	46,929	46,013	46,308	43,019	48,149	43,609	47,233
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,144	27,779	24,866	30,071
Treatment Benefit	228,647	484,896	455,166	492,916	502,377	531,697	528,684	680,754	n/a	n/avail
Total Working Age Income Supports	1,099,380	1,392,629	1,258,405	1,238,601	1,172,588	1,145,844	1,110,041	1,268,936	416,258	416,871
Disability Allowance	19,248	24,145	26,159	28,616	27,608	31,592	29,643	30,644	31,017	32,449
Blind Pension	206	221	203	174	66	0	0	0		n/avail
Carer's Allowance	16,629	13,886	18,483	28,421	21,248	24,186	31,881	26,459	27,240	26,404
Domiciliary Care Allowance	6,416	6,491	4,810	4,340	5,142	6,313	6,703	9,034	8,569	8,784
Illness Benefit	287,846	298,644	287,543	288,093	228,412	209,719	207,482	208,814	144,882	184,822
Interim Illness Benefit	15,119	14,240	13,374	13,981	13,472	13,327	13,709	13,868	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	7,559	12,829	17,775	18,792	13,561	13,800	12,348	14,562	13,092	13,849
Disablement Benefit	1,545	1,785	1,717	1,323	975	77	0	0	n/a	n/avail
Carer's Benefit	2,957	2,919	2,994	2,687	3,019	2,752	1,720	3,303	3,900	4,763
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	357,525	375,160	373,058	386,427	313,503	301,766	303,486	306,684	228,700	271,071

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Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	23,224	36,079	35,824	32,211	32,662	31,321	31,800	32,100	32,388	31,846
Child Benefit - EU regulation	1,064	1,890	3,081	0	4,058	4,482	4,608	3,783	4,263	3,308
Child Benefit - Over 16	36,488	72,248	69,576	71,205	73,434	68,871	71,620	66,305	72,124	72,632
Child Benefit - Additional Child	18,940	40,501	39,837	38,870	37,225	35,703	34,258	33,885	34,672	32,886
Working Family Payment - New Claims	21,753	20,573	20,994	30,238	26,986	30,987	27,532	28,908	25,500	26,531
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	24,616	25,746	30,767	35,878	39,552	42,668	47,491	49,320	46,314	41,931
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	163	189	161	185	59	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	444	504	436	478	149	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Child Related Payments	126,692	197,730	200,676	209,065	214,125	214,032	217,309	214,301	215,261	209,134
Household Benefits	120,714	117,791	95,899	103,626	77,552	81,576	84,366	85,878	76,446	79,254
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	10,957	12,605	12,229	12,115	13,810	15,253	14,892	15,075	15,639	16,882
Free Travel	10,701	11,191	9,941	8,483	8,827	8,717	7,955	8,973	10,142	10,681
Total Supplementary Payments	142,372	141,587	118,069	124,224	100,189	105,546	107,213	109,926	102,227	106,817
Grand Total	1,830,871	2,212,031	2,056,965	2,066,287	1,871,241	1,827,989	1,798,679	1,961,418	1,024,796	1,062,156

Table I6 – Claims Pending by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	1,507	1,869	1,432	1,780	1,552	2,058	1,762	1,896	1,561	1,294
State Pension (Contributory)	2,826	2,888	2,154	2,094	3,397	2,934	3,757	3,059	4,252	4,883
State Pension (Transition)	1,731	2,009	1,622	1,163	255	23	32	0	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	430	367	345	492	445	400	288	519	619	457
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	806	954	1,105	2,845	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bereavement Grant - Longford	175	141	601	57	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Pensions	6,494	7,133	5,553	5,529	5,649	5,415	5,839	5,474	6,432	6,634
Jobseeker's Allowance	26,377	21,880	18,464	10,148	8,074	7,167	5,955	4,893	3,852	3,786
One Parent Family Payment	5,250	4,249	3,369	2,490	1,452	1,173	1,001	900	657	494
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	134	110	69	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	5,670	6,371	4,701	3,762	3,905	3,567	3,559	2,729	532	518
Jobseeker's Benefit	11,659	9,065	7,723	4,613	4,257	3,905	3,562	3,131	3,418	3,908
Maternity Benefit	2,997	2,826	3,796	3,559	4,365	3,312	3,953	185	1,787	74
Paternity Benefit							1,389	876	1,709	284
Treatment Benefit	16,872	5,099	3,079	2,290	3,604	8,561	22,845	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Working Age Income Supports	68,959	49,600	41,201	26,946	25,657	27,685	42,264	12,714	11,955	9,064
Disability Allowance	6,880	6,999	7,775	5,022	6,058	4,855	5,947	5,768	5,549	4,838
Blind Pension	52	39	34	41						
Carer's Allowance	3,769	7,765	8,553	2,719	4,461	5,461	3,490	5,284	4,566	3,943
Domiciliary Care Allowance	690	819	478	694	1,237	1,346	2,077	1,240	1,280	1,215
Illness Benefit	7,375	5,461	4,452	4,411	2,273	2,304	4,507	5,077	1,030	2,250
Interim Illness Benefit	287	224	491	348	280	267	266	311	s/c	s/c
Invalidity Pension	2,701	6,814	3,662	2,013	2,034	1,559	2,133	1,653	2,188	2,253
Disablement Benefit	1,972	1,962	1,699	1,617	990	0	0	0		
Carer's Benefit	356	449	255	363	0	0	328	615	816	647
Total Illness, Disability, and Caring	24,082	30,532	27,399	17,228	17,333	15,792	18,748	19,948	15,429	15,146

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Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	1,260	654	2,276	1,743	2,021	2,009	1,524	1,871	1,517	1,790
Child Benefit - EU regulation	0	2,413	2,033	0	2,032	1,869	1,298	988	478	835
Child Benefit - Over 16	160	138	201	866	289	8	1,114	416	963	35
Child Benefit - Additional Child	69	44	37	13	42	10	45	3	3	49
Working Family Payment - New Claims	5,133	8,013	7,360	2,087	1,780	303	2,968	2,824	5,178	2,523
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	2,654	4,669	3,491	492	695	282	858	852	1,168	0
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)	78	63	74	71	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	121	116	136	110	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Child Related Payments	9,475	16,110	15,608	5,382	6,859	3,311	7,807	6,954	9,307	5,232
Household Benefits	4,582	2,566	2,949	953	5,197	2,079	3,177	1,357	1,755	883
Living Alone Allowance and Island Allowance	455	300	307	366	599	451	548	509	691	639
Free Travel	31	27	62	48	43	42	5	15	3	2
Total Supplementary Payments	5,068	2,893	3,318	1,367	5,839	2,572	3,730	1,881	2,449	1,524
Grand Total	114,078	106,268	93,079	56,452	61,337	55,945	78,388	46,971	45,572	37,600

Table 17 – Average Weeks to Award by Year and Benefit

Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	9	10	12	16	17	14	14	12	11	10
State Pension (Contributory)	7	5	6	5	5	6	7	5	6	7
State Pension (Transition)	4	4	5	6	8	8	0	0	s/c	s/c
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	5
Bereavement Grant - Sligo	1	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
Bereavement Grant - Longford	4	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions										
Jobseeker's Allowance	6	5	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
One Parent Family Payment	16	16	15	13	11	9	6	6	5	4
Widow/er's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension	11	10	10	8	4	0	0	0	0	n/a
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jobseeker's Benefit	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	6
Paternity Benefit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	6
Treatment Benefit	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	n/a	n/a
Working Age Income Supports										
Disability Allowance	14	17	5	28	23	11	12	11	13	13
Carer's Allowance	9	11	13	30	24	15	14	14	17	14
Domiciliary Care Allowance	7	9	6	7	10	14	14	17	10	10
Illness Benefit	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Invalidity Pension	13	2	35	52	22	8	10	6	7	9
Illness, Disability and Caring										

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Scheme	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Child Benefit - Domestic & Formerly Resident Abroad	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2
Child Benefit - EU regulation	0	51	38	0	26	28	33	34	28	n/a
Working Family Payment - New Claims	10	16	8	4	4	4	4	3	4	6
Working Family Payment - Claim Renewals	10	18	15	5	5	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant									1	1
Children										
Household Benefits	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1
Free Travel	4	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1
Supplementary Payments										

Table I8 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – EU Countries

Country of origin or declared nationality	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Austria	290	313	300	334	286	289	316	282	361	367
Belgium	278	336	281	326	370	366	338	432	456	485
Bulgaria	295	281	469	879	883	1,098	1,302	1,692	1,747	1,780
Croatia	51	60	86	486	2,091	4,342	5,312	4,908	4,346	3,229
Cyprus	21	21	20	53	124	42	59	60	55	55
Czech Republic	712	621	594	693	654	718	723	754	763	644
Denmark	324	306	319	266	222	240	235	235	327	264
Estonia	207	155	259	231	237	184	124	120	138	100
Finland	188	181	203	223	189	241	235	232	218	205
France	2,877	2,668	2,915	3,175	3,739	3,744	4,379	4,863	4,879	4,372
Germany	2,090	2,160	2,142	2,162	2,406	2,455	2,477	2,647	2,713	2,559
Greece	124	168	269	275	332	408	628	797	815	684
Hungary	1,584	1,556	1,985	1,881	1,727	1,617	1,433	1,370	1,212	1,048
Ireland	85,939	85,210	81,772	78,630	76,091	75,008	73,328	72,657	71,490	70,413
Italy	2,039	2,095	2,680	3,552	4,263	4,130	5,525	5,983	6,070	6,000
Latvia	3,134	2,195	1,759	1,568	1,312	1,171	1,316	1,399	1,511	1,264
Lithuania	4,353	3,555	2,860	2,521	2,316	2,337	2,838	3,120	2,916	2,057
Luxembourg	11	7	3	21	24	15	25	25	30	45
Malta	57	51	46	32	50	49	80	70	60	83
Netherlands	649	710	654	823	882	825	957	985	947	856
Poland	8,742	8,087	8,663	9,243	9,126	8,593	8,019	6,819	6,524	5,400
Portugal	786	706	1,128	1,577	1,946	1,622	2,138	2,208	2,348	2,032
Romania	3,002	3,841	5,283	7,709	9,076	8,638	11,208	12,080	13,922	14,121
Slovakia	1,288	1,012	1,138	1,092	1,081	957	996	1,068	1,076	895
Slovenia	37	42	47	56	72	90	97	101	101	97
Spain	2,388	2,604	3,929	5,000	5,195	4,351	5,441	6,341	6,685	6,235
Sweden	629	582	499	480	473	515	419	463	480	434
United Kingdom	13,437	13,135	12,727	13,135	13,729	14,758	15,862	15,312	15,060	14,440
Total EU	135,532	132,658	133,030	136,423	138,896	138,803	145,810	147,023	147,250	140,164

Table I9 – PPSNs Issued by Country of Origin or Declared Nationality – non-EU Countries

Country of origin or declared nationality	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Argentina	143	155	185	200	258	169	269	306	424	543
Australia	688	554	587	644	883	1,043	1,162	1,211	1,169	1,147
Bangladesh	109	88	134	196	311	427	191	203	177	212
Brazil	4,257	4,939	5,542	6,270	7,778	5,052	7,283	10,382	12,304	13,215
Canada	698	606	613	739	841	886	1,038	965	1,098	1,036
China	977	877	1,138	1,099	1,416	1,145	1,474	1,845	2,029	2,247
Egypt	93	99	147	184	239	294	512	537	516	440
India	1,430	1,475	1,854	2,620	2,815	3,132	4,956	5,782	7,323	10,765
Japan	232	275	281	359	387	280	354	400	499	500
Libya	21	40	58	276	254	61	61	67	37	56
Malaysia	410	291	362	435	540	502	567	565	627	607
Mauritius	156	46	45	40	65	33	49	42	60	46
Mexico	290	316	384	545	774	439	640	1,123	1,413	1,619
Moldova	124	93	90	124	116	88	116	122	160	191
Nepal	107	93	103	187	202	103	48	56	58	75
New Zealand	238	194	200	212	275	273	260	298	339	336
Nigeria	513	482	421	545	647	613	766	820	1,101	1,517
Norway	187	195	122	168	191	185	191	202	197	167
Pakistan	478	807	741	891	1,618	3,168	2,217	1,646	1,219	1,133
Philippines	394	434	414	429	413	428	919	1,161	1,080	1,372
Republic of Korea	558	505	678	1,043	1,271	513	495	659	856	905
Russia	233	267	258	329	357	417	455	488	525	639
Saudi Arabia	247	288	344	480	481	337	353	332	282	223
South Africa	413	346	344	354	448	482	804	975	1,251	1,869
Switzerland	143	180	171	202	185	221	229	267	280	265
Thailand	175	161	168	141	112	142	135	153	144	240
Turkey	117	131	122	156	233	206	319	440	785	1,215
Ukraine	150	167	182	257	293	341	309	289	347	620
United States of America	2,518	2,705	2,697	3,048	3,403	3,337	3,867	4,393	4,122	4,075
Venezuela	169	346	409	2,227	1,639	69	66	89	63	73
Other	2,368	3,237	2,833	3,359	5,122	4,507	5,110	6,115	6,802	8,665
Total Non-EU	18,636	20,392	21,627	27,759	33,567	28,893	35,215	41,993	47,287	56,013
Total EU + non-EU	154,168	153,050	154,657	164,182	172,463	169,711	181,025	188,956	194,537	196,177

Appendix 1 – Social Assistance and Social Insurance Schemes

The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection provides a range of payments which can be classified as follows.

SOCIAL INSURANCE

Payments made under the Social Insurance system are funded by contributions from employers, employees and the self-employed. Any deficit in the fund is met by an 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 of State Pension (Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Adoptive Benefit, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Paternity benefit, Treatment Benefit, Partial Capacity Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Illness Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Occupational Injuries Benefits, Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant and Household

Benefits.

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 of State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension, Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Deserted Wife's Allowance, Farm Assist, Jobseeker's Allowance, One-Parent Family Payment, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Blind Pension, Carer's Allowance, Disability Allowance, Working Family Payment, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Rent Supplement, Household Benefits and Rent Allowance.

UNIVERSAL (CHILD BENEFIT)

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

Appendix 2 – Classification of Social Welfare Schemes

PENSIONS

State Pension (Non-Contributory)
State Pension (Contributory)
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension

WORKING AGE INCOME SUPPORTS

Adoptive Benefit
Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance
Deserted Wife's Allowance
Deserted Wife's Benefit
Daily Expenses Allowance
Exceptional and Urgent Needs
Farm Assist
Health and Safety Benefit
Humanitarian Aid
Jobseeker's Allowance
Jobseeker's Benefit
Maternity Benefit
Paternity Benefit
One-Parent Family Payment
Other Supplements (Including Heating, Diet and Light)
Redundancy and Insolvency
Treatment Benefits
Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension

WORKING AGE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Activation and Family Support Programme (AFSP)
Assistance towards training for BTW participants
Back to Education Allowance
Back to Work Allowance
Community Employment Programme
Community Service Programme
Disability Activation Project
Disability Support Awareness
Drugs Task Force
EmployAbility Service
EURES Job Mobility Funded Training Initiatives
Job Initiative
Job Path
JobsPlus
Local Employment Service
Jobs Clubs
Partial Capacity Benefit Wage Subsidy Scheme
Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme
Rural Social Scheme
Short Term Enterprise Allowance
Special payments to long term Unemployed and Lone Parents
Special Initiatives for Travellers programme
Technical Employment Support Grants (funded from National Training Fund)
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Work Placement Programme

ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND CARING

Blind Pension
Carer's Allowance
Carer's Benefit
Carer's Support Grant (previously Respite Care Grant)
Disablement Benefit
Disability Allowance
Domiciliary Care Allowance
Injury Benefit
Illness Benefit
Invalidity Pension
Medical Care

CHILDREN

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme
Child Benefit
Family Income Supplement
Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
School Meals
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Non-Contributory)
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant (Contributory)

SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

Free Travel
Fuel Allowance
Household Benefits
Rent Supplement

Appendix 3 – Glossary of Terms

RECIPIENT

Person actually receiving a Social Welfare Payment.

BENEFICIARIES

Total number of recipients, qualified adults and qualified children.

QUALIFIED ADULT

Person in respect of whom a Qualified Adult Increase is paid.

QUALIFIED CHILD

Child in respect of whom an Increase for a Qualified Child is paid to the recipient. This allowance is payable at half the rate where a spouse/partner, living with the recipient, is not a Qualified Adult. Each spouse/partner may receive half the Increase for a Qualified Child where both are in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment.

CLAIM/CLAIMANT

An application/applicant for a Social Welfare Payment.

SOCIAL INSURANCE

Social insurance refers to a range of benefits administered by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

These benefits comprise of State Pension (Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Contributory), Deserted Wife's Benefit, Invalidity Pension, Illness Benefit, Partial Capacity Benefit, Carer's Benefit, Jobseeker's Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Paternity Benefit, Health and Safety Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Treatment Benefit, Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant, Bereavement Grants, Household Benefits and Free Travel.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Social assistance refers to beneficiaries who do not have enough PRSI contributions to qualify for the equivalent social insurance payment. These schemes comprise of State Pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Non-Contributory Pension, Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory), Deserted Wife's Allowance, One-Parent Family Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance, Farm Assist, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Family Income Supplement, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Blind Pension, Rent Allowance, Household Benefits and Free Travel.

N/a

Not Available/Not Applicable

S/C

Scheme Closed