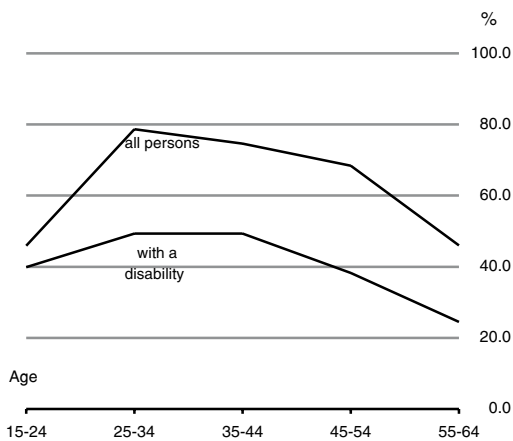




Quarterly National Household Survey Disability Update Quarter 1 2004

Percentage in employment aged 15 to 64



Little Change in Disability Rate

A module on Disability in the labour force was conducted in the second quarter of 2002. Some key questions from this module were repeated in the first quarter (December to February) of 2004 and this release provides updated results from these questions.

Some 10.9% (298,300) of all persons aged 15 to 64 indicated that they had a longstanding health problem or disability in the first quarter of 2004 compared with 10.3% (274,200) in the second quarter of 2002. However much of this change is attributable to small survey changes in the 2004 questionnaire and thus there was little or no real significant change recorded between the two surveys. *See table 1.*

2004 Update - key features include:

- ◆ Just over 37% (110,800) of all persons aged 15 to 64 with a disability/health problem indicated that they were in employment compared with an overall rate of 63.8% for the total population in the same age category. *See table 3 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ Of those (1,748,700) in employment aged 15 to 64, the highest percentage who reported a disability/health problem were in the *Agriculture, forestry and fishing* (8.2%) sector. *Other production industries* had the lowest percentage at just 4.9%.
- ◆ The most commonly reported disabilities/ health problems were *Heart, blood pressure or circulation* problems (46,300) followed by *Back or neck* problems (43,000) and *Chest or breathing* problems (41,100). *See table 5b.*
- ◆ Of disabled persons in employment, 18,600 reported having *Chest or breathing* problems, 18,200 had *Heart, blood pressure or circulation* problems, while a further 18,000 reported having *Back or neck* problems. *See table 6b.*
- ◆ Persons reporting a disability/health problem worked on average 34.9 hours a week compared to 36.8 hours a week for the total population in employment in the same age category. *See table 4.*

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Table 1 Persons aged 15 to 64 classified by whether they have any longstanding¹ health problem or disability, March-May 2002 and December-February 2004 '000

	q2 2002				q1 2004			
	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total
State	274.2	2,239.7	139.9	2,653.8	298.3	2,419.3	24.6	2,742.2
Region								
Border	31.4	233.6	16.1	281.1	29.1	263.1	1.7	293.9
Midlands	15.1	127.1	5.0	147.3	18.8	129.2	8.0	156.1
West	23.8	212.7	14.4	250.9	33.5	226.7	2.0	262.2
Dublin	77.2	675.0	41.5	793.7	87.5	712.7	6.9	807.0
Mid-East	29.3	240.0	12.9	282.2	29.7	266.9	1.5	298.2
Mid-West	21.4	184.0	22.7	228.1	24.5	206.0	1.1	231.7
South-East	32.8	235.7	11.6	280.1	29.2	261.1	1.3	291.7
South-West	43.1	331.6	15.7	390.4	45.9	353.4	2.2	401.5
Sex								
Male	144.6	1,115.4	73.0	1,333.0	155.8	1,207.0	14.0	1,376.8
Female	129.6	1,124.3	66.9	1,320.8	142.5	1,212.3	10.7	1,365.4
Age group								
15-24 years	29.4	573.4	38.7	641.5	26.1	614.2	2.9	643.2
25-34 years	40.7	545.2	31.5	617.4	36.9	605.4	5.0	647.4
35-44 years	50.2	487.1	25.6	562.9	53.1	521.6	5.2	579.9
45-54 years	68.4	387.5	24.6	480.4	81.8	406.1	6.5	494.4
55-64 years	85.6	246.6	19.4	351.5	100.4	272.0	4.9	377.3
Marital status								
Single	99.9	1,050.7	74.7	1,225.3	101.2	1,137.7	10.6	1,249.5
Married	143.1	1,080.1	56.7	1,279.8	161.2	1,154.0	11.9	1,327.1
Separated	21.1	75.6	5.9	102.6	23.8	88.7	1.4	113.9
Widowed	10.2	33.3	2.6	46.0	12.1	38.9	0.7	51.7
ILO economic status								
In employment	109.9	1,534.9	83.2	1,728.0	110.8	1,621.5	16.5	1,748.7
Unemployed	7.5	66.4	2.9	76.8	9.2	81.0	0.4	90.6
Not economically active	156.8	638.4	53.8	849.0	178.3	716.8	7.8	902.9

¹ See Background Notes.

Table 2 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment (ILO) classified by whether they have any longstanding¹ health problem or disability, March-May 2002 and December-February 2004

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	q2 2002				q1 2004			
	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total
State	109.9	1,534.9	83.2	1,728.0	110.8	1621.5	16.5	1748.7
Region								
Border	9.9	150.9	8.3	169.1	9.4	167.3	0.8	177.5
Midlands	5.6	85.8	3.1	94.5	5.5	87.0	6.6	99.2
West	9.6	143.4	8.2	161.2	15.5	154.1	1.1	170.6
Dublin	34.4	478.1	26.6	539.1	35.3	493.8	5.4	534.5
Mid-East	13.2	168.6	9.2	191.0	11.9	177.4	0.9	190.2
Mid-West	9.2	125.5	12.3	147.1	9.0	140.9	0.5	150.4
South-East	12.1	160.9	7.4	180.4	8.6	168.4	0.5	177.4
South-West	15.9	221.8	8.0	245.7	15.6	232.5	0.7	248.8
Sex								
Male	66.5	884.0	48.8	999.3	66.6	942.3	10.9	1019.8
Female	43.4	651.0	34.4	728.8	44.2	679.2	5.5	728.9
Age group								
15-24 years	10.6	261.4	16.1	288.1	10.4	282.8	1.9	295.1
25-34 years	22.5	452.7	25.8	501.0	18.2	487.2	4.1	509.6
35-44 years	25.2	387.9	18.3	431.4	26.2	402.4	4.0	432.6
45-54 years	28.5	294.6	15.6	338.8	31.3	302.5	4.2	338.0
55-64 years	23.1	138.3	7.3	168.7	24.6	146.5	2.3	173.4
Marital status								
Single	39.4	671.4	43.4	754.3	36.9	722.0	7.4	766.3
Married	61.0	791.3	35.2	887.5	63.6	817.1	8.0	888.8
Separated	7.1	54.7	3.3	65.2	6.9	61.8	0.7	69.4
Widowed	2.4	17.5	1.2	21.1	3.4	20.6	*	24.2

¹ See Background Notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

Table 3 Persons aged 15 to 64 classified by ILO Economic Status, March-May 2002 and December-February 2004

	q2 2002					q1 2004				
	In employment		Unemployed	Not economically active	Total	In employment		Unemployed	Not economically active	Total
	'000	%	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	'000
State	1,728.0	65.1	76.8	849.0	2,653.8	1,748.7	63.8	90.6	902.9	2,742.2
Age group										
15-24 years	288.1	44.9	24.1	329.3	641.5	295.1	45.9	29.9	318.2	643.3
25-34 years	501.0	81.2	23.1	93.2	617.4	509.6	78.7	23.4	114.5	647.4
35-44 years	431.4	76.6	14.6	116.9	562.9	432.6	74.6	18.7	128.7	579.9
45-54 years	338.8	70.5	10.7	131.0	480.4	338.0	68.4	13.6	142.8	494.4
55-64 years	168.7	48.0	4.2	178.7	351.5	173.4	46.0	5.1	198.7	377.3
Persons with a disability/ longstanding¹ health problem	109.9	40.1	7.5	156.8	274.2	110.8	37.1	9.2	178.3	298.3
Age group										
15-24 years	10.6	36.0	1.7	17.2	29.4	10.4	39.8	1.6	14.0	26.1
25-34 years	22.5	55.4	2.2	16.0	40.7	18.2	49.3	1.9	16.8	36.9
35-44 years	25.2	50.1	1.4	23.7	50.2	26.2	49.3	1.8	25.1	53.1
45-54 years	28.5	41.7	1.4	38.4	68.4	31.3	38.3	2.7	47.7	81.8
55-64 years	23.1	27.0	0.9	61.6	85.6	24.6	24.5	1.1	74.7	100.4

¹ See Background Notes.

Table 4 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment (ILO) classified by whether they have any longstanding¹ health problem or disability, March-May 2002 and December-February 2004

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	q2 2002				q1 2004			
	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total
State	109.9	1,534.9	83.2	1,728.0	110.8	1621.5	16.5	1748.7
ILO economic status								
Full-time	82.7	1,292.5	71.5	1,446.7	80.0	1333.0	14.3	1427.3
Part-time	27.2	242.4	11.7	281.3	30.7	288.5	2.2	321.4
Employment status								
Self employed (with paid employees)	5.3	89.3	4.2	98.8	5.0	74.6	0.5	80.1
Self employed (with no paid employees)	15.3	155.7	8.0	179.0	15.1	159.4	2.1	176.6
Employee (including schemes)	88.3	1,276.6	70.4	1,435.3	89.5	1376.9	13.7	1480.1
Assisting relatives	1.0	13.2	0.6	14.9	1.2	10.6	*	12.0
NACE economic sector								
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	9.5	93.1	4.9	107.5	8.4	92.5	1.5	102.5
C-E Other production industries	16.4	271.7	14.6	302.8	14.2	275.3	2.2	291.7
F Construction	9.5	162.3	8.9	180.7	10.8	165.3	2.4	178.5
G Wholesale and retail	13.5	218.2	10.7	242.4	13.3	229.6	1.6	244.6
H Hotels and restaurants	6.3	90.3	6.3	102.9	6.5	107.6	1.2	115.3
I Transport, storage and communication	6.8	98.6	5.3	110.8	8.4	101.2	1.0	110.6
J-K Financial and other services	13.6	201.3	11.3	226.2	14.0	205.4	1.9	221.4
L Public administration and defence	6.5	80.0	3.4	89.9	5.4	81.5	0.8	87.8
M Education	7.8	97.6	4.2	109.6	9.3	116.0	1.0	126.4
N Health	12.5	137.6	7.9	157.9	12.8	156.1	2.0	170.9
O Other	7.4	84.3	5.6	97.3	7.6	90.8	0.9	99.2
Occupation								
1 Managers and Administrators	20.1	260.2	12.8	293.1	20.5	272.9	3.2	296.6
2 Professional	9.1	168.5	8.5	186.0	12.0	197.5	1.8	211.4
3 Associate Professional and Technical	9.5	137.4	7.1	154.0	10.6	154.0	1.9	166.4
4 Clerical and Secretarial	12.8	199.5	10.8	223.1	11.2	185.1	1.4	197.7
5 Craft and Related	12.5	200.4	10.8	223.7	13.5	207.3	3.0	223.7
6 Personal and Protective Service	12.2	146.0	8.6	166.9	12.3	176.5	1.5	190.3
7 Sales	8.0	127.8	6.9	142.7	7.3	145.7	0.9	154.0
8 Plant and Machine Operatives	12.0	163.2	8.7	183.9	9.7	137.2	1.2	148.1
9 Other	13.8	131.9	9.0	154.6	13.8	145.4	1.4	160.6
Usual hours per week								
1-9 hours	2.3	22.1	1.0	25.4	2.9	30.3	*	33.3
10-19	7.7	74.6	3.4	85.7	9.5	90.6	*	100.4
20-29	15.5	147.7	7.1	170.3	15.4	174.9	1.8	192.0
30-34	4.7	49.1	2.6	56.4	4.9	62.1	0.8	67.8
35-39	35.3	559.9	34.4	629.5	31.3	593.5	6.0	630.8
40-44	16.5	297.2	15.6	329.2	17.2	287.5	3.3	308.0
45 & over	15.2	210.4	9.6	235.2	14.1	218.6	1.2	233.9
Variable hours ²	12.8	173.8	9.6	196.2	15.4	164.0	3.2	182.6
<i>Average weekly hours</i>	<i>36.1</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>37.7</i>	<i>37.7</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>36.9</i>	<i>37.6</i>	<i>36.8</i>

¹ See Background Notes.

² Includes 'not stated'.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 5a Persons aged 15 to 64, that have a longstanding¹ health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability, March-May 2002

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	Arms or hands	Back or neck	Chest or breathing	Diabetes	Epilepsy	Hearing difficulty	Heart, blood pressure/circulation	Legs or feet
State	15.0	38.6	41.6	12.4	5.9	5.6	39.9	21.2
Region								
Border	2.1	5.0	4.3	1.3	0.6	0.6	4.6	2.6
Midlands	0.6	2.0	1.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	2.6	0.9
West	1.6	4.1	3.2	1.0	0.4	0.5	3.0	1.4
Dublin	3.7	7.8	13.7	4.1	2.1	2.0	10.8	5.6
Mid-East	1.6	5.0	3.8	1.3	0.6	0.4	3.9	2.0
Mid-West	1.5	3.7	2.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	2.6	2.0
South-East	1.8	4.3	5.9	1.6	0.7	0.4	5.2	2.4
South-West	2.1	6.7	6.2	1.3	0.8	0.5	7.1	4.3
Sex								
Male	7.0	20.1	21.7	7.4	2.8	3.1	24.8	10.6
Female	8.0	18.5	19.9	5.0	3.2	2.6	15.0	10.6
Age group								
15-24 years	0.8	1.7	11.3	0.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	1.0
25-34 years	1.3	4.9	8.2	1.7	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.9
35-44 years	2.3	9.5	6.8	2.0	1.5	1.2	4.0	3.2
45-54 years	3.8	11.3	7.2	3.6	1.0	1.4	11.0	5.2
55-64 years	6.8	11.2	8.0	4.5	0.7	1.1	22.9	9.9
Marital status								
Single	3.4	9.3	20.1	3.1	3.1	2.4	6.2	6.1
Married	9.4	24.4	17.4	8.0	2.4	2.7	28.7	12.3
Separated	1.3	3.5	2.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	2.8	1.6
Widowed	1.0	1.4	1.2	0.5	*	*	2.1	1.1
ILO economic status								
In employment	5.2	16.5	21.0	7.3	2.6	2.6	16.1	7.5
Unemployed	0.5	1.1	1.8	0.3	0.4	0.5	*	0.4
Not economically active	9.4	21.0	18.8	4.8	2.9	2.5	23.5	13.3

¹ See Background Notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 5a continued - Persons aged 15 to 64 that have a longstanding¹ health problem or disability classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability, March-May 2002

	Mental, nervous or emotional	Seeing difficulty	Skin conditions	Speech impediment	Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive	Other progressive illness	Other longstanding problem(s)	Not Stated	Total
State	28.7	4.7	4.6	1.3	11.8	15.5	26.5	0.9	274.2
Region									
Border	3.0	0.6	0.4	*	1.1	1.4	3.5	*	31.4
Midlands	1.5	*	0.3	*	0.8	0.9	1.9	*	15.1
West	2.8	0.6	*	*	1.1	1.9	1.7	*	23.8
Dublin	8.6	1.3	1.9	0.3	3.4	4.5	7.1	0.3	77.2
Mid-East	3.3	0.4	0.6	*	1.6	1.6	2.8	*	29.3
Mid-West	1.8	0.3	0.3	*	0.8	1.3	2.0	*	21.4
South-East	3.2	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.3	1.5	3.0	*	32.8
South-West	4.4	0.7	0.4	*	1.6	2.4	4.4	*	43.1
Sex									
Male	16.6	2.7	2.4	0.8	5.6	5.6	12.8	0.6	144.6
Female	12.0	2.0	2.2	0.5	6.2	10.0	13.7	0.4	129.6
Age group									
15-24 years	2.9	0.6	1.1	0.3	1.1	1.0	3.8	*	29.4
25-34 years	6.8	0.7	1.0	0.4	1.9	2.2	6.2	*	40.7
35-44 years	6.6	0.9	0.9	*	2.9	2.7	5.1	*	50.2
45-54 years	7.2	1.2	0.9	0.3	3.1	5.1	6.0	*	68.4
55-64 years	5.1	1.3	0.8	*	2.8	4.6	5.3	0.3	85.6
Marital status									
Single	19.7	2.1	2.1	1.0	3.6	3.9	13.4	0.4	99.9
Married	5.2	2.2	2.0	0.3	7.0	9.8	10.8	0.4	143.1
Separated	3.0	*	0.5	*	0.9	1.2	1.7	*	21.1
Widowed	0.7	*	*	*	0.3	0.6	0.6	*	10.2
ILO economic status									
In employment	6.3	1.8	2.7	0.5	5.7	4.4	9.6	*	109.9
Unemployed	0.8	*	*	*	0.5	*	0.5	*	7.5
Not economically active	21.5	2.8	1.7	0.8	5.7	11.0	16.3	0.7	156.8

¹ See Background Notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 5b Persons aged 15 to 64, that have a longstanding¹ health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability, December-February 2004

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	Arms or hands	Back or neck	Chest or breathing	Diabetes	Epilepsy	Hearing difficulty	Heart, blood pressure/ circulation	Legs or feet
State	18.6	43.0	41.1	14.3	6.6	4.5	46.3	26.6
Region								
Border	1.8	3.5	4.3	1.2	0.7	*	3.3	3.8
Midlands	1.3	1.9	2.3	1.0	*	0.5	3.1	1.2
West	2.4	5.4	3.7	1.4	0.6	*	5.4	2.6
Dublin	4.9	12.1	12.7	3.4	1.8	1.6	13.8	7.2
Mid-East	1.8	3.9	3.9	1.5	0.5	0.7	4.4	4.4
Mid-West	1.5	4.3	3.8	1.9	*	0.3	3.0	2.2
South-East	2.2	4.0	3.9	1.9	1.0	0.5	5.7	2.1
South-West	2.6	7.9	6.5	2.0	1.6	0.5	7.5	3.1
Sex								
Male	7.9	22.1	21.7	8.6	3.7	2.8	27.2	14.6
Female	10.7	20.9	19.4	5.7	2.9	1.7	19.1	12.0
Age group								
15-24 years	0.7	2.1	8.6	1.2	1.0	*	0.4	1.2
25-35 years	1.7	4.6	7.9	1.0	2.2	1.0	2.2	3.0
35-44 years	2.9	10.5	5.4	2.7	1.5	0.8	4.9	3.6
45-54 years	4.9	14.1	8.5	4.8	1.2	1.6	12.6	6.3
55-64 years	8.3	11.8	10.6	4.6	0.8	1.0	26.2	12.5
Marital status								
Single	5.0	10.5	19.8	4.0	3.8	1.4	7.6	6.7
Married	11.0	27.4	16.6	8.9	2.4	2.9	32.0	16.6
Separated	1.5	3.8	3.1	0.9	0.3	*	3.9	2.0
Widowed	1.0	1.3	1.6	0.5	*	*	2.8	1.3
ILO economic status								
In employment	5.7	18.0	18.6	7.0	2.9	2.7	18.2	9.9
Unemployed	0.3	1.5	2.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6
Not economically active	12.7	23.6	20.4	6.8	3.4	1.5	27.3	16.2

¹ See Background Notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 5b continued - Persons aged 15 to 64 that have a longstanding¹ health problem or disability classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability, December-February 2004

	Mental, nervous or emotional	Seeing difficulty	Skin conditions	Speech impediment	Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive	Other progressive illness	Other longstanding problem(s)	Not Stated	Total
State	30.5	5.0	3.9	1.5	14.8	15.7	24.4	1.4	298.3
Region									
Border	2.8	0.9	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.4	3.0	*	29.1
Midlands	2.9	*	*	0.3	0.9	1.4	1.4	*	18.8
West	3.3	0.3	*	*	2.1	2.2	3.2	0.4	33.5
Dublin	9.4	1.8	1.6	0.4	4.4	5.9	6.2	0.3	87.5
Mid-East	2.6	0.6	0.3	*	2.0	0.7	2.3	*	29.7
Mid-West	2.0	*	*	*	0.9	0.8	3.0	*	24.5
South-East	2.5	*	0.5	*	1.1	1.0	2.3	*	29.2
South-West	4.9	0.8	0.5	*	2.2	2.1	3.1	0.5	45.9
Sex									
Male	16.3	2.7	2.1	0.6	6.7	6.7	11.3	0.9	155.8
Female	14.2	2.3	1.8	0.9	8.1	9.0	13.1	0.5	142.5
Age group									
15-24 years	3.0	1.1	0.4	*	2.2	1.2	2.6	*	26.1
25-35 years	4.6	0.4	0.7	*	2.1	2.0	3.2	*	36.9
35-44 years	8.5	0.9	1.0	0.3	3.8	1.9	4.5	*	53.1
45-54 years	8.2	1.7	1.2	0.4	3.7	4.0	8.1	0.4	81.8
55-64 years	6.2	0.9	0.6	0.5	3.0	6.5	6.0	0.7	100.4
Marital status									
Single	18.1	1.9	1.3	0.9	5.7	4.8	8.9	0.8	101.2
Married	8.6	2.6	2.0	0.6	7.3	9.0	12.7	0.5	161.2
Separated	2.9	0.3	0.4	*	1.4	1.2	2.0	*	23.8
Widowed	0.9	*	*	*	0.4	0.6	0.8	*	12.1
ILO economic status									
In employment	4.2	1.6	1.8	0.4	6.7	4.8	8.0	0.3	110.8
Unemployed	1.2	*	0.4	0.3	*	*	0.7	*	9.2
Not economically active	25.1	3.1	1.7	0.8	8.0	10.8	15.7	1.1	178.3

¹ See Background Notes.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 6a Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding¹ health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability, March-May 2002

	Arms or hands	Back or neck	Chest or breathing	Diabetes	Epilepsy	Hearing difficulty	Heart, blood pressure/circulation	Legs or feet
State	5.2	16.5	21.0	7.3	2.6	2.6	16.1	7.5
ILO economic status								
Full-time	3.6	12.2	16.1	5.8	1.8	2.2	12.3	5.7
Part-time	1.6	4.2	4.9	1.5	0.8	0.4	3.8	1.8
Employment status								
Self employed (with paid employees)	*	0.7	0.9	0.5	*	*	1.1	0.5
Self employed (with no paid employees)	1.0	3.1	1.9	1.2	*	0.3	3.0	1.3
Employee (including schemes)	4.1	12.5	18.1	5.6	2.3	2.2	11.9	5.7
Assisting relatives	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NACE economic sector								
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.6	1.9	1.3	0.6	*	*	1.9	0.9
C-E Other production industries	0.7	2.6	3.2	1.2	0.4	0.5	2.5	1.0
F Construction	0.4	1.4	2.0	0.6	*	0.3	1.8	0.6
G Wholesale and retail	0.8	2.0	2.8	1.0	0.5	*	1.7	0.8
H Hotels and restaurants	*	0.6	1.6	0.5	*	*	0.9	0.3
I Transport, storage and communication	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.5	*	*	1.4	0.6
J-K Financial and other services	0.6	2.2	3.0	0.9	0.5	*	1.7	0.7
L Public administration and defence	0.3	1.2	1.1	0.5	*	0.3	0.8	0.4
M Education	0.4	0.9	1.3	0.4	*	0.3	0.9	0.7
N Health	0.5	1.6	2.1	0.7	0.5	*	1.7	0.7
O Other	0.4	1.0	1.3	0.3	*	*	0.8	0.7
Occupation								
1 Managers and Administrators	0.9	3.7	3.3	1.8	0.4	*	3.5	1.2
2 Professional	0.4	1.0	2.1	0.5	*	*	1.1	0.7
3 Associate Professional and Technical	0.3	1.5	1.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.7
4 Clerical and Secretarial	0.4	1.9	3.0	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.7	0.7
5 Craft and Related	0.8	2.3	2.5	0.6	*	0.4	2.2	1.0
6 Personal and Protective Service	0.6	1.7	3.0	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.8
7 Sales	0.5	1.1	2.0	0.6	0.3	*	0.7	0.5
8 Plant and Machine Operatives	0.8	1.7	1.6	0.9	0.3	0.4	2.2	1.0
9 Other	0.5	1.5	1.9	0.9	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.9
Usual hours per week								
1-9 hours	*	0.3	0.4	*	*	*	*	*
10-19	0.5	1.1	1.3	0.4	*	*	0.9	0.5
20-29	0.9	2.0	3.1	0.8	0.5	*	2.4	0.8
30-34	*	0.8	0.8	0.3	*	*	0.6	*
35-39	1.8	5.1	7.0	2.4	0.7	0.9	5.0	2.2
40-44	0.5	2.3	3.4	1.3	0.4	0.5	2.0	1.2
45 & over	0.6	2.8	3.3	1.0	0.5	0.4	2.6	1.1
Variable hours ²	0.7	2.1	1.6	1.0	*	0.3	2.4	1.2
<i>Average hours per week</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>37.5</i>	<i>36.3</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>34.5</i>	<i>37.9</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>37.2</i>

¹ See Background Notes.

² Includes 'not stated'.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 6a continued - Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding¹ health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability, March-May 2002

	Mental, nervous or emotional	Seeing difficulty	Skin conditions	Speech impediment	Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive	Other progressive illness	Other longstanding problem(s)	Not stated	Total
State	6.3	1.8	2.7	0.5	5.7	4.4	9.6	*	109.9
ILO economic status									
Full-time	4.2	1.4	1.9	0.5	4.6	3.0	7.1	*	82.7
Part-time	2.1	0.4	0.8	*	1.1	1.4	2.5	*	27.2
Employment status									
Self employed (with paid employees)	*	*	*	*	0.4	*	0.4	*	5.3
Self employed (with no paid employees)	0.8	*	0.4	*	0.6	0.5	0.9	*	15.3
Employee (including schemes)	5.3	1.4	2.2	0.5	4.7	3.5	8.2	*	88.3
Assisting relatives	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.0
NACE economic sector									
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.5	0.3	*	*	0.4	0.3	0.4	*	9.5
C-E Other production industries	0.8	0.3	0.4	*	1.0	0.5	1.2	*	16.4
F Construction	*	0.3	0.3	*	0.6	0.3	0.4	*	9.5
G Wholesale and retail	0.5	*	0.4	*	0.8	0.5	1.4	*	13.5
H Hotels and restaurants	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.3	0.4	0.6	*	6.3
I Transport, storage and communication	*	*	*	*	0.5	*	0.4	*	6.8
J-K Financial and other services	0.8	*	0.4	*	0.5	0.5	1.5	*	13.6
L Public administration and defence	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.4	0.5	*	6.5
M Education	0.7	*	*	*	0.4	0.4	0.9	*	7.8
N Health	1.3	*	0.4	*	0.5	0.6	1.4	*	12.5
O Other	0.8	*	*	*	0.4	0.3	0.8	*	7.4
Occupation									
1 Managers and Administrators	0.5	0.3	0.5	*	1.0	1.0	1.5	*	20.1
2 Professional	0.4	*	0.3	*	0.5	0.5	0.9	*	9.1
3 Associate Professional and Technical	0.8	*	*	*	0.5	0.4	1.1	*	9.5
4 Clerical and Secretarial	0.6	0.3	0.3	*	0.7	0.6	1.2	*	12.8
5 Craft and Related	0.6	0.3	0.3	*	0.7	0.3	0.5	*	12.5
6 Personal and Protective Service	0.7	*	0.3	*	0.5	*	0.7	*	12.2
7 Sales	0.5	*	0.3	*	0.4	0.3	0.8	*	8.0
8 Plant and Machine Operatives	0.7	*	*	*	0.5	0.3	1.4	*	12.0
9 Other	1.4	*	0.4	*	0.8	0.7	1.6	*	13.8
Usual hours per week									
1-9 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	*	2.3
10-19	0.6	*	*	*	0.3	0.5	1.0	*	7.7
20-29	1.4	*	0.4	*	0.6	0.7	1.4	*	15.5
30-34	0.6	*	*	*	*	*	0.7	*	4.7
35-39	1.7	0.5	0.9	*	2.2	1.2	3.4	*	35.3
40-44	0.8	0.3	0.5	*	0.9	0.7	1.4	*	16.5
45 & over	0.4	0.3	0.3	*	0.6	0.4	0.7	*	15.2
Variable hours ²	0.6	*	*	*	0.9	0.5	0.8	*	12.8
<i>Average hours per week</i>	<i>31.9</i>	<i>38.4</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>33.4</i>	<i>38.4</i>	<i>36.1</i>

¹ See Background Notes.

² Includes 'not stated'.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 6b Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding¹ health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability, December-February 2004

	Arms or hands	Back or neck	Chest or breathing	Diabetes	Epilepsy	Hearing difficulty	Heart, blood pressure/circulation	Legs or feet
State	5.7	18.0	18.6	7.0	2.9	2.7	18.2	9.9
ILO economic status								
Full-time	3.8	13.1	12.7	5.8	2.2	2.2	13.1	7.8
Part-time	1.8	4.9	5.9	1.2	0.7	0.4	5.0	2.1
Employment status								
Self employed (with paid employees)	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	*	*	0.6	0.6
Self employed (with no paid employees)	0.8	2.7	2.0	0.8	0.3	*	3.0	1.6
Employee (including schemes)	3.8	14.3	15.9	5.8	2.6	2.4	14.5	7.5
Assisting relatives	*	0.3	*	0.1	*	*	*	*
NACE economic sector								
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.4	1.3	1.0	0.6	*	*	1.7	1.2
C-E Other production industries	1.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	*	0.4	2.1	1.4
F Construction	0.5	2.3	2.6	0.3	*	0.7	1.5	1.1
G Wholesale and retail	0.5	1.6	3.1	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.8	0.7
H Hotels and restaurants	*	0.9	1.8	*	*	*	1.2	0.7
I Transport, storage and communication	*	1.7	1.0	1.1	0.4	*	1.4	0.5
J-K Financial and other services	0.8	1.8	3.0	0.9	0.3	*	2.5	1.3
L Public administration and defence	*	0.9	0.6	0.3	*	*	0.7	0.5
M Education	0.6	1.4	1.1	0.4	*	*	1.8	0.9
N Health	0.8	2.8	1.8	0.7	0.5	*	2.1	0.7
O Other	0.5	1.3	0.9	*	*	0.4	1.3	0.8
Occupation								
1 Managers and Administrators	1.1	3.2	3.2	1.5	*	0.4	3.2	1.8
2 Professional	0.6	1.7	2.3	1.0	0.3	0.3	2.3	0.6
3 Associate Professional and Technical	0.5	2.0	1.4	0.9	*	0.4	1.5	1.2
4 Clerical and Secretarial	0.3	2.0	1.8	0.9	0.5	*	1.9	0.9
5 Craft and Related	0.8	1.9	2.9	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.9	1.5
6 Personal and Protective Service	0.7	2.9	1.8	0.3	*	0.3	2.0	0.9
7 Sales	*	1.2	2.1	0.6	0.3	*	1.0	0.3
8 Plant and Machine Operatives	0.6	1.6	1.0	0.8	*	*	2.2	0.9
9 Other	0.7	1.4	2.2	0.5	0.5	*	2.1	1.8
Usual hours per week								
1-9 hours	*	0.5	0.9	*	*	*	0.4	*
10-19	0.7	1.5	2.1	0.7	*	*	0.9	0.5
20-29	0.8	2.5	2.7	0.3	0.7	*	3.0	1.2
30-34	0.4	0.7	0.9	*	*	*	0.7	0.6
35-39	1.0	5.1	5.7	2.6	1.0	1.1	4.4	2.9
40-44	0.5	2.9	2.4	1.1	0.4	0.6	3.4	1.7
45 & over	1.3	2.5	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.5	2.5	1.7
Variable hours ²	1.0	2.3	2.1	1.0	0.4	*	2.8	1.2
<i>Average hours per week</i>	<i>36.5</i>	<i>34.8</i>	<i>32.6</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>38.4</i>

¹ See Background Notes.

² Includes 'not stated'.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 6b continued - Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding¹ health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability, December-February 2004

	Mental, nervous or emotional	Seeing difficulty	Skin conditions	Speech impediment	Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive	Other progressive illness	Other longstanding problem(s)	Not stated	Total
State	4.2	1.6	1.8	0.4	6.7	4.8	8.0	0.3	110.8
ILO economic status									
Full-time	2.6	1.1	1.4	0.3	5.2	2.9	5.5	*	80.0
Part-time	1.7	0.5	0.4	*	1.5	2.0	2.5	*	30.7
Employment status									
Self employed (with paid employees)	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.4	*	5.0
Self employed (with no paid employees)	*	*	*	*	1.1	0.6	1.4	*	15.1
Employee (including schemes)	3.9	1.4	1.5	0.4	5.2	4.0	6.0	*	89.5
Assisting relatives	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.2
NACE economic sector									
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	*	*	*	*	0.5	*	1.2	*	8.4
C-E Other production industries	0.7	*	0.3	*	0.7	0.5	0.9	*	14.2
F Construction	*	*	*	*	0.4	0.4	0.3	*	10.8
G Wholesale and retail	0.7	0.5	*	*	1.4	0.4	0.8	*	13.3
H Hotels and restaurants	0.3	*	*	*	0.4	*	0.5	*	6.5
I Transport, storage and communication	0.5	*	*	*	0.3	0.5	0.5	*	8.4
J-K Financial and other services	*	0.3	0.3	*	0.9	0.6	0.8	*	14.0
L Public administration and defence	*	*	.	*	0.4	0.5	0.6	*	5.4
M Education	*	*	0.4	*	0.7	0.6	0.5	*	9.3
N Health	0.9	*	*	*	0.7	0.6	0.9	*	12.8
O Other	0.5	*	*	*	0.3	0.3	1.0	*	7.6
Occupation									
1 Managers and Administrators	0.4	0.3	0.3	*	1.3	1.3	2.2	*	20.5
2 Professional	*	*	0.8	*	0.8	0.4	0.7	*	12.0
3 Associate Professional and Technical	*	*	*	*	1.2	0.3	0.5	*	10.6
4 Clerical and Secretarial	0.3	*	*	*	0.4	0.7	1.0	*	11.2
5 Craft and Related	0.4	0.3	*	*	0.3	*	0.9	*	13.5
6 Personal and Protective Service	*	*	*	*	0.8	0.8	1.1	*	12.3
7 Sales	0.3	0.4	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.3	*	7.3
8 Plant and Machine Operatives	0.6	*	*	*	0.5	0.6	0.3	*	9.7
9 Other	1.6	*	*	*	1.0	0.4	1.0	*	13.8
Usual hours per week									
1-9 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.9
10-19	0.7	0.4	*	*	0.3	0.7	0.7	*	9.5
20-29	0.5	*	*	*	0.9	1.1	1.2	*	15.4
30-34	0.3	*	*	*	*	*	0.6	*	4.9
35-39	1.3	0.3	0.4	*	2.5	1.0	1.8	*	31.3
40-44	0.5	*	0.4	*	0.9	0.9	1.4	*	17.2
45 & over	*	*	0.3	*	0.3	0.4	0.9	*	14.1
Variable hours ²	0.7	0.3	0.4	*	1.4	0.5	1.2	*	15.4
<i>Average hours per week</i>	<i>29.5</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>32.9</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>31.1</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>34.9</i>

¹ See Background Notes.

² Includes 'not stated'.

* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Background Notes

Reference period	These results were collected from benchmark questions on Disability included in the QNHS in Q1 2004. The data from 2002 is taken from an earlier module on Disability conducted on the QNHS in Q2 2002.
Purpose of survey	While the primary purpose of the QNHS is to collect information on employment and unemployment, it also includes modules on social topics of interest from time to time.
Longstanding health problem or disability	A longstanding health problem or disability refers to anything that has affected the respondent over the past 6 months, or that is likely to affect the respondent for at least 6 months.
Category of longstanding health problem or disability	<p>If the respondent answered Yes to having a longstanding health problem or disability, they were asked the following question.</p> <p><i>Which of the following categories would best describe your health condition?</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Problems with arms or hands (which include arthritis or rheumatism) 2. Problems with legs or feet (which include arthritis or rheumatism) 3. Problems with back or neck (which include arthritis or rheumatism) 4. Difficulty with seeing 5. Difficulty with hearing 6. Speech impediment 7. Skin conditions (including disfigurement or allergies) 8. Chest or breathing problems (including asthma or bronchitis) 9. Heart, blood pressure or circulation problems 10. Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive problems 11. Diabetes 12. Epilepsy 13. Mental, nervous or emotional problems 14. Other progressive illnesses (including cancers, MS, HIV, Parkinsons disease etc.) 15. Other longstanding health problems 16. Refusal.
New questions on disability in the QNHS	Users should note that questions on disability have been modified since this survey to bring them more in line with the recently developed International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF).
Economic Status	<p>The ILO Economic Status used in these results distinguishes the following main subgroups of the population aged 15 to 64.</p> <p>In Employment: Persons who worked in the week before the survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays etc. in the week.</p> <p>Unemployed: Persons who, in the week before the survey, were without work and available for work and had taken specific steps, in the preceding four weeks, to find work.</p> <p>Inactive Population (not in labour force): All other persons.</p> <p>The labour force comprises persons employed plus unemployed.</p>

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions

The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

Border, Midlands and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry

QNHS Social Modules

While the main purpose of the QNHS is the production of quarterly labour force estimates, there is also a provision for the collection of data on social topics through the inclusion of special survey modules. The selection of the major national modules undertaken to date has been largely based on the results of a canvas of users (over 100 organisations) that was conducted by the CSO in 1996 and most recently 2002. The results of the canvas are presented to the National Statistics Board and they are asked to indicate their priorities for the years ahead.

The schedule for social modules in any given year is based on the following structure:

- Quarter 1** Annual modules update (Disability, Pensions, Childcare, Accidents and Illness)
- Quarter 2** EU module (always covered under EU legislation)
- Quarter 3** National module and Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Survey
- Quarter 4** National module

The table below outlines the social modules undertaken to date in the QNHS

Reference Quarter	Social Module
Q4 2004	Equality
Q3 2004	ICT household survey
Q3 2004	Travel to work
Q2 2004	Length and pattern of working time
Q1 2004	Annual update module
Q4 2003	Crime and Victimization
Q3 2003	Housing
Q3 2003	ICT household survey
Q2 2003	Life long learning
Q4 2002	Childcare
Q3 2002	Teleworking
Q3 2002	Voter registration and participation
Q2 2002	Disability in the labour force (Annual update Q1 2004)
Q1 2002	Pension provision (Annual update Q1 2004)
Q3 2001	Health
Q2 2001	Length and pattern of working time
Q4 2000	Home computing
Q2 2000	Transition from school to working life
Q1 2000	Travel to work
Q1 1999	Recycling and energy conservation
Q4 1998	Crime and Victimization
Q3 1998	Home computing
Q3 1998	Housing and households

Planned future modules are as follows:

Reference Quarter	Social Module
Q1 2005	Annual modules update
Q2 2005	Reconciliation between work and family life
Q3 2005	ICT household survey
Q3 2005	Recycling and energy
Q4 2005	Pension provision
Q1 2006	Annual update module
Q2 2006	Transition from work into retirement
Q3 2006	ICT household survey
Q3 2006	Social capital and sport
Q4 2006	Health