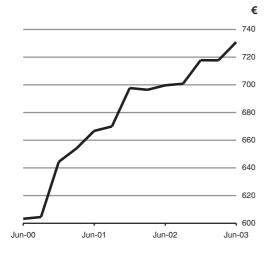
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Public Sector Employment and Earnings June 2003

	Total Employment ¹	Average Weekly Earnings ¹	Average Earnings Index ¹
		€	
June 2002	235,900	699.61	209.8
March 2003	239,400	717.65	215.1
June 2003	240,700	730.92	220.3
Quarterly change	+ 1,300	+ 1.8%	+ 2.4%
Annual change	+ 4,800	+ 4.5%	+ 5.0%

¹ Excluding health sector

Average weekly earnings up 4.5%

Average weekly earnings in the Public Sector (excluding Health) rose by 4.5% in the year to June 2003. The index of average earnings, which excludes some effects of changes in employment composition, rose by 5.0% for the same period.

Employment up by 4,800

A total of 240,700 people were employed in the Public Sector (excluding Health) in June 2003 compared to 235,900 in June 2002. The figures show that employment in the Education Sector increased by 4,100 and employment in the Regional Bodies increased by 600.

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Table 1 Public Sector Employment

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Sectors	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun
Civil Service	33.6	33.4	33.5	33.9	34.5	34.3	34.9	36.1
Prison Officers	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Administrative Civil Servants	27.4	27.5	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.6	29.2	29.8
Industrial Civil Servants	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.2
Others in the Civil Service	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.0
Defence	12.2	12.2	12.1	11.9	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.6
Garda Síochána	11.2	11.4	11.5	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.6
Education	65.4	71.5	71.0	69.9	67.1	73.0	73.5	74.1
Primary	22.3	22.7	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.2	23.4	25.6
Secondary (excl. VEC & ITs)	17.4	18.1	18.0	18.0	17.7	18.4	18.3	18.3
Third Level (excl. VEC & ITs)	9.1	10.6	10.3	10.5	9.9	10.8	10.7	10.4
VEC and Institutes of Technology	16.6	20.1	19.9	18.5	16.8	20.6	21.0	19.8
Regional Bodies	32.9	32.1	32.3	34.1	34.2	33.3	33.6	35.4
Local Authorities	31.1	30.5	30.9	32.4	32.6	31.9	32.2	33.8
Other	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5
Semi-State Companies	54.8	54.1	54.3	55.9	56.1	55.9	55.3	57.4
Commercial	46.1	45.2	45.4	46.9	47.3	47.0	46.2	48.2
Non-Commericial	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.2
Total (excl. Health)	210.1	214.7	214.9	217.1	215.4	220.0	220.4	226.2
Health		72.9				81.5		
Total Public Sector		287.6				301.5		

¹Revised since published on the 15th August, 2003.

²Excluding Telecom Eireann from September 1999. Including Ordnance Survey from March 2002.

Table 1 (contd.) Public Sector Employment

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200	2001		200	2		200	3	Sectors
Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sectors
36.5	36.4	37.2	37.3	37.9	37.4	37.2	37.5	Civil Service
3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	Prison Officers
30.2	30.6	30.8	31.2	31.5	31.5	31.3 ¹	31.3	Administrative Civil Servants
2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.3	Industrial Civil Servants
8.0	0.6	1.0	0.7	8.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	Others in the Civil Service
11.7	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.4	11.4	Defence
11.6	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	Garda Síochána
69.9	77.0	79.4	80.1	76.1	84.9	85.1	84.2	Education
26.0	27.2	27.7	28.1	28.9	30.7	31.3	31.7	Primary
17.8	18.6	18.6	18.5	18.4	18.7	18.7	18.7	Secondary (excl. VEC & ITs)
9.7	10.6	11.0	11.6	11.2	12.3	12.0	11.4	Third Level (excl. VEC & ITs)
16.4	20.6	22.1	21.8	17.6	23.2	23.1	22.4	VEC and Institutes of Technology
35.9	35.1	35.7	37.1	37.6	36.8	36.2	37.7	Regional Bodies
34.3	33.7	34.4	35.7	36.1	35.5	35.0	36.3	Local Authorities
1.6	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.4	Other
58.9	58.2	57.3	58.1	58.1	57.8	57.7	58.2	Semi-State Companies ²
49.4	48.8	47.1	47.8	47.7	47.7	47.5	48.0	Commercial ²
9.6	9.4	10.2	10.4	10.3	10.1	10.2	10.2	Non-Commercial
224.5	230.0	232.9	235.9	233.0	240.1	239.4	240.7	Total (excl. Health) ²
	93.0				95.7			Health
	323.0				335.8			Total Public Sector

Table 2 Public Sector Average Earnings Indices

Base year: March 1988=100 2000 1999 2001 Sectors Jun Sep Dec Mar Sep Dec Mar Jun **Civil Service** 165.5 165.0 169.7 171.0 172.5 188.0 188.2 190.2 **Prison Officers** 197.5 201.7 231.2 194.5 210.5 212.1 235.8 230.9 Administrative Civil Servants 160.2 158.8 163.8 163.8 165.1 178.1 179.6 181.4 186.3 Industrial Civil Servants 176.7 181.3 180.2 180.9 179.1 202.9 202.6 Others in the Civil Service 145.6 143.1 144.3 145.0 149.7 154.7 163.4 172.3 **Defence** 186.9 187.6 187.0 191.0 192.9 215.2 205.6 213.7 Garda Síochána 180.8 184.0 197.3 213.6 199.7 207.0 217.1 236.5 Education 173.5 174.1 173.9 175.8 176.3 189.1 191.4 192.4 178.8 179.7 Primary 177.6 177.9 180.0 195.1 195.2 188.6 Secondary (excl. VEC & ITs) 158.1 156.5 157.4 159.2 160.0 165.2 173.2 177.2 Third Level (excl. VEC & ITs) 182.5 184.4 184.9 184.3 190.1 199.8 199.2 203.1 VEC and Institutes of Technology 188.0 208.2 184.9 184.2 188.9 186.8 208.8 214.8 **Regional Bodies** 206.4 209.5 174.5 177.7 178.0 183.6 182.1 202.9 **Local Authorities** 174.5 177.7 177.5 183.0 181.6 202.5 206.0 208.0 Other 171.3 175.8 184.8 190.8 188.3 207.3 211.2 236.1 **Semi-State Companies** 169.6 173.1 180.5 181.3 180.9 188.2 192.3 196.7 186.1 202.2 Commercial 173.0 177.1 186.2 186.5 191.4 197.4 Non-Commericial 147.6 152.5 153.4 152.0 170.4 167.2 170.1 155.9 **Total Public Sector** 171.9 173.7 177.2 180.0 179.3 191.9 194.5 198.4 (excl. Health) Selected series with overtime excluded **Prison Officers** 167.9 170.1 171.5 171.4 171.7 183.5 183.4 185.4 Garda Síochána 163.0 179.3 187.2 190.0 202.8

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Table 2 (contd.) Public Sector Average Earnings Indices

Base year: March 1988=100

200	1		200	2		200	3	0.1
Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sectors
192.9	202.9	201.6	198.9	197.2	207.8	205.9	204.4	Civil Service
226.9	254.3	249.4	243.2	237.0	255.8	252.8	252.1	Prison Officers
185.0	193.8	192.5	190.2	189.7	199.6	197.3	195.8	Administrative Civil Servants
212.4	214.9	209.9	193.3	193.6	191.1	200.3	191.4	Industrial Civil Servants
187.8	195.3	209.0	251.4	237.0	258.4	240.0	256.4	Others in the Civil Service
210.7	223.7	225.4	226.1	225.1	235.0	233.5	234.1	Defence
222.6	239.9	226.4	231.3	225.8	238.4	230.1	237.4	Garda Síochána
191.2	198.8	197.8	199.1	198.5	206.6	205.6	212.9	Education
185.9	194.8	193.4	190.7	189.2	193.0	192.0	195.8	Primary
177.0	178.6	185.6	186.8	184.7	194.1	195.7	201.6	Secondary (excl. VEC & ITs)
206.3	216.0	219.8	231.5	227.7	241.9	234.8	245.7	Third Level (excl. VEC & ITs)
212.2	224.6	210.9	212.9	217.7	228.6	227.7	241.3	VEC and Institutes of Technology
208.2	214.6	215.6	214.9	216.3	210.9	210.1	219.3	Regional Bodies
206.7	212.4	214.8	213.5	215.1	209.3	208.0	217.2	Local Authorities
235.7	256.0	227.4	239.6	236.4	239.2	249.3	255.4	Other
202.1	210.0	218.3	222.5	219.8	225.2	230.4	236.3	Semi-State Semi-State
208.0	215.7	225.3	230.0	227.0	231.2	237.4	243.3	Commercial
171.1	180.2	181.9	185.4	184.0	195.9	196.5	196.7	Non-Commercial
198.7	207.5	208.3	209.8	208.5	215.2	215.1	220.3	Total Public Sector (excl. Health)
								Selected series with overtime excluded
184.5	196.7	196.5	195.9	193.3	202.8	203.0	203.5	Prison Officers
200.7	210.0	205.4	213.3	211.4	222.2	217.5	221.9	Garda Síochána

Table 3 Public Sector Average Weekly Earnings

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Sectors	199	9		200	0		200	01
Sectors	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun
Civil Service	530.42	532.55	546.61	548.08	551.99	613.27	615.70	615.85
Prison Officers	861.11	873.69	891.33	929.54	936.13	1,039.86	1,018.41	1,024.97
Administrative Civil Servants	513.28	509.80	526.62	523.73	529.06	574.89	583.03	587.60
Industrial Civil Servants	436.94	450.44	448.13	446.90	439.57	509.25	468.88	504.56
Others in the Civil Service	264.25	285.73	268.08	283.35	287.91	398.63	431.28	336.35
Defence	481.87	481.66	480.66	492.73	496.01	553.77	530.04	551.31
Garda Síochána	741.23	754.01	808.47	875.46	819.04	848.50	890.54	970.84
Education	644.37	619.81	622.60	632.29	648.89	674.51	682.04	689.61
Primary	673.05	670.45	673.01	677.54	678.73	732.12	730.76	708.06
Secondary (excl. VEC & ITs)	675.04	668.07	672.33	679.84	683.08	704.81	739.27	756.48
Third Level (excl. VEC & ITs)	631.38	588.16	608.32	595.52	653.89	650.66	659.03	676.43
VEC and Institutes of Technology	580.73	536.05	525.61	551.08	569.66	595.08	589.48	610.62
Regional Bodies	465.93	476.27	477.64	491.58	488.28	540.73	550.06	558.35
Local Authorities	462.07	472.09	472.29	486.32	483.40	535.54	544.84	550.69
Other	535.97	556.15	592.45	605.13	599.00	664.63	675.89	757.47
Semi-State	586.80	602.35	628.80	630.06	626.78	654.27	671.30	687.35
Commercial	583.17	598.05	629.00	628.61	627.39	646.23	668.76	686.22
Non-Commericial	605.92	624.25	627.72	637.50	623.50	696.43	684.57	697.57
Total Public Sector	580.73	581.15	594.06	603.23	604.47	644.38	654.05	666.71
(excl. Health)								
Selected series with								
overtime excluded	004.40	622.00	607.75	627.40	620.44	604.00	600.00	600.54
Prison Officers	624.19	632.66	637.75	637.19	638.41	681.96	682.00	692.54
Garda Síochána	639.83	656.07	703.30	767.91	734.61	745.37	752.23	796.68

Table 3 (contd.) Public Sector Average Weekly Earnings

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Sectors	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep	Jun	Mar	Dec	Sep
Civil Service	661.34	671.55	677.18	641.12	639.24	652.01	662.75	620.05
Prison Officers	1,119.28	1,123.50	1,136.92	1,054.82	1,076.69	1,104.88	1,126.60	1,005.94
Administrative Civil Servants	631.73	640.40	644.22	614.30	607.57	621.40	626.53	594.33
Industrial Civil Servants	471.13	495.06	475.30	481.72	478.91	520.23	533.59	520.93
Others in the Civil Service	564.71	511.27	602.51	540.95	626.27	474.54	542.93	401.98
Defence	605.32	603.74	604.95	581.75	582.57	582.57	572.04	541.68
Garda Síochána	973.67	943.69	977.65	926.07	948.45	928.68	983.62	913.68
Education	753.10	726.04	732.33	728.00	709.74	705.66	717.55	704.54
Primary	729.76	715.41	721.05	710.26	713.21	722.98	729.66	699.82
Secondary (excl. VEC & ITs)	859.70	834.75	827.85	788.09	797.00	791.82	761.91	755.18
Third Level (excl. VEC & ITs)	817.86	773.16	777.05	777.26	762.00	735.36	722.13	709.77
VEC and Institutes of Technology	664.22	627.67	646.36	663.34	603.17	596.58	658.96	654.06
Regional Bodies	579.83	567.60	567.90	572.88	573.11	574.48	572.73	554.44
Local Authorities	572.50	560.33	561.70	567.43	567.02	569.98	564.00	547.32
Other	803.47	788.60	746.07	734.72	745.27	698.10	792.78	731.20
Semi-State	808.14	795.36	779.36	758.22	770.71	755.94	728.23	701.07
Commercial	821.48	806.07	783.05	766.78	779.60	764.36	729.91	703.82
Non-Commercial	753.10	754.42	761.92	718.70	729.76	717.23	719.42	686.85
Total Public Sector	730.92	717.65	717.86	700.86	699.61	696.38	697.68	669.97
(excl. Health)								
Selected series with								
overtime excluded								
Prison Officers	762.59	760.32	759.85	724.30	731.37	733.64	734.03	688.81
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Background Notes

Scope and Coverage

The public sector is defined for the purposes of the series in accordance with criteria in the study "Information on public sector employment and manpower" published by the Institute of Public Administration.¹ The sectors covered are:

Civil Service:

Defence forces:

Garda Síochána:

Local authorities:

Education (excluding private institutions);

Semi-State bodies (excluding their subsidiary companies).

Sources Data is extracted directly, where feasible, from administrative sources (primarily government payroll systems); otherwise they are supplied on questionnaires completed by the organisations concerned. Estimates for non-respondents are included based on trends for respondents in similar sectors.

Employment Employment covers all persons engaged by public bodies in the state including:

full-time employees (permanent and temporary); part-time employees; persons on holidays, on maternity leave or temporarily absent due to illness.

The following persons are not covered:

persons on long-term absence without pay (e.g. career breaks, secondments); certain categories of part-time employee paid on a fee basis for occasional duties.

In principle the total number of persons engaged is shown. However, in a number of instances, it is necessary to use the full-time equivalents of part-time employees because this is the basis on which the organisations concerned can readily report employment and earnings.

Earnings

Earnings represents the gross amount (before deduction of tax, PRSI, superannuation) payable by the organisation to its employees. It includes:

> Normal wages, salaries and overtime; taxable allowances, regular bonuses and commissions; holiday or sick pay for the period in question.

It excludes:

employer's PRSI; redundancy payments and back-pay.

Respondents are requested to provide details of aggregate earnings and employment for major categories of employees in their organisation (e.g. managerial, technical, clerical, etc.). Standard categories are not specified by the CSO; the number and delineation of categories is left to the discretion of organisations so that they can extract details already available in their records and, thereby, minimise the burden of the inquiry.

Many public sector employees are paid on the basis of incremental scales with the result that significant recruitment, which usually occurs at the lower levels, can depress the average earnings for a sector, and thereby affect the index levels (an example of this effect can be seen in the differential between the indices for Primary Education and Secondary Education). In addition, certain categories of staff (e.g. temporary, part-time) cannot be separately distinguished by some organisations and short-term changes in their numbers can also influence the index levels. Allowances should be made for these issues in interpreting the trends shown for different sectors.

The earnings are inclusive of overtime so that trends can reflect its variable impact (e.g. average earnings fall when overtime working is reduced). Some groups are characterised by high levels of overtime on a regular basis (e.g. Prison Officer and the Garda Síochána) and earnings excluding overtime are separately provided in these cases.

Civil Service The number employed is taken from the Civil Service Staff Information System maintained by (Administrative) the Department of Finance. This primarily covers non-industrial civil servants and differs from the standard definition used for the series in the following respects:

- Full-time equivalents are used for part-time employees (e.g. two job sharers = one employee);
- Department of Foreign Affairs staff working abroad are included;
- Civil Servants working in other parts of the public sector are included.
- The earnings details are taken from the Civil Service payroll system.
- Special advisors, etc. in Ministers' Offices are included.

Averages: Average weekly earnings reflect the mix of employees on different pay rates.

Average weekly earnings are calculated by

deriving average weekly earnings for each staff category, distinguished by each relevant organisation.

weighting these earnings by employment in each category to derive the average weekly earnings for each relevant organisation;

weighting these weekly earnings by the employment of relevant organisation to obtain the average weekly earnings for each sector;

weighting the sectoral average weekly earnings by the total employment of all organisations in the sector to obtain the overall quarterly average weekly earnings.

Indices: The earnings index is designed to measure the quarterly trend in average weekly earnings. It excludes the effect of changes in employment composition implicitly reflected in the corresponding absolute average earnings estimates.

The index of weekly earnings for any quarter is calculated by:

deriving average weekly earnings for each staff category distinguished by each respondent organisation for the current and previous quarters;

calculating the percentage quarterly change in average weekly earnings for each category; weighting these quarterly changes by total earnings in each category in the previous quarter to derive the quarterly change for each individual organisation; weighting these quarterly changes by the total earnings of each organisation in the previous quarter to obtain the estimated quarterly change for each sector; weighting the sectoral quarterly changes by the total earnings of each sector in the previous quarter to obtain the estimated overall quarterly change;

updating the indices for the preceding quarter using these estimates of the quarterly change in earnings.

(Industrial)

Civil Service Persons are included in this category on the basis of their conditions of service. They are primarily employed by the Office of Public Works and the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands

(Others)

Civil Service Includes certain categories of persons who are not strictly civil servants.

Primary Education Secretarial staff and caretakers are included if paid directly by Department of Education. Substitute teachers are excluded.

Secondary Education (excluding VEC & ITs)

Part-time teachers paid through the standard Department of Education payment system are included while other part-time and substitute teachers are not. Non-teaching staff are included when paid directly by the Department.

Third Level Education In this sector there are some exceptions to the standard definition because some organisations (excluding VEC & ITs) could provide details on a full-time equivalent basis only.

Regional Bodies The Local Authorities includes Corporations, City Councils, County Councils, Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners. Included in the residual category are Regional Fisheries and Tourism Organisations, together with Traffic Wardens. Harbour Authorities (including those which have become State commercial companies) are also assigned to this category.

Health The employment details for this sector are obtained from the annual census conducted by the Department of Health and are recorded on a full-time equivalent basis. Earnings information is not available at present.

Semi-State Bodies

The definition of the Public Sector used for the compilation of the series excludes subsidiaries of Semi-State Bodies. However, employees of subsidiaries are included if they cannot be readily distinguished by their parent organisation. The main operating companies (Iarnrod Éireann, Bus Éireann and Bus Átha Cliath) within CIE have been included in the series.

¹ "Information on public sector employment and manpower," Humphreys, Peter C. and Gorman, Patricia, Institute of Public Administration, 1987.