

Health and Social Conditions

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- Social Welfare expenditure decreased slightly from 9.0% of Gross National Income in 2004 to 8.8% in 2005.
- The number of recipients of illness, disability and caring payments rose by 40% between 1999 and 2005.
- Net Non-Capital Health Expenditure rose by 130% from €4,574m in 1999 to €10,500m in 2005.
- The average number of in-patient beds available in publicly funded acute hospitals was 12,377 in 2004.
- The number of HIV positive antibody cases had risen annually to a peak of 399 in 2003, but declined to 318 in 2005.
- The number of people killed on the roads in 2004 increased by 12% over 2003.

Introduction

The statistics in this chapter relate to Social Services, Health Services, Accidents, and the Register of Electors. They have been obtained from a range of administrative sources. The information on social services provides details on Social Welfare expenditure, and recipients of Social Welfare payments. The information on Health includes details on expenditure, hospital admissions and discharges and the incidence of certain diseases. Data on accidents comes from both the Health and Safety Authority in respect of accidents at work and the National Roads Authority regarding road accidents. Data on the incidence and causes of fires is obtained from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Social Services

From 1999 to 2005 there has been an increase of 94% in expenditure on social welfare payments although the total number of recipients of unemployment support payments declined by 14%. As a proportion of Gross National Income (GNI), total Social Welfare expenditure increased from 8.1% in 1999 to 8.8% in 2005. A total of 976,613 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2005.

In 2005, the main areas of expenditure by programme group were: Old Age (24%), Child Related (17%), Illness, Disability and Caring (17%) and Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families (16%). The administration of the social welfare system accounted for 4 per cent of total expenditure.

The number of recipients of Old Age payments grew by 19% and the total number of people receiving illness, disability and caring payments rose by 40% over the period 1999 to 2005.

Health

The general hospital programme was by far the largest area of non-capital health expenditure, amounting to 45 per cent of gross expenditure in 2004. Other significant areas of expenditure were the community health services and programmes for people with disabilities, which respectively accounted for 20 per cent and 13 per cent of gross expenditure.

The number of HIV positive antibody cases had risen annually to a peak of 399 in 2003, but declined to 318 in 2005.

Safety

The number of persons killed in road accidents fell by 21% between 1997 and 2004. In 2004, 72% of road fatalities were male and 28% were female.

The incidence of fatal accidents at work increased by 46% in 2005. The agriculture and construction sectors together accounted for 56 per cent of total fatalities.

62% of fires attended by brigades during 2004 were either started maliciously or were due to unknown causes.

Register of Electors

The Register of Dáil Electors showed an overall increase of 15% in the county council areas and an overall decrease of 6% in the city council areas from 1999 to 2005.

Table 4.1

Total Social Welfare expenditures include the full cost of Supplementary Welfare Allowance, administered by the Health Boards as well as expenditure on the Redundancy and Insolvency schemes administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Table 4.3 and 4.4

Recipients of child benefit are not included under "Child Related". Adoptive Benefit recipients are included in Table 4.3 under "Child Related" but are not included in the county breakdown in Table 4.4.

Unemployability Supplement is included under the category "Illness, Disability and Caring" in Table 4.4 but not Table 4.3.

Unemployment Benefit and Unemployment Assistance in Table 4.3 refers to those who actually received payment in the last two weeks of the month in question. This figure differs from the Live Register figures which includes claims that are not in payment.

Table 4.5

Widowed Parent Grant was introduced in December 1999.

Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000.

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999.

The 2000 out-turn excludes a payment of £120 million from the Social Insurance fund to the National Training Fund, which was established at the end of 2000. From 2001, this fund (which is under the aegis of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment), is being financed by way of a new National Training Fund Levy.

Table 4.6

Payment to National Training Fund 2000 – see note to Table 4.5.

Table 4.9

Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000.

There were 20 persons in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2004. Prescribed Relatives Allowance was replaced by Carer's Allowance in 1990.

Disablement Pension is paid where a person suffers loss of physical or mental faculty as a result of an accident at work or contracting an occupational disease. It can be paid in addition to other Social Welfare payments such as Disability Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

Unemployability Supplement is paid as an increase to Disablement Pension where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment. 911 persons were in receipt of an Unemployability Supplement payment at the end of 2004.

Constant Attendance Allowance is paid as an increase to Disablement Pension where the degree of disablement is assessed at between 50% and 100% and the person has been certified as being in need of constant care and attention. There were 71 persons in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance at the end of 2004.

Table 4.10

The figures for Back to Work Allowances include Back to Work Allowance and Back to Work Enterprise Allowance. The qualification rules for these schemes changed at the end of 2002.

Farm Assist was introduced in April 1999 and replaced the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance Scheme. The great majority of recipients of the Smallholders Unemployment Assistance Scheme transferred to Farm Assist during the period 1999 to 2000.

Table 4.13

District hospitals are not included in this table.

Figures for Average Number of In-Patient / Day Beds Available, refer to the average number of beds available for use during the year, taking beds that have been temporarily closed or opened into account.

The Average Length of Stay calculations for area and national totals, exclude Incorporated Orthopaedic, NRH, Peamount, Baldoyle and Manorhamilton because of the nature of their specialities which involve substantially longer stays than in acute hospitals generally.

Table 4.14

In-patient numbers refer to 31 December of each year except for 2005 when they were collected on 4 November.

St. Joseph's Intellectual Disability Service at St. Ita's Hospital were not separately identified before 2001.

Table 4.15

These figures are produced by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC), formerly the National Disease Surveillance Centre.

Chart on Aids

AIDS cases are reported to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC), as part of a voluntary anonymised surveillance system. The HPSC now report AIDS cases by year of diagnosis as recommended by the National AIDS Strategy Committee (NASC). Formerly it reported the data by year of report. The AIDS data is analysed here by year of diagnosis and the deaths by year of death. The graph includes all cases diagnosed up to the end of 2004 and reported to the HPSC up to the end of June 2005. The data should be interpreted with caution due to both significant delays in and under reporting. It is likely that the number of cases of AIDS and deaths among AIDS cases will be revised upwards in particular for the years 2004 and 2005.

Table 4.18

Accidents are omitted from the figures when the injury severity is not known.

Table 4.19

Accidents are omitted from the figures where sex of casualty is not specified.

Table 4.1 Expenditure on Social Welfare

Year	Total Social Welfare expenditure	Social Welfare expenditure as a percentage of:	
		Gross National Income	Gross Domestic Product
	€m	%	%
1995	5,332	11.1	10.2
1996	5,558	10.4	9.6
1997	5,744	9.4	8.6
1998	6,046	8.7	7.8
1999	6,283	8.1	7.0
2000	6,713	7.5	6.5
2001	7,842	7.9	6.8
2002	9,517	8.8	7.4
2003	10,493	8.9	7.8
2004	11,291	9.0	7.7
2005	12,168	8.8	7.6

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 4.2 Index of rates of payment for long-term unemployed, CPI and gross average industrial earnings

Base year 1996=100

Year	Long-term unemployed				Consumer Price Index	Gross average industrial earnings
	Single person	Couple	Couple with two children including Child Benefit	Couple with four children including Child Benefit		
1996	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1997	104.7	104.4	103.5	103.9	101.4	102.6
1998	109.3	108.4	106.9	107.3	103.8	107.3
1999	114.0	113.3	111.4	111.8	105.6	119.0
2000	120.2	120.9	119.4	120.5	111.4	126.8
2001	132.6	135.4	138.0	142.3	116.9	136.9
2002	145.1	151.1	157.5	164.9	122.3	145.8
2003	152.4	158.7	165.0	172.7	126.5	155.7
2004	164.6	171.4	175.7	182.5	129.3	163.0
2005	181.7	189.2	191.1	196.8	132.5	168.8

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 4.3 Recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme

Programme	Number						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Old Age	261,281	267,760	276,065	287,395	298,169	303,653	311,170
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	203,091	206,130	209,011	211,385	211,774	212,952	215,676
Child Related	7,640	8,067	12,134	12,696	12,186	11,974	12,074
Illness, Disability and Caring	172,104	181,569	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657
Unemployment Supports	149,705	116,069	126,447	137,982	145,339	131,539	128,111
Employment Supports	65,120	64,833	56,582	50,920	44,113	40,216	39,589
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	21,269	25,094	29,167	32,073	31,217	29,748	28,066
Miscellaneous	548	472	433	383	342	303	270
Total Recipients	880,758	869,994	903,375	938,971	959,432	957,732	976,613

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Proportion of recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme, 2005

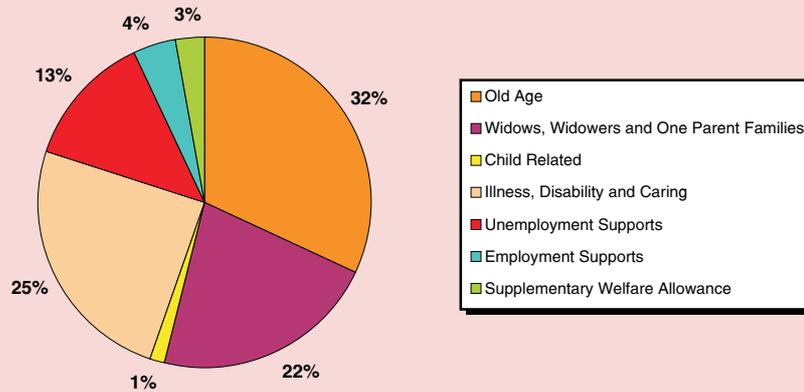


Table 4.4 Recipients of Social Welfare payments by county, 2005

County	Number						
	Old Age	Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	Child Related	Illness, Disability and Caring	Live Register	Employment Supports	Supplementary Welfare Allowance
Carlow	3,421	2,741	149	3,811	2,065	584	402
Cavan	4,945	2,890	152	3,265	2,211	728	258
Clare	7,511	4,879	314	5,397	3,945	1,111	476
Cork	31,756	22,687	1,346	30,614	15,533	3,823	2,946
Donegal	11,587	7,662	343	10,516	8,637	3,418	929
Dublin	73,020	63,146	3,495	62,177	39,933	7,364	10,406
Galway	14,875	9,143	634	11,682	8,645	2,573	1,586
Kerry	10,466	6,621	310	8,183	6,650	1,873	902
Kildare	7,026	7,365	621	8,392	4,662	917	906
Kilkenny	5,540	3,495	222	4,237	2,484	627	483
Laois	3,924	2,690	165	3,100	1,980	491	292
Leitrim	2,619	1,515	75	2,043	1,109	465	85
Limerick	12,222	9,636	472	13,055	7,106	1,612	1,141
Longford	2,737	2,033	95	2,497	1,800	488	212
Louth	7,696	6,488	370	8,162	6,480	1,327	887
Mayo	10,489	6,079	299	8,084	5,141	2,528	788
Meath	7,424	5,625	567	6,838	3,001	702	977
Monaghan	4,243	2,606	141	3,234	2,038	930	201
Offaly	4,361	3,264	209	4,308	2,771	558	305
Roscommon	4,805	2,444	156	3,273	1,190	683	384
Sligo	4,716	3,016	141	3,963	1,938	874	241
Tipperary	11,712	7,945	392	9,465	5,623	1,591	806
Waterford	7,692	6,073	324	6,346	6,248	1,195	884
Westmeath	5,054	4,142	225	4,702	3,599	650	382
Wexford	9,497	7,272	383	7,935	6,615	1,538	613
Wicklow	7,363	6,126	392	6,077	4,429	880	574
Other	34,469	8,096	50	1,224	–	59	–
Total	311,170	215,676	12,042	242,580	155,833	39,589	28,066

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

TABLE 4.4

Table 4.5 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme

	€m						
Scheme	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 ¹
Old Age	1,525.5	1,707.0	1,987.5	2,296.3	2,500.0	2,728.8	2,947.1
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	498.1	577.4	716.6	868.5	946.9	1,050.3	1,152.9
Retirement Pension	511.5	594.2	697.4	803.4	899.0	983.7	1,060.0
Old Age (Non-contributory) Pension	439.4	456.2	490.7	537.3	565.0	600.0	631.3
Pre-Retirement Allowance	76.5	79.3	82.8	87.0	89.1	94.7	102.9
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,165.7	1,265.8	1,413.0	1,592.6	1,706.6	1,827.7	1,982.2
Widow/Widower's (Contributory) Pension	547.8	597.4	673.0	761.5	826.1	906.5	998.5
Widow/Widower's (Non-contributory) Pension	88.4	94.9	107.2	116.5	116.8	122.3	126.9
Deserted Wife's Benefit	86.0	83.9	84.9	88.2	89.2	89.7	90.6
Deserted Wife's Allowance	8.4	8.4	9.2	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.5
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
One Parent Family Payment	435.2	480.1	537.4	613.0	660.6	694.8	751.1
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory/Non-contributory)		1.1	1.4	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.6
Child Related	623.6	703.9	1,058.1	1,578.9	1,789.3	1,903.3	2,045.0
Maternity Benefit	52.7	58.0	78.9	99.1	107.3	121.6	132.4
Health and Safety Benefit	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Adoptive Benefit	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	3.7	5.6	9.4	11.7	8.9	9.7	7.5
Orphan's (Non-contributory) Pension	1.8	2.4	4.4	4.5	5.8	6.2	4.1
Child Benefit	565.0	637.5	964.8	1,462.8	1,666.5	1,765.1	1,899.9
Illness, Disability and Caring	935.4	1,048.6	1,233.1	1,453.6	1,621.1	1,827.4	2,091.6
Disability Benefit	262.7	280.8	329.9	385.3	433.5	479.0	541.0
Invalidity Pension	279.6	311.4	354.5	403.6	440.3	487.4	548.2
Carer's Benefit		0.0	2.5	5.8	6.9	7.7	9.6
Injury Benefit	9.3	9.8	10.9	11.8	11.9	13.6	14.2
Disablement Benefit	49.4	50.7	54.3	59.4	60.8	62.6	67.0
Death Benefit	4.4	4.7	5.1	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.5
Disability Allowance	245.2	279.2	332.3	407.6	463.6	544.5	630.7
Medical Care	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Carer's Allowance	72.9	99.6	130.3	160.0	183.3	210.3	257.4
Blind Person's Pension	11.8	12.3	13.2	14.2	14.8	15.9	16.7
Unemployment Supports	909.4	734.3	720.6	935.5	1,043.1	1,069.4	1,086.0
Unemployment Benefit	293.8	265.2	290.7	423.5	477.1	455.5	418.6
Unemployment Assistance	615.6	469.1	429.9	512.0	566.0	613.8	667.5
Employment Supports	251.1	285.3	283.7	269.1	247.6	238.1	246.0
Family Income Supplement	41.1	39.4	37.1	42.4	45.4	55.8	72.2
Employment Support Services	190.1	204.5	196.0	168.1	139.4	116.0	106.6
Farm Assist/Smallholders	19.9	41.4	50.7	58.6	62.8	66.3	67.3

Table 4.5 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme (continued)

	€m						
Scheme	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 ¹
Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Miscellaneous	561.8	645.2	772.2	970.8	1,158.5	1,261.6	1,311.7
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	239.7	294.9	363.6	484.9	587.8	601.6	624.0
Treatment Benefit	45.2	57.8	56.5	60.8	63.3	70.5	65.5
Rent Allowance	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
Free Schemes	196.8	204.3	241.0	296.0	340.5	364.3	383.4
Miscellaneous	50.1	64.3	76.9	69.6	68.5	76.8	89.7
Equal Treatment Payments	4.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Redundancy and Insolvency	25.0	22.9	33.4	58.7	97.6	147.7	148.1
TOTAL	5,972.5	6,390.2	7,468.1	9,096.7	10,066.1	10,856.2	11,709.6
Administration	309.7	323.1	374.7	420.1	427.0	434.9	458.9
Total expenditure	6,282.2	6,713.3	7,842.9	9,516.8	10,493.1	11,291.1	12,168.5

¹ Provisional

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

TABLE 4.5

Table 4.6 Financing of Social Welfare expenditure

	%						
Source	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 ¹
Social Welfare expenditure							
State	54.7	52.7	52.7	53.8	53.9	53.3	53.5
Employers	37.1	41.2	41.5	37.0	35.2	35.4	35.9
Employees	9.9	11.1	10.5	10.2	10.3	11.1	11.2
Self-employed	3.3	2.8	2.4	2.7	2.6	3.2	3.1
National Lottery	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other receipts including investment income	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Social insurance fund surplus	-5.4	-6.5	-8.0	-4.4	-2.4	-3.3	-4.1
Payment to the National Training Fund	0.0	-2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total Expenditure (€m)	6,282.2	6,713.3	7,842.9	9,516.8	10,493.1	11,291.1	12,168.5

¹ Provisional

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 4.7 Recipients by type of Old Age Pension

	Number				
Year	Old Age (contributory) Pension	Retirement Pension	Old Age (non-contributory) Pension	Pre- retirement Allowance	Total
1993	71,861	58,400	111,011	15,882	257,154
1994	70,820	62,211	108,301	15,284	256,616
1995	69,179	65,761	102,984	15,023	252,947
1996	67,988	69,740	101,624	14,151	253,503
1997	70,022	71,793	98,835	13,647	254,297
1998	71,706	75,316	95,890	13,897	256,809
1999	76,241	78,868	93,023	13,149	261,281
2000	86,217	78,370	90,652	12,521	267,760
2001	94,871	80,326	89,061	11,807	276,065
2002	105,295	83,055	87,823	11,222	287,395
2003	113,970	86,509	86,733	10,957	298,169
2004	118,383	88,870	85,172	11,228	303,653
2005	124,611	91,047	84,454	11,058	311,170

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 4.8 Recipients and cost of Child Benefit

Eligible children in family	Recipient Families						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1	197,457	203,342	208,712	214,916	221,515	221,837	224,686
2	170,777	171,646	173,525	176,284	181,018	185,282	188,536
3	92,172	90,667	89,564	89,397	90,512	92,379	93,516
4	33,979	32,431	31,225	30,552	29,996	30,542	30,258
5	9,651	8,795	8,257	7,884	7,732	7,619	7,417
6	2,965	2,628	2,450	2,275	2,161	2,175	2,130
7	980	869	742	712	669	679	630
8	324	294	287	267	264	258	242
9	107	89	94	95	88	91	79
10	56	48	39	36	34	28	34
11	22	20	16	15	15	16	6
12	11	7	6	7	4	4	4
13	2	3	1	0	0	0	2
14	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total families	508,504	510,840	514,919	522,441	534,009	540,911	547,540
Total children	1,028,877	1,018,175	1,014,340	1,019,551	1,034,851	1,051,005	1,060,740
Total cost of Child Benefit (€m)	565.0	637.5	964.8	1,462.8	1,666.5	1,765.1	1,899,936¹

¹ Provisional

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

TABLE 4.8

Number of families in receipt of Child Benefit by number of eligible children

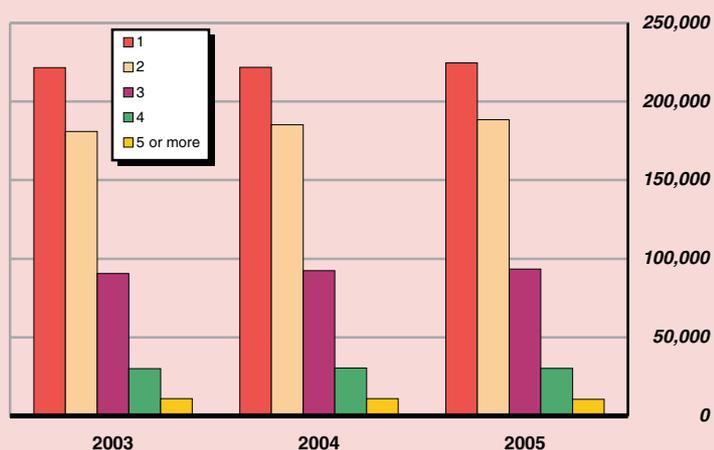


Table 4.9 Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring payments by type

Payment type	Number							
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Disability Benefit	43,766	45,535	46,940	50,715	54,590	57,464	58,726	61,845
Invalidity Pension	44,925	46,946	48,663	50,615	52,147	53,414	55,864	58,352
Interim Disability Benefit	439	514	488	449	404	295	316	355
Carer's Benefit	–	–	50	425	615	639	679	867
Disability Allowance	47,126	50,431	54,303	57,655	62,783	67,720	72,976	79,253
Carer's Allowance	11,416	14,387	16,478	18,785	20,395	21,316	23,030	24,970
Blind Person's Pension	2,358	2,304	2,229	2,125	2,095	2,061	2,027	1,985
Injury Benefit	746	748	828	861	828	821	915	908
Death Benefit Pension	630	662	665	676	668	664	652	647
Disablement Pension	10,182	10,577	10,925	11,230	11,612	11,898	12,162	12,475
Total	161,588	172,104	181,569	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 4.10 Recipients of Unemployment and Employment supports by type of payment

Payment type	Number							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Total Recipients Unemployment Supports	149,705	116,069	126,447	137,982	145,339	131,539	128,111	
Unemployment Benefit	56,576	46,565	59,884	66,416	70,090	57,699	52,754	
Unemployment Assistance	93,129	69,504	66,563	71,566	75,249	73,840	75,357	
Total Recipients Employment Supports	65,120	64,833	56,892	50,920	44,113	40,216	39,589	
Back to Work Allowances	37,612	39,009	32,191	24,986	17,069	11,566	8,943	
Back to Education Allowance	4,518	4,237	4,101	5,041	5,696	5,247	5,156	
Part-time Job Incentive Scheme	567	474	340	336	324	326	218	
Family Income Supplement	14,549	13,062	11,880	12,043	12,317	14,727	17,448	
Farm Assist/Smallholders	7,874	8,051	8,380	8,514	8,707	8,350	7,824	

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Number of recipients of Unemployment Supports

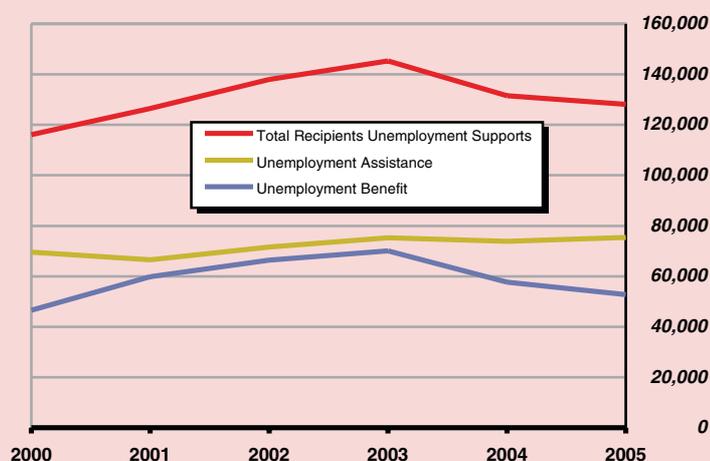


Table 4.11 Estimated non-capital health expenditure by programme

€m								
Programme	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 ¹
Community Protection Programme	99.9	136.0	224.8	314.3	275.3	302.2	334.6	366.2
Community Health Services Programme	687.2	883.5	985.0	1,191.6	1,526.1	1,678.0	1,868.7	2,162.7
Community Welfare Programme	285.5	336.5	445.9	581.4	703.8	774.2	860.0	892.1
Psychiatric Programme	347.5	394.5	433.7	497.1	563.7	619.5	661.4	729.5
Programme for the disabled	436.6	520.8	651.6	815.9	962.9	1,155.9	1,230.6	1,368.2
General Hospital Programme	1,988.5	2,317.7	2,604.5	3,291.4	3,801.5	4,180.7	4,523.3	4,916.5
General Support Programme	194.8	218.1	264.9	318.3	333.5	407.0	444.8	482.4
Gross Total	4,040.0	4,807.3	5,610.3	7,010.1	8,166.7	9,117.4	9,923.4	10,917.8
Total Non-Capital Income	220.9	233.4	251.3	270.8	300.2	334.3	362.9	417.8
Net Total	3,819.1	4,573.9	5,359.1	6,739.3	7,866.5	8,783.1	9,560.5	10,500.0

¹ Estimated
Source: Department of Health and Children

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Table 4.12 Payments by General Medical Services (Payments) Board

€m							
Category	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Doctors	154.8	169.9	211.8	282.1	295.7	317.5	414.0
Pharmacists	417.2	527.6	670.9	813.2	937.7	1,085.9	1,189.4
Dentists	18.3	38.1	41.7	45.7	49.9	52.5	54.5
General Practice development	9.3	10.2	11.6	17.6	13.1	15.8	11.9
High tech drugs scheme	42.3	51.9	65.1	84.6	109.1	148.2	177.5
Optometrists	1.8	8.7	9.8	13.9	13.8	17.4	17.0
Administration	9.3	11.8	12.7	13.7	12.5	15.5	17.0
Total	653.0	818.2	1,023.6	1,270.9	1,431.8	1,652.8	1,881.3

Source: General Medical Services Report

GMS(P)B Payments to Pharmacists, Doctors and Dentists

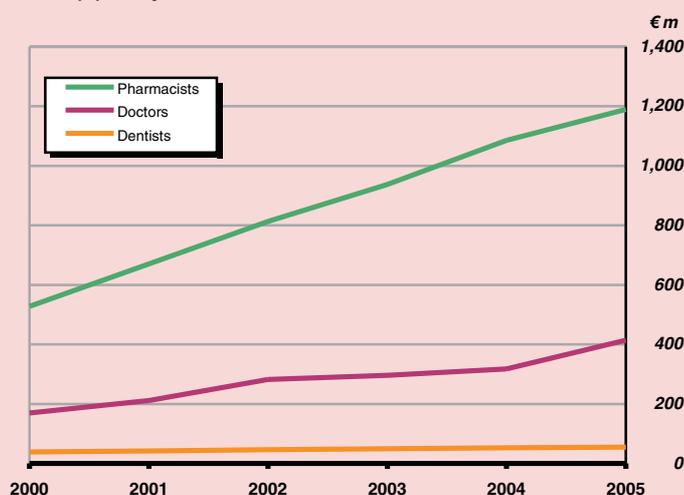


Table 4.13 Publicly funded acute hospitals statistics, 2004

Health Board area	Number of hospitals	Average number of in-patient beds available	In-patients discharged/deaths	Average length of stay in days	Average number of day beds available	Day cases
Eastern	22	5,078	191,912	8.0	499	209,418
Midland	3	504	33,176	4.9	37	19,549
Mid-Western	6	844	46,744	5.8	67	30,528
North-Eastern	5	868	48,321	5.3	112	30,799
North-Western	3	682	36,242	5.4	59	39,933
South-Eastern	6	1,256	70,528	5.5	118	31,777
Southern	9	1,856	82,524	6.3	126	80,835
Western	5	1,289	67,365	5.9	115	41,718
Total	59	12,377	576,812	6.4	1133	484,557

Source: Department of Health and Children

Table 4.14 Psychiatric hospitals and units: in-patients at 31 December

Health Board area	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Eastern	832	855	823	797	730	679	597	625	627
Midland	336	303	278	281	271	252	266	225	222
Mid-Western	434	429	427	424	383	270	201	190	178
North-Eastern	277	260	229	197	194	166	161	127	139
North-Western	192	191	166	141	141	122	132	97	117
South-Eastern	802	828	762	770	684	680	677	697	638
Southern	725	772	716	639	634	549	510	543	506
Western	650	618	567	505	454	435	385	313	298
Private Hospitals	486	480	415	397	431	433	424	447	479
Central Mental Hospital	83	84	86	79	83	74	74	71	75
St. Joseph's Intellectual Disability Service					251	231	231	221	196
Total	4,817	4,820	4,469	4,230	4,256	3,891	3,658	3,556	3,475

Source: Department of Health and Children

TABLE 4.13

TABLE 4.14

Table 4.15 HIV positive antibody results

Category	Cases						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Heterosexuals	59	127	173	232	223	178	159
Homosexuals/Bisexuals	40	72	73	46	75	62	57
Intravenous Drug Users	69	83	38	50	49	71	66
Mother to Child transmission (MTC)	n/a	4	6	8	12	3	3
Other	18	4	2	5	6	5	5
Unknown	0	0	7	23	34	37	28
Total	186	290	299	364	399	356	318

Source: Health Protection Surveillance Centre

Cases of and deaths from AIDS

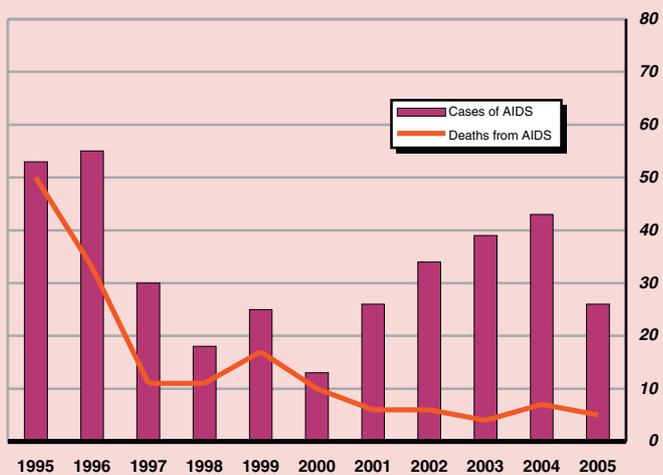


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Table 4.16 Main sites of occurrence of new cancers diagnosed

Cancer site	Cases								
	Male			Female			Total		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Non-melanoma skin	2,800	2,842	3,159	2,548	2,473	2,808	5,348	5,315	5,967
Colorectal	1,129	1,090	1,113	826	821	859	1,955	1,911	1,972
Breast	11	14	13	2,028	2,174	2,221	2,039	2,188	2,234
Lung	1,032	1,055	1,072	612	654	695	1,644	1,709	1,767
Prostate	1,877	2,105	2,080	0	0	0	1,877	2,105	2,080
Cervix	0	0	0	184	204	205	184	204	205
Melanoma	183	198	207	277	350	319	460	548	526
Lymphoma	315	312	319	268	260	267	583	572	586
Stomach	290	271	273	185	167	185	475	438	458
Bladder	342	322	326	126	154	139	468	476	465
Pancreas	192	209	180	175	204	188	367	413	368
Leukaemia	226	266	240	172	183	141	398	449	381
Ovary	0	0	0	353	356	409	353	356	409
Oesophagus	217	193	193	122	116	128	339	309	321
Kidney	212	242	213	109	132	136	321	374	349
Brain and meninges	175	169	171	128	156	122	303	325	293
Womb	0	0	0	244	275	282	244	275	282
Myeloma	122	134	114	80	96	95	202	230	209
Head and neck	150	180	176	59	87	93	209	267	269
Other (invasive)	903	974	1,035	791	777	796	1,694	1,751	1,831
Other (all cancers)	1,682	1,837	1,863	3,191	3,285	3,531	4,873	5,122	5,394
Total	11,858	12,413	12,747	12,478	12,924	13,619	24,336	25,337	26,366

Source: National Cancer Registry Ireland

Table 4.17 Persons killed and injured on roads

Year	Number		
	Number killed	Number of injuries	Total
1992	415	10,188	10,603
1993	431	9,831	10,262
1994	404	10,229	10,633
1995	437	12,673	13,110
1996	453	13,319	13,772
1997	472	13,115	13,587
1998	458	12,773	13,231
1999	413	12,340	12,753
2000	415	12,043	12,458
2001	411	10,222	10,633
2002	376	9,206	9,582
2003	335	8,262	8,597
2004	374	7,867	8,241

Source: National Roads Authority

TABLE 4.16

TABLE 4.17

Table 4.18 Road casualties classified by road user type, 2004

Persons

Casualty type	Killed	Serious injury	Minor injury	Total
Pedestrians	70	130	782	982
Pedal cycle users	11	23	264	298
Motor cycle users	50	104	527	681
Car users	208	530	4,657	5,395
P.S.V. (large) users	–	6	73	79
Goods vehicle users	25	81	501	607
Other or unknown	10	26	163	199
Total	374	900	6,967	8,241

Source: National Roads Authority

Table 4.19 Road casualties classified by age and sex, 2004

Persons

Age group	Male		Female		Persons	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Total	%
0-5	1	85	1	52	139	1.9
6-9	1	77	1	55	134	1.8
10-14	1	141	2	102	246	3.4
15-17	11	235	4	108	358	4.9
18-20	35	486	10	215	746	10.2
21-24	42	569	9	318	938	12.9
25-34	56	1,018	15	679	1,768	24.3
35-44	31	621	13	370	1,035	14.2
45-54	20	382	14	300	716	9.8
55-64	21	244	7	218	490	6.7
65 and over	36	240	25	213	514	7.1
Unknown	4	125	1	76	206	2.8
Total	259	4,223	102	2,706	7,290	100.0

Source: National Roads Authority

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TABLE 4.19

Road deaths by age group, 2004

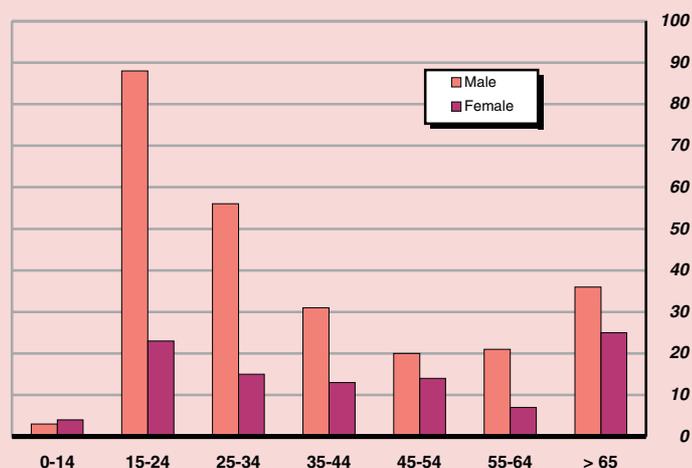


Table 4.20 Fatal accidents reported to the Health and Safety Authority

Work sector	Number							
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Agricultural, hunting and forestry	26	23	16	25	14	20	13	18
Fishing (diving)	6	2	7	2	3	0	3	2
Mining and quarrying	1	3	3	5	3	1	0	6
Manufacturing	4	8	11	3	7	7	3	7
Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
Construction	22	18	17	22	21	20	16	23
Wholesale and retail trade: repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles; personal and household goods	1	1	2	1	1	4	4	8
Hotels and restaurants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport, storage and communications	4	8	4	5	7	9	6	4
Financial intermediation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Real estate, renting and business activities	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1
Public administration and defence; compulsory and social security	1	2	5	2	3	1	0	2
Education	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Health and social work	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Other community, social and personal service activities	1	1	1	0	1	4	2	2
Total	70	69	70	67	61	68	50	73

Source: Health and Safety Authority – Annual Report

TABLE 4.20

Principal causes of fires attended by brigades

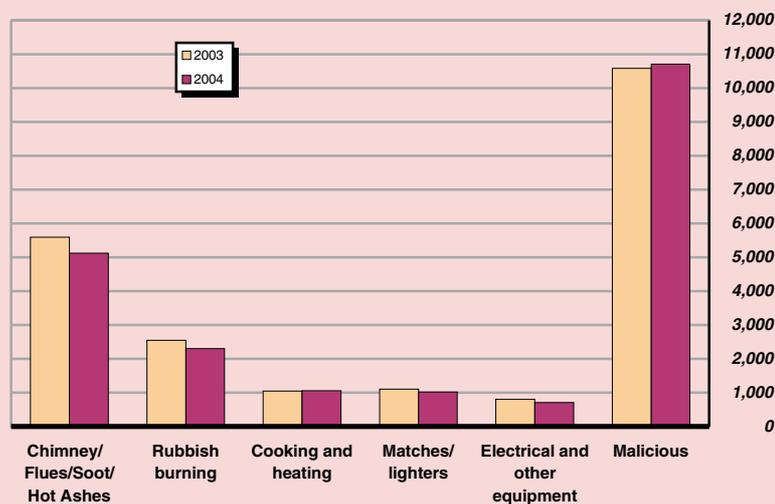


Table 4.21 Causes of fires attended by brigades

Cause of fire	Number attended					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Chimney/flues/soot/hot ashes	7,527	6,671	6,817	5,509	5,591	5,120
Matches/cigarette lighters	345	217	581	966	1,108	1,015
Rubbish burning	1,545	1,443	1,413	1,649	2,545	2,306
Cooking and heating	1,255	1,107	1,101	1,156	1,044	1,060
Electrical and other equipment	882	1,014	1,290	858	804	708
Electrical wiring installations	437	474	440	406	511	439
Malicious	6,717	9,028	9,089	8,720	10,582	10,705
Smoking materials	230	191	240	256	412	285
Using fuels to kindle fires	35	30	32	60	41	41
Explosions	32	14	53	31	11	30
Other suspected causes	555	775	1,163	698	848	821
Unknown causes	10,650	10,474	10,601	7,790	8,340	8,248
Total	30,210	31,438	32,820	28,099	31,837	30,778

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Table 4.22 Deaths due to fire

Year	Number
	Fatalities
1990	39
1991	52
1992	48
1993	51
1994	42
1995	38
1996	52
1997	51
1998	45
1999	51
2000	43
2001	58
2002	48
2003	34
2004	35
2005	41

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Deaths due to fire

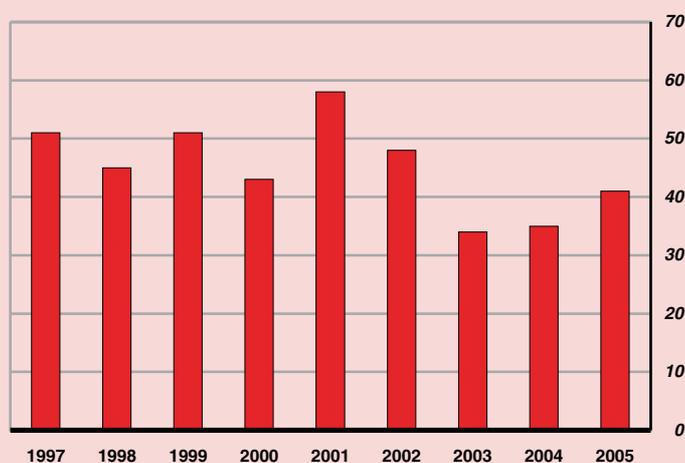


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Table 4.23 Number on register of Dáil Electors

	<i>Number</i>							
Local Authorities	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
County Councils	2,259,649	2,318,730	2,358,805	2,411,793	2,470,641	2,536,721	2,582,203	2,606,135
Carlow	34,169	35,179	36,054	37,008	37,651	38,143	39,439	39,446
Cavan	43,197	43,949	44,393	44,977	45,651	47,496	48,286	48,706
Clare	76,390	78,978	80,266	81,628	81,805	84,834	85,782	84,706
Cork	235,165	243,365	248,656	254,405	262,139	270,557	278,005	282,235
Donegal	105,538	106,941	108,147	110,720	113,860	116,966	119,529	119,451
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	148,212	148,047	148,350	149,252	150,028	150,499	152,107	153,021
Fingal	122,977	126,888	130,676	134,478	137,694	140,829	146,718	151,736
South Dublin	161,387	164,805	168,494	171,578	175,478	176,443	177,787	178,407
Galway	104,206	107,756	109,673	112,334	115,841	120,375	122,560	123,843
Kerry	101,776	102,870	104,096	105,520	107,002	108,687	109,335	109,659
Kildare	103,520	107,985	110,995	114,591	121,601	128,346	128,013	130,190
Kilkenny	57,402	58,821	59,759	61,080	62,955	64,570	65,793	66,056
Laois	40,922	42,367	43,246	44,610	45,749	47,000	49,680	49,319
Leitrim	21,332	21,945	21,914	22,246	22,688	23,331	23,672	23,413
Limerick	86,716	88,793	89,826	91,888	94,580	95,059	95,425	96,340
Longford	24,529	25,111	25,252	25,732	26,331	27,313	27,480	27,143
Louth	74,069	76,093	78,209	80,924	81,328	82,838	85,048	86,561
Mayo	88,041	90,533	91,104	92,656	95,229	98,278	99,627	99,340
Meath	94,860	98,346	102,329	107,894	110,270	117,254	119,667	124,735
Monaghan	41,237	41,378	41,601	42,110	43,356	44,173	45,077	45,181
Offaly	46,304	47,525	48,128	49,486	50,731	52,332	53,443	53,961
Roscommon	41,188	42,412	42,715	43,440	44,275	46,039	46,899	47,218
Sligo	43,876	45,087	45,441	46,150	46,090	47,493	47,730	47,899
North Tipperary	46,642	48,128	48,798	49,718	51,114	51,740	52,473	53,120
South Tipperary	58,599	60,162	60,676	61,508	62,709	62,265	64,394	64,489
Waterford	42,318	43,473	43,832	44,497	44,995	46,329	47,684	48,196
Westmeath	49,288	51,348	51,939	53,202	55,646	58,232	59,360	59,229
Wexford	85,635	88,195	91,049	93,280	95,983	99,830	101,124	101,800
Wicklow	80,154	82,250	83,187	84,881	87,862	89,470	90,066	90,735
City Councils	554,087	550,678	535,339	540,607	543,726	541,005	536,097	522,135
Cork	91,675	92,209	90,455	90,169	90,219	89,504	88,639	86,627
Dublin	355,807	351,054	337,538	342,409	344,019	341,813	340,357	331,021
Galway	39,111	39,726	40,088	40,414	41,947	42,325	41,898	41,526
Limerick	37,878	37,623	37,251	37,359	37,681	37,741	37,055	36,358
Waterford	29,616	30,066	30,007	30,256	29,860	29,622	28,148	26,603
TOTAL	2,813,736	2,869,408	2,894,144	2,952,400	3,014,367	3,077,726	3,118,300	3,128,270

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Table 4.24 Votes recorded at Dáil elections

Date of election	Numbers entitled to vote	Votes recorded	Votes recorded as percentage of numbers entitled to vote
February 1948	1,800,210	1,336,628	74.2
May 1951	1,785,144	1,343,616	75.3
May 1954	1,763,828	1,347,932	76.4
March 1957	1,738,278	1,238,559	71.3
October 1961	1,670,860	1,179,738	70.6
April 1965	1,683,019	1,264,415	75.1
June 1969	1,735,388	1,334,963	76.9
February 1973	1,783,604	1,366,474	76.6
June 1977	2,118,606	1,616,770	76.3
June 1981	2,275,450	1,734,379	76.2
February 1982	2,275,450	1,679,500	73.8
November 1982	2,335,153	1,701,385	72.9
February 1987	2,445,515	1,793,406	73.3
June 1989	2,448,810	1,677,592	68.5
November 1992	2,557,036	1,751,351	68.5
June 1997	2,741,262	1,806,932	65.9
May 2002	3,002,173	1,878,609	62.6

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

