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- The pension coverage rate for all persons in employment aged between 20 and 69 in the fourth quarter of 2005 was 55% representing an increase of 3.8 percentage points on the 51.2% recorded in the first quarter of 2002.
- In the fourth quarter of 2005 male workers (58.3%) continued to have a higher pension coverage rate than their female counterparts (50.6%).
- The average cost of paid childcare per household in the first quarter of 2005 was just over €120 per week.
- Almost 1.3 million households (88.7%) reported that they recycled some element of their household waste in the third quarter of 2005.

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Introduction

The statistics presented in this chapter reflect the range of topics now covered in ad-hoc modules attached to the Quarterly National Household Survey. While the main purpose of the QNHS is the production of quarterly labour market related estimates the potential also exists for the collection of data on social topics, through the inclusion of special survey modules each quarter. In recent years we have expanded the number of modules undertaken in any given year in an attempt to meet the ever-growing demand for statistics and in particular social statistics.

The topics covered in this chapter include Pension provision, SSIA's, Childcare and Recycling and Energy.

Pension Provision

The pension coverage rate for all persons in employment aged 20-69 in the fourth quarter of 2005 was 55% representing an increase of almost 4 percentage points on that recorded in the first quarter of 2002. This increase can be attributed primarily to an increase in occupational pension coverage, which rose from 35.4% to 40.1% over the same period. Male workers (58.3%) continued to have higher pension coverage rate than their female counterparts (50.6%) in the fourth quarter of 2005. However the gap between males and females reduced from 11.3 percentage points in the first quarter of 2002 to 7.7 percentage points in the fourth quarter of 2005. Increased coverage rates were evident across all age categories over the same four year period. Workers in the 35-44 age category continued to have the highest pension coverage at just over 65%, followed closely by those aged 45-54 (64.0%).

Recycling and Energy Conservation

Almost 1.3 million households (88.7%) reported that they recycled some element of their household waste in the third quarter of 2005, representing a significant increase on the first quarter of 1999 (47.9%). While 165,200 households did not recycle any household waste item in 2005, 28,600 of these reported that they would recycle if the facilities were available.

At a regional level Dublin reported the highest percentage of households recycling (93.7%), while the Border region had the lowest rate (77.6%). All regions reported a large increase in household recycling levels over the six-year period from 1999 to 2005 with the West showing the largest percentage increase.

More households used double glazing for energy conservation than any other measure reported in the third quarter of 2005, with almost 1.2 million (79.3%) reporting that their dwelling had it fully or partially installed. CFL light bulbs were the least common energy conservation measure implemented and were installed in almost 39% of households with just under 34% reporting only partial installation.

Special Saving Incentive Accounts (SSIAs)

In the fourth quarter of 2005 almost 38% of the population aged 21 years and over indicated that they had an SSIA. SSIA account holders indicated that they would spend just under one third of their matured SSIA funds on consumer items which included *Home improvements, Foreign holidays, Cars and Other purchases*. A little over 46% would be committed to *Savings, Pensions and Investments*, approximately 10% would be directed towards *Debt repayment* with the remainder, just over 12%, being spent on *Other items*.

Almost 10% of SSIA account holders indicated that they would spend some of their SSIA money on a *Foreign holiday* with almost 11% indicating some expenditure on a *Car*.

Overall, *Savings* and *Investments* appear important to all age groups. However, younger people indicated a greater interest in *Investment* whereas older persons were more likely to place some of their funds in *Savings*.

Pensions did not appear to rate highly for the younger age categories with just under 2% of SSIA account holders in the 21-24 year age group intending to put aside some of their matured funds for a *Pension* compared to over 11% for those aged 55-59. Buying a *Car* appears to be far more important to the younger age categories with almost 20% of 21-24 year old SSIA account holders indicating that they will spend some of their funds in this way.

Childcare

In the first quarter of 2005 the average cost of paid childcare was just over €120 per week. This represented an increase of over 23% in the 2-year period between the fourth quarter of 2002 and the first quarter of 2005. The average household cost varied by region with families in the Border region paying just under €100 per week while at the other end of the scale families in the Dublin region were paying more than €145 a week. For those families who required more than 40 hours of paid childcare a week the average cost was just over €184.

Families with pre-school going children (40.3%) regularly relied on non-parental childcare arrangements during the normal working day in the first quarter of 2005 while usage of non-parental childcare (21.5%) for primary school going children was not as common.

The average weekly cost of childcare for families with pre-school going children only in the first quarter of 2005 was €131.35, while the rate for families with primary school going children was €86.82. Families with both pre-school and primary school going children paid an average of €132.48 a week.

On an hourly basis the average cost of paid childcare for pre-school children and primary school going children in the first quarter 2005 was €4.15 and €5.68 respectively. This represented increases of just over 27% and 20% respectively over the 2 years since Quarter 4 2002.

Crèche or Montessori based childcare was the most expensive form of childcare for pre-school going children costing an average of €4.82 per hour per child. This was also the case for primary school children, with an average of €6.05 per hour per child. At an overall level, the hourly rate for childcare declined as the number of childcare hours required increased.

For pre-school going children the average hourly rate for paid childcare was highest in the Dublin region at €5.15 over 24% higher than the State average. For primary school going children the cost in the Dublin region was €6.71, just over 18% higher than the State average for these children.

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Table 4.1 Pension coverage in the State for persons in employment (ILO) aged 20 to 69 years

%

| | Occupational pension only | | Personal pension only | | Both | | Total coverage | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Q1 2002 | Q4 2005 | Q1 2002 | Q4 2005 | Q1 2002 | Q4 2005 | Q1 2002 | Q4 2005 |
| State | 35.4 | 40.1 | 12.9 | 12.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 51.2 | 55.0 |
| Region | | | | | | | | |
| Border | 28.5 | 34.0 | 12.4 | 11.9 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 44.5 | 47.7 |
| Midland | 27.3 | 38.0 | 14.8 | 13.5 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 44.5 | 53.1 |
| West | 29.9 | 34.3 | 12.2 | 11.6 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 44.1 | 48.7 |
| Dublin | 42.2 | 47.0 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 55.6 | 60.4 |
| Mid-East | 37.7 | 40.6 | 15.4 | 11.7 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 55.9 | 55.9 |
| Mid-West | 36.9 | 40.4 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 52.8 | 55.3 |
| South-East | 28.1 | 36.0 | 17.5 | 14.5 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 48.5 | 52.9 |
| South-West | 34.6 | 37.6 | 13.5 | 14.1 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 50.6 | 54.5 |
| Sex | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 34.8 | 38.2 | 17.7 | 16.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 55.9 | 58.3 |
| Female | 36.3 | 42.8 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 44.6 | 50.6 |
| Age group | | | | | | | | |
| 20-24 | 23.0 | 24.5 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 25.2 | 27.5 |
| 25-34 | 37.9 | 42.8 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 49.8 | 53.0 |
| 35-44 | 41.2 | 45.4 | 15.7 | 16.0 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 60.4 | 65.1 |
| 45-54 | 37.3 | 45.0 | 18.1 | 15.6 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 59.7 | 64.0 |
| 55-69 | 26.6 | 31.2 | 19.8 | 18.9 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 49.0 | 53.3 |
| 20-29 | 29.7 | 33.5 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 35.5 | 38.9 |
| 30-65 | 38.0 | 43.2 | 16.3 | 15.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 57.8 | 61.8 |
| Marital status | | | | | | | | |
| Single | 31.0 | 36.1 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 40.1 | 45.3 |
| Married | 39.2 | 44.0 | 17.3 | 15.8 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 60.2 | 63.3 |
| Separated or divorced | 31.3 | 35.1 | 10.5 | 12.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 44.5 | 50.3 |
| Widowed | 28.4 | 33.4 | 14.1 | 12.9 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 44.1 | 50.1 |
| ILO employment status | | | | | | | | |
| Self employed or assisting relative | n/a | n/a | 44.1 | 44.0 | n/a | n/a | 44.1 | 44.0 |
| Employee | 43.7 | 48.2 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 52.8 | 57.2 |

Source: CSO

Persons in employment (ILO) aged 20 to 69 years classified by pension coverage

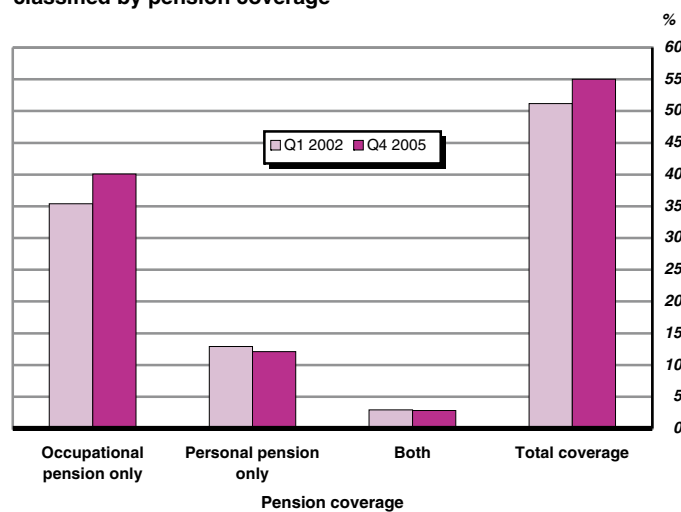


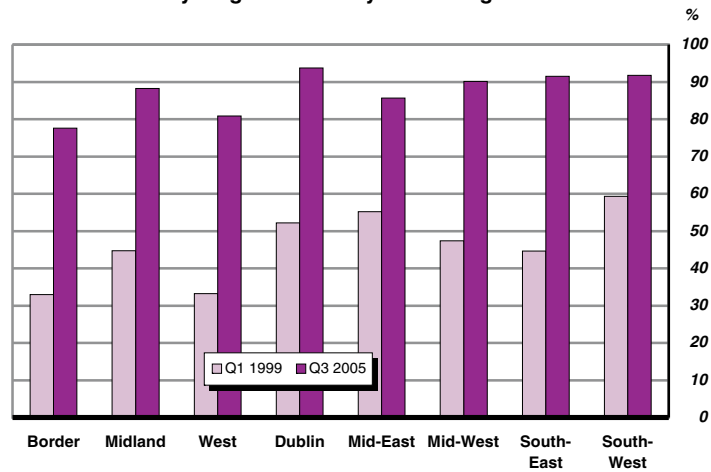
Table 4.2 Households classified by recycling activity, June-August 2005

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| | All households | Recycling activity | | |
|--|----------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
| | | Yes | No | No, but yes if facilities were available |
| State | 1,456.5 | 1,291.2 | 136.6 | 28.6 |
| Region | | | | |
| Border | 161.3 | 125.1 | 31.9 | 4.4 |
| Midland | 83.7 | 73.9 | 8.8 | * |
| West | 145.6 | 117.7 | 24.9 | 2.9 |
| Dublin | 412.7 | 386.8 | 16.0 | 9.8 |
| Mid-East | 147.5 | 126.4 | 17.4 | 3.7 |
| Mid-West | 126.4 | 113.8 | 10.0 | 2.6 |
| South-East | 161.0 | 147.3 | 11.9 | 1.9 |
| South-West | 218.2 | 200.3 | 15.7 | 2.2 |
| Age group of reference person | | | | |
| Less than 25 | 54.3 | 47.0 | 5.5 | 1.9 |
| 25-44 years | 544.6 | 499.4 | 35.6 | 9.6 |
| 45-64 years | 537.1 | 489.8 | 39.0 | 8.3 |
| 65 or over | 320.5 | 255.0 | 56.5 | 8.9 |
| Principal Economic Status of reference person | | | | |
| At work | 793.1 | 725.6 | 55.9 | 11.6 |
| Unemployed | 42.0 | 34.5 | 5.7 | 1.7 |
| Student | 20.3 | 18.6 | * | * |
| Home duties | 357.9 | 312.7 | 38.1 | 7.2 |
| Retired | 194.9 | 161.1 | 27.7 | 6.1 |
| Others | 48.4 | 38.8 | 8.2 | * |
| Nationality of reference person | | | | |
| Irish nationals | 1,373.4 | 1,219.9 | 128.4 | 25.1 |
| Non-Irish nationals | 83.1 | 71.4 | 8.2 | 3.5 |
| Household composition | | | | |
| 1 adult, no children | 317.6 | 241.0 | 66.1 | 10.5 |
| 2 adults, no children | 375.7 | 339.7 | 28.4 | 7.7 |
| 3 or more adults, no children | 285.6 | 262.0 | 18.8 | 4.9 |
| 1 adult with children | 52.1 | 45.4 | 5.7 | * |
| 2 adults with 1-3 children | 260.8 | 248.5 | 10.2 | 2.2 |
| Other households with children | 164.7 | 154.7 | 7.5 | 2.5 |
| Urban/rural location | | | | |
| Urban areas | 837.1 | 772.2 | 51.3 | 13.6 |
| Rural areas | 619.4 | 519.0 | 85.3 | 15.1 |
| Tenure status | | | | |
| Owner | 1,170.6 | 1,056.4 | 96.6 | 17.6 |
| Rented or rent free | 262.3 | 214.6 | 37.1 | 10.6 |
| No answer/not classified | 23.6 | 20.2 | 2.9 | * |

Source: CSO

Households recycling classified by NUTS3 regions



Households classified by energy conservation methods, June-August 2005

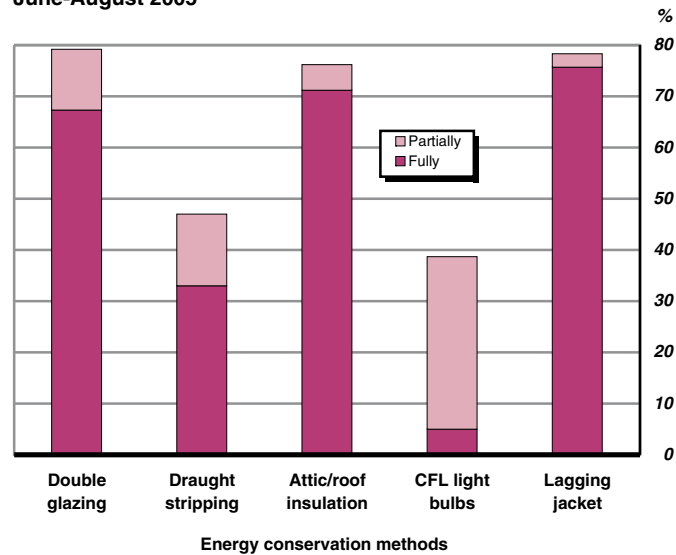


Table 4.3 Households classified by energy conservation method, June-August 2005

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| | Energy conservation method | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Double glazing | | | | | Draught stripping | | | | Attic/roof insulation | | | |
| | All households | Yes fully | Yes partially | No | Don't know | Yes fully | Yes partially | No | Don't know | Yes fully | Yes partially | No | Don't know |
| All households | 1,456.5 | 980.8 | 173.6 | 296.8 | 5.3 | 480.6 | 203.3 | 711.4 | 61.2 | 1,037.2 | 73.0 | 184.2 | 162.1 |
| Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Border | 161.3 | 105.0 | 18.4 | 38.0 | * | 42.8 | 18.7 | 95.8 | 4.0 | 112.9 | 7.0 | 23.9 | 17.6 |
| Midland | 83.7 | 55.3 | 9.3 | 18.8 | * | 33.8 | 10.4 | 35.5 | 4.0 | 59.0 | 4.4 | 12.9 | 7.4 |
| West | 145.6 | 99.7 | 15.4 | 30.4 | * | 62.5 | 17.9 | 62.8 | 2.4 | 104.3 | 7.3 | 24.2 | 9.9 |
| Dublin | 412.7 | 269.7 | 54.0 | 86.1 | 2.9 | 129.1 | 67.1 | 203.2 | 13.3 | 290.6 | 19.7 | 37.9 | 64.5 |
| Mid-East | 147.5 | 105.6 | 16.1 | 25.2 | * | 44.5 | 30.4 | 70.1 | 2.5 | 114.7 | 7.0 | 14.2 | 11.7 |
| Mid-West | 126.4 | 91.0 | 13.0 | 21.8 | * | 48.1 | 14.5 | 58.0 | 5.8 | 85.8 | 7.8 | 21.9 | 10.9 |
| South-East | 161.0 | 108.2 | 21.4 | 31.1 | * | 50.4 | 18.9 | 71.3 | 20.3 | 116.2 | 7.1 | 21.0 | 16.8 |
| South-West | 218.2 | 146.4 | 25.9 | 45.3 | * | 69.4 | 25.3 | 114.7 | 8.9 | 153.8 | 12.9 | 28.2 | 23.3 |
| Year of construction | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Before 1961 | 427.4 | 209.8 | 78.0 | 138.1 | * | 120.4 | 78.1 | 216.7 | 12.1 | 244.1 | 30.4 | 106.5 | 46.4 |
| 1961 or later | 927.4 | 712.1 | 84.7 | 128.3 | 2.3 | 332.2 | 114.7 | 438.3 | 42.3 | 742.8 | 38.5 | 60.8 | 85.3 |
| Not classified | 101.6 | 58.9 | 11.0 | 30.4 | * | 28.0 | 10.5 | 56.3 | 6.8 | 50.3 | 4.1 | 16.9 | 30.3 |
| Tenure status | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Owner | 1,170.6 | 816.0 | 139.1 | 213.9 | 1.7 | 396.0 | 167.2 | 563.1 | 44.5 | 907.6 | 64.2 | 138.6 | 60.2 |
| Rented or rent free | 262.3 | 150.0 | 32.0 | 77.1 | 3.2 | 76.5 | 33.0 | 137.4 | 15.3 | 114.8 | 7.6 | 41.3 | 98.7 |
| No answer/not classified | 23.6 | 14.9 | 2.5 | 5.8 | * | 8.1 | 3.1 | 10.9 | * | 14.8 | * | 4.3 | 3.2 |
| Number of bedrooms | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 3 | 863.9 | 528.1 | 110.3 | 222.1 | 3.4 | 258.4 | 125.6 | 443.5 | 36.5 | 542.4 | 46.6 | 141.6 | 133.4 |
| 4 or more | 590.3 | 451.6 | 63.2 | 74.3 | * | 221.7 | 77.5 | 267.2 | 23.8 | 494.3 | 26.4 | 42.1 | 27.5 |
| Not stated | 2.3 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |

Table 4.3 Households classified by energy conservation method, June-August 2005 (continued)

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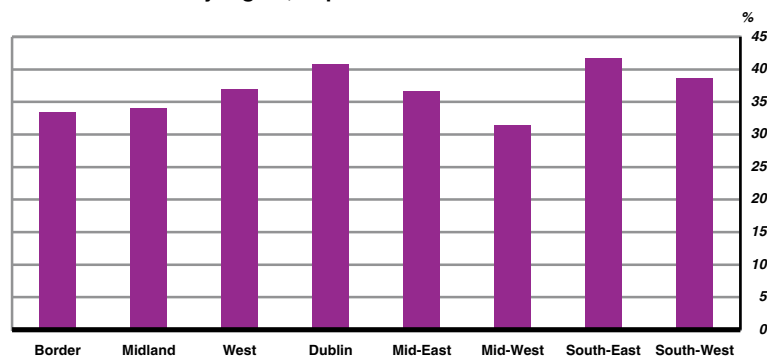
| | Energy conservation method | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| | CFL light bulbs | | | | | Lagging jacket | | | |
| | All house-holds | Yes fully | Yes partially | No | Don't know | Yes fully | Yes partially | No | Don't know |
| All households | 1,456.5 | 72.4 | 491.4 | 879.6 | 13.0 | 1,102.6 | 37.4 | 280.6 | 35.9 |
| Region | | | | | | | | | |
| Border | 161.3 | 6.4 | 48.9 | 104.8 | * | 110.6 | * | 46.5 | 2.8 |
| Midland | 83.7 | 3.6 | 25.9 | 52.2 | 2.0 | 63.9 | * | 16.7 | 2.3 |
| West | 145.6 | 5.7 | 48.9 | 90.5 | * | 99.2 | 2.7 | 42.1 | * |
| Dublin | 412.7 | 19.1 | 142.3 | 247.8 | 3.4 | 345.1 | 14.7 | 41.1 | 11.8 |
| Mid-East | 147.5 | 6.5 | 55.9 | 83.1 | 2.0 | 121.1 | 4.8 | 19.1 | 2.5 |
| Mid-West | 126.4 | 8.4 | 37.0 | 80.2 | * | 83.0 | 3.7 | 35.9 | 3.8 |
| South-East | 161.0 | 9.1 | 54.1 | 97.1 | * | 119.2 | 3.5 | 34.5 | 3.8 |
| South-West | 218.2 | 13.6 | 78.4 | 123.9 | 2.3 | 160.4 | 5.9 | 44.6 | 7.4 |
| Year of construction | | | | | | | | | |
| Before 1961 | 427.4 | 19.9 | 126.6 | 277.6 | 3.3 | 286.4 | 12.8 | 116.2 | 12.0 |
| 1961 or later | 927.4 | 48.9 | 342.9 | 527.8 | 7.8 | 750.8 | 22.0 | 138.2 | 16.5 |
| Not classified | 101.6 | 3.6 | 21.9 | 74.2 | 1.9 | 65.5 | 2.5 | 26.2 | 7.4 |
| Tenure status | | | | | | | | | |
| Owner | 1,170.6 | 64.5 | 438.3 | 659.8 | 8.0 | 918.2 | 28.0 | 208.9 | 15.6 |
| Rented or rent free | 262.3 | 7.0 | 44.9 | 205.7 | 4.7 | 167.6 | 8.6 | 67.2 | 18.9 |
| No answer/not classified | 23.6 | * | 8.2 | 14.2 | * | 16.8 | * | 4.6 | * |
| Number of bedrooms | | | | | | | | | |
| Up to 3 | 863.9 | 34.0 | 227.0 | 594.9 | 8.1 | 611.9 | 26.3 | 198.2 | 27.6 |
| 4 or more | 590.3 | 38.5 | 264.0 | 283.6 | 4.2 | 489.8 | 10.9 | 82.2 | 7.3 |
| Not stated | 2.3 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |

Source: CSO

Table 4.4 Profile of all persons with SSIA's and population aged 21 years and over, September-November 2005

| | Aged 21 years and over | | |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Population | All persons with SSIA's | Percentage of population with SSIA's |
| | '000 | '000 | % |
| State | 2,968.3 | 1,121.6 | 37.8 |
| Region | | | |
| Border | 319.5 | 107.0 | 33.5 |
| Midland | 170.1 | 58.0 | 34.1 |
| West | 292.6 | 107.9 | 36.9 |
| Dublin | 858.3 | 349.5 | 40.7 |
| Mid-East | 316.4 | 116.0 | 36.7 |
| Mid-West | 250.3 | 78.9 | 31.5 |
| South-East | 319.8 | 133.2 | 41.7 |
| South-West | 441.2 | 170.9 | 38.7 |
| Sex | | | |
| Male | 1,464.6 | 579.2 | 39.5 |
| Female | 1,503.7 | 542.4 | 36.1 |
| Age group | | | |
| 21-24 | 278.7 | 62.5 | 22.4 |
| 25-29 | 367.2 | 128.1 | 34.9 |
| 30-34 | 336.8 | 142.6 | 42.3 |
| 35-39 | 311.4 | 137.0 | 44.0 |
| 40-44 | 293.6 | 135.4 | 46.1 |
| 45-49 | 268.3 | 123.0 | 45.8 |
| 50-54 | 244.4 | 108.7 | 44.5 |
| 55-59 | 224.2 | 96.7 | 43.1 |
| 60-64 | 177.6 | 73.4 | 41.3 |
| 65+ | 466.2 | 114.2 | 24.5 |
| ILO Economic Status | | | |
| In employment | 1,870.3 | 872.8 | 46.7 |
| Unemployed | 78.0 | 12.2 | 15.6 |
| Not economically active | 1,019.9 | 236.7 | 23.2 |
| Year of maturity | | | |
| 2006 | n/a | 373.7 | n/a |
| 2007 | n/a | 747.9 | n/a |
| Whether the SSIA contribution is the maximum | | | |
| Yes | n/a | 765.7 | n/a |
| No | n/a | 298.6 | n/a |
| Don't know | n/a | 57.3 | n/a |

Source: CSO

Percentage of population aged 21 years and over with SSIA's classified by region, September-November 2005

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Table 4.5 Expenditure items SSIA account holders will spend their money on post maturity classified by age group, September-November 2005

%

| Expenditure Items | Age group | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------------|
| | 21-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65 + | |
| Home improvements | 6.2 | 18.3 | 27.2 | 23.3 | 22.3 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 23.8 | 21.2 | 24.4 | 22.6 |
| Foreign holiday | 13.6 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 9.8 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 13.3 | 15.1 | 9.9 |
| Car | 19.4 | 12.8 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 13.3 | 9.7 | 13.4 | 10.9 |
| Other purchases | 4.3 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Debt repayment | 10.8 | 16.7 | 20.6 | 16.3 | 12.7 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 10.0 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 13.1 |
| Pension fund | 1.9 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 11.5 | 8.7 | 3.6 | 6.2 |
| Investment | 35.8 | 29.6 | 23.8 | 22.2 | 18.1 | 17.5 | 15.8 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 10.3 | 19.9 |
| Savings | 20.4 | 20.8 | 21.9 | 26.7 | 28.5 | 26.9 | 28.6 | 29.6 | 40.2 | 40.3 | 27.6 |
| Other | 6.5 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 11.4 | 16.7 | 17.4 | 14.9 | 13.7 | 11.8 | 17.1 | 13.0 |

Source: CSO

Expenditure items SSIA account holders will spend their money on post maturity, September-November 2005

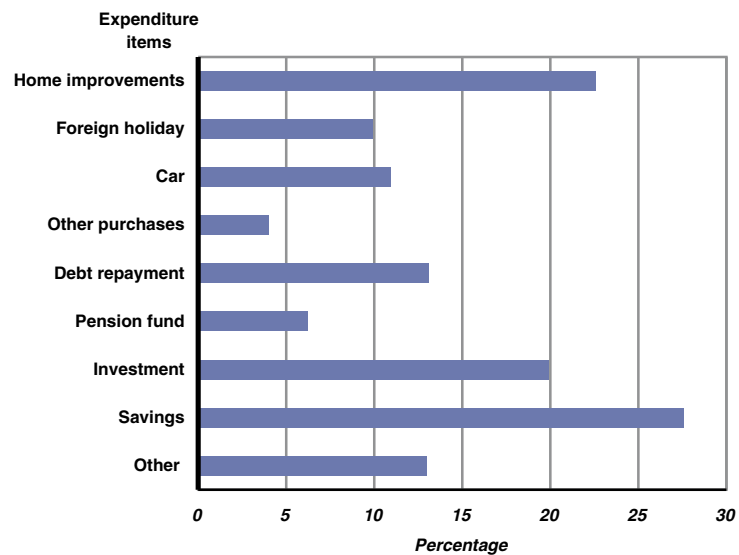
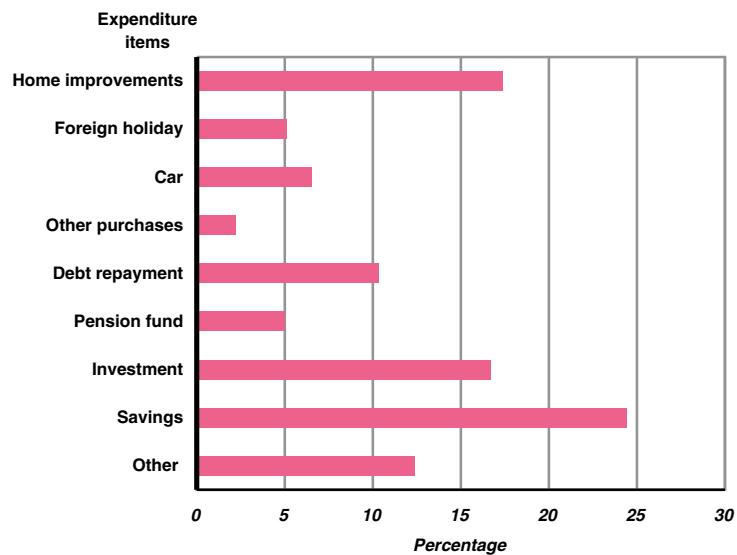


Table 4.6 Expected percentage spend of matured SSIA funds classified by year of maturity and expenditure items, September-November 2005

%

| Expenditure Items | Year of maturity | | Total |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | |
| Home improvements | 17.6 | 17.1 | 17.4 |
| Foreign holiday | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| Car | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.5 |
| Other purchases | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Debt repayment | 9.5 | 11.1 | 10.3 |
| Pension fund | 4.5 | 5.6 | 5.0 |
| Investment | 16.6 | 16.8 | 16.7 |
| Savings | 26.0 | 22.8 | 24.4 |
| Other | 12.3 | 12.5 | 12.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Source: CSO

Expected percentage spend of matured SSIA funds classified by expenditure items, September-November 2005

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Table 4.7 Average cost of paid childcare per child per hour for pre-school children, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005

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| | Paid relative | | Paid carer | | Creche/ Montessori | | Other | | Total | |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 |
| All families | 2.69 | 3.05 | 3.22 | 4.06 | 3.64 | 4.82 | 2.64 | 3.41 | 3.26 | 4.15 |
| Region | | | | | | | | | | |
| Border | 2.92 | 3.60 | 3.13 | 3.76 | 2.56 | 3.57 | * | * | 2.87 | 3.65 |
| Midland | 2.48 | 3.79 | 3.29 | 4.43 | 3.75 | 5.07 | * | 3.09 | 3.26 | 4.31 |
| West | 2.43 | 2.49 | 2.39 | 3.62 | 3.50 | 3.59 | * | * | 2.71 | 3.50 |
| Dublin | 3.34 | 3.39 | 4.49 | 4.94 | 4.18 | 5.85 | * | 3.44 | 4.11 | 5.15 |
| Mid-East | 2.67 | 3.24 | 3.43 | 4.17 | 3.68 | 4.43 | * | * | 3.28 | 4.24 |
| Mid-West | * | 2.51 | 2.41 | 3.59 | 2.49 | 3.77 | * | * | 2.37 | 3.47 |
| South-East | 2.14 | 2.12 | 2.75 | 4.11 | 2.53 | 4.14 | * | * | 2.59 | 3.59 |
| South-West | 2.74 | 2.92 | 3.44 | 3.89 | 3.25 | 4.08 | 2.35 | 2.90 | 3.21 | 3.70 |
| Hours of paid childcare per week | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-10 hours | * | * | 6.22 | 5.83 | 4.70 | 7.71 | 2.72 | 4.29 | 4.69 | 6.03 |
| 11-20 | 3.59 | 3.72 | 4.04 | 5.12 | 3.24 | 4.99 | 2.57 | 2.87 | 3.52 | 4.54 |
| 21-30 | 2.77 | 3.31 | 3.32 | 4.42 | 4.22 | 4.71 | * | * | 3.48 | 4.31 |
| 31-40 | 2.09 | 2.70 | 2.60 | 3.62 | 3.39 | 4.41 | * | * | 2.81 | 3.80 |
| 41 and over | 1.94 | 2.12 | 2.29 | 2.93 | 3.42 | 4.06 | * | * | 2.63 | 3.20 |

Source: CSO

Average cost of paid childcare per child per hour for pre-school children, classified by main type of childcare,

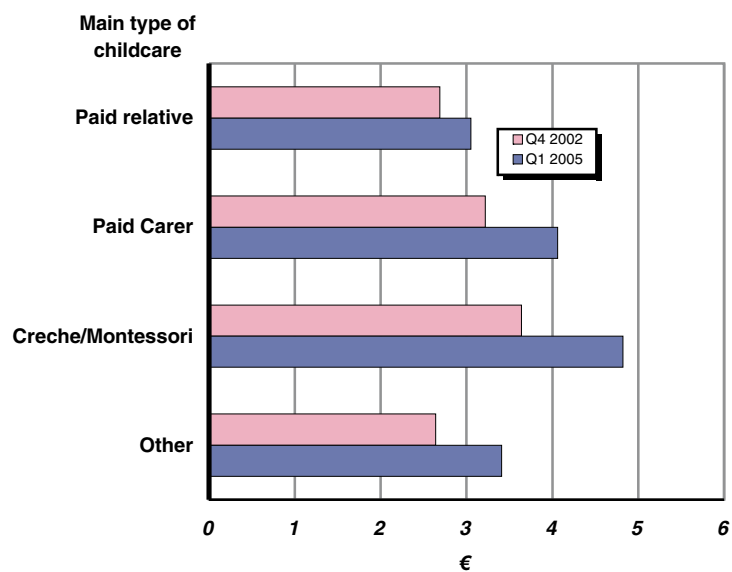


Table 4.8 Families with pre-school or primary school-going children, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005

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| | Pre-school only | | Primary only | | Both | | Total | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 |
| Total number of families | 91.1 | 102.3 | 209.0 | 208.2 | 98.2 | 102.7 | 398.3 | 413.1 |
| Age group of mother/guardian | | | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 13.8 | 14.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 19.2 | 19.7 |
| 25-34 | 52.9 | 57.5 | 41.2 | 38.2 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 136.6 | 138.4 |
| 35-44 | 22.8 | 28.0 | 119.1 | 118.5 | 50.2 | 55.1 | 192.0 | 201.6 |
| 45+ | 1.5 | 1.8 | 46.5 | 49.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 50.4 | 53.4 |
| PES of mother/guardian | | | | | | | | |
| At work | 51.8 | 62.0 | 113.1 | 120.0 | 42.0 | 45.0 | 206.9 | 227.0 |
| Unemployed | 2.9 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 9.0 | 7.3 |
| Student | 0.8 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 4.2 | 6.6 |
| Home duties | 33.7 | 34.1 | 86.1 | 78.4 | 52.5 | 53.7 | 172.3 | 166.1 |
| Retired/Other | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 5.8 | 6.2 |
| Region | | | | | | | | |
| Border | 10.2 | 11.4 | 25.2 | 24.6 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 46.0 | 47.2 |
| Midland | 5.8 | 5.5 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 23.7 | 25.1 |
| West | 9.7 | 8.7 | 20.0 | 18.7 | 9.0 | 11.0 | 38.8 | 38.5 |
| Dublin | 23.5 | 26.6 | 53.8 | 57.0 | 25.7 | 27.6 | 103.0 | 111.2 |
| Mid-east | 10.6 | 12.9 | 24.5 | 24.2 | 11.5 | 12.7 | 46.6 | 49.8 |
| Mid-west | 8.0 | 10.0 | 19.7 | 18.6 | 9.5 | 8.6 | 37.3 | 37.2 |
| South-East | 9.7 | 11.6 | 23.6 | 24.2 | 10.8 | 9.9 | 44.1 | 45.7 |
| South-West | 13.6 | 15.5 | 30.4 | 28.3 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 58.8 | 58.5 |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 63.8 | 69.2 | 112.0 | 113.9 | — | — | 175.8 | 183.0 |
| 2 | 25.0 | 29.8 | 74.4 | 69.9 | 45.9 | 48.2 | 145.3 | 148.0 |
| 3 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 19.6 | 19.9 | 36.3 | 38.4 | 58.1 | 61.4 |
| 4+ | - | 0.3 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 19.0 | 20.8 |

Source: CSO

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Table 4.9 Average cost of paid childcare per household per week for pre-school or primary school-going children, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005

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| | Pre-school only | | Primary only | | Both | | Total | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 |
| All families | 106.37 | 131.35 | 75.49 | 86.82 | 107.10 | 132.48 | 97.53 | 120.64 |
| Region | | | | | | | | |
| Border | 80.67 | 102.67 | 69.26 | 65.41 | 89.57 | 121.50 | 79.82 | 99.94 |
| Midland | 96.25 | 143.00 | 67.47 | 90.30 | 97.01 | 114.81 | 87.70 | 119.21 |
| West | 95.46 | 118.81 | 63.19 | 69.05 | 91.53 | 117.74 | 84.91 | 106.72 |
| Dublin | 132.52 | 160.34 | 91.81 | 100.37 | 128.15 | 162.39 | 119.30 | 145.23 |
| Mid-east | 121.34 | 134.90 | 73.23 | 86.13 | 129.66 | 139.43 | 107.41 | 123.53 |
| Mid-west | 95.61 | 120.13 | 67.61 | 80.53 | 85.38 | 122.09 | 84.78 | 110.51 |
| South-East | 85.83 | 116.45 | 65.91 | 78.31 | 88.90 | 124.28 | 81.09 | 106.70 |
| South-West | 92.41 | 114.12 | 73.58 | 90.85 | 99.28 | 111.91 | 89.70 | 108.81 |
| Hours of paid childcare per week | | | | | | | | |
| 1-10 hours | 45.02 | 63.41 | 53.17 | 54.15 | 35.90 | 36.47 | 48.58 | 52.02 |
| 11-20 | 68.37 | 82.13 | 73.34 | 89.11 | 57.85 | 76.00 | 67.69 | 83.22 |
| 21-30 | 94.95 | 116.42 | 85.93 | 102.11 | 99.77 | 124.15 | 93.90 | 116.89 |
| 31-40 | 111.70 | 152.73 | 115.31 | 142.72 | 105.90 | 122.48 | 110.68 | 145.33 |
| 41 and over | 169.23 | 179.78 | 129.05 | 151.48 | 155.68 | 190.73 | 158.53 | 184.08 |

Source: CSO

Table 4.10 Families classified by main type of childcare arrangement used for pre-school children, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005

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| | Parent/ Guardian | | Unpaid relative | | Paid relative | | Paid carer | | Creche/ Montessori | | Other | | Total | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 |
| Total number of families | 117.4 | 122.3 | 19.8 | 23.6 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 22.7 | 24.7 | 17.6 | 20.6 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 189.2 | 204.9 |
| Age group of mother/ guardian | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 12.7 | 12.6 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | * | * | 17.0 | 17.5 |
| 25-34 | 58.9 | 59.4 | 11.3 | 13.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 10.7 | 9.8 | 8.2 | 10.0 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 95.4 | 100.0 |
| 35-44 | 43.3 | 47.4 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 11.2 | 13.5 | 8.2 | 9.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 72.9 | 83.1 |
| 45+ | 2.6 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | * | * | * | 0.5 | 0.3 | * | * | 0.3 | 3.8 | 4.3 |
| PES of mother/ guardian | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| At work | 28.8 | 32.4 | 18.8 | 22.1 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 22.0 | 23.6 | 14.0 | 17.5 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 93.7 | 106.9 |
| Unemployed | 4.2 | 3.3 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 0.3 | * | * | * | 4.7 | 3.5 |
| Student | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.9 | * | * | * | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | * | * | 1.6 | 3.1 |
| Home duties | 81.2 | 82.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | * | * | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 86.2 | 87.7 |
| Retired/Other | 2.6 | 2.8 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 2.9 | 3.7 |
| Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Border | 12.9 | 13.8 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | * | * | 20.8 | 22.6 |
| Midland | 7.3 | 7.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 11.9 | 12.6 |
| West | 11.5 | 12.4 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | * | 0.4 | 18.8 | 19.8 |
| Dublin | 29.7 | 33.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 49.1 | 54.2 |
| Mid-east | 14.7 | 15.5 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 22.1 | 25.6 |
| Mid-west | 11.3 | 11.3 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 17.6 | 18.6 |
| South-East | 12.6 | 12.9 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 | * | 0.3 | 20.5 | 21.4 |
| South-West | 17.5 | 15.7 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 28.4 | 30.2 |
| Number of children | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 34.0 | 35.2 | 9.4 | 11.9 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 7.2 | 8.9 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 63.8 | 69.2 |
| 2 | 43.7 | 46.0 | 6.8 | 8.2 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 70.8 | 78.1 |
| 3 | 26.3 | 28.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 38.6 | 41.4 |
| 4+ | 13.4 | 12.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 16.0 | 16.3 |
| Family structure | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pre-school children only | 50.3 | 53.7 | 12.0 | 15.1 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 10.1 | 12.7 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 91.1 | 102.3 |
| Both | 67.1 | 68.6 | 7.8 | 8.5 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 10.5 | 11.2 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 98.2 | 102.6 |

Source: CSO

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Table 4.11 Families mainly dependant on paid childcare classified by number of hours of childcare required weekly, September–November 2002 and December–February 2005

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| Childcare hours required per household per week | Pre-school only | | Primary only | | Both | | Total | |
|---|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 | 2002 | 2005 |
| All children | | | | | | | | |
| 1-10 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 9.8 | 9.2 |
| 11-20 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 16.9 | 18.3 |
| 21-30 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 13.6 | 15.0 |
| 31-40 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 13.8 | 12.7 |
| 41 and over | 5.0 | 6.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 14.0 | 16.8 |
| Total for all children | 26.8 | 30.9 | 20.0 | 17.9 | 21.3 | 23.2 | 68.1 | 72.0 |
| Pre-school children | | | | | | | | |
| 1-10 hours | 1.7 | 1.4 | – | – | 2.3 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| 11-20 | 4.7 | 6.3 | – | – | 6.8 | 7.1 | 11.5 | 13.4 |
| 20-30 | 6.8 | 7.8 | – | – | 4.2 | 4.9 | 11.0 | 12.7 |
| 31-40 | 8.6 | 8.5 | – | – | 4.8 | 4.9 | 13.5 | 13.4 |
| 41 and over | 5.0 | 6.9 | – | – | 2.5 | 2.9 | 7.4 | 9.9 |
| Total for pre-school children | 26.8 | 30.9 | – | – | 20.7 | 22.9 | 47.4 | 53.8 |
| Primary school-going children | | | | | | | | |
| 1-10 hours | – | – | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 11.7 | 11.2 |
| 11-20 | – | – | 7.5 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 13.6 | 12.8 |
| 21-30 | – | – | 3.4 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 5.2 | 4.2 |
| 31-40 | – | – | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| 41 and over | – | – | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Total for primary school-going children | – | – | 20.0 | 17.9 | 14.9 | 14.0 | 34.9 | 32.0 |

Source: CSO

