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Health and Social Conditions

- Social Welfare expenditure increased from 8.8% of Gross National Income in 2005, to 9.0% in 2006.
- The number of recipients of illness, disability and caring payments rose by 43% between 1999 and 2006.
- Net Non-Capital Health Expenditure rose by 155% from €4,573.9m in 1999 to €11,645.8m in 2006.
- The average number of in-patient beds available in publicly funded acute hospitals was 12,094 in 2005.
- The number of people killed on the roads in 2005 increased by 6% over 2004.

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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 road accidents comes from the National Roads Authority.

Social Services

From 1999 to 2006 there has been an increase of 116% in expenditure on social welfare payments although the total number of recipients of unemployment support payments declined by 16%. As a proportion of Gross National Income (GNI), total Social Welfare expenditure increased from 8.8% in 2005 to 9.0% in 2006. A total of 1,003,517 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2006.

In 2006, the main areas of expenditure by programme group were: Older People (24%), Illness, Disability and Caring (18%), Child Related (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 30% and the total number of people receiving Illness, Disability and Caring payments rose by 43% over the period 1999 to 2006.

Safety

The number of persons killed in road accidents fell by 16% between 1997 and 2005. In 2005, 74% of road fatalities were male and 26% were female.

Register of Electors

The Register of Dáil Electors showed an overall increase of 6.4% from 2000 to 2007. County Council areas showed an increase of 9.6% in the same period while City Council areas recorded a decrease of 10%.

Technical Notes

Table 6.1

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. Gross National Income and Gross Domestic Product figures are at current market prices. The figures for the year 2000-2005 have been revised in the 2007 National Income and Expenditure book.

Table 6.3

Recipients of child benefit are not included under "Child Related". Adoptive Benefit recipients are included in table 6.3 under "Child Related".

Jobseeker's Benefit/Unemployment Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance/Unemployment Allowance in table 6.3 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 6.4

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 6.5

Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000.

There were 11 persons in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2006. 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 Benefit where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment.

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.

Table 6.8

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 stay than in acute hospitals generally.

Table 6.9

Data for previous years has been reviewed and revised where appropriate. Data is revised when merging information from different sources. Duplicates are deleted and new unregistered cases are added. The data in table 6.9 therefore may be slightly different from the data in last year's table.

Table 6.11

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

Table 6.12

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

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Table 6.1 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	10.0
1996	5,558	10.4	9.5
1997	5,744	9.4	8.4
1998	6,046	8.7	7.7
1999	6,283	8.1	6.9
2000	6,713	7.5	6.4
2001	7,842	7.9	6.7
2002	9,517	8.8	7.3
2003	10,493	8.8	7.5
2004	11,291	8.9	7.6
2005	12,168	8.8	7.5
2006	13,591	9.0	7.8

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 6.2 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	103.2
1998	109.3	108.4	106.9	107.3	103.8	107.6
1999	114.0	113.3	111.4	111.8	105.6	113.7
2000	120.2	120.9	119.4	120.5	111.4	121.1
2001	132.6	135.4	138.0	142.3	116.9	130.8
2002	145.1	151.1	157.5	164.9	122.3	139.3
2003	152.4	158.7	165.0	172.7	126.5	148.8
2004	164.6	171.4	175.7	182.5	129.3	155.7
2005	181.7	189.2	191.1	196.8	132.5	161.3
2006	202.4	210.9	208.8	212.0	137.8	167.2

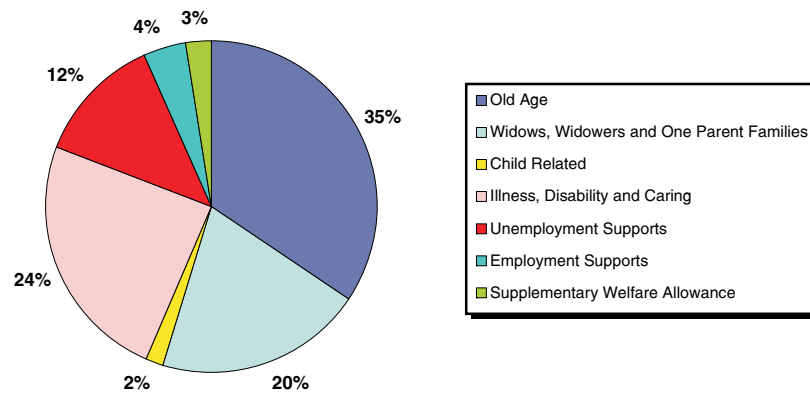
Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 6.3 Recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme

Programme	<i>Number</i>							
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Older People	261,281	267,760	276,065	287,395	298,169	303,653	311,170	339,363
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	203,091	206,130	209,011	211,385	211,774	212,952	215,676	205,923
Child Related	7,640	8,067	12,134	12,696	12,186	11,974	12,074	16,235
Illness, Disability and Caring	172,104	181,569	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576
Unemployment Supports	149,705	116,069	126,447	137,982	145,339	131,539	128,111	126,343
Employment Supports	65,120	64,833	56,582	50,920	44,113	40,216	39,589	43,496
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	21,269	25,094	29,167	32,073	31,217	29,748	28,066	25,331
Miscellaneous	548	472	433	383	342	303	270	250
Total Recipients	880,758	869,994	903,375	938,971	959,432	957,732	976,613	1,003,517

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Proportion of recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme, 2006



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Table 6.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme

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Scheme	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 ¹
Older People	1,707.0	1,987.5	2,296.3	2,500.0	2,728.8	2,947.1	3,279.1
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	577.4	716.6	868.5	946.9	1,050.3	1,152.9	1,293.7
Retirement Pension	594.2	697.4	803.4	899.0	983.7	1,060.1	1,144.6
Old Age (Non-contributory) Pension	456.2	490.7	537.3	565.0	600.0	631.3	727.8
Pre-Retirement Allowance	79.3	82.8	87.0	89.1	94.7	102.9	113.0
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,265.8	1,413.0	1,592.6	1,706.6	1,827.7	1,982.2	2,141.3
Widow/Widower's (Contributory) Pension	597.4	673.0	761.5	826.1	906.5	998.5	1,095.0
Widow/Widower's (Non-contributory) Pension	94.9	107.2	116.5	116.8	122.3	126.9	103.7
Deserted Wife's Benefit	83.9	84.9	88.2	89.2	89.7	90.6	94.6
Deserted Wife's Allowance	8.4	9.2	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.5	10.5
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
One Parent Family Payment	480.1	537.4	613.0	660.6	694.8	751.1	834.2
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory/Non-contributory)	1.1	1.4	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.2
Child Related	703.9	1,058.1	1,578.9	1,789.3	1,903.3	2,045.0	2,252.0
Maternity Benefit	58.0	78.9	99.1	107.3	121.6	132.4	180.8
Health and Safety Benefit	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
Adoptive Benefit	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	5.6	9.4	11.7	8.9	9.7	7.5	8.8
Orphan's (Non-contributory) Pension	2.4	4.4	4.5	5.8	6.2	4.1	4.8
Child Benefit	637.5	964.8	1,462.8	1,666.5	1,765.1	1,899.9	2,056.4
Illness, Disability and Caring	1,048.6	1,233.1	1,453.6	1,621.1	1,827.4	2,090.9	2,433.2
Disability Benefit	280.8	329.9	385.3	433.5	479.0	540.2	627.7
Invalidity Pension	311.4	354.5	403.6	440.3	487.4	548.3	602.4
Carer's Benefit	0.0	2.5	5.8	6.9	7.7	9.6	16.7
Injury Benefit	9.8	10.9	11.8	11.9	13.6	14.2	16.1
Disablement Benefit	50.7	54.3	59.4	60.8	62.6	67.0	72.5
Death Benefit	4.7	5.1	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.5	7.0
Disability Allowance	279.2	332.3	407.6	463.6	544.5	630.7	738.4
Medical Care	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Carer's Allowance	99.6	130.3	160.0	183.3	210.3	257.4	335.0
Blind Person's Pension	12.3	13.2	14.2	14.8	15.9	16.7	17.0
Unemployment Supports	734.3	720.6	935.5	1,043.1	1,069.4	1,085.6	1,223.5
Unemployment Benefit	265.2	290.7	423.5	477.1	455.5	418.1	454.7
Unemployment Assistance	469.1	429.9	512.0	566.0	613.8	667.5	768.7
Employment Supports	285.3	283.7	269.1	247.6	238.1	246.0	293.8
Family Income Supplement	39.4	37.1	42.4	45.4	55.8	72.2	107.1
Employment Support Services	204.5	196.0	168.1	139.4	116.0	106.6	115.5
Farm Assist/Smallholders	41.4	50.7	58.6	62.8	66.3	67.3	71.1

¹ Provisional

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 6.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme (continued)

								€m
Scheme	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 ¹	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Miscellaneous	645.2	772.2	970.8	1,158.5	1,261.6	1,313.9	1,450.6	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	294.9	363.6	484.9	587.8	601.6	624.0	635.2	
Treatment Benefit	57.8	56.5	60.8	63.3	70.5	65.5	95.0	
Rent Allowance	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	
Free Schemes	204.3	241.0	296.0	340.5	364.3	383.4	444.4	
Miscellaneous	64.3	76.9	69.6	68.5	76.8	89.8	102.8	
Equal Treatment Payments	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Redundancy and Insolvency	22.9	33.4	58.7	97.6	147.7	150.3	172.3	
TOTAL	6,390.2	7,468.1	9,096.7	10,066.1	10,856.2	11,710.8	13,073.5	
Administration	323.1	374.7	420.1	427.0	434.9	458.9	517.3	
Total expenditure	6,713.3	7,842.9	9,516.8	10,493.1	11,291.1	12,169.7	13,590.7	

¹ Provisional

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 6.5 Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring payments by type

										Number
Payment type	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Disability Benefit	43,766	45,535	46,940	50,715	54,590	57,464	58,726	61,845	65,774	
Invalidity Pension	44,925	46,946	48,663	50,615	52,147	53,414	55,864	58,352	51,954	
Interim Disability Benefit	439	514	488	449	404	295	316	355	338	
Carer's Benefit	–	–	50	425	615	639	679	867	1,647	
Disability Allowance	47,126	50,431	54,303	57,655	62,783	67,720	72,976	79,253	83,697	
Carer's Allowance	11,416	14,387	16,478	18,785	20,395	21,316	23,030	24,970	27,474	
Blind Person's Pension	2,358	2,304	2,229	2,125	2,095	2,061	2,027	1,985	1,476	
Injury Benefit	746	748	828	861	828	821	915	908	924	
Death Benefit Pension	630	662	665	676	668	664	652	647	646	
Disablement Pension	10,182	10,577	10,925	11,230	11,612	11,898	12,162	12,475	12,646	
Total	161,588	172,104	181,569	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

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Table 6.6 Estimated non-capital health expenditure by programme

€m

Programme	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 ¹
Community Protection Programme	136.0	224.8	314.3	275.3	302.2	334.6	366.4	395.3
Community Health Services Programme	883.5	985.0	1,191.6	1,526.1	1,678.0	1,868.7	2,162.9	2,398.5
Community Welfare Programme	336.5	445.9	581.4	703.8	774.2	860.0	892.4	998.9
Psychiatric Programme	394.5	433.7	497.1	563.7	619.5	661.4	729.5	825.1
Programme for the disabled	520.8	651.6	815.9	962.9	1,155.9	1,230.6	1,368.2	1,517.3
General Hospital Programme	2,317.7	2,604.5	3,291.4	3,801.5	4,180.7	4,523.3	4,916.5	5,428.8
General Support Programme	218.1	264.9	318.3	333.5	407.0	444.8	482.9	523.7
Gross Total	4,807.3	5,610.3	7,010.1	8,166.7	9,117.4	9,923.4	10,918.8	12,087.6
Total Non-Capital Income	233.4	251.3	270.8	300.2	334.3	362.9	417.8	441.8
Net Total	4,573.9	5,359.1	6,739.3	7,866.5	8,783.1	9,560.5	10,501.0	11,645.8

¹ Estimated

Source: Department of Health and Children

Table 6.7 Payments by General Medical Services (Payments) Board

€m

Category	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Doctors	154.8	169.9	211.8	282.1	295.7	317.5	414.0	404.7
Pharmacists	417.2	527.6	670.9	813.2	937.7	1,085.9	1,189.4	1,354.5
Dentists	18.3	38.1	41.7	45.7	49.9	52.5	54.5	55.5
General Practice development	9.3	10.2	11.6	17.6	13.1	15.8	11.9	10.1
High tech drugs scheme	42.3	51.9	65.1	84.6	109.1	148.2	177.5	217.8
Optometrists	1.8	8.7	9.8	13.9	13.8	17.4	17.0	18.0
Administration	9.3	11.8	12.7	13.7	12.5	15.5	17.0	14.7
Total	653.0	818.2	1,023.6	1,270.9	1,431.8	1,652.8	1,881.3	2,075.2

Source: General Medical Services Report

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

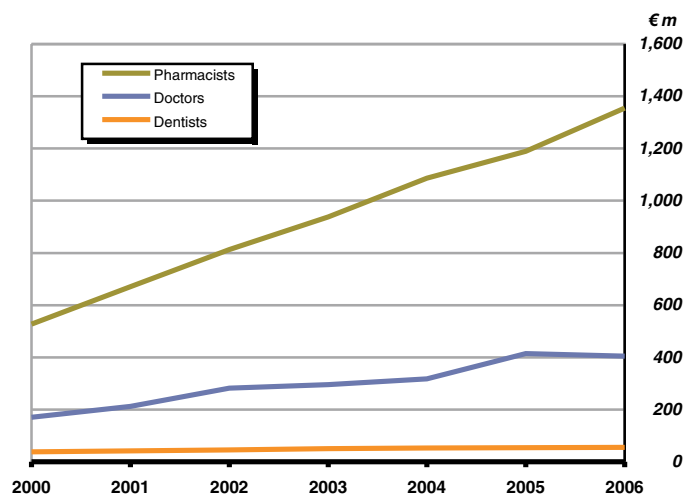


Table 6.8 Publicly funded acute hospitals statistics, 2005

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
Dublin/Mid-Leinster	15	3,627	158,800	7.3	361	164,519
Dublin/North-East	11	2,728	114,564	7.3	317	107,042
Southern	14	2,950	149,629	6.0	254	113,441
Western	13	2,789	150,841	5.8	321	124,829
Total	53	12,094	573,834	6.6	1,253	509,831

Source: Department of Health and Children

Table 6.9 Main sites of occurrence of new cancers diagnosed

Cases

Cancer site	Male			Female			Total		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Non-melanoma skin	3,175	3,309	3,336	2,819	2,977	2,860	5,994	6,286	6,196
Colorectal	1,121	1,189	1,248	865	951	936	1,986	2,140	2,184
Breast	11	18	27	2,219	2,186	2,353	2,230	2,204	2,380
Lung	1,091	1,068	1,092	704	732	750	1,795	1,800	1,842
Prostate	2,107	2,580	2,409	–	–	–	2,107	2,580	2,409
Cervix	–	–	–	204	200	253	204	200	253
Melanoma	213	246	238	330	323	360	543	569	598
Lymphoma	326	325	350	269	329	292	595	654	642
Stomach	274	297	296	185	180	173	459	477	469
Bladder	325	315	346	136	143	159	461	458	505
Pancreas	186	183	185	194	173	200	380	356	385
Leukaemia	264	283	223	148	167	147	412	450	370
Ovary	–	–	–	417	355	367	417	355	367
Oesophagus	191	238	222	130	131	131	321	369	353
Kidney	212	251	222	138	143	154	350	394	376
Brain and meninges	168	174	202	123	137	134	291	311	336
Womb	–	–	–	279	284	297	279	284	297
Myeloma	120	109	110	98	94	92	218	203	202
Head and neck	174	207	231	90	83	96	264	290	327
Other (invasive)	1,001	950	1,183	767	841	1,110	1,768	1,791	2,293
Other (all cancers)	835	829	961	2,812	2,985	3,043	3,647	3,814	4,004
Total	11,794	12,571	12,881	12,927	13,414	13,907	24,721	25,985	26,788

Source: National Cancer Registry Ireland

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Table 6.10 Persons killed and injured on roads

Number

Year	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
2005	396	9,318	9,714

Source: National Roads Authority

Table 6.11 Road casualties classified by road user type, 2005

Persons

Casualty type	Killed	Serious injury	Minor injury	Total
Pedestrians	74	157	806	1,037
Pedal cycle users	10	24	192	226
Motor cycle users	56	102	423	581
Car users	222	616	5,292	6,130
P.S.V. (large) users	6	8	55	69
Goods vehicle users	22	83	528	633
Other or unknown	6	31	284	321
Total	396	1,021	7,580	8,997

Source: National Roads Authority

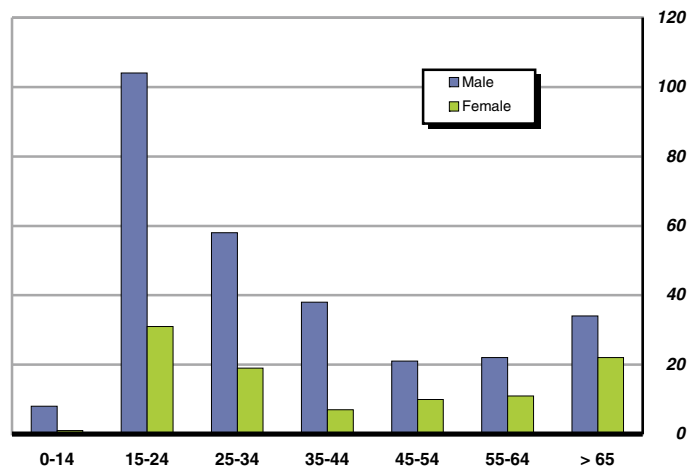
Table 6.12 Road casualties classified by age and sex, 2005

Persons

Age group	Male			Female			Persons	
	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total	Total	%
0-5	3	93	96	0	72	72	168	2
6-9	1	96	97	0	62	62	159	2
10-14	4	135	139	1	102	103	242	3
15-17	15	243	258	11	154	165	423	5
18-20	46	594	640	9	319	328	968	12
21-24	43	641	684	11	373	384	1,068	13
25-34	58	1,105	1,163	19	712	731	1,894	23
35-44	38	667	705	7	432	439	1,144	14
45-54	21	429	450	10	338	348	798	10
55-64	22	285	307	11	219	230	537	7
65 and over	34	271	305	22	248	270	575	7
Unknown	1	129	130	1	100	101	231	3
Total	286	4,688	4,974	102	3,131	3,233	8,207	100.0

Source: National Roads Authority

Road deaths by age group, 2005



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Table 6.13 Number on register of Dáil electors

Number

Local Authorities	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
County Councils	2,318,730	2,358,805	2,411,793	2,470,641	2,536,721	2,582,203	2,606,135	2,566,383
Carlow	35,179	36,054	37,008	37,651	38,143	39,439	39,446	38,781
Cavan	43,949	44,393	44,977	45,651	47,496	48,286	48,706	49,677
Clare	78,978	80,266	81,628	81,805	84,834	85,782	84,706	83,058
Cork	243,365	248,656	254,405	262,139	270,557	278,005	282,235	284,726
Donegal	106,941	108,147	110,720	113,860	116,966	119,529	119,451	116,741
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	148,047	148,350	149,252	150,028	150,499	152,107	153,021	147,331
Fingal	126,888	130,676	134,478	137,694	140,829	146,718	151,736	151,763
South Dublin	164,805	168,494	171,578	175,478	176,443	177,787	178,407	165,973
Galway	107,756	109,673	112,334	115,841	120,375	122,560	123,843	126,493
Kerry	102,870	104,096	105,520	107,002	108,687	109,335	109,659	109,058
Kildare	107,985	110,995	114,591	121,601	128,346	128,013	130,190	126,586
Kilkenny	58,821	59,759	61,080	62,955	64,570	65,793	66,056	65,804
Laois	42,367	43,246	44,610	45,749	47,000	49,680	49,319	50,069
Leitrim	21,945	21,914	22,246	22,688	23,331	23,672	23,413	23,781
Limerick	88,793	89,826	91,888	94,580	95,059	95,425	96,340	97,346
Longford	25,111	25,252	25,732	26,331	27,313	27,480	27,143	26,878
Louth	76,093	78,209	80,924	81,328	82,838	85,048	86,561	85,458
Mayo	90,533	91,104	92,656	95,229	98,278	99,627	99,340	96,591
Meath	98,346	102,329	107,894	110,270	117,254	119,667	124,735	122,965
Monaghan	41,378	41,601	42,110	43,356	44,173	45,077	45,181	41,947
Offaly	47,525	48,128	49,486	50,731	52,332	53,443	53,961	52,836
Roscommon	42,412	42,715	43,440	44,275	46,039	46,899	47,218	45,243
Sligo	45,087	45,441	46,150	46,090	47,493	47,730	47,899	48,729
North Tipperary	48,128	48,798	49,718	51,114	51,740	52,473	53,120	48,563
South Tipperary	60,162	60,676	61,508	62,709	62,265	64,394	64,489	61,014
Waterford	43,473	43,832	44,497	44,995	46,329	47,684	48,196	48,680
Westmeath	51,348	51,939	53,202	55,646	58,232	59,360	59,229	61,461
Wexford	88,195	91,049	93,280	95,983	99,830	101,124	101,800	100,824
Wicklow	82,250	83,187	84,881	87,862	89,470	90,066	90,735	88,007
City Councils	550,678	535,339	540,607	543,726	541,005	536,097	522,135	500,134
Cork	92,209	90,455	90,169	90,219	89,504	88,639	86,627	80,258
Dublin	351,054	337,538	342,409	344,019	341,813	340,357	331,021	321,807
Galway	39,726	40,088	40,414	41,947	42,325	41,898	41,526	39,738
Limerick	37,623	37,251	37,359	37,681	37,741	37,055	36,358	33,037
Waterford	30,066	30,007	30,256	29,860	29,622	28,148	26,603	25,294
TOTAL	2,869,408	2,894,144	2,952,400	3,014,367	3,077,726	3,118,300	3,128,270	3,066,517

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Table 6.14 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

