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## Health and Social Conditions

- Social Welfare expenditure has increased from 8.7% of Gross National Income in 1998 to 11.4% in 2008.
- The number of recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring payments rose by 47.6% between 2001 and 2008, while the number receiving Jobseekers Supports increased by over 86% during the same period.
- The number of new cancer cases diagnosed in Ireland was 27,930 in 2007, up 7.4% from 26,014 in 2005.
- The average number of in-patient beds available in publicly funded acute hospitals was 12,044 in 2007, compared with 12,051 in 2006.
- The number of people killed on the roads in 2007 was 338, down by 7.4% compared with the 2006 figure of 365.

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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 Road Safety Authority.

## **Social Services**

From 1998 to 2008 there has been an increase of 195% in expenditure on social welfare payments. As a proportion of Gross National Income (GNI), total social welfare expenditure increased from 8.7% in 1998 to 11.4% in 2008. A total of 1,208,883 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2008.

The number of recipients of social welfare payments to Older People increased by 31.9% between 2001 and 2008. The number of recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Allowances increased by 47.6% over the same period, while the number of recipients of Jobseekers Support increased by 86.1%. In 2008, the main areas of expenditure by programme group were: Older People (30.1%), Illness, Disability and Caring (23.6%), Jobseekers Support (19.5%) and Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families (17.5%). The administration of the social welfare system accounted for 3.3% per cent of total expenditure in 2008.

## **Safety**

The number of persons killed in road accidents fell by 28.4% between 1997 and 2007. In 2007, 74.6% of road fatalities were male and 25.4% were female.

## **Register of Electors**

The Register of Dáil Electors showed an overall increase of 5.9 % from 2002 to 2009. County Council areas experienced an increase of 8.7% in the same period while City Council areas recorded a decrease of 6.2%.

## Technical Notes

### Table 5.1

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

### Table 5.3

Recipients of child benefit are not included under "Child Related". Adoptive Benefit recipients are included in Table 5.3 under "Child Related".

Jobseeker's Benefit/Unemployment Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance/Unemployment Allowance in table 5.3 refer 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 5.4

Respite care grants were introduced in 2006. Before this, payments were classified under the headings of carer's allowance and benefit.

### Table 5.5

Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000.

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.

Incapacity 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 5.8

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.

### Table 5.9

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 5.9 therefore may be slightly different from the data in last year's table.

**Table 5.10 and 5.11**

The total number of casualties differ because when an accident involves more than two vehicles, the number of the injuries of the third vehicle are stored in the database as non-fatal injuries, which could mean serious or minor (severity unclear). These non-fatal injuries are excluded from table 5.11 but are included in the total casualties in table 5.10.

**Table 5.12**

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

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**Table 5.1 Expenditure on Social Welfare**

Year	Total Social Welfare expenditure	Social Welfare expenditure as a percentage of:	
		Gross National Income	Gross Domestic Product
	€m	%	%
1998	6,046	8.7	7.7
1999	6,283	8.2	6.9
2000	6,713	7.5	6.4
2001	7,842	8.0	6.7
2002	9,517	8.9	7.3
2003	10,493	8.9	7.5
2004	11,291	9.0	7.6
2005	12,168	8.9	7.5
2006	13,591	8.9	7.7
2007	15,518	9.6	8.1
2008	17,815	11.4	9.6

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

**Table 5.2 Index of rates of payment for long-term unemployed and Consumer Price Index**

Base year 1999=100

Year	Long-term unemployed				Consumer Price Index
	Single person	Couple	Couple with two children including Child Benefit	Couple with four children including Child Benefit	
1999	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2000	105.4	106.7	111.9	115.4	105.5
2001	116.3	119.5	121.2	122.5	110.7
2002	127.3	133.4	138.2	141.8	115.8
2003	133.7	140.1	144.8	148.5	119.8
2004	144.4	151.3	154.2	157.0	122.4
2005	159.4	167.0	167.7	169.2	125.5
2006	177.7	186.1	183.3	182.3	130.4
2007	199.1	208.6	206.6	205.5	136.8
2008	211.9	222.1	219.6	218.1	142.4

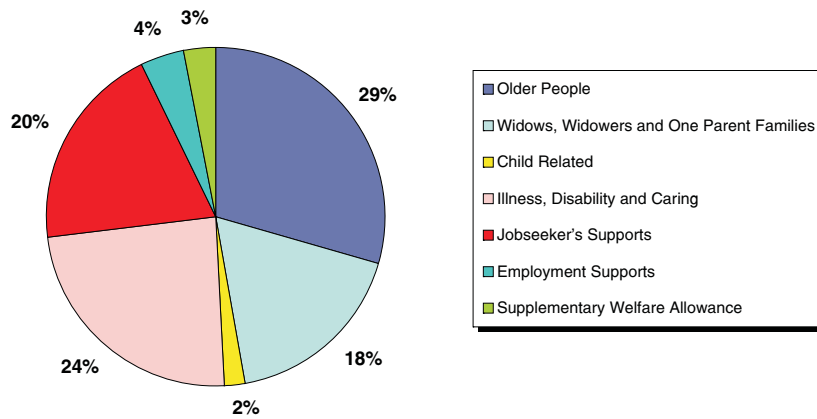
Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

**Table 5.3 Recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme**

Programme	<i>Number</i>							
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Older People	276,065	287,395	298,169	303,653	311,170	339,363	351,800	364,015
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	209,011	211,385	211,774	212,952	215,676	205,923	208,772	211,793
Child Related	12,134	12,696	12,186	11,974	12,074	16,235	22,302	24,828
Illness, Disability and Caring	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	264,890	285,592
Jobseeker's Supports	126,447	137,982	145,339	131,539	128,111	126,343	139,435	235,366
Employment Supports	56,582	50,920	44,113	40,216	39,589	43,496	45,522	51,526
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	29,167	32,073	31,217	29,748	28,066	25,331	27,379	35,546
Miscellaneous	433	383	342	303	270	250	227	217
<b>Total Recipients</b>	<b>903,375</b>	<b>938,971</b>	<b>959,432</b>	<b>957,732</b>	<b>976,613</b>	<b>1,003,517</b>	<b>1,060,327</b>	<b>1,208,883</b>

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

**Proportion of recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme, 2008**



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**Table 5.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme**

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Scheme	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Older People</b>	<b>2,296.3</b>	<b>2,500.0</b>	<b>2,728.8</b>	<b>2,947.1</b>	<b>3,279.4</b>	<b>3,878.5</b>	<b>4,300.8</b>
State Pension(Contributory)	868.5	946.9	1,050.3	1,152.9	1,580.9	2,755.0	3,118.0
State Pension (Transition)	803.4	899.0	983.7	1,060.1	857.6	79.1	92.1
State Pension (Non-contributory)	537.3	565.0	600.0	631.3	727.8	920.2	973.0
Pre-Retirement Allowance	87.0	89.1	94.7	102.9	113.1	124.5	117.7
<b>Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families</b>	<b>1,592.6</b>	<b>1,706.6</b>	<b>1,827.7</b>	<b>1,982.2</b>	<b>2,141.2</b>	<b>2,299.3</b>	<b>2,502.0</b>
Widow/Widower's (Contributory) Pension	761.5	826.1	906.5	998.5	1,094.9	1,205.0	1,299.4
Widow/Widower's (Non-contributory) Pension	116.5	116.8	122.3	126.9	103.7	19.9	17.6
Deserted Wife's Benefit	88.2	89.2	89.7	90.6	94.6	100.7	104.7
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.5	10.5	6.9	6.6
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
One Parent Family Payment	613.0	660.6	694.8	751.1	834.6	962.4	1,067.6
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory/Non-contributory)	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.2	4.3	6.1
<b>Child Related</b>	<b>1,578.9</b>	<b>1,789.3</b>	<b>1,903.3</b>	<b>2,045.0</b>	<b>2,251.9</b>	<b>2,506.6</b>	<b>2,799.0</b>
Maternity Benefit	99.1	107.3	121.6	132.4	180.8	257.9	315.9
Health and Safety Benefit	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6
Adoptive Benefit	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.6
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11.7	8.9	9.7	7.5	8.8	9.6	14.4
Guardian's Payment (Non-contributory)	4.5	5.8	6.2	4.1	4.8	4.4	10.7
Child Benefit	1,462.8	1,666.5	1,765.1	1,899.9	2,056.3	2,233.0	2,455.8
<b>Illness, Disability and Caring</b>	<b>1,453.6</b>	<b>1,621.1</b>	<b>1,827.4</b>	<b>2,090.9</b>	<b>2,433.2</b>	<b>2,855.3</b>	<b>3,301.3</b>
Illness Benefit	385.3	433.5	479.0	540.2	627.6	755.1	852.3
Invalidity Pension	403.6	440.3	487.4	548.3	602.4	618.1	685.7
Carer's Benefit	5.8	6.9	7.7	9.6	16.7	26.9	33.7
Injury Benefit	11.8	11.9	13.6	14.2	16.1	17.2	19.3
Disablement Benefit	59.4	60.8	62.6	67.0	72.5	79.3	84.4
Death Benefit	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.6	8.0
Disability Allowance	407.6	463.6	544.5	630.7	738.4	901.1	1,052.7
Medical Care	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Carer's Allowance	160.0	183.3	210.3	257.4	284.6	361.3	450.3
Respite Care Grant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50.5	73.4	98.2
Blind Person's Pension	14.2	14.8	15.9	16.7	17.0	15.0	16.3
<b>Unemployment Supports</b>	<b>935.5</b>	<b>1,043.1</b>	<b>1,069.4</b>	<b>1,085.6</b>	<b>1,223.6</b>	<b>1,420.0</b>	<b>2,097.6</b>
Jobseeker's Benefit	423.5	477.1	455.5	418.1	455.1	545.0	929.8
Jobseeker's Allowance	512.0	566.0	613.8	667.5	768.6	875.1	1,168.8
<b>Employment Supports</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>247.6</b>	<b>238.1</b>	<b>246.0</b>	<b>293.8</b>	<b>363.7</b>	<b>415.7</b>
Family Income Supplement	42.4	45.4	55.8	72.2	107.1	140.0	170.3
Employment Support Services	168.1	139.4	116.0	106.6	115.6	145.0	160.5
Farm Assist/Smallholders	58.6	62.8	66.3	67.3	71.1	78.7	84.9

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs



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**Table 5.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme (continued)**

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Scheme	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Miscellaneous</b>	<b>970.8</b>	<b>1,158.5</b>	<b>1,261.6</b>	<b>1,313.9</b>	<b>1,446.1</b>	<b>1,632.0</b>	<b>1,819.0</b>
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	484.9	587.8	601.6	624.0	635.0	682.7	804.4
Treatment Benefit	60.8	63.3	70.5	65.5	95.0	91.6	97.1
Rent Allowance	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Household Benefits and Free Travel	296.0	340.5	364.3	383.4	444.4	535.5	584.7
Miscellaneous	69.6	68.5	76.8	89.8	100.9	133.2	142.9
Equal Treatment Payments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Redundancy and Insolvency	58.7	97.6	147.7	150.3	170.0	188.2	189.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,096.7</b>	<b>10,066.1</b>	<b>10,856.2</b>	<b>11,710.8</b>	<b>13,069.2</b>	<b>14,955.4</b>	<b>17,235.4</b>
Administration	420.1	427.0	434.9	458.9	517.3	563.1	579.9
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>9,516.8</b>	<b>10,493.1</b>	<b>11,291.1</b>	<b>12,169.7</b>	<b>13,586.4</b>	<b>15,518.5</b>	<b>17,815.3</b>

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

**Table 5.5 Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring payments by type**

Number

Payment type	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Illness Benefit	45,535	46,940	50,715	54,590	57,464	58,726	61,845	65,774	70,404	73,609
Invalidity Pension	46,946	48,663	50,615	52,147	53,414	55,864	58,352	51,954	53,956	53,725
Interim Illness Benefit	514	488	449	404	295	316	355	338	440	525
Carer's Benefit	–	50	425	615	639	679	867	1,647	2,080	2,249
Disability Allowance	50,431	54,303	57,655	62,783	67,720	72,976	79,253	83,697	89,048	95,754
Carer's Allowance	14,387	16,478	18,785	20,395	21,316	23,030	24,970	27,474	33,067	43,569
Blind Person's Pension	2,304	2,229	2,125	2,095	2,061	2,027	1,985	1,476	1,474	1,472
Injury Benefit	748	828	861	828	821	915	908	924	900	846
Death Benefit Pension	662	665	676	668	664	652	647	646	647	651
Disablement Pension	10,577	10,925	11,230	11,612	11,898	12,162	12,475	12,646	12,874	13,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,104</b>	<b>181,569</b>	<b>193,536</b>	<b>206,137</b>	<b>216,292</b>	<b>227,347</b>	<b>241,657</b>	<b>246,576</b>	<b>264,890</b>	<b>285,592</b>

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

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**Table 5.6 Estimated non-capital health expenditure**

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	2006	2007	2008	2009 estimate
<b>Health Service Executive Vote</b>				
HSE Corporate	31,695	64,969	77,175	70,383
<b>Primary, Community and Continuing Care</b>				
Care of Older People	1,054,748	1,574,791	1,739,128	1,788,030
Children and Families	605,627	635,692	653,477	660,180
Care for Persons with Disabilities	1,198,410	1,505,627	1,548,718	1,563,164
Mental Health	984,494	1,042,357	1,043,816	1,035,267
Primary Care & Community Health	1,271,252	1,817,179	1,371,131	1,360,016
Primary Care (Medical Card Services) Scheme	1,449,298	1,627,783	2,387,641	2,743,954
Multi Care Group Services†	627,707	–	–	–
Palliative Care & Chronic Illness†	74,670	–	–	–
<b>National Hospitals Office</b>				
South Eastern Hospitals Group	394,860	420,710	448,171	453,637
Southern Hospitals Group	595,904	645,890	701,851	705,595
West/North Western Hospitals Group	761,908	857,802	906,452	916,028
Mid Western Hospitals Group	315,825	337,178	356,027	354,293
North Eastern Hospitals Group	318,247	347,516	372,494	371,273
Dublin North Hospitals Group	721,137	793,263	850,326	839,485
Dublin/Midland Hospitals Group	665,378	753,483	801,622	789,057
Dublin South Hospitals Group	767,452	847,688	835,236	810,560
Long Term Charges Repayment Scheme	16,487	131,700	236,000	80,000
Payments in respect of ex gratia awards in relation to long stay charges	–	–	–	–
Technical adjustments arising from transition to new HSE Vote	–	–	–	–
HSE National Shared Services	–	–	–	30,000
State Claims Agency	33,296	28,457	23,377	28,666
<b>Health Service Executive Vote Total</b>	<b>11,888,395</b>	<b>13,432,085</b>	<b>14,352,642</b>	<b>14,599,588</b>
<b>Department of Health and Children Vote</b>				
Administration	43,968	47,450	39,674	42,679
Grants	35,830	42,151	43,906	42,563
Other Services	267,722	322,216	395,274	394,798
<b>Department of Health and Children Vote Total</b>	<b>347,250</b>	<b>411,817</b>	<b>478,854</b>	<b>480,040</b>
<b>Office of the Minister for Children Vote</b>				
Childcare Payments	281,367	417,723	480,000	231,000
Childcare Programmes	34,744	67,876	76,512	83,728
National Children's Strategy (NCS)	2,741	7,303	24,257	25,475
Youth Affairs	–	–	52,443	48,115
Other Services	–	–	–	600
<b>Office of the Minister for Children Vote Total</b>	<b>318,852</b>	<b>492,902</b>	<b>633,212</b>	<b>388,918</b>
<b>Gross Non-Capital Total</b>	<b>12,554,497</b>	<b>14,336,804</b>	<b>15,464,708</b>	<b>15,468,546</b>
<i>less appropriations-in-aid:</i>				
Health Service Executive	2,307,451	2,495,971	2,250,688	3,370,263
Department of Health and Children	709	8,382	4,014	4,316
Office of the Minister for Children	6,268	24,495	25,290	9,850
<b>Total Appropriations-in-Aid</b>	<b>2,314,428</b>	<b>2,528,848</b>	<b>2,279,992</b>	<b>3,384,429</b>
<b>Net Non-Capital Total Expenditure</b>	<b>10,240,069</b>	<b>11,807,956</b>	<b>13,184,716</b>	<b>12,084,117</b>

\*Includes St. James

#Excludes St. James

†These have now been absorbed into other subheads

Source: Revised Estimates for Public Services 2006-2009

**Table 5.7 Payments by General Medical Services (Payments) Board**

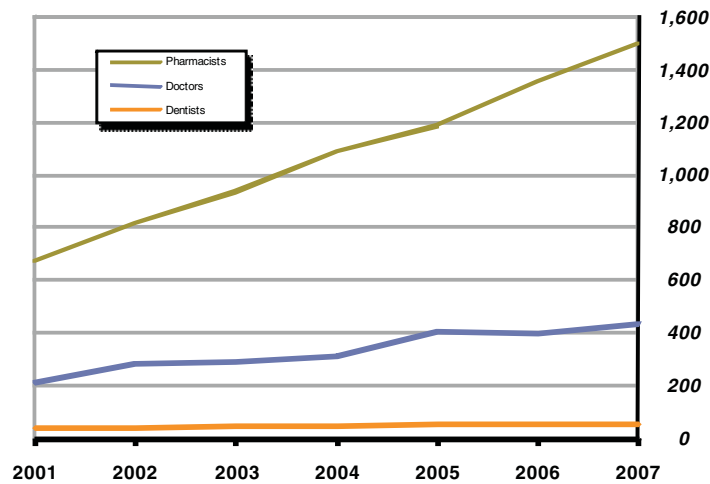
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Category	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Doctors	169.9	211.8	282.1	295.7	317.5	414.0	404.7	440.8
Pharmacists	527.6	670.9	813.2	937.7	1,085.9	1,189.4	1,354.5	1,496.8
Dentists	38.1	41.7	45.7	49.9	52.5	54.5	55.5	58.2
General Practice development	10.2	11.6	17.6	13.1	15.8	11.9	10.1	5.8
High tech drugs scheme	51.9	65.1	84.6	109.1	148.2	177.5	217.8	250.2
Optometrists	8.7	9.8	13.9	13.8	17.4	17.0	18.0	21.6
Administration	11.8	12.7	13.7	12.5	15.5	17.0	14.7	16.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>818.2</b>	<b>1,023.6</b>	<b>1,270.9</b>	<b>1,431.8</b>	<b>1,652.8</b>	<b>1,881.3</b>	<b>2,075.2</b>	<b>2,289.7</b>

Source: General Medical Services Report

**GMS payments to pharmacists, doctors and dentists**

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**Table 5.8 Publicly funded acute hospital statistics 2007**

Health Service Executive region	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/ places available	Day cases
Dublin/Mid-Leinster	14	3,655	169,391	7.0	407	208,798
Dublin/North-East	12	2,608	124,720	6.9	410	117,615
Southern	14	3,018	158,708	5.7	339	125,687
Western	13	2,763	159,527	5.3	389	131,269
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12,044</b>	<b>612,346</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>583,369</b>

Source: National Hospitals Office, Health Service Executive

**Table 5.9 Main sites of occurrence of new cancers diagnosed**

Cases

Cancer site	Male			Female			Total		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Non-melanoma skin	3,412	3,721	3,730	2,919	3,046	3,346	6,331	6,767	7,076
Prostate	2,428	2,422	2,536	–	–	–	2,428	2,422	2,536
Breast	22	23	16	2,203	2,278	2,463	2,225	2,301	2,479
Colorectal	1,227	1,226	1,277	884	957	897	2,111	2,183	2,174
Lung	1,104	1,074	1,025	741	769	717	1,845	1,843	1,742
Melanoma	247	259	313	362	367	354	609	626	667
Lymphoma	339	395	367	277	304	279	616	699	646
Bladder	335	350	329	144	140	149	479	490	478
Stomach	287	301	293	166	170	162	453	471	455
Oesophagus	215	220	263	121	129	139	336	349	402
Kidney	228	228	240	148	141	153	376	369	393
Pancreas	178	212	190	210	240	182	388	452	372
Leukaemia	252	262	212	160	170	120	412	432	332
Ovary	–	–	–	361	388	322	361	388	322
Head and neck	211	233	221	91	87	97	302	320	318
Brain and meninges	182	188	173	117	138	136	299	326	309
Womb	–	–	–	302	288	299	302	288	299
Cervix	–	–	–	259	232	286	259	232	286
Myeloma	118	123	108	95	98	91	213	221	199
Other (all cancers)	938	994	1,062	2,978	3,164	3,590	3,916	4,158	4,652
Other( invasive )	935	999	1,014	818	790	779	1,753	1,789	1,793
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,658</b>	<b>13,230</b>	<b>13,369</b>	<b>13,356</b>	<b>13,896</b>	<b>14,561</b>	<b>26,014</b>	<b>27,126</b>	<b>27,930</b>

Source: National Cancer Registry Ireland

**Table 5.10 Persons killed and injured on roads**

*Number*

Year	Number killed	Number of injuries	Total
1992	415	10,188	<b>10,603</b>
1993	431	9,831	<b>10,262</b>
1994	404	10,229	<b>10,633</b>
1995	437	12,673	<b>13,110</b>
1996	453	13,319	<b>13,772</b>
1997	472	13,115	<b>13,587</b>
1998	458	12,773	<b>13,231</b>
1999	413	12,340	<b>12,753</b>
2000	415	12,043	<b>12,458</b>
2001	411	10,222	<b>10,633</b>
2002	376	9,206	<b>9,582</b>
2003	335	8,262	<b>8,597</b>
2004	374	7,867	<b>8,241</b>
2005	396	9,318	<b>9,714</b>
2006	365	8,575	<b>8,940</b>
2007	338	7806	<b>8144</b>

Source: Road Safety Authority

**Table 5.11 Road casualties classified by road user type, 2007**

*Persons*

Casualty type	Killed	Serious injury	Minor injury	Total
Pedestrians	81	146	732	959
Pedal cycle users	15	19	238	272
Motor cycle users	33	61	316	410
Car users	171	542	4,848	5,561
P.S.V. users	1	3	81	85
Goods vehicle users	32	67	482	581
Other	5	22	120	147
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>6,817</b>	<b>8,015</b>

Source: Road Safety Authority

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**Table 5.12 Road casualties classified by age and sex, 2007**

Persons

Age group	Male			Female			Total		
	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
0-5	2	101	103	6	96	102	8	216	224
6-9	0	101	101	1	65	66	1	181	182
10-14	5	132	137	2	103	105	7	245	252
15-17	12	212	224	2	168	170	14	392	406
18-20	28	487	515	8	349	357	37	854	891
21-24	33	530	563	6	361	367	39	916	955
25-34	52	914	966	8	696	704	60	1,672	1,732
35-44	36	620	656	9	435	444	45	1,098	1,143
45-54	22	408	430	6	325	331	29	768	797
55-64	21	271	292	13	256	269	34	545	579
65 and over	34	270	304	24	246	270	58	551	609
Unknown	5	78	83	0	57	57	6	368	374
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>4,124</b>	<b>4,374</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>7,806</b>	<b>8,144</b>

Source: Road Safety Authority

**Road deaths by age group, 2007**

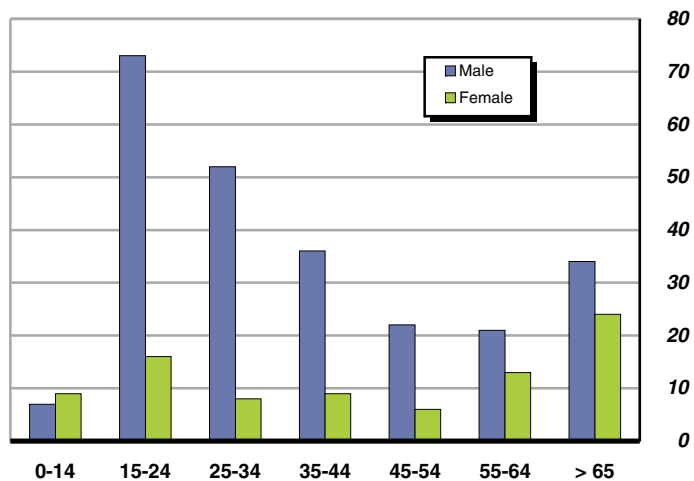


Table 5.13 Number on register of Dáil electors

Number

Local Authorities	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>County Councils</b>	<b>2,411,793</b>	<b>2,470,641</b>	<b>2,536,721</b>	<b>2,582,203</b>	<b>2,606,135</b>	<b>2,566,383</b>	<b>2,592,636</b>	<b>2,620,794</b>
Carlow	37,008	37,651	38,143	39,439	39,446	38,781	38,967	39,193
Cavan	44,977	45,651	47,496	48,286	48,706	49,677	50,323	51,708
Clare	81,628	81,805	84,834	85,782	84,706	83,058	83,406	84,176
Cork	254,405	262,139	270,557	278,005	282,235	284,726	288,091	290,744
Donegal	110,720	113,860	116,966	119,529	119,451	116,741	117,623	118,656
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	149,252	150,028	150,499	152,107	153,021	147,331	143,908	145,749
Fingal	134,478	137,694	140,829	146,718	151,736	151,763	156,166	158,584
South Dublin	171,578	175,478	176,443	177,787	178,407	165,973	168,536	171,135
Galway	112,334	115,841	120,375	122,560	123,843	126,493	127,861	127,990
Kerry	105,520	107,002	108,687	109,335	109,659	109,058	108,973	110,447
Kildare	114,591	121,601	128,346	128,013	130,190	126,586	130,333	131,627
Kilkenny	61,080	62,955	64,570	65,793	66,056	65,804	65,545	66,435
Laois	44,610	45,749	47,000	49,680	49,319	50,069	52,563	54,161
Leitrim	22,246	22,688	23,331	23,672	23,413	23,781	23,752	23,839
Limerick	91,888	94,580	95,059	95,425	96,340	97,346	98,351	95,021
Longford	25,732	26,331	27,313	27,480	27,143	26,878	27,151	27,764
Louth	80,924	81,328	82,838	85,048	86,561	85,458	84,024	84,994
Mayo	92,656	95,229	98,278	99,627	99,340	96,591	97,767	97,991
Meath	107,894	110,270	117,254	119,667	124,735	122,965	125,905	129,001
Monaghan	42,110	43,356	44,173	45,077	45,181	41,947	43,335	44,362
Offaly	49,486	50,731	52,332	53,443	53,961	52,836	53,647	54,394
Roscommon	43,440	44,275	46,039	46,899	47,218	45,243	45,739	46,015
Sligo	46,150	46,090	47,493	47,730	47,899	48,729	48,839	49,577
North Tipperary	49,718	51,114	51,740	52,473	53,120	48,563	48,887	49,355
South Tipperary	61,508	62,709	62,265	64,394	64,489	61,014	61,516	62,527
Waterford	44,497	44,995	46,329	47,684	48,196	48,680	49,383	49,873
Westmeath	53,202	55,646	58,232	59,360	59,229	61,461	61,586	61,744
Wexford	93,280	95,983	99,830	101,124	101,800	100,824	102,532	104,884
Wicklow	84,881	87,862	89,470	90,066	90,735	88,007	87,927	88,848
<b>City Councils</b>	<b>540,607</b>	<b>543,726</b>	<b>541,005</b>	<b>536,097</b>	<b>522,135</b>	<b>500,134</b>	<b>506,692</b>	<b>507,213</b>
Cork	90,169	90,219	89,504	88,639	86,627	80,258	80,068	79,497
Dublin	342,409	344,019	341,813	340,357	331,021	321,807	327,332	323,129
Galway	40,414	41,947	42,325	41,898	41,526	39,738	40,700	41,290
Limerick	37,359	37,681	37,741	37,055	36,358	33,037	33,223	38,031
Waterford	30,256	29,860	29,622	28,148	26,603	25,294	25,369	25,266
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,952,400</b>	<b>3,014,367</b>	<b>3,077,726</b>	<b>3,118,300</b>	<b>3,128,270</b>	<b>3,066,517</b>	<b>3,099,328</b>	<b>3,128,007</b>

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

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**Table 5.14** 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
May 2007	3,110,914	2,085,245	67.0

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Franchise Section





