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Public Finance and Banking

- The General Government Balance was a deficit of €22,782m in 2009 compared with a deficit of €13,122m in 2008.
- National Debt as a percentage of GDP fell from 87.7% in 1990 to a low of 19.8% in 2007. At end of 2009 it stood at 47.1%.
- The General Government Debt as a percentage of GDP fell from 94.2% in 1990 to a low of 24.8% in 2006. At end of 2009 it stood at 65.6%.
- Lending by credit institutions to personal (private households) sector continued to fall from €138bn in 2008 to €130bn in 2009.



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Introduction

This chapter contains information on the Banking and Public Finance areas in the Irish economy. The source data on banking are principally drawn from the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland Quarterly Bulletin with additional data provided by the Irish Stock Exchange. The statistics on public finance are obtained primarily from two administrative sources, namely the Department of Finance, (drawn from the Budget Book, Finance Accounts and Public Capital Programme publications) and the Revenue Commissioners' Annual Report. In addition, certain tables in the chapter contain data drawn from the CSO's National Income and Expenditure (NIE) publication.

Banking and finance

Statistics on banking and finance are given in the first four tables of this chapter. Tables 9.1 to 9.3 set out certain financial indicators such as details of domestic credit extended to Irish residents, the assets and liabilities of the Irish Monetary Sector and a breakdown of loans to and deposits held by the various sectors of the economy. Table 9.4 provides summary data relating to the Irish Stock Exchange (including the Government Securities Market).

Public finance

The public finance area is the subject of the remaining nine tables. Tables 9.5 and 9.6 examine the National and General Government Balances and Debt. Tables 9.7 and 9.8 detail the movements of all Exchequer receipts and issues. Table 9.9 provides a summary of National Debt while table 9.10 examines the Public Capital Programme. Tables 9.11 and 9.12 move to the areas of central and local government. Details are provided for receipts and expenditures, with expenditure being classified by purpose and economic category. Finally, table 9.13 details excise duty receipts.

Main trends to note in these tables include:

- The balance sheet of the credit institution sector decreased by €118bn in 2009, marking a change in trend from previous years. Total assets were €1,307bn at the end of 2009.
- Domestic private sector credit decreased by €23bn to €372bn in 2009, a notable change to the trend of recent years.
- The General Government Balance was a deficit of €22,782m in year 2009 compared with a deficit of €13,122m in 2008. In parallel, the Exchequer Balance in year 2009 was a deficit of €24,641m compared with a deficit of €12,714m in year 2008.
- National Debt as a percentage of GDP was an estimated 47.1% in 2009, compared with 87.7% in 1990; similarly the General Government Debt as a percentage of GDP was an estimated 65.6% in 2009 compared with 94.2% in 1990.

- Capitalisation of the Irish Stock Market (based on equities included in ISEQ only) recovered slightly to €43.2bn at end-2009 when compared to end-2008.
- Outstanding indebtedness on the 2.3 million credit cards in issue at the end of 2009 stood at €3.1bn, a slight decrease on 2008 and a marked contrast to the growth in recent years.

Technical Notes

Table 9.1

Other Monetary Financial Institutions (MFIs) comprise financial institutions whose business is to receive deposits or close substitutes for deposits.

In line with Eurosystem requirements, demand accounts are classified as overnight deposits.

Table 9.2

The figures for the number of credit cards in issue represent credit cards issued by credit institutions resident in Ireland. Debit cards or store cards are excluded.

Typical Annualised Percentage Rate (APR) charged on credit cards is calculated as a simple non-weighted average of the advertised APR charged by the issuers on standard credit cards.

Table 9.4

The ISEQ Overall Index reproduced in this table covers all Irish registered equities quoted on the Official List, ITEQ and Developing Companies Markets including Northern Ireland companies.

Turnover is the sum of purchases and sales by stockbrokers' personal and corporate clients.

Amount raised is the cash value of funds raised by new issues of securities.

Capitalised value is the market value of all issues on the last trading day of each period. The price used to value each individual issue is the last trading price at close of business on the last trading day of a trading period.

Table 9.5

Total Exchequer Balance is the sum of current and capital budget balance. It is the traditional domestic budgetary aggregate which measures Central Government's net surplus or borrowing position. It is the difference between total receipts into and total expenditure out of the Exchequer Account of the Central Fund.

The General Government Balance (GGB) measures the fiscal performance of all arms of Government ie Central Government, Local Authorities, Health Boards (these were dissolved on 31 December 2004 and replaced by the Health Service Executive), Vocational Education Committees and non-commercial semi-state bodies, as well as funds such as the Social Insurance Fund and the National Pensions Fund which are managed by Government agents. It thus provides an accurate assessment of the fiscal performance of a more complete government sector.

The figures for General Government Balance are on an ESA79 basis up to 1996 and on an ESA95 basis thereafter. The figures for Current budget balance, Capital budget balance and total Exchequer balance are on an ESA79 basis for all years. (ESA79 and ESA95 refer to the 1979 and 1995 editions respectively of the European System of Accounts, which sets down standards for National Accounts).

The transition from total Exchequer balance (Irish Government definition) to the General Government Balance (EU definition) is explained by a series of adjustments:

- The EU definition excludes all flows between the Exchequer and non-commercial State agencies and between the agencies themselves.
- It also excludes loan and share capital receipts and expenditure.

- Payments in respect of prefunding of future pension liabilities (ie payments made by Government into the National Pensions Reserve Fund), while treated as expenditure for the purpose of calculating the Exchequer Balance do not have an impact on the GGB.
- Exchequer balance is compiled on a cash basis, whereas the General Government Balance is compiled on an accruals basis.

Table 9.6

National Debt is calculated in accordance with domestic conventions. Details are published annually in the Department of Finance's Finance Accounts and the report and accounts of the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA). In calculating the National Debt, certain liquid assets held by the State are offset.

The General Government Debt is the standardised measure of indebtedness of EU governments. It takes account of all liabilities included in the National Debt, without any offsetting of liquid assets, together with the liabilities of non-commercial State agencies and local authorities. In addition it includes the build-up of accrued interest on certain government borrowings, in particular on small savings schemes such as Saving Certificates, Savings Bonds and National Instalment Savings.

Tables 9.5 and 9.6

For the calculation of the Current Budget Balance, Capital Budget Balance, and Total Exchequer Balance as percentages of GNP and General Government Balance as a percentage of GDP in table 9.5 and National Debt and General Government Debt as percentages of GDP in table 9.6, the GNP and GDP data used has FISIM allocated. FISIM stands for Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured.

For the calculation of GDP National Income and Expenditure annual results for 2004 and subsequent years, the method of estimating and allocating the output of non-invoiced services produced by financial intermediaries (mostly banks) has been changed. Formerly, the margin earned on lending and borrowing was treated as intermediate consumption of a notional producer sector and so made no net contribution to GDP. The negative value of this notional sector was shown in the National Accounts publication as Adjustment for Financial Services. The revenue from the margin on lending and borrowing is FISIM. Some changes have been made to the method of estimating this item. In addition, and more significantly, it is now being assigned to the different customer sectors and, as for other services, adds to GDP if consumed by government, non-residents or households as consumers. For customers who are resident market producers, and in respect of borrowing for house purchase by owner-occupiers, the service is part of their intermediate consumption and has a neutral effect on GDP.

Table 9.1 Credit institutions – aggregate balance sheet at end of year

€m

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Liabilities						
1 Capital and reserves	43,987	53,495	62,545	74,353	74,006	85,603
2 Deposits from credit institutions and other MFIs (excluding Central Bank)	293,131	380,218	463,860	516,874	639,459	592,508
3 Deposits from Central Bank	18,214	20,990	27,044	40,088	98,125	90,899
3.1 Short term	18,214	20,990	27,044	40,088	98,125	90,898
3.2 Other	–	–	0	0	0	1
4 Deposits from resident and non-resident general government (central, regional and local)	7,604	12,091	11,675	16,176	18,641	6,070
5 Deposits from other residents (non-MFIs, non-government entities)	174,605	216,412	270,816	300,031	290,028	271,987
5.1 Overnight: Current	27,988	35,403	53,222	55,517	54,054	46,971
Demand	31,743	37,016	49,164	61,345	56,561	63,646
5.2 Agreed maturity:					0	0
Up to and including 1 year	71,849	84,250	101,661	121,852	124,806	94,609
1 to 2 years	3,314	3,612	5,652	4,700	8,992	10,966
Over 2 years	25,217	30,193	32,144	32,103	32,515	30,438
5.3 Notice:					0	0
Up to and including 3 months	10,109	11,725	12,559	14,110	9,150	16,780
Over 3 months	35	26	36	33	30	0
5.4 Repurchase agreements	4,348	14,187	16,377	10,371	3,921	8,577
6 Debt securities issued	118,023	186,406	238,541	254,022	187,951	179,176
6.1 Up to and including 1 year	47,064	71,167	87,537	105,741	55,591	46,496
6.2 1 to 2 years	9,014	12,057	11,623	14,852	14,172	28,677
6.3 Over 2 years	61,946	103,182	139,381	133,429	118,188	104,003
7 Remaining liabilities	66,980	72,295	103,647	135,812	116,269	80,439
Total	722,545	941,907	1,178,128	1,337,356	1,424,479	1,306,685
Assets						
1 Holdings of notes and coin	1,156	1,168	1,271	1,650	1,586	1,320
2 Loans to credit institutions and other MFIs (excluding Central Bank)	178,996	257,506	344,767	335,743	400,704	399,341
3 Balances with Central Bank	4,760	8,883	13,617	22,752	21,181	16,103
3.1 Mandatory balances	4,749	8,710	13,468	11,409	9,303	9,278
3.2 Other	12	173	148	11,343	11,879	6,825
4 Loans to general government (central, regional and local)	21,875	24,444	25,596	22,996	20,574	15,813
5 Loans to other residents (non-MFI, non-government entities)	292,019	385,976	492,816	607,906	645,389	591,567
5.1 Overdrafts	6,703	7,639	9,027	10,165	8,584	9,286
5.2 Repurchase agreements	4,572	4,277	7,090	8,608	9,322	11,302
5.3 Loans up to and including 1 year	29,065	43,805	49,681	69,588	72,395	63,144
5.4 Term/revolving loans	105,943	136,307	170,533	209,363	221,539	192,050
5.5 Instalment credit/hire-purchases/leases	4,037	4,036	4,288	4,334	3,787	2,955
5.6 Residential mortgages	73,616	95,024	111,682	124,458	115,610	111,211
5.7 Other mortgages	12,799	12,577	18,103	18,812	18,627	16,809
5.8 Other loans and securities issued to other residents	55,285	82,312	122,412	162,578	195,524	184,810
6 Holdings of securities	155,441	191,571	213,046	220,901	237,597	209,580
6.1 Issued by MFIs	73,105	94,837	119,032	132,976	139,275	114,416
6.2 Issued by resident and non-resident general government	82,336	96,734	94,014	87,925	98,323	95,164
6.2.1 Exchequer notes	2,314	3,435	2,772	691	3,806	4,649
6.2.2 Securities	80,022	93,300	91,241	87,234	94,517	90,515
7 Holdings of shares and other equity	12,968	13,411	15,046	13,071	16,060	16,255
7.1 Issued by MFIs	5,316	5,339	5,867	4,597	5,668	5,732
7.2 Issued by other residents (non-MFIs, non-government entities)	7,653	8,072	9,179	8,475	10,393	10,523
8 Fixed assets	2,451	2,261	2,562	2,054	1,879	1,350
9 Remaining assets	52,878	56,686	69,408	110,281	79,509	55,359
Total	722,545	941,907	1,178,128	1,337,354	1,424,479	1,306,685

Source: Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland

Table 9.2 Domestic credit (to Irish residents) at end of year

		€m					
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Credit institutions							
1	Loans to other residents (non-MFI, non-government entities)	192,092	250,506	306,611	363,741	358,481	327,609
1.1	Euro	170,149	218,918	269,793	314,486	315,783	287,889
1.2	Non-euro	21,943	31,588	36,819	49,255	42,698	39,720
2	Holding of securities, shares and other equity issued by other residents	6,937	7,549	10,054	11,792	32,559	43,381
2.1	Securities	1,882	2,489	4,980	7,012	26,632	38,000
2.1.1	Euro	1,477	1,649	3,865	5,864	25,495	37,056
2.1.2	Non-euro	404	841	1,115	1,148	1,136	943
2.2	Shares and other equity	5,055	5,060	5,074	4,780	5,928	5,381
2.2.1	Euro	4,807	4,770	4,785	4,462	5,478	5,189
2.2.2	Non-euro	248	290	288	318	450	192
3	General government credit (central, regional and local)	4,751	4,607	4,173	1,685	3,444	9,363
3.1	Loans	713	990	1,052	1,048	1,306	1,310
3.1.1	Euro	713	990	1,052	1,048	1,306	1,310
3.1.2	Non-euro	–	–	–	–	–	–
3.2	Securities	4,038	3,653	3,121	637	2,137	8,054
3.2.1	Euro	4,028	3,496	3,121	637	2,137	8,054
3.2.2	Non-euro	10	121	–	–	–	–
4	Accrued interest receivable on credit to other residents	567	754	1,111	1,263	1,432	888
4.1	Euro	450	553	862	977	1,216	803
4.2	Non-euro	116	200	249	287	216	85
Other							
5	Direct net external government borrowing from 1 Jan each year	-2,193	-178	–	885	18,512	–
6	Non-Euro lending by credit institutions to non-MFI IFSC companies	11,123	14,567	15,194	25,231	22,895	21,880
7	Total lending by credit institutions to non-MFI IFSC companies	19,120	25,499	24,547	35,634	31,502	29,921
Selected measures of domestic credit (to Irish residents)							
Total euro credit (1.1, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 4.1)		181,624	230,376	283,478	327,474	351,415	340,301
Private sector credit (1+2+4)		199,596	258,809	317,776	376,796	395,070	371,879
Residential mortgage lending		73,120	94,259	110,603	123,002	114,290	109,917
Credit card statistics							
Number of credit cards in issue (000)		2,002	2,028	2,163	2,303	2,381	2,333
Outstanding indebtedness on credit cards (€m)		1,997	2,305	2,738	2,992	3,129	3,106

Source: Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland

**Table 9.3(a) Credit institutions - sectoral distribution of advances and deposits, end of year
(vis-à-vis resident non-government)**

	€m							
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Advances								
Agriculture and forestry	3,153	3,155	3,379	3,690	4,401	4,761	5,418	4,933
Fishing	286	331	406	436	410	377	407	336
Mining and quarrying	241	175	238	310	371	453	517	415
Manufacturing	4,906	4,409	5,509	6,001	6,812	8,082	8,920	7,137
Electricity, gas and water supply	828	503	607	971	1,274	1,343	1,386	1,120
Construction	4,497	6,075	9,547	14,000	20,793	25,980	22,164	15,042
Wholesale/retail trade and repairs	5,277	6,385	7,724	10,092	11,118	13,483	14,091	12,591
Hotels and restaurants	5,170	5,767	7,002	9,043	10,897	11,745	11,462	10,905
Transport, storage and communications	1,984	1,832	2,224	2,446	2,497	3,522	3,574	3,005
Financial intermediation	40,129	36,624	36,136	46,630	49,959	64,502	83,762	82,676
Real estate and business activities	17,207	23,659	32,247	44,886	69,120	86,101	97,098	93,845
Education (schools and colleges)	367	385	408	508	646	663	765	851
Health and social work	555	620	834	1,311	1,861	2,645	2,726	2,679
Other community, social and personal services	1,194	1,502	1,798	2,371	2,457	3,235	2,952	2,832
Personal (private households)	56,403	68,539	90,970	115,361	134,051	148,639	138,445	129,992
Total	142,197	159,961	199,029	258,056	316,665	375,532	393,687	368,359
Deposits								
Agriculture and forestry	1,918	2,019	2,583	3,208	3,407	2,904	2,555	2,496
Fishing	96	83	74	107	99	116	138	112
Mining and quarrying	282	189	262	243	369	286	319	294
Manufacturing	4,771	5,095	5,284	5,787	5,538	6,210	6,541	5,989
Electricity, gas and water supply	214	633	264	291	372	995	534	898
Construction	2,269	2,409	3,130	4,032	4,550	4,079	3,659	3,578
Wholesale/retail trade and repairs	3,781	3,796	4,223	4,468	4,973	5,349	4,725	4,591
Hotels and restaurants	540	581	676	814	849	907	892	655
Transport, storage and communications	2,776	1,826	2,455	2,938	4,168	4,232	3,891	3,766
Financial intermediation	28,371	31,192	34,654	41,134	48,724	53,188	47,267	45,106
Real estate and business activities	7,442	9,130	10,260	12,884	16,081	15,822	16,737	14,781
Education (schools and colleges)	780	1,076	1,180	1,287	1,523	1,615	1,664	1,666
Health and social work	328	404	820	952	823	828	804	894
Other community, social and personal services	2,862	3,356	3,968	4,101	4,402	4,949	4,896	4,800
Personal (private households)	42,815	47,865	53,688	63,393	73,848	78,687	81,584	81,653
Total	99,244	109,654	123,522	145,619	169,726	180,166	176,206	171,279

Table 9.3(b) Credit institutions - sectoral distribution of advances and deposits, end of year (vis-à-vis non-resident non-government)

	€m							
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Advances								
Agriculture and forestry	144	124	264	502	352	227	96	194
Fishing	8	8	9	11	14	30	7	5
Mining and quarrying	351	177	219	313	335	672	645	525
Manufacturing	6,363	4,320	4,597	5,005	6,312	7,417	8,625	6,164
Electricity, gas and water supply	4,060	2,784	2,453	3,838	6,728	9,797	9,226	9,603
Construction	889	863	2,884	4,244	5,077	3,746	3,477	3,202
Wholesale/retail trade and repairs	1,617	1,202	1,311	1,486	2,382	2,540	2,560	1,738
Hotels and restaurants	334	746	1,103	1,485	1,523	1,479	1,245	1,232
Transport, storage and communications	10,396	10,526	12,898	13,766	16,462	20,525	18,391	18,084
Financial intermediation	32,225	45,745	54,907	81,880	122,758	161,573	175,638	155,421
Real estate and business activities	5,564	7,873	13,201	15,580	13,503	22,070	24,732	23,617
Education (schools and colleges)	298	391	779	1,208	1,650	1,766	1,560	1,538
Health and social work	459	736	1,084	1,389	2,335	3,242	2,965	3,172
Other community, social and personal services	1,039	1,416	1,917	2,081	1,774	1,805	1,529	991
Personal (private households)	2,575	2,855	3,017	3,206	4,123	3,959	4,535	4,296
Total	66,322	79,766	100,643	135,992	185,328	240,849	255,231	229,782
Deposits								
Agriculture and forestry	164	160	160	226	88	61	91	42
Fishing	7	9	4	3	3	4	1	0
Mining and quarrying	27	57	1,142	686	502	187	497	167
Manufacturing	1,604	2,416	2,595	2,476	2,737	2,631	2,842	3,049
Electricity, gas and water supply	327	955	453	462	722	872	975	1,215
Construction	842	517	690	714	854	585	769	473
Wholesale/retail trade and repairs	288	268	1,200	1,138	1,730	2,354	1,640	2,386
Hotels and restaurants	30	52	117	64	562	398	82	132
Transport, storage and communications	1,869	1,718	2,225	2,532	2,843	3,515	2,115	1,979
Financial intermediation	23,665	28,003	33,008	50,182	79,076	97,003	90,573	81,751
Real estate and business activities	2,396	2,812	2,597	3,424	2,871	4,022	4,816	3,322
Education (schools and colleges)	85	106	384	919	534	1,414	182	53
Health and social work	40	21	16	48	207	441	255	106
Other community, social and personal services	645	1,814	2,128	2,694	2,059	1,720	1,158	1,407
Personal (private households)	5,484	4,450	4,365	5,226	6,302	4,658	3,913	3,985
Total	37,472	43,360	51,083	70,793	101,090	119,864	109,909	100,067

Source: Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland

Table 9.4 Irish Stock Exchange

	Unit	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Government securities									
Turnover	€m	93,471	74,461	72,333	51,297	37,457	51,994	50,185	149,054
Amounts raised/redeemed (+/-)	€m	6,600	6,570	2,837	1,440	-	5,959	10,929	34,897
Capitalised value at end of period	€m	21,869	29,557	33,031	33,062	32,413	31,190	42,552	71,831
Number of issues	No.	16	15	15	13	11	11	11	19
Irish equity market									
Official list									
Turnover	€m	69,490	77,196	72,298	108,067	127,705	195,413	110,948	52,732
Amounts raised	€m	1,635	721	2,543	1,435	2,761	5,376	401	2,027
Capitalised value at end of period (Equities included in ISEQ only)	€m	52,234	62,548	80,868	93,925	116,987	90,460	31,398	43,182
Number of issues	No.	70	67	61	61	53	49	61	57
Developing Companies Market/ Explorations Securities Market/ITEQ									
Turnover	€m	765	319	211	418	1,256	3,152	1,036	593
Amounts raised	€m	1	28	47	69	941	1,241	154	79
Capitalised value at end of period	€m	899	1,014	1,182	850	2,464	3,083	964	1,613
Number of issues	No.	17	12	13	13	23	30	27	25
Price index of ordinary stocks and shares (ISEQ) at end-year									
(Base Jan 4th 1988, 9am=1000)		3,995	4,921	6,198	7,364	9,408	6,934	2,343	2,975

Source: Irish Stock Exchange

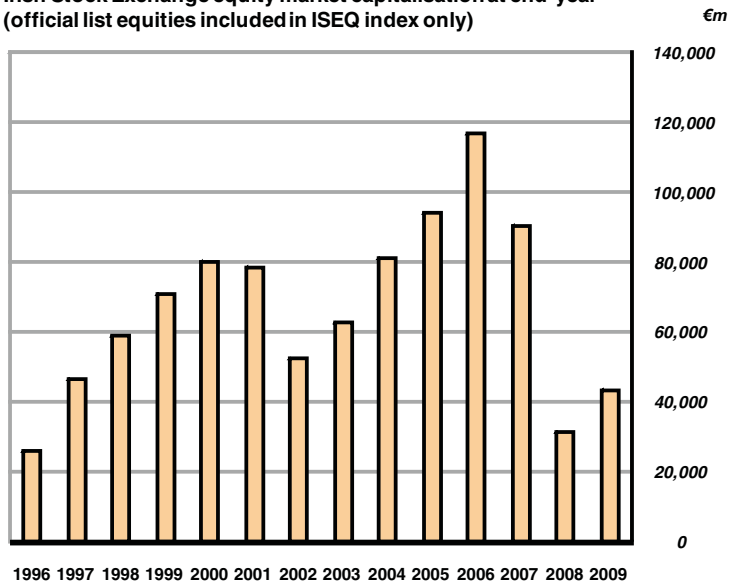
**Irish Stock Exchange equity market capitalisation at end-year
(official list equities included in ISEQ index only)**

Table 9.5 National and General Government balances

Year	Current budget balance		Capital budget balance		Total Exchequer balance		General government balance	
	€m	% of GNP with FISIM allocated	€m	% of GNP with FISIM allocated	€m	% of GNP with FISIM allocated	€m	% of GDP with FISIM allocated
1980	-695	-6.0	-851	-7.4	-1,545	-13.4	n/a	n/a
1981	-1,018	-7.3	-1,168	-8.4	-2,186	-15.7	n/a	n/a
1982	-1,255	-7.9	-1,215	-7.6	-2,470	-15.5	n/a	n/a
1983	-1,219	-7.0	-1,011	-5.8	-2,230	-12.8	n/a	n/a
1984	-1,319	-7.0	-998	-5.2	-2,317	-12.2	n/a	n/a
1985	-1,630	-8.0	-928	-4.6	-2,559	-12.6	n/a	n/a
1986	-1,771	-7.9	-952	-4.2	-2,724	-12.1	n/a	n/a
1987	-1,498	-6.2	-769	-3.2	-2,268	-9.4	-2,409	-9.0
1988	-403	-1.6	-383	-1.5	-786	-3.1	-1,416	-4.9
1989	-334	-1.2	-274	-1.0	-608	-2.2	-902	-2.8
1990	-193	-0.6	-427	-1.3	-620	-1.9	-1,019	-2.8
1991	-379	-1.1	-275	-0.8	-654	-1.9	-1,076	-2.9
1992	-566	-1.6	-349	-1.0	-915	-2.6	-1,184	-3.0
1993	-481	-1.2	-399	-1.0	-880	-2.3	-1,181	-2.7
1994	19	0.0	-873	-2.1	-854	-2.0	-932	-2.0
1995	-459	-1.0	-337	-0.7	-796	-1.7	-1,090	-2.1
1996	371	0.7	-925	-1.8	-554	-1.1	-62	-0.1
1997	767	1.3	-1,052	-1.8	-298	-0.5	765	1.1
1998	2,654	3.8	-1,694	-2.5	948	1.4	1,865	2.4
1999	4,367	5.7	-2,855	-3.7	1,512	2.0	2,460	2.7
2000	6,967	7.8	-3,794	-4.2	3,173	3.5	4,983	4.7
2001	4,725	4.8	-4,075	-4.2	650	0.7	1,048	0.9
2002	5,402	5.1	-5,307	-5.0	95	0.1	-454	-0.3
2003	4,410	3.7	-5,390	-4.6	-980	-0.8	549	0.4
2004	5,620	4.4	-5,587	-4.4	33	0.0	2,057	1.4
2005	6,353	4.6	-6,852	-5.0	-499	-0.4	2,641	1.6
2006	9,069	5.9	-6,886	-4.5	2,183	1.4	5,201	2.9
2007	6,992	4.3	-8,610	-5.3	-1,618	-1.0	91	0.0
2008	-3,069	-2.0	-9,645	-6.2	-12,714	-8.2	-13,122	-7.3
2009	-11,367	-8.7	-13,274	-10.1	-24,641	-18.8	-22,782	-14.3

Source: Department of Finance

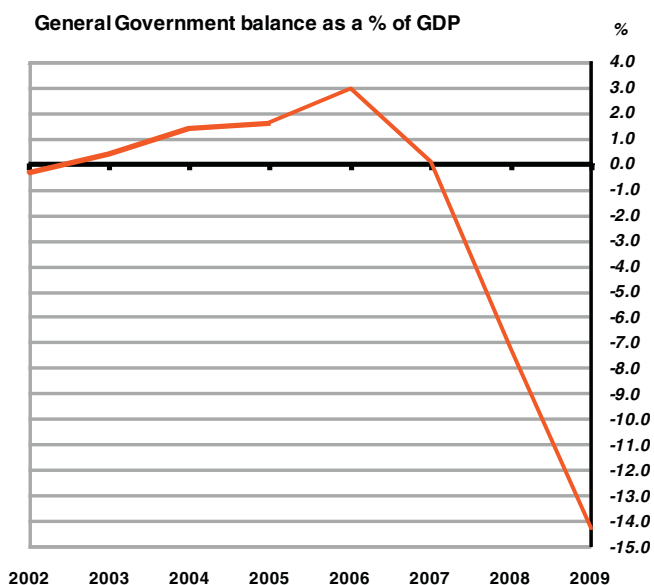


Table 9.6 National and General Government Debt

End of year	National Debt	% of GDP with FISIM allocated (ESA95 basis)		General Government Debt	% of GDP with FISIM allocated (ESA95 basis)	
	€m			€m		
1990	31,849		87.7	34,194		94.2
1991	32,223		85.5	36,004		95.6
1992	33,450		83.6	37,041		92.5
1993	36,006		83.3	41,128		95.1
1994	37,111		79.8	41,673		89.6
1995	38,358		72.2	43,061		81.1
1996	37,980		65.2	43,162		74.1
1997	38,966		57.8	43,694		64.8
1998	37,510		48.1	42,081		53.9
1999	39,851		44.3	43,853		48.8
2000	36,511		34.8	39,658		37.8
2001	36,183		30.9	41,576		35.5
2002	36,361		27.9	41,912		32.1
2003	37,611		26.9	43,322		30.9
2004	37,846		25.3	43,857		29.4
2005	38,182		23.5	44,560		27.5
2006	35,917		20.3	44,059		24.8
2007	37,559		19.8	47,410		25.0
2008	50,398		28.0	79,859		44.4
2009	75,152		47.1	104,667		65.6

Source: Department of Finance

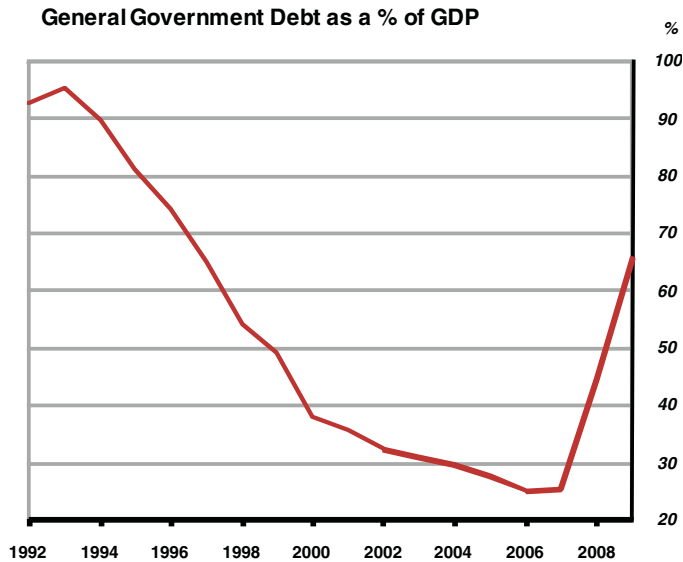


Table 9.7 Exchequer receipts

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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Tax revenue						
Agricultural levies	5,417	6,442	8,615	1,890	0	0
Capital Acquisitions Tax	214,167	190,064	248,912	352,696	392,349	331,600
Capital Gains Taxes	1,442,820	1,515,555	1,959,659	3,099,933	3,105,495	1,430,080
Corporation Tax	5,161,370	5,331,596	5,491,687	6,683,247	6,390,625	5,065,894
Customs	135,923	173,285	226,132	256,829	265,904	248,001
Excise	4,572,137	4,927,554	5,232,669	5,588,897	5,837,878	5,443,338
Income levy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Tax	9,161,767	10,650,541	11,266,298	12,389,939	13,572,410	13,176,857
Motor Vehicle Duties, etc	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Property Tax	404	382	360	-36	0	0
Stamps	1,688,382	2,088,454	2,725,210	3,716,501	3,185,602	1,650,792
Training and Employment Levy	0	3,658	5,361	1,017	2,501	1,032
Value-Added Tax	9,720,544	10,693,291	12,089,070	13,447,991	14,496,588	13,429,602
Youth Employment Levy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32,102,931	35,580,822	39,253,973	45,538,904	47,249,352	40,777,196
Non-tax revenue	1,053,583	802,161	595,166	606,039	637,635	846,901
TOTAL REVENUE	33,156,514	36,382,983	39,849,139	46,144,943	47,886,987	41,624,097
Money raised by creation of debt						
Borrowings from ministerial funds	55,842,082	78,567,034	102,161,453	67,244,701	49,320,124	26,937,289
Commercial paper	71,501,885	104,530,160	139,526,360	120,836,608	85,398,071	171,283,883
European Investment Bank loans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exchequer bills	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exchequer notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Increase in foreign liquid assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medium term notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous debt	701,345	473,801	725,248	0	0	7,229
National Instalment Savings	64,070	72,351	106,122	96,161	103,720	114,159
National Loans Sinking Fund payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
National Loans/ Irish Govt Bonds-Title changed in 1997	26,978,866	31,515,344	41,321,405	25,326,031	19,822,280	14,251,598
Other Irish Government Public Bond Issues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other domestic borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prize Bonds	132,735	126,778	134,448	134,592	144,836	276,434
Savings Bonds	460,221	505,060	518,399	671,847	573,069	813,242
Savings Certificates	317,951	422,604	751,422	462,011	460,378	770,622
Savings Stamps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sinking Fund Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ways and Means Advances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total raised by creation of debt	155,999,155	216,213,132	285,244,857	214,771,951	155,822,478	214,454,456

Table 9.7 Exchequer receipts (continued)

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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Other receipts						
Bord Iascaigh Mhara	1,175	403	297	216	214	500
Bord Na Móna	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cohesion Fund	143,956	25,849	15,634	39,513	0	0
Coillte Teoranta	0	0	0	0	0	0
European Regional Development Fund	220,519	318,737	234,436	133,010	95,572	113,533
Feoga Guarantee	341,849	207,570	175,649	650,289	730,146	740,000
Feoga Intervention	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Loans Funds Acts, 1935-87	14,925	10,875	5,394	27,568	16,478	8,749
Miscellaneous Capital	82,736	89,560	75,593	539,216	97,563	44,652
National Building Agency Ltd Acts, 1963-74	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nitrigin Éireann Teo Acts, 1963-87	0	0	350	0	0	0
Shannon Free Airport Development Co Ltd Acts	302	156	0	0	0	0
Insurance Compensation Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
EIB-EEA Financial Mechanism	0	0	11	5	0	0
Trans European Network	4,000	0	10,040	4,860	2,800	2,188
Turkish Aid Protocol	33	33	33	33	33	33
Total other receipts	809,495	653,183	517,437	1,394,710	942,806	909,655
TOTAL EXCHEQUER RECEIPTS	189,965,164	253,249,298	325,611,433	262,311,604	204,652,271	256,988,208

Source: Department of Finance

Table 9.8 Exchequer issues

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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Current payments						
Voted Departmental expenditures	25,451,867	27,179,456	29,600,886	32,915,380	36,958,658	40,756,518
Servicing national debt	2,026,822	2,203,428	2,237,535	2,379,583	2,141,090	2,099,138
Payments to EU budget	1,190,386	1,185,539	1,496,811	1,529,743	1,570,041	1,586,709
Other non-voted expenditures	77,482	195,202	160,989	265,024	226,215	251,093
Total	28,746,557	30,763,625	33,496,221	37,089,730	40,896,004	44,693,458
Issues for redemption of debt						
Borrowings from ministerial funds	55,755,390	78,333,954	101,808,502	68,156,216	49,723,078	26,590,629
Commercial paper	74,495,264	107,173,283	139,731,244	120,830,381	82,218,296	152,858,535
European Investment Bank loans	77,719	59,862	4,260	0	0	74,575
Exchequer bills	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exchequer notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medium term notes	192,848	111,508	307,062	0	0	0
Miscellaneous debt	1,073,155	473,891	341,976	713	893	11,121
National Instalment saving	86,197	92,319	106,207	87,164	89,580	90,623
National loans	21,198,433	28,640,311	41,108,387	25,448,099	20,110,939	3,405,744
Other Irish Government Public Bond issues	625,400	153,626	0	0	0	35,242
Private placements	563,560	23,004	35,835	0	0	0
Other domestic borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prize Bonds	53,340	74,554	79,400	106,660	102,131	104,600
Savings Bonds	297,078	283,208	361,865	547,746	606,932	535,957
Savings Certificates	407,079	488,449	739,936	455,148	452,649	460,001
Tax Reserve Certificates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ways and Means Advances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	154,825,463	215,907,969	284,624,674	215,632,127	153,304,498	184,167,027
Capital payments						
Voted Departmental expenditures	5,289,755	5,368,493	5,866,602	6,475,790	7,650,077	8,556,276
Funding of superannuation liabilities	1,103,000	1,177,000	1,320,250	1,446,500	1,615,500	1,690,000
Loans issued	262,717	175,030	650,684	730,400	740,000	741,000
Share capital acquired in State Bodies	15,442	3,538	6,494	460	1,661	597
Other non-voted capital expenditures	7,332	5,158	6,230	9,117	11,298	54,922
Total	6,678,246	6,729,219	7,850,260	8,662,267	10,018,536	11,042,795
TOTAL EXCHEQUER ISSUES	190,250,266	253,400,813	325,971,155	261,384,124	204,219,038	239,903,280

Source: Department of Finance

Table 9.9 Summary National Debt statement at end of year

	€m					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Medium/long term debt						
Borrowing from Central Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0
European Investment Bank loans	178	120	118	120	112	29
Irish Government Bonds listed on Irish Stock Exchange	28,130	31,260	31,311	31,189	30,946	41,863
Medium term notes	501	377	496	443	400	439
Miscellaneous debt	158	34	-26	26	69	15
Other Irish Government Public Bond Issues	191	37	37	38	35	0
Private placements	59	36	0	0	0	0
Total	29,217	31,864	31,936	31,816	31,562	42,346
Short term debt						
Borrowings from funds under the control of the Minister for Finance	2,987	3,220	3,573	2,661	2,258	2,605
Commercial paper	2,801	307	115	118	3,286	21,783
Total	5,788	3,527	3,688	2,779	5,544	24,388
National Savings Schemes						
National Instalment Savings	405	385	385	394	409	432
Prize Bonds	454	506	561	590	632	804
Saving Certificates	2,262	2,196	2,208	2,215	2,223	2,533
Savings Stamps	2	2	2	2	2	2
Savings Bonds	1,207	1,429	1,585	1,709	1,675	1,952
Total	4,330	4,518	4,741	4,910	4,941	5,723
Less liquid assets	1,725	2,063	2,183	3,588	4,487	22,059
NATIONAL DEBT	37,610	37,846	38,182	35,917	37,560	50,398

Source: Department of Finance

Table 9.10 Public Capital Programme

€m

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Sources of funds							
Exchequer	5,378	5,212	5,674	6,423	8,034	8,915	7,211
Non-Exchequer	3,101	3,209	2,885	2,963	3,771	3,580	4,125
Total	8,479	8,421	8,559	9,386	11,805	12,495	11,335
Use of funds							
Sectoral economic investment							
Agriculture and Food	93	87	117	123	217	542	429
Industry	402	434	470	670	570	598	601
Tourism	40	30	43	57	77	90	37
Fisheries	49	36	44	54	42	71	56
Forestry	125	149	133	196	147	177	169
Total	709	736	807	1,100	1,053	1,478	1,292
Productive Infrastructure							
Energy	1,292	1,489	1,249	1,188	1,281	1,435	2,112
Transport (includes roads from 1997)	2,366	2,334	2,448	2,647	3,992	4,003	3,539
Environmental services	573	530	548	655	713	711	726
Telecommunications, RTÉ, postal service	75	45	39	70	68	147	98
Total	4,306	4,398	4,284	4,560	6,054	6,296	6,475
Social Infrastructure							
Housing	1,704	1,524	1,546	1,612	2,181	2,206	1,576
Education and Science	440	488	558	675	828	809	800
Health	515	504	516	502	659	673	499
Government Construction, Computerisation, etc	805	773	848	939	1,031	1,033	691
Total	3,464	3,289	3,468	3,728	4,699	4,721	3,566

Source: Department of Finance

Use of Public Capital Programme Funds

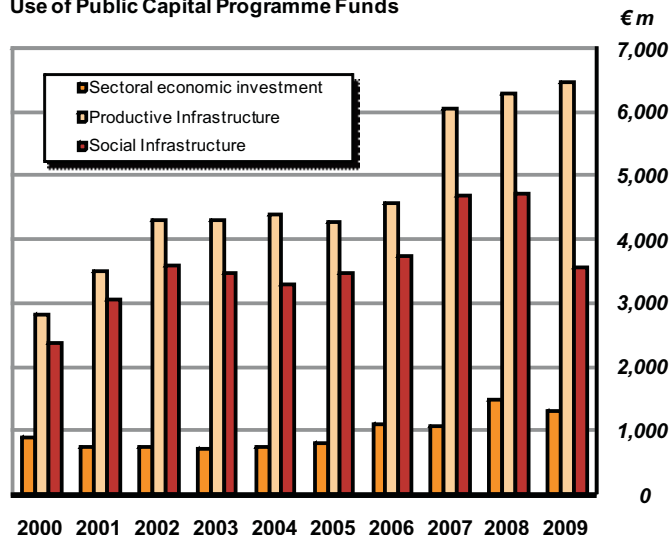


Table 9.11 Receipts and expenditure of central and local government

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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Current receipts							
Gross rental income	455	480	495	536	568	676	487
Gross trading income	0	0	-7	0	0	0	0
Investment income	772	769	929	1,232	1,607	2,274	2,146
Miscellaneous receipts	1,986	2,247	2,603	2,935	2,999	2,966	3,486
Taxes on expenditure (including rates)	17,245	19,360	21,812	24,666	25,218	22,301	18,013
Taxes on income and wealth (including social contributions)	5,942	6,604	7,322	8,159	9,053	9,287	8,914
Transfers from the rest of the world (not elsewhere included)	234	269	250	210	55	89	106
Total receipts - current	26,634	29,729	33,304	37,739	39,502	37,594	33,152
Capital receipts							
Borrowing	2,106	1,255	263	-3,967	7,241	14,410	28,989
Loan repayments and equity sales	901	523	323	771	861	844	780
Other receipts	1,216	1,176	1,508	1,930	2,373	1,749	1,769
Taxes on capital	1,649	1,718	2,231	3,442	3,488	1,767	801
Transfers from the rest of the world	409	478	230	193	167	11	81
Total receipts - capital	6,281	5,150	4,556	2,370	14,129	18,780	32,419
TOTAL RECEIPTS - CURRENT AND CAPITAL	32,915	34,879	37,960	40,109	53,631	56,374	65,571
Current expenditure							
Expenditure on goods and services	19,862	21,551	23,443	25,904	28,544	30,215	29,065
National debt interest (including land bond interest)	1,739	1,685	1,766	1,787	1,985	2,482	3,191
Subsidies	818	768	881	775	870	939	851
Transfer payments	15,439	17,133	19,082	21,251	24,082	27,132	29,347
Total expenditure - current	37,859	41,138	45,171	49,716	55,481	60,768	62,453
Capital expenditure							
Grants to enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross physical capital formation	2,796	3,274	2,110	706	6,850	711	5,474
Loans and share capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other transfer payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Payments to the rest of the world	795	590	1,131	1,318	1,338	1,425	1,516
Redemption of securities and loan repayments	597	787	756	863	1,186	1,101	364
Total expenditure - capital	4,188	4,651	3,996	2,887	9,375	3,237	7,354
TOTAL EXPENDITURE - CURRENT AND CAPITAL	42,047	45,789	49,168	52,603	64,856	64,006	69,808

Source: CSO

Table 9.12 Expenditure of central and local government by purpose of expenditure and economic category

	€m								
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Defence	734	839	801	791	890	855	907	969	1,031
Other general government services	3,838	4,527	4,821	5,131	5,567	5,823	6,195	7,085	6,964
Education	4,283	4,993	5,455	5,976	6,463	7,083	7,783	8,745	9,359
Health	5,757	7,150	8,383	9,410	10,476	11,683	12,184	13,609	14,559
Social security and welfare	6,793	7,915	9,777	10,650	11,859	13,076	14,906	17,293	19,660
Housing	1,465	2,050	2,374	2,091	2,073	2,676	3,191	3,986	3,633
Other community and social services	1,352	1,595	1,861	1,905	1,998	2,271	2,630	3,043	3,557
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,186	1,601	1,649	1,674	1,679	2,192	2,292	2,582	3,639
Mining, manufacturing and construction	620	926	637	498	564	571	697	723	1,085
Transport and communication	2,041	2,393	2,984	3,387	3,277	3,402	4,243	4,782	5,711
Other economic services	1,546	1,909	1,853	1,883	1,897	2,202	2,531	2,881	3,213
Public debt	6,026	4,766	14,081	4,667	5,074	3,990	2,634	9,010	3,397
Total Expenditure	35,642	40,665	54,676	48,063	51,815	55,825	60,195	74,710	75,809

Source: CSO

Table 9.13 Net receipts from excise duties

€000

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Beer	435,645	477,361	455,390	458,195	457,308	460,694	464,802	427,151
Betting	68,066	47,952	38,422	45,552	45,850	54,296	36,437	36,668
Bookmaking premises	343	344	369	329	401	387	530	415
Bookmakers licences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cider and perry	36,119	62,147	60,387	64,196	66,058	69,176	68,297	60,555
Clubs	498	391	403	439	470	459	450	453
Excise duty on Public Dancing licences	7,537	9,159	9,495	9,773	9,955	11,190	10,241	10,378
Firearm certificates	4,272	4,030	5,700	4,392	5,079	2,160	6,949	4,444
Firearm dealers	28	21	26	28	24	16	32	72
Foreign travel	40	16	-45	-43	0	-17	0	2
Liquor licences	14,044	14,141	14,779	15,309	14,693	15,842	15,927	15,256
Motor vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oil								
Mineral hydrocarbon light	725,254	854,233	853,784	970,702	1,001,879	1,026,360	1,051,268	1,046,775
Other hydrocarbons	649,104	777,051	847,687	992,643	1,046,016	1,117,804	1,152,819	1,123,373
Other licences	0	0	2	0	-2	-1	0	0
Spirits	220,918	266,461	305,026	314,906	319,779	338,040	367,558	350,911
Tobacco	1,141,824	1,137,317	1,157,248	1,059,152	1,079,551	1,103,340	1,191,977	1,170,990
Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT)	788,029	792,571	819,450	945,973	1,148,783	1,287,408	1,406,056	1,120,777
Wine	120,883	152,154	167,822	184,795	195,129	209,239	230,200	231,330
Made wine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
An Post	-	0	12	22	9	14	4	9
Total	4,212,603	4,595,350	4,735,957	5,066,363	5,390,982	5,696,407	6,003,547	5,599,559

Source: Office of the Revenue Commissioners

