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- The number of recipients of Jobseeker's Supports increased by 161.4% between 2003 and 2011, while the number receiving Illness, Disability and Caring payments rose by 37.1% during the same period.
- The number of new cancer cases diagnosed in Ireland was 33,595 in 2010, up 13.2% from 29,670 in 2007.
- The average number of in-patient beds available in publicly funded acute hospitals was 10,990 in 2010, compared with 11,369 in 2009.
- The number of people killed on the roads in 2010 was 212, down by 26 (10.9%) compared with the 2009 figure of 238.
- The register of Dáil electors showed an overall increase of 3.4% from 2004 to 2012.

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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 2001 to 2011 there has been an increase of 167.3% in expenditure on social welfare payments.

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The number of recipients of Social Welfare payments to *Older People* increased by 37.7% between 2003 and 2011. The number of recipients of *Illness, Disability and Caring* payments rose by 37.1% for the same period, while the number of recipients of *Jobseeker's Supports* increased by 161.4%. In 2011, the main areas of expenditure by programme group were: *Older People*, (22.8%), *Jobseeker's Support* (18.6%), *Illness, Disability and Caring* (16%) and *Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families* (12.1%).

Safety

The number of people killed in road accidents fell by 48.9% between 2000 and 2010. In 2010, 78% of road fatalities were male and 22% female.

Register of Electors

The register of Dáil electors showed an overall increase of 3.4% from 2004 to 2012. County council areas experienced an increase of 5.9% in the same period while city council areas recorded a decrease of 8.4%.

Technical Notes

Table 5.1

Total Social Welfare expenditure 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 Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.

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 Supports 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 Carer's 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 Allowance and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

Table 5.8

Figures for Average Number of In-Patient 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. Figures for dialysis not included.

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, 5.11 and 5.12

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. A breakdown by sex is not available in all cases of unknown age in table 5.12 but these are included in the totals.

Table 5.1 Expenditure on Social Welfare

Year	Total Social Welfare expenditure	Social Welfare expenditure as a percentage of:	
		Gross National Product	Gross Domestic Product
	€m	%	%
2000	6,713	8.0	6.7
2001	7,842	8.9	7.3
2002	9,517	8.9	7.5
2003	10,493	9.0	7.6
2004	11,291	8.9	7.5
2005	12,168	8.9	7.7
2006	13,586	9.5	8.2
2007	15,518	11.5	9.9
2008	17,809	15.6	12.9
2009	20,536	16.7	13.5
2010	20,848	16.7	13.5
2011	20,968	16.9	13.4

Source: Department of Social Protection

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

Base year 2001=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	
2001	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2002	109.4	110.9	113.0	114.5	104.6
2003	116.9	118.5	119.8	121.0	108.2
2004	124.3	126.0	126.3	126.9	110.6
2005	133.2	135.1	134.5	134.7	113.3
2006	143.6	145.6	143.6	142.6	117.8
2007	155.5	157.7	155.9	154.7	123.5
2008	165.9	168.2	165.9	164.4	128.6
2009	171.1	173.5	171.2	169.4	122.8
2010	171.1	173.5	171.2	169.6	121.7
2011	156.3	156.4	150.2	146.0	119.3

Source: Department of Social Protection

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Table 5.3 Recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme

Programme	<i>Number</i>									
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Older People	298,169	303,653	311,170	339,363	351,800	364,015	378,746	393,825	410,674	
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	211,774	212,952	215,676	205,923	208,772	211,793	214,877	217,741	216,508	
Child Related	12,186	11,974	12,074	16,235	22,302	24,828	24,687	24,917	25,449	
Illness, Disability and Caring	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	264,890	285,592	296,971	302,397	296,578	
Jobseeker's Supports	145,339	131,539	128,111	126,343	139,435	235,366	363,370	385,307	379,973	
Employment Supports	44,113	40,216	39,589	43,496	45,522	51,526	57,588	69,054	75,988	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	31,217	29,748	28,066	25,331	27,379	35,546	42,775	37,499	34,597	
Miscellaneous	342	303	270	250	227	217	192	179	159	
Total Recipients	959,432	957,732	976,613	1,003,517	1,060,327	1,208,883	1,379,206	1,430,919	1,439,926	

Source: Department of Social Protection

Number of recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme, 2011

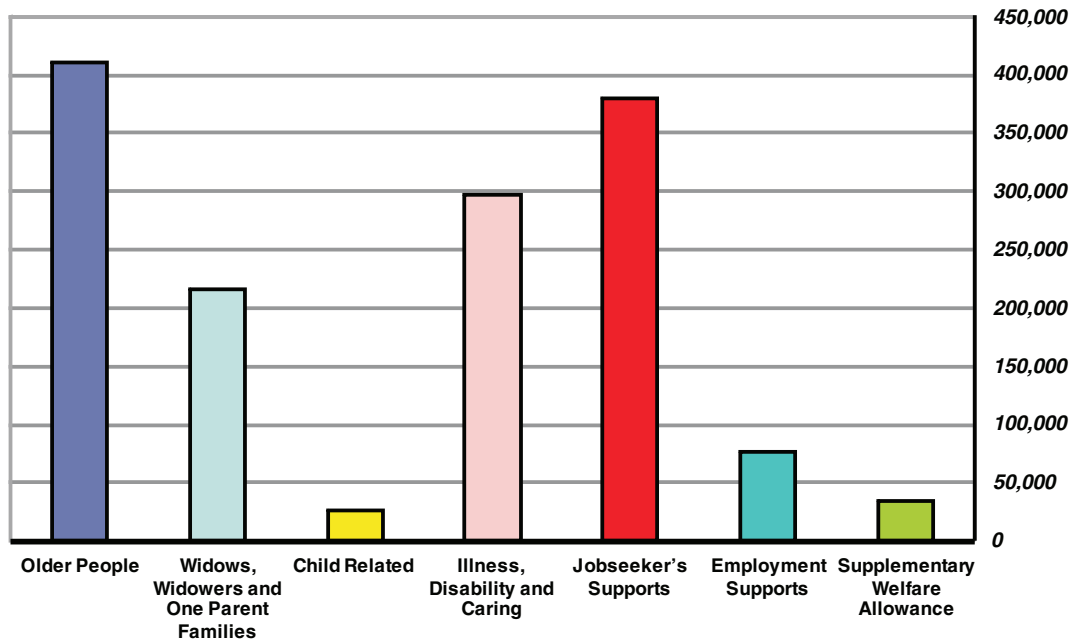


Table 5.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme

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Scheme	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Older People	2,728.8	2,947.1	3,279.4	3,878.5	4,300.8	4,569.8	4,614.9	4,786.7
State Pension (Contributory)	1,050.3	1,152.9	1,580.9	2,755.0	3,118.0	3,367.7	3,451.5	3,622.8
State Pension (Transition)	983.7	1,060.1	857.6	79.1	92.1	105.0	108.2	132.4
State Pension (Non-contributory)	600.0	631.3	727.8	920.2	973.0	1,000.5	977.3	971.6
Pre-Retirement Allowance	94.7	102.9	113.1	124.5	117.7	96.6	77.9	59.9
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,827.7	1,982.2	2,141.2	2,299.3	2,502.0	2,608.2	2,570.6	2,541.5
Widow/Widower's (Contributory) Pension	906.5	998.5	1,094.9	1,205.0	1,299.4	1,353.4	1,335.6	1,337.9
Widow/Widower's (Non-contributory) Pension	122.3	126.9	103.7	19.9	17.6	21.3	19.3	18.2
Deserted Wife's Benefit	89.7	90.6	94.6	100.7	104.7	100.1	93.4	85.8
Deserted Wife's Allowance	11.0	11.5	10.5	6.9	6.6	6.0	5.0	4.2
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
One Parent Family Payment	694.8	751.1	834.6	962.4	1,067.6	1,121.3	1,110.4	1,088.9
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory/Non-contributory)	3.4	3.6	3.2	4.3	6.1	6.0	6.9	6.5
Child Related	1,903.3	2,045.0	2,251.9	2,506.6	2,799.0	2,877.0	2,650.8	2,503.8
Maternity Benefit	121.6	132.4	180.8	257.9	315.9	331.3	323.9	309.2
Health and Safety Benefit	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Adoptive Benefit	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.6	1.2	0.9	1.2
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	9.7	7.5	8.8	9.6	14.4	11.5	11.5	11.5
Guardian's Payment (Non-contributory)	6.2	4.1	4.8	4.4	10.7	6.0	4.7	5.1
Child Benefit	1,765.1	1,899.9	2,056.3	2,233.0	2,455.8	2,495.3	2,213.5	2,076.3
Domiciliary Care Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	31.0	95.7	99.9
Illness, Disability and Caring	1,827.4	2,090.9	2,433.2	2,855.3	3,301.3	3,504.7	3,469.5	3,351.3
Illness Benefit	479.0	540.2	627.6	755.1	852.3	919.7	942.8	875.6
Invalidity Pension	487.4	548.3	602.4	618.1	685.7	681.6	640.0	606.5
Carer's Benefit	7.7	9.6	16.7	26.9	33.7	30.2	26.3	24.5
Injury Benefit	13.6	14.2	16.1	17.2	19.3	18.1	17.9	16.5
Disablement Benefit	62.6	67.0	72.5	79.3	84.4	85.7	78.8	77.5
Death Benefit	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.6	8.0	8.2	7.8	8.0
Disability Allowance	544.5	630.7	738.4	901.1	1,052.7	1,142.8	1,109.6	1,089.2
Medical Care	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Carer's Allowance	210.3	257.4	284.6	361.3	450.3	502.5	501.8	507.2
Respite Care Grant	n/a	n/a	50.5	73.4	98.2	99.2	128.1	130.4
Blind Person's Pension	15.9	16.7	17.0	15.0	16.3	16.3	16.0	15.6
Unemployment Supports	1,069.4	1,085.6	1,223.6	1,420.0	2,097.6	3,738.3	4,094.8	3,902.1
Jobseeker's Benefit	455.5	418.1	455.1	545.0	929.8	1,733.8	1,285.1	927.1
Jobseeker's Allowance	613.8	667.5	768.6	875.1	1,168.8	2,004.5	2,809.7	2,975.0
Employment Supports	238.1	246.0	293.8	363.7	415.7	454.3	597.0	1,085.9
Family Income Supplement	55.8	72.2	107.1	140.0	170.3	167.1	186.0	204.6
Employment Support Services	116.0	106.6	115.6	145.0	160.5	193.9	300.1	342.9
Farm Assist/Smallholders	66.3	67.3	71.1	78.7	84.9	93.3	110.9	113.7
FÁS employment programmes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	424.7

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Table 5.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme (continued)

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Scheme	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Miscellaneous	1,261.6	1,313.9	1,446.1	1,632.0	1,819.0	2,190.9	2,275.1	2,166.6
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	601.6	624.0	635.0	682.7	804.4	969.7	950.9	911.3
Treatment Benefit	70.5	65.5	95.0	91.6	97.1	100.2	51.5	23.0
Rent Allowance	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Household Benefits and Free Travel	364.3	383.4	444.4	535.5	584.7	632.2	670.8	711.0
Miscellaneous	76.8	89.8	100.9	133.2	142.9	137.7	110.6	193.7
Equal Treatment Payments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Redundancy and Insolvency	147.7	150.3	170.0	188.2	189.1	350.4	490.5	326.9
Total	10,856.2	11,710.8	13,069.2	14,955.4	17,235.4	19,943.2	20,272.7	20,337.9
Administration	434.9	458.9	517.3	563.1	579.9	592.6	575.6	629.8
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,291.1	12,169.7	13,586.4	15,518.5	17,815.3	20,535.8	20,848.3	20,967.7

Source: Department of Social Protection

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

Number

Payment type	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Illness Benefit	50,715	54,590	57,464	58,726	61,845	65,774	70,404	73,609	77,665	81,253	73,397
Invalidity Pension	50,615	52,147	53,414	55,864	58,352	51,954	53,956	53,725	52,922	50,766	49,792
Interim Illness Benefit	449	404	295	316	355	338	440	525	318	374	327
Carer's Benefit	425	615	639	679	867	1,647	2,080	2,249	1,917	1,642	1,637
Disability Allowance	57,655	62,783	67,720	72,976	79,253	83,697	89,048	95,754	99,576	101,111	102,866
Carer's Allowance	18,785	20,395	21,316	23,030	24,970	27,474	33,067	43,569	48,223	50,577	51,666
Blind Person's Pension	2,125	2,095	2,061	2,027	1,985	1,476	1,474	1,472	1,467	1,485	1,496
Injury Benefit	861	828	821	915	908	924	900	846	726	835	776
Death Benefit Pension	676	668	664	652	647	646	647	651	637	633	628
Disablement Pension	11,230	11,612	11,898	12,162	12,475	12,646	12,874	13,192	13,520	13,721	13,993
Total	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	264,890	285,592	296,971	302,397	296,578

Source: Department of Social Protection

Table 5.6 Estimated non-capital health expenditure

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	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 estimate
Health Service Executive Vote					
HSE Corporate	77,175	72,280	69,958	429,000	373,753
Primary, Community and Continuing Care					
Care of Older People	1,739,128	1,738,659	1,683,637	1,433,000	1,399,700
Children and Families	653,477	641,951	633,064	547,000	550,700
Care for Persons with Disabilities	1,548,718	1,520,003	1,454,537	1,576,000	1,541,000
Mental Health	1,043,816	1,006,682	963,324	712,000	707,000
Primary Care and Community Health	1,371,131	1,139,705	1,082,964	415,500	392,100
Primary Care (Medical Card Services) Scheme	2,387,641	2,987,000	2,728,474	2,419,500	2,473,539
Multi Care Group Services	–	–	–	486,000	440,961
Palliative Care and Chronic Illness	–	–	–	81,000	78,000
Social Inclusion	–	–	–	119,000	115,000
Other	–	–	–	79,000	61,000
National Hospitals Office					
South Eastern Hospitals Group	448,171	487,182	510,868	357,000	346,191
Southern Hospitals Group	701,851	767,035	751,061	547,000	528,576
West/North Western Hospitals Group	906,452	983,763	1,021,735	705,000	683,654
Mid Western Hospitals Group	356,027	379,804	402,089	277,000	268,291
North Eastern Hospitals Group	372,494	398,727	428,789	303,000	293,826
Dublin North Hospitals Group	850,326	841,163	774,760	623,000	594,756
Dublin/Midland Hospitals Group	801,622	811,240	761,165	630,000	604,481
Dublin South Hospitals Group	835,236	806,086	777,533	737,000	702,227
Other	–	–	–	28,000	–
Long Term Charges Repayment Scheme	236,000	80,000	20,000	10,500	1,700
State Claims Agency	–	14,800	79,300	81,204	96,000
HSE National Shared Services	23,377	22,274	22,212	184,796	168,000
Statutory Pensions	–	–	–	606,000	737,000
Quality and Clinical Care	–	–	–	25,000	25,000
Population Health	–	–	–	152,000	150,000
Other	–	–	–	5,493	–
Health Service Executive Vote Total	14,352,642	14,698,354	14,165,470	13,568,993	13,332,455
Department of Health Vote					
Administration	39,674	38,164	27,939	27,023	31,747
Grants	43,906	41,703	39,665	54,217	70,146
Other Services	395,274	323,362	234,647	194,133	210,403
Department of Health Vote Total	478,854	403,229	302,251	275,373	312,296

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Table 5.6 Estimated non-capital health expenditure (continued)

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	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 estimate
Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Vote					
Childcare Payments	480,000	231,000	10,950	–	–
Childcare Programmes	76,512	84,818	228,879	138,643	–
National Children's Strategy (NCS)	24,257	25,445	22,583	9,353	–
Youth Affairs	52,443	48,112	46,599	20,797	–
Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Vote Total	633,212	389,375	309,011	168,793	–
Gross Non-Capital Total	15,464,708	15,490,958	14,785,557	14,013,159	13,644,751
<i>less appropriations-in-aid:</i>					
Health Service Executive	2,250,688	3,236,270	3,544,140	1,439,848	1,545,522
Department of Health	4,014	5,128	5,477	4,973	3,916
Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs	25,290	5,240	2,966	–	–
Total Appropriations-in-Aid	2,279,992	3,246,638	3,556,760	1,444,821	1,549,438
Net Non-Capital Total Expenditure	13,184,716	12,244,320	11,224,149	12,568,338	12,095,313

Source: Department of Health

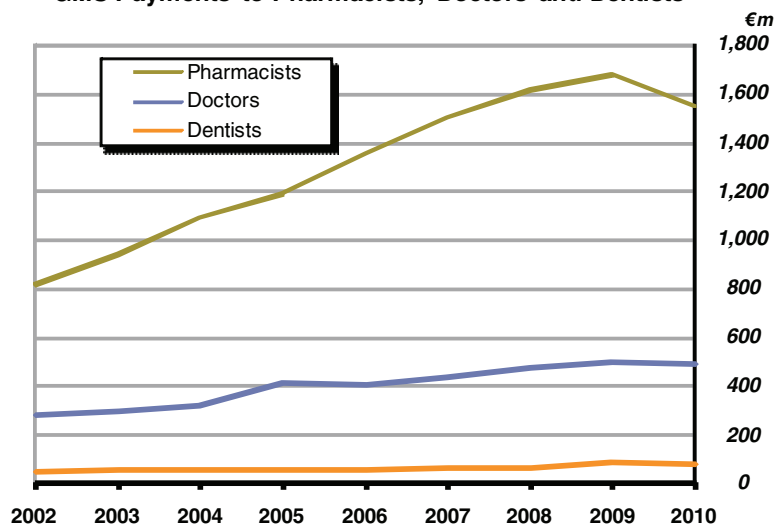
Table 5.7 Payments by General Medical Services (Payments) Board

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Category	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Doctors	282.1	295.7	317.5	414.0	404.7	440.8	475.2	499.7	493.8
Pharmacists	813.2	937.7	1,085.9	1,189.4	1,354.5	1,496.8	1,613.3	1,678.8	1,549.4
Dentists	45.7	49.9	52.5	54.5	55.5	58.2	64.4	86.8	75.8
General Practice development	17.6	13.1	15.8	11.9	10.1	5.8	4.6	2.9	2.0
High tech drugs scheme	84.6	109.1	148.2	177.5	217.8	250.2	290.7	331.3	361.2
Optometrists	13.9	13.8	17.4	17.0	18.0	21.6	22.4	23.8	26.9
Administration	13.7	12.5	15.5	17.0	14.7	16.3	17.9	19.7	20.5
Total	1,270.9	1,431.8	1,652.8	1,881.3	2,075.2	2,289.7	2,488.4	2,643.0	2,529.7

Source: General Medical Services Report

GMS Payments to Pharmacists, Doctors and Dentists



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Table 5.8 Publicly funded acute hospital statistics, 2010

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 Midlands	8	1,686	111,674	5.2	273	103,350
Dublin North	6	1,654	66,003	8.6	284	108,061
Dublin South	7	1,845	68,583	9.1	311	164,400
Mid Western	6	746	44,550	5.3	141	36,871
North Eastern	5	704	44,009	5.0	136	32,983
South Eastern	5	1,078	66,624	5.4	169	45,399
Southern	8	1,517	81,303	5.7	214	111,921
Western	6	1,760	105,685	5.3	329	131,982
Total	51	10,990	588,431	6.1	1,857	734,967

Source: National Hospitals Office, Health Service Executive

Table 5.9 Main sites of occurrence of new cancers diagnosed

Cases

Cancer site	Male				Female				Total			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
Non-melanoma skin	3,868	3,952	4,142	4,484	3,434	3,320	3,282	3,647	7,302	7,272	7,424	8,135
Prostate	2,739	2,647	2,859	3,105	–	–	–	–	2,739	2,647	2,859	3,105
Breast	15	18	26	27	2,488	2,790	2,740	2,694	2,503	2,808	2,766	2,722
Colorectal	1,343	1,296	1,342	1,394	973	927	929	1,005	2,316	2,223	2,271	2,400
Lung	1,157	1,148	1,079	1,247	804	838	705	897	1,961	1,986	1,784	2,144
Melanoma	338	336	308	363	358	406	413	503	696	742	721	867
Lymphoma	393	374	384	442	310	332	340	365	703	706	724	808
Bladder	319	298	311	331	146	115	141	130	465	413	452	461
Stomach	309	306	272	345	178	180	195	163	487	486	467	508
Oesophagus	265	239	260	253	138	138	124	136	403	377	384	391
Kidney	280	292	261	307	166	158	144	176	446	450	405	483
Pancreas	251	253	187	251	221	221	200	196	472	474	387	447
Leukaemia	287	255	214	264	169	169	112	181	456	424	326	446
Ovary	–	–	–	–	322	325	297	343	322	325	297	343
Head and neck	221	224	232	242	99	97	108	151	320	321	340	394
Brain and meninges	189	200	174	169	142	140	118	164	331	340	292	333
Womb	–	–	–	–	314	362	391	379	314	362	391	379
Cervix	–	–	–	–	296	260	304	316	296	260	304	316
Myeloma	122	126	102	121	106	83	71	101	228	209	173	222
Other (all cancers)	1,053	1,081	1,095	1,489	3,795	3,728	3,871	5,106	4,848	4,809	4,966	6,598
Other (invasive)	1,166	1,202	1,163	1,152	896	955	879	934	2,062	2,157	2,042	2,093
Total	14,315	14,247	14,411	15,986	15,355	15,544	15,364	17,587	29,670	29,791	29,775	33,595

Source: National Cancer Registry Ireland

Table 5.10 Persons killed and injured on roads

Year	Number		
	Number killed	Number of injuries	Total
1992	415	10,188	10,603
1993	431	9,831	10,262
1994	404	10,229	10,633
1995	437	12,673	13,110
1996	453	13,319	13,772
1997	472	13,115	13,587
1998	458	12,773	13,231
1999	413	12,340	12,753
2000	415	12,043	12,458
2001	411	10,222	10,633
2002	376	9,206	9,582
2003	335	8,262	8,597
2004	374	7,867	8,241
2005	396	9,318	9,714
2006	365	8,575	8,940
2007	338	7,806	8,144
2008	279	9,758	10,037
2009	238	9,742	9,980
2010	212	8,270	8,482

Source: Road Safety Authority

Table 5.11 Road casualties by road user type, 2010

Casualty type	Persons			
	Killed	Serious injury	Minor injury	Total
Pedestrians	44	88	834	966
Pedal cycle users	5	14	378	397
Motor cycle users	17	49	339	405
Car users	130	349	5,298	5,777
PSV users	1	6	67	74
Goods vehicle users	10	47	436	493
Other	5	8	140	153
Total	212	561	7,492	8,265

Source: Road Safety Authority

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Table 5.12 Road casualties by age and sex, 2010

Persons

Age group	Male			Female			Total		
	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
0-5	3	121	124	–	109	109	3	230	233
6-9	2	107	109	–	82	82	2	189	191
10-14	–	159	159	1	120	121	1	279	280
15-17	4	222	226	3	145	148	7	367	374
18-20	17	483	500	4	339	343	21	822	843
21-24	29	487	516	5	350	355	34	837	871
25-34	41	1,067	1,108	7	789	796	48	1,856	1,904
35-44	21	693	714	5	538	543	26	1,231	1,257
45-54	12	450	462	6	385	391	18	835	853
55-64	10	301	311	7	291	298	17	592	609
65 and over	22	278	300	8	266	274	30	544	574
Unknown	–	42	42	–	26	26	5	488	493
Total	161	4,410	4,571	46	3,440	3,486	212	8,270	8,482

Source: Road Safety Authority

Road deaths by age group, 2010

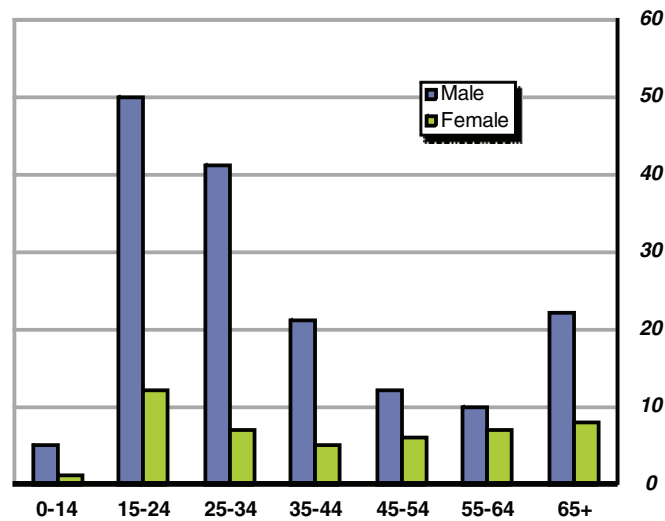


Table 5.13 Number on register of Dáil electors

	<i>Number</i>								
Local Authorities	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
County Councils	2,536,721	2,582,203	2,606,135	2,566,383	2,592,636	2,620,794	2,654,164	2,665,785	2,686,423
Carlow	38,143	39,439	39,446	38,781	38,967	39,193	39,191	40,022	39,631
Cavan	47,496	48,286	48,706	49,677	50,323	51,708	52,684	53,098	55,633
Clare	84,834	85,782	84,706	83,058	83,406	84,176	85,214	85,360	86,276
Cork	270,557	278,005	282,235	284,726	288,091	290,744	292,363	292,454	294,243
Donegal	116,966	119,529	119,451	116,741	117,623	118,656	121,001	122,531	122,858
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	150,499	152,107	153,021	147,331	143,908	145,749	146,929	148,014	149,790
Fingal	140,829	146,718	151,736	151,763	156,166	158,584	160,288	160,391	161,827
South Dublin	120,375	122,560	123,843	126,493	127,861	127,990	128,604	129,948	130,340
Galway	108,687	109,335	109,659	109,058	108,973	110,447	110,781	111,081	111,405
Kerry	128,346	128,013	130,190	126,586	130,333	131,627	134,510	134,652	136,296
Kildare	64,570	65,793	66,056	65,804	65,545	66,435	67,031	67,110	67,406
Kilkenny	47,000	49,680	49,319	50,069	52,563	54,161	55,067	55,230	55,820
Laois	23,331	23,672	23,413	23,781	23,752	23,839	24,809	24,727	25,019
Leitrim	95,059	95,425	96,340	97,346	98,351	95,021	96,988	97,635	98,918
Limerick	27,313	27,480	27,143	26,878	27,151	27,764	27,990	27,868	28,451
Longford	82,838	85,048	86,561	85,458	84,024	84,994	85,757	85,819	86,696
Louth	98,278	99,627	99,340	96,591	97,767	97,991	100,242	99,504	98,995
Mayo	117,254	119,667	124,735	122,965	125,905	129,001	131,256	132,647	134,118
Meath	44,173	45,077	45,181	41,947	43,335	44,362	44,990	45,510	44,960
Monaghan	51,740	52,473	53,120	48,563	48,887	49,355	50,397	50,681	51,577
Offaly	52,332	53,443	53,961	52,836	53,647	54,394	54,695	54,533	55,134
Roscommon	46,039	46,899	47,218	45,243	45,739	46,015	47,023	46,777	47,340
Sligo	47,493	47,730	47,899	48,729	48,839	49,577	50,580	50,790	51,073
North Tipperary	176,443	177,787	178,407	165,973	168,536	171,135	172,582	174,349	174,926
South Tipperary	62,265	64,394	64,489	61,014	61,516	62,527	63,596	63,470	63,181
Waterford	46,329	47,684	48,196	48,680	49,383	49,873	51,194	51,671	52,558
Westmeath	58,232	59,360	59,229	61,461	61,586	61,744	62,196	62,238	63,643
Wexford	99,830	101,124	101,800	100,824	102,532	104,884	105,986	107,041	107,029
Wicklow	89,470	90,066	90,735	88,007	87,927	88,848	90,220	90,634	91,280
City Councils	541,005	536,097	522,135	500,134	506,692	507,213	500,424	496,751	495,684
Cork	89,504	88,639	86,627	80,258	80,068	79,497	78,849	78,837	78,947
Dublin	341,813	340,357	331,021	321,807	327,332	323,129	317,873	315,286	313,375
Galway	42,325	41,898	41,526	39,738	40,700	41,290	40,438	39,582	40,271
Limerick	37,741	37,055	36,358	33,037	33,223	38,031	37,385	37,238	37,053
Waterford	29,622	28,148	26,603	25,294	25,369	25,266	25,879	25,808	26,038
TOTAL	3,077,726	3,118,300	3,128,270	3,066,517	3,099,328	3,128,007	3,154,588	3,162,536	3,182,107

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
February 2011	3,162,536	2,243,176	70.9

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

