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Introduction and Background

Annual SILC data has previously been published from 2004 to 2010 on income, poverty and deprivation rates. Further analysis of this data has now been carried out to specifically look at the circumstances of children, those aged less than 18 years. In the majority of tables, the analysis is presented for all persons living in households with children, compared with persons living in households without children. Some tables in this report also compare age groups of the overall population. Also contained in this publication is a further breakdown of income, which details child-related social transfers separately.

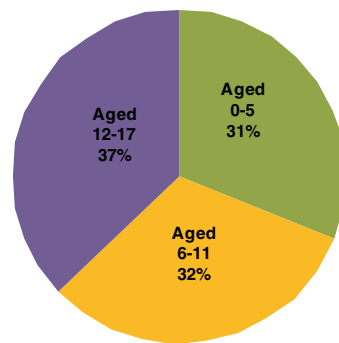
Summary of main findings

- ◆ In 2010, the average income (ie equivalised gross weekly disposable income) of individuals living in households with children was €482.83, down 8.8% on the 2009 figure of €529.20. This compares with an income for those living in households without children of €575.15 in 2010, down 2.1% on the 2009 figure of €587.32. *See table 1b.*
- ◆ In 2010 the at risk of poverty rate for those living in households with children was 18.7% compared with the rate of 11.8% for those in households without children. A similar pattern is evident between these two household types across all years. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ Excluding family allowances from the analysis for 2010 would increase the at risk of poverty rate for persons living in households with children from 18.7% to 38.6%. This shows the effect that such family related social transfers had in shielding individuals from poverty in households with children. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ Among children, the highest at risk of poverty rate in all years occurred in the 12-17 age band. This rate was 26.1% in 2010 compared with a rate of 19.2% for 6-11 year olds and a rate of 12.0% for children in the 0-5 year old band. *See table 2b.*
- ◆ The level of enforced deprivation (lacking two or more basic items) for individuals living in households with children was 28.2% in 2010 compared with a level of 14.6% for those living in households without children. *See table 3a.*
- ◆ In all years the rate of consistent poverty was higher for individuals living in households with children than for those living in households without children (8.0% compared with 3.8% respectively in 2010). *See table 4a.*

Profile of children aged less than 18 in 2010

An overview according to SILC of the population of children aged less than 18 years is shown below. *Figure 1a* shows that children were roughly equally divided into the age groups zero to five, six to eleven and twelve to seventeen. These age subgroups are used in this publication. See *table A*.

Fig 1a Composition of the population of children by age group, SILC 2010



The following household types are used for this publication and the 2010 proportions are shown in *figure 1b*:

- 1 adult with children under 18 years of age
- 2 adults with one or two children under 18 years of age
- 2 adults with three or more children under 18 years of age
- Other households with children

Fig 1b Composition of the population of children by household type, SILC 2010

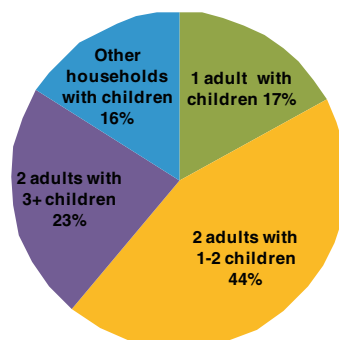


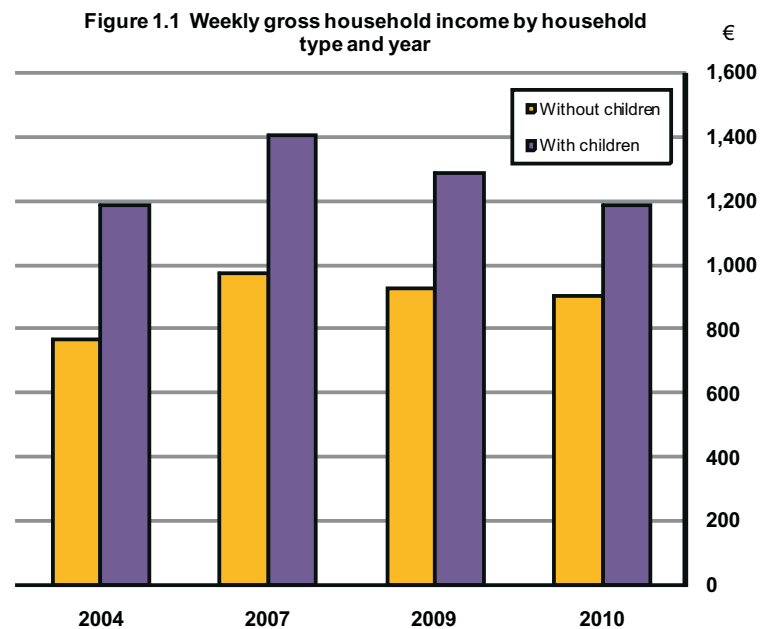
Table A Profile of child population (aged under 18), SILC 2009 and 2010

	%	
Children	2009	2010
Sex		
Male	51.0	51.3
Female	49.0	48.7
Age group		
0-5	31.0	31.5
6-11	33.3	31.5
12-17	35.7	37.0
Principal Economic Status of head of household		
At work	63.0	58.6
Unemployed	15.0	14.7
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	21.6	25.2
Household Composition		
1 adult, with children under 18	16.8	17.5
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	38.8	43.4
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	24.5	23.1
Other households with children	19.9	16.0
Number of persons at work in the household		
0	24.2	24.3
1	38.4	42.5
2+	37.3	33.2
Tenure status		
Owner-occupied	68.0	66.8
Rented	32.0	33.2
Urban/rural location		
Urban areas	61.8	61.4
Rural areas	38.2	38.6
Region		
Border, Midland, West	27.3	26.7
South and East	72.7	73.3

Income of households with and without children

In 2010 average weekly gross household income for households with children was €1,184.00, a decrease of 8.1% on the 2009 figure of €1,288.33. Households without children had an average weekly gross income of €902.23 in 2010, a decrease of 2.4% on 2009. See *table 1a*.

Gross household income was higher in households with children than it was for households without children. See *table 1a* and *figure 1.1* below.



However, when household income is equalised to take account of the household size and composition, households with children have a lower average equalised disposable income. See *table 1b* and *figure 1.2*.

For example, in 2010 gross household income where no children were present was 76% of gross household income in households with children. After equalisation, disposable income per person was 19% higher for individuals living in households without children than for individuals living in households with children. Individuals living in households without children had consistently higher equalised disposable income than those living in households with children in all years.

Figure 1.2 Weekly equivalised gross income by household type and year

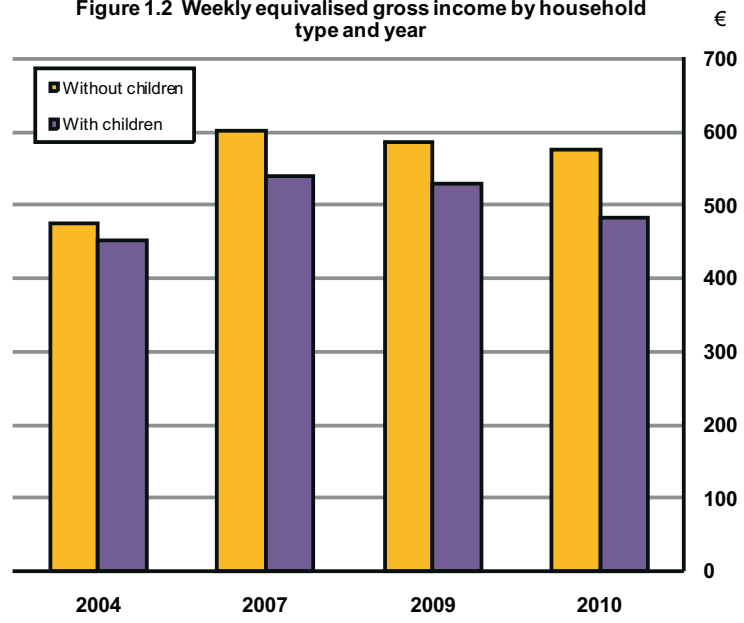


Table 1a Weekly net disposable household income by household type, breakdown of weekly net disposable income and year (2010, 2009)

Household type	2010		2009		State
	In households without children < 18	In households with children <18	In households without children < 18	In households with children <18	
	€	€	€	€	
Average Weekly Household Income					
Direct Income					
Employee income	469.67	679.18	469.28	764.62	601.11
Employer's social insurance contributions	50.64	79.31	50.65	82.91	65.05
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	51.96	121.76	74.35	145.22	105.99
Other direct income	25.03	20.93	33.68	17.91	26.64
Total direct income	597.30	901.18	627.96	1,010.66	798.79
Social Transfers					
Unemployment benefits	45.78	80.67	36.05	58.43	46.04
Old-age benefits	190.15	17.00	188.40	27.46	116.56
Family allowances (child related) ¹	0.50	79.32	1.55	82.52	37.69
Family allowances (remainder) ²	9.43	59.51	9.24	56.88	30.50
Housing allowances	11.08	10.18	11.34	9.64	10.58
Other social transfers	47.99	36.14	50.11	42.74	46.82
Total social transfers	304.93	282.82	296.69	277.67	288.20
Gross Income	902.23	1,184.00	924.65	1,288.33	1,086.99
Tax and Social Contributions					
Tax on income and social contributions	99.62	141.99	108.02	167.58	134.61
Employer's social insurance contributions	50.64	79.31	50.65	82.91	65.05
Regular inter-household cash transfers paid	6.03	7.26	2.59	5.89	4.06
Total Tax and Social Contributions	156.30	228.57	161.26	256.39	203.72
Net Disposable Income	745.93	955.43	763.39	1,031.94	883.27
Household size (persons per household)	1.89	3.88	1.89	3.95	2.81

¹ Family Allowances (child related) = Child Benefit + Family Income Supplement + Back to School Allowance

² Family Allowances (remainder) = Maternity Benefit + Supplementary Welfare Allowance + Carer's Allowances + Single Parent Allowances + Orphan's Allowance + Respite Care and Diet + Health and Safety + Guardian's Allowances

Table 1a Weekly net disposable household income by household type, breakdown of weekly net disposable income and year (2008, 2007)

Household type	2008		2007		State
	In households without children < 18	In households with children <18	In households without children < 18	In households with children <18	
	€	€	€	€	
Average Weekly Household Income					
Direct Income					
Employee income	497.26	833.23	518.61	827.28	641.22
Employer's social insurance contributions	57.24	91.27	58.26	95.17	72.86
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	85.22	170.32	98.22	195.15	139.58
Other direct income	52.62	41.07	61.24	56.60	58.86
Total direct income	692.34	1,135.88	736.34	1,174.20	912.52
Social Transfers					
Unemployment benefits	33.83	38.14	25.36	39.54	31.43
Old-age benefits	174.71	26.18	153.23	19.86	96.52
Family allowances (child related) ¹	1.44	77.79	1.91	86.45	37.31
Family allowances (remainder) ²	9.87	42.80	8.37	42.00	22.17
Housing allowances	10.63	8.34	9.19	8.91	9.05
Other social transfers	48.78	42.19	39.69	33.79	37.43
Total social transfers	279.25	235.45	237.75	230.55	233.90
Gross Income	971.59	1,371.33	974.09	1,404.75	1,146.42
Tax and Social Contributions					
Tax on income and social contributions	113.39	173.27	122.94	183.66	146.73
Employer's social insurance contributions	57.24	91.27	58.26	95.17	72.86
Regular inter-household cash transfers paid	5.31	6.73	6.31	8.28	7.17
Total Tax and Social Contributions	175.94	271.27	187.51	287.11	226.76
Net Disposable Income	795.65	1,100.06	786.58	1,117.64	919.66
Household size (persons per household)	1.93	4.05	2.12	4.19	3.00

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Table 1a Weekly net disposable household income by household type, breakdown of weekly net disposable income and year (2006, 2005)

Household type	2006		2005		State
	In households with children <18		In households with children <18		
	€	€	€	€	
Average Weekly Household Income					
	482.35	771.36	441.43	698.52	559.68
Direct Income					
Employee income	59.21	95.77	52.75	84.12	67.18
Employer's social insurance contributions	135.34	171.31	81.24	202.67	137.10
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	29.93	26.08	25.26	22.39	23.94
Other direct income	706.83	1,064.53	600.68	1,007.69	787.90
Social Transfers					
Unemployment benefits	21.24	25.56	18.70	23.49	20.90
Old-age benefits	139.70	16.92	139.96	22.90	86.12
Family allowances (child related) ¹	2.48	72.27	1.70	57.12	27.19
Family allowances (remainder) ²	6.45	38.16	4.56	33.08	17.68
Housing allowances	7.68	8.17	8.14	8.34	8.23
Other social transfers	33.48	29.00	32.34	29.11	30.86
Total social transfers	211.02	190.07	205.40	174.05	190.98
Gross Income	917.85	1,254.60	806.08	1,181.75	978.88
Tax and Social Contributions					
Tax on income and social contributions	113.70	167.32	101.92	157.34	127.41
Employer's social insurance contributions	59.21	95.77	52.75	84.12	67.18
Regular inter-household cash transfers paid	8.25	10.75	7.11	9.44	8.18
Total Tax and Social Contributions	181.15	273.84	161.78	250.90	202.77
Net Disposable Income	736.70	980.76	644.30	930.85	776.11
Household size (persons per household)	1.99	4.08	1.97	4.11	2.95

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Table 1a Weekly net disposable household income by household type, breakdown of weekly net disposable income and year (2004)

All households

Household type	2004		State
	In households without children < 18	In households with children <18	
	€	€	€
Average Weekly Household Income			
Direct Income			
Employee income	413.27	724.22	545.38
Employer's social insurance contributions	48.21	87.48	64.89
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	91.07	197.63	136.34
Other direct income	27.71	14.45	22.07
Total direct income	580.26	1,023.79	768.69
Social Transfers			
Unemployment benefits	17.68	31.23	23.44
Old-age benefits	126.03	15.63	79.13
Family allowances (child related) ¹	1.58	57.10	25.16
Family allowances (remainder) ²	4.23	28.01	14.33
Housing allowances	7.85	6.51	7.29
Other social transfers	29.94	23.41	27.17
Total social transfers	187.31	161.89	176.51
Gross Income	767.57	1,185.68	945.20
Tax and Social Contributions			
Tax on income and social contributions	98.10	180.76	133.22
Employer's social insurance contributions	48.21	87.48	64.89
Regular inter-household cash transfers paid	6.43	7.15	6.74
Total Tax and Social Contributions	152.74	275.40	204.85
Net Disposable Income	614.83	910.28	740.35
Household size (persons per household)	1.98	4.16	2.91

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Table 1b Weekly equivalised disposable income by household type, by breakdown of weekly net disposable income and year (2010, 2009)

All individuals

	2010		2009	
	Households without children < 18	Households with children < 18	Households without children < 18	Households with children < 18
	€	€	€	€
Average Weekly Household Income				
				State
				€
Direct Income				
Employee income	303.70	276.40	302.83	312.29
Employer's social insurance contributions	32.79	32.54	32.75	34.17
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	33.67	50.39	47.35	61.33
Other direct income	15.72	8.28	21.38	7.15
Total direct income	385.87	367.61	404.31	414.94
Social Transfers				
Unemployment benefits	29.33	32.91	23.09	23.65
Old-age benefits	116.87	6.08	114.71	9.67
Family allowances (child related) ¹	0.33	33.38	1.08	35.94
Family allowances (remainder) ²	6.10	24.43	5.98	23.99
Housing allowances	6.46	4.27	6.53	4.14
Other social transfers	30.19	14.15	31.62	16.87
Total social transfers	189.28	115.22	183.02	114.26
Gross Income	575.15	482.83	587.32	529.20
Tax and Social Contributions				
Tax on income and social contributions	64.19	58.23	69.14	68.41
Employer's social insurance contributions	32.79	32.54	32.75	34.17
Regular inter-household cash transfers paid	3.89	2.76	1.60	2.31
Total Tax and Social Contributions	100.87	93.53	103.49	104.89
Net Disposable Income	474.28	389.30	483.83	424.30
				447.03

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Table 1b Weekly equivalised disposable income by household type, by breakdown of weekly net disposable income and year (2008, 2007)

All individuals

	2008			2007		
	Households without children	Households with children	State	Households without children	Households with children	State
Average Weekly Household Income	€	€	€	€	€	€
Direct Income						
Employee income	315.44	336.78	328.98	325.50	312.44	317.70
Employer's social insurance contributions	36.33	37.59	37.13	36.47	36.25	36.34
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	53.23	73.79	66.27	60.02	79.88	71.89
Other direct income	32.17	17.02	22.56	37.67	21.66	28.11
Total direct income	437.17	465.18	454.94	459.65	450.24	454.03
Social Transfers						
Unemployment benefits	21.10	15.55	17.58	15.96	15.02	15.40
Old-age benefits	104.28	9.02	43.84	89.90	7.00	40.38
Family allowances (child related) ¹	0.96	34.29	22.11	1.24	35.23	21.55
Family allowances (remainder) ²	6.29	17.95	13.69	5.24	16.36	11.88
Housing allowances	6.09	3.52	4.46	5.23	3.57	4.24
Other social transfers	30.25	16.60	21.59	24.57	12.45	17.33
Total social transfers	168.98	96.92	123.26	142.14	89.63	110.77
Gross Income	606.15	562.09	578.20	601.80	539.87	564.80
Tax and Social Contributions						
Tax on income and social contributions	71.15	70.97	71.03	76.25	70.24	72.66
Employer's social insurance contributions	36.33	37.59	37.13	36.47	36.25	36.34
Regular inter-household cash transfers paid	3.27	2.53	2.80	3.91	2.94	3.33
Total Tax and Social Contributions	110.75	111.09	110.96	116.63	109.43	112.33
Net Disposable Income	495.41	451.01	467.24	485.16	430.44	452.47

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Table 1b Weekly equivalised disposable income by household type, by breakdown of weekly net disposable income and year (2006, 2005)

All individuals

	2006		2005	
	In households without children	In households with children	In households without children	In households with children
	€	€	€	€
Average Weekly Household Income				
Direct Income				
Employee income	299.26	293.26	285.91	275.63
Employer's social insurance contributions	36.66	36.61	34.11	33.13
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	82.80	68.23	53.53	69.08
Other direct income	18.05	9.81	15.79	11.30
Total direct income	436.77	407.91	389.34	389.14
Social Transfers				
Unemployment benefits	12.98	9.91	11.09	9.66
Old-age benefits	81.25	5.73	77.87	5.50
Family allowances (child related) ¹	1.61	29.10	1.16	25.86
Family allowances (remainder) ²	3.94	14.95	2.62	14.48
Housing allowances	4.25	3.23	4.35	3.45
Other social transfers	20.06	10.66	20.32	10.02
Total social transfers	124.09	73.59	117.42	68.98
Gross Income	560.86	481.50	506.76	457.98
Tax and Social Contributions				
Tax on income and social contributions	69.79	64.25	64.75	60.90
Employer's social insurance contributions	36.66	36.61	34.11	33.13
Regular inter-household cash transfers paid	4.96	3.86	4.55	3.21
Total Tax and Social Contributions	111.41	104.72	103.41	96.54
Net Disposable Income	449.45	376.78	403.34	361.43
State				
	295.74			275.63
	36.63			33.13
	74.26			69.08
	13.22			11.30
	419.85			389.14

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Table 1b Weekly equivalised disposable income by household type, by breakdown of weekly net disposable income and year (2004)

All individuals

	2004		
	In households without children	In households with children	State
Average Weekly Household Income	€	€	€
Direct Income			
Employee income	261.53	275.62	269.82
Employer's social insurance contributions	30.35	33.50	32.21
Cash benefits or losses from self-employment	56.93	74.87	67.49
Other direct income	16.54	5.23	9.88
Total direct income	365.35	389.22	379.40
Social Transfers			
Unemployment benefits	10.76	11.98	11.48
Old-age benefits	72.81	4.20	32.43
Family allowances (child related) ¹	1.11	23.47	14.27
Family allowances (remainder) ²	2.60	11.13	7.62
Housing allowances	4.26	2.56	3.26
Other social transfers	18.09	8.52	12.45
Total social transfers	109.62	61.86	81.51
Gross Income	474.97	451.08	460.91
Tax and Social Contributions			
Tax on income and social contributions	61.22	69.04	65.82
Employer's social insurance contributions	30.35	33.50	32.21
Regular inter-household cash transfers paid	3.91	2.53	3.10
Total Tax and Social Contributions	95.49	105.08	101.13
Net Disposable Income	379.48	346.00	359.78

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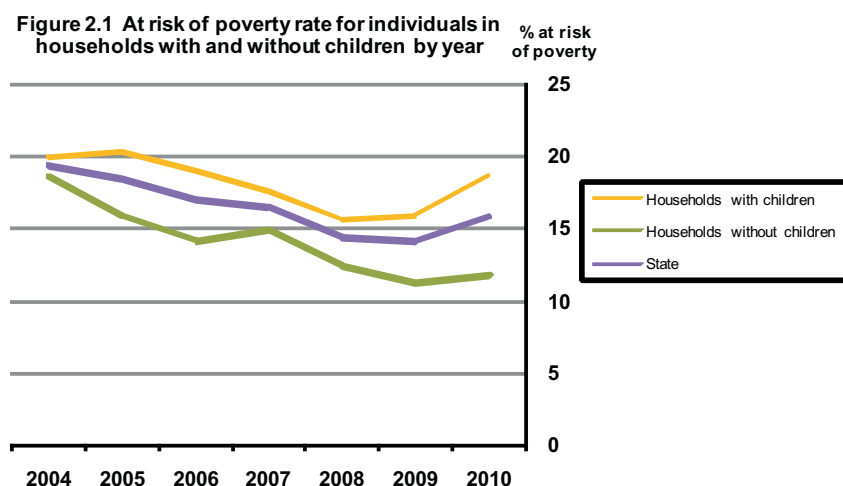
Chapter 2

At risk of poverty

The at risk of poverty rate is calculated by first ranking individuals by their equivalised income, from smallest to largest in a given year, and identifying the median or middle value. The poverty threshold is then calculated as 60% of this median value and any individual whose income falls below this poverty threshold is deemed to be at risk of poverty, relative to others, in that particular year.

Table 2a shows the at risk of poverty rate for all years since 2004 for individuals living in two household types – those containing children and those without children. The overall rate decreased steadily from 19.4% in 2004 to 14.1% in 2009, but rose to 15.8% in 2010.

In all years, the at risk of poverty rate for individuals living in households with children was higher than for those in households without children. In 2010 the rates for individuals living in households with children and those living in households without children were 18.7% and 11.8% respectively. See figure 2.1 below.



Excluding child-related family allowances from the analysis would increase the at risk of poverty rate for individuals living in households with children. The at risk of poverty rate in 2010 was 31.0% excluding child-related allowances compared with 18.7% including child-related allowances which indicates how such social transfers served to shield individuals from poverty. See figure 2.2 overleaf.

Figure 2.2 At risk of poverty rates for individuals living in households with children, SILC 2004-2010

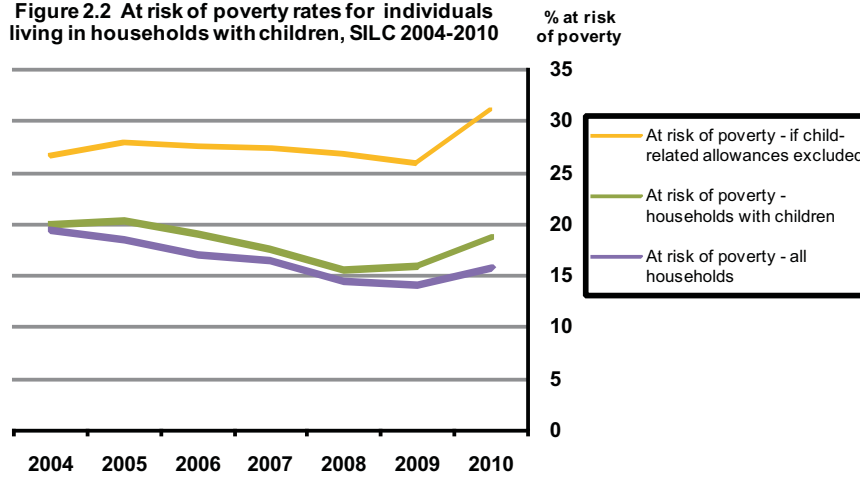
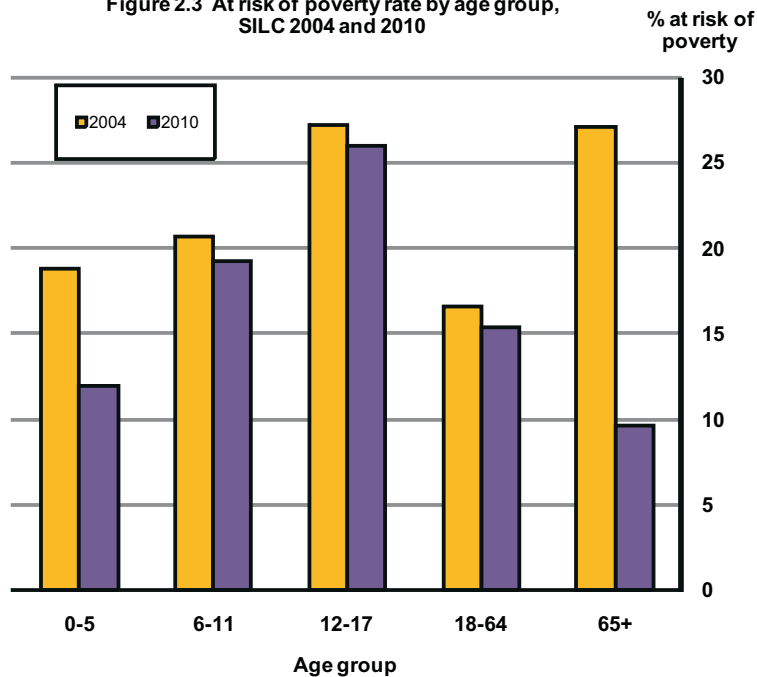


Table 2b shows, by age band, the at risk of poverty rate for each year. In the period 2004 to 2010 the at risk of poverty rate for 0-5 year olds fell from 18.8% to 12.0%. Over the same period, the rate for 6-11 year olds fell from 20.7% to 19.2% and the rate for 12-17 year olds fell from 27.2% to 26.1%. The latter age group (12-17 years) had a higher at risk of poverty rate than the two younger age groups, in all years covered by this report. See figure 2.3 below.

Figure 2.3 At risk of poverty rate by age group, SILC 2004 and 2010



In most years those living in lone-parent households had a significantly higher at risk of poverty rate than any other household type containing children. However, in 2010, the at risk of poverty rate for those living in lone parent households fell from 35.5% to 20.5%, with the result that there was less contrast across household composition categories in 2010. See table 2c and figure 2.4 overleaf.

Figure 2.4 At risk of poverty rate by household composition and year

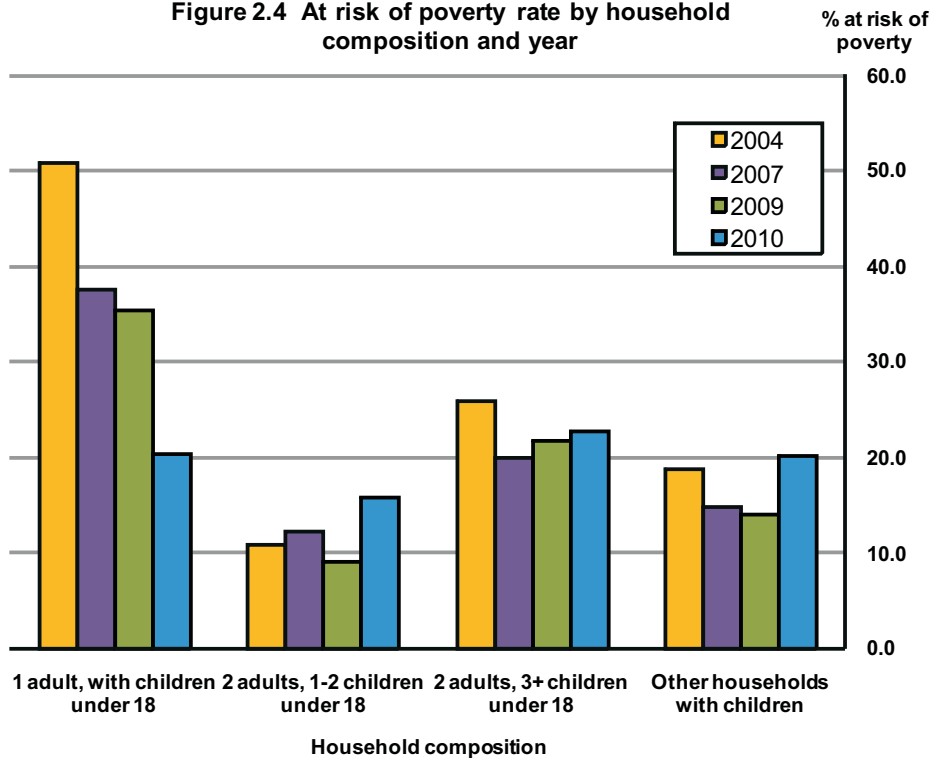


Figure 2.5 illustrates the at risk of poverty rate, broken down by number of persons in the households who are at work. It illustrates the higher rates experienced by individuals in jobless households with children, although the at risk of poverty rate for such individuals has decreased since 2004. See figure 2.5 below.

Figure 2.5 At risk of poverty rate by number of persons at work in household and year

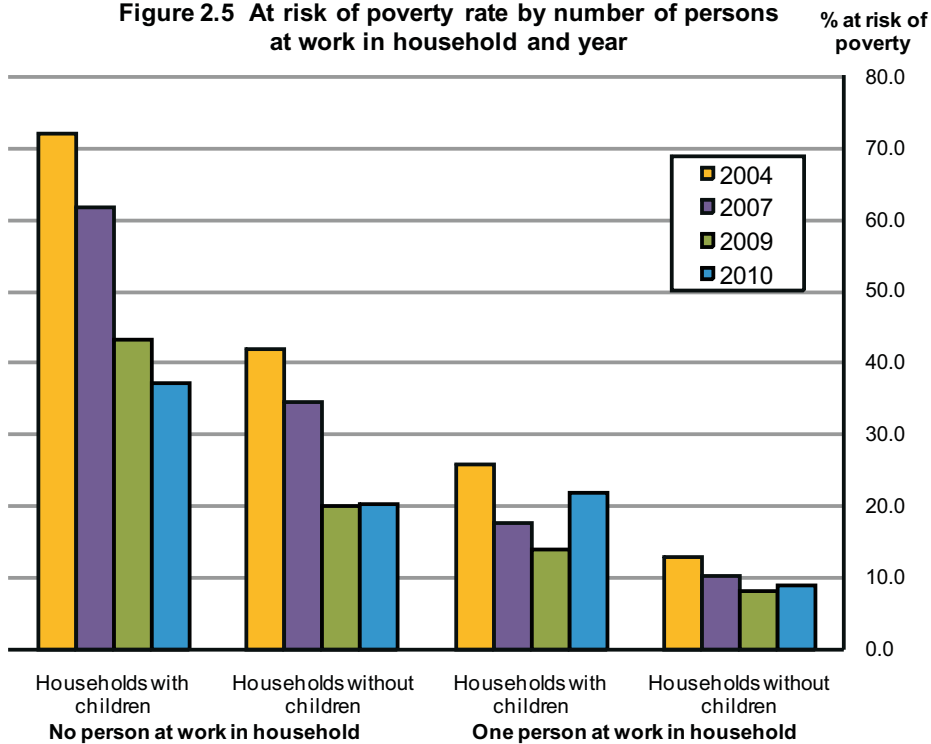


Table 2a Poverty rates showing effect of social transfers, by household type and year (2004-2010)

	2010			2009			2008		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
At risk of poverty (AROP)	11.8	18.7	15.8	11.2	15.9	14.1	12.3	15.6	14.4
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	12.0	31.0	23.1	11.8	26.0	20.6	12.4	26.9	21.6
AROP- less family allowances (remainder) ²	13.4	28.9	22.4	14.1	24.7	20.6	14.9	23.2	20.1
AROP- less all family allowances	13.6	38.6	28.2	14.7	32.7	25.9	14.9	30.5	24.8
AROP- less all Social Transfers	53.1	49.4	51.0	50.1	43.8	46.2	50.2	38.8	43.0
Consistent poverty	3.8	8.0	6.2	2.9	7.0	5.5	3.0	4.9	4.2
Relative at risk of poverty gap	23.8	16.7	18.9	16.8	15.8	16.1	18.8	19.5	19.2
	2007			2006			2005		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
At risk of poverty (AROP)	14.9	17.6	16.5	14.1	19.1	17.0	15.8	20.4	18.5
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	15.2	27.4	22.4	14.3	27.7	22.1	16.0	28.0	23.0
AROP- less family allowances (remainder) ²	17.3	23.0	20.7	16.3	24.9	21.3	16.7	26.6	22.5
AROP- less all family allowances	17.6	31.6	25.9	16.5	31.8	25.4	17.0	32.1	25.8
AROP- less all Social Transfers	46.1	37.5	40.9	44.2	37.4	40.2	44.1	37.3	40.1
Consistent poverty	3.9	5.9	5.1	4.6	7.9	6.5	4.1	9.0	7.0
Relative at risk of poverty gap	17.3	17.4	17.4	16.1	18.6	17.8	16.0	22.9	20.5
	2004			2004			2004		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
At risk of poverty (AROP)	18.6	20.0	19.4						
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	19.1	26.8	23.6						
AROP- less family allowances (remainder) ²	19.7	23.9	22.2						
AROP- less all family allowances	20.2	29.8	25.8						
AROP- less all Social Transfers	46.7	35.0	39.8						
Consistent poverty	4.6	7.9	6.6						
Relative at risk of poverty gap	15.7	23.6	20.5						

¹ Family Allowances (child related) = Child Benefit + Family Income Supplement + Back to School Allowance

² Family Allowances (remainder) = Maternity Benefit + Supplementary Welfare Allowance + Carer's Allowances + Single Parent Allowances + Orphan's Allowance + Respite Care and Diet + Health and Safety + Guardian's Allowances

Table 2b Poverty rates showing effect of social transfers, by age and year (2004-2010)

% individuals

	Age Group						State
	0-5	6-11	12-17	0-17	18-64	65+	
2010							
At risk of poverty	12.0	19.2	26.1	19.5	15.3	9.6	15.8
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	23.2	35.0	43.2	34.4	20.6	9.8	23.1
AROP - less family allowances (remainder) ²	22.0	33.8	38.4	31.8	20.4	11.3	22.4
AROP - less all family allowances	31.1	45.5	50.7	42.9	24.8	11.5	28.2
AROP - less all Social Transfers	42.2	54.5	59.2	52.4	42.8	91.3	51.0
2009							
At risk of poverty	12.3	19.5	23.2	18.6	13.0	9.6	14.1
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	26.4	31.9	35.4	31.4	17.9	9.9	20.6
AROP - less family allowances (remainder) ²	25.8	27.5	33.1	29.0	18.7	11.7	20.6
AROP - less all family allowances	34.7	38.9	42.3	38.8	22.8	12.0	25.9
AROP - less all Social Transfers	41.9	48.1	51.4	47.3	38.3	88.0	46.2
2008							
At risk of poverty	13.2	17.7	22.2	18.0	13.5	11.1	14.4
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	28.7	30.2	35.6	31.8	19.1	11.5	21.6
AROP - less family allowances (remainder) ²	22.4	23.5	33.1	26.8	18.5	13.2	20.1
AROP - less all family allowances	33.1	35.1	39.5	36.1	22.0	14.0	24.8
AROP - less all Social Transfers	38.2	40.4	47.2	42.3	35.8	86.1	43.0
2007							
At risk of poverty	13.8	21.0	23.3	19.9	15.0	16.6	16.5
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	27.9	31.7	33.6	31.4	19.5	16.9	22.4
AROP - less family allowances (remainder) ²	21.6	27.7	27.7	25.9	18.6	19.1	20.7
AROP - less all family allowances	33.4	37.2	36.9	35.9	22.7	19.4	25.9
AROP - less all Social Transfers	36.6	40.8	43.6	40.7	33.1	86.2	40.9
2006							
At risk of poverty	16.8	22.9	26.2	22.3	15.4	13.6	17.0
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	25.8	34.5	35.9	32.3	19.2	14.1	22.1
AROP - less family allowances (remainder) ²	24.2	30.7	30.8	28.7	19.1	15.8	21.3
AROP - less all family allowances	31.1	39.8	38.7	36.6	22.2	16.4	25.4
AROP - less all Social Transfers	35.9	44.6	43.5	41.4	31.6	85.9	40.2
2005							
At risk of poverty	16.6	24.3	27.3	23.1	16.2	20.1	18.5
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	26.7	32.9	36.2	32.3	19.5	20.4	23.0
AROP - less family allowances (remainder) ²	26.9	31.5	32.1	30.3	19.3	21.8	22.5
AROP - less all family allowances	33.2	37.5	39.2	36.8	21.8	22.3	25.8
AROP - less all Social Transfers	37.6	41.5	44.3	41.4	31.0	88.1	40.1
2004							
At risk of poverty	18.8	20.7	27.2	22.7	16.6	27.1	19.4
AROP- less family allowances (child-related) ¹	26.5	30.7	34.7	31.0	19.7	27.7	23.6
AROP - less family allowances (remainder) ²	24.8	25.9	30.9	27.5	18.7	29.0	22.2
AROP - less all family allowances	30.6	34.2	37.4	34.4	21.5	29.5	25.8
AROP - less all Social Transfers	34.7	38.5	42.4	38.9	31.7	87.4	39.8

¹ Family Allowances (child related) = Child Benefit + Family Income Supplement + Back to School Allowance

² Family Allowances (remainder) = Maternity Benefit + Adoptive Benefit + Supplementary Welfare Allowance + Carer's Allowances + Single Parent Allowances + Orphan's Allowance + Respite Care and Diet + Health and Safety + Guardian's Allowances

Table 2c At risk of poverty rate by demographic characteristics, by year (2009, 2010)

% individuals

	2010 (Poverty threshold = €10,831)			2009 (Poverty threshold = €12,064)		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
State	11.8	18.7	15.8	11.2	15.9	14.1
Sex						
Male	12.4	18.3	15.7	12.1	15.4	14.1
Female	11.1	19.2	15.9	10.2	16.3	14.1
Age group						
0-5	n/a	12.0	12.0	n/a	12.3	12.3
6-11	n/a	19.2	19.2	n/a	19.5	19.5
12-17	n/a	26.1	26.1	n/a	23.2	23.2
0-17	n/a	19.5	19.5	n/a	18.6	18.6
18-64	12.5	18.1	15.3	11.9	13.9	13.0
65+	9.6	[11.5]	9.62	9.3	12.8	9.6
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	5.9	10.1	8.7	5.1	6.0	5.7
Unemployed	27.7	29.2	28.8	26.5	35.0	33.2
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	13.7	31.6	21.0	14.8	30.8	21.6
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	13.2	28.5	18.4	15.3	29.2	21.3
Secondary	13.9	20.2	17.9	12.2	18.8	16.5
Third level and Post leaving cert	7.9	13.4	11.5	5.8	8.0	7.3
Household Composition						
Households without children	11.8	n/a	11.8	11.2	n/a	11.2
1 adult, with children under 18	n/a	20.5	20.5	n/a	35.5	35.5
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	n/a	15.9	15.9	n/a	9.1	9.1
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	n/a	22.8	22.8	n/a	21.8	21.8
Other households with children	n/a	20.3	20.3	n/a	14.0	14.0
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	20.2	37.2	27.5	20.1	43.3	31.4
1	8.9	21.9	17.7	8.2	14.0	12.2
2+	3.3	4.5	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.3
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	10.2	15.9	13.3	10.2	10.1	10.1
Rented	17.9	25.0	22.7	14.4	30.4	25.2
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	10.3	15.1	13.1	10.1	12.9	11.8
Rural areas	14.0	24.3	20.0	12.9	20.9	17.8
Region						
Border, Midland, West	11.9	16.9	14.9	12.0	18.7	16.2
South and East	11.7	19.4	16.2	10.9	14.9	13.3

Poverty threshold is 60% of median annual net equivalised disposable income

Figures in parentheses [] indicate percentages based on small numbers, and are, therefore, subject to a wide margin of error.

Table 2c At risk of poverty rate by demographic characteristics, by year (2007, 2008)

% individuals

	2008 (Poverty threshold = €12,455)			2007 (Poverty threshold = €11,890)		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
State	12.3	15.6	14.4	14.9	17.6	16.5
Sex						
Male	12.5	14.8	14.0	14.6	17.0	16.0
Female	12.1	16.4	14.9	15.1	18.2	17.0
Age group						
0-5	n/a	13.2	13.2	n/a	13.8	13.8
6-11	n/a	17.7	17.7	n/a	21.0	21.0
12-17	n/a	22.2	22.2	n/a	23.3	23.3
0-17	n/a	18.0	18.0	n/a	19.9	19.9
18-64	13.1	13.8	13.5	14.4	15.6	15.0
65+	10.2	20.1	11.1	16.1	30.7	16.6
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	7.0	9.8	9.0	3.5	10.0	8.1
Unemployed	29.1	27.9	28.3	54.4	43.2	47.5
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	15.5	31.8	22.8	22.4	40.5	29.3
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	19.2	30.0	24.0	24.0	29.3	26.1
Secondary	10.4	17.1	15.0	12.8	20.8	18.3
Third level and Post leaving cert	5.4	7.5	6.8	6.1	8.0	7.3
Household Composition						
Households without children	12.3	n/a	12.3	14.9	n/a	14.9
1 adult, with children under 18	n/a	36.4	36.4	n/a	37.6	37.6
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	n/a	9.7	9.7	n/a	12.4	12.4
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	n/a	16.7	16.7	n/a	19.9	19.9
Other households with children	n/a	15.1	15.1	n/a	14.8	14.8
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	22.5	47.6	32.7	34.6	61.7	44.1
1	13.2	16.8	15.7	10.2	17.6	15.0
2+	1.9	6.1	4.9	0.9	7.6	5.4
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	10.8	11.8	11.4	12.1	10.8	11.4
Rented	19.1	27.2	24.7	25.7	40.2	34.9
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	10.2	12.8	11.9	13.1	16.4	15.1
Rural areas	16.0	20.2	18.7	17.9	19.6	18.9
Region						
Border, Midland, West	14.5	20.3	18.3	21.6	23.2	22.6
South and East	11.6	13.7	13.0	12.6	15.4	14.3

Poverty threshold is 60% of median annual net equivalised disposable income

Table 2c At risk of poverty rate by demographic characteristics, by year (2005, 2006)

% individuals

	2006 (Poverty threshold = €10,566)			2005 (Poverty threshold = €10,057)		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
State	14.1	19.1	17.0	15.8	20.4	18.5
Sex						
Male	14.3	18.3	16.6	16.2	20.1	18.4
Female	13.8	19.9	17.4	15.3	20.7	18.5
Age group						
0-5	n/a	16.8	16.8	n/a	16.6	16.6
6-11	n/a	22.9	22.9	n/a	24.3	24.3
12-17	n/a	26.2	26.2	n/a	27.3	27.3
0-17	n/a	22.3	22.3	n/a	23.1	23.1
18-64	14.4	16.3	15.4	14.2	18.2	16.2
65+	13.1	26.9	13.6	20.4	12.2	20.1
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	5.5	9.3	8.0	6.0	11.0	9.4
Unemployed	47.9	66.5	60.7	44.8	59.9	56.0
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	20.5	41.1	28.5	23.8	38.5	29.8
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	20.4	36.9	26.9	23.7	37.4	29.5
Secondary	13.2	19.5	17.4	14.0	22.1	19.4
Third level and Post leaving cert	5.8	9.4	8.1	6.6	7.7	7.3
Household Composition						
Households without children	14.1	n/a	14.1	15.8	n/a	15.8
1 adult, with children under 18	n/a	45.7	45.7	n/a	45.7	45.7
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	n/a	11.7	11.7	n/a	11.9	11.9
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	n/a	21.6	21.6	n/a	25.2	25.2
Other households with children	n/a	17.6	17.6	n/a	19.7	19.7
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	32.0	68.4	44.7	35.2	66.8	46.8
1	8.9	22.1	17.3	11.5	25.1	20.4
2+	3.2	6.1	5.1	3.4	5.4	4.7
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	11.0	13.4	12.4	14.1	12.9	13.4
Rented	27.2	37.4	33.7	23.2	44.1	36.7
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	12.5	15.7	14.3	12.4	18.7	16.0
Rural areas	16.9	24.6	21.5	21.7	23.0	22.5
Region						
Border, Midland, West	16.5	32.7	26.2	23.6	28.4	26.6
South and East	13.2	14.0	13.7	14.4	16.1	15.5

Poverty threshold is 60% of median annual net equivalised disposable income

Table 2c At risk of poverty rate by demographic characteristics, by year (2004)
 % individuals

	2004 (Poverty threshold = €9,680)		
	In households without children	In households with children	State
State	18.6	20.0	19.4
Sex			
Male	17.8	18.1	18.0
Female	19.3	21.8	20.8
Age group			
0-5	n/a	18.8	18.8
6-11	n/a	20.7	20.7
12-17	n/a	27.2	27.2
0-17	n/a	22.7	22.7
18-64	15.4	17.8	16.6
65+	27.5	18.2	27.1
Principal Economic Status of head of household			
At work	5.5	11.1	9.4
Unemployed	32.3	51.2	46.8
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	29.4	40.7	33.6
Highest education level attained of head of household			
Primary or below	30.5	39.3	34.1
Secondary	13.1	19.3	17.3
Third level and Post leaving cert	6.8	8.7	8.0
Household Composition			
Households without children	18.6	n/a	18.6
1 adult, with children under 18	n/a	50.8	50.8
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	n/a	11.0	11.0
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	n/a	25.8	25.8
Other households with children	n/a	18.8	18.8
Number of persons at work in the household			
0	42.0	72.1	52.1
1	12.9	25.8	21.2
2+	2.1	5.2	4.1
Tenure status			
Owner-occupied	23.0	14.0	19.4
Rented	26.1	42.4	33.1
Urban/rural location			
Urban areas	14.6	17.9	16.6
Rural areas	24.8	23.6	24.1
Region			
Border, Midland, West	24.4	27.3	26.0
South and East	16.5	17.7	17.2

Poverty threshold is 60% of median annual net equivalised disposable income

Chapter 3

Level of enforced deprivation

An individual is defined as being materially deprived if they live in a household which reports experiencing an enforced lack of two or more items from the list of eleven items below. The deprivation rate gives us some indication of the situation of individuals who report going without various items as they cannot afford to buy them.

1. Two pairs of strong shoes
2. A warm waterproof overcoat
3. Buy new not second-hand clothes
4. Eat meal with meat, chicken, fish (or vegetarian equivalent) every second day
5. Have a roast joint or its equivalent once a week
6. Had to go without heating during the last year through lack of money
7. Keep the home adequately warm
8. Buy presents for family or friends at least once a year
9. Replace any worn out furniture
10. Have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month
11. Have a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight for entertainment

The deprivation rate rose steadily between 2007 and 2010 for all individuals. As is the case with the at risk of poverty rate, the deprivation rate was significantly higher for individuals living in households with children compared with those living in households where no children were present. See *table 3a*.

In 2010, the deprivation rate for individuals living in households with children was 28.2%, almost double the level of 14.6% for those living in households without children. See *table 3a and figure 3.1 overleaf*.

Figure 3.1 Deprivation rate for individuals living in households with/without children by year

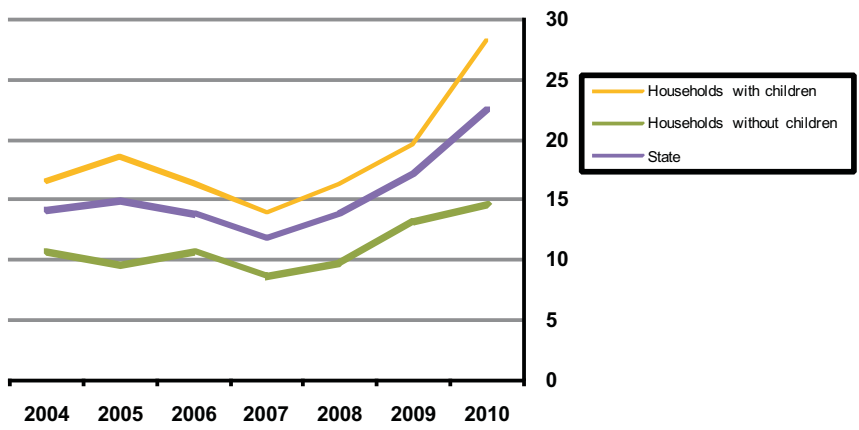
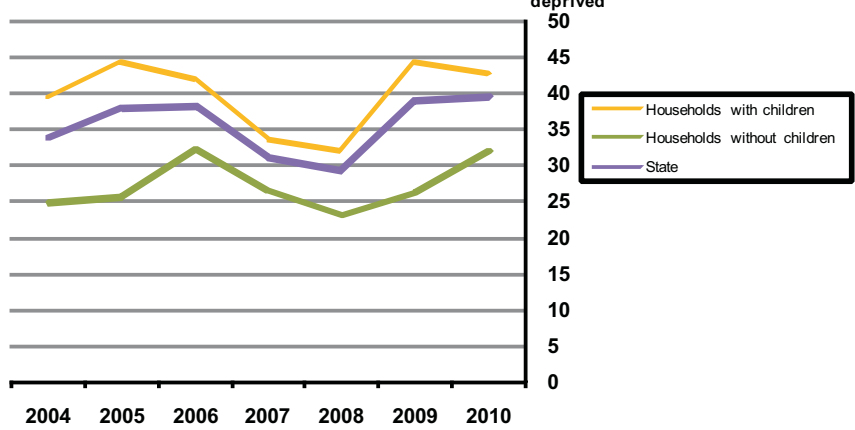
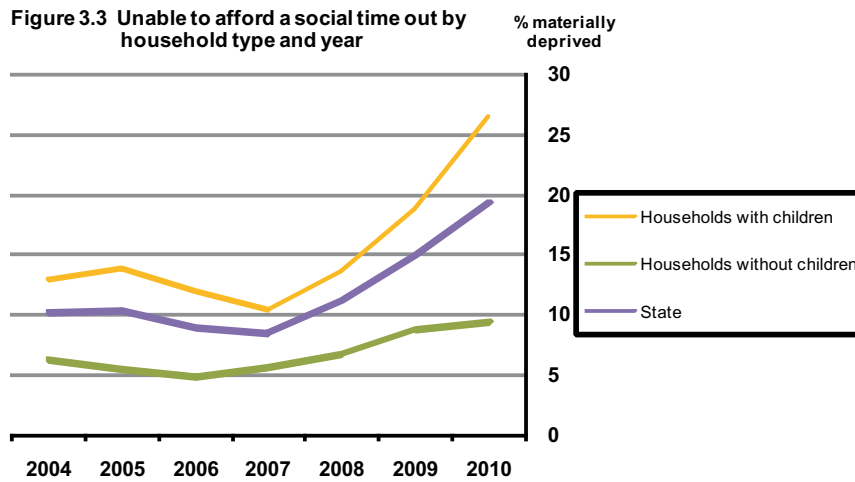


Table 3b shows the deprivation rate for individuals who were at risk of poverty. As would be expected, those who are at risk of poverty experience a higher rate of material deprivation. Within the at risk of poverty category, people in households with children experience greater material deprivation than those in households with no children. In 2010, the deprivation rates converged a little between both household types, with rates of 42.7% and 32.1% respectively. See table 3b and figure 3.2 below.

Figure 3.2 Material deprivation for individuals at risk of poverty by household type and year



Being unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out was the most common item of deprivation reported among those living in households with children in 2010 at 26.5% compared with a rate of 9.4% reported by those living in households without children. This item increased steadily since 2007. See table 3c and figure 3.3 overleaf.



Analysis of the two deprivation items:

- ◆ Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken, fish (or vegetarian equivalent) every second day and
- ◆ Had to go without heating during the last year through lack of money

revealed that individuals in households with children were consistently (apart from 2009) more likely to be deprived of these two items compared with their counterparts living in households without children. See figure 3.4 below.

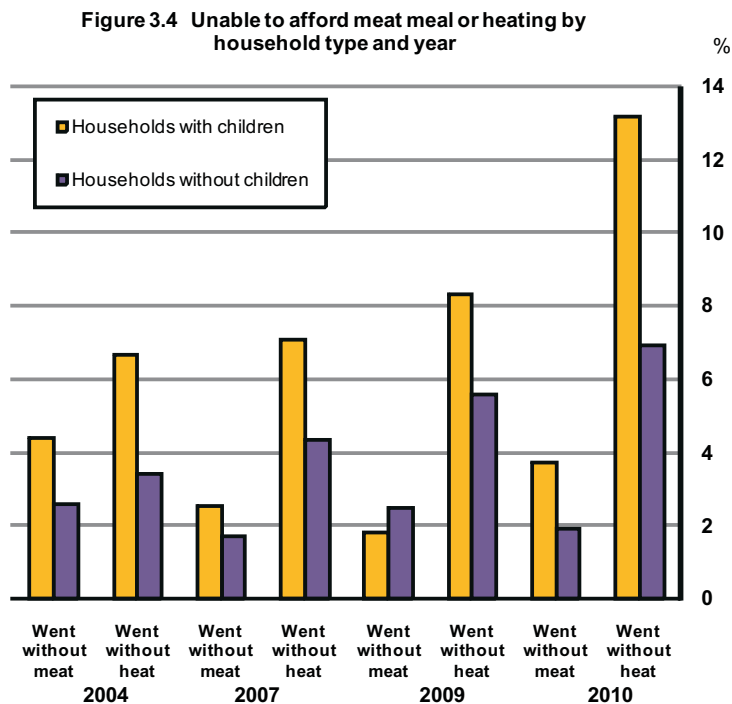


Table 3e analyses other forms of deprivation for individuals living in households with and without children. In keeping with earlier findings, those living in households with children reported higher rates of being materially deprived in these other items.

For example, in 2010, individuals living in households with children were almost three times as likely to be in debt from ordinary living expenses compared with their counterparts living in households without children with rates of 17.9% and 6.5% respectively.

Individuals living in households with children reported being unable to afford an unexpected expense of around €1,000 in 2010 at a rate of 55.1%, while those in households without children reported this at a rate of 40.8%. See table 3e.

Table 3a Number of deprivation items reported by household type and year (2004-2010)

% individuals

Deprivation Indicators	In households without children	In households with children	State
2010			
No deprivation	74.7	56.0	63.8
1 item	10.7	15.8	13.7
2+ items	14.6	28.2	22.5
2009			
No deprivation	76.9	68.1	71.4
1 item	9.9	12.5	11.5
2+ items	13.1	19.5	17.1
2008			
No deprivation	79.8	72.4	75.1
1 item	10.4	11.5	11.1
2+ items	9.7	16.1	13.8
2007			
No deprivation	81.2	71.9	75.6
1 item	10.2	14.3	12.6
2+ items	8.7	13.8	11.8
2006			
No deprivation	78.9	72.2	74.8
1 item	10.4	11.5	11.4
2+ items	10.7	16.3	13.8
2005			
No deprivation	81.1	71.3	75.3
1 item	9.3	10.2	9.8
2+ items	9.6	18.5	14.9
2004			
No deprivation	80.7	72.4	75.8
1 item	8.6	11.2	10.1
2+ items	10.7	16.5	14.1

Table 3b Number of deprivation items reported by those at risk of poverty by household type and year (2004-2010)

% individuals at risk of poverty

Deprivation Indicators	In households without children	In households with children	State
2010			
No deprivation	56.9	35.3	42.0
1 item	11.1	22.0	18.6
2+ items	32.1	42.7	39.4
2009			
No deprivation	56.8	37.5	43.4
1 item	17.0	18.1	17.8
2+ items	26.2	44.3	38.8
2008			
No deprivation	56.3	52.2	53.5
1 item	20.5	15.6	17.2
2+ items	23.1	32.1	29.3
2007			
No deprivation	57.8	45.0	49.7
1 item	15.6	21.3	19.2
2+ items	26.6	33.7	31.1
2006			
No deprivation	54.6	38.6	44.0
1 item	13.2	19.5	17.8
2+ items	32.2	42.0	38.1
2005			
No deprivation	63.0	39.7	47.9
1 item	11.2	15.9	14.2
2+ items	25.7	44.4	37.9
2004			
No deprivation	62.8	45.8	52.5
1 item	12.2	14.7	13.8
2+ items	25.0	39.5	33.8

Table 3c Reported deprivation items by household type and year (2007-2010)

% of individuals

Deprivation Indicators	In households without children	In households with children	State
2010			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	6.9	13.2	10.6
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	9.4	26.5	19.3
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	2.2	3.4	2.9
Unable to afford a roast once a week	4.1	6.6	5.5
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	1.9	3.7	3.0
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	5.7	9.0	7.6
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	1.2	2.5	2.0
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	4.8	8.2	6.8
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	15.5	23.7	20.3
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	9.4	18.0	14.4
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	4.6	5.4	5.1
2009			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	5.6	8.3	7.3
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	8.7	18.8	14.9
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	1.7	2.3	2.1
Unable to afford a roast once a week	3.2	3.5	3.4
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	2.5	1.8	2.1
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	5.1	4.1	4.5
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	1.3	1.0	1.1
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	4.2	4.1	4.1
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	12.6	18.5	16.3
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	6.6	11.2	9.4
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	3.3	3.4	3.4
2008			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	5.1	7.1	6.3
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	6.7	13.6	11.1
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	1.9	3.1	2.7
Unable to afford a roast once a week	3.7	3.9	3.8
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	2.8	3.1	3.0
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	4.5	6.4	5.6
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	1.4	3.2	2.6
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	3.5	3.9	3.7
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	11.4	14.3	13.3
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	6.3	10.7	9.1
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	2.5	2.2	2.3
2007			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	4.3	7.1	6.0
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	5.5	10.4	8.4
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	2.1	3.5	3.0
Unable to afford a roast once a week	2.6	4.8	3.9
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	1.7	2.5	2.2
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	3.9	6.1	5.2
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	1.3	2.9	2.3
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	2.8	3.9	3.5
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	10.5	14.8	13.1
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	5.8	12.1	9.6
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	2.1	3.4	2.9

Table 3c Reported deprivation items by household type and year (2004-2006)

% of individuals

Deprivation Indicators	In households without children	In households with children	State
2006			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	4.5	6.7	5.8
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	4.8	11.9	8.8
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	2.3	3.6	3.1
Unable to afford a roast once a week	3.6	4.9	4.4
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	2.0	2.7	2.4
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	4.6	6.2	5.5
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	1.4	2.5	2.1
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	3.6	4.0	3.9
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	11.4	15.4	13.7
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	7.1	13.3	10.7
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	2.9	3.7	3.3
2005			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	4.0	8.2	6.5
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	5.4	13.8	10.3
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	1.7	4.4	3.3
Unable to afford a roast once a week	2.8	5.2	4.2
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	2.0	3.6	2.9
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	4.4	8.5	6.8
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	1.4	3.9	2.8
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	2.8	4.8	4.0
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	10.9	15.8	13.8
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	6.7	15.0	11.5
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	3.3	5.4	4.5
2004			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	3.4	6.8	5.4
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	6.3	12.9	10.2
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	2.5	4.7	3.8
Unable to afford a roast once a week	3.6	5.1	4.5
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	2.6	4.4	3.7
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	4.0	7.0	5.8
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	1.8	3.4	2.7
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	2.5	3.9	3.3
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	10.2	15.7	13.4
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	7.4	14.0	11.3
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	4.3	4.7	4.5

Table 3d Reported deprivation items for those at risk of poverty, by household type and year (2007-2010)

Deprivation Indicators	% of individuals at risk of poverty		
	In households without children	In households with children	State
2010			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	14.1	19.6	17.9
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	18.4	38.1	32.0
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	5.3	5.6	5.5
Unable to afford a roast once a week	11.4	9.4	10.0
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	5.0	6.1	5.8
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	16.5	12.8	13.9
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	4.0	4.9	4.6
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	10.6	12.9	12.2
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	27.2	31.3	30.0
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	19.9	31.7	28.0
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	9.1	6.1	7.0
2009			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	9.3	20.4	17.0
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	15.3	35.9	29.6
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	4.0	4.4	4.3
Unable to afford a roast once a week	5.2	8.7	7.7
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	8.2	6.0	6.6
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	11.0	11.0	11.0
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	3.5	2.2	2.6
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	5.7	9.4	8.3
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	22.7	42.6	36.6
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	12.9	29.7	24.6
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	10.2	7.4	8.2
2008			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	10.5	14.2	13.0
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	15.0	24.6	21.6
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	3.7	3.2	3.4
Unable to afford a roast once a week	9.1	6.6	7.4
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	7.9	5.9	6.5
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	12.7	12.0	12.2
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	1.5	5.2	4.0
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	7.1	8.1	7.8
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	26.2	25.9	26.0
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	11.8	24.3	20.4
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	6.8	4.0	4.8
2007			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	11.8	19.0	16.4
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	15.3	22.8	20.1
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	6.5	14.1	11.4
Unable to afford a roast once a week	8.0	12.6	10.9
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	6.1	7.8	7.2
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	15.6	15.0	15.2
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	4.8	10.9	8.7
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	11.0	10.1	10.4
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	23.5	32.9	29.5
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	16.0	27.2	23.1
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	8.5	11.6	10.5

Table 3d Reported deprivation items for those at risk of poverty, by household type and year (2004-2006)

Deprivation Indicators	% of individuals at risk of poverty		
	In households without children	In households with children	State
2006			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	13.5	18.4	16.7
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	16.3	30.3	25.5
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	5.5	11.6	9.5
Unable to afford a roast once a week	12.4	14.2	13.6
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	6.1	7.0	6.7
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	14.5	18.7	17.2
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	3.2	4.9	4.3
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	10.6	10.7	10.7
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	26.2	36.6	33.0
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	19.6	32.8	28.3
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	8.6	10.2	9.6
2005			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	10.3	22.4	18.1
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	14.3	36.0	28.3
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	4.8	12.1	9.5
Unable to afford a roast once a week	8.2	12.5	11.0
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	7.3	10.3	9.2
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	11.5	18.6	16.1
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	2.8	10.1	7.5
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	7.9	13.4	11.5
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	23.4	34.4	30.5
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	17.8	37.0	30.2
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	9.5	14.3	12.6
2004			
Without heating at some stage in the last year	7.0	16.3	12.6
Unable to afford a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight	15.3	31.6	25.2
Unable to afford two pairs of strong shoes	5.4	12.2	9.5
Unable to afford a roast once a week	9.3	12.4	11.2
Unable to afford a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day	6.5	11.7	9.7
Unable to afford new (not second-hand) clothes	9.7	17.2	14.2
Unable to afford a warm waterproof coat	3.8	8.5	6.7
Unable to afford to keep the home adequately warm	5.7	9.4	7.9
Unable to afford to replace any worn out furniture	21.8	31.7	27.8
Unable to afford to have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month	15.7	32.2	25.7
Unable to afford to buy presents for family or friends at least once a year	11.4	11.7	11.6

Table 3e Other deprivation indicators by households with or without children and year (2008-2010)¹

% of individuals

Deprivation Indicators	In households without children	In households with children	State
2010			
Unable to afford to pay an unexpected expense of around €1,000 ²	40.8	55.1	49.1
Unable to afford an annual holiday away from home for one week	34.4	46.8	41.6
Unable to afford a phone	6.8	13.2	10.5
Unable to afford a family car	8.4	9.0	8.7
Has loan arrears	2.1	7.3	5.1
Has utility bill arrears	6.1	17.2	12.6
Has rent / mortgage arrears	3.9	11.3	8.2
In debt from ordinary living expenses	6.5	17.9	13.1
Make ends meet 'with great difficulty'	9.3	19.5	15.2
Make ends meet 'with difficulty'	13.7	21.3	18.1
Make ends meet 'with some difficulty'	32.6	37.5	35.4
2009			
Unable to afford to pay an unexpected expense of around €1,000 ²	42.1	52.2	48.4
Unable to afford an annual holiday away from home for one week	32.9	42.4	38.8
Unable to afford a phone	5.0	9.6	7.9
Unable to afford a family car	10.6	8.1	9.1
Has loan arrears	2.3	6.7	5.0
Has utility bill arrears	5.8	14.5	11.2
Has rent / mortgage arrears	2.2	9.2	6.5
In debt from ordinary living expenses	6.7	17.1	13.1
Make ends meet 'with great difficulty'	6.1	14.3	11.2
Make ends meet 'with difficulty'	13.4	16.4	15.3
Make ends meet 'with some difficulty'	33.8	42.2	39.0
2008			
Unable to afford to pay an unexpected expense of around €1,000 ²	36.9	43.1	40.9
Unable to afford an annual holiday away from home for one week	29.4	30.9	30.3
Unable to afford a phone	3.8	9.1	7.2
Unable to afford a family car	10.3	7.6	8.6
Has loan arrears	2.3	3.1	2.8
Has utility bill arrears	4.7	10.4	8.3
Has rent / mortgage arrears	2.8	7.2	5.6
In debt from ordinary living expenses	5.8	13.7	10.9
Make ends meet 'with great difficulty'	6.0	11.2	9.3
Make ends meet 'with difficulty'	12.9	15.2	14.3
Make ends meet 'with some difficulty'	32.7	37.2	35.5

¹ This data is not available prior to 2008.

² Unexpected expense amount is €1,145 in 2010, €1,085 in 2009 and €985 in 2008.

Chapter 4

Consistent poverty

An individual is considered to be in consistent poverty if they are both at risk of poverty (i.e. have an equivalised income of less than 60% of the median equivalised income) and they are materially deprived (i.e. report the enforced lack of two or more deprivation items from the list of eleven specified in Chapter 3).

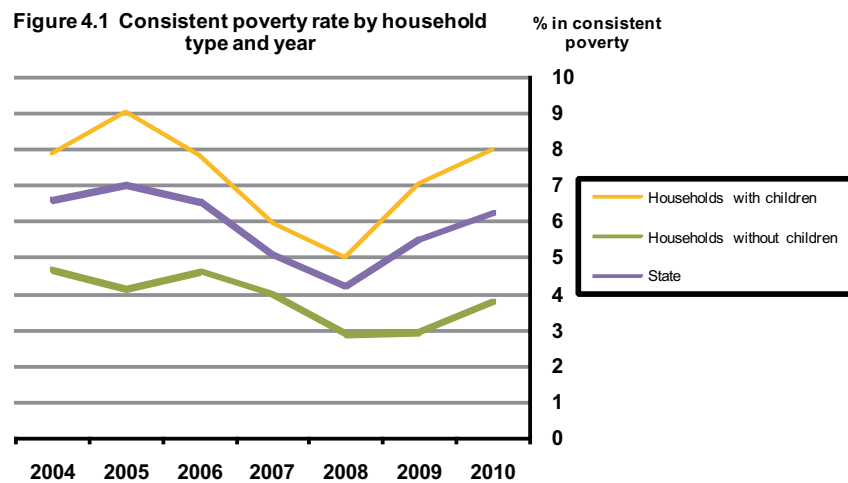


Table 4a shows the consistent poverty rate for all years since 2004. The rate decreased from 7.0% to 4.2% between 2005 and 2008, but rose to 6.2% again by 2010.

Like the at risk of poverty and deprivation indicators, in all years the consistent poverty rate for individuals living in households with children was higher than for those living in households without children. For example in 2010 the rates for individuals living in households with children and those living in households without children were 8.0% and 3.8% respectively. See figure 4a.

The rate of consistent poverty was highest in 2010 for individuals living in households with children and where no-one was working, at 23.6%. The consistent poverty rate of individuals living in households with children and where the head of household was unemployed in 2010 was 17.8%. See table 4a.

Table 4a In consistent poverty rate by demographic characteristics, by year (2010, 2009)

% individuals

	2010			2009		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
			%			%
State	3.8	8.0	6.2	2.9	7.0	5.5
Sex						
Male	4.0	7.3	5.9	3.6	6.8	5.5
Female	3.6	8.6	6.6	2.2	7.3	5.4
Age group						
0-5	n/a	3.9	3.9	n/a	4.4	4.4
6-11	n/a	8.3	8.3	n/a	10.6	10.6
12-17	n/a	11.7	11.7	n/a	10.6	10.6
0-17	n/a	8.2	8.2	n/a	8.7	8.7
18-64	4.8	7.9	6.4	3.6	5.9	4.9
65+	0.9	[0]	0.9	1.2	0.4	1.1
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	0.9	2.3	1.8	0.7	2.2	1.7
Unemployed	12.6	17.8	16.4	13.8	15.7	15.3
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	4.5	16.3	9.3	3.6	14.8	8.4
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	5.0	16.0	8.7	4.1	15.7	9.1
Secondary	4.7	8.5	7.1	3.9	7.8	6.5
Third level and Post leaving cert	1.4	4.5	3.4	0.5	3.0	2.3
Household Composition						
Households without children	3.8	0.0	3.8	2.9	n/a	2.9
1 adult, with children under 18	n/a	9.3	9.3	n/a	16.6	16.6
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	n/a	5.7	5.7	n/a	4.1	4.1
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	n/a	10.9	10.9	n/a	10.9	10.9
Other households with children	n/a	9.6	9.6	n/a	5.0	5.0
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	7.7	23.6	14.4	6.0	24.3	14.9
1	1.9	6.4	5.0	2.1	4.0	3.4
2+	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.5
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	2.2	4.9	3.7	1.8	3.0	2.5
Rented	9.7	14.9	13.2	6.7	17.2	13.8
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	4.0	7.9	6.3	3.5	5.9	5.0
Rural areas	3.3	8.1	6.1	2.0	8.9	6.2
Region						
Border, Midland, West	3.7	7.3	5.8	2.5	7.9	5.9
South and East	3.8	8.3	6.4	3.1	6.7	5.3

Figures in parentheses [] indicate percentages based on small numbers, and are, therefore, subject to a wide margin of error.

Table 4a In consistent poverty rate by demographic characteristics, by year (2008, 2007)

% individuals

	2008			2007		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
			%			%
State	2.9	5.0	4.2	3.9	5.9	5.1
Sex						
Male	2.9	4.6	4.0	4.6	5.3	5.0
Female	2.8	5.4	4.5	3.2	6.5	5.2
Age group						
0-5	n/a	4.4	4.4	n/a	5.6	5.6
6-11	n/a	6.3	6.3	n/a	8.8	8.8
12-17	n/a	6.5	6.5	n/a	7.7	7.7
0-17	n/a	6.3	6.3	n/a	7.4	7.4
18-64	3.5	4.2	3.9	4.6	4.8	4.7
65+	1.2	3.4	1.4	2.0	2.8	2.0
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	1.0	1.5	1.3	0.7	2.6	2.0
Unemployed	8.5	14.2	12.1	23.3	9.8	15.0
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	4.0	14.3	8.6	5.3	17.7	10.0
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	5.5	14.1	9.3	7.6	10.8	8.9
Secondary	2.1	4.4	3.7	3.0	7.3	5.9
Third level and Post leaving cert	0.2	1.5	1.2	0.7	1.8	1.4
Household Composition						
Households without children	2.9	n/a	2.9	3.9	n/a	3.9
1 adult, with children under 18	n/a	17.8	17.8	n/a	20.1	20.1
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	n/a	2.5	2.5	n/a	2.7	2.7
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	n/a	5.3	5.3	n/a	5.6	5.6
Other households with children	n/a	3.6	3.6	n/a	4.6	4.6
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	6.2	23.5	13.2	9.4	29.2	16.3
1	2.3	3.5	3.1	2.8	4.7	4.0
2+	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	1.4	1.0
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	1.8	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5
Rented	6.7	17.2	13.8	9.9	17.6	14.8
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	2.6	5.1	4.2	4.4	6.5	5.7
Rural areas	3.4	4.9	4.3	3.1	5.0	4.3
Region						
Border, Midland, West	3.7	5.8	5.1	5.3	7.5	6.7
South and East	2.6	4.7	3.9	3.5	5.3	4.6

Table 4a In consistent poverty rate by demographic characteristics, by year (2006, 2005)
% individuals

	2006			2005		
	In households without children	In households with children	State	In households without children	In households with children	State
			%			%
State	4.6	7.9	6.5	4.1	9.0	7.0
Sex						
Male	5.2	7.3	6.4	4.6	8.4	6.8
Female	3.9	8.4	6.6	3.6	9.6	7.2
Age group						
0-5	n/a	7.9	7.9	n/a	8.0	8.0
6-11	n/a	11.6	11.6	n/a	11.4	11.4
12-17	n/a	11.2	11.2	n/a	12.7	12.7
0-17	n/a	10.3	10.3	n/a	10.8	10.8
18-64	5.4	5.9	5.6	4.4	7.6	6.0
65+	2.1	2.4	2.2	3.1	0.0	3.1
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	1.5	2.5	2.2	0.9	3.5	2.6
Unemployed	29.7	30.7	30.4	23.5	32.1	29.9
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	6.0	20.0	11.5	6.1	19.9	11.7
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	7.6	16.2	11.0	6.4	18.2	11.4
Secondary	3.0	8.4	6.5	3.6	8.3	6.7
Third level and Post leaving cert	2.3	2.8	2.6	1.1	4.3	3.1
Household Composition						
Households without children	4.6	n/a	4.6	4.1	n/a	4.1
1 adult, with children under 18	n/a	33.8	33.8	n/a	30.3	30.3
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	n/a	3.2	3.2	n/a	4.6	4.6
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	n/a	9.7	9.7	n/a	9.5	9.5
Other households with children	n/a	3.7	3.7	n/a	7.3	7.3
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	10.4	41.2	21.2	10.0	40.8	21.3
1	3.2	7.4	5.9	2.7	8.9	6.8
2+	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.8
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	4.0	3.4
Rented	11.9	24.0	19.6	10.6	25.0	19.9
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	5.1	7.8	6.6	4.3	9.9	7.5
Rural areas	3.6	8.0	6.2	3.8	7.7	6.1
Region						
Border, Midland, West	4.3	12.5	9.2	4.8	13.7	10.1
South and East	4.7	6.1	5.5	3.9	7.3	5.8

Table 4a In consistent poverty rate by demographic characteristics, by year (2004)

% individuals

	2004		
	In households without children	In households with children	State
			%
State	4.6	7.9	6.6
Sex			
Male	4.9	6.8	6.0
Female	4.3	9.0	7.1
Age group			
0-5	n/a	9.0	9.0
6-11	n/a	7.5	7.5
12-17	n/a	10.7	10.7
0-17	n/a	9.2	9.2
18-64	4.9	6.9	5.9
65+	3.9	2.1	3.9
Principal Economic Status of head of household			
At work	0.9	2.7	2.2
Unemployed	21.1	25.3	24.3
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	7.1	20.4	12.0
Highest education level attained of head of household			
Primary or below	8.0	16.6	11.5
Secondary	3.2	6.9	5.7
Third level and Post leaving cert	1.1	3.5	2.7
Household Composition			
Households without children	4.6	n/a	4.6
1 adult, with children under 18	n/a	29.8	29.8
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	n/a	4.1	4.1
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	n/a	8.8	8.8
Other households with children	n/a	5.9	5.9
Number of persons at work in the household			
0	11.9	42.2	22.0
1	2.0	6.9	5.1
2+	0.1	1.1	0.7
Tenure status			
Owner-occupied	4.5	3.9	4.3
Rented	12.8	25.8	18.4
Urban/rural location			
Urban areas	4.6	8.9	7.2
Rural areas	4.7	6.1	5.5
Region			
Border, Midland, West	5.9	10.7	8.6
South and East	4.2	7.0	5.9

Appendix 1

Sample size

Table A1 Sample size by demographic characteristics and year (2009-2010)

	<i>Number of individuals</i>					
	2010			2009		
	Households without children	Households with children	State	Households without children	Households with children	State
State	5,324	6,263	11,587	5,930	6,711	12,641
Sex						
Male	2,621	3,062	5,683	2,898	3,231	6,129
Female	2,703	3,201	5,904	3,032	3,480	6,512
Age group						
0-5	0	1,024	1,024	0	968	968
6-11	0	1,095	1,095	0	1,115	1,115
12-17	0	981	981	0	983	983
0-17	0	3,100	3,100	0	3,066	3,066
18-64	3,325	3,116	6,441	3,658	3,483	7,141
65+	1,999	47	2,046	2,272	162	2,434
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	1,925	3,782	5,707	2,209	4,317	6,526
Unemployed	386	887	1,273	340	795	1,135
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	2,979	1,546	4,525	3,347	1,566	4,913
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	2,008	738	2,746	2,289	885	3,174
Secondary	1,646	2,479	4,125	1,838	2,791	4,629
Third level and Post leaving cert	1,595	2,822	4,417	1,768	2,967	4,735
Household Composition						
Households without children	5,324	0	5,324	5,930	0	5,930
1 adult, with children under 18	0	869	869	0	879	879
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	0	2,507	2,507	0	2,523	2,523
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	0	1,604	1,604	0	1,629	1,629
Other households with children	0	1,245	1,245	0	1,680	1,680
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	2,607	1,450	4,057	2,816	1,404	4,220
1	1,486	2,511	3,997	1,678	2,497	4,175
2+	1,231	2,302	3,533	1,436	2,810	4,246
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	4,350	4,307	8,657	4,869	4,936	9,805
Rented	974	1,956	2,930	1,061	1,775	2,836
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	3,118	3,798	6,916	3,633	4,287	7,920
Rural areas	2,206	2,465	4,671	2,297	2,424	4,721
Region						
Border, Midland, West	1,400	1,643	3,043	1,444	1,575	3,019
South and East	3,924	4,620	8,544	4,486	5,136	9,622

Table A1 Sample size by demographic characteristics and year (2007-2008)

	<i>Number of individuals</i>					
	2008			2007		
	Households without children	Households with children	State	Households without children	Households with children	State
State	6310	6241	12,551	7,043	6,648	13,691
Sex						
Male	3,059	3,020	6,079	3,394	3,219	6,613
Female	3,251	3,221	6,472	3,649	3,429	7,078
Age group						
0-5	0	797	797	0	885	885
6-11	0	972	972	0	1,109	1,109
12-17	0	1,032	1,032	0	1,208	1,208
0-17	0	2,801	2,801	0	3,202	3,202
18-64	3,738	3,273	7,011	4,213	3,384	7,597
65+	2,572	167	2,739	2,830	62	2,892
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	2,331	4,385	6,716	2,698	4,870	7,568
Unemployed	231	336	567	152	278	430
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	3,708	1,496	5,204	4,151	1,466	5,617
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	2,747	1,044	3,791	3,047	1,068	4,115
Secondary	1,928	2,645	4,573	2,179	2,936	5,115
Third level and Post leaving cert	1,593	2,454	4,047	1,765	2,525	4,290
Household Composition						
Households without children	6,310	0	6,310	7,043	0	7,043
1 adult, with children under 18	0	783	783	0	728	728
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	0	2,216	2,216	0	2,504	2,504
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	0	1,613	1,613	0	1,668	1,668
Other households with children	0	1,629	1,629	0	1,748	1,748
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	2,945	959	3,904	3,167	825	3,992
1	1,742	2,236	3,978	1,833	2,389	4,222
2+	1,623	3,046	4,669	2,043	3,434	5,477
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	5,362	4,863	10,225	5,980	5,230	11,210
Rented	948	1,378	2,326	1,063	1,418	2,481
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	3,804	3,956	7,760	4,221	4,376	8,597
Rural areas	2,506	2,285	4,791	2,822	2,272	5,094
Region						
Border, Midland, West	1,542	1,404	2,946	1,768	1,584	3,352
South and East	4,768	4,837	9,605	5,275	5,064	10,339

Table A1 Sample size by demographic characteristics and year (2005-2006)

	<i>Number of individuals</i>					
	2006			2005		
	Households without children	Households with children	State	Households without children	Households with children	State
State	7,224	7,410	14,634	7,289	8,250	15,539
Sex						
Male	3,508	3,648	7,156	3,539	4,039	7,578
Female	3,716	3,762	7,478	3,750	4,211	7,961
Age group						
0-5	0	1,006	1,006	0	1,154	1,154
6-11	0	1,232	1,232	0	1,377	1,377
12-17	0	1,374	1,374	0	1,448	1,448
0-17	0	3,612	3,612	0	3,979	3,979
18-64	4,416	3,727	8,143	4,533	4,199	8,732
65+	2,808	71	2,879	2,756	72	2,828
Principal Economic Status of head of household						
At work	2,842	5,276	8,118	2,907	5,963	8,870
Unemployed	172	363	535	160	373	533
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	4,169	1,710	5,879	4,176	1,860	6,036
Highest education level attained of head of household						
Primary or below	3,159	1,324	4,483	3,286	1,535	4,821
Secondary	2,135	3,261	5,396	2,167	3,702	5,869
Third level and Post leaving cert	1,864	2,711	4,575	1,794	2,951	4,745
Household Composition						
Households without children	7,224	0	7,224	7,289	0.0	7,289
1 adult, with children under 18	0	778	778	0	854	922
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	0	2,868	2,868	0	3,196	3,196
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	0	1,912	1,912	0	2,105	2,105
Other households with children	0	1,852	1,852	0	2,095	2,095
Number of persons at work in the household						
0	3,219	1,043	4,262	3,209	1,081	4,290
1	1,846	2,603	4,449	1,835	2,916	4,751
2+	2,159	3,764	5,923	2,245	4,253	6,498
Tenure status						
Owner-occupied	6,080	5,760	11,840	6,097	6,442	12,539
Rented	1,081	1,613	2,694	1,137	1,784	2,921
Urban/rural location						
Urban areas	4,449	4,797	9,246	4,514	5,463	9,977
Rural areas	2,775	2,613	5,388	2,775	2,787	5,562
Region						
Border, Midland, West	1,876	1,836	3,712	1,879	1,928	3,807
South and East	5,348	5,574	10,922	5,410	6,322	11,732

Table A1 Sample size by demographic characteristics, 2004

	2004		State
	Households without children	Households with children	
State	6,489	7,783	14,272
Sex			
Male	3,140	3,785	6,925
Female	3,349	3,998	7,347
Age group			
0-5	0	1,130	1,130
6-11	0	1,258	1,258
12-17	0	1,363	1,363
0-17	0	3,751	3,751
18-64	4,152	3,970	8,122
65+	2,337	62	2,399
Principal Economic Status of head of household			
At work	2,672	5,608	8,280
Unemployed	169	437	606
Home duties, student, retired, ill/disabled	3,605	1,700	5,305
Highest education level attained of head of household			
Primary or below	2,883	1,466	4,349
Secondary	1,951	3,644	5,595
Third level and Post leaving cert	1,604	2,589	4,193
Household Composition			
Households without children	6,489	0.0	6,489
1 adult, with children under 18	0	875	910
2 adults, 1-2 children under 18	0	2,894	2,894
2 adults, 3+ children under 18	0	1,923	1,923
Other households with children	0	2,091	2,091
Number of persons at work in the household			
0	2,729	1,053	3,782
1	1,731	2,789	4,520
2+	2,029	3,941	5,970
Tenure status			
Owner-occupied	2,923	1,438	4,361
Rented	652	429	1,081
Urban/rural location			
Urban areas	4,012	5,087	9,099
Rural areas	2,477	2,696	5,173
Region			
Border, Midland, West	1,682	1,908	3,590
South and East	4,807	5,875	10,682

Appendix 2

Background Notes

Purpose of Survey

The primary focus of the Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) is the collection of information on the income and living conditions of different types of households in Ireland, in order to derive indicators on poverty, deprivation and social exclusion. It is a voluntary (for potential respondents) survey of private households. It is carried out under EU legislation (Council Regulation No 1177/2003) and commenced in Ireland in June 2003.

Reference Period

This report presents results for the population of children in Ireland based on data collected in the period January 2004 to December 2010. For any given year, e.g. 2010, the data was collected continuously from January through to December. The reference period would be the twelve months prior to the date of interview, so for 2010 the data collected would cover the reference period January 2009 to December 2010.

Definitions of Income

Gross income: Income details are collected at both a household and individual level in SILC. In analysis, each individual's income is summed up to household level and in turn added to household level income components to calculate *gross household income*. The components of gross household income are:

1. Earnings: This includes income from employment, self-employment and employer's social insurance contributions.
2. Social Transfers: Benefits obtained from the state are included in this category. These include
 - a. Unemployment benefits
 - b. Old-age benefits
 - c. Child-related family allowances (Child benefit, Family Income Supplement, Back to School Allowance).
 - d. Other Family allowances (e.g. maternity benefit, carers allowances, single parent allowances).
 - e. Housing allowances
 - f. Other Social Transfers

Disposable income: Tax and social insurance contributions are also summed to household level and subtracted from the gross household income to calculate the *total disposable household income*. The components of disposable household income are gross household income less:

Employer's social insurance contributions (not included in EU definition)

Regular inter-household cash transfer paid

Tax on income and social insurance contributions

Equivalence scales: Equivalence scales are used to calculate the *equivalised household size* of a household. Although there are numerous scales, we focus on the national scale in this report. The national scale attributes a weight of 1 to the first adult, 0.66 to each subsequent adult (aged 14+ living in the household) and 0.33 to each child aged less than 14. The weights for each household are then summed to calculate the *equivalised household size*.

Equivalised Gross Income

Gross household income is divided by the *equivalised household size* to calculate equivalised gross income for each person, which essentially is an approximate measure of how much of the income can be attributed to each member of the household. This *equivalised income* is then applied to each member of the household.

Indicators

At-risk-of-poverty rate

This is the share of persons with an equivalised income below a given percentage (usually 60%) of the national median income. It is also calculated at 40%, 50% and 70% for comparison. The rate is calculated by ranking persons by equivalised income from smallest to largest and the median or middle value is extracted. Anyone with an equivalised income of less than 60% of the median is considered *at-risk-of-poverty at a 60% level*.

Deprivation rate

The identification of being materially deprived is currently achieved on the basis of an enforced lack of two or more items from this set of eleven basic deprivation indicators:

1. Two pairs of strong shoes
2. A warm waterproof overcoat
3. Buy new not second-hand clothes
4. Eat meat with meat, chicken, fish (or vegetarian equivalent) every second day
5. Have a roast joint or its equivalent once a week
6. Had to go without heating during the last year through lack of money
7. Keep the home adequately warm
8. Buy presents for family or friends at least once a year
9. Replace any worn out furniture
10. Have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month
11. Have a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight for entertainment

(Note that it is enforced deprivation that is relevant in this context. For example, a household may not have a roast once a week. The household is classified as deprived of this basic indicator only if the reason they didn't have it was because they could not afford it).

Consistent poverty

The consistent poverty measure looks at those persons who are defined as being at risk of poverty and assesses the extent to which this group may be excluded and marginalised from participating in activities which are considered the norm for other people in society.

An individual is defined as being in 'consistent poverty' if they are:

- ◆ Identified as being at risk of poverty and
- ◆ Living in a household deprived of two or more of the eleven basic deprivation items listed above

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