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- Social Welfare expenditure has increased from 8.0% of Gross National Product in 2000 to 16.7% in 2010.
- The number of recipients of Jobseeker's Supports increased by 179.2% between 2002 and 2010, while the number receiving Illness, Disability and Caring payments rose by 46.7% during the same period.
- The average number of in-patient beds available in publicly funded acute hospitals was 11,369 in 2009, compared with 12,044 in 2007.
- The number of new cancer cases diagnosed in Ireland was 29,775 in 2009, up 7.9% from 27,590 in 2006.
- The number of people killed on the roads in 2009 was 238, down by 41 (14.7%) compared with the 2008 figure of 279.
- The Register of Dáil Electors showed an overall increase of 4.9% from 2003 to 2011.

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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 2003 to 2010 there has been an increase of 98.7% in expenditure on social welfare payments.

Social Welfare expenditure has increased from 8.0% of Gross National Product in 2000 to 16.7% in 2010.

The number of recipients of Social Welfare payments to Older People increased by 37% between 2002 and 2010. The number of recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring payments rose by 46.7% for the same period, while the number of recipients of Jobseeker's Supports increased by 179.2%. In 2010, the main areas of expenditure by scheme were: Older People (22%), Unemployment Supports (20%), Illness, Disability and Caring (17%), Child Related (13%), Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families (12%) and Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Miscellaneous (11%). The administration of the social welfare system accounted for 2.8% of total expenditure in 2010.

Safety

The number of people killed in road accidents fell by 42.4% between 1999 and 2009. In 2009, 76.5% of road fatalities were male and 23.5% female.

Register of Electors

The Register of Dáil Electors showed an overall increase of 4.9% from 2003 to 2011. County Council areas experienced an increase of 7.9% in the same period while City Council areas recorded a decrease of 8.6%.

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 Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Table 5.3

The figures for "Total Recipients" includes a small element of double counting as some people could be in receipt of more than one payment.

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 refers to those who actually received payment within the last two weeks of the end of the year 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.

Table 5.9

Data for previous years has been reviewed and revised where appropriate. Data is revised when merging information from different sources. Duplicates are deleted and new unregistered cases are added. The data in table 5.9 therefore may be slightly different from the data in last year's table.

Table 5.10 and 5.11

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

Table 5.1 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

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

Source: Department of Social Protection

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Table 5.3 Recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme

Programme	<i>Number</i>									
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Older People	287,395	298,169	303,653	311,170	339,363	351,800	364,015	378,746	393,825	
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	211,385	211,774	212,952	215,676	205,923	208,772	211,793	214,877	217,741	
Child Related	12,696	12,186	11,974	12,074	16,235	22,302	24,828	24,687	24,917	
Illness, Disability and Caring	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	264,890	285,592	296,971	302,397	
Jobseeker's Supports	137,982	145,339	131,539	128,111	126,343	139,435	235,366	363,370	385,307	
Employment Supports	50,920	44,113	40,216	39,589	43,496	45,522	51,526	57,588	69,054	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	32,073	31,217	29,748	28,066	25,331	27,379	35,546	42,775	37,499	
Miscellaneous	383	342	303	270	250	227	217	192	179	
Total Recipients	938,971	959,432	957,732	976,613	1,003,517	1,060,327	1,208,883	1,379,206	1,430,919	

Source: Department of Social Protection

Number of recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme, 2010

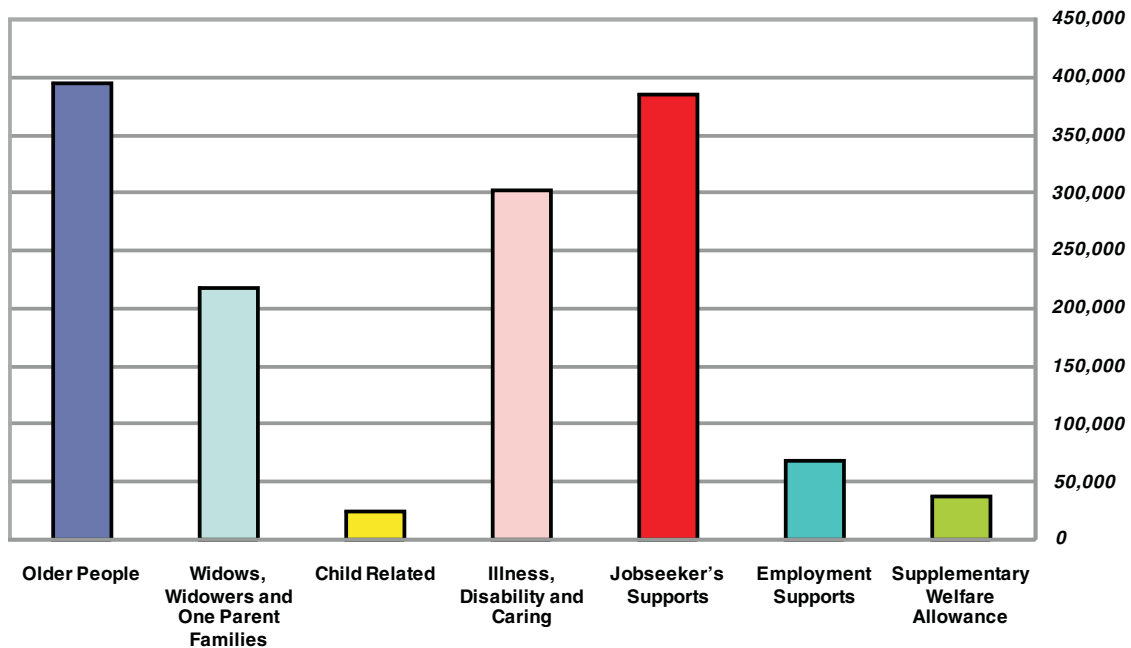


Table 5.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme

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Scheme	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Older People	2,500.0	2,728.8	2,947.1	3,279.4	3,878.5	4,300.8	4,569.80	4,614.9
State Pension (Contributory)	946.9	1,050.3	1,152.9	1,580.9	2,755.0	3,118.0	3,367.7	3,451.5
State Pension (Transition)	899.0	983.7	1,060.1	857.6	79.1	92.1	105.0	108.2
State Pension (Non-contributory)	565.0	600.0	631.3	727.8	920.2	973.0	1,000.5	977.3
Pre-Retirement Allowance	89.1	94.7	102.9	113.1	124.5	117.7	96.6	77.9
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,706.6	1,827.7	1,982.2	2,141.2	2,299.3	2,502.0	2,608.20	2,570.6
Widow/Widower's (Contributory) Pension	826.1	906.5	998.5	1,094.9	1,205.0	1,299.4	1,353.4	1,335.6
Widow/Widower's (Non-contributory) Pension	116.8	122.3	126.9	103.7	19.9	17.6	21.3	19.3
Deserted Wife's Benefit	89.2	89.7	90.6	94.6	100.7	104.7	100.1	93.4
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10.6	11.0	11.5	10.5	6.9	6.6	6.0	5.0
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	660.6	694.8	751.1	834.6	962.4	1,067.6	1,121.3	1,110.4
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory/Non-contributory)	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.2	4.3	6.1	6.0	6.9
Child Related	1,789.3	1,903.3	2,045.0	2,251.9	2,506.6	2,799.0	2,877.0	2,650.8
Maternity Benefit	107.3	121.6	132.4	180.8	257.9	315.9	331.3	323.9
Health and Safety Benefit	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Adoptive Benefit	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.6	1.2	0.9
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	8.9	9.7	7.5	8.8	9.6	14.4	11.5	11.5
Guardian's Payment (Non-contributory)	5.8	6.2	4.1	4.8	4.4	10.7	6.0	4.7
Child Benefit	1,666.5	1,765.1	1,899.9	2,056.3	2,233.0	2,455.8	2,495.3	2,213.5
Domiciliary Care Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	31.0	95.7
Illness, Disability and Caring	1,621.1	1,827.4	2,090.9	2,433.2	2,855.3	3,301.3	3,504.70	3,469.5
Illness Benefit	433.5	479.0	540.2	627.6	755.1	852.3	919.7	942.8
Invalidity Pension	440.3	487.4	548.3	602.4	618.1	685.7	681.6	640.0
Carer's Benefit	6.9	7.7	9.6	16.7	26.9	33.7	30.2	26.3
Injury Benefit	11.9	13.6	14.2	16.1	17.2	19.3	18.1	17.9
Disablement Benefit	60.8	62.6	67.0	72.5	79.3	84.4	85.7	78.8
Death Benefit	5.8	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.6	8.0	8.2	7.8
Disability Allowance	463.6	544.5	630.7	738.4	901.1	1,052.7	1,142.8	1,109.6
Medical Care	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Carer's Allowance	183.3	210.3	257.4	284.6	361.3	450.3	502.5	501.8
Respite Care Grant	n/a	n/a	n/a	50.5	73.4	98.2	99.2	128.1
Blind Person's Pension	14.8	15.9	16.7	17.0	15.0	16.3	16.3	16.0
Unemployment Supports	1,043.1	1,069.4	1,085.6	1,223.6	1,420.0	2,097.6	3,738.30	4,094.8
Jobseeker's Benefit	477.1	455.5	418.1	455.1	545.0	929.8	1,733.80	1,285.1
Jobseeker's Allowance	566.0	613.8	667.5	768.6	875.1	1,168.8	2,004.50	2,809.7
Employment Supports	247.6	238.1	246.0	293.8	363.7	415.7	454.3	597.0
Family Income Supplement	45.4	55.8	72.2	107.1	140.0	170.3	167.1	186.0
Employment Support Services	139.4	116.0	106.6	115.6	145.0	160.5	193.9	300.1
Farm Assist/Smallholders	62.8	66.3	67.3	71.1	78.7	84.9	93.3	110.9

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Table 5.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme (continued)

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Scheme	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Miscellaneous	1,158.5	1,261.6	1,313.9	1,446.1	1,632.0	1,819.0	2,190.90	2,275.1
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	587.8	601.6	624.0	635.0	682.7	804.4	969.7	950.9
Treatment Benefit	63.3	70.5	65.5	95.0	91.6	97.1	100.2	51.5
Rent Allowance	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Household Benefits and Free Travel	340.5	364.3	383.4	444.4	535.5	584.7	632.2	670.8
Miscellaneous	68.5	76.8	89.8	100.9	133.2	142.9	137.7	110.6
Equal Treatment Payments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Redundancy and Insolvency	97.6	147.7	150.3	170.0	188.2	189.1	350.4	490.5
TOTAL	10,066.1	10,856.2	11,710.8	13,069.2	14,955.4	17,235.4	19,943.2	20,272.7
Administration	427.0	434.9	458.9	517.3	563.1	579.9	592.6	575.6
Total expenditure	10,493.1	11,291.1	12,169.7	13,586.4	15,518.5	17,815.3	20,535.8	20,848.3

Source: Department of Social Protection

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

Number

Payment type	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Illness Benefit	46,940	50,715	54,590	57,464	58,726	61,845	65,774	70,404	73,609	77,665	81,253
Invalidity Pension	48,663	50,615	52,147	53,414	55,864	58,352	51,954	53,956	53,725	52,922	50,766
Interim Illness Benefit	488	449	404	295	316	355	338	440	525	318	374
Carer's Benefit	50	425	615	639	679	867	1,647	2,080	2,249	1,917	1,642
Disability Allowance	54,303	57,655	62,783	67,720	72,976	79,253	83,697	89,048	95,754	99,576	101,111
Carer's Allowance	16,478	18,785	20,395	21,316	23,030	24,970	27,474	33,067	43,569	48,223	50,577
Blind Person's Pension	2,229	2,125	2,095	2,061	2,027	1,985	1,476	1,474	1,472	1,467	1,485
Injury Benefit	828	861	828	821	915	908	924	900	846	726	835
Death Benefit Pension	665	676	668	664	652	647	646	647	651	637	633
Disablement Pension	10,925	11,230	11,612	11,898	12,162	12,475	12,646	12,874	13,192	13,520	13,721
Total	181,569	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	264,890	285,592	296,971	302,397

Source: Department of Social Protection

Table 5.6 Estimated non-capital health expenditure

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 estimate
Health Service Executive Vote					
HSE Corporate	64,969	77,175	72,280	69,958	64,382
Primary, Community and Continuing Care					
Care of Older People	1,574,791	1,739,128	1,738,659	1,683,637	1,611,314
Children and Families	635,692	653,477	641,951	633,064	618,248
Care for Persons with Disabilities	1,505,627	1,548,718	1,520,003	1,454,537	1,398,090
Mental Health	1,042,357	1,043,816	1,006,682	963,324	920,317
Primary Care and Community Health	1,817,179	1,371,131	1,139,705	1,082,964	1,033,492
Primary Care (Medical Card Services) Scheme	1,627,783	2,387,641	2,987,000	2,728,474	2,419,539
National Hospitals Office					
South Eastern Hospitals Group	420,710	448,171	487,182	510,868	495,067
Southern Hospitals Group	645,890	701,851	767,035	751,061	724,556
West/North Western Hospitals Group	857,802	906,452	983,763	1,021,735	990,131
Mid Western Hospitals Group	337,178	356,027	379,804	402,089	389,057
North Eastern Hospitals Group	347,516	372,494	398,727	428,789	415,526
Dublin North Hospitals Group	793,263	850,326	841,163	774,760	732,072
Dublin/Midland Hospitals Group	753,483	801,622	811,240	761,165	726,548
Dublin South Hospitals Group	847,688	835,236	806,086	777,533	734,043
Long Term Charges Repayment Scheme	131,700	236,000	80,000	20,000	12,000
State Claims Agency	–	–	15,000	79,000	96,000
HSE National Shared Services	28,457	23,377	22,074	22,512	21,855
Health Service Executive Vote Total	13,432,085	14,352,642	14,698,354	14,165,470	13,402,237
Department of Health and Children Vote					
Administration	47,450	39,674	38,164	33,628	37,740
Grants	42,151	43,906	41,703	39,665	40,583
Other Services	322,216	395,274	323,362	237,783	248,745
Department of Health and Children Vote Total	411,817	478,854	403,229	311,076	327,068
Office of the Minister for Children Vote					
Childcare Payments	417,723	480,000	231,000	10,950	1,000
Childcare Programmes	67,876	76,512	84,818	228,879	246,652
National Children's Strategy (NCS)	7,303	24,257	25,445	22,583	26,644
Youth Affairs	–	52,443	48,112	46,599	44,592
Other Services	–	–	–	–	3,000
Office of the Minister for Children Vote Total	492,902	633,212	389,375	309,011	321,888
Gross Non-Capital Total	14,336,804	15,464,708	15,490,958	14,785,557	14,051,193
<i>less appropriations-in-aid:</i>					
Health Service Executive	2,495,971	2,250,688	3,236,270	3,544,140	1,467,047
Department of Health and Children	8,382	4,014	5,128	5,920	4,296
Office of the Minister for Children	24,495	25,290	5,240	6,700	2,966
Total Appropriations-in-Aid	2,528,848	2,279,992	3,246,638	3,556,760	1,474,309
Net Non-Capital Total Expenditure	11,807,956	13,184,716	12,244,320	11,228,797	12,576,884

Source: Department of Health

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Table 5.7 Payments by General Medical Services (Payments) Board

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Category	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Doctors	211.8	282.1	295.7	317.5	414.0	404.7	440.8	475.2	499.7
Pharmacists	670.9	813.2	937.7	1,085.9	1,189.4	1,354.5	1,496.8	1,613.3	1,678.8
Dentists	41.7	45.7	49.9	52.5	54.5	55.5	58.2	64.4	86.8
General Practice development	11.6	17.6	13.1	15.8	11.9	10.1	5.8	4.6	2.9
High tech drugs scheme	65.1	84.6	109.1	148.2	177.5	217.8	250.2	290.7	331.3
Optometrists	9.8	13.9	13.8	17.4	17.0	18.0	21.6	22.4	23.8
Administration	12.7	13.7	12.5	15.5	17.0	14.7	16.3	17.9	19.7
Total	1,023.6	1,270.9	1,431.8	1,652.8	1,881.3	2,075.2	2,289.7	2,488.4	2,643.0

Source: General Medical Services Report

GMS Payments to Pharmacists, Doctors and Dentists

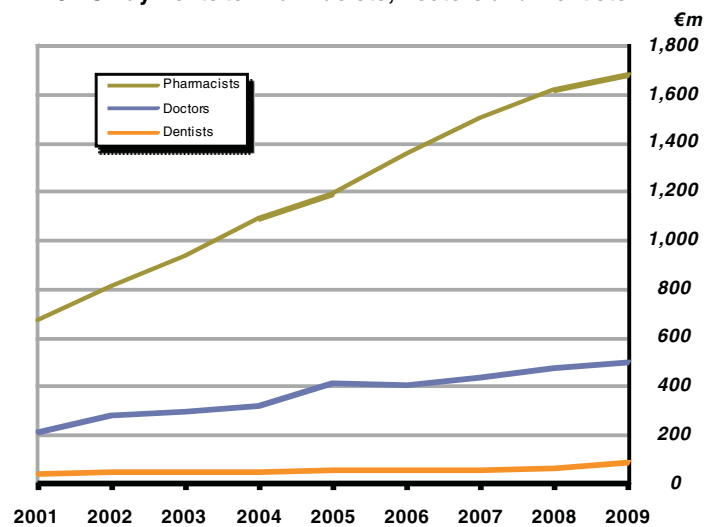


Table 5.8 Publicly funded acute hospital statistics, 2009

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	1,765	109,428	5.2	242	84,388
Dublin North	6	1,690	65,457	8.8	275	100,281
Dublin South	7	1,874	68,187	9.3	293	156,347
Mid-Western	6	765	45,771	5.4	141	35,377
North Eastern	5	763	47,149	5.1	129	31,066
South Eastern	5	1,163	67,090	5.5	159	41,968
Southern	8	1,555	82,688	5.7	216	101,414
Western	6	1,794	108,590	5.3	317	124,321
Total	51	11,369	594,360	6.2	1,772	675,162

Source: National Hospitals Office, Health Service Executive

Table 5.9 Main sites of occurrence of new cancers diagnosed

Cases

Cancer site	Male				Female				Total			
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2006	2007	2008	2009	2006	2007	2008	2009
Non-melanoma skin	3,771	3,868	3,952	4,142	3,053	3,434	3,320	3,282	6,824	7,302	7,272	7,424
Prostate	2,490	2,739	2,647	2,859	–	–	–	–	2,490	2,739	2,647	2,859
Breast	22	15	18	26	2,267	2,488	2,790	2,740	2,289	2,503	2,808	2,766
Colorectal	1,230	1,343	1,296	1,342	958	973	927	929	2,188	2,316	2,223	2,271
Lung	1,102	1,157	1,148	1,079	780	804	838	705	1,882	1,961	1,986	1,784
Melanoma	262	338	336	308	380	358	406	413	642	696	742	721
Lymphoma	413	393	374	384	311	310	332	340	724	703	706	724
Bladder	346	319	298	311	137	146	115	141	483	465	413	452
Stomach	307	309	306	272	171	178	180	195	478	487	486	467
Oesophagus	217	265	239	260	125	138	138	124	342	403	377	384
Kidney	234	280	292	261	145	166	158	144	379	446	450	405
Pancreas	215	251	253	187	250	221	221	200	465	472	474	387
Leukaemia	290	287	255	214	200	169	169	112	490	456	424	326
Ovary	–	–	–	–	357	322	325	297	357	322	325	297
Head and neck	234	221	224	232	89	99	97	108	323	320	321	340
Brain and meninges	187	189	200	174	131	142	140	118	318	331	340	292
Womb	–	–	–	–	290	314	362	391	290	314	362	391
Cervix	–	–	–	–	233	296	260	304	233	296	260	304
Myeloma	124	122	126	102	100	106	83	71	224	228	209	173
Other (all cancers)	907	1,053	1,081	1,095	3,242	3,795	3,728	3,871	4,149	4,848	4,809	4,966
Other (invasive)	1,145	1,166	1,202	1,163	875	896	955	879	2,020	2,062	2,157	2,042
TOTAL	13,496	14,315	14,247	14,411	14,094	15,355	15,544	15,364	27,590	29,670	29,791	29,775

Source: National Cancer Registry Ireland

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Table 5.10 Persons killed and injured on roads

Number

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

Source: Road Safety Authority

Table 5.11 Road casualties by road user type, 2009

Persons

Casualty type	Killed	Serious injury	Minor injury	Total
Pedestrians	40	103	963	1,106
Pedal cycle users	7	21	341	369
Motor cycle users	25	54	383	462
Car users	146	414	6,541	7,101
P.S.V. users	1	7	90	98
Goods vehicle users	17	36	483	536
Other	2	5	83	90
Total	238	640	8,884	9,762

Source: Road Safety Authority

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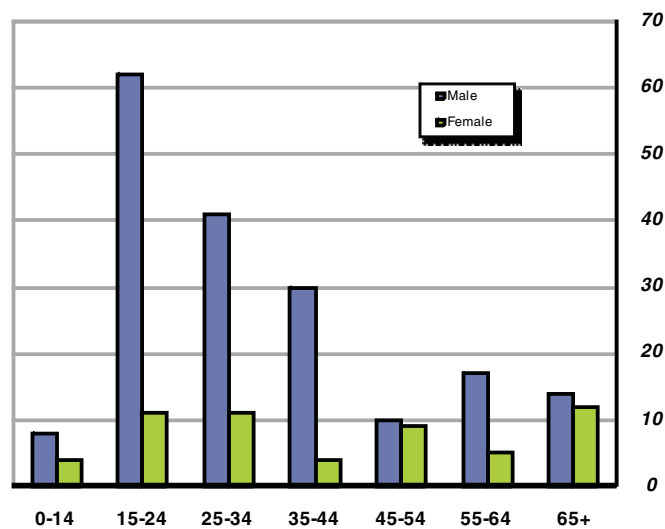
Table 5.12 Road casualties by age and sex, 2009

Persons

Age group	Male			Female			Total		
	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
0-5	5	124	129	2	124	126	7	248	255
6-9	1	127	128	0	103	103	1	230	231
10-14	2	178	180	2	146	148	4	324	328
15-17	9	253	262	0	171	171	9	424	433
18-20	23	606	629	8	376	384	31	982	1,013
21-24	30	637	667	3	453	456	33	1,090	1,123
25-34	41	1,207	1,248	11	872	883	52	2,079	2,131
35-44	30	812	842	4	594	598	34	1,406	1,440
45-54	10	508	518	9	437	446	19	945	964
55-64	17	321	338	5	289	294	22	610	632
65 and over	14	304	318	12	313	325	26	617	643
Unknown	–	165	165	–	84	84	–	249	249
Total	182	5,242	5,424	56	3,962	4,018	238	9,204	9,442

Source: Road Safety Authority

Road deaths by age group, 2009



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Table 5.13 Number on register of Dáil electors

Number

Local Authorities	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
County Councils	2,470,641	2,536,721	2,582,203	2,606,135	2,566,383	2,592,636	2,620,794	2,654,164	2,665,785
Carlow	37,651	38,143	39,439	39,446	38,781	38,967	39,193	39,191	40,022
Cavan	45,651	47,496	48,286	48,706	49,677	50,323	51,708	52,684	53,098
Clare	81,805	84,834	85,782	84,706	83,058	83,406	84,176	85,214	85,360
Cork	262,139	270,557	278,005	282,235	284,726	288,091	290,744	292,363	292,454
Donegal	113,860	116,966	119,529	119,451	116,741	117,623	118,656	121,001	122,531
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	150,028	150,499	152,107	153,021	147,331	143,908	145,749	146,929	148,014
Fingal	137,694	140,829	146,718	151,736	151,763	156,166	158,584	160,288	160,391
South Dublin	115,841	120,375	122,560	123,843	126,493	127,861	127,990	128,604	129,948
Galway	107,002	108,687	109,335	109,659	109,058	108,973	110,447	110,781	111,081
Kerry	121,601	128,346	128,013	130,190	126,586	130,333	131,627	134,510	134,652
Kildare	62,955	64,570	65,793	66,056	65,804	65,545	66,435	67,031	67,110
Kilkenny	45,749	47,000	49,680	49,319	50,069	52,563	54,161	55,067	55,230
Laois	22,688	23,331	23,672	23,413	23,781	23,752	23,839	24,809	24,727
Leitrim	94,580	95,059	95,425	96,340	97,346	98,351	95,021	96,988	97,635
Limerick	26,331	27,313	27,480	27,143	26,878	27,151	27,764	27,990	27,868
Longford	81,328	82,838	85,048	86,561	85,458	84,024	84,994	85,757	85,819
Louth	95,229	98,278	99,627	99,340	96,591	97,767	97,991	100,242	99,504
Mayo	110,270	117,254	119,667	124,735	122,965	125,905	129,001	131,256	132,647
Meath	43,356	44,173	45,077	45,181	41,947	43,335	44,362	44,990	45,510
Monaghan	51,114	51,740	52,473	53,120	48,563	48,887	49,355	50,397	50,681
Offaly	50,731	52,332	53,443	53,961	52,836	53,647	54,394	54,695	54,533
Roscommon	44,275	46,039	46,899	47,218	45,243	45,739	46,015	47,023	46,777
Sligo	46,090	47,493	47,730	47,899	48,729	48,839	49,577	50,580	50,790
North Tipperary	175,478	176,443	177,787	178,407	165,973	168,536	171,135	172,582	174,349
South Tipperary	62,709	62,265	64,394	64,489	61,014	61,516	62,527	63,596	63,470
Waterford	44,995	46,329	47,684	48,196	48,680	49,383	49,873	51,194	51,671
Westmeath	55,646	58,232	59,360	59,229	61,461	61,586	61,744	62,196	62,238
Wexford	95,983	99,830	101,124	101,800	100,824	102,532	104,884	105,986	107,041
Wicklow	87,862	89,470	90,066	90,735	88,007	87,927	88,848	90,220	90,634
City Councils	543,726	541,005	536,097	522,135	500,134	506,692	507,213	500,424	496,751
Cork	90,219	89,504	88,639	86,627	80,258	80,068	79,497	78,849	78,837
Dublin	344,019	341,813	340,357	331,021	321,807	327,332	323,129	317,873	315,286
Galway	41,947	42,325	41,898	41,526	39,738	40,700	41,290	40,438	39,582
Limerick	37,681	37,741	37,055	36,358	33,037	33,223	38,031	37,385	37,238
Waterford	29,860	29,622	28,148	26,603	25,294	25,369	25,266	25,879	25,808
TOTAL	3,014,367	3,077,726	3,118,300	3,128,270	3,066,517	3,099,328	3,128,007	3,154,588	3,162,536

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

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

