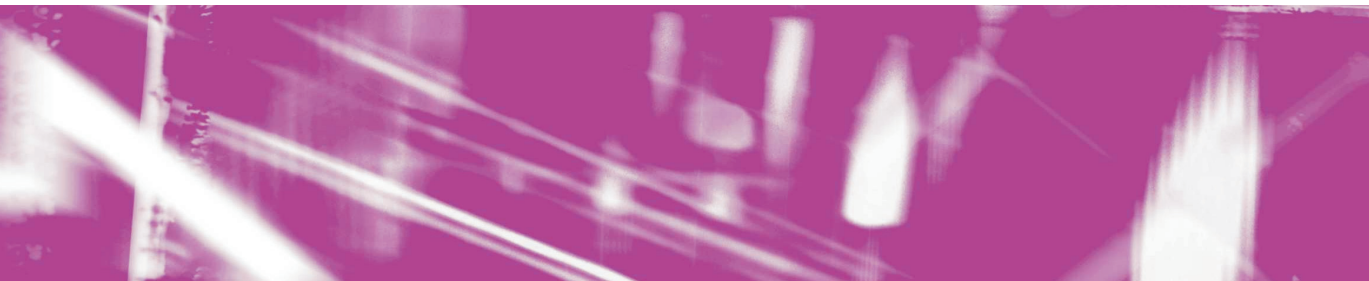


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### Special Topics

- Over 2.1 million persons aged 15 years and over (62.8%) reported that they had participated in physical activities for exercise, recreation or sport in the twelve months up to the third quarter of 2006.
- The pension coverage rate for all persons in employment aged between 20 and 69 in the fourth quarter of 2005 was 55%, representing an increase of 3.8 percentage points on the 51.2% recorded in the first quarter of 2002.
- In the fourth quarter of 2005 male workers (58.3%) continued to have a higher pension coverage rate than their female counterparts (50.6%).
- The average cost of paid childcare per household in the first quarter of 2005 was just over €120 per week.



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## Introduction

The statistics presented in this chapter reflect the range of topics now covered in ad hoc modules attached to the Quarterly National Household Survey. While the main purpose of the QNHS is the production of quarterly labour market related estimates, the potential also exists for the collection of data on social topics through the inclusion of special survey modules each quarter. In recent years we have expanded the number of modules undertaken in any given year in an attempt to meet the ever-growing demand for statistics and in particular social statistics.

The topics covered in this chapter include Pension provision, SSIA's, Childcare, Recycling and Energy, and Sport and Physical Exercise.

## Pension Provision

The pension coverage rate for all persons in employment aged 20-69 in the fourth quarter of 2005 was 55%, representing an increase of almost 4 percentage points on that recorded in the first quarter of 2002. This increase can be attributed primarily to an increase in occupational pension coverage, which rose from 35.4% to 40.1% over the same period. Male workers (58.3%) continued to have a higher pension coverage rate than their female counterparts (50.6%) in the fourth quarter of 2005. However the gap between males and females reduced from 11.3 percentage points in the first quarter of 2002 to 7.7 percentage points in the fourth quarter of 2005. Increased coverage rates were evident across all age categories over the same four-year period. Workers in the 35-44 age category continued to have the highest pension coverage at just over 65%, followed closely by those aged 45-54 (64.0%).

## Participation in sports and physical exercise at almost 63%

In the third quarter of 2006 62.8% of persons aged 15 years and over reported that they had participated in physical activities for exercise, recreation or sport in the previous twelve months. At a regional level the Mid-East (66.5%) reported the highest percentage of participation in sport or physical exercise, while the Border region (56.8%) had the lowest rate.

These results are based on the Sport and Physical Exercise module, which was included in the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) in the third quarter of 2006.

As age increased, broad participation rates dropped from 71.9% in the 15-24 year age group to 41.8% in the 65 years and over age group. Male participation fell in each rising age group from 76.0% in the 15-24 year age group to 43.2% for those aged 65 years and over. While the female rate of participation increased from 67.6% in the 15-24 year age group to a high of 70.7% in the 35-44 year age group, it then dropped to 40.6% in the 65 and over age group.

## Walking main exercise activity of active persons at 39%

Walking (39.3%) was the main physical activity which active persons participated in most frequently for exercise, recreation or sport. Aerobics and keep fit was the second most popular activity (13.0%) while swimming accounted for 8.0%. Golf (7.6%) and soccer (7.1%) completed the top five main activities (between them accounting for 75.0% of all active persons).

## Special Saving Incentive Accounts (SSIAs)

In the fourth quarter of 2005 almost 38% of the population aged 21 years and over indicated that they had an SSIA. SSIA account holders indicated that they would spend just under one third of their matured SSIA funds on consumer items which included *Home improvements, Foreign holidays, Cars and Other purchases*. A little over 46% would be committed to *Savings, Pensions and Investments*, approximately 10% would be directed towards *Debt repayment* with the remainder, just over 12%, being spent on *Other items*.

Almost 10% of SSIA account holders indicated that they would spend some of their SSIA money on a *Foreign holiday* with almost 11% indicating some expenditure on a *Car*.

Overall, *Savings* and *Investments* appear important to all age groups. However, younger people indicated a greater interest in *Investment* whereas older persons were more likely to place some of their funds in *Savings*.

*Pensions* did not appear to rate highly for the younger age categories with just under 2% of SSIA account holders in the 21-24 year age group intending to put aside some of their matured funds for a *Pension* compared to over 11% for those aged 55-59. Buying a *Car* appears to be far more important to the younger age categories with almost 20% of 21-24 year old SSIA account holders indicating that they will spend some of their funds in this way.

## Childcare

In the first quarter of 2005 the average cost of paid childcare was just over €120 per week. This represented an increase of over 23% in the 2-year period between the fourth quarter of 2002 and the first quarter of 2005. The average household cost varied by region, with families in the Border region paying just under €100 per week while at the other end of the scale families in the Dublin region were paying more than €145 a week. For those families who required more than 40 hours of paid childcare a week the average cost was just over €184.

Families with pre-school going children (40.3%) regularly relied on non-parental childcare arrangements during the normal working day in the first quarter of 2005 while usage of non-parental childcare (21.5%) for primary school going children was not as common.

The average weekly cost of childcare for families with pre-school going children only in the first quarter of 2005 was €131.35, while the rate for families with primary school going children was €86.82. Families with both pre-school and primary school going children paid an average of €132.48 a week.

On an hourly basis the average cost of paid childcare for pre-school children and primary school going children in the first quarter 2005 was €4.15 and €5.68 respectively. This represented increases of just over 27% and 20% respectively over the 2 years since Quarter 4 2002.

Crèche or Montessori-based childcare was the most expensive form of childcare for pre-school going children costing an average of €4.82 per hour per child. This was also the case for primary school children, with an average of €6.05 per hour per child. At an overall level, the hourly rate for childcare declined as the number of childcare hours required increased.

For pre-school going children the average hourly rate for paid childcare was highest in the Dublin region at €5.15 over 24% higher than the State average. For primary school going children the cost in the Dublin region was €6.71, just over 18% higher than the State average for these children.

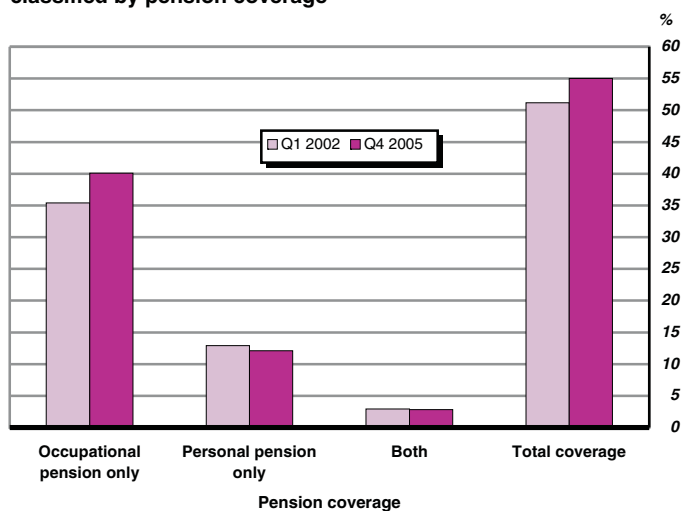
**Table 4.1 Pension coverage in the State for persons in employment (ILO) aged 20 to 69 years**

%

	Occupational pension only		Personal pension only		Both		Total coverage	
	Q1 2002	Q4 2005	Q1 2002	Q4 2005	Q1 2002	Q4 2005	Q1 2002	Q4 2005
<b>State</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>55.0</b>
<b>Region</b>								
Border	28.5	34.0	12.4	11.9	3.5	1.9	44.5	47.7
Midland	27.3	38.0	14.8	13.5	2.3	1.7	44.5	53.1
West	29.9	34.3	12.2	11.6	2.0	2.8	44.1	48.7
Dublin	42.2	47.0	10.3	10.3	3.1	3.1	55.6	60.4
Mid-East	37.7	40.6	15.4	11.7	2.8	3.5	55.9	55.9
Mid-West	36.9	40.4	12.2	12.2	3.8	2.7	52.8	55.3
South-East	28.1	36.0	17.5	14.5	2.8	2.4	48.5	52.9
South-West	34.6	37.6	13.5	14.1	2.6	2.9	50.6	54.5
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	34.8	38.2	17.7	16.7	3.4	3.4	55.9	58.3
Female	36.3	42.8	6.1	5.8	2.2	2.0	44.6	50.6
<b>Age group</b>								
20-24	23.0	24.5	1.3	2.1	0.9	1.0	25.2	27.5
25-34	37.9	42.8	9.3	8.0	2.5	2.2	49.8	53.0
35-44	41.2	45.4	15.7	16.0	3.5	3.7	60.4	65.1
45-54	37.3	45.0	18.1	15.6	4.2	3.4	59.7	64.0
55-69	26.6	31.2	19.8	18.9	2.6	3.2	49.0	53.3
20-29	29.7	33.5	4.1	4.1	1.7	1.4	35.5	38.9
30-65	38.0	43.2	16.3	15.3	3.4	3.4	57.8	61.8
<b>Marital status</b>								
Single	31.0	36.1	7.1	7.3	2.0	1.9	40.1	45.3
Married	39.2	44.0	17.3	15.8	3.6	3.4	60.2	63.3
Separated or divorced	31.3	35.1	10.5	12.8	2.7	2.5	44.5	50.3
Widowed	28.4	33.4	14.1	12.9	1.5	3.7	44.1	50.1
<b>ILO employment status</b>								
Self employed or assisting relative	n/a	n/a	44.1	44.0	n/a	n/a	44.1	44.0
Employee	43.7	48.2	5.5	5.7	3.6	3.3	52.8	57.2

Source: CSO

**Persons in employment (ILO) aged 20 to 69 years classified by pension coverage**



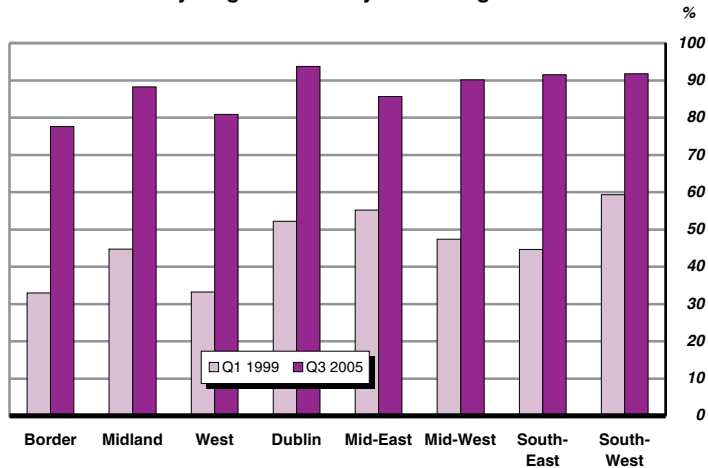
**Table 4.2 Households classified by recycling activity, June-August 2005**

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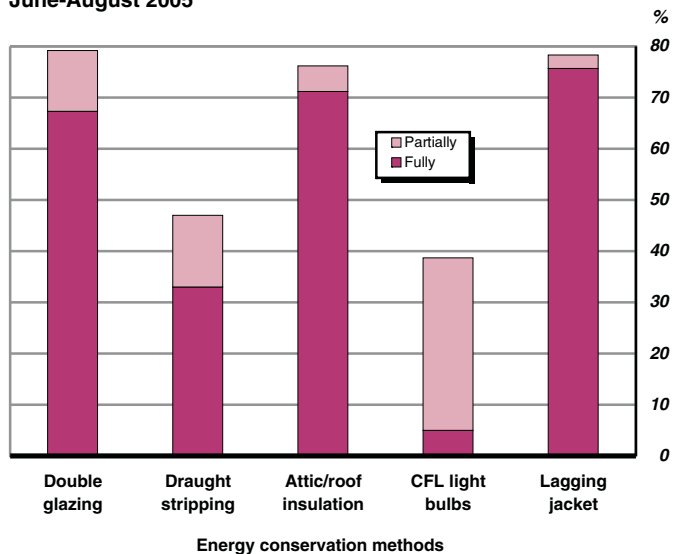
	All households	Recycling activity		
		Yes	No	No, but yes if facilities were available
<b>State</b>	<b>1,456.5</b>	<b>1,291.2</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>28.6</b>
<b>Region</b>				
Border	161.3	125.1	31.9	4.4
Midland	83.7	73.9	8.8	*
West	145.6	117.7	24.9	2.9
Dublin	412.7	386.8	16.0	9.8
Mid-East	147.5	126.4	17.4	3.7
Mid-West	126.4	113.8	10.0	2.6
South-East	161.0	147.3	11.9	1.9
South-West	218.2	200.3	15.7	2.2
<b>Age group of reference person</b>				
Less than 25	54.3	47.0	5.5	1.9
25-44 years	544.6	499.4	35.6	9.6
45-64 years	537.1	489.8	39.0	8.3
65 or over	320.5	255.0	56.5	8.9
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>				
At work	793.1	725.6	55.9	11.6
Unemployed	42.0	34.5	5.7	1.7
Student	20.3	18.6	*	*
Home duties	357.9	312.7	38.1	7.2
Retired	194.9	161.1	27.7	6.1
Others	48.4	38.8	8.2	*
<b>Nationality of reference person</b>				
Irish nationals	1,373.4	1,219.9	128.4	25.1
Non-Irish nationals	83.1	71.4	8.2	3.5
<b>Household composition</b>				
1 adult, no children	317.6	241.0	66.1	10.5
2 adults, no children	375.7	339.7	28.4	7.7
3 or more adults, no children	285.6	262.0	18.8	4.9
1 adult with children	52.1	45.4	5.7	*
2 adults with 1-3 children	260.8	248.5	10.2	2.2
Other households with children	164.7	154.7	7.5	2.5
<b>Urban/rural location</b>				
Urban areas	837.1	772.2	51.3	13.6
Rural areas	619.4	519.0	85.3	15.1
<b>Tenure status</b>				
Owner	1,170.6	1,056.4	96.6	17.6
Rented or rent free	262.3	214.6	37.1	10.6
No answer/not classified	23.6	20.2	2.9	*

Source: CSO

Households recycling classified by NUTS3 regions



Households classified by energy conservation methods, June-August 2005



**Table 4.3 Households classified by energy conservation method, June-August 2005**

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	Energy conservation method												
	Double glazing					Draught stripping				Attic/roof insulation			
	All households	Yes fully	Yes partially	No	Don't know	Yes fully	Yes partially	No	Don't know	Yes fully	Yes partially	No	Don't know
<b>All households</b>	<b>1,456.5</b>	<b>980.8</b>	<b>173.6</b>	<b>296.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>480.6</b>	<b>203.3</b>	<b>711.4</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>1,037.2</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>184.2</b>	<b>162.1</b>
<b>Region</b>													
Border	161.3	105.0	18.4	38.0	*	42.8	18.7	95.8	4.0	112.9	7.0	23.9	17.6
Midland	83.7	55.3	9.3	18.8	*	33.8	10.4	35.5	4.0	59.0	4.4	12.9	7.4
West	145.6	99.7	15.4	30.4	*	62.5	17.9	62.8	2.4	104.3	7.3	24.2	9.9
Dublin	412.7	269.7	54.0	86.1	2.9	129.1	67.1	203.2	13.3	290.6	19.7	37.9	64.5
Mid-East	147.5	105.6	16.1	25.2	*	44.5	30.4	70.1	2.5	114.7	7.0	14.2	11.7
Mid-West	126.4	91.0	13.0	21.8	*	48.1	14.5	58.0	5.8	85.8	7.8	21.9	10.9
South-East	161.0	108.2	21.4	31.1	*	50.4	18.9	71.3	20.3	116.2	7.1	21.0	16.8
South-West	218.2	146.4	25.9	45.3	*	69.4	25.3	114.7	8.9	153.8	12.9	28.2	23.3
<b>Year of construction</b>													
Before 1961	427.4	209.8	78.0	138.1	*	120.4	78.1	216.7	12.1	244.1	30.4	106.5	46.4
1961 or later	927.4	712.1	84.7	128.3	2.3	332.2	114.7	438.3	42.3	742.8	38.5	60.8	85.3
Not classified	101.6	58.9	11.0	30.4	*	28.0	10.5	56.3	6.8	50.3	4.1	16.9	30.3
<b>Tenure status</b>													
Owner	1,170.6	816.0	139.1	213.9	1.7	396.0	167.2	563.1	44.5	907.6	64.2	138.6	60.2
Rented or rent free	262.3	150.0	32.0	77.1	3.2	76.5	33.0	137.4	15.3	114.8	7.6	41.3	98.7
No answer/not classified	23.6	14.9	2.5	5.8	*	8.1	3.1	10.9	*	14.8	*	4.3	3.2
<b>Number of bedrooms</b>													
Up to 3	863.9	528.1	110.3	222.1	3.4	258.4	125.6	443.5	36.5	542.4	46.6	141.6	133.4
4 or more	590.3	451.6	63.2	74.3	*	221.7	77.5	267.2	23.8	494.3	26.4	42.1	27.5
Not stated	2.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

**Table 4.3 Households classified by energy conservation method, June-August 2005 (continued)**

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	Energy conservation method								
	All house-holds	CFL light bulbs				Lagging jacket			
		Yes fully	Yes partially	No	Don't know	Yes fully	Yes partially	No	Don't know
<b>All households</b>	<b>1,456.5</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>491.4</b>	<b>879.6</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>1,102.6</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>280.6</b>	<b>35.9</b>
<b>Region</b>									
Border	161.3	6.4	48.9	104.8	*	110.6	*	46.5	2.8
Midland	83.7	3.6	25.9	52.2	2.0	63.9	*	16.7	2.3
West	145.6	5.7	48.9	90.5	*	99.2	2.7	42.1	*
Dublin	412.7	19.1	142.3	247.8	3.4	345.1	14.7	41.1	11.8
Mid-East	147.5	6.5	55.9	83.1	2.0	121.1	4.8	19.1	2.5
Mid-West	126.4	8.4	37.0	80.2	*	83.0	3.7	35.9	3.8
South-East	161.0	9.1	54.1	97.1	*	119.2	3.5	34.5	3.8
South-West	218.2	13.6	78.4	123.9	2.3	160.4	5.9	44.6	7.4
<b>Year of construction</b>									
Before 1961	427.4	19.9	126.6	277.6	3.3	286.4	12.8	116.2	12.0
1961 or later	927.4	48.9	342.9	527.8	7.8	750.8	22.0	138.2	16.5
Not classified	101.6	3.6	21.9	74.2	1.9	65.5	2.5	26.2	7.4
<b>Tenure status</b>									
Owner	1,170.6	64.5	438.3	659.8	8.0	918.2	28.0	208.9	15.6
Rented or rent free	262.3	7.0	44.9	205.7	4.7	167.6	8.6	67.2	18.9
No answer/not classified	23.6	*	8.2	14.2	*	16.8	*	4.6	*
<b>Number of bedrooms</b>									
Up to 3	863.9	34.0	227.0	594.9	8.1	611.9	26.3	198.2	27.6
4 or more	590.3	38.5	264.0	283.6	4.2	489.8	10.9	82.2	7.3
Not stated	2.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Source: CSO

**Table 4.4 Profile of all persons with SSIA's and population aged 21 years and over, September-November 2005**

	Aged 21 years and over		
	Population	All persons with SSIA's	Percentage of population with SSIA's
	'000	'000	%
<b>State</b>	<b>2,968.3</b>	<b>1,121.6</b>	<b>37.8</b>
<b>Region</b>			
Border	319.5	107.0	33.5
Midland	170.1	58.0	34.1
West	292.6	107.9	36.9
Dublin	858.3	349.5	40.7
Mid-East	316.4	116.0	36.7
Mid-West	250.3	78.9	31.5
South-East	319.8	133.2	41.7
South-West	441.2	170.9	38.7
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	1,464.6	579.2	39.5
Female	1,503.7	542.4	36.1
<b>Age group</b>			
21-24	278.7	62.5	22.4
25-29	367.2	128.1	34.9
30-34	336.8	142.6	42.3
35-39	311.4	137.0	44.0
40-44	293.6	135.4	46.1
45-49	268.3	123.0	45.8
50-54	244.4	108.7	44.5
59-59	224.2	96.7	43.1
60-64	177.6	73.4	41.3
65+	466.2	114.2	24.5
<b>ILO Economic Status</b>			
In employment	1,870.3	872.8	46.7
Unemployed	78.0	12.2	15.6
Not economically active	1,019.9	236.7	23.2
<b>Year of maturity</b>			
2006	n/a	373.7	n/a
2007	n/a	747.9	n/a
<b>Whether the SSIA contribution is the maximum</b>			
Yes	n/a	765.7	n/a
No	n/a	298.6	n/a
Don't know	n/a	57.3	n/a

Source: CSO

**Percentage of population aged 21 years and over with SSIA's classified by region, September-November 2005**



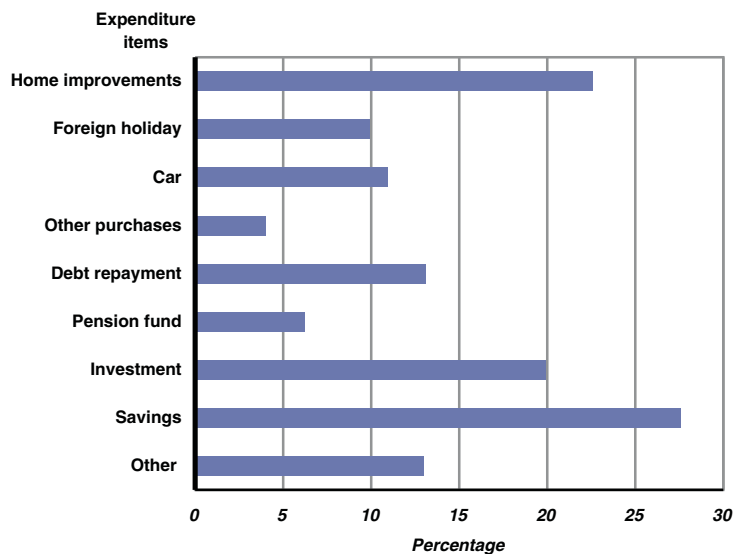
**Table 4.5 Expenditure items SSIA account holders will spend their money on post maturity classified by age group, September-November 2005**

%

Expenditure Items	Age group										Total
	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65 +	
Home improvements	6.2	18.3	27.2	23.3	22.3	25.1	25.0	23.8	21.2	24.4	<b>22.6</b>
Foreign holiday	13.6	6.9	8.9	9.8	8.9	8.8	9.2	9.6	13.3	15.1	<b>9.9</b>
Car	19.4	12.8	10.2	9.7	8.5	7.8	9.4	13.3	9.7	13.4	<b>10.9</b>
Other purchases	4.3	5.5	3.9	3.5	3.5	4.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	4.1	<b>4.0</b>
Debt repayment	10.8	16.7	20.6	16.3	12.7	11.4	11.8	10.0	5.6	4.2	<b>13.1</b>
Pension fund	1.9	1.8	5.2	5.3	7.8	8.8	8.8	11.5	8.7	3.6	<b>6.2</b>
Investment	35.8	29.6	23.8	22.2	18.1	17.5	15.8	11.7	11.5	10.3	<b>19.9</b>
Savings	20.4	20.8	21.9	26.7	28.5	26.9	28.6	29.6	40.2	40.3	<b>27.6</b>
Other	6.5	9.9	9.5	11.4	16.7	17.4	14.9	13.7	11.8	17.1	<b>13.0</b>

Source: CSO

**Expenditure items SSIA account holders will spend their money on post maturity, September-November 2005**

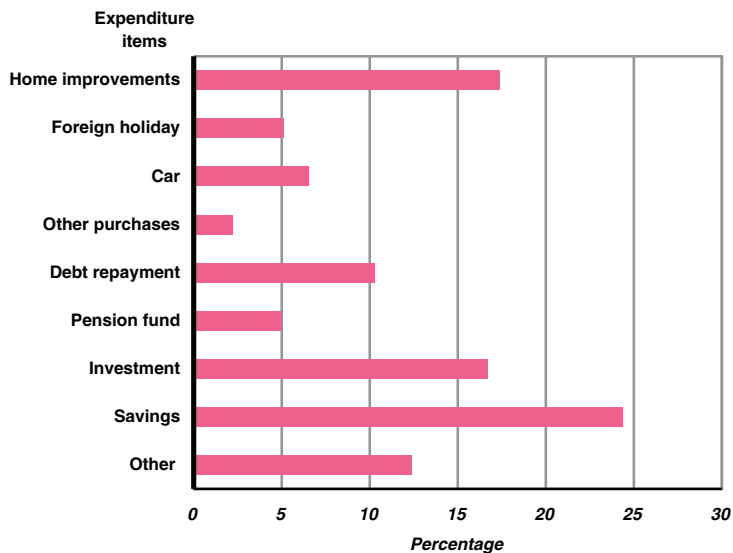


**Table 4.6** Expected percentage spend of matured SSIA funds classified by year of maturity and expenditure items, September-November 2005

Expenditure Items	Year of maturity		Total
	2006	2007	
Home improvements	17.6	17.1	17.4
Foreign holiday	5.1	5.2	5.1
Car	6.3	6.7	6.5
Other purchases	2.1	2.2	2.2
Debt repayment	9.5	11.1	10.3
Pension fund	4.5	5.6	5.0
Investment	16.6	16.8	16.7
Savings	26.0	22.8	24.4
Other	12.3	12.5	12.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: CSO

**Expected percentage spend of matured SSIA funds classified by expenditure items, September-November 2005**



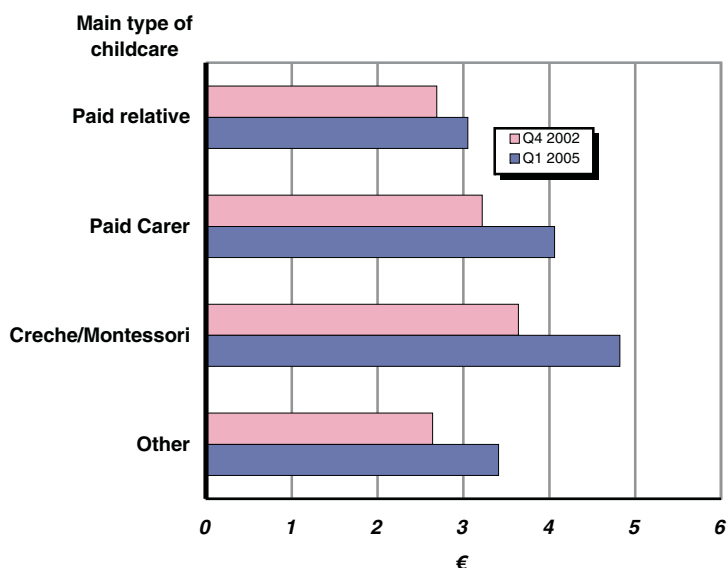
**Table 4.7 Average cost of paid childcare per child per hour for pre-school children, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005**

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	Paid relative		Paid carer		Creche/ Montessori		Other		Total	
	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005
	<b>All families</b>	<b>2.69</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>4.06</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>4.82</b>	<b>2.64</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>3.26</b>
<b>Region</b>										
Border	2.92	3.60	3.13	3.76	2.56	3.57	*	*	2.87	3.65
Midland	2.48	3.79	3.29	4.43	3.75	5.07	*	3.09	3.26	4.31
West	2.43	2.49	2.39	3.62	3.50	3.59	*	*	2.71	3.50
Dublin	3.34	3.39	4.49	4.94	4.18	5.85	*	3.44	4.11	5.15
Mid-East	2.67	3.24	3.43	4.17	3.68	4.43	*	*	3.28	4.24
Mid-West	*	2.51	2.41	3.59	2.49	3.77	*	*	2.37	3.47
South-East	2.14	2.12	2.75	4.11	2.53	4.14	*	*	2.59	3.59
South-West	2.74	2.92	3.44	3.89	3.25	4.08	2.35	2.90	3.21	3.70
<b>Hours of paid childcare per week</b>										
1-10 hours	*	*	6.22	5.83	4.70	7.71	2.72	4.29	4.69	6.03
11-20	3.59	3.72	4.04	5.12	3.24	4.99	2.57	2.87	3.52	4.54
21-30	2.77	3.31	3.32	4.42	4.22	4.71	*	*	3.48	4.31
31-40	2.09	2.70	2.60	3.62	3.39	4.41	*	*	2.81	3.80
41 and over	1.94	2.12	2.29	2.93	3.42	4.06	*	*	2.63	3.20

Source: CSO

**Average cost of paid childcare per child per hour for pre-school children, classified by main type of childcare,**



**Table 4.8 Families with pre-school or primary school-going children, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005**

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	Pre-school only		Primary only		Both		Total	
	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005
<b>Total number of families</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>209.0</b>	<b>208.2</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>398.3</b>	<b>413.1</b>
<b>Age group of mother/guardian</b>								
15-24	13.8	14.9	2.2	2.2	3.2	2.6	19.2	19.7
25-34	52.9	57.5	41.2	38.2	42.6	42.6	136.6	138.4
35-44	22.8	28.0	119.1	118.5	50.2	55.1	192.0	201.6
45+	1.5	1.8	46.5	49.2	2.3	2.5	50.4	53.4
<b>PES of mother/guardian</b>								
At work	51.8	62.0	113.1	120.0	42.0	45.0	206.9	227.0
Unemployed	2.9	2.1	4.3	3.8	1.8	1.4	9.0	7.3
Student	0.8	2.3	2.6	3.5	0.9	0.8	4.2	6.6
Home duties	33.7	34.1	86.1	78.4	52.5	53.7	172.3	166.1
Retired/Other	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.5	1.0	1.8	5.8	6.2
<b>Region</b>								
Border	10.2	11.4	25.2	24.6	10.6	11.1	46.0	47.2
Midland	5.8	5.5	11.8	12.6	6.1	7.1	23.7	25.1
West	9.7	8.7	20.0	18.7	9.0	11.0	38.8	38.5
Dublin	23.5	26.6	53.8	57.0	25.7	27.6	103.0	111.2
Mid-East	10.6	12.9	24.5	24.2	11.5	12.7	46.6	49.8
Mid-West	8.0	10.0	19.7	18.6	9.5	8.6	37.3	37.2
South-East	9.7	11.6	23.6	24.2	10.8	9.9	44.1	45.7
South-West	13.6	15.5	30.4	28.3	14.8	14.6	58.8	58.5
<b>Number of children</b>								
1	63.8	69.2	112.0	113.9	–	–	175.8	183.0
2	25.0	29.8	74.4	69.9	45.9	48.2	145.3	148.0
3	2.3	3.0	19.6	19.9	36.3	38.4	58.1	61.4
4+	–	0.3	3.0	4.5	16.0	16.0	19.0	20.8

Source: CSO

**Table 4.9 Average cost of paid childcare per household per week for pre-school or primary school-going children, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005**

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	Pre-school only		Primary only		Both		Total	
	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005
<b>All families</b>	<b>106.37</b>	<b>131.35</b>	<b>75.49</b>	<b>86.82</b>	<b>107.10</b>	<b>132.48</b>	<b>97.53</b>	<b>120.64</b>
<b>Region</b>								
Border	80.67	102.67	69.26	65.41	89.57	121.50	79.82	99.94
Midland	96.25	143.00	67.47	90.30	97.01	114.81	87.70	119.21
West	95.46	118.81	63.19	69.05	91.53	117.74	84.91	106.72
Dublin	132.52	160.34	91.81	100.37	128.15	162.39	119.30	145.23
Mid-East	121.34	134.90	73.23	86.13	129.66	139.43	107.41	123.53
Mid-West	95.61	120.13	67.61	80.53	85.38	122.09	84.78	110.51
South-East	85.83	116.45	65.91	78.31	88.90	124.28	81.09	106.70
South-West	92.41	114.12	73.58	90.85	99.28	111.91	89.70	108.81
<b>Hours of paid childcare per week</b>								
1-10 hours	45.02	63.41	53.17	54.15	35.90	36.47	48.58	52.02
11-20	68.37	82.13	73.34	89.11	57.85	76.00	67.69	83.22
21-30	94.95	116.42	85.93	102.11	99.77	124.15	93.90	116.89
31-40	111.70	152.73	115.31	142.72	105.90	122.48	110.68	145.33
41 and over	169.23	179.78	129.05	151.48	155.68	190.73	158.53	184.08

Source: CSO

**Table 4.10 Families classified by main type of childcare arrangement used for pre-school children, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005**

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	Parent/ Guardian		Unpaid relative		Paid relative		Paid carer		Creche/ Montessori		Other		Total	
	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005
<b>Total number of families</b>	<b>117.4</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>189.2</b>	<b>204.9</b>
<b>Age group of mother/ guardian</b>														
15-24	12.7	12.6	1.9	2.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	*	*	17.0	17.5
25-34	58.9	59.4	11.3	13.5	5.1	5.2	10.7	9.8	8.2	10.0	1.2	2.2	95.4	100.0
35-44	43.3	47.4	6.0	7.6	2.9	3.2	11.2	13.5	8.2	9.5	1.4	1.8	72.9	83.1
45+	2.6	2.8	0.6	0.4	*	*	*	0.5	0.3	*	*	0.3	3.8	4.3
<b>PES of mother/ guardian</b>														
At work	28.8	32.4	18.8	22.1	8.5	8.8	22.0	23.6	14.0	17.5	1.7	2.5	93.7	106.9
Unemployed	4.2	3.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	*	*	*	4.7	3.5
Student	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.9	*	*	*	0.3	0.4	0.6	*	*	1.6	3.1
Home duties	81.2	82.7	0.5	0.3	*	*	0.5	0.6	2.7	2.1	1.2	1.8	86.2	87.7
Retired/Other	2.6	2.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.9	3.7
<b>Region</b>														
Border	12.9	13.8	3.1	3.6	0.8	1.1	2.4	2.3	1.4	1.5	*	*	20.8	22.6
Midland	7.3	7.2	1.1	1.6	0.5	0.6	2.0	1.5	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.5	11.9	12.6
West	11.5	12.4	2.2	1.4	0.8	0.7	2.8	3.5	1.3	1.4	*	0.4	18.8	19.8
Dublin	29.7	33.4	4.6	4.6	2.1	2.4	3.5	4.4	8.8	8.4	0.4	0.9	49.1	54.2
Mid-East	14.7	15.5	1.5	2.7	1.3	1.2	2.6	2.6	1.6	3.0	0.4	0.5	22.1	25.6
Mid-West	11.3	11.3	1.5	2.1	0.6	0.8	2.4	2.6	1.5	1.4	0.4	0.4	17.6	18.6
South-East	12.6	12.9	2.7	3.5	1.3	1.1	2.8	2.4	0.9	1.2	*	0.3	20.5	21.4
South-West	17.5	15.7	3.2	4.0	1.3	1.2	4.2	5.4	1.4	2.6	0.8	1.2	28.4	30.2
<b>Number of children</b>														
1	34.0	35.2	9.4	11.9	4.2	2.9	8.2	8.8	7.2	8.9	0.6	1.5	63.8	69.2
2	43.7	46.0	6.8	8.2	2.9	4.7	9.1	9.6	6.9	8.0	1.3	1.7	70.8	78.1
3	26.3	28.5	3.0	2.9	1.2	1.2	4.6	4.8	2.9	3.0	0.7	1.0	38.6	41.4
4+	13.4	12.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.5	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.3	16.0	16.3
<b>Family structure</b>														
Pre-school children only	50.3	53.7	12.0	15.1	5.3	5.2	12.2	13.5	10.1	12.7	1.1	2.1	91.1	102.3
Both	67.1	68.6	7.8	8.5	3.3	4.0	10.5	11.2	7.5	7.9	1.9	2.4	98.2	102.6

Source: CSO

**Table 4.11 Families mainly dependant on paid childcare classified by number of hours of childcare required weekly, September-November 2002 and December-February 2005**

Hours

Childcare hours required per household per week	Pre-school only		Primary only		Both		Total	
	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005	2002	2005
<b>All children</b>								
1-10	1.7	1.4	6.3	6.0	1.8	1.8	9.8	9.2
11-20	4.7	6.3	7.5	7.2	4.7	4.9	16.9	18.3
21-30	6.8	7.8	3.4	2.2	3.4	5.0	13.6	15.0
31-40	8.6	8.5	1.7	1.6	3.5	2.6	13.8	12.7
41 and over	5.0	6.9	1.0	0.9	8.0	8.9	14.0	16.8
<b>Total for all children</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>72.0</b>
<b>Pre-school children</b>								
1-10 hours	1.7	1.4	–	–	2.3	3.0	4.0	4.4
11-20	4.7	6.3	–	–	6.8	7.1	11.5	13.4
20-30	6.8	7.8	–	–	4.2	4.9	11.0	12.7
31-40	8.6	8.5	–	–	4.8	4.9	13.5	13.4
41 and over	5.0	6.9	–	–	2.5	2.9	7.4	9.9
<b>Total for pre-school children</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>53.8</b>
<b>Primary school-going children</b>								
1-10 hours	–	–	6.3	6.0	5.3	5.2	11.7	11.2
11-20	–	–	7.5	7.2	6.1	5.6	13.6	12.8
21-30	–	–	3.4	2.2	1.8	2.0	5.2	4.2
31-40	–	–	1.7	1.6	1.2	0.8	2.9	2.4
41 and over	–	–	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	1.5	1.3
<b>Total for primary school-going children</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>32.0</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 4.12 Profile of population and persons aged 15 years and over who participated in sport or physical exercise in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006**

State	Population			Active persons					
	All persons	Male	Female	All persons		Male		Female	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,398.4</b>	<b>1,686.5</b>	<b>1,711.9</b>	<b>2,135.8</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>1,034.0</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>1,101.8</b>	<b>64.4</b>
<b>Region</b>									
Border	369.4	185.6	183.8	210.0	56.8	101.1	54.5	108.8	59.2
Midland	198.0	100.9	97.0	118.1	59.7	56.6	56.0	61.6	63.5
West	336.4	167.9	168.5	204.8	60.9	92.3	54.9	112.6	66.8
Dublin	969.7	469.5	500.2	640.6	66.1	321.8	68.5	318.8	63.7
Mid-East	365.6	182.5	183.1	243.3	66.5	117.2	64.2	126.1	68.9
Mid-West	287.4	144.6	142.8	179.8	62.5	86.0	59.5	93.7	65.6
South-East	369.3	185.6	183.7	228.0	61.7	111.9	60.3	116.1	63.2
South-West	502.6	249.8	252.8	311.2	61.9	147.1	58.9	164.1	64.9
<b>Urban or rural location</b>									
Urban areas	2,074.1	1,007.3	1,066.8	1,342.8	64.7	662.6	65.8	680.1	63.8
Rural areas	1,324.4	679.2	645.2	793.0	59.9	371.4	54.7	421.6	65.3
<b>Age group</b>									
15-24	642.2	325.8	316.3	461.6	71.9	247.7	76.0	213.9	67.6
25-34	732.7	372.6	360.1	490.4	66.9	243.5	65.3	247.0	68.6
35-44	616.0	310.2	305.8	406.7	66.0	190.4	61.4	216.3	70.7
45-54	521.7	261.1	260.6	336.2	64.4	152.6	58.5	183.6	70.4
55-64	412.3	207.2	205.1	242.9	58.9	109.1	52.7	133.8	65.2
65 and over	473.6	209.6	264.0	197.9	41.8	90.6	43.2	107.3	40.6
<b>Highest education level attained</b>									
Primary or below	726.4	370.9	355.4	309.7	42.6	152.8	41.2	156.9	44.1
Lower secondary	656.1	352.1	303.9	398.4	60.7	208.3	59.2	190.1	62.5
Higher secondary	835.4	400.3	435.0	560.8	67.1	269.1	67.2	291.8	67.1
Post leaving cert	298.0	151.2	146.8	192.5	64.6	89.6	59.2	102.9	70.1
Third level non degree	294.0	124.4	169.6	218.8	74.4	91.2	73.3	127.6	75.2
Third level degree or above	531.8	255.4	276.5	426.3	80.2	207.5	81.3	218.8	79.1
Other	56.8	32.1	24.7	29.2	51.4	15.5	48.2	13.8	55.6
<b>Principal economic status</b>									
At work	1,977.8	1,148.8	829.0	1,317.7	66.6	721.5	62.8	596.2	71.9
Unemployed	120.7	80.0	40.6	67.4	55.9	42.9	53.6	24.5	60.2
Student	348.0	161.6	186.3	269.6	77.5	135.9	84.1	133.7	71.8
Home duties	532.4	4.6	527.8	287.3	54.0	2.9	63.9	284.4	53.9
Retired	299.3	217.3	82.1	151.3	50.6	105.6	48.6	45.7	55.7
Others	120.3	74.1	46.2	42.5	35.3	25.2	34.0	17.3	37.4
<b>Marital status</b>									
Single	1,423.6	762.7	661.0	940.5	66.1	500.9	65.7	439.7	66.5
Married	1,659.9	841.9	818.0	1,049.8	63.2	496.2	58.9	553.6	67.7
Separated or divorced	123.8	44.1	79.8	72.2	58.3	22.6	51.2	49.6	62.2
Widowed	191.1	37.9	153.2	73.2	38.3	14.4	38.0	58.8	38.4
<b>Health status</b>									
Excellent	1,009.6	521.4	488.2	761.9	75.5	390.9	75.0	371.0	76.0
Very good	1,256.4	621.5	634.9	838.0	66.7	400.2	64.4	437.8	68.9
Good	790.6	379.6	411.0	436.4	55.2	196.5	51.8	240.0	58.4
Fair	279.4	134.5	144.9	90.1	32.2	42.6	31.6	47.5	32.8
Poor	62.4	29.5	32.9	9.4	15.1	3.9	13.4	5.5	16.6
<b>Disability</b>									
Yes	474.1	225.8	248.3	180.5	38.1	85.2	37.7	95.4	38.4
No	2,924.3	1,460.7	1,463.6	1,955.2	66.9	948.8	65.0	1,006.4	68.8

Source: CSO

**Table 4.13 Active persons aged 15 years and over classified by the main sport or physical exercise in which they participated in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006**

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	All active persons	Main sport or physical exercise						
		Walking	Aerobics and Keep fit	Swimming	Golf	Soccer	Gaelic football	Cycling
<b>State</b>	<b>2,135.8</b>	<b>840.2</b>	<b>276.7</b>	<b>171.4</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>152.1</b>	<b>121.7</b>	<b>86.4</b>
<b>Region</b>								
Border	210.0	83.2	22.7	17.0	15.1	16.1	19.6	5.8
Midland	118.1	53.0	11.9	6.7	9.6	5.7	8.6	3.9
West	204.8	88.1	19.9	19.8	11.7	11.4	14.8	12.1
Dublin	640.6	219.9	101.3	48.7	55.7	61.2	19.0	30.0
Mid-East	243.3	89.4	27.4	21.1	24.9	15.6	19.4	9.3
Mid-West	179.8	76.7	19.8	16.8	10.7	9.3	10.5	7.3
South-East	228.0	89.2	44.3	18.6	14.7	13.3	9.6	5.7
South-West	311.2	140.5	29.3	22.8	19.5	19.5	20.1	12.3
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	1,034.0	235.9	98.8	59.5	130.8	144.4	102.1	58.8
Female	1,101.8	604.2	177.9	112.0	31.0	7.7	19.6	27.6
<b>Age group</b>								
15-24	461.6	73.0	73.5	37.2	10.7	69.1	74.8	14.7
25-34	490.4	141.9	86.4	46.1	19.0	55.8	29.5	22.8
35-44	406.7	168.4	58.4	41.3	32.9	19.1	11.2	19.1
45-54	336.2	176.7	34.8	24.4	40.8	6.7	4.0	14.3
55-64	242.9	147.5	15.5	13.8	33.5	*	1.8	7.8
65 and over	197.9	132.7	8.1	8.6	24.9	*	*	7.6
<b>Participation type</b>								
Competitive including professional or semi-professional	329.9	4.9	13.3	6.6	67.9	56.5	75.9	5.4
Non-competitive	330.5	20.2	79.6	23.8	40.9	44.0	29.2	8.2
Informal	1,475.4	815.1	183.8	141.0	53.0	51.7	16.6	72.8
<b>Highest education level attained</b>								
Primary or below	309.7	171.7	18.9	15.6	14.6	14.5	15.7	11.7
Lower secondary	398.4	153.3	38.8	27.5	23.0	39.9	34.1	13.8
Higher secondary	560.8	207.9	79.6	44.2	46.6	47.4	37.0	19.5
Post leaving cert	192.5	80.4	25.0	17.2	13.9	11.6	9.3	6.1
Third level non degree	218.8	82.8	35.9	22.8	18.0	10.6	8.4	9.1
Third level degree or above	426.3	133.8	74.8	40.2	44.5	25.0	16.4	24.4
Other	29.2	10.2	3.8	3.8	*	3.2	*	1.7
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>								
At work	1,317.7	457.5	197.6	112.2	115.1	104.4	71.8	57.8
Unemployed	67.4	24.9	6.9	5.1	2.6	8.8	3.1	3.3
Student	269.6	37.1	34.8	23.3	6.7	35.9	44.5	11.4
Home duties	287.3	204.4	27.1	19.9	10.9	*	*	6.0
Retired	151.3	92.7	6.6	6.6	25.0	*	*	6.0
Others	42.5	23.6	3.6	4.3	*	1.7	*	1.9

Source: CSO

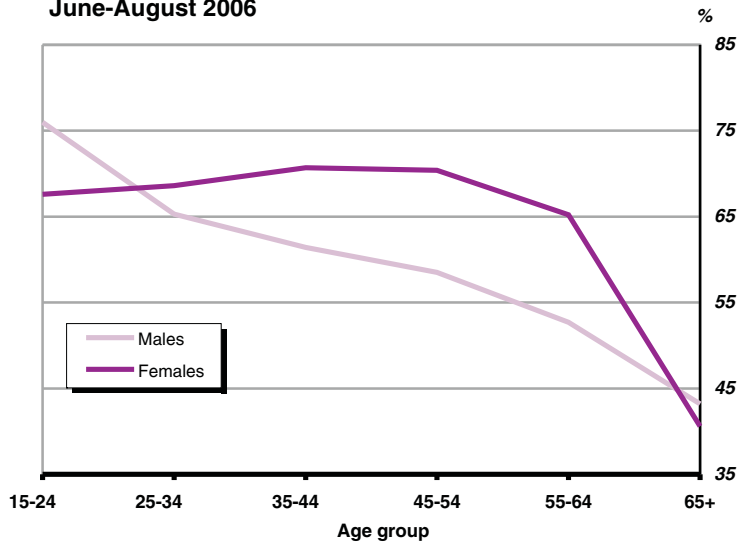
**Table 4.13 Active persons aged 15 years and over classified by the main sport or physical exercise in which they participated in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006 (continued)**

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	All active persons	Main sport or physical exercise					
		Athletics	Hurling and Camogie	Basketball	Fishing	Tennis	Other
<b>State</b>	<b>2,135.8</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>164.4</b>
<b>Region</b>							
Border	210.0	2.9	*	4.3	3.5	*	17.7
Midland	118.1	*	4.5	3.3	2.6	*	6.2
West	204.8	2.5	5.5	4.0	2.0	*	12.3
Dublin	640.6	19.0	4.1	8.4	4.8	10.0	58.5
Mid-East	243.3	7.0	2.6	3.7	2.5	2.4	17.9
Mid-West	179.8	2.7	8.3	2.4	3.3	*	11.2
South-East	228.0	2.8	10.1	2.2	2.8	*	13.5
South-West	311.2	3.4	5.9	4.2	3.1	3.6	27.1
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	1,034.0	25.8	30.9	12.9	23.9	8.6	101.6
Female	1,101.8	15.9	10.7	19.5	*	12.3	62.8
<b>Age group</b>							
15-24	461.6	7.6	25.0	23.9	3.6	3.7	44.8
25-34	490.4	16.8	10.7	5.6	4.7	3.7	47.4
35-44	406.7	11.0	3.7	1.8	6.2	5.2	28.3
45-54	336.2	4.1	1.8	*	4.8	5.1	18.0
55-64	242.9	1.8	*	*	3.0	2.0	14.1
65 and over	197.9	*	*	*	2.2	*	11.8
<b>Participation type</b>							
Competitive including professional or semi-professional	329.9	5.4	27.1	11.8	2.4	7.3	44.8
Non-competitive	330.5	6.4	10.5	11.8	2.4	6.8	46.7
Informal	1,475.4	29.8	4.1	8.8	19.8	6.7	72.9
<b>Highest education level attained</b>							
Primary or below	309.7	2.4	4.8	9.6	4.9	*	23.9
Lower secondary	398.4	5.1	11.3	10.2	6.2	2.3	33.0
Higher secondary	560.8	9.1	14.0	6.3	5.6	5.0	38.6
Post leaving cert	192.5	3.2	3.8	*	2.1	2.0	16.3
Third level non degree	218.8	5.3	3.0	*	2.5	2.4	17.0
Third level degree or above	426.3	15.8	4.5	3.2	2.7	7.9	33.3
Other	29.2	*	*	*	*	*	2.4
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>							
At work	1,317.7	32.8	23.6	9.2	16.9	13.1	105.6
Unemployed	67.4	2.0	*	*	2.1	*	6.5
Student	269.6	4.2	16.3	21.4	*	3.9	28.8
Home duties	287.3	1.8	*	*	*	2.4	11.1
Retired	151.3	*	*	*	2.7	*	9.1
Others	42.5	*	*	*	*	*	3.3

Source: CSO

Persons who participated in sports or physical exercise classified by sex and age group, June-August 2006



Active persons classified by main sport or physical exercise, June-August 2006

