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Health and Social Conditions

- Social Welfare expenditure has increased from 8.2% of Gross National Income in 1999 to 15.6% in 2009.
- The number of recipients of Jobseekers Supports increased by 187.4% between 2001 and 2009, while the number receiving Illness, Disability and Caring payments rose by 53.4% during the same period.
- The number of new cancer cases diagnosed in Ireland was 30,110 in 2008, up 15.1% from 26,155 in 2005.
- The average number of in-patient beds available in publicly funded acute hospitals was 11,695 in 2008, compared with 12,051 in 2006.
- The number of people killed on the roads in 2008 was 279, down by 17.5% compared with the 2007 figure of 338.



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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 1999 to 2009 there has been an increase of 227% in expenditure on social welfare payments. As a proportion of Gross National Income (GNI), total social welfare expenditure increased from 8.2% in 1999 to 15.6% in 2009. A total of 1,379,206 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2009.

The number of recipients of social welfare payments to Older People increased by 37.2% between 2001 and 2009. The number of recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Allowances increased by 53.4% over the same period, while the number of recipients of Jobseekers Support increased by 187.4%. In 2009, the main areas of expenditure by programme group were: Older People (27.5%), Jobseekers Support (26.3%), Illness, Disability and Caring (21.5%) and Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families (15.6%). The administration of the social welfare system accounted for 2.9% of total expenditure in 2009.

Safety

The number of persons killed in road accidents fell by 39.1% between 1998 and 2008. In 2008, 72.6% of road fatalities were male and 27.4% were female.

Register of Electors

The Register of Dáil Electors showed an overall increase of 6.8% from 2002 to 2010. County Council areas experienced an increase of 10% in the same period while City Council areas recorded a decrease of 7.4%.

Technical Notes

Table 5.1

Total Social Welfare expenditures 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 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 Benefit and Invalidity Pension and can also be paid where a person continues to work.

Incapacity Supplement is paid as an increase to Disablement Benefit where a person is permanently incapable of work and does not qualify for any other Social Welfare payment.

Constant Attendance Allowance is paid as an increase to Disablement Pension where the degree of disablement is assessed at between 50% and 100% and the person has been certified as being in need of constant care and attention.

Table 5.8

Figures for Average Number of In-Patient/Day 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 5.12

Accidents where sex of casualty is not specified are included in the overall totals but are omitted from the gender breakdowns.

Table 5.1 Expenditure on Social Welfare

Year	Total Social Welfare expenditure	Social Welfare expenditure as a percentage of:		
		Gross National Income	Gross Domestic Product	
	€m	%		%
1999	6,283	8.2		6.9
2000	6,713	7.5		6.4
2001	7,842	8.0		6.7
2002	9,517	8.9		7.3
2003	10,493	8.9		7.5
2004	11,291	9.0		7.6
2005	12,168	8.9		7.5
2006	13,591	8.9		7.7
2007	15,518	9.6		8.1
2008	17,815	11.4		9.6
2009	20,529	15.6		12.6

Source: Department of Social Protection

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

Base year 2000=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	
2000	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2001	110.3	112.0	108.3	106.1	104.9
2002	120.7	125.0	123.5	122.8	109.7
2003	126.8	131.3	129.4	128.7	113.6
2004	137.0	141.8	137.8	136.0	116.0
2005	151.2	156.6	149.9	146.6	118.9
2006	168.5	174.5	163.8	157.9	123.6
2007	188.8	195.5	184.7	178.0	129.6
2008	201.0	208.2	196.3	189.0	134.9
2009	207.6	215.0	202.7	194.9	128.8

Source: Department of Social Protection

Table 5.3 Recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme

Programme	<i>Number</i>									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Older People	276,065	287,395	298,169	303,653	311,170	339,363	351,800	364,015	378,746	
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	209,011	211,385	211,774	212,952	215,676	205,923	208,772	211,793	214,877	
Child Related	12,134	12,696	12,186	11,974	12,074	16,235	22,302	24,828	24,687	
Illness, Disability and Caring	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	264,890	285,592	296,971	
Jobseeker's Supports	126,447	137,982	145,339	131,539	128,111	126,343	139,435	235,366	363,370	
Employment Supports	56,582	50,920	44,113	40,216	39,589	43,496	45,522	51,526	57,588	
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	29,167	32,073	31,217	29,748	28,066	25,331	27,379	35,546	42,775	
Miscellaneous	433	383	342	303	270	250	227	217	192	
Total Recipients	903,375	938,971	959,432	957,732	976,613	1,003,517	1,060,327	1,208,883	1,379,206	

Source: Department of Social Protection

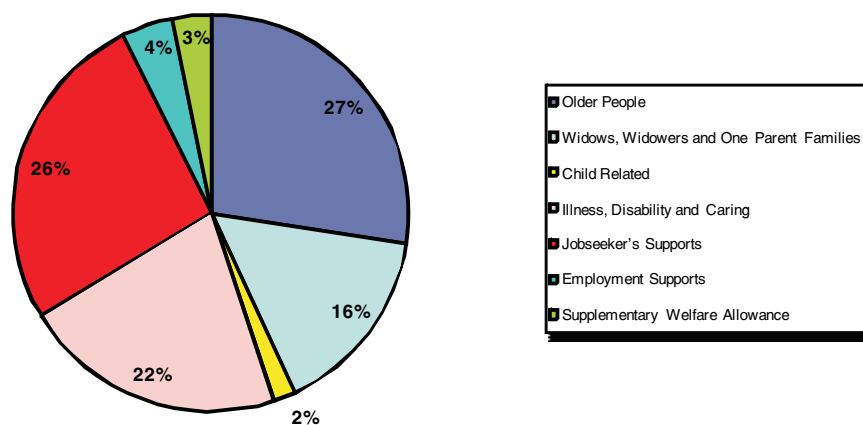
Proportion of recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme, 2009


Table 5.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme

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Scheme	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Older People	2,296.3	2,500.0	2,728.8	2,947.1	3,279.4	3,878.5	4,300.8	4,569.6
State Pension(Contributory)	868.5	946.9	1,050.3	1,152.9	1,580.9	2,755.0	3,118.0	3,367.5
State Pension (Transition)	803.4	899.0	983.7	1,060.1	857.6	79.1	92.1	105.0
State Pension (Non-contributory)	537.3	565.0	600.0	631.3	727.8	920.2	973.0	1,000.5
Pre-Retirement Allowance	87.0	89.1	94.7	102.9	113.1	124.5	117.7	96.6
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,592.6	1,706.6	1,827.7	1,982.2	2,141.2	2,299.3	2,502.0	2,608.3
Widow/Widower's (Contributory) Pension	761.5	826.1	906.5	998.5	1,094.9	1,205.0	1,299.4	1,353.5
Widow/Widower's (Non-contributory) Pension	116.5	116.8	122.3	126.9	103.7	19.9	17.6	21.3
Deserted Wife's Benefit	88.2	89.2	89.7	90.6	94.6	100.7	104.7	100.3
Deserted Wife's Allowance	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.5	10.5	6.9	6.6	6.0
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	613.0	660.6	694.8	751.1	834.6	962.4	1,067.6	1,121.3
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory/Non-contributory)	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.2	4.3	6.1	5.9
Child Related	1,578.9	1,789.3	1,903.3	2,045.0	2,251.9	2,506.6	2,799.0	2,877.0
Maternity Benefit	99.1	107.3	121.6	132.4	180.8	257.9	315.9	331.3
Health and Safety Benefit	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6
Adoptive Benefit	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.6	1.2
Guardian's Payment (Contributory)	11.7	8.9	9.7	7.5	8.8	9.6	14.4	11.5
Guardian's Payment (Non-contributory)	4.5	5.8	6.2	4.1	4.8	4.4	10.7	6.0
Child Benefit	1,462.8	1,666.5	1,765.1	1,899.9	2,056.3	2,233.0	2,455.8	2,495.3
Domiciliary Care Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	31.0
Illness, Disability and Caring	1,453.6	1,621.1	1,827.4	2,090.9	2,433.2	2,855.3	3,301.3	3,504.5
Illness Benefit	385.3	433.5	479.0	540.2	627.6	755.1	852.3	919.6
Invalidity Pension	403.6	440.3	487.4	548.3	602.4	618.1	685.7	681.6
Carer's Benefit	5.8	6.9	7.7	9.6	16.7	26.9	33.7	30.2
Injury Benefit	11.8	11.9	13.6	14.2	16.1	17.2	19.3	21.0
Disablement Benefit	59.4	60.8	62.6	67.0	72.5	79.3	84.4	85.7
Death Benefit	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.6	8.0	5.3
Disability Allowance	407.6	463.6	544.5	630.7	738.4	901.1	1,052.7	1,142.8
Medical Care	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Carer's Allowance	160.0	183.3	210.3	257.4	284.6	361.3	450.3	502.5
Respite Care Grant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50.5	73.4	98.2	99.2
Blind Person's Pension	14.2	14.8	15.9	16.7	17.0	15.0	16.3	16.3
Unemployment Supports	935.5	1,043.1	1,069.4	1,085.6	1,223.6	1,420.0	2,097.6	3,738.3
Jobseeker's Benefit	423.5	477.1	455.5	418.1	455.1	545.0	929.8	1,733.8
Jobseeker's Allowance	512.0	566.0	613.8	667.5	768.6	875.1	1,168.8	2,004.5
Employment Supports	269.1	247.6	238.1	246.0	293.8	363.7	415.7	454.3
Family Income Supplement	42.4	45.4	55.8	72.2	107.1	140.0	170.3	167.1
Employment Support Services	168.1	139.4	116.0	106.6	115.6	145.0	160.5	193.9
Farm Assist/Smallholders	58.6	62.8	66.3	67.3	71.1	78.7	84.9	93.3

Source: Department of Social Protection

Table 5.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme (continued)

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Scheme	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Miscellaneous	970.8	1,158.5	1,261.6	1,313.9	1,446.1	1,632.0	1,819.0	2,184.2
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	484.9	587.8	601.6	624.0	635.0	682.7	804.4	969.7
Treatment Benefit	60.8	63.3	70.5	65.5	95.0	91.6	97.1	100.2
Rent Allowance	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Household Benefits and Free Travel	296.0	340.5	364.3	383.4	444.4	535.5	584.7	626.2
Miscellaneous	69.6	68.5	76.8	89.8	100.9	133.2	142.9	137.3
Equal Treatment Payments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Redundancy and Insolvency	58.7	97.6	147.7	150.3	170.0	188.2	189.1	350.1
TOTAL	9,096.7	10,066.1	10,856.2	11,710.8	13,069.2	14,955.4	17,235.4	19,936.2
Administration	420.1	427.0	434.9	458.9	517.3	563.1	579.9	592.6
Total expenditure	9,516.8	10,493.1	11,291.1	12,169.7	13,586.4	15,518.5	17,815.3	20,528.8

Source: Department of Social Protection

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

Number

Payment type	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Illness Benefit	45,535	46,940	50,715	54,590	57,464	58,726	61,845	65,774	70,404	73,609	77,665
Invalidity Pension	46,946	48,663	50,615	52,147	53,414	55,864	58,352	51,954	53,956	53,725	52,922
Interim Illness Benefit	514	488	449	404	295	316	355	338	440	525	318
Carer's Benefit	–	50	425	615	639	679	867	1,647	2,080	2,249	1,917
Disability Allowance	50,431	54,303	57,655	62,783	67,720	72,976	79,253	83,697	89,048	95,754	99,576
Carer's Allowance	14,387	16,478	18,785	20,395	21,316	23,030	24,970	27,474	33,067	43,569	48,223
Blind Person's Pension	2,304	2,229	2,125	2,095	2,061	2,027	1,985	1,476	1,474	1,472	1,467
Injury Benefit	748	828	861	828	821	915	908	924	900	846	726
Death Benefit Pension	662	665	676	668	664	652	647	646	647	651	637
Disablement Pension	10,577	10,925	11,230	11,612	11,898	12,162	12,475	12,646	12,874	13,192	13,520
Total	172,104	181,569	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	264,890	285,592	296,971

Source: Department of Social Protection

Table 5.6 Estimated non-capital health expenditure

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 estimate
Health Service Executive Vote					
HSE Corporate	31,695	64,969	77,175	72,280	68,958
Primary, Community and Continuing Care					
Care of Older People	1,054,748	1,574,791	1,739,128	1,738,659	1,697,335
Children and Families	605,627	635,692	653,477	641,951	637,271
Care for Persons with Disabilities	1,198,410	1,505,627	1,548,718	1,520,003	1,475,132
Mental Health	984,494	1,042,357	1,043,816	1,006,682	976,964
Primary Care and Community Health	1,271,252	1,817,179	1,371,131	1,139,705	1,098,298
Primary Care (Medical Card Services) Scheme	1,449,298	1,627,783	2,387,641	2,987,000	2,812,000
Multi Care Group Services†	627,707	–	–	–	–
Palliative Care and Chronic Illness†	74,670	–	–	–	–
National Hospitals Office					
South Eastern Hospitals Group	394,860	420,710	448,171	487,182	469,376
Southern Hospitals Group	595,904	645,890	701,851	767,035	739,009
West/North Western Hospitals Group	761,908	857,802	906,452	983,763	947,810
Mid Western Hospitals Group	315,825	337,178	356,027	379,804	365,924
North Eastern Hospitals Group	318,247	347,516	372,494	398,727	384,155
Dublin North Hospitals Group	721,137	793,263	850,326	841,163	810,453
Dublin/Midland Hospitals Group	665,378	753,483	801,622	811,240	781,612
Dublin South Hospitals Group	767,452	847,688	835,236	806,086	776,661
Long Term Charges Repayment Scheme	16,487	131,700	236,000	80,000	17,000
Payments in respect of ex gratia awards in relation to long stay charges	–	–	–	–	–
Technical adjustments arising from transition to new HSE Vote	–	–	–	–	–
HSE National Shared Services				15,000	60,000
State Claims Agency	33,296	28,457	23,377	22,074	21,681
Health Service Executive Vote Total	11,888,395	13,432,085	14,352,642	14,698,354	14,139,639
Department of Health and Children Vote					
Administration	43,968	47,450	39,674	38,164	42,030
Grants	35,830	42,151	43,906	41,703	40,918
Other Services	267,722	322,216	395,274	323,362	282,315
Department of Health and Children Vote Total	347,250	411,817	478,854	403,229	365,263
Office of the Minister for Children Vote					
Childcare Payments	281,367	417,723	480,000	231,000	4,500
Childcare Programmes	34,744	67,876	76,512	84,818	250,418
National Children's Strategy (NCS)	2,741	7,303	24,257	25,445	24,190
Youth Affairs	–	–	52,443	48,112	46,600
Other Services	–	–	–	–	3,000
Office of the Minister for Children Vote Total	318,852	492,902	633,212	389,375	328,708
Gross Non-Capital Total	12,554,497	14,336,804	15,464,708	15,490,958	14,833,610
<i>less appropriations-in-aid:</i>					
Health Service Executive	2,307,451	2,495,971	2,250,688	3,236,270	3,989,050
Department of Health and Children	709	8,382	4,014	5,128	4,296
Office of the Minister for Children	6,268	24,495	25,290	5,240	9,040
Total Appropriations-in-Aid	2,314,428	2,528,848	2,279,992	3,246,638	4,002,386
Net Non-Capital Total Expenditure	10,240,069	11,807,956	13,184,716	12,244,320	10,831,224

†These have now been absorbed into other subheads
 Source: Revised Estimates for Public Services 2006-2009

Table 5.7 Payments by General Medical Services (Payments) Board

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Category	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Doctors	169.9	211.8	282.1	295.7	317.5	414.0	404.7	440.8	475.2
Pharmacists	527.6	670.9	813.2	937.7	1,085.9	1,189.4	1,354.5	1,496.8	1,613.3
Dentists	38.1	41.7	45.7	49.9	52.5	54.5	55.5	58.2	64.4
General Practice development	10.2	11.6	17.6	13.1	15.8	11.9	10.1	5.8	4.6
High tech drugs scheme	51.9	65.1	84.6	109.1	148.2	177.5	217.8	250.2	290.7
Optometrists	8.7	9.8	13.9	13.8	17.4	17.0	18.0	21.6	22.4
Administration	11.8	12.7	13.7	12.5	15.5	17.0	14.7	16.3	17.9
Total	818.2	1,023.6	1,270.9	1,431.8	1,652.8	1,881.3	2,075.2	2,289.7	2,488.4

Source: General Medical Services Report

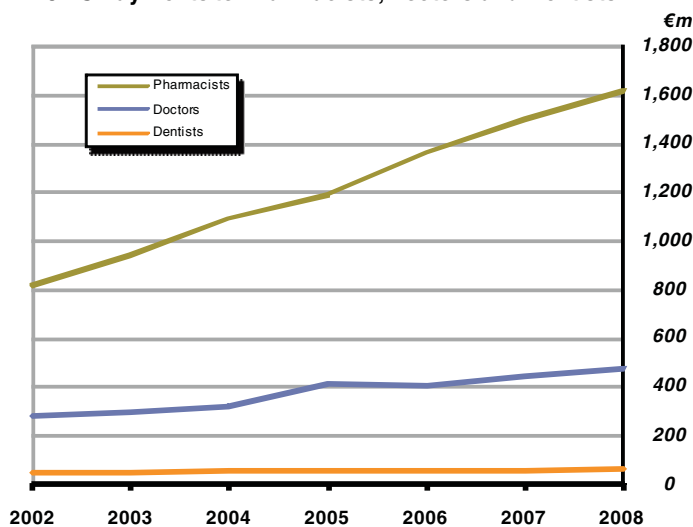
GMS Payments to Pharmacists, Doctors and Dentists

Table 5.8 Publicly funded acute hospital statistics, 2008

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/Mid-Leinster	14	3,581	169,609	7.4	516	223,866
Dublin/North-East	11	2,609	122,511	6.7	399	126,858
Southern	14	2,819	152,788	5.7	372	137,391
Western	13	2,686	155,002	6.4	432	149,060
Total	52	11,695	599,910	6.2	1,719	637,175

Source: National Hospitals Office, Health Service Executive

Table 5.9 Main sites of occurrence of new cancers diagnosed

Cancer site	Cases											
	Male				Female				Total			
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008
Non-melanoma skin	3,408	3,776	3,906	4,048	2,927	3,058	3,479	3,381	6,335	6,834	7,385	7,429
Prostate	2,450	2,487	2,719	2,613	–	–	–	–	2,450	2,487	2,719	2,613
Breast	22	23	16	19	2,207	2,267	2,491	2,802	2,229	2,290	2,507	2,821
Colorectal	1,237	1,233	1,349	1,297	884	961	974	940	2,121	2,194	2,323	2,237
Lung	1,102	1,101	1,164	1,153	750	779	808	832	1,852	1,880	1,972	1,985
Melanoma	248	262	337	339	363	380	354	413	611	642	691	752
Lymphoma	347	409	395	384	280	311	308	332	627	720	703	716
Bladder	339	348	320	308	144	137	142	115	483	485	462	423
Stomach	287	308	310	301	166	171	180	181	453	479	490	482
Oesophagus	215	218	267	243	123	124	139	140	338	342	406	383
Kidney	228	234	277	288	149	144	164	158	377	378	441	446
Pancreas	181	214	248	238	214	251	225	211	395	465	473	449
Leukaemia	267	291	289	247	171	197	169	173	438	488	458	420
Ovary	–	–	–	–	327	355	322	329	327	355	322	329
Head and neck	212	234	222	226	92	88	102	101	304	322	324	327
Brain and meninges	181	191	194	207	119	139	149	145	300	330	343	352
Womb	–	–	–	–	302	290	313	367	302	290	313	367
Cervix	–	–	–	–	259	233	294	255	259	233	294	255
Myeloma	124	130	128	128	99	108	110	86	223	238	238	214
Other (all cancers)	939	1,042	1,203	1,189	3,041	3,341	3,940	3,880	3,980	4,383	5,143	5,069
Other(invasive)	930	1,008	1,035	1,110	821	782	800	931	1,751	1,790	1,835	2,041
TOTAL	12,717	13,509	14,379	14,338	13,438	14,116	15,463	15,772	26,155	27,625	29,842	30,110

Source: National Cancer Registry Ireland

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

*Source: Road Safety Authority***Table 5.11 Road casualties by road user type, 2008***Persons*

Casualty type	Killed	Serious injury	Minor injury	Total
Pedestrians	49	137	977	1,163
Pedal cycle users	13	27	308	348
Motor cycle users	29	62	431	522
Car users	160	554	6,209	6,923
P.S.V. users	0	1	84	85
Goods vehicle users	20	43	547	610
Other	8	11	130	149
Total	279	835	8,686	9,800

Source: Road Safety Authority

Table 5.12 Road casualties by age and sex, 2008

Persons

Age group	Male			Female			Total		
	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
0-5	3	154	157	1	124	125	5	292	297
6-9	3	131	134	2	89	91	5	226	231
10-14	6	175	181	4	117	121	10	300	310
15-17	16	261	277	4	190	194	20	459	479
18-20	25	553	578	9	362	371	34	931	965
21-24	32	547	579	9	448	457	41	1,023	1,064
25-34	33	1,117	1,150	11	807	818	44	1,966	2,010
35-44	32	698	730	4	473	477	37	1,206	1,243
45-54	13	428	441	7	387	394	21	850	871
55-64	8	308	316	5	257	262	13	593	606
65 and over	27	290	317	19	298	317	47	604	651
Unknown	1	574	575	0	356	356	2	1,308	1,310
Total	199	5,236	5,435	75	3,908	3,983	279	9,758	10,037

Source: Road Safety Authority

Road deaths by age group, 2008

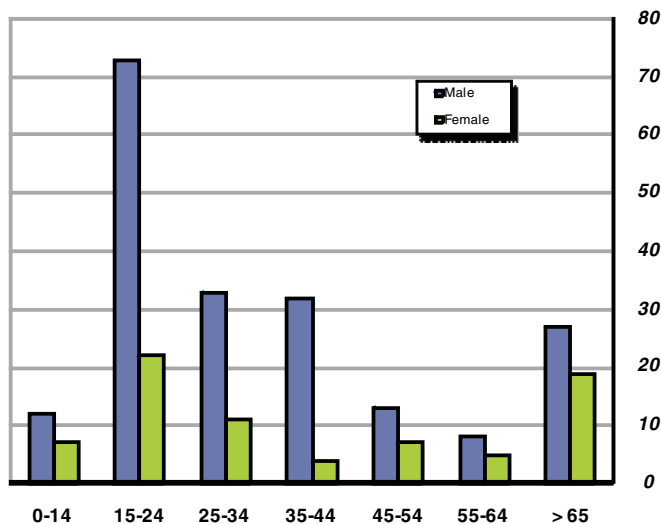


Table 5.13 Number on register of Dáil electors

	<i>Number</i>								
Local Authorities	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
County Councils	2,411,793	2,470,641	2,536,721	2,582,203	2,606,135	2,566,383	2,592,636	2,620,794	2,654,164
Carlow	37,008	37,651	38,143	39,439	39,446	38,781	38,967	39,193	39,191
Cavan	44,977	45,651	47,496	48,286	48,706	49,677	50,323	51,708	52,684
Clare	81,628	81,805	84,834	85,782	84,706	83,058	83,406	84,176	85,214
Cork	254,405	262,139	270,557	278,005	282,235	284,726	288,091	290,744	292,363
Donegal	110,720	113,860	116,966	119,529	119,451	116,741	117,623	118,656	121,001
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	149,252	150,028	150,499	152,107	153,021	147,331	143,908	145,749	146,929
Fingal	134,478	137,694	140,829	146,718	151,736	151,763	156,166	158,584	160,288
South Dublin	171,578	175,478	176,443	177,787	178,407	165,973	168,536	171,135	172,582
Galway	112,334	115,841	120,375	122,560	123,843	126,493	127,861	127,990	128,604
Kerry	105,520	107,002	108,687	109,335	109,659	109,058	108,973	110,447	110,781
Kildare	114,591	121,601	128,346	128,013	130,190	126,586	130,333	131,627	134,510
Kilkenny	61,080	62,955	64,570	65,793	66,056	65,804	65,545	66,435	67,031
Laois	44,610	45,749	47,000	49,680	49,319	50,069	52,563	54,161	55,067
Leitrim	22,246	22,688	23,331	23,672	23,413	23,781	23,752	23,839	24,809
Limerick	91,888	94,580	95,059	95,425	96,340	97,346	98,351	95,021	96,988
Longford	25,732	26,331	27,313	27,480	27,143	26,878	27,151	27,764	27,990
Louth	80,924	81,328	82,838	85,048	86,561	85,458	84,024	84,994	85,757
Mayo	92,656	95,229	98,278	99,627	99,340	96,591	97,767	97,991	100,242
Meath	107,894	110,270	117,254	119,667	124,735	122,965	125,905	129,001	131,256
Monaghan	42,110	43,356	44,173	45,077	45,181	41,947	43,335	44,362	44,990
Offaly	49,486	50,731	52,332	53,443	53,961	52,836	53,647	54,394	54,695
Roscommon	43,440	44,275	46,039	46,899	47,218	45,243	45,739	46,015	47,023
Sligo	46,150	46,090	47,493	47,730	47,899	48,729	48,839	49,577	50,580
North Tipperary	49,718	51,114	51,740	52,473	53,120	48,563	48,887	49,355	50,397
South Tipperary	61,508	62,709	62,265	64,394	64,489	61,014	61,516	62,527	63,596
Waterford	44,497	44,995	46,329	47,684	48,196	48,680	49,383	49,873	51,194
Westmeath	53,202	55,646	58,232	59,360	59,229	61,461	61,586	61,744	62,196
Wexford	93,280	95,983	99,830	101,124	101,800	100,824	102,532	104,884	105,986
Wicklow	84,881	87,862	89,470	90,066	90,735	88,007	87,927	88,848	90,220
City Councils	540,607	543,726	541,005	536,097	522,135	500,134	506,692	507,213	500,424
Cork	90,169	90,219	89,504	88,639	86,627	80,258	80,068	79,497	78,849
Dublin	342,409	344,019	341,813	340,357	331,021	321,807	327,332	323,129	317,873
Galway	40,414	41,947	42,325	41,898	41,526	39,738	40,700	41,290	40,438
Limerick	37,359	37,681	37,741	37,055	36,358	33,037	33,223	38,031	37,385
Waterford	30,256	29,860	29,622	28,148	26,603	25,294	25,369	25,266	25,879
TOTAL	2,952,400	3,014,367	3,077,726	3,118,300	3,128,270	3,066,517	3,099,328	3,128,007	3,154,588

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

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

