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Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) 2015 Results*

Income increased by 6.2% in 2015

Poverty Indicators:

- ◆ At Risk of Poverty Rate 16.9%
- ◆ Enforced Deprivation Rate 25.5%
- ◆ Consistent Poverty Rate 8.7%

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) has today issued results from the Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) for 2015. This report presents the results for 2015 and comparable data for previous years.

Table A Summary of main results

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Income	€	€	€	€	€	€
Nominal Income - Equivalised disposable income per individual						
Median	18,591	18,148	18,276	18,262	18,864	20,000
Mean	22,138	21,440	21,578	21,995	22,396	23,301
At risk of poverty threshold (60% of median income)	11,155	10,889	10,966	10,957	11,318	12,000
Real Income¹ - Equivalised disposable income per individual						
Median	19,273	18,555	18,276	18,078	18,623	19,772
Mean	22,950	21,920	21,578	21,773	22,109	23,035
At risk of poverty threshold (60% of median income)	11,564	11,133	10,966	10,846	11,173	11,863
Poverty & deprivation rates						
	%	%	%	%	%	%
At risk of poverty rate	14.7	16.0	17.3	16.5	17.2	16.9
Deprivation rate ²	22.6	24.5	26.9	30.5	29.0	25.5
Deprivation rate for those at risk of poverty	42.9	43.2	48.9	55.1	51.2	51.5
Consistent poverty rate	6.3	6.9	8.5	9.1	8.8	8.7
Income equality indicators						
Gini coefficient (%)	31.4	31.1	31.8	32.0	32.0	30.8
Income quintile share ratio	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.7

¹ Deflator base year 2012

² Experienced two or more types of enforced deprivation

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Commenting on the report Hilda McCarthy, Statistician, said: “The SILC household survey is the official source of data on household and individual income and also provides a number of key national poverty indicators, such as the ‘at risk of poverty’ rate, the consistent poverty rate and rates of enforced deprivation.

Key findings show that in 2015, real median annual equivalised disposable income was €19,772, up 6.2% on 2014 and in terms of income equality, income was more equally distributed when compared to 2014.

The survey also provides insight into poverty in Ireland. The ‘at risk of poverty’ rate, which is the share of persons whose income was less than 60% of the national median income, was 16.9%, similar to the 2014 figure of 17.2%.

In addition, the ‘consistent poverty rate’, which includes those persons who are defined as being both at risk of poverty and who are also experiencing enforced deprivation, was 8.7%, similar to the 2014 figure of 8.8%”, she added.

“Finally, the percentage of people considered to be experiencing ‘enforced deprivation’, which is defined as not being able to afford two or more basics, such as going without heating in the past year, or being unable to afford items such as two pairs of strong shoes, a warm waterproof coat or a meal with meat, chicken or fish every second day, was 25.5%, down from 29.0% in 2014.”

Note to Editors

<http://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/er/silc/surveyonincomeandlivingconditions2015/>

***Data Revisions**

*Revised SILC results have been produced for reference years 2012-2014. Further details may be found in Section 5.6.2 of the Standard Report on Methods and Quality for the 2015 Survey on Income and Living conditions (EU-SILC). See <http://www.cso.ie/en/silc/methodology/>

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