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Health and Social Conditions

- Net non-capital health expenditure rose by 40% from €9.155bn in 2005 to €12.826bn in 2008.
- The number of recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring payments rose by 54% between 1999 and 2007.
- The number of new cancer cases diagnosed in Ireland was 26,723 in 2006, up 2.4% from 26,094 in 2004.
- The average number of in-patient beds available in publicly funded acute hospitals was 12,051 in 2006, down from 12,094 in 2005.
- The number of people killed on the roads in 2006 was 365, down by nearly 8% over the 2005 figure.



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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 National Roads Authority.

Social Services

From 1998 to 2007 there has been an increase of 157% in expenditure on social welfare payments. As a proportion of Gross National Income (GNI), total Social Welfare expenditure increased from 8.7% in 1998 to 9.8% in 2007. A total of 1,060,327 people were in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment at the end of 2007.

The number of recipients of social welfare payments to Older People increased by 31% between 2000 and 2007. The number of recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring Allowances by 46% over the same period. In 2007, the main areas of expenditure by programme group were: Older People (25%), Illness, Disability and Caring (18%), Child Related (16%) and Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families (15%). The administration of the social welfare system accounted for less than 4 per cent of total expenditure.

Safety

The number of persons killed in road accidents fell by 23% between 1997 and 2006. In 2006, 73% of road fatalities were male and 27% were female.

Register of Electors

The Register of Dáil Electors showed an overall increase of 7.1% from 2001 to 2008. County council areas experienced an increase of 9.9% in the same period while City Council areas recorded a decrease of 5.4%.

Technical Notes

Table 6.1

Total Social Welfare expenditures include the full cost of Supplementary Welfare Allowance administered by the Health Boards as well as expenditure on the Redundancy and Insolvency schemes administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Table 6.3

Recipients of child benefit are not included under "Child Related". Adoptive Benefit recipients are included in Table 6.3 under "Child Related".

Jobseeker's Benefit/Unemployment Benefit and Jobseeker's Allowance/Unemployment Allowance in table 6.3 refer to those who actually received payment in the last two weeks of the month in question. This figure differs from the Live Register figures which includes claims that are not in payment.

Table 6.4

Respite care grants were introduced in 2006. Before this payments were classified under the heading of carers allowance and benefits

Table 6.5

Carer's Benefit was introduced in October 2000.

There were 11 persons in receipt of Prescribed Relatives Allowance at the end of December 2006. Prescribed Relatives Allowance was replaced by Carer's Allowance in 1990.

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.

Unemployability 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 6.8

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.

The Average Length of Stay calculations for area and national totals, exclude Incorporated Orthopaedic, NRH, Peamount, Baldoyle and Manorhamilton because of the nature of their specialities which involve substantially longer stay than in acute hospitals generally.

Table 6.9

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 6.9 therefore may be slightly different from the data in last year's table.

Table 6.10 and 6.11

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 6.11 but are included in the total casualties in table 6.10.

Table 6.12

Accidents are omitted from the figures where sex of casualty is not specified.

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Table 6.1 Expenditure on Social Welfare

Year	Total Social Welfare expenditure	Social Welfare expenditure as a percentage of:	
		Gross National Income	Gross Domestic Product
	€m	%	%
1998	6,046	8.7	7.7
1999	6,283	8.1	6.9
2000	6,713	7.5	6.4
2001	7,842	7.9	6.7
2002	9,517	8.8	7.3
2003	10,493	8.8	7.5
2004	11,291	8.9	7.6
2005	12,168	8.8	7.5
2006	13,591	9.0	7.8
2007	15,519	9.8	8.4

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 6.2 Index of rates of payment for long-term unemployed, CPI and gross average industrial earnings

Base year 1998=100

Year	Long-term unemployed				Consumer Price Index	Gross average industrial earnings
	Single person	Couple	Couple with two children including Child Benefit	Couple with four children including Child Benefit		
1998	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1999	104.3	104.5	105.6	106.6	101.7	110.9
2000	109.9	111.5	118.2	123.1	107.3	118.2
2001	121.3	124.9	128.0	130.6	112.6	127.6
2002	132.7	139.3	146.0	151.2	117.8	135.9
2003	139.4	146.4	153.0	158.3	121.9	145.1
2004	150.6	158.1	162.9	167.3	124.5	151.9
2005	166.2	174.5	177.1	180.4	127.6	157.4
2006	185.2	194.5	193.6	194.3	132.7	162.9
2007	207.6	217.9	218.3	219.1	139.1	169.9

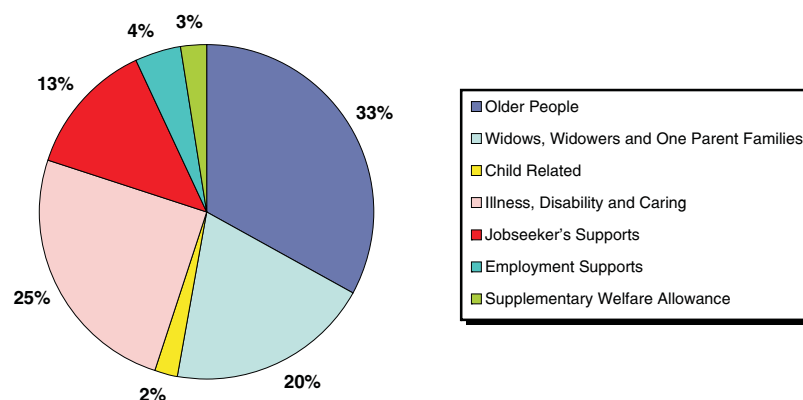
Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 6.3 Recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme

Programme	Number							
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Older People	267,760	276,065	287,395	298,169	303,653	311,170	339,363	351,800
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	206,130	209,011	211,385	211,774	212,952	215,676	205,923	208,772
Child Related	8,067	12,134	12,696	12,186	11,974	12,074	16,235	22,302
Illness, Disability and Caring	181,569	193,536	206,137	216,292	227,347	241,657	246,576	264,890
Unemployment Supports	116,069	126,447	137,982	145,339	131,539	128,111	126,343	139,435
Employment Supports	64,833	56,582	50,920	44,113	40,216	39,589	43,496	45,522
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	25,094	29,167	32,073	31,217	29,748	28,066	25,331	27,379
Miscellaneous	472	433	383	342	303	270	250	227
Total Recipients	869,994	903,375	938,971	959,432	957,732	976,613	1,003,517	1,060,327

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Proportion of recipients of weekly Social Welfare payments by programme, 2007



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Table 6.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme

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Scheme	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 ¹
Older People	1,987.5	2,296.3	2,500.0	2,728.8	2,947.1	3,279.4	3,878.7
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	716.6	868.5	946.9	1,050.3	1,152.9	1,580.9	2,754.9
Retirement Pension	697.4	803.4	899.0	983.7	1,060.1	857.6	79.1
Old Age (Non-contributory) Pension	490.7	537.3	565.0	600.0	631.3	727.8	920.2
Pre-Retirement Allowance	82.8	87.0	89.1	94.7	102.9	113.1	124.5
Widows, Widowers and One Parent Families	1,413.0	1,592.6	1,706.6	1,827.7	1,982.2	2,141.2	2,299.2
Widow/Widower's (Contributory) Pension	673.0	761.5	826.1	906.5	998.5	1,094.9	1,205.0
Widow/Widower's (Non-contributory) Pension	107.2	116.5	116.8	122.3	126.9	103.7	19.9
Deserted Wife's Benefit	84.9	88.2	89.2	89.7	90.6	94.6	100.7
Deserted Wife's Allowance	9.2	10.2	10.6	11.0	11.5	10.5	6.9
Prisoner's Wife's Allowance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
One Parent Family Payment	537.4	613.0	660.6	694.8	751.1	834.6	962.4
Widowed Parent Grant (Contributory/Non-contributory)	1.4	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.2	4.3
Child Related	1,058.1	1,578.9	1,789.3	1,903.3	2,045.0	2,251.9	2,506.6
Maternity Benefit	78.9	99.1	107.3	121.6	132.4	180.8	257.9
Health and Safety Benefit	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5
Adoptive Benefit	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.3
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	9.4	11.7	8.9	9.7	7.5	8.8	9.6
Orphan's (Non-contributory) Pension	4.4	4.5	5.8	6.2	4.1	4.8	4.4
Child Benefit	964.8	1,462.8	1,666.5	1,765.1	1,899.9	2,056.3	2,233.0
Illness, Disability and Caring	1,233.1	1,453.6	1,621.1	1,827.4	2,090.9	2,433.2	2,855.4
Disability Benefit	329.9	385.3	433.5	479.0	540.2	627.6	755.3
Invalidity Pension	354.5	403.6	440.3	487.4	548.3	602.4	618.1
Carer's Benefit	2.5	5.8	6.9	7.7	9.6	16.7	26.9
Injury Benefit	10.9	11.8	11.9	13.6	14.2	16.1	17.2
Disablement Benefit	54.3	59.4	60.8	62.6	67.0	72.5	79.3
Death Benefit	5.1	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.6
Disability Allowance	332.3	407.6	463.6	544.5	630.7	738.4	901.1
Medical Care	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Carer's Allowance	130.3	160.0	183.3	210.3	257.4	284.6	361.3
Respite Care Grant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50.5	73.4
Blind Person's Pension	13.2	14.2	14.8	15.9	16.7	17.0	15.0
Unemployment Supports	720.6	935.5	1,043.1	1,069.4	1,085.6	1,223.6	1,420.4
Unemployment Benefit	290.7	423.5	477.1	455.5	418.1	455.1	545.3
Unemployment Assistance	429.9	512.0	566.0	613.8	667.5	768.6	875.1
Employment Supports	283.7	269.1	247.6	238.1	246.0	293.8	363.7
Family Income Supplement	37.1	42.4	45.4	55.8	72.2	107.1	140.0
Employment Support Services	196.0	168.1	139.4	116.0	106.6	115.6	145.0
Farm Assist/Smallholders	50.7	58.6	62.8	66.3	67.3	71.1	78.7

¹ Provisional

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 6.4 Expenditure on Social Welfare by scheme (continued)

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Scheme	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 ¹
Supplementary Welfare Allowance and Miscellaneous	772.2	970.8	1,158.5	1,261.6	1,313.9	1,446.1	1,611.8
Supplementary Welfare Allowance	363.6	484.9	587.8	601.6	624.0	635.0	682.7
Treatment Benefit	56.5	60.8	63.3	70.5	65.5	95.0	91.6
Rent Allowance	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Free Schemes	241.0	296.0	340.5	364.3	383.4	444.4	535.5
Miscellaneous	76.9	69.6	68.5	76.8	89.8	100.9	113.2
Equal Treatment Payments	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Redundancy and Insolvency	33.4	58.7	97.6	147.7	150.3	170.0	188.0
TOTAL	7,468.1	9,096.7	10,066.1	10,856.2	11,710.8	13,069.2	14,935.8
Administration	374.7	420.1	427.0	434.9	458.9	517.3	563.1
Total expenditure	7,842.9	9,516.8	10,493.1	11,291.1	12,169.7	13,586.4	15,498.9

¹ Provisional

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 6.5 Recipients of Illness, Disability and Caring payments by type

Number

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

Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

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Table 6.6 Estimated non-capital health expenditure

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	2005	2006	2007	2008 estimate
Health Service Executive Vote				
HSE Corporate	20,250	31,695	64,969	79,868
Primary, Community and Continuing Care				
Care of Older People	1,080,561	1,054,748	1,574,791	1,846,921
Children and Families	490,423	605,627	635,692	693,981
Care for Persons with Disabilities	1,142,858	1,198,410	1,505,627	1,644,710
Mental Health	774,685	984,494	1,042,357	1,108,419
Primary Care & Community Health	1,470,177	1,271,252	1,817,179	1,953,061
Primary Care (Medical Card Services) Scheme	1,414,052	1,449,298	1,627,783	1,718,493
Multi Care Group Services†	–	627,707	–	–
Palliative Care & Chronic Illness†	–	74,670	–	–
National Hospitals Office				
South Eastern Hospitals Group	399,668	394,860	420,710	434,684
Southern Hospitals Group	628,277	595,904	645,890	676,032
West/North Western Hospitals Group	781,493	761,908	857,802	853,706
Mid Western Hospitals Group	275,299	315,825	337,178	345,598
North Eastern Hospitals Group	273,681	318,247	347,516	346,681
Dublin North Hospitals Group	886,277*	721,137	793,263	823,277
Dublin/Midland Hospitals Group	829,468#	665,378	753,483	779,386
Dublin South Hospitals Group	365,510	767,452	847,688	860,710
Long Term Charges Repayment Scheme	–	16,487	131,700	150,000
Payments in respect of ex gratia awards in relation to long stay charges	22,220	–	–	–
Technical adjustments arising from transition to new HSE Vote	173,604	–	–	–
HSE National Shared Services	–	33,296	28,457	22,073
Health Service Executive Vote Total	11,028,503	11,888,395	13,432,085	14,337,600
Department of Health and Children Vote				
Administration	42,828	43,968	47,450	46,430
Grants	32,739	35,830	42,151	44,874
Other Services	251,776	267,722	322,216	417,529
Department of Health and Children Vote Total	327,343	347,250	411,817	508,833
Office of the Minister for Children Vote				
Childcare Payments	–	281,367	417,723	506,000
Childcare Programmes	–	34,744	67,876	76,578
National Children's Strategy (NCS)	–	2,741	7,303	8,535
Other Services	–	–	–	3,000
Office of the Minister for Children Vote Total	–	318,852	492,902	594,113
Gross Non-Capital Total	11,355,846	12,554,497	14,336,804	15,440,546
<i>less appropriations-in-aid:</i>				
Health Service Executive	2,200,106	2,307,451	2,495,971	2,594,275
Department of Health and Children	390	709	8,382	1
Office of the Minister for Children	–	6,268	24,495	20,283
Total Appropriations-in-Aid	2,200,496	2,314,428	2,528,848	2,614,559
Net Non-Capital Total Expenditure	9,155,350	10,240,069	11,807,956	12,825,987

*Includes St. James

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†These have now been absorbed into other subheads

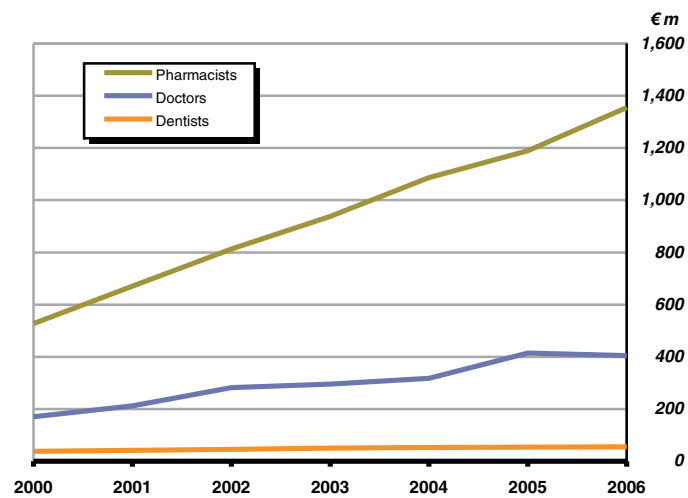
Source: Revised Estimates for Public Services 2006-2008

Table 6.7 Payments by General Medical Services (Payments) Board

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Category	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Doctors	154.8	169.9	211.8	282.1	295.7	317.5	414.0	404.7
Pharmacists	417.2	527.6	670.9	813.2	937.7	1,085.9	1,189.4	1,354.5
Dentists	18.3	38.1	41.7	45.7	49.9	52.5	54.5	55.5
General Practice development	9.3	10.2	11.6	17.6	13.1	15.8	11.9	10.1
High tech drugs scheme	42.3	51.9	65.1	84.6	109.1	148.2	177.5	217.8
Optometrists	1.8	8.7	9.8	13.9	13.8	17.4	17.0	18.0
Administration	9.3	11.8	12.7	13.7	12.5	15.5	17.0	14.7
Total	653.0	818.2	1,023.6	1,270.9	1,431.8	1,652.8	1,881.3	2,075.2

Source: General Medical Services Report

GMS(P)B Payments to Pharmacists, Doctors and Dentists

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Table 6.8 Publicly funded acute hospitals statistics, 2006

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 available	Day cases
Dublin/Mid-Leinster	14	3,665	167,596	7.1	392	191,770
Dublin/North-East	12	2,675	118,815	7.1	381	114,739
Southern	15	2,982	151,266	5.8	265	118,313
Western	13	2,729	154,576	5.5	305	133,991
Total	54	12,051	592,253	6.4	1,343	558,813

Source: Department of Health and Children

Table 6.9 Main sites of occurrence of new cancers diagnosed

Cases

Cancer site	Male			Female			Total		
	2004	2005	2006 ¹	2004	2005	2006 ¹	2004	2005	2006 ¹
Non-melanoma skin	3,354	3,390	3,666	3,009	2,894	3,005	6,363	6,284	6,671
Colorectal	1,183	1,224	1,233	954	887	929	2,137	2,111	2,162
Breast	17	22	24	2,181	2,205	2,297	2,198	2,227	2,321
Lung	1,081	1,074	1,037	742	730	720	1,823	1,804	1,757
Prostate	2,615	2,400	2,356	—	—	—	2,615	2,400	2,356
Cervix	—	—	—	203	259	259	203	259	259
Melanoma	252	243	251	322	355	362	574	598	613
Lymphoma	326	330	388	331	274	295	657	604	683
Stomach	295	284	300	183	167	157	478	451	457
Bladder	316	326	376	142	139	152	458	465	528
Pancreas	182	177	190	175	204	221	357	381	411
Leukaemia	303	229	205	180	148	141	483	377	346
Ovary	—	—	—	359	352	370	359	352	370
Oesophagus	235	217	236	128	123	137	363	340	373
Kidney	251	222	215	146	145	129	397	367	344
Brain and meninges	171	179	178	139	117	124	310	296	302
Womb	—	—	—	284	298	290	284	298	290
Myeloma	103	114	102	88	89	82	191	203	184
Head and neck	205	214	230	84	88	93	289	302	323
Other (invasive)	923	961	1,077	805	862	886	1,728	1,823	1,963
Other (all cancers)	824	910	892	3,003	2,936	3,118	3,827	3,846	4,010
Total	12,636	12,516	12,956	13,458	13,272	13,767	26,094	25,788	26,723

¹ Provisional

Source: National Cancer Registry Ireland

Table 6.10 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

Source: Road Safety Authority

Table 6.11 Road casualties classified by road user type, 2006

Persons

Casualty type	Killed	Serious injury	Minor injury	Total
Pedestrians	73	134	793	1,000
Pedal cycle users	9	18	192	219
Motor cycle users	29	82	423	534
Car users	226	569	5,169	5,964
P.S.V. (large) users	3	7	96	106
Goods vehicle users	18	64	555	637
Other or unknown	7	33	207	247
Total	365	907	7,435	8,707

Source: Road Safety Authority

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Table 6.12 Road casualties classified by age and sex, 2006

Persons

Age group	Male			Female			Total		
	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
0-5	5	89	94	4	73	77	9	162	171
6-9	3	80	83	1	77	78	4	157	161
10-14	1	120	121	2	101	103	3	221	224
15-17	13	229	242	5	177	182	18	406	424
18-20	29	532	561	12	338	350	41	870	911
21-24	46	604	650	8	354	362	54	958	1,012
25-34	64	1,073	1,137	15	700	715	79	1,773	1,852
35-44	30	668	698	8	461	469	38	1,129	1,167
45-54	17	421	438	5	367	372	22	788	810
55-64	23	269	292	5	240	245	28	509	537
65 and over	31	246	277	32	269	301	63	515	578
Unknown	0	135	135	0	111	111	0	246	246
Total	262	4,466	4,728	97	3,268	3,365	359	7,734	8,093

Source: Road Safety Authority

Road deaths by age group, 2006

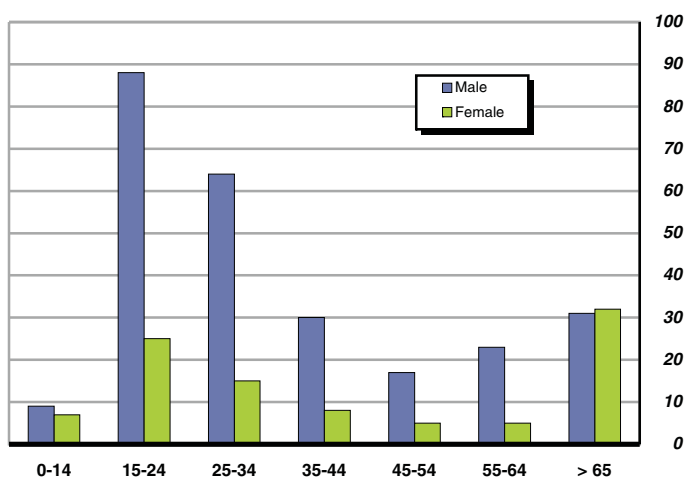


Table 6.13 Number on register of Dáil electors

Number

Local Authorities	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
County Councils	2,358,805	2,411,793	2,470,641	2,536,721	2,582,203	2,606,135	2,566,383	2,592,636
Carlow	36,054	37,008	37,651	38,143	39,439	39,446	38,781	38,967
Cavan	44,393	44,977	45,651	47,496	48,286	48,706	49,677	50,323
Clare	80,266	81,628	81,805	84,834	85,782	84,706	83,058	83,406
Cork	248,656	254,405	262,139	270,557	278,005	282,235	284,726	288,091
Donegal	108,147	110,720	113,860	116,966	119,529	119,451	116,741	117,623
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	148,350	149,252	150,028	150,499	152,107	153,021	147,331	143,908
Fingal	130,676	134,478	137,694	140,829	146,718	151,736	151,763	156,166
South Dublin	168,494	171,578	175,478	176,443	177,787	178,407	165,973	168,536
Galway	109,673	112,334	115,841	120,375	122,560	123,843	126,493	127,861
Kerry	104,096	105,520	107,002	108,687	109,335	109,659	109,058	108,973
Kildare	110,995	114,591	121,601	128,346	128,013	130,190	126,586	130,333
Kilkenny	59,759	61,080	62,955	64,570	65,793	66,056	65,804	65,545
Laois	43,246	44,610	45,749	47,000	49,680	49,319	50,069	52,563
Leitrim	21,914	22,246	22,688	23,331	23,672	23,413	23,781	23,752
Limerick	89,826	91,888	94,580	95,059	95,425	96,340	97,346	98,351
Longford	25,252	25,732	26,331	27,313	27,480	27,143	26,878	27,151
Louth	78,209	80,924	81,328	82,838	85,048	86,561	85,458	84,024
Mayo	91,104	92,656	95,229	98,278	99,627	99,340	96,591	97,767
Meath	102,329	107,894	110,270	117,254	119,667	124,735	122,965	125,905
Monaghan	41,601	42,110	43,356	44,173	45,077	45,181	41,947	43,335
Offaly	48,128	49,486	50,731	52,332	53,443	53,961	52,836	53,647
Roscommon	42,715	43,440	44,275	46,039	46,899	47,218	45,243	45,739
Sligo	45,441	46,150	46,090	47,493	47,730	47,899	48,729	48,839
North Tipperary	48,798	49,718	51,114	51,740	52,473	53,120	48,563	48,887
South Tipperary	60,676	61,508	62,709	62,265	64,394	64,489	61,014	61,516
Waterford	43,832	44,497	44,995	46,329	47,684	48,196	48,680	49,383
Westmeath	51,939	53,202	55,646	58,232	59,360	59,229	61,461	61,586
Wexford	91,049	93,280	95,983	99,830	101,124	101,800	100,824	102,532
Wicklow	83,187	84,881	87,862	89,470	90,066	90,735	88,007	87,927
City Councils	535,339	540,607	543,726	541,005	536,097	522,135	500,134	506,692
Cork	90,455	90,169	90,219	89,504	88,639	86,627	80,258	80,068
Dublin	337,538	342,409	344,019	341,813	340,357	331,021	321,807	327,332
Galway	40,088	40,414	41,947	42,325	41,898	41,526	39,738	40,700
Limerick	37,251	37,359	37,681	37,741	37,055	36,358	33,037	33,223
Waterford	30,007	30,256	29,860	29,622	28,148	26,603	25,294	25,369
TOTAL	2,894,144	2,952,400	3,014,367	3,077,726	3,118,300	3,128,270	3,066,517	3,099,328

Source: Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Table 6.14 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



