

OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes - Ireland

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INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR>].

Based on information collected in five rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:

- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
 - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
 - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit “top-ups” of unemployment benefits or pensions.

Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. ‘OLD AGE’) and sub-branch (e.g. ‘Pensions’) under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

Data sources of local administrations. Web links to official administrative databases and reports are provided when the sources are publicly available. These web pages are subject to changes by local administrations, which implies that in the future some links may not work.

Other OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: [Country policy descriptions](#).

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: [Social Expenditure \(SOCX\)](#), [Tax-Benefit model \(TaxBEN\)](#), [Family database](#), [Pensions at a Glance](#).

OLD AGE

Pensions

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	State-pension (non-contributory)
Programme Name [Original]	State-pension (non-contributory)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time ¹
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	State-pension (contributory)
Programme Name [Original]	State-pension (contributory)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	State-pension (transition)
Programme Name [Original]	State-pension (transition)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Scheme closed in 2017
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

¹ In Ireland, point-in-time figures correspond to the number of recipients on 31 December of each year.

SURVIVORS

Survivor Pensions

2 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension
Programme Name [Original]	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Recipients reaching 66 years of age are transferred to State Pension (Non-Contributory).
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension
Programme Name [Original]	Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Recipients have since 2006 been transferred to State Pension (Non-Contributory) upon reaching 66 years of age.
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

INCAPACITY

Disability Pensions

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Disability allowance
Programme Name [Original]	Disability allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Invalidity Pension
Programme Name [Original]	Invalidity Pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Paid Sick Leave

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Illness Benefit (previously called Disability Benefit)
Programme Name [Original]	Illness Benefit (previously called Disability Benefit)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Disablement Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Disablement Benefit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

FAMILY

Maternity and Parental Leave

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Maternity Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Maternity Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Length: 26 weeks - at least 2 must be taken before and 4 weeks after confinement.
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Paternity Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Paternity Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Introduced in 2016.
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Other (Lone Parent Benefits, etc.)

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Deserted Wife's Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Deserted Wife's Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	The scheme was closed to new claimants in 1997, when the One Parent Payment was introduced.
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	One Parent Payment benefit
Programme Name [Original]	One Parent Payment benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Compensations

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Jobseeker's allowance (JA)
Programme Name [Original]	Jobseeker's allowance (JA)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Jobseeker's Benefit (JB)
Programme Name [Original]	Jobseeker's Benefit (JB)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Early retirement for labour market reasons

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Pre-retirement allowance (PRETA)
Programme Name [Original]	Pre-retirement allowance (PRETA)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Phased out in 2017
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

OTHER SOCIAL

Income Maintenance

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Farm Assist
Programme Name [Original]	Farm Assist
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Supplementary Welfare Allowance
Programme Name [Original]	Supplementary Welfare Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Carer's Allowance
Programme Name [Original]	Carer's Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Carer's Benefi
Programme Name [Original]	Carer's Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

HOUSING

Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Rent Supplement
Programme Name [Original]	Rent Supplement
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Phased out in 2014. The Housing Assistance Payment replaced it. The HAP is paid to landlord, not to tenants.
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

Programme Name [English]	Housing Assistance Payment
Programme Name [Original]	Housing Assistance Payment
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Housing Assistance Payment, introduced in 2014, replaced Rent Supplement. It is paid to landlord, not to tenants.
Source	Department of Social Protection Report

IN-WORK

In-Work Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Working Family Payment (former Family Income Supplement)
Programme Name [Original]	Working Family Payment (former Family Income Supplement)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	People living in recipient households, average or point in time
Other remarks	It was called "Family Income Supplement" until 2016
Source	Department of Social Protection Report