

## 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 four 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.

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]	<b>State-pension (non-contributory)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	State-pension (non-contributory)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time <sup>1</sup>
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>State-pension (contributory)</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>State-pension (transition)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	State-pension (transition)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection <a href="#">Report</a>

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<sup>1</sup> 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]	<b>Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

## INCAPACITY

### Disability Pensions

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Disability allowance</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Invalidity Pension</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

### Paid Sick Leave

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Illness Benefit (previously called Disability Benefit)</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Disablement Benefit</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

## FAMILY

### Maternity and Parental Leave

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Maternity Benefit</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Paternity Benefit</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

### Other (Lone Parent Benefits, etc.)

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Deserted Wife's Benefit</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>One Parent Payment benefit</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

## UNEMPLOYMENT

### Unemployment Compensations

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Jobseeker's allowance (JA)</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Jobseeker's Benefit (JB)</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

### Early retirement for labour market reasons

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Pre-retirement allowance (PRETA)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Pre-retirement allowance (PRETA)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection <a href="#">Report</a>

## OTHER SOCIAL

### Income Maintenance

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Farm Assist</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Supplementary Welfare Allowance</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Carer's Allowance</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Carer's Benefi</b>
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 <a href="#">Report</a>



## HOUSING

### Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Rent Supplement</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Rent Supplement
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection <a href="#">Report</a>

## IN-WORK

### In-Work Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Family Income Supplement (FIS)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Family Income Supplement (FIS)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	People living in recipient households, average or point in time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Protection <a href="#">Report</a>