



Budget 2024

Cost of Living Main payments

- €300 cost of living lump sum to all households getting the **Fuel Allowance**
- €200 cost of living lump sum for pensioners and people with a disability getting the **Living Alone Increase**
- €400 cost of living lump sum to all families getting the **Working Family Payment**
- double payment of **Child Benefit** to support all families with children
- €400 cost of living lump sum for people getting the **Carer's Support Grant***
- €400 cost of living lump sum for people getting **Disability Allowance, Blind Pension or Invalidity Pension***
- €100 cost of living lump sum for people getting an **Increase for a Qualified Child** (to be paid per qualified child)
- Christmas Bonus will be paid to 1.3 million welfare recipients including pensioners, carers, and people with disabilities
- January cost of living bonus will be paid to most people who get a weekly social welfare payment including all pensioners, carers, and people on disability payments

* The once off payment of €400 to people getting Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension and/or Carer's Support Grant, is **only payable in respect of one payment**, even if you qualify for more than one of the payments or are caring for more than one person.



Supports for Jobseekers

- an increase of €12 in maximum personal weekly rate of jobseekers' payments from January 2024. There will be proportionate increases for qualified adults and people getting a reduced rate
- weekly rates of qualified child payments will increase by €4 in January 2024 bringing them to €54 for those aged 12 and over, and €46 for under 12s
- €100 cost of living lump sum for people getting an **Increase for a Qualified Child** (to be paid per qualified child)
- Christmas Bonus to all people getting a long-term jobseeker payment
- January cost of living bonus for recipients of a long-term jobseeker payment, to be paid in 2024
- introduction of the Pay-Related Benefit Scheme for jobseekers in December 2024, subject to Government approval and pending final scheme design

Supports for pensioners

- €12 increase in the maximum weekly rate of all State pensions from January 2024. There will be proportionate increases for people getting a reduced rate
- €300 cost of living lump sum for those getting the **Fuel Allowance**, to be paid in November 2023
- €200 cost of living lump sum to people who are getting a **Living Alone Increase**
- Christmas Bonus to be paid in December 2023
- January cost of living bonus for pensioners to be paid in 2024

Supports for families and children

- €12 increase in weekly social welfare payments from January 2024. There will be proportionate increases for qualified adults and people getting a reduced rate
- weekly rates of qualified child payments will increase by €4 in January 2024 bringing them to €54 for those aged 12 and over, and €46 for under 12s



- €400 cost of living lump sum paid to all families getting the **Working Family Payment**
- €100 cost of living lump sum for people getting an **Increase for a Qualified Child** (to be paid per qualified child)
- income thresholds for the **Working Family Payment** will increase by €54 per week regardless of family size from January 2024
- double payment of **Child Benefit** to support all families to be paid in December 2023
- extend **Child Benefit** to 18-year-olds in full time education, from September 2024
- extend **Hot School Meals** on a phased basis in 2024 to all non-DEIS primary schools who applied as part of the expression of interest
- extend **Parent's Benefit** from 7 weeks to 9 weeks in August 2024
- Christmas Bonus to be paid in December 2023
- January cost of living bonus for people getting a weekly social welfare payment, to be paid in 2024

Supports to address child poverty

- €12 increase in weekly social welfare payments from January 2024. There will be proportionate increases for qualified adults and people getting a reduced rate
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- €400 cost of living lump sum paid to all families getting the **Working Family Payment**
- double payment of **Child Benefit** to support all families to be paid in December 2023
- extend **Child Benefit** to 18-year-olds in full time education, from September 2024
- extend **Hot School Meals**, on a phased basis in 2024, to all non-DEIS primary schools who applied as part of the expression of interest
- the income thresholds for the Working Family Payment will increase by €54 per week regardless of family size from January 2024
- €100 cost of living lump sum for people getting an **Increase for a Qualified Child** (to be paid per qualified child)
- Christmas Bonus to be paid in December 2023



- January cost of living bonus for people getting a weekly social welfare payment, to be paid in 2024

Supports for carers

- increase in the **Carer's Allowance** income disregard to €450 for a single person and €900 for a couple
- €400 cost of living lump sum payment for people getting **Carer's Support Grant***
- from January 2024 there will be a €12 increase in the maximum rate of the **Carer's Allowance** and **Carer's Benefit**. There will be proportionate increases for people getting a reduced rate
- weekly rates of qualified child payments will increase by €4 in January 2024 bringing them to €54 for those aged 12 and over, and €46 for under 12s
- €100 cost of living lump sum for people getting an **Increase for a Qualified Child** (to be paid per qualified child)
- Christmas Bonus double payment to be paid in December 2023
- January cost of living bonus for people getting a weekly social welfare payment, to be paid in 2024

Supports for people with disabilities

- additional funding to include provision for **Free Travel Scheme** for those medically certified unfit to drive
- reduce the minimum weekly hours threshold from 21 to 15 hours for employers to avail of the **Wage Subsidy Scheme**
- increase in the **Carer's Allowance** income disregard to €450 for a single person and €900 for a couple
- €400 cost of living lump sum will be paid to people getting a **Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension and Blind Pension ***
- €300 cost of living lump sum for those getting the **Fuel Allowance**, to be paid in November 2023



- €200 cost of living lump sum to people who are getting a **Living Alone Increase**
- Christmas Bonus double payment to all persons getting a long-term disability payment
- from January 2024 there will be an increase of €12 in maximum personal rate of weekly disability payments. There will be proportionate increases for people getting a reduced rate
- January cost of living bonus for people getting a weekly social welfare payment, to be paid in January 2024
- **Domiciliary Care Allowance** to increase by €10 a month from January 2024

Supports for lone parents

- €400 cost of living lump sum to all families getting the **Working Family Payment** paid in November 2023
- double payment of **Child Benefit** to support all families to be paid in December 2023
- extend **Child Benefit** to 18-year-olds in full time education, from September 2024
- extend **Hot School Meals**, on a phased basis in 2024, to all non-DEIS primary schools who applied as part of the expression of interest
- weekly rates of qualified child payments will increase by €4 in January 2024 bringing them to €54 for those aged 12 and over and €46 for under 12s
- extend **Parent's Benefit** from 7 weeks to 9 weeks in August 2024
- €12 increase in weekly social welfare payments from January 2024. There will be proportionate increases for qualified adults and people getting a reduced rate
- the income thresholds for the **Working Family Payment** will increase by €54 per week regardless of family size from January 2024
- €300 cost of living lump sum for those getting the **Fuel Allowance**, to be paid in November 2023
- €100 cost of living lump sum for people getting an **Increase for a Qualified Child** (to be paid per qualified child)
- Christmas Bonus to be paid in December 2023
- January cost of living bonus for people getting a weekly social welfare payment, to be paid in January 2024



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Maximum weekly rate (from January 2024)	Personal Rate	Increase for a Qualified Adult (IQA)	Increase for a Qualified Child Under 12	Increase for a Qualified Child Aged 12+
Social Insurance Payments	€	€	€	€
State Pension (Contributory)				
- Personal Rate - Under 80	277.30	See IQA Below	46.00	54.00
- Personal Rate - Aged 80 and over	287.30	See IQA Below	46.00	54.00
- Increase for Qualified Adult - Under 66		184.70		
- Increase for Qualified Adult - 66 and over		248.60		
Widow's / Widower's / Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension / Deserted Wife's Benefit				
- Under 66	237.50		46.00	54.00
- Aged 66 and under 80	277.30		46.00	54.00
- Aged 80 and over	287.30		46.00	54.00
Invalidity Pension	237.50	169.70	46.00	54.00
Carer's Benefit	249.00		46.00	54.00
Disablement Benefit	263.00		46.00	54.00
Jobseeker's / Illness / Health and Safety / Injury Benefit	232.00	154.00	46.00	54.00
Maternity / Paternity / Adoptive / Parent's Benefit	274.00			
Death Benefit				



- Under 66	262.50		46.00	54.00
- Aged 66 and under 80	281.70		46.00	54.00
- Aged 80 and over	291.70		46.00	54.00

Maximum weekly rate (from January 2024)	Personal Rate	Increase for a Qualified Adult	Increase for a Qualified Child Under 12	Increase for a Qualified Child Aged 12+
Social Assistance Payments	€	€	€	€
State Pension (Non-Contributory)				
- Aged 66 and under 80	266.00		46.00	54.00
- Aged 80 and over	276.00		46.00	54.00
- Increase for Qualified Adult - Under 66		175.70		
Carer's Allowance				
- Under 66	248.00		46.00	54.00
- Aged 66 and over	286.00		46.00	54.00
Disability Allowance / Blind Pension	232.00	154.00	46.00	54.00
Widow's / Widower's / Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension	232.00			
One-Parent Family Payment / Deserted Wife's Allowance	232.00		46.00	54.00
Farm Assist	232.00	154.00	46.00	54.00
Jobseeker's Allowance			46.00	54.00
- Under 25	141.70	141.70	46.00	54.00
- Aged 25 and over	232.00	154.00	46.00	54.00
Supplementary Welfare Allowance				



- Under 25 living independently with State support	230.00	154.00	46.00	54.00
- Under 25 not living independently	141.70	141.70		
- Aged 25 and over	230.00	154.00	46.00	54.00



Child Benefit	2024 Rate
Monthly Rate	€140 per child
<p>Twins – Child Benefit is paid at one and half times the normal monthly rate for each child.</p> <p>All other multiple births – Child Benefit is paid at double the normal monthly rate for each child.</p>	
Employment Programmes	
<p>An increase of €12 per week from January 2024 for those participating in the Work Placement Experience Programme, Community Employment Programme, Rural Social Scheme and Tús.</p>	

Working Family Payment Thresholds	2024 Weekly Income Limit
1 Child	€645
2 Children	€746
3 Children	€847
4 Children	€938
5 Children	€1,064
6 Children	€1,180
7 Children	€1,316
8 Children or more	€1,412

Other Social Welfare Payments	2024 Rate	Frequency
Guardian's Payment (Con/Non-Con)	€215	Weekly Rate
Fuel Allowance	€33	Weekly Rate
Living Alone Allowance	€22	Weekly Rate
Island Allowance (specified offshore islands)	€20	Weekly Rate
Domiciliary Care Allowance	€340	Monthly Rate
Carer's Support Grant	€1,850	Annual Rate
Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant	€8,000	Once-off payment