



UN DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Coming Together to End Poverty & Discrimination

POVERTY < FACTS

EXTREME
POVERTY

\$1.90
A DAY

Extreme poverty is when people lack the basics needed for survival. This can mean facing starvation, not having access to clean water, no proper housing, no access to medicine and healthcare.

The international extreme poverty line is currently defined as living on less than \$1.90 a day.

The United Nations have set 17 Sustainable Development Goals, 2015 – 2030, which include the eradication of poverty and hunger in the developed & developing world.

10%

Extreme Poverty rates fall below 10% in 2015

This is the first time Extreme Poverty levels have fallen below 10%. Globally, the proportion of people living in Extreme Poverty fell from 37.1% in 1990 to 9.6% in 2015.*

700
MILLION

People are still living in Extreme Poverty

The global rate of extreme poverty has reduced, but 700 million people still exist on less than \$1.90 a day.*

90
MILLION

Children are undernourished & underweight

The proportion of people in developing regions going hungry has almost halved. But 795 million are estimated to be undernourished, including 90 million children under 5.*

POVERTY *in* IRELAND

Poverty exists in more wealthy countries too. Here the poverty is “relative”.

Relative poverty is where people’s standard of living and income is so much worse than the general standard of living in the country where they live, that they struggle to live a normal life. They cannot take part in ordinary everyday economic and social activities. Relative poverty is measured in relation to average incomes and the ability to afford basic necessities.

700

THOUSAND

PEOPLE AT RISK OF POVERTY

15.2% of the population of Ireland (698,155 people) are living on an income below the poverty line.

1.4

MILLION

PEOPLE LIVING IN DEPRIVATION

3 out of 10 people living in Ireland (1,400,903 people) must do without basic needs.

377

THOUSAND

PEOPLE IN CONSISTENT POVERTY

8.2% of the population of Ireland (376,636) have an income below the poverty line and experience deprivation.

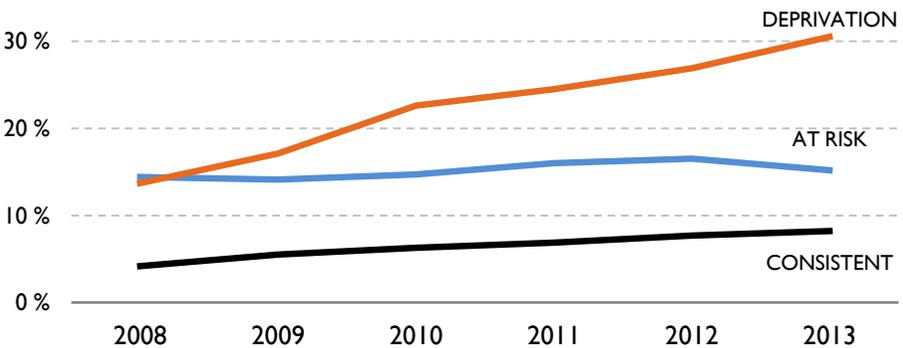


In Ireland a single person is said to be “**At Risk of Poverty**” if they have a disposable income of less than €202 per week. †

A person is said to be “**Deprived**” if they cannot afford at least two items from a list of eleven basic necessities.

A person is said to be in “**Consistent Poverty**” if when their income puts them At Risk of Poverty and they are experiencing Deprivation.

RISING RATES OF POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION



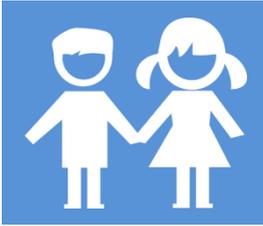
- In 2008 14.4% of people were At Risk of Poverty. The latest figure (from 2013) is 15.2%, a slight decrease on the previous two years
- The Deprivation rate has more than doubled. In 2008 13.7% of people experienced deprivation, in 2013 it was 30.5%
- The Consistent Poverty rate has doubled. In 2008 4.2% of people lived in consistent poverty, in 2013 it was 8.2%

The Irish Government’s target is to reduce Consistent Poverty in Ireland to 4% by 2016 and 2% by 2020



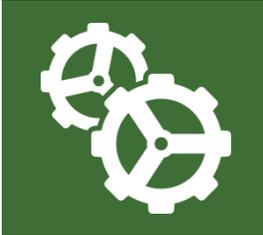
Social Welfare is helping

Almost half the population (49.8%) would be At Risk of Poverty if there were no social welfare payments (e.g. Pensions, Job Seekers, Child Benefit, Rent Supplement)



2 in 3

Of people At Risk of Poverty live in a household with children under 18



1 in 8

Of people At Risk of Poverty are At Work (11.7%). People in this situation are sometimes referred to as 'The Working Poor', as income from work is not enough to prevent poverty



1 in 3

Over a third of unemployed people (36.7%) are At Risk of Poverty. People in this situation are seeking work, but Social Welfare payments are not enough to prevent poverty

WHAT DOES DEPRIVATION MEAN?

- 720,000 people without heating at some point during the year
- 459,000 people unable to keep their home adequately warm
- 606,000 people go without adequate food (missing meals and not being able to afford proper meals)‡

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* For more see: www.worldbank.org/prn/twngoals & www.un.org/millenniumgoals/poverty.shtml

† Irish Poverty Data from CSO *Survey on Income and Living Conditions 2013*

‡ DSP (2015) *Social Inclusion Monitor 2013*

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