

Single Adult Male (25+)
Total weekly shortfall/discretionary income for the 2 different income situations from 2006 -2009

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Income Expenditure Scenario¹	Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €	Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €	Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €	Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €
Income from F/T employment on NMW/ no car	81.49 (shortfall)	64.24 (shortfall)	78.00 (shortfall)	49.28 (shortfall)
Dependent on Unemployment Benefit (Jobseekers Benefit)/ no car	92.77 (shortfall)	83.00 (shortfall)	84.68 (shortfall)	68.22 (shortfall)

Comments:

- In this study substantial shortfalls for young adult males, with greater shortfalls in 2008 as a result of increased expenditure costs and no increase in the National Minimum Wage.
- In 2009, single adult males saw a fall in their weekly shortfall, but still nevertheless are unable to meet their needs.
- The reduction in the rate of the Supplementary Welfare Rent Allowance and an increase in the minimum contribution to €24.00 will impact negatively on those who are in the private rented sector whose rents have not been reduced by their landlords. Furthermore the stipulation that was announced in July 2009 that in order to be eligible for Supplementary Welfare Rent Allowance you have to be living at your current address for a minimum of 183 days will impact most negatively on those who lose their jobs and may have recently moved house. Such a policy could possibly lead to an increase in homelessness for those found to be in this situation.

¹ It should be noted that the similarity in the financial situation of the adult male working full time and that of the unemployed adult is due to the Supplementary Welfare Rent Supplement. An unemployed male also receives the full rate of jobseekers benefit