

**Comparisons 2006-2008**  
**Pensioner Couple (age 66 – 69)**

**Total weekly income, expenditure and shortfall for the 6 different family income situations<sup>1</sup> from 2006-2009**

**2006:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
Income from Contributory. Pension ( 1 personal rate + qualified adult) / no car	365.70	338.85	26.85 (discretionary income)
Income from Contributory. Pension (1 personal rate + qualified adult)/ car owner	365.70	391.82	26.12 (shortfall)
Income from 1 Contributory Pension & 1 Non-Contributory Pension/ no Car	398.40	343.76	54.64 (discretionary income)
Income from 1 Contributory Pension & 1 Non-Contributory Pension/ car owner	398.40	396.73	1.67 (discretionary income)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ no car (both in receipt of the full Non-Contributory. pension)	387.10	343.94	43.16 (discretionary income)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner (both in receipt of the full Non-Contributory. pension)	387.10	396.91	9.81 (shortfall)

**2007:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
Income from Contributory Pension (1 personal rate + qualified adult) / no car	410.51	353.98	56.53 (discretionary income)
Income from Contributory Pension (1 personal rate + qualified adult) / car owner	410.51	407.85	2.66 (discretionary income)
Income from 1 Contributory pension & 1 Non-Contributory Pension/ no car	437.51	358.03	79.48 (discretionary income)
Income from 1 Contributory Pension & 1 Non-Contributory Pension/ car owner	437.51	411.90	25.61 (discretionary income)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension / no car (both in receipt of the full Non-Contributory. pension)	428.21	356.63	71.58 (discretionary income)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension / car owner (both in receipt of the full Non-Contributory. pension)	428.21	410.50	17.71 (discretionary income)

<sup>1</sup> When calculating the Net cash income for each income scenario, income from the Household Benefits Package was taken into account. Eligibility for medical card was also considered.

\* Less healthcare costs where applicable

**2008:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income<sup>2</sup> €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
Income from Contributory. Pension & qualified adult/ no car	452.19	372.64	79.55 (discretionary income)
Income from Contributory. Pension & qualified adult/ car owner	452.19	429.69	22.50 (discretionary income)
Income from 1 contributory pension & 1 Non-Contributory. Pension/ no car	464.19	374.44	89.75 (discretionary income)
Income from 1 contributory pension & 1 Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner	464.19	431.49	32.70 (discretionary income)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ no car (both in receipt of the full non-contributory pension)	452.89	372.74	80.15 (discretionary income)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner (both in receipt of the full non-contributory pension)	452.89	429.79	23.10 (discretionary income)

**2009**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income<sup>3</sup> €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
Income from Contributory. Pension & qualified adult/ no car	467.62	360.29	107.33 (discretionary income)
Income from Contributory. Pension & qualified adult/ car owner	467.62	413.86	53.76 (discretionary income)
Income from 1 contributory pension & 1 Non-Contributory. Pension/ no car	480.32	362.20	118.12 (discretionary income)
Income from 1 contributory pension & 1 Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner	480.32	415.77	64.55 (discretionary income)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ no car (both in receipt of the full non-contributory pension)	469.02	360.50	108.52 (discretionary income)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner (both in receipt of the full non-contributory pension)	469.02	414.07	54.95 (discretionary income)

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