

**Comparison 2006-2009**  
**One Adult and Two Children (3 year girl and 10 year old boy)**  
**Total weekly income, expenditure and shortfall for the 5 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>
In Receipt of Social Welfare/no car	286.06	321.51	35.41 (shortfall)
Part-time worker/ car owner	526.00	476.76	49.24 (discretionary income)
Part-time worker/ no car	526.00	442.59	83.41 (discretionary income)
Full-time worker/ car owner	553.55	619.30	65.75 (shortfall)
Full-time worker/ no car	553.55	585.13	31.58 (shortfall)

**2007:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
In receipt of Social Welfare/no car	339.84	336.94	2.90 (discretionary income)
Part-time worker/ car owner	591.24	494.34	96.90 (discretionary income)
Part-time worker/ no car	591.24	460.60	130.64 (discretionary income)
Full-time worker/ car owner	621.79	638.15	16.36 (shortfall)
Full-time worker/ no car	621.79	604.41	17.38 (discretionary income)

<sup>1</sup> When calculating the Net cash income for each income scenario, income where applicable from the One Parent Family Payment, Family Income Supplement, Early Childcare Supplement, Child Benefit, Fuel Allowance, Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance and income from paid employment was taken into account. Eligibility for a medical card was also considered.

\* Less healthcare costs where applicable

**2008:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
In receipt of Social Welfare/no car	361.66	354.19	7.47 (discretionary income)
Part-time worker/ car owner	614.68	516.10	98.58 (discretionary income)
Part-time worker/ no car	614.68	480.76	133.92 (discretionary income)
Full-time worker/ car owner	645.23	664.08	18.85 (shortfall)
Full-time worker/ no car	645.23	628.74	16.49 (discretionary income)

**2009:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income<sup>2</sup> €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
In receipt of Social Welfare/no car	362.51	341.43	21.08 (discretionary income)
Part-time worker/ car owner	628.93	504.56	124.37 (discretionary income)
Part-time worker/ no car	628.93	476.28	152.65 (discretionary income)
Full-time worker/ car owner	651.78	664.73	12.95 (shortfall)
Full-time worker/ no car	651.78	636.45	15.33 (discretionary income)

<sup>2</sup> When calculating the total Net income for each income scenario, income where applicable from One Parent Family Payment, Early Childcare Supplement, Family Income Supplement, Fuel Allowance, Child Benefit, Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance and income from paid employment was taken into account. Eligibility for medical card was also considered

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