

Comparison Period: March 2011 – June 2010¹

Pensioner Couple (age 66-69)

Total weekly income for the different household income situations

Income Expenditure Scenario	March 2011 Total cash income² €	June 2010 Total cash income €
Income from 1 contributory pension & 1 Non-Contributory. Pension	480.80	480.09
Income from Contributory. Pension & qualified adult	468.10	467.39
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ (both in receipt of the full non-contributory pension)	469.50	468.79

¹ There was no change in the rate of the pension between 2010 and 2011. There income varies slightly in this period due to the slight change in the cost per unit of ESB. This is calculated as part of the household benefits package which we include in their income.

² When calculating the Net cash income for each income scenario, income from the Household Benefits Package was taken into account. Eligibility for medical card also considered.