

Comparison Period: March 2011 – December 2009

Pensioner Couple (age 66-69)¹

Total weekly income for the 3 different household income situations

Income Expenditure Scenario	March 2011 Total cash income ² €	December 2009 Total cash income ³ €
Income from 1 contributory pension & 1 Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner	480.80	480.32
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner(both in receipt of the full non-contributory pension)	469.50	469.02
Income from Contributory. Pension & qualified adult/ car owner	468.10	467.62

¹ There was no change in the rate of the state pension between 2009 and 2011; therefore there has been no real change in household income. The slight change is due to the change in the unit rate of electricity which is calculated as income as part of the household benefits package.

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