



Kerry Children's Services Committee
Child well-Being Indicator Report 2013

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Introduction

At the heart of Children's Services Committees and the Working Together for Children Initiative is the desire to achieve better outcomes for children and young people. Kerry CSC understands that achieving better outcomes for children is a difficult & challenging task which requires us to work more effectively & collaboratively together towards a shared vision and through integrated planning. In order to do this effectively we need to establish clear, reliable data on children, young people and families in Kerry in order to inform decision making and coordinated action planning which will improve outcomes going forward.

In 2012, through its Child Well-Being Indicator Research Report, Kerry Children's Services Committee (CSC) established baseline data and indicators to establish 'how children, young people and families are doing in Kerry' across a wide variety of domains such as demographics; behaviour & risk; the environment i.e. parenting, family, school & community; and emotional & mental well-being; as well as collaborative interagency practice.

The data in the 2013 Kerry CSC Child Well-Being Indicator Report builds on the data and indicators gathered in 2012.

This section provides information on the total population, child population, Traveller children, foreign national children, children with disabilities, asylum seeker children and family structure in Kerry from both the 2006 & 2011 census data and other data sources which provides an overview of the population in the county.

Key Findings:

- The child population in Kerry is 24% of the overall population but it rose by just 5.45% between 2006 & 2011 compared to the national rate of 11.16% - more than double the Kerry growth rate.
- The Traveller child population in Kerry increased by over 25% between 2006 & 2011 from 285 to 381 but remained at just over 1% of the total child population in Kerry.
- Approximately 1 in 12 children in Kerry are foreign national children.
- The Asylum Seeker child population is just 0.48% of the total child population in Kerry however the number of Asylum Seeker children increased between 2011 & 2012 from 115 to 169 children.
- 1 in 6 children in Kerry lives in a lone parent household.
- 5.8% of children in Kerry have a disability which is in line with the national average.

Kerry: Key Facts & Figures

Demographics						
Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2006	Kerry 2011	% Kerry 2011	% State 2011
Total Population	The total population of county Kerry	Central Statistics Office (Census Data)	139,835 persons	145,502 persons +3.89%	+ 3.89%	4,588,252 which represents an increase of 7.59% from 2006
Child Population	The number of children and young people aged under 18 in Kerry as reported in the 2011 census	Central Statistics Office (Census Data)	33,036 children 0-18 years	34,940 children 0-18 years + 5.45% (2006-2011)	24.01%	25% of the total population in Ireland 1,148,687 children +11.16% (2006-2011)
Foreign National Children	The number of foreign national children living in county Kerry.	State of the Nation's Children Report (SONC) 2010 & 2012	2390 children	2762 children + 13.47%	7.9% of the child population	8.3% or 93,005 foreign national children
Traveller Children	The number of Traveller children living in Kerry.	SONC 2010 & 2012	285 Traveller children	381 Traveller children	1.09% of the child population	1.2% or 14,425 Traveller children
Children with Disabilities	The number of children living in Kerry with a disability.	SONC 2010 & 2012	1,359 children	2036 children	5.83% of the child population	5.8% or 66,437 children with disabilities
Asylum Seeker Children	The number of children who were asylum seekers living in Kerry	Health Service Executive (Community Work Department)	115 children - 2011	169 children	0.48% of the child population	Data not available
New Births	The number of children born to parents living in Kerry	Health Service Executive (Public Health Nursing Department)	1840 children	2001 children 2006-2011 + 8.75%	5.84% of the child population	6.5% or 74,650 (CSO)
Children born outside of Marriage	The number of children born outside of marriage in 2011 in Kerry.	Central Statistics Office	536 births or 29% of the total number of children born to Kerry parents	636 children	31.8% of the total number of children born to Kerry parents	34% of births (25,190) were outside of marriage in 2011
Children born to Teenage Mothers	The number of children born in 2011 to teenage mothers living in Kerry.	Health Service Executive (Public Health Nursing Dept.)		9 children	<1% of the total number of children born to Kerry Parents.	
Children in lone parent households	The number of children who lived in a lone parent /carer household	SONC	5,076 children	5,407 children + 6.12%	16.2% of the child population	18.3% or 202,444 children

National Developmental Outcome 1: Children will be Active & Healthy both Physically & Mentally

Introduction

The Government recognises that children born with, or who later develop, poor health must be supported to achieve the highest attainable standard of health possible and that poverty, social exclusion, substandard housing and membership of a minority group may significantly impact on a person's health outcomes. In addition, attaining good mental health may be hindered by traumatic life experiences or personal identity issues.

Risk & Protective Factors

- Breastfeeding has been proven to reduce the risk of respiratory, ear and gastrointestinal infection in infants and evidence is accumulating of longer term health benefits such as a lower risk of obesity and cardiovascular disease. (GUII)
- Physical activity not only reduces the risk of obesity but has been linked to lower levels of other chronic illness such as depression, heart disease & cancer. (Nusselder et al, 2008)
- A Traveller baby is 3.6 times more likely to die than a settled baby. (AITHS)
- Death from injury is 3-4 times more likely to occur in children coming from socially deprived backgrounds. This has been linked to poor housing, larger families, drug & alcohol use among parents, single parenthood, low maternal age at birth and lower maternal education. (Sethi et al, 2006)

Key Facts

- In 2011, 25% of the Irish population or 1,148,687 were aged 0-18; in Kerry in the same year 24% of the total population was aged 0-18, a total child population of 34,940 children. (*Census 2011*)
- 34% of the population are aged between 0-24 years (*Census 2011*)
- 12.3% of in-patient discharges and 4.4% of in-patient bed days were in the 1-14 age group (*Activity in Acute Public Hospitals in Ireland 2011 Annual Report*)
- 6% of 13 year-olds are obese (*GUI 2012*)
- 78 deaths by suicide under 24 yrs per annum (*Vital Statistics Yearly Summary 2012*); there were 16 deaths by suicide among children aged 10-17 in 2011 in Ireland. (*Vital Statistics*)
- 3,724 cases of hospitalised self-harm under 24 yrs (*NRDSH Annual Report 2012*); 37 incidents of deliberate self-harm were recorded by Kerry General Hospital in 2012.
- In 2011, 2036 children or 5.83% of children in Kerry had a disability which is in line with the national rate recorded of 5.78% (*SONC 2012*)
- 18.3% 10-17 reported being drunk at least once in the last 30 days (*HSBC 2012*); In Kerry 35 young people <18 years old were treated in Kerry General Hospital A&E Department due to the consumption of alcohol & drugs in 2012. (*KGH A&E Dept*)

National Developmental Outcome 1: Children will be Active & Healthy both Physically & Mentally

- Children & Young People will be physically healthy & make positive health choices;
- Children & Young People will have good mental health;
- Children & Young People will have a positive & respectful approach to relationships & sexual health;
- Children & Young People will enjoy play, recreation, sports, arts, culture & nature.

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
New Births	The number of children born to parents living in Kerry	Central Statistics Office (Census Data)	2001 children	1930 children -3.7%	5.52% of the 2011 child population	6.5%	74,033 (CSO 2011)
Children born outside of Marriage	The number of births outside of Marriage in Kerry	Central Statistics Office	636 children	613 -3.75%	31.8% of children were born outside of marriage 2012		25,344 children or 35% (2012)
Children born to Single Mothers	The number of children born in 2011 to single mothers living in Kerry.	Health Service Executive (Public Health Nursing Dept.)	195 children	204 children + 4.41%	9.6% of the total number of children born to Kerry parents in 2011		
Children born to Teenage Mothers	The number of children born in 2011 to teenage mothers living in Kerry.	Health Service Executive (Public Health Nursing Dept.)	9 children	10 children + 10%	<1% of the total number of children born to Kerry Parents in 2011.		
Child mortality	The number of deaths among children under 18	Vital Statistics		12 in 2012	0.38	393	0.34
Birth weight	The percentage of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams (live and still births)	National Perinatal Reporting System	118 in 2011		5.9% in 2011	4051	5.4%
Breastfeeding practice	The percentage of newborn babies who are (a) exclusively breastfed and (b) partially breastfed on discharge from hospital	National Perinatal Reporting System	Exclusive Combined Total in 2011		42.3% 6.9% 49.2% in 2011	n/a	46.6% 8.6% 55.2%
Ante-natal care	The percentage of mothers attending for antenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy	National Perinatal Reporting System	n/a		93.6% in 2011	n/a	82.7% in 2011
Parental Health & Well-Being: Maternal Post-Natal depression	The number of mothers in Kerry referred by public health nurses in 2011 due to concerns about post natal depression.	Health Service Executive (Public Health Nursing Department)	22 mothers	20 mothers - 10%			

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Children with a Disability	The number of children living in Kerry with a disability.	SONC 2012	2036 children		58.3	66,437	57.8
Intellectual Disability	Number of children and young people with intellectual disability in Kerry registered with the National Intellectual Disability Database in 2011 & 2012	Health Service Executive	368 children & young people	324 children & young people	10.5 in 2011	8,852	7.7
Autism	Number of children and young people with autism attending Brothers of Charity Services in Kerry in 2011	Brothers of Charity	226 children & young people	262 children & young people			
Visual Disability (only)	Number of children and young people with visual disability in Kerry registered with the National Council for the Blind in Ireland who were not registered with other disability services.	Indirectly from the NCBI through the HSE (Disability Services)	9 children & young people	2 children.			
Hearing Impairment (only)	Number of children and young people with hearing disability in Kerry in 2011 & 2012 registered with Visiting Teacher Service who are not registered with other disability services.	Indirectly from the Dept. of Education Visiting Teaching Service through the HSE (Disability Services)	64 children & young people	54 children & young people			
Physical Disability	Number of children and young people with physical disability in Kerry in 2011 registered with Enable Ireland.	Enable Ireland	168 children and young people	176 children & young people			
Screening for growth and development	The percentage of mothers of newborn children visited by a Public Health Nurse (PHN) within 48 hours of discharge from hospital	National Health Services Performance Indicators			98.7% in 2011	n/a	83.6% in 2011
Screening for growth and development	The percentage uptake of developmental screening at 7 to 9 months	National Health Services Performance Indicators			88.4% in 2011	n/a	82.2% in 2011
Sexual health and behaviour	The number of births to girls aged 10-17	Vital Statistics and Population Estimates	9 children	6 children	<1% of the total number of children born to Kerry Parents.	399 in 2011	5.3% in 2011
Youth suicide	The number of suicides among children aged 10-17	Vital Statistics	Number too low to report		n/a	16 in 2011	21.9% of all deaths of 10-17

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Self-Harm	Number of incidents of deliberate self-harm in Kerry among young people aged under 18 in Kerry.	National Suicide Research Foundation	34 incidents which presented to KGH. A total of 33 Kerry residents (all hospitals) were recorded in 2011.	37 incidents which presented to KGH. A total of 35 Kerry residents (all hospitals) were recorded in 2012			
Mental health referrals	The number of admissions to psychiatric hospitals among children	National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System	8 in 2011		22.9 in 2011	435	37.9 in 2011
Referrals to Kerry Adolescent Counselling Service	Number of children & adolescents who participated in 1:1 counselling	Kerry Adolescent Counselling Service	310 young people				
Referrals to South West Counselling Centre	Number of children & adolescents who participated in 1:1 counselling	South West Counselling Centre	149 children & young people	142 children & young people			
Referrals to South West Counselling Centre	Number of youth & families who participated in group counselling	South West Counselling Centre	n/a	52 young people & parents			
Referrals to Kerry Child, Adolescent & Family Psychology Service	Number of children & adolescents who participated in 1:1 counselling	HSE Child Adolescent & Family Psychological Service	115 children & young people	151 children & young people			
Referrals to Kerry Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)	Number of children & adolescents who participated in 1:1 counselling	Kerry Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)	306 children & young people	266 children & young people			
Waiting Lists for Counselling & Psychological Support	Average number of children and adolescents on waiting list for counselling and psychological support	KACS; SWCC; HSE CAFPS & Kerry CAMHS	22 children & young people	74 children & young people: CAMHS – 45 CAFPS – 14 TBC SWCC – 15 KACS - ??			

Childhood immunisation	The percentage uptake of recommended doses of vaccines among children at 12 months of age	Immunisation Uptake Statistics	Annual	Population	1	Kerry	See below
	The percentage uptake of recommended doses of vaccines among children at 24 months of age	Immunisation Uptake Statistics	Annual	Population	2	Kerry	See below

The percentage uptake of recommended doses of vaccines among children at **12** months of age

	BCG	D ₃ P ₃ T ₃	Hib ₃	Polio ₃	HepB ₃	MenC ₂	PCV ₂
Kerry 2011	92	87	87	87	86	83	83
Kerry 2012	94	91	91	91	91	88	88
State 2011	85	90	90	90	90	90	90

The percentage uptake of recommended doses of vaccines among children at **24** months of age

	D ₃ P ₃ T ₃	Hib ₃	Hibb	Polio ₃	HepB ₃	MenC ₃	PCV ₃	MMR ₁
Kerry 2011	96	95	82	96	94	84	91	92
Kerry 2012	98	97	86	98	96	89	93	94
State 2011	95	95	88	95	95	84	90	92

National Developmental Outcome 2: Children Will Achieve Their Full Potential in Learning & Development

Introduction

Learning goes far beyond formal schooling to embrace the broad range of life experiences and learning processes which enable children and young people, individually and collectively, to develop their personalities, talents and abilities and to live a full and satisfying life within society. The Government recognises that children with special needs, those whose first language is not English and those who have experienced poverty and social exclusion will need additional supports to achieve their learning potential. Other factors which may play a role in educational attainment are gender and gaps in school due to ill-health or experience of the care or justice systems.

Risk & Protective Factors

- There are significant associations between a mother's education & risk/protective factors. For example, the prevalence of emotional & behavioural problems: 5% of 9 year olds whose mother was a graduate were in the *abnormal* range compared to 16% of children whose mothers were in the lowest educational category (GUII, 2009)
- Research suggests that pre-school services have a potentially important role to play in addressing educational disadvantage (Coolahan, 1998).
- Children whose mothers smoked during pregnancy have a higher risk of behavioural problems at age 9. (McCrory & Layte, GUII)
- Every year Approx. 9,000 students leave school before taking the Leaving Certificate -early school leavers (Byrne & Smyth, 2010)
 - Early leaving rates differ markedly by social class background, with much higher levels among young people from working-class and unemployed households. Working-class young men are particularly likely to leave school early. Disengagement from school is therefore a significant source of inequality in Irish society.
 - Early school leaving has its roots in early experiences of educational failure and struggle with schoolwork, often as far back as primary level.
 - Drop-out rates tend to be higher in schools with a concentration of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. (Byrne & Smyth, 2010)

Key Facts

- Nationally 95% of eligible children (68,000) avail of the free pre-school year; 1,951 children in Kerry availed of the free preschool year in 2012 which is in line with the national totals.
- In Kerry there are 138 Primary Schools with 15,769 pupils including 190 children in 3 Special Schools and 11,195 pupils in 26 secondary schools (2011/12).
- 13% of Travellers complete second level compared to 90% overall.
- Approx. 25% of children have special educational needs; In Kerry 336 children with special education needs attended mainstream school in 2011 this number had reduced considerably to 91 children recorded in 2012.
- Approx. 33% of children experience serious literacy difficulties.

National Developmental Outcome 2: Children Will Achieve Their Full Potential in Learning & Development

- Children & Young People will be learning & developing from birth;
- Children & Young People will have social & emotional well-being;
- Children & Young People will be engaged in learning;
- Children & Young People will achieve in education.

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
School Population	The number of primary & second level students in Kerry in 2010/2011 & 2011/2012	Department of Education & Skills	Primary School – 15,513 children inc 192 children in Special School Second level – 10,981	Primary School – 15,579 children inc 190 children in Special School Second level – 11,195	76.6% of tot child pop 2011/12	516,458 NS inc 7420 Sp S; & 359,047 2 nd Level (2011/12)	76.2% of tot child pop 2011/12
Involvement in Education	Number of children and young people with special needs in mainstream and in special schools in Kerry in 2010/2011 & 2011/2012	Department of Education	336 children and young people in special classes in mainstream education and 192 in special schools (45 Special Ed Classes in Mainstream School)	91 children and young people in special classes in mainstream schools and 190 in special schools (17 Special Ed Classes in Mainstream School)			
Primary school attendance	The percentage of primary school children who are absent from school for 20 days or more in the school year.	National Education Welfare Board	2009/10 – 9% 2010/11 -9.1%	2011/12 – 9.5%		2011/12 10.4%	Primary School 10.9%
Secondary school attendance	The percentage of secondary school children who are absent from school for 20 days or more in the school year.	National Education Welfare Board	2009/10 – 20.7% 2010/11 – 19.6%	2011/12 – 19.3%		2011/12 17.7%	Post primary 19.4%
Expulsions and Suspensions	The percentage of children who were expelled or suspended from school in the school year.	National Education Welfare Board	2010/2011 school year Primary – 0% expulsions Primary – 0.06% suspensions Secondary – 0% expulsions Secondary – 3.6% suspensions	2011/12 Primary – 0% expulsions Primary 0.14% suspensions Secondary – 0% expulsions Secondary – 3.69% suspensions			Primary Exp: 0.01% Susp: 0.36% Post Primary Exp: 0.07% Susp: 5.52%

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
School completion rates	The percentage of pupils who entered the first year of the junior cycle in 2004/06 and who have completed second level schooling no later than 2010	Department of Education and Skills (website)	Leaving Certificate retention rates for 2004 cohort in Kerry = 85.3%	Leaving Certificate retention rates for 2006 cohort in Kerry = 92%			
Transfer to second-level school	The percentage of children leaving primary school by destination (12-13 years old)	Department of Education and Science statistics		2,422 in 2012	See below for destination	See below for destination	
Reading attainment	The mean scores for 15-year-old children based on the international reading literacy scales, set by the PISA Survey	Programme for International Student Assessment Survey					523.2 in 2012
Mathematics attainment	The mean scores for 15-year-old children based on the international mathematics literacy scales, set by the PISA Survey	Programme for International Student Assessment Survey					501.5 in 2012
Science attainment	The mean scores for 15-year-old children based on the international scientific literacy scales, set by the PISA Survey	Programme for International Student Assessment Survey					522.0 in 2012
Uptake of free preschool year	The number of children who availed of the free preschool year in Kerry.	Kerry County Childcare Committee	1,856 children availed of the free preschool year.	1,951 children availed of the free preschool year.			
Childcare places	The number of childcare places that were available in Kerry for 0 to 14 years in the 2012.	Kerry County Childcare Committee	From an 90% response rate from childcare services in Kerry there were 4,410 places available at the end of 2012. <i>(One could extrapolate that there were therefore 4,900 places available in that year)</i>	From an 80% response rate from childcare services in Kerry there were 3791 places available at the end of 2012. <i>(One could extrapolate that there were therefore 4739 places available in that year)</i>			

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Subvention of childcare	The number of children whose childcare places were being subvented in the 2012/2013 school year through the community childcare subvention scheme	Kerry County Childcare Committee	1,280 childcare places were subvented through the CCSS.	1,241 childcare places were subvented through the CCSS.			
Quality of early childhood care and education	The percentage of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) services under contract to deliver the Free Pre-School Year scheme that meet basic and higher capitation criteria.	ECCE Database	Basic 95 Higher 27 in 2011		Basic 77.9% Higher 22.1% in 2011	Basic 3553 Higher 609 in 2011	Basic 85.4% Higher 14.6% in 2011
Health Promoting Schools Programme	Number of schools in Kerry in 2011 & 2012 in the HSE Health Promoting Schools programme	HSE Health Promotion	65 primary and 11 post primary schools	58 primary & 6 post primary schools			
Effective provision of Social, Personal & Health Education Programme (SPHE)	Number of attendances by secondary school teachers in Kerry in the 2011/2012 school year at training in the delivery of the SPHE programme	SPHE Support Service	107 attendances	113 attendances			

Destination of the 2,422 pupils who left primary school in Kerry and the 86,113 pupils who left primary school in the State in 2011/2012

	Kerry	%	State	%
Community, Comprehensive or Secondary	1,840	76%	57,526	66.8%
Other National school	377	15.6%	21,377	24.8%
Emigrated	121	5%	4,258	5%
Died	2		47	
Nowhere in state excluding emigration	8		317	
Private non-aided primary	3		655	
Special School	17		573	
Northern Ireland	1		165	
Destination unknown	53	2%	1,195	1.4%

National Developmental Outcome 3: Children will be Safe & Protected from Harm

Introduction

All children and young people need safeguarding. The Government recognises, however, that specific groups of children and young people are particularly at risk and so need additional supports and protections. Vulnerable groups include children in care and whose families are not functioning properly; Traveller, migrant and asylum seeking children; and children with special needs. Groups who may be particularly vulnerable to bullying and discrimination include lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgendered (LGBT) young people, those in detention, and children and young people from social, ethnic, racial or religious minorities.

Risk & Protective Factors

- Death from injury is 3-4 times more likely to occur in children coming from socially deprived backgrounds. This has been linked to poor housing, larger families, drug & alcohol use among parents, single parenthood, low maternal age at birth and lower maternal education. (Sethi et al, 2006)
- Structural inequalities such as the distribution of income and other resources and services are very closely associated with inequalities in child health and welfare. (Jack, 2004)

Key Facts

- In 2011 14,085 people under 15 years were discharged following an admission to hospital for injury, poisoning or other external cause (12.2%); In Kerry in the same year 458 children under 15 years were discharged following an admission to hospital for injury, poisoning or other external cause which represents a slightly higher rate of 13.1%.
- 31,626 reports to Social Work services in 2011; In Kerry there were 791 referrals to social work in 2012 an increase of over 20% from the 623 recorded in 2011.
- 6,160 children were in care in 2011 (5.4/000); In Kerry 151 children were in care in 2011 (4.3/000) which increased slightly to 153 in 2012.
- 90% of children in care in 2011 were in foster care of which 32% fostered with relatives;
- 27,257 incidents, 17,986 individuals reported to Garda Youth Diversion Programme (2010); In Kerry in 2012 there were 802 referrals, 397 individuals referred to the Garda Youth Diversion Programme which represents an increase from the 731 incidents /392 individuals recorded in 2011.
- 26% of homeless population was under 24yrs. Of the 980 under 24 that were homeless 20% (199) were 0-4.

National Developmental Outcome 3: Children will be Safe & Protected from Harm

- Children & Young People will have a secure, stable, caring home environment;
- Children & Young People will be safe from abuse, neglect & exploitation;
- Children & Young People will be protected from bullying & discrimination;
- Children & Young People will be safe from crime & anti-social behaviour.

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Accidents, Injuries and Hospitalisation	The number of hospital discharges among children with a diagnosis of external cause of injury or poisoning	Hospital In-Patient Enquiry	458 in 2011		13.1 in 2011	14,085 in 2011	12.2 in 2011
Abuse and maltreatment	The number of child welfare and protection reports that went to initial assessment	Childcare Interim Dataset	623	791 referrals +20.85%	17.8 in 2011	31,626 in 2011	27.5 in 2011
Children and young people in care	The number of children who are in the care of the Health Service Executive (HSE)	Childcare Interim Dataset	151	153	4.3 in 2011	6,160 in 2011	5.4 in 2011
Children engaged with HSE Family Support	The number of children and young people in Kerry engaged with HSE Family Support from September 2011/2012 to August 2012/2013	HSE Family Support Service	111 children & young people	141 children & young people + 21%			
Families engaged with HSE Family Support	The number of families in Kerry engaged with HSE Family Support from September 2011/2012 to August 2012/2013	HSE Family Support Service	47 families	52 families + 9.6%			
Crimes committed by children and young people	Number of crimes committed by young people aged between 12 and 17 years in Kerry in 2011 & 2012.	An Garda Síochána	731 total referrals (392 individuals)	802 Total referrals (397 individuals) +8.85%			
Referrals to Probation Service	Number of young people in Kerry who were referred to the probation service.	Probation Services	34 young people				

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Crimes committed by children and young people	The number of children aged 10-17 referred to the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme	An Garda Síochána Annual Report	354 crimes	397 crimes	23.8 in 2011	12,809 in 2011	27.2 in 2011
Drug & alcohol related offences	The number of drug and alcohol offences committed by under 18 year olds in Kerry in 2011	An Garda Síochána	124 offences	170 offences			
Deaths due to drugs	Number of deaths in Kerry in 2011 of young people due to drugs only or drugs and alcohol.	Southern Region Drugs Task Force	This number is too low to report				
Treatment of < 18 years old in Kerry General Hospital A&E Dept due to Drugs & alcohol Misuse.	Number of young people (< 18 yrs) who were treated in KGH Accident & emergency Department due to consumption of Alcohol & drugs.	Kerry General Hospital A&E department.	A total of 38 youths were treated via A&E in KGH in 2011: 28 re alcohol; 9 re Drugs; 1 re Drugs & alcohol	A total of 35 youths were treated via A&E in KGH in 2012: 22 re alcohol; 9 re Drugs; 4 re Drugs & alcohol			
Treatment for Substance Misuse	Number of young people aged under 18 who accessed the Community Drugs Initiative in Kerry for direct treatment support in 2010.	Southern Region Drugs Task Force	43 young people (2010 data)	67 young people + 35.8%			
Youth homelessness	The number of children 0-17 who appeared to be homeless from the CSO 2011 census of population (most, if not all, would be with their families).	CSO Census of Population	17 in the South-West region in 2011		n/a	531 in 2011	n/a
Presentation of families to homelessness agencies	The number of presentations of families to Homelessness agencies in Kerry in 2011	Kerry County Council (Housing, Community and Enterprise Department)	7 families presented to the Homeless Information Centres and 53 presented to Adapt Kerry in 2011	50 families presented to Adapt Kerry in 2012			
Number of mothers accessing Adapt Outreach Service	The number of mothers with children who presented to Adapt Kerry Outreach Service	Adapt Kerry	60 mothers with children	47 mothers with children			

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Availability of housing for families with children	The number of households with children 0-17 identified as being in need of social housing	Triennial Assessment of Housing Needs	1,410 in 2011		3.2% in 2011	43,578 in 2011	n/a
Bullying	The percentage of children aged 9-17 who report to have been bullied at school	Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Survey		n/a	24.3% in the South-West region in 2010	n/a	24.3% in 2010

National Developmental Outcome 4: Children will be Economically Secure & Have Opportunities for Ongoing Education, Training & Economic Participation

Introduction

The Government recognises that poverty and social exclusion have a significant impact on a person's life outcomes and efforts must be made to reduce the arising inequalities. Certain families are at an increased risk of poverty in particular one parent and low income households. Growing up in a marginalised and disadvantaged community which experiences inter-generational cycles of poverty, educational disadvantage and unemployment seriously hinders a child or young person's opportunities.

Risk & Protective Factors

- Children whose parents are unemployed & children in low-income households are more likely to experience lower levels of well-being. (Bradshaw et al, UK Department of Health 2009)
- Every year Approx. 9,000 students leave school before taking the Leaving Certificate -early school leavers (Byrne & Smyth, 2010)
 - Early leaving rates differ markedly by social class background, with much higher levels among young people from working-class and unemployed households. Working-class young men are particularly likely to leave school early. Disengagement from school is therefore a significant source of inequality in Irish society.
 - Early school leaving has its roots in early experiences of educational failure and struggle with schoolwork, often as far back as primary level.
 - Drop-out rates tend to be higher in schools with a concentration of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. (Byrne & Smyth, 2010)

Key Facts

- Percentage of Children in Consistent Poverty 9.3% (2011); In Kerry in 2012 there were 5715 recipients of the Back to School Allowance & 972 families in receipt of the Family Income Supplement.
- 18% of children live in single-parent families; In Kerry 5,407 or 16.2% of the child population lives in a lone parent household which is slightly lower than the national average.
- 25% of Children live in jobless households
- Unemployment 2007-2012 grew 4.6% to 14.7%; unemployment in Kerry grew from 6,159 persons registered as unemployed in March 2006 to 17,236 persons in February 2012.
- Youth unemployment 2007-2012 grew 10% to 30.4%.
- 21% of young people are not in education, employment or training (NEET)

National Developmental Outcome 4: Children will be Economically Secure & Have Opportunities for Ongoing Education, Training & Economic Participation

- Children & Young People will be protected from poverty & its impact;
- Children & Young People will be living in child & youth friendly sustainable communities;
- Children & Young People will have opportunities for ongoing education & training;
- Children & Young People will have pathways to economic participation & independent living.

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Family Income Supplement	Families in receipt of the Family Income Supplement	Department of Social Protection	873 families	972 in 2012 + 10.1%	54.0 is the rate per 1,000 of Child Benefit receipts	32,307	53.0 is the rate per 1,000 of Child Benefit recipients
Families in receipt of back to school allowance	The number of families in receipt of back to school clothing and footwear allowance in Kerry	Department of Social Protection website	6005 recipients	5715 recipients		184,770	
Medical Card Holders	No. of persons covered by Medical Cards (including Discretionary Medical Cards)	Primary Care Reimbursement Service, HSE		61,330 in Nov 2013	422 is the rate per 1,000	1,863,984	406 is the rate per 1,000
Individuals in Receipt of Rent Allowance	The number of individuals in Receipt of Rent Allowance under KCC Rental Allowance Scheme	Kerry County Council	1149 individuals	1074 individuals			
At risk of poverty	The percentage of children living in households with an equivalised household disposable income below the national 60% median	EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions		n/a	n/a	n/a	18.8% in 2011
Consistent poverty	The percentage of children living in households with an equivalised household	EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions		n/a	n/a	n/a	9.3% in 2011

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
	disposable income below the national 60% median who experienced at least two forms of enforced deprivation						
Attendance at third level colleges	Number of students from enrolled in full-time 3rd Level courses in institutions aided by the Department of Education and Skills, by county of origin	Department of Education and Science		5,650 from Kerry across all counties 2011/12	2,400 in Kerry from all counties	163,068 2011/12	n/a
Parental education level	The percentage of children under 18 whose mothers have attained (a) primary, (b) lower secondary, (c) upper secondary or (d) third-level education	Census of the Population	(a)1,271 (b)4,185 (c)12,957 (d)11,204 Unstated was 767 in 2011		n/a	n/a	(a)4.8% (b)14.2% (c)42% (d)37% Unstated was 2.4% in 2011
Live Register	The number of claimants on the Live Register from Kerry. (seasonally adjusted)	CSO	17,313 persons (Feb)	17,236 (Feb)		442,200 (Feb 2011) 438,600 (Feb, 2012)	14.4% - 2011 15.1% - 2012

National Developmental Outcome 5: Children will be Connected, Respected & Contributing to Their World

The Government recognises that some children and young people face challenges and discrimination which may isolate them from their peers and communities. Issues related to personal identity, gender, social class, family homelessness, parental addiction or mental health difficulties or imprisonment can greatly impact on children and young people's lives. Measures are needed to create a society in which all children and young people are valued and respected for who they are and they can freely express their identity.

Risk & Protective Factors

- Positive relationships with parents provide a significant protective effect against a decline in the well-being of children. This protective effect is particularly evident where children are at high risk of experiencing lower levels of well-being due to risk factors such as low income. (Morrison-Gutman et al, 2010)

Key Facts

- 75% of nine-year-olds were involved in some form of organised sports club or organisation (GUI 2009)
- 3,919 children & young people participated in volunteer led youth clubs including scouts & girl guides in Kerry in 2012.
- 49% of all library members were aged 18 and under in 2012, a total of 11,483 children & young people.
- 93,716 children in 2011 recorded as foreign nationals; 2390 or 7.9% of the child population in Kerry in 2011 was a foreign national.
- Between 5% and 10% of the population are LGBT
- 1.2% 0-24yr olds are Travellers, 42% of Travellers are under 15 years of age; there were 381 Traveller children (1.09% of the total child population) living in Kerry in 2012.
- 36% of births in 2012 outside of marriage

National Developmental Outcome 5: Children will be Connected, Respected & Contributing to Their World

- Children & Young People will have a sense of their own identity, free from discrimination;
- Children & Young People will have positive networks of friends, family & community;
- Children & Young People will be civically engaged and socially & environmentally conscious;
- Children & Young People will be informed of their rights and will be responsible & respectful of the law.

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Family structure	The number of children under 18 living in a lone parent household	Census of the Population	5,407 in 2011 + 6.12% since 2006		16.2% in 2011	202,444 in 2011	18.3% in 2011
Separated children seeking asylum	The number of separated children seeking asylum	Childcare Interim Dataset	n/a		n/a	Nationally there were a Total of 71 referrals to the HSE's Team for SCSA in 2012.	n/a
Relationship with mothers	The percentage of children aged 9-17 who report that they find it easy or very easy to talk with their mother when something is really bothering them.	Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Survey	n/a		81.2% in the South-West region in 2010	n/a	81.8% in 2010
Relationship with fathers	The percentage of children aged 9-17 who report that they find it easy or very easy to talk with their father when something is really bothering them	Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Survey	n/a	n/a	65.7% in the South-West region in 2010	n/a	66.6% in 2010
Friendships	The percentage of children aged 9-17 who report to have 3 or more friends of the same gender	Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Survey		n/a	91.2% in the South-West region in 2010	n/a	89.5% in 2010
Environment and places	The percentage of children aged 9-17 who report there are good places in their area to spend their free time	Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Survey		n/a	48.2% in the South-West region in 2010	n/a	51.2% in 2010

Indicator	Description	Source	Kerry 2011	Kerry 2012	Rate per '000 Or %	State	Rate per '000 Or %
Playgrounds	6 Playgrounds are directly provided by KCC; 15 Playgrounds have been facilitated by KCC & developed in partnership with local community groups.	Kerry County Council.		21 Playgrounds			
Participation in Volunteer Led Youth Clubs in Kerry.	The number of young people in Kerry who participated in volunteer led youth clubs in 2011 & 2012	Kerry Education & Training Board	3,842 young people	3,919 young people			
Youth Clubs	The number of youth clubs in Kerry registered with Kerry Youth Clubs Grants	Kerry Education & Training Board		58 youth clubs			
Girl Guides & Scouts Clubs	The number of uniformed youth groups in Kerry registered with Kerry Youth Clubs Grants	Kerry Education & Training Board		18 uniformed clubs			
GAA	77 GAA clubs participated in the 2012 GAA Cúl Camps youth sports development programme.	Kerry Local Sports & recreation Partnership.		77 GAA Coiste na nÓg Clubs			
Other Youth Groups i.e. KDYS Youth Café & Youth Drop In; Non KDYS groups & youth spaces	The number of youth cafes, youth spaces & non-KDYS youth clubs & spaces in Kerry registered with Kerry Youth Clubs Grants Scheme	Kerry Education & Training Board		17 youth clubs & youth spaces			
Library use	Number of children and young people aged 18 and under in Kerry registered to use the library service in 2011 & 2012	Kerry County Council (Housing, Community and Enterprise Department)	11,504 children and young people	11,483 children & young people. 49% of all Library members in Kerry were under 18 years in 2012.			
Participation in decision making	The percentage of children aged 9-17 who report students at their school participate in making the school rules	Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Survey		n/a	30.7% in the South-West region in 2010	n/a	32.6% in 2010
Physical activity	The percentage of children aged 9-17 who report being physically active for at least 60 minutes per day on more than 4 days per wk.	Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Survey		n/a	54.6% in the South-West region in 2010	n/a	50.5% in 2010

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