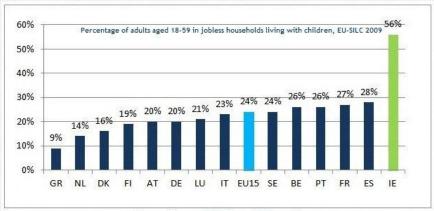


Jobless Households

An Exploration of the Issues

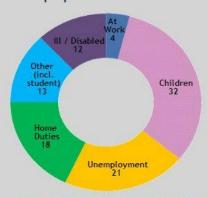
Jobless Households are where no-one in the household is working or only has very limited access to work.

Ireland has a high proportion of jobless households with children.



Source: Watson, 2012, Figure 3.7, Page 41

Jobless Households are made up of people who are in different circumstances: unemployed, working in the home, ill or disabled, students, and/or contain a high proportion of children.



The Composition of Jobless Households, 2010 Source: Watson et al., 2012: 23 People are at risk of being in a jobless household if:

The householder

- Has never worked
- Is in the unskilled manual /service social class
- Has no educational qualifications
- Is living in rented accommodation
- Has a disability

The Household Type

- One person household
- · Lone-parent household

Source: Watson et al., 2012

Reasons given for households being jobless include:

- The transition from welfare to work
- · The availability of suitable jobs
- The characteristics of the jobless household, such as age, education, health, number of children

Responses required:

- A range of responses are required to deal with the diversity of household joblessness
- Tailored services are required to meet their needs, such as adult literacy, child development, family supports and disability services

