

Post Budget Briefing OCT 2026

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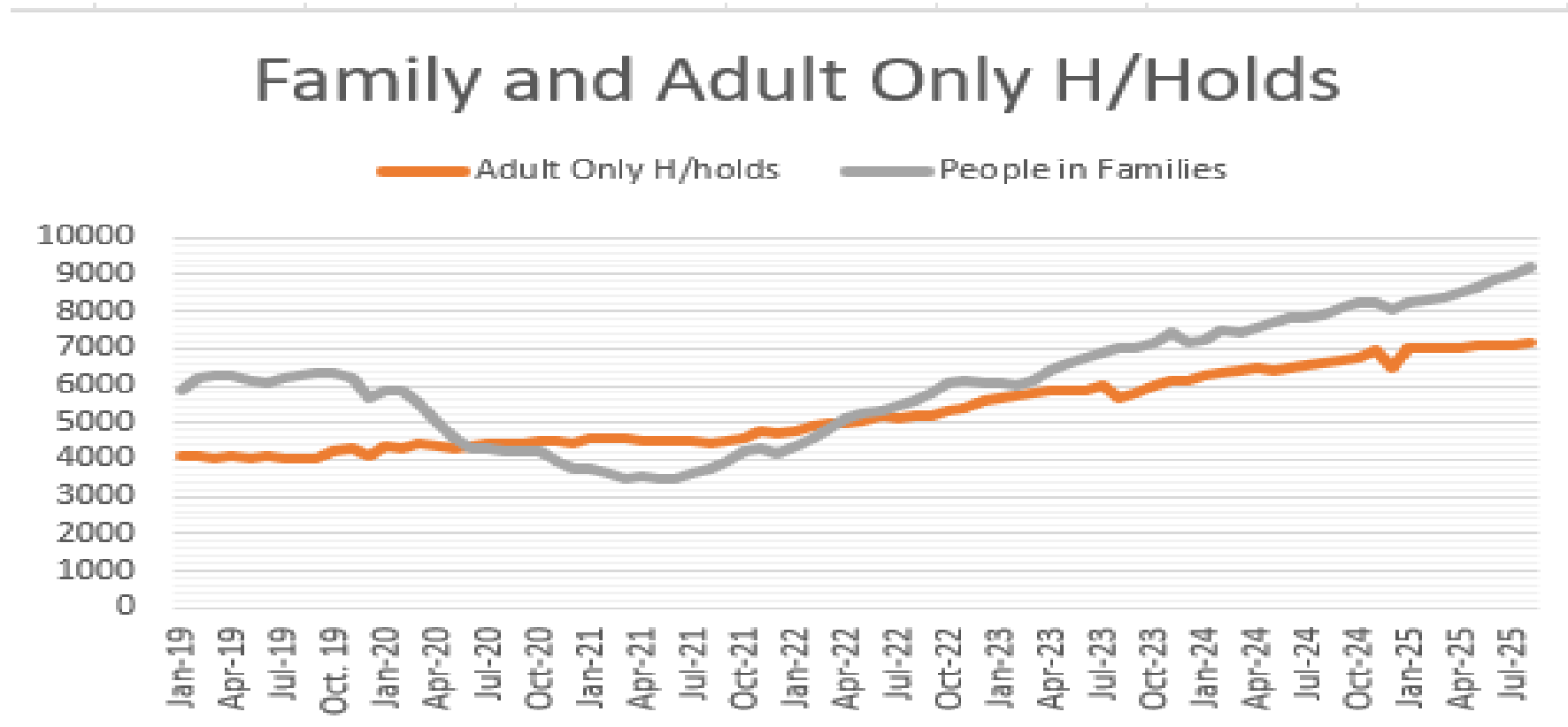


Context of Budget 2026

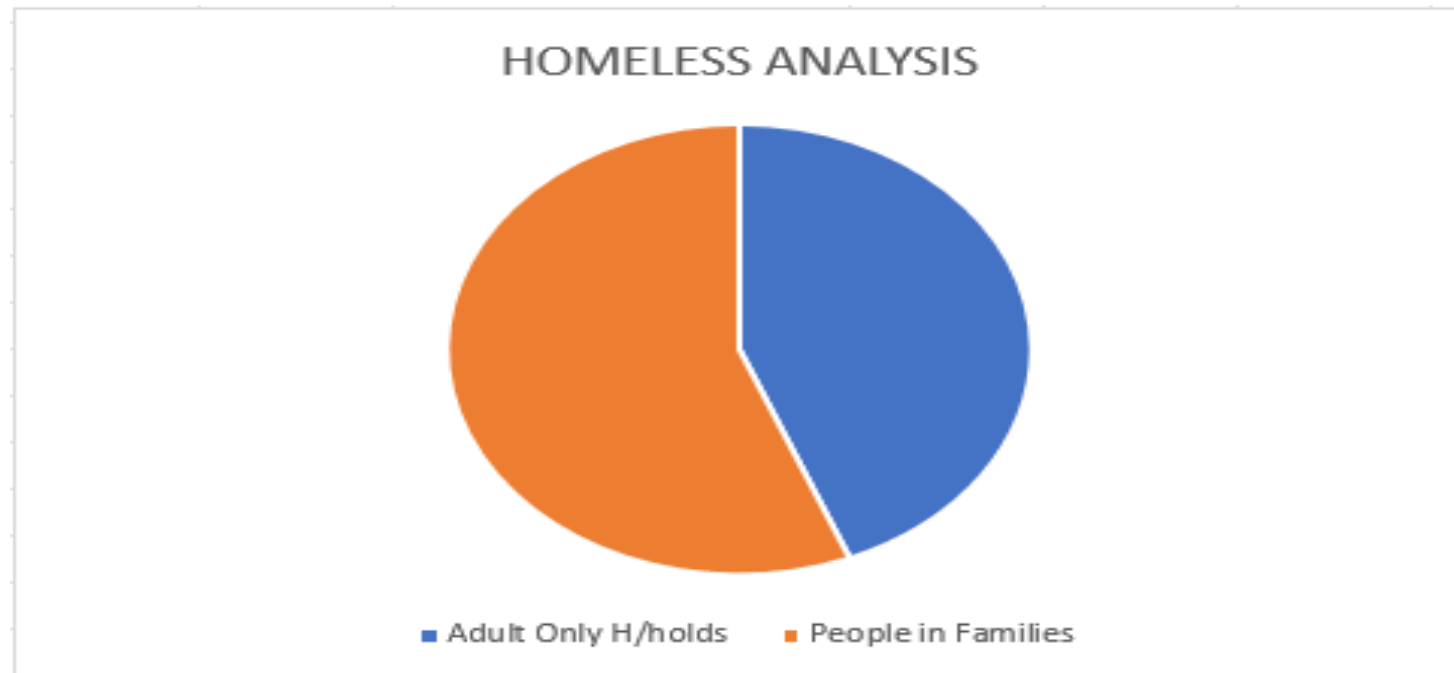
Homelessness

	Aug-25	Monthly Diff.	Y-T-D
Adult Only H/holds	7170	95	683
People in Families	9183	200	1166
Children	5145	131	635
Families	2391	48	299
1 Parent	1381	33	213
2 parent	1010	15	86
Adult Male	6778	113	406
Adult Female	4430	51	448
Total Homeless	16353	295	1849

Context of Budget 2025



Context of Budget 2026



Child Poverty – EU SILC Data (CSO) 2024

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Household Composition												
1 adult with children aged under 18	20.6	27.0	19.2	24.2	44.2	45.4	41.4	46.3	11.3	15.5	7.1	11.0
2 adults with 1-3 children aged under 18	10.3	11.8	14.2	12.6	11.2	17.4	17.7	16.2	4.2	4.3	4.5	6.0
Other households with children aged under 18	14.8	10.8	10.5	13.3	15.7	16.5	22.0	19.8	5.0	6.0	4.0	8.0

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Age group												
0-17	14.5	14.7	14.3	15.3	17.3	18.8	21.4	21.2	6.3	7.0	4.8	8.5
Principal Economic Status (aged 16 years and over)												
Employed	4.5	5.3	5.8	5.4	8.7	11.7	12.3	11.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	1.7
Unemployed	23.7	32.1	25.5	34.1	29.6	46.6	37.8	37.8	10.5	14.3	9.4	18.9
Retired	12.8	19.7	8.8	13.3	7.1	12.2	9.6	6.9	2.4	3.8	1.5	1.9
Unable to work due to long-standing health problems	35.7	30.7	27.3	32.5	37.0	40.3	44.7	38.5	16.4	16.8	16.8	19.0

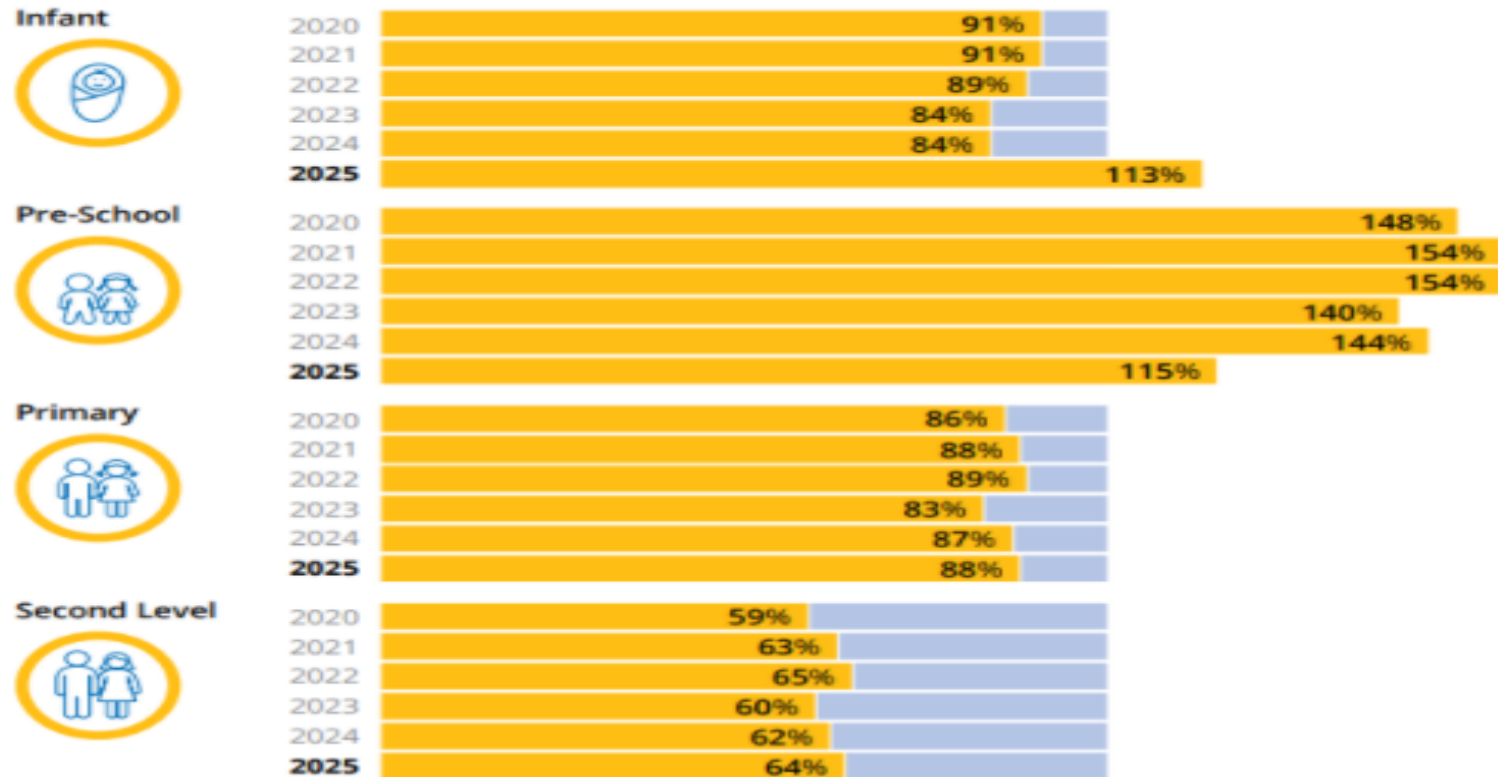
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Income Adequacy MESL Update June 2025

Child related social welfare supports, proportion of urban MESL need met



What we need to reduce poverty based on MESL research and CSO SILC Data?

SVP Budget 2026 'Asks'

- 1. Cost of Disability Payment - €55 per week**
- 2. €16 Increase in Core Social Welfare Payments**
- 3. €9.50 Increase in Fuel Allowance**
- 4. €6 increase in Child Support Payment for children under 12, and €15 for Children over 12**

5. €3 increase in Living Alone Allowance

6. Extension of Fuel Allowance to Recipients of Working Family Payment

7. Increase in Income Disregard for OPFA/ JST to €205

What we got.

1. No cost of Disability Payment.
2. €10 increase in core social welfare payments.
3. €5 increase in fuel allowance.
4. €8 increase for CSP for under 12 and €16 for children over 12
5. No increase in Living Alone Allowance
6. Extension of Fuel Allowance to WFP recipients
7. No Increase in income disregard for lone parents
8. WFP Threshold Increase of €60 per child
9. Extension of BTSCFA to 2 and 3 year olds.

Budget 2026

Person with a disability

Asks

Budget

CoD	€55	
Core	€16	€10
Fuel	€9.50	€5
	€81 per week	€15 per week
	€4,186 Per year	€780 per year

Lone Parent with 1 child

Asks

Budget

CSP	€6	€8
Core	€16	€10
Fuel	€9.50	€5
	€32 per week	€23 per week
	€1,638 Per year	€1,196 per year

Analysis of a presenting issue – Child Poverty – EU SILC Data (CSO)

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