

INEQUALITY

FACT SHEET

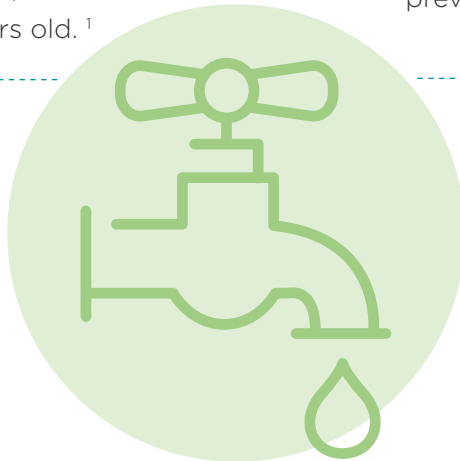
POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Based on a poverty line of €286.48 per week, **there are about 630,000 people living in poverty in Ireland** - that's 12.8% of the population. 97,013 (15.4%) are in employment, and 164,417 (26.1%) are under 16 years old. ¹

2.2 billion people worldwide have a near or distance vision impairment. The vision loss of over 1 billion people could have been prevented with adequate healthcare ²



Worldwide, 644 million children under age 18 are classified as multidimensionally poor. **One in three children is poor** compared with one in six adults ³



All of the global goals have suffered as a result of Covid-19. Since the pandemic began in 2020, at least **119 million more people are living in extreme poverty.** ⁴

771 million people

worldwide **don't have access to clean water** near their homes.

1.7 billion people don't have a decent toilet of their own. ⁵



Women and girls put in 12.5 billion hours of unpaid work every day. This includes:

direct caring for children, the sick or elderly

indirect caring, such as cooking, cleaning, fetching fuel & water, and shopping ⁶

The life expectancy of Irish citizens is around 81 years.

People in the Central African Republic have the world's lowest life expectancy at 53 years. The global average is 72 years. ⁷



The **richest 1%** in the world **own 43%** of the world's wealthy ⁸



Global literacy rates have risen over the past 50 years. However, there are over **773 million people** on the planet **who are illiterate, and most are women.** ⁹



¹ [Social Justice Ireland \(2021\)](#) | ² [WHO \(2021\)](#) | ³ [Global Multidimensional Poverty Index \(2020\)](#) | ⁴ [United Nations \(2021\)](#) | ⁵ [WHO/UNICEF \(2021\)](#) | ⁶ [Oxfam International \(2020\)](#) | ⁷ [UNESCO UIS \(2021\)](#) | ⁸ [Credit Suisse \(2020\)](#) | ⁹ [World Bank \(2019\)](#)