

Method Statement for

RVA04: Distribution of Income Tax and Universal Social Charge by Range of Gross Income, Marital Status, Year and Statistic

Dataset



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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide information on the commitment to quality activities and procedures Revenue has put in place in respect of the production of Revenue Statistics to comply with the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice (ISSCOP).¹

This dataset provides a distribution of Income Tax and Universal Social Charge by Range of Gross Income, Marital Status, Year and Statistic.

The Universal Social Charge (USC) came into effect on 1st January, 2011. This dataset shows a distribution of income earners by income ranges and the amounts of Income Tax and USC

The information on personal incomes which is given in this dataset has been collected in the course of the administration of income tax for the income tax years in question

The tables relate to income assessed in respect of the years by reference to tax returns which were processed, usually in the second quarter of the year following the returns due date. Thus for example returns in respect of the 2012 accounting period will have been due in Q4 of 2013 and will be processed in Q2 of 2014.

The information relating to employees from whose income tax was deducted under Pay As You Earn is based on completed end-of-year returns from employers of which up to 96% were processed at the relevant time. The information relating to Schedule D assessments is based on assessed Self-Assessment Returns for the year usually representing some 83.0% of the expected total.

Proprietary directors, while formally taxed under the PAYE system, are akin to the self-employed and should be taken into account when analysing the income distribution of the self-employed sector generally.

¹ For more information see <http://www.isscop.ie/>

2. General Information

<i>Dataset Name:</i>	RVA04: Distribution of Income Tax and Universal Social Charge by Range of Gross Income, Marital Status, Year and Statistic
<i>Keywords:</i>	Income Tax, Income Distribution, USC, Gross Income, PAYE, Self-Employed, Proprietary Directors, Range of Gross Income, Marital Status, Tax Deducted, Year
<i>Update Frequency:</i>	Annually
<i>Licence:</i>	CC-By
<i>Formats:</i>	.csv, .pdf, .px, .txt
<i>Hyperlinks:</i>	https://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/Statire/SelectVarVal/Define.asp?maintable=rva04&ProductID=DB_rv01&PLanguage=0 Open Data Portal: https://data.gov.ie/dataset/of-income-tax-and-universal-social-charge-by-range-of-gross-income-marital-status-year-and-statistic
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<i>Reference Years</i>	2011-2016
<i>Anonymisation or aggregation required:</i>	No, Macro-data
<i>Geographical Scope:</i>	National

3. Production

<i>Coding:</i>	The dataset figures are based on taxpayer unit. A married couple who has elected or who has been deemed to have elected for joint assessment is counted as one tax unit and their incomes are aggregated in the statistics.
<i>Data Source:</i>	Income Tax Returns
<i>Imputation:</i>	N/A
<i>Breakdown:</i>	The number of cases reflects the number of tax units. A married couple or civil partners (since 2011) who have elected or have been deemed to have elected for joint assessment are counted as one tax unit. "Gross Income" is income before adjustments are made in respect of capital allowances, interest paid, losses, allowable expenses or retirement annuities but after deduction of superannuation contributions by employees. Gross Income includes certain income belonging to individuals whose total income is below the exemption limits. It does not include any income which is not income for tax purposes or is exempt from tax.
<i>Computation:</i>	N/A

4. Quality

<i>Relevance:</i>	<p>Data are used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the Tax Strategy Group and the Department of Finance on budgetary decisions • Provide answers to Parliamentary Questions (PQs) and Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. • Inform policymakers and internal stakeholders and • Fulfil requests for data from academics, students, journalists and members of the public.
<i>Accuracy & Reliability:</i>	<p>Data are compared with the previous year's data.</p> <p>Source data are input into Revenue's systems by the Collector General's area and the statistical outputs are assessed and validated are signed off by the Accountant General's area.</p>
<i>Timeliness & Punctuality:</i>	<p>An advance release schedule is provided for all datasets with anticipated publication deadline.</p> <p>Divergence from the notified schedule is publicised in advance, along with a new release date.</p> <p>See the list of Supporting Documentation below for a link to the current Revenue Statistics Publication Calendar.</p>
<i>Coherence and Comparability:</i>	<p>This dataset provides a distribution of Income Tax and Universal Social Charge by Range of Gross Income, Marital Status, Year and Statistic.</p> <p>The data are grouped at the same granularity for all years.</p> <p>Where there is a deviation notes are provided. Provisional data are also identified.</p>
<i>Accessibility and Clarity:</i>	<p>Published electronically on Revenue's Website & Open Data portal</p> <p>This dataset is consistent with the Open Data Technical Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with metadata, methodological and quality information • to Open Data 3-star Format (i.e., machine readable) and • searchable through keywords.

5. Supporting Documentation

[Revenue Statistics - Quality Statement](#)

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[Revenue Statistics - Statistical Disclosure Control](#)

[Open Data Technical Framework](#)

[Irish Statistical System Code of Practice](#)