

Method Statement for

RVA05: Distribution of Interest Relief on Home Loans
by Range of Total 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 Interest Relief on Home Loans by Range of Total Income, Marital Status, Year and Statistic.

This dataset shows a distribution of income earners by range of total income on interest paid on home loans - relief allowed at the standard rate (in terms of tax reductions)

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>	RVA05: Distribution of Interest Relief on Home Loans by Range of Total Income, Marital Status, Year and Statistic
<i>Keywords:</i>	Income Tax, Income Distribution, Home Loan, Total Income, PAYE, Self-Employed, Proprietary Directors, Range of Total Income, Marital Status, Tax Deducted
<i>Update Frequency:</i>	Annually
<i>Licence:</i>	CC-By
<i>Formats:</i>	.csv, .pdf, .px, .xls., .txt
<i>Hyperlinks:</i>	http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/Statire/SelectVarVal/Define.asp?maintable=rva05&ProductID=DB_rv01&PLanguage=0# Open Data Portal: https://data.gov.ie/dataset/ribution-of-interest-relief-on-home-loans-by-range-of-total-income-marital-status-year-and-statistic
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<i>Reference Years</i>	2004-2014
<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>	<p>"Total" income is the total income of taxpayers from all sources as estimated in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Acts. It is net of such items as capital allowances, allowable interest which is not subject to relief at the standard rate, losses, allowable expenses, retirement annuities and superannuation contributions. For the purposes of the exemption limits, interest allowable for tax purposes is a deduction in computing total income.</p> <p>Declared interest income received by individuals and any income such as distributions (i.e. dividends plus tax credits) received is included. Benefits-in-kind are also included to the extent that they are chargeable to income tax</p>
<i>Computation:</i>	Relief calculated at the standard rate (in terms of tax reductions) for each year in question

4. Quality

<p><i>Relevance:</i></p>	<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.
<p><i>Accuracy & Reliability:</i></p>	<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>
<p><i>Timeliness & Punctuality:</i></p>	<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>
<p><i>Coherence and Comparability:</i></p>	<p>Figures of deductions and allowances used in compiling the statistics are of amounts allowed and not of amounts claimed.</p> <p>Some other features of the data are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • the information relates to all income earners on tax records in respect of whom a tax return for the year is on record, • declared exempt income is included in arriving at the average effective rate of tax; • only the declared interest income of individuals, and the corresponding tax charge, is included; consequently, the bulk of interest from which deposit interest retention tax was deducted is not included; • particulars of assessments raised during the year in respect of previous years are not included; • amounts of declared income arising under Schedule C are included with Schedule D income and cannot be separately identified. • Tax Relief at Source (TRS) was introduced in 2001 for medical insurance and in 2002 for mortgage interest. Due to certain technical difficulties an income related distribution of relief allowed in respect of medical insurance, as provided in previous reports, is not currently available. <p>Income related to part only of a year, where there has been a change of employment during the year, is not grossed up to the corresponding annual amount.</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, CSO Statbank & 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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[Open Data Technical Framework](#)

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