

# Local Property Tax (LPT) Statistics

(Preliminary – July 2014)

The statistics in this release are based on preliminary analysis of returns filed and other LPT related information. Work on refining the LPT Register is ongoing and consequently the data included are not final data and a certain amount of estimation has been required.

Updates to the statistics below will be provided in due course.



## **Overall Compliance Rate and Payment Levels**

### **2013 LPT Returns**

The overall LPT 2013 compliance rate is estimated to be 95%.

This is based on 1.64m properties returned, returns made in connection with 0.15m Local Authority owned (or similar) properties, 0.02m properties exempted for other reasons and 0.04m properties on which mandatory deduction at source has been applied. The compliance rate is calculated on an expected Register of 1.95m properties.\*

Of the 1.64m returns, 23% were filed by paper and 77% online.

### **2014 LPT Returns**

The overall LPT 2014 compliance rate is estimated to be 94%.

Payment instructions were rolled over from 2013 for 0.33m properties (phased payments and deferrals/exemptions), new instructions have been received for 1.27m properties for 2014, there are 0.05m properties on which mandatory deduction at source has been applied, 0.03m work items are currently being processed and 0.15m Local Authority owned properties. This totals 1.83m – an estimated compliance rate of 94% from the expected Register of 1.95m properties.\*

### **Exchequer Receipts**

2014 LPT Exchequer receipts to 30 June are €310m, which is €10.5m (3.5%) ahead of target. Exchequer receipts for LPT also include payments of Household Charge.

### **Household Charge Payments made to Revenue**

Revenue took over responsibility for Household Charge (HHC) collection from 1 July 2013. Since then, approximately €25m of Household Charge arrears has been paid to Revenue (approximately €2m in 2013 and €23m to June 2014). Approximately 205,000 additional properties are now household charge compliant since 1 July 2013, including a total of 61,000 mandatory deduction at source cases and about 7,300 deferrals. To date in 2014, 110,000 items of correspondence and 101,000 telephone contacts relating to HHC have been handled by Revenue.

### **LPT Compliance - Initial Phase Statistics**

- 212,000 compliance letters issued for LPT 2013 and 40,000 issued for LPT 2014.
- Approximately 40,000 mandatory deductions from wages/pensions are or were in operation for 2013 LPT and about 46,000 for 2014 LPT. These figures can often fluctuate as property owners regularise their affairs before mandatory deduction at source is fully implemented.

Additional compliance activity in relation to the self-employed and companies includes the refusal of 9,591 tax clearance requests and 12,253 income tax surcharges applied.

\* Due to rounding, the compliance rates may not match when estimated from total figures above. The expected Register numbers (1.95m properties) are extrapolated from Central Statistics Office Census 2011 information. Work is ongoing to validate the final Register size.

## **Local Authority Analysis – Collection and Compliance**

This analysis is preliminary, there is an element of estimation in particular with regard to the distribution of numbers and amounts by Local Authority.

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Number of Properties Returned (000s) *</b>	<b>Compliance Rate 2013 (%) **</b>	<b>LPT Collected</b>	
			<b>2013 (€ million) ***</b>	<b>2014 (€ million) ****</b>
Carlow	21.8	95.4	2.1	3.0
Cavan	28.9	93.2	2.4	3.5
Clare	50.7	94.6	5.5	8.0
Cork City	51.3	93.4	6.0	8.7
Cork Co	161.1	94.5	21.9	31.4
Donegal	68.6	89.0	5.9	8.7
Dublin City	234.5	94.7	43.0	60.4
DLR	80.8	95.8	27.9	38.8
Fingal	97.9	95.8	20.3	26.6
Galway City	31.1	94.0	4.4	6.5
Galway Co	68.7	94.0	7.9	11.5
Kerry	66.7	93.2	7.6	11.5
Kildare	74.9	95.2	11.5	15.5
Kilkenny	35.2	95.1	4.0	5.8
Laois	29.0	95.3	2.6	3.7
Leitrim	15.4	92.8	1.2	1.8
Limerick City	24.5	91.9	2.3	3.3
Limerick Co	51.1	95.0	6.1	8.8
Longford	16.7	94.0	1.1	1.7
Louth	47.0	93.6	5.1	6.9
Mayo	57.0	92.9	5.7	8.6
Meath	64.6	94.4	9.3	12.4
Monaghan	22.3	95.2	2.1	3.1
North Tipperary	28.9	95.3	2.9	4.3
Offaly	27.4	94.8	2.6	3.8
Roscommon	26.7	94.0	2.2	3.3
Sligo	29.7	93.2	2.8	4.2
South Dublin	94.1	95.6	16.9	22.3
South Tipperary	34.7	95.3	3.5	5.1
Waterford City	20.8	94.1	1.7	2.4
Waterford Co	27.4	93.9	3.3	4.7
Westmeath	33.6	94.1	3.4	4.9
Wexford	61.7	94.1	6.5	9.3
Wicklow	51.3	95.3	9.1	12.4
	<b>1,853</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>367</b>

(please note that rounding may affect figures displayed)

\* Includes properties returned (1.64m), Local Authority owned properties (0.15m), properties not returned but exempted for various reasons (0.02m) and properties where mandatory deduction at source (0.04m) has been applied.

\*\* The compliance rate compares the number of properties returned against the expected Register of 1.95m extrapolated from CSO Census information.

\*\*\* LPT collected for 2013 includes around €242m received during 2013 and €19m in 2014 (to date). This includes amounts paid by Local Authorities in respect to properties they own and payments collected through mandatory deduction at source. This includes payments of Household Charge.

\*\*\*\* LPT collected for 2014 includes around €76m received during 2013 and €291m in 2014 (to date). This includes amounts paid by Local Authorities in respect to properties they own and payments collected through mandatory deduction at source. This includes payments of Household Charge.

Note: Work on 2014 Compliance Rate by Local Authority is ongoing.

## **Local Authority Analysis – Exempt, Declared and Deferred in 2014**

The information below was provided to Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. Analysis is preliminary, there is an element of estimation in particular with regard to the distribution of numbers and amounts by Local Authority.

Local Authority	2014	2014		
	LPT Exempt (€ million) *	LPT Declared (€ million) **	LPT Deferred (€ million)	Net LPT Position (€ million)
Carlow	0.1	4.0	0.1	3.9
Cavan	0.1	4.4	0.1	4.3
Clare	0.2	10.1	0.1	10.0
Cork City	0.3	11.1	0.2	11.0
Cork Co	1.0	40.5	0.5	40.0
Donegal	0.2	10.7	0.1	10.6
Dublin City	2.7	80.5	1.5	79.1
DLR	1.0	51.9	0.7	51.1
Fingal	0.8	37.9	0.6	37.4
Galway City	0.1	8.1	0.1	8.0
Galway Co	0.3	14.5	0.1	14.3
Kerry	0.3	14.1	0.1	13.9
Kildare	0.4	21.5	0.3	21.2
Kilkenny	0.2	7.4	0.1	7.4
Laois	0.1	4.9	0.1	4.8
Leitrim	0.1	2.1	0.0	2.1
Limerick City	0.1	4.4	0.1	4.3
Limerick Co	0.3	11.3	0.1	11.2
Longford	0.1	2.1	0.0	2.1
Louth	0.2	9.5	0.2	9.3
Mayo	0.2	10.4	0.1	10.2
Meath	0.3	17.4	0.2	17.2
Monaghan	0.1	3.8	0.0	3.7
North Tipperary	0.2	5.4	0.1	5.3
Offaly	0.1	4.9	0.1	4.8
Roscommon	0.1	4.0	0.0	3.9
Sligo	0.2	5.3	0.1	5.2
South Dublin	0.5	31.8	0.6	31.2
South Tipperary	0.1	6.5	0.1	6.4
Waterford City	0.1	3.2	0.0	3.1
Waterford Co	0.1	6.1	0.1	6.0
Westmeath	0.1	6.4	0.1	6.3
Wexford	0.2	12.2	0.2	12.0
Wicklow	0.3	17.1	0.3	16.8
	12	485	7	478

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\* The exemption amounts are based on claims made in returns and will be subject to certain verification checks. In addition, the full effects of exemptions are not reflected in the statistics as, where an exemption was claimed, the property owner was not always required to value their property.

\*\* The LPT Declared amount includes declared amounts from returns filed to date, deferred amounts and amounts due on foot of instructions sent to employers and pension providers to collect LPT by way of mandatory deduction at source.

### **Payment Types**

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>2013 LPT (%)</b>	<b>2014 LPT (%)</b>
Credit Card	13.0	5.8
Debit Card	32.0	14.2
Direct Debit	13.9	26.2
Single Debit Authority	20.9	27.7
Deduct at Source	8.0	11.8
Service Provider	7.6	6.6
Other Payment	4.7	8.7
	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>

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### **Claims for Deferral or Exemption based on Returns Filed to Date**

Based on currently available information, there are around 32,400 (1.9%) claims for exemption from returned properties for 2013 and 34,100 (2.0%) for 2014.

<b>Return Exemption Type (Self Assessment)</b>	<b>LPT 2013</b>		<b>LPT 2014</b>	
	<b>Number of Properties (000s)</b>	<b>Exemptions (%)</b>	<b>Number of Properties (000s)</b>	<b>Exemptions (%)</b>
Charitable recreational activities	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.5
Charity/Public Body owned for special needs	6.3	19.5	4.9	14.3
Diplomatic properties	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
First Time Buyer purchase 1/1/2013-31/12/2013	3.0	9.2	5.2	15.4
Fully subject to Commercial rates	2.1	6.3	2.0	6.0
Long-term illness	4.9	15.0	5.0	14.6
Mobile homes	0.4	1.2	0.4	1.1
New & unused between 1/1/2013 - 31/10/2016	2.7	8.2	3.5	10.3
Nursing homes	0.6	1.9	0.6	1.8
Pyrite damaged	1.2	3.8	1.2	3.6
Residence of a severely incapacitated individual	1.7	5.1	1.7	4.9
Unfinished Housing Estates	4.9	15.1	4.9	14.3
Unsold by builder/developer	4.5	13.9	4.5	13.2
	<b>32</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100</b>

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Based on currently available information, there are around 19,000 (1.2%) claims for deferral from returned properties in 2013 and 18,600 (1.1%) for 2014.

<b>Return Claims for Deferral</b>	<b>LPT 2013</b>		<b>LPT 2014</b>	
	<b>Number of Properties (000s)</b>	<b>Deferrals (%)</b>	<b>Number of Properties (000s)</b>	<b>Deferrals (%)</b>
Executor/Administrator of an Estate	1.0	5.4	1.1	6.2
Significant Financial Loss*	0.3	1.6	0.4	2.1
Below Income Threshold	17.5	91.6	16.8	90.5
Insolvent Liable Person	0.3	1.5	0.2	1.3
	<b>19</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100</b>

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\* Applications for deferral on the basis of Significant Financial Loss need to be claimed on separate form submitted to Revenue. Around 2,800 such applications have been received to date. Of these, LPT has been paid in approximately 300 cases and so deferral is no longer being sought. A further 400 cases are entitled to deferral under one of the other categories, principally the Income Threshold deferral. Some 900 applications have not been granted as they do not meet the qualifying criteria and the relevant applicants have been notified. The remaining applications are currently under review and the figures quoted in the table above are included in the applications being reviewed.

### **Valuation Bands based on Returns Filed to Date**

This analysis is preliminary, there is an element of estimation with regard to the distribution of properties by Valuation Band. The table shows the distribution of the 1.64m properties for which returns are filed to date, 0.15m Local Authority owned properties are excluded, as are properties not returned but exempted for various reasons (0.02m) and properties where mandatory deduction at source has been applied (0.04m).

<b>LPT Valuation Band</b>		<b>Properties (%)</b>
1	€0-100,000	25.8
2	€100,001-150,000	28.4
3	€150,001-200,000	21.6
4	€200,001-250,000	10.2
5	€250,001-300,000	4.9
6	€300,001-350,000	2.9
7	€350,001-400,000	1.8
8	€400,001-450,000	1.2
9	€450,001-500,000	0.9
10	€500,001-550,000	0.6
11	€550,001-600,000	0.4
12	€600,001-650,000	0.3
13	€650,001-700,000	0.2
14	€700,001-750,000	0.2
15	€750,001-800,000	0.1
16	€800,001-850,000	0.1
17	€850,001-900,000	0.1
18	€900,001-950,000	0.1
19	€950,001-1,000,000	0.1
20	€1,000,000+	0.2
		<i>100</i>

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Approximately 42% of property owners self-assessed the same LPT valuation band as the Revenue Estimate and 58% of property owners self-assessed a different LPT valuation band compared to the Revenue Estimate. 44% returned a lower valuation band than the Estimate: 29% reduced by 1 band, 10% by 2 bands and 5% by 3 or more bands. 14% returned a higher valuation band: 7% increased by 1 band, 3% by 2 bands and 4% by 3 or more bands.

### **Valuation Bands – Self-Correction**

Self-correction of valuations can be done through the LPT online application on the Revenue website by revising the original valuation band/valuation declared in the 2013 LPT Return at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

Since returns were filed, there have been more than 3,900 properties where the owner has opted to self-correct upwards their property valuation band. Included in this figure are self-corrections made in the context of property sales, where the LPT position is fully regularised before the property conveyance is completed.

The table below shows the breakdown of all self-corrections by the number of bands by which the valuation was increased.

<b>Number of Bands Increased</b>	<b>Properties (%)</b>
1	58.2
2	21.3
3	10.6
4	5.1
5+	4.8
	<i>100</i>

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### **Multiple Property Owners**

There are around 174,900 individuals that are designated liable persons for two or more properties (this covers 546,700 properties). Properties owned by Local Authorities and approved housing bodies are excluded from the analysis below.

<b>Number of Properties Owned</b>	<b>Number of Persons (000s)</b>	<b>Persons (%)</b>	<b>Number of Properties (000s)</b>	<b>Properties (%)</b>
2	118.4	67.7	236.5	43.2
3 to 5	45.0	25.7	156.8	28.7
6 to 10	8.1	4.6	59.7	10.9
11 to 20	2.3	1.3	31.9	5.8
21 to 50	0.9	0.5	25.6	4.7
51 to 100	0.2	0.1	13.9	2.5
101 to 200	0.1	0.04	9.1	1.7
201+	0.1	0.05	13.3	2.4
	<i>175</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>547</i>	<i>100</i>

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