

Irish Life 2025 Protection Claims

A Better Decision



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A Snapshot of our 2025 Claims



€404.3 million
paid out in total for **7,907 claims**



98.7%
of death claims were paid



Cancer No. 1
cause for **Specified Illness and Life Insurance** claims



Cancer is the top **Income Protection** claim cause



54
Average age of **Specified Illness** claimants



Over €7.7 million on average
paid weekly in 2025

Nearly **2 out of 3** claims paid for living benefits

There's a lot more to life insurance than paying claims when people die. In fact, the majority of the claims we pay are for living benefits (e.g. Specified Illness lump sums or regular payments if you can't work due to an accident/illness).



Living Benefits

4,830

No. of claims

€137.5m

paid

63%
of total claims

34%
of total amount



Death Benefits

2,831

claims

37%
of total claims

€265.7m
amount paid

66%
of total amount



Death Benefits

Life Insurance Claims

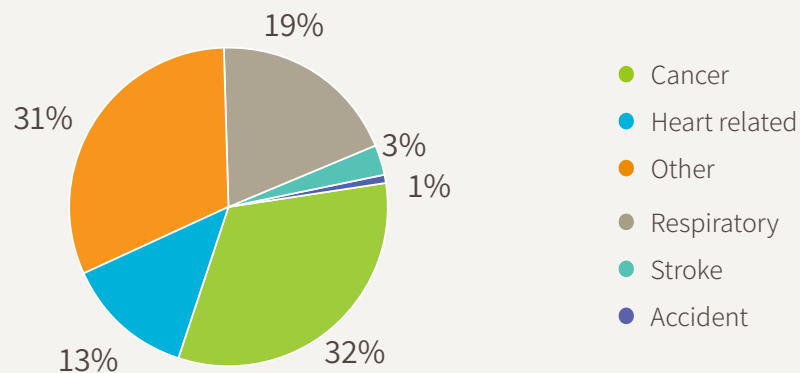


98.7% of death claims paid



Number of claims paid	2,831
Total amount paid out	€265.7 million
Average age of person claiming	68
Average claim amount	€88,942

Life Insurance claims paid



Living Benefits

Specified Illness Cover Claims

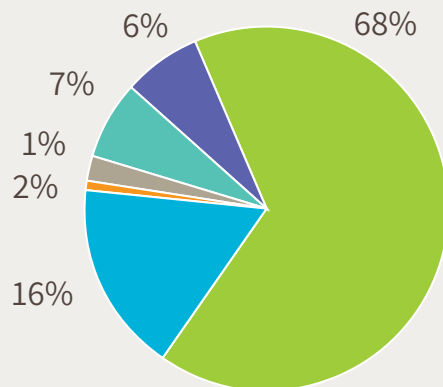


89.7% of SIC claims paid



Number of claims paid	1,104
Total amount paid out	€62.28 million
Average age of person claiming	54
Average claim amount	€62,823
Biggest claim cause	Malignant Breast Cancer

Specified Illness Cover claims paid



- Cancer (malignant)
- Heart related (diagnosed)
- Permanent and total disablement / Loss of independence (permanent symptoms)
- Multiple sclerosis (with past or present symptoms)
- Other
- Stroke (of specified severity)



Living Benefits

Income Protection (IP) Claims



Number of claims paid	3,239
Total amount paid out	€68.57 million
Average age of person claiming	48
Average claim amount	€25,237

Top 3 causes of claims:



Cancer
27%



Musculoskeletal
21%



Mental Health
20%





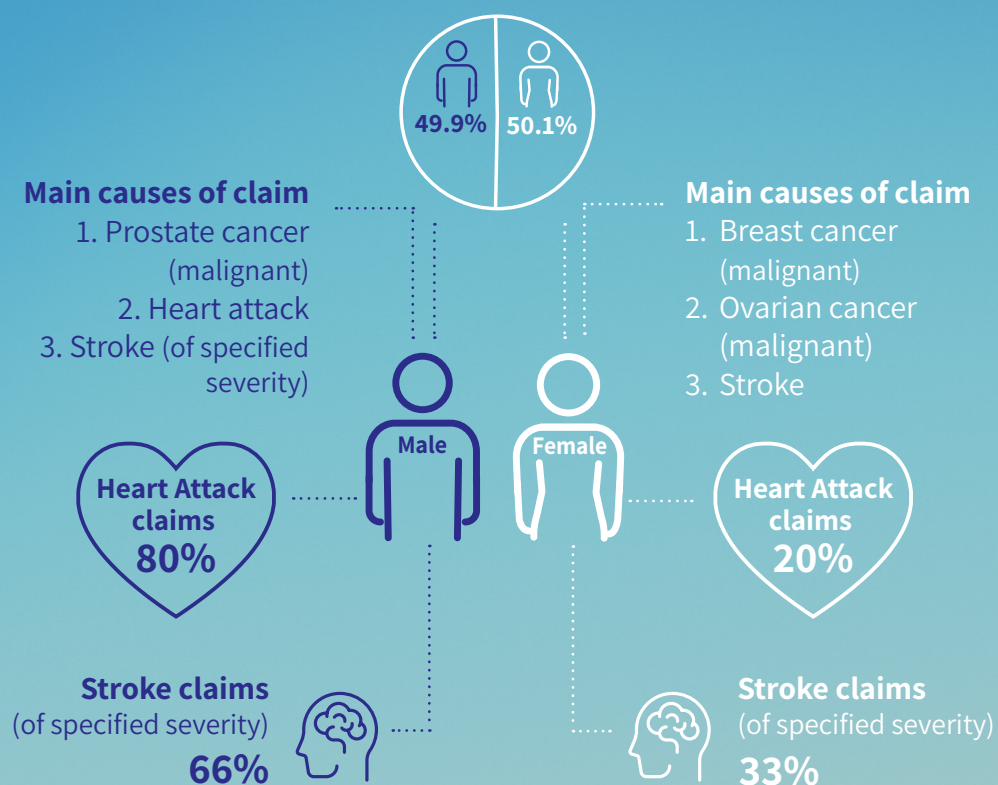
Claims paid by gender

There were notable differences between men and women in terms of Specified Illness Cover and Life Insurance claims paid by Irish Life during 2025.

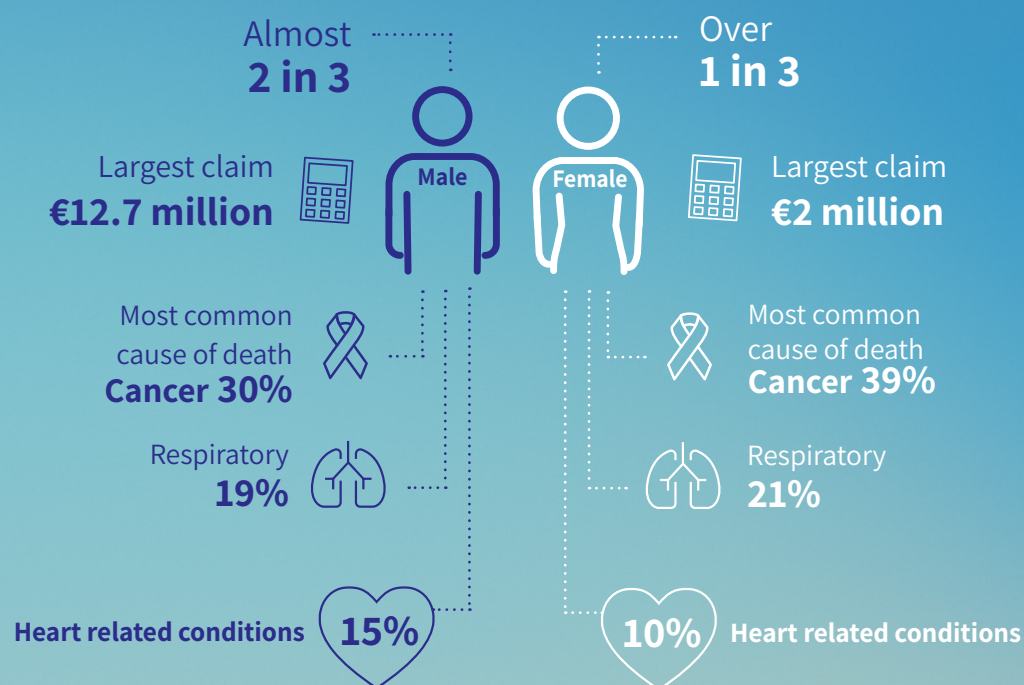


€404.3 MILLION
Irish Life Group claims paid
in 2025

Specified Illness Cover Claims



Life Insurance Claims



A simple, trusted claims process



Speak to us

To make a claim, contact our customer services team on 01 704 1010.



Documents

The person you speak to will walk you through the documents we need to process the claim.



You're in safe hands

Our customer services team and our trained claims assessors are all based in Ireland and are here to help throughout the claims process.



Would you like to know more?

Read our guides:

- > [Guide to Death Claims](#)
- > [Guide to Specified Illness Cover Claims](#)

How to contact us about your claim:

Call us: 01 7041010

Email us: customerservices@irishlife.ie



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Source for all claims statistics is Irish Life 2025. Information correct as at June 2026.

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