

The Distribution of Pensioners in the Irish Income Distribution: latest data

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1. Introduction

- First part of a research project on pensions, pension contributions and associated tax expenditures
- Objective:
 - o a distributive overview of those who are on pensions
 - o an insight into those who are approaching pension age

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2. Data

- SILC
 - o 2012 used here (released April 2014)
 - o 4,592 households and 11,891 individuals
 - o sample weights to make nationally representative
 - o 2013 data due shortly...

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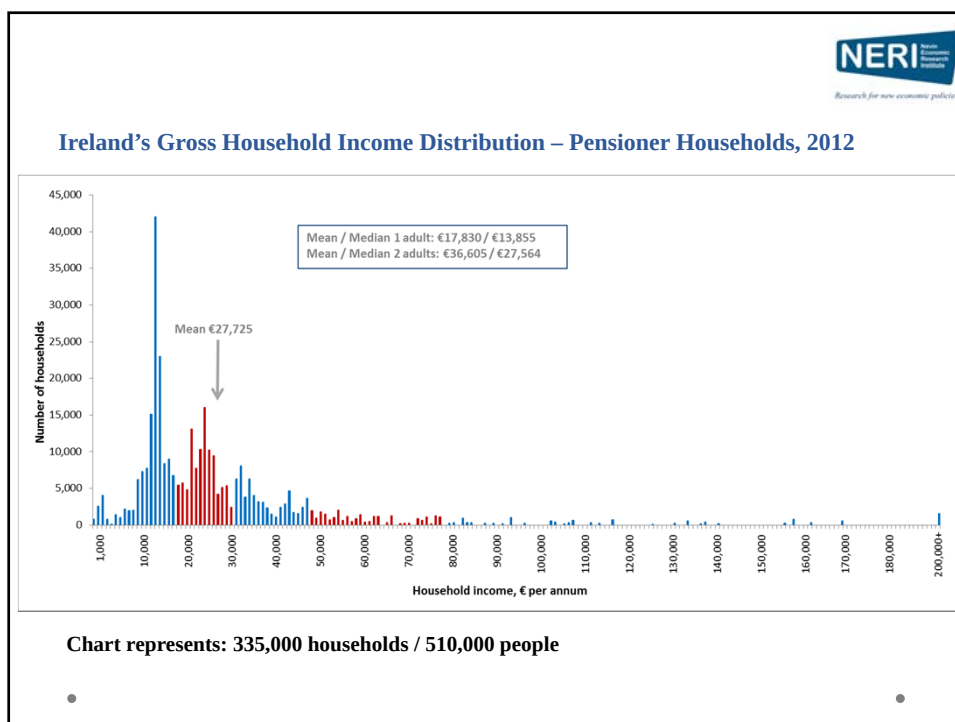
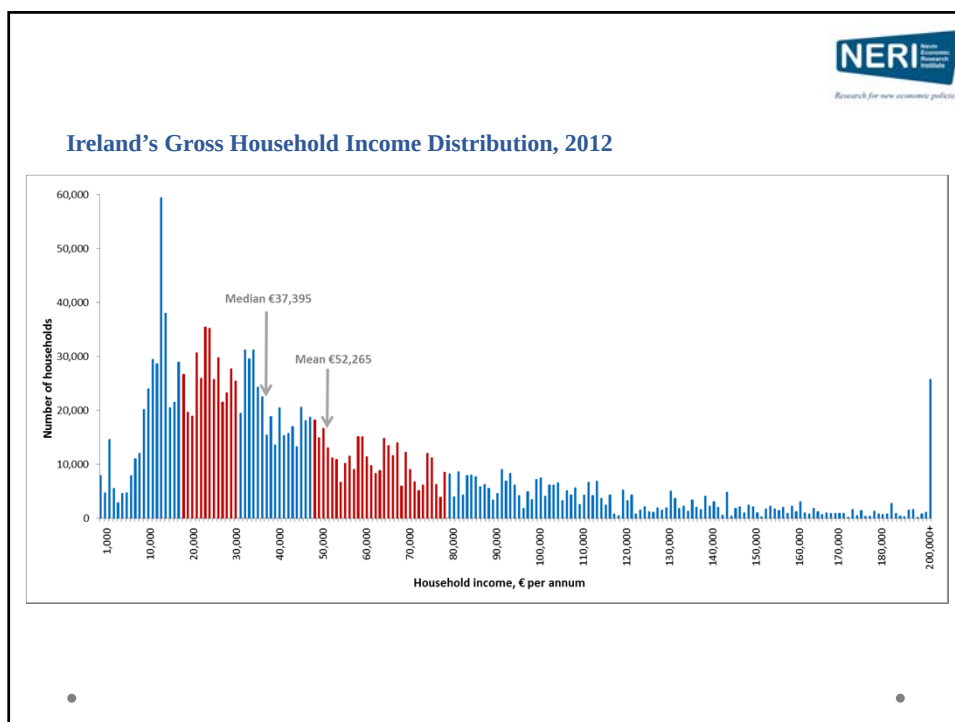
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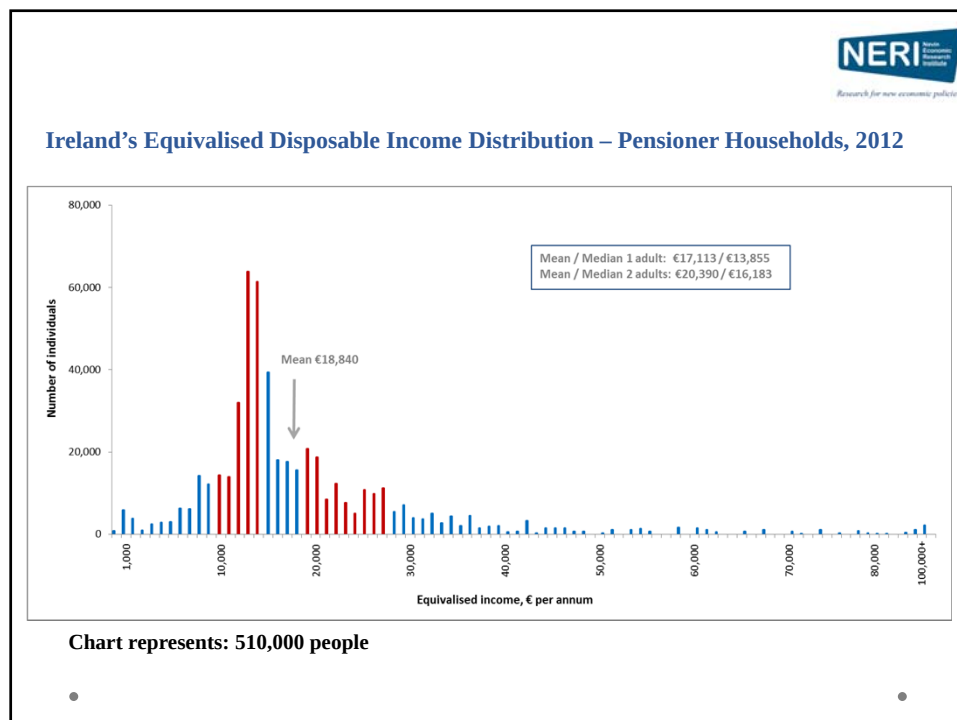
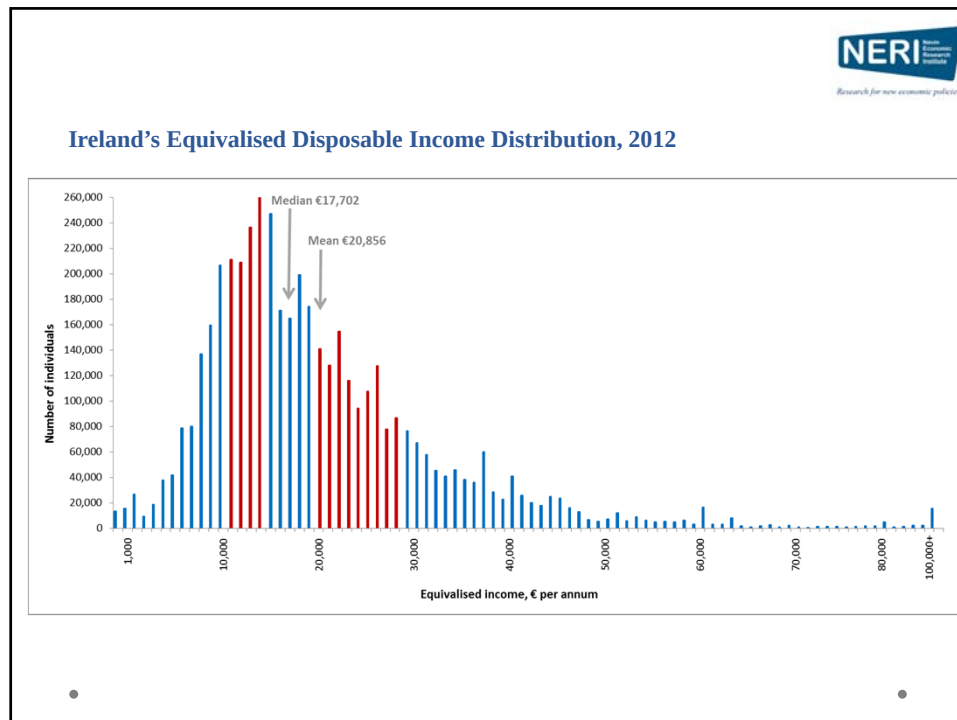
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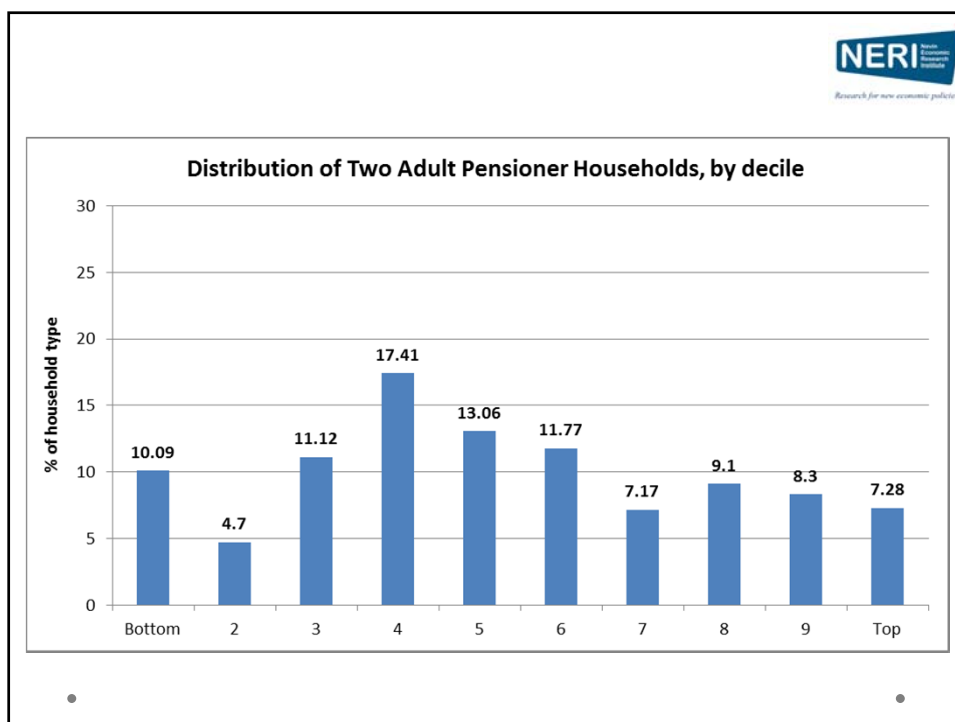
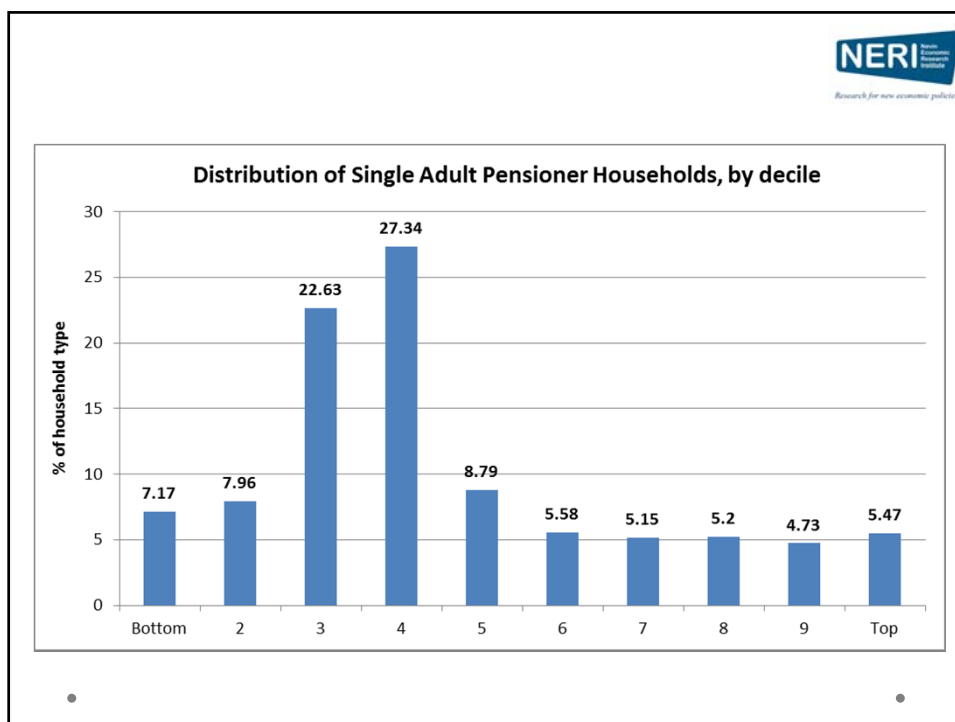
- **Households**
 - o Looking at two 'pensioner households'
 - 1 adult aged 65+
 - 2 adults, at least 1 aged 65+
 - o So, missing some pensioners...
- **Income**
 - o Gross income = market income + transfers
 - o Disposable income = gross income – (income taxes+PRSI)
 - o Equivalised income
 - individual
 - national scale

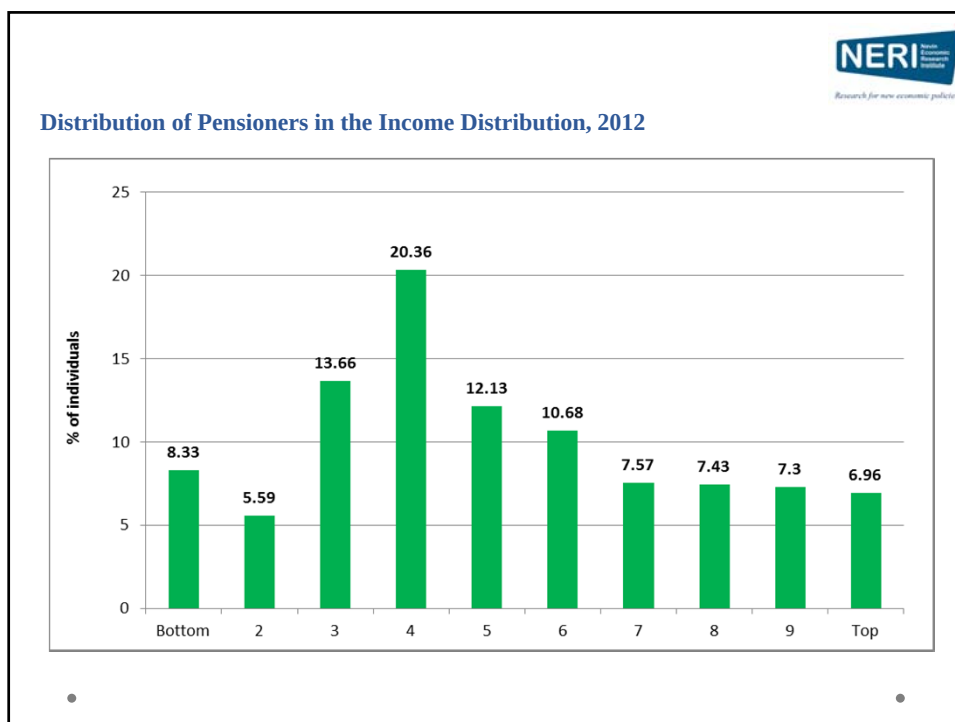
4. Where are Pensioners?

- Gross income
 - o First, the whole income distribution
 - o Then, the pensioner distribution
- Equivalised disposable income
 - o First, the whole income distribution
 - o Then, the pensioner distribution



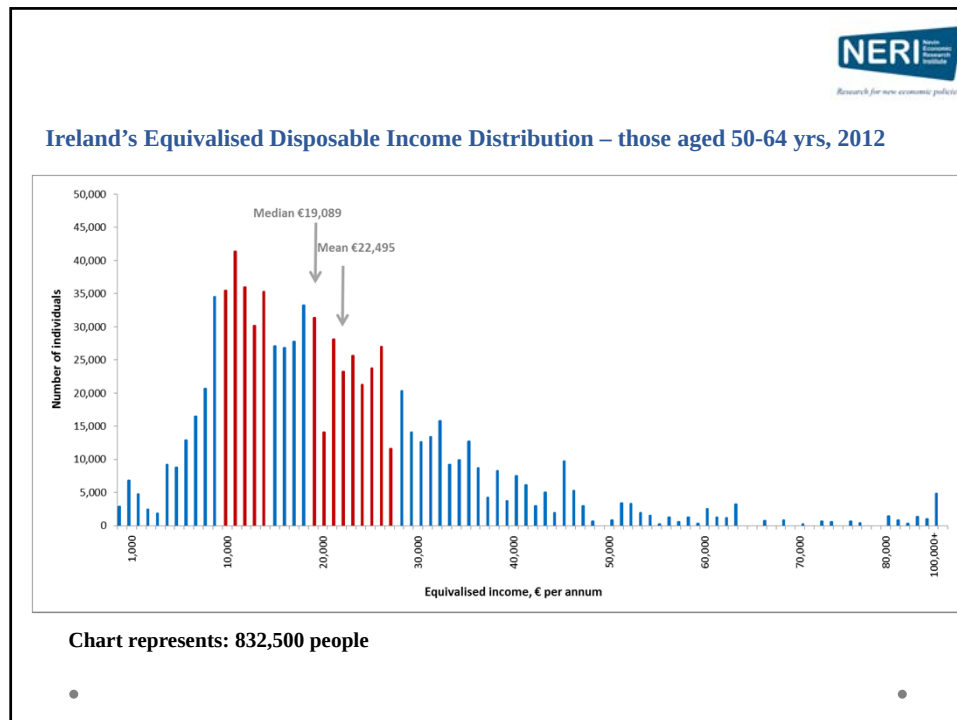






5. Where are the Forthcoming Pensioners?

- Individuals aged between 50-64 years
- Equivalised disposable income



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6. Next Steps

- Using SILC data to look more closely at those pre pension age
- Distribution of contributions and tax expenditure costs
- more to come...
- Ideas/suggestions = welcome

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