

The Life Cycle Perspective on Social Inclusion in Ireland: An Analysis of EU-SILC

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The Life Cycle Perspective

- NESC Report on the Developmental Welfare State
- NAPSinc Life Cycle Perspective
- Understanding the role life cycle factors play in shaping poverty and social exclusion.
- With regard to older people a great deal depends on which indicator we focus our attention



Key Social Exclusion Indicators in EU SILC

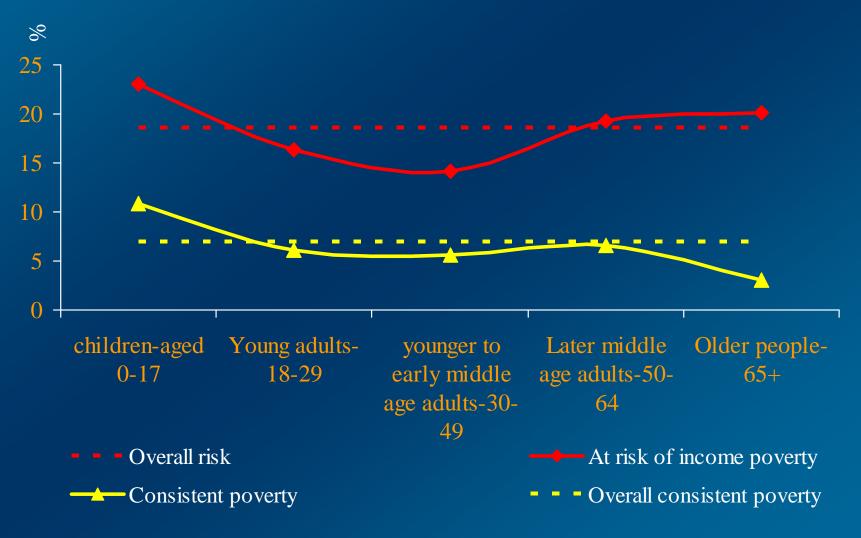
At Risk of Income Poverty

Consistent Poverty

Forms of Multiple Deprivation



At Risk of Poverty & Consistent Poverty by Age Group: EU-SILC 2005





Hierarchy of Multiple Deprivation

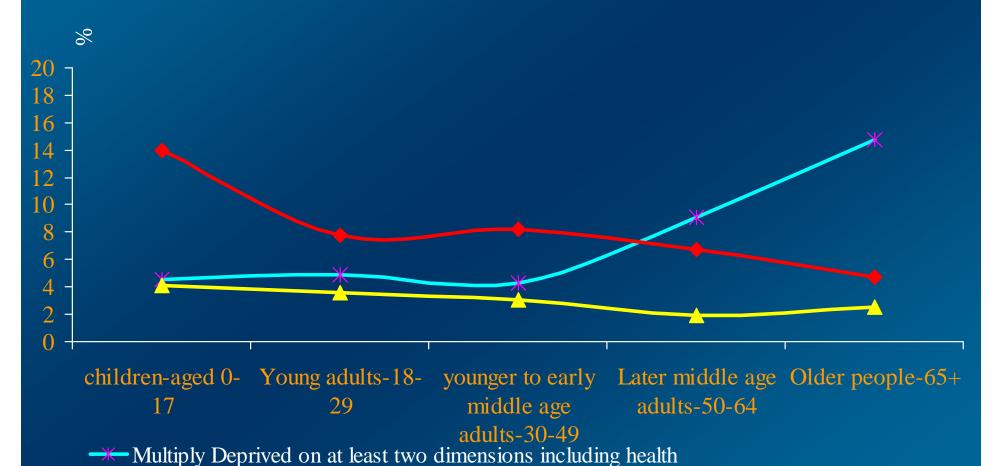
 Consumption Deprivation – involving basic & consumption

• Health +

 Housing and Neighbourhood environment



Pattern of Multiple Deprivation by Age Group



Multiply deprived on at least two dimensions including basic and consumption

Multiply Deprived on at least two dimensions including housing or neighbourhood environment

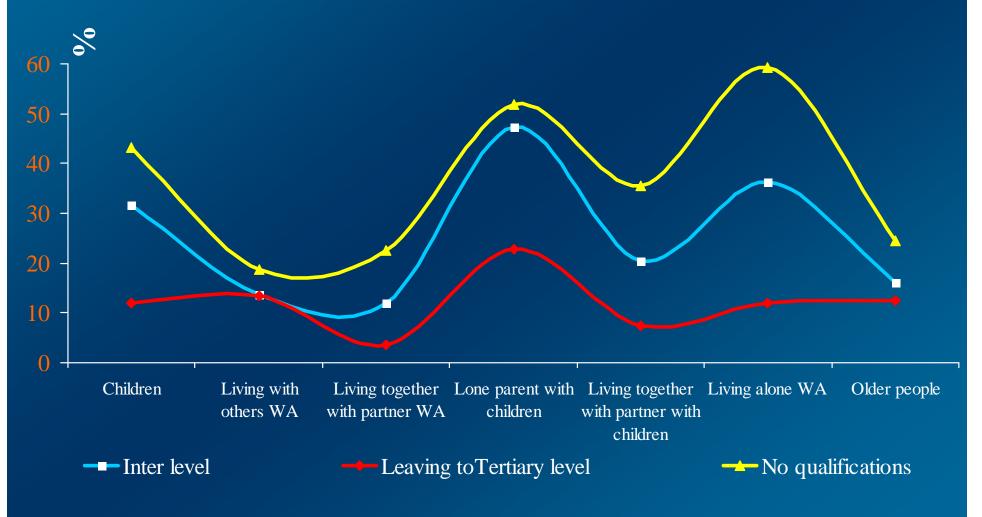


Mean Deviation on Major Outcomes by Age Group

	children-aged 0-17	Young adults- 18-29	younger to early middle age adults-30-49	Later middle age adults-50-64	Older people- 65+
At risk of poverty	1	+	+	П	=
Consistent poverty		+	++	II	+++
Deprivation on basic dimension(2+)	1	II	+	+	+
Deprivation on consumption dimension(4+)	1	II	+	+	++
HRP health problems(2+)	+	+	++		

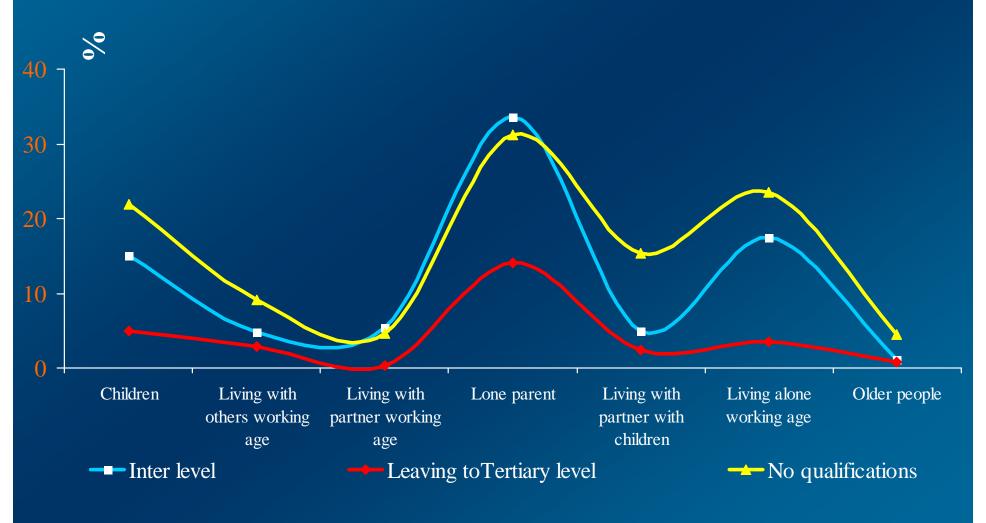


At Risk of Poverty by Life Cycle Stage & HRP Educational Qualifications



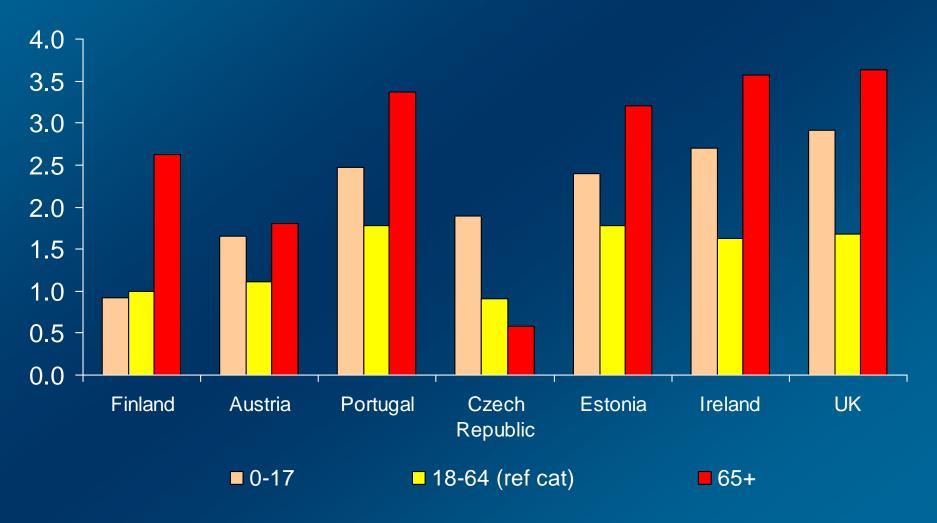


Consistent Poverty by Family Life Cycle and HRP Educational Qualifications



Cross-national Variation in the Impact of Life Cycle on 'At Risk of Poverty': EU-SILC 2006

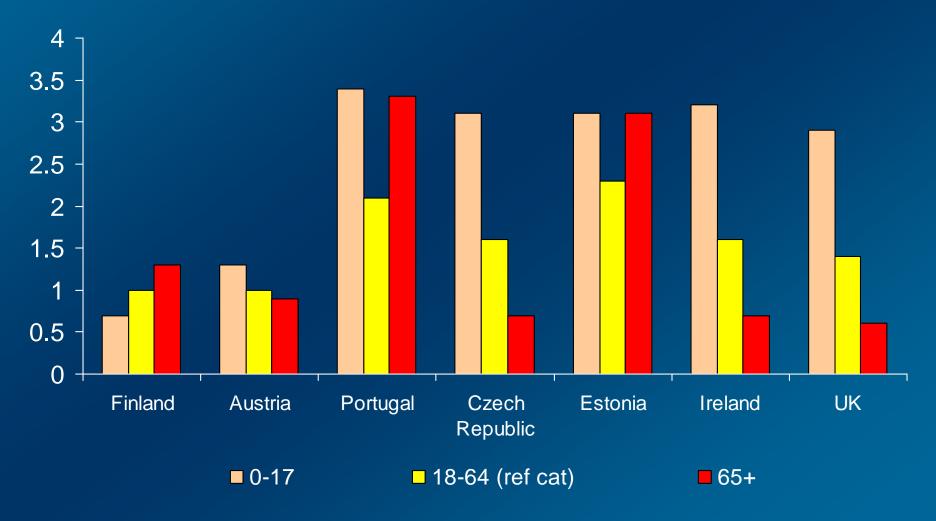
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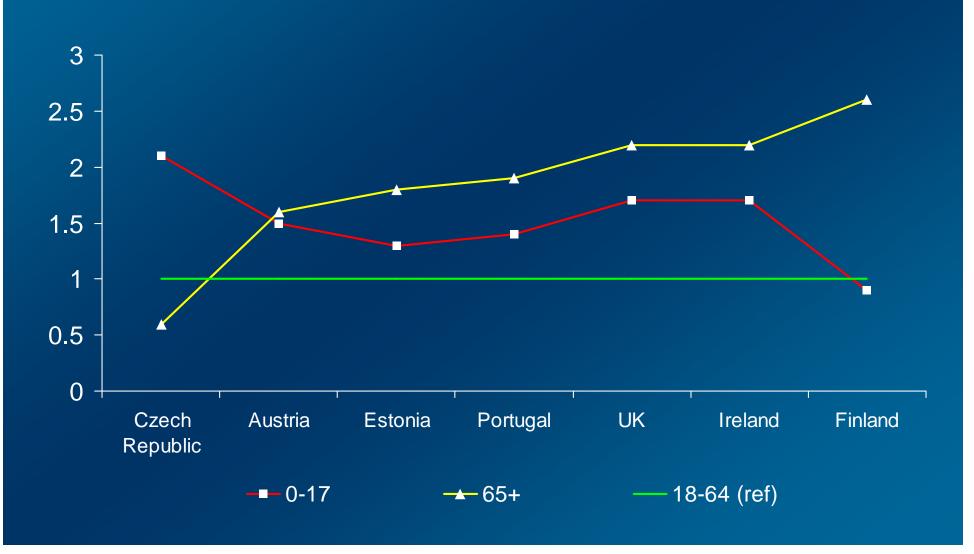
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National Relativities in Life Cycle with Regard to 'At Risk of Poverty' by Country

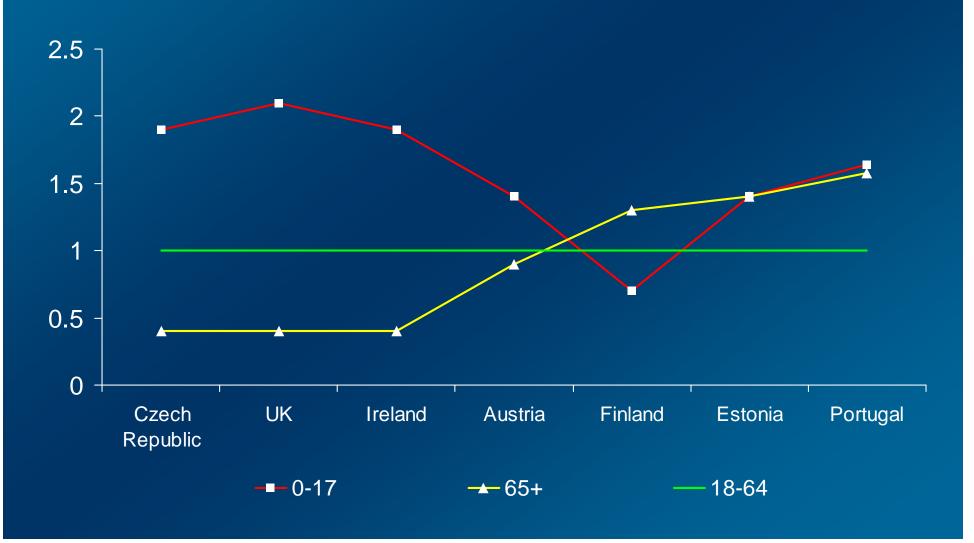
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National Life Cycle Relativities with Regard to Consistent Poverty by Country

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Conclusions (i)

- Older people face different situations in relation to 'at risk of poverty' and consistent poverty.
- Older people living alone less well placed many of whom are women.
- Not surprisingly experience major problems in relation to health but are not at high risk of the forms of multiple deprivation we have considered



Conclusions (ii)

- In comparative terms 'at risk of poverty' rates for older people are relatively high
- Pattern of life cycle differentiation similar to the UK but also a number of other countries
- Level of consistent poverty low again similar to the UK but also to other countries
- Distinction between types of poverty also crucial in relation to comparison of relativities within countries