

POTENTIAL NUMBERS OF PERSONS, CLAIMANTS & COSTS MEASURED AGAINST THE PROPOSED: THE INSTITUTIONS (PRE-DECEASED PERSONS – AMENDMENT) BILL 2024

Institution:	Estimated Figures of Persons Institutionalised between December 1922 & September 1996 <sup>1</sup> :	Adult/Child?
Magdalen Laundries <sup>2 3</sup>	100,000	Mix
Mother & Baby Homes <sup>4</sup>	56,000	Adults
Mother & Baby Homes	57,000	Children
Industrial Schools <sup>5</sup>	42,000	Children
Estimated Total Number of Persons who were Institutionalised:	255,000	
Estimate of persons who pre-deceased any State apology – application of 75% against 255,000 figure	191,250	
Number of people estimated to be still alive against figure of 255,000 and were therefore potentially eligible for various Redress Schemes	63,750	
Further discount (25%) applied against the figure of 191,250 to reveal a potential cohort who may be eligible for access to the proposed Bill's provisions <sup>6</sup>	143,478	

The potential cohort who could potentially benefit from the provisions of the proposed Bill are considered further:

<sup>1</sup> There is considerable debate as to the actual numbers who passed through Institutions. In respect to Magdalen Laundries estimate range from 300,000 to 10,000; a conservatively compromised figure has been applied for the years 1922 to 1996

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.history.com/news/magdalone-laundry-ireland-asylum-abuse#:~:text=Estimates%20of%20the%20number%20of,10%2C000%20of%20them%20since%201922.>

<sup>3</sup> <http://ifmresearch.com/home/preserving-magdalone-history/about-the-magdalone-laundries/>

<sup>4</sup> Commission of Investigation, Mother and Baby Homes, Executive Report, Page 2

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.newstalk.com/news/number-children-industrial-schools-revised-100000-929019>

<sup>6</sup> This discount has been applied on the basis that those who may be eligible under the proposed Bill may have no relatives, they are unknown or that they may not want to apply to a Redress scheme; this list of factors is not intended to be exhaustive

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Row 1	The potential cohort figure of 143,478 is further discounted below in order to try and understand the number of applicants and potential costs to the State <sup>7</sup>			
Row 2	Potential group of Claimants against the Bill utilising the respective percentages against the potential cohort figure of 143,478	10,761 (7.5%)	7,174 (5%)	3,587 (2.5%)
Row 3	Average numbers of potential Claimants, per annum, over 25 years, i.e: 10,761 or 7,174 or 3,587 /25=	430	287	144
Row 4	Using €25,000 'in memoriam' payment - average cost per annum to the State under the proposed Bill over 25 years against Row 3 figures	€10,750,000	€7,175,000	€3,600,000
Row 5	Further discount applied against row 3 figures of 50% to indicate number of likely & potential claimants. Note footnote 6 below also applies	215	144	72
Row 6	Potential annual cost over 25 years using row 4 methodology & discounted figures at row 5	€5,375,000	€3,600,000	€1,800,000

<sup>7</sup> In calculating this actual or potential cohort, it should be considered that there are a number of variable factors that can affect the overall potential cohort, those being there are no known relatives, they are unknown, there is a lack of family awareness, the likely possibilities of family research, access to information; this list is not intended to be exhaustive

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