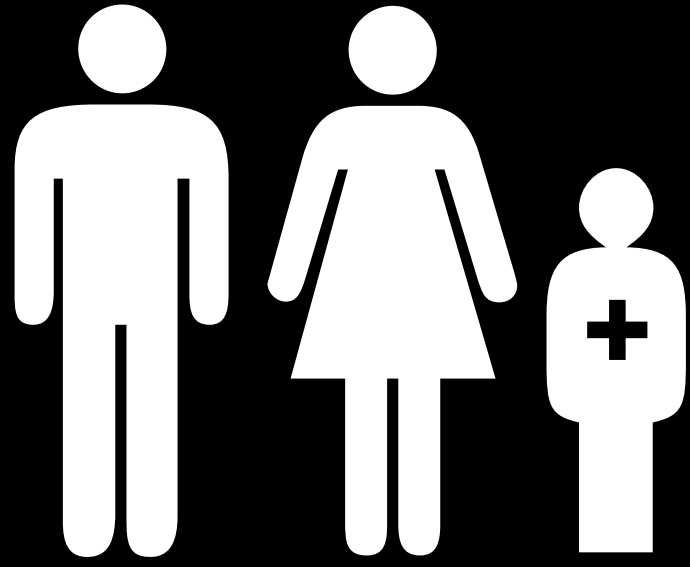


Continuing at this scale, to include the income of €118 million, the average of the top three wealthiest households in Ireland in 2007, the chart would be 750m high or 12.5 times taller than Liberty Hall.

H.E.A.P. CHART

Hierarchy of Earnings, Attributes and Privilege Analysis



WHAT THE CHART REPRESENTS:

The H.E.A.P. (Hierarchy of Earnings, Attributes and Privilege) chart represents the income distribution of Irish households drawn from the 2006 Survey of Income and Living Conditions (SILC) in Ireland. Due to the extent of Irish income inequality, and the limitations of a B1 poster, we were not able to include the highest incomes in the main chart.

The figures include all income before tax, including government benefits. We have not adjusted for household size.

The main chart shows incomes below €134,000, representing 95 per cent of the Irish population. The scaled-down version of the chart shows incomes up to €330,000. Due to space constraints we were not able to show the icon at the very top, a managerial/professional couple household earning €600,000. To put these figures in perspective, the average industrial wage in 2006 was around €30,000.

ON BOTH CHARTS, EACH ICON REPRESENTS 2,800 IRISH HOUSEHOLDS.

Four household types are represented: single males, single females, single females with dependents (children) and couples households. There were not enough single men with children for us to represent them on the chart. As well as indicating household type, each icon also shows the occupation of the adult family member(s), differentiated by colour. The key below provides a guide to household type and occupation.

USING THE CHART

To discover where you and your family are positioned in the Irish social H.E.A.P., you need to calculate your annual household income:

1. Add together the incomes of all adults in your household.
2. Then add any government benefits received.
3. Identify the icon which most closely corresponds to your household type and occupation.
4. Locate your income level on the vertical axis of the chart.
5. Check this row for your icon or one which most closely corresponds.

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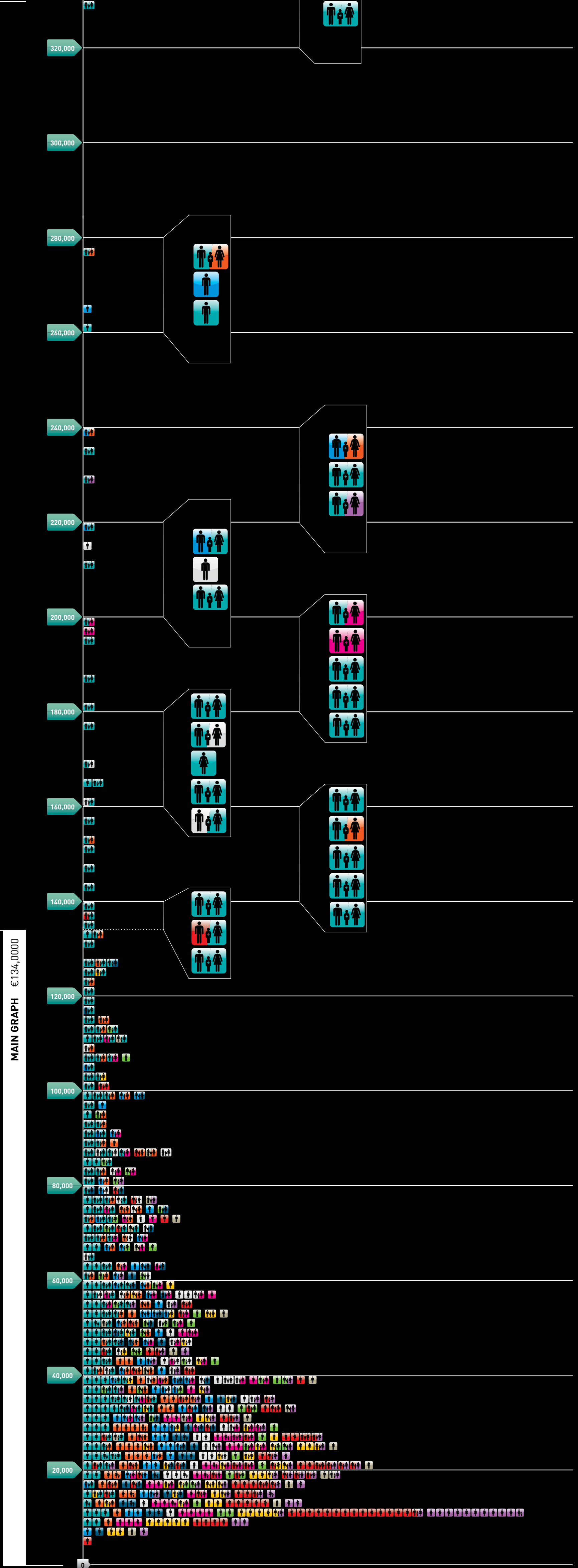
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€330,000

€134,000 +

MAIN GRAPH €134,000



HOUSEHOLD TYPE



The couples icon includes couples with children and couples without children as the latter were not numerous enough to be represented on the chart. Same sex couples are not represented on the chart as the survey data does not include that information.

Each icon represents 2,800 households.

OCCUPATION

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| Managerial and professional: Managers, directors and other executives; scientists and engineers; health professionals; teachers; business professionals; lawyers; writers; and technicians. | Clerical and secretarial: Secretaries, clerks; cashiers; bank tellers; travel agents; receptionists; telephone operators and call centre operators. | Craft and related: Builders; plumbers; electricians; painters; welders; motor mechanics; handicraft workers; food processing workers; textile workers; garbage collectors; and construction and maintenance labourers. | Sales: Models; shop salespersons; shop demonstrators; market salespersons; and street vendors. |
| Other: This includes occupations that do not fit into one of the other categories, but were not numerous enough to require a separate category. | Personal and protective services: Travel guides; waiters and bartenders; child-care workers; personal care workers; hairdressers; beauticians; undertakers; fire-fighters; police officers; armed forces; domestic helpers and cleaners; caretakers; messengers and porters. | Plant and machine operatives: Power-production operators; water-treatment operators; assembly-line operators; industrial-robot operators; chemical-products machine operators; printing-machine operators; sewing-machine operators; food-processing-machine operators; and vehicle drivers. | Unemployed/disabled, students: This category includes people who are unable to participate in the active workforce due to disability; those who are currently unemployed, but available to take up employment; and full-time students. |
| Retired: This category comprises those who have retired on age grounds. | Farmers: Crop growers; vegetable growers; horticulturalists; dairy and livestock producers; poultry producers; farm labourers; forestry workers; and fishery workers. | Home duties: This category includes people who look after children, older people and/or people with disabilities on an unpaid basis, and people who are voluntarily not in the labour force. | |

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