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To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals who currently hold a medical card; the number who currently hold a discretionary medical card; and these figures for May, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. -Mairéad Farrell

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 26207/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

A large amount of the requested data can be found on our website at [PCRS Publications - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/pcrs/publications) . Access the Reporting section of the page [Access the Reporting and Open Data Area](https://www.hse.ie/eng/pcrs/publications/reporting) . This will bring you to the PCRS Annual Reports [PCRS - Reporting Menu \(sspcrs.ie\)](https://www.hse.ie/eng/pcrs/publications/reporting/menu) and [PCRS Annual Reports - Eligibility Reports](https://www.hse.ie/eng/pcrs/publications/reporting/annual-reports).

Yours sincerely,

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The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie