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General Details

Background Notes

A Census of Population was taken on the night of Sunday, 10 April 2011, in accordance with the Statistics (Census of Population) Order 2010 (S.I. No. 207 of 2010)¹. An extract from the census questionnaire is reproduced at appendix 6.

This publication presents the population classified by sex for the different territorial divisions of the country. The areas are those in force at the date of the 2011 Census of Population and are defined in Appendices 1 - 4. This publication complements *Profile 1 – Town and Country* (at www.cso.ie/census).

Other topics will be covered in further Profile reports to be released throughout 2012, and in two summary publications, *This is Ireland – Highlights from Census 2011, Part 1* (published in March 2012) dealing with demographic factors, and *This is Ireland – Highlights from Census 2011, Part 2* (due in June 2012) which will cover socio-economic themes.

Coverage of the Census

The census figures relate to the *de facto* population i.e. the population recorded for each area represents the total of all persons present within its boundaries on the night of Sunday, 10 April 2011, together with all persons who arrived in that area on the morning of Monday, 11 April 2011, not having been enumerated elsewhere. Persons on board ships in port are included with the population of adjacent areas. The figures, therefore, include visitors present on Census Night as well as those in residence, while usual residents temporarily absent from the area are excluded.

The date of the census was chosen to coincide with a period when passenger movements were at a minimum and, consequently, the figures closely approximate to those for the normally resident population. Members of the Defence Forces who, on Census Night, were serving abroad with the United Nations were excluded from the enumeration.

Conduct of the Census

A temporary field force consisting of 6 Census Liaison Officers, 44 Regional Supervisors, 438 Field Supervisors and some 4,854 part-time enumerators carried out the census enumeration. During the four weeks before Census Day the enumerators entered details in respect of 2 million private residences and communal establishments in their enumerator record books. They simultaneously delivered blank census questionnaires to 1.65 million of these dwellings that were expected to be occupied on Census Night. Approximately 290,000 residences were vacant at the time of the census, while in the remaining cases the household was either enumerated elsewhere or temporarily absent from the State. The collection of completed questionnaires took place between Monday 11 April and Friday 13 May, 2011.

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) wishes to record its appreciation of the public-spirited co-operation received from households and the work carried out by the census field force.

Production of results

Each enumerator first prepared and returned to the CSO a summary of the population of his/her enumeration area. These summaries formed the basis for the preliminary 2011 census results published in June 2011. The completed questionnaires for individual households were subsequently transported to the CSO for processing. The population summaries, dwelling listings and enumeration maps for individual enumeration areas were checked for consistency and used to determine the boundaries of census towns and suburbs / environs of towns with legal boundaries. The capture and processing of the responses to questions on the questionnaires proceeded concurrently.

¹ The Statistics (Census of Population) Order 2010 was made by the Taoiseach in pursuance of powers conferred on him by section 25 (1) of the Statistics Act 1993 (No. 21 of 1993).

Publication of Results

The planned publication schedule is contained in Appendix 5. The schedule includes two summary reports which will present highlight results primarily for the state. The first one, *This is Ireland - Part 1*, (published in March 2012) looks at overall population change by county; it also examines age, marriage, households and families as well as including first results on nationality, foreign languages, the Irish language, religion and housing. The second summary report, *This is Ireland - Part 2*, (coming in June) will look at other social and economic factors such as employment, occupations, education and skills as well as travel and health-related topics. A further ten profile reports will provide more detailed results on individual topics; the details are listed in the publication schedule.

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