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Preface

This new thematic report on Equality in Ireland provides a broad analysis of the economic and social situation of people in Ireland using the nine equality grounds named in equality legislation as a means of analysing their situation and quality of life. The report builds upon earlier CSO thematic reports on ***Women and Men in Ireland, Ageing in Ireland*** and ***Measuring Ireland's Progress***. These thematic reports have been very widely welcomed by many users and our intention is to continue by publishing further reports on individual grounds and areas of interest to policy-makers.

Producing the individual ground reports is quite a lengthy process. By looking across the nine grounds in one report, we have accelerated the availability of cross-cutting thematic data to users, and also provided users with an opportunity to identify indicators of particular interest so that these could be given more attention in more specific reports. We have particularly looked at the demographic, employment and education domains. It is hoped that a cross-ground analysis of these domains will bring issues to the fore that are less visible in individual ground reports.

The year 2007 was designated by the European Commission as the ***European Year of Equal Opportunities for All***. This was also a key stimulus for the CSO to produce this report. The report and indicators have been selected by the CSO in close collaboration with the Equality Authority, who are an independent body set up under the Employment Equality Acts 1998 and 2004. This Act and the Equal Status Acts, 2000 to 2004 outlaw discrimination on the nine distinct grounds used in this report.

This report draws heavily on the results from Census 2006. Hence it is anticipated that this new report will become a regular release from the CSO following each Census.



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Director General

Introduction and background to the report

The social partnership agreement¹ 2003-2005 requested the CSO to support a move towards more evidence-based policy-making. Responding to this request, the National Statistics Board (NSB) asked the CSO to prepare a social indicator report covering all aspects of social statistics. The NSB placed considerable emphasis on the value of disaggregating the social indicators by key characteristics such as the nine equality grounds² named in equality legislation. The CSO agreed with the Board a strategy of producing a series of key thematic social indicator reports that would be structured around the nine equality grounds. The CSO has produced ***Women and Men in Ireland*** on an annual basis since 2004 and published a new report on ***Ageing in Ireland*** in 2007.

The European Commission designated 2007 as 'European Year of Equal Opportunities for All' as part of a concerted effort to promote equality and non-discrimination in the EU. The European Year is the centrepiece of a framework strategy designed to ensure that discrimination is effectively tackled, diversity is celebrated and equal opportunities for all are promoted. To mark the year the CSO has prepared this report in close collaboration with the Equality Authority.

The release is composed of overview tables (Section 1) and tables on each of the nine grounds (Sections 2 to 10). Section 1 places eight of the nine grounds specified under Irish equality legislation in context, with tables relating to the sexual orientation ground being dealt with specifically in Section 5. These main tables benchmark the position in Ireland and identify areas where particular groups will be more affected by policy changes and developments. The tables in Section 1 are presented under the domains of Population (Tables 1.1 to 1.3), Employment (Tables 1.4 and 1.5), Education (Tables 1.6 and 1.7), Accommodation (Tables 1.8 and 1.9) and Discrimination (Tables 1.10 to 1.12).

Within Section 1, an overview table is presented across the grounds (Tables 1.4, 1.6, 1.8 and 1.10). These main tables are accompanied by a prime age cohort table (25-44 years) to assist the reader in understanding the effects of gender and age in the main table. For example, Table 1.1 shows that widowed persons account for 5.6% of the population and that women constitute 78.3% of widowed persons. Such a high percentage is largely due to females having a longer life expectancy (see Table 1.3). However, when we examine the situation for the 25-44 age group in Table 1.2, we find that women account for only 65.8% of widowed persons in that age group and that widowed persons comprise 0.5% of that age group.

Similarly the figures in Table 1.6 for third level education by marital status (40.1% for single persons and 29.2% for married persons) should be examined in conjunction with a similar analysis for the 25-44 age group in Table 1.7 (more even percentages for single and married) and also by the age group by marital status data in Table 1.3. Readers interested in a particular ground should also refer to the context-setting tables in Section 1.

Sections 2 to 10 examine each of the nine equality grounds in more detail. In most cases the set of indicators describing each ground is preceded by an overview table in which these data are disaggregated by other equality grounds. Further prime-age cohort tables are also included in some sections where appropriate.

In previous indicator reports, each indicator has generally been set in both a national and an international context. Because of the broadness of this report, we have focussed on national data only. The international dimension is presented in the separate ground focussed thematic reports such as ***Ageing in Ireland***.

¹ Department of the Taoiseach (2003): Sustaining Progress, Social Partnership Agreement 2003-2005.

² The nine grounds of unlawful discrimination named in equality legislation are: Gender, marital status, family status, age, disability, race, sexual orientation, religious belief and membership of the Traveller community.

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Ground/Domain	Indicator	
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Commentary

This section gives an overview of Ireland's situation in respect of the nine equality grounds. Further commentary on the individual grounds can be found in Section 1 and Sections 2 to 10.

Key findings include:

- ◆ In 2006 there were over 1.45 million single persons in Ireland (43.1% of the population aged 15 and over) compared to over 1.56 million married persons (46.4%). 166,800 persons were separated or divorced (4.9%) while 190,400 persons were widowed (5.6%). Almost four in five of all widowed persons (78.3%) were females (see Table 1.1).
- ◆ There were 112,900 lone parents with a youngest child aged less than 18 (2.7% of the population). 90.9% of these lone parents were female. The percentage of lone parents employed was 54.8% in 2006 compared to 74.1% for other parents (see Tables 1.1 and 4.6).
- ◆ 86.8% of the population defined themselves as Roman Catholic in Census 2006. People expressing no religious affiliation comprised 6.1% of the population. Irish Travellers reported the highest proportion of Roman Catholics at 95.1% (see Tables 1.1 and 6.1).
- ◆ 9.3% of the population described themselves as having a disability in 2006. Females aged 65 and over were more likely than males to have a disability whereas in the 0-24 age group males (4.9%) had a higher rate than the 3.4% rate for females (see Tables 1.1 and 8.1).
- ◆ 88.8% of the population were Irish nationals, 2.7% were from the UK, 3.9% were from other EU countries and 3.5% were from outside the EU. Other EU nationals accounted for 8.5% of males and for 5.6% of females in the 25-44 age group. Non-EU nationals in the 25-44 age group accounted for 6.3% of males and 6.0% of females (see Tables 1.1 and 9.2).
- ◆ 96.5% of the usually resident population described themselves as having a White ethnic background. People of Other white background (mainly British, Polish, etc.) were predominantly in the 25-44 age group (50.5%). People with Black ethnic backgrounds were concentrated in the 0-14 (40.9%) and 25-44 (44.5%) age groups (see Tables 1.1 and 9.4).
- ◆ There were 22,400 members of the Irish Traveller community, or just over 0.5% of the population. There was a high proportion of Irish Travellers in the 0-14 age group (41.4%) (see Tables 1.1 and 9.4).
- ◆ The percentage of women in employment was 48.5% in 2006 compared to 66.0% of men. Looking across the grounds, 7.2% of people aged 65 & over were employed, 21.6% of people with a disability, 81.7% of EU nationals other than Ireland and the UK, 40.7% of persons with Black ethnicity and 13.8% of Travellers (see Table 1.4).
- ◆ 23.2% of lone parents had achieved a third level education in 2006, less than the 34.4% rate for other parents (see Table 4.7). Persons with a disability were less likely to have a third level education. In the 25-44 age group, 28.3% of persons with a disability had completed third level education compared to 42.9% of all persons in that age group (see Table 8.5). 54% of Non-EU nationals had third level or higher education compared to 29.1% of Irish nationals. UK and other EU nationals also had higher rates of third level education (both 36.4%) compared to Irish nationals (see Table 9.7). 0.8% of Irish Travellers had attained third level education in 2006 compared to 30.5% of the population as a whole. The rate for female Travellers (1.1%) was higher than the rate for male Travellers (0.6%) (see Table 10.4).
- ◆ Just over one-fifth (21.3%) of the population lived in rented accommodation. This proportion varied widely across grounds from a low level of 9.4% for people aged 65 & over to 36.8% for separated/divorced persons to 82.8% for other EU nationals and 80.7% for people with Black ethnicity (see Table 1.8).
- ◆ Carers were very much found in particular sub-groups under each ground. For example, 62.3% of carers were women, 62.5% were married, 88.9% were Roman Catholic, 45.3% were aged between 45 and 64, 91.9% were of Irish nationality and 96.2% were of White ethnicity (see Table 4.1).

1. Overview tables

1.1 Population profile by equality ground and sex, 2006³

Ground	000 persons			%	
	Male	Female	Total	Percentage female	Relevant population share
Marital status⁴					
Single	773.4	679.8	1,453.2	46.8	43.1
Married	790.3	774.7	1,565.0	49.5	46.4
Separated/divorced	73.0	93.8	166.8	56.2	4.9
Widowed	41.4	149.0	190.4	78.3	5.6
Family status⁵					
Lone parents ⁵	10.3	102.6	112.9	90.9	3.3
Other parents ⁶	412.5	412.5	825.0	50.0	24.4
Carers ⁴	60.7	100.2	160.9	62.3	4.8
Religion					
Roman Catholic	1,818.4	1,863.1	3,681.4	50.6	86.8
Other Christian	117.8	123.6	241.5	51.2	5.7
Other stated religions	34.8	25.5	60.3	42.2	1.4
No religion ⁷	150.1	106.5	256.6	41.5	6.1
Age group					
0-14	443.0	421.4	864.4	48.7	20.4
15-24	321.0	311.7	632.7	49.3	14.9
25-44	682.0	663.9	1,345.9	49.3	31.7
45-64	468.0	460.8	928.9	49.6	21.9
65 & over	207.1	260.8	467.9	55.7	11.0
Disability⁸	191.0	202.8	393.8	51.5	9.3
Nationality⁹					
Irish	1,836.9	1,869.8	3,706.7	50.4	88.8
UK	56.2	56.3	112.5	50.1	2.7
Other EU	93.8	69.4	163.2	42.5	3.9
Other stated	73.7	70.2	144.0	48.8	3.5
Not stated ¹⁰	24.6	21.0	45.6	46.1	1.1
Ethnicity¹¹					
White	1,972.7	1,983.9	3,956.6	50.1	96.5
Black or Black Irish	21.8	22.5	44.3	50.8	1.1
Asian or Asian Irish	27.0	25.3	52.3	48.4	1.3
Other including mixed	24.7	21.8	46.4	46.8	1.1
Irish Traveller	11.0	11.4	22.4	50.8	0.5
Total	2,121.2	2,118.7	4,239.8	50.0	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

³ Reference period Census day 2006, April 23rd 2006. Present persons throughout report except where stated.

⁴ Persons aged 15 years and over.

⁵ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁶ Other parents = Total parents - lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁷ Includes 'not stated'. 4.4% answered 'no religion' and 1.7% answered 'not stated'. See Table 6.3 for details.

⁸ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or a difficulty doing certain activities. For further details see page 107, Appendix 2, PSER (Principal Socio-economic Results) volume, Census 2006.

⁹ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Throughout the report, Irish nationality figures also include those with dual Irish nationality while Other EU figures exclude Bulgaria and Romania.

¹⁰ Includes 'no nationality'.

¹¹ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

The tables and graphs in Section 1 present a population overview across eight of the nine equality grounds specified under Irish equality legislation (see 'Introduction and background to the report' for details). Tables relating to the ground of sexual orientation are dealt with specifically in Section 5.

The text in the 'Introduction and background to the report' explains the structure of the report and it is recommended that readers look at this before examining these detailed tables. The relevant population share column in Table 1.1 is calculated using the most appropriate population for each category rather than the overall total population.

- ◆ The population of the State was 4.239 million persons in April 2006.
- ◆ In 2006 there were over 1.45 million single persons in Ireland (43.1% of the population aged 15 and over) compared to over 1.56 million married persons (46.4%). 166,800 persons were separated or divorced (4.9%) while 190,400 persons were widowed (5.6%). Almost four in five of all widowed persons (78.3%) were females.
- ◆ There were 112,900 lone parents with a youngest child aged less than 18 (3.3% of the population aged 15 and over). Over nine out of ten of these lone parents were female.
- ◆ Carers represented 4.8% (160,900 persons) of the population aged 15 and over, of whom 62.3% were female.
- ◆ 86.8% of the total population defined themselves as Roman Catholic. People expressing no religious affiliation comprised 6.1% of the population.
- ◆ One fifth of the population (20.4%) were aged 14 years or less, while 11.0% were aged 65 years or more.
- ◆ Almost 394,000 persons (9.3% of the total population) described themselves as having a long-lasting condition (disability). See disability ground section for definition of long-lasting condition.
- ◆ 88.8% of the usually resident population had Irish nationality, with 3.9% holding nationality from EU 25 countries other than Ireland or the UK in 2006.
- ◆ 96.5% of the usually resident population described themselves as having a White ethnic background.
- ◆ There were 22,400 members of the Irish Traveller community or 0.5% of the population.

1.2 Population profile for 25-44 age group by equality ground and sex, 2006¹²

Ground	000 persons			%	
	Male	Female	Total	Percentage female	Percentage 25-44 total
Marital status					
Single	342.7	286.4	629.1	45.5	46.7
Married	312.4	335.9	648.3	51.8	48.2
Separated/divorced	24.7	37.5	62.2	60.3	4.6
Widowed	2.2	4.1	6.3	65.8	0.5
Family status					
Lone parents ¹³	5.1	69.5	74.6	93.2	5.5
Other parents ¹⁴	261.2	293.3	554.5	52.9	41.2
Carers	21.7	35.9	57.6	62.4	4.3
Religion					
Roman Catholic	559.2	568.0	1127.2	50.4	83.8
Other Christian	41.2	44.1	85.3	51.7	6.3
Other stated religions	17.1	11.1	28.2	39.4	2.1
No religion ¹⁵	64.5	40.7	105.2	38.7	7.8
Disability¹⁶	38.9	39.4	78.3	50.4	5.8
Nationality¹⁷					
Irish	538.4	550.8	1,089.2	50.6	82.5
UK	22.3	21.9	44.3	49.6	3.4
Other EU	56.6	36.9	93.5	39.5	7.1
Other stated	42.0	39.5	81.5	48.4	6.2
Not stated ¹⁸	7.3	4.8	12.0	39.5	0.9
Ethnicity¹⁹					
White	620.4	614.3	1,234.7	49.8	94.9
Black or Black Irish	9.5	10.2	19.7	51.9	1.5
Asian or Asian Irish	14.1	13.3	27.4	48.6	2.1
Other including mixed	11.0	8.6	19.6	43.8	1.5
Irish Traveller	2.6	3.0	5.7	53.5	0.4
Total aged 25-44	682.0	663.9	1,345.9	49.3	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

The profiles in Table 1.1 for categories such as widowed are strongly influenced by the difference in life expectancy for men and women. Table 1.2 presents similar data to Table 1.1 but it is confined to persons in the 25-44 age group to reduce some of the age and gender effects in Table 1.1. This approach of presenting data for the 25-44 age group to complement the overall population data has been repeated throughout the report.

- ◆ In 2006, of those aged 25-44 years, only 0.5% of the age group were widowed and 65.8% of those were females. This compared with figures for the population as a whole of 5.6% widowed and 78.3% females.
- ◆ Females in the 25-44 age group represented only 39.5% of Other EU nationals in 2006 whereas in the same age group they represented 49.6% of UK nationals. This compared with total female composition figures of 42.5% of Other EU nationals and 50.1% of UK nationals.

¹² Reference period April 2006.

¹³ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹⁴ Other parents = Total parents - lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹⁵ Includes 'not stated'.

¹⁶ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or a difficulty doing certain activities.

¹⁷ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

¹⁸ Includes 'no nationality'.

¹⁹ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

1.3 Population profile by equality ground and age, 2006²⁰

	000 persons					
Ground	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over	Total
Gender						
Male	443.0	321.0	682.0	468.0	207.1	2,121.2
Female	421.4	311.7	663.9	460.8	260.8	2,118.7
Marital status						
Single	:	618.6	629.1	128.3	77.2	1,453.2
Married	:	13.0	648.3	670.5	233.3	1,565.0
Separated/divorced	:	0.8	62.2	90.5	13.3	166.8
Widowed	:	0.3	6.3	39.6	144.2	190.4
Family status						
Lone parents ²¹	:	15.8	74.6	22.2	0.3	112.9
Other parents ²²	:	14.0	554.5	254.1	2.3	825.0
Carers	:	12.3	57.6	72.9	18.2	160.9
Religion						
Roman Catholic	757.9	548.7	1,127.2	819.0	428.6	3,681.4
Other Christian	47.3	30.1	85.3	52.6	26.2	241.5
Other stated religions	13.2	10.3	28.2	7.3	1.3	60.3
No religion ²³	45.9	43.6	105.2	50.0	11.9	256.6
Disability²⁴	33.3	29.0	78.3	114.9	138.3	393.8
Nationality²⁵						
Irish	797.3	536.8	1,089.2	845.2	438.2	3,706.7
UK	15.7	11.4	44.3	30.5	10.8	112.5
Other EU	13.0	40.4	93.5	14.5	1.8	163.2
Other stated	23.8	23.9	81.5	12.3	2.5	144.0
Not stated ²⁶	10.7	6.0	12.0	10.0	6.9	45.6
Ethnicity²⁷						
White	796.5	587.6	1,234.7	888.8	449.0	3,956.6
Black or Black Irish	18.1	4.6	19.7	1.8	0.1	44.3
Asian or Asian Irish	9.8	10.6	27.4	4.1	0.4	52.3
Other including mixed	12.4	7.7	19.6	5.3	1.4	46.4
Irish Traveller	9.3	4.6	5.7	2.3	0.6	22.4
Total	864.4	632.7	1,345.9	928.9	467.9	4,239.8

Source: CSO Census of Population

²⁰ Reference period April 2006.

²¹ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

²² Other parents = Total parents - lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

²³ Includes 'not stated'.

²⁴ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or a difficulty doing certain activities.

²⁵ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

²⁶ Includes 'no nationality'.

²⁷ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

- ◆ There were more men than women in the under 65 age groups. However for the 65 & over age group there were considerably more women than men due to longer female life expectancy.
- ◆ Other EU nationals were predominantly aged 15-44 in contrast to UK nationals who tend to have an older age profile than more recent immigrants from Other EU countries.
- ◆ Higher fertility among Traveller women has contributed to a higher proportion of young children. The proportions of 0-14 year olds varied from 20.4% for the population in general to 41.5% for Travellers (see Tables 1.3 and 7.1).
- ◆ For persons aged 45 years and over the disability rate increased rapidly with age (see Tables 1.3 and 8.1).
- ◆ The relative share of the 0-14 age group was much higher for people of Black ethnicity (40.9%) than for White (20.1%), Asian (18.7%) or Other (26.7%) ethnicity (see Table 1.3).

1.4 Employment status²⁸ by equality ground, 2006²⁹

Ground	% of category 000 persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Total	Total
Gender					
Male	66.0	6.3	27.7	100.0	1,678.1
Female	48.5	4.3	47.2	100.0	1,697.3
Marital status					
Single	57.5	7.3	35.2	100.0	1,453.2
Married	61.6	3.6	34.8	100.0	1,565.0
Separated/divorced	61.7	8.6	29.7	100.0	166.8
Widowed	14.4	1.4	84.2	100.0	190.4
Family status					
Lone parents ³⁰	54.8	11.4	33.8	100.0	112.1
Other parents ³¹	74.1	4.4	21.5	100.0	813.5
Carers ³²	56.3	4.2	39.5	100.0	160.9
Religion					
Roman Catholic	56.7	5.0	38.2	100.0	2,923.5
Other Christian	56.1	6.9	37.0	100.0	194.3
Other stated religions	53.2	11.0	35.8	100.0	46.9
No religion ³³	65.2	6.5	28.3	100.0	210.7
Age group					
15-24	39.5	7.5	53.0	100.0	632.7
25-44	78.8	6.2	15.0	100.0	1,345.9
45-64	63.0	5.3	31.6	100.0	928.9
65 & over	7.2	0.0	92.8	100.0	467.9
Disability³⁴	21.6	4.4	74.0	100.0	360.5
Nationality³⁵					
Irish	56.1	4.8	39.1	100.0	2,909.4
UK	56.7	6.7	36.7	100.0	96.9
Other EU	81.7	7.9	10.4	100.0	150.2
Other stated	55.7	12.7	31.6	100.0	120.2
Not stated ³⁶	49.2	7.0	43.9	100.0	34.9
Ethnicity³⁷					
White	57.3	5.0	37.6	100.0	3,160.1
Black or Black Irish	40.7	26.6	32.6	100.0	26.2
Asian or Asian Irish	57.8	7.3	34.9	100.0	42.5
Other including mixed	60.1	10.2	29.7	100.0	34.0
Irish Traveller	13.8	41.2	45.0	100.0	13.1
Total aged 15 & over	57.2	5.3	37.5	100.0	3,375.4

Source: CSO Census of Population

²⁸ Percentage of persons aged 15 and over. Excludes persons who did not state a labour market status.

²⁹ Reference period April 2006.

³⁰ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

³¹ Other parents = Total parents – lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

³² Persons aged 15 and over.

³³ Includes 'not stated'.

³⁴ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or a difficulty doing certain activities.

³⁵ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

³⁶ Includes 'no nationality'.

³⁷ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

1.5 Percentage of persons aged 25-44 in employment³⁸ by equality ground and sex, 2006²⁹

Ground	% of cohort 000 persons			
	Male	Female	Total	Total
Marital status				
Single	83.0	78.2	80.8	629.1
Married	91.8	64.5	77.6	648.3
Separated/divorced	82.6	64.9	71.9	62.2
Widowed	78.4	55.5	63.3	6.3
Family status				
Lone parents ³⁰	74.4	55.2	56.5	74.1
Other parents ³¹	91.1	60.0	74.6	547.8
Carers	83.9	62.6	70.6	57.6
Religion				
Roman Catholic	87.9	71.6	79.7	1,127.2
Other Christian	83.7	62.0	72.5	85.3
Other stated religions	73.1	44.9	62.0	28.1
No religion ³³	84.7	68.8	78.6	105.2
Disability³⁴	49.7	40.5	45.0	78.3
Nationality³⁵				
Irish	87.9	71.7	79.7	1,089.2
UK	85.7	61.0	73.5	44.3
Other EU	91.6	76.7	85.7	93.5
Other stated	72.2	52.9	62.9	81.5
Not stated ³⁶	81.4	55.8	71.3	12.0
Ethnicity³⁷				
White	88.0	71.5	79.8	1,234.7
Black or Black Irish	55.3	34.0	44.2	19.7
Asian or Asian Irish	73.7	62.7	68.4	27.4
Other including mixed	79.2	59.2	70.5	19.6
Irish Traveller	20.0	12.1	15.8	5.7
Total aged 25-44	87.0	70.4	78.8	1,345.9

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Two-thirds of males aged 15 and over (66%) were employed, compared to 48.5% of females (see Table 1.4).
- ◆ Just over half (54.8%) of all lone parents were employed compared to 74.1% of other parents. Over 56% of carers were employed (see Table 1.4).
- ◆ The labour force participation rate of persons aged 15 and over with a disability was 26% compared with 62.5% for the population at large (see Table 1.4).
- ◆ 13.8% of Irish Travellers were employed compared to 41.2% who were unemployed (see Table 1.4).
- ◆ 87% of men aged 25-44 were in employment compared to 70.4% of women in the same age group (see Table 1.5).

³⁸ Persons employed as a percentage of all persons in the cohort. Figures calculated using principal economic status (PES) basis of employment. Excludes persons who did not state a labour market status.

1.6 Highest level of education attained³⁹ by equality ground, 2006⁴⁰

Ground	% of category 000 persons				
	Primary only or less	Secondary only	Third level or higher	Total	Total
Gender					
Male	21.4	50.0	28.7	100.0	1,221.6
Female	19.4	47.8	32.8	100.0	1,244.1
Marital status					
Single	14.9	45.0	40.1	100.0	717.9
Married	19.2	51.6	29.2	100.0	1,434.0
Separated/divorced	21.7	54.1	24.2	100.0	147.0
Widowed	52.6	37.1	10.3	100.0	166.8
Family status					
Lone parents ⁴¹	12.7	62.8	24.5	100.0	81.6
Other parents ⁴²	7.7	57.6	34.7	100.0	743.5
Carers	16.5	51.7	31.8	100.0	139.4
Religion					
Roman Catholic	21.7	49.8	28.5	100.0	2,181.4
Other Christian	13.1	46.0	40.9	100.0	138.9
Other stated religions	8.0	35.1	56.8	100.0	24.5
No religion ⁴³	6.9	38.6	54.5	100.0	120.9
Age group					
25-44	5.2	51.9	42.9	100.0	1,183.0
45-64	25.3	51.6	23.1	100.0	863.4
65 & over	52.9	34.5	12.6	100.0	419.2
Disability⁴⁴	43.7	39.8	16.5	100.0	296.2
Nationality⁴⁵					
Irish	21.9	48.9	29.3	100.0	2,194.6
UK	8.2	54.5	37.3	100.0	78.7
Other EU	4.3	55.2	40.5	100.0	81.3
Other stated	7.1	36.4	56.4	100.0	61.1
Not stated ⁴⁶	37.5	46.9	15.6	100.0	12.6
Ethnicity⁴⁷					
White	20.7	49.2	30.1	100.0	2,363.5
Black or Black Irish	6.7	41.6	51.7	100.0	11.9
Asian or Asian Irish	7.3	27.2	65.5	100.0	19.7
Other including mixed	10.7	47.0	42.4	100.0	19.4
Irish Traveller	83.6	15.5	0.9	100.0	6.3
Total aged 25 & over	20.3	48.9	30.8	100.0	2,465.7

Source: CSO Census of Population

³⁹ Percentage of persons aged 25 and over whose full-time education has ceased. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.

⁴⁰ Reference period April 2006.

⁴¹ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁴² Other parents = Total parents – lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁴³ Includes 'not stated'.

⁴⁴ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or difficulty doing certain activities.

⁴⁵ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

⁴⁶ Includes 'no nationality'.

⁴⁷ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

1.7 Third level education⁴⁸ by equality ground for 25-44 age group by sex, 2006⁴⁰

Ground	% of cohort 000 persons			
	Male	Female	Total	Total
Marital status				
Single	39.2	55.0	46.4	249.4
Married	37.7	44.3	41.1	241.9
Separated/divorced	25.1	29.7	27.8	14.8
Widowed	24.1	24.7	24.5	1.0
Family status				
Lone parents ⁴¹	21.8	24.4	24.3	15.0
Other parents ⁴²	34.6	39.9	37.4	188.4
Carers	36.1	41.7	39.6	20.7
Religion				
Roman Catholic	35.5	46.2	40.9	417.9
Other Christian	47.2	55.0	51.2	34.6
Other stated religions	56.0	60.4	57.8	10.2
No religion ⁴³	54.7	65.2	58.8	44.4
Disability⁴⁴	25.1	31.4	28.3	19.2
Nationality⁴⁵				
Irish	37.5	46.8	42.1	421.5
UK	42.1	42.2	42.2	17.2
Other EU	32.8	56.0	41.9	28.8
Other stated	52.6	63.0	57.7	28.8
Not stated ⁴⁶	20.2	28.8	23.9	1.1
Ethnicity⁴⁷				
White	37.4	47.3	42.3	472.9
Black or Black Irish	53.2	49.8	51.5	5.5
Asian or Asian Irish	63.2	73.0	68.2	11.1
Other including mixed	39.7	52.5	45.4	6.3
Irish Traveller	0.7	1.3	1.0	0.0
Total aged 25-44	38.0	47.9	42.9	507.1

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ 12.7% of lone parents aged 25 and over had at most primary education. 24.5% had third level education or higher, which was well below the corresponding figure of 34.7% for Other parents with a youngest child aged under 18 (see Table 1.6).
- ◆ Almost 53% of people aged 65 and over had at most primary level education. Only 12.6% of over 65's had third level education (see Table 1.6).
- ◆ 43.7% of persons with a disability had at most primary level education. This was over twice the national average of 20.3%. However, while 16.5% of people with a disability had third level education, this figure rose to 28.3% for the 25-44 age group compared to 42.9% of the population as a whole (see Tables 1.6 and 1.7).
- ◆ In the 25-44 age group, 47.9% of females and 38% of males had third level education. The corresponding figures for Other EU nationals were 56% of females and 32.8% of males (see Table 1.7).

⁴⁸ Persons aged 25-44 who have ceased their full-time education and attained a third level education. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.

1.8 Accommodation status profile⁴⁹ by equality ground, 2006⁵⁰

Ground	% of category 000 persons			
	Owner occupied accommodation ⁵¹	Rented accommodation ⁵²	Total	Total
Gender⁵³				
Male	78.5	21.5	100.0	1,993.4
Female	78.8	21.2	100.0	1,990.1
Marital status^{53,56}				
Single	69.6	30.4	100.0	1,330.6
Married	88.3	11.7	100.0	1,500.9
Separated/divorced	63.2	36.8	100.0	152.3
Widowed	87.7	12.3	100.0	164.8
Family status⁵³				
Lone parents ⁵⁴	48.4	51.6	100.0	107.0
Other parents ⁵⁵	85.6	14.4	100.0	805.2
Carers ^{56,57}	86.0	14.0	100.0	150.6
Religion⁵⁷				
Roman Catholic	81.6	18.4	100.0	3,413.1
Other Christian	65.0	35.0	100.0	208.4
Other stated religions	37.2	62.8	100.0	49.8
No religion ⁵⁸	57.7	42.3	100.0	202.9
Age group⁵³				
0-24	74.3	25.7	100.0	1,429.8
25-44	73.1	26.9	100.0	1,261.9
45-64	88.1	11.9	100.0	882.4
65 & over	90.6	9.4	100.0	409.3
Disability^{57,59}	77.3	22.7	100.0	335.4
Nationality^{57,60}				
Irish	83.6	16.4	100.0	3,473.1
UK	68.6	31.4	100.0	106.0
Other EU	17.2	82.8	100.0	143.5
Other stated	30.2	69.8	100.0	122.3
Not stated ⁶¹	65.0	35.0	100.0	29.2
Ethnicity⁶²				
White	80.7	19.3	100.0	3,706.2
Black or Black Irish	19.3	80.7	100.0	36.7
Asian or Asian Irish	35.5	64.5	100.0	45.5
Other including mixed	43.0	57.0	100.0	41.4
Irish Traveller⁵⁷	24.9	75.1	100.0	14.4
Total⁵³	78.7	21.3	100.0	3,983.4

Source: CSO Census of Population

⁴⁹ Percentage of persons within group. Excludes accommodation status not stated. Derived via person records.

⁵⁰ Reference period April 2006.

⁵¹ Percentage living in owner occupied accommodation includes those purchasing from Local Authority.

⁵² Percentage living in rented accommodation includes those persons living rent-free.

⁵³ All persons in private households in permanent housing units excluding those households who did not state their nature of occupancy (i.e. includes present and absent persons).

⁵⁴ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁵⁵ Other parents = Total parents – lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

1.9 Owner occupation⁴⁹ by equality ground for 25-44 age group by sex, 2006⁵⁰

Ground	% of cohort 000 persons			
	Male	Female	Total	Total
Marital status⁵³				
Single	66.7	62.8	64.9	376.2
Married	80.3	84.3	82.4	511.3
Separated/divorced	55.7	55.7	55.7	31.6
Widowed	63.3	63.6	63.5	3.1
Family status⁵³				
Lone parents ⁵⁴	63.2	42.7	44.1	31.1
Other parents ⁵⁵	82.8	84.2	83.5	451.8
Carers ^{56,57}	78.7	79.6	79.3	42.7
Religion⁵⁷				
Roman Catholic	77.5	77.2	77.3	807.7
Other Christian	56.2	54.1	55.1	41.1
Other stated religions	30.3	36.8	33.0	7.7
No religion ⁵⁸	50.3	50.7	50.4	42.5
Disability^{57,59}	66.5	66.7	66.6	45.8
Nationality^{57,60}				
Irish	82.6	80.3	81.5	836.0
UK	65.4	65.0	65.2	27.3
Other EU	12.8	21.5	16.3	13.5
Other stated	24.8	28.8	26.8	18.5
Not stated ⁶¹	55.0	57.0	55.9	3.8
Ethnicity⁶²				
White	75.5	75.9	75.7	1,160.2
Black or Black Irish	20.7	17.9	19.2	16.0
Asian or Asian Irish	27.7	34.2	30.9	23.6
Other including mixed	30.5	39.1	34.3	17.2
Irish Traveller⁵⁷	26.7	24.5	25.5	0.9
Total aged 25-44⁵³	72.7	73.5	73.1	922.2

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ 78.7% of persons lived in owner occupied accommodation in 2006 (see Table 1.8).
- ◆ The proportion living in rented accommodation was highest among Other EU nationals (82.8%), people of black ethnicity (80.7%), Irish Travellers (75.1%) and Lone parents (51.6%) (see Table 1.8).
- ◆ 21.5% of women with Other EU nationality in the 25-44 age group lived in owner-occupied accommodation. The corresponding figure for men was 12.8% (see Table 1.9).

⁵⁶ Persons aged 15 and over (Table 1.8) and persons aged 25-44 (Table 1.9).

⁵⁷ Present persons in private households in permanent housing units, excluding those households who did not state their nature of occupancy (i.e. only present persons).

⁵⁸ Includes 'not stated'.

⁵⁹ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or difficulty doing certain activities.

⁶⁰ Nationality of persons defined as usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

⁶¹ Includes 'no nationality'.

⁶² Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

1.10 Profile of persons experiencing discrimination by equality ground, 2004^{63,64}

Ground	% of category			000 persons Experienced discrimination
	Yes ⁶⁵	No	Total	
Gender				
Male	12.4	87.6	100.0	187.5
Female	12.5	87.5	100.0	194.2
Age group				
18-24	17.6	82.4	100.0	80.8
25-44	14.4	85.6	100.0	181.1
45-64	10.2	89.8	100.0	90.7
65 & over	6.3	93.7	100.0	29.0
Religion				
Roman Catholic	11.0	89.0	100.0	289.9
Others ⁶⁶	21.6	78.4	100.0	91.7
Disability				
Has a disability	19.6	80.4	100.0	70.2
Does not have a disability	11.5	88.5	100.0	311.5
Nationality				
Irish	11.5	88.5	100.0	323.6
Non-Irish	24.4	75.6	100.0	58.0
Ethnicity				
White ethnic background	12.0	88.0	100.0	357.1
Other ethnic background	31.5	68.6	100.0	24.6
Total aged 18 & over	12.5	87.5	100.0	381.6

Source: CSO QNHS Q4 2004 Equality module

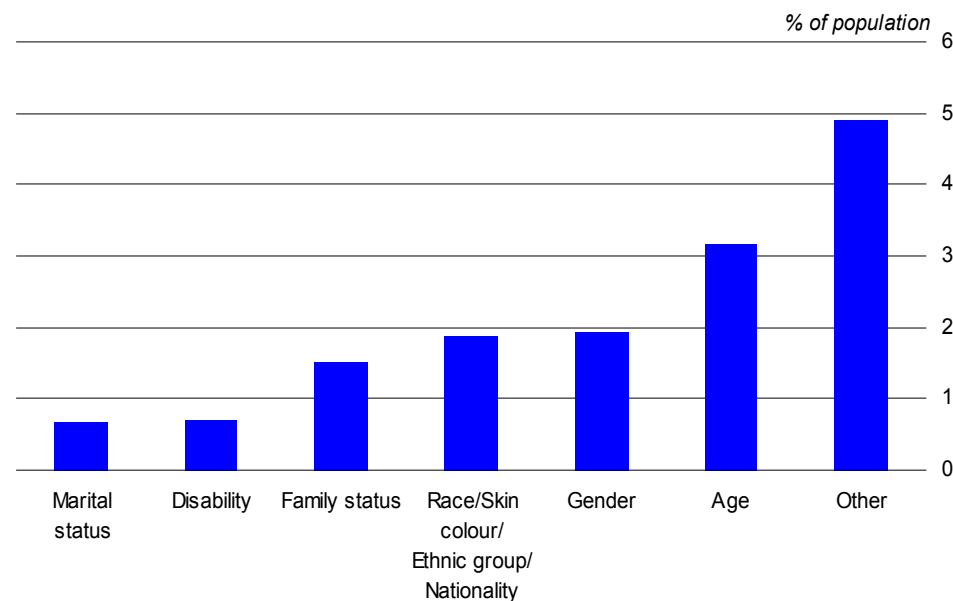
⁶³ All persons aged 18 and over classified by their reported experience of discrimination in the preceding two years. These figures describe the persons experiencing discrimination, not the grounds under which discrimination was perceived to have occurred.

⁶⁴ Reference period September-November 2004.

⁶⁵ Persons in this category reported feeling discriminated against in at least one of the following areas: 'In the Workplace', 'Looking for Work', 'In shops, pubs or restaurants', 'Using the services of banks, insurance companies or financial institutions', 'Education', 'Obtaining housing or accommodation', 'Accessing health services', 'Using transport services', 'Accessing public services'.

⁶⁶ Includes 'not stated'.

1.11 Persons experiencing discrimination by equality ground under which discrimination was perceived, 2004^{67,68}



Source: CSO QNHS Q4 2004 Equality module

- ◆ In 2004, 12.5% of persons aged 18 and over reported that they had experienced discrimination in the preceding two years. The levels of discrimination varied from 6.3% of persons aged 65 and over to almost one-third of persons (31.5%) with a non-white ethnic background. People aged 18-24 also reported a higher than average rate of 17.6% (see Table 1.10).
- ◆ Marital status and disability were the grounds upon which people were least likely to have reported experiencing discrimination (see Graph 1.11).

⁶⁷ Percentage of the total population aged 18 and over, who reported experiencing discrimination in the preceding two years, classified by perceived grounds for discrimination.

⁶⁸ This graph allows for multiple responses for type of discrimination and grounds for discrimination. Consequently the columns are not additive. 'Other' includes categories 'Sexual orientation', 'Religious belief', 'Membership of the Traveller Community' and 'Other'.

1.12 Knowledge of rights under Irish equality law by equality ground, 2004^{69,70}

Ground	% of category 000 persons				
	No understanding	Understands a little	Understands a lot	Total	Total
Gender					
Male	18.5	52.1	29.4	100.0	1,507.8
Female	21.0	53.2	25.8	100.0	1,553.3
Age group					
18-24	24.1	52.5	23.4	100.0	459.7
25-44	17.5	52.4	30.1	100.0	1,255.7
45-64	16.8	52.7	30.6	100.0	888.7
65 & over	27.5	53.7	18.9	100.0	457.0
Religion					
Roman Catholic	18.9	53.8	27.3	100.0	2,636.0
Others ⁷¹	24.9	45.8	29.3	100.0	425.0
Disability					
Yes	32.1	50.1	17.8	100.0	358.9
No	18.1	53.0	28.9	100.0	2,702.2
Nationality					
Irish	18.2	53.4	28.4	100.0	2,823.3
Non-Irish	37.9	44.4	17.8	100.0	237.7
Ethnicity					
White ethnic background	19.2	52.9	27.9	100.0	2,983.0
Other ethnic background	42.1	45.4	12.7	100.0	78.0
Total aged 18 & over	19.8	52.7	27.6	100.0	3,061.1

Source: CSO QNHS Q4 Equality module

- ◆ In 2004, 19.8% of persons aged 18 and over reported that they had 'No understanding' of their rights under Irish equality law. A further 52.7% chose 'Understands a little' while the remaining 27.6% chose 'Understands a lot' (see Table 1.12).
- ◆ 42.1% of those from a non-white ethnic background had 'No understanding' of their rights in 2004. Almost one-third of persons with a disability (32.1%) also answered that they had 'No understanding' of their rights. The 25-44 and 45-64 year age groups had the highest awareness, with over 30% of respondents in those age groups choosing 'Understands a lot' (see Table 1.12).

⁶⁹ Persons aged 18 and over classified by their reported knowledge of their rights under Irish equality law.

⁷⁰ Reference period September-November 2004.

⁷¹ Includes 'not stated'.

2. Gender

2.1 Sex by equality ground, 2006⁷²

Ground	% of category			000 persons
	Male	Female	Total	
Marital status ⁷³				
Single	53.2	46.8	100.0	1,453.2
Married	50.5	49.5	100.0	1,565.0
Separated/divorced	43.8	56.2	100.0	166.8
Widowed	21.7	78.3	100.0	190.4
Family status				
Lone parents ⁷⁴	9.1	90.9	100.0	112.9
Other parents ⁷⁵	50.0	50.0	100.0	825.0
Carers ⁷³	37.7	62.3	100.0	160.9
Religion				
Roman Catholic	49.4	50.6	100.0	3,681.4
Other Christian	48.8	51.2	100.0	241.5
Other stated religions	57.8	42.2	100.0	60.3
No religion ⁷⁶	58.5	41.5	100.0	256.6
Age group				
0-14	51.3	48.7	100.0	864.4
15-24	50.7	49.3	100.0	632.7
25-44	50.7	49.3	100.0	1,345.9
45-64	50.4	49.6	100.0	928.9
65 & over	44.3	55.7	100.0	467.9
Disability ⁷⁷	48.5	51.5	100.0	393.8
Nationality ⁷⁸				
Irish	49.6	50.4	100.0	3,706.7
UK	49.9	50.1	100.0	112.5
Other EU	57.5	42.5	100.0	163.2
Other stated	51.2	48.8	100.0	144.0
Not stated ⁷⁹	53.9	46.1	100.0	45.6
Ethnicity ⁸⁰				
White	49.9	50.1	100.0	3,956.6
Black or Black Irish	49.2	50.8	100.0	44.3
Asian or Asian Irish	51.6	48.4	100.0	52.3
Other including mixed	53.2	46.8	100.0	46.4
Irish Traveller	49.2	50.8	100.0	22.4
Total (%)	50.0	50.0	100.0	
Total (000 persons)	2,121.2	2,118.7		4,239.8

Source: CSO Census of Population

⁷² Reference period April 2006.

⁷³ Persons aged 15 and over.

⁷⁴ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁷⁵ Other parents = Total parents – lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁷⁶ Includes 'not stated'.

⁷⁷ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or difficulty doing certain activities.

⁷⁸ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

⁷⁹ Includes 'no nationality'.

⁸⁰ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

2.2 Males per 100 females by age, 1981-2006

Age group	males per 100 females					
	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	2006
0-14	105	105	105	106	105	105
15-24	104	103	105	104	103	103
25-44	104	102	99	98	99	103
45-64	99	100	101	102	101	102
65-84	83	81	79	78	81	84
85 & over	52	46	43	44	43	45
Total	101	100	99	99	99	100

Source: CSO Census of Population

2.3 Employment status of women,⁸¹ 1998-2006

Category	% of females within category				
	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
Employed	39.7	40.6	41.7	42.0	42.4
Unemployed	37.7	39.7	36.6	35.4	39.5
Not in labour force	65.5	65.4	64.3	64.1	63.9

Source: CSO QNHS⁸²

- ◆ Section 2 examines the gender ground. Table 2.1 shows how the proportion of males and females varied across grounds and the categories within grounds.
- ◆ The number of males per 100 females in 2006 was reasonably in balance between the ages of 0-64 but fell to 84 males per 100 females in the 65-84 age group and just 45 males per 100 females in the 85 and over age group (see Tables 2.1 and 2.2).
- ◆ The percentage of females among persons in employment aged 15 and over was 42.4% in 2006. 39.5% of those who were unemployed and 63.9% of those who were not in the labour force were females (see Table 2.3).
- ◆ The percentage of persons in employment who are women has risen steadily from 39.7% in 1998 to 42.4% in 2006 (see Table 2.3).

⁸¹ Aged 15 years and over. International Labour Organisation (ILO) basis of employment used in QNHS tables.

⁸² CSO QNHS Quarter 2 (March – May) 1998-2006.

2.4 Third level education⁸³ by sex, 1991-2006

Sex	% of cohort			
	1991	1996	2002	2006
Male	14.4	19.7	25.4	28.7
Female	12.7	19.0	26.4	32.8

Source: CSO Census of Population

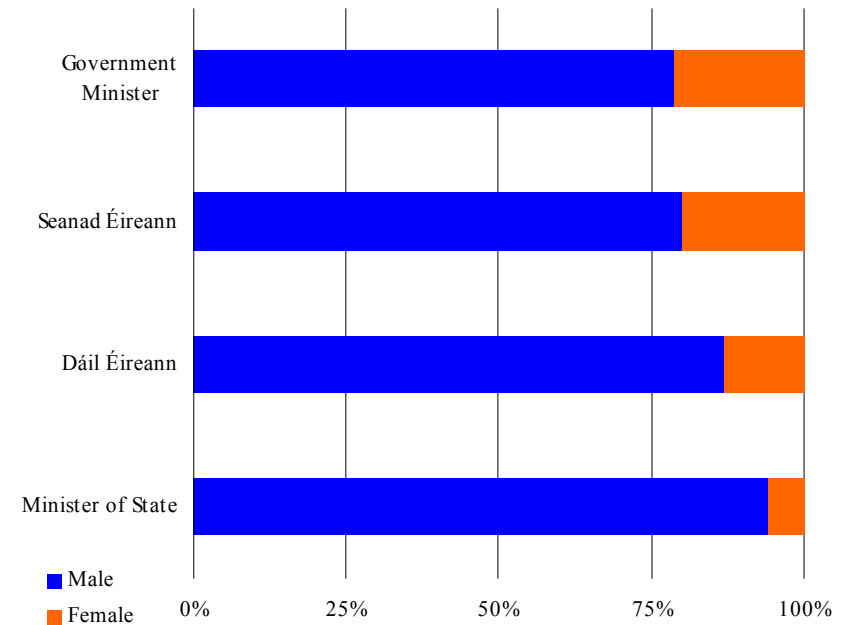
- ◆ The percentage of males aged 25 and over with third level education increased from 14.4% in 1991 to 28.7% in 2006. The corresponding increase for females was even more pronounced, from 12.7% in 1991 to 32.8% in 2006 (see Table 2.4).

2.5 Political representation of women⁸⁴, 1987-2007

Position	% females					
	1987	1989	1992	1997	2002	2007
Government Ministers	7.1	7.1	14.3	21.4	14.3	21.4
Seanad Éireann	10.0	8.3	15.0	20.0	16.7	20.0
Dáil Éireann	8.4	7.2	13.3	11.5	13.3	13.3
Ministers of State	6.3	12.5	20.0	13.3	11.8	5.9

Source: Houses of the Oireachtas

Political representation by sex, 2007



Source: Houses of the Oireachtas

- ◆ Women represented 13.3% of members of Dáil Éireann after the 2002 election. This was unchanged following the 2007 general election when 22 of the 166 members of Dáil Éireann, 3 of the 14 Government Ministers, 1 of the 17 Ministers of State and 12 of the 60 Senators were female (see Table and Graph 2.5).

⁸³ Persons aged 25 and over whose full-time education has ceased. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.

⁸⁴ Positions on the formation of the Government immediately following the last six general elections.

3. Marital status

3.1 Marital status by equality ground, 2006⁸⁵

Ground	% of category 000 persons					Total
	Single	Married	Separated/ divorced	Widowed	Total	
Gender						
Male	46.1	47.1	4.4	2.5	100.0	1,678.1
Female	40.1	45.6	5.5	8.8	100.0	1,697.3
Family status						
Lone parents ⁸⁶	56.5	4.8	31.9	6.8	100.0	112.9
Other parents ⁸⁷	8.2	90.1	1.7	0.1	100.0	825.0
Carers ⁸⁸	27.8	62.5	6.0	3.6	100.0	160.9
Religion						
Roman Catholic	42.5	46.9	4.6	5.9	100.0	2,923.5
Other Christian	34.8	53.1	6.8	5.3	100.0	194.3
Other stated religions	42.8	50.0	5.6	1.6	100.0	46.9
No religion ⁸⁹	57.8	31.8	7.3	3.1	100.0	210.7
Age group						
15-24	97.8	2.1	0.1	0.0	100.0	632.7
25-44	46.7	48.2	4.6	0.5	100.0	1,345.9
45-64	13.8	72.2	9.7	4.3	100.0	928.9
65 & over	16.5	49.9	2.8	30.8	100.0	467.9
Disability ⁹⁰	35.2	40.3	7.2	17.4	100.0	360.5
Nationality ⁹¹						
Irish	42.5	46.8	4.7	6.1	100.0	2,909.4
UK	33.1	52.0	10.4	4.4	100.0	96.9
Other EU	59.7	33.4	5.9	0.9	100.0	150.2
Other stated	39.8	54.0	4.7	1.5	100.0	120.2
Not stated ⁹²	51.0	33.9	4.5	10.6	100.0	34.9
Ethnicity ⁹³						
White	42.8	46.5	4.9	5.7	100.0	3,160.1
Black or Black Irish	32.5	59.6	6.6	1.3	100.0	26.2
Asian or Asian Irish	45.6	51.2	2.4	0.8	100.0	42.5
Other including mixed	46.0	45.7	6.2	2.0	100.0	34.0
Irish Traveller	38.8	49.8	7.7	3.8	100.0	13.1
Total (%)	43.1	46.4	4.9	5.6	100.0	
Total (000 persons)	1,453.2	1,565.0	166.8	190.4		3,375.4

Source: CSO Census of Population

⁸⁵ Reference period April 2006. Persons aged 15 and over.

⁸⁶ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁸⁷ Other parents = Total parents – lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

⁸⁸ Persons aged 15 years and over.

⁸⁹ Includes 'not stated'.

⁹⁰ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or a difficulty doing certain activities.

⁹¹ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

⁹² Includes 'no nationality'.

⁹³ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

3.2 Marital status by equality ground for 25-44 age group, 2006

Ground	% of category 000 persons					Total
	Single	Married	Separated/ divorced	Widowed	Total	
Gender						
Male	50.3	45.8	3.6	0.3	100.0	682.0
Female	43.1	50.6	5.6	0.6	100.0	663.9
Family status						
Lone parents ⁸⁶	61.1	4.8	30.5	3.6	100.0	74.6
Other parents ⁸⁷	10.0	88.4	1.5	0.1	100.0	554.5
Carers	36.0	57.7	5.7	0.6	100.0	57.6
Religion						
Roman Catholic	46.4	48.8	4.4	0.4	100.0	1,127.2
Other Christian	36.1	57.1	6.2	0.5	100.0	85.3
Other stated religions	36.0	58.9	4.7	0.5	100.0	28.1
No religion ⁸⁹	62.0	31.2	5.6	1.3	100.0	105.2
Disability ⁹⁰	57.1	35.1	7.0	0.8	100.0	78.3
Nationality ⁹¹						
Irish	47.2	48.1	4.3	0.4	100.0	1,089.2
UK	39.0	51.7	8.8	0.5	100.0	44.3
Other EU	54.7	38.4	6.4	0.4	100.0	93.5
Other stated	31.6	63.0	4.7	0.7	100.0	81.5
Not stated ⁹²	58.4	31.6	4.8	5.3	100.0	12.0
Ethnicity ⁹³						
White	47.2	47.9	4.6	0.4	100.0	1,234.7
Black or Black Irish	23.1	68.3	7.5	1.1	100.0	19.7
Asian or Asian Irish	35.0	62.2	2.5	0.4	100.0	27.4
Other including mixed	40.7	53.0	5.8	0.5	100.0	19.6
Irish Traveller	24.4	62.6	11.4	1.7	100.0	5.7
Total (%)	46.7	48.2	4.6	0.5	100.0	
Total (000 persons)	629.1	648.3	62.2	6.3		1,345.9

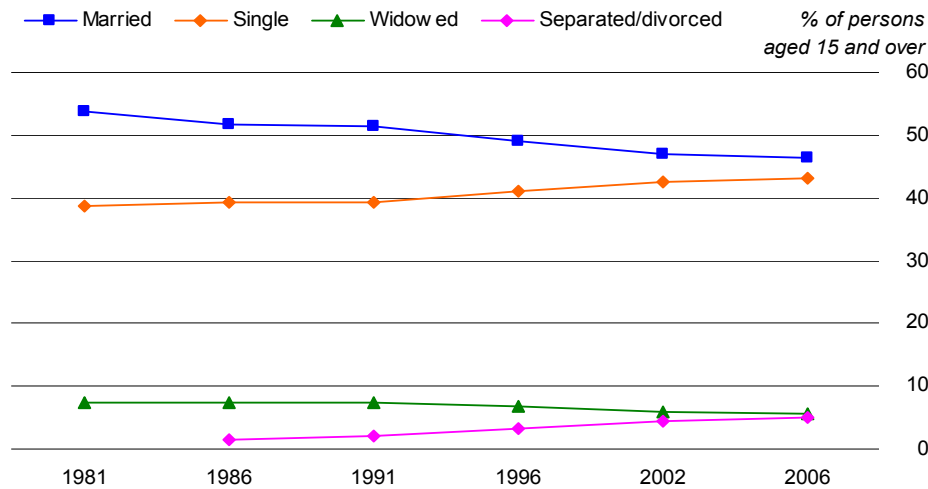
Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Section 3 examines the marital status ground of persons aged 15 and over. Almost one third (30.8%) of persons aged 65 and over were widowed in 2006 (see Table 3.1).
- ◆ 9.7% of those aged 45-64 were separated or divorced in 2006 compared to 4.6% of persons aged 25-44 (see Table 3.1).
- ◆ 56.5% of all lone parents classified themselves as single. A further 31.9% were separated or divorced. These percentages were similar in the 25-44 age group with 61.1% classifying themselves as single and 30.5% as separated or divorced (see Tables 3.1 and 3.2).

3.3 Marital status, 1981-2006

Marital status	% of persons aged 15 and over					
	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	2006
Single	38.8	39.3	39.2	41.1	42.5	43.1
Married	53.7	51.8	51.4	49.0	47.1	46.4
Separated/divorced	:	1.5	2.1	3.2	4.3	4.9
Widowed	7.5	7.4	7.3	6.7	6.0	5.6
Total aged 15 & over	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population



Source: CSO Census of Population

3.4 Employment by marital status⁹⁴, 1981-2006

Marital status	% of cohort					
	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	2006
Single	55.5	48.2	45.9	47.0	53.8	57.5
Married	46.2	44.3	48.0	52.5	57.3	61.6
Separated/divorced	:	:	:	47.7	58.8	61.7
Widowed	14.3	11.2	10.4	10.3	11.4	14.4
Total	53.1	43.4	44.4	47.2	53.1	57.2

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ The proportion of persons aged 15 and over who were single increased from 38.8% in 1981 to 43.1% in 2006 (see Table and Graph 3.3).
- ◆ The percentage of married persons in employment (61.6%) was higher than the percentage for single persons (57.5%) in 2006 (see Table 3.4).

⁹⁴ Persons aged 15 years and over. For 'Married' category, the years 1981-1991 describe those persons who answered that they were 'Ever Married'. Based on principal economic status basis of employment.

3.5 Usual hours worked⁹⁵ by sex and marital status, 2006

Usual hours worked	% of category							
	Single		Married		Separated/divorced		Widowed	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1-19	4.3	10.2	1.3	15.2	2.7	13.9	4.3	23.4
20-29	4.3	12.3	3.4	26.0	5.5	23.1	8.7	26.9
30-39	43.3	52.2	35.8	39.9	32.6	42.5	29.3	29.8
40 and over	36.7	20.1	42.3	12.5	40.5	14.8	35.9	9.9
Varied & not stated	11.3	5.2	17.2	6.4	18.6	5.8	21.7	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Persons (000)	499.0	381.1	624.7	413.5	29.1	43.3	9.2	17.1

Source: CSO QNHS⁹⁶

3.6 Third level education⁹⁷ by marital status, 2002 and 2006

Marital status	% of cohort	
	2002	2006
Single	36.8	40.1
Married	24.7	29.2
Separated/divorced	21.5	24.2
Widowed	8.1	10.3
Total	26.7	30.8

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Married males worked the longest hours in 2006, with 42.3% stating that they usually worked 40 hours or more per week (see Table 3.5).
- ◆ There was an increase in the percentage of those with third level education between 2002 and 2006 across all marital status groups (see Table 3.6).

⁹⁵ Persons employed aged 15 years and over.

⁹⁶ CSO QNHS Q2 (March-May) 2006.

⁹⁷ Persons aged 25 and over whose full-time education has ceased. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.

4. Family status

4.1 Family status by equality ground, 2006⁹⁸

Ground	000 persons		
	Carers ⁹⁹	Lone parents ¹⁰⁰	Other parents ¹⁰¹
Gender			
Male	60.7	10.3	412.5
Female	100.2	102.6	412.5
Marital status			
Single	44.8	63.8	67.7
Married	100.6	5.4	743.0
Separated/divorced	9.7	36.0	13.7
Widowed	5.8	7.7	0.6
Religion¹⁰²			
Roman Catholic	143.0	97.7	715.6
Other Christian	8.7	7.3	51.6
Other stated religions	1.9	1.5	13.2
No religion ¹⁰³	7.2	5.6	33.1
Age group			
15-24	12.3	15.8	14.0
25-44	57.6	74.6	554.5
45-64	72.9	22.2	254.1
65 & over	18.2	0.3	2.3
Disability^{102,104}	19.9	9.0	42.8
Nationality¹⁰⁵			
Irish	147.8	99.6	720.9
UK	3.8	4.3	29.3
Other EU	2.9	2.1	21.4
Other stated	3.6	5.0	38.3
Not stated ¹⁰⁶	0.8	1.0	3.5
Ethnicity¹⁰⁷			
White	154.8	105.8	776.5
Black or Black Irish	0.9	3.4	12.0
Asian or Asian Irish	1.2	0.6	11.0
Other including mixed	1.1	1.0	8.8
Irish Traveller¹⁰²	0.5	1.1	5.0
Total	160.9	112.9	825.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

⁹⁸ Reference period April 2006. Includes present and absent persons except where stated.

⁹⁹ Persons aged 15 and over.

¹⁰⁰ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹⁰¹ Other parents = Couples (i.e. husband and wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹⁰² Persons present on Census night.

¹⁰³ Includes 'not stated'.

¹⁰⁴ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or difficulty doing certain activities.

¹⁰⁵ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

¹⁰⁶ Includes 'no nationality'.

¹⁰⁷ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

4.2 Family status by equality ground for 25-44 age group, 2006⁹⁸

Ground	000 persons		
	Carers	Lone parents ¹⁰⁰	Other parents ¹⁰¹
Gender			
Male	21.7	5.1	261.2
Female	35.9	69.5	293.3
Marital status			
Single	20.7	45.5	55.7
Married	33.2	3.6	490.0
Separated/divorced	3.3	22.7	8.5
Widowed	0.3	2.7	0.3
Religion¹⁰²			
Roman Catholic	50.3	64.2	477.0
Other Christian	3.2	5.2	37.6
Other stated religions	1.1	1.1	10.5
No religion ¹⁰³	3.0	3.7	22.8
Disability^{102,104}	5.0	6.0	25.2
Nationality¹⁰⁵			
Irish	51.3	64.7	473.7
UK	1.5	3.1	21.5
Other EU	1.7	1.6	17.5
Other stated	2.4	4.2	33.0
Not stated ¹⁰⁶	0.3	0.6	2.2
Ethnicity¹⁰⁷			
White	54.6	69.2	517.6
Black or Black Irish	0.7	3.0	10.6
Asian or Asian Irish	0.7	0.4	9.0
Other including mixed	0.6	0.7	7.0
Irish Traveller¹⁰²	0.3	0.7	3.3
Total	57.6	74.6	554.5

Source: CSO Census of Population

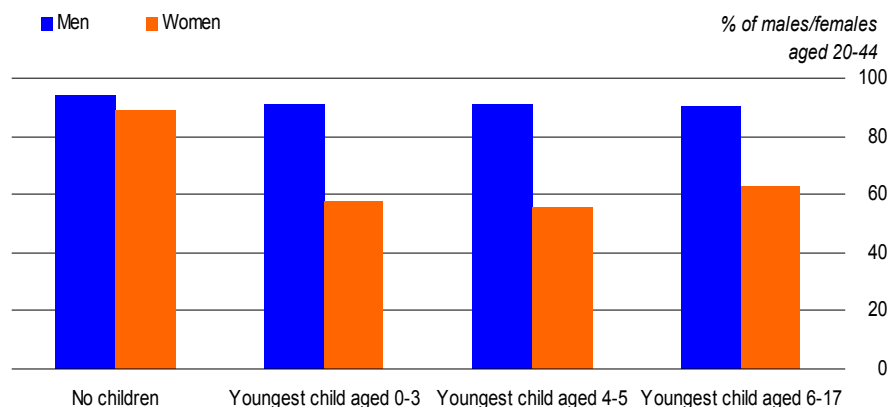
- ◆ Section 4 examines the family status ground. For the purposes of this report, the analysis of families (Lone parents and Other parents) has been confined to those families with at least one child aged under 18.
- ◆ In 2006, 90.9% of lone parents were females, while of the 160,900 carers, 62.3% were females (see Table 4.1).

4.3 Employment by family situation¹⁰⁸, 2002 and 2006

Family situation	% of cohort			
	2002		2006	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
No children	93.0	87.3	93.9	89.2
Youngest child aged 0-3	88.7	48.9	91.0	57.2
Youngest child aged 4-5	89.2	49.0	90.6	55.3
Youngest child aged 6-17	88.1	56.4	90.5	62.7
Total	89.7	59.1	91.7	66.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

2006



- ◆ In 2006, employment figures for males and females in families showed markedly different trends depending on the presence and age of the youngest child in the family. 91.7% of men aged 20-44 were employed. This rate for males varied very little irrespective of the age of the child. However, the rate for females varied from 57.2% when the youngest child was under 4 years to 55.3% when the youngest child was aged 4-5 and then rose to 62.7% where the youngest child was aged 6-17 (see Table and Graph 4.3).

¹⁰⁸ Percentage of present persons in the 20-44 age group in families and in employment with a youngest child aged under 18.

4.4 Family units with children by age of youngest child¹⁰⁹, 2006

Family unit	% of total				
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total
Husband and wife or Cohabiting couple	38.8	21.0	17.7	10.5	88.0
Lone mother	4.4	3.1	2.2	1.3	10.9
Lone father	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.1
Total	43.3	24.3	20.2	12.1	100.0
Total number of adults	406,542	228,306	189,641	113,346	937,835

Source: CSO Census of Population

4.5 Lone parents¹¹⁰, 2002 and 2006

Year	000 persons			% female
	Male	Female	Total	
2002	9.0	72.6	81.6	89.0
2006	10.3	102.6	112.9	90.9

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ 88% of family units in 2006 were composed of a couple. Around 43% of family units headed by a lone father had a youngest child aged under 10 compared to 68.4% of family units headed by a lone mother (see Table 4.4).
- ◆ The total number of lone parents increased from 81,600 in 2002 to 112,900 in 2006. Over the same period, the number of male lone parents increased from 9,000 to 10,300 while the number of female lone parents increased from 72,600 to 102,600 (see Table 4.5).

¹⁰⁹ Present and absent adult members of a family unit containing at least one child under 18 by age of youngest child.

¹¹⁰ Refers to present and absent persons, aged 15 and over living as lone parents, with youngest child (never married) aged under 18.

4.6 Employment status¹¹¹ of lone parents and other parents, 2002 and 2006

Year	% of cohort					
	Lone parents			Other parents		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2002	69.5	48.0	50.4	86.5	50.5	68.4
2006	72.3	53.1	54.8	89.2	59.0	74.1

Source: CSO Census of Population

4.7 Third level education¹¹² of lone parents and other parents, 2002 and 2006

Year	% of cohort					
	Lone parents			Other parents		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2002	18.1	19.3	19.1	27.0	27.7	27.4
2006	21.2	23.4	23.2	32.1	36.8	34.4

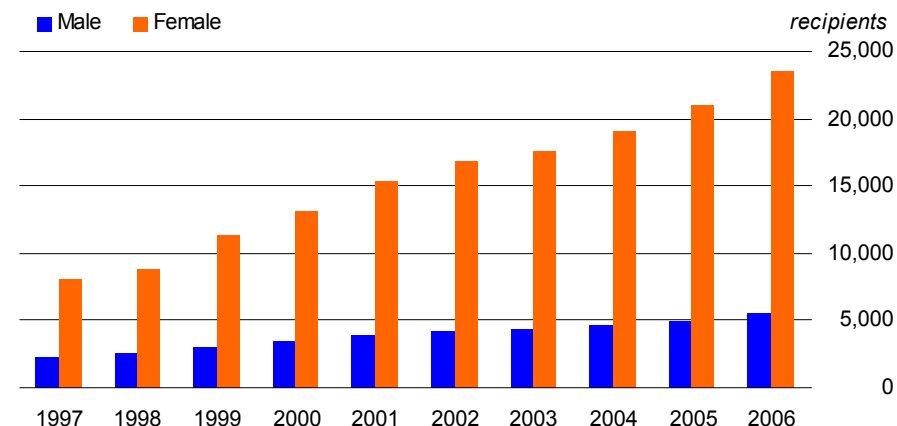
Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ The percentage of lone parents employed was 54.8% in 2006 compared to 74.1% for other parents. The difference in the rate was greatest among males, with 72.3% of male lone parents employed compared to 89.2% of male Other parents. 53.1% of female lone parents were employed in 2006 compared to 59.0% of female Other parents (see Table 4.6).
- ◆ The percentage of lone parents who had achieved third level education in 2006 (23.2%) was lower than the 34.4% rate for other parents (see Table 4.7).

¹¹¹ Percentage of present parents aged 15 and over, in employment, as a percentage of all persons where the youngest child (never married) was under 18. Calculated using principal economic basis of employment.

¹¹² Present parents who had ceased their education and who had attained a third level education as a percentage of total parents in the group. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.

4.8 Recipients of Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit, 1997-2006



Source: Department of Social and Family Affairs

4.9 Carers classified by age and unpaid help provided, 2006

Age group	% of category				Total
	Hours per week				
	1-14	15-28	29-42	43 or more	
15-24	72.7	9.9	7.5	9.9	100.0
25-44	61.9	10.7	6.1	21.2	100.0
45-64	57.7	11.3	5.5	25.6	100.0
65 & over	37.0	8.2	6.2	48.6	100.0
Total carers	93,363	17,093	9,578	40,883	160,917

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ In 2006, there were 29,121 persons in receipt of caring related social welfare payments. This was almost a three-fold increase from the 10,196 recipients in 1997. Around four-fifths of recipients (80.9%) of Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit were females (see Graph 4.8).
- ◆ The majority of carers (58%) provided less than 15 hours of unpaid help per week in 2006. Over a quarter of carers worked 43 or more hours per week. Almost half of carers aged 65 and over provided 43 or more hours a week of unpaid help in 2006 (see Table 4.9).

5. Sexual orientation

5.1 Sexual identification¹¹³ by sex, 2004

Identification	% of total	
	Male	Female
Heterosexual	96.5	98.6
Homosexual (gay or lesbian)	1.6	0.4
Bisexual	1.1	0.8
Not sure; undecided	0.4	0.1
Something else/other	0.2	0.2
Refused	0.2	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Department of Health and Children & Crisis Pregnancy Agency
The Irish Study of Sexual Health and Relationships (ISSHR)

5.2 Sexual attraction¹¹³ by sex, 2004

Attraction	% of total	
	Male	Female
Only heterosexual	94.3	94.0
Mostly heterosexual	3.6	5.0
Both heterosexual and homosexual	0.2	0.5
Mostly homosexual	0.8	0.2
Only homosexual	0.8	0.1
Never felt sexually attracted	0.1	0.2
Refused	0.3	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Department of Health and Children & Crisis Pregnancy Agency
The Irish Study of Sexual Health and Relationships (ISSHR)

¹¹³ Adults aged 18-64. ISSHR undertaken through 7,441 completed phone interviews and conducted by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). The small proportion of respondents to this survey who defined themselves as anything other than heterosexual means great caution should be exercised in interpreting these data. The small numbers involved mean that the standard errors and associated confidence intervals are large. Sexual identification data describes respondents current definition of their attraction, while sexual attraction data describes an attraction felt at some point in the respondent's life.

5.3 Persons experiencing discrimination by type of discrimination^{114,115}, 2004

Grounds for discrimination	% of persons aged 18 and over who reported experiencing discrimination				
	In the workplace	Looking for work	Accessing health services	Using transport services	Total persons who experienced discrimination
Gender	18.3	5.5	4.1	4.1	15.5
Marital status	2.2	2.3	3.1	0.9	5.5
Family status	8.2	10.1	9.7	13.8	12.1
Age	15.9	31.8	14.4	10.6	25.4
Disability	4.2	7.3	7.8	23.0	5.6
Race/Skin colour/Ethnic group/Nationality	17.4	23.1	5.5	28.1	15.0
Sexual orientation	0.8	0.3	0.8	4.1	0.6
Religious belief	1.4	0.7	* ¹¹⁶	0.9	0.8
Membership of the Traveller community	* ¹¹⁶	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.6

Source: CSO QNHS Q4 2004 Equality module¹¹⁷

- ◆ Section 5 examines the sexual orientation ground. In 2004, 96.5% of males and 98.6% of females identified themselves as heterosexual, 1.6% of males and 0.4% of females identified themselves as homosexual, and 1.1% of males and 0.8% of females identified themselves as bisexual (see Table 5.1).
- ◆ Over 94% of both males and females described their sexual attraction as 'Only heterosexual' in 2004. 3.6% of males and 5% of females described their sexual attraction as 'Mostly heterosexual' (see Table 5.2).
- ◆ In 2004 0.6% of persons aged 18 and over who reported being discriminated against in the previous two years were discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation. The main activity being undertaken when this occurred was while 'using transport services' (see Table 5.3).

¹¹⁴ Percentage of those aged 18 and over who reported experiencing discrimination in the preceding two years classified by type of discrimination and perceived grounds for discrimination.

¹¹⁵ This table allows for multiple responses for type of discrimination and grounds for discrimination.

¹¹⁶ * Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

¹¹⁷ Reference period: September-November 2004.

6. Religion

6.1 Religious denomination by equality ground, 2006¹¹⁸

Ground	% of category				Total
	Roman Catholic	Other Christian	Other stated religion	No religion ¹¹⁹	
Gender					
Male	85.7	5.6	1.6	7.1	100.0
Female	87.9	5.8	1.2	5.0	100.0
Marital status ¹²⁰					
Single	86.4	5.0	1.4	7.2	100.0
Married	87.6	6.6	1.5	4.3	100.0
Separated/divorced	81.3	7.9	1.6	9.2	100.0
Widowed	90.7	5.5	0.4	3.4	100.0
Family status					
Lone parents ¹²¹	87.2	6.5	1.3	5.0	100.0
Other parents ¹²²	88.0	6.3	1.6	4.1	100.0
Carers ¹²⁰	88.9	5.4	1.2	4.5	100.0
Age group					
0-14	87.7	5.5	1.5	5.3	100.0
15-24	86.7	4.8	1.6	6.9	100.0
25-44	83.8	6.3	2.1	7.8	100.0
45-64	88.2	5.7	0.8	5.4	100.0
65 & over	91.6	5.6	0.3	2.5	100.0
Disability ¹²³	88.7	5.7	1.1	4.5	100.0
Nationality ¹²⁴					
Irish	92.0	3.7	0.5	3.8	100.0
UK	48.2	28.6	2.3	20.9	100.0
Other EU	69.1	9.3	1.7	19.9	100.0
Other stated	32.2	29.0	21.7	17.1	100.0
Not stated ¹²⁵	48.6	3.6	1.4	46.4	100.0
Ethnicity ¹²⁶					
White	90.3	4.8	0.5	4.4	100.0
Black or Black Irish	30.1	45.9	18.5	5.4	100.0
Asian or Asian Irish	26.3	7.2	40.0	26.5	100.0
Other including mixed	49.0	18.7	18.4	13.9	100.0
Irish Traveller	95.1	2.6	0.1	2.2	100.0
Total	86.8	5.7	1.4	6.1	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

¹¹⁸ Reference period April 2006.

¹¹⁹ Includes 'not stated'.

¹²⁰ Persons aged 15 and over.

¹²¹ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹²² Other parents = Total parents – Lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband & wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹²³ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or difficulty doing certain activities.

¹²⁴ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

¹²⁵ Includes 'no nationality'.

¹²⁶ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

6.2 Religious denomination by equality ground for 25-44 age group, 2006¹¹⁸

Ground	% of category				Total
	Roman Catholic	Other Christian	Other stated religion	No religion ¹¹⁹	
Gender					
Male	82.0	6.0	2.5	9.5	100.0
Female	85.6	6.6	1.7	6.1	100.0
Marital status					
Single	83.1	4.9	1.6	10.4	100.0
Married	84.9	7.5	2.6	5.1	100.0
Separated/divorced	80.0	8.5	2.1	9.4	100.0
Widowed	68.8	7.0	2.2	22.0	100.0
Family status					
Lone parents ¹²¹	86.6	7.0	1.4	5.0	100.0
Other parents ¹²²	87.1	6.9	1.9	4.2	100.0
Carers	87.4	5.5	1.9	5.2	100.0
Disability ¹²³	83.9	6.2	2.3	7.7	100.0
Nationality ¹²⁴					
Irish	91.7	3.2	0.5	4.5	100.0
UK	44.7	27.5	2.5	25.3	100.0
Other EU	69.1	8.9	1.9	20.2	100.0
Other stated	29.8	31.2	22.5	16.5	100.0
Not stated ¹²⁵	38.3	4.3	2.4	55.1	100.0
Ethnicity ¹²⁶					
White	87.9	5.3	0.6	6.2	100.0
Black or Black Irish	29.9	46.3	19.3	4.6	100.0
Asian or Asian Irish	28.1	8.0	39.3	24.6	100.0
Other including mixed	44.9	20.1	20.5	14.5	100.0
Irish Traveller	95.1	2.9	0.1	1.9	100.0
Total	83.8	6.3	2.1	7.8	100.0

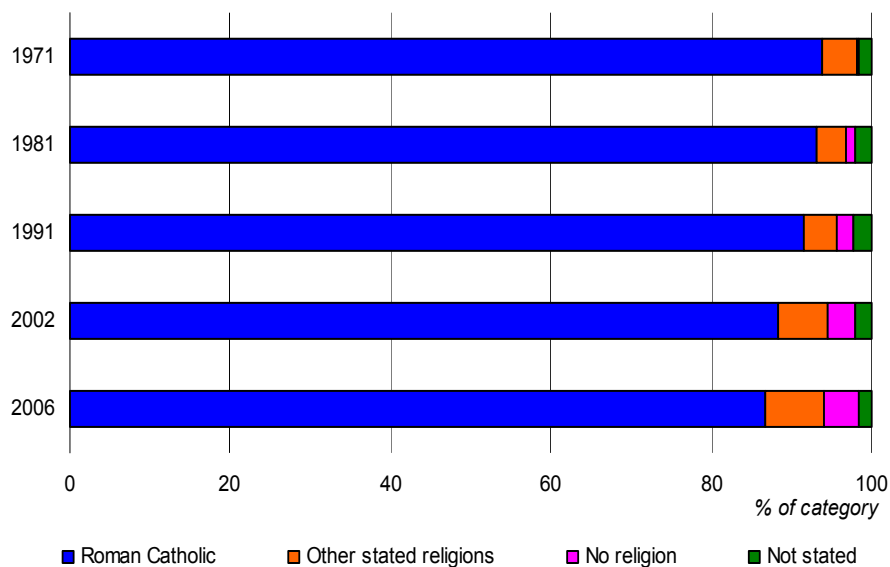
Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Section 6 examines the religion ground. In 2006, 86.8% of the population classified themselves as Roman Catholic, 5.7% as Other Christian religions, while 6.1% of persons described themselves as being of No religion (see Table 6.1).
- ◆ 3.8% of Irish nationals described themselves as having No religion or did not state a religious denomination, compared with around one-fifth of non-Irish nationals (see Table 6.1).
- ◆ Irish Travellers reported the highest proportion of Roman Catholics at 95.1% (see Table 6.1).

6.3 Religious denomination, 1971-2006

Religion	% of total				
	1971	1981	1991	2002	2006
Roman Catholic	93.9	93.1	91.6	88.4	86.8
Church of Ireland	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0
Presbyterian	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6
Methodist	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Muslim ¹²⁷	:	:	0.1	0.5	0.8
Jewish	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other stated religions	0.2	0.3	1.0	1.8	2.5
No religion	0.3	1.1	1.9	3.5	4.4
Not stated	1.6	2.1	2.4	2.0	1.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population



Source: CSO Census of Population

¹²⁷ Muslim included in 'other stated religions' up to 1991.

6.4 Employment status by religious denomination¹²⁸, 2002 and 2006

Religion	% of cohort	
	2002	2006
Roman Catholic	52.7	56.7
Other religions	51.9	55.5
No religion	64.5	67.4
Not stated	54.0	57.6
Total	53.1	57.2

Source: CSO Census of Population

6.5 Third level education¹²⁹ by religious denomination, 2002 and 2006

Religion	% of cohort	
	2002	2006
Roman Catholic	24.0	28.4
Other religions	38.7	42.3
No religion	53.4	54.4
Not stated	29.7	29.9
Total	26.0	30.5

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ The proportion of persons classifying themselves as Roman Catholic has decreased from 93.9% in the 1971 Census to 86.8% in the 2006 Census. The decrease is partially due to increasing numbers of immigrants with a wider variety of religions and partly due to a rise in the numbers returned under the category 'No religion' (see Table and Graph 6.3).
- ◆ In 2006, the percentage of the population in employment was 57.2% compared with 56.7% of those classifying themselves as Roman Catholic and 67.4% of those classifying themselves as having No religion (see Table 6.4).
- ◆ In 2006, the percentage of the population with third level education was 30.5% compared with 28.4% of those classifying themselves as Roman Catholic and 42.3% of those classifying themselves as Other religions (see Table 6.5).

¹²⁸ Present persons aged 15 and over. Calculated using Principal Economic Status (PES) basis of employment.

¹²⁹ Present persons who had ceased their full-time education and attained a third level education. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.

7. Age

7.1 Age by equality ground, 2006¹³⁰

Ground	% of category						Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65-84	85 & over	
Gender							
Male	20.9	15.1	32.2	22.1	9.1	0.7	100.0
Female	19.9	14.7	31.3	21.8	10.7	1.6	100.0
Marital status							
Single	:	42.6	43.3	8.8	4.6	0.7	100.0
Married	:	0.8	41.4	42.8	14.4	0.6	100.0
Separated/divorced	:	0.5	37.3	54.3	7.8	0.2	100.0
Widowed	:	0.2	3.3	20.8	60.5	15.3	100.0
Family status							
Lone parents ¹³¹	:	14.0	66.1	19.7	0.3	0.0	100.0
Other parents ¹³²	:	1.7	67.2	30.8	0.3	0.0	100.0
Carers ¹³³	:	7.6	35.8	45.3	10.7	0.5	100.0
Religion							
Roman Catholic	20.6	14.9	30.6	22.3	10.5	1.2	100.0
Other Christian	19.6	12.5	35.3	21.8	9.6	1.3	100.0
Other stated religions	22.0	17.1	46.8	12.0	1.9	0.2	100.0
No religion ¹³⁴	17.9	17.0	41.0	19.5	4.1	0.5	100.0
Disability ¹³⁵	8.4	7.4	19.9	29.2	28.0	7.1	100.0
Nationality ¹³⁶							
Irish	21.5	14.5	29.4	22.8	10.6	1.2	100.0
UK	13.9	10.1	39.3	27.1	8.7	0.8	100.0
Other EU	8.0	24.8	57.3	8.9	1.0	0.1	100.0
Other stated	16.5	16.6	56.6	8.5	1.6	0.2	100.0
Not stated ¹³⁷	23.5	13.2	26.4	21.8	12.8	2.3	100.0
Ethnicity ¹³⁸							
White	20.1	14.9	31.2	22.5	10.2	1.2	100.0
Black or Black Irish	40.9	10.3	44.5	4.0	0.3	0.0	100.0
Asian or Asian Irish	18.8	20.2	52.4	7.8	0.8	0.1	100.0
Other including mixed	26.7	16.5	42.3	11.4	2.9	0.2	100.0
Irish Traveller	41.5	20.5	25.3	10.1	2.5	0.1	100.0
Total (%)	20.4	14.9	31.7	21.9	9.9	1.1	100.0
Total (000 persons)	864.4	632.7	1,345.9	928.9	419.9	48.0	4,239.8

Source: CSO Census of Population

¹³⁰ Reference period April 2006.

¹³¹ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹³² Other parents = Total parents – Lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband & wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹³³ Persons aged 15 and over.

¹³⁴ Includes 'not stated'.

¹³⁵ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or difficulty doing certain activities.

¹³⁶ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

¹³⁷ Includes 'no nationality'.

¹³⁸ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

7.2 Age of the population, 1981-2006

Age group	% of total					
	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	2006
0-14	30.3	28.9	26.7	23.7	21.1	20.4
15-24	17.5	17.4	17.1	17.5	16.4	14.9
25-44	24.3	26.1	27.2	28.0	30.1	31.7
45-64	17.1	16.7	17.6	19.4	21.2	21.9
65-84	10.0	10.1	10.6	10.5	10.1	9.9
85 & over	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Persons (000)	3,443.4	3,540.6	3,525.7	3,626.1	3,917.2	4,239.8

Source: CSO Census of Population

7.3 Persons in private households¹³⁹, distinguishing family¹⁴⁰ and non-family, by age, 2006

Category	% of total				
	0-24	25-64	65-84	85 & over	Total
Persons in family households	93.4	83.1	66.5	49.2	85.0
Persons in non-family households	6.7	16.9	33.5	50.8	15.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Persons (000)	1,484.2	2,216.9	387.4	34.9	4,123.3

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Section 7 examines the age ground. In 2006, 9.9% of the population were aged between 65 and 84 years, with a further 1.1% aged 85 and over. Just over one-fifth (20.4%) of the population were aged under 15 years compared to 41.5% of Irish Travellers in the same age group (see Table 7.1).
- ◆ The proportion of the population aged under 15 decreased from 30.3% in 1981 to 20.4% in 2006. The percentage of the population aged 65 and over has remained more stable, increasing from 10.7% in 1981 to 11% in 2006 (see Table 7.2).
- ◆ The proportion of persons in non-family households increased with age in 2006, with 50.8% of persons aged 85 and over living in non-family private households (see Table 7.3).

¹³⁹ A private household comprises either one person living alone or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address with common housekeeping arrangements - that is, sharing at least one meal a day or sharing a living room or sitting room. It excludes non-private households such as nursing homes.

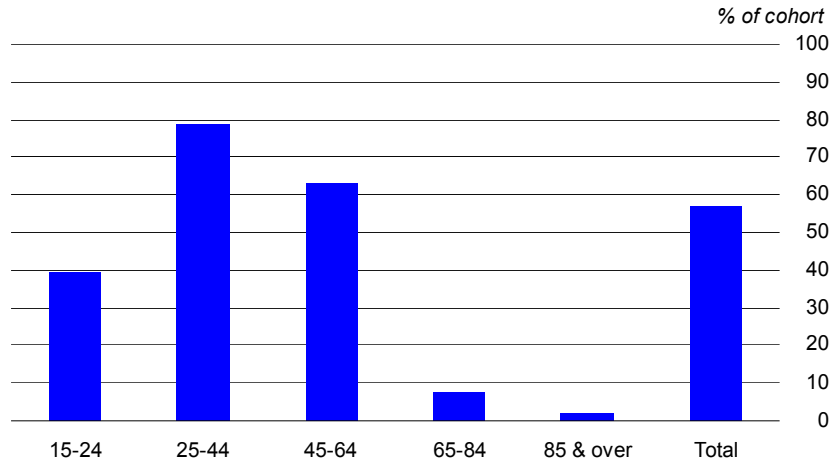
¹⁴⁰ A family unit or nucleus is defined as: 1) a husband and wife or a cohabiting couple; or 2) a husband and wife or a cohabiting couple together with one or more usually resident never-married children (of any age); or 3) one parent together with one or more usually resident never-married children (of any age). Family members have to be usual residents of the relevant household.

7.4 Employment by age¹⁴¹, 2002 and 2006

Age group	% of cohort	
	2002	2006
15-24	38.5	39.5
25-44	75.3	78.8
45-64	57.5	63.0
65-84	6.9	7.8
85 & over	1.1	1.8
Total aged 15 & over	53.1	57.2

Source: CSO Census of Population

2006



- ◆ Almost four-fifths (78.8%) of 25-44 year olds were in employment in 2006 compared to 63% of 45-64 years olds (see Table and Graph 7.4).

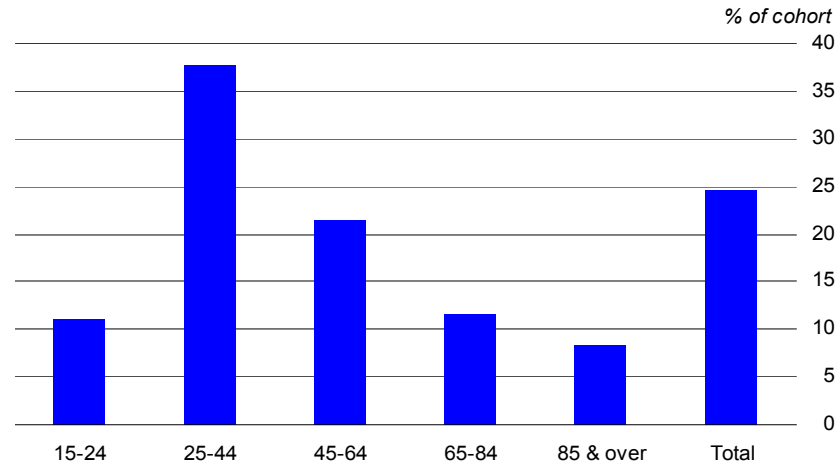
¹⁴¹ Persons employed as a percentage of all persons in that age cohort. Data in Table 7.4 are calculated using the Principal Economic Status (PES) basis of employment.

7.5 Third level education by age¹⁴², 2002 and 2006

Age group	% of cohort	
	2002	2006
15-24	11.0	11.1
25-44	33.1	37.7
45-64	17.7	21.4
65-84	9.1	11.6
85 & over	6.8	8.3
Total aged 15 & over	20.9	24.6

Source: CSO Census of Population

2006



- ◆ 37.7% of 25-44 year olds had attained third level education in 2006 compared to 21.4% of 45-64 year olds (see Table and Graph 7.5).

¹⁴² Persons who stated they had ceased their full-time education and attained a third level education as a percentage of all persons in that age cohort.

8. Disability

8.1 Disability¹⁴³ by equality ground and age, 2006¹⁴⁴

Ground	% of cohort					000 persons	
	0-24	25-44	45-64	65-84	85 & over	Total	Total
Gender							
Male	4.9	5.7	12.7	24.7	51.4	9.0	191.0
Female	3.4	5.9	12.0	27.5	61.8	9.6	202.8
Marital status¹⁴⁵							
Single	4.6	7.1	21.2	30.8	56.8	8.7	126.8
Married	3.5	4.2	9.8	21.1	49.5	9.3	145.1
Separated/divorced	8.4	8.9	18.0	30.0	55.0	15.6	26.0
Widowed	10.6	9.5	14.9	33.1	61.9	32.9	62.7
Family status							
Lone parents ¹⁴⁶	4.0	4.4	7.0	16.3	9.3	5.3	9.0
Other parents ¹⁴⁷	4.3	7.7	11.7	27.7	27.3	8.1	42.8
Carers ¹⁴⁵	6.9	8.7	12.1	27.6	56.1	12.4	19.9
Religion							
Roman Catholic	4.2	5.8	12.4	26.5	59.5	9.5	349.4
Other Christian	4.4	5.7	12.5	24.7	57.2	9.2	22.3
Other stated religions	3.7	6.3	16.1	29.3	59.6	7.0	4.2
No religion ¹⁴⁸	4.0	5.7	11.9	18.4	30.8	7.0	17.9
Nationality¹⁴⁹							
Irish	4.3	6.3	12.5	26.5	59.4	9.8	362.2
UK	5.8	7.5	15.7	28.8	62.0	11.6	13.1
Other EU	2.0	2.4	6.2	20.7	27.3	2.8	4.6
Other stated	3.2	3.7	10.2	29.5	54.0	4.6	6.6
Not stated ¹⁵⁰	3.1	5.0	10.1	19.7	35.7	8.0	3.6
Ethnicity¹⁵¹							
White	4.3	6.0	12.5	26.6	59.8	9.6	379.6
Black or Black Irish	2.8	4.8	10.7	28.1	11.1	4.1	1.8
Asian or Asian Irish	2.2	2.0	7.1	23.0	22.7	2.7	1.4
Other including mixed	4.2	5.5	15.1	31.3	65.4	6.9	3.2
Irish Traveller	5.8	14.4	29.7	45.5	40.0	11.4	2.6
Total (%)	4.2	5.8	12.4	26.2	58.6	9.3	
Total (000 persons)	62.3	78.3	114.9	110.1	28.1		393.8

Source: CSO Census of Population

¹⁴³ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or difficulty doing certain activities. A long-lasting condition is defined as (a) blindness, deafness or a severe vision or hearing impairment (sensory disability), (b) a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting or carrying (physical disability), (c) a learning or intellectual disability, (d) a psychological or emotional condition and (e) other, including any chronic illness.

¹⁴⁴ Reference period April 2006.

¹⁴⁵ Persons aged 15 and over.

¹⁴⁶ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹⁴⁷ Other parents = Total parents – Lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband & wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

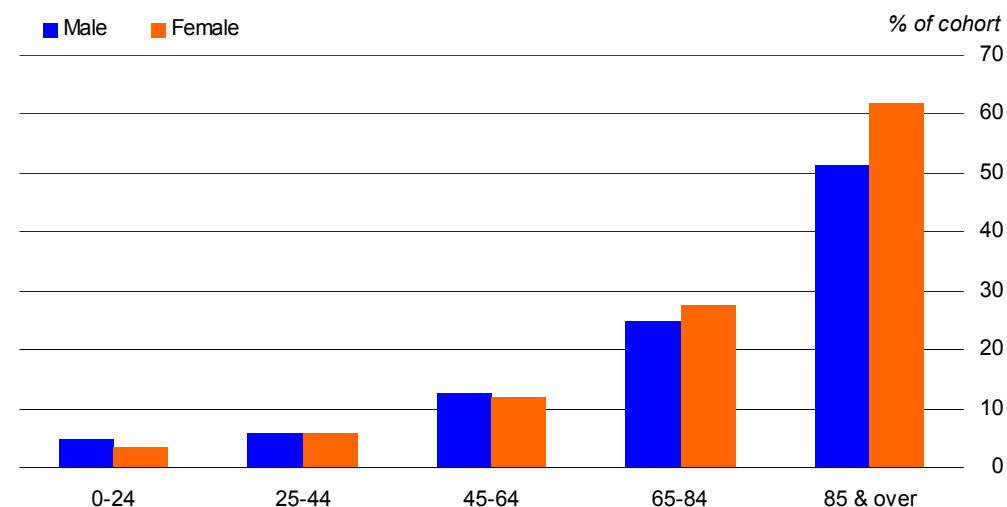
¹⁴⁸ Includes 'not stated'.

¹⁴⁹ Nationality of persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

¹⁵⁰ Includes 'no nationality'.

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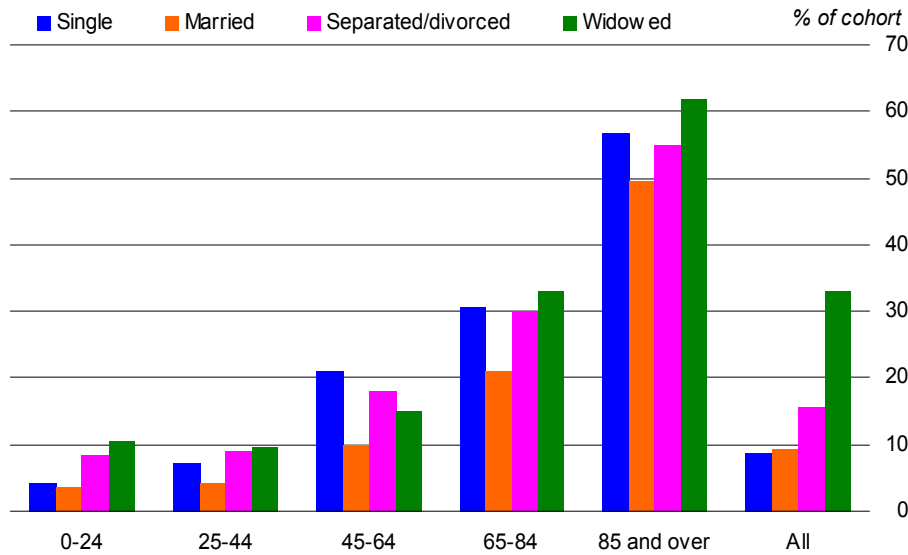
8.2 Disability by age and sex, 2006



Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Section 8 examines the disability ground. In 2006, 9.3% of persons defined themselves as having a long-lasting condition and/or difficulty doing certain activities. This was highly correlated with age as 4.2% of persons aged less than 25 years compared with 58.6% of persons aged 85 and over reported that they had a disability (see Table 8.1).
- ◆ The disability rates for the 25-44 age group were 5.7% for males and 5.9% for females compared to overall population rates of 9.0% for males and 9.6% for females (see Table 8.1).
- ◆ Females aged 65 and over were more likely than males to have a disability whereas in the 0-24 age group males (4.9%) had a higher rate than the 3.4% rate for females (see Table 8.1 and Graph 8.2).

8.3 Persons with a disability by age and marital status, 2006



Source: CSO Census of Population

8.4 Employment¹⁵² by disability and age, 2006

Age group	Disability			Population		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-24	25.4	23.4	24.5	43.5	35.5	39.5
25-44	49.7	40.5	45.0	87.0	70.4	78.8
45-64	33.1	22.4	27.9	74.7	51.2	63.0
65-84	4.8	1.4	2.9	12.6	3.8	7.8
85 & over	1.0	0.4	0.5	3.6	0.9	1.8
Total aged 15 & over	26.8	16.9	21.6	66.0	48.5	57.2

Source: CSO Census of Population

¹⁵² Persons employed as a percentage of all persons in that age cohort. Data in Table 8.4 are calculated using the Principal Economic Status (PES) basis of employment.

8.5 Third level education¹⁵³ by disability and age, 2006

Age group	Disability			Population		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-24	11.1	23.5	16.3	19.5	37.3	27.5
25-44	25.1	31.4	28.3	38.0	47.9	42.9
45-64	15.4	17.2	16.3	22.5	23.7	23.1
65-84	11.4	9.5	10.3	13.7	12.2	12.9
85 & over	10.5	8.6	9.1	11.3	9.3	9.9
Total aged 15 & over	16.0	16.8	16.5	27.7	33.2	30.5

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ 26.8% of males with a disability were in employment in 2006 compared to 66% of males in the overall population. The corresponding figures for females were 16.9% and 48.5%. The differences were most marked in the 45-64 age group where 27.9% of persons with a disability were employed compared to 63% of all persons in this age group (see Table 8.4).
- ◆ Persons with a disability were less likely to have third level education than the overall population across all age groups. In the 25-44 age group, 28.3% of persons with a disability had completed third level education compared to 42.9% of all persons in that age group (see Table 8.5).

¹⁵³ Persons who had ceased their full-time education and who had attained a third level education. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.

9. Nationality & Ethnicity

9.1 Nationality by equality ground, 2006¹⁵⁴

Ground	% of category					Total
	Irish	UK	Other EU ¹⁵⁵	Other stated	Not stated ¹⁵⁶	
Gender						
Male	88.1	2.7	4.5	3.5	1.2	100.0
Female	89.6	2.7	3.3	3.4	1.0	100.0
Marital status¹⁵⁷						
Single	86.8	2.3	6.3	3.4	1.3	100.0
Married	88.5	3.3	3.3	4.2	0.8	100.0
Separated/divorced	83.9	6.2	5.4	3.4	1.0	100.0
Widowed	94.0	2.3	0.8	1.0	2.0	100.0
Family status						
Lone parents ¹⁵⁸	88.9	3.9	1.9	4.5	0.9	100.0
Other parents ¹⁵⁹	88.6	3.6	2.6	4.7	0.4	100.0
Carers ¹⁵⁷	92.9	2.4	1.8	2.3	0.5	100.0
Religion						
Roman Catholic	93.5	1.5	3.1	1.3	0.6	100.0
Other Christian	60.2	14.1	6.6	18.3	0.7	100.0
Other stated religions	35.0	4.5	4.9	54.4	1.1	100.0
No religion ¹⁶⁰	57.9	9.7	13.4	10.2	8.7	100.0
Age group						
0-14	92.7	1.8	1.5	2.8	1.2	100.0
15-24	86.8	1.8	6.5	3.9	1.0	100.0
25-44	82.5	3.4	7.1	6.2	0.9	100.0
45-64	92.6	3.3	1.6	1.3	1.1	100.0
65 & over	95.2	2.3	0.4	0.6	1.5	100.0
Disability¹⁶¹	92.8	3.4	1.2	1.7	0.9	100.0
Ethnicity¹⁶²						
White	91.9	2.5	3.7	1.3	0.6	100.0
Black or Black Irish	29.3	1.4	2.4	65.2	1.6	100.0
Asian or Asian Irish	17.8	2.7	1.0	77.6	1.0	100.0
Other including mixed	27.8	15.2	20.1	35.9	1.0	100.0
Irish Traveller	97.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.2	100.0
Total	88.8	2.7	3.9	3.5	1.1	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

¹⁵⁴ Reference period April 2006. Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. As throughout the report, Irish nationality figures also include those with dual Irish and other nationality.

¹⁵⁵ EU member countries as of April 2006. As throughout the report, it excludes Bulgaria and Romania.

¹⁵⁶ Includes 'no nationality'. Of the 6.1% of the usually resident population who were in this category; 4.4% answered 'no nationality' and 1.7% were 'not stated'.

¹⁵⁷ Persons aged 15 and over.

¹⁵⁸ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹⁵⁹ Other parents = Total parents – Lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband & wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹⁶⁰ Includes 'not stated'.

¹⁶¹ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or a difficulty doing certain activities.

¹⁶² Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night. Excludes 'not stated'.

9.2 Nationality by equality ground for 25-44 age group, 2006¹⁵⁴

Ground	% of category					Total
	Irish	UK	Other EU ¹⁵⁵	Other stated	Not stated ¹⁵⁶	
Gender						
Male	80.8	3.3	8.5	6.3	1.1	100.0
Female	84.2	3.4	5.6	6.0	0.7	100.0
Marital status						
Single	83.6	2.8	8.3	4.2	1.1	100.0
Married	82.1	3.6	5.6	8.0	0.6	100.0
Separated/divorced	76.4	6.4	9.9	6.3	0.9	100.0
Widowed	70.8	3.4	6.6	8.9	10.3	100.0
Family status						
Lone parents ¹⁵⁸	87.2	4.1	2.2	5.6	0.9	100.0
Other parents ¹⁵⁹	86.5	3.9	3.2	6.0	0.4	100.0
Carers	89.9	2.5	2.9	4.1	0.5	100.0
Religion						
Roman Catholic	89.8	1.8	5.8	2.2	0.4	100.0
Other Christian	43.0	14.9	10.2	31.2	0.6	100.0
Other stated religions	20.6	4.1	6.4	67.8	1.1	100.0
No religion ¹⁶⁰	49.6	11.2	18.9	13.5	6.7	100.0
Disability¹⁶¹	88.1	4.3	2.9	3.9	0.8	100.0
Ethnicity¹⁶²						
White	87.3	3.2	6.9	2.2	0.4	100.0
Black or Black Irish	5.8	1.7	3.1	87.7	1.6	100.0
Asian or Asian Irish	6.7	2.4	1.1	88.9	0.9	100.0
Other including mixed	11.6	11.9	26.2	49.4	0.9	100.0
Irish Traveller	97.7	1.2	0.0	0.1	1.0	100.0
Total	82.5	3.4	7.1	6.2	0.9	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Section 9 examines the nationality ground, which includes tables on ethnicity. The 2006 Census of Population was the first occasion that data on ethnic and cultural background were collected.
- ◆ Irish nationals accounted for 88.8% of the usually resident population in 2006 followed by Other EU nationals at 3.9% (see Table 9.1).
- ◆ 91.9% of persons with a White ethnic background and 29.3% of persons with a Black or Black Irish background were Irish nationals (see Table 9.1).
- ◆ Other EU nationals accounted for 8.5% of males and for 5.6% of females in the 25-44 age group. Non-EU nationals in the 25-44 age group accounted for 6.3% of males and 6.0% of females (see Table 9.2).
- ◆ In the 25-44 age group, Non-EU nationals accounted for 67.8% of persons with a non-Christian religion (see Table 9.2).

9.3 Ethnicity by sex, 2006¹⁶³

Category	000 persons			%
	Male	Female	Total	% female
White Irish	1,804.8	1,840.4	3,645.2	50.5
White Irish Traveller	11.0	11.4	22.4	50.9
Other white background	156.9	132.2	289.0	45.7
African or other black background	21.8	22.5	44.3	50.8
Chinese	8.7	7.8	16.5	47.5
Other Asian background	18.3	17.5	35.8	48.9
Total	2,023.5	2,033.5	4,057.0	50.1

Source: CSO Census of Population

9.4 Ethnicity by age, 2006¹⁶³

Age group	% of total					
	White Irish	Irish Traveller	Other white	Black	Chinese	Other Asian
0-14	20.6	41.4	12.3	40.9	12.5	21.7
15-24	14.6	20.5	18.1	10.3	32.9	14.3
25-44	29.7	25.3	50.5	44.5	46.5	55.1
45-64	23.1	10.1	15.3	4.0	7.1	8.1
65 & over	12.0	2.6	3.8	0.3	1.0	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Different ethnic groups were generally evenly balanced between both males and females in 2006, though there were more men than women in the Other white background category (see Table 9.3).
- ◆ There was a high proportion of Irish Travellers in the 0-14 age group (41.4%). People of Other white background (mainly British, Polish, etc.) were predominantly in the 25-44 age group (50.5%). People with Black ethnic backgrounds were concentrated in the 0-14 (40.9%) and 25-44 (44.5%) age groups (see Table 9.4).

¹⁶³ Excludes 'not stated' and 'other'. Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night.

9.5 Employment status by nationality, 2006¹⁶⁴

Nationality	% of cohort			
	Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Total
Irish	56.1	4.8	39.1	100.0
Non-Irish nationals	66.6	9.1	24.3	100.0
<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	56.7	6.7	36.7	100.0
EU 15 excl. Ireland & UK	74.2	5.4	20.4	100.0
Accession States EU 10	84.3	8.8	6.9	100.0
Non-EU	55.7	12.7	31.6	100.0
Total aged 15 & over	57.2	5.3	37.5	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

9.6 Employment status by ethnicity, 2006¹⁶⁴

Ethnicity	% of cohort			
	Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Total
White Irish	56.3	4.6	39.1	100.0
White Irish Traveller	13.8	41.2	45.0	100.0
Other white background	71.8	7.6	20.6	100.0
African or other black background	40.7	26.6	32.6	100.0
Chinese	47.8	6.3	45.8	100.0
Other Asian background	62.9	7.8	29.3	100.0
Total aged 15 & over	57.2	5.2	37.6	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ 84.3% of persons aged 15 and over from the 10 countries that joined the EU in 2004 were in employment in 2006. This was significantly higher than the other non-Irish national groupings (see Table 9.5).
- ◆ 26.6% of those of African or other black background ethnicity were unemployed in 2006 compared to 4.6% of White Irish (see Table 9.6)

¹⁶⁴ Persons aged 15 and over usually resident and present in the State on Census night. PES basis of employment used to calculate these data. Total excludes 'not stated' and 'other'.

9.7 Educational attainment by nationality¹⁶⁵, 2006

Nationality	% of category			
	Primary only or less	Secondary only	Third level or higher	Total
Irish	20.4	50.5	29.1	100.0
UK	8.1	55.5	36.4	100.0
Other EU	4.4	59.2	36.4	100.0
Other stated	7.5	38.5	54.0	100.0
Not stated ¹⁶⁶	34.2	50.0	15.8	100.0
Total	19.1	50.7	30.2	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ 54% of Non-EU nationals had third level or higher education compared to 29.1% of Irish nationals. UK and Other EU nationals also had higher rates of third level education (36.4%) compared to Irish nationals. These differences are partially explained by varying age profiles (see Tables 9.7 and 7.1).
- ◆ Almost three-quarters (72.1%) of those from Other Asian background had third level education or higher in 2006 compared to 29.1% of those of White Irish ethnicity (see Table 9.8).

9.8 Educational attainment by ethnicity¹⁶⁷, 2006

Ethnicity	% of category			
	Primary only or less	Secondary only	Third level or higher	Total
White Irish	20.2	50.7	29.1	100.0
White Irish Traveller	77.0	22.2	0.8	100.0
Other white background	4.9	54.8	40.3	100.0
African or other black background	7.4	43.6	49.0	100.0
Chinese	13.3	45.2	41.5	100.0
Other Asian background	4.8	23.1	72.1	100.0
Total	19.1	50.7	30.2	100.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

¹⁶⁵ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night who have ceased full time education. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.

¹⁶⁶ Includes 'no nationality'.

¹⁶⁷ Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census night who have ceased full time education. Excludes 'not stated' ethnicity and persons who did not state a 'level of education completed' and 'other stated' ethnic background.

10. Traveller community

10.1 Irish Travellers by equality ground and age, 2006¹⁶⁸

Ground	% of category 000 persons					Total	Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over		
Gender							
Male	43.1	20.2	23.9	10.3	2.5	100.0	11.0
Female	39.9	20.8	26.6	9.9	2.8	100.0	11.4
Marital status							
Single	:	66.9	27.1	4.7	1.3	100.0	5.1
Married	:	16.8	54.3	24.6	4.3	100.0	6.5
Separated/divorced	:	9.2	64.2	24.6	2.0	100.0	1.0
Widowed	:	0.8	19.0	34.1	46.2	100.0	0.5
Family status							
Lone parents ¹⁶⁹	:	14.9	69.7	15.0	0.5	100.0	1.1
Other parents ¹⁷⁰	:	15.2	66.7	17.9	0.2	100.0	5.0
Carers ¹⁷¹	:	21.5	49.4	24.1	5.0	100.0	0.5
Religion							
Roman Catholic	41.4	20.5	25.3	10.2	2.7	100.0	21.3
Other Christian	35.9	25.2	28.1	9.1	1.7	100.0	0.6
Other stated religions	0.0	13.3	40.0	46.7	0.0	100.0	0.0
No religion ¹⁷²	52.3	16.6	22.0	7.2	1.8	100.0	0.5
Disability¹⁷³	17.6	13.8	31.9	26.3	10.5	100.0	2.6
Total (%)	41.5	20.5	25.3	10.1	2.7	100.0	
Total (000 persons)	9.3	4.6	5.7	2.3	0.6		22.4

Source: CSO Census of Population

- ◆ Section 10 examines the Traveller community ground. Over two in five Irish Travellers (41.5%) were aged under 15 in 2006 compared to one in five (20.4%) for the population as a whole (see Tables 10.1 and 1.1).
- ◆ 13.8% of Travellers aged 15 and over were in employment compared to 57.2% of the overall population (see Table 10.3).
- ◆ 0.8% of Irish Travellers had attained third level education in 2006 compared to 30.5% of the population as a whole. The rate for female Travellers (1.1%) was higher than the rate for male Travellers (0.6%) (see Table 10.4).

¹⁶⁸ Reference period April 2006.

¹⁶⁹ Parents with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

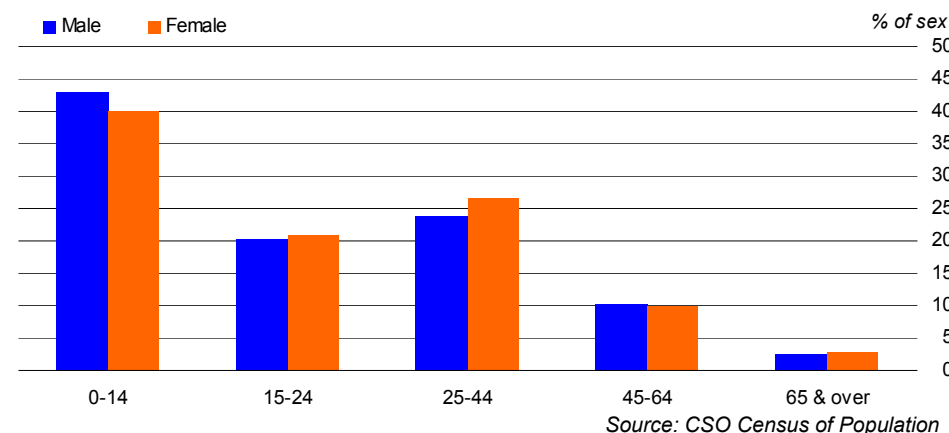
¹⁷⁰ Other parents = Total parents – Lone parents = Couples (i.e. husband & wife or cohabiting couple) with youngest child (never married) aged under 18 usually resident in the same household.

¹⁷¹ Persons aged 15 and over.

¹⁷² Includes 'not stated'.

¹⁷³ Persons who answered that they had a long-lasting condition and/or a difficulty doing certain activities.

10.2 Irish Travellers by age and sex, 2006



10.3 Employment¹⁷⁴ of Irish Travellers by age, 2006

Age group	Irish Travellers			Population		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-24	13.7	10.0	11.8	43.5	35.5	39.5
25-44	20.0	12.1	15.8	87.0	70.4	78.8
45-64	19.3	12.9	16.1	74.7	51.2	63.0
65 & over	2.2	1.5	1.9	12.0	3.5	7.2
Total	16.9	11.0	13.8	66.0	48.5	57.2
Total at work (000)	1.1	0.8	1.8	1,107.2	822.8	1,930.0

Source: CSO Census of Population

10.4 Third level education¹⁷⁵ of Irish Travellers by sex, 2006

Category	% of cohort	
	Irish Travellers	Population
Male	0.6	27.7
Female	1.1	33.2
Total	0.8	30.5

Source: CSO Census of Population

¹⁷⁴ Based on principal economic status. The number of persons employed as a percentage of the total population in a particular age cohort.

¹⁷⁵ Persons whose full-time education had ceased and who had attained a third level education. Excludes persons who did not state a 'level of education completed'.