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Vital Statistics

- There were 64,237 births registered in 2006 - 33,085 males and 31,152 females.
- There were 27,479 deaths registered in 2006 - 14,111 males and 13,368 females.
- The death rate continues to fall steadily. The number of deaths per thousand population in 2006 was 6.5.
- There were 21,841 marriages registered in 2006.
- The average age at marriage of grooms increased by almost 3 years between 1996 and 2005 and the average at marriage of brides increased by over 2 and a half years.
- The number of divorces granted by the Circuit Court and the High Court in 2006 was 3,466.
- The most popular babies' names in 2006 were Sean and Sarah.

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Introduction

This chapter contains statistics on births, deaths and marriages which are compiled by the Central Statistics Office on behalf of the Minister for Health and Children, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1952 and Section 73 of the Civil Registration Act 2004. The chapter also contains figures on divorce, nullity and judicial separation applications, provided by the Courts Service.

Births

Tables 5.1, 5.2 and 5.6 contain information on births. There were 53,969 babies born in 1998 and the number has risen fairly steadily since then. In 2006, there were 64,237 births – 33,085 male and 31,152 female. Almost a third of births, 21,295, were outside marriage in 2006. This compares with 15,492 births outside marriage, just over a quarter of the total, in 1998.

The average age of unmarried mothers is lower than for married mothers. Over two fifths of births outside marriage are to mothers aged under 25, with 8,765 births to mothers in this age category in 2006.

The total period fertility rate (TPFR), in table 5.7, estimates the number of children who would be born to each female over her lifetime on the basis of current birth patterns. This is an indicator of generation replacement. Even with the recent rise in births, the TPFR remains below the replacement level of 2.1 for the last decade and stands at 1.90 in 2006. This contrasts with previous decades when fertility was much higher – the TPFR was 3.76 in 1960, 3.87 in 1970, 3.23 in 1980 and 2.12 in 1990.

The most popular babies' names in 2006 were Sean and Sarah.

Deaths

Tables 5.2 to 5.5 contain information on deaths. A total of 27,479 deaths were registered in 2006, giving a mortality rate of 6.5 per 1,000 population. The death rate for males was 6.7 per 1,000 population and for females was 6.3 per 1,000 population. The most common causes of death were diseases of the circulatory system (9,662 deaths), malignant neoplasms (7,868) and diseases of the respiratory system (3,978). Injury and poisoning accounted for 1,292 deaths. There were 409 deaths due to suicide and 285 due to motor vehicle accidents.

Life Expectancy

As a result of long-term falls in mortality, people are living longer. Table 5.12 shows the life expectancy figures since 1925 and table 5.13 contains projections up to 2037. A baby boy or girl born in 1925 could expect, on the basis of the mortality figures at that time, to live on average to about 57 years. The exact figures were 57.4 years for boys and 57.9 years for girls. By contrast, the estimated life expectancy for people born in 2002 is 75.1 years for boys and 80.3 years for girls. Assuming that similar

trends continue into the future, male life expectancy in Ireland may be approaching 83 years by the year 2037 and female life expectancy should be about 87 years.

Marriages

Tables 5.2, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11 give information on marriages. There were 21,841 marriages registered in 2006, compared with 21,355 in 2005. The figures for 2005 and 2006 were considerably above 1998, when there were 16,783 marriages. Nevertheless, the number of marriages per year is considerably below the peak levels recorded in the 1970s. Throughout that decade, the annual number of marriages exceeded 20,000 with the highest annual figure, of 22,833, recorded in 1974. The number of marriages subsequently fell from 21,792 in 1980 to 18,174 in 1989 and the trend continued downward until the mid-1990s.

While the majority of marriages are celebrated according to Roman Catholic rites, the share of civil marriages in the total is increasing. In 1970, there were 121 civil marriages, accounting for about half a percent of the total. By 1980, this had risen to 388 civil marriages (1.8%) and in 1990, 656 (or 3.7%). In 2005, the latest year for which this breakdown is available, there were 4,762 civil marriages, representing 22.3% of the total.

Divorces

Table 5.14 gives information on divorce applications under the Divorce Act, 1996. In 1997, the first year in which the legislation operated, there were 95 divorces granted. The number of divorces granted increased to 1,421 in 1998 and by 2004 the number increased to 3,347. There were 3,411 divorces granted in 2005 and 3,466 in 2006.

Technical Notes

Reference period for Vital Statistics

The figures on births and deaths relate to those which occurred in the relevant years up to 2004 inclusive. Figures for 2005 and 2006 relate to births and deaths registered in those years.

The figures for marriages relate to year of registration. Due to delays in the provision of information from the registration system, some details of marriages are only currently available up to 1996 and for the years 2002 and 2005.

Total Period Fertility Rate (TPFR)

The Total Period Fertility Rate (TPFR) is derived from the age-specific fertility rates in the current year. It represents the projected number of children a woman would have if she experienced the current age-specific fertility rates while progressing from age 15 to 49 years. A value of 2.1 is generally taken to be the level at which the population would replace itself in the long run, ignoring migration.

Life Expectancy

Life expectancy estimates are calculated using mortality data for the three year period around a Census year. The most recent estimates refer to 2001-2003. The projected life expectancy figures up to 2031 are taken from the CSO's Population and Labour Force Projections.

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Table 5.1 Births and deaths registered, 2006

	Births	Deaths
Leinster	36,001	13,277
Carlow	847	310
Dublin City	6,446	4,175
South Dublin	4,305	817
Fingal	4,612	725
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	2,260	1,120
Kildare	3,405	819
Kilkenny	1,197	543
Laois	1,060	403
Longford	564	245
Louth	1,703	718
Meath	2,907	763
Offaly	1,102	420
Westmeath	1,361	508
Wexford	2,120	915
Wicklow	2,112	796
Munster	17,468	8,423
Clare	1,741	813
Cork City	1,638	1,054
Cork County	5,688	2,213
Kerry	1,789	1,131
Limerick City	774	415
Limerick County	1,962	873
North Tipperary	1,056	563
South Tipperary	1,065	605
Waterford City	617	262
Waterford County	1,138	494
Connacht	7,028	3,757
Galway City	885	164
Galway County	2,519	1,339
Leitrim	396	249
Mayo	1,623	1,079
Roscommon	762	448
Sligo	843	478
Ulster	3,740	2,022
Cavan	990	542
Donegal	2,067	1,087
Monaghan	683	393
STATE	64,237	27,479
Regional Authorities		
Border	6,682	3,467
Midland	4,087	1,576
West	5,789	3,030
Dublin	17,623	6,837
Mid-East	8,424	2,378
Mid-West	5,533	2,664
South-East	6,984	3,129
South-West	9,115	4,398

Source: CSO

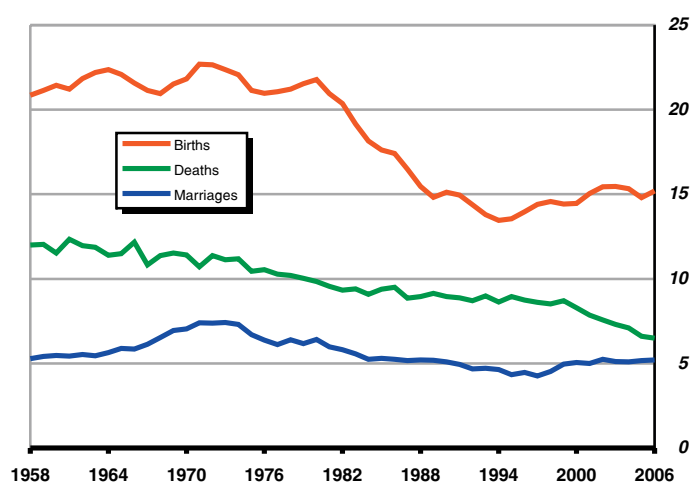
Table 5.2 Live births, deaths and marriages, and rates per 1,000 population

Number and rate

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Marriages	16,783	18,526	19,168	19,246	20,556	20,302	20,619	21,355	21,841
Births									
Male	27,848	27,817	28,175	29,684	31,013	31,455	31,966	31,369	33,085
Female	26,121	26,107	26,614	28,170	29,490	30,074	30,006	29,673	31,152
Total	53,969	53,924	54,789	57,854	60,503	61,529	61,972	61,042	64,237
Births within marriage	38,477	37,134	37,523	39,740	41,624	42,319	42,174	41,514	42,942
Births outside marriage	15,492	16,790	17,266	18,114	18,879	19,210	19,798	19,528	21,295
Births outside marriage as % of total births	28.7	31.1	31.5	31.3	31.2	31.2	31.9	32.0	33.2
Deaths									
Male	16,553	16,961	16,192	15,691	15,390	14,882	14,801	13,904	14,111
Female	15,010	15,647	15,199	14,521	14,293	14,192	13,864	13,537	13,368
Total	31,563	32,608	31,391	30,212	29,683	29,074	28,665	27,441	27,479
Natural increase	22,406	21,316	23,398	27,642	30,820	32,455	33,307	33,601	36,758
Rates per 1,000 of population									
Marriages	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2
Births	14.6	14.4	14.5	15.1	15.4	15.5	15.3	14.8	15.2
Deaths	8.5	8.7	8.3	7.9	7.6	7.3	7.1	6.6	6.5

Source: CSO

Birth, death and marriage rates per 1,000 population



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Table 5.3 Deaths classified by age and sex

Number

Age at death	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males										
Under 1 year	164	196	172	203	178	169	193	153	114	136
1-4	30	33	41	29	45	30	26	28	25	21
5-9	17	14	32	20	20	17	19	25	16	22
10-14	38	33	37	21	23	29	28	16	17	19
15-19	137	146	141	146	129	117	87	106	97	96
20-24	226	221	191	205	185	186	183	168	161	161
25-34	303	329	354	355	365	384	313	329	311	301
35-44	423	452	432	478	468	449	432	461	396	369
45-54	896	908	988	970	925	994	890	899	836	845
55-64	1,918	1,940	1,901	1,870	1,873	1,835	1,832	1,819	1,711	1,659
65-74	4,272	4,119	4,121	3,876	3,680	3,488	3,302	3,305	3,072	3,081
75-84	5,597	5,625	5,753	5,387	5,081	5,056	4,966	4,869	4,559	4,600
85-94	2,305	2,396	2,618	2,464	2,577	2,497	2,441	2,447	2,414	2,607
95 and over	175	141	180	168	142	139	170	176	175	194
Total	16,501	16,553	16,961	16,192	15,691	15,390	14,882	14,801	13,904	14,111
Females										
Under 1 year	157	120	145	135	153	136	133	134	130	102
1-4	30	25	33	16	33	29	23	18	23	12
5-9	13	18	15	19	16	11	10	15	11	7
10-14	23	26	24	22	20	21	14	17	18	17
15-19	62	54	51	61	40	47	34	32	36	49
20-24	51	47	58	63	64	54	54	44	50	45
25-34	125	115	114	116	111	137	107	129	120	117
35-44	263	272	252	307	301	258	250	277	249	226
45-54	583	567	598	626	643	553	565	561	576	570
55-64	1,092	1,078	1,091	1,074	988	996	1,146	1,093	1,052	1,085
65-74	2,789	2,657	2,633	2,561	2,271	2,253	2,104	2,078	2,002	1,816
75-84	5,427	5,397	5,583	5,247	5,158	4,891	4,926	4,595	4,446	4,383
85-94	4,009	4,096	4,499	4,410	4,167	4,336	4,241	4,249	4,194	4,290
95 and over	456	538	551	542	556	571	585	622	630	649
Total	15,080	15,010	15,647	15,199	14,521	14,293	14,192	13,864	13,537	13,368

Source: CSO

Suicide rate per 100,000 population

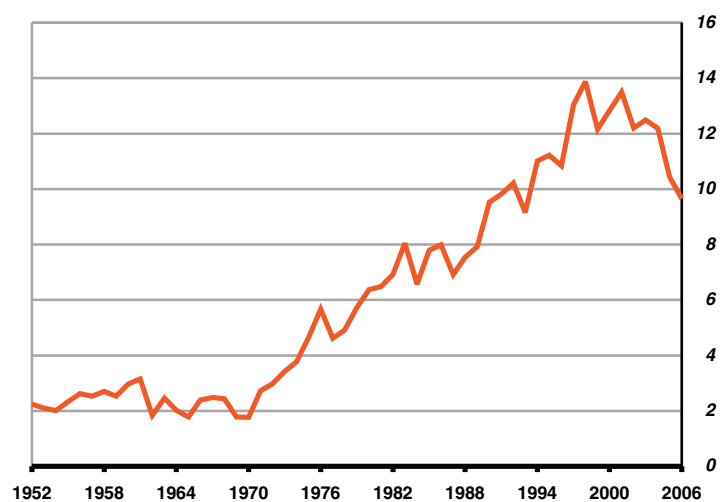
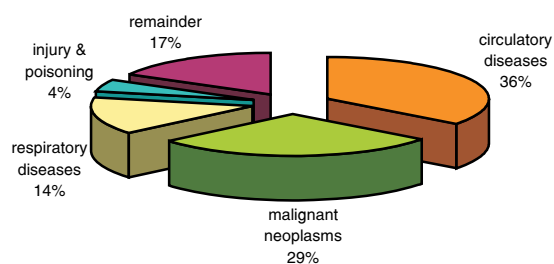


Table 5.4 Death rates per 1,000 population, classified by sex and age group

Age at death	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males											
Under 5	1.55	1.51	1.75	1.59	1.69	1.59	1.40	1.50	1.22	0.91	1.02
5-9	0.17	0.12	0.10	0.23	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.18	0.11	0.15
10-14	0.28	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.14	0.15	0.20	0.19	0.11	0.12	0.14
15-19	0.70	0.78	0.83	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.73	0.55	0.69	0.64	0.65
20-24	1.40	1.49	1.45	1.24	1.30	1.15	1.13	1.09	0.99	0.94	0.93
25-34	1.32	1.16	1.23	1.29	1.25	1.24	1.24	0.99	1.01	0.90	0.82
35-44	1.70	1.68	1.76	1.64	1.78	1.71	1.60	1.52	1.58	1.32	1.17
45-54	4.27	4.16	4.08	4.33	4.15	3.89	4.11	3.64	3.62	3.29	3.22
55-64	13.18	12.84	12.67	12.05	11.47	11.02	10.34	9.88	9.46	8.62	8.07
65-74	39.17	38.45	36.78	36.57	34.12	31.97	29.81	27.72	27.13	24.64	24.18
75 and over	122.08	119.66	118.81	124.11	115.05	109.86	106.54	103.23	99.36	91.88	92.98
Total	9.26	9.07	9.00	9.13	8.60	8.20	7.91	7.53	7.36	6.75	6.65
Females											
Under 5	1.37	1.54	1.18	1.41	1.17	1.40	1.22	1.12	1.07	1.06	0.77
5-9	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.11	0.15	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.08	0.05
10-14	0.10	0.15	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.13
15-19	0.31	0.37	0.32	0.31	0.38	0.26	0.31	0.23	0.22	0.25	0.35
20-24	0.27	0.35	0.32	0.39	0.41	0.41	0.33	0.32	0.26	0.29	0.27
25-34	0.48	0.47	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.38	0.44	0.34	0.40	0.36	0.33
35-44	0.94	1.03	1.04	0.95	1.13	1.08	0.91	0.87	0.95	0.84	0.73
45-54	2.65	2.76	2.60	2.67	2.72	2.75	2.31	2.32	2.27	2.28	2.20
55-64	7.19	7.39	7.10	6.99	6.67	5.89	5.72	6.31	5.80	5.37	5.38
65-74	22.21	21.70	20.76	20.68	20.15	17.80	17.52	16.22	15.81	14.97	13.44
75 and over	92.47	90.59	89.72	94.01	89.15	85.03	82.89	81.13	77.40	74.40	74.10
Total	8.24	8.17	8.05	8.31	7.97	7.51	7.25	7.09	6.82	6.53	6.31

Source: CSO

Principal causes of death



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Table 5.5 Deaths classified by cause and rates, per 100,000 population

Cause of death	Number of deaths					Death rates per 100,000				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total deaths	29,683	28,823	28,665	27,441	27,479	757.8	724.4	708.9	664.3	648.1
Infectious and parasitic diseases	181	151	156	169	160	4.6	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.8
Malignant neoplasms	7,503	7,568	7,828	7,614	7,868	191.5	190.2	193.6	184.3	185.6
Diseases of the circulatory system	11,652	10,984	10,666	9,984	9,662	297.5	276.1	263.8	241.7	227.9
Diseases of the respiratory system	4,344	4,428	4,079	3,955	3,978	110.9	111.3	100.9	95.7	93.8
Diseases of the digestive system	1,025	1,006	1,008	990	1,012	26.2	25.3	24.9	24.0	23.9
Injury and poisoning	1,603	1,457	1,420	1,303	1,292	40.9	36.6	35.1	31.5	30.5
Other	3,375	3,229	3,508	3,426	3,507	86.2	81.2	86.8	82.9	82.7
External causes (included above)										
Accidents and adverse effects	1,158	1,030	991	933	955	29.6	25.9	24.5	22.6	22.5
Motor vehicle traffic accidents	368	293	308	269	285	9.4	7.4	7.6	6.5	6.7
Suicide	478	444	493	431	409	12.2	11.2	12.2	10.4	9.6
Other	132	127	110	98	75	3.4	3.2	2.7	2.4	1.8

Source: CSO

Table 5.6 Births classified by age of mother at maternity

Number

Age	Total births						Births outside marriage					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
15 and under	67	62	58	50	42	48	63	59	57	50	41	48
Under 20	3,087	2,948	2,828	2,493	2,427	2,362	2,870	2,693	2,609	2,279	2,261	2,202
20-24	8,325	8,557	8,378	8,213	7,785	8,345	6,427	6,436	6,212	6,392	6,131	6,515
25-29	14,160	14,592	14,647	14,428	13,650	14,891	4,599	4,912	5,078	5,431	5,363	6,239
30-34	19,276	20,370	20,970	21,407	21,335	22,002	2,582	2,977	3,294	3,461	3,526	3,876
35-39	10,779	11,651	12,114	12,651	13,208	13,856	1,253	1,390	1,532	1,706	1,812	1,961
40-44	1,867	1,971	2,186	2,299	2,452	2,648	274	315	352	378	389	471
45 and over	79	70	66	69	74	98	9	14	12	18	15	18
Age not stated	281	344	340	412	111	35	100	142	121	133	31	13
All ages	57,854	60,503	61,529	61,972	61,042	64,237	18,114	18,879	19,210	19,798	19,528	21,295

Source: CSO

Average age at maternity at first birth by marital status

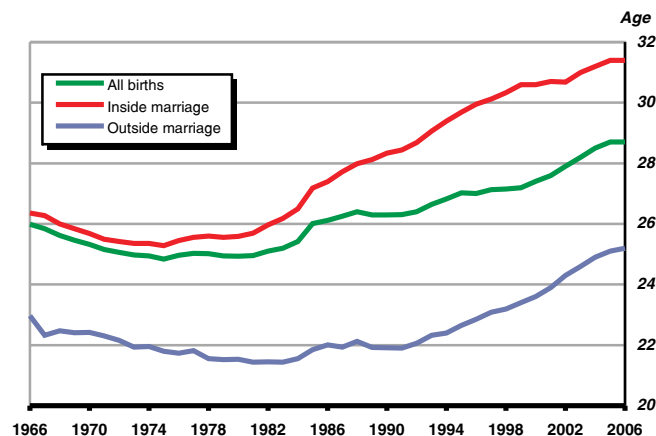


Table 5.7 Age specific fertility rates and total period fertility rates

Year	Age at maternity							Total period fertility rates
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
1960	8.8	103.9	209.6	213.1	156.3	56.0	4.2	3.76
1961	9.5	108.2	216.9	209.6	152.1	57.7	4.2	3.79
1962	11.2	114.2	224.1	214.8	155.8	59.5	4.5	3.92
1963	12.2	120.1	229.2	223.0	153.9	60.1	3.5	4.01
1964	13.1	123.1	237.8	221.7	152.3	61.3	3.7	4.06
1965	14.0	125.1	236.1	218.9	150.3	57.6	4.2	4.03
1966	13.5	128.1	232.5	213.1	144.4	54.9	4.3	3.95
1967	14.5	129.7	220.0	208.3	138.6	52.9	4.4	3.84
1968	14.1	134.8	222.5	197.8	133.8	48.5	4.1	3.78
1969	15.4	139.7	228.7	199.5	133.1	48.1	4.4	3.85
1970	16.3	145.5	228.7	201.9	131.9	45.3	3.7	3.87
1971	19.1	150.3	243.5	200.5	131.7	46.6	3.3	3.98
1972	21.3	152.1	241.5	187.6	125.7	43.4	3.4	3.88
1973	22.4	149.9	235.0	181.2	115.6	41.3	2.7	3.74
1974	22.6	145.4	229.5	171.9	111.2	39.9	2.8	3.62
1975	22.8	138.5	216.0	162.2	100.2	36.8	2.6	3.40
1976	21.9	133.7	211.7	162.2	94.9	34.8	3.1	3.31
1977	21.2	130.4	205.5	166.7	93.9	33.2	3.0	3.27
1978	21.8	126.2	201.7	167.8	96.5	31.1	2.8	3.24
1979	22.7	125.9	202.5	168.4	94.1	29.9	2.3	3.23
1980	23.0	125.3	202.3	165.7	97.3	29.6	2.3	3.23
1981	22.2	117.4	190.3	161.5	93.6	26.5	2.4	3.07
1982	20.7	110.2	185.0	156.9	91.6	24.9	2.2	2.96
1983	18.7	102.6	172.3	146.9	84.6	25.0	1.7	2.76
1984	18.0	95.4	163.3	138.4	78.9	21.8	1.9	2.59
1985	16.6	87.2	158.6	138.4	75.3	21.6	1.5	2.50
1986	16.4	83.1	154.3	139.0	73.4	21.2	1.5	2.44
1987	16.1	75.4	147.9	132.3	68.6	19.8	1.3	2.31
1988	15.3	69.6	141.0	125.5	63.2	17.8	1.1	2.17
1989	14.8	64.0	134.4	122.0	62.4	17.0	1.1	2.08
1990	16.7	63.3	137.6	126.2	63.1	15.4	1.1	2.12
1991	17.1	64.0	131.8	124.4	63.4	15.2	1.0	2.09
1992	16.9	58.9	123.9	122.3	61.3	14.4	0.8	1.99
1993	16.3	53.8	116.5	121.2	58.5	14.1	0.9	1.91
1994	15.0	50.7	112.5	119.8	58.6	12.8	0.7	1.85
1995	15.1	50.3	106.7	123.5	60.3	13.1	0.8	1.85
1996	16.7	52.2	105.3	127.1	63.9	11.8	0.6	1.89
1997	17.5	50.9	106.4	131.5	66.6	13.4	0.8	1.94
1998	19.2	52.5	103.1	131.5	69.3	13.4	0.6	1.95
1999	20.2	51.0	99.4	129.5	68.5	12.9	0.6	1.91
2000	19.5	51.6	95.1	129.3	71.3	13.6	0.5	1.90
2001	19.9	53.3	95.1	134.1	75.3	13.9	0.7	1.96
2002	19.4	52.8	93.7	134.5	80.0	14.5	0.6	1.98
2003	19.0	50.3	92.6	135.0	82.3	15.7	0.5	1.98
2004	17.1	49.1	88.4	134.2	83.9	16.2	0.5	1.95
2005	16.8	45.9	78.8	130.3	87.2	16.8	0.6	1.88
2006	16.6	49.2	81.1	128.1	87.6	17.7	0.7	1.90

Source: CSO

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Table 5.8 Marriages registered in 2005 classified by age and marital status of groom

Age	Single	Widowers	Divorced	Total
Age of groom				
Under 20	116	-	-	116
20-24	1,022	-	3	1,025
25-29	6,449	3	23	6,475
30-34	7,800	6	97	7,903
35-39	2,905	11	229	3,145
40-44	951	15	323	1,289
45-49	293	20	285	598
50-54	111	26	221	358
55-59	60	33	116	209
60 and over	47	83	102	232
Not stated	5	-	-	5
All ages	19,759	197	1,399	21,355
Average age of groom	32.0	56.9	46.2	33.1

Source: CSO

Table 5.9 Marriages registered in 2005 classified by age and marital status of bride

Age	Single	Widowers	Divorced	Total
Age of bride				
Under 20	245	1	-	246
20-24	2,041	2	9	2,052
25-29	8,435	5	41	8,481
30-34	6,553	15	165	6,733
35-39	1,946	18	244	2,208
40-44	496	18	266	780
45-49	195	25	184	404
50-54	69	14	140	223
55-59	37	22	61	120
60 and over	25	47	23	95
Not stated	13	-	-	13
All ages	20,055	167	1,133	21,355
Average age of bride	30.2	50.3	42.6	31.0

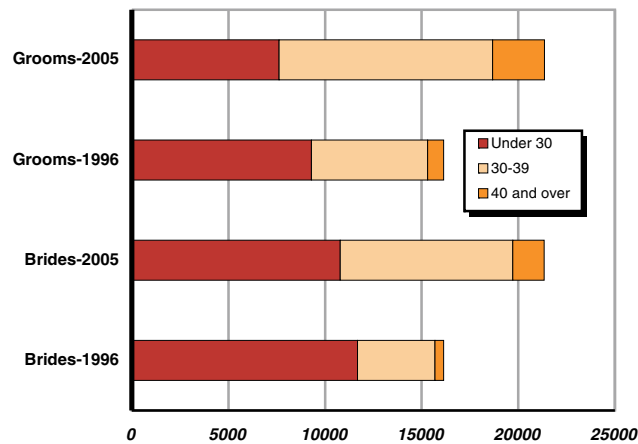
Source: CSO

Table 5.10 Marriages registered in 2005 classified by month and day of week of marriage

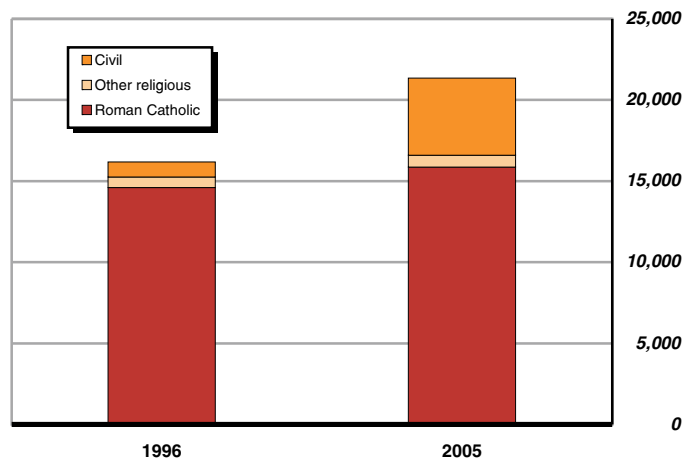
Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence							Total
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
January	12	71	41	52	61	198	179	614
February	3	89	51	44	86	270	228	771
March	15	87	74	116	119	306	271	988
April	14	58	50	61	146	608	707	1,644
May	27	95	82	79	217	602	688	1,790
June	26	96	79	104	308	786	910	2,309
July	55	91	87	120	347	1,107	1,156	2,963
August	42	206	111	159	380	976	1,005	2,879
September	22	97	63	111	423	1,210	1,060	2,986
October	32	100	53	72	195	647	832	1,931
November	8	60	63	77	125	370	350	1,053
December	15	157	183	216	309	380	167	1,427
Total	271	1,207	937	1,211	2,716	7,460	7,553	21,355

Source: CSO

Number of marriages classified by ages of brides and grooms



Number of marriages classified by form of ceremony



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Table 5.11 Summary data for marriages 1991-1996, 2002 and 2005

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	2002	2005
State	17,441	16,636	16,824	16,621	15,604	16,174	20,556	21,355
Marriages per 1,000 population	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.2	5.2
Average age of groom	28.7	29.0	29.3	29.8	30.0	30.2	32.5	33.1
Average age of bride	26.9	27.1	27.4	27.8	28.1	28.4	30.4	31.0
Percentage of marriages by age of groom								
Under 20	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5
20-24	22.0	19.6	17.3	14.9	12.8	10.8	5.4	4.8
25-29	47.4	47.9	47.9	47.4	46.5	46.3	34.6	30.3
30-34	20.0	21.6	23.0	24.3	27.3	29.0	34.9	37.0
35-39	5.7	5.9	6.5	7.3	7.8	8.2	13.6	14.7
Over 40	4.0	4.2	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.2	10.8	12.6
Percentage of marriages by age of bride								
Under 20	3.2	2.5	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
20-24	35.1	32.4	29.9	27.3	23.7	21.6	11.7	9.6
25-29	43.5	46.2	46.8	47.5	49.1	49.5	42.9	39.7
30-34	12.6	13.5	14.8	16.7	18.8	19.9	28.3	31.5
35-39	3.6	3.3	4.0	4.1	4.4	5.1	9.4	10.3
Over 40	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.7	6.5	7.6
Form of Ceremony								
Roman Catholic	16,293	15,255	15,400	15,200	14,158	14,607	15,908	15,867
Church of Ireland	392	521	444	434	425	483	781	553
Presbyterian	52	98	58	51	76	91	112	119
Methodist	30	35	43	33	25	38	40	17
Jewish	–	–	1	3	1	2	6	5
Other Religious	25	32	41	50	28	25	26	32
Civil Marriages	649	695	837	850	891	928	3,683	4,762
Country of future residence								
Outside Republic of Ireland	2,887	2,656	2,740	2,661	2,502	2,604	2,293	1,890
Northern Ireland	202	176	204	235	216	271	256	257
Britain	1,845	1,710	1,614	1,537	1,404	1,359	1,205	1,057
Europe (remainder)	162	193	242	166	203	222	182	129
USA	438	363	415	509	490	570	480	281
Elsewhere	240	214	265	214	189	182	170	166
Percentage of Marriages with country of future residence outside Republic of Ireland	16.6	16.0	16.3	16.0	16.0	16.1	11.2	8.9

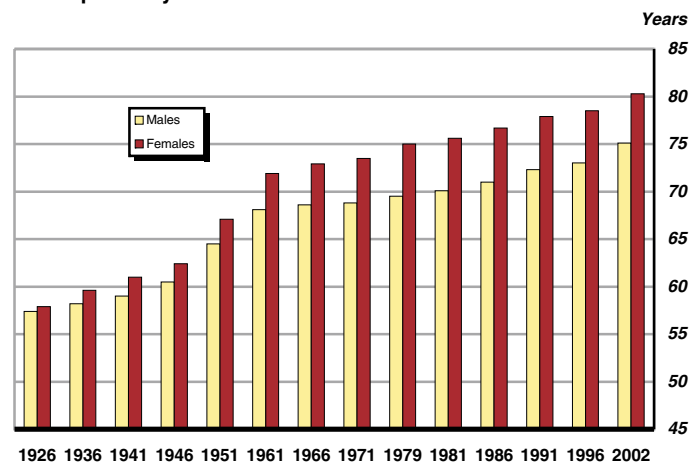
Source: CSO

Table 5.12 Life expectancy at various ages

Period	Age in years									
	0	5	10	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Males										
1925-1927	57.4	59.5	55.2	38.4	30.4	22.7	15.8	10.0	5.8	3.3
1935-1937	58.2	60.1	55.8	38.5	30.3	22.4	15.5	10.0	6.0	3.1
1940-1942	59.0	60.7	56.3	38.9	30.6	22.5	15.4	9.6	5.7	3.6
1945-1947	60.5	61.5	56.9	39.2	30.6	22.4	15.1	9.2	5.3	3.2
1950-1952	64.5	63.6	58.8	40.3	31.3	22.8	15.4	9.2	5.0	2.7
1960-1962	68.1	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.4	23.5	15.8	9.7	5.1	2.5
1965-1967	68.6	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.2	23.4	15.6	9.7	5.2	2.6
1970-1972	68.8	65.5	60.6	41.5	32.1	23.3	15.6	9.7	5.4	2.8
1978-1980	69.5	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.2	23.3	15.7	9.5	5.3	2.9
1980-1982	70.1	66.1	61.3	42.1	32.6	23.6	15.9	9.7	5.4	2.9
1985-1987	71.0	66.8	61.9	42.7	33.1	24.0	16.0	9.7	5.3	2.8
1990-1992	72.3	68.0	63.1	43.9	34.4	25.2	17.0	10.4	5.8	3.0
1995-1997	73.0	68.6	63.6	44.5	35.1	25.8	17.5	10.6	5.9	3.0
2001-2003	75.1	70.7	65.7	46.5	37.0	27.8	19.2	11.9	6.5	3.3
Females										
1925-1927	57.9	59.2	54.9	38.6	30.8	23.2	16.4	10.7	6.5	3.7
1935-1937	59.6	60.4	56.1	39.2	31.2	23.3	16.2	10.6	6.5	3.4
1940-1942	61.0	61.4	56.9	39.9	31.6	23.5	16.3	10.4	6.4	4.2
1945-1947	62.4	62.5	57.9	40.5	32.1	23.9	16.4	10.2	6.0	3.8
1950-1952	67.1	65.4	60.6	42.2	33.3	24.7	16.8	10.2	5.6	3.2
1960-1962	71.9	69.0	64.1	44.7	35.3	26.3	18.1	11.0	5.9	3.0
1965-1967	72.9	69.6	64.8	45.2	35.7	26.6	18.4	11.2	6.1	3.1
1970-1972	73.5	70.0	65.1	45.6	36.0	27.0	18.7	11.5	6.2	3.2
1978-1980	75.0	71.0	66.1	46.5	36.8	27.6	19.2	11.9	6.4	3.4
1980-1982	75.6	71.5	66.6	47.0	37.3	28.0	19.5	12.2	6.7	3.5
1985-1987	76.7	72.4	67.5	47.8	38.1	28.7	20.1	12.6	6.8	3.3
1990-1992	77.9	73.5	68.6	48.9	39.2	29.8	21.1	13.5	7.4	3.6
1995-1997	78.5	74.1	69.1	49.5	39.8	30.3	21.5	13.7	7.5	3.7
2001-2003	80.3	75.7	70.8	51.1	41.4	31.9	22.9	14.8	8.2	4.1

Source: CSO

Life expectancy at birth



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Table 5.13 Projected life expectancy at various ages

Period	Age in years									
	0	5	10	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Males										
2005-2007	76.1	71.6	66.6	47.4	37.9	28.6	20.0	12.5	6.7	3.4
2010-2012	77.2	72.7	67.8	48.6	39.1	29.7	20.9	13.1	7.1	3.6
2015-2017	78.4	73.8	68.9	49.6	40.1	30.8	21.8	13.8	7.5	3.8
2020-2022	79.5	74.9	69.9	50.6	41.1	31.7	22.7	14.5	7.9	4.0
2025-2027	80.5	75.9	70.9	51.6	42.1	32.7	23.5	15.1	8.3	4.1
2030-2032	81.5	76.9	71.9	52.6	43.1	33.6	24.3	15.7	8.7	4.3
2035-2037	82.5	77.8	72.8	53.5	44.0	34.5	25.1	16.4	9.0	4.5
Females										
2005-2007	81.1	76.6	71.6	51.9	42.2	32.7	23.6	15.3	8.5	4.3
2010-2012	82.1	77.5	72.6	52.9	43.1	33.6	24.5	16.0	9.0	4.6
2015-2017	83.1	78.5	73.5	53.8	44.1	34.5	25.3	16.7	9.5	4.9
2020-2022	84.1	79.4	74.5	54.7	45.0	35.4	26.1	17.4	9.9	5.2
2025-2027	85.1	80.3	75.4	55.7	45.9	36.3	26.9	18.1	10.4	5.5
2030-2032	86.0	81.2	76.2	56.5	46.8	37.1	27.7	18.7	10.9	5.8
2035-2037	86.9	82.1	77.1	57.4	47.6	38.0	28.5	19.4	11.4	6.2

Source: CSO

Life expectancy at age 65

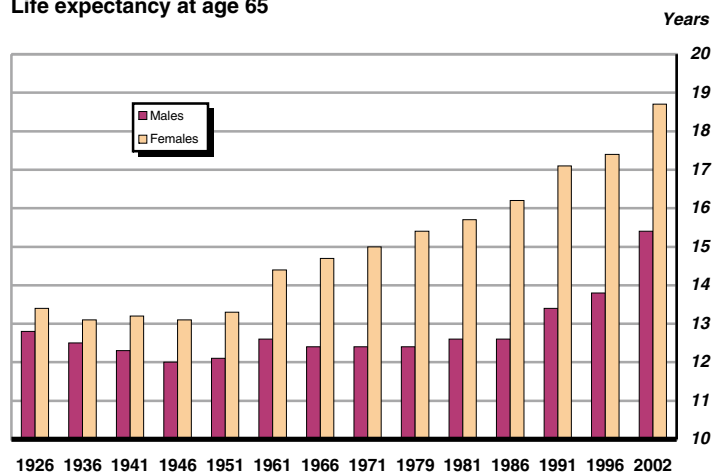


Table 5.14 Divorce, judicial separation and nullity applications received and granted by the courts, 2006

Number

	Divorce applications		Judicial separation applications		Nullity applications	
	Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted
Circuit Court						
Carlow	49	68	25	12	–	–
Dublin	1,310	1,194	540	341	28	6
Naas	129	106	74	29	–	1
Kilkenny	76	101	23	25	–	–
Portlaoise	41	37	9	6	1	1
Longford	22	21	13	5	–	1
Dundalk	108	116	50	32	3	–
Trim	125	104	75	29	1	–
Tullamore	50	53	20	14	–	–
Mullingar	81	83	36	15	–	–
Wexford	157	131	48	24	2	–
Wicklow	113	85	56	12	2	–
Ennis	101	82	38	22	2	–
Cork	467	382	256	125	9	5
Tralee	115	115	44	25	2	2
Limerick	190	87	74	101	1	–
Clonmel	158	97	57	32	1	1
Waterford	109	72	39	28	–	1
Galway	213	184	117	87	1	4
Carrick on Shannon	14	14	11	1	1	1
Castlebar	89	72	39	20	1	–
Roscommon	37	24	16	13	–	–
Sligo	49	52	25	11	2	–
Cavan	43	43	13	22	–	–
Letterkenny	87	73	61	21	1	–
Monaghan	53	24	30	20	2	2
Total Circuit Court	3,986	3,420	1,789	1,072	60	25
High Court	39	46	50	27	1	–
TOTAL	4,025	3,466	1,839	1,099	61	25

Source: Courts Service

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Table 5.15 Top 25 babies' names registered in 2006, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank in 2005

Boy's name	2006	Number	2005	Number	Girl's name	2006	Number	2005	Number
Sean	1	994	2	893	Sarah	1	698	2	642
Jack	2	987	1	931	Emma	2	593	1	703
Conor	3	731	4	705	Katie	3	571	3	575
Adam	4	693	3	710	Aoife	4	546	5	492
James	5	678	5	699	Sophie	5	497	7	451
Daniel	6	636	6	654	Ava	6	463	18	339
Luke	7	536	8	544	Grace	7	450	14	369
Cian	8	520	7	561	Ella	8	447	10	405
Michael	9	509	10	484	Leah	9	444	9	427
Jamie	10	494	13	408	Ciara	10	408	6	484
Aaron	11	488	9	488	Amy	11	396	4	510
Dylan	12	456	11	467	Emily	12	396	11	385
Thomas	13	432	16	397	Lucy	13	390	24	275
Ryan	14	431	12	432	Chloe	14	375	8	440
Darragh	14	429	20	377	Caoimhe	15	363	17	345
Oisín	16	413	21	370	Hannah	16	357	16	350
Matthew	17	395	19	379	Rachel	17	355	12	381
John	18	394	17	386	Niamh	18	350	13	375
Patrick	19	392	18	381	Rebecca	19	324	15	353
Ben	20	385	14	401	Jessica	20	322	20	311
David	21	383	14	401	Anna	21	320	21	290
Callum	21	368	34	216	Lauren	22	320	19	312
Alex	23	367	24	336	Kate	23	307	22	284
Shane	24	366	23	355	Laura	24	248	28	231
Evan	25	364	25	324	Mia	25	235	33	192

Source: CSO

