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## Housing and Households

- Home ownership in Ireland remains very high with almost 75% of private dwellings in the State being owner-occupied in 2006.
- The majority of dwellings in 2006 were houses. Of these, more than 625,988 were detached and just over 655,882 were semi-detached/terraced houses.
- One person households are the fastest-growing ownership group, up 51,877 or 18.7% since 2002.
- The average number of persons per household continues to decline; it now stands at 2.8.
- Over 828,000 (56.6%) households had a personal computer (PC) in April 2006 while 683,000 (46.7%) had access to the internet.

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## Introduction

This chapter deals with housing and households. The statistics are taken from the Censuses of Population from 1926 to 2006.

## Number and size of households

The number of private households has more than doubled since 1926, when there were 622,700 private households in the State. By 1991 the number had increased to 1,029,100 and in 2006 there were 1,469,521 private households. There were, on average, 4.48 persons per household in 1926. By 1991, average household size had fallen to 3.34 and the latest figure, for 2006, is 2.81 persons.

## Detached dwellings predominate

Detached dwellings were the predominant housing type in 2006, accounting for nearly 43% of all housing units. More than one in four houses were semi-detached, 17.6% were terraced while flats and apartments accounted for 10.2% of all housing units. More than four out of five rural dwellings were detached residences while semi-detached and terraced housing were the most common dwelling types in urban areas. Flats and apartments featured strongly in urban areas, making up 15% of urban dwellings in 2006, continuing the upward trend observed in 2002.

## Vacancy rate of 15%

Table 20.8 refers to occupancy status. By expressing the total vacant houses and flats and holiday homes as a percentage of the total housing stock it is possible to derive an overall vacancy rate. This stood at 15% for April 2006. The counties with the highest vacancy rates were Leitrim (29.3%), Donegal (27%) and Kerry (24.8%) while South Dublin (6.2%), Fingal (8.8%) and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (8.9%) had the lowest rates.

## Age of dwelling

Table 20.5 provides an analysis of the housing stock by period of construction. Over half of the permanent housing units distinguished in the 2006 Census were built since 1971. The period since 1996, during which the population increased by an average of 60,000 per year, accounted for 404,000 (28%) of the total housing stock. Population growth during the 1970s, which was on a par with that achieved in the most recent intercensal period, explains the relatively large proportion (16.9%) of the housing stock built during that period.

## **Home ownership and rented accommodation**

Table 20.4 shows that in 2006 about 301,000 dwellings were rented. Of these, almost 106,000 were rented from a Local Authority. Over 1 in 3 of all householders (498,000) owned their dwelling outright. Another 570,000 were paying a home loan or mortgage. Home ownership in Ireland remains very high with almost 75% of private dwellings in the State being owner-occupied in 2006.

## **Home computing**

According to the Census, over 828,000 (56.6%) households had a personal computer (PC) in April 2006 while 683,000 (46.7%) had access to the internet. Of this latter figure, 292,000 households had a broadband connection to the internet.

### Technical Notes

Owner-occupied private dwellings does not include those having or being acquired through a Local Authority scheme.

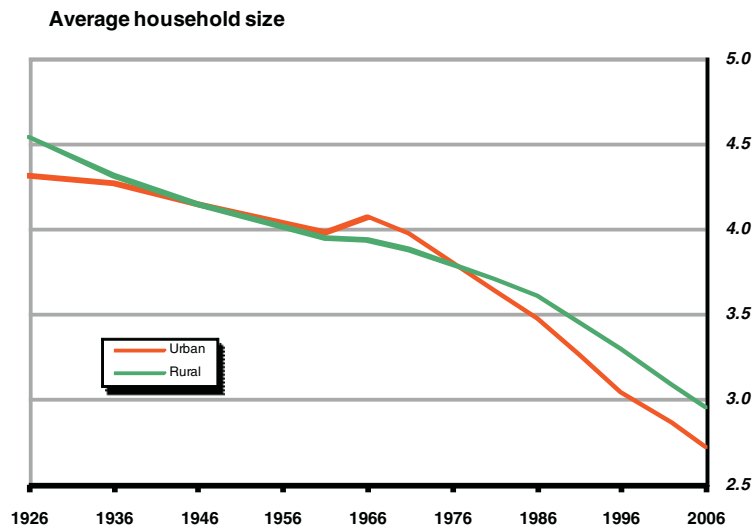
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**Table 20.1 Private permanent households by size**

Thousands

	Number of persons in household						Total	Average size of household
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six or more		
1926	51.5	98.4	102.7	96.2	82.3	191.5	<b>622.7</b>	4.48
1936	60.6	111.0	111.5	100.1	82.9	181.3	<b>647.4</b>	4.31
1946	68.9	118.7	116.4	103.4	84.4	170.8	<b>662.7</b>	4.16
1961	85.4	137.3	116.9	98.2	78.4	160.2	<b>676.4</b>	3.97
1966	89.0	139.5	114.4	97.1	79.3	168.0	<b>687.3</b>	4.01
1971	102.8	149.5	115.8	102.2	84.1	172.1	<b>726.4</b>	3.93
1979	142.2	176.7	131.1	132.1	108.6	176.5	<b>867.1</b>	3.72
1981	151.4	180.7	133.4	138.5	116.4	176.1	<b>896.1</b>	3.67
1986	176.1	195.7	143.2	155.6	127.4	167.3	<b>964.9</b>	3.53
1991	203.4	216.8	156.6	170.1	130.5	142.5	<b>1,019.8</b>	3.34
1996	238.5	255.2	178.8	191.1	132.6	119.1	<b>1,115.0</b>	3.16
2002	274.1	331.9	226.7	222.6	134.6	90.2	<b>1,279.7</b>	2.88
2006	326.2	413.8	264.5	243.4	137.0	77.7	<b>1,462.3</b>	2.81

Source: CSO



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**Table 20.2 Number of private households and number of persons in private households in each province, county and city, by type of household, 2006**

Province, county or city	Number of households			Number of persons in households		
	Total	Permanent private	Temporary private	Total	Permanent private	Temporary private
<b>Leinster</b>	<b>794,844</b>	<b>791,277</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>2,237,687</b>	<b>2,229,076</b>	<b>8,611</b>
Carlow	17,195	17,074	121	49,336	49,061	275
Dublin	420,429	419,529	900	1,148,957	1,146,289	2,668
<i>Dublin City</i>	190,984	190,711	273	478,008	477,203	805
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	68,412	68,375	37	189,355	189,248	107
<i>Fingal</i>	80,402	80,085	317	237,132	236,242	890
<i>South Dublin</i>	80,631	80,358	273	244,462	243,596	866
Kildare	60,957	60,578	379	183,598	182,730	868
Kilkenny	29,651	29,478	173	85,395	84,973	422
Laois	22,591	22,421	170	65,747	65,397	350
Longford	12,111	12,042	69	33,839	33,708	131
Louth	38,703	38,598	105	109,578	109,367	211
Meath	53,938	53,575	363	161,533	160,788	745
Offaly	23,769	23,533	236	69,498	68,936	562
Westmeath	27,064	26,881	183	77,066	76,603	463
Wexford	45,566	45,096	470	129,359	128,311	1,048
Wicklow	42,870	42,472	398	123,781	122,913	868
<b>Munster</b>	<b>408,726</b>	<b>406,798</b>	<b>1,928</b>	<b>1,137,294</b>	<b>1,133,014</b>	<b>4,280</b>
Clare	38,210	38,026	184	106,683	106,279	404
Cork	167,234	166,542	692	470,219	468,790	1,429
<i>Cork City</i>	43,939	43,871	68	114,698	114,467	231
<i>Cork County</i>	123,295	122,671	624	355,521	354,323	1,198
Kerry	48,110	47,743	367	131,817	131,159	658
Limerick	64,225	63,956	269	178,493	177,683	810
<i>Limerick City</i>	19,550	19,513	37	50,419	50,253	166
<i>Limerick County</i>	44,675	44,443	232	128,074	127,430	644
North Tipperary	22,992	22,866	126	64,356	64,065	291
South Tipperary	29,375	29,221	154	81,366	80,986	380
Waterford	38,580	38,444	136	104,360	104,052	308
<i>Waterford City</i>	17,069	17,049	20	43,577	43,512	65
<i>Waterford County</i>	21,511	21,395	116	60,783	60,540	243
<b>Connacht</b>	<b>174,952</b>	<b>173,941</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>486,025</b>	<b>483,723</b>	<b>2,302</b>
Galway	78,661	78,206	455	222,940	221,906	1,034
<i>Galway City</i>	25,353	25,324	29	67,669	67,572	97
<i>Galway County</i>	53,308	52,882	426	155,271	154,334	937
Leitrim	10,646	10,541	105	28,236	28,015	221
Mayo	43,431	43,218	213	119,398	118,927	471
Roscommon	20,734	20,624	110	57,185	56,928	257
Sligo	21,480	21,352	128	58,266	57,947	319
<b>Ulster (part)</b>	<b>90,999</b>	<b>90,280</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>262,312</b>	<b>260,940</b>	<b>1,372</b>
Cavan	21,929	21,781	148	62,933	62,660	273
Donegal	50,415	49,993	422	144,167	143,365	802
Monaghan	18,655	18,506	149	55,212	54,915	297
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,469,521</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>7,225</b>	<b>4,123,318</b>	<b>4,106,753</b>	<b>16,565</b>

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**Table 20.3 Private dwellings in permanent housing units by period in which built, water supply, sewerage facilities and central heating, 2006**

Water supply, sanitary facilities and central heating	Period in which built										
	Total	Before 1919	1919-1940	1941-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001 or later	Not stated
<b>Type of water supply</b>											
Public mains	1,093,189	98,537	77,262	113,907	93,958	165,383	121,375	72,953	119,130	191,119	39,565
Local Authority group scheme	126,609	13,935	10,318	11,048	7,587	18,434	17,099	7,628	13,907	23,118	3,535
Private group scheme	46,458	7,684	4,902	4,383	2,419	6,291	6,415	2,656	4,478	6,662	568
Other private source	145,341	30,811	13,138	10,994	7,401	19,428	18,705	8,259	14,071	20,515	2,019
No piped water	2,908	1,418	631	404	183	30	24	18	20	34	146
Not stated	47,791	1,967	1,394	1,678	1,421	2,816	2,403	1,572	3,168	7,995	23,377
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>154,352</b>	<b>107,645</b>	<b>142,414</b>	<b>112,969</b>	<b>212,382</b>	<b>166,021</b>	<b>93,086</b>	<b>154,774</b>	<b>249,443</b>	<b>69,210</b>
<b>Type of sewerage facility</b>											
Public scheme	956,239	74,510	63,925	101,866	85,394	142,580	101,385	64,162	106,387	177,683	38,347
Individual septic tank	418,033	72,247	40,392	37,288	25,398	65,604	60,928	26,287	39,846	43,784	6,259
Individual treatment system	29,685	2,068	774	749	435	1,154	1,099	839	4,686	17,590	291
Other	6,979	1,206	371	352	257	580	500	325	731	2,366	291
No sewerage facility	4,179	2,343	866	497	149	21	10	17	22	30	224
Not stated	47,181	1,978	1,317	1,662	1,336	2,443	2,099	1,456	3,102	7,990	23,798
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>154,352</b>	<b>107,645</b>	<b>142,414</b>	<b>112,969</b>	<b>212,382</b>	<b>166,021</b>	<b>93,086</b>	<b>154,774</b>	<b>249,443</b>	<b>69,210</b>
<b>Central heating</b>											
Yes	1,288,261	118,907	87,971	124,459	102,622	196,251	152,031	85,534	144,823	233,104	42,559
No	136,155	32,713	17,708	15,672	8,554	13,210	11,814	6,232	7,932	12,585	9,735
Not stated	37,880	2,732	1,966	2,283	1,793	2,921	2,176	1,320	2,019	3,754	16,916
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>154,352</b>	<b>107,645</b>	<b>142,414</b>	<b>112,969</b>	<b>212,382</b>	<b>166,021</b>	<b>93,086</b>	<b>154,774</b>	<b>249,443</b>	<b>69,210</b>

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**Table 20.4 Private dwellings in permanent housing units by period in which built and nature of occupancy, 2006**

Nature of occupancy	Period in which built										
	Total	Before 1919	1919-1940	1941-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001 or later	Not stated
Owner occupied with loan or mortgage	569,966	34,278	25,793	39,889	29,915	73,931	71,561	47,840	88,758	150,547	7,454
Owner occupied without loan or mortgage	498,432	86,192	60,367	73,378	58,973	96,131	56,070	19,124	20,906	20,341	6,950
Being purchased from a Local Authority	23,547	624	1,376	4,382	3,033	5,993	3,493	656	986	2,089	915
Rented from a Local Authority	105,509	2,339	4,269	9,003	9,520	18,501	15,626	7,044	11,855	19,954	7,398
Rented from a Voluntary Body	50,480	4,194	2,655	2,845	2,214	3,410	4,087	4,304	7,918	12,864	5,989
Private rented unfurnished	16,621	2,746	1,255	1,239	913	1,302	1,357	1,110	2,005	3,425	1,269
Private rented furnished or part furnished	128,696	14,770	6,861	6,472	4,946	7,987	9,781	10,437	18,535	33,158	15,749
Occupied free of rent	21,701	5,906	2,735	2,725	1,654	2,221	1,697	979	1,261	1,707	816
Not stated	47,344	3,303	2,334	2,481	1,801	2,906	2,349	1,592	2,550	5,358	22,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>154,352</b>	<b>107,645</b>	<b>142,414</b>	<b>112,969</b>	<b>212,382</b>	<b>166,021</b>	<b>93,086</b>	<b>154,774</b>	<b>249,443</b>	<b>69,210</b>

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**Table 20.5 Private dwellings in permanent housing units by period in which built and number of rooms occupied, 2006**

Number of rooms occupied	Period in which built										
	Total	Before 1919	1919-1940	1941-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001 or later	Not stated
1 room	<b>20,893</b>	5,114	1,863	1,617	1,413	1,559	1,308	849	1,181	2,324	3,665
2 rooms	<b>61,757</b>	9,243	4,698	4,215	3,063	3,880	4,734	4,332	6,791	13,725	7,076
3 rooms	<b>123,655</b>	13,991	9,567	10,364	7,121	11,172	10,803	7,807	13,653	30,120	9,057
4 rooms	<b>160,878</b>	23,126	18,694	21,703	9,804	12,977	13,385	8,453	14,096	30,642	7,998
5 rooms	<b>354,089</b>	28,560	25,655	38,513	27,884	58,152	44,493	21,236	35,753	61,863	11,980
6 rooms	<b>281,531</b>	25,592	20,975	32,448	27,473	49,343	33,374	17,287	28,841	39,578	6,620
7 rooms	<b>200,869</b>	17,924	11,914	16,218	17,727	37,376	26,820	14,626	24,182	31,038	3,044
8 rooms	<b>121,819</b>	14,395	6,957	8,518	9,791	20,336	15,733	9,499	15,540	19,613	1,437
9 rooms	<b>51,548</b>	5,437	2,793	3,343	3,924	8,087	7,204	4,305	6,993	8,979	483
10 or more rooms	<b>39,813</b>	7,497	2,151	2,379	2,411	5,404	5,235	3,006	4,914	6,466	350
Not stated	<b>45,444</b>	3,473	2,378	3,096	2,358	4,096	2,932	1,686	2,830	5,095	17,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>154,352</b>	<b>107,645</b>	<b>142,414</b>	<b>112,969</b>	<b>212,382</b>	<b>166,021</b>	<b>93,086</b>	<b>154,774</b>	<b>249,443</b>	<b>69,210</b>

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**Table 20.6** Number of private households in permanent housing units in each province, county and city, by type of accommodation

Province, county or city	Type of accommodation							
	Total	Detached house	Semi-detached house	Terraced house	Flat or apartment in a purpose-built block	Flat or apartment in a converted house or commercial building	Bed-sit	Not stated
<b>Leinster</b>	<b>791,277</b>	<b>243,890</b>	<b>256,403</b>	<b>166,076</b>	<b>81,623</b>	<b>18,399</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>18,486</b>
Carlow	17,074	8,793	4,379	2,517	634	297	56	398
Dublin	419,529	49,417	154,981	118,000	67,038	13,540	5,405	11,148
<i>Dublin City</i>	190,711	9,012	45,826	70,519	43,140	11,189	4,829	6,196
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	68,375	15,808	29,341	11,797	8,540	1,493	273	1,123
<i>Fingal</i>	80,085	16,154	36,791	15,119	9,397	511	168	1,945
<i>South Dublin</i>	80,358	8,443	43,023	20,565	5,961	347	135	1,884
Kildare	60,578	25,531	23,510	6,105	3,452	664	160	1,156
Kilkenny	29,478	17,808	5,834	4,063	806	359	65	543
Laos	22,421	13,525	5,445	2,222	451	225	45	508
Longford	12,042	8,016	1,794	1,356	360	143	33	340
Louth	38,598	15,937	10,966	9,019	1,449	342	95	790
Meath	53,575	29,632	15,306	4,857	2,277	530	96	877
Offaly	23,533	13,760	5,755	2,536	516	348	81	537
Westmeath	26,881	14,522	7,217	2,783	1,243	406	97	613
Wexford	45,096	27,717	8,821	5,809	1,247	685	113	704
Wicklow	42,472	19,232	12,395	6,809	2,150	860	154	872
<b>Munster</b>	<b>406,798</b>	<b>206,801</b>	<b>94,401</b>	<b>70,428</b>	<b>17,994</b>	<b>7,374</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>8,257</b>
Clare	38,026	22,872	7,868	4,602	1,325	526	93	740
Cork	166,542	75,949	40,668	34,644	7,870	3,488	746	3,177
<i>Cork City</i>	43,871	5,042	14,026	17,104	4,470	1,612	499	1,118
<i>Cork County</i>	122,671	70,907	26,642	17,540	3,400	1,876	247	2,059
Kerry	47,743	31,825	7,766	4,742	1,341	835	150	1,084
Limerick	63,956	28,985	16,588	11,294	4,458	1,045	257	1,329
<i>Limerick City</i>	19,513	1,872	6,406	7,448	2,554	609	150	474
<i>Limerick County</i>	44,443	27,113	10,182	3,846	1,904	436	107	855
North Tipperary	22,866	14,422	4,600	2,416	518	342	84	484
South Tipperary	29,221	16,209	6,049	5,081	706	492	79	605
Waterford	38,444	16,539	10,862	7,649	1,776	646	134	838
<i>Waterford City</i>	17,049	3,163	5,988	5,394	1,400	425	112	567
<i>Waterford County</i>	21,395	13,376	4,874	2,255	376	221	22	271
<b>Connacht</b>	<b>173,941</b>	<b>113,393</b>	<b>32,029</b>	<b>13,292</b>	<b>8,229</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>3,382</b>
Galway	78,206	46,584	15,863	6,223	5,757	1,671	352	1,756
<i>Galway City</i>	25,324	5,378	9,488	4,256	4,471	901	197	633
<i>Galway County</i>	52,882	41,206	6,375	1,967	1,286	770	155	1,123
Leitrim	10,541	7,834	1,476	617	279	113	28	194
Mayo	43,218	30,501	7,029	3,202	975	654	118	739
Roscommon	20,624	15,778	3,019	771	367	266	66	357
Sligo	21,352	12,696	4,642	2,479	851	271	77	336
<b>Ulster (part)</b>	<b>90,280</b>	<b>61,904</b>	<b>15,527</b>	<b>7,726</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1,678</b>
Cavan	21,781	15,139	3,459	1,801	541	322	56	463
Donegal	49,993	34,654	8,939	3,795	1,028	667	69	841
Monaghan	18,506	12,111	3,129	2,130	451	269	42	374
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>625,988</b>	<b>398,360</b>	<b>257,522</b>	<b>109,866</b>	<b>30,006</b>	<b>8,751</b>	<b>31,803</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 20.7** Number of rented private dwellings in permanent housing units by type of accommodation, nature of occupancy and weekly rent

Weekly rent €	Type of accommodation							Not stated
	Total	Detached house	Semi-detached house	Terraced house	Flat or apartment in a purpose-built block	Flat or apartment in a converted house or commercial building	Bed-sit	
<b>Rented from a Local Authority</b>								
Under 25	<b>23,755</b>	2,481	7,094	9,400	3,677	167	187	749
25 - < 50	<b>35,499</b>	3,862	10,214	14,035	5,844	204	221	1,119
50 - < 100	<b>27,679</b>	2,945	8,138	11,659	3,844	211	140	742
100 - < 150	<b>5,694</b>	607	1,463	1,962	1,112	251	173	126
150 - < 200	<b>3,617</b>	504	1,098	604	980	266	67	98
200 - < 250	<b>1,891</b>	221	466	271	714	114	43	62
250 - < 300	<b>1,644</b>	170	546	275	466	80	36	71
300 and over	<b>672</b>	87	177	122	215	34	16	21
Not stated	<b>5,058</b>	592	1,348	2,024	726	48	48	272
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,509</b>	<b>11,469</b>	<b>30,544</b>	<b>40,352</b>	<b>17,578</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>3,260</b>
Average weekly rent	<b>58.84</b>	60.22	58.01	51.02	70.87	121.07	88.50	58.17
<b>Rented from a Voluntary Body</b>								
Under 25	<b>2,189</b>	245	596	556	606	94	50	42
25 - < 50	<b>2,943</b>	297	1,000	621	742	149	69	65
50 - < 100	<b>6,862</b>	1,332	1,470	1,044	1,749	789	390	88
100 - < 150	<b>10,179</b>	2,461	2,381	1,536	1,937	1,337	393	134
150 - < 200	<b>12,424</b>	2,034	4,425	2,014	2,782	873	126	170
200 - < 250	<b>6,361</b>	672	1,747	1,000	2,364	447	40	91
250 - < 300	<b>4,826</b>	415	1,795	868	1,433	201	46	68
300 and over	<b>2,775</b>	340	942	574	756	123	18	22
Not stated	<b>1,921</b>	381	520	360	373	156	91	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,480</b>	<b>8,177</b>	<b>14,876</b>	<b>8,573</b>	<b>12,742</b>	<b>4,169</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>720</b>
Average weekly rent	<b>158.63</b>	147.76	166.96	158.67	166.48	142.63	111.62	148.47
<b>Private rented unfurnished</b>								
Under 25	<b>1,079</b>	260	251	326	137	60	18	27
25 - < 50	<b>1,208</b>	240	309	337	199	68	26	29
50 - < 100	<b>2,367</b>	683	422	450	378	265	133	36
100 - < 150	<b>3,103</b>	1,136	693	446	308	347	140	33
150 - < 200	<b>3,715</b>	1,265	1,293	431	415	218	64	29
200 - < 250	<b>1,661</b>	432	431	269	360	137	12	20
250 - < 300	<b>1,216</b>	256	421	219	246	56	7	11
300 and over	<b>1,405</b>	470	433	256	180	43	11	12
Not stated	<b>867</b>	217	211	155	143	83	26	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,621</b>	<b>4,959</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>2,366</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>229</b>
Average weekly rent	<b>161.57</b>	170.07	173.08	150.22	160.50	137.06	112.14	130.22

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**Table 20.7** Number of rented private dwellings in permanent housing units by type of accommodation, nature of occupancy and weekly rent (continued)

Weekly rent €	Type of accommodation							Not stated
	Total	Detached house	Semi-detached house	Terraced house	Flat or apartment in a purpose-built block	Flat or apartment in a converted house or commercial building	Bed-sit	
	<b>Private rented furnished or part furnished</b>							
Under 25	<b>1,491</b>	248	309	327	314	178	85	30
25 - < 50	<b>1,747</b>	401	357	311	305	203	142	28
50 - < 100	<b>10,488</b>	2,190	1,393	1,207	2,019	2,334	1,239	106
100 - < 150	<b>25,270</b>	5,014	4,971	3,382	5,222	4,765	1,671	245
150 - < 200	<b>35,527</b>	5,098	11,097	5,690	9,089	3,751	460	342
200 - < 250	<b>20,428</b>	1,797	4,687	3,178	8,582	1,868	160	156
250 - < 300	<b>16,948</b>	1,148	5,009	3,254	6,380	889	107	161
300 and over	<b>12,640</b>	1,267	3,406	3,005	4,181	638	76	67
Not stated	<b>4,157</b>	677	960	661	990	573	211	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,696</b>	<b>17,840</b>	<b>32,189</b>	<b>21,015</b>	<b>37,082</b>	<b>15,199</b>	<b>4,151</b>	<b>1,220</b>
Average weekly rent	<b>191</b>	166	200	206	209	156	118	176

Source: CSO

**Table 20.8 Permanent housing units by occupancy status on Census night**

Province, county or city	Occupied by		Unoccupied				Total housing stock	Vacancy rate
	Usual resident(s) of the household	Visitors only	Residents temporarily absent	Vacant house	Vacant flat	Holiday home		
<b>Leinster</b>	<b>791,277</b>	<b>4,835</b>	<b>16,458</b>	<b>70,437</b>	<b>25,697</b>	<b>10,781</b>	<b>919,485</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Carlow	17,074	150	436	1,857	310	308	<b>20,135</b>	12.3
Dublin	419,529	2,911	9,254	27,122	18,765	418	<b>477,999</b>	9.7
<i>Dublin City</i>	<i>190,711</i>	<i>1,888</i>	<i>4,407</i>	<i>12,557</i>	<i>13,424</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>223,098</i>	<i>11.7</i>
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	<i>68,375</i>	<i>432</i>	<i>1,773</i>	<i>4,661</i>	<i>2,207</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>77,508</i>	<i>8.9</i>
<i>Fingal</i>	<i>80,085</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>1,614</i>	<i>5,841</i>	<i>1,804</i>	<i>233</i>	<i>89,909</i>	<i>8.8</i>
<i>South Dublin</i>	<i>80,358</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>1,460</i>	<i>4,063</i>	<i>1,330</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>87,484</i>	<i>6.2</i>
Kildare	60,578	304	1,120	5,363	1,359	116	<b>68,840</b>	9.9
Kilkenny	29,478	138	629	3,393	309	406	<b>34,353</b>	12.0
Laois	22,421	109	309	3,673	464	103	<b>27,079</b>	15.7
Longford	12,042	73	230	2,931	331	261	<b>15,868</b>	22.2
Louth	38,598	162	621	4,692	840	575	<b>45,488</b>	13.4
Meath	53,575	218	979	5,414	725	346	<b>61,257</b>	10.6
Offaly	23,533	104	404	3,023	307	220	<b>27,591</b>	12.9
Westmeath	26,881	237	684	3,894	850	271	<b>32,817</b>	15.3
Wexford	45,096	235	947	5,236	855	6,601	<b>58,970</b>	21.5
Wicklow	42,472	194	845	3,839	582	1,156	<b>49,088</b>	11.4
<b>Munster</b>	<b>406,798</b>	<b>3,715</b>	<b>8,396</b>	<b>54,490</b>	<b>9,519</b>	<b>18,721</b>	<b>501,639</b>	<b>16.5</b>
Clare	38,026	325	672	5,534	653	3,624	<b>48,834</b>	20.1
Cork	166,542	1,382	3,187	20,200	4,228	6,561	<b>202,100</b>	15.3
<i>Cork City</i>	<i>43,871</i>	<i>453</i>	<i>922</i>	<i>4,017</i>	<i>2,150</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>51,441</i>	<i>12.0</i>
<i>Cork County</i>	<i>122,671</i>	<i>929</i>	<i>2,265</i>	<i>16,183</i>	<i>2,078</i>	<i>6,533</i>	<i>150,659</i>	<i>16.5</i>
Kerry	47,743	615	1,189	9,379	997	5,990	<b>65,913</b>	24.8
Limerick	63,956	653	1,573	7,457	1,757	346	<b>75,742</b>	12.6
<i>Limerick City</i>	<i>19,513</i>	<i>187</i>	<i>444</i>	<i>1,703</i>	<i>1,210</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>23,065</i>	<i>12.7</i>
<i>Limerick County</i>	<i>44,443</i>	<i>466</i>	<i>1,129</i>	<i>5,754</i>	<i>547</i>	<i>338</i>	<i>52,677</i>	<i>12.6</i>
North Tipperary	22,866	222	551	2,796	311	557	<b>27,303</b>	13.4
South Tipperary	29,221	119	525	3,575	449	317	<b>34,206</b>	12.7
Waterford	38,444	399	699	5,549	1,124	1,326	<b>47,541</b>	16.8
<i>Waterford City</i>	<i>17,049</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>2,088</i>	<i>837</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>20,522</i>	<i>14.3</i>
<i>Waterford County</i>	<i>21,395</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>3,461</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>1,315</i>	<i>27,019</i>	<i>18.7</i>
<b>Connacht</b>	<b>173,941</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>3,499</b>	<b>33,068</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>228,055</b>	<b>21.4</b>
Galway	78,206	802	1,751	11,967	2,428	3,172	<b>98,326</b>	17.9
<i>Galway City</i>	<i>25,324</i>	<i>458</i>	<i>823</i>	<i>2,430</i>	<i>1,349</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>30,589</i>	<i>13.0</i>
<i>Galway County</i>	<i>52,882</i>	<i>344</i>	<i>928</i>	<i>9,537</i>	<i>1,079</i>	<i>2,967</i>	<i>67,737</i>	<i>20.1</i>
Leitrim	10,541	86	182	2,942	339	1,192	<b>15,282</b>	29.3
Mayo	43,218	465	736	9,136	946	4,216	<b>58,717</b>	24.4
Roscommon	20,624	110	356	4,564	383	942	<b>26,979</b>	21.8
Sligo	21,352	277	474	4,459	649	1,540	<b>28,751</b>	23.1
<b>Ulster (part)</b>	<b>90,280</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>16,940</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>9,225</b>	<b>120,434</b>	<b>23.1</b>
Cavan	21,781	128	344	4,806	412	779	<b>28,250</b>	21.2
Donegal	49,993	549	941	9,725	1,043	8,275	<b>70,526</b>	27.0
Monaghan	18,506	82	308	2,409	182	171	<b>21,658</b>	12.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>11,049</b>	<b>29,946</b>	<b>174,935</b>	<b>41,598</b>	<b>49,789</b>	<b>1,769,613</b>	<b>15.0</b>

Source: CSO

## Housing and Households

**Table 20.9 Number of private households in permanent housing units in each province, county and city, by personal computer ownership and access to the internet, 2006**

Province, county or city	Personal computer ownership				Access to the internet			
	Total	Yes	No	Not stated	Yes, Broadband connection	Yes, other connection	No access to internet	Not stated
<b>Leinster</b>	<b>791,277</b>	<b>470,775</b>	<b>299,899</b>	<b>20,603</b>	<b>196,105</b>	<b>195,256</b>	<b>354,264</b>	<b>45,652</b>
Carlow	17,074	9,248	7,424	402	2,213	4,916	8,802	1,143
Dublin	419,529	254,506	152,235	12,788	134,923	81,709	178,946	23,951
<i>Dublin City</i>	190,711	98,878	84,522	7,311	51,172	29,223	95,393	14,923
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	68,375	48,357	18,651	1,367	27,284	16,077	23,288	1,726
<i>Fingal</i>	80,085	55,103	22,809	2,173	27,712	20,290	29,208	2,875
<i>South Dublin</i>	80,358	52,168	26,253	1,937	28,755	16,119	31,057	4,427
Kildare	60,578	39,134	20,167	1,277	14,385	18,265	24,871	3,057
Kilkenny	29,478	16,601	12,273	604	3,919	9,545	14,283	1,731
Laois	22,421	12,008	9,937	476	2,671	6,575	11,798	1,377
Longford	12,042	5,778	5,923	341	1,189	3,326	6,610	917
Louth	38,598	21,801	15,917	880	6,821	10,594	18,749	2,434
Meath	53,575	33,801	18,766	1,008	9,889	18,298	22,665	2,723
Offaly	23,533	12,143	10,839	551	2,483	6,680	12,723	1,647
Westmeath	26,881	14,578	11,652	651	3,678	7,733	13,802	1,668
Wexford	45,096	24,203	20,183	710	4,510	14,396	23,446	2,744
Wicklow	42,472	26,974	14,583	915	9,424	13,219	17,569	2,260
<b>Munster</b>	<b>406,798</b>	<b>219,611</b>	<b>178,422</b>	<b>8,765</b>	<b>64,269</b>	<b>116,056</b>	<b>206,641</b>	<b>19,832</b>
Clare	38,026	21,700	15,556	770	5,309	12,435	18,023	2,259
Cork	166,542	92,841	69,868	3,833	29,671	47,765	79,015	10,091
<i>Cork City</i>	43,871	21,108	21,232	1,531	9,703	7,014	23,751	3,403
<i>Cork County</i>	122,671	71,733	48,636	2,302	19,968	40,751	55,264	6,688
Kerry	47,743	24,049	22,688	1,006	5,368	14,389	25,020	2,966
Limerick	63,956	33,748	28,929	1,279	10,227	16,783	35,097	1,849
<i>Limerick City</i>	19,513	8,812	10,251	450	3,768	3,002	12,073	670
<i>Limerick County</i>	44,443	24,936	18,678	829	6,459	13,781	23,024	1,179
North Tipperary	22,866	11,844	10,574	448	2,522	6,787	12,954	603
South Tipperary	29,221	14,474	14,227	520	3,557	8,136	16,756	772
Waterford	38,444	20,955	16,580	909	7,615	9,761	19,776	1,292
<i>Waterford City</i>	17,049	8,716	7,696	637	4,655	2,674	8,917	803
<i>Waterford County</i>	21,395	12,239	8,884	272	2,960	7,087	10,859	489
<b>Connacht</b>	<b>173,941</b>	<b>92,220</b>	<b>78,119</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>22,988</b>	<b>52,065</b>	<b>92,522</b>	<b>6,366</b>
Galway	78,206	43,474	32,842	1,890	13,364	22,426	38,952	3,464
<i>Galway City</i>	25,324	14,477	10,068	779	7,990	4,234	12,164	936
<i>Galway County</i>	52,882	28,997	22,774	1,111	5,374	18,192	26,788	2,528
Leitrim	10,541	5,167	5,170	204	817	3,252	6,190	282
Mayo	43,218	21,563	20,840	815	4,371	13,169	24,113	1,565
Roscommon	20,624	10,522	9,762	340	1,926	6,339	11,838	521
Sligo	21,352	11,494	9,505	353	2,510	6,879	11,429	534
<b>Ulster (part)</b>	<b>90,280</b>	<b>45,750</b>	<b>42,977</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>27,158</b>	<b>50,480</b>	<b>3,894</b>
Cavan	21,781	10,796	10,531	454	1,980	6,526	11,708	1,567
Donegal	49,993	25,518	23,721	754	4,878	15,153	28,859	1,103
Monaghan	18,506	9,436	8,725	345	1,890	5,479	9,913	1,224
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,462,296</b>	<b>828,356</b>	<b>599,417</b>	<b>34,523</b>	<b>292,110</b>	<b>390,535</b>	<b>703,907</b>	<b>75,744</b>

Source: CSO



