

# Chapter 2

## Births 2005

The number of births which occurred in 2005 was 61,372 comprising 31,489 males and 29,883 females. The corresponding total for 2004 was 61,972, 31,966 males and 30,006 females. The birth rate in 2005 was 14.8 per 1,000 population, 0.5 below 2004.

**Table I** Number of births in Ireland\* and birth rates per 1,000 population in Ireland and neighbouring countries, 1941 to 2005

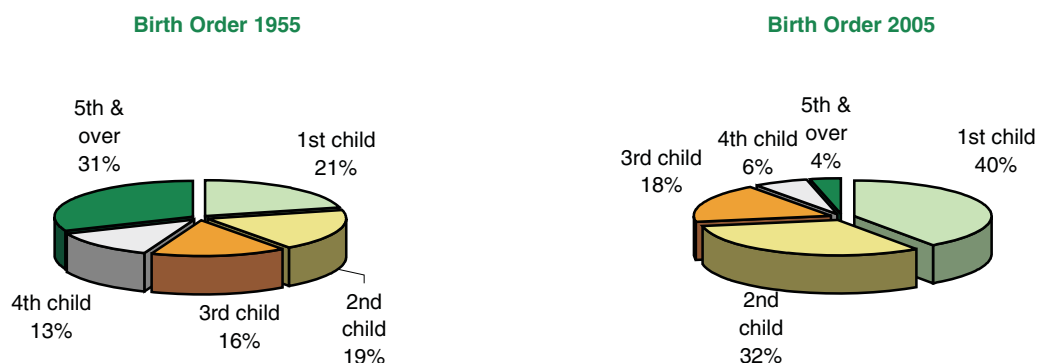
Period	Numbers of births (in thousands) Ireland*	Birth rate per 1,000 population			
		Ireland	Northern Ireland	England and Wales	Scotland
1941-1950 <sup>1</sup>	65.0	21.9	22.4	16.9	18.8
1951-1960 <sup>1</sup>	61.7	21.2	21.3	15.8	18.5
1961-1970 <sup>1</sup>	62.4	21.7	22.4	17.5	18.8
1971-1980 <sup>1</sup>	69.4	21.8	18.1	13.2	13.6
1981-1990 <sup>1</sup>	61.6	17.6	17.4	13.2	12.9
1991-2000 <sup>1</sup>	51.6	14.2	14.5	12.6	11.8
1993	49.3	13.8	15.3	13.1	12.4
1994	48.3	13.5	14.8	12.9	12.0
1995	48.8	13.5	14.5	12.5	11.7
1996	50.7	14.0	14.8	12.5	11.6
1997	52.8	14.4	14.5	12.3	11.6
1998	54.0	14.6	14.0	12.1	11.2
1999	53.9	14.4	13.6	11.8	10.8
2000	54.8	14.5	12.7	11.6	10.4
2001	57.9	15.0	13.0	11.4	10.4
2002	60.5	15.4	12.6	11.4	10.1
2003	61.5	15.5	12.7	11.8	10.4
2004	62.0	15.3	13.0	12.1	10.6
2005	61.4	14.8	12.9	12.1	10.7

\* Exclusive of Northern Ireland.

<sup>1</sup> Average annual number of births and birth rates for decennial periods 1941-2000.

## Birth order

A total of 24,634 births (40%) were to first time mothers in 2005. Second time mothers had 19,520 (32%) and third time mothers had 10,762 (18%). On the other hand, only 10% of mothers already had three or more live born children (see table 2.8).



## Classification by age at maternity, parity and duration of marriage

Table 2.8 shows the total number of births that occurred in 2005 classified by age of mother at maternity and number of previous liveborn children (i.e. parity). The mother's age was not stated in respect of 86 births (or 0.1% of the total). In 2004 the corresponding number was 412 (0.7%). In preparing this table the procedure in the case of multiple births was to count each child as an individual birth. For instance if a fifth pregnancy produced twins, the children would be classified as a fifth and sixth child in birth order.

In 1975 mothers under 30 years accounted for 61.7% of births. The proportion declined fairly steadily to reach 40.8% in 2004 and 38.8% in 2005. In England and Wales, and in Scotland in 2005, 51.1% and 50.4% respectively of young mothers were aged under 30.

**Table II Percentage distribution of births according to age of mother at maternity in Ireland\* in 2004 and 2005 and in England and Wales and Scotland 2005**

Age at maternity	Ireland		England and Wales	Scotland
	2004	2005	2005	2005
Under 20 years	4.0	3.9	6.9	7.7
20-24 years	13.3	12.7	18.9	18.4
25-29 "	23.4	22.3	25.4	24.3
30-34 "	34.8	35.2	29.2	29.3
35-39 "	20.6	21.7	16.1	16.9
40-44 "	3.7	4.1	3.3	3.1
45 years and over	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Average age at maternity	30.8	31.0	29.5	29.0

\* Exclusive of Northern Ireland.

**Table III Percentage distribution of first births within marriage according to age of mother in Ireland\* in 2004 and 2005 and in England and Wales and Scotland in 2005**

Age at maternity	Ireland		England and Wales	Scotland <sup>1</sup>
	2004	2005	2005	2005
Under 20 years	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.1
20-24 years	6.1	5.7	14.2	9.6
25-29 "	29.9	27.8	32.1	32.1
30-34 "	45.5	46.8	35.7	38.8
35-39 "	15.0	16.2	13.7	15.9
40-44 "	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3
45 years and over	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Average age at maternity	31.2	31.4	30.1	31.0

\* Exclusive of Northern Ireland.

<sup>1</sup> First Births of First Marriage in Scotland.

Table 2.17 compares fertility rates in Ireland and England and Wales in 2005. In most age groups the number of births within marriage per 1,000 married women was considerably higher in Ireland than in England and Wales. The number of births outside marriage (i.e. per 1,000 single, widowed, divorced and separated women) was mostly lower in Ireland than in England and Wales.

The percentage distribution of births within marriage according to the number in previous children in 2004 and 2005 is shown in Table IV and a comparison made with the corresponding distributions in England and Wales and Scotland in 2005.

The percentage distribution of births according to previous number of children changed only slightly between 2004 and 2005, with the trend towards fewer previous children. The percentage of mothers with two or more previous children was higher in Ireland than in either England and Wales or Scotland. In Ireland in 2005, 1.5% of mothers had 5 or more previous children compared to 1.3% in England and Wales and 0.7% in Scotland.

**Table IV Percentage distribution of births within marriage according to number of previous children in Ireland in 2004 and 2005 and in England and Wales and Scotland in 2005**

Number of previous children	Ireland*		England and Wales	Scotland <sup>1</sup>
	2004	2005	2005	2005
0	33.2	33.6	42.0	41.9
1	34.7	34.0	35.7	37.6
2	20.3	20.8	14.2	14.4
3	7.8	7.7	5.0	4.2
4	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.2
5 to 9	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.7
10 and over	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

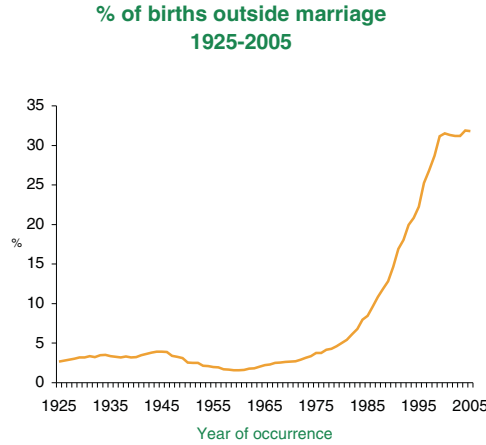
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<sup>1</sup> Includes stillbirths.

## Births outside marriage

The total number of births outside marriage was 19,501 in 2005, i.e. 297 less than in 2004. This was equivalent to an annual rate of 31.2 per 1,000 unmarried females aged 15-49 years and was 31.8% of all births (see table 2.5).

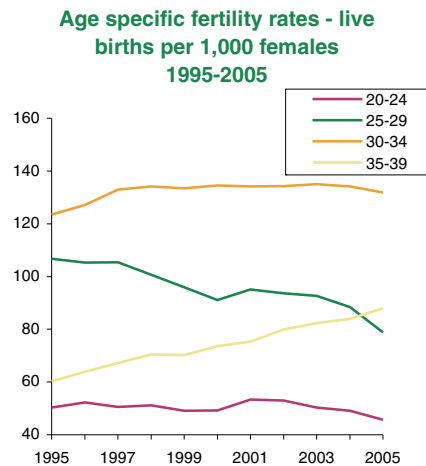
The lowest ever number of births outside marriage was recorded in 1959. The graph illustrates the steady increase in the percentage of births outside marriage, notably since 1980.



The highest percentage of births outside marriage occurred in Limerick City at 56.4% while the county with the lowest percentage was Roscommon at 19.5% (see table 2.19).

## Total Period Fertility Rate

The total period fertility rate (TPFR) derived from the age-specific fertility rates. It gives the theoretical average number of children who would be born alive to a woman during her lifetime if she were to pass through her childbearing years conforming to the age-specific fertility rates of a given year. A value of 2.1 is generally taken to be the level at which a generation would replace itself in the long run, ignoring migration.



The TPFR has fallen by half in the past 30 years. In Ireland, it dropped below the replacement level in 1989 and has remained there since (see table 2.1). Despite the decline, we continue to have one of the highest fertility rates in Western Europe.

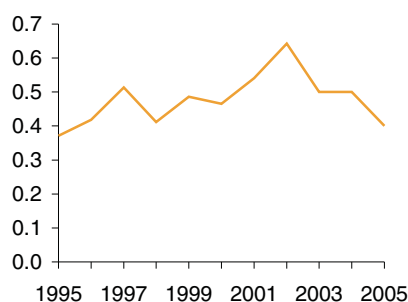
## Multiple births

The number of maternities in 2005 which resulted in multiple live births was 951 consisting of 937 sets of twins, 13 sets of triplets and one set of quadruplets. This is equivalent to a “twinning rate” of 15.5 (i.e. the number of sets of live twins per 1,000 maternities which resulted in live births). Table 2.18 summarises the number of multiple births and the “twinning rate” for the years 1984 to 2005.

## Domiciliary births

There were 264 babies born at home in 2005 (see table 2.15). This compares to 295 in 2004. Such births have dropped from one in three births in the early 1950’s to only four in every thousand in 2005.

**Domiciliary births  
percentages  
1995-2005**



## Live births

The terms used in relation to live births are defined as follows:

**Parity:** parity is the number of previous live born children to a woman.

**Birth Order:** Birth order is the number of live born children a woman has in the order in which they are born.

**Parity and Birth Order:** A first birth relates to parity 0 or birth order 1 i.e. birth order = parity + 1.

**Crude birth rate (CBR):** The number of live births divided by the total population at that age (or age group), multiplied by 1,000.

**Age specific fertility rate (ASFR):** The number of live births at a certain age (or age group) divided by the female population at that age (or age group) multiplied by 1,000.

**Total period fertility rate (TPFR):** The sum of the ASFRs, divided by 1,000, i.e. the expected number of children a woman will have in her lifetime based on the fertility of that year.

$$TPFR = \sum_{15}^{49} asfr / 1,000 \cong {}_5TPFR = 5 \sum_{15-19}^{45-49} asfr / 1,000$$

**Age specific reproduction rate (ASRR):** The number of female live births at a certain age (or age group) divided by the female population at that age (or age group), multiplied by 1,000.

**Gross reproduction rate (GRR):** The sum of the ASRRs divided by 1,000 i.e. the expected number of daughters a woman will have in her lifetime based on the fertility of that year.

**Net reproduction rate (NRR):** The sum of the products of the ASRRs and the expected number of female years to be lived at that age, divided by 1,000 i.e. the GRR adjusted for female mortality.

The difference between the gross and net reproduction rates is an indicator of female mortality.

*Average age at maternity:* 0.5 plus the sum of the products of the ages at maternity of live births and their ages divided by the number of live births.

$$\text{average age} = 0.5 + \frac{\sum_{x=15}^{49} xf_x}{\sum_{x=15}^{49} f_x}$$

*Average age at maternity of first birth:* 0.5 plus the sum of the products of the ages at maternity of first live births and their ages divided by the number of first live births.

Childbearing years are regarded as between the ages of 15 and 49.

Live births to mothers aged less than 15 are included in the age 15 category and are divided by the age 15 population. Similarly live births to mothers aged greater than 49 are included in the age 49 category and are divided by the age 49 population.

Average of mean ages: Live births where the age at maternity is not stated are excluded from the calculation.

# Tables

**Table 2.1 Total period of fertility rate (TPFR) and age specific fertility rates 1955-2005**

Year	ASFR							TPFR
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	All
1955	10.3	90.2	179.3	200.8	137.8	56.5	4.0	3.39
1956	9.6	92.7	184.2	197.1	140.0	54.2	3.9	3.41
1957	9.3	94.4	188.5	204.6	145.1	57.3	4.1	3.52
1958	7.8	93.3	194.2	204.3	147.7	52.8	4.4	3.52
1959	8.2	99.1	202.1	206.0	154.8	53.1	4.4	3.64
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	134.3	85.2	16.2	0.5	1.95
2005	16.8	45.8	79.9	129.4	86.4	16.9	0.6	1.88

**Calculation of Total Period Fertility Rate**

The TPFR is compiled by summing the age specific fertility rates for the relevant five-year age groups, dividing by 1,000 and multiplying by 5. The small number of births for which the age of the mother is not stated is distributed in proportion to the stated categories.

**Table 2.2 Age specific and total period fertility rates by area of residence of mother in 2002**

Area of residence	Live births per 1,000 females at specified ages							TPFR
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	All ages
<b>LEINSTER</b>	22.7	53.0	90.3	130.8	80.1	14.5	0.5	1.96
Carlow	26.5	76.1	133.9	155.3	75.8	13.0	0.7	2.41
Dublin City	32.1	46.2	62.3	86.3	62.8	13.2	0.2	1.52
Dublin South	25.0	63.5	101.4	139.4	82.3	13.5	0.6	2.13
Dublin Fingal	19.7	55.2	97.5	159.2	99.6	15.3	0.6	2.24
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	10.7	19.5	50.8	119.9	87.3	17.9	0.2	1.53
Kildare	20.7	52.8	119.6	167.8	92.8	15.1	0.7	2.35
Kilkenny	12.5	56.6	94.2	136.4	75.3	17.8	0.8	1.97
Laois	22.7	76.2	119.0	145.9	76.3	13.3	0.5	2.27
Longford	19.3	84.1	138.8	186.9	109.4	14.2	1.0	2.77
Louth	26.1	64.1	117.5	131.9	65.2	8.3	0.3	2.07
Meath	17.6	50.5	107.9	154.4	92.7	18.7	0.5	2.21
Offaly	25.4	72.7	113.7	145.6	76.3	16.2	0.5	2.25
Westmeath	22.3	60.5	123.7	143.9	79.8	12.8	0.4	2.22
Wexford	22.9	79.8	122.6	140.9	63.2	13.3	0.8	2.22
Wicklow	18.8	59.8	106.0	141.0	91.8	14.5	0.3	2.16
<b>MUNSTER</b>	17.1	52.2	97.1	142.8	79.4	13.8	0.7	2.02
Clare	16.4	59.0	120.3	166.6	91.8	16.5	0.9	2.36
Cork City	18.9	41.3	70.8	103.8	68.7	9.5	0.0	1.56
Cork County	12.8	48.5	97.0	157.2	88.6	15.2	0.7	2.10
Kerry	16.7	53.5	94.8	126.8	83.1	14.6	0.9	1.95
Limerick City	40.9	58.9	83.6	110.1	59.3	8.5	0.0	1.81
Limerick County	12.8	39.5	96.2	149.4	73.5	13.2	1.0	1.93
North Tipperary	21.0	60.8	117.9	168.6	71.7	15.6	0.5	2.28
South Tipperary	16.2	72.6	103.1	114.9	61.1	11.1	1.7	1.90
Waterford City	27.2	68.4	116.8	139.9	57.3	10.8	0.0	2.10
Waterford County	12.2	77.4	108.6	156.9	92.0	16.6	0.5	2.32
<b>CONNACHT</b>	11.4	46.7	96.3	140.1	85.1	17.1	0.7	1.99
Galway City	13.7	33.7	68.8	114.3	81.3	15.8	0.0	1.64
Galway County	9.9	51.7	114.6	158.6	89.8	18.2	0.6	2.22
Leitrim	17.2	66.7	114.0	159.3	97.6	14.4	0.0	2.35
Mayo	12.8	57.5	103.3	136.1	87.0	16.3	1.3	2.07
Roscommon	7.2	65.8	96.4	136.1	67.9	17.1	0.0	1.95
Sligo	10.5	38.7	93.5	131.7	84.2	18.4	1.0	1.89
<b>ULSTER (PART OF)</b>	18.3	66.6	111.6	123.2	73.2	12.4	0.7	2.03
Cavan	17.4	59.2	116.9	149.0	83.5	13.8	1.1	2.20
Donegal	19.9	70.4	112.4	117.8	69.6	12.5	0.5	2.02
Monaghan	15.3	64.1	103.8	110.8	72.0	10.8	0.6	1.89
<b>STATE</b>	19.4	52.8	93.7	134.5	80.1	14.5	0.6	1.98
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>								
Border	18.9	61.9	111.1	128.5	74.0	12.4	0.6	2.04
Midland	22.8	70.6	121.4	150.3	81.7	14.1	0.6	2.31
West	11.2	47.0	95.9	140.1	84.5	17.1	0.7	1.98
Dublin	24.3	47.0	74.1	116.0	78.4	14.5	0.4	1.77
Mid-East	19.2	54.0	112.4	156.6	92.5	16.1	0.5	2.26
Mid-West	20.0	51.6	103.9	151.5	76.9	14.0	0.7	2.09
South-East	19.1	72.1	112.8	139.1	69.7	13.9	0.8	2.14
South-West	15.1	46.9	89.8	140.3	83.7	13.9	0.6	1.95
<b>HEALTH BOARDS:</b>								
ERHA	23.4	48.3	80.7	124.2	81.4	14.6	0.4	1.86
Midland	22.8	70.6	121.4	150.3	81.7	14.1	0.6	2.31
Mid Western	20.0	51.6	103.9	151.5	76.9	14.0	0.7	2.09
North Eastern	19.6	58.2	111.7	141.1	80.4	13.8	0.6	2.13
North Western	17.0	60.7	107.5	125.6	76.4	14.3	0.6	2.01
South Eastern	19.1	72.1	112.8	139.1	69.7	13.9	0.8	2.14
Southern	15.1	46.9	89.8	140.3	83.7	13.9	0.6	1.95
Western	11.2	47.0	95.9	140.1	84.5	17.1	0.7	1.98

**Table 2.3 Births by area of residence, sex of infant and age at maternity in 2005**

Area of residence	Males	Females	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 & over	Age not stated
<b>LEINSTER</b>	17,686	16,782	34,468	1,460	4,637	7,651	11,987	7,327	1,315	50	41
<b>Carlow</b>	416	405	821	40	119	215	271	145	28	2	1
Carlow Town	127	126	253	11	39	81	76	38	8	-	-
Rest of Co. Carlow	289	279	568	29	80	134	195	107	20	2	1
<b>Dublin City</b>	3,332	3,195	6,527	407	1,151	1,437	1,941	1,333	242	13	3
<b>South Dublin</b>	2,134	2,029	4,163	222	673	990	1,383	752	134	5	4
<b>Fingal</b>	2,219	2,108	4,327	136	529	990	1,660	871	135	3	3
<b>Dun Laoghaire Rathdown</b>	1,181	1,190	2,371	76	173	323	899	738	160	2	-
<b>Kildare</b>	1,605	1,590	3,195	91	351	651	1,225	743	122	6	6
Athy Town	72	67	139	7	36	43	35	17	1	-	-
Naas Town	172	182	354	6	36	61	133	96	20	1	1
Rest of Co. Kildare	1,361	1,341	2,702	78	279	547	1,057	630	101	5	5
<b>Kilkenny</b>	620	509	1,129	39	117	249	390	270	60	2	2
Kilkenny Borough	142	114	256	8	37	64	81	53	13	-	-
Rest of Co. Kilkenny	478	395	873	31	80	185	309	217	47	2	2
<b>Laois</b>	489	439	928	27	129	233	307	184	46	2	-
<b>Longford</b>	238	248	486	19	87	106	159	91	20	3	1
Longford Town	58	71	129	7	34	35	30	18	4	1	-
Rest of Co. Longford	180	177	357	12	53	71	129	73	16	2	1
<b>Louth</b>	828	794	1,622	79	217	395	592	290	43	1	5
Drogheda Borough	267	247	514	26	71	126	190	92	7	-	2
Dundalk Town	161	159	320	34	58	87	89	44	8	-	-
Rest of Co. Louth	400	388	788	19	88	182	313	154	28	1	3
<b>Meath</b>	1,408	1,296	2,704	59	264	640	1,037	600	93	4	7
Kells Town	45	42	87	4	11	26	26	15	4	-	1
Navan Town	168	156	324	14	57	84	100	60	7	-	2
Trim Town	40	37	77	5	12	18	28	11	3	-	-
Rest of Co. Meath	1,155	1,061	2,216	36	184	512	883	514	79	4	4
<b>Offaly</b>	516	491	1,007	48	148	226	335	203	46	-	1
Birr Town	27	27	54	6	7	12	17	10	2	-	-
Tullamore Town	97	83	180	8	30	42	56	33	11	-	-
Rest of Co. Offaly	392	381	773	34	111	172	262	160	33	-	1
<b>Westmeath</b>	663	592	1,255	47	164	285	428	287	41	3	-
Athlone Town	120	99	219	10	54	55	59	37	4	-	-
Rest of Co. Westmeath	543	493	1,036	37	110	230	369	250	37	3	-
<b>Wexford</b>	1,050	946	1,996	89	286	508	656	378	68	3	8
Enniscorthy Town	63	57	120	11	27	33	27	17	4	-	1
New Ross Town	40	51	91	8	22	22	26	11	1	1	-
Wexford Borough	117	105	222	16	42	65	62	27	9	-	1
Rest of Co. Wexford	830	733	1,563	54	195	388	541	323	54	2	6
<b>Wicklow</b>	987	950	1,937	81	229	403	704	442	77	1	-
Arklow Town	102	90	192	9	33	53	62	30	5	-	-
Bray Town	222	207	429	19	65	90	159	81	15	-	-
Wicklow Town	83	81	164	6	17	37	53	48	3	-	-
Rest of Co. Wicklow	580	572	1,152	47	114	223	430	283	54	1	-
<b>MUNSTER</b>	8,457	8,110	16,567	611	1,976	3,687	5,927	3,651	670	18	27
<b>Clare</b>	843	811	1,654	57	153	355	637	360	89	1	2
Ennis Town	199	199	398	13	43	94	146	82	18	1	1
Kilrush Town	26	16	42	2	5	12	18	3	2	-	-
Rest of Co. Clare	618	596	1,214	42	105	249	473	275	69	-	1
<b>Cork City</b>	740	725	1,465	99	257	407	397	260	43	1	1
<b>Cork County</b>	2,710	2,717	5,427	120	475	1,117	2,173	1,308	229	4	1
Clonakilty Town	29	22	51	1	9	12	13	13	3	-	-
Cobh Town	105	98	203	11	34	55	70	29	3	-	1
Fermoy Town	27	39	66	5	13	17	15	13	3	-	-
Kinsale Town	20	21	41	-	3	12	14	9	3	-	-
Macroom Town	18	24	42	1	7	14	11	9	-	-	-
Mallow Town	61	70	131	5	18	35	51	19	3	-	-
Midleton Town	44	44	88	4	13	17	39	13	2	-	-
Skibbereen Town	11	11	22	1	2	11	7	1	-	-	-
Youghal Town	46	41	87	5	19	20	21	16	6	-	-
Rest of Co. Cork	2,349	2,347	4,696	87	357	924	1,932	1,186	206	4	-
<b>Kerry</b>	862	867	1,729	50	225	369	599	403	80	1	2
Killarney Town	92	71	163	5	38	44	44	26	6	-	-
Listowel Town	26	21	47	5	9	12	13	6	2	-	-
Tralee Town	134	129	263	17	52	61	80	46	7	-	-
Rest of Co. Kerry	610	646	1,256	23	126	252	462	325	65	1	2
<b>Limerick City</b>	438	412	850	78	189	199	220	147	16	-	1
<b>Limerick County</b>	918	762	1,680	46	163	399	633	372	64	2	1
<b>North Tipperary</b>	564	556	1,120	34	143	237	406	249	42	6	3
Nenagh Town	56	53	109	6	21	24	37	15	6	-	-

**Table 2.3 Births by area of residence, sex of infant and age at maternity in 2005 — Continued**

Area of residence	Males	Females	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 & over	Age not stated
Templemore Town	12	10	22	1	1	10	8	2	-	-	-
Thurles Town	58	50	108	8	24	28	29	16	1	-	2
Rest of North Tipperary	438	443	881	19	97	175	332	216	35	6	1
<b>South Tipperary</b>	530	515	1,045	51	160	221	335	222	44	1	11
Carrick-on-Suir Town	51	52	103	9	22	19	33	17	3	-	-
Cashel Town	24	21	45	5	9	12	10	8	-	-	1
Clonmel Borough	109	99	208	11	47	45	55	40	7	-	3
Tipperary Town	30	36	66	3	12	15	25	9	1	-	1
Rest of South Tipperary	316	307	623	23	70	130	212	148	33	1	6
<b>Waterford City</b>	330	305	635	48	114	162	183	105	20	-	3
<b>Waterford County</b>	522	440	962	28	97	221	344	225	43	2	2
Dungarvan Town	54	39	93	5	13	27	27	16	3	2	-
Rest of Co. Waterford	468	401	869	23	84	194	317	209	40	-	2
<b>CONNACHT</b>	3,449	3,326	6,775	189	689	1,414	2,426	1,675	362	10	10
<b>Galway City</b>	391	402	793	34	127	181	257	147	44	2	1
<b>Galway County</b>	1,308	1,184	2,492	55	213	495	946	645	133	4	1
Ballinasloe Town	47	39	86	-	15	23	23	19	6	-	-
Rest of Co. Galway	1,261	1,145	2,406	55	198	472	923	626	127	4	1
<b>Leitrim</b>	183	184	367	9	51	63	130	94	17	2	1
<b>Mayo</b>	843	804	1,647	48	161	352	543	434	103	1	5
Ballina Town	85	79	164	12	25	36	44	35	12	-	-
Castlebar Town	97	90	187	7	21	51	57	45	6	-	-
Westport Town	27	29	56	3	7	17	15	12	2	-	-
Rest of Co. Mayo	634	606	1,240	26	108	248	427	342	83	1	5
<b>Roscommon</b>	353	370	723	14	53	160	276	186	33	-	1
<b>Sligo</b>	371	382	753	29	84	163	274	169	32	1	1
Sligo Borough	81	87	168	11	34	46	50	21	6	-	-
Rest of Co. Sligo	290	295	585	18	50	117	224	148	26	1	1
<b>ULSTER (PART OF)</b>	1,897	1,665	3,562	146	451	908	1,241	667	136	5	8
<b>Cavan</b>	473	385	858	23	85	196	337	177	38	2	-
Cavan Town	55	44	99	7	11	34	31	14	2	-	-
Rest of Co. Cavan	418	341	759	16	74	162	306	163	36	2	-
<b>Donegal</b>	1,049	930	1,979	94	284	509	641	370	74	3	4
Buncrana Town	38	31	69	4	8	17	26	14	-	-	-
Bundoran Town	28	28	56	4	13	11	14	13	1	-	-
Letterkenny Town	129	97	226	11	40	60	70	34	11	-	-
Rest of Co. Donegal	854	774	1,628	75	223	421	531	309	62	3	4
<b>Monaghan</b>	375	350	725	29	82	203	263	120	24	-	4
Carrickmacross Town	32	29	61	2	7	23	24	5	-	-	-
Castleblaney Town	19	19	38	-	6	21	9	1	1	-	-
Clones Town	13	17	30	5	8	7	4	6	-	-	-
Monaghan Town	49	45	94	5	17	25	25	18	4	-	-
Rest of Co. Monaghan	262	240	502	17	44	127	201	90	19	-	4
<b>STATE</b>	31,489	29,883	61,372	2,406	7,753	13,660	21,581	13,320	2,483	83	86
Towns and Boroughs	4,055	3,801	7,856	409	1,314	2,001	2,467	1,383	259	6	17
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>											
Border	3,279	3,025	6,304	263	803	1,529	2,237	1,220	228	9	15
Midland	1,906	1,770	3,676	141	528	850	1,229	765	153	8	2
West	2,895	2,760	5,655	151	554	1,188	2,022	1,412	313	7	8
Dublin	8,866	8,522	17,388	841	2,526	3,740	5,883	3,694	671	23	10
Mid-East	4,000	3,836	7,836	231	844	1,694	2,966	1,785	292	11	13
Mid-West	2,763	2,541	5,304	215	648	1,190	1,896	1,128	211	9	7
South-East	3,468	3,120	6,588	295	893	1,576	2,179	1,345	263	10	27
South-West	4,312	4,309	8,621	269	957	1,893	3,169	1,971	352	6	4
<b>HEALTH BOARDS:</b>											
ERHA	11,458	11,062	22,520	1,013	3,106	4,794	7,812	4,879	870	30	16
Midland	1,906	1,770	3,676	141	528	850	1,229	765	153	8	2
Mid Western	2,763	2,541	5,304	215	648	1,190	1,896	1,128	211	9	7
North Eastern	3,084	2,825	5,909	190	648	1,434	2,229	1,187	198	7	16
North Western	1,603	1,496	3,099	132	419	735	1,045	633	123	6	6
South Eastern	3,468	3,120	6,588	295	893	1,576	2,179	1,345	263	10	27
Southern	4,312	4,309	8,621	269	957	1,893	3,169	1,971	352	6	4
Western	2,895	2,760	5,655	151	554	1,188	2,022	1,412	313	7	8

**Table 2.4 Births by area of residence showing the numbers in each quarter in 2005**

Area of residence	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Year	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
LEINSTER	4,216	3,914	4,342	4,260	4,748	4,410	4,380	4,198	17,686	16,782
Carlow	106	100	84	90	126	109	100	106	416	405
Dublin City	788	727	862	875	847	841	835	752	3,332	3,195
South Dublin	486	504	515	475	575	538	558	512	2,134	2,029
Fingal	509	468	530	531	632	556	548	553	2,219	2,108
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	276	276	302	342	325	309	278	263	1,181	1,190
Kildare	396	377	369	393	429	416	411	404	1,605	1,590
Kilkenny	136	129	161	125	162	126	161	129	620	509
Laois	116	104	137	116	115	110	121	109	489	439
Longford	66	50	44	60	65	68	63	70	238	248
Louth	174	195	220	188	227	221	207	190	828	794
Meath	349	294	340	332	385	323	334	347	1,408	1,296
Offaly	112	110	114	124	157	125	133	132	516	491
Westmeath	153	136	178	149	176	152	156	155	663	592
Wexford	286	224	237	224	271	250	256	248	1,050	946
Wicklow	263	220	249	236	256	266	219	228	987	950
MUNSTER	2,118	1,959	2,058	1,987	2,248	2,099	2,033	2,065	8,457	8,110
Clare	221	193	206	203	202	217	214	198	843	811
Cork City	189	168	191	177	190	204	170	176	740	725
Cork County	680	670	654	635	750	687	626	725	2,710	2,717
Kerry	233	215	200	228	225	233	204	191	862	867
Limerick City	97	94	128	93	117	124	96	101	438	412
Limerick County	231	164	223	207	232	187	232	204	918	762
North Tipperary	129	138	113	130	152	135	170	153	564	556
South Tipperary	140	147	130	126	155	129	105	113	530	515
Waterford City	79	70	88	76	81	80	82	79	330	305
Waterford County	119	100	125	112	144	103	134	125	522	440
CONNACHT	846	764	859	856	861	895	883	811	3,449	3,326
Galway City	97	96	89	89	99	101	106	116	391	402
Galway County	328	273	330	321	319	299	331	291	1,308	1,184
Leitrim	42	39	45	48	45	62	51	35	183	184
Mayo	208	166	198	215	225	219	212	204	843	804
Roscommon	70	87	87	94	97	110	99	79	353	370
Sligo	101	103	110	89	76	104	84	86	371	382
ULSTER (PART OF)	478	423	463	380	496	458	460	404	1,897	1,665
Cavan	116	96	115	91	139	120	103	78	473	385
Donegal	261	233	261	210	263	249	264	238	1,049	930
Monaghan	101	94	87	79	94	89	93	88	375	350
STATE	7,658	7,060	7,722	7,483	8,353	7,862	7,756	7,478	31,489	29,883
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:										
Border	795	760	838	705	844	845	802	715	3,279	3,025
Midland	447	400	473	449	513	455	473	466	1,906	1,770
West	703	622	704	719	740	729	748	690	2,895	2,760
Dublin	2,059	1,975	2,209	2,223	2,379	2,244	2,219	2,080	8,866	8,522
Mid-East	1,008	891	958	961	1,070	1,005	964	979	4,000	3,836
Mid-West	678	589	670	633	703	663	712	656	2,763	2,541
South-East	866	770	825	753	939	797	838	800	3,468	3,120
South-West	1,102	1,053	1,045	1,040	1,165	1,124	1,000	1,092	4,312	4,309
HEALTH BOARDS:										
ERHA	2,718	2,572	2,827	2,852	3,064	2,926	2,849	2,712	11,458	11,062
Midland	447	400	473	449	513	455	473	466	1,906	1,770
Mid Western	678	589	670	633	703	663	712	656	2,763	2,541
North Eastern	740	679	762	690	845	753	737	703	3,084	2,825
North Western	404	375	416	347	384	415	399	359	1,603	1,496
South Eastern	866	770	825	753	939	797	838	800	3,468	3,120
Southern	1,102	1,053	1,045	1,040	1,165	1,124	1,000	1,092	4,312	4,309
Western	703	622	704	719	740	729	748	690	2,895	2,760

**Table 2.5 Births in 2005, classified by sex and age of mother at maternity and showing the number of births outside marriage**

Age of mother at maternity	Total Births (including Births outside marriage)			Births outside marriage		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
ALL AGES	61,372	31,489	29,883	19,501	9,968	9,533
15 and under	44	23	21	43	23	20
16	183	95	88	181	94	87
17	385	206	179	371	197	174
18	745	391	354	695	368	327
19	1,049	539	510	943	481	462
under 20	2,406	1,254	1,152	2,233	1,163	1,070
20	1,250	626	624	1,088	545	543
21	1,353	693	660	1,134	566	568
22	1,544	789	755	1,264	639	625
23	1,663	848	815	1,254	665	589
24	1,943	963	980	1,341	659	682
20-24	7,753	3,919	3,834	6,081	3,074	3,007
25	2,142	1,086	1,056	1,235	614	621
26	2,423	1,233	1,190	1,211	611	600
27	2,636	1,305	1,331	1,050	513	537
28	2,989	1,555	1,434	962	510	452
29	3,470	1,748	1,722	898	456	442
25-29	13,660	6,927	6,733	5,356	2,704	2,652
30	3,992	2,065	1,927	845	435	410
31	4,347	2,289	2,058	787	422	365
32	4,565	2,351	2,214	728	388	340
33	4,513	2,313	2,200	632	322	310
34	4,164	2,152	2,012	565	280	285
30-34	21,581	11,170	10,411	3,557	1,847	1,710
35	3,724	1,894	1,830	493	259	234
36	3,301	1,700	1,601	403	197	206
37	2,676	1,370	1,306	396	213	183
38	2,065	1,082	983	306	156	150
39	1,554	802	752	228	109	119
35-39	13,320	6,848	6,472	1,826	934	892
40	1,067	547	520	152	80	72
41	695	355	340	97	52	45
42	392	195	197	77	45	32
43	221	133	88	54	33	21
44	108	52	56	23	11	12
40-44	2,483	1,282	1,201	403	221	182
45 and over	83	42	41	21	10	11
Age not stated	86	47	39	24	15	9

**Table 2.6 Total Births in 2005 classified by area of residence and age of mother at maternity**

Area of residence	Under 20		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45 & over		Age not stated	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
LEINSTER	746	714	2,309	2,328	3,878	3,773	6,231	5,756	3,763	3,564	707	608	29	21	23	18
Carlow	17	23	57	62	125	90	137	134	69	76	8	20	2	-	1	-
Dublin City	208	199	596	555	714	723	1,014	927	656	677	133	109	8	5	3	-
South Dublin	132	90	326	347	487	503	727	656	386	366	72	62	3	2	1	3
Fingal	64	72	255	274	497	493	874	786	461	410	67	68	-	3	1	2
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	41	35	92	81	153	170	437	462	375	363	82	78	1	1	-	-
Kildare	40	51	174	177	339	312	632	593	351	392	63	59	3	3	3	3
Kilkenny	18	21	60	57	145	104	216	174	144	126	35	25	1	1	1	1
Laois	12	15	59	70	126	107	169	138	101	83	20	26	2	-	-	-
Longford	8	11	40	47	53	53	82	77	43	48	10	10	2	1	-	1
Louth	38	41	113	104	193	202	300	292	151	139	29	14	1	-	3	2
Meath	29	30	133	131	334	306	542	495	317	283	45	48	3	1	5	2
Offaly	27	21	66	82	116	110	175	160	105	98	26	20	-	-	1	-
Westmeath	24	23	81	83	148	137	222	206	164	123	22	19	2	1	-	-
Wexford	46	43	146	140	259	249	335	321	216	162	43	25	1	2	4	4
Wicklow	42	39	111	118	189	214	369	335	224	218	52	25	-	1	-	-
MUNSTER	332	279	995	981	1,878	1,809	3,035	2,892	1,868	1,783	326	344	7	11	16	11
Clare	28	29	80	73	185	170	325	312	177	183	45	44	1	-	2	-
Cork City	53	46	125	132	189	218	224	173	134	126	15	28	-	1	-	1
Cork County	71	49	232	243	540	577	1,072	1,101	683	625	111	118	1	3	-	1
Kerry	28	22	125	100	194	175	281	318	190	213	42	38	-	1	2	-
Limerick City	45	33	89	100	108	91	117	103	72	75	6	10	-	-	1	-
Limerick County	25	21	83	80	225	174	353	280	198	174	33	31	1	1	-	1
North Tipperary	13	21	71	72	118	119	212	194	124	125	22	20	2	4	2	1
South Tipperary	28	23	88	72	109	112	164	171	113	109	21	23	-	1	7	4
Waterford City	30	18	47	67	91	71	95	88	53	52	13	7	-	-	1	2
Waterford County	11	17	55	42	119	102	192	152	124	101	18	25	2	-	1	1
CONNACHT	96	93	367	322	710	704	1,229	1,197	865	810	174	188	4	6	4	6
Galway City	14	20	66	61	80	101	125	132	83	64	21	23	2	-	-	1
Galway County	26	29	104	109	267	228	505	441	341	304	63	70	2	2	-	1
Leitrim	6	3	21	30	30	33	66	64	50	44	10	7	-	2	-	1
Mayo	26	22	106	55	176	176	266	277	220	214	46	57	-	1	3	2
Roscommon	8	6	26	27	78	82	135	141	87	99	18	15	-	-	1	-
Sligo	16	13	44	40	79	84	132	142	84	85	16	16	-	1	-	1
ULSTER (PART OF)	80	66	248	203	461	447	675	566	352	315	75	61	2	3	4	4
Cavan	12	11	50	35	98	98	192	145	97	80	24	14	-	2	-	-
Donegal	50	44	150	134	263	246	345	296	195	175	41	33	2	1	3	1
Monaghan	18	11	48	34	100	103	138	125	60	60	10	14	-	-	1	3
STATE	1,254	1,152	3,919	3,834	6,927	6,733	11,170	10,411	6,848	6,472	1,282	1,201	42	41	47	39
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:																
Border	140	123	426	377	763	766	1,173	1,064	637	583	130	98	3	6	7	8
Midland	71	70	246	282	443	407	648	581	413	352	78	75	6	2	1	1
West	74	77	302	252	601	587	1,031	991	731	681	148	165	4	3	4	4
Dublin	445	396	1,269	1,257	1,851	1,889	3,052	2,831	1,878	1,816	354	317	12	11	5	5
Mid-East	111	120	418	426	862	832	1,543	1,423	892	893	160	132	6	5	8	5
Mid-West	111	104	323	325	636	554	1,007	889	571	557	106	105	4	5	5	2
South-East	150	145	453	440	848	728	1,139	1,040	719	626	138	125	6	4	15	12
South-West	152	117	482	475	923	970	1,577	1,592	1,007	964	168	184	1	5	2	2
HEALTH BOARDS:																
ERHA	527	486	1,554	1,552	2,379	2,415	4,053	3,759	2,453	2,426	469	401	15	15	8	8
Midland	71	70	246	282	443	407	648	581	413	352	78	75	6	2	1	1
Mid Western	111	104	323	325	636	554	1,007	889	571	557	106	105	4	5	5	2
North Eastern	97	93	344	304	725	709	1,172	1,057	625	562	108	90	4	3	9	7
North Western	72	60	215	204	372	363	543	502	329	304	67	56	2	4	3	3
South Eastern	150	145	453	440	848	728	1,139	1,040	719	626	138	125	6	4	15	12
Southern	152	117	482	475	923	970	1,577	1,592	1,007	964	168	184	1	5	2	2
Western	74	77	302	252	601	587	1,031	991	731	681	148	165	4	3	4	4

**Table 2.7 Births outside marriage in 2005 classified by area of residence and age of mother at maternity**

Area of residence	Under 25		25-29		30-34		35-39		40 & over		Age not stated		ALL AGES	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
LEINSTER	2,531	2,487	1,645	1,562	1,152	1,053	564	553	138	109	4	1	6,034	5,765
Carlow	63	70	47	32	15	19	17	8	1	3	1	-	144	132
Dublin City	662	620	385	360	311	273	153	158	30	28	1	-	1,542	1,439
South Dublin	392	344	243	240	134	142	65	61	17	12	-	1	851	800
Fingal	237	267	185	181	122	116	64	55	16	14	-	-	624	633
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	113	97	66	85	67	75	37	41	9	10	-	-	292	308
Kildare	178	186	124	95	97	86	39	45	11	8	-	-	449	420
Kilkenny	65	68	50	36	33	23	21	18	3	2	-	-	172	147
Laois	51	66	36	36	23	14	13	8	5	6	-	-	128	130
Longford	35	36	18	23	13	8	5	7	2	2	-	-	73	76
Louth	127	128	73	90	60	48	29	19	8	3	-	-	297	288
Meath	140	138	121	98	74	73	21	36	7	3	1	-	364	348
Offaly	75	88	41	44	36	25	13	17	6	6	-	-	171	180
Westmeath	91	86	59	48	45	28	18	19	4	1	-	-	217	182
Wexford	170	161	113	101	60	66	32	21	8	3	1	-	384	352
Wicklow	132	132	84	93	62	57	37	40	11	8	-	-	326	330
MUNSTER	1,084	1,055	715	719	458	451	251	227	56	60	6	5	2,570	2,517
Clare	85	81	59	53	48	38	22	24	6	8	1	-	221	204
Cork City	152	152	104	111	65	50	32	21	6	9	-	1	359	344
Cork County	252	242	163	199	123	123	73	65	13	13	-	1	624	643
Kerry	111	94	59	60	32	47	21	22	10	7	1	-	234	230
Limerick City	119	118	57	60	39	37	17	24	2	5	1	-	235	244
Limerick County	81	84	72	57	43	33	19	20	5	3	-	-	220	197
North Tipperary	65	80	52	50	29	37	13	11	1	2	-	-	160	180
South Tipperary	97	80	49	42	20	26	15	15	4	5	1	1	186	169
Waterford City	62	75	50	44	27	31	9	11	4	3	1	1	153	165
Waterford County	60	49	50	43	32	29	30	14	5	5	1	1	178	141
CONNACHT	349	319	205	240	152	133	83	73	24	15	1	2	814	782
Galway City	58	58	33	42	22	28	16	7	5	2	-	1	134	138
Galway County	98	109	68	85	59	53	26	29	8	9	-	1	259	286
Leitrim	21	29	5	11	7	4	3	3	1	1	-	-	37	48
Mayo	98	55	52	47	29	28	21	25	5	1	1	-	206	156
Roscommon	26	27	19	27	19	8	9	4	1	1	-	-	74	67
Sligo	48	41	28	28	16	12	8	5	4	1	-	-	104	87
ULSTER (PART OF)	273	216	139	131	85	73	36	39	13	9	4	1	550	469
Cavan	48	39	29	22	18	21	4	11	4	2	-	-	103	95
Donegal	172	143	75	76	45	37	27	18	8	6	3	1	330	281
Monaghan	53	34	35	33	22	15	5	10	1	1	1	-	117	93
STATE	4,237	4,077	2,704	2,652	1,847	1,710	934	892	231	193	15	9	9,968	9,533
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:														
Border	469	414	245	260	168	137	76	66	26	14	4	1	988	892
Midland	252	276	154	151	117	75	49	51	17	15	-	-	589	568
West	280	249	172	201	129	117	72	65	19	13	1	2	673	647
Dublin	1,404	1,328	879	866	634	606	319	315	72	64	1	1	3,309	3,180
Mid-East	450	456	329	286	233	216	97	121	29	19	1	-	1,139	1,098
Mid-West	350	363	240	220	159	145	71	79	14	18	2	-	836	825
South-East	517	503	359	298	187	194	124	87	25	21	5	3	1,217	1,106
South-West	515	488	326	370	220	220	126	108	29	29	1	2	1,217	1,217
HEALTH BOARDS:														
ERHA	1,714	1,646	1,087	1,054	793	749	395	400	94	80	1	1	4,084	3,930
Midland	252	276	154	151	117	75	49	51	17	15	-	-	589	568
Mid Western	350	363	240	220	159	145	71	79	14	18	2	-	836	825
North Eastern	368	339	258	243	174	157	59	76	20	9	2	-	881	824
North Western	241	213	108	115	68	53	38	26	13	8	3	1	471	416
South Eastern	517	503	359	298	187	194	124	87	25	21	5	3	1,217	1,106
Southern	515	488	326	370	220	220	126	108	29	29	1	2	1,217	1,217
Western	280	249	172	201	129	117	72	65	19	13	1	2	673	647

**Table 2.8 Total Births in 2005, classified by age of mother at maternity and number of previous liveborn children**

Age of mother at maternity	Number of previous liveborn children												
	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more	Not stated
ALL AGES	61,372	24,634	19,520	10,762	3,997	1,325	497	200	77	43	24	14	279
15 and under	44	43	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	183	179	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	385	362	20	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
18	745	687	52	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
19	1,049	893	136	15	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
under 20	2,406	2,164	213	18	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
20	1,250	943	261	38	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
21	1,353	970	300	68	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
22	1,544	993	414	119	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
23	1,663	940	522	149	37	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	5
24	1,943	968	690	214	53	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
20-24	7,753	4,814	2,187	588	114	22	4	2	-	-	-	-	22
25	2,142	1,050	745	219	95	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
26	2,423	1,164	771	342	102	23	12	2	-	-	-	-	7
27	2,636	1,219	881	363	110	40	10	4	1	-	-	-	8
28	2,989	1,402	961	392	160	42	15	5	-	-	-	-	12
29	3,470	1,529	1,142	515	183	54	21	5	3	-	-	-	18
25-29	13,660	6,364	4,500	1,831	650	184	59	16	4	-	-	-	52
30	3,992	1,799	1,313	585	164	65	31	9	2	1	-	-	23
31	4,347	1,796	1,478	723	214	73	28	7	2	1	1	-	24
32	4,565	1,683	1,648	807	265	81	33	16	5	4	2	-	21
33	4,513	1,474	1,687	893	303	83	31	15	7	1	-	-	19
34	4,164	1,203	1,490	965	322	92	38	19	4	3	-	2	26
30-34	21,581	7,955	7,616	3,973	1,268	394	161	66	20	10	3	2	113
35	3,724	955	1,258	983	331	110	40	17	7	3	1	1	18
36	3,301	736	1,112	924	343	103	45	13	2	5	2	1	15
37	2,676	504	854	763	354	117	36	20	10	6	2	1	9
38	2,065	392	647	582	260	116	30	11	3	4	3	5	12
39	1,554	255	450	447	261	80	31	12	7	1	1	-	9
35-39	13,320	2,842	4,321	3,699	1,549	526	182	73	29	19	9	8	63
40	1,067	175	310	272	169	66	36	18	9	5	1	1	5
41	695	130	173	186	108	54	19	7	5	3	6	-	4
42	392	67	104	87	64	39	13	7	4	2	1	-	4
43	221	39	35	54	42	23	16	5	1	1	2	2	1
44	108	23	23	23	13	12	5	5	3	-	-	1	-
40-44	2,483	434	645	622	396	194	89	42	22	11	10	4	14
45 and over	83	25	14	18	12	4	2	1	2	3	1	-	1
Age not stated	86	36	24	13	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	7

**Table 2.9 Births outside marriage in 2005, classified by age of mother at maternity and number of previous liveborn children**

Age of mother at maternity	Number of previous liveborn children												
	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more	Not stated
ALL AGES	19,501	10,642	5,343	2,083	801	325	141	60	24	11	4	3	64
15 and under	43	42	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	181	177	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	371	350	18	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
18	695	644	45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
19	943	818	114	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
under 20	2,233	2,031	182	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
20	1,088	851	206	26	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
21	1,134	855	225	44	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
22	1,264	852	319	78	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
23	1,254	751	377	95	23	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	4
24	1,341	714	456	133	28	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
20-24	6,081	4,023	1,583	376	68	11	2	2	-	-	-	-	16
25	1,235	623	436	104	51	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
26	1,211	596	403	153	44	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	1
27	1,050	497	364	129	35	17	4	2	1	-	-	-	1
28	962	402	331	139	68	15	3	2	-	-	-	-	2
29	898	356	309	150	53	21	5	3	-	-	-	-	1
25-29	5,356	2,474	1,843	675	251	79	17	7	1	-	-	-	9
30	845	365	266	125	41	27	10	3	1	-	-	-	7
31	787	308	242	144	57	17	12	-	-	1	-	-	6
32	728	284	227	116	56	19	9	6	4	1	1	-	5
33	632	259	194	97	45	15	12	4	2	-	-	-	4
34	565	193	182	101	46	20	16	5	-	-	-	-	2
30-34	3,557	1,409	1,111	583	245	98	59	18	7	2	1	-	24
35	493	180	129	98	45	23	7	4	2	1	-	-	4
36	403	130	124	87	30	14	10	3	-	2	1	1	1
37	396	108	125	78	44	24	8	4	4	-	-	-	1
38	306	93	78	59	35	27	6	3	-	2	-	2	1
39	228	65	66	48	22	13	11	1	-	-	1	-	1
35-39	1,826	576	522	370	176	101	42	15	6	5	2	3	8
40	152	34	45	25	17	12	9	7	3	-	-	-	-
41	97	26	16	22	15	10	2	3	2	1	-	-	-
42	77	27	19	6	11	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	-
43	54	15	5	7	12	5	5	2	-	1	1	-	1
44	23	4	5	3	4	2	1	3	1	-	-	-	-
40-44	403	106	90	63	59	34	20	18	9	2	1	-	1
45 and over	21	8	4	2	1	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
Age not stated	24	15	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 2.10 Births within marriage in 2005, classified by age of mother at maternity and year of marriage**

Age of mother at maternity	TOTAL	Births within marriage : the year of marriage being													
		2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1991-1995	1986-1990	1985 and earlier	Not stated
ALL AGES	41,871	873	5,104	5,205	4,934	4,371	4,071	3,291	2,639	2,181	1,740	4,308	1,000	158	1,996
15 and under	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	14	3	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
18	50	13	28	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
19	106	16	50	20	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
under 20	173	33	87	23	8	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
20	162	23	39	46	23	8	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	19
21	219	30	49	54	39	21	7	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	16
22	280	43	49	63	35	39	17	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	26
23	409	47	111	85	54	42	26	13	3	1	-	1	-	-	26
24	602	53	160	121	71	63	41	28	13	9	1	2	-	-	40
20-24	1,672	196	408	369	222	173	94	48	20	11	1	3	-	-	127
25	907	54	257	204	121	76	64	26	35	8	5	1	-	-	56
26	1,212	45	340	268	175	125	75	50	39	25	16	7	-	-	47
27	1,586	59	374	373	251	190	110	49	46	27	19	19	-	-	69
28	2,027	42	407	426	363	268	176	117	43	34	30	31	1	-	89
29	2,572	55	448	508	416	336	259	165	97	60	39	68	-	-	121
25-29	8,304	255	1,826	1,779	1,326	995	684	407	260	154	109	126	1	-	382
30	3,147	69	475	521	528	414	398	243	139	93	42	89	2	1	133
31	3,560	44	454	548	562	476	414	330	203	154	82	139	12	-	142
32	3,837	49	429	414	506	519	480	349	303	230	144	197	11	-	206
33	3,881	44	384	411	434	450	443	442	363	238	166	326	23	-	157
34	3,599	46	277	326	370	327	405	389	330	306	228	387	42	1	165
30-34	18,024	252	2,019	2,220	2,400	2,186	2,140	1,753	1,338	1,021	662	1,138	90	2	803
35	3,231	35	243	238	278	286	326	284	282	270	243	545	63	1	137
36	2,898	31	161	170	221	235	290	277	230	233	228	607	78	4	133
37	2,280	18	122	128	163	149	186	176	183	181	173	554	121	11	115
38	1,759	14	96	100	107	117	129	124	121	127	125	468	130	11	90
39	1,326	16	55	62	81	96	98	88	75	89	95	345	157	10	59
35-39	11,494	114	677	698	850	883	1,029	949	891	900	864	2,519	549	37	534
40	915	6	39	41	60	54	42	61	60	51	46	246	134	23	52
41	598	8	19	26	38	45	42	37	27	19	25	139	111	26	36
42	315	5	11	16	12	16	15	14	20	8	21	74	64	29	10
43	167	1	7	12	10	3	11	9	9	8	6	34	26	19	12
44	85	-	7	6	4	5	3	5	7	3	2	16	11	13	3
40-44	2,080	20	83	101	124	123	113	126	123	89	100	509	346	110	113
45 and over	62	-	3	6	2	2	4	5	4	3	2	9	13	8	1
Age not stated	62	3	1	9	2	5	5	3	3	3	2	4	1	1	20

**Table 2.11 First births within marriage in 2005, classified by age of mother at maternity and year of marriage**

Age of mother at maternity	TOTAL	First births within marriage : the year of marriage being													
		2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1991-1995	1986-1990	1985 and earlier	Not stated
ALL AGES	13,992	587	3,604	3,474	2,229	1,256	840	513	291	180	128	232	50	4	604
15 and under	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	12	3	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
18	43	12	27	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
19	75	15	38	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
under 20	133	31	73	13	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
20	92	22	30	20	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
21	115	26	36	25	14	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
22	141	38	35	37	8	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
23	189	32	65	41	23	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
24	254	38	92	70	18	13	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	19
20-24	791	156	258	193	67	36	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	69
25	427	37	166	126	53	12	11	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	18
26	568	30	226	164	76	33	16	6	1	2	-	-	-	-	14
27	722	37	243	246	99	45	17	5	2	1	-	1	-	-	26
28	1,000	32	303	292	189	87	36	11	6	-	2	-	-	-	42
29	1,173	35	305	353	214	109	55	34	9	8	1	4	-	-	46
25-29	3,890	171	1,243	1,181	631	286	135	59	18	12	3	5	-	-	146
30	1,434	49	347	380	283	142	92	56	24	6	3	4	-	-	48
31	1,488	25	350	404	290	160	105	60	21	14	7	7	1	-	44
32	1,399	31	306	296	255	178	116	61	42	23	12	7	1	-	71
33	1,215	25	288	286	194	115	94	69	46	14	16	19	1	-	48
34	1,010	25	224	221	159	100	83	63	38	23	17	20	1	-	36
30-34	6,546	155	1,515	1,587	1,181	695	490	309	171	80	55	57	4	-	247
35	775	19	172	167	110	74	76	35	27	24	18	24	4	-	25
36	606	15	109	112	77	58	40	43	34	21	20	46	3	-	28
37	396	11	80	74	57	28	31	18	13	17	12	28	3	-	24
38	299	10	68	51	36	25	18	20	11	9	9	18	7	-	17
39	190	7	33	23	29	20	15	6	4	7	4	21	9	-	12
35-39	2,266	62	462	427	309	205	180	122	89	78	63	137	26	-	106
40	141	3	25	23	17	13	5	9	3	6	4	19	6	-	8
41	104	3	12	17	15	11	9	7	3	1	-	10	7	2	7
42	40	3	4	10	-	4	3	3	1	1	2	2	5	1	1
43	24	1	5	7	4	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-
44	19	-	4	4	1	3	2	1	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
40-44	328	10	50	61	37	31	21	21	9	10	7	32	19	4	16
45 and over	17	-	2	5	1	1	3	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Age not stated	21	2	1	7	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	7

**Table 2.12 Births in 2005, classified by period of gestation and age of mother at maternity**

Age of mother at maternity	Period of gestation in weeks			
	Total	under 37	37 & over	Not stated
All ages	61,372	3,344	56,892	1,136
15 and under	44	4	39	1
16-19	2,362	166	2,136	60
20-24	7,753	454	7,135	164
25-29	13,660	715	12,684	261
30-34	21,581	1,094	20,096	391
35-39	13,320	753	12,359	208
40-44	2,483	145	2,302	36
45 years and over	83	7	74	2
Age not stated	86	6	67	13

**Table 2.13 Births in 2005, classified by age of mother at maternity and by birthweight**

Age of mother at maternity	Weight			
	Total	under 2500g	2500g & over	Not stated
All ages	61,372	3,010	57,807	555
15 and under	44	4	39	1
16-19	2,362	159	2,171	32
20-24	7,753	456	7,233	64
25-29	13,660	651	12,890	119
30-34	21,581	918	20,464	199
35-39	13,320	665	12,546	109
40-44	2,483	142	2,323	18
45 years and over	83	10	72	1
Age not stated	86	5	69	12

**Table 2.14 Births in 2005, classified by period of gestation and birthweight**

Gestation in weeks	Weight			
	Total	under 2500g	2500g & over	Not stated
Period of gestation in weeks				
Total	61,372	3,010	57,807	555
under 37	3,344	1,928	1,373	43
37 & over	56,892	1,045	55,695	152
Not stated	1,136	37	739	360

**Table 2.15 Births in 2005 showing place of occurrence and area of normal residence**

Area	Hospital births				Domiciliary births			
	Total number registered	Number transferred from area	Number transferred to area	Net number	Total number registered	Number transferred from area	Number transferred to area	Net number
LEINSTER	33665	901	1577	34341	126	-	1	127
Carlow	-	-	820	820	1	-	-	1
Dublin City	22155	15888	228	6495	71	40	1	32
Dublin South	-	-	4154	4154	-	-	9	9
Fingal	-	-	4313	4313	-	-	14	14
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1232	914	2040	2358	-	-	13	13
Kildare	-	-	3177	3177	17	1	2	18
Kilkenny	1535	772	362	1125	4	-	-	4
Laois	1442	682	167	927	1	-	-	1
Longford	-	-	483	483	3	-	-	3
Louth	3473	1939	84	1618	6	2	-	4
Meath	1	1	2695	2695	8	1	2	9
Offaly	-	-	1006	1006	-	-	1	1
Westmeath	1938	1096	411	1253	1	-	1	2
Wexford	1887	245	349	1991	5	-	-	5
Wicklow	2	-	1924	1926	9	-	2	11
MUNSTER	16492	736	704	16460	108	1	-	107
Clare	3	-	1642	1645	7	-	2	9
Cork City	7233	5787	3	1449	47	31	-	16
Cork County	2	-	5373	5375	22	1	31	52
Kerry	1498	88	306	1716	13	-	-	13
Limerick City	4399	3562	12	849	7	6	-	1
Limerick County	-	-	1677	1677	2	-	1	3
North Tipperary	-	-	1117	1117	1	-	2	3
South Tipperary	1035	329	336	1042	2	-	1	3
Waterford City	2322	1697	6	631	6	2	-	4
Waterford County	-	-	959	959	1	-	2	3
CONNACHT	7757	1213	212	6756	19	-	-	19
Galway City	3091	2312	10	789	14	10	-	4
Galway County	1765	1251	1968	2482	-	-	10	10
Leitrim	-	-	366	366	1	-	-	1
Mayo	1595	131	180	1644	3	-	-	3
Roscommon	-	-	722	722	1	-	-	1
Sligo	1306	590	37	753	-	-	-	-
ULSTER (PART OF)	3194	243	600	3551	11	-	-	11
Cavan	1416	686	124	854	4	-	-	4
Donegal	1778	3	197	1972	7	-	-	7
Monaghan	-	-	725	725	-	-	-	-
STATE	61108	-	-	61108	264	-	-	264
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:	61108	11615	11615	61108	264	9	9	264
Border	7973	1982	297	6288	18	2	-	16
Midland	3380	813	1102	3669	5	-	2	7
West	6451	1072	258	5637	18	-	-	18
Dublin	23387	6489	422	17320	71	4	1	68
Mid-East	3	1	7796	7798	34	1	5	38
Mid-West	4402	188	1074	5288	17	1	-	16
South-East	6779	781	570	6568	19	-	1	20
South-West	8733	289	96	8540	82	1	-	81
HEALTH BOARDS:	61108	5905	5905	61108	264	4	4	264
ERHA	23389	2066	1100	22423	97	1	1	97
Midland	3380	813	1102	3669	5	-	2	7
Mid Western	4402	188	1074	5288	17	1	-	16
North Eastern	4890	520	1522	5892	18	1	-	17
North Western	3084	176	183	3091	8	-	-	8
South Eastern	6779	781	570	6568	19	-	1	20
Southern	8733	289	96	8540	82	1	-	81
Western	6451	1072	258	5637	18	-	-	18

**Table 2.16 Births in 2005 by day of occurrence and mothers usual residence**

Area of residence	Day of occurrence						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>LEINSTER</b>	4,807	5,473	5,476	5,528	5,314	4,096	3,774
Carlow	108	121	124	150	111	105	102
Dublin City	908	986	1,014	1,065	1,007	800	747
South Dublin	594	634	672	682	637	483	461
Fingal	579	654	698	654	680	542	520
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	312	401	409	360	315	311	263
Kildare	449	555	534	489	455	380	333
Kilkenny	174	207	171	198	147	129	103
Laois	119	173	128	156	172	106	74
Longford	63	82	70	68	80	70	53
Louth	252	251	237	269	281	168	164
Meath	396	403	462	422	470	287	264
Offaly	143	158	163	169	170	104	100
Westmeath	186	179	196	193	235	132	134
Wexford	255	371	276	360	277	247	210
Wicklow	269	298	322	293	277	232	246
<b>MUNSTER</b>	2,342	2,782	2,826	2,783	2,511	1,793	1,530
Clare	198	305	292	311	246	174	128
Cork City	203	223	244	221	246	192	136
Cork County	796	882	926	901	892	539	491
Kerry	266	308	258	302	253	194	148
Limerick City	113	156	151	144	99	90	97
Limerick County	199	329	299	307	230	165	151
North Tipperary	154	198	178	206	170	104	110
South Tipperary	142	153	206	149	172	127	96
Waterford City	109	82	107	102	66	101	68
Waterford County	162	146	165	140	137	107	105
<b>CONNACHT</b>	916	1,134	1,206	1,050	1,090	749	630
Galway City	117	138	119	111	124	107	77
Galway County	381	415	431	386	378	278	223
Leitrim	44	50	59	53	71	49	41
Mayo	174	293	305	267	285	175	148
Roscommon	83	124	139	108	139	68	62
Sligo	117	114	153	125	93	72	79
<b>ULSTER (PART OF)</b>	496	510	553	620	577	442	364
Cavan	131	137	126	127	150	105	82
Donegal	263	259	312	363	308	254	220
Monaghan	102	114	115	130	119	83	62
<b>STATE</b>	8,561	9,899	10,061	9,981	9,492	7,080	6,298
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>							
Border	909	925	1,002	1,067	1,022	731	648
Midland	511	592	557	586	657	412	361
West	755	970	994	872	926	628	510
Dublin	2,393	2,675	2,793	2,761	2,639	2,136	1,991
Mid-East	1,114	1,256	1,318	1,204	1,202	899	843
Mid-West	664	988	920	968	745	533	486
South-East	950	1,080	1,049	1,099	910	816	684
South-West	1,265	1,413	1,428	1,424	1,391	925	775
<b>HEALTH BOARDS:</b>							
ERHA	3,111	3,528	3,649	3,543	3,371	2,748	2,570
Midland	511	592	557	586	657	412	361
Mid Western	664	988	920	968	745	533	486
North Eastern	881	905	940	948	1,020	643	572
North Western	424	423	524	541	472	375	340
South Eastern	950	1,080	1,049	1,099	910	816	684
Southern	1,265	1,413	1,428	1,424	1,391	925	775
Western	755	970	994	872	926	628	510

**Table 2.17 Births per 1,000 women in each age group, Ireland,\* England and Wales, 2005**

Age of Mother	Total Births per 1,000 women		Births (within marriage) per 1,000 married women		Births (outside marriage) per 1,000 single, widowed, divorced or separated women	
	Ireland*	England and Wales	Ireland*	England and Wales	Ireland*	England and Wales
15–19 years	16.8	26.3	346.0	411.0 <sup>1</sup>	15.6	24.3
20–24 "	45.7	71.7	315.5	269.1	36.7	52.9
25–29 "	79.8	98.8	212.9	206.8	36.0	54.6
30–34 "	129.2	100.9	200.0	147.5	46.3	54.4
35–39 "	86.3	50.3	105.8	59.2	39.1	36.8
40–44 "	16.9	10.3	18.4	10.3	11.4	10.3
45–49 "	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Total 15–49 years	56.5	58.4	90.7	88.8	30.0	40.1

\* Exclusive of Northern Ireland; rates use 2005 April population estimates as the denominator.

<sup>1</sup> Since the number of births within marriage in the under 20 age group is small, caution should be exercised in the interpretation of trends in this rate.

**Table 2.18 Number of multiple births and the number of twins per 1,000 maternities 1984-2005**

Year	Live births	Maternities which resulted in live issue	Multiple confinements*				
			Twins	Triplets	Quadruplets	Quintuplets	Twinning rate
1984	64,062	63,364	733	3	–	–	11.6
1985	62,388	61,620	651	6	–	–	10.5
1986	61,620	60,993	642	8	–	–	10.5
1987	58,433	57,818	625	12	–	–	10.8
1988	54,600	53,981	639	5	–	–	11.8
1989	52,018	51,398	626	7	–	–	12.2
1990	53,044	52,425	649	8	–	1	12.4
1991	52,718	52,142	610	6	2	–	11.7
1992	51,089	50,505	602	8	3	–	11.9
1993	49,304	48,748	574	13	–	–	11.8
1994	48,255	47,670	602	14	1	–	12.6
1995	48,787	48,138	674	16	–	–	14.0
1996	50,655	49,996	675	22	–	–	13.5
1997	52,775	52,071	737	26	1	–	14.2
1998	53,969	53,262	742	22	1	–	13.9
1999	53,924	53,192	728	29	–	–	13.7
2000	54,789	54,084	726	16	1	–	13.4
2001	57,854	56,962	891	24	2	1	15.6
2002	60,503	59,620	890	18	3	–	14.9
2003	61,529	60,645	896	26	–	–	14.8
2004	61,972	61,007	979	16	1	–	16.0
2005	61,372	60,456	937	13	1	–	15.5

\* The above statistics are based on a revised methodology which takes better account of multiple births in which a baby was stillborn.

**Table 2.19 Births by area of residence of mother during 2005 showing separately births outside marriage**

Area of residence	Total (including outside marriage)			Rate per 1,000 population	Outside marriage			Percentage births outside marriage
	Males	Females	Total		Males	Females	Total	
<b>LEINSTER</b>	17,686	16,782	34,468	15.5	6,034	5,765	11,799	34.2
Carlow	416	405	821	16.9	144	132	276	33.6
Dublin City	3,332	3,195	6,527	12.5	1,542	1,439	2,981	45.7
South Dublin	2,134	2,029	4,163	16.5	851	800	1,651	39.7
Fingal	2,219	2,108	4,327	20.9	624	633	1,257	29.1
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1,181	1,190	2,371	11.7	292	308	600	25.3
Kildare	1,605	1,590	3,195	18.5	449	420	869	27.2
Kilkenny	620	509	1,129	13.3	172	147	319	28.3
Laois	489	439	928	15.0	128	130	258	27.8
Longford	238	248	486	14.8	73	76	149	30.7
Louth	828	794	1,622	15.1	297	288	585	36.1
Meath	1,408	1,296	2,704	19.1	364	348	712	26.3
Offaly	516	491	1,007	15.0	171	180	351	34.9
Westmeath	663	592	1,255	16.5	217	182	399	31.8
Wexford	1,050	946	1,996	16.2	384	352	736	36.9
Wicklow	987	950	1,937	16.0	326	330	656	33.9
<b>MUNSTER</b>	8,457	8,110	16,567	14.3	2,570	2,517	5,087	30.7
Clare	843	811	1,654	15.2	221	204	425	25.7
Cork City	740	725	1,465	11.3	359	344	703	48.0
Cork County	2,710	2,717	5,427	15.8	624	643	1,267	23.3
Kerry	862	867	1,729	12.4	234	230	464	26.8
Limerick City	438	412	850	14.9	235	244	479	56.4
Limerick County	918	762	1,680	13.1	220	197	417	24.8
North Tipperary	564	556	1,120	17.4	160	180	340	30.4
South Tipperary	530	515	1,045	12.5	186	169	355	34.0
Waterford City	330	305	635	13.5	153	165	318	50.1
Waterford County	522	440	962	16.0	178	141	319	33.2
<b>CONNACHT</b>	3,449	3,326	6,775	13.8	814	782	1,596	23.6
Galway City	391	402	793	11.4	134	138	272	34.3
Galway County	1,308	1,184	2,492	16.5	259	286	545	21.9
Leitrim	183	184	367	13.5	37	48	85	23.2
Mayo	843	804	1,647	13.3	206	156	362	22.0
Roscommon	353	370	723	12.7	74	67	141	19.5
Sligo	371	382	753	12.3	104	87	191	25.4
<b>ULSTER (PART OF)</b>	1,897	1,665	3,562	13.7	550	469	1,019	28.6
Cavan	473	385	858	14.4	103	95	198	23.1
Donegal	1,049	930	1,979	13.6	330	281	611	30.9
Monaghan	375	350	725	13.1	117	93	210	29.0
<b>STATE</b>	31,489	29,883	61,372	14.8	9,968	9,533	19,501	31.8
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>								
Border	3,279	3,025	6,304	13.8	988	892	1,880	29.8
Midland	1,906	1,770	3,676	15.5	589	568	1,157	31.5
West	2,895	2,760	5,655	14.1	673	647	1,320	23.3
Dublin	8,866	8,522	17,388	14.7	3,309	3,180	6,489	37.3
Mid-East	4,000	3,836	7,836	18.0	1,139	1,098	2,237	28.5
Mid-West	2,763	2,541	5,304	14.8	836	825	1,661	31.3
South-East	3,468	3,120	6,588	14.7	1,217	1,106	2,323	35.3
South-West	4,312	4,309	8,621	14.1	1,217	1,217	2,434	28.2
<b>HEALTH BOARDS:</b>								
ERHA	11,458	11,062	22,520	15.2	4,084	3,930	8,014	35.6
Midland	1,906	1,770	3,676	15.5	589	568	1,157	31.5
Mid Western	2,763	2,541	5,304	14.8	836	825	1,661	31.3
North Eastern	3,084	2,825	5,909	16.2	881	824	1,705	28.9
North Western	1,603	1,496	3,099	13.3	471	416	887	28.6
South Eastern	3,468	3,120	6,588	14.7	1,217	1,106	2,323	35.3
Southern	4,312	4,309	8,621	14.1	1,217	1,217	2,434	28.2
Western	2,895	2,760	5,655	14.1	673	647	1,320	23.3

**Table 2.20 Average age at maternity by area of residence of mother during 2005 showing separately births inside and outside marriage**

Area of residence	Total (including outside marriage)		Within marriage		Outside marriage	
	Total births	First births	Total births	First births	Total births	First births
<b>LEINSTER</b>	30.9	28.6	32.9	31.4	27.0	25.2
Carlow	30.3	27.8	32.3	30.9	26.4	23.9
Dublin City	30.1	28.1	32.7	31.2	27.1	25.3
South Dublin	30.1	27.7	32.4	31.1	26.5	24.4
Fingal	31.0	29.2	32.5	31.3	27.3	25.9
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	32.8	30.4	34.4	32.5	28.2	26.6
Kildare	31.5	29.2	33.1	31.5	27.3	25.4
Kilkenny	31.6	29.3	33.3	31.8	27.2	25.3
Laois	30.9	28.7	32.5	31.0	26.9	25.0
Longford	30.6	28.0	32.4	30.9	26.5	24.6
Louth	30.3	27.9	32.4	31.1	26.7	24.6
Meath	31.5	29.3	33.0	31.5	27.1	25.8
Offaly	30.7	27.9	32.8	31.4	26.8	24.5
Westmeath	31.0	28.3	33.0	31.4	26.8	24.5
Wexford	30.4	28.1	32.8	31.5	26.5	24.7
Wicklow	31.1	28.7	33.1	31.6	27.3	25.3
<b>MUNSTER</b>	31.2	28.8	33.0	31.5	27.0	25.0
Clare	31.6	29.3	33.1	31.6	27.5	25.4
Cork City	29.6	27.1	32.3	30.4	26.6	24.7
Cork County	31.9	29.8	33.2	31.9	27.5	25.3
Kerry	31.4	29.1	32.9	31.5	27.2	24.9
Limerick City	28.8	26.4	32.2	31.0	26.2	23.8
Limerick County	31.4	29.3	32.8	31.4	27.2	25.7
North Tipperary	31.2	28.9	33.2	31.7	26.7	24.9
South Tipperary	30.6	27.9	32.9	31.6	26.2	24.0
Waterford City	29.5	27.2	32.3	30.6	26.6	25.1
Waterford County	31.5	28.9	33.2	31.7	28.1	25.7
<b>CONNACHT</b>	31.8	29.3	33.3	31.6	27.1	25.4
Galway City	30.7	27.9	32.6	30.6	27.1	25.2
Galway County	32.2	30.2	33.4	32.2	27.7	26.0
Leitrim	31.7	28.6	33.5	31.5	25.7	23.6
Mayo	31.9	28.9	33.3	31.1	27.1	25.6
Roscommon	32.1	30.0	33.3	32.0	27.2	25.6
Sligo	31.3	28.6	33.0	31.4	26.2	24.5
<b>ULSTER (PART OF)</b>	30.7	27.6	32.5	30.7	26.2	23.9
Cavan	31.4	28.7	32.8	31.0	26.8	24.6
Donegal	30.4	27.2	32.4	30.8	25.9	23.6
Monaghan	30.4	27.5	32.1	30.0	26.4	24.1
<b>STATE</b>	31.0	28.7	32.9	31.4	27.0	25.1
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>						
Border	30.7	27.9	32.6	30.9	26.3	24.1
Midland	30.8	28.3	32.7	31.2	26.8	24.6
West	31.9	29.5	33.3	31.7	27.4	25.7
Dublin	30.7	28.6	32.9	31.4	27.1	25.3
Mid-East	31.4	29.1	33.1	31.5	27.3	25.5
Mid-West	31.0	28.7	32.9	31.5	26.9	24.9
South-East	30.7	28.2	32.9	31.4	26.8	24.8
South-West	31.4	29.2	33.1	31.6	27.2	25.1
<b>HEALTH BOARDS:</b>						
ERHA	30.9	28.7	32.9	31.4	27.1	25.3
Midland	30.8	28.3	32.7	31.2	26.8	24.6
Mid Western	31.0	28.7	32.9	31.5	26.9	24.9
North Eastern	31.0	28.6	32.7	31.2	26.9	25.1
North Western	30.8	27.8	32.7	31.1	26.0	23.8
South Eastern	30.7	28.2	32.9	31.4	26.8	24.8
Southern	31.4	29.2	33.1	31.6	27.2	25.1
Western	31.9	29.5	33.3	31.7	27.4	25.7

**Table 2.21 Births inside and outside marriage and rates per 1,000 population 1864-2005**

Period	Inside marriage		Outside marriage				
	Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Male	Female	% of all births
1864-1870	104,342	25.17	2,584	0.62	1,304	1,280	2.42
1871-1880	102,674	25.88	1,705	0.43	878	827	1.63
1881-1890	82,187	22.45	1,575	0.43	816	759	1.89
1891-1900	72,527	21.76	1,468	0.44	753	715	1.99
1901-1910	69,912	22.08	1,468	0.46	754	714	2.06
1911-1920	64,912	20.99	1,595	0.51	815	780	2.41
1921-1930	58,700	19.64	1,706	0.57	880	826	2.83
1931-1940	55,212	18.70	1,893	0.64	970	923	3.31
1941-1950	62,728	21.13	2,282	0.77	1,173	1,109	3.51
1951-1960	60,444	20.82	1,220	0.42	633	587	1.97
1961-1970	61,035	21.19	1,382	0.48	700	682	2.21
1971-1980	66,806	20.93	2,633	0.82	1,356	1,277	3.77
1981-1990	55,985	15.94	5,643	1.61	2,894	2,749	9.16
1991-2000	39,091	10.75	12,535	3.45	6,454	6,081	24.28
1993	39,478	11.05	9,826	2.75	5,036	4,790	19.93
1994	38,206	10.65	10,049	2.80	5,183	4,866	20.82
1995	37,925	10.53	10,862	3.02	5,649	5,213	22.26
1996	37,858	10.44	12,797	3.53	6,671	6,126	25.26
1997	38,626	10.54	14,149	3.86	7,090	7,059	26.81
1998	38,477	10.39	15,492	4.18	7,940	7,552	28.71
1999	37,134	9.92	16,790	4.49	8,752	8,038	31.14
2000	37,523	9.90	17,266	4.56	8,945	8,321	31.51
2001	39,740	10.33	18,114	4.71	9,295	8,819	31.31
2002	41,624	10.63	18,879	4.82	9,639	9,240	31.20
2003	42,319	10.64	19,210	4.83	9,902	9,308	31.22
2004	42,156	10.42	19,783	4.89	10,206	9,577	31.94
2005	41,871	10.13	19,501	4.71	9,968	9,533	31.78