

# SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN.

## CENSUS OF POPULATION, 1926.

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### VOLUME III.—RELIGIONS AND BIRTHPLACES.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The following were the headings of the two columns of the Census Schedule from which the Statistics in this Volume were primarily compiled :—

BIRTHPLACE		RELIGION
<p>(1) If born in Ireland, write the name of the County and of the Town-land or Town.</p> <p>(2) If born outside Ireland, write the name of the Country, and of the County or State, Province or District, or if born at Sea, write "At Sea." (See Example)</p>		<p>State here the particular Religion or Religious Denomination to which each Person belongs. (Members of Protestant Denominations should state the name of particular Church, Denomination or body to which they belong.)</p>
(f)	(g)	(h)

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#### ERRATUM.

Figure on page vii., 4th last line should read " 0.3 per cent.," not " 0.03 per cent."

#### PART I.—RELIGIONS.

The 1926 Census was compiled by machines which sorted and counted cards punched in accordance with code numbers given to each Religion, each Birthplace, each Occupation, etc. In the scheme of machine operations adopted it was possible to compile statistics of Religions, of the Irish Language, etc., as by-products, while sorting the cards in connection with other subjects. In order to take full advantage of this scheme it was necessary to confine attention to the principal religions ; otherwise the cost of obtaining the statistics of religions would have been much more than doubled. On this account, and in order to be in a position to meet fully the more insistent demands for as much information as possible which would throw light on the economic structure and condition of the Country, it was decided, in view of the results of the 1911 Census, to compile particulars for only the following six religions :—Catholics, Protestant Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Jews and Baptists. All other religions were compiled as one group. Although in 1926 only 0.03 per cent. of the total population belonged to religions other than the six specified above, it is feared that many earnest workers will be disappointed that attention had to be confined to these six religions, and it was with regret that this decision had to be made.

Persons described in the Census Schedule as "Protestant Episcopalians," as "Church of Ireland," as "Church of England" and as "Protestants" are all included in this Volume under the description "Protestant Episcopalians." Persons who were described in the Schedule merely as "Protestant" decreased from Census to Census and numbered only 198 in Saorstát Éireann in 1911. A special warning to avoid the vague description "Protestant" was given as usual in the 1926 Census Schedule and in the Memorandum of Instructions which accompanied it, and the number described in 1926 as "Protestants" must have been still smaller than in 1911.

## PART II.—BIRTHPLACES.

In the Censuses prior to that of 1926 the birthplace of many persons resident in Saorstát Éireann was described vaguely as "America." This description appeared in only a few of the 1926 Census Schedules. Accordingly, in all the tables of this Volume in which the year 1926 is compared with previous Census years, the figures referring to persons resident in Saorstát Éireann who were born in America relate to persons born in all parts of America, North and South, except Canada. But in the tables for 1926 only, which show the different countries of birth of the residents of Saorstát Éireann, separate particulars are given for U.S.A., Canada, etc.

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Attention is drawn to the change in the method of compilation of particulars of persons born in Cork City and Cork County, Dublin City and Dublin County. The number of persons born in Cork City and the number born in Cork County are shown separately in this Volume; formerly separate figures were not published for Cork City and Cork County, they were treated as one unit of area for birthplace purposes. Similarly Dublin City and Dublin County formed one area for the classification by birthplaces; in the 1926 Census Dublin City and the four adjoining Urban Districts are treated as one unit of area and the remainder of County Dublin as another.

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As already explained in Vol. I, the figures representing the population for all areas in Saorstát Éireann exclude the figures for Military and Navy for the years 1841 and 1851, but include these figures for the years 1861 to 1926. It is essential to bear this in mind when comparing the increase, between the years 1851 and 1861 in the number of persons residing in Saorstát Éireann who were born outside Saorstát Éireann, especially in the case of persons born in Great Britain.

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The birthplace tables in the present Volume have been made out on lines somewhat different to those of previous Censuses; less detail is given in respect of each Urban and each Rural District, but more attention has been paid to the sub-classifications of birthplaces by occupations and ages. For instance, at previous Censuses the occupations of persons born outside Great Britain and Ireland were published, but the occupations of those born in England and Wales, in Scotland, etc., were not shown. In tables 15 and 16, Part II of the present Volume, separate particulars are given of the occupations of persons born in England and Wales, Scotland, U.S.A., Germany, France, etc.

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