

TABLE 1A:- PERSONS OF EACH RELIGION AT EACH CENSUS - 1881 TO 1946, 1961 AND 1971.

Year	Total persons	Religious denomination						"No religion"	No information supplied
		Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Methodist	Jewish	Other stated religions		
1881	3,870,020	3,465,332	317,576	56,498	17,660	394	12,560		
1891	3,468,694	3,099,003	286,804	51,469	18,513	1,506	11,399		
1901	3,221,823	2,878,271	264,264	46,714	17,872	3,006	11,696		
1911	3,139,688	2,812,509	249,535	45,486	16,440	3,805	11,913		
1926	2,971,992	2,751,269	164,215	32,429	10,663	3,686	9,730		
1936	2,968,420	2,773,920	145,030	28,067	9,649	3,749	8,005		
1946	2,955,107	2,786,033	124,829	23,870	8,355	3,907	8,113		
1961	2,818,341	2,673,473	104,016	18,953	6,676	3,255	5,236	1,107	5,625
1971	2,978,248	2,795,666	97,739	16,052	5,646	2,633	6,248*	7,616	46,648

\* Lutheran - 756; Society of Friends - 647; Baptist - 591; Other Religion - 4,254.

TABLE 1B:- PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN NUMBER OF PERSONS OF EACH RELIGION IN INTERCENSAL PERIODS, 1881 TO 1946, 1961 AND 1971.

Period	Total persons	Religious denomination						"No religion"	No information supplied
		Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Methodist	Jewish	Other stated religions		
1881-1891	- 10.4	- 10.6	- 9.7	- 8.9	+ 4.8	+ 282.2	- 9.2		
1891-1901	- 7.1	- 7.1	- 7.9	- 9.2	- 3.5	+ 99.6	+ 2.6		
1901-1911	- 2.5	- 2.3	- 5.6	- 2.6	- 8.0	+ 26.6	+ 1.9		
1911-1926	- 5.3	- 2.2	- 34.2	- 28.7	- 35.1	- 3.1	- 18.3		
1926-1936	- 0.1	+ 0.8	- 11.7	- 13.5	- 9.5	+ 1.7	- 17.7		
1936-1946	- 0.4	+ 0.4	- 13.9	- 15.0	- 13.4	+ 4.2	+ 1.3		
1946-1961	- 4.6	- 4.0	- 16.7	- 20.6	- 20.1	- 16.7	+ 47.5		
1961-1971	+ 5.7	+ 4.6	- 6.0	- 15.3	- 15.4	- 19.1	+ 19.3	+ 588.0	+ 729.3