

# CENSUS OF POPULATION, 1981

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# CENSUS OF POPULATION, 1981

## INTRODUCTION

*A Census of Population was taken on the night of the 5th April, 1981 in accordance with the Statistics (Census of Population) Order 1981 (S.I. No. 60 of 1981) made by the Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach in pursuance of powers conferred on him by sub-section 1 of section 16 of the Statistics Act 1926 and the Statistics Acts 1926 and 1946 (Transfer of Ministerial Functions) Order 1949 (S.I. No. 142 of 1949), and the Statistics (Delegations of Powers and Duties) Order 1980 (S.I. No. 36 of 1980).*

*The following were among the particulars collected in respect of each individual:- (i) name, (ii) sex, (iii) relationship to head of household, (iv) date of birth and (v) marital status. These items are analysed in this Volume in relation to household composition and the structure of family units.*

### COVERAGE OF THE CENSUS

*The Census figures relate to the de facto population, that is to say the population recorded for each area represents the total of all persons present within its boundaries on the night of Sunday, 5 April, 1981, together with all persons who arrived in that area on the morning of Monday, 6 April, 1981, not having been enumerated elsewhere; persons on board ships in port are included with the population of adjacent areas. The figures, therefore, include visitors present on Census night as well as those in residence, while usual residents temporarily absent from the State are excluded. The date of the Census was, however, chosen to coincide with a period when passenger movements were at a minimum and consequently the figures closely approximate to those for the normally resident population. Members of the Defence Forces who, on Census night, were serving abroad with the United Nations were excluded from the enumeration.*

### PUBLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF RESULTS

Volume 1 - Population of District Electoral Divisions, Towns and larger units of Area (Pl. 985) was published in September, 1982. Volume 2 (Pl. 2561) containing detailed results involving classifications of the population by Age, Sex and Marital Status was published in September, 1984. Two reports based on the processing of a five per cent sample of the Census returns have also been published; the first in March, 1983 (Pl. 1446) related to Age, Marital Status and Labour Force; the second in December, 1983 (Pl. 1933) related to characteristics of Housing and Households. A series of Bulletins has been published giving provisional results for the State and for each Planning Region, County and County Borough of classifications by Age, Marital Status, Principal Economic Status, Labour Force, Travel to Work, Religion, Size and Type of Dwelling, Nature of Occupancy, Water Supply, Sanitary Facilities and Fuel used to heat the dwelling. A list of these Bulletins is included in Appendix A. A final State Bulletin published in July, 1984 (Pl. 2526) contains classifications by Place of Birth, Usual Residence, Irish Language, Travel to Work and School, Education and Household Facilities separately distinguishing between Aggregate Town and Aggregate Rural Areas.

Tabulations containing frequency counts of the population in each District Electoral Division or Ward and in each town of 1,000 population and over classified by the main variables collected in the Census (e.g. Occupation, Industry, Economic Status, Socio-Economic Group, Education, Age, Marital Status) as well as counts of Private Households classified by Housing characteristics (Number of Rooms, Age of Building, Availability of Bath etc.) are available on computer print-out sheets and on tape. These data will be supplied, at a charge, by the Central Statistics Office.

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## VOLUME 3

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Volume is in four parts. Part I relates to Household Composition in all Private Households. Part II relates to Household Composition in Private Households in Permanent Housing Units. Part III relates to Household Composition in Private Households in Temporary Housing Units. Part IV relates to Family Units.

In previous Censuses Household Composition was analysed separately for Private Households in Permanent Housing Units and for Private Households in Temporary Housing Units, similar to Parts II and III of the present Volume. However, a full set of Tables for all Private Households combined as in Part I of this Volume was not previously provided.

### DEFINITIONS

A *Private Household* is defined as a group of persons living together (usually but not necessarily related), jointly occupying the whole or part of a private dwelling house, flat or temporary dwelling and sharing a common budget. A person who lives alone or a person who occupies only part of the living accommodation but does not normally share a common budget with the other occupants is also regarded as constituting a separate private household. A *Non-Private Household* is a boarding house, hotel, guest house, barrack, hospital, nursing home, boarding school, religious institution, welfare institution, prison or ship etc. However, proprietors and managers of hotels, principals of boarding schools, persons in charge of various other types of institutions and members of staff who, with their families, occupy flats on the premises are classified as private households.

The *Number of Persons* in a household consists of the total number of persons present there on the night of Sunday, 5 April, 1981, together with all persons who arrived in the household on the morning of Monday, 6 April, 1981, not having been enumerated elsewhere. The size and composition of a household, therefore, include any visitors present in the household on Census night, but do not include any usual residents of the household temporarily absent on Census night.

A *Family Unit* or nucleus is defined as (i) a man and his wife (ii) a man and his wife together with one or more single children (of any age) or (iii) one parent together with one or more single children (of any age). Size and composition of a family unit also reflect the persons present on Census night.

## CLASSIFICATION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE

The classification used for private households is similar to that used at the 1971 and 1979 Censuses of Population but on this occasion the former "One parent and children" categories have been subdivided into "Lone father with children" and "Lone mother with children" respectively.

The family unit forms the basis of the classification. Households containing family units are further classified into those with and those without other persons. Households containing more than one family unit are also separately distinguished as are one-person households. Household size and composition relate only to the persons present in the household on Census night.

The twelve types of household used in the classification are:-

Households consisting of:-

- |                                                              |   |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1. One person only                                           |   |                       |
| 2. Man and Wife                                              | ) |                       |
| 3. Man, Wife and one or more single children (of any age)    | ) | with no other persons |
| 4. Lone mother and one or more single children (of any age)  | ) |                       |
| 5. Lone father and one or more single children (of any age)  | ) |                       |
| 6. Man and Wife                                              | ) |                       |
| 7. Man, Wife and one or more single children (of any age)    | ) |                       |
| 8. Lone mother and one or more single children (of any age)  | ) | with other persons    |
| 9. Lone father and one or more single children (of any age)  | ) |                       |
| 10. Two family units with or without other persons           |   |                       |
| 11. Three or more family units with or without other persons |   |                       |
| 12. Two or more persons but not including a family unit      |   |                       |

It should be particularly noted that the age of children is not taken into account in defining the household type. For example, a household comprised of a man and his wife and their child aged 10 years is assigned to Type 3 as is a household comprised of a man and his wife and their son aged 30, if the son is unmarried.

In some of the tables, households are classified by various characteristics of the head of the household such as age and marital status. No instruction was given on the Census form as to which person in a household should be regarded as the head. It was indicated that particulars relating to the head of household should be entered on the first line of the form and therefore, the person completing the household schedule indicates in this manner who was regarded by the household as the head.

With regard to the marital status classifications, the marital status returns in the Census were sought on the basis of "present legal status" with provision for four categories - "single", "married", "widowed" and "other status". The latter category was intended to relate only to "persons who had obtained a divorce in another country". Some 9,085 heads of households (3,123 males and 5,962 females) returned themselves as "other status". These have been included with the "married" category in the relevant tables.

Identification of family units is based on the information returned on the Census form with particular emphasis placed on the response to the "Relationship to Head of Household" question. While in general the information is sufficient to enable family units to be properly distinguished, there are two particular circumstances in which it is not adequate.

Firstly, there are problems in identifying unmarried parents with children as separate family units. This happens particularly where one unmarried parent with one or more children lives with his/her parents and the relationship to head of household information does not identify, beyond doubt, the parent/child relationship. In such cases, the unmarried parent and children are subsumed in another family unit. As a result the number of family units identified as consisting of unmarried parents with children is probably underestimated.



Secondly, there is the position of couples who, although not married, live together as man and wife. Where it is clear from the Census form that this relationship existed, a couple together with their children, if any, are classed as a family unit. Otherwise, they are classed as other persons who may or may not be attached to another identifiable family unit.

Finally, because the Census figures relate to the *de facto* population there are the effects on the composition, size and type of family units of temporary absences from or visitors to households on Census night. In particular, the temporary absence of one parent from a household on Census night (e.g. in hospital, absent on business or holiday etc.) reduces a two-parent unit to a one-parent unit. To the extent that this has occurred, the number of one-parent family units is overstated at the expense of two-parent units. The presence of visitors, including family members who usually live elsewhere in households on Census night may have the effect of creating a second family unit in what is normally a one-family household or of attaching other persons to the usually resident family unit.

In contrast to the *de facto* basis of the Census of Population, there is the series of sample Labour Force Surveys which relate to the usually resident population. A second report on the 1983 Labour Force Survey which is being prepared will contain the first ever analysis of family units on the usually resident basis. These results will not therefore be subject to the distortions described in the previous paragraph which are caused by temporary absences from or visitors to households.

### CLASSIFICATION OF FAMILY UNITS

While the presence or absence of a family unit has been used in this and previous Censuses as the basis for classifying households by type, it was only in the recent 1979 Census that the population in family units and the number of such units by type of unit were first compiled. The format of presentation adopted in 1979 has again been used for 1981 in Part IV of this Volume but some additional tabulations have been included.

### AGGREGATE TOWN AND AGGREGATE RURAL AREAS

Some tables in this Volume contain classifications by Aggregate Town (A.T.A.) and Aggregate Rural Areas (A.R.A.) respectively. The definitions of these types of areas are those used for previous Censuses and are described in detail in the Explanatory Notes to Volume 1 of the 1981 Census of Population Report. Briefly, Aggregate Town Areas are those with population clusters of 1,500 or more inhabitants (including suburbs and environs), while Aggregate Rural refers to all other areas outside such clusters.

## COMMENTARY

## HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

PART I - ALL PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS

Of the 3,443,405 persons enumerated at the 1981 Census, 3,294,213 were in private households in permanent housing units and 40,316 were in private households in temporary housing units while 108,876 were in non-private households. There were in all 910,700 private households of which 896,054 were in permanent housing units and 14,646 were in temporary units. Average size of private household was 3.66 persons and this compares with 3.72 in 1979 and 3.93 in 1971. In previous Censuses the bulk of tabulations related to private households in permanent housing units and consequently the major part of the subsequent commentary is directed to these households.

PART II - PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS

**Number and Type of Households** - The total number of private households in permanent housing units rose from 726,363 in 1971 to 867,026 in 1979 and to 896,054 in 1981. Thus over the ten-year period the number of such households increased by some 170,000 or 23.4 per cent; however the annual rate of increase was 1.7 per cent between 1979 and 1981 compared to 2.2 per cent per annum between 1971 and 1979. Despite the overall rise in numbers, there were large variations among the particular household types. The numbers of each type of household in 1961, 1971, 1979 and 1981 and the percentage changes between 1979 and 1981, 1961 and 1971 and 1971 and 1981 are shown in TABLE A.

**TABLE A:- PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS IN PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS CLASSIFIED BY TYPE - 1961, 1971, 1979 AND 1981 WITH PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN EACH CATEGORY.**

Type of Household	Number of households				Actual change 1979-81	Percentage change		
	1961	1971	1979	1981		1979-81	1961-71	1971-81
						%	%	%
One Person	85,388	102,787	142,193	151,328	+ 9,135	+ 6.4	+ 20.4	+ 47.2
Man and Wife	58,691	72,479	96,001	98,757	+ 2,756	+ 2.9	+ 23.5	+ 36.3
Man, Wife and one or more children (of any age)	249,988	291,440	381,240	392,410	+ 11,170	+ 2.9	+ 16.6	+ 34.6
One Parent and one or more children (of any age)	74,225	63,897	68,956	70,716	+ 1,760	+ 2.6	- 13.9	+ 10.7
Man and Wife with other persons	20,742	18,610	14,835	15,339	+ 504	+ 3.4	- 10.3	- 17.6
Man, Wife and one or more children (of any age) with other persons	70,662	68,496	60,850	64,451	+ 3,601	+ 5.9	- 3.1	- 5.9
One Parent and one or more children (of any age) with other persons	23,308	17,195	14,137	15,375	+ 1,238	+ 8.8	- 26.2	- 10.6
Two family units with or without other persons	21,923	24,727	21,269	19,853	- 1,416	- 6.7	+ 12.8	- 19.7
Three or more family units with or without other persons	286	476	430	371	- 59	- 13.7	+ 66.4	- 22.1
Two or more persons but not including a family unit	71,189	66,256	67,115	67,454	+ 339	+ 0.5	- 6.9	+ 1.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676,402</b>	<b>726,363</b>	<b>867,026</b>	<b>896,054</b>	<b>+ 29,028</b>	<b>+ 3.3</b>	<b>+ 7.4</b>	<b>+ 23.4</b>



It can be seen from the table that "One Person Households" showed the largest increase (i.e. + 47.2 per cent) between 1971 and 1981. There were also large increases in the "Man and Wife" (+ 36.3 per cent) and in the "Man, Wife and one or more children" (+ 34.6 per cent) types of households in the same period. The households which showed the largest decreases between 1971 and 1981 were the "Three or more family units, with or without other persons" (- 22.1 per cent) and the "Two family units, with or without other persons" (-19.7 per cent).

TABLE B classifies one-person households (i.e. those households which showed the greatest increase between 1971 and 1981) by age and sex of person in the household and shows the percentage changes between 1971 and 1981.

**TABLE B: - ONE-PERSON HOUSEHOLDS IN PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS CLASSIFIED BY AGE AND SEX OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER - 1971, 1979 AND 1981 WITH PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN EACH CATEGORY.**

Age Group	Males					Females				
	1971	1979	1981	Percentage change		1971	1979	1981	Percentage change	
				1979-81	1971-81				1979-81	1971-81
				%	%				%	%
Under 25 years	1,779	4,186	4,161	- 0.6	+ 133.9	2,062	4,706	4,386	- 6.8	+ 112.7
25-29 "	1,787	4,546	4,939	+ 8.6	+ 176.4	1,243	3,320	3,509	+ 5.7	+ 182.3
30-34 "	1,801	3,830	4,292	+ 12.1	+ 138.3	938	2,206	2,640	+ 19.7	+ 181.4
35-39 "	2,404	3,347	3,691	+ 10.3	+ 53.5	1,063	1,826	1,998	+ 9.4	+ 88.0
40-44 "	3,606	4,203	4,457	+ 6.0	+ 23.6	1,633	1,895	2,063	+ 8.9	+ 26.3
45-49 "	5,000	5,379	5,387	+ 0.1	+ 7.7	2,258	2,744	2,676	- 2.5	+ 18.5
50-54 "	6,014	6,807	6,961	+ 2.3	+ 15.7	3,458	3,863	3,986	+ 3.2	+ 15.3
55-59 "	6,725	7,627	7,642	+ 0.2	+ 13.6	4,972	5,866	5,925	+ 1.0	+ 19.2
60-64 "	6,289	7,503	7,785	+ 3.8	+ 23.8	6,646	8,216	8,745	+ 6.4	+ 31.6
65-69 "	5,895	7,892	8,268	+ 4.8	+ 40.3	7,958	11,984	12,844	+ 7.2	+ 61.4
70-74 "	5,280	6,293	6,900	+ 9.6	+ 30.7	8,936	11,655	12,958	+ 11.2	+ 45.0
75 years and over	5,587	7,077	7,654	+ 8.2	+ 37.0	9,453	15,222	17,461	+ 14.7	+ 84.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52,167</b>	<b>68,690</b>	<b>72,137</b>	<b>+ 5.0</b>	<b>+ 38.3</b>	<b>50,620</b>	<b>73,503</b>	<b>79,191</b>	<b>+ 7.7</b>	<b>+ 56.4</b>

There have been large increases in the numbers of one-person households for all age groups, with those for both males and females in the age groups Under 25, 25-29 and 30-34 respectively more than doubling between 1971 and 1981. However, in the 1979-81 period, declines occurred in the number of one-person households comprised of persons aged under 25 while for the other two age groups, the rates of increase have greatly moderated. It may be noted also that the number of persons aged 65 years and over living alone has risen appreciably; indeed as can be seen from the detailed table in Part 1 of this Volume, those living alone aged 65 years and over in both permanent and temporary housing units numbered 68,034 in 1981, compared with 61,327 in 1979 and 43,378 in 1971, a rise of almost 25,000 or 58 per cent over the ten-year period. Overall, almost one in every five persons aged 65 years and over was living alone in 1981.

TABLE C classifies households by size (i.e. number of persons in the household) for the years 1961, 1971, 1979 and 1981.

**TABLE C: - PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS IN PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS CLASSIFIED BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE  
- 1961, 1971, 1979 AND 1981 WITH PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN EACH CATEGORY.**

Number of Persons in Household	Number of Households				Actual change 1979-81	Percentage change		
	1961	1971	1979	1981		1979-81	1961-71	1971-81
						%	%	%
1	85,388	102,787	142,193	151,328	+ 9,135	+ 6.4	+ 20.4	+ 47.2
2	137,287	149,467	176,664	180,610	+ 3,946	+ 2.2	+ 8.9	+ 20.8
3	116,876	115,781	131,093	133,313	+ 2,220	+ 1.7	- 0.9	+ 15.1
4	98,233	102,195	132,063	138,417	+ 6,354	+ 4.8	+ 4.0	+ 35.4
5	78,432	84,035	108,596	116,385	+ 7,789	+ 7.2	+ 7.1	+ 38.5
6	59,213	64,971	77,318	80,320	+ 3,002	+ 3.9	+ 9.7	+ 23.6
7	40,903	43,714	45,871	46,351	+ 480	+ 1.0	+ 6.9	+ 6.0
8	26,207	27,022	25,515	27,200	+ 1,685	+ 6.6	+ 3.1	+ 0.7
9	15,620	16,118	13,411	10,575	- 2,836	- 21.1	+ 3.2	- 34.4
10	9,571	10,346	7,488	5,681	- 1,807	- 24.1	+ 8.1	- 45.1
11	4,370	4,401	3,225	2,933	- 292	- 9.1	+ 0.7	- 33.4
12 or more	4,302	5,526	3,589	2,941	- 648	- 18.1	+ 28.5	- 46.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676,402</b>	<b>726,363</b>	<b>867,026</b>	<b>896,054</b>	<b>29,028</b>	<b>+ 3.3</b>	<b>+ 7.4</b>	<b>+ 23.4</b>

Between 1971 and 1981 households with one member only showed the largest increase (+ 47.2 per cent) of all types of households. There were also very high increases in the numbers of households with four or five members (+ 35.4 and + 38.5 per cent respectively). In contrast, however, it may be noted that the numbers of households with nine or more members decreased sharply, a trend which was also very marked in the 1979-81 period.

# Aggregate Town and Aggregate Rural Areas

TABLE D analyses the distribution of private households in permanent housing units by type of household in the Aggregate Town and Aggregate Rural Areas, respectively.

**TABLE D: - NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS  
IN PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS CLASSIFIED BY TYPE IN THE  
AGGREGATE TOWN AND AGGREGATE RURAL AREAS - 1981.**

Type of Household	Total	Aggregate Town Area	Aggregate Rural Area	Percentage Distribution		
				Total	Aggregate Town Area	Aggregate Rural Area
				%	%	%
One Person	151,328	85,175	66,153	16.9	17.0	16.7
Man and Wife	98,757	55,233	43,524	11.0	11.0	11.0
Man, Wife and one or more children (of any age)	392,410	232,476	159,934	43.8	46.5	40.4
Lone Mother and one or more children (of any age)	56,172	30,117	26,055	6.3	6.0	6.6
Lone Father and one or more children (of any age)	14,544	7,362	7,182	1.6	1.5	1.8
Man and Wife with other persons	15,339	7,021	8,318	1.7	1.4	2.1
Man, Wife and one or more children (of any age) with other persons	64,451	28,433	36,018	7.2	5.7	9.1
Lone Mother and one or more children (of any age) with other persons	12,363	6,366	5,997	1.4	1.3	1.5
Lone Father and one or more children (of any age) with other persons	3,012	1,399	1,613	0.3	0.3	0.4
Two family units with or without other persons	19,853	9,183	10,670	2.2	1.8	2.7
Three or more family units with or without other persons	371	215	156	0.0	0.0	0.0
Two or more persons but not including a family unit	67,454	37,157	30,297	7.5	7.4	7.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>896,054</b>	<b>500,137</b>	<b>395,917</b>	<b>100.-</b>	<b>100.-</b>	<b>100.-</b>

In general there was little difference in the distribution by type of household between the two areas. Households consisting of man and wife with one or more children (of any age) represented the most common type and accounted for 46.5 per cent of households in the Aggregate Town Areas compared to 40.4 per cent in the Aggregate Rural Areas. There was also a slightly higher proportion of one-person households in the Aggregate Town Areas. For the remaining types, the proportions in both areas were the same or higher in the Aggregate Rural Areas.

## Age Group of Head and Headship Rates

TABLE E shows for 1981 the number of private households in permanent housing units classified by type and by sex and age group of the head of household.

**TABLE E: - PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS IN PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS CLASSIFIED BY TYPE  
AND BY SEX AND AGE GROUP OF THE HEAD - 1981.**

Type of Household	Total	Male Head				Female Head			
		Age Group				Age Group			
		Under 25	25-44	45-64	65 and over	Under 25	25-44	45-64	65 and over
One Person	151,328	4,161	17,379	27,775	22,822	4,386	10,210	21,332	43,263
Man and Wife	98,757	5,769	26,544	25,629	37,734	518	1,415	645	503
Man, Wife and one or more children (of any age)	392,410	10,583	210,379	131,489	30,012	1,090	6,891	1,799	167
Lone mother and one or more children (of any age)	56,172	412	3,582	2,362	44	754	9,738	22,092	17,188
Lone father and one or more children (of any age)	14,544	103	2,400	5,953	5,954	28	65	41	-
Man and Wife with other persons	15,339	329	2,513	5,042	5,361	64	231	706	1,093
Man, Wife and one or more children (of any age) with other persons	64,451	658	23,878	26,732	7,402	166	934	1,585	3,096
Lone mother and one or more children (of any age) with other persons	12,363	128	714	569	359	168	1,900	5,286	3,239
Lone father and one or more children (of any age) with other persons	3,012	29	605	1,206	940	13	21	66	132
Two family units with or without other persons	19,853	221	4,135	6,905	5,293	80	388	1,818	1,013
Three or more family units with or without other persons	371	5	31	176	68	3	18	59	11
Two or more persons but not including a family unit	67,454	4,112	7,018	13,566	10,948	6,779	5,133	7,513	12,385
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>896,054</b>	<b>26,510</b>	<b>299,178</b>	<b>247,404</b>	<b>126,937</b>	<b>14,049</b>	<b>36,944</b>	<b>62,942</b>	<b>82,090</b>

The largest number of households was of the "Man, Wife and one or more children (of any age)" type. This type accounted for 392,410 or some 43.8 per cent of all private households in permanent housing units and in turn, had predominantly male heads in the age-groups 25-44 and 45-64. The "One Person" household was the next most frequent type. In the case of males, those in the age-group 45-64 predominated in these households whereas for females, those aged 65 years and over accounted for more than one-half of the total.

The "headship" rates, that is the percentage of males and females in various age groups who were heads of households in permanent housing units are set out in TABLE F following for 1961, 1971 and 1981.

**TABLE F: - PERCENTAGE OF MALES AND FEMALES IN EACH AGE GROUP WHO WERE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS IN PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS - 1961, 1971 AND 1981.**

Sex and Age Group	All types of households			Excluding one-person households		
	1961	1971	1981	1961	1971	1981
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>MALES</b>						
15-24 years	3.0	5.9	8.6	2.5	5.2	7.4
25-44 "	53.4	62.3	70.0	51.9	61.1	68.7
45-64 "	80.1	82.3	84.0	78.6	80.8	82.4
65 years and over	74.6	74.9	76.8	72.0	71.7	73.1
<b>FEMALES</b>						
15-24 years	1.3	2.4	4.8	0.8	1.6	3.3
25-44 "	5.7	4.8	9.0	4.4	3.3	6.7
45-64 "	21.7	20.0	21.3	17.3	15.1	15.1
65 years and over	38.2	38.6	40.3	30.5	28.1	24.2

*NOTE: Strictly comparable data for 1979 are not available due to inadvertent mis-coding in the processing of the 1979 results - see Volume III of the 1979 Census of Population Report.*

The rates are shown for (a) all household types and (b) with one-person households excluded. The number of the latter households is substantial, particularly in the case of older people. The effect of their exclusion is to reduce significantly the headship rates in the case of older females.

For all household types, the headship rates increased for all age-groups in the case of males over both ten-year periods. For females, however, while the rates for the 15-24 years and 65 years and over groups increased, those for the 25-44 and 45-64 groups declined between 1961 and 1971 and increased between 1971 and 1981. If persons living alone are excluded, the rates for males aged 65 years and over fluctuated over the twenty-year period while those for the corresponding female age group declined in each ten-year period.

In 1981, headship rates for males varied from 8.6 per cent in the 15-24 age group to 84.0 per cent in the 45-64 years group (if one-person households are excluded, the rates varied from 7.4 to 82.4 per cent). In the case of females the 1981 rates varied from 4.8 per cent in the 15-24 age group to 40.3 per cent in the 65 years and over group (or from 3.3 per cent to 24.2 per cent if one-person households are excluded).

TABLE G gives the corresponding headship rates for single, married and widowed males and females.

**TABLE G: - PERCENTAGE OF SINGLE, MARRIED AND WIDOWED MALES AND FEMALES WHO WERE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS IN PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS - 1961, 1971 AND 1981.**

Sex and Marital Status	All types of households			Excluding one-person households		
	1961	1971	1981	1961	1971	1981
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>MALES</b>						
Single	18.2	18.6	19.5	11.6	10.8	9.7
Married	90.4	89.7	89.5	90.4	89.6	89.4
Widowed	70.8	70.8	71.7	65.6	63.7	61.1
<b>FEMALES</b>						
Single	11.4	12.7	15.5	6.2	6.4	7.1
Married	4.2	2.8	5.3	3.7	2.3	4.7
Widowed	67.5	67.9	68.6	62.7	61.0	57.3

*NOTE: See footnote to Table F regarding corresponding 1979 data.*

Apart from single and married females, very little change has occurred in the rates over the twenty-year period. The exclusion of one-person households significantly affects the rates for single and widowed persons.

### PART III - TEMPORARY HOUSING UNITS

#### Number and Type of Households

TABLE H sets out the number of private households in temporary housing units classified by type of household together with the numbers of persons in various age groups in these households.

**TABLE H: - PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING UNITS CLASSIFIED BY TYPE  
AND NUMBER OF PERSONS IN CERTAIN AGE GROUPS - 1981.**

Type of Household	Number of Households	Persons			
		Total	Under 5 years of age	Under 15 years of age	65 years of age and over
One Person	4,398	4,398	-	-	1,949
Man and Wife with or without children (of any age)	8,734	30,943	7,979	12,461	566
Man and Wife with or without children (of any age) with other persons	275	1,380	218	439	87
One parent and one or more children (of any age) with or without other persons	663	2,051	342	838	119
Other households	576	1,544	61	145	435
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,646</b>	<b>40,316</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>13,883</b>	<b>3,156</b>

There were 14,646 private households in temporary housing units with 40,316 persons in 1981, compared to 9,633 households with 27,271 persons in 1979 and 4,180 households containing 14,765 persons in 1971. The largest single type was that of "Man and Wife with or without children" accounting for 8,734 households and 30,943 persons. Children under 15 years of age accounted for 12,461 of these persons. One person households in temporary housing units numbered 4,398 and contained 1,949 persons aged 65 years and over out of the total of 3,156 such persons.



## PART IV - FAMILY UNITS

In the previous sections the analyses were based on household type defined on the basis of the presence or absence on Census night of an identifiable family unit. In this section further analysis is carried out on the basis of these family units and their composition.

### Number and Composition of Family Units

The total number of family units (as defined) was 707,627 in 1981. Households containing family units accounted for 3,012,687 persons; a further 321,842 persons were in private households not containing an identifiable family unit and the remainder of the population, 108,876 persons, were in non-private households.

The total number of family units relates to the number in private households (in permanent and temporary housing units) as set out in TABLE I following -

**TABLE I: - NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS, NUMBER OF FAMILY UNITS AND NUMBER OF PERSONS  
CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF HOUSEHOLD - 1981.**

Type of Household	Number of Households	Number of Identified Family Units	Number of Persons
Single family unit	666,720	666,720	2,879,495
Two family units	19,894	39,788	129,788
Three or more family units	373	1,119	3,404
Total with a family unit	686,987	707,627	3,012,687
One person households	155,726	-	155,726
Two or more persons but no family unit	67,987	-	166,116
Total in Private Households	910,700	707,627	3,334,529
(of which in Temporary Housing Units)	(14,646)	(9,760)	(40,316)

TABLE J following summarises the composition of family households using broad age groupings. A detailed presentation by five year age groups, including a classification by marital status, is given in the detailed Table 1 in Part IV of the Volume. As already mentioned there are important qualifications arising from the Census procedures and definitions which must be borne in mind in interpreting the figures. Because actual location on Census night is the basis of the count, if a spouse is absent temporarily on that night (e.g. in hospital etc.) the classification is affected. Thus, if one or more children (unmarried) are present the family unit becomes "one parent" type while if there are no children (unmarried) present there will be no family unit. This inflates somewhat the numbers of one parent family units and one-person households. On the other hand the Census information does not usually enable identification of a family unit of one unmarried parent with a child especially if living with other persons.

In defining family units (and households) "with children" it will be recalled that unmarried children of any age are in question.

TABLE J shows that of the 611,598 family units with husband and wife present, 481,620 or nearly 79 per cent had children. Most of the parents involved were under 55 years of age. For couples with no children present on Census night the majority were over 55 years of age.

There were 96,029 family units with one parent present on Census night, in most cases the mother - usually a widow.

Family units with both parents present covered 1,385,557 children (as defined) and almost 70 per cent of these were under 15 years of age with a further 26 per cent being under 25 years of age. For family units with only one parent present there were 191,706 children (as defined) with only 31 per cent under 15 years with a further 36 per cent under 25 years but an almost equal number over 25 years of age. Apart from parents and children there were a further 116,199 persons covered in the family households. Some 57,079 of these were 55 years or more, the majority (64 per cent) being widowed persons.

**TABLE J: - POPULATION IN FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS DISTINGUISHING MALES AND FEMALES  
CLASSIFIED BY POSITION IN FAMILY UNIT AND BY BROAD AGE GROUP - 1981.**

Position in Family Unit and Broad Age Group		Persons	Males	Females
<b>Husbands and Wives (or Couples)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,223,196</b>	<b>611,598</b>	<b>611,598</b>
Under 55 years - with children		785,595	373,991	411,604
- no children		117,915	55,999	61,916
Aged 55 years or more - with children		177,645	107,629	70,016
- no children		142,041	73,979	68,062
<b>Lone Parent</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>96,029</b>	<b>19,383</b>	<b>76,646</b>
Under 55 years		35,788	6,416	29,372
55 years or more		60,241	12,967	47,274
<b>Children (single of any age) with both Parents</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,385,557</b>	<b>732,803</b>	<b>652,754</b>
Under 15 years of age		960,385	492,250	468,135
15 and under 25		363,958	199,293	164,665
25 years or more		61,214	41,260	19,954
<b>Children (single of any age) with one Parent</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>191,706</b>	<b>111,569</b>	<b>80,137</b>
Under 15 years of age		58,453	29,888	28,565
15 and under 25		68,067	37,937	30,130
25 years or more		65,186	43,744	21,442
<b>Other Persons in Family Households</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>116,199</b>	<b>49,551</b>	<b>66,648</b>
Under 15 years of age		9,981	4,908	5,073
15 and under 25		26,798	12,436	14,362
25 and under 55		22,341	12,752	9,589
55 years or more		57,079	19,455	37,624
<b>Population in Family Households</b>		<b>3,012,687</b>	<b>1,524,904</b>	<b>1,487,783</b>

TABLE K analyses "Husband and Wife" type family units by age of wife and age of youngest child.

**TABLE K: - FAMILY UNITS COMPRISING HUSBANDS AND WIVES (OR COUPLES) CLASSIFIED BY AGE OF WIFE AND AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD IN FAMILY UNIT - 1981.**

Age of Youngest Child	Age of Wife					Total
	Under 25 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	
With no Children	16,198	24,158	7,767	44,661	37,194	129,978
With Children						
where youngest child:						
aged 0-4 years	28,463	128,274	60,874	5,030	1	222,642
" 5-14 "	302	21,862	70,978	67,574	51	160,767
" 15 years and over	2	56	4,874	77,304	15,975	98,211
Total with Children	28,767	150,192	136,726	149,908	16,027	481,620
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,965</b>	<b>174,350</b>	<b>144,493</b>	<b>194,569</b>	<b>53,221</b>	<b>611,598</b>

There were some 222,600 such units where the youngest child was aged 0-4 years and in more than one-half of them (some 128,300) the wife was aged 25-34 years. There were a further 160,800 units with the youngest child aged 5-14 years of which 71,000 and 67,600 respectively had wives aged 35-44 and 45-64 years. In some 98,200 units, or about one in five of those with children, the youngest child was aged 15 or over and in the vast majority of them the wife was aged 45 years and over.

#### Detailed Tables

As already stated, the present analysis of family units is in continuation of that introduced with the 1979 Census of Population. On this occasion however, the analysis has been extended to provide additional detailed tables - seven tables in all are contained in Part IV of this Volume. In the detailed Table 1 the married category includes those returned under "other status". An additional table, Table 1A has been included classifying such persons on the same lines as in Table 1.

## CONTENT OF THE TABLES

### PART I

#### (All Private Households - Permanent and Temporary Combined)

Table 1 shows the number of persons in private and non-private households separately in each Province, County and County Borough.

Table 2 shows the average number of persons per private household in each Province, County and County Borough in the Aggregate Town Areas and Aggregate Rural Areas.

Table 3 shows the number of private households classified by type and number of persons in the household.

Table 4 shows private households, members of private households and persons under 15 classified by number and broad age group of occupants.

Table 5 shows the number of private households in each Province, County and County Borough classified by both type and size of household.

Tables 6 and 7 show private households and members of private households respectively classified by type and size of household aggregated for the main types of urban and rural conglomerations.

Tables 8 to 15 show the number of private households classified by type and size and by some other characteristic of the household such as age and sex of the head of household or number of persons under 15 in the household, etc.

Tables 16 and 17 relate to persons aged 65 and over and 70 and over respectively and show the numbers and percentages of such persons living alone in each Province, County and County Borough.

### PART II

#### (Private Households in Permanent Housing Units)

The twelve tables in this part of the Volume are a sub-set of those in Part I but their scope is restricted to private households in permanent housing units. They are directly comparable to similar tables published from previous Censuses relating to private households in permanent dwellings.

### PART III

#### (Private Households in Temporary Housing Units)

This part relates to private households in temporary housing units. It contains three tables. These show the numbers of households in temporary housing units and the numbers of persons contained in them respectively classified by type of household in each Province, County and County Borough. There is also a table showing the numbers of persons aged under five, under fifteen and sixty-five years and over classified by type of household in which they were enumerated.

### PART IV

#### (Family Units)

The tables in this part of the Volume relate to "Family Units" as opposed to "Households" which have been used in Parts I, II and III. The family units referred to are those in all private households (i.e. in both permanent and temporary housing units).

Table 1 gives a breakdown of the entire population in both private and non-private households by age, sex and marital status and by position in household (e.g. husbands and wives, children, lone parents etc.).

Table 1A gives a similar breakdown to Table 1 of those persons who were classified in the marital status category "Other Status" in the Census.

Table 2 shows the number of family units classified by type and number of children in the unit.

Table 3 shows family units containing children under five years classified by type and by total number of children of any age in the unit.

Table 4 shows family units classified by type and size of household in which enumerated and by type and size of family unit.

Table 5 analyses wives and lone mothers by age, by number of children in the family and by age of youngest child.

Table 6 analyses "husband and wife" type family units by age of husband and wife and number of children in the family unit.