

Table 13:- Population of Towns by type of district, 1981 and 1986.

The following notation is used:-

*Indicates that a town with a legally defined boundary has no suburbs or environs.

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Type of District	Total Population (including Suburbs or Environs)		Population within legally defined boundary		Population of Suburbs or Environs		Percentage increase in total population 1981 to 1986 (-=Decrease)
	1981	1986	1981	1986	1981	1986	
Greater Dublin Area (2)	913,638	920,956	599,329 [†]	557,464 [†]	314,309	363,492	0.8
Other County Boroughs (4)							
Cork County Borough	168,761	173,694	136,344	133,271	32,417	40,423	2.9
Limerick County Borough	76,302	76,557	60,736	56,279	15,566	20,278	0.3
Galway County Borough	43,210	47,104	43,210	47,104	*	*	9.0
Waterford County Borough	39,842	41,054	38,473	39,529	1,369	1,525	3.0
Total	328,115	338,409	278,763	276,183	49,352	62,226	3.1
Other Towns of 10,000 Population and over (19)							
Dundalk	29,406	30,608	25,663	26,669	3,743	3,939	4.1
Bray	23,465	26,103	22,853	24,686	612	1,417	11.2
Drogheda	23,686	24,681	23,247	24,086	439	595	4.2
Sligo	18,002	18,018	17,232	17,259	770	759	0.1
Tralee	17,035	17,620	16,495	17,109	540	511	3.4
Kilkenny	16,919	17,537	9,466	8,969	7,453	8,568	3.7
Athlone	14,782	15,571	9,444	8,815	5,338	6,756	5.3
Ennis	14,867	15,547	6,223	5,917	8,644	9,630	4.6
Clonmel	14,985	15,517	12,407	11,759	2,578	3,758	3.6
Wexford	15,364	15,365	11,417	10,336	3,947	5,029	0.0
Swords	11,257	15,312	-	-	-	-	36.0
Carlow	13,144	13,816	11,722	11,509	1,422	2,307	5.1
Lucan	11,751	12,259	-	-	-	-	4.3
Mullingar	11,726	12,127	7,854	8,077	3,872	4,050	3.4
Leixlip	9,293	11,938	-	-	-	-	28.5
Navan (An Uaimh)	11,182	11,929	4,124	3,660	7,058	8,269	6.7
Droichead Nua	10,716	11,503	5,780	5,983	4,936	5,520	7.3
Killarney	9,660	10,189	7,693	7,837	1,967	2,352	5.5
Naas	8,345	10,017	8,345	10,017	*	*	20.0
Total	285,585	305,657	199,965	202,688	53,319	63,460	7.0
Towns 5,000 - 10,000 Population (33)							
Malahide	9,219	9,940	-	-	-	-	7.8
Letterkenny	8,742	9,809	6,444	6,691	2,298	3,118	12.2
Greystones	7,929	9,505	6,916	8,455	1,013	1,050	19.9

†Includes Dublin Co. Borough and Dun Laoghaire Borough

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Towns 5,000 - 10,000 Population (contd.)							
Tullamore	8,845	9,442	7,901	8,484	944	958	6.7
Portmarnock	8,204	9,055	-	-	-	-	10.4
Arklow	8,646	8,388	8,646	8,388	*	*	- 3.0
Portlaoighise	7,784	8,384	4,049	3,773	3,735	4,611	7.7
Cobh	8,439	8,282	6,587	6,369	1,852	1,913	- 1.9
Ballina	8,122	8,190	6,856	6,714	1,266	1,476	0.8
Shannon	7,998	8,005	7,998	8,005	*	*	0.1
Enniscorthy	7,567	7,753	5,014	4,483	2,553	3,270	2.5
Mallow	7,611	7,685	6,572	6,488	1,039	1,197	1.0
Castlebar	7,568	7,645	6,409	6,349	1,159	1,296	1.0
Balbriggan	6,915	7,555	5,582	5,680	1,333	1,875	9.3
Thurles	7,644	7,338	7,352	7,049	292	289	- 4.0
Celbridge	4,605	7,135	-	-	-	-	54.9
Skerries	5,884	6,864	-	-	-	-	16.7
Dungarvan	6,631	6,849	6,631	6,849	*	*	3.3
Longford	6,707	6,835	6,405	6,457	302	378	1.9
New Ross	6,287	6,357	5,386	5,343	901	1,014	1.1
Monaghan	6,385	6,284	6,177	6,075	208	209	- 1.6
Ballinasloe	6,481	6,227	6,374	6,125	107	102	- 3.9
Midleton	6,281	6,114	3,215	3,111	3,066	3,003	- 2.7
Tuam	6,093	6,039	4,366	4,109	1,727	1,930	- 0.9
Tramore	5,635	5,999	5,635	5,999	*	*	6.5
Youghal	6,138	5,952	5,870	5,706	268	246	- 3.0
Carrigaline	4,193	5,893	-	-	-	-	40.5
Nenagh	5,983	5,777	5,717	5,483	266	294	- 3.4
Wicklow	5,341	5,498	5,178	5,304	163	194	2.9
Athy	5,565	5,449	4,920	4,734	645	715	- 2.1
Carrick-on-Suir	5,566	5,353	5,566	5,353	*	*	- 3.8
Cavan	5,106	5,219	3,240	3,381	1,866	1,838	2.2
Tipperary	5,184	5,209	4,984	5,033	200	176	0.5
Total	225,298	236,029	165,990	165,990	27,203	31,152	4.8
Towns 3,000 - 5,000 Population (27)							
Bandon	4,935	4,926	2,055	1,943	2,880	2,983	- 0.2
Fermoy	4,904	4,885	3,106	2,872	1,798	2,013	- 0.4
Maynooth	3,388	4,768	-	-	-	-	40.7
Rush	3,874	4,513	-	-	-	-	16.5
Roscrea	4,217	4,378	-	-	-	-	3.8
Kildare	4,042	4,268	-	-	-	-	5.6

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Towns 3,000 - 5,000 Population (contd.)							
Birr	4,323	4,194	3,679	3,417	644	777	- 3.0
Buncrana	4,060	4,131	3,141	3,106	919	1,025	1.7
Trim	3,599	4,124	2,144	1,967	1,455	2,157	14.6
Gorey	3,785	3,884	2,588	2,445	1,197	1,439	2.6
Edenderry	3,666	3,753	3,452	3,539	214	214	2.4
Passage West	3,754	3,704	3,584	3,511	170	193	- 1.3
Ceannanus Mor	3,663	3,693	2,623	2,413	1,040	1,280	0.8
Listowel	3,764	3,693	3,542	3,494	222	199	- 1.9
Newcastle (Co. Limerick)	3,652	3,674	3,380	3,370	272	304	0.6
Ardee	3,524	3,559	3,199	3,253	325	306	1.0
Ashbourne	2,469	3,555	-	-	-	-	44.0
Roscommon	3,541	3,473	1,673	1,363	1,868	2,110	- 1.9
Carrickmacross	3,392	3,465	1,768	1,815	1,624	1,650	2.2
Westport	3,378	3,456	3,378	3,456	*	*	2.3
Loughrea	3,377	3,360	3,377	3,360	*	*	- 0.5
Laytown-Bettystown- Mornington	2,997	3,321	-	-	-	-	10.8
Portarlinton	3,397	3,295	-	-	-	-	- 3.0
Mountmellick	3,349	3,230	2,954	2,789	395	441	- 3.6
Mitchelstown	3,121	3,210	-	-	-	-	2.9
Castleblayney	3,086	3,035	2,425	2,157	661	878	- 1.7
Ballyshannon	3,066	3,015	2,675	2,573	391	442	- 1.7
Total	98,323	102,562	54,743	52,843	16,075	18,411	4.3
Towns 1,500 - 3,000 Population (43)							
Rathcoole	2,945	2,991	-	-	-	-	1.6
Ballybofey-Stranorlar	2,971	2,964	-	-	-	-	- 0.2
Kilrush	2,753	2,961	2,753	2,961	*	*	7.6
Cashel	2,817	2,829	2,436	2,458	381	371	0.4
Rathluirc (or Charleville)	2,907	2,814	-	-	-	-	- 3.2
Bantry	2,862	2,811	2,862	2,811	*	*	- 1.8
Muinebeag	2,656	2,788	2,510	2,653	146	135	5.0
Clonakilty	2,883	2,786	2,698	2,567	185	219	- 3.4
Clara	2,610	2,736	-	-	-	-	4.8
Kinsale	2,445	2,581	1,765	1,811	680	770	5.6
Clones	2,596	2,542	2,329	2,280	267	262	- 2.1
Macroom	2,495	2,449	2,495	2,449	*	*	- 1.8
Tullow	2,408	2,441	2,281	2,324	127	117	1.4
Boyle	2,249	2,383	1,737	1,859	512	524	6.0

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Towns 1,500 - 3,000 Population (contd.)							
Templemore	2,560	2,383	2,425	2,258	135	125	- 6.9
Kilcoole	1,661	2,335	-	-	-	-	40.6
Portrane	2,499	2,303	-	-	-	-	- 7.8
Castleisland	2,359	2,281	-	-	-	-	- 3.3
Donegal	2,054	2,242	-	-	-	-	9.2
Newtownmountkenedy	1,769	2,183	-	-	-	-	23.4
Monasterevan	2,177	2,143	-	-	-	-	- 1.6
Cahir	2,177	2,118	-	-	-	-	- 2.7
Skibbereen	2,130	1,999	2,130	1,999	*	*	- 6.2
Claremorris	2,036	1,992	-	-	-	-	- 2.2
Dunboyne	1,467	1,989	-	-	-	-	35.6
Carrick-on-Shannon	2,037	1,984	-	-	-	-	- 2.6
Blarney	1,929	1,952	-	-	-	-	1.2
Kanturk	1,976	1,870	-	-	-	-	- 5.4
Castlerea	1,874	1,840	-	-	-	-	- 1.8
Lusk	1,393	1,831	-	-	-	-	31.4
Rathkeale	1,879	1,815	1,879	1,815	*	*	- 3.4
Cootehill	1,805	1,796	1,554	1,487	251	309	- 0.5
Clane	1,712	1,767	-	-	-	-	3.2
Kilcullen	1,528	1,693	-	-	-	-	10.8
Duleek	1,447	1,679	-	-	-	-	16.0
Newmarket-on-Fergus	1,504	1,678	-	-	-	-	11.6
Moate	1,828	1,659	-	-	-	-	- 9.2
Bailieborough	1,530	1,645	-	-	-	-	7.5
Athenry	1,590	1,642	-	-	-	-	3.3
Killybegs	1,570	1,632	-	-	-	-	3.9
Carndonagh	1,581	1,600	-	-	-	-	1.2
Bundoran	1,610	1,535	1,610	1,535	*	*	- 4.7
Kill	1,308	1,503	-	-	-	-	14.9
Total	90,587	93,165	33,464	33,267	2,684	2,832	2.8
Towns 1,000 - 1,500 Population (68)							
Castlecomer-Donaguile	1,548	1,490	-	-	-	-	- 3.7
Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch	1,544	1,485	-	-	-	-	- 3.8
Abbeyfeale	1,409	1,483	-	-	-	-	5.3
Lifford	1,461	1,478	-	-	-	-	1.2
Bunbeg-Derrybeg	1,489	1,469	-	-	-	-	- 1.3
Abbeyleix	1,402	1,468	-	-	-	-	4.7
Banagher	1,403	1,465	-	-	-	-	4.4
Thomastown	1,477	1,465	-	-	-	-	- 0.8

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Towns 1,000 - 1,500 Population (contd.)							
Ballybunion	1,405	1,452	-	-	-	-	3.3
Kilkee	1,389	1,448	1,389	1,448	*	*	4.2
Kilmallock	1,378	1,424	-	-	-	-	3.3
Buncloody-Carrickduff	1,470	1,423	-	-	-	-	- 3.2
Kilcock	1,162	1,414	-	-	-	-	21.7
Mountrath	1,453	1,402	-	-	-	-	- 3.5
Fethard	1,352	1,391	997	982	355	409	2.9
Rathnew	1,366	1,389	-	-	-	-	1.7
Dunmanway	1,493	1,382	-	-	-	-	- 7.4
Ferbane	1,402	1,374	-	-	-	-	- 2.0
Ballaghaderreen	1,374	1,366	-	-	-	-	- 0.6
Crosshaven	1,419	1,362	-	-	-	-	- 4.0
Ballyhaunis	1,403	1,338	-	-	-	-	- 4.6
Granard	1,285	1,338	1,285	1,338	*	*	4.1
Moville	1,281	1,331	-	-	-	-	3.9
Millstreet	1,435	1,330	-	-	-	-	- 7.3
Blessington	1,015	1,322	-	-	-	-	30.2
Caherciveen	1,419	1,310	-	-	-	-	- 7.7
Rathdrum	1,268	1,307	-	-	-	-	3.1
Killorglin	1,303	1,304	-	-	-	-	0.1
Carrigtwohill	1,198	1,272	-	-	-	-	6.2
Ballinrobe	1,426	1,270	-	-	-	-	- 10.9
Rathangan	1,128	1,270	-	-	-	-	12.6
Callan	1,431	1,266	1,431	1,266	*	*	- 11.5
Castleconnell	1,102	1,262	-	-	-	-	14.5
Portlaoise	1,252	1,260	-	-	-	-	0.6
Ballybay	1,266	1,257	603	530	663	727	- 0.7
Dingle	1,358	1,253	-	-	-	-	- 7.7
Crossmolina	1,335	1,250	-	-	-	-	- 6.4
Tubbercurry	1,156	1,250	-	-	-	-	8.1
Kingscourt	1,267	1,242	-	-	-	-	- 2.0
Enniskerry	1,228	1,229	-	-	-	-	0.1
Belturbet	1,138	1,228	1,138	1,228	*	*	7.9
Swinford	1,327	1,197	-	-	-	-	- 9.8
Dunleer	1,204	1,184	-	-	-	-	- 1.7
Sixmilecross	798	1,182	-	-	-	-	48.1
Tower	1,029	1,158	-	-	-	-	12.5
Newcastle (Co. Dublin)	1,144	1,149	-	-	-	-	0.4
Buttevant	1,164	1,133	-	-	-	-	- 2.7
Kenmare	1,348	1,130	-	-	-	-	- 16.2

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Towns 1,000 - 1,500 Population (contd.)							
Kilcormac (or Frankford)	1,166	1,118	-	-	-	-	- 4.1
Rathdowney	1,101	1,095	-	-	-	-	- 0.5
Baltinglass	1,055	1,089	-	-	-	-	3.2
Lismore	1,119	1,085	737	703	382	382	- 3.0
Ballymote	1,098	1,064	-	-	-	-	- 3.1
Oranmore	932	1,064	-	-	-	-	14.2
Portumna	1,118	1,062	-	-	-	-	- 5.0
Lanesborough-Ballyleague	974	1,058	-	-	-	-	8.6
Athboy	909	1,055	-	-	-	-	16.1
Stradbally (Co. Laoighis)	1,021	1,046	-	-	-	-	2.4
Dunmore East	811	1,041	-	-	-	-	28.4
Ennistymon	1,123	1,039	-	-	-	-	- 7.5
Belmullet	1,023	1,033	-	-	-	-	1.0
Foxford	987	1,033	-	-	-	-	4.7
Killaloe	1,022	1,033	-	-	-	-	1.1
Manorhamilton	972	1,031	-	-	-	-	6.1
Raphoe	1,084	1,027	-	-	-	-	- 5.3
Croom	902	1,024	-	-	-	-	13.5
Newmarket	1,025	1,022	-	-	-	-	- 0.3
Gort	1,096	1,021	-	-	-	-	- 6.8
Total	83,642	84,692	7,580	7,495	1,400	1,518	1.3
Total Towns 1,500 Population and over (comprising the Aggregate Town Areas) (128)							
	1,941,546	1,996,778	1,332,254	1,288,435	462,942	541,573	2.8
Total Towns 1,000 - 1,500 Population (68)							
	83,642	84,692	7,580	7,495	1,400	1,518	1.3
Total Towns 500 - 1,000 Population (126) ‡							
	85,292	88,980	-	-	-	-	4.3
Total Towns under 500 Population but with at least 50 inhabited houses (298) ‡							
	86,842	91,407	-	-	-	-	5.3
Total Towns of all sizes (620)							
	2,197,322	2,261,857	1,339,834	1,295,930	464,342	543,091	2.9
Country Population	1,246,083	1,278,786	-	-	-	-	2.6
Grand Total	3,443,405	3,540,643	1,339,834	1,295,930	464,342	543,091	2.8

† The population of each town under 1,000 is shown separately in Tables 10 and 19.