

Table 4:- Population of each Province, County and County Borough at each Census since 1966 and Percentage Increase in each Intercensal Period.

| Province, County or County Borough | Population |           |           |           |           | Percentage Increase<br>(- = Decrease) |                                 |                                 |                    |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                    | 1966       | 1971      | 1979      | 1981      | 1986      | 1966<br>to<br>1971                    | 1971<br>to<br>1979 <sup>/</sup> | 1979<br>to<br>1981 <sup>/</sup> | 1981<br>to<br>1986 |
| TOTAL                              | 2,884,002  | 2,978,248 | 3,368,217 | 3,443,405 | 3,540,643 | 3.3                                   | 8.0                             | 5.7                             | 2.8                |
| LEINSTER                           | 1,414,415  | 1,498,140 | 1,743,861 | 1,790,521 | 1,852,649 | 5.9                                   | 10.0                            | 6.8                             | 3.5                |
| Carlow                             | 33,593     | 34,237    | 38,668    | 39,820    | 40,988    | 1.9                                   | 7.9                             | 7.6                             | 2.9                |
| Dublin Co. and Co. Borough         | 795,047    | 852,219   | 983,683   | 1,003,164 | 1,021,449 | 7.2                                   | 9.4                             | 5.0                             | 1.8                |
| Dublin Co. Borough*                | ...        | ...       | ...       | 544,833   | 502,749   | ...                                   | ...                             | ...                             | - 7.7              |
| Dublin - Belgard*                  | ...        | ...       | ...       | 165,264   | 199,546   | ...                                   | ...                             | ...                             | 20.7               |
| Dublin - Fingal*                   | ...        | ...       | ...       | 114,951   | 138,479   | ...                                   | ...                             | ...                             | 20.5               |
| Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown*          | ...        | ...       | ...       | 178,116   | 180,675   | ...                                   | ...                             | ...                             | 1.4                |
| Kildare                            | 66,404     | 71,977    | 97,185    | 104,122   | 116,247   | 8.4                                   | 20.6                            | 18.8                            | 11.6               |
| Kilkenny                           | 60,463     | 61,473    | 69,156    | 70,806    | 73,186    | 1.7                                   | 7.6                             | 6.1                             | 3.4                |
| Laoighis                           | 44,595     | 45,259    | 49,936    | 51,171    | 53,284    | 1.5                                   | 6.3                             | 6.3                             | 4.1                |
| Longford                           | 28,989     | 28,250    | 30,785    | 31,140    | 31,496    | - 2.5                                 | 5.5                             | 2.9                             | 1.1                |
| Louth                              | 69,661     | 75,104    | 86,135    | 88,514    | 91,810    | 7.8                                   | 8.9                             | 7.0                             | 3.7                |
| Meath                              | 67,181     | 71,576    | 90,715    | 95,419    | 103,881   | 6.5                                   | 16.0                            | 13.5                            | 8.9                |
| Offaly                             | 51,717     | 51,829    | 57,342    | 58,312    | 59,835    | 0.2                                   | 6.5                             | 4.3                             | 2.6                |
| Westmeath                          | 52,900     | 53,570    | 59,885    | 61,523    | 63,379    | 1.3                                   | 7.2                             | 7.0                             | 3.0                |
| Wexford                            | 83,437     | 86,351    | 96,421    | 99,081    | 102,552   | 3.5                                   | 7.1                             | 7.0                             | 3.5                |
| Wicklow                            | 60,428     | 66,295    | 83,950    | 87,449    | 94,542    | 9.7                                   | 15.9                            | 10.7                            | 8.1                |
| MUNSTER                            | 859,334    | 882,002   | 979,819   | 998,315   | 1,020,577 | 2.6                                   | 6.8                             | 4.8                             | 2.2                |
| Clare                              | 73,597     | 75,008    | 84,919    | 87,567    | 91,344    | 1.9                                   | 8.1                             | 8.0                             | 4.3                |
| Cork Co. and Co. Borough           | 339,703    | 352,883   | 396,118   | 402,465   | 412,735   | 3.9                                   | 7.5                             | 4.1                             | 2.6                |
| Cork Co. Borough                   | 122,146    | 128,645   | 138,267   | 136,344   | 133,271   | 5.3                                   | 4.6                             | - 3.4                           | - 2.3              |
| Cork                               | 217,557    | 224,238   | 257,851   | 266,121   | 279,464   | 3.1                                   | 9.1                             | 8.2                             | 5.0                |
| Kerry                              | 112,785    | 112,772   | 120,356   | 122,770   | 124,159   | - 0.0                                 | 4.2                             | 5.1                             | 1.1                |
| Limerick Co. and Co. Borough       | 137,357    | 140,459   | 157,407   | 161,661   | 164,569   | 2.3                                   | 7.4                             | 6.9                             | 1.8                |
| Limerick Co. Borough               | 55,912     | 57,161    | 60,665    | 60,736    | 56,279    | 2.2                                   | 3.8                             | 0.3                             | - 7.3              |
| Limerick                           | 81,445     | 83,298    | 96,742    | 100,925   | 108,290   | 2.3                                   | 9.8                             | 11.2                            | 7.3                |
| Tipperary, N.R.                    | 53,843     | 54,337    | 58,476    | 58,984    | 59,522    | 0.9                                   | 4.7                             | 2.2                             | 0.9                |
| Tipperary, S.R.                    | 68,969     | 69,228    | 75,265    | 76,277    | 77,097    | 0.4                                   | 5.4                             | 3.4                             | 1.1                |
| Waterford Co. and Co. Borough      | 73,080     | 77,315    | 87,278    | 88,591    | 91,151    | 5.8                                   | 7.9                             | 3.8                             | 2.9                |
| Waterford Co. Borough              | 31,319     | 34,226    | 38,478    | 38,473    | 39,529    | 9.3                                   | 7.6                             | - 0.0                           | 2.7                |
| Waterford                          | 41,761     | 43,089    | 48,800    | 50,118    | 51,622    | 3.2                                   | 8.1                             | 6.9                             | 3.0                |
| CONNACHT                           | 401,950    | 390,902   | 418,500   | 424,410   | 431,409   | - 2.7                                 | 4.4                             | 3.6                             | 1.6                |
| Galway Co. and Co. Borough         | 148,340    | 149,223   | 167,838   | 172,018   | 178,552   | 0.6                                   | 7.6                             | 6.3                             | 3.8                |
| Galway Co. Borough*                | ...        | ...       | ...       | 43,210    | 47,104    | ...                                   | ...                             | ...                             | 9.0                |
| Galway*                            | ...        | ...       | ...       | 128,808   | 131,448   | ...                                   | ...                             | ...                             | 2.0                |
| Leitrim                            | 30,572     | 28,360    | 27,844    | 27,609    | 27,035    | - 7.2                                 | - 1.1                           | - 2.1                           | - 2.1              |
| Mayo                               | 115,547    | 109,525   | 114,019   | 114,766   | 115,184   | - 5.2                                 | 2.5                             | 1.6                             | 0.4                |
| Roscommon                          | 56,228     | 53,519    | 54,189    | 54,543    | 54,592    | - 4.8                                 | 0.8                             | 1.6                             | 0.1                |
| Sligo                              | 51,263     | 50,275    | 54,610    | 55,474    | 56,046    | - 1.9                                 | 5.3                             | 4.0                             | 1.0                |
| ULSTER (part of)                   | 208,303    | 207,204   | 226,037   | 230,159   | 236,008   | - 0.5                                 | 5.6                             | 4.6                             | 2.5                |
| Cavan                              | 54,022     | 52,618    | 53,720    | 53,855    | 53,965    | - 2.6                                 | 1.3                             | 0.6                             | 0.2                |
| Donegal                            | 108,549    | 108,344   | 121,941   | 125,112   | 129,664   | - 0.2                                 | 7.7                             | 6.6                             | 3.6                |
| Monaghan                           | 45,732     | 46,242    | 50,376    | 51,192    | 52,379    | 1.1                                   | 5.5                             | 4.1                             | 2.3                |

\* As defined in the Local Government (Reorganisation) Act, 1985 - See Appendix 3.

<sup>/</sup> To facilitate comparisons with previous intercensal periods the percentage changes over the periods 1971-1979 and 1979-1981 have been converted to a five year basis.

... Figures for 1966, 1971 and 1979 are not available as the population has not been adjusted to take account of revised boundaries.