

Table 14 Population of Towns by type of district, 1986 and 1991

Type of district	Total population (including Suburbs or Environs)		Population within legally defined boundary		Population of Suburbs or Environs		Percentage change in total population 1986 to 1991
	1986	1991	1986	1991	1986	1991	
Greater Dublin Area (2)	921,081	915,516	(a) 557,464	(a) 533,929	363,617	381,587	- 0.6
Other County Boroughs (4)							
Cork County Borough	174,109	174,400	133,271	127,253	40,838	47,147	0.2
Limerick County Borough	76,569	75,436	56,279	52,083	20,290	23,353	- 1.5
Galway County Borough	47,104	50,853	47,104	50,853	*	*	8.0
Waterford County Borough	41,054	41,853	39,529	40,328	1,525	1,525	1.9
Total	338,836	342,542	276,183	270,517	62,653	72,025	1.1
Other Towns of 10,000 population and over (21)							
Dundalk	30,695	30,061	26,669	25,843	4,026	4,218	- 2.1
Bray	25,951	26,953	24,686	25,096	1,265	1,857	3.9
Drogheda	24,723	24,656	24,086	23,848	637	808	- 0.3
Sligo	18,018	17,964	17,259	17,302	759	662	- 0.3
Tralee	17,644	17,862	17,109	17,225	535	637	1.2
Swords	15,328	17,705	-	-	-	-	15.5
Kilkenny	17,553	17,669	8,969	8,515	8,584	9,154	0.7
Ennis	15,917	16,058	13,718	13,730	2,199	2,328	0.9
Clonmel	15,825	15,562	14,789	14,531	1,036	1,031	- 1.7
Wexford	15,372	15,393	10,336	9,544	5,036	5,849	0.1
Athlone	15,578	15,358	8,815	8,170	6,763	7,188	- 1.4
Carlow	13,918	14,027	11,509	11,271	2,409	2,756	0.8
Lucan	12,289	13,574	-	-	-	-	10.4
Leixlip	12,054	13,194	12,054	13,194	*	*	9.4
Malahide	9,940	12,088	-	-	-	-	21.6
Droichead Nua	11,644	12,069	11,384	11,778	260	291	3.6
Mullingar	12,198	11,867	8,077	8,003	4,121	3,864	- 2.7
Navan (An Uaimh)	11,960	11,706	3,660	3,415	8,300	8,291	- 2.1
Naas	10,017	11,141	10,017	11,141	*	*	11.2
Greystones	9,523	10,778	8,455	9,649	1,068	1,129	13.2
Letterkenny	9,864	10,726	6,691	7,186	3,173	3,540	8.7
Total	326,011	336,411	238,283	239,441	50,171	53,603	3.2

(a) Includes Dublin Co. Borough and Dun Laoghaire Borough.

* Indicates that a Town with a legally defined boundary has no Suburbs or Environs.

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	1986	1991	1986	1991	1986	1991	
Towns 5,000 - 10,000 population (31)							
Killarney	10,195	9,950	7,837	7,275	2,358	2,675	- 2.4
Celbridge	7,199	9,629	-	-	-	-	33.8
Tullamore	9,405	9,430	8,484	8,622	921	808	0.3
Portmarnock	9,055	9,173	-	-	-	-	1.3
Portlaoighise	8,409	8,360	3,773	3,618	4,636	4,742	- 0.6
Cobh	8,290	8,219	6,369	6,227	1,921	1,992	- 0.8
Ballina	8,185	8,167	6,714	6,563	1,471	1,604	- 0.2
Arklow	8,388	7,987	8,388	7,987	*	*	- 4.8
Shannon	8,005	7,920	8,005	7,920	*	*	- 1.1
Balbriggan	7,555	7,724	5,680	5,414	1,875	2,310	2.2
Enniscorthy	7,793	7,655	4,483	4,127	3,310	3,528	- 1.8
Castlebar	7,660	7,648	6,349	6,073	1,311	1,575	- 0.2
Mallow	7,693	7,521	6,488	6,238	1,205	1,283	- 2.2
Skerries	6,894	7,032	-	-	-	-	2.0
Thurles	7,344	6,955	7,049	6,687	295	268	- 5.3
Dungarvan	6,849	6,920	6,849	6,920	*	*	1.0
Longford	6,835	6,824	6,457	6,393	378	431	- 0.2
Carrigaline	5,919	6,482	-	-	-	-	9.5
Wicklow	5,517	6,215	5,304	5,847	213	368	12.6
New Ross	6,350	6,079	5,343	5,018	1,007	1,061	- 4.3
Tramore	5,999	6,064	5,999	6,064	*	*	1.1
Maynooth	4,768	6,027	-	-	-	-	26.4
Midleton	6,114	5,951	3,111	2,990	3,003	2,961	- 2.7
Monaghan	6,284	5,946	6,075	5,750	209	196	- 5.4
Ballinasloe	6,230	5,892	6,125	5,793	105	99	- 5.4
Youghal	5,960	5,828	5,706	5,532	254	296	- 2.2
Nenagh	5,812	5,825	5,483	5,525	329	300	0.2
Tuam	6,101	5,540	4,109	3,448	1,992	2,092	- 9.2
Cavan	5,270	5,254	3,381	3,332	1,889	1,922	- 0.3
Athy	5,513	5,204	5,513	5,204	*	*	- 5.6
Carrick-on-Suir	5,353	5,143	5,353	5,143	*	*	- 3.9
Total	216,944	218,564	154,427	149,710	28,682	30,511	0.7
Towns 3,000 - 5,000 population (25)							
Tipperary	5,209	4,963	5,033	4,772	176	191	- 4.7
Rush	4,513	4,839	-	-	-	-	7.2
Bandon	4,926	4,741	1,943	1,736	2,983	3,005	- 3.8
Fermoy	4,885	4,462	2,872	2,313	2,013	2,149	- 8.6
Ashbourne	3,555	4,411	-	-	-	-	24.1

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Towns 3,000 - 5,000 population (contd.)							
Buncrana	4,146	4,388	3,106	3,118	1,040	1,270	5.8
Roscrea	4,440	4,231	-	-	-	-	- 4.7
Kildare	4,268	4,196	-	-	-	-	- 1.7
Trim	4,124	4,185	1,967	1,784	2,157	2,401	1.5
Birr	4,168	4,056	3,417	3,280	751	776	- 2.7
Gorey	3,886	3,840	2,445	2,193	1,441	1,647	- 1.2
Edenderry	3,753	3,742	3,539	3,525	214	217	- 0.3
Westport	3,456	3,688	3,456	3,688	*	*	6.7
Newcastle (Co. Limerick)	3,692	3,612	3,370	3,287	322	325	- 2.2
Passage West	3,704	3,606	3,511	3,410	193	196	- 2.6
Ardee	3,582	3,604	3,253	3,269	329	335	0.6
Listowel	3,737	3,597	3,494	3,347	243	250	- 3.7
Ceannanus Mór	3,704	3,539	2,413	2,183	1,291	1,356	- 4.4
Roscommon	3,473	3,427	1,363	1,314	2,110	2,113	- 1.3
Laytown-Bettystown- Mornington	3,321	3,360	-	-	-	-	1.2
Carrickmacross	3,465	3,341	1,815	1,678	1,650	1,663	- 3.6
Loughrea	3,360	3,271	3,360	3,271	*	*	- 2.6
Portarlington	3,295	3,211	-	-	-	-	- 2.5
Mitchelstown	3,233	3,090	-	-	-	-	- 4.4
Mountmellick	3,230	3,003	2,789	2,495	441	508	- 7.0
Total	97,125	96,403	53,146	50,663	17,354	18,402	- 0.7
Towns 1,500 - 3,000 population (47)							
Ballybofey-Stranorlar	2,996	2,972	-	-	-	-	- 0.8
Castleblayney	3,038	2,938	2,157	2,029	881	909	- 3.3
Rathcoole	3,029	2,926	-	-	-	-	- 3.4
Ballyshannon	3,015	2,838	2,573	2,426	442	412	- 5.9
Cashel	2,829	2,814	2,458	2,473	371	341	- 0.5
Clonakilty	2,796	2,812	2,567	2,576	229	236	0.6
Bantry	2,811	2,777	2,811	2,777	*	*	- 1.2
Kinsale	2,581	2,751	1,811	1,759	770	992	6.6
Kilrush	2,961	2,740	2,961	2,740	*	*	- 7.5
Muinebeag	2,788	2,700	2,653	2,573	135	127	- 3.2
Rathluirç (or Charleville)	2,814	2,646	-	-	-	-	- 6.0
Clara	2,743	2,505	-	-	-	-	- 8.7
Kilcoole	2,335	2,485	-	-	-	-	6.4
Tullow	2,441	2,424	2,324	2,277	117	147	- 0.7
Dunboyne	2,027	2,392	-	-	-	-	18.0

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Towns 1,500 - 3,000 population (contd.)							
Macroon	2,449	2,363	2,449	2,363	*	*	- 3.5
Clones	2,538	2,347	2,280	2,094	258	253	- 7.5
Templemore	2,383	2,325	2,258	2,188	125	137	- 2.4
Newtownmountkennedy	2,198	2,321	-	-	-	-	5.6
Monasterevan	2,180	2,224	-	-	-	-	2.0
Castleisland	2,302	2,207	-	-	-	-	- 4.1
Boyle	2,395	2,197	1,859	1,695	536	502	- 8.3
Donegal	2,243	2,193	-	-	-	-	- 2.2
Portrane	2,303	2,153	-	-	-	-	- 6.5
Kinsealy-Drinan	1,095	2,084	-	-	-	-	90.3
Lusk	1,831	2,071	-	-	-	-	13.1
Cahir	2,151	2,055	-	-	-	-	- 4.5
Blarney	2,012	2,043	-	-	-	-	1.5
Claremorris	1,993	1,907	-	-	-	-	- 4.3
Skibbereen	1,999	1,892	1,999	1,892	*	*	- 5.4
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,975	1,858	-	-	-	-	- 5.9
Castlerea	1,865	1,822	-	-	-	-	- 2.3
Clane	1,784	1,822	-	-	-	-	2.1
Rathkeale	1,815	1,803	1,815	1,803	*	*	- 0.7
Cootehill	1,832	1,791	1,487	1,452	345	339	- 2.2
Kanturk	1,916	1,777	-	-	-	-	- 7.2
Duleek	1,682	1,718	-	-	-	-	2.1
Kilcullen	1,715	1,664	-	-	-	-	- 3.0
Athenry	1,668	1,612	-	-	-	-	- 3.4
Newmarket-on-Fergus	1,678	1,583	-	-	-	-	- 5.7
Kilcock	1,425	1,551	-	-	-	-	8.8
Bailieborough	1,645	1,550	-	-	-	-	- 5.8
Carndonagh	1,603	1,541	-	-	-	-	- 3.9
Moate	1,680	1,529	-	-	-	-	- 9.0
Killybegs	1,632	1,522	-	-	-	-	- 6.7
Kill	1,503	1,518	-	-	-	-	1.0
Abbeyfeale	1,483	1,501	-	-	-	-	1.2
Total	102,177	101,264	36,462	35,117	4,209	4,395	- 0.9
Towns 1,000 - 1,500 population (64)							
Rathnew	1,389	1,496	-	-	-	-	7.7
Thomastown	1,500	1,487	-	-	-	-	- 0.9
Bundoran	1,535	1,463	1,535	1,463	*	*	- 4.7
Fethard	1,424	1,431	982	946	442	485	0.5
Bunbeg-Derrybeg	1,457	1,427	-	-	-	-	- 2.0

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Towns 1,000 - 1,500 population (contd.)							
Banagher	1,494	1,423	-	-	-	-	- 4.8
Blessington	1,341	1,408	-	-	-	-	5.0
Dunmanway	1,384	1,404	-	-	-	-	1.4
Tower	1,299	1,402	-	-	-	-	7.9
Castlecomer-Donaguile	1,494	1,396	-	-	-	-	- 6.6
Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch	1,485	1,395	-	-	-	-	- 6.1
Moville	1,336	1,392	-	-	-	-	4.2
Castleconnell	1,262	1,391	-	-	-	-	10.2
Mountrath	1,450	1,375	-	-	-	-	- 5.2
Kenmare	1,147	1,366	-	-	-	-	19.1
Lifford	1,478	1,359	-	-	-	-	- 8.0
Ballybunion	1,452	1,346	-	-	-	-	- 7.3
Crosshaven	1,362	1,329	-	-	-	-	- 2.4
Buncloody-Carrickduff	1,423	1,316	-	-	-	-	- 7.5
Kilkee	1,448	1,315	1,448	1,315	*	*	- 9.2
Kilmallock	1,424	1,311	-	-	-	-	- 7.9
Millstreet	1,333	1,300	-	-	-	-	- 2.5
Abbeyleix	1,468	1,299	-	-	-	-	-11.5
Ferbane	1,374	1,285	-	-	-	-	- 6.5
Ballyhaunis	1,327	1,282	-	-	-	-	- 3.4
Dunshaughlin	884	1,275	-	-	-	-	44.2
Dingle	1,253	1,272	-	-	-	-	1.5
Ballaghaderreen	1,372	1,270	-	-	-	-	- 7.4
Kingscourt	1,255	1,260	-	-	-	-	0.4
Callan	1,266	1,246	1,266	1,246	*	*	- 1.6
Enniskerry	1,229	1,238	-	-	-	-	0.7
Ballinrobe	1,275	1,229	-	-	-	-	- 3.6
Killorglin	1,348	1,229	-	-	-	-	- 8.8
Belturbet	1,228	1,223	1,228	1,223	*	*	- 0.4
Granard	1,338	1,221	1,338	1,221	*	*	- 8.7
Swinford	1,197	1,216	-	-	-	-	1.6
Cahirciveen	1,323	1,213	-	-	-	-	- 8.3
Carrigtwohill	1,272	1,212	-	-	-	-	- 4.7
Crossmolina	1,256	1,202	-	-	-	-	- 4.3
Newcastle (Co. Dublin)	1,161	1,200	-	-	-	-	3.4
Oranmore	1,124	1,192	-	-	-	-	6.0
Sixmilebridge	1,184	1,191	-	-	-	-	0.6
Rathdrum	1,307	1,175	-	-	-	-	-10.1
Ballybay	1,257	1,156	530	459	727	697	- 8.0
Portlaoise	1,260	1,151	-	-	-	-	- 8.6
Rathangan	1,272	1,129	-	-	-	-	-11.2

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Buttevant	1,133	1,125	-	-	-	-	- 0.7
Donabate	672	1,104	-	-	-	-	64.3
Dunleer	1,196	1,104	-	-	-	-	- 7.7
Newmarket	1,134	1,097	-	-	-	-	- 3.3
Lismore	1,085	1,095	703	715	382	380	0.9
Gort	1,071	1,093	-	-	-	-	2.0
Rathdowney	1,095	1,092	-	-	-	-	- 0.3
Croom	1,014	1,090	-	-	-	-	7.5
Raphoe	1,055	1,090	-	-	-	-	3.3
Athboy	1,055	1,083	-	-	-	-	2.6
Tubbercurry	1,250	1,069	-	-	-	-	-14.5
Baltinglass	1,089	1,068	-	-	-	-	- 1.9
Lanesborough-Ballyleague	1,074	1,054	-	-	-	-	- 1.9
Stradbally (Co. Laoighis)	1,086	1,046	-	-	-	-	- 3.7
Dunmore East	1,043	1,038	-	-	-	-	- 0.5
Patrickswell	905	1,019	-	-	-	-	12.6
Portumna	1,071	1,017	-	-	-	-	- 5.0
Ballymote	1,064	1,014	-	-	-	-	- 4.7
Total	80,239	79,196	9,030	8,588	1,551	1,562	- 1.3
Total Towns 1,500 population and over (comprising the Aggregate Town Areas) (130)							
	2,002,174	2,010,700	1,315,965	1,279,377	526,686	560,523	0.4
Total Towns 1,000 - 1,500 population (64)							
	80,239	79,196	9,030	8,588	1,551	1,562	- 1.3
Total Towns 500 - 1,000 population (134)(b)							
	96,078	94,984	-	-	-	-	- 1.1
Total Towns under 500 population but with at least 50 inhabited houses (306)(b)							
	94,326	93,045	-	-	-	-	- 1.4
Total Towns of all sizes (634)							
	2,272,817	2,277,925	1,324,995	1,287,965	528,237	562,085	0.2
Population outside Towns	1,267,826	1,247,794	-	-	-	-	- 1.6
Grand Total	3,540,643	3,525,719	1,324,995	1,287,965	528,237	562,085	- 0.4

(b) The population of each Town under 1,000 is shown separately in Tables 11 and 20.