

Table 4 Population of each Province, County and County Borough at each census since 1971 and percentage change in each intercensal period

Province, County or County Borough	Population					Percentage change			
	1971	1979	1981	1986	1991	1971 to 1979 (a)	1979 to 1981 (a)	1981 to 1986	1986 to 1991
Total	2,978,248	3,368,217	3,443,405	3,540,643	3,525,719	8.0	5.7	2.8	- 0.4
Leinster	1,498,140	1,743,861	1,790,521	1,852,649	1,860,949	10.0	6.8	3.5	0.4
Carlow	34,237	38,668	39,820	40,988	40,942	7.9	7.6	2.9	- 0.1
Dublin Co. and Co. Borough	852,219	983,683	1,003,164	1,021,449	1,025,304	9.4	5.0	1.8	0.4
Dublin Co. Borough	...	...	544,833	502,749	478,389	...	...	- 7.7	- 4.8
Dublin - Belgard	...	...	165,264	199,546	208,739	...	...	20.7	4.6
Dublin - Fingal	...	...	114,951	138,479	152,766	...	...	20.5	10.3
Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown	...	...	178,116	180,675	185,410	...	...	1.4	2.6
Kildare	71,977	97,185	104,122	116,247	122,656	20.6	18.8	11.6	5.5
Kilkenny	61,473	69,156	70,806	73,186	73,635	7.6	6.1	3.4	0.6
Laoighis	45,259	49,936	51,171	53,284	52,314	6.3	6.3	4.1	- 1.8
Longford	28,250	30,785	31,140	31,496	30,296	5.5	2.9	1.1	- 3.8
Louth	75,104	86,135	88,514	91,810	90,724	8.9	7.0	3.7	- 1.2
Meath	71,576	90,715	95,419	103,881	105,370	16.0	13.5	8.9	1.4
Offaly	51,829	57,342	58,312	59,835	58,494	6.5	4.3	2.6	- 2.2
Westmeath	53,570	59,885	61,523	63,379	61,880	7.2	7.0	3.0	- 2.4
Wexford	86,351	96,421	99,081	102,552	102,069	7.1	7.0	3.5	- 0.5
Wicklow	66,295	83,950	87,449	94,542	97,265	15.9	10.7	8.1	2.9
Munster	882,002	979,819	998,315	1,020,577	1,009,533	6.8	4.8	2.2	- 1.1
Clare	75,008	84,919	87,567	91,344	90,918	8.1	8.0	4.3	- 0.5
Cork Co. and Co. Borough	352,883	396,118	402,465	412,735	410,369	7.5	4.1	2.6	- 0.6
Cork Co. Borough	128,645	138,267	136,344	133,271	127,253	4.6	- 3.4	- 2.3	- 4.5
Cork	224,238	257,851	266,121	279,464	283,116	9.1	8.2	5.0	1.3
Kerry	112,772	120,356	122,770	124,159	121,894	4.2	5.1	1.1	- 1.8
Limerick Co. and Co. Borough	140,459	157,407	161,661	164,569	161,956	7.4	6.9	1.8	- 1.6
Limerick Co. Borough	57,161	60,665	60,736	56,279	52,083	3.8	0.3	- 7.3	- 7.4
Limerick	83,298	96,742	100,925	108,290	109,873	9.8	11.2	7.3	1.5
Tipperary, N.R.	54,337	58,476	58,984	59,522	57,854	4.7	2.2	0.9	- 2.8
Tipperary, S.R.	69,228	75,265	76,277	77,097	74,918	5.4	3.4	1.1	- 2.8
Waterford Co. and Co. Borough	77,315	87,278	88,591	91,151	91,624	7.9	3.8	2.9	0.5
Waterford Co. Borough	34,226	38,478	38,473	39,529	40,328	7.6	- 0.0	2.7	2.0
Waterford	43,089	48,800	50,118	51,622	51,296	8.1	6.9	3.0	- 0.6
Connacht	390,902	418,500	424,410	431,409	423,031	4.4	3.6	1.6	- 1.9
Galway Co. and Co. Borough	149,223	167,838	172,018	178,552	180,364	7.6	6.3	3.8	1.0
Galway Co. Borough	...	...	43,210	47,104	50,853	...	...	9.0	8.0
Galway	...	...	128,808	131,448	129,511	...	...	2.0	- 1.5
Leitrim	28,360	27,844	27,609	27,035	25,301	- 1.1	- 2.1	- 2.1	- 6.4
Mayo	109,525	114,019	114,766	115,184	110,713	2.5	1.6	0.4	- 3.9
Roscommon	53,519	54,189	54,543	54,592	51,897	0.8	1.6	0.1	- 4.9
Sligo	50,275	54,610	55,474	56,046	54,756	5.3	4.0	1.0	- 2.3
Ulster (part of)	207,204	226,037	230,159	236,008	232,206	5.6	4.6	2.5	- 1.6
Cavan	52,618	53,720	53,855	53,965	52,796	1.3	0.6	0.2	- 2.2
Donegal	108,344	121,941	125,112	129,664	128,117	7.7	6.6	3.6	- 1.2
Monaghan	46,242	50,376	51,192	52,379	51,293	5.5	4.1	2.3	- 2.1

(a) 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 not available.