

Table 1 Population classified by religion for relevant censuses from 1881 to 1991

| Year | Total persons | Religious denomination |  |              |           |        |                         | No religion | Not stated |
|------|---------------|------------------------|--|--------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
|      |               | Catholic               | Church of Ireland (including Protestant) | Presbyterian | Methodist | Jewish | Other stated religions* |             |            |
| 1881 | 3,870,020     | 3,465,332              | 317,576                                  | 56,498       | 17,660    | 394    | 12,560                  |             |            |
| 1891 | 3,468,694     | 3,099,003              | 286,804                                  | 51,469       | 18,513    | 1,506  | 11,399                  |             |            |
| 1901 | 3,221,823     | 2,878,271              | 264,264                                  | 46,714       | 17,872    | 3,006  | 11,696                  |             |            |
| 1911 | 3,139,688     | 2,812,509              | 249,535                                  | 45,486       | 16,440    | 3,805  | 11,913                  |             |            |
| 1926 | 2,971,992     | 2,751,269              | 164,215                                  | 32,429       | 10,663    | 3,686  | 9,730                   |             |            |
| 1936 | 2,968,420     | 2,773,920              | 145,030                                  | 28,067       | 9,649     | 3,749  | 8,005                   |             |            |
| 1946 | 2,955,107     | 2,786,033              | 124,829                                  | 23,870       | 8,355     | 3,907  | 8,113                   |             |            |
| 1961 | 2,818,341     | 2,673,473              | 104,016                                  | 18,953       | 6,676     | 3,255  | 5,236                   | 1,107       | 5,625      |
| 1971 | 2,978,248     | 2,795,666              | 97,739                                   | 16,052       | 5,646     | 2,633  | 6,248                   | 7,616       | 46,648     |
| 1981 | 3,443,405     | 3,204,476              | 95,366                                   | 14,255       | 5,790     | 2,127  | 10,843                  | 39,572      | 70,976     |
| 1991 | 3,525,719     | 3,228,327              | 89,187                                   | 13,199       | 5,037     | 1,581  | 38,743                  | 66,270      | 83,375     |

\* The "other stated religions" category includes the categories "no religion" and "not stated" for censuses from 1881 to 1946 inclusive

Table 2 Percentage change in population classified by religion for relevant intercensal periods from 1881 to 1991

| Intercensal Period | Total persons | Religious denomination |  |              |           |        |                         | No religion | Not stated |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|--|--------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
|                    |               | Catholic               | Church of Ireland (including Protestant) | Presbyterian | Methodist | Jewish | Other stated religions* |             |            |
| 1881 - 1891        | -10.4         | -10.6                  | -9.7                                     | -8.9         | 4.8       | 282.2  | -9.2                    |             |            |
| 1891 - 1901        | -7.1          | -7.1                   | -7.9                                     | -9.2         | -3.5      | 99.6   | 2.6                     |             |            |
| 1901 - 1911        | -2.5          | -2.3                   | 5.6                                      | -2.6         | -8.0      | 26.6   | 1.9                     |             |            |
| 1911 - 1926        | -5.3          | -2.2                   | -34.2                                    | -28.7        | 35.1      | 3.1    | 18.3                    |             |            |
| 1926 - 1936        | -0.1          | 0.8                    | -11.7                                    | -13.5        | -9.5      | 1.7    | -17.7                   |             |            |
| 1936 - 1946        | -0.4          | 0.4                    | -13.9                                    | 15.0         | -13.4     | 4.2    | 1.3                     |             |            |
| 1946 - 1961        | -4.6          | -4.0                   | -16.7                                    | -20.6        | -20.1     | -16.7  | 47.5                    |             |            |
| 1961 - 1971        | 5.7           | 4.6                    | -6.0                                     | -15.3        | -15.4     | 19.1   | 19.3                    | 588.0       | 729.3      |
| 1971 - 1981        | 15.6          | 14.6                   | 2.4                                      | 11.2         | 2.6       | -19.2  | 73.5                    | 419.6       | 52.2       |
| 1981 - 1991        | 2.4           | 0.7                    | 6.5                                      | -7.4         | 13.0      | 25.7   | 257.3                   | 67.5        | 17.5       |

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