

Table 3 Persons, males and females classified by occupation in 1986 and 1991

Code No.	Occupation	Persons		Males		Females	
		1986	1991	1986	1991	1986	1991
	Total population	3,540,643	3,525,719	1,769,690	1,753,418	1,770,953	1,772,301
	Total under 15 years of age	1,024,701	940,574	525,646	482,838	499,055	457,736
	Total 15 years of age and over	2,515,942	2,585,145	1,244,044	1,270,580	1,271,898	1,314,565
	Persons looking for first regular job	43,001	34,015	26,082	20,564	16,919	13,451
	Total labour force (aged 15 years and over)	1,329,546	1,382,870	920,300	911,200	409,246	471,670
	Total not in the labour force (aged 15 years and over)	1,186,396	1,202,275	323,744	359,380	862,652	842,895
	Agricultural and forestry workers and fishermen	179,226	165,112	166,892	149,430	12,334	15,682
201, 202	Farmers	120,847	111,829	114,924	104,975	5,923	6,854
	Under 10 acres	2,292	1,559	2,201	1,416	91	143
	10 and under 15 acres	3,803	2,853	3,545	2,607	258	246
	15 " " 30 "	17,724	13,684	16,693	12,514	1,031	1,170
	30 " " 40 "	15,685	12,941	14,845	12,020	840	921
	40 " " 50 "	14,802	12,675	14,064	11,812	738	863
	50 " " 70 "	23,361	20,892	22,328	19,764	1,033	1,128
	70 " " 100 "	18,716	18,255	17,940	17,359	776	896
	100 " " 150 "	13,273	14,312	12,676	13,623	597	689
	150 " " 200 "	4,544	5,265	4,339	5,007	205	258
	200 acres and over	4,304	4,462	4,070	4,221	234	241
	Area not stated	2,343	4,931	2,223	4,632	120	299
203	Farmers' sons (-in-law) and daughters (-in-law) assisting on farm	13,761	11,322	12,957	11,257	804	65
	Under 10 acres	53	30	51	30	2	-
	10 and under 15 acres	107	66	100	66	7	-
	15 " " 30 "	689	415	641	415	48	-
	30 " " 40 "	880	528	820	527	60	1
	40 " " 50 "	1,127	715	1,035	713	92	2
	50 " " 70 "	2,603	1,776	2,446	1,763	157	13
	70 " " 100 "	2,825	2,233	2,662	2,224	163	9
	100 " " 150 "	2,762	2,438	2,627	2,423	135	15
	150 " " 200 "	1,179	1,181	1,117	1,167	62	14
	200 acres and over	1,313	1,179	1,245	1,174	68	5
	Area not stated	223	761	213	755	10	6
204	Farmers' other relatives assisting on farm	9,690	9,643	5,866	3,527	3,824	6,116
	Under 10 acres	125	58	110	36	15	22
	10 and under 15 acres	190	114	154	65	36	49
	15 " " 30 "	1,011	626	748	359	263	267
	30 " " 40 "	922	748	652	356	270	392
	40 " " 50 "	980	827	621	336	359	491
	50 " " 70 "	1,906	1,689	1,100	578	806	1,111
	70 " " 100 "	1,817	1,824	1,016	565	801	1,259
	100 " " 150 "	1,423	1,636	715	446	708	1,190
	150 " " 200 "	513	618	243	159	270	459
	200 acres and over	481	508	252	133	229	375
	Area not stated	322	995	255	494	67	501
205	Farm managers	1,239	1,248	1,185	1,152	54	96
206	Agricultural labourers	15,238	14,445	15,058	13,610	180	835
207	Market gardeners and nurserymen (landholders)	698	798	654	637	44	161
208	Gardeners: skilled	999	2,888	909	2,725	90	163
209	Groundsmen, gardeners (unskilled) and gardeners' labourers	4,388	3,040	3,605	2,311	783	729
211	Other agricultural workers	5,493	3,616	4,892	3,037	601	579
212	Foresters and skilled forestry workers	1,102	597	1,097	588	5	9
213	Forestry labourers and workers	2,578	2,318	2,575	2,302	3	16
214	Fishery board agents and inspectors	115	46	113	46	2	-
215	Fishermen, etc.	3,078	3,322	3,057	3,263	21	59
	Mining, quarrying and turf workers	4,513	2,887	4,510	2,789	3	98
216	Mine and quarry workers	1,723	1,382	1,723	1,371	-	11
217	Bog labourers	1,308	483	1,308	481	-	2
218	Other turf workers	1,482	1,022	1,479	937	3	85

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		1986	1991	1986	1991	1986	1991
	Electrical and electronics workers	44,827	40,221	34,960	31,030	9,867	9,191
219	Telephone installers, repairers and mechanics	2,731	864	2,713	822	18	42
220	Telecommunications technicians	5,240	5,692	5,207	5,506	33	186
221	Linesmen and cable jointers	1,717	1,650	1,716	1,641	1	9
222	Electricians and electrical fitters	17,676	17,024	17,568	16,664	108	360
223	Electrical and electronics engineering technicians (n.e.s.)	1,975	612	1,856	535	119	77
224	Radio and television mechanics	1,632	1,842	1,616	1,776	16	66
225	Other electrical fitters and related workers	13,856	12,537	4,284	4,086	9,572	8,451
	Engineering and related trades workers	71,909	66,618	67,957	62,615	3,952	4,003
226	Motor mechanics	12,306	12,845	12,289	12,795	17	50
227	Bicycle repairers and mechanics	158	133	158	128	-	5
228	Fitters and other mechanics	26,504	25,677	26,404	24,878	100	799
229	Assemblers of vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles	898	806	833	558	65	248
230	Other vehicle builders and skilled workers in motor vehicle and cycle assembly	925	609	900	545	25	64
231	Plumbers and gas fitters	6,736	6,549	6,731	6,537	5	12
232	Sheet metal workers	3,960	4,035	3,948	4,007	12	28
233	Structural metal and metal plate workers	3,101	3,017	3,089	2,983	12	34
234	Welders and cutters	5,440	3,952	5,392	3,803	48	149
235	Machine tool setters and operators	4,043	4,647	3,375	3,629	668	1,018
236	Precision instrument and watch and clock makers	3,969	1,685	1,924	898	2,045	787
237	Goldsmiths, silversmiths and jewellery makers	1,037	865	699	549	338	316
239	Metal coaters, platers, benders, etc.	175	206	161	176	14	30
240	Metal goods inspectors, assemblers and testers	162	290	148	235	14	55
241	Metal furniture workers, jointers and solderers	2,495	1,302	1,906	894	589	408
	Woodworkers	26,323	26,715	26,047	26,286	276	429
245	Wood preparation workers	1,042	823	1,040	806	2	17
246	Cabinet makers	2,323	2,739	2,296	2,679	27	60
247	Carpenters and joiners	19,019	19,596	18,984	19,525	35	71
248	Woodworking machinists	2,126	1,988	2,069	1,913	57	75
249	Wood carvers, finishers and assemblers	1,593	1,372	1,440	1,166	153	206
250	Other wood and wooden furniture makers	220	197	218	197	2	-
	Leather and leather substitute workers	3,777	2,224	2,416	1,439	1,361	785
251	Tanners, fellmongers and pelt dressers	506	178	480	158	26	20
252	Boot and shoe makers (factory): semi-skilled	619	272	292	106	327	166
253	Boot and shoe makers (factory): skilled	1,340	811	640	438	700	373
254	Boot and shoe makers and repairers (not factory)	629	445	616	428	13	17
255	Other leather workers	683	518	388	309	295	209
	Textile and clothing workers	28,732	24,347	9,913	7,639	18,819	16,708
256	Spinners, doublers, winders and reelers	437	331	232	165	205	166
257	Weavers and related workers	1,115	947	872	759	243	188
258	Bleachers, dyers and finishers	469	1,013	338	388	131	625
259	Knitters and knitting/hosiery machine operatives	3,009	1,764	732	485	2,277	1,279
260	Occupations related to spinning, weaving, knitting and dyeing	5,942	3,776	3,405	1,732	2,537	2,044
261	Upholsterers and related workers	2,199	2,115	1,927	1,911	272	204
262	Tailors and dressmakers	1,058	911	471	349	587	562
263	Cutters	1,104	690	746	472	358	218
264	Sewers, embroiderers and machinists	11,924	10,513	753	945	11,171	9,568
265	Other clothing workers	1,475	2,287	437	433	1,038	1,854
	Food, beverage and tobacco workers	25,891	23,805	20,272	18,259	5,619	5,546
266	Mill workers: semi-skilled	799	1,949	792	1,907	7	42
267	Mill workers: skilled	221	151	221	146	-	5
268	Bakers, pastrycooks and biscuit makers	5,141	4,350	3,812	3,256	1,329	1,094
269	Makers of sugar and chocolate confectionery, jams and jellies	2,364	1,454	1,411	763	953	691
270	Milk processors and makers of dairy products	3,212	2,785	2,859	2,452	353	333
271	Meat curers, canners and preservers	7,805	6,409	6,702	5,570	1,103	839
272	Other makers of food	3,777	5,204	2,531	3,068	1,246	2,136
273	Makers of beverages	1,848	1,024	1,656	907	192	117
274	Makers of tobacco products	724	479	288	190	436	289

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		1986	1991	1986	1991	1986	1991
	Paper and printing workers	9,820	9,644	7,353	7,103	2,467	2,541
275	Makers of paper and paperboard	408	273	331	136	77	137
276	Makers of products of paper and paperboard	1,682	832	1,150	554	532	278
277	Compositors, monotype and linotype operators	1,038	946	935	737	103	209
278	Printers (so described)	2,999	4,477	2,576	3,692	423	785
279	Printing machine minders and feeders	47	24	36	20	11	4
280	Printing press operators	1,674	1,505	1,382	1,227	292	278
281	Other paper and printing workers	1,972	1,587	943	737	1,029	850
	Workers in other products	20,469	19,528	15,836	13,670	4,633	5,858
238	Metal casters, furnace and smelter workers, etc.	603	503	594	458	9	45
242	Dental, orthopaedic and optical craft workers	558	701	467	404	91	297
244	Blacksmiths and other metal workers	869	1,057	862	1,037	7	20
282	Gas and chemical workers	4,484	4,068	3,591	2,382	893	1,686
283	Glass and ceramics workers	4,853	4,374	3,656	3,207	1,197	1,167
284	Workers in rubber and rubber products	1,900	1,852	1,504	1,488	396	364
285	Workers in plastics	3,882	3,672	2,837	2,469	1,045	1,203
286	Glassformers, potters and related workers (n.e.s.)	163	195	149	192	14	3
287	Non-metallic mineral product makers	1,347	590	1,283	562	64	28
288	Craftsmen (n.e.s.)	581	306	352	223	229	83
289	Other production workers	1,229	2,210	541	1,248	688	962
	Building and construction workers	24,999	23,493	24,982	23,403	17	90
290	Clerks of works	400	127	400	126	-	1
291	Builders and contractors	6,260	6,922	6,259	6,901	1	21
292	Bricklayers	5,317	4,670	5,314	4,663	3	7
293	Masons and stone cutters	1,394	1,292	1,388	1,280	6	12
294	Plasterers	5,005	5,159	5,004	5,152	1	7
295	Other tradesmen	6,623	5,323	6,617	5,281	6	42
	Painters and decorators	9,999	10,373	9,821	9,939	178	434
296	Interior decorating consultants and designers	123	320	56	110	67	210
297	Painters and decorators	9,876	10,053	9,765	9,829	111	224
	Operators of cranes, stationary engines and excavators	11,400	10,399	11,392	10,361	8	38
243	Refuellers, oilers and greasers	75	62	75	62	-	-
298	Crane and hoist operators, riggers and cable splicers	4,696	4,058	4,691	4,039	5	19
299	Earth moving and other construction machinery operators	5,423	5,333	5,423	5,332	-	1
302	Stationary engine operators	1,206	946	1,203	928	3	18
307	Foremen and supervisors of manual workers	16,189	10,914	14,535	9,412	1,654	1,502
	Transport and communication workers	64,708	62,620	60,121	58,365	4,587	4,255
300	Dock labourers	1,648	1,364	1,647	1,351	1	13
303	Lorry drivers' helpers	2,426	1,308	2,422	1,292	4	16
304	Porters working in the transport sector	707	917	705	883	2	34
308	Railway engine drivers and firemen	553	491	553	490	-	1
309	Signalmen and level crossing keepers	608	459	520	400	88	59
310	Sailors skilled	172	189	170	188	2	1
311	Other sailors	1,331	1,554	1,321	1,530	10	24
312	Drivers of buses	4,837	5,512	4,599	5,193	238	319
313	Drivers of other road passenger vehicles	3,916	4,789	3,863	4,662	53	127
314	Drivers of road goods vehicles	29,703	29,212	29,627	28,924	76	288
315	Other transport equipment operators	286	466	282	388	4	78
319	Air and land transport controllers	166	176	156	156	10	20
320	Other transport and communication inspectors and supervisors	1,858	2,237	1,669	1,729	189	508
321	Ticket checkers, collectors and inspectors (railways)	368	237	368	234	-	3
322	Bus conductors	1,911	529	1,780	491	131	38
323	Postmen and post office sorters	6,009	5,777	5,800	5,402	209	375
324	Messengers	1,981	2,508	1,942	2,390	39	118
325	Telephone, telegraph and radio operators	5,179	3,682	1,660	1,485	3,519	2,197
377	Ships' officers	638	571	633	561	5	10
378	Aircraft pilots, navigators and flight engineers	411	642	404	616	7	26

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		1986	1991	1986	1991	1986	1991
	Warehouse and despatch clerks, packers and bottlers	22,880	22,279	17,778	17,530	5,102	4,749
301	Packers and bottlers	6,632	5,892	2,401	2,290	4,231	3,602
326	Warehouse and despatch clerks	16,248	16,387	15,377	15,240	871	1,147
	Clerical workers	147,310	164,946	37,154	43,377	110,156	121,569
316	Typists and key-punch operators	30,320	35,941	483	949	29,837	34,992
317	Book-keepers, cashiers and related workers	32,918	42,466	9,776	14,165	23,142	28,301
318	Computing machine operators	3,940	5,365	988	1,681	2,952	3,684
327	Clerical workers (n.e.s.)	69,742	72,394	19,613	21,936	50,129	50,458
328	Clerical supervisors	6,332	6,242	3,562	3,014	2,770	3,228
367	Government executive officials	4,058	2,538	2,732	1,632	1,326	906
	Commerce, insurance and finance workers	146,029	161,069	95,756	99,441	50,273	61,628
329	Managers of filling stations and garages	1,848	1,242	1,786	1,190	62	52
330	Bar or public house managers	1,361	2,041	1,184	1,742	177	299
331	Other managers in wholesale or retail trade	13,358	11,238	10,876	8,175	2,482	3,063
332	Proprietors of filling stations or garages	2,258	2,388	2,201	2,269	57	119
333	Publicans, wine merchants, off-licence proprietors, etc.	6,575	7,907	5,331	5,773	1,244	2,134
334	Other proprietors in wholesale or retail trade	23,873	23,712	17,995	16,328	5,878	7,384
335	Commercial travellers and manufacturers' agents	12,157	16,771	11,377	14,875	780	1,896
336	Shop assistants and related workers	56,945	67,632	22,580	27,602	34,365	40,030
337	Bar attendants	12,520	12,383	8,766	8,677	3,754	3,706
338	Insurance agents	4,687	3,347	4,309	2,766	378	581
339	Insurance brokers and financial agents						
	- higher professional	420	718	309	457	111	261
340	Other insurance brokers and financial agents	1,532	2,416	1,434	2,054	98	362
342	Roundsmen	3,888	3,562	3,866	3,509	22	53
343	Street vendors, hawkers and newspaper sellers	1,336	1,494	1,259	1,314	77	180
344	Auctioneers, valuers and other salesmen	3,271	4,218	2,483	2,710	788	1,508
	Service workers	111,098	125,144	49,452	53,720	61,646	71,424
210	Livestock (non-farm) workers	842	802	769	681	73	121
345	Managers of hotels, restaurants, hostels, clubs, etc.	3,316	5,929	1,627	2,404	1,689	3,525
346	Working proprietors in catering/lodging services (n.e.s.)	3,250	4,029	2,307	2,219	943	1,810
347	Matrons, superintendents, supervisors of schools, etc.	561	450	169	132	392	318
348	Waiters and waitresses	11,511	13,570	2,197	2,345	9,314	11,225
349	Canteen and related workers	2,772	1,922	374	244	2,398	1,678
350	Chefs and cooks	8,012	10,692	3,792	5,207	4,220	5,485
351	Domestic servants and related workers	17,624	15,923	1,550	1,551	16,074	14,372
352	Cleaners	8,054	10,230	1,842	2,740	6,212	7,490
353	Caretakers	3,260	4,164	2,948	3,780	312	384
354	Laundry and dry cleaning workers	3,581	3,045	1,392	1,185	2,189	1,860
355	Barbers, hairdressers and beauty consultants	10,392	11,715	1,450	1,496	8,942	10,219
357	Garda sergeants and lower ranks	10,378	10,251	10,042	9,752	336	499
358	Watchmen and related workers	11,124	11,848	10,351	10,806	773	1,042
359	Air hostesses or stewards	617	1,281	47	199	570	1,082
360	Dental nurses	447	697	-	9	447	688
361	Hospital and ward orderlies, hospital porters and attendants	8,535	11,215	2,872	3,340	5,663	7,875
362	Broadcasting operators, film editors and projectionists	277	375	234	282	43	93
363	Proprietors in other service industries	1,386	823	1,271	742	115	81
401	Photographers and camera operators	887	1,074	743	860	144	214
364	Other service workers	4,272	5,109	3,475	3,746	797	1,363
	Labourers and unskilled workers (n.e.s.)	72,178	83,948	71,227	77,229	951	6,719
305	Other porters	1,021	837	1,018	815	3	22
306	Labourers and unskilled workers (n.e.s.)	71,157	83,111	70,209	76,414	948	6,697
	Administrative, executive and managerial workers	38,751	52,228	33,351	40,522	5,400	11,706
356	Garda Síochána (senior ranks)	414	437	411	338	3	99
365	Legislative officials and Government administrators	371	504	326	396	45	108
366	Senior officials in Civil Service and Local Authorities	5,358	4,714	4,301	3,506	1,057	1,208
368	Managers and company secretaries	31,518	44,843	27,622	35,364	3,896	9,479
408	Personnel officers	1,090	1,730	691	918	399	812

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		1986	1991	1986	1991	1986	1991
	Professional and technical workers	171,470	191,355	83,845	91,415	87,625	99,940
341	Valuation surveyors	54	43	54	38	-	5
369	Physical scientists	1,235	1,891	1,016	1,304	219	587
370	Physical science technicians	5,318	5,144	2,861	3,871	2,457	1,273
371	Engineers	5,844	8,072	5,707	7,463	137	609
372	Architects and town planners	1,704	1,980	1,527	1,692	177	288
373	Technologists	261	276	249	247	12	29
374	Chartered, hydrographic and quantity surveyors	1,441	1,523	1,411	1,460	30	63
375	Estimators, work study officers, quality control technicians, etc.	2,491	3,898	1,916	2,415	575	1,483
376	Draughtsmen	3,409	3,115	3,088	2,793	321	322
379	Veterinary pathologists	18	12	17	9	1	3
380	Bacteriologists, pathologists, pharmacologists, physiologists	46	80	33	49	13	31
381	Other life scientists	1,913	2,171	1,541	1,723	372	448
382	Life sciences technicians	586	3,321	306	1,603	280	1,718
383	Medical practitioners	5,588	6,418	3,970	4,434	1,618	1,984
384	Dental practitioners	972	1,114	785	853	187	261
385	Pharmacists and dispensers	1,531	1,755	809	785	722	970
386	Health inspectors, cardiographers, nutritionists, etc	508	415	115	100	393	315
387	Veterinary surgeons	1,310	1,333	1,245	1,221	65	112
388	Cattle testers and milk inspectors	12	4	12	3	-	1
389	Nurses	32,284	34,863	3,370	2,963	28,914	31,900
390	Opticians, therapists, chiropodists, medical x-ray personnel, etc.	2,380	3,088	380	540	2,000	2,548
391	Business, economic and marketing consultants, advisers and researchers	1,614	1,845	1,199	1,296	415	549
392	Mathematicians, statisticians and actuaries	203	293	169	232	34	61
393	Systems analysts and computer programmers	3,867	7,694	2,776	5,548	1,091	2,146
394	Accountants	12,518	9,783	10,675	7,479	1,843	2,304
395	Judges, barristers and solicitors	4,460	5,317	3,301	3,667	1,159	1,650
396	Professed clergymen and nuns	12,702	8,545	5,437	4,581	7,265	3,964
397	Other religious occupations	1,379	530	1,127	420	252	110
398	University professors and lecturers	4,554	5,711	3,482	4,023	1,072	1,688
399	Teachers	45,822	50,445	16,502	17,527	29,320	32,918
400	Authors, journalists and editors	2,696	3,503	1,922	2,216	774	1,287
402	Painters, sculptors and commercial artists	1,874	3,455	1,192	2,131	682	1,324
403	Industrial designers	581	676	220	195	361	481
404	Actors, entertainers and musicians	2,306	3,297	1,687	2,368	619	929
405	Sportsmen and related workers	682	846	620	693	62	153
406	Technical inspectors (n.e.s.)	268	237	258	227	10	10
407	Social workers	5,079	5,910	1,934	2,084	3,145	3,826
409	Professional workers (n.e.s.)	1,942	2,507	919	1,091	1,023	1,416
410	Technical and related workers (n.e.s.)	18	245	13	71	5	174
	Armed forces	15,147	11,210	15,079	11,109	68	101
411	Commissioned officers	1,399	990	1,374	974	25	16
412	Other ranks	13,748	10,220	13,705	10,135	43	85
413	Gainfully occupied but occupation not stated	18,900	37,776	13,569	24,553	5,331	13,223
422	Looking for first regular job	43,001	34,015	26,082	20,564	16,919	13,451
	Total not in the labour force (15 years and over)	1,186,396	1,202,275	323,744	359,380	862,652	842,895
	Students	245,210	283,064	121,373	140,072	123,837	142,992
414	Primary	16	77	9	50	7	27
415	Secondary, community or comprehensive	151,456	172,762	70,435	82,511	81,021	90,251
416	Vocational	31,346	27,794	18,195	15,380	13,151	12,414
417	Business	6,320	1,642	2,309	557	4,011	1,085
418	Other school	2,226	2,138	1,149	1,075	1,077	1,063
419	Type not stated	1,500	2,540	739	1,264	761	1,276
420	Higher education	52,346	76,111	28,537	39,235	23,809	36,876
421	Engaged in home duties	653,843	595,469	445	2,698	653,398	592,771
423	Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability	81,208	80,435	52,080	51,643	29,128	28,792
424	Retired	199,188	239,736	147,468	162,305	51,720	77,431
425	Other	6,947	3,571	2,378	2,662	4,569	909