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2006 Census of Population - Volume 4 – Usual Residence, Migration, Birthplaces and Nationalities

Dublin has highest proportion of non-Irish nationals

There were 150,000 non-Irish nationals living in Dublin in April 2006, a new report from the Central Statistics Office out today reveals. This information is contained in *Census 2006 – Volume 4, Usual Residence, Migration, Birthplaces and Nationalities* which gives further detailed results of the census conducted on 23 April 2006.

Non-Irish nationals represented 13 per cent of the usually resident population of 1.16 million persons in the combined counties of Dublin City, Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown – the highest proportion at county level. Galway City and County (10.7%) was the next highest while Kilkenny (7%) had the lowest proportion.

Four out of ten Gort residents non-Irish nationals

Four out of ten residents in the town of Gort in County Galway were non-Irish nationals. The usually resident population of the town was 2,646, of whom 1,065 stated their nationality to be other than Irish. 83.3 per cent of these had Brazilian nationality.

Ballyhaunis in County Mayo also had a high proportion (36%) of its usually resident population with non-Irish nationality. Of the 588 persons involved, 327 were EU nationals (mainly from Eastern Europe) and 163 were Asian nationals.

More mixed nationality families

The number of families containing Irish and non-Irish nationals increased from 70,721 in 2002 to 95,636 in 2006. The corresponding number of families containing only persons with non-Irish nationality increased from 20,187 to 50,655 in the same period. The overall share of families consisting of Irish nationals only fell from 90 per cent in 2002 to 85.9 per cent in 2006.

Most immigrants are young singles

Of the 122,000 persons who immigrated into Ireland in the twelve months before the census, 83,000 (68.2%) were single, and of these 51,700 (62.2%) were in their twenties.

Two out of three persons live in their county of birth

65 per cent of the 4.2 million usual residents of the State lived in their county of birth. Cork City and County (76.9%) had the highest proportion of its usual residents born in the same county followed by Donegal (73.5%). At the other end of the scale six out of ten persons living in County Meath in April 2006 were born outside the County followed by Kildare (59%).

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Editor's note

The publication *Census 2006 - Principal Demographic Results*, released on 29 March 2006, contains a summary at State level of data from Volumes 1 - 6, 9 and 13 of the detailed census reports. The publication released today, Volume 4, gives corresponding figures at a more detailed geographical level.

All published tables from Census 2006 are being made available on the CSO website (www.cso.ie). Tables at Electoral Division, Local Electoral Area and small town level are being made available exclusively on the CSO web site.

For copies of the publication contact:

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Copies can also be downloaded from the CSO website (see address below).

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