

Census 2006

Principal Demographic Results

Published by the Stationery Office, Dublin, Ireland.

To be purchased from the:

Central Statistics Office, Information Section, Skehard Road, Cork.

Government Publications Sales Office, Sun Alliance House,
Molesworth Street, Dublin 2,

or through any bookseller.

© Government of Ireland 2007

Material compiled and presented by
Central Statistics Office.

Reproduction is authorised, except for commercial
purposes, provided the source is acknowledged.

ISBN 0-7557-7169-9

Table of Contents

General Details

	Page
Introduction	7
Coverage of the Census	7
Conduct of the Census	7
Production of Results	7
Publication of Results	8

Commentary

Historical perspective	11
Geographic distribution	13
Age and sex composition	15
Marital status	17
Living arrangements	19
Migration	22
Ethnic or Cultural Background	27
Irish language	29
Religion	31
Housing	32

Tables

Table No.

1	Persons, males and females in the State at each census since 1841	37
2	Persons, males and females classified by age group at each census since 1926	38
3	Persons in each Constituency, as defined in the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 16) Act, 2005 for elections to Dáil Éireann	39
4	Population of each Province, County and City and actual and percentage change, 2002 and 2006	40
	Persons classified by age group, sex and marital status	
5A	Total	41
5B	Aggregate Town Area	42
5C	Aggregate Rural Area	43
	Population in age group classified by detailed marital status	
6A	Persons	44
6B	Males	45
6C	Females	46
	Population in each Province, County and City classified by detailed marital status	
7A	Persons	47
7B	Males	48
7C	Females	49
	Population in each Province, County and City classified by age group	
8A	Persons	50
8B	Males	52
8C	Females	54
9	Persons, males and females classified by single year of age	56
10	Number of private households, persons in private households and average number of persons per private household in each Province, County and City	58

Table No.		Page
11	Persons enumerated in communal establishments by type of establishment	59
12	Number of private households classified by composition and size	60
13	Number of private households and number of persons in private households in each Province, County and City, classified by type of household	61
14	Private households and persons in private households classified by sex, marital status and age group of reference person	62
15	The elderly population, living in private households, distinguishing the number and percentage living alone	63
16	Family units in private households classified by type of family unit and number of children	64
17A	Family units with one child only in private households, classified by type of family unit and age group of child	65
17B	Family units with two or more children in private households, classified by type of family unit, age group of youngest child and age group of eldest child	65
18	Females usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified by age group, marital status and number of children born alive	66
19	Enumerated population classified by usual residence and sex	67
20	Persons, males and females, usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified by place of birth	68
21	Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified by place of birth and age group	69
22	Persons, males and females aged one year and over, usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified by usual residence one year ago	70
23	Persons aged one year and over, usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, who lived outside the State for one year or more, classified by age group, place of birth and country of previous residence	71
24	Persons, aged one year and over, usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, who lived outside the State for one year or more, classified by year of taking up residence in Ireland (Republic), place of birth and country of previous residence	72
25	Persons, males and females usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified by nationality	73
26	Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified by nationality and age group	74
27	Persons, males and females usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified by ethnic or cultural background and age group	75
28	Irish Travellers in each Province, County and City classified by sex	76
29	Irish Travellers classified by sex, age group and marital status	77
30	Irish Travellers in private households in each Province, County and City classified by household type	78
31	Persons, males and females aged 3 years and over, classified by age group and ability to speak Irish	79

Table No.		Page
32A	Irish speakers aged 3 years and over, classified by frequency of speaking Irish, age group and sex	80
32B	Persons aged 3 years and over who speak Irish daily within the education system, classified by sex, age group and frequency of speaking Irish outside the education system	81
33	Persons aged 3 years and over in each County and City within the Gaeltacht, classified by ability to speak Irish and age group	82
34	Irish speakers aged 3 years and over in each County and City within the Gaeltacht, classified by frequency of speaking Irish and age group	83
35	Population classified by religion, 2002 and 2006	85
36	Persons, males and females usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified by religion and nationality	86
37	Number of private households in permanent housing units in each Province, County and City, classified by type of accommodation	87
	Number of private households in permanent housing units classified by period in which built, nature of occupancy, number of rooms occupied, central heating, water supply and sewerage facilities	
38A	Total	88
38B	Aggregate Town Area	89
38C	Aggregate Rural Area	90
39	Number of rented private dwellings in permanent housing units classified by type of accommodation, nature of occupancy and weekly rent	91
40	Permanent housing units by occupancy status on Census Night	92

Appendices

1	2006 Census questionnaire	94
2	Definitions	107
3	Census 2006 publication schedule	108

General Details

Introduction

A Census of Population was taken on the night of Sunday, 23 April 2006, in accordance with the Statistics (Census of Population) Order 2005 (S.I. No. 786 of 2005)¹. An extract from the census questionnaire is reproduced in Appendix 1.

This report gives the final census results for the State as a whole for the following demographic topics: age, sex, marital status, living arrangements, usual residence, migration, nationality, ethnic or cultural background, Irish language, religion and housing. Some of the concepts used are explained in Appendix 2. The report brings together in one publication the main tables relating to the above mentioned topics.

Coverage of the Census

The census figures relate to the *de facto* population, i.e. the population recorded for each area represents the total of all persons present within its boundaries on the night of Sunday, 23 April 2006, together with all persons who arrived in that area on the morning of Monday, 24 April 2006, not having been enumerated elsewhere. Persons on board ships in port are included with the population of adjacent areas. The figures, therefore, include visitors present on census night as well as those in residence, while usual residents temporarily absent from the area are excluded from the census count.

A limited number of questions, relating mainly to demographic characteristics, were asked in respect of usual residents who were temporarily absent from their households on census night. The responses to these questions enable a more precise picture to be built up on families and households by excluding visitors present on census night and including residents who were temporarily absent.

Conduct of the Census

A temporary field force consisting of 6 Census Liaison Officers, 40 Regional Supervisors, 400 Field Supervisors and some 4,400 part-time Enumerators carried out the census enumeration. During the four weeks before Census Day the enumerators entered details in respect of 1.77 million private residences and communal establishments in their enumerator record books. They simultaneously delivered blank census questionnaires to 1.5 million of these dwellings that were expected to be occupied on census night. Approximately 266,000 residences were vacant at the time of the census while in a further 30,000 cases the household was either enumerated elsewhere or temporarily absent from the State. The collection of completed questionnaires took place between Monday 24 April and Monday 22 May 2006.

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) wishes to record its appreciation of the public-spirited co-operation received from households and the work carried out by the census field force.

Production of Results

Each enumerator first prepared and returned to the CSO a summary of the population in his/her enumeration area. These summaries formed the basis for the preliminary 2006 population results². The completed questionnaires for individual households were subsequently transported to the CSO for processing.

The population summaries, dwelling listings and enumeration maps for individual enumeration areas were checked for consistency and used to determine the boundaries of census towns and suburbs/environs of towns with legal boundaries. The capture and processing of the responses to questions on the census questionnaire proceeded concurrently.

¹ The Statistics (Census of Population) Order 2005 was made by the Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach in pursuance of powers conferred on him by section 25 (1) of the Statistics Act 1993 (No. 21 of 1993) and the Statistics (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2004 (S.I. No. 664 of 2004).

² Census of Population of Ireland, 2006: Preliminary Report (Prn. A6/0988), July 2006.

Publication of Results

The planned publication is contained in Appendix 3. The Principal Demographic Results and Principal Socio-economic Results will provide the main census results, primarily at national level. A further 13 reports will provide more detailed data on individual subject matters. All of the tables published in these reports will be made available on the Central Statistics Office web site (www.cso.ie) using Beyond 20/20 interactive software. This software gives Internet users the ability to select and view data online and then download the same data to their computers. It is also planned to make the Small Area Population Statistics (SAPS) available on the CSO website.

Further information

For further information contact:

Census Enquiries Section
Central Statistics Office
Swords Business Campus
Balheary Road
Swords
Co. Dublin

Phone (01) 8951460 Ext. 1461/63/66
LoCall 1890 236 787
Fax (01) 895 1399
E-mail census@cso.ie
Web www.cso.ie