

## 2006 Census questionnaire

The attached extract is taken from the household form used in the 2006 Census. The household form covers 6 persons and consists of 24 pages. The attached extract covers persons 1 and 2 only. The layouts for persons 3 to 6 are identical to that for person 2, apart from the relationship question (Q3).



# Daonáireamh na hÉireann Census of Population of Ireland Sunday 23 April 2006

#### **About the Census**

The Census takes place every five years and counts all the people and households in the country. The census results will give a comprehensive picture of the social and living conditions of our people and will provide vital information necessary for planning Ireland's future.

### Participation is compulsory

The Census is being taken under the Statistics Act, 1993 and the Statistics (Census of Population) Order, 2005. Under Section 26 of the Statistics Act, 1993, you are obliged by law to complete this form. Any person who fails or refuses to provide this information or who knowingly provides false information may be subject to a fine of up to €25,000.

#### Confidentiality is guaranteed

The confidentiality of your Census return is legally guaranteed by the Statistics Act, 1993. The Central Statistics Office will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only. This includes the production of statistical tables and analytical reports and the selection of samples for some of our surveys.

#### **Census Enumerator**

Your Census Enumerator will assist you if you have difficulty completing your Census form or if you have any questions about the Census.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Donal Garvey
Director General

#### Tá leagan Gaeilge den fhoirm seo le fáil ach í a iarraidh ón áiritheoir.

### Who should complete the Census form?

The householder or any adult member of the household present on the night of Sunday 23 April 2006 should complete the form.

Each household should complete a separate Household Form.

A household is:

- one person living alone or
- a group of related/unrelated people living at the same address with common housekeeping arrangements, that is, sharing at least one meal a day or sharing a living room or sitting room.

#### If you have any queries

Talk to your Census Enumerator if:

- there is more than one household at your address (each will need their own Household Form);
- there are more than 6 persons in the household (you will need an Individual Form for each additional person).

#### How to complete your Census form

- 1. The form should be completed on the night of Sunday 23 April.
- 2. Please answer questions about your accommodation on page 2.
- 3. Identify on page 3:
  - all persons (including visitors) who spent the night of Sunday 23 April in the household;
  - any household members who are usually resident in the household but who are temporarily away on the night of Sunday 23 April.
- 4. Answer the questions beginning on page 4 for all persons present on the night of Sunday 23 April.
- 5. Answer the questions on pages 22-23 in respect of any household members temporarily away on the night of Sunday 23 April.
- 6. Sign the declaration on the back page.

## Have your completed form ready for collection

The Enumerator will call to collect your completed Census form on Monday 24 April or soon afterwards and will assist you if you have any difficulties. If for any reason the form has not been collected by Monday 22 May 2006, please return it to our FREEPOST address which is Central Statistics Office, PO Box 2006, FREEPOST 3985, Swords, Co Dublin.

For office use only								
House Nun	House Number and Street/Townland Name							
					N	( ,	DECENT	
County	Enumeration					f persons P		ABSENT
Code	Area Code	ED Code	Street/Townland Code	D No.	Males	Females	Total	persons

#### **How to complete the Census Form** Please complete this form using a Where you are required to write **EXAMPLE** BLACK or BLUE pen. What is your place of birth? in an answer please use If elsewhere ABROAD, write in the Tick boxes like this: ✓ BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS COUNTRY. and leave one space between If you make a mistake: NEW ZEALAN each word. Continue on to a new Fill in the box like this: 1 Per week line if a word will not fit, as in the D ✓ correct one like this: 2 ✓ Per month example. Questions about your accommodation **H3** What is the nature of occupancy of H7 What type of piped water supply START HERE your household's accommodation? does your accommodation have? one box only. one box only. Connection to a Public Main Owner occupied where loan or mortgage repayments are being made 2 Connection to a Group Water Scheme Owner occupied where no loan or with a Local Authority source of supply 2 mortgage repayments are being made Connection to a Group Water Scheme 3 **H1** What type of accommodation with a private source of supply (e.g. Being purchased from a Local does your household occupy? borehole, lake, etc.) Authority under a Tenant Purchase ✓ one box only. Connection to other private source (e.g. well, lake, rain-water tank, etc.) Rented from a Local Authority A whole house or bungalow that is: No piped water supply Detached 5 Rented from a Voluntary Body Semi-detached H8 What type of sewerage facility Rented unfurnished other than from 6 does your accommodation have? a Local Authority or Voluntary Body Terraced (including end of terrace) ✓ one box only. Rented furnished or part furnished Public sewerage scheme other than from a Local Authority or A flat or apartment (including Voluntary Body duplexes) that is self-contained: Individual septic tank Occupied free of rent (caretaker, In a purpose-built block company official, etc.) 3 Individual treatment system other than a septic tank Part of a converted house or commercial building **H4** If your accommodation is rented, Other sewerage facility how much rent does your 5 No sewerage facility household pay? A bed-sit: Enter amount to the nearest Euro. Bed-sit (with some shared facilities H9 How many cars or vans are owned or e.g. toilet) are available for use by one or more members of your household? A mobile or temporary structure: Include any company car or van if ✓ to indicate available for private use. A caravan or other mobile or Per week one box only. temporary structure 2 Per month One 3 Per year Two Three **H5** How many rooms do you have for **H2** What year was your house or Four or more use only by your household? other building containing your Do NOT count bathrooms, toilets, accommodation first built? 5 None kitchenettes, utility rooms, consulting ✓ the year in which first built even if rooms, offices, shops, halls or the building was subsequently landings, or rooms that can only be H10 Does your household have a converted, extended or renovated. used for storage such as cupboards. personal computer (PC)? Before 1919 Do count all other rooms for example Yes kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms, No 1919 - 1940 inclusive conservatories you can sit in, and studies. If two rooms have been converted 1941 - 1960 inclusive **H11** Does your household have into one, count them as one room. access to the Internet? 1961 - 1970 inclusive 'Yes' if you have access to the Number of rooms Internet in your home. 1971 - 1980 inclusive Yes, Broadband connection 1981 - 1990 inclusive **H6** Does your accommodation have 2 Yes, other connection central heating? 1991 - 1995 inclusive Nο 'Yes' if you have central heating in some or all rooms whether or not you use it. 1996 - 2000 inclusive Proceed to next page 2001 or later

No

#### Persons present in the household on the night of Sunday 23 April

List every person who spent the night of Sunday 23 April in the household or who arrived the following morning not having been enumerated elsewhere.

#### **INCLUDE**

- all persons alive at midnight on Sunday 23 April.
- persons staying temporarily in the household.

#### DO NOT INCLUDE

- students who are away from home on the night of Sunday 23 April; they should be listed as being absent in List 2 below.
- babies born after midnight on Sunday 23 April.
- anyone who is temporarily away from home on the night of Sunday 23 April. However, these persons should be listed as being absent in List 2 below.

		1
LIST 1	Persons PRESENT in the household on the night of Sunday 23 April	_
Person No.	First name and surname	
1		
2		Answer questions relating to each
3		person present in the
4		household on Sunday
5		23 April beginning on Page 4.
6		r ago n
If there are more than Individual Form	nan 6 persons present in the household on the night of Sunday 23 April, you will need for each additional person. Please ask your Enumerator.	
7		Answer questions
8		relating to persons
9		7, 8, 9 etc. on additional Individual
10		Forms available
11		from your
12		Enumerator.

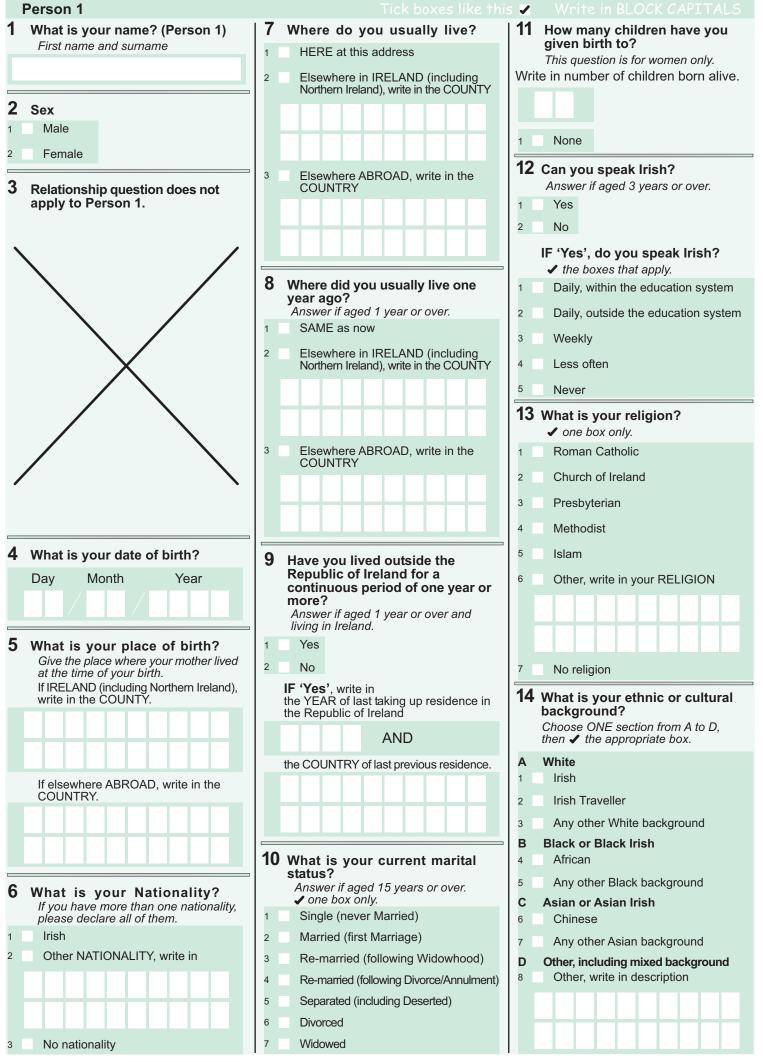
#### Persons temporarily away from the household on the night of Sunday 23 April

List any household members who usually live at this address but who were ABSENT on the night of Sunday 23 April. Include in particular students who are living away from home during term time who were not present on the night of Sunday 23 April.

LIST 2	Persons ABSENT from the household on the night of Sunday 23 April	
Person No.	First name and surname	
1		You must answer
2		questions beginning on Page
3		22 for each usual
4		resident listed here as being absent
5		from the household on the night of
6		Sunday 23 April.
If there are more th	an 6 usual residents absent on the night of Sunday 23 April, please ask your Fnumerator	

Please answer questions for each person present in the household on the night of Sunday 23 April in the same order as listed in List 1 above beginning on Page 4.

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and Safety, Military and Defence)

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Work mainly at or from home

Not applicable

Services (including Hotel, Catering, Sports, Transport, Environmental Protection, Security, Occupational Health

Person 2		s 🗸 Write in BLOCK CAPITALS
1 What is your name? (Person 2)	7 Where do you usually live?	11 How many children have you
First name and surname	1 HERE at this address	given birth to? This question is for women only.
	2 Elsewhere in IRELAND (including	Write in number of children born alive.
	Northern Ireland), write in the COUNTY	
2 Sex		
1 Male		1 None
2 Female		12 Con you analy brigh?
3 What is your relationship to	3 Elsewhere ABROAD, write in the COUNTRY	12 Can you speak Irish?  Answer if aged 3 years or over.
Person 1?	000	1 Yes
See example on back page.  ✓ one box only.		2 No
Relationship of		IF 'Yes', do you speak Irish?
PERSON 2 to Person		✓ the boxes that apply.
Husband or wife 1	8 Where did you usually live one year ago?	Daily, within the education system
Partner 2	Answer if aged 1 year or over.	2 Daily, outside the education system
Son or daughter 3	1 SAME as now	3 Weekly
Step-child 4	2 Elsewhere in IRELAND (including	
Brother or sister 5	Northern Ireland), write in the COUNTY	4 Less often
Mother or father 6		5 Never
Step-mother/-father 7		13 What is your religion?
Son-/daughter-in-law 8		✓ one box only.
Grandchild 9	3 Elsewhere ABROAD, write in the COUNTRY	1 Roman Catholic
Other related 10		2 Church of Ireland
Unrelated 11		3 Presbyterian
(including foster child)		4 Methodist
4 What is your date of birth?	0	5 Islam
Day Month Year	9 Have you lived outside the Republic of Ireland for a	
Day Month Teal	continuous period of one year or	6 Other, write in your RELIGION
	More? Answer if aged 1 year or over and	
<b>5</b> What is a sale of this to	living in Ireland.	
5 What is your place of birth?  Give the place where your mother lived	1 Yes	
at the time of your birth.	2 No	7 No religion
If IRELAND (including Northern Ireland), write in the COUNTY.	IF 'Yes', write in the YEAR of last taking up residence in	14 What is your ethnic or cultural
	the Republic of Ireland	background? Choose ONE section from A to D.
	AND	then ✓ the appropriate box.
	the COUNTRY of last previous residence.	A White
If elsewhere ABROAD, write in the COUNTRY.		1 Irish
COUNTRY.		2 Irish Traveller
		3 Any other White background
	10 What is your current marital	B Black or Black Irish  4 African
	status?	
6 What is your Nationality?	Answer if aged 15 years or over.  ✓ one box only.	5 Any other Black background  C Asian or Asian Irish
If you have more than one nationality, please declare all of them.	1 Single (never Married)	6 Chinese
1 Irish	2 Married (first Marriage)	7 Any other Asian background
Other NATIONALITY, write in	Re-married (following Widowhood)	D Other, including mixed background
	4 Re-married (following Divorce/Annulment)	8 Other, write in description
	5 Separated (including Deserted)	
	6 Divorced	
3 No nationality	7 Widowed	

which it ceased.

Work mainly at or from home

Not applicable

Services (including Hotel, Catering, Sports, Transport, Environmental Protection, Security, Occupational Health

and Safety, Military and Defence)

### Persons temporarily away from the household on the night of Sunday 23 April

Answer questions A1 to A8 for any household members who usually live here at this address but who are NOT present on the night of Sunday 23 April. Include in particular students who are living away from home during term time who are NOT present at this address on the night of Sunday 23 April.

Absent Person 1	Absent Person 2	Absent Person 3
A1 What is this person's name?  First name and surname	A1 What is this person's name?  First name and surname	A1 What is this person's name?  First name and surname
A2 Sex  1 Male  2 Female	A2 Sex  1 Male  2 Female	A2 Sex  1 Male 2 Female
A3 What is the relationship of this person to Person 1 on page 4?  ✓ one box only.	A3 What is the relationship of this person to Person 1 on page 4?  ✓ one box only.	A3 What is the relationship of this person to Person 1 on page 4?  ✓ one box only.
1 Husband or wife	1 Husband or wife	1 Husband or wife
2 Partner	2 Partner	2 Partner
Son or daughter	3 Son or daughter	3 Son or daughter
Other related, write in RELATIONSHIP	Other related, write in RELATIONSHIP	Other related, write in RELATIONSHIP
Unrelated (including foster child)	11 Unrelated (including foster child)	11 Unrelated (including foster child)
A4 What is this person's date of birth?  Day Month Year  What is this person's current marital status?  Answer if aged 15 years or over.  ✓ one box only.  Single (never Married)  Married (including Re-married)  Separated (including Deserted)  Divorced  Widowed	A4 What is this person's date of birth?  Day Month Year  A5 What is this person's current marital status?  Answer if aged 15 years or over.  one box only.  Single (never Married)  Married (including Re-married)  Separated (including Deserted)  Divorced  Widowed	A4 What is this person's date of birth?  Day Month Year  A5 What is this person's current marital status?  Answer if aged 15 years or over.  one box only.  Single (never Married)  Married (including Re-married)  Separated (including Deserted)  Divorced  Widowed
A6 How long altogether is this person away for?	A6 How long altogether is this person away for?	A6 How long altogether is this person away for?
1 Less than 3 months	1 Less than 3 months	1 Less than 3 months
2 3 months or more	2 3 months or more	2 3 months or more
A7 Was this person in the Republic of Ireland on Sunday 23 April?  1 Yes 2 No	A7 Was this person in the Republic of Ireland on Sunday 23 April?  1 Yes 2 No	A7 Was this person in the Republic of Ireland on Sunday 23 April?  1 Yes 2 No
A8 Is this person a student away at school or college?  1 Yes 2 No	A8 Is this person a student away at school or college?  1 Yes 2 No	A8 Is this person a student away at school or college?  1 Yes 2 No

Persons temporarily away from the household on the night of Sunday 23 April					
Absent Person 4	Absent Person 5	Absent Person 6			
A1 What is this person's name?  First name and surname	A1 What is this person's name?  First name and surname	A1 What is this person's name?  First name and surname			
That hame and surname	That name and surname	This hame and samane			
A2 Sex	A2 Sex	A2 Sex			
1 Male	1 Male	1 Male			
2 Female	2 Female	2 Female			
A3 What is the relationship of this person to Person 1 on page 4?  ✓ one box only.	A3 What is the relationship of this person to Person 1 on page 4?  ✓ one box only.	A3 What is the relationship of this person to Person 1 on page 4?  ✓ one box only.			
1 Husband or wife	1 Husband or wife	1 Husband or wife			
2 Partner	2 Partner	2 Partner			
Son or daughter	3 Son or daughter	3 Son or daughter			
Other related, write in RELATIONSHIP	Other related, write in RELATIONSHIP	Other related, write in RELATIONSHIP			
11 Unrelated (including foster child)	11 Unrelated (including foster child)	11 Unrelated (including foster child)			
A4 What is this person's date of birth?	A4 What is this person's date of birth?	A4 What is this person's date of birth?			
Day Month Year	Day Month Year	Day Month Year			
A5 What is this person's current marital status?  Answer if aged 15 years or over.  ✓ one box only.	A5 What is this person's current marital status?  Answer if aged 15 years or over.  ✓ one box only.	A5 What is this person's current marital status?  Answer if aged 15 years or over.  one box only.			
1 Single (never Married)	1 Single (never Married)	1 Single (never Married)			
2 Married (including Re-married)	2 Married (including Re-married)	2 Married (including Re-married)			
5 Separated (including Deserted)	5 Separated (including Deserted)	5 Separated (including Deserted)			
6 Divorced	6 Divorced	6 Divorced			
7 Widowed	7 Widowed	7 Widowed			
A6 How long altogether is this person away for?	A6 How long altogether is this person away for?	A6 How long altogether is this person away for?			
1 Less than 3 months	1 Less than 3 months	1 Less than 3 months			
2 3 months or more	2 3 months or more	2 3 months or more			
A7 Was this person in the Republic of Ireland on Sunday 23 April?	A7 Was this person in the Republic of Ireland on Sunday 23 April?	A7 Was this person in the Republic of Ireland on Sunday 23 April?			
1 Yes	1 Yes	1 Yes			
2 No	2 No	2 No			
A8 Is this person a student away at school or college?  1 Yes	A8 Is this person a student away at school or college?  1 Yes	A8 Is this person a student away at school or college?  1 Yes			
2 No	2 No	2 No			
If there are more than 6 persons temperature	orarily absent from				

If there are more than 6 persons temporarily absent from the household on the night of Sunday 23 April, please ask your Enumerator for guidance.

Please sign the declaration on the back page.

#### Declaration to be signed by the householder after completing the Census form

### Before you sign the declaration please check:

- That you have completed the questions about your accommodation on page 2.
- That in List 1 on page 3, you have accounted for all persons (including visitors) who spent the night of Sunday 23 April in the household (if there are more than 6 persons present, please complete the relevant number of Individual Forms).
- That you have answered all questions which should have been answered for each person who spent the night of Sunday 23 April in the household (pages 4-21).
- That in List 2 on page 3, you have accounted for all household members who were temporarily away from the household on the night of Sunday 23 April (if there are more than 6 absent persons, please ask your Enumerator for guidance).
- That you have answered all questions on pages 22-23 for all household members temporarily away from the household on the night of Sunday 23 April.
- That no person has been double counted on the form.

Declaration to be completed by	the person responsible	for completing the form
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I declare that this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature		

You have now completed the Census form.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Example - Question 3 - Household members and their Relationships within the Household

For a household consisting of up to 5 persons, all persons after Person 1 in the household, are required to give their relationship to the persons previously listed. For households consisting of 6 or more persons, Persons 5 and higher are required to give their relationship to Persons 1-4 only.

The example below shows how to complete the relationship question for a household consisting of: Helen Murphy, her husband Thomas, their daughter Catherine and grandchild Aoife (Catherine's daughter).

Relationship question does not apply to Person 1

HELEN MURPHY

Name of Person 2

THOMAS MON	XI III
✓ one box only.	
Relationship of PERSON 2 to	Person 1
Husband or wife	1 🗸
Partner	2
Son or daughter	3
Step-child	4
Brother or sister	5
Mother or father	6
Step-mother/-father	7
Son-/daughter-in-law	8
Grandchild	9
Other related	10
Unrelated (including foster child)	11

THOMAS MURPHY

Name of Person 3

CATHERTNE MURPHY

✔ one box only for each person.   Relationship of PERSON 3 to 1 2   Husband or wife 1 1 □   Partner 2 □   Son or daughter 3 ✔ ✓   Step-child 4 □   Brother or sister 5 □   Mother or father 6 □   Step-mother/-father 7 □   Son-/daughter-in-law 8 □   Grandchild 9 □   Unrelated (including foster child) 11	S	٠.		•
PERSON 3 to 1 2 Husband or wife 1 Partner 2 Son or daughter 3 ✓ ✓ Step-child 4 Brother or sister 5 Mother or father 6 Step-mother/-father 7 Son-/daughter-in-law 8 Grandchild 9 Other related 10 Unrelated 11	✓ one box only for each	пре	ersor	1.
Partner 2 Son or daughter 3  Step-child 4 Brother or sister 5 Mother or father 6 Step-mother/-father 7 Son-/daughter-in-law 8 Grandchild 9 Other related 10 Unrelated 11		P	ers 1	
Son or daughter 3   Step-child 4   Brother or sister 5   Mother or father 6   Step-mother/-father 7   Son-/daughter-in-law 8   Grandchild 9   Other related 10   Unrelated 11	Husband or wife	1		
Step-child 4 Brother or sister 5 Mother or father 6 Step-mother/-father 7 Son-/daughter-in-law 8 Grandchild 9 Other related 10 Unrelated 11	Partner	2		
Brother or sister 5  Mother or father 6  Step-mother/-father 7  Son-/daughter-in-law 8  Grandchild 9  Other related 10  Unrelated 11	Son or daughter	3	<b>~</b>	~
Mother or father 6 Step-mother/-father 7 Son-/daughter-in-law 8 Grandchild 9 Other related 10 Unrelated 11	Step-child	4		
Step-mother/-father 7 Son-/daughter-in-law 8 Grandchild 9 Other related 10 Unrelated 11	Brother or sister	5		
Son-/daughter-in-law 8  Grandchild 9  Other related 10  Unrelated 11	Mother or father	6		
Grandchild 9 Other related 10 Unrelated 11	Step-mother/-father	7		
Other related 10 Unrelated 11	Son-/daughter-in-law	8		
Unrelated 11	Grandchild	9		
	Other related	10		
		11		

Name of Person 4

AOIFE MURPHY				
✓ one box only for each	hμ	ers	son.	
Relationship of PERSON 4 to	I	_		
Husband or wife	1			
Partner	2			
Son or daughter	3			1
Step-child	4			
Brother or sister	5			
Mother or father	6			
Step-mother/-father	7			
Son-/daughter-in-law	8			
Grandchild	9	/	~	
Other related	10			
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	✓ one box only for eac Relationship of PERSON 4 to Husband or wife Partner Son or daughter Step-child Brother or sister Mother or father Step-mother/-father Son-/daughter-in-law Grandchild Other related Unrelated	Relationship of PERSON 4 to Husband or wife 1 Partner 2 Son or daughter 3 Step-child 4 Brother or sister 5 Mother or father 6 Step-mother/-father 7 Son-/daughter-in-law 8 Grandchild 9 Other related 10	Relationship of PERSON 4 to 1 Husband or wife 1 Partner 2 Son or daughter 3 Step-child 4 Brother or sister 5 Mother or father 6 Step-mother/-father 7 Son-/daughter-in-law 8 Grandchild 9 Other related 10 Unrelated 11	✓ one box only for each person.  Relationship of PERSON 4 to 1 2  Husband or wife 1  Partner 2  Son or daughter 3  Step-child 4  Brother or sister 5  Mother or father 6  Step-mother/-father 7  Son-/daughter-in-law 8  Grandchild 9 ✓ ✓  Other related 10  Unrelated 11

#### **Administrative and Census Areas**

#### Introduction

There are many different territorial divisions of the country of which the most important, from the point of view of the Census of Population, are described below. All the areas are as defined at the date of the 2006 Census and any subsequent revisions have not been taken into account.

#### **Townlands**

The enumeration of the census is carried out, in the first instance, by townlands in rural areas and by streets in urban areas. The townland is the smallest territorial division used for administrative purposes. Population figures in respect of townlands, of which there are about 51,000, have not been published since the census of 1911. Townlands are not used as administrative areas within the boundaries of legally defined urban areas – Cities, and Towns - and for most other urban areas without legal boundaries it is not possible to compile townland population figures as building development has completely obliterated the physical features by which townland boundaries were originally defined on Ordnance Survey maps.

### **Electoral Divisions (EDs)**

The term District Electoral Division was changed to Electoral Division by Section 23 of the Local Government Act, 1994. This change came into effect on 24 June 1996 (S.I. 196 of 1996 refers). Under the County Borough of Dublin (Wards) Amendments Regulation, 1997, the name Cherry Orchard was amended to the name Carna (S.I. 43 of 1997 refers). The smallest administrative area for which population statistics are published is the Electoral Division. In rural areas each Electoral Division consists of an aggregation of entire townlands. There are 3.440 Electoral Divisions in the State and their populations are given in Table 6 of this publication.

#### **Town and Rural Districts**

Electoral Divisions are aggregated to give Towns<sup>1</sup> (or Cities where appropriate) and Rural Districts which, in turn, build up to counties. The Rural Districts, which numbered 160, were abolished as administrative areas in 1925 (in the case of Rural Districts in County Dublin, in 1930) but have been retained for census purposes as convenient units of area, intermediate in size between Electoral Divisions and Counties. They are termed rural areas in the present report. In the case of County Dublin, however, it is not possible to compile Rural District figures because of extensive revisions that have taken place in the boundaries of Electoral Divisions over the years. Population figures for Towns and rural areas are given in Table 6 of this volume.

#### **Counties and Cities**

Under the Local Government Act, 2001 (S.I. 591 of 2001), the areas formerly known as County Boroughs are now called Cities. Areas formally known as Municipal Boroughs are now called Boroughs. The area of North Tipperary Riding and South Tipperary Riding are now known as North Tipperary and South Tipperary, respectively.

In the census reports the country is divided into 29 Counties and five Cities. Outside Dublin there are 26 administrative counties (North Tipperary and South Tipperary each ranks as a separate county for administrative purposes) and four Cities, i.e. Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Galway. In Dublin, four areas are identified separately, i.e. Dublin City and the three Administrative Counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin.

The boundaries of the Cities are subject to periodic extensions to keep pace with building development and it is not possible, therefore, to show comparable retrospective population figures over an extended period. Counties, on the other hand, have only been affected to a very minor extent by boundary changes and it is possible to compare county populations (including the appropriate Cities) over a long period of time. This is done in Table 2, which shows county population figures for each census year from 1841 to 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A complete list of extensions to Town boundaries made by Government Orders is given in Appendix 4.

#### **Dáil Constituencies**

For the purpose of elections to Dáil Éireann the country is divided into Constituencies which, under Article 16.4 of the Constitution of Ireland, have to be revised at least once every twelve years with due regard to changes in the distribution of the population. The Constituencies were last revised in 2005 and the Schedule to the Electoral (Amendment) (No 16) Act 2005 contains details of their composition. The 2006 population figures for these areas are given in Table 8.

#### **Local Electoral Areas**

For the purpose of County Council and Corporation elections each county and city is divided into Local Electoral Areas which are constituted on the basis of Orders made under the Local Government Act, 1941. In general, these areas are formed by aggregating Electoral Divisions. However, in a number of cases Electoral Divisions are divided between Local Electoral Areas to facilitate electors. Population figures for Local Electoral Areas are given in Table 9. This table reflects the current composition of these local electoral areas as established by relevant Statutory Instruments.

The boundaries between Counties Louth, Meath and Counties Carlow, Laois were altered, for electoral purposes only, by the Local Government (Boundaries) (Town Elections) Regulations, 1994. Due to these boundary changes, the sum of the number of persons in the Local Electoral Areas in each of these four counties does not match the published population figures for these counties.

#### **Towns**

For census purposes towns fall into two types, namely those with and those without legally defined boundaries.

Towns with legally defined boundaries consist of:

- (1) five Cities;
- (2) five Boroughs:
- (3) 75 Towns.

A list of all towns with legally defined boundaries is given in Appendix 3.

Under Section 62 of the Local Government Act, 1994 (S.I. 171 of 1994, the following six towns ceased to have town status: Callan, Fethard, Newcastle West, Rathkeale, Roscommon and Tullow. The Towns Improvement Act has now ceased under the Local Government Act, 2001 (S.I. 591 of 2001). Under this act the areas known as Urban Districts are now called Towns, as are the 26 towns which were formally towns under the Towns Improvement Act.

Towns without legally defined boundaries are called "census towns". Their boundaries are determined, for census purposes only, by the Central Statistics Office. There were 664 such towns in 2006.

#### (i) Towns with Legally Defined Boundaries

In the case of towns with legally defined boundaries it is necessary, for administrative purposes, to compile population figures for the areas within these boundaries. However, many of these towns have expanded beyond their legally defined boundaries. As a result large numbers of persons in the communities for which these towns are the nuclei would be excluded if the coverage were confined strictly to legally defined boundaries. This problem tends to become more pronounced from one census to the next as urban areas extend further into the surrounding countryside. Revisions of the legally defined boundaries tend to lag behind these developments, as they are dependent on other factors besides the necessity of defining urban areas for Census of Population purposes.

Much of the census analysis is concerned with the overall size of population clusters and not simply with areas within legally defined boundaries. Consequently, where urban areas have extended beyond the legally defined town boundary, the Central Statistics Office draws up new boundaries defining the *suburban* areas of Cities/Boroughs and *environs* of other legal towns for census purposes.

Suburbs/environs are defined, in conformity with United Nations recommendations, as the continuation of a distinct population cluster outside its legally defined boundary in which no occupied dwelling is more than 200 metres distant from the nearest occupied dwelling. New suburbs or environs are defined only where there are at least twenty occupied dwellings outside the legal boundary within the new limit. In applying the 200-metre criterion, industrial, commercial and recreational buildings and facilities are not regarded as breaking the continuity of a built-up area.

Suburban areas for Dublin City and Cork City were defined for the first time at the 1951 Census. For the 1956 Census all towns with legally defined boundaries were examined in co-operation with the Local Authorities concerned and where necessary, suburban areas or environs were defined for them for census purposes. The suburban boundaries were reviewed for each subsequent census. A comprehensive review was carried out as part of the processing phase of the 2006 Census.

#### (ii) Census Towns

As in censuses since 1971, a census town is defined as a cluster of fifty or more occupied dwellings, not having a legally defined boundary, in which within a distance of 800 metres there is a nucleus of either thirty occupied houses on both sides of the road or twenty occupied houses on one side of the road. A complete review was carried out of the boundaries of existing and potential census towns as part of the processing phase of the 2006 Census. In this review the limits to existing census towns were extended where appropriate using the 200-metre criterion as described for suburban areas above. 52 new census towns were created for the 2006 Census. In addition, six towns, which ceased to be legally defined towns, became census towns (see previous page).

For the censuses of 1926 to 1951 a census town was defined simply as a cluster of twenty or more houses and the precise delimitation of the town was left to the discretion of the individual enumerator concerned. As part of the general review of towns for the 1956 Census, the boundaries for the census towns were drawn up in consultation with the various Local Authorities applying uniform principles in all areas of the country. The definition of a census town was changed at the 1956 Census, from twenty houses to twenty occupied houses; this definition was also applied at the 1961 and 1966 Censuses.

The population of towns is given in Tables 5, 7 and 12. Table 5 contains the total population of all towns and of their suburbs or environs where applicable, arranged in order of size within counties. An alphabetical list of all towns in the country, with their populations, is given in Table 12. In Table 7, towns of 1,500 population and over are arranged in size groups based on total population. Total population in this context means the population of the towns, inclusive of suburbs or environs, if any.

#### **Dublin Area**

The description *Greater Dublin Area* in the 2006 Census denotes Dublin City and its suburbs (i.e. Greater Dublin Suburbs). Various tables contain information on the population of Dublin City and individual towns (which are separately identified from Greater Dublin) as well as for the Aggregate Town and Aggregate Rural Areas of Dublin County and City.

#### **Aggregate Town and Aggregate Rural Areas**

In continuation of the definition used in reports of censuses since 1966, the population in the Aggregate Town Area, as shown in Tables 3, 4, and 7 of this volume and in the remaining volumes of the census report is defined as those persons living in population clusters of 1,500 or more inhabitants. If a town with a legally defined boundary has a suburban area or environs outside this boundary and if the total population made up of the population inside the legally defined boundary plus that in the suburbs or environs amounts to 1,500 persons or over, this town (including its suburbs or environs) is classified as belonging to the Aggregate Town Area. Similarly, a census town with 1,500 inhabitants or over is classified as belonging to the Aggregate Town Area.

The population residing in all areas outside clusters of 1,500 or more inhabitants is classified as belonging to the Aggregate Rural Area. It should be particularly noted that the term "Aggregate Rural Area" is not connected with that of rural area as described earlier. Whereas the Aggregate Rural Area is a statistical concept, the rural area is a former administrative unit of area. From Table 7 it may be seen that the Aggregate Town Area population was 2,574,313 persons in 2006. Of this 1,318,068 resided within legally defined boundaries of towns while 1,016,809 resided in the suburbs or environs of these towns or in census towns. Table 7 also shows that there were 5 towns with legally defined boundaries which were not large enough, even with the population of their environs, to be included in the Aggregate Town Area and that the total population in towns of all sizes, down to the lower limit of fifty occupied houses was 2,870,395 persons.

#### **Gaeltacht Areas**

The Gaeltacht Areas Orders, 1956, 1967, 1974 and 1982 defined the Gaeltacht as comprising 155 Electoral Divisions or parts of Electoral Divisions in the counties of Cork, Donegal, Galway, Kerry, Mayo, Meath and Waterford. The population of these Electoral Divisions or parts thereof in 2002 and 2006 is given in Table 10.

#### Islands off the Coast

The population in 2002 and 2006 of inhabited islands off the coast is shown in Table 11. In some cases the areas of land concerned may not, strictly speaking, be considered as islands since they are connected to the mainland by a causeway or bridge, or may be reached by land at low tide. However, they have been retained unchanged in the present publication in order to provide continuity with previous censuses.

## **Regional Authorities**

The geographical sub-divisions used in Table 4 are based on Regional Authorities. These eight regions were established under the Local Government Act, 1991, Regional Authorities Establishment Order, 1993 which came into operation on 1 January 1994.

Name of region	Constituent counties	Type of area
Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county
Dublin	Dublin Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin	City Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow	Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath	Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county
Mid-West	Clare Limerick Limerick North Tipperary	Administrative county City Administrative county Administrative county
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford Waterford Wexford	Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county City Administrative county Administrative county
South-West	Cork Cork Kerry	City Administrative county Administrative county
West	Galway Galway Mayo Roscommon	City Administrative county Administrative county Administrative county

For the 1991 and previous censuses, the geographical sub-divisions used were Planning Regions.

Two further Regional Authorities to be known as Regional Assemblies were established in 1999 under the Local Government Act, 1991, Regional Authorities Establishments Order, 1999 (S.I. 226 of 1999 refers). The two assemblies are known as: (1) Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly (BMW), and (2) South and Eastern Regional Assembly (S&E). These assemblies are based on the Existing Regional Authority Structure.

Name of region	Constituent Local Authorities		
Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly	Cavan County Council		
, 1886 mary	Donegal County Council		
	Galway City Council		
	Galway County Council		
	Laois County Council		
	Leitrim County Council		
	Longford County Council		
	Louth County Council		
	Mayo County Council		
	Monaghan County Council		
	Offaly County Council		
	Roscommon County Council		
	Sligo County Council		
	Westmeath County Council		
Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly	Carlow County Council		
	Clare County Council		
	Cork City Council		
	Cork County Council		
	Dublin City Council		
	Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council		
	Fingal County Council		
	Kerry County Council		
	Kildare County Council		
	Kilkenny County Council		
	Limerick City Council		
	Limerick County Council		
	Meath County Council		
	South Dublin County Council		
	North Tipperary County Council		
	South Tipperary County Council		
	Waterford County Council		
	Waterford County Council		
	Wexford County Council Wicklow County Council		
	Wicklow County Council		

#### **Area Measurements**

The measurement of area in hectares is shown in Table 6. The relevant area details have been provided by Ordnance Survey. The areas shown are exclusive of the areas of lakes, rivers and tideways.

## **Towns with Legally Defined Boundaries**

#### Cities County in which situated

Cork Cork Dublin Dublin Galway Galway Limerick Limerick Waterford Waterford

#### **Boroughs**

Clonmel South Tipperary Drogheda Louth

Kilkenny Kilkenny Sligo Sligo Wexford Wexford

#### **Towns**

Buncrana

Bundoran

Ardee Louth Arklow Wicklow Athlone Westmeath Athy Kildare Balbriggan Dublin Ballina Mayo Ballinasloe Galway Ballybay Monaghan Ballyshannon Donegal Bandon Cork Bantry Cork **Belturbet** Cavan Birr Offaly Boyle Roscommon Bray Wicklow

Donegal Carlow Carlow Carrickmacross Monaghan South Tipperary Carrick-on-Suir Cashel South Tipperary

Donegal

Castlebar Mavo Castleblayney Monaghan Cavan Cavan Ceannanus Mór (Kells) Meath Clonakilty Cork Clones Monaghan Cobh Cork

Cavan Cootehill Droichead Nua (Newbridge) Kildare Louth Dundalk Waterford Dungarvan Edenderry Offaly **Ennis** Clare Enniscorthy Wexford Fermoy Cork Gorey Wexford

Granard Longford Wicklow Greystones Kilkee Clare

#### Towns County in which situated

Killarney Kerry Kilrush Clare Kinsale Cork Leixlip Kildare Letterkenny Donegal Waterford Lismore Listowel Kerry Longford Longford Loughrea Galway Macroom Cork Cork Mallow Midleton Cork Monaghan Monaghan Mountmellick Laoighis Muinebeag (Bagenalstown) Carlow Westmeath Mullingar Naas Kildare Navan (An Uaimh) Meath

Nenagh
New Ross
Wexford
Passage West
Portlaoighise (Maryborough)
Shannon
Clare
Skillbarron

Skibbereen Cork
Templemore North Tipperary
Thurles North Tipperary
Tipperary South Tipperary

Tralee Kerry Tramore Waterford Trim Meath Galway Tuam Tullamore Offaly Westport Mayo Wicklow Wicklow Youghal Cork

## **Extensions to Towns and Boroughs since 1926**

County	District	Electoral Division	
Carlow	Carlow Town	Carlow Urban     Graigue Urban     Carlow Rural (part)*	
Kildare	Athy Town	<ul><li>1 Athy East Urban</li><li>2 Athy West Urban</li><li>4 Athy Rural (part)*</li></ul>	
Longford	Longford Town	<ul><li>1 Longford No. 1 Urban</li><li>2 Longford No. 2 Urban</li><li>51 Longford Rural (part)*</li></ul>	
Louth	Drogheda Borough	<ul> <li>1 Fair Gate</li> <li>2 St. Laurence Gate</li> <li>3 West Gate</li> <li>41 St. Peter's (part)*</li> <li>‡ St. Mary's (part)*</li> </ul>	
	Dundalk Town	4 Dundalk Urban No. 1 5 Dundalk Urban No. 2 6 Dundalk Urban No. 3 7 Dundalk Urban No. 4 23 Castletown (part)* 27 Dundalk Rural (part)* 30 Haggardstown (part)*	
Meath	Ceannanus Mór Town	<ul><li>1 Ceannanus Mór (Kells) Urban</li><li>26 Ceannanus Mór (Kells) Rural (part)*</li></ul>	
	Navan Town	2 Navan Urban 55 Navan Rural (part)*	
	Trim Town	3 Trim Urban 92 Trim Rural (part)*	
Westmeath	Athlone Town	<ul> <li>1 Athlone East Urban</li> <li>2 Athlone West Urban</li> <li>3 Athlone East Rural (part)*</li> <li>14 Moydrum (part)*</li> </ul>	
Wexford	Enniscorthy Town	1 Enniscorthy Urban 21 Enniscorthy Rural (part)*	
	Wexford Borough	4 Wexford No. 1 Urban 5 Wexford No. 2 Urban 6 Wexford No. 3 Urban 123 Wexford Rural (part)*	
Wicklow	Bray Town	3 Bray No. 1 4 Bray No. 2 5 Bray No. 3 6 Rathmichael (Bray) 35 Kilmacanoge (part)*	

<sup>\*</sup> Formerly included in Rural Districts. ‡ Formerly ED 47 (part) in Meath County.

County	District	Elec	etoral Division
Clare	Ennis Town	1 2 3 4 26 29 32 42	Ennis No. 1 Urban Ennis No. 2 Urban Ennis No. 3 Urban Ennis No. 4 Urban Clareabbey (part)* Doora (part)* Ennis Rural (part)* Spancelhill (part)*
Cork	Youghal Town	10 325	Youghal Urban Youghal Rural (part)*
Kerry	Killarney Town	1 82 90	Killarney Urban Killarney Rural (part)* Muckross (part)*
	Tralee Town	3 138 165	Tralee Urban Blennerville (part)* Tralee Rural (part)*
South Tipperary	Clonmel Borough	85 86 133 134	Clonmel East Urban Clonmel West Urban Clonmel Rural (part)* Inishlounaght (part)*
Mayo	Ballina Town	1 2 6 7 10	Ardnaree South Urban Ballina Urban Ardnaree North (part)* Ardnaree South Rural (part)* Ballina Rural (part)*
	Castlebar Town	3 74	Castlebar Urban Castlebar Rural (part)*
	Westport Town	4 144	Westport Urban Kilmeena (part)*
Donegal	Letterkenny Town	3 96 97 99 100 105	Letterkenny Urban Ballymacool (part)* Castlewray (part)* Corravaddy (part)* Edenacarnan (part)* Letterkenny Rural (part)* Magheraboy (part)*
Monaghan	Castleblayney Town	2 27	Castleblayney Urban Castleblayney Rural (part)*
	Clones Town	3 36	Clones Urban Clones Rural (part)*
	Monaghan Town	4 63	Monaghan Urban Monaghan Rural (part)*

<sup>\*</sup> Formerly included in Rural Districts.

### **Extensions to Boundaries**

Extensions to the boundaries of the following towns have been formally approved since the last census: Letterkenny S.I. 679 and 680 of 2003 refers

Athlone S.I. 704 and 705 of 2003 refers

Appendix 5

Population of Towns or Environs/Suburbs which are located in more than one County

Town	Counties	Numb	er of persons	Percentage change 2006-2006
		2002	2006	
Environs of Carlow	Carlow Laoighis	5,269	7,101	34.8
Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch	Carlow Kilkenny	1,435	1,376	-0.4
Bunclody-Carrickduff	Carlow Wexford	1,361	1,863	37.9
Clonegal	Carlow Wexford	193	231	19.7
Environs of Bray	Dublin Wicklow	4,707	4,860	3.3
Environs of New Ross	Kilkenny Wexford	1,727	3,032	75.6
Portarlington	Laoighis Offaly	4,001	6,004	50.1
Lanesborough-Ballyleague	Longford Roscommon	943	1,112	17.9
Environs of Drogheda	Louth Meath	2,687	6,117	127.7
Environs of Athlone	Westmeath Roscommon	8,582	3,197	-62.7
Suburbs of Limerick	Clare Limerick	32,975	38,218	15.9
O'Briensbridge-Montpelier	Clare Limerick	375	378	0.1
Holycross	North Tipperary South Tipperary	610	700	14.8
Environs of Clonmel	South Tipperary Waterford	1,171	1,526	30.3
Environs of Carrick-on-Suir*	Waterford	5,586	5,906	5.7

<sup>\*</sup> Carrick-on-Suir Town located in South Tipperary. Environs located in Waterford.

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Town	Counties	Numb	er of persons	Percentage change 2002-2006
		2002	2006	
Cong	Galway Mayo	185	150	-18.9
Environs of Ballinasloe	Galway Roscommon	235	254	8.1
Carrick-on-Shannon	Leitrim Roscommon	2,237	3,163	41.4
Roosky	Leitrim Roscommon	198	329	66.2
Charlestown-Bellahy	Mayo Sligo	753	859	14.1
Pettigo*	Donegal Fermanagh	275	280	1.8
Environs of Birr	Offaly Tipperary North	846	990	17.0

<sup>\*</sup> Population of that part of Pettigo located in Donegal County.

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