

Table 1 Population of each

Province or County	1926	1936	1946	1951	1956	1961	1966
State	2,971,992	2,968,420	2,955,107	2,960,593	2,898,264	2,818,341	2,884,002
Leinster	1,149,092	1,220,411	1,281,117	1,336,576	1,338,942	1,332,149	1,414,415
Carlow	34,476	34,452	34,081	34,162	33,888	33,342	33,593
Dublin	505,654	586,925	636,193	693,022	705,781	718,332	795,047
Kildare	58,028	57,892	64,849	66,437	65,915	64,420	66,404
Kilkenny	70,990	68,614	66,712	65,235	64,089	61,668	60,463
Laoighis	51,540	50,109	49,697	48,430	47,087	45,069	44,595
Longford	39,847	37,847	36,218	34,553	32,969	30,643	28,989
Louth	62,739	64,339	66,194	68,771	69,194	67,378	69,519
Meath	62,969	61,405	66,232	66,337	66,762	65,122	67,323
Offaly	52,592	51,308	53,686	52,544	51,970	51,533	51,717
Westmeath	56,818	54,706	54,949	54,463	54,122	52,861	52,900
Wexford	95,848	94,245	91,855	90,032	87,259	83,308	83,437
Wicklow	57,591	58,569	60,451	62,590	59,906	58,473	60,428
Munster	969,902	942,272	917,306	898,870	877,238	849,203	859,334
Clare	95,064	89,879	85,064	81,329	77,176	73,702	73,597
Cork	365,747	355,957	343,668	341,284	336,663	330,443	339,703
Kerry	149,171	139,834	133,893	126,644	122,072	116,458	112,785
Limerick	140,343	141,153	142,559	141,239	137,881	133,339	137,357
Tipperary North	59,645	59,551	58,103	57,009	55,697	53,696	53,843
Tipperary South	81,370	78,284	77,911	76,304	73,718	70,126	68,969
Waterford	78,562	77,614	76,108	75,061	74,031	71,439	73,080
Connacht	552,907	525,468	492,797	471,895	446,221	419,465	401,950
Galway	169,366	168,198	165,201	160,204	155,553	149,887	148,340
Leitrim	55,907	50,908	44,591	41,209	37,056	33,470	30,572
Mayo	172,690	161,349	148,120	141,867	133,052	123,330	115,547
Roscommon	83,556	77,566	72,510	68,102	63,710	59,217	56,228
Sligo	71,388	67,447	62,375	60,513	56,850	53,561	51,263
Ulster (part of)	300,091	280,269	263,887	253,252	235,863	217,524	208,303
Cavan	82,452	76,670	70,355	66,377	61,740	56,594	54,022
Donegal	152,508	142,310	136,317	131,530	122,059	113,842	108,549
Monaghan	65,131	61,289	57,215	55,345	52,064	47,088	45,732

Note - The figures shown in this table for each census relate to the areas as defined at the date of that census.

Province and County, 1926-2002

1971	1979	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	Province or County
2,978,248	3,368,217	3,443,405	3,540,643	3,525,719	3,626,087	3,917,336	State
1,498,140	1,743,861	1,790,521	1,852,649	1,860,949	1,924,702	2,105,449	Leinster
34,237	38,668	39,820	40,988	40,942	41,616	45,845	Carlow
852,219	983,683	1,003,164	1,021,449	1,025,304	1,058,264	1,122,600	Dublin
71,977	97,185	104,122	116,247	122,656	134,992	163,995	Kildare
61,473	69,156	70,806	73,186	73,635	75,336	80,421	Kilkenny
45,259	49,936	51,171	53,284	52,314	52,945	58,732	Laoighis
28,250	30,785	31,140	31,496	30,296	30,166	31,127	Longford
74,951	86,135	88,514	91,810	90,724	92,166	101,802	Louth
71,729	90,715	95,419	103,881	105,370	109,732	133,936	Meath
51,829	57,342	58,312	59,835	58,494	59,117	63,702	Offaly
53,570	59,885	61,523	63,379	61,880	63,314	72,027	Westmeath
86,351	96,421	99,081	102,552	102,069	104,371	116,543	Wexford
66,295	83,950	87,449	94,542	97,265	102,683	114,719	Wicklow
882,002	979,819	998,315	1,020,577	1,009,533	1,033,903	1,101,266	Munster
75,008	84,919	87,567	91,344	90,918	94,006	103,333	Clare
352,883	396,118	402,465	412,735	410,369	420,510	448,181	Cork
112,772	120,356	122,770	124,159	121,894	126,130	132,424	Kerry
140,459	157,407	161,661	164,569	161,956	165,042	175,529	Limerick
54,337	58,476	58,984	59,522	57,854	58,021	61,068	Tipperary North
69,228	75,265	76,277	77,097	74,918	75,514	79,213	Tipperary South
77,315	87,278	88,591	91,151	91,624	94,680	101,518	Waterford
390,902	418,500	424,410	431,409	423,031	433,231	464,050	Connacht
149,223	167,838	172,018	178,552	180,364	188,854	208,826	Galway
28,360	27,844	27,609	27,035	25,301	25,057	25,815	Leitrim
109,525	114,019	114,766	115,184	110,713	111,524	117,428	Mayo
53,519	54,189	54,543	54,592	51,897	51,975	53,803	Roscommon
50,275	54,610	55,474	56,046	54,756	55,821	58,178	Sligo
207,204	226,037	230,159	236,008	232,206	234,251	246,571	Ulster (part of)
52,618	53,720	53,855	53,965	52,796	52,944	56,416	Cavan
108,344	121,941	125,112	129,664	128,117	129,994	137,383	Donegal
46,242	50,376	51,192	52,379	51,293	51,313	52,772	Monaghan