

Appendix 2

Definitions

Usual Residence and Migration

The figures for usual residents in a particular area include persons enumerated in that area who stated that their usual residence was at the place where they were enumerated, together with other persons usually resident in that area who were enumerated elsewhere in the State. Usual residents of an area who were not in the State on census night are not included in the figures. The coding of usual residence was on the basis of county only.

Birthplace and Nationality

In the case of persons born in Ireland no attempt was made to distinguish those born in the Cities from those born in the adjoining Counties. Such a distinction would, in any case, have been meaningless in view of the various extensions of City boundaries which, in many cases, may have meant that a person's birthplace was outside a City boundary when s/he was born, but inside it at the date of the census.

It should be noted that the figures for foreign-born persons shown in the section on birthplace (Part II) (with the exception of Table 35) exclude visitors to the country. Table 35 analyses those enumerated in the State by country of birth for 1986, 1991, 1996 and 2002.

Similarly, the figures for non-Irish persons shown in the section on nationality (Part III) exclude visitors to the country.

Aggregate Town and Aggregate Rural Areas

The population in the Aggregate Town Area is defined as those persons living in population clusters of 1,500 or more inhabitants. For this purpose a town with a legally defined boundary is classified on the basis of its total population including any suburbs or environs.

The population residing in all areas outside clusters of 1,500 or more inhabitants is classified as belonging to the Aggregate Rural Area. The Aggregate Rural Area is a statistical concept and is not related to the former Rural District administrative unit.