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**2002 Census of Population – Volume 4 – Usual Residence,
Migration, Birthplaces and Nationalities**

One Irish resident in six has lived abroad

One out of every six persons, whose usual residence is in this country, has lived abroad for one year or more, a new report from the Central Statistics Office out today reveals. This information is contained in *Census 2002 - Volume 4, Usual Residence, Migration, Birthplaces and Nationalities* which gives further detailed results of the census conducted on 28 April, 2002.

Of the 644,400 long-term migrants who came to live here, 366,800 (57%) were returned Irish migrants while the remaining 277,600 were foreign-born; the UK was the origin for 375,000 (58%) of them, while 252,000 (39%) of them came to live here in the period 1996-2002.

The counties with the highest proportion of those who lived abroad for one year or more were Mayo (22%), Donegal (21%), Leitrim (21%) and Galway (20%) – counties which were heavily affected by emigration in earlier periods.

The report also shows that 76,000 people moved into the State in the 12 months prior to the census. Two-thirds of these were born outside the country. Just over 44 per cent of the 76,000 people who moved into the State were between the ages of 20 and 29, while two out of three of them were single, according to *Census 2002 Volume 4*.

Also revealed is the fact that 90 per cent of all persons residing in Ireland at the time of the census were born in this country. There were 183,000 persons (or 5% of the entire population of 3.9 million) born in England and Wales and a further 118,700 persons (3%) born outside the EU.

Highest proportion of non-Irish nationals in 25-34 age group

A new question on Nationality revealed that non-Irish nationals accounted for 5.8 per cent of persons usually resident in the State. Dublin (7.2%), Clare (6.9%) and Kerry (6.8%) had the highest proportions of non-Irish nationals while Offaly (3.6%) and Laois (3.8%) had the lowest. More than one in ten persons aged 25-34 years was a non-Irish national.

Most people stay in the county of their birth

70 per cent of usual residents lived in their county of birth, with one in five living in a county other than their birthplace. Of the 337,000 persons who changed address in the 12 months before the census, 186,000 (55%) stayed within the same county.

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Editor's note

The publication *Census 2002 - Principal Demographic Results*, released on 19 June 2003, contains a summary at State level of data from Volumes 1 - 4, 8, 11 and 12 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 2002 are being made available on the CSO web site (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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