



# An Phríomh-Oifig Staidrimh Central Statistics Office

## Preas Ráiteas Press Statement

### Population and Migration Estimates April 2016

	Year ending	
	April 2015	April 2016
Immigration	69,300	79,300
Emigration	80,900	76,200
<b>Net migration</b>	<b>-11,600</b>	<b>3,100</b>
<i>of which Irish nationals</i>	<i>-23,200</i>	<i>-10,700</i>
<b>Natural increase</b>	<b>37,400</b>	<b>35,300</b>
<b>Population change</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>38,400</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>4,635,400</b>	<b>4,673,700</b>

#### Return to net inward migration for Ireland for the first time since 2009

- ◆ There were 79,300 inward migrants in the year to April 2016, compared with 69,300 in the previous year, a rise of 14.4%. The number of inward migrants with Irish nationality increased from 12,100 to 21,100 in the year to April 2016, an increase of more than 74%.
- ◆ Outward migrants decreased from 80,900 to 76,200 or by 5.8%, in the year to April 2016. The majority of outward migrants were either at work or a student in the period prior to departing with one in ten (10.4%) being unemployed.
- ◆ The combined migration changes resulted in net inward migration of 3,100 in April 2016 compared to net outward migration of 11,600 in the previous year.
- ◆ There were 65,200 births in the year to April 2016 and 30,000 deaths, leading to a natural increase of 35,300. This compares to a natural increase of 37,400 in the previous year when there were 67,000 births and 29,600 deaths.
- ◆ The combined effect of all these changes was an increase in the total estimated population from 4,635,400 persons in April 2015 to 4,673,700 in April 2016, a rise of 38,400.

#### Commenting on the difference between the Census preliminary results and population estimates James Hegarty, Statistician, CSO said:

“Preliminary results from the 2016 Census of Population showed a population of 4.76 million compared with the annual population estimate for 2016 of 4.67 million (see above), a difference of 84,000 persons.

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Census uses a de-facto definition of population while the Population and Migration Estimates are compiled using the usual residence concept.

The de-facto population is the number of persons recorded for each enumeration area on Census night, Sunday, 24 April. It includes visitors, tourists and persons who arrive the next morning, who were not enumerated elsewhere.

The usually resident population includes persons who are usually resident in Ireland plus those usually resident but absent outside the State on Census night. However, it excludes those who are temporarily present in the State, such as visitors and tourists.

The final Census results for 2016 will contain population data under the usual residence concept. In 2011 the usually resident population was 15,000 less than the de-facto count.

The CSO will revise the annual usual residence Population and Migration Estimates for the period 2012 to 2016 when final detailed Census results become available in March/April 2017. The revised data will be released towards the end of 2017 upon completion of the revisions process.”

To view and download the release visit the CSO website at:

<http://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/er/pme/populationandmigrationestimatesapril2016/>

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