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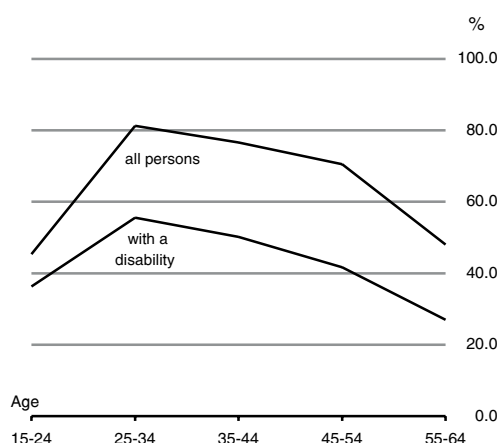
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## Quarterly National Household Survey

*Disability in the Labour Force*

*Second Quarter 2002*

**Percentage in employment aged 15 to 64**



### 10% of adults of working age have a longstanding health problem or disability

Over 10% (271,000) of all persons aged 15 to 64 indicated that they had a longstanding health problem or disability. Approximately 11% (142,700) of males reported having a health problem or disability compared to 10% (128,300) of females.

Not surprisingly the prevalence of health problems and disabilities varied by age, with a quarter (84,400) of all persons in the 55 to 64 year age group suffering from a longstanding health problem or disability. This compares to less than 5% (30,600) of persons in the 15 to 24 year age category.

Incidences of longstanding health problems/disabilities were also higher in proportional terms for separated and widowed persons at 21.9% and 23.6% respectively. These results are from the Quarterly National Household Survey module on Disability, which was asked in the March to May quarter of 2002. *See table 1 and background notes.*

### 40% of those with disability/health problem at work

Just over 40% (108,600) of all persons aged 15 to 64 with a disability/health problem indicated that they were in employment which compares to an overall rate of 65% for the total population in the same age category.

In relation to persons reporting a disability/health problem the 25 to 34 year age category had the highest percentage in employment at 55.6%. The lowest rate, 27.0%, was reported in the 55 to 64 age group. The equivalent figures for the total population in employment also showed the 25 to 34 year age group having the highest rate at 81.3%. The lowest rate was found in the 15 to 24 year age group at 45.3%. *See table 3.*

Of the 108,600 persons in employment suffering from health problems/disabilities, over three-quarters (81,700) were in full-time employment. The majority of those in employment were employees (87,600) with just over 20,000 falling into the self-employed and assisting relatives categories. *See table 4.*

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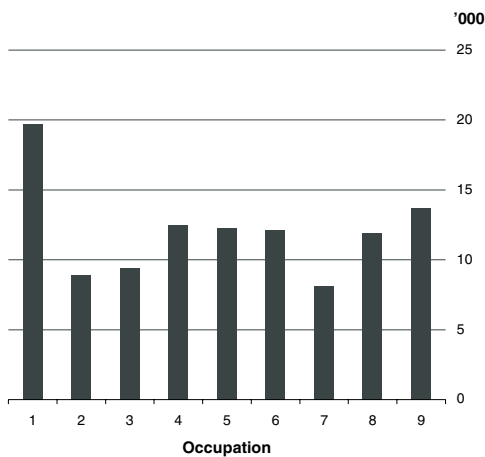
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**Disabled persons in employment  
classified by occupation**



- 1 - Managers and Administrators
- 2 - Professional
- 3 - Associate Professional and Technical
- 4 - Clerical and Secretarial
- 5 - Craft and Related
- 6 - Personal and Protective Service
- 7 - Sales
- 8 - Plant and Machine Operatives
- 9 - Other

## Agriculture, forestry and fishing sector has highest proportion of workers with disability/health problems

Just over 9% of workers aged 15 to 64 in the *Agriculture, forestry and fishing* sector reported having a long standing health problem or disability. Other sectors with similar levels included *Health* (8.3%), *Other sectors* (7.9%), *Public administration and defence* (7.6%) and *Education* (7.5%). The *Construction* sector had the lowest representation in proportional terms with just 5.5% of workers reporting a disability/health problem. *See table 4.*

In terms of occupation, almost 10% of workers in the *Other* occupational category reported having a disability/health problem compared to 7.7% in the *Personal and Protective Service* group and 7.2% in the *Managers and Administrators* occupational group. Only 5% of the *Professional* category reported having a disability/health problem. *See table 4 and graph.*

## Average hours worked vary with disability/illness

Persons reporting a disability/health problem worked on average 36.1 hours a week compared to 37.7 hours a week for the total population in employment in the same age category.

Persons suffering from Mental, nervous or emotional difficulties and persons with Other progressive illnesses tended to work on average for 31.8 and 33.1 hours a week respectively. This compared to an average of 38.0 hours worked a week by persons with Hearing difficulties and 38.5 hours a week worked by persons with Seeing difficulties. *See table 6.*

## Chest and breathing problems top the list

The most commonly reported disabilities/longstanding health problems were Chest or breathing problems (41,500) followed by Heart, blood pressure or circulation problems (39,200) and Back or neck problems (37,800).

This pattern was also reflected among disabled persons in employment with 21,000 reporting Chest or breathing problems, 16,100 reporting Back or neck problems and 15,900 suffering from Heart, blood pressure or circulation problems.

Almost 51% of those with Chest or breathing related problems were in employment compared to rates of 42.6% and 40.6% for Back or neck problems and Heart, blood pressure or circulation problems respectively. *See tables 5 and 6.*

Chest or breathing problems were more common among younger persons while Heart, blood pressure or circulation problems were more prevalent among older persons. It should be noted that respondents were asked to pick their main long-standing health problem/disability and multiple responses were not allowed. *See table 5 and background notes.*

## Nearly a third of disabled persons have been disabled for 10 or more years

Approximately 15% (40,500) of all persons with a disability/longstanding health problem have had their condition since birth. Just under a third (84,900) have had their condition for ten years or more. The pattern for the 108,600 disabled persons in employment is similar; with just under 15% (15,800) having had their disability/health problem since birth and a further 30% (31,800) for ten years or more. *See tables 7 and 8.*

The most common causes of disability/longstanding health problems were non-work related diseases (72,500) and birth related injuries/born with condition (45,900). Of the disabled persons in employment, 9,300 persons stated that their

disability was a result of a work-related disease and a further 5,700 stated that their disability was a result of a work-related accident. *See tables 9 and 10.*

Less than half of all disabled persons in employment indicated that their disability restricted the kind of work that they could undertake. The degree to which individuals were restricted varied significantly based on the nature of the illness/disability. Almost 76% of those with Back or neck related disabilities and 68% with Mental, nervous or emotional illnesses/disabilities were restricted in the kind of work they could do compared to 21% with Diabetes and 27% with Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive illnesses/disabilities.

Almost 42% (45,400) of disabled persons in employment stated that their condition restricted the amount of work they could do. Again the rates varied by illness/disability with approximately 65% of those with Arms or hands, Back or neck and Mental, nervous or emotional illnesses/disabilities reporting that the amount of work they could do was affected. *See table 12.*

### **Assistance provided to disabled persons in employment**

Assistance was provided to 8,900 (or 8.2%) of the 108,600 persons in employment who reported a longstanding health problem or disability. Just over 3,000 worked in sheltered or supported employment. Almost 22,000 persons with a disability or longstanding health problem not in employment stated that they would require assistance in order to work. *See tables 13 and 14.*



**Table 1 Persons aged 15 to 64, classified by whether they have any longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, March-May 2002**

	'000			
	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>271.0</b>	<b>2227.5</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>2639.7</b>
<b>Region</b>				
Border	30.5	228.1	15.8	274.3
Midlands	14.3	120.7	4.7	139.8
West	24.4	229.8	16.9	271.0
Dublin	77.6	674.1	41.4	793.0
Mid-East	29.3	239.2	12.9	281.3
Mid-West	21.2	183.4	23.0	227.5
South-East	31.8	229.5	11.2	272.6
South-West	42.0	322.8	15.4	380.2
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	142.7	1108.8	73.2	1324.7
Female	128.3	1118.7	68.0	1315.0
<b>Age group</b>				
15-24 years	30.6	592.8	41.3	664.7
25-34 years	40.3	542.6	31.8	614.8
35-44 years	48.0	464.5	24.6	537.0
45-54 years	67.7	384.0	24.4	476.1
55-64 years	84.4	243.5	19.2	347.0
<b>Marital status</b>				
Single	100.3	1071.1	77.5	1248.9
Married	140.0	1049.8	55.3	1245.1
Separated	20.7	73.8	5.9	100.4
Widowed	10.1	32.7	2.5	45.3
<b>Economic Status</b>				
In employment	108.6	1522.4	83.5	1714.5
Unemployed	7.5	66.5	2.9	76.9
Not economically active	154.8	638.6	54.9	848.2

<sup>1</sup> See background notes.

**Table 2 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment (ILO) classified by whether they have any longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, March-May 2002**

	'000			
	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>1522.4</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>1714.5</b>
<b>Region</b>				
Border	9.6	146.7	8.1	164.4
Midlands	5.3	80.1	2.8	88.2
West	9.9	154.1	9.5	173.5
Dublin	34.6	480.1	26.7	541.4
Mid-East	13.1	167.5	9.2	189.8
Mid-West	9.1	124.2	12.3	145.5
South-East	11.7	155.3	7.1	174.1
South-West	15.4	214.4	7.8	237.6
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	65.6	874.9	48.6	989.1
Female	43.0	647.5	34.8	725.4
<b>Age group</b>				
15-24 years	11.1	272.7	17.1	300.9
25-34 years	22.4	451.4	26.1	499.9
35-44 years	24.1	369.7	17.6	411.4
45-54 years	28.2	291.9	15.5	335.6
55-64 years	22.8	136.7	7.2	166.7
<b>Marital status</b>				
Single	39.8	683.8	44.7	768.3
Married	59.4	768.0	34.3	861.7
Separated	7.0	53.4	3.3	63.7
Widowed	2.4	17.2	1.2	20.8

<sup>1</sup> See background notes.

**Table 3 Persons aged 15 to 64, classified by ILO Economic Status**

	'000				%
	In employment	Unemployed	Not economically active	Total	Percent of persons in employment
<b>State</b>	<b>1,714.5</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>848.2</b>	<b>2,639.7</b>	<b>65.0</b>
<b>Age group</b>					
15-24 years	300.9	25.2	338.6	664.7	45.3
25-34 years	499.9	23.2	91.7	614.8	81.3
35-44 years	411.4	13.9	111.8	537.0	76.6
45-54 years	335.6	10.6	129.9	476.1	70.5
55-64 years	166.7	4.1	176.2	347.0	48.0
<b>Persons with a disability/longstanding health problem</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>154.8</b>	<b>271.0</b>	<b>40.1</b>
<b>Age group</b>					
15-24 years	11.1	1.8	17.7	30.6	36.3
25-34 years	22.4	2.1	15.8	40.3	55.6
35-44 years	24.1	1.3	22.6	48.0	50.2
45-54 years	28.2	1.4	38.1	67.7	41.7
55-64 years	22.8	0.9	60.7	84.4	27.0

**Table 4 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, classified by whether they have any longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, March-May 2002**

	'000			
	Yes	No	Not Stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>1,522.4</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>1,714.4</b>
<b>ILO economic status</b>				
Full-time	81.7	1,282.4	71.7	1,435.7
Part-time	26.9	240.0	11.7	278.6
<b>Employment status</b>				
Self employed (with paid employees)	5.1	86.8	4.1	96.0
Self employed (with no paid employees)	14.9	151.3	7.8	174.0
Employee (including schemes)	87.6	1,270.9	70.9	1,429.3
Assisting relatives	1.0	13.4	0.6	15.0
<b>NACE economic sector</b>				
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	9.3	90.4	4.8	104.5
C-E Other production industries	16.2	269.8	14.6	300.6
F Construction	9.4	161.3	8.9	179.6
G Wholesale and retail	13.4	217.4	10.7	241.6
H Hotels and restaurants	6.4	90.6	6.5	103.5
I Transport, storage and communication	6.8	97.3	5.3	109.3
J-K Financial and other services	13.5	201.5	11.4	226.4
L Public administration and defence	6.5	78.6	3.5	88.5
M Education	7.8	96.4	4.2	108.3
N Health	12.2	135.4	7.9	155.6
O Other	7.2	83.6	5.6	96.5
<b>Occupation</b>				
1 Managers and Administrators	19.7	255.1	12.7	287.6
2 Professional	8.9	167.6	8.4	185.0
3 Associate Professional and Technical	9.4	136.3	7.4	153.2
4 Clerical and Secretarial	12.5	198.5	10.8	221.9
5 Craft and Related	12.3	199.2	10.7	222.2
6 Personal and Protective Service	12.1	145.5	8.8	166.5
7 Sales	8.1	127.5	6.9	142.4
8 Plant and Machine Operatives	11.9	161.9	8.6	182.4
9 Other	13.7	130.6	9.0	153.3
<b>Usual hours per week</b>				
1-9 hours	2.3	22.5	1.0	25.8
10-19	7.6	74.3	3.4	85.2
20-29	15.3	145.3	7.1	167.7
30-34	4.7	48.4	2.5	55.6
35-39	35.0	558.4	35.0	628.5
40-44	16.4	295.6	15.5	327.5
45 & over	14.9	207.0	9.4	231.3
Variable hours <sup>2</sup>	12.5	170.9	9.3	192.8
<i>Average weekly hours</i>	<i>36.1</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>37.7</i>

<sup>1</sup> See background notes.

<sup>2</sup> Includes 'not stated'

**Table 5 Persons aged 15 to 64, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability**

	Arms or hands	Back or neck	Chest or breathing	Diabetes	Epilepsy	Hearing difficulty	Heart, blood pressure/ circulation	Legs or feet
	'000							
<b>State</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>20.9</b>
<b>Region</b>								
Border	2.1	4.8	4.2	1.3	0.6	0.6	4.5	2.5
Midlands	0.6	1.9	1.6	0.9	0.3	0.3	2.5	0.9
West	1.7	4.0	3.5	1.1	0.4	0.6	2.9	1.4
Dublin	3.7	7.9	13.7	4.1	2.1	2.0	10.8	5.6
Mid-East	1.6	5.0	3.9	1.3	0.6	0.4	3.9	2.0
Mid-West	1.5	3.6	2.8	0.8	0.5	0.7	2.5	2.0
South-East	1.8	4.2	5.9	1.5	0.6	0.4	5.1	2.3
South-West	2.0	6.5	6.0	1.3	0.7	0.5	7.0	4.2
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	6.9	19.7	21.6	7.3	2.8	3.1	24.3	10.5
Female	8.0	18.2	19.8	5.0	3.1	2.5	14.8	10.4
<b>Age group</b>								
15-24 years	0.9	1.7	11.7	0.7	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.0
25-34 years	1.3	4.9	8.2	1.6	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.9
35-44 years	2.2	9.1	6.5	1.9	1.4	1.2	3.9	3.1
45-54 years	3.7	11.1	7.2	3.5	1.0	1.4	10.9	5.2
55-64 years	6.7	11.0	7.9	4.4	0.7	1.1	22.6	9.7
<b>Marital status</b>								
Single	3.5	9.2	20.5	3.1	3.1	2.5	6.1	6.0
Married	9.1	23.8	17.0	7.8	2.4	2.6	28.2	12.1
Separated	1.2	3.4	2.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	2.7	1.6
Widowed	1.0	1.4	1.2	0.5	*	*	2.1	1.1
<b>Economic Status</b>								
In employment	5.1	16.1	21.0	7.2	2.6	2.6	15.9	7.3
Unemployed	0.4	1.1	1.8	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4
Not economically active	9.3	20.6	18.8	4.7	2.9	2.5	23.1	13.1

<sup>1</sup> See background notes

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation



**Table 5 continued - Persons aged 15 to 64, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability**

	Mental, nervous or emotional	Seeing difficulty	Skin conditions	Speech impediment	Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive	Other progressive illness	Other longstanding problem(s)	Not Stated	Total
									'000
<b>State</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>271.0</b>
<b>Region</b>									
Border	2.9	0.6	0.4	*	1.0	1.3	3.4	*	30.5
Midlands	1.4	*	0.3	*	0.8	0.9	1.8	*	14.3
West	2.9	0.6	*	*	1.1	2.0	1.8	*	24.4
Dublin	8.7	1.3	1.9	0.3	3.4	4.5	7.2	0.3	77.6
Mid-East	3.3	0.4	0.6	*	1.6	1.6	2.8	*	29.3
Mid-West	1.8	0.3	0.3	*	0.8	1.3	1.9	*	21.2
South-East	3.1	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.2	1.4	2.9	*	31.8
South-West	4.2	0.7	0.4	*	1.6	2.3	4.3	*	42.0
<b>Sex</b>									
Male	16.4	2.7	2.4	0.8	5.5	5.5	12.7	0.6	142.7
Female	12.0	2.0	2.1	0.5	6.1	9.9	13.4	0.4	128.3
<b>Age group</b>									
15-24 years	3.0	0.7	1.1	0.3	1.1	1.1	3.9	*	30.6
25-34 years	6.7	0.7	1.0	0.4	1.9	2.1	6.2	*	40.3
35-44 years	6.4	0.9	0.8	*	2.8	2.6	4.8	*	48.0
45-54 years	7.2	1.1	0.9	*	3.1	5.0	5.9	*	67.7
55-64 years	5.1	1.3	0.7	*	2.8	4.5	5.3	0.3	84.4
<b>Marital status</b>									
Single	19.6	2.2	2.1	1.0	3.7	4.0	13.3	0.4	100.3
Married	5.1	2.1	2.0	0.3	6.9	9.6	10.6	0.4	140.0
Separated	3.0	*	0.4	*	0.8	1.2	1.7	*	20.7
Widowed	0.7	*	*	*	0.3	0.6	0.6	*	10.1
<b>Economic Status</b>									
In employment	6.3	1.8	2.7	0.5	5.6	4.3	9.4	*	108.6
Unemployed	0.9	*	*	*	0.5	*	0.5	*	7.5
Not economically active	21.2	2.8	1.7	0.7	5.6	11.0	16.2	0.7	154.8

<sup>1</sup> See background notes

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 6 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability**

	Arms or hands	Back or neck	Chest or breathing	Diabetes	Epilepsy	Hearing difficulty	Heart, blood pressure/ circulation	Legs or feet
	'000							
<b>State</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>ILO economic status</b>								
Full-time	3.6	12.0	16.1	5.7	1.8	2.2	12.1	5.6
Part-time	1.6	4.1	4.9	1.5	0.8	0.4	3.8	1.7
<b>Employment status</b>								
Self employed (with paid employees)	*	0.7	0.8	0.5	*	*	1.0	0.4
Self employed (with no paid employees)	0.9	3.0	1.9	1.2	*	0.3	2.9	1.3
Employee (including schemes)	4.1	12.2	18.2	5.5	2.3	2.2	11.7	5.6
Assisting relatives	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>NACE economic sector</b>								
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.6	1.9	1.3	0.6	*	*	1.9	0.8
C-E Other production industries	0.7	2.5	3.2	1.2	0.4	0.6	2.5	1.0
F Construction	0.3	1.4	2.0	0.6	*	0.3	1.8	0.6
G Wholesale and retail	0.8	2.0	2.8	1.0	0.5	*	1.7	0.8
H Hotels and restaurants	*	0.6	1.7	0.5	*	*	0.9	0.3
I Transport, storage and communication	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.5	*	*	1.4	0.6
J-K Financial and other services	0.6	2.2	3.0	0.9	0.5	*	1.7	0.7
L Public administration and defence	0.3	1.2	1.1	0.5	*	0.3	0.8	0.4
M Education	0.4	0.8	1.3	0.4	*	0.3	0.9	0.7
N Health	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.7	0.5	*	1.6	0.7
O Other	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.3	*	*	0.8	0.7
<b>Occupation</b>								
1 Managers and Administrators	0.9	3.6	3.2	1.7	0.4	*	3.5	1.2
2 Professional	0.4	1.0	2.0	0.5	*	*	1.0	0.6
3 Associate Professional and Technical	0.3	1.5	1.6	0.4	*	0.3	1.1	0.7
4 Clerical and Secretarial	0.4	1.9	2.9	0.6	0.4	0.3	1.6	0.7
5 Craft and Related	0.8	2.2	2.6	0.6	*	0.4	2.1	0.9
6 Personal and Protective Service	0.6	1.7	3.0	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.8
7 Sales	0.5	1.1	2.0	0.5	0.3	*	0.7	0.5
8 Plant and Machine Operatives	0.8	1.7	1.6	0.9	0.3	0.4	2.1	1.0
9 Other	0.5	1.5	2.0	0.9	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.9
<b>Usual hours per week</b>								
1-9 hours	*	0.3	0.5	*	*	*	*	*
10-19	0.5	1.0	1.3	0.4	*	*	0.9	0.5
20-29	1.0	1.9	3.1	0.8	0.5	*	2.3	0.8
30-34	*	0.7	0.8	*	*	*	0.6	*
35-39	1.7	5.0	7.1	2.3	0.7	0.9	5.0	2.1
40-44	0.5	2.3	3.3	1.3	0.4	0.5	2.0	1.2
45 & over	0.6	2.8	3.3	1.0	0.4	0.4	2.5	1.1
Variable hours <sup>2</sup>	0.7	2.1	1.6	1.0	*	0.3	2.3	1.1
<b>Average hours per week</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>37.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> See background notes

<sup>2</sup> Includes 'not stated'

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 6 continued - Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by type of longstanding health problem or disability**

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	Mental, nervous or emotional	Seeing difficulty	Skin conditions	Speech impediment	Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive	Other progressive illness	Other longstanding problem(s)	Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>108.6</b>
<b>ILO economic status</b>									
Full-time	4.2	1.4	1.9	0.5	4.6	2.9	7.0	*	81.7
Part-time	2.1	0.4	0.8	*	1.1	1.4	2.5	*	26.9
<b>Employment status</b>									
Self employed (with paid employees)	*	*	*	*	0.4	*	0.4	*	5.1
Self employed (with no paid employees)	0.8	*	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.9	*	14.9
Employee (including schemes)	5.3	1.4	2.2	0.4	4.7	3.5	8.0	*	87.6
Assisting relatives	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.0
<b>NACE economic sector</b>									
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.5	0.3	*	*	0.4	*	0.4	*	9.3
C-E Other production industries	0.8	0.3	0.4	*	1.0	0.4	1.2	*	16.2
F Construction	*	0.3	0.3	*	0.6	0.3	0.4	*	9.4
G Wholesale and retail	0.5	*	0.4	*	0.8	0.5	1.4	*	13.4
H Hotels and restaurants	0.3	*	*	*	0.3	0.4	0.6	*	6.4
I Transport, storage and communication	*	*	*	*	0.5	*	0.4	*	6.8
J-K Financial and other services	0.7	*	0.4	*	0.5	0.5	1.4	*	13.5
L Public administration and defence	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.4	0.5	*	6.5
M Education	0.7	*	*	*	0.4	0.4	0.9	*	7.8
N Health	1.4	*	0.4	*	0.5	0.6	1.3	*	12.2
O Other	0.8	*	*	*	0.4	0.3	0.8	*	7.2
<b>Occupation</b>									
1 Managers and Administrators	0.5	0.3	0.5	*	1.0	1.0	1.5	*	19.7
2 Professional	0.5	*	0.3	*	0.5	0.5	0.9	*	8.9
3 Associate Professional and Technical	0.8	*	*	*	0.5	0.4	1.1	*	9.4
4 Clerical and Secretarial	0.7	*	0.3	*	0.7	0.6	1.1	*	12.5
5 Craft and Related	0.6	0.3	0.3	*	0.7	0.3	0.5	*	12.3
6 Personal and Protective Service	0.7	*	0.3	*	0.5	*	0.7	*	12.1
7 Sales	0.6	*	0.3	*	0.4	0.3	0.8	*	8.1
8 Plant and Machine Operatives	0.7	*	*	*	0.5	0.3	1.4	*	11.9
9 Other	1.4	*	0.4	*	0.8	0.7	1.6	*	13.7
<b>Usual hours per week</b>									
1-9 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	*	2.3
10-19	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.5	1.0	*	7.6
20-29	1.4	*	0.4	*	0.6	0.7	1.4	*	15.3
30-34	0.6	*	*	*	*	*	0.7	*	4.7
35-39	1.7	0.5	0.9	*	2.2	1.2	3.4	*	35.0
40-44	0.8	0.3	0.5	*	0.9	0.7	1.4	*	16.4
45 & over	0.4	0.3	0.3	*	0.6	0.4	0.7	*	14.9
Variable hours <sup>2</sup>	0.6	*	*	*	0.9	0.5	0.7	*	12.5
<i>Average hours per week</i>	<i>31.8</i>	<i>38.5</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>36.5</i>	<i>37.0</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>33.5</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>36.1</i>

<sup>1</sup> See background notes

<sup>2</sup> Includes 'not stated'

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 7 Persons aged 15 to 64, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by how long they have had the health condition**

										l'000
Health problem or disability	less than 6 months	6 months to less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	10 years or more	Since birth	Don't know/ Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>271.0</b>
Arms or hands	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.8	2.2	3.1	3.9	0.9	0.4	14.9
Back or neck	1.1	1.4	2.6	4.1	6.4	8.3	12.8	0.7	0.5	37.8
Chest or breathing	0.8	0.6	1.2	1.8	3.0	6.0	16.3	10.9	0.9	41.5
Diabetes	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.3	4.7	*	0.3	12.2
Epilepsy	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	2.8	1.1	*	5.9
Hearing difficulty	*	*	0.3	*	*	0.5	1.8	2.2	*	5.6
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	1.7	1.5	3.0	3.6	6.9	9.6	10.3	1.4	1.0	39.2
Legs or feet	0.7	1.2	1.8	1.3	3.2	4.7	6.2	1.4	0.5	20.9
Mental, nervous or emotional	*	0.7	1.2	1.5	1.8	3.3	9.3	8.6	1.7	28.4
Seeing difficulty	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	1.5	1.4	*	4.7
Skin conditions	*	*	0.3	*	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.2	*	4.5
Speech impediment	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.1	*	1.3
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.4	4.0	0.8	*	11.7
Other progressive illness	0.7	1.0	1.8	1.4	2.3	3.1	3.6	1.0	0.4	15.4
Other longstanding health problems	0.6	0.8	1.6	1.4	2.8	4.2	6.1	7.5	1.2	26.1
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.9	0.9

<sup>1</sup> See background notes

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 8 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by how long they have had the health condition**

										l'000
Health problem or disability	less than 6 months	6 months to less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	10 years or more	Since birth	Don't know/ Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>108.6</b>
Arms or hands	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.4	*	5.1
Back or neck	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.9	3.1	3.4	4.8	*	*	16.1
Chest or breathing	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.7	1.3	2.6	8.2	6.1	0.3	21.0
Diabetes	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.5	2.8	*	*	7.2
Epilepsy	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	1.1	0.4	*	2.6
Hearing difficulty	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.8	1.0	*	2.6
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	1.1	1.0	1.5	2.1	2.8	3.6	2.7	0.5	0.6	15.9
Legs or feet	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.7	0.6	*	7.3
Mental, nervous or emotional	*	0.3	*	0.3	0.5	0.9	1.8	1.9	0.4	6.3
Seeing difficulty	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.7	0.5	*	1.8
Skin conditions	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	1.0	0.8	*	2.7
Speech impediment	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.4	*	0.5
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive	*	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.1	2.0	0.3	*	5.6
Other progressive illness	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	*	*	4.3
Other longstanding health problems	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.2	2.5	0.4	9.4
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

<sup>1</sup> See background notes

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 9 All persons aged 15 to 64, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by the cause of the health condition**

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Health problem or disability	Born with condition or birth injury	Accident or injury			Disease		Don't know not stated	Total
		Work related including traffic	Non work traffic related	Household, leisure or sports	Work related	Non work related		
<b>State</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>271.0</b>
Arms or hands	1.0	1.6	1.5	0.6	1.1	4.2	4.9	14.9
Back or neck	1.2	7.1	5.5	2.4	5.8	6.7	9.2	37.8
Chest or breathing	12.0	*	*	*	2.3	10.5	16.0	41.5
Diabetes	0.3	*	*	*	*	4.8	6.9	12.2
Epilepsy	1.4	*	0.3	*	*	1.4	2.6	5.9
Hearing difficulty	2.5	*	*	*	0.3	1.0	1.2	5.6
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	2.3	*	*	*	3.2	14.3	18.7	39.2
Legs or feet	1.7	1.6	2.5	1.2	1.9	5.9	6.1	20.9
Mental, nervous or emotional	9.1	*	0.6	0.3	1.5	5.5	11.2	28.4
Seeing difficulty	1.6	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.9	1.3	4.7
Skin conditions	1.2	*	*	*	0.4	1.1	1.7	4.5
Speech impediment	1.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.3
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive	1.3	*	*	*	0.5	4.6	4.9	11.7
Other progressive illness	1.2	*	*	*	0.3	5.8	7.9	15.4
Other longstanding health problems	7.9	0.7	1.3	*	0.6	5.7	9.7	26.1
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.9	0.9

<sup>1</sup> See background notes

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 10 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by the cause of the health condition**

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Health problem or disability	Born with condition or birth injury	Accident or injury			Disease		Don't know not stated	Total
		Work related including traffic	Non work traffic related	Household, leisure or sports	Work related	Non work related		
<b>State</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>108.4</b>
Arms or hands	0.5	0.8	0.6	*	0.6	1.1	1.4	5.1
Back or neck	0.4	3.4	2.4	1.2	2.7	2.5	3.4	16.1
Chest or breathing	6.6	*	*	*	1.1	5.4	7.5	21.0
Diabetes	*	*	*	*	*	3.1	3.8	7.2
Epilepsy	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.4	1.2	2.6
Hearing difficulty	1.1	*	*	*	*	0.5	0.6	2.6
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	0.9	*	*	*	1.8	5.2	7.8	15.9
Legs or feet	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.8	1.8	2.0	7.3
Mental, nervous or emotional	2.1	*	*	*	0.6	1.3	2.1	6.3
Seeing difficulty	0.5	*	*	0.3	*	*	0.4	1.8
Skin conditions	0.8	*	*	*	*	0.7	0.8	2.7
Speech impediment	0.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.5
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive	0.6	*	*	*	0.4	2.1	2.4	5.6
Other progressive illness	*	*	*	*	*	1.8	2.0	4.3
Other longstanding health problems	2.7	*	0.4	*	0.5	2.0	3.7	9.4
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

<sup>1</sup> See background notes

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 11 Persons aged 15 to 64, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by whether the condition restricts them on the kind and amount of work they do or could do**

<sup>1</sup>000

	The kind of work they do or could do				The amount of work they do or could do				Total
	Yes considerably	Yes to some extent	No	Not stated	Yes considerably	Yes to some extent	No	Not stated	
<b>State</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>271.0</b>
<b>Health problem or disability</b>									
Arms or hands	7.0	4.3	3.6	*	6.6	4.5	3.8	*	14.9
Back or neck	20.2	11.7	5.9	*	18.9	11.1	7.8	*	37.8
Chest or breathing	8.3	9.5	23.7	*	7.6	8.0	25.9	*	41.5
Diabetes	2.0	2.5	7.7	*	2.0	2.8	7.4	*	12.2
Epilepsy	2.6	1.0	2.2	*	2.3	1.0	2.5	*	5.9
Hearing difficulty	1.9	1.7	2.0	*	1.2	1.0	3.3	*	5.6
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	16.5	7.9	14.7	*	15.9	8.4	14.7	*	39.2
Legs or feet	11.4	4.8	4.7	*	10.5	5.0	5.5	*	20.9
Mental, nervous or emotional	20.6	4.1	3.7	*	19.7	4.6	4.1	*	28.4
Seeing difficulty	2.0	1.2	1.5	*	1.6	1.0	2.1	*	4.7
Skin conditions	0.8	0.6	3.0	*	0.7	0.6	3.2	*	4.5
Speech impediment	0.7	0.3	0.4	*	0.6	*	0.5	*	1.3
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive	3.7	2.2	5.7	*	3.6	2.3	5.7	*	11.7
Other progressive illness	9.2	2.3	3.8	*	9.0	2.7	3.6	*	15.4
Other longstanding health problems	13.8	4.2	8.0	*	13.2	4.5	8.3	*	26.1
Refusal/Not stated	*	*	*	0.8	*	*	*	0.8	0.9

<sup>1</sup> See background notes.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 12 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by whether the condition restricts them on the kind and amount of work they do or could do**

<sup>1</sup>000

	The kind of work they do or could do				The amount of work they do or could do				Total
	Yes considerably	Yes to some extent	No	Not stated	Yes considerably	Yes to some extent	No	Not stated	
<b>State</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>108.6</b>
<b>Health problem or disability</b>									
Arms or hands	1.2	2.1	1.9	*	1.0	2.3	1.9	*	5.1
Back or neck	4.5	7.7	4.0	*	3.8	6.6	5.7	*	16.1
Chest or breathing	1.4	4.4	15.1	*	1.0	3.4	16.6	*	21.0
Diabetes	0.3	1.2	5.6	*	0.3	1.4	5.5	*	7.2
Epilepsy	0.5	0.4	1.6	*	0.4	0.5	1.7	*	2.6
Hearing difficulty	0.4	0.7	1.4	*	*	0.4	2.1	*	2.6
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	2.2	3.9	9.8	*	1.9	4.3	9.7	*	15.9
Legs or feet	2.1	2.3	2.9	*	1.6	2.3	3.5	*	7.3
Mental, nervous or emotional	2.6	1.7	1.9	*	2.1	2.0	2.1	*	6.3
Seeing difficulty	0.3	0.5	0.9	*	0.3	0.3	1.2	*	1.8
Skin conditions	*	0.5	2.1	*	*	0.4	2.2	*	2.7
Speech impediment	*	*	0.3	*	*	*	0.4	*	0.5
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive	0.5	1.0	4.1	*	0.4	1.2	4.0	*	5.6
Other progressive illness	1.2	1.3	1.8	*	1.2	1.4	1.7	*	4.3
Other longstanding health problems	2.8	2.0	4.6	*	2.5	2.2	4.7	*	9.4
Refusal/Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

<sup>1</sup> See background notes.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 13 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability, classified by whether assistance is provided to facilitate their work**

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	Yes considerably	Yes to some extent	No	Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>108.6</b>
<b>Region</b>					
Border	0.6	0.4	8.6	*	9.6
Midlands	0.4	*	4.7	*	5.3
West	0.5	0.5	8.8	*	9.9
Dublin	1.2	0.9	32.4	*	34.6
Mid-East	0.4	0.3	12.4	*	13.1
Mid-West	0.7	0.5	7.9	*	9.1
South-East	0.5	0.5	10.5	*	11.7
South-West	0.7	0.5	14.1	*	15.4
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	3.0	2.2	60.2	*	65.6
Female	1.9	1.7	39.3	*	43.0
<b>Age group</b>					
15-24 years	0.6	0.3	10.2	*	11.1
25-34 years	1.6	1.0	19.7	*	22.4
35-44 years	1.2	0.9	21.9	*	24.1
45-54 years	1.2	0.9	25.9	*	28.2
55-64 years	0.4	0.8	21.6	*	22.8
<b>Marital status</b>					
Single	3.4	1.9	34.4	*	39.8
Married	1.3	1.7	56.3	*	59.4
Separated	*	*	6.6	*	7.0
Widowed	*	*	2.3	*	2.4
<b>Health problem or disability</b>					
Arms or hands	0.3	*	4.7	*	5.1
Back or neck	0.5	0.9	14.8	*	16.1
Chest or breathing	*	*	20.7	*	21.0
Diabetes	*	*	7.1	*	7.2
Epilepsy	*	*	2.3	*	2.6
Hearing difficulty	*	*	2.3	*	2.6
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	*	0.4	15.4	*	15.9
Legs or feet	*	0.4	6.8	*	7.3
Mental, nervous or emotional	1.5	0.8	4.0	*	6.3
Seeing difficulty	*	*	1.6	*	1.8
Skin conditions	*	*	2.5	*	2.7
Speech impediment	*	*	0.5	*	0.5
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive	*	*	5.4	*	5.6
Other progressive illness	0.4	0.3	3.6	*	4.3
Other longstanding health problems	1.3	0.3	7.8	*	9.4
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Employment environment</b>					
Sheltered	2.5	0.6	1.3	*	4.4
Not sheltered	2.2	3.0	86.7	*	92.0
Not stated	*	0.3	11.5	*	12.2

<sup>1</sup> See background notes.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 14 Persons aged 15 to 64 not in employment, that have a longstanding<sup>1</sup> health problem or disability classified by whether assistance would need to be provided in order for them to work**

				l'000
	Yes	No	Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>162.4</b>
<b>Region</b>				
Border	2.9	12.3	5.7	20.9
Midlands	1.2	5.8	2.1	9.1
West	2.0	8.3	4.1	14.5
Dublin	4.7	26.8	11.5	42.9
Mid-East	2.6	9.9	3.6	16.1
Mid-West	1.5	6.2	4.4	12.1
South-East	3.0	12.4	4.8	20.2
South-West	3.9	15.0	7.7	26.6
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	12.6	43.1	21.4	77.1
Female	9.4	53.6	22.4	85.3
<b>Age group</b>				
15-24 years	3.6	10.5	5.5	19.5
25-34 years	3.3	10.6	4.0	17.9
35-44 years	4.3	12.6	7.0	23.9
45-54 years	4.8	23.5	11.3	39.5
55-64 years	5.9	39.5	16.1	61.6
<b>Marital status</b>				
Single	10.9	32.6	16.9	60.5
Married	8.6	51.4	20.5	80.6
Separated	2.0	7.6	4.2	13.7
Widowed	0.4	5.0	2.2	7.7
<b>Health problem or disability</b>				
Arms or hands	1.6	5.6	2.5	9.7
Back or neck	3.3	12.7	5.8	21.7
Chest or breathing	0.8	13.8	6.0	20.5
Diabetes	0.3	3.4	1.4	5.1
Epilepsy	0.6	1.8	0.9	3.3
Hearing difficulty	0.5	1.8	0.8	3.0
Heart, blood pressure, circulation	1.9	15.8	5.6	23.3
Legs or feet	2.4	7.7	3.4	13.5
Mental, nervous or emotional	4.1	11.7	6.3	22.1
Seeing difficulty	0.9	1.3	0.8	2.9
Skin conditions	*	1.5	0.4	1.8
Speech impediment	*	0.4	*	0.7
Stomach, liver, kidney, digestive	0.6	3.7	1.7	6.1
Other progressive illness	1.6	6.6	2.8	11.1
Other longstanding health problems	3.1	9.0	4.6	16.7
Not stated	*	*	0.7	0.7
<b>Economic status</b>				
Unemployed	1.0	5.2	1.3	7.5
Not economically active	21.0	91.4	42.5	154.8

<sup>1</sup> See background notes.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation



## Background Notes

<b>Reference period</b>	The questions on disability were included in the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) in the three months from March to May 2002.
<b>Purpose of survey</b>	While the primary purpose of the QNHS is to collect information on employment and unemployment, it also includes modules on social topics of interest from time to time.
<b>Questionnaire</b>	The disability module was asked to all persons aged between 15 and 64 years inclusively.
<b>Longstanding health problem or disability</b>	A longstanding health problem or disability refers to anything that has affected respondent over the past 6 months, or that is likely to affect respondent for at least 6 months.
<b>Type of longstanding health problem or disability</b>	<p>If the respondent answered yes to having a longstanding health problem or disability, they were asked the following question. Which of the following categories would best describe your health condition?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Problems with arms or hands (which include arthritis or rheumatism)</li> <li>2. Problems with legs or feet (which include arthritis or rheumatism)</li> <li>3. Problems with back or neck (which include arthritis or rheumatism)</li> <li>4. Difficulty with seeing</li> <li>5. Difficulty with hearing</li> <li>6. Speech impediment</li> <li>7. Skin conditions (including disfigurement or allergies)</li> <li>8. Chest or breathing problems (including asthma or bronchitis)</li> <li>9. Heart, blood pressure or circulation problems</li> <li>10. Stomach, liver, kidney or digestive problems</li> <li>11. Diabetes</li> <li>12. Epilepsy</li> <li>13. Mental, nervous or emotional problems</li> <li>14. Other progressive illnesses (including cancers, MS, HIV, Parkinsons disease etc.)</li> <li>15. Other longstanding health problems</li> <li>16. Refusal.</li> </ol>
<b>Economic Status</b>	<p>The ILO Economic Status used in these results distinguishes the following main subgroups of the population aged 15 to 64.</p> <p><b>In Employment:</b> Persons who worked in the week before the survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays etc. in the week.</p> <p><b>Unemployed:</b> Persons who, in the week before the survey, were without work and available for work and had taken specific steps, in the preceding four weeks, to find work.</p> <p><b>Inactive Population (not in labour force):</b> All other persons.</p> <p>The labour force comprises persons employed plus unemployed.</p>

**Regions** The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

<b>Border, Midlands and Western NUTS2 Region</b>		<b>Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region</b>	
<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath	<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
		<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
		<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry