Persons who participated in sports or physical exercise classified by sex and age group, June-August 2006 Males

Published by the Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

| Ardee Road | Skehard Road |
| :--- | :---: |
| Dublin 6 | Cork |
| Ireland | Ireland |
|  |  |
|  | LoCall: 1890313414 |


| Tel: $+353-14984000$ | Tel: $+353-214535000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fax: $+353-14984229$ | Fax: $+353-214535492$ |
| Both offices may be contacted <br> telephone numbers. |  |

CSO on the Web: www.cso.ie
and go to
Labour Market and Earnings: Labour Market
Director General: Gerard O’Hanlon
Enquiries:

| Labour Market Statistics | Direct Dial (021) 4535491 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Email: labour@cso.ie |  |
| Queries and Sales | Information Section, ext 5021 <br> information@cso.ie |

[^0]The contents of this release may be quoted provided the source is given clearly and accurately. Reproduction for own or internal use is permitted.

## Quarterly National Household Survey Sport and Physical Exercise Quarter 32006

## Participation in sport and physical exercise at almost 63\%

In the third quarter of $200662.8 \%$ of persons aged 15 years and over reported that they had participated in physical activities for exercise, recreation or sport in the previous twelve months. At a regional level the Mid-East (66.5\%) reported the highest percentage of participation in sport or physical exercise, while the Border region (56.8\%) had the lowest rate. See table 1.

While $66.6 \%$ of persons at work engaged in sports and physical exercise, the corresponding figure for unemployed persons was $55.9 \%$. Over fifty percent of retired persons, $54.0 \%$ of those involved in home duties and $77.5 \%$ of students reported that they participated in some form of leisure time physical exercise. See table 1 .

Persons with a poor health status reported a participation rate in sports or exercise of $15.1 \%$ while those with an excellent health status had a rate of $75.5 \%$. Persons with a disability had a participation rate of $38.1 \%$ while those without a disability had a rate of $66.9 \%$. See table 1 .

These results are based on the Sport and Physical Exercise module, which was included in the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) in the third quarter of 2006.

Overall female participation (64.4\%) in physical exercise or sports was slightly higher than male participation ( $61.3 \%$ ). Dublin was the only region where males (68.5\%) had a higher rate of participation than females (63.7\%). Males (65.8\%) in urban locations had a higher participation rate than females (63.8\%). See table 1.

As age increased broad participation rates dropped from $71.9 \%$ in the 15-24 year age group to $41.8 \%$ in the 65 years and over age group. Male participation fell in each rising age group from $76.0 \%$ in the 15-24 year age group to $43.2 \%$ for those aged 65 years and over. While the female rate of participation increased from $67.6 \%$ in the $15-24$ year age group to a high of $70.7 \%$ in the $35-44$ year age group, it then dropped to $40.6 \%$ in the 65 and over age group. See table 1 and graph opposite.

[^1]Inactive persons classified by reason for non-participation in sports or physical exercise, June-August 2006


## KEY

1- Lack of time due to work commitments
2- Lack of motivation
3- Never participated
4- Disability, Illness or injury
5- Age
6- Lack of time due to caring commitments
Other
8- Lack of facilities or accessibility
9- Prohibitive costs
10- Lack of transport

Additional facilities to encourage inactive persons to participate in sports or physical exercise, June-August 2006


KEY
1- Public walkways
2- Long distance cycle-ways
3- Swimming pool
4- Gym or fitness centre
5- Community sports centre
6- Other

## Work commitments most common reason for non-participation in exercise and sport

Overall a lack of time due to work commitments (27.7\%) was the most common reason given by those who did not participate in physical exercise or sport in the previous twelve months. This was more the case for males (36.8\%) than for females ( $18.0 \%$ ). Lack of motivation was the most common reason for non-participation for females ( $18.5 \%$ ), the 15-24 year age group (35.4\%), the unemployed (36.7\%) and students (39.0\%). See table 2 and graph opposite.

While disability, illness or injury was a reason for non-participation given by $15.0 \%$ of all respondents, the figure was $49.8 \%$ for those described as having a fair health status and $71.1 \%$ of respondents with a poor health status. Almost $54 \%$ of persons with a disability stated that disability, illness or injury was a reason for inactivity, whereas a lack of motivation and lack of time due to work commitments were reasons for $7.4 \%$ and $4.6 \%$ respectively. See table 2 .

## Additional facilities would not promote participation in exercise or sport for almost 74\% of inactive persons

For $73.9 \%$ of all inactive persons additional facilities would not encourage participation in sport or physical exercise. Swimming pools (10.2\%), public walkways ( $6.8 \%$ ) and gym or fitness centres ( $6.4 \%$ ) were the most commonly cited facilities that might facilitate participation in sport or physical exercise for inactive persons. See table $3 a$ and graph opposite.

Active persons also listed swimming pools (20.6\%), public walkways (16.4\%) and gym or fitness centres ( $13.1 \%$ ), as the three most common facilities to encourage increased participation in sport or physical exercise. See table $3 b$.

For both inactive and active persons in age group 55-64 the addition of public walkways was the most common additional facility reported ( $9.0 \%$ and $21.5 \%$ respectively). The same was true for the 65 and over age group with $5.9 \%$ of inactive persons and $20.3 \%$ of active persons choosing public walkways. See tables $3 a$ and $3 b$.

## Walking main exercise activity of active persons at over 39\%

Walking (39.3\%) was the main physical activity which active persons participated in most frequently for exercise, recreation or sport. Aerobics and keep fit was the second most popular activity ( $13.0 \%$ ) while swimming accounted for $8.0 \%$. Golf ( $7.6 \%$ ) and soccer ( $7.1 \%$ ) completed the top five main activities (between them accounting for $75.0 \%$ of all active persons). See table 4 and graph on next page.

Across all regions walking, aerobics and keep fit were the most popular main activities. At a regional level in the West (9.7\%), Mid-West (9.3\%), South-East ( $8.1 \%$ ) and South-West ( $7.3 \%$ ) swimming was the next most popular activity. In the Mid-East (10.2\%) and Midland (8.1\%) it was golf, while in Dublin (9.6\%) it was soccer and in the Border $(9.4 \%)$ it was gaelic football. See table 4.

Male and female participation was markedly different with $22.8 \%$ of active males listing walking as the main activity while the figure was $54.8 \%$ for active females. For males soccer ( $14.0 \%$ ) and golf ( $12.7 \%$ ) were the next most popular, while for females it was aerobics and keep fit (16.1\%) and swimming (10.2\%). See table 4.

Age groups showed different exercise activity preferences with walking increasing as the main physical exercise from $15.8 \%$ in 15-24 year age group to $67.0 \%$ in the 65 and over age group. Golf also increased from 2.3\% in the 15-24 year age group to $13.8 \%$ in the 55-64 year age group. Gaelic football was the most popular sport among 15-24 year olds at $16.2 \%$ but this dropped to $6.0 \%$ in the $25-34$ year age group. See table 4.


Intensity of any sport or physical exercise with session length 30 minutes or more classified by sex, June-August 2006



Overall $69.1 \%$ of persons participated in their main sport or physical exercise in an informal capacity, while the corresponding figures for non-competitive and competitive were $15.5 \%$ and $15.4 \%$ respectively. Gaelic football ( $23.0 \%$ ), golf ( $20.6 \%$ ) and soccer ( $17.1 \%$ ) accounted for a large percentage of those participating in a competitive capacity. See table 4.

## Over $22 \%$ of active persons exercise at least five times a week

Over a four week period $22.6 \%$ of active persons reported that they had participated in physical exercise or sports activities five or more times per week. At an overall level those who participated once or twice per week had the largest percentage ( $35.3 \%$ ). Male participation frequency was highest for the once or twice per week category ( $40.3 \%$ ) while females had the highest figure for participation frequency of three or four times per week ( $34.2 \%$ ). See table $5 a$.

In terms of duration per session $46.0 \%$ of active persons engaged in exercise or sport for at least sixty minutes, and a further $42.6 \%$ exercised for between thirty to sixty minutes duration in each session. While $60.9 \%$ of active males had session times of sixty minutes or more, the figure for females was $31.9 \%$. See table $5 a$.

By limiting session lengths to a minimum of thirty minutes, classifying participation by intensity, revealed that most active males had moderate intensity sessions of exercise (39.8\%). For females moderate intensity sessions were also most common (47.7\%). See table 5 b and graph opposite.

## Improving health main motivator for those participating in physical exercise and sport

The motivation to exercise and participate in sporting activities was mainly related to improving health (58.6\%), with a social element proving the second most common reason (20.7\%). Health improvement motivated $44.4 \%$ of active males to participate, while the social element was the main motivator for $27.3 \%$. Active females listed improving health as the main motivating factor in $71.9 \%$ of cases while the social element was listed in $14.5 \%$. Participation in competitions motivated $17.0 \%$ of males to participate in physical exercise or sport, while the comparable figure for females was $4.6 \%$. See table 6 and graph below.

The primary motivator for those participating in informal (72.8\%) and non-competitive ( $41.9 \%$ ) capacities was health. The main motivator for those participating at a competitive level was competitions (49.9\%). See table 6.

## Physical exercise and sport occurs in public places most often

Active persons participated in their main sport or exercise activity most frequently in public places such as in parks, on paths or along roads (47.2\%). Sports clubs $(24.1 \%)$ and gyms ( $14.8 \%$ ) were ranked second and third most popular places among active persons. See table 7.

Males ranked sports clubs as their most frequently used exercise location (39.5\%), as did those aged 15-24 years (38.9\%). Except for public places (58.9\%), females used gyms ( $17.3 \%$ ) more often than any other location. Those who participated competitively in their main sport used sports clubs most often (78.0\%) and non-competitive participants also reported sports clubs (43.4\%) as their main location of participation. Informal participants used public places most often at $65.2 \%$. See table 7 .

Table 1 Profile of population and persons aged 15 years and over who participated in sport or physical exercise in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006

|  | Population |  |  | Active persons |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All persons | Male | Female | All persons |  | Male |  | Female |  |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | \% | '000 | \% | '000 | \% |
| State | 3,398.4 | 1,686.5 | 1,711.9 | 2,135.8 | 62.8 | 1,034.0 | 61.3 | 1,101.8 | 64.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Border | 369.4 | 185.6 | 183.8 | 210.0 | 56.8 | 101.1 | 54.5 | 108.8 | 59.2 |
| Midland | 198.0 | 100.9 | 97.0 | 118.1 | 59.7 | 56.6 | 56.0 | 61.6 | 63.5 |
| West | 336.4 | 167.9 | 168.5 | 204.8 | 60.9 | 92.3 | 54.9 | 112.6 | 66.8 |
| Dublin | 969.7 | 469.5 | 500.2 | 640.6 | 66.1 | 321.8 | 68.5 | 318.8 | 63.7 |
| Mid-East | 365.6 | 182.5 | 183.1 | 243.3 | 66.5 | 117.2 | 64.2 | 126.1 | 68.9 |
| Mid-West | 287.4 | 144.6 | 142.8 | 179.8 | 62.5 | 86.0 | 59.5 | 93.7 | 65.6 |
| South-East | 369.3 | 185.6 | 183.7 | 228.0 | 61.7 | 111.9 | 60.3 | 116.1 | 63.2 |
| South-West | 502.6 | 249.8 | 252.8 | 311.2 | 61.9 | 147.1 | 58.9 | 164.1 | 64.9 |
| Urban or rural location |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban areas | 2,074.1 | 1,007.3 | 1,066.8 | 1,342.8 | 64.7 | 662.6 | 65.8 | 680.1 | 63.8 |
| Rural areas | 1,324.4 | 679.2 | 645.2 | 793.0 | 59.9 | 371.4 | 54.7 | 421.6 | 65.3 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 642.2 | 325.8 | 316.3 | 461.6 | 71.9 | 247.7 | 76.0 | 213.9 | 67.6 |
| 25-34 | 732.7 | 372.6 | 360.1 | 490.4 | 66.9 | 243.5 | 65.3 | 247.0 | 68.6 |
| 35-44 | 616.0 | 310.2 | 305.8 | 406.7 | 66.0 | 190.4 | 61.4 | 216.3 | 70.7 |
| 45-54 | 521.7 | 261.1 | 260.6 | 336.2 | 64.4 | 152.6 | 58.5 | 183.6 | 70.4 |
| 55-64 | 412.3 | 207.2 | 205.1 | 242.9 | 58.9 | 109.1 | 52.7 | 133.8 | 65.2 |
| 65+ | 473.6 | 209.6 | 264.0 | 197.9 | 41.8 | 90.6 | 43.2 | 107.3 | 40.6 |
| Highest education level attained |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary or below | 726.4 | 370.9 | 355.4 | 309.7 | 42.6 | 152.8 | 41.2 | 156.9 | 44.1 |
| Lower secondary | 656.1 | 352.1 | 303.9 | 398.4 | 60.7 | 208.3 | 59.2 | 190.1 | 62.5 |
| Higher secondary | 835.4 | 400.3 | 435.0 | 560.8 | 67.1 | 269.1 | 67.2 | 291.8 | 67.1 |
| Post leaving cert | 298.0 | 151.2 | 146.8 | 192.5 | 64.6 | 89.6 | 59.2 | 102.9 | 70.1 |
| Third level non degree | 294.0 | 124.4 | 169.6 | 218.8 | 74.4 | 91.2 | 73.3 | 127.6 | 75.2 |
| Third level degree or above | 531.8 | 255.4 | 276.5 | 426.3 | 80.2 | 207.5 | 81.3 | 218.8 | 79.1 |
| Other | 56.8 | 32.1 | 24.7 | 29.2 | 51.4 | 15.5 | 48.2 | 13.8 | 55.6 |
| Principal Economic Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At work | 1,977.8 | 1,148.8 | 829.0 | 1,317.7 | 66.6 | 721.5 | 62.8 | 596.2 | 71.9 |
| Unemployed | 120.7 | 80.0 | 40.6 | 67.4 | 55.9 | 42.9 | 53.6 | 24.5 | 60.2 |
| Student | 348.0 | 161.6 | 186.3 | 269.6 | 77.5 | 135.9 | 84.1 | 133.7 | 71.8 |
| Home duties | 532.4 | 4.6 | 527.8 | 287.3 | 54.0 | 2.9 | 63.9 | 284.4 | 53.9 |
| Retired | 299.3 | 217.3 | 82.1 | 151.3 | 50.6 | 105.6 | 48.6 | 45.7 | 55.7 |
| Others | 120.3 | 74.1 | 46.2 | 42.5 | 35.3 | 25.2 | 34.0 | 17.3 | 37.4 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single | 1,423.6 | 762.7 | 661.0 | 940.5 | 66.1 | 500.9 | 65.7 | 439.7 | 66.5 |
| Married | 1,659.9 | 841.9 | 818.0 | 1,049.8 | 63.2 | 496.2 | 58.9 | 553.6 | 67.7 |
| Separated or divorced | 123.8 | 44.1 | 79.8 | 72.2 | 58.3 | 22.6 | 51.2 | 49.6 | 62.2 |
| Widowed | 191.1 | 37.9 | 153.2 | 73.2 | 38.3 | 14.4 | 38.0 | 58.8 | 38.4 |
| Health status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Excellent | 1,009.6 | 521.4 | 488.2 | 761.9 | 75.5 | 390.9 | 75.0 | 371.0 | 76.0 |
| Very good | 1,256.4 | 621.5 | 634.9 | 838.0 | 66.7 | 400.2 | 64.4 | 437.8 | 68.9 |
| Good | 790.6 | 379.6 | 411.0 | 436.4 | 55.2 | 196.5 | 51.8 | 240.0 | 58.4 |
| Fair | 279.4 | 134.5 | 144.9 | 90.1 | 32.2 | 42.6 | 31.6 | 47.5 | 32.8 |
| Poor ${ }^{1}$ | 62.4 | 29.5 | 32.9 | 9.4 | 15.1 | 3.9 | 13.4 | 5.5 | 16.6 |
| Disability |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 474.1 | 225.8 | 248.3 | 180.5 | 38.1 | 85.2 | 37.7 | 95.4 | 38.4 |
| No ${ }^{1}$ | 2,924.3 | 1,460.7 | 1,463.6 | 1,955.2 | 66.9 | 948.8 | 65.0 | 1,006.4 | 68.8 |

[^2]Table 2 Inactive persons aged 15 years and over classified by reason for non-participation in sport or physical exercise in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^3]Table 2 (cont'd.) Inactive persons aged 15 years and over classified by reason for non-participation in sport or physical exercise in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006

| Reason for non-participation in sport or physical exercise ${ }^{1,2}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { inactive }{ }^{2} \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prohibitive costs | Disability, illness or injury | Age | Other | Never participated |  |  |
| 8.3 | 187.8 | 171.8 | 99.0 | 203.8 | 1,258.3 | State |
|  | 20.5 | 24.6 | 16.7 | 26.7 | 159.4 | Region Border |
| 2.4 | 14.0 | 10.5 | 4.9 | 14.4 | 79.8 | Midland |
|  | 21.4 | 18.3 | 10.8 | 12.6 | 131.5 | West |
|  | 54.4 | 33.8 | 23.9 | 63.2 | 328.1 | Dublin |
|  | 15.2 | 18.5 | 6.5 | 14.8 | 121.0 | Mid-East |
|  | 17.8 | 16.6 | 11.0 | 11.2 | 107.4 | Mid-West |
|  | 18.6 | 22.2 | 11.2 | 19.7 | 139.9 | South-East |
|  | 25.9 | 27.4 | 14.1 | 41.3 | 191.3 | South-West |
| * |  |  |  |  |  | Urban or rural location |
| 7.3 | 119.3 | 91.7 | 59.8 | 124.4 | 727.2 | Urban areas |
|  | 68.5 | 80.1 | 39.2 | 79.4 | 531.1 | Rural areas |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Sex |
| 2.9 | 99.9 | 70.0 | 51.7 | 95.1 | 650.4 | Male |
| 5.4 | 87.9 | 101.8 | 47.3 | 108.8 | 607.9 | Female |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Age group |
| 1.7 | 10.5 | * | 23.5 | 40.2 | 179.2 | 15-24 |
| 2.7 | 16.0 | * | 21.3 | 35.9 | 240.5 | 25-34 |
| 1.8 | 19.1 | * | 15.0 | 25.8 | 208.4 | 35-44 |
| * | 26.7 | 4.6 | 13.8 | 31.4 | 185.3 | 45-54 |
| * | 40.8 | 13.3 | 14.2 | 34.9 | 169.3 | 55-64 |
|  | 74.6 | 152.1 | 11.2 | 35.7 | 275.6 | 65+ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Highest education level attained |
| 2.9 | 102.7 | 124.4 | 24.0 | 72.2 | 416.2 | Primary or below |
| 1.8 | 34.6 | 16.0 | 20.6 | 47.9 | 256.6 | Lower secondary |
|  | 25.4 | 15.0 | 22.9 | 42.2 | 273.3 | Higher secondary |
| * | 9.4 | 4.2 | 7.7 | 13.6 | 105.2 | Post leaving cert |
| * | 6.2 | 3.6 | 7.4 | 10.1 | 75.1 | Third level non degree |
| * | 7.3 | 6.9 | 11.2 | 14.2 | 105.1 | Third level degree or above |
|  | 2.2 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 26.7 | Other |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Principal Economic Status |
| 3.1 | 28.6 | 14.4 | 55.2 | 97.8 | 656.6 | At work |
| 1.8 | 8.3 | * | 6.6 | 13.7 | 53.2 | Unemployed |
|  | 3.9 | * | 13.4 | 20.0 | 77.8 | Student |
| 2.3 | 44.7 | 75.9 | 13.8 | 46.1 | 244.9 | Home duties |
|  | 44.9 | 73.9 | 7.5 | 19.4 | 148.0 | Retired |
|  | 57.3 | 6.2 | 2.5 | 6.8 | 77.9 | Others |
| * |  |  |  |  |  | Marital status |
| 4.3 | 54.8 | 25.1 | 46.5 | 95.7 | 479.5 | Single |
| 3.0 | 93.1 | 70.7 | 45.3 | 86.6 | 609.4 | Married |
| * | 11.5 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 9.1 | 51.6 | Separated or divorced |
| * | 28.3 | 72.3 | 4.1 | 12.5 | 117.8 | Widowed |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Health status |
| * | 2.3 | 3.6 | 23.1 | 51.0 | 247.1 | Excellent |
| 2.3 | 11.7 | 23.4 | 44.8 | 73.9 | 416.3 | Very good |
| 2.9 | 41.9 | 70.3 | 25.2 | 59.6 | 352.7 | Good |
| * | 94.3 | 61.5 | 5.3 | 17.1 | 189.4 | Fair |
| * | 37.6 | 13.0 | * | 2.2 | 52.9 | Poor ${ }^{3}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Disability |
| * | 157.2 | 87.5 | 8.7 | 23.2 | 293.5 | Yes |
| 6.7 | 30.6 | 84.3 | 90.4 | 180.7 | 964.8 | $\mathrm{No}^{3}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Note multiple answers allowed.
${ }^{2}$ Excludes 'Don't know' and 'Not stated'.
${ }^{3}$ Includes 'Don't know' and 'Not stated'.
*Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

Table 3a Inactive persons aged 15 years and over classified by additional facilities to encourage participation in sport or physical exercise in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { All } \\ \text { inactive }{ }^{2} \\ \text { persons } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | '000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Additional facilities to encourage participation in sport or physical exercise ${ }^{1,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Public walkways | Long distance cycle-ways | Swimming pool | Gym or fitness centre | Community sports centre | Other | No <br> additional facilities |
| State | 1,258.3 | 85.0 | 27.1 | 128.9 | 80.7 | 57.4 | 26.7 | 930.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Border | 159.4 | 11.5 | * | 10.9 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 117.6 |
| Midland | 79.8 | 6.2 | 2.3 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 2.6 | * | 57.5 |
| West | 131.5 | 10.4 | 5.2 | 14.5 | 14.1 | 5.2 | 1.7 | 93.3 |
| Dublin | 328.1 | 17.2 | 7.4 | 37.4 | 19.0 | 18.4 | 4.0 | 249.8 |
| Mid-East | 121.0 | 11.5 | * | 18.0 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 78.9 |
| Mid-West | 107.4 | 4.7 | 2.7 | 12.7 | 11.0 | 8.3 | 4.9 | 75.0 |
| South-East | 139.9 | 7.2 | 2.7 | 9.1 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 112.4 |
| South-West | 191.3 | 16.4 | 4.7 | 19.2 | 9.8 | 7.4 | 3.2 | 145.8 |
| Urban or rural location |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban areas | 727.2 | 41.0 | 13.2 | 68.0 | 33.0 | 35.9 | 17.3 | 548.4 |
| Rural areas | 531.1 | 44.0 | 13.9 | 60.9 | 47.7 | 21.5 | 9.4 | 382.0 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 650.4 | 35.2 | 13.8 | 60.7 | 40.7 | 28.0 | 13.9 | 487.4 |
| Female | 607.9 | 49.9 | 13.4 | 68.2 | 40.0 | 29.4 | 12.8 | 443.1 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 179.2 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 23.4 | 18.7 | 11.6 | 3.1 | 123.9 |
| 25-34 | 240.5 | 13.5 | 5.6 | 32.2 | 22.3 | 12.7 | 6.6 | 163.5 |
| 35-44 | 208.4 | 18.6 | 8.1 | 33.4 | 18.9 | 15.1 | 6.1 | 136.1 |
| 45-54 | 185.3 | 13.7 | 4.9 | 20.5 | 12.9 | 8.6 | 4.8 | 133.6 |
| 55-64 | 169.3 | 15.2 | 2.8 | 12.8 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 2.4 | 131.1 |
| 65+ | 275.6 | 16.4 | * | 6.6 | 2.4 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 242.2 |
| Highest education level attained |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary or below | 416.2 | 24.4 | 4.3 | 23.6 | 12.9 | 14.1 | 7.3 | 341.4 |
| Lower secondary | 256.6 | 16.7 | 4.5 | 28.3 | 19.4 | 14.9 | 5.6 | 183.6 |
| Higher secondary | 273.3 | 17.0 | 8.3 | 34.7 | 21.5 | 13.0 | 6.5 | 192.5 |
| Post leaving cert | 105.2 | 8.5 | 2.5 | 16.3 | 9.0 | 6.1 | 2.5 | 70.7 |
| Third level non degree | 75.1 | 7.1 | 2.7 | 10.4 | 8.5 | 4.1 | * | 48.6 |
| Third level degree or above | 105.1 | 10.1 | 4.8 | 13.4 | 8.4 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 73.7 |
| Other | 26.7 | * | * | 2.2 | * | * | * | 19.9 |
| Principal Economic Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At work | 656.6 | 46.1 | 18.7 | 82.2 | 53.2 | 33.4 | 14.8 | 460.4 |
| Unemployed | 53.2 | 2.8 | * | 6.0 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 36.4 |
| Student | 77.8 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 10.9 | 7.7 | 5.6 | * | 53.0 |
| Home duties | 244.9 | 20.3 | 3.8 | 19.1 | 11.3 | 8.9 | 4.1 | 190.2 |
| Retired | 148.0 | 9.7 | * | 4.2 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 127.0 |
| Others | 77.9 | 2.6 | * | 6.5 | 2.5 | 3.2 | * | 63.6 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single | 479.5 | 21.1 | 8.5 | 52.7 | 36.5 | 23.8 | 10.4 | 350.6 |
| Married | 609.4 | 53.8 | 17.3 | 69.2 | 39.6 | 28.8 | 13.6 | 436.9 |
| Separated or divorced | 51.6 | 3.8 | * | 4.7 | 3.3 | 2.7 | * | 38.6 |
| Widowed | 117.8 | 6.2 | * | 2.2 | * | 2.1 | * | 104.3 |
| Disability |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 293.5 | 15.6 | 2.9 | 18.8 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 5.8 | 241.1 |
| $\mathrm{No}^{3}$ | 964.8 | 69.3 | 24.2 | 110.1 | 72.2 | 48.7 | 20.9 | 689.3 |

[^4]Table 3b Active persons aged 15 years and over classified by additional facilities to encourage increased participation in sport or physical exercise in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006
'000

|  | All active persons | Additional facilities to encourage increased participation in sport or physical exercise ${ }^{1,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Public walkways | Long distance cycle-ways | Swimming pool | Gym or fitness centre | Community sports centre | Other | No additional facilities |
| State | 2,135.8 | 351.1 | 153.7 | 439.2 | 279.8 | 199.0 | 85.5 | 1,064.7 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Border | 210.0 | 37.9 | 10.3 | 37.0 | 33.8 | 24.3 | 14.8 | 107.3 |
| Midland | 118.1 | 31.3 | 13.8 | 25.5 | 24.0 | 9.7 | 4.0 | 46.2 |
| West | 204.8 | 37.0 | 17.8 | 41.4 | 40.6 | 18.5 | 7.7 | 91.5 |
| Dublin | 640.6 | 87.1 | 53.5 | 123.8 | 60.7 | 59.3 | 19.4 | 357.7 |
| Mid-East | 243.3 | 41.8 | 9.4 | 82.0 | 24.3 | 23.5 | 12.6 | 86.3 |
| Mid-West | 179.8 | 22.1 | 11.6 | 36.2 | 33.2 | 18.3 | 10.4 | 81.8 |
| South-East | 228.0 | 32.1 | 10.1 | 31.9 | 26.1 | 21.8 | 6.6 | 131.4 |
| South-West | 311.2 | 61.9 | 27.2 | 61.5 | 37.1 | 23.5 | 10.1 | 162.5 |
| Urban or rural location |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban areas | 1,342.8 | 193.1 | 97.7 | 243.0 | 121.7 | 119.9 | 53.3 | 721.8 |
| Rural areas | 793.0 | 158.0 | 56.0 | 196.2 | 158.1 | 79.1 | 32.2 | 343.0 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1,034.0 | 125.4 | 76.8 | 193.4 | 137.2 | 102.5 | 46.4 | 540.8 |
| Female | 1,101.8 | 225.7 | 76.8 | 245.8 | 142.6 | 96.5 | 39.1 | 523.9 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-25 | 461.6 | 36.5 | 25.5 | 102.7 | 81.9 | 53.4 | 19.3 | 232.7 |
| 25-34 | 490.4 | 68.4 | 38.3 | 107.6 | 80.3 | 46.4 | 22.5 | 232.7 |
| 35-44 | 406.7 | 82.7 | 43.3 | 101.3 | 55.7 | 46.7 | 17.8 | 175.3 |
| 45-54 | 336.2 | 71.1 | 28.1 | 70.0 | 36.4 | 30.6 | 12.8 | 163.1 |
| 55-64 | 242.9 | 52.3 | 13.2 | 39.3 | 18.5 | 15.6 | 8.1 | 132.1 |
| 65+ | 197.9 | 40.2 | 5.2 | 18.3 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 5.0 | 128.8 |
| Highest education level attained |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary or below | 309.7 | 53.1 | 14.1 | 50.2 | 29.2 | 28.3 | 9.2 | 173.9 |
| Lower secondary | 398.4 | 59.5 | 23.1 | 84.8 | 59.9 | 42.9 | 12.8 | 195.3 |
| Higher secondary | 560.8 | 81.6 | 35.2 | 110.5 | 81.1 | 51.3 | 23.4 | 284.3 |
| Post leaving cert | 192.5 | 33.8 | 12.6 | 42.5 | 23.0 | 18.2 | 8.8 | 94.7 |
| Third level non degree | 218.8 | 43.6 | 18.5 | 52.3 | 33.3 | 21.3 | 11.6 | 99.1 |
| Third level degree or above | 426.3 | 76.3 | 48.4 | 94.9 | 51.0 | 35.9 | 18.1 | 200.0 |
| Other | 29.2 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 4.0 | 2.3 | * | * | 17.4 |
| Principal Economic Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At work | 1,317.7 | 213.9 | 106.6 | 282.4 | 186.5 | 121.1 | 56.0 | 635.7 |
| Unemployed | 67.4 | 10.2 | 4.9 | 14.0 | 11.3 | 8.7 | 2.9 | 33.1 |
| Student | 269.6 | 21.4 | 18.4 | 63.6 | 45.2 | 36.0 | 12.0 | 131.4 |
| Home duties | 287.3 | 66.5 | 14.9 | 55.2 | 25.7 | 24.5 | 9.2 | 147.4 |
| Retired | 151.3 | 31.4 | 6.3 | 16.8 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 93.6 |
| Others | 42.5 | 7.7 | 2.7 | 7.2 | 4.5 | 3.0 | * | 23.6 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single | 940.5 | 101.4 | 64.3 | 193.5 | 147.4 | 91.9 | 38.3 | 479.1 |
| Married | 1,049.8 | 221.1 | 82.5 | 222.9 | 122.0 | 96.6 | 43.3 | 504.0 |
| Separated or divorced | 72.2 | 14.2 | 4.9 | 15.2 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 2.3 | 34.5 |
| Widowed | 73.2 | 14.4 | 1.9 | 7.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | * | 47.1 |
| Disability |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 180.5 | 33.5 | 11.0 | 33.6 | 15.6 | 13.1 | 6.8 | 101.2 |
| $\mathrm{No}^{3}$ | 1,955.2 | 317.6 | 142.7 | 405.6 | 264.3 | 185.9 | 78.7 | 963.5 |

[^5]Table 4 Active persons aged 15 years and over classified by the main sport or physical exercise in which they participated in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006

|  | Main sport or physical exercise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All active persons | Walking | Aerobics and Keep fit | Swimming | Golf | Soccer ${ }^{1}$ | Gaelic ${ }^{2}$ football | Cycling |
| State | 2,135.8 | 840.2 | 276.7 | 171.4 | 161.8 | 152.1 | 121.7 | 86.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Border | 210.0 | 83.2 | 22.7 | 17.0 | 15.1 | 16.1 | 19.6 | 5.8 |
| Midland | 118.1 | 53.0 | 11.9 | 6.7 | 9.6 | 5.7 | 8.6 | 3.9 |
| West | 204.8 | 88.1 | 19.9 | 19.8 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 14.8 | 12.1 |
| Dublin | 640.6 | 219.9 | 101.3 | 48.7 | 55.7 | 61.2 | 19.0 | 30.0 |
| Mid-East | 243.3 | 89.4 | 27.4 | 21.1 | 24.9 | 15.6 | 19.4 | 9.3 |
| Mid-West | 179.8 | 76.7 | 19.8 | 16.8 | 10.7 | 9.3 | 10.5 | 7.3 |
| South-East | 228.0 | 89.2 | 44.3 | 18.6 | 14.7 | 13.3 | 9.6 | 5.7 |
| South-West | 311.2 | 140.5 | 29.3 | 22.8 | 19.5 | 19.5 | 20.1 | 12.3 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1,034.0 | 235.9 | 98.8 | 59.5 | 130.8 | 144.4 | 102.1 | 58.8 |
| Female | 1,101.8 | 604.2 | 177.9 | 112.0 | 31.0 | 7.7 | 19.6 | 27.6 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 461.6 | 73.0 | 73.5 | 37.2 | 10.7 | 69.1 | 74.8 | 14.7 |
| 25-34 | 490.4 | 141.9 | 86.4 | 46.1 | 19.0 | 55.8 | 29.5 | 22.8 |
| 35-44 | 406.7 | 168.4 | 58.4 | 41.3 | 32.9 | 19.1 | 11.2 | 19.1 |
| 45-54 | 336.2 | 176.7 | 34.8 | 24.4 | 40.8 | 6.7 | 4.0 | 14.3 |
| 55-64 | 242.9 | 147.5 | 15.5 | 13.8 | 33.5 | * | 1.8 | 7.8 |
| 65+ | 197.9 | 132.7 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 24.9 | * | * | 7.6 |
| Participation type ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Competitive including professional or semi-professional | 329.9 | 4.9 | 13.3 | 6.6 | 67.9 | 56.5 | 75.9 | 5.4 |
| Non-competitive | 330.5 | 20.2 | 79.6 | 23.8 | 40.9 | 44.0 | 29.2 | 8.2 |
| Informal ${ }^{5}$ | 1,475.4 | 815.1 | 183.8 | 141.0 | 53.0 | 51.7 | 16.6 | 72.8 |
| Highest education level attained |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary or below | 309.7 | 171.7 | 18.9 | 15.6 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 15.7 | 11.7 |
| Lower secondary | 398.4 | 153.3 | 38.8 | 27.5 | 23.0 | 39.9 | 34.1 | 13.8 |
| Higher secondary | 560.8 | 207.9 | 79.6 | 44.2 | 46.6 | 47.4 | 37.0 | 19.5 |
| Post leaving cert | 192.5 | 80.4 | 25.0 | 17.2 | 13.9 | 11.6 | 9.3 | 6.1 |
| Third level non degree | 218.8 | 82.8 | 35.9 | 22.8 | 18.0 | 10.6 | 8.4 | 9.1 |
| Third level degree or above | 426.3 | 133.8 | 74.8 | 40.2 | 44.5 | 25.0 | 16.4 | 24.4 |
| Other | 29.2 | 10.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | * | 3.2 | * | 1.7 |
| Principal Economic Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At work | 1,317.7 | 457.5 | 197.6 | 112.2 | 115.1 | 104.4 | 71.8 | 57.8 |
| Unemployed | 67.4 | 24.9 | 6.9 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 8.8 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Student | 269.6 | 37.1 | 34.8 | 23.3 | 6.7 | 35.9 | 44.5 | 11.4 |
| Home duties | 287.3 | 204.4 | 27.1 | 19.9 | 10.9 | * | * | 6.0 |
| Retired | 151.3 | 92.7 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 25.0 | * | * | 6.0 |
| Others | 42.5 | 23.6 | 3.6 | 4.3 | * | 1.7 | * | 1.9 |

[^6]Table 4 (cont'd.) Active persons aged 15 years and over classified by the main sport or physical exercise in which they participated in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006


# Table 5a Active Persons aged 15 years and over participating in any sport or physical exercise classified by the 

intensity, frequency and session duration in the previous 4 weeks, June-August 2006
'000

|  |  | Participation by intensity |  |  |  |  | Participation by frequency per week |  |  |  | Participation by session duration |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Extremely hard effort | Hard effort | Moderate effort | Light effort | $\begin{array}{r} \text { No } \\ \text { effort }^{1} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ | 3 to 4 | 1 to 2 | Less than once ${ }^{1}$ | minutes or more | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ \text { to } 60 \end{array}$ <br> minutes | minutes ${ }^{1}$ |
| State | 2,135.8 | 44.6 | 394.9 | 881.5 | 517.5 | 297.3 | 483.6 | 698.2 | 754.9 | 199.1 | 981.9 | 909.8 | 244.2 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1,034.0 | 34.6 | 251.7 | 396.4 | 205.4 | 145.9 | 189.3 | 321.8 | 417.1 | 105.8 | 629.9 | 316.2 | 87.9 |
| Female | 1,101.8 | 10.0 | 143.2 | 485.0 | 312.1 | 151.4 | 294.4 | 376.4 | 337.8 | 93.2 | 351.9 | 593.6 | 156.2 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 461.6 | 17.7 | 143.8 | 168.0 | 65.9 | 66.2 | 77.5 | 170.1 | 171.1 | 42.9 | 271.8 | 154.7 | 35.1 |
| 25-34 | 490.4 | 12.9 | 119.1 | 198.0 | 96.2 | 64.1 | 79.7 | 167.2 | 196.8 | 46.7 | 243.3 | 200.8 | 46.3 |
| 35-44 | 406.7 | 8.1 | 66.4 | 176.9 | 100.9 | 54.4 | 84.8 | 127.1 | 148.4 | 46.5 | 168.5 | 191.5 | 46.8 |
| 45-54 | 336.2 | 3.5 | 38.3 | 156.4 | 93.7 | 44.3 | 83.3 | 111.0 | 113.1 | 28.8 | 137.3 | 160.5 | 38.4 |
| 55-64 | 242.9 | 1.9 | 18.7 | 108.6 | 78.7 | 35.0 | 78.8 | 70.0 | 75.5 | 18.6 | 96.5 | 115.1 | 31.2 |
| $65+$ | 197.9 | 0.5 | 8.6 | 73.6 | 82.1 | 33.2 | 79.6 | 52.7 | 50.0 | 15.6 | 64.4 | 87.1 | 46.4 |

[^7]Table 5b Active Persons aged 15 years and over participating in any sport or physical exercise with session length 30 minutes or more classified by the intensity and frequency in the previous 4 weeks, June-August 2006
'000

| Frequency per week | Intensity of any sport or physical exercise with session length 30 minutes or more |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Extremely hard effort | Hard effort | Moderate effort | Light effort | $\begin{array}{r} \text { No } \\ \text { effort }^{1} \end{array}$ |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $5+$ | 8.1 | 35.6 | 67.4 | 36.3 | 19.8 | 167.2 |
| 3-4 | 14.1 | 99.2 | 120.8 | 49.5 | 25.6 | 309.3 |
| 1-2 | 10.9 | 103.1 | 165.2 | 75.5 | 44.2 | 399.0 |
| Less than once ${ }^{1}$ | * | 10.6 | 23.4 | 20.9 | 14.3 | 70.6 |
| Total males | 34.6 | 248.6 | 376.8 | 182.2 | 103.9 | 946.1 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $5+$ | 2.5 | 33.1 | 115.3 | 68.3 | 31.6 | 250.9 |
| 3-4 | 3.7 | 58.1 | 169.4 | 85.9 | 26.6 | 343.7 |
| 1-2 | 2.8 | 41.7 | 147.5 | 84.1 | 27.3 | 303.3 |
| Less than once ${ }^{1}$ |  | 4.4 | 18.9 | 16.4 | 7.4 | 47.7 |
| Total females | 9.5 | 137.2 | 451.1 | 254.8 | 92.9 | 945.5 |
| All persons |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $5+$ | 10.6 | 68.7 | 182.7 | 104.6 | 51.4 | 418.0 |
| 3-4 | 17.8 | 157.3 | 290.3 | 135.4 | 52.2 | 653.0 |
| 1-2 | 13.7 | 144.8 | 312.7 | 159.6 | 71.5 | 702.3 |
| Less than once ${ }^{1}$ | 2.0 | 15.0 | 42.3 | 37.3 | 21.7 | 118.3 |
| Total persons | 44.0 | 385.8 | 827.9 | 437.0 | 196.8 | 1,891.6 |

[^8]Table 6 Active persons aged 15 years and over classified by motivation to participate in sport or physical exercise in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^9]Table 7 Active persons aged 15 years and over classified by where they participated in their main sport or physical exercise most often in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^10]
## Background Notes

## Reference period

The questions on sport and physical exercise were included in the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) in the three months from June to August 2006.

Purpose of survey

Questionnaire

Grossing effect

Physical exercise and sport

## Participation type

Intensity of participation

While the primary purpose of the QNHS is to collect information on employment and unemployment, it also includes modules on social topics of interest.

The sport and physical exercise module was asked of all persons aged 15 years and over across four waves of the QNHS sample. The results in this release are based on the sport and physical exercise questionnaire, a copy of which is available on the CSO website www.cso.ie (additional web tables will be available at a later date).

The QNHS grossing procedure aligns the distribution of persons covered in the survey with independently determined population estimates at the level of sex, five-year age group and region.

Given the sport and physical exercise individual questions were asked to a sub-sample of the overall QNHS sample, the grossing factors applied in the derivation of the sport and physical exercise differ from those that were used in the preparation of the main QNHS estimates, and hence the overall populations do not necessarily match those presented in the main QNHS release.

This module only measured physical activity for the purpose of taking exercise, recreational pursuits or sports involvement. A twelve month measure was used and each activity was self-selected by respondents.

Type of participation was only asked in respect of the main sport or physical exercise of respondents.

This module divided intensity of effort, when participating in physical exercise or sport (in a four week period), into five categories as follows:

- No effort (no increase in breathing rate)
- Light effort (mild increase in breathing rate)
- Moderate effort (noticeable increase in breathing rate)
- Hard effort (heavy breathing, difficulty talking in full sentences)
- Extremely hard effort (gasping for breath, unable to talk at all).

Principal Economic Status Classification

The PES classification is based on a single question in which respondents are asked what is their usual situation with regard to employment and their responses are categorised as follows:

- At work
- Unemployed
- Student
- Engaged on home duties
- Retired
- Other

Health status was based on a self-perception question in the module.

Disability A disability or longstanding health problem refers to any of the following conditions (long lasting here relates to conditions affecting someone for at least 6 months or one which is likely to affect someone for at least 6 months):

- Blindness, deafness or a severe vision or hearing impairment
- A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting or carrying
- A learning or intellectual disability
- A psychological or emotional condition
- Other, including any chronic illness.

Urban or rural location The country is divided up into 8 strata based on population density. These areas are further classified into urban and rural areas as follows:

## Urban

- Cities
- Suburbs of cities
- Mixed urban or rural areas bordering on the suburbs of cities
- Towns and their environs with populations of 5,000 or over (large urban)
- Mixed urban or rural areas bordering on the environs of larger towns
- Towns and their environs with a population of 1,000 to 5,000 (other urban)


## Rural

- Mixed urban or rural areas
- Rural areas

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.

| Border, Midlands and <br> Western NUTS2 Region |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Border | Cavan <br> Donegal <br> Leitrim |
|  | Louth <br> Monaghan <br> Sligo |
| Midland | Laoighis <br> Longford <br> Offaly <br> Westmeath |
| West | Galway City <br> Galway County <br> Mayo <br> Roscommon |

## Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

| Dublin | Dublin |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Dun Laoighaire-Rathdown | Fingal South Dublin

Kildare
Meath
Wicklow
Clare
Limerick City
Limerick County
North Tipperary
Carlow
Kilkenny
South Tipperary
Waterford City
Waterford County
Wexford

South-West
Cork City
Cork County
Kerry

While the main purpose of the QNHS is the production of quarterly labour force estimates, there is also a provision for the collection of data on social topics through the inclusion of special survey modules. The selection of the major national modules undertaken to date has been largely based on the results of a canvass of users (over 100 organisations) that was conducted by the CSO in 1996 and most recently 2002. The results of the canvas are presented to the National Statistics Board and they are asked to indicate their priorities for the years ahead.

The schedule for social modules in any given year is based on the following structure:
Quarter 1 Annual modules update (Disability, Pensions, Childcare, Accidents and Illness), Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Survey
Quarter 2 EU module (always covered under EU legislation)
Quarter 3 National module
Quarter 4 National module
The table below outlines the social modules published to date in the QNHS

## Reference <br> Quarter

Q4 2006
Q3 2006
Q4 2005
Q4 2005
Q3 2005
Q3 2005
Q2 2005
Q1 2005
Q4 2004
Q3 2004
Q2 2004
Q2 2004
Q4 2003
Q3 2003
Q3 2003
Q2 2003
Q4 2002
Q3 2002
Q3 2002
Q2 2002
Q1 2002
Q3 2001
Q2 2001
Q4 2000
Q2 2000
Q1 2000
Q1 1999
Q4 1998
Q3 1998
Q3 1998

## Social <br> Module

Crime and victimisation
Sport and physical exercise
Pension Provision
Special Saving Incentive Accounts (SSIAs)
Recycling and energy conservation
ICT household survey
Educational attainment
Childcare
Equality
ICT household survey
Union Membership
Work organisation and working time
Crime and victimisation
Housing
ICT household survey
Life long learning
Childcare
Teleworking
Voter registration and participation
Disability in the labour force (Annual update Q1 2004)
Pension provision (Annual update Q1 2004 and Q1 2005)
Health
Length and pattern of working time
Home computing
Transition from school to working life
Travel to work
Recycling and energy conservation
Crime and victimisation
Home computing
Housing and households

Social modules yet to be published:

| Reference | Social |
| :--- | :--- |
| Quarter | Module |
| Q1 2005 | Annual update module |
| Q2 2005 | Reconciliation between work and family life |
| Q1 2006 | Annual update module |
| Q1 2006 | ICT household survey |
| Q2 2006 | Transition from work into retirement |
| Q3 2006 | Social capital |


[^0]:    © Central Statistics Office

[^1]:    For more information contact Brendan Curtin on 021-453 5577 or Tricia Brew on 021-453 5490.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Note multiple answers allowed.
    ${ }^{2}$ Excludes 'Don't know' and 'Not stated'.
    ${ }^{3}$ Includes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'.
    *Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Note multiple answers allowed.
    ${ }^{2}$ Excludes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'.
    ${ }^{3}$ Includes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'.

    * Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ Note multiple answers allowed.
    ${ }^{2}$ Excludes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'.
    ${ }^{3}$ Includes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'.

    * Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes 'Five-a-side soccer'.
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes 'Ladies football'.
    ${ }^{3}$ Includes 'Jogging' and 'Cross-country'.
    ${ }^{4}$ See Background Notes.
    ${ }^{5}$ Includes 'Don't know' and 'Not stated'.

    * Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

[^7]:    Includes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'

[^8]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'.

    * Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

[^9]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes 'Don't know' and 'Not stated'.
    ${ }^{2}$ See Background Notes.
    *Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes fitness, leisure and sports centres.
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes golf and G.A.A. clubs.
    ${ }^{3}$ Includes 'Don't know' and 'Not stated'.
    ${ }^{4}$ See Background Notes.
    Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

