

Population

In 2002, the Republic of Ireland represented 1% of the total population of the European Union (EU), whilst Northern Ireland accounted for 0.4%. Germany accounted for the largest share of the EU population (22%).

The Republic of Ireland and Spain had the highest average household size in the EU in 2001 (3 persons). Sweden had the smallest household size, with an average of 2 persons per household.

Health

In 1999, there were fewer hospital beds per 100,000 inhabitants in both the Republic of Ireland (485) and Northern Ireland (513) than the average for the EU (630).

The infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births for the EU in 2001 was 4.6, compared with 5.8 for the Republic of Ireland and 6.0 for Northern Ireland. The infant mortality rate was lowest in Finland and Sweden at 3.2 per 1,000 live births.

Employment

The total number of people in employment in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland represented approximately 1.5% of the EU total in 2001.

The annual average unemployment rate in the Republic of Ireland in 2001 was notably lower than that of the EU as a whole (3.8% and 7.3% respectively). At 6.2%, the annual average unemployment rate for Northern Ireland was also lower than the EU average.

Livestock

Of the total dairy cow stock in the European Union in 2000, the Republic of Ireland accounted for 5.7%, compared with 1.4% in Northern Ireland. The Republic of Ireland owned 1.4% of the total EU pig stock, whilst Northern Ireland accounted for 0.3%. The Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland accounted for similar proportions of the total EU poultry stock (1.1% and 1.2% respectively).

Transport

Between 1995 and 2000, the total length of motorway in Northern Ireland remained unchanged at 110km. Over the same period, the total length of motorway in the Republic of Ireland increased by 43% from 72km to 103km. This was the third highest increase in the EU after Greece (68%) and Portugal (116%).

In the EU as a whole, there were 469 passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants in 2000. This compares with 370 passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants in Northern Ireland and 343 in the Republic of Ireland.

Table 9.1 Total population at 1 January

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002
EU	358,475	363,763	371,341	376,482	378,037^P	379,601^P
Belgium	9,858	9,948	10,131	10,239	10,263	10,307 ^P
Denmark	5,111	5,135	5,216	5,330	5,349	5,368
Germany	77,709	79,113	81,539	82,164	82,260	82,431 ^P
Greece	9,920	10,121	10,443	10,554	10,565 ^P	10,598 ^P
Spain	38,353	38,826	39,197	39,733	40,122	40,409
France	55,157	56,577	57,753	58,749	59,037 ^P	59,344 ^P
Republic of Ireland	3,544	3,507	3,598	3,777	3,826^P	3,884^P
Italy	56,588	56,694	57,269	57,680	57,844	58,018 ^P
Luxembourg	366	379	407	436	441	446 ^P
Netherlands	14,454	14,893	15,424	15,864	15,987	16,100 ^P
Austria	7,574	7,690	8,040	8,103	8,121	8,140 ^P
Portugal	10,009	9,920	10,013	10,198	10,263	10,336 ^P
Finland	4,894	4,974	5,099	5,171	5,181	5,195
Sweden	8,343	8,527	8,816	8,861	8,883	8,909
United Kingdom	56,596	57,459	58,500	59,623	59,894 ^P	60,114 ^P
Northern Ireland¹	1,565	1,596	1,649	1,683	1,689	1,697

Sources Eurostat; Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

¹ Northern Ireland figures are estimates of the usually resident population of Northern Ireland at 30 June each year.

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Table 9.2 Marriages per 1,000 people

	<i>Rates</i>					
	1985	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001
EU	5.8	6.0	5.2	5.1^p	5.1^p	..
Belgium	5.8	6.5	5.1	4.3	4.4	4.1 ^p
Denmark	5.7	6.1	6.6	6.7	7.2	6.6
Germany	6.4	6.5	5.3	5.3	5.1	4.7 ^p
Greece	6.4	5.8	6.1	5.8	4.3 ^p	5.4 ^p
Spain	5.2	5.7	5.1	5.3 ^p	5.3	5.2 ^p
France	4.9	5.1	4.4	4.9 ^p	5.2 ^p	5.1 ^p
Republic of Ireland	5.3	5.1	4.3	4.9	5.0^p	5.0^p
Italy	5.3	5.6	5.1	4.8	4.9	..
Luxembourg	5.4	6.1	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.5 ^p
Netherlands	5.7	6.4	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.1 ^p
Austria	5.9	5.9	5.3	4.9	4.8	4.2 ^p
Portugal	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.8 ^p	6.2	5.7 ^p
Finland	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.1	4.8
Sweden	4.6	4.7	3.8	4.0	4.5	4.0
United Kingdom	6.9	6.5	5.5	5.1	5.1 ^p	..
Northern Ireland	6.6	6.0	5.2	4.5	4.5	4.3

Sources Eurostat; Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

Table 9.3 Average number of persons per private household

	<i>Numbers</i>					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
EU	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Belgium	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Denmark	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Germany	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Greece	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Spain	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0
France	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Republic of Ireland	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Italy	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6
Luxembourg	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
Netherlands	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Austria	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
Portugal	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9
Finland	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1 ^p
Sweden	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
United Kingdom	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Northern Ireland¹	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7

Sources Eurostat; Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

¹ Northern Ireland data refers to the financial year.

Table 9.4 Hospital beds per 100,000 inhabitants

	<i>Rates</i>					
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
EU	702	..	..	..	..	630
Belgium	764	744	734	729	722	716
Denmark	504	494	475	465	455	440
Germany	972	970	958	938	929	920
Greece	498	500	503	500	499	489
Spain	402	395	391	423	417	413
France	906	890	872	853	850	834
Republic of Ireland¹	532	524	510	491	479	469
Italy	654	622	650	582	549	487
Luxembourg	1,108	..	..	..	..	562
Netherlands	535	523	517	514	504	497
Austria	761	755	746	737	724	878
Portugal	507	504	510	481	495	480
Finland	811	804	803	791	778	761
Sweden	654	609	560	522	380	374
United Kingdom	486	468	451	436	425	413
Northern Ireland²	633	612	571	540	526	513

Sources Eurostat; Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; Department of Health and Children

¹ ROI figures were provided by the Department of Health and Children

² NI data refers to the financial year.

Figure 9.1 Hospital beds per 100,000 inhabitants, 1999

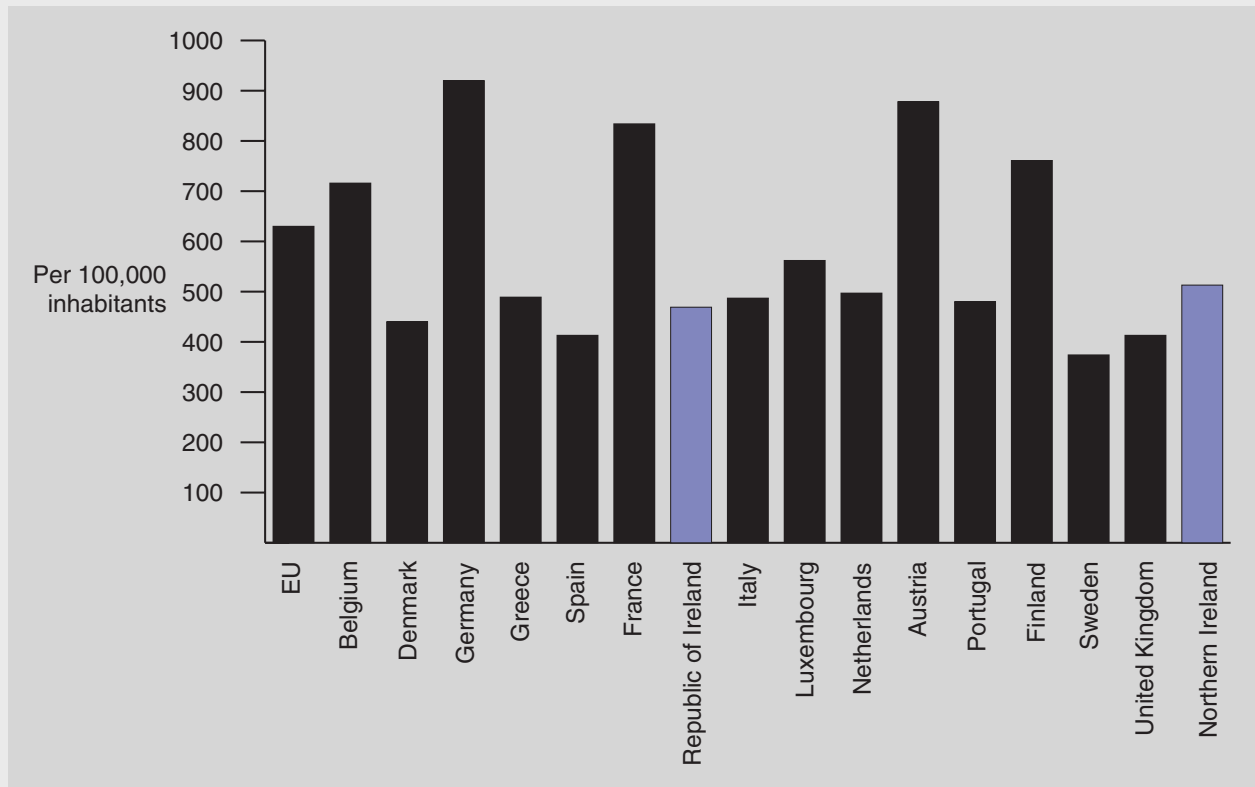


Table 9.5 Infant mortality per 1,000 live births

	<i>Rates</i>					
	1985	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001
EU	9.5	7.6	5.6^p	..	4.7^p	4.6^p
Belgium	9.8	8.0	6.1 ^p	4.9	4.8 ^p	5.0 ^p
Denmark	7.9	7.5	5.1	..	5.3	4.9
Germany	9.1	7.0	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.5 ^p
Greece	14.1	9.7	8.1	6.2	6.1 ^p	5.9 ^p
Spain	8.9	7.6	5.5	4.5 ^p	3.9 ^p	3.9 ^p
France	8.3	7.3	4.9	4.3 ^p	4.6 ^p	4.6 ^p
Republic of Ireland	8.8	8.2	6.3	5.5	5.9^p	5.8^p
Italy	10.5	8.2	6.2	..	4.5	4.3 ^p
Luxembourg	9.0	7.3	5.5	4.6	5.1	5.9
Netherlands	8.0	7.1	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.3 ^p
Austria	11.2	7.8	5.4	4.4	4.8	4.8
Portugal	17.8	11.0	7.5	5.6	5.5	5.0
Finland	6.3	5.6	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.2
Sweden	6.8	6.0	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.2
United Kingdom	9.3	7.9	6.2	5.8	5.6 ^p	5.5 ^p
Northern Ireland	9.6	7.5	7.1	6.4	5.0	6.0

Sources Eurostat; Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

Table 9.6 Students in tertiary education

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
EU	11,790	11,934	12,266	12,329^p	12,438	12,563
Belgium	353	358	361	357 ^p	352	356
Denmark	170	167	180	183	190	189
Germany	2,156	2,144	2,132	2,098	2,087	2,055
Greece	296	329	363	374	388	422
Spain	1,527	1,592	1,684	1,746	1,787	1,829
France	2,073	2,092	2,063	2,027	2,012	2,015
Republic of Ireland	122	128	135	143	151	161
Italy	1,792	1,775	1,893	1,869	1,797	1,770
Luxembourg	..	2	2	2	3	2
Netherlands	503	492	469	461	470	488
Austria	234	239	241	248	253	261
Portugal	301	320	351	352	357	374
Finland	205	214	226	250	263	270
Sweden	246	261	275	281	335	347
United Kingdom	1,813	1,821	1,891	1,938	1,994	2,024
Northern Ireland¹	56	59	64	64	66	68

Sources Eurostat; Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

¹ NI figures include NI domiciled students enrolled on higher education courses in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Excludes those students enrolled on vocational further education courses in Northern Ireland.

Table 9.7 Persons in employment - annual average

	<i>Thousands</i>					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
EU	156,051	157,509	160,188	162,813	165,792	167,851
Belgium	3,729	3,757	3,802	3,856	3,918	3,965
Denmark	2,628	2,659	2,704	2,745	2,765	2,771
Germany	37,270	37,208	37,611	38,081	38,706	38,773
Greece	3,805	3,784	3,940	3,910	3,898	3,894
Spain	13,745	14,147	14,653	15,161	15,633	16,026
France	22,839	22,922	23,290	23,719	24,292	24,788
Republic of Ireland	1,331	1,405	1,526	1,617	1,693	1,743
Italy	22,130	22,215	22,448	22,701	23,129	23,505
Luxembourg	220	227	236	248	262	277
Netherlands	7,309	7,541	7,741	7,938	8,122	8,291
Austria	3,902	3,924	3,950	3,999	4,019	4,028
Portugal	4,538	4,615	4,739	4,818	4,914	4,994
Finland	2,072	2,139	2,184	2,243	2,285	2,313
Sweden	4,065	4,022	4,071	4,161	4,247	4,326
United Kingdom	26,470	26,945	27,295	27,616	27,910	28,160
Northern Ireland¹	657	685	686	693	680	708

Sources Eurostat; Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

¹ Northern Ireland data refers to the period March-May of each year.

Table 9.8 Total unemployment rate - annual average

	<i>Percentages</i>					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
EU	10.2	10.0	9.4	8.7	7.8	7.3
Belgium	9.5	9.2	9.3	8.6	6.9	6.6
Denmark	6.3	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.3
Germany	8.7	9.7	9.1	8.4	7.8	7.7
Greece	9.6	9.8	10.9	11.9	11.1	10.5
Spain	18.1	17.0	15.2	12.8	11.3	10.6
France	11.9	11.8	11.4	10.7	9.3	8.5
Republic of Ireland	11.7	9.9	7.5	5.6	4.2	3.8
Italy	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.3	10.4	9.4
Luxembourg	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.0
Netherlands	6.0	4.9	3.8	3.2	2.8	2.4
Austria	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.9	3.7	3.6
Portugal	7.3	6.8	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.1
Finland	14.6	12.7	11.4	10.2	9.8	9.1
Sweden	9.6	9.9	8.3	7.1	5.8	4.9
United Kingdom	8.0	6.9	6.2	5.8	5.4	5.0
Northern Ireland¹	9.9	7.9	7.5	7.3	7.0	6.2

Sources Eurostat; Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

¹ Northern Ireland data refers to the period March-May of each year.

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Figure 9.2 Total unemployment rate – annual average, 2001

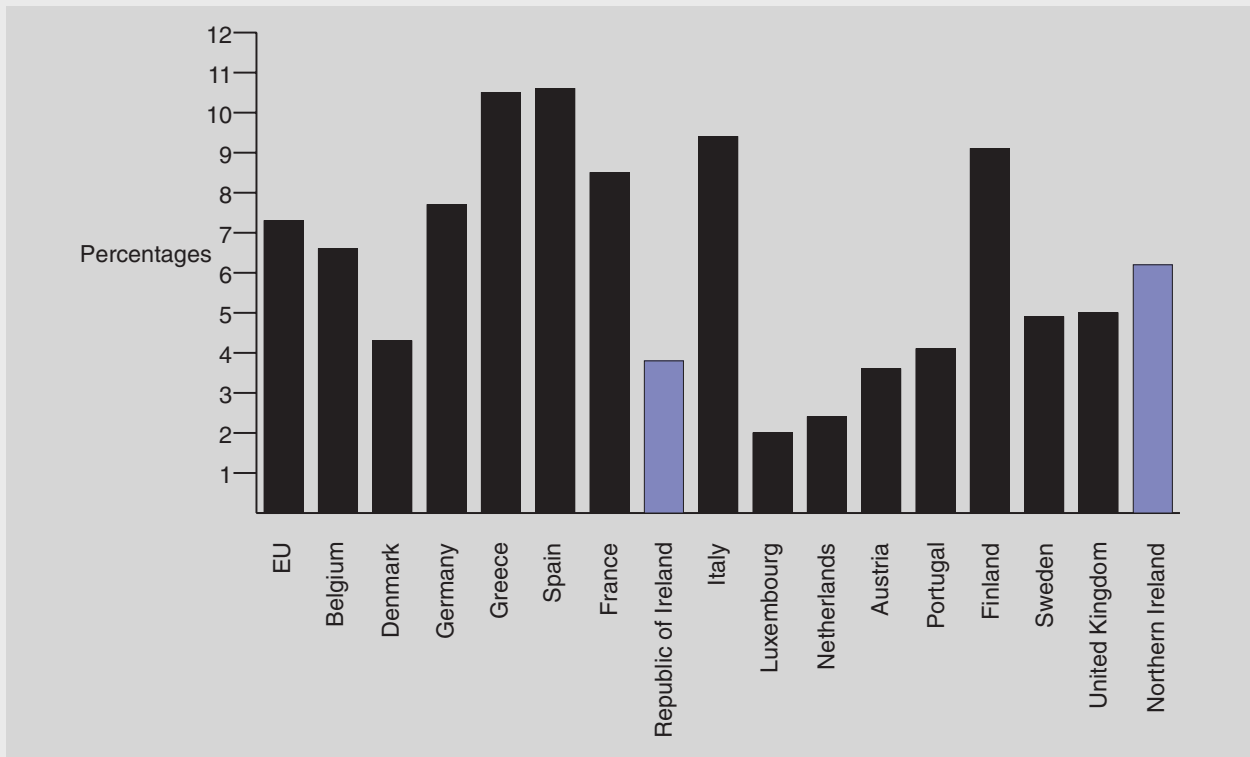


Table 9.9a Livestock numbers - dairy cows

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	1990	1993	1995	1997	2000
EU	..	..	22,535	21,983	20,579
Belgium	842	698	688	633	616
Denmark	762	714	702	670	640
Germany	6,058	5,324	5,217	5,149	4,765
Greece	205	171	184	148	154
Spain	1,598	1,404	1,357	1,339	1,242
France	5,304	4,698	4,624	4,411	4,193
Republic of Ireland	1,331	1,343	1,312	1,316	1,177
Italy	2,642	2,298	2,173	2,179	1,895
Luxembourg	61	50	49	46	45
Netherlands	1,878	1,747	1,708	1,643	1,650
Austria	..	..	706	730	697
Portugal	406	372	382	381	356
Finland	..	..	396	392	364
Sweden	..	..	481	468	449
United Kingdom	2,845	2,661	2,555	2,476	2,335
Northern Ireland	278	269	272	279	284

Sources Eurostat; Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Table 9.9b Livestock numbers - pigs

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	1990	1993	1995	1997	2000
EU	..	..	111,963	115,751	122,626
Belgium	6,657	7,122	7,241	7,313	7,369
Denmark	9,197	11,568	11,084	11,383	11,626
Germany	27,354	26,040	24,298	23,719	26,101
Greece	934	808	848	877	969
Spain	11,841	13,064	12,700	14,226	22,015
France	12,203	13,929	14,162	15,080	14,870
Republic of Ireland	1,304	1,570	1,501	1,700	1,722
Italy	8,392	8,396	8,061	8,293	8,603
Luxembourg	77	72	73	77	86
Netherlands	13,846	14,964	14,397	15,189	13,567
Austria	..	..	3,695	3,670	3,425
Portugal	2,439	2,618	2,368	2,419	2,418
Finland	..	..	1,400	1,476	1,296
Sweden	..	..	2,313	2,359	2,115
United Kingdom	7,550	7,763	7,823	7,969	6,443
Northern Ireland	591	594	564	697	414

Sources Eurostat; Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Table 9.9c Livestock numbers - poultry

	<i>Millions</i>				
	1990	1993	1995	1997	2000
EU	..	..	1,013	1,035	1,234
Belgium	27	29	33	38	41
Denmark	16	20	20	19	21
Germany	98	86	96	99	118
Greece	34	32	27	35	39
Spain	118	104	109	100	181
France	245	264	281	277	289
Republic of Ireland	12	13	12	14	14
Italy	172	150	138	133	171
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	95	98	92	96	108
Austria	..	..	14	15	14
Portugal	31	33	30	32	43
Finland	..	..	10	11	13
Sweden	..	..	13	13	14
United Kingdom	138	145	138	153	168
Northern Ireland	10	13	16	16	15

Sources Eurostat; Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Table 9.10 Total length of motorways

	<i>Kilometres</i>					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
EU	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belgium	1,666	1,674	1,679	1,682	1,691	1,702
Denmark	796	832	855	873	902	922
Germany	11,190	11,246	11,309	11,427	11,515	11,712
Greece	420	470	500 ^p	500 ^p	500	707
Spain	6,962	7,295	7,750	8,269	8,893	9,049
France	8,275	8,596	8,864	9,303	9,626	9,766
Republic of Ireland	72	80	94	103	103	103
Italy	6,435	6,465	6,469	6,478	6,478	6,478
Luxembourg	123	115	118	115	115	115
Netherlands	2,208	2,208	2,336	2,225	2,291	2,289
Austria	1,596	1,607	1,613	1,613	1,634	1,633
Portugal	687	710	797	1,252	1,441	1,482
Finland	394	431	444	473	512	549
Sweden	1,262	1,350	1,423	1,439	1,484	1,506
United Kingdom	3,307	3,344	3,412	3,421	3,529	3,546
Northern Ireland	110	110	110	110	110	110

Sources Eurostat; Department for Regional Development

Table 9.11 Passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants

	<i>Rates</i>					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
EU	425	434	441	450	461	469
Belgium	422	427	434	440	449	458
Denmark	319	331	337	343	346	347
Germany	495	500	504	508	516	521
Greece	211	223	238	254	275	304
Spain	362	376	389	408	427	442
France	422	428	436	446	456	463
Republic of Ireland	265	272	310	310	339	343
Italy	529	531	535	548	556	563
Luxembourg	559	558	562	594	609	623
Netherlands	364	370	378	382	401	411
Austria	447	458	469	481	495	506
Portugal	258	277	292	311	330	350
Finland	372	379	379	392	403	413
Sweden	411	413	419	428	439	451
United Kingdom ¹	374	388	398	403	414	419
Northern Ireland	317	329	349	353	367	370

Sources Eurostat; Department for Regional Development

¹ Figures for the UK refer to Great Britain only.

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Figure 9.3 Passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants, 2000

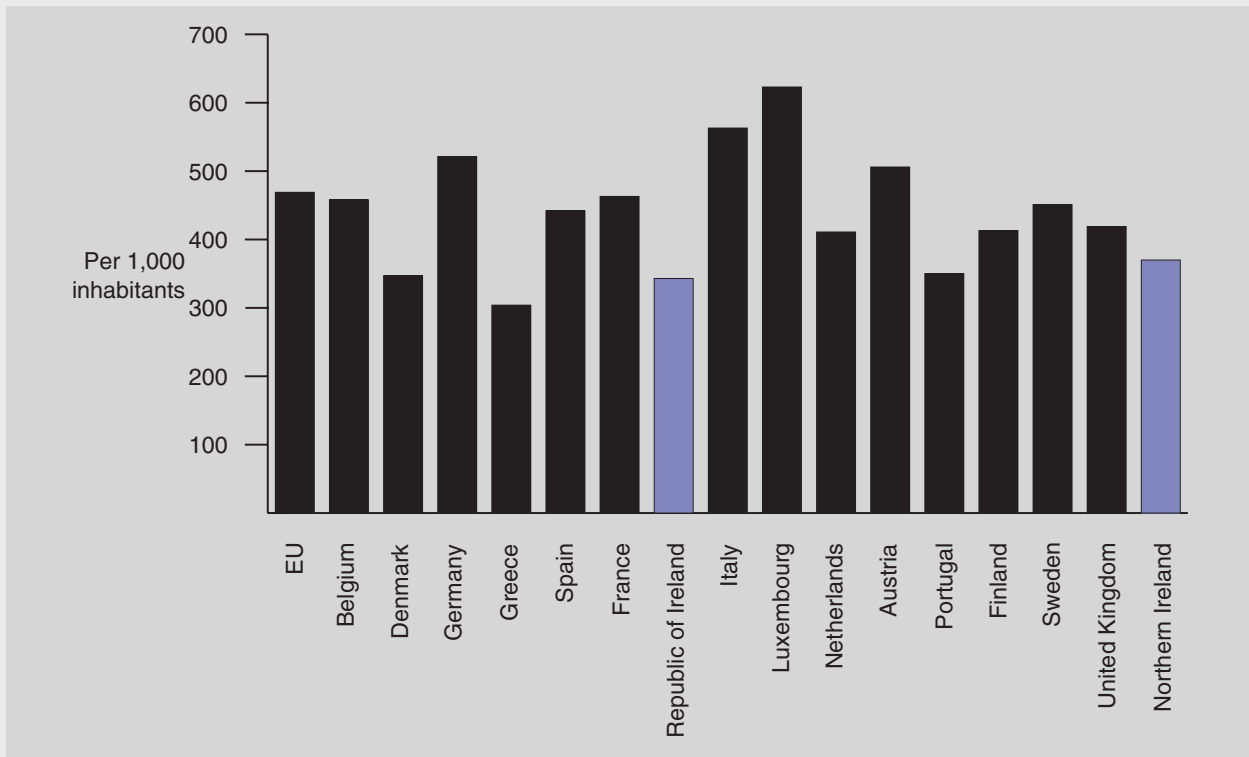


Table 9.12 Gross domestic product at market prices, 2000

	<i>Millions ECU/EUR</i>
	2000
EU	8,552,861
Belgium	247,469
Denmark	173,889
Germany	2,030,000
Greece	123,121
Spain	609,319
France	1,416,877
Republic of Ireland	102,910
Italy	1,164,767
Luxembourg	20,815
Netherlands	402,599
Austria	207,037
Portugal	115,042
Finland	131,145
Sweden	248,479
United Kingdom	1,559,392
Northern Ireland	34,352

Source Eurostat

Technical Notes

Tables 9.1 to 9.12

Eurostat is the statistical office of the European Communities. The data appearing in this chapter are taken from the Eurostat Yearbook 2003, which is a compendia publication providing EU level statistics on topics such as population, economy and ecology. The Yearbook presents UK level data, however this is not broken down to NI level. For this reason, the NI information within the chapter has been provided independently from the relevant NI departments.

Table 9.4

ROI data on available hospital beds refer to in-patient beds in publicly funded acute, district and psychiatric hospitals. Day beds and beds in private hospitals are not included.

NI data on available hospital beds is collected on a quarterly basis and relates to all programmes of care. Average available beds is the number of beds available during the year which are open at midnight and does not include beds reserved for day case admission or regular day admission. Population figures used to calculate the rate are figures for the NI civilian population.

Figures for Germany, Netherlands and Portugal do not include nursing homes and day care beds, whilst Spain partially includes these. Greece and Italy do not include beds in military hospitals. Ireland, Sweden and the UK only include beds in public hospitals. UK figures are Eurostat estimates.

Table 9.6

Figures for Germany do not include ISCED (International Standard Classification of Education) level 6 which includes tertiary studies that lead to an advanced research qualification (Ph.D or doctorate). In Luxembourg, most students study abroad. Since 1998/99, data for Sweden refer to the academic year, where previously it referred to the autumn term.

Tables 9.9a, 9.9b, 9.9c

Livestock numbers are obtained from the Farm Structure Survey which is carried out about every two years in the EU. The figures for 1990 are taken from the 1989/90 survey whilst 2000 figures are taken from the 1999/2000 survey.

Table 9.10

The length of motorway in Northern Ireland does not include slip roads.

Table 9.12

Under ESA95, the term Gross Domestic Product (GDP) denotes Gross Value Added (GVA) plus taxes (less subsidies) on products. The market price of a good or service is the price paid by the purchaser.

