

Foreword

This report presents the first results of the 2016 census which was held on the 24th April last year. It covers overall population change, age, marital status, households and families, as well as first results on nationality, foreign languages, the Irish language, religion and housing. The second summary report, Census 2016 Summary Results - Part 2, (coming in June), will look at the remaining census topics such as employment, industries, occupations, education and skills and health related topics.

Detailed thematic profiles

These two summary reports will be accompanied by eleven thematic Profile reports, published electronically, which will explore different topics in more depth. For example Profile 1 will cover Housing in Ireland and include new analysis and understanding of vacant dwellings; Profile 2 will look at population distribution and movements, while Profile 5 will cover Homeless Persons in Ireland. By examining the census results in more depth, topic by topic, it is hoped to get behind the headline figures and provide a comprehensive picture of the demographic and socio-economic profile of Ireland in April 2016. A complete list of all reports due to be published, along with their planned publication dates, can be found on page 101.

Web tables

All the data published in these reports will be available on the CSO web site (at www.cso.ie/census) where users will be able to build and download tables in an easy to use format for their own analysis.

Small area data

Small area data is an important output from the census and in July we will be bringing you a complete set of tables for different layers of geography, including some 18,500 Small Areas, 3,409 Electoral Divisions, and 40 Constituencies.

Interactive maps

While comprehensive results for each geographic area will be published on the CSO web site the All Ireland Research Observatory (AIRO) will, in cooperation with the CSO, present census data in the form of thematic maps (looking at a single theme for all areas) for various geographic layers, to be released concurrently with each publication.

Our aim is to bring census data alive in a fresh and exciting way, making it easy to understand and readily accessible for you our users. Just follow the census link from the web site.



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