

Population

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Introduction

This chapter contains a representative selection of tables on the population of the State. The figures are taken from Censuses of Population carried out since 1841. The tables selected give an insight into the historical evolution of the population, the factors affecting population change, the distribution of the population by geographic area and by the main demographic characteristics i.e. age, sex and marital status. The importance of migration in Irish population dynamics is underscored by the selection of tables dealing with place of birth and place of usual residence one year before the census. Religion and the Irish language are also covered.

Historical data for the period up to and including 2002 are taken from the various censuses and registrations of births and deaths. As yet, only preliminary counts of the population by area and sex are available from the 2002 Census. Therefore, detailed figures for recent years are taken from the annual series of population and migration estimates.

The first major census, using a household form, was the so-called Great Census of 1841. Censuses were subsequently taken at ten-year intervals up to 1911. The first census following the formation of the State was undertaken in 1926. This was followed by censuses in 1936 and 1946. Commencing with 1951, censuses have been taken every five years. The census planned for 1976 was cancelled at a late stage as a Government economy measure. However, the need for up-to-date population figures resulted in a census being specially undertaken in 1979 with a restricted number of questions. This was followed by a full census in 1981, and a resumption of censuses at five-year intervals up to 1996. The census planned for April 2001 was postponed until April 2002 due to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

Historic population trends

The population of the area comprising the Republic of Ireland was over 6.5 million as measured by the 1841 Census of Population. The deaths which resulted from the famine of 1846/47 and the large scale emigration which followed in its wake and which continued throughout the second half of the 19th century culminated in a halving of the population by 1901. Further population declines followed between 1901 and 1926, albeit at a lower level than previously. The population stabilised at around 2.9 million for over a quarter of a century before reaching its low point of 2.8 million as determined by the 1961 Census. Apart from the decline experienced in the late nineteen eighties, the direction of population change has since been positive.

With 36.7 per cent, Munster had the largest population share in 1841 followed by Leinster (30.2%). Leinster's share gradually began to increase and surpassed that of Munster by 1891. Its share continued to increase further and by 1971 it accounted for over half of the total population of the State. Munster's share of the total population has declined from 36.7 per cent in 1841 to 28.1 per cent in 2002. The decline in the share of Connacht and Ulster (part) has been even more acute, the 2002 levels being 11.8 per cent and 6.3 per cent respectively.

Factors affecting population change

The census figures relate to the number of persons present in the State on census night. The change in population between successive censuses reflects the effect of births and deaths and of movements of persons into and out of the State during the relevant period. As the number of births and deaths is known from the vital statistics registration system, it is possible to determine net migration (the difference between inward and outward migration) as a residual figure. Because of differing lengths, it is best to express the figures for intercensal periods as annual averages.

In the period from 1926 to 1951, gains due to natural increase were counterbalanced by losses due to net emigration, resulting in little change to the overall population totals. The heavy losses due to high net emigration during the 1950s resulted in an average annual fall in population

of around 14,000 during that decade and culminated in the population low point of 2.8 million in 1961. The population has increased in every intercensal period since then, apart from 1986-1991 when a fairly modest decline was experienced. The increases were most pronounced during the 1971-1979 and 1996-2002 intercensal periods when annual increases averaged around 48,000. Natural increase accounted for 72 per cent of the population increase in the 1971-1979 intercensal period, whereas from 1996 to 2002, net immigration accounted for over half of the increase.

Population by age and sex

The increase in births during the 1960s and 1970s is reflected in the number of very young persons (i.e. those aged 0-4) reaching a peak of 353,000 in 1981. This figure declined to just over a quarter of a million according to the 1996 Census. Even though the fertility rate of women aged 20-39 declined in the 1970s, the increase of 37 per cent in their numbers during this period ensured an increase in the number of births.

While the number of old persons (those aged 65 years and over) increased by just over a quarter between 1971 and 1996, their share of the population is still at a fairly low level (11.4%) when compared with international levels.

Population figures for the period since 1996 show continued annual growth of around 1.3 per cent. The preliminary total for the population from the 2002 Census is 3.92 million.

The number of males in the population exceeded the number of females by 13,300 in 1971. The 1986 Census witnessed a small female surplus which has since strengthened. By 2002, females outnumbered males by 27,000.

Migration and birthplace

According to the 1996 Census, 93 per cent of persons usually resident in the State were born there. Of these nearly four out of five live in the county in which they were born. Close to 40,000 Northern Ireland born persons were usual residents of the State in 1996. A further 151,000 were born in Britain.

Just over 40,000 persons immigrated into the State in the twelve months leading up to census day in 1996. Of these, 45 per cent were Irish born.

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Please note that the table on Travellers refers to the sub-group of Travellers identified by census enumerators during the fieldwork phase of the 1996 Census of Population. They lived mainly, though not exclusively, in halting sites, encampments, mobile homes and caravans. The figures do not purport to represent the totality of the Traveller Community living in the State at that time.

Table 1.1 Population by province, 1841-2002

Thousands

Census year	Total	Leinster	Munster	Connacht	Ulster (part)
1841	6,528.8	1,973.7	2,396.2	1,418.9	740.0
1851	5,111.6	1,672.7	1,857.7	1,010.0	571.1
1861	4,402.1	1,457.6	1,513.6	913.1	517.8
1871	4,053.2	1,339.5	1,393.5	846.2	474.0
1881	3,870.0	1,279.0	1,331.1	821.7	438.3
1891	3,468.7	1,187.8	1,172.4	724.8	383.8
1901	3,221.8	1,152.8	1,076.2	646.9	345.9
1911	3,139.7	1,162.0	1,035.5	611.0	331.2
1926	2,972.0	1,149.1	969.9	552.9	300.1
1936	2,968.4	1,220.4	942.3	525.5	280.3
1946	2,955.1	1,281.1	917.3	492.8	263.9
1951	2,960.6	1,336.6	898.9	471.9	253.3
1956	2,898.3	1,338.9	877.2	446.2	235.9
1961	2,818.3	1,332.1	849.2	419.5	217.5
1966	2,884.0	1,414.4	859.3	402.0	208.3
1971	2,978.2	1,498.1	882.0	390.9	207.2
1979	3,368.2	1,743.9	979.8	418.5	226.0
1981	3,443.4	1,790.5	998.3	424.4	230.2
1986	3,540.6	1,852.6	1,020.6	431.4	236.0
1991	3,525.7	1,860.9	1,009.5	423.0	232.2
1996	3,626.1	1,924.7	1,033.9	433.2	234.3
2002	3,917.3	2,105.4	1,101.3	464.1	246.6

Source: CSO

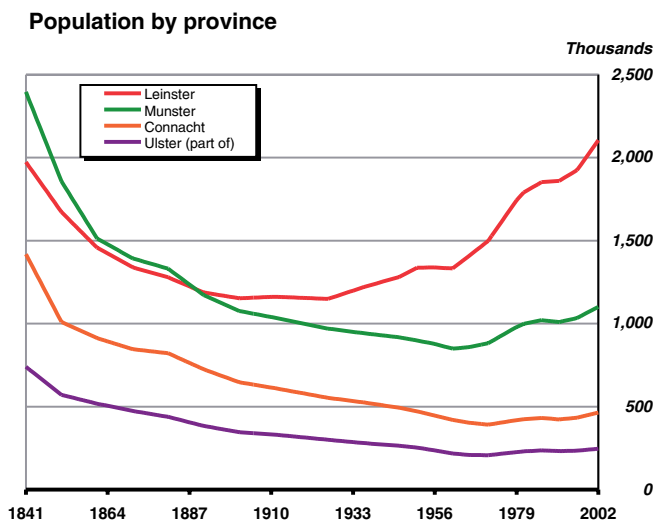


Table 1.2 Average annual births, deaths, natural increase and estimated net migration for each intercensal period, 1926-2002

Thousands

Period	Total births	Total deaths	Natural increase	Change in population	Estimated net migration
1926-1936	58	42	16	0	-17
1936-1946	60	43	17	-1	-19
1946-1951	66	40	26	1	-24
1951-1956	63	36	27	-12	-39
1956-1961	61	34	26	-16	-42
1961-1966	63	33	29	13	-16
1966-1971	63	33	30	19	-11
1971-1979	69	33	35	49	14
1979-1981	73	33	40	38	-3
1981-1986	67	33	34	19	-14
1986-1991	56	32	24	-3	-27
1991-1996	50	31	18	20	2
1996-2002	54	31	23	49	26

Source: CSO

Components of population changes, 1926-2002

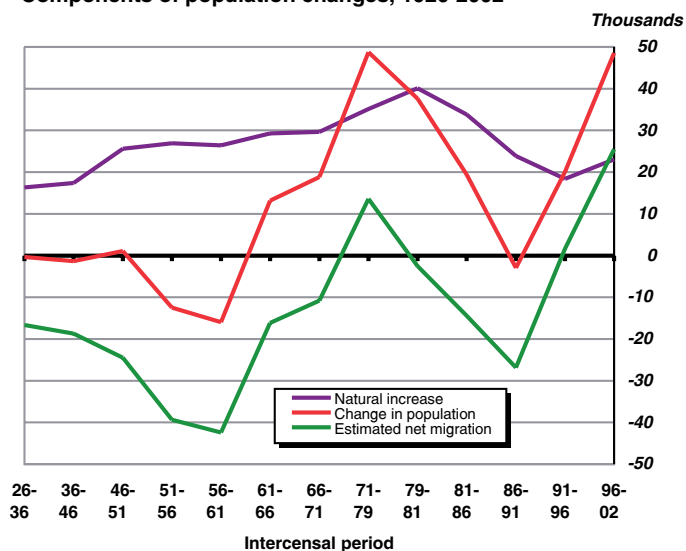


Table 1.3 Population by province, county and city, 2002

Province, county or city	Persons	Males	Females	Change in population 1996-2002	
				Actual	%
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	
Leinster	2,105.4	1,037.5	1,067.9	180.7	9.4
Carlow	45.8	23.3	22.5	4.2	10.2
Dublin	1,122.6	543.8	578.8	64.3	6.1
<i>Dublin City</i>	<i>495.1</i>	<i>237.3</i>	<i>257.8</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>2.7</i>
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	<i>191.4</i>	<i>91.1</i>	<i>100.3</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<i>Fingal</i>	<i>196.2</i>	<i>97.4</i>	<i>98.9</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>17.0</i>
<i>South Dublin</i>	<i>239.9</i>	<i>117.9</i>	<i>121.9</i>	<i>21.2</i>	<i>9.7</i>
Kildare	164.0	82.8	81.2	29.0	21.5
Kilkenny	80.4	40.5	39.9	5.1	6.7
Laoighis	58.7	30.1	28.6	5.8	10.9
Longford	31.1	15.8	15.4	1.0	3.2
Louth	101.8	50.4	51.4	9.6	10.5
Meath	133.9	67.7	66.3	24.2	22.1
Offaly	63.7	32.2	31.5	4.6	7.8
Westmeath	72.0	36.0	36.0	8.7	13.8
Wexford	116.5	58.2	58.3	12.2	11.7
Wicklow	114.7	56.8	57.9	12.0	11.7
Munster	1,101.3	550.2	551.1	67.4	6.5
Clare	103.3	52.0	51.3	9.3	9.9
Cork	448.2	222.4	225.8	27.7	6.6
<i>Cork City</i>	<i>123.3</i>	<i>59.4</i>	<i>64.0</i>	<i>-3.8</i>	<i>-3.0</i>
<i>Cork County</i>	<i>324.8</i>	<i>163.0</i>	<i>161.8</i>	<i>31.5</i>	<i>10.7</i>
Kerry	132.4	66.5	65.9	6.3	5.0
Limerick	175.5	87.7	87.9	10.5	6.4
<i>Limerick City</i>	<i>54.1</i>	<i>26.1</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>3.9</i>
<i>Limerick County</i>	<i>121.5</i>	<i>61.6</i>	<i>59.9</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>7.5</i>
Tipperary North	61.1	30.9	30.2	3.0	5.3
Tipperary South	79.2	40.0	39.2	3.7	4.9
Waterford	101.5	50.6	50.9	6.8	7.2
<i>Waterford City</i>	<i>44.6</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>4.8</i>
<i>Waterford County</i>	<i>57.0</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>28.1</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>9.2</i>
Connacht	464.1	232.8	231.3	30.8	7.1
Galway	208.8	104.1	104.7	20.0	10.6
<i>Galway City</i>	<i>65.8</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>34.8</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>14.9</i>
<i>Galway County</i>	<i>143.1</i>	<i>73.2</i>	<i>69.9</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>8.7</i>
Leitrim	25.8	13.3	12.5	0.8	3.0
Mayo	117.4	59.1	58.4	5.9	5.3
Roscommon	53.8	27.6	26.2	1.8	3.5
Sligo	58.2	28.7	29.4	2.4	4.2
Ulster (part)	246.6	124.7	121.9	12.3	5.3
Cavan	56.4	28.9	27.5	3.5	6.6
Donegal	137.4	68.9	68.5	7.4	5.7
Monaghan	52.8	26.8	25.9	1.5	2.8
TOTAL	3,917.3	1,945.2	1,972.1	291.2	8.0

Source: CSO

Table 1.4 Population by sex and age group for census years
Thousands

		1971	1979	1981	1986	1991	1996	
Persons	0-4	315.7	343.5	353.0	324.1	273.7	250.4	
	5-9	316.9	350.1	349.5	350.7	318.5	282.9	
	10-14	298.6	336.3	341.2	350.0	348.3	326.1	
	15-19	267.7	317.4	326.4	331.1	335.0	339.5	
	20-24	215.3	266.3	276.1	286.4	266.6	293.4	
	25-29	173.0	239.4	246.1	258.4	246.3	259.0	
	30-34	151.4	220.1	232.0	242.7	249.1	260.9	
	35-39	149.1	178.5	193.8	229.7	237.9	255.7	
	40-44	152.7	159.4	165.9	191.8	225.7	240.4	
	45-49	160.1	152.4	151.9	161.7	187.8	225.4	
	50-54	159.1	151.7	149.7	147.5	156.8	186.6	
	55-59	154.8	154.1	149.6	142.2	142.5	153.8	
	60-64	134.1	137.7	139.3	140.0	134.6	137.9	
	65-69	111.8	133.8	133.9	129.5	130.8	126.8	
	70-74	99.0	98.3	103.1	111.0	109.3	112.5	
	75-79	61.8	68.9	68.5	75.5	84.1	84.1	
	80-84	36.4	38.0	40.5	42.9	49.3	55.8	
	85 and over	20.9	22.5	23.0	25.5	29.4	34.7	
	TOTAL		2,978.2	3,368.2	3,443.4	3,540.6	3,525.7	3,626.1
	Males	0-4	161.8	175.6	181.0	166.4	140.6	128.7
5-9		161.8	179.1	179.1	179.8	163.3	145.3	
10-14		152.1	172.3	175.3	179.4	178.9	167.4	
15-19		136.8	162.3	166.7	169.9	171.4	174.0	
20-24		110.0	135.8	140.4	144.1	136.5	149.1	
25-29		87.7	121.6	124.4	129.1	120.7	129.4	
30-34		76.8	112.7	118.3	122.2	123.2	127.7	
35-39		75.5	91.8	99.3	116.4	118.7	126.1	
40-44		76.4	81.8	85.3	98.0	113.9	120.1	
45-49		79.5	77.8	77.8	82.8	95.4	113.8	
50-54		80.0	75.6	75.3	75.2	79.9	94.8	
55-59		78.4	76.1	73.3	70.5	71.7	77.8	
60-64		68.1	67.8	68.0	67.2	65.6	68.7	
65-69		54.5	65.0	64.3	61.1	61.0	60.3	
70-74		44.6	45.8	48.4	50.9	49.2	50.1	
75-79		27.8	29.1	29.2	32.6	35.7	35.2	
80-84		15.7	14.9	15.4	16.1	19.0	21.1	
85 and over		8.1	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.9	10.6	
Total			1,495.8	1,693.3	1,729.4	1,769.7	1,753.4	1,800.2
Females		0-4	153.8	167.8	172.0	157.7	133.2	121.7
	5-9	155.1	171.1	170.4	170.8	155.2	137.6	
	10-14	146.4	164.0	166.0	170.6	169.4	158.7	
	15-19	131.0	155.1	159.8	161.2	163.6	165.6	
	20-24	105.3	130.5	135.7	142.3	130.1	144.2	
	25-29	85.3	117.8	121.7	129.4	125.7	129.7	
	30-34	74.5	107.4	113.7	120.5	125.9	133.2	
	35-39	73.6	86.7	94.5	113.3	119.2	129.5	
	40-44	76.3	77.6	80.6	93.8	111.8	120.4	
	45-49	80.6	74.7	74.1	79.0	92.3	111.6	
	50-54	79.0	76.1	74.4	72.4	76.9	91.8	
	55-59	76.4	77.9	76.3	71.7	70.9	76.0	
	60-64	65.9	69.9	71.3	72.8	69.0	69.3	
	65-69	57.3	68.8	69.6	68.4	69.8	66.6	
	70-74	54.4	52.5	54.8	60.1	60.1	62.4	
	75-79	34.0	39.7	39.3	42.9	48.4	48.9	
	80-84	20.7	23.1	25.0	26.8	30.3	34.7	
	85 and over	12.8	14.3	15.1	17.4	20.5	24.1	
	Total		1,482.5	1,674.9	1,714.1	1,771.0	1,772.3	1,825.9

Source: CSO

Table 1.5 Estimated population by sex and age group
Thousands

	Age group	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Persons	0-4	250.0	253.6	259.4	265.1	270.8	278.2
	5-9	277.7	273.5	270.0	265.3	261.9	260.6
	10-14	317.9	308.1	299.9	294.0	289.0	283.6
	15-19	343.9	346.5	343.0	333.9	325.9	318.4
	20-24	298.6	306.1	314.9	326.1	334.8	346.3
	25-29	267.3	279.6	290.8	302.7	316.8	327.7
	30-34	262.4	263.0	264.6	267.7	275.4	287.0
	35-39	258.0	262.1	265.9	269.9	271.6	273.7
	40-44	246.0	248.7	251.8	255.2	260.7	263.3
	45-49	228.1	232.5	234.4	238.4	243.1	248.3
	50-54	197.9	207.2	216.3	223.2	226.1	227.8
	55-59	155.9	162.2	167.8	173.5	184.3	195.7
	60-64	140.5	141.5	144.3	148.0	149.6	151.3
	65-69	126.4	127.5	127.8	128.0	129.2	131.5
	70-74	112.7	111.5	110.7	110.6	110.8	111.1
	75-79	85.0	88.2	88.8	88.6	88.7	89.2
	80-84	55.8	54.4	54.2	55.2	57.1	58.3
	85 and over	36.6	38.7	40.1	41.7	43.2	45.0
		TOTAL	3,660.6	3,704.9	3,744.7	3,786.9	3,838.9
Males	0-4	128.6	130.8	133.8	136.8	139.5	142.9
	5-9	142.1	140.1	138.3	136.0	134.5	134.2
	10-14	163.3	157.9	153.5	150.3	147.6	144.2
	15-19	176.4	177.3	176.1	171.5	167.3	163.5
	20-24	151.9	155.6	158.8	164.0	168.5	173.5
	25-29	133.5	140.5	146.4	153.2	160.1	165.0
	30-34	128.6	129.5	130.5	133.1	138.1	144.1
	35-39	127.1	129.0	131.0	132.4	133.7	135.1
	40-44	122.6	123.6	125.3	126.7	129.2	130.5
	45-49	114.7	116.5	117.3	119.3	121.7	124.1
	50-54	100.5	105.3	109.6	112.7	113.8	114.2
	55-59	79.1	82.0	84.9	87.8	93.1	99.0
	60-64	69.9	70.3	71.7	73.8	74.6	75.7
	65-69	60.7	61.7	62.3	62.4	63.0	64.0
	70-74	50.2	49.8	49.7	50.1	50.7	51.4
	75-79	35.6	36.7	37.0	36.8	37.0	37.3
	80-84	20.9	20.4	20.4	20.9	21.6	22.2
	85 and over	11.4	12.1	12.6	13.0	13.6	14.2
		Total	1,817.2	1,839.1	1,859.1	1,880.6	1,907.4
Females	0-4	121.3	122.9	125.6	128.3	131.3	135.3
	5-9	135.6	133.4	131.7	129.3	127.4	126.3
	10-14	154.5	150.2	146.3	143.7	141.3	139.3
	15-19	167.5	169.2	166.9	162.4	158.6	154.9
	20-24	146.7	150.5	156.1	162.1	166.4	172.8
	25-29	133.8	139.1	144.4	149.5	156.8	162.8
	30-34	133.8	133.5	134.0	134.6	137.3	142.9
	35-39	130.9	133.1	134.9	137.6	138.0	138.6
	40-44	123.5	125.1	126.6	128.5	131.5	132.8
	45-49	113.3	116.0	117.1	119.1	121.4	124.2
	50-54	97.5	102.0	106.8	110.5	112.3	113.6
	55-59	76.8	80.2	82.8	85.8	91.3	96.7
	60-64	70.6	71.1	72.6	74.3	75.0	75.6
	65-69	65.8	65.8	65.5	65.6	66.2	67.5
	70-74	62.5	61.7	61.0	60.5	60.1	59.7
	75-79	49.4	51.5	51.9	51.7	51.8	52.0
	80-84	34.9	34.0	33.9	34.3	35.5	36.0
	85 and over	25.2	26.6	27.5	28.7	29.5	30.8
		Total	1,843.4	1,865.8	1,885.6	1,906.3	1,931.5

Source: CSO

TABLE 1.5

Table 1.6 Population of inhabited islands off the coast*Number*

County	Island	1991	1996		
		Persons	Persons	Males	Females
Clare	Inishmore (or Deer)	1	1	0	1
Cork	Ballycottin	4	27	27	0
	Bear	216	212	121	91
	Clear	132	145	77	68
	Dursey	20	9	5	4
	Garinish	1	1	0	1
	Haulbowline	307	110	69	41
	Inchydoney	109	102	47	55
	Inishbeg	17	19	9	10
	Inishodriscol (or Hare)	22	16	9	7
	Long	11	9	5	4
	Ringarogy	71	76	40	36
	Sherkin	93	98	52	46
	Spike	113	103	103	0
	Whiddy	34	34	15	19
Donegal	Aran	596	602	311	291
	Aughnish	6	3	1	2
	Cruit	77	70	30	40
	Inishbofin	3	24	16	8
	Inishfree Upper	19	15	7	8
	Island Roy	13	15	9	6
	Tory	119	169	94	75
Dublin City	North Bull	26	22	13	9
Fingal	Lambay	8	8	5	3
Galway	Annaghvaan	103	104	56	48
	Furnace	56	59	34	25
	Gorumna	1,082	1,057	542	515
	Illaunmore	2	1	1	0
	Inchaghaun	1	3	2	1
	Inishbarra	1	1	1	0
	Inishbofin	181	200	125	75
	Inisheer	270	274	155	119
	Inisheltia	3	0	0	0
	Inishmaan	216	191	103	88
	Inishmore	836	838	440	398
	Inishnee	47	33	20	13
	Inishtravin	4	3	3	0
	Lettermore	508	503	262	241
	Lettermullan	196	204	106	98
	Mweenish	149	150	77	73
	Omey	12	4	4	0
	Rosroe	28	23	10	13
	Rusheennacholla	4	3	2	1
Kerry	Beginish	5	2	2	0
	Carrig	8	13	8	5
	Dinish	5	0	0	0
	Great Blasket	4	0	0	0
	Skellig Rock Great	0	4	4	0
	Rossmore	7	8	6	2
	Tarbert	17	13	6	7
	Valencia	680	676	360	316

Table 1.6 Population of inhabited islands off the coast (continued)

		<i>Number</i>			
County	Island	1991	1996		
		Persons	Persons	Males	Females
Mayo	Achill	2,802	2,718	1,333	1,385
	Clare	137	136	77	59
	Clynish	5	5	3	2
	Collan More	5	0	0	0
	Inishbiggle	51	48	33	15
	Inishcottle	10	7	4	3
	Inishgort	2	2	1	1
	Inishlyre	6	7	4	3
	Inishnakillew	7	6	5	1
	Inishturk	78	83	47	36
Sligo	Inishmulclohy (or Coney Island)	5	6	3	3
Wexford	Bannow	7	5	2	3
	Saltee Island Great	6	0	0	0
	Tuskar Rock	5	0	0	0

Source: CSO

Table 1.7 Travellers by age group, sex and marital status, 1996

		<i>Number</i>				
Age group	Total	Marital status				
		Single	Married	Separated (including divorced)	Widowed	
Persons	0-4 years	2,118	2,118	–	–	–
	5-14 years	3,336	3,336	–	–	–
	15-24 years	2,227	1,402	778	45	2
	25-34 years	1,537	277	1,204	47	9
	35-44 years	820	59	707	40	14
	45-54 years	438	26	375	20	17
	55-64 years	268	18	201	14	35
	65 years and over	147	17	84	3	43
TOTAL	10,891	7,253	3,349	169	120	
Males	0-4 years	1,095	1,095	–	–	–
	5-14 years	1,679	1,679	–	–	–
	15-24 years	1,094	741	336	17	–
	25-34 years	767	145	602	18	2
	35-44 years	429	45	368	13	3
	45-54 years	238	17	204	13	4
	55-64 years	129	12	100	8	9
	65 years and over	80	10	54	1	15
Total	5,511	3,744	1,664	70	33	
Females	0-4 years	1,023	1,023	–	–	–
	5-14 years	1,657	1,657	–	–	–
	15-24 years	1,133	661	442	28	2
	25-34 years	770	132	602	29	7
	35-44 years	391	14	339	27	11
	45-54 years	200	9	171	7	13
	55-64 years	139	6	101	6	26
	65 years and over	67	7	30	2	28
Total	5,380	3,509	1,685	99	87	

Source: CSO

TABLE 1.6

TABLE 1.7

Table 1.8 Males and females by age group and marital status, 1996

Age group	Persons	Males				Females			
		Total	Single	Ever married	Widowed	Total	Single	Ever married	Widowed
0-4	250,394	128,740	128,740	-	-	121,654	121,654	-	-
5-9	282,943	145,335	145,335	-	-	137,608	137,608	-	-
10-14	326,087	167,377	167,377	-	-	158,710	158,710	-	-
15-19	339,536	173,950	173,693	257	-	165,586	165,154	432	-
20-24	293,354	149,143	145,030	4,070	43	144,211	134,699	9,418	94
25-29	259,045	129,363	93,741	35,501	121	129,682	75,834	53,611	237
30-34	260,929	127,735	47,786	79,741	208	133,194	35,847	96,757	590
35-39	255,676	126,140	28,024	97,776	340	129,536	20,365	108,133	1,038
40-44	240,441	120,064	20,865	98,583	616	120,377	14,278	104,237	1,862
45-49	225,400	113,816	18,382	94,289	1,145	111,584	11,220	97,144	3,220
50-54	186,647	94,818	14,608	78,601	1,609	91,829	8,998	77,501	5,330
55-59	153,807	77,809	13,783	61,665	2,361	75,998	8,374	59,388	8,236
60-64	137,946	68,690	13,898	51,575	3,217	69,256	9,025	46,785	13,446
65-69	126,809	60,256	13,763	41,765	4,728	66,553	10,251	35,666	20,636
70-74	112,542	50,124	11,929	31,864	6,331	62,418	10,728	24,395	27,295
75-79	84,097	35,228	8,328	20,364	6,536	48,869	9,373	12,576	26,920
80-84	55,771	21,074	4,918	10,476	5,680	34,697	7,009	5,668	22,020
85 and over	34,663	10,570	2,375	4,089	4,106	24,093	5,580	2,078	16,435
TOTAL	3,626,087	1,800,232	1,052,575	710,616	37,041	1,825,855	944,707	733,789	147,359

Source: CSO

Population by age and sex, 1996

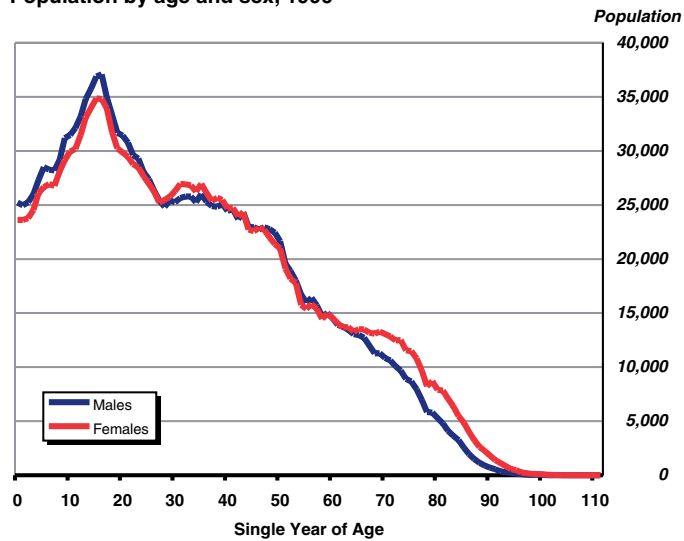


Table 1.9 Persons usually resident in each province, county and city by country of birth, 1996

County of usual residence	Birthplace							
	Total persons	Ireland (Republic)		Northern Ireland	Great Britain	Other European countries	USA	Rest of world
		County of usual residence	Other county					
Leinster	1,915,491	1,357,496	426,574	22,590	72,635	13,488	7,248	15,460
Carlow	41,646	28,724	10,975	136	1,424	159	86	142
Dublin	1,055,326	809,607	168,068	12,836	38,580	9,948	4,855	11,432
<i>Dublin City</i>	<i>481,137</i>	<i>369,405</i>	<i>77,137</i>	<i>5,714</i>	<i>16,681</i>	<i>4,697</i>	<i>2,318</i>	<i>5,185</i>
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	<i>188,906</i>	<i>131,689</i>	<i>38,318</i>	<i>3,200</i>	<i>8,304</i>	<i>2,926</i>	<i>1,353</i>	<i>3,116</i>
<i>Fingal</i>	<i>166,815</i>	<i>130,482</i>	<i>24,633</i>	<i>2,082</i>	<i>6,259</i>	<i>1,276</i>	<i>659</i>	<i>1,424</i>
<i>South Dublin</i>	<i>218,468</i>	<i>178,031</i>	<i>27,980</i>	<i>1,840</i>	<i>7,336</i>	<i>1,049</i>	<i>525</i>	<i>1,707</i>
Kildare	134,928	63,044	63,185	1,174	5,597	660	480	788
Kilkenny	73,885	53,978	15,530	270	3,222	312	165	408
Laoghis	52,415	38,161	12,037	176	1,657	157	76	151
Longford	29,998	21,470	6,878	158	1,230	45	157	60
Louth	91,567	70,923	12,487	4,623	2,679	225	228	402
Meath	109,414	53,998	48,805	1,272	4,218	338	323	460
Offaly	58,300	43,608	12,135	173	1,923	151	127	183
Westmeath	62,962	41,336	18,011	405	2,465	235	219	291
Wexford	103,157	83,506	13,990	332	4,365	411	155	398
Wicklow	101,893	49,141	44,473	1,035	5,275	847	377	745
Munster	1,022,816	802,121	157,057	4,279	43,971	6,222	4,531	4,635
Clare	92,383	59,676	25,293	828	4,669	815	625	477
Cork	417,768	351,653	40,819	1,629	17,140	2,725	1,677	2,125
<i>Cork City</i>	<i>126,962</i>	<i>106,073</i>	<i>13,656</i>	<i>605</i>	<i>4,441</i>	<i>818</i>	<i>543</i>	<i>826</i>
<i>Cork County</i>	<i>290,806</i>	<i>245,580</i>	<i>27,163</i>	<i>1,024</i>	<i>12,699</i>	<i>1,907</i>	<i>1,134</i>	<i>1,299</i>
Kerry	122,217	94,262	18,632	407	6,430	1,019	1,003	464
Limerick	164,524	126,285	29,258	620	6,188	808	643	722
<i>Limerick City</i>	<i>51,734</i>	<i>41,557</i>	<i>7,627</i>	<i>178</i>	<i>1,790</i>	<i>231</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>181</i>
<i>Limerick County</i>	<i>112,790</i>	<i>84,728</i>	<i>21,631</i>	<i>442</i>	<i>4,398</i>	<i>577</i>	<i>473</i>	<i>541</i>
Tipperary North	57,671	43,668	11,336	169	1,980	189	151	178
Tipperary South	74,768	56,714	13,916	221	3,189	287	176	265
Waterford	93,485	69,863	17,803	405	4,375	379	256	404
<i>Waterford City</i>	<i>42,098</i>	<i>31,587</i>	<i>8,039</i>	<i>188</i>	<i>1,774</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>246</i>
<i>Waterford County</i>	<i>51,387</i>	<i>38,276</i>	<i>9,764</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>2,601</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>158</i>
Connacht	426,527	318,723	75,216	2,939	22,325	2,578	2,919	1,827
Galway	185,732	140,008	30,925	1,173	9,477	1,488	1,689	972
<i>Galway City</i>	<i>56,342</i>	<i>34,211</i>	<i>16,091</i>	<i>607</i>	<i>3,375</i>	<i>744</i>	<i>738</i>	<i>576</i>
<i>Galway County</i>	<i>129,390</i>	<i>105,797</i>	<i>14,834</i>	<i>566</i>	<i>6,102</i>	<i>744</i>	<i>951</i>	<i>396</i>
Leitrim	24,600	17,205	5,390	363	1,173	273	135	61
Mayo	109,970	87,683	13,773	490	6,681	344	610	389
Roscommon	51,312	34,779	13,446	230	2,389	170	190	108
Sligo	54,913	39,048	11,682	683	2,605	303	295	297
Ulster (part)	231,709	182,622	25,110	9,759	12,150	549	921	598
Cavan	52,293	39,883	9,129	1,019	1,715	195	211	141
Donegal	128,516	103,499	8,890	6,152	8,794	291	549	341
Monaghan	50,900	39,240	7,091	2,588	1,641	63	161	116
TOTAL	3,596,543	2,660,962	683,957	39,567	151,081	22,837	15,619	22,520

Source: CSO

Table 1.10 Persons aged one year and over usually resident in each county and city by usual residence one year previously, 1996

County of usual residence	Usually resident population aged one year and over	Usual residence one year previously					
		Same address	Different address			Birthplace in Ireland (Republic)	Birthplace elsewhere
			Same county	Other county	Outside State		
Carlow	41,127	38,036	1,782	993	163	153	
Dublin City	475,215	421,495	28,848	16,525	3,444	4,903	
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	186,453	169,127	7,309	6,132	1,634	2,251	
Fingal	164,116	151,778	5,590	4,992	888	868	
South Dublin	215,084	201,055	6,363	5,992	905	769	
Kildare	132,886	121,304	5,768	4,330	664	820	
Kilkenny	72,884	68,783	2,239	1,182	326	354	
Laoighis	51,687	48,857	1,668	806	204	152	
Longford	29,604	27,921	1,001	407	151	124	
Louth	90,300	84,437	4,031	1,218	301	313	
Meath	107,969	101,358	3,017	2,681	522	391	
Offaly	57,464	54,600	1,694	778	219	173	
Westmeath	62,005	57,302	2,700	1,424	277	302	
Wexford	101,777	95,789	4,072	1,143	364	409	
Wicklow	100,493	92,884	4,172	2,281	522	634	
Clare	91,151	85,872	2,960	1,287	454	578	
Cork City	125,476	113,057	6,460	4,427	648	884	
Cork County	286,729	270,183	9,762	4,373	1,092	1,319	
Kerry	120,772	113,379	4,558	1,580	531	724	
Limerick City	50,980	45,474	2,784	2,193	272	257	
Limerick County	111,300	102,525	3,777	3,733	575	690	
Tipperary North	56,912	53,726	1,857	906	216	207	
Tipperary South	73,755	69,167	2,718	1,243	293	334	
Waterford City	41,487	37,061	2,379	1,643	186	218	
Waterford County	50,705	48,034	1,388	898	178	207	
Galway City	55,575	44,989	4,913	4,050	597	1,026	
Galway County	127,706	121,814	2,706	1,969	616	601	
Leitrim	24,325	23,359	417	293	113	143	
Mayo	108,621	103,185	3,184	1,123	527	602	
Roscommon	50,713	48,582	980	689	208	254	
Sligo	54,258	50,211	2,218	1,202	285	342	
Cavan	51,563	49,556	1,093	506	214	194	
Donegal	126,704	119,915	4,311	1,040	615	823	
Monaghan	50,205	48,113	1,335	412	170	175	
TOTAL	3,548,001	3,282,928	140,054	84,451	18,374	22,194	

Source: CSO

Table 1.11 Persons in each province, county and city by religious denomination, 1991

Province, county or city	Total persons	Religious denomination							No religion	Not stated
		Catholic	Church of Ireland	Protestant	Presbyterian	Methodist	Jewish	Other stated religions		
Leinster	1,860,949	1,685,334	50,912	3,391	3,799	2,815	1,439	24,829	43,843	44,587
Carlow	40,942	37,767	1,747	42	15	25	5	262	343	736
Dublin	1,025,304	911,454	26,169	2,157	2,716	1,895	1,383	17,571	33,269	28,690
<i>Dublin City</i>	<i>478,389</i>	<i>427,097</i>	<i>8,162</i>	<i>829</i>	<i>868</i>	<i>580</i>	<i>633</i>	<i>7,688</i>	<i>16,541</i>	<i>15,991</i>
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	<i>185,410</i>	<i>154,615</i>	<i>10,911</i>	<i>820</i>	<i>1,113</i>	<i>854</i>	<i>424</i>	<i>4,619</i>	<i>8,428</i>	<i>3,626</i>
<i>Fingal</i>	<i>152,766</i>	<i>139,134</i>	<i>3,085</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>2,295</i>	<i>3,779</i>	<i>3,665</i>
<i>South Dublin</i>	<i>208,739</i>	<i>190,608</i>	<i>4,011</i>	<i>249</i>	<i>407</i>	<i>251</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>2,969</i>	<i>4,521</i>	<i>5,408</i>
Kildare	122,656	113,828	2,923	147	153	102	9	1,212	1,859	2,423
Kilkenny	73,635	68,699	1,586	74	143	56	2	559	822	1,694
Laoighis	52,314	48,461	2,417	41	38	94	1	312	256	694
Longford	30,296	28,645	705	24	46	37	-	161	163	515
Louth	90,724	85,770	939	49	137	20	5	907	974	1,923
Meath	105,370	98,766	1,926	133	142	42	2	797	1,236	2,326
Offaly	58,494	55,172	1,604	52	39	142	1	279	323	882
Westmeath	61,880	58,508	1,059	80	32	38	-	401	528	1,234
Wexford	102,069	94,832	3,287	169	81	77	8	554	1,052	2,009
Wicklow	97,265	83,432	6,550	423	257	287	23	1,814	3,018	1,461
Munster	1,009,533	941,675	15,758	1,385	548	1,185	111	9,192	15,402	24,277
Clare	90,918	84,847	699	72	55	43	12	861	1,778	2,551
Cork	410,369	379,011	8,864	792	240	690	57	4,291	7,567	8,857
<i>Cork City</i>	<i>127,253</i>	<i>118,191</i>	<i>1,308</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1,520</i>	<i>2,679</i>	<i>3,205</i>
<i>Cork County</i>	<i>283,116</i>	<i>260,820</i>	<i>7,556</i>	<i>640</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>579</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>2,771</i>	<i>4,888</i>	<i>5,652</i>
Kerry	121,894	114,253	1,415	173	46	34	17	920	1,696	3,340
Limerick	161,956	152,364	1,409	158	86	210	15	1,365	2,084	4,265
<i>Limerick City</i>	<i>52,083</i>	<i>48,441</i>	<i>362</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>508</i>	<i>847</i>	<i>1,798</i>
<i>Limerick County</i>	<i>109,873</i>	<i>103,923</i>	<i>1,047</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>857</i>	<i>1,237</i>	<i>2,467</i>
Tipperary North	57,854	54,552	1,411	44	25	133	-	353	374	962
Tipperary South	74,918	71,055	721	57	27	14	1	532	700	1,811
Waterford	91,624	85,593	1,239	89	69	61	9	870	1,203	2,491
<i>Waterford City</i>	<i>40,328</i>	<i>37,730</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>457</i>	<i>567</i>	<i>1,088</i>
<i>Waterford County</i>	<i>51,296</i>	<i>47,863</i>	<i>834</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>413</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>1,403</i>
Connacht	423,031	397,848	5,321	516	333	286	21	3,208	5,392	10,106
Galway	180,364	168,640	1,358	228	81	76	16	1,772	3,191	5,002
<i>Galway City</i>	<i>50,853</i>	<i>46,272</i>	<i>404</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1,001</i>	<i>1,580</i>	<i>1,424</i>
<i>Galway County</i>	<i>129,511</i>	<i>122,368</i>	<i>954</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>771</i>	<i>1,611</i>	<i>3,578</i>
Leitrim	25,301	23,682	721	41	17	61	-	80	217	482
Mayo	110,713	105,839	817	116	101	27	2	601	929	2,281
Roscommon	51,897	50,204	358	28	13	21	2	221	333	717
Sligo	54,756	49,483	2,067	103	121	101	1	534	722	1,624
Ulster (part)	232,206	203,470	10,849	1,055	8,519	751	10	1,514	1,633	4,405
Cavan	52,796	46,703	3,622	160	710	94	1	240	291	975
Donegal	128,117	111,427	5,602	555	5,412	603	8	866	1,029	2,615
Monaghan	51,293	45,340	1,625	340	2,397	54	1	408	313	815
TOTAL	3,525,719	3,228,327	82,840	6,347	13,199	5,037	1,581	38,743	66,270	83,375

Source: CSO

TABLE 1.11

Table 1.12 Persons aged 3 years and over by age group, ability to speak Irish and frequency of use, 1996

Age group	Total persons	Total Irish speakers	Frequency of speaking Irish					Non-Irish speakers	Not stated
			Daily	Weekly	Less often	Never	Not stated		
3-4	103,955	8,471	4,812	1,214	1,570	296	579	76,142	19,342
5-9	282,943	126,286	78,109	17,885	19,211	5,762	5,319	135,650	21,007
10-14	326,087	209,954	117,565	30,231	37,057	16,098	9,003	98,596	17,537
15-19	339,536	221,561	82,227	27,730	62,479	39,664	9,461	104,487	13,488
20-24	293,354	145,000	8,149	7,332	65,539	58,767	5,213	135,389	12,965
25-34	519,974	186,660	13,463	8,570	81,764	77,433	5,430	313,758	19,556
35-44	496,117	190,202	17,660	11,525	88,918	66,231	5,868	287,278	18,637
45-54	412,047	146,045	13,468	8,760	71,081	46,634	6,102	247,649	18,353
55-64	291,753	90,870	8,471	4,996	45,397	27,287	4,719	185,387	15,496
65 and over	413,882	105,156	9,739	5,617	51,632	31,343	6,825	273,834	34,892
TOTAL	3,479,648	1,430,205	353,663	123,860	524,648	369,515	58,519	1,858,170	191,273

Source: CSO

TABLE 1.12

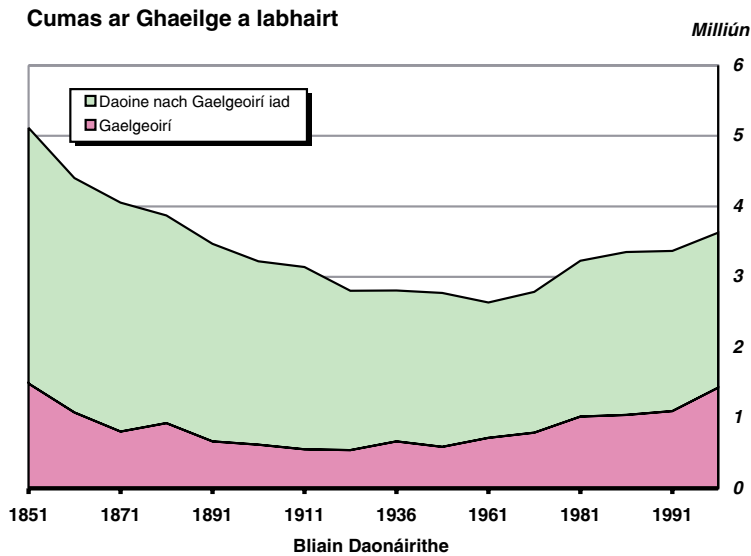


Table 1.13 Family units in private households by family cycle (age of youngest child) and number of children, 1996

Family cycle	Total family units	Number of children in family unit					Number of children
		0	1	2	3	4+	
Husband and wife without children	154,854	154,854	–	–	–	–	–
Cohabiting couple without children	18,640	18,640	–	–	–	–	–
Husband and wife with children							
Age group of youngest child							
0-4 years	146,164	–	34,929	49,174	33,521	28,540	369,465
5-9 years	98,791	–	9,598	31,658	28,676	28,859	293,413
10-14 years	92,887	–	10,235	32,350	28,323	21,979	258,675
15 and over	153,725	–	69,570	51,029	23,018	10,108	284,588
Total	491,567	–	124,332	164,211	113,538	89,486	1,206,141
Cohabiting couple with children							
Age group of youngest child							
0-4 years	8,205	–	4,381	2,216	901	707	14,824
5-9 years	2,433	–	1,129	687	375	242	4,723
10-14 years	1,107	–	460	402	156	89	2,123
15 and over	913	–	588	227	75	23	1,366
Total	12,658	–	6,558	3,532	1,507	1,061	23,036
Lone mother with children							
Age group of youngest child							
0-4 years	19,953	–	8,322	5,673	3,102	2,856	42,662
5-9 years	15,671	–	5,349	4,572	3,009	2,741	36,445
10-14 years	14,195	–	3,885	4,974	3,083	2,253	33,302
15 and over	58,463	–	36,621	14,864	4,930	2,048	90,174
Total	108,282	–	54,177	30,083	14,124	9,898	202,583
Lone father with children							
Age group of youngest child							
0-4 years	1,307	–	469	374	244	220	3,013
5-9 years	1,989	–	443	578	464	504	5,418
10-14 years	2,997	–	676	1,030	728	563	7,462
15 and over	14,541	–	9,032	3,725	1,259	525	22,541
Total	20,834	–	10,620	5,707	2,695	1,812	38,434
TOTAL FAMILY UNITS	806,835	173,494	195,687	203,533	131,864	102,257	1,470,194

Source: CSO