

Vital Statistics

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- There were 61,684 births registered in 2004, 31,817 males and 29,867 females.
- There were 28,151 deaths registered in 2004, 14,484 males and 13,667 females.
- There were 20,619 marriages registered in 2004.
- The average age at marriage increased by 2 years between 1996 and 2002 for both brides and grooms.
- The number of divorces granted by the Circuit Court and the High Court in 2004 was 3,347.
- The most popular babies' names in 2004 were Sean and Emma.

Introduction

This chapter contains statistics on births, deaths and marriages which are compiled by the Central Statistics Office on behalf of the Minister for Health and Children, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1952. The chapter also contains figures on divorce, nullity and judicial separation applications, provided by the Courts Service.

Births

Tables 3.1, 3.2 and 3.8 contain information on births. The number of births was at its lowest in 1997, when 52,775 babies were born, and has risen more or less steadily since then. In 2004, there were 61,684 births – 31,817 male and 29,867 female. Almost a third of births, or 19,938, were outside marriage in 2004. This compares with 14,149 births outside marriage, just over a quarter of the total, in 1997.

The average age of unmarried mothers is lower than for married mothers. Almost half of births outside marriage are to mothers aged under 25; there were 8,729 births to mothers in this age category in 2004.

The most popular babies' names in 2004 were Sean and Emma, respectively, for boys and girls. The top five names for boys remained the same as the previous year, although the order changed slightly, while for girls, Amy replaced Ciara in the top five.

The total period fertility rate (TPFR), in table 3.9, estimates the number of children who would be born to each female over her lifetime on the basis of current birth patterns. This is an indicator of generation replacement. Even with the recent rise in births, the TPFR remains below the replacement level of 2.1 for the last decade and stands at 1.95 in 2004. This contrasts with previous decades when fertility was much higher – the TPFR was 3.76 in 1960, 3.87 in 1970, 3.23 in 1980 and 2.12 in 1990.

Deaths

Tables 3.1 to 3.7 contain information on deaths. A total of 28,151 deaths were registered in 2004, giving a mortality rate of 7.0 per 1,000 population. The death rate for males was 7.2 per 1,000 population and for females 6.7 per 1,000 population. The most common causes of deaths were diseases of the circulatory system (10,608 deaths), malignant neoplasms (7,717) and diseases of the respiratory system (4,060). Injury and poisoning accounted for 1,241 deaths. There were 457 deaths due to suicide and 262 due to motor vehicle accidents.

Life Expectancy

As a result of long-term falls in mortality, people are living longer. Table 3.13 shows the life expectancy figures since 1926 and table 3.14 contains

projections up to 2037. A baby boy or girl born in 1926 could expect, on the basis of the mortality figures at that time, to live on average to about 57 years. The exact figures were 57.4 years for boys and 57.9 years for girls. By contrast, the estimated life expectancy for people born in 2002 is 75.1 years for boys and 80.3 years for girls. Assuming that similar trends continue into the future, male life expectancy in Ireland may be approaching 83 years by the year 2037 and female life expectancy should be about 87 years.

Marriages

Tables 3.2, 3.10, 3.11 and 3.12 give information on marriages. There were 20,619 marriages registered in 2004, compared with 20,302 in 2003. The figures for 2003 and 2004 were considerably above 1997, when there were 15,631 marriages. Nevertheless, the number of marriages per year is considerably below the peak levels recorded in the 1970s. Throughout that decade, the annual number of marriages exceeded 20,000 with the highest annual figure, of 22,833, recorded in 1974. The number of marriages subsequently fell from 21,792 in 1980 to 18,174 in 1989 and the trend continued downward until the mid-1990s.

While the majority of marriages are celebrated according to Roman Catholic rites, the share of civil marriages in the total is increasing. In 1970, there were 121 civil marriages, accounting for about half a percent of the total. By 1980, this had risen to 388 civil marriages (1.8%) and in 1990, 656 (or 3.7%). In 2002, the latest year for which this breakdown is available, there were 3,683 civil marriages, representing 17.9% of the total.

Divorces

Tables 3.15 and 3.16 give information on divorce applications under the Divorce Act, 1996. In 1997, the first year in which the legislation operated, there were 95 divorces granted. The number of divorces granted increased to 1,421 in 1998, 2,333 in 1999, 2,740 in 2000, 2,838 in 2001 and decreased to 2,591 in 2002, and increased again to 2,970 in 2003. There were 3,347 divorces granted in 2004.

Reference period for Vital Statistics

The figures on births and deaths relate to those which occurred in the relevant years up to 2002 inclusive. Figures for 2003 and 2004 relate to births and deaths registered in those years.

The figures for marriages relate to year of registration. Due to delays in the provision of information from the registration system, some details of marriages are only currently available up to 1996.

Total Period Fertility Rate (TPFR)

The Total Period Fertility Rate (TPFR) is derived from the age-specific fertility rates in the current year. It represents the projected number of children a woman would have if she experienced the current age-specific fertility rates while progressing from age 15 to 49 years. A value of 2.1 is generally taken to be the level at which the population would replace itself in the long run, ignoring migration.

Life Expectancy

Life expectancy estimates are calculated using mortality data for the three year period around a Census year. The most recent estimates refer to 2001-2003. The projected life expectancy figures up to 2031 are taken from the CSO's Population and Labour Force Projections.

Table 3.10 - Marriages registered classified by area of occurrence

Dublin includes Dublin City, South Dublin, Fingal and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

Table 3.1 Births and deaths registered, 2004

	Births	Deaths
Leinster	35,064	13,623
Carlow	788	347
Dublin City	6,742	4,044
South Dublin	4,420	970
Fingal	4,326	767
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	2,251	1,293
Kildare	3,318	813
Kilkenny	1,120	533
Laois	982	401
Longford	476	287
Louth	1,697	751
Meath	2,682	758
Offaly	994	493
Westmeath	1,235	534
Wexford	2,040	904
Wicklow	1,993	728
Munster	16,705	8,714
Clare	1,677	828
Cork City	1,530	1,083
Cork County	5,343	2,345
Kerry	1,807	1,187
Limerick City	817	371
Limerick County	1,783	902
North Tipperary	1,018	605
South Tipperary	1,064	648
Waterford City	723	300
Waterford County	943	445
Connacht	6,490	3,795
Galway City	949	209
Galway County	2,165	1,264
Leitrim	370	284
Mayo	1,561	1,134
Roscommon	676	415
Sligo	769	489
Ulster	3,425	2,019
Cavan	858	483
Donegal	1,897	1,126
Monaghan	670	410
State	61,864	28,151
Regional Authorities		
Border	6,261	3,543
Midland	3,687	1,715
West	5,351	3,022
Dublin	17,739	7,074
Mid-East	7,993	2,299
Mid-West	5,295	2,706
South-East	6,678	3,177
South-West	8,680	4,615
Health Boards		
ERHA	23,050	8,615
Midland	3,687	1,715
Mid Western	5,295	2,706
North Eastern	5,907	2,402
North Western	3,036	1,899
South Eastern	6,678	3,177
Southern	8,680	4,615
Western	5,351	3,022

Source: CSO

Table 3.2 Live births, deaths and marriages, and rates per 1,000 population

Number and rate

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Marriages	15,631	16,783	18,526	19,168	19,246	20,556	20,302	20,619
Births								
Male	27,061	27,848	27,817	28,175	29,684	31,013	31,414	31,817
Female	25,714	26,121	26,107	26,614	28,170	29,490	30,103	29,867
Total	52,775	53,969	53,924	54,789	57,854	60,503	61,517	61,684
Births within marriage	38,626	38,477	37,134	37,523	39,740	41,624	42,204	41,746
Births outside marriage	14,149	15,492	16,790	17,266	18,114	18,879	19,313	19,938
Births outside marriage as % of total births	26.8	28.7	31.1	31.5	31.3	31.2	31.4	32.3
Deaths								
Male	16,501	16,553	16,961	16,192	15,691	15,390	14,735	14,484
Female	15,080	15,010	15,647	15,199	14,521	14,293	14,088	13,667
Total	31,581	31,563	32,608	31,391	30,212	29,683	28,823	28,151
Natural increase	21,194	22,406	21,316	23,398	27,642	30,820	32,694	33,533
Rates per 1,000 of population								
Marriages	4.3	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1
Births	14.4	14.6	14.4	14.5	15.1	15.4	15.5	15.3
Deaths	8.6	8.5	8.7	8.3	7.9	7.6	7.2	7.0

Source: CSO

Birth, death and marriage rates per 1,000 population

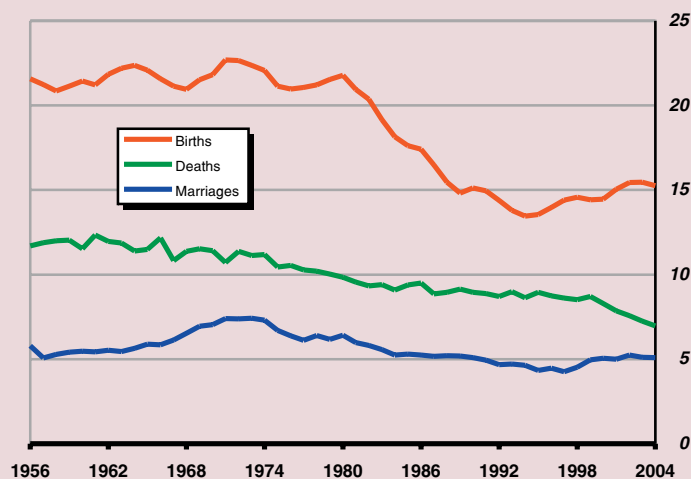


Table 3.3 Deaths classified by age and sex

	<i>Number</i>							
Age at death	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Males								
Under 1 year	164	196	172	203	178	169	182	170
1-4	30	33	41	29	45	30	27	24
5-9	17	14	32	20	20	17	17	22
10-14	38	33	37	21	23	29	25	20
15-19	137	146	141	146	129	117	102	89
20-24	226	221	191	205	185	186	180	143
25-34	303	329	354	355	365	384	309	279
35-44	423	452	432	478	468	449	407	429
45-54	896	908	988	970	925	994	847	881
55-64	1,918	1,940	1,901	1,870	1,873	1,835	1,828	1,778
65-74	4,272	4,119	4,121	3,876	3,680	3,488	3,303	3,251
75-84	5,597	5,625	5,753	5,387	5,081	5,056	4,902	4,827
85-94	2,305	2,396	2,618	2,464	2,577	2,497	2,445	2,398
95 and over	175	141	180	168	142	139	161	173
Total	16,501	16,553	16,961	16,192	15,691	15,390	14,735	14,484
Females								
Under 1 year	157	120	145	135	153	136	129	130
1-4	30	25	33	16	33	29	18	24
5-9	13	18	15	19	16	11	12	13
10-14	23	26	24	22	20	21	19	13
15-19	62	54	51	61	40	47	44	25
20-24	51	47	58	63	64	54	50	42
25-34	125	115	114	116	111	137	110	115
35-44	263	272	252	307	301	252	240	266
45-54	583	567	598	626	643	553	528	542
55-64	1,092	1,078	1,091	1,074	988	996	1,150	1,072
65-74	2,789	2,657	2,633	2,561	2,271	2,253	2,118	2,029
75-84	5,427	5,397	5,583	5,247	5,158	4,891	4,873	4,585
85-94	4,009	4,096	4,499	4,410	4,167	4,336	4,190	4,213
95 and over	456	538	551	542	556	571	607	598
Total	15,080	15,010	15,647	15,199	14,521	14,293	14,088	13,667

Source: CSO

Suicide rate per 100,000 population

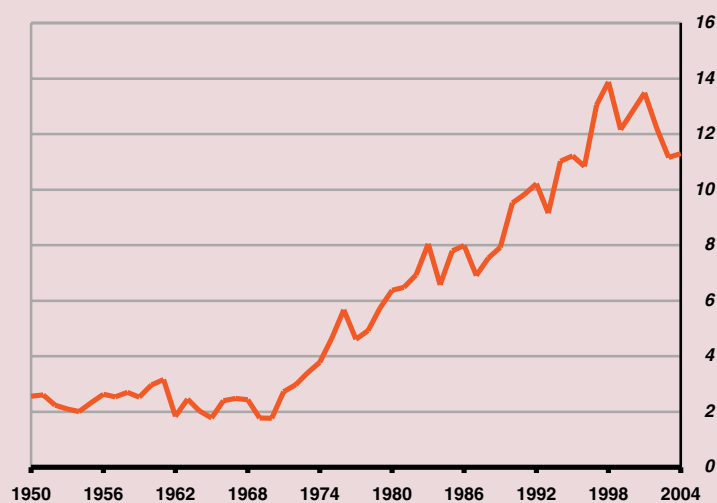


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Table 3.4 Death rates per 1,000 population, classified by sex and age group

Age at death	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Males									
Under 5	1.55	1.51	1.75	1.59	1.69	1.59	1.40	1.44	1.30
5-9	0.17	0.12	0.10	0.23	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.16
10-14	0.28	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.14	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.14
15-19	0.70	0.78	0.83	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.73	0.65	0.58
20-24	1.40	1.49	1.45	1.24	1.30	1.15	1.13	1.07	0.84
25-34	1.32	1.16	1.23	1.29	1.25	1.24	1.24	0.98	0.86
35-44	1.70	1.68	1.76	1.64	1.78	1.71	1.60	1.43	1.47
45-54	4.27	4.16	4.08	4.33	4.15	3.89	4.11	3.46	3.55
55-64	13.18	12.84	12.67	12.05	11.47	11.02	10.34	9.85	9.25
65-74	39.17	38.45	36.78	36.57	34.12	31.97	29.81	27.73	26.69
75 and over	122.08	119.66	118.81	124.11	115.05	109.86	106.54	102.29	98.12
Total	9.26	9.07	9.00	9.13	8.60	8.20	7.91	7.45	7.20
Females									
Under 5	1.37	1.54	1.18	1.41	1.17	1.40	1.22	1.06	1.08
5-9	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.11	0.15	0.12	0.09	0.09	0.10
10-14	0.10	0.15	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.10
15-19	0.31	0.37	0.32	0.31	0.38	0.26	0.31	0.29	0.17
20-24	0.27	0.35	0.32	0.39	0.41	0.41	0.33	0.30	0.25
25-34	0.48	0.47	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.38	0.44	0.35	0.35
35-44	0.94	1.03	1.04	0.95	1.13	1.08	0.91	0.83	0.91
45-54	2.65	2.76	2.60	2.67	2.72	2.75	2.31	2.17	2.19
55-64	7.19	7.39	7.10	6.99	6.67	5.89	5.72	6.33	5.69
65-74	22.21	21.70	20.76	20.68	20.15	17.80	17.52	16.33	15.44
75 and over	92.47	90.59	89.72	94.01	89.15	85.03	82.69	80.45	76.83
Total	8.24	8.17	8.05	8.31	7.97	7.51	7.25	7.04	6.72

Source: CSO

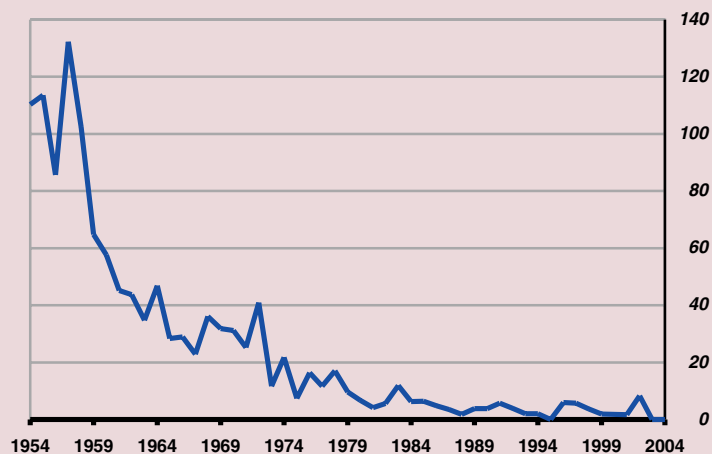
Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births

Table 3.5 Deaths classified by cause and rates, per 100,000 population

Cause of death	Number of deaths					Death rates per 100,000				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total deaths	31,391	30,212	29,683	28,823	28,151	828.4	785.3	757.8	724.4	696.2
Infectious and parasitic diseases	223	184	181	151	144	5.9	4.8	4.6	3.8	3.6
Malignant neoplasms	7,666	7,632	7,503	7,568	7,717	202.3	198.4	191.5	190.2	190.8
Diseases of the circulatory system	12,666	11,886	11,652	10,984	10,608	334.2	309.0	297.5	276.1	262.3
Diseases of the respiratory system	4,863	4,472	4,344	4,428	4,060	128.3	116.2	110.9	111.3	100.4
Diseases of the digestive system	1,050	1,047	1,025	1,006	960	27.7	27.2	26.2	25.3	23.7
Injury and poisoning	1,578	1,648	1,603	1,355	1,241	41.6	42.8	40.9	34.1	30.7
Other	3,345	3,343	3,375	3,331	3,421	88.3	86.9	86.2	83.7	84.6
External causes (included above)										
Accidents and adverse effects	1,158	1,195	1,158	960	843	30.6	31.1	29.6	24.1	20.8
Motor vehicle traffic accidents	411	394	368	293	262	10.8	10.2	9.4	7.4	6.5
Suicide	486	519	478	444	457	12.8	13.5	12.2	11.2	11.3
Other	110	118	131	91	83	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.1

Source: CSO

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Table 3.6 Death rates from cancer by age and sex, per 100,000 population

Age at death	Males						Females					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Under 25	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.2	4.4	4.5	2.9	3.6	4.7	2.9	2.2	3.3
25-34	13.1	12.3	11.2	8.4	11.1	4.9	14.8	9.9	7.5	10.4	7.6	11.4
35-44	33.5	36.2	31.7	27.9	27.0	27.8	45.0	54.3	52.4	38.5	37.9	47.2
45-54	145.2	124.0	117.3	133.3	108.7	111.1	145.9	148.2	148.2	121.8	118.0	107.1
55-64	417.9	427.0	383.2	394.0	369.8	357.8	342.9	354.7	310.9	303.7	354.6	321.3
65-74	1,118.0	1,125.9	1,069.5	1,019.7	1,015.1	1,020.5	675.6	757.7	706.9	699.1	653.0	666.7
75 and over	2,391.9	2,375.9	2,439.4	2,371.2	2,273.8	2,389.9	1,400.5	1,319.9	1,395.9	1,326.6	1,386.0	1,334.4
Total	218.1	216.6	211.1	208.3	201.1	205.9	185.2	188.1	185.8	175.0	179.5	176.0

Source: CSO

Table 3.7 Death rates from diseases of the circulatory system, per 100,000 population

Age at death	Males						Females					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Under 25	2.4	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.0
25-34	10.6	9.9	9.1	7.5	5.7	9.8	5.4	6.0	5.1	5.5	3.2	3.4
35-44	32.7	38.8	33.6	39.0	29.9	32.3	14.6	18.7	10.4	14.8	13.5	12.3
45-54	159.2	153.9	130.3	141.6	116.5	138.1	48.6	53.0	50.8	38.9	38.6	39.6
55-64	493.3	463.2	436.1	381.1	376.3	338.0	190.4	158.4	127.1	122.8	138.2	103.0
65-74	1,597.2	1,447.2	1,323.2	1,251.3	1,064.7	1,011.5	769.8	693.9	601.9	553.7	496.5	464.2
75 and over	5,490.6	5,086.1	4,793.0	4,566.5	4,335.1	4,021.2	4,487.2	4,266.6	3,981.1	3,924.7	3,650.6	3,481.6
Total	369.0	342.5	319.3	304.5	280.9	268.2	346.4	326.1	298.7	290.5	271.3	256.5

Source: CSO

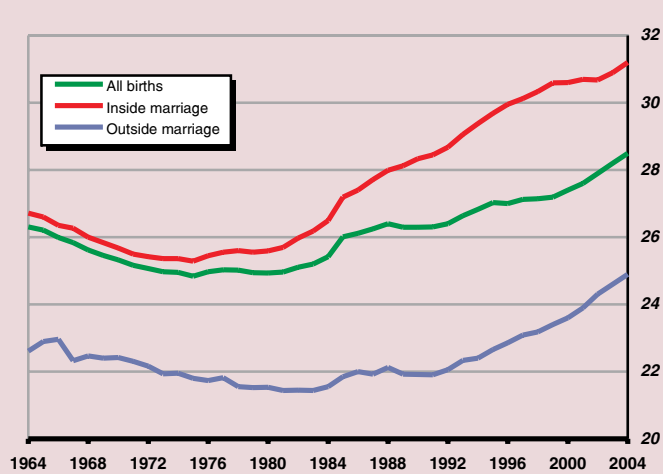
Table 3.8 Births classified by age of mother at maternity

Number

Age	Total births						Births outside marriage					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
15 and under	66	67	67	62	58	53	66	67	63	59	57	53
Under 20	3,314	3,116	3,087	2,948	2,803	2,560	3,178	2,945	2,870	2,693	2,580	2,340
20-24	7,630	7,933	8,325	8,557	8,469	8,213	6,054	6,252	6,427	6,436	6,298	6,389
25-29	13,771	13,556	14,160	14,592	14,806	14,339	4,135	4,324	4,599	4,912	5,187	5,423
30-34	17,778	18,018	19,276	20,370	20,899	21,267	2,081	2,333	2,582	2,977	3,263	3,521
35-39	9,422	10,077	10,779	11,651	11,978	12,544	988	1,078	1,253	1,390	1,511	1,711
40-44	1,646	1,765	1,867	1,971	2,173	2,247	228	234	274	315	352	383
45 and over	73	63	79	70	64	78	10	6	9	14	10	23
Age not stated	290	261	281	344	325	436	116	94	100	142	112	148
All ages	53,924	54,789	57,854	60,503	61,517	61,684	16,790	17,266	18,114	18,879	19,313	19,938

Source: CSO

Average age at maternity at first birth by marital status



Birth order (number of previous children)

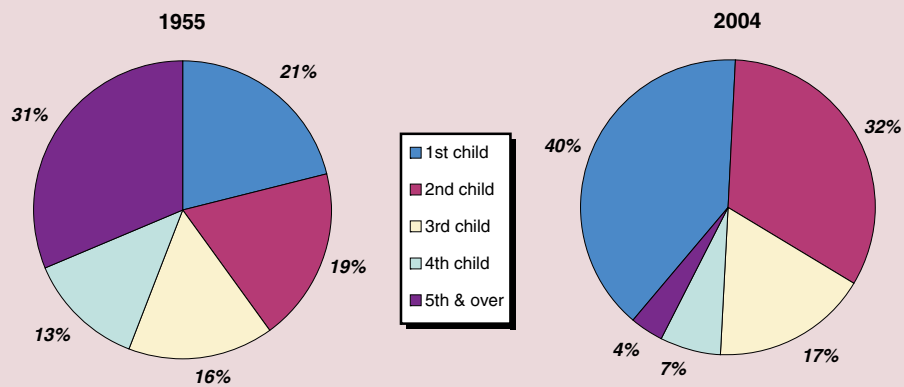


Table 3.9 Age specific fertility rates and total period fertility rates

Year	Age at maternity							Total period fertility rates
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
1960	8.8	103.9	209.6	213.1	156.3	56.0	4.2	3.76
1961	9.5	108.2	216.9	209.6	152.1	57.7	4.2	3.79
1962	11.2	114.2	224.1	214.8	155.8	59.5	4.5	3.92
1963	12.2	120.1	229.2	223.0	153.9	60.1	3.5	4.01
1964	13.1	123.1	237.8	221.7	152.3	61.3	3.7	4.06
1965	14.0	125.1	236.1	218.9	150.3	57.6	4.2	4.03
1966	13.5	128.1	232.5	213.1	144.4	54.9	4.3	3.95
1967	14.5	129.7	220.0	208.3	138.6	52.9	4.4	3.84
1968	14.1	134.8	222.5	197.8	133.8	48.5	4.1	3.78
1969	15.4	139.7	228.7	199.5	133.1	48.1	4.4	3.85
1970	16.3	145.5	228.7	201.9	131.9	45.3	3.7	3.87
1971	19.1	150.3	243.5	200.5	131.7	46.6	3.3	3.98
1972	21.3	152.1	241.5	187.6	125.7	43.4	3.4	3.88
1973	22.4	149.9	235.0	181.2	115.6	41.3	2.7	3.74
1974	22.6	145.4	229.5	171.9	111.2	39.9	2.8	3.62
1975	22.8	138.5	216.0	162.2	100.2	36.8	2.6	3.40
1976	21.9	133.7	211.7	162.2	94.9	34.8	3.1	3.31
1977	21.2	130.4	205.5	166.7	93.9	33.2	3.0	3.27
1978	21.8	126.2	201.7	167.8	96.5	31.1	2.8	3.24
1979	22.7	125.9	202.5	168.4	94.1	29.9	2.3	3.23
1980	23.0	125.3	202.3	165.7	97.3	29.6	2.3	3.23
1981	22.2	117.4	190.3	161.5	93.6	26.5	2.4	3.07
1982	20.7	110.2	185.0	156.9	91.6	24.9	2.2	2.96
1983	18.7	102.6	172.3	146.9	84.6	25.0	1.7	2.76
1984	18.0	95.4	163.3	138.4	78.9	21.8	1.9	2.59
1985	16.6	87.2	158.6	138.4	75.3	21.6	1.5	2.50
1986	16.4	83.1	154.3	139.0	73.4	21.2	1.5	2.44
1987	16.1	75.4	147.9	132.3	68.6	19.8	1.3	2.31
1988	15.3	69.6	141.0	125.5	63.2	17.8	1.1	2.17
1989	14.8	64.0	134.4	122.0	62.4	17.0	1.1	2.08
1990	16.7	63.3	137.6	126.2	63.1	15.4	1.1	2.12
1991	17.1	64.0	131.8	124.4	63.4	15.2	1.0	2.09
1992	16.9	58.9	123.9	122.3	61.3	14.4	0.8	1.99
1993	16.3	53.8	116.5	121.2	58.5	14.1	0.9	1.91
1994	15.0	50.7	112.5	119.8	58.6	12.8	0.7	1.85
1995	15.1	50.3	106.7	123.5	60.3	13.1	0.8	1.85
1996	16.7	52.2	105.3	127.1	63.9	11.8	0.6	1.89
1997	17.5	50.9	106.4	131.5	66.6	13.4	0.8	1.94
1998	19.2	52.5	103.1	131.5	69.3	13.4	0.6	1.95
1999	20.2	51.0	99.4	129.5	68.5	12.9	0.6	1.921
2000	19.5	51.6	95.1	129.3	71.3	13.6	0.5	1.90
2001	19.9	53.3	95.1	134.1	75.3	13.9	0.7	1.96
2002	19.4	52.8	93.7	134.5	80.0	14.5	0.6	1.98
2003	18.8	50.8	93.6	134.5	81.4	15.6	0.5	1.98
2004	17.6	49.1	87.9	133.4	84.6	15.8	0.6	1.95

Source: CSO

TABLE 3.9

Table 3.10 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by area of occurrence

Area of occurrence	Number	Rate per 1,000 population
Leinster	10,360	4.8
Carlow	240	5.0
Dublin	4,776	4.1
Kildare	925	5.4
Kilkenny	408	4.8
Laois	331	5.4
Longford	156	4.8
Louth	638	6.0
Meath	740	5.3
Offaly	370	5.5
Westmeath	386	5.1
Wexford	642	5.2
Wicklow	748	6.2
Munster	6,364	5.6
Clare	458	4.2
Cork City	2,316	4.9
Cork County	838	2.5
Kerry	970	7.0
Limerick City	878	15.5
Limerick County	262	2.1
North Tipperary	382	6.0
South Tipperary	437	5.3
Waterford City	284	6.1
Waterford County	377	6.3
Connacht	2,431	5.1
Galway City	485	7.0
Galway County	621	4.1
Leitrim	125	4.6
Mayo	668	5.4
Roscommon	213	3.8
Sligo	319	5.2
Ulster	1,464	5.7
Cavan	339	5.7
Donegal	825	5.7
Monaghan	300	5.4
State	20,619	5.1
Regional Authorities		
Border	2,546	5.7
Midland	1,243	5.3
West	1,987	5.1
Dublin	4,776	4.1
Mid-East	2,413	5.7
Mid-West	1,980	5.6
South-East	2,388	5.5
South-West	3,286	5.5
Health Boards		
ERHA	6,449	4.5
Midland	1,243	5.3
Mid Western	1,980	5.6
North Eastern	2,017	5.7
North Western	1,269	5.5
South Eastern	2,388	5.5
Southern	3,286	5.5
Western	1,987	5.1

Source: CSO

TABLE 3.10

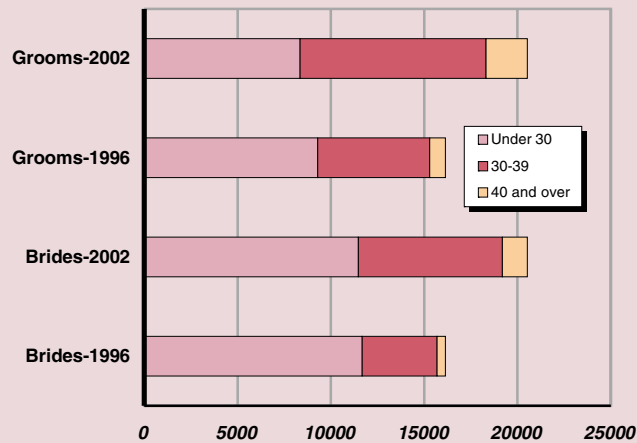
Table 3.11 Marriages registered in 2002 classified by month and day of week of marriage

Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence							Total
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
January	2	45	45	51	66	171	137	517
February	7	52	43	51	101	217	208	679
March	22	44	35	45	91	302	375	914
April	17	98	70	68	121	441	538	1,353
May	35	84	61	102	247	854	783	2,166
June	40	105	70	87	207	721	1,086	2,316
July	41	119	89	144	296	854	946	2,489
August	63	174	99	163	440	1,164	1,372	3,475
September	42	120	83	112	355	919	1,135	2,766
October	43	88	69	86	218	686	744	1,934
November	7	51	40	47	102	362	387	996
December	19	104	50	53	129	303	293	951
Total	337	1,084	753	1,009	2,373	6,994	8,004	20,556

Source: CSO

TABLE 3.11

Number of marriages classified by ages of brides and grooms



Number of marriages classified by form of ceremony

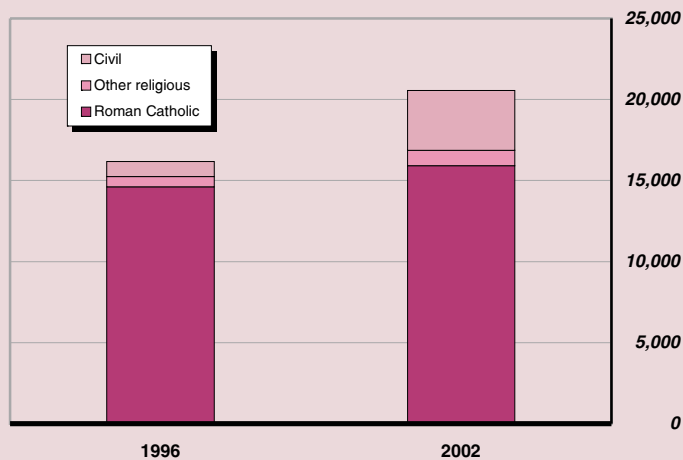


Table 3.12 Summary data for marriages 1990-1996 and 2002

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	2002
State	17,838	17,441	16,636	16,824	16,621	15,604	16,174	20,556
Marriages per 1,000 population	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.2
Average age of groom	28.6	28.7	29.0	29.3	29.8	30.0	30.2	32.5
Average age of bride	26.6	26.9	27.1	27.4	27.8	28.1	28.4	30.4
Percentage of marriages by age of groom								
Under 20	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7
20-24	23.8	22.0	19.6	17.3	14.9	12.8	10.8	5.4
25-29	47.1	47.4	47.9	47.9	47.4	46.5	46.3	34.6
30-34	18.3	20.0	21.6	23.0	24.3	27.3	29.0	34.9
35-39	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.5	7.3	7.8	8.2	13.6
Over 40	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.2	10.8
Percentage of marriages by age of bride								
Under 20	3.4	3.2	2.5	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2
20-24	37.8	35.1	32.4	29.9	27.3	23.7	21.6	11.7
25-29	42.6	43.5	46.2	46.8	47.5	49.1	49.5	42.9
30-34	11.1	12.6	13.5	14.8	16.7	18.8	19.9	28.3
35-39	3.1	3.6	3.3	4.0	4.1	4.4	5.1	9.4
Over 40	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.7	6.5
Form of Ceremony								
Roman Catholic	16,626	16,293	15,255	15,400	15,200	14,158	14,607	15,908
Church of Ireland	423	392	521	444	434	425	483	781
Presbyterian	73	52	98	58	51	76	91	112
Methodist	27	30	35	43	33	25	38	40
Jewish	6	0	0	1	3	1	2	6
Other Religious	27	25	32	41	50	28	25	26
Civil Marriages	656	649	695	837	850	891	928	3,683
Country of future residence								
Outside Republic of Ireland	3,123	2,887	2,656	2,740	2,661	2,502	2,604	2,293
Northern Ireland	174	202	176	204	235	216	271	256
Britain	1,933	1,845	1,710	1,614	1,537	1,404	1,359	1,205
Europe (remainder)	192	162	193	242	166	203	222	182
USA	524	438	363	415	509	490	570	480
Elsewhere	300	240	214	265	214	189	182	170
Percentage of Marriages with country of future residence outside Republic of Ireland	17.5	16.6	16.0	16.3	16.0	16.0	16.1	11.2

Source: CSO

Table 3.13 Life expectancy at various ages

Period	Age in years									
	0	5	10	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Males										
1925-1927	57.4	59.5	55.2	38.4	30.4	22.7	15.8	10.0	5.8	3.3
1935-1937	58.2	60.1	55.8	38.5	30.3	22.4	15.5	10.0	6.0	3.1
1940-1942	59.0	60.7	56.3	38.9	30.6	22.5	15.4	9.6	5.7	3.6
1945-1947	60.5	61.5	56.9	39.2	30.6	22.4	15.1	9.2	5.3	3.2
1950-1952	64.5	63.6	58.8	40.3	31.3	22.8	15.4	9.2	5.0	2.7
1960-1962	68.1	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.4	23.5	15.8	9.7	5.1	2.5
1965-1967	68.6	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.2	23.4	15.6	9.7	5.2	2.6
1970-1972	68.8	65.5	60.6	41.5	32.1	23.3	15.6	9.7	5.4	2.8
1978-1980	69.5	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.2	23.3	15.7	9.5	5.3	2.9
1980-1982	70.1	66.1	61.3	42.1	32.6	23.6	15.9	9.7	5.4	2.9
1985-1987	71.0	66.8	61.9	42.7	33.1	24.0	16.0	9.7	5.3	2.8
1990-1992	72.3	68.0	63.1	43.9	34.4	25.2	17.0	10.4	5.8	3.0
1995-1997	73.0	68.6	63.6	44.5	35.1	25.8	17.5	10.6	5.9	3.0
2001-2003	75.1	70.7	65.7	46.5	37.0	27.8	19.2	11.9	6.5	3.3
Females										
1925-1927	57.9	59.2	54.9	38.6	30.8	23.2	16.4	10.7	6.5	3.7
1935-1937	59.6	60.4	56.1	39.2	31.2	23.3	16.2	10.6	6.5	3.4
1940-1942	61.0	61.4	56.9	39.9	31.6	23.5	16.3	10.4	6.4	4.2
1945-1947	62.4	62.5	57.9	40.5	32.1	23.9	16.4	10.2	6.0	3.8
1950-1952	67.1	65.4	60.6	42.2	33.3	24.7	16.8	10.2	5.6	3.2
1960-1962	71.9	69.0	64.1	44.7	35.3	26.3	18.1	11.0	5.9	3.0
1965-1967	72.9	69.6	64.8	45.2	35.7	26.6	18.4	11.2	6.1	3.1
1970-1972	73.5	70.0	65.1	45.6	36.0	27.0	18.7	11.5	6.2	3.2
1978-1980	75.0	71.0	66.1	46.5	36.8	27.6	19.2	11.9	6.4	3.4
1980-1982	75.6	71.5	66.6	47.0	37.3	28.0	19.5	12.2	6.7	3.5
1985-1987	76.7	72.4	67.5	47.8	38.1	28.7	20.1	12.6	6.8	3.3
1990-1992	77.9	73.5	68.6	48.9	39.2	29.8	21.1	13.5	7.4	3.6
1995-1997	78.5	74.1	69.1	49.5	39.8	30.3	21.5	13.7	7.5	3.7
2001-2003	80.3	75.7	70.8	51.1	41.4	31.9	22.9	14.8	8.2	4.1

Source: CSO

TABLE 3.13

Life expectancy at birth

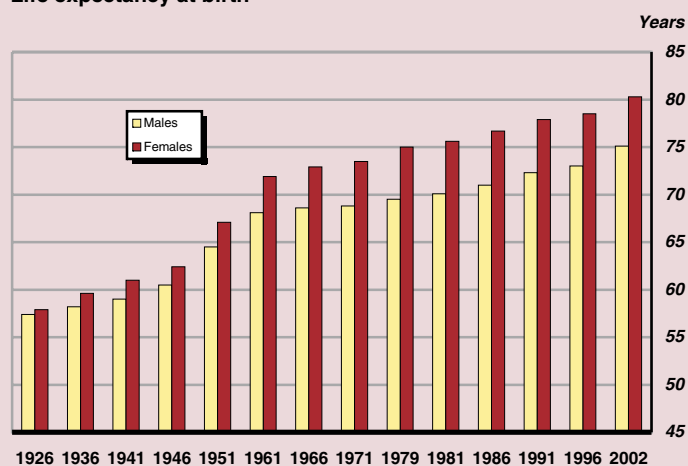


Table 3.14 Projected life expectancy at various ages

Period	Age in years									
	0	5	10	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Males										
2005-2007	76.1	71.6	66.6	47.4	37.9	28.6	20.0	12.5	6.7	3.4
2010-2012	77.2	72.7	67.8	48.6	39.1	29.7	20.9	13.1	7.1	3.6
2015-2017	78.4	73.8	68.9	49.6	40.1	30.8	21.8	13.8	7.5	3.8
2020-2022	79.5	74.9	69.9	50.6	41.1	31.7	22.7	14.5	7.9	4.0
2025-2027	80.5	75.9	70.9	51.6	42.1	32.7	23.5	15.1	8.3	4.1
2030-2032	81.5	76.9	71.9	52.6	43.1	33.6	24.3	15.7	8.7	4.3
2035-2037	82.5	77.8	72.8	53.5	44.0	34.5	25.1	16.4	9.0	4.5
Females										
2005-2007	81.1	76.6	71.6	51.9	42.2	32.7	23.6	15.3	8.5	4.3
2010-2012	82.1	77.5	72.6	52.9	43.1	33.6	24.5	16.0	9.0	4.6
2015-2017	83.1	78.5	73.5	53.8	44.1	34.5	25.3	16.7	9.5	4.9
2020-2022	84.1	79.4	74.5	54.7	45.0	35.4	26.1	17.4	9.9	5.2
2025-2027	85.1	80.3	75.4	55.7	45.9	36.3	26.9	18.1	10.4	5.5
2030-2032	86.0	81.2	76.2	56.5	46.8	37.1	27.7	18.7	10.9	5.8
2035-2037	86.9	82.1	77.1	57.4	47.6	38.0	28.5	19.4	11.4	6.2

Source: CSO

TABLE 3.14

Life expectancy at age 65

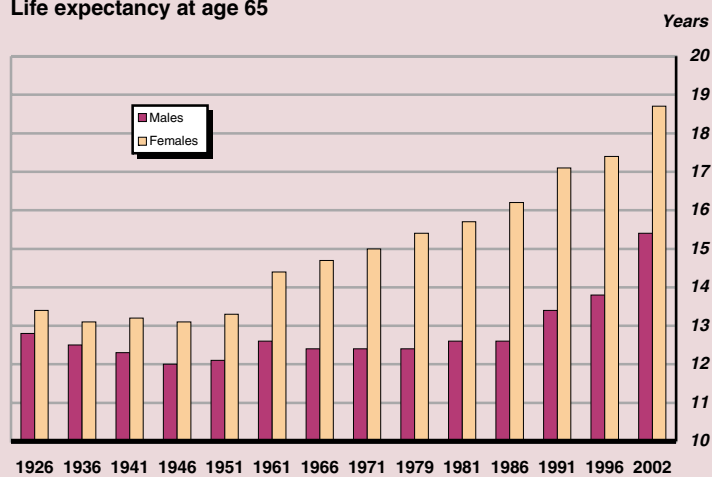


Table 3.15 Divorce, judicial separation and nullity applications received and granted by the Circuit Courts, 2003

Circuit Court	Number					
	Divorce applications		Judicial separation applications		Nullity applications	
	Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted
Carlow	57	34	14	11	0	0
Carrick on Shannon	14	14	10	5	0	0
Castlebar	65	45	46	24	2	3
Cavan	32	35	19	15	0	0
Clonmel	104	70	48	19	2	0
Cork	582	357	417	215	35	9
Dublin	1,326	1,032	543	432	21	8
Dundalk	99	71	46	40	0	1
Ennis	68	64	39	14	3	0
Galway	110	110	37	37	6	6
Kilkenny	61	56	28	14	0	0
Letterkenny	78	85	36	48	1	0
Limerick	122	105	88	43	2	2
Longford	25	19	10	6	1	0
Monaghan	40	23	20	17	0	0
Mullingar	81	69	31	15	3	0
Naas	133	88	67	37	3	0
Portlaoise	33	33	13	10	0	0
Roscommon	50	33	19	9	1	1
Sligo	72	61	25	20	0	0
Tralee	78	100	43	32	0	0
Trim	122	57	64	41	6	0
Tullamore	64	43	11	12	2	0
Waterford	97	84	47	37	0	0
Wexford	111	125	34	20	0	0
Wicklow	109	116	47	33	4	3
Total	3,733	2,929	1,802	1,206	92	33

Source: Courts Service

TABLE 3.15

Table 3.16 Divorce, judicial separation and nullity applications received and granted by the Circuit Courts, 2004

Circuit Court	Number					
	Divorce applications		Judicial separation applications		Nullity applications	
	Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted
Carlow	58	37	18	3	1	1
Carrick on Shannon	16	18	4	4	3	1
Castlebar	68	46	42	20	2	1
Cavan	33	27	22	10	0	0
Clonmel	145	96	49	21	1	1
Cork	521	269	252	92	9	5
Dublin	1,466	1,464	600	598	13	1
Dundalk	130	100	57	35	2	0
Ennis	98	79	18	23	1	0
Galway	71	33	35	27	6	0
Kilkenny	51	45	26	14	2	1
Letterkenny	78	74	38	21	0	0
Limerick	158	176	103	70	4	4
Longford	13	19	5	10	0	0
Monaghan	37	21	24	15	0	0
Mullingar	70	64	24	22	0	0
Naas	145	114	58	39	2	1
Portlaoise	40	31	11	7	0	0
Roscommon	22	22	17	11	2	1
Sligo	51	50	21	9	0	0
Tralee	105	72	48	32	2	0
Trim	110	78	71	40	1	3
Tullamore	44	47	11	6	0	0
Waterford	122	122	37	38	0	0
Wexford	117	118	30	28	0	0
Wicklow	111	83	33	21	0	0
Total	3,880	3,305	1,654	1,216	51	20

Source: Courts Service

TABLE 3.16

Table 3.17 Top 25 babies' names registered in 2004, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank in 2003

Boy's name	2004	Number	2003	Number	Girl's name	2004	Number	2003	Number
Sean	1	928	1	897	Emma	1	787	1	791
Jack	2	835	2	800	Katie	2	574	5	468
Conor	3	736	4	705	Sarah	3	561	2	606
Adam	4	688	3	787	Amy	4	546	9	410
James	4	688	5	626	Aoife	5	534	3	571
Daniel	6	630	6	617	Ciara	6	500	4	535
Cian	7	546	8	501	Sophie	7	468	6	432
Luke	8	544	11	474	Chloe	8	453	8	412
Michael	9	527	7	525	Leah	9	424	10	395
Aaron	10	503	13	411	Niamh	10	421	11	370
Dylan	11	479	10	478	Ella	11	381	14	327
David	12	459	9	480	Caoimhe	12	357	12	357
Ryan	13	451	12	425	Emily	13	346	20	273
Eoin	14	429	15	356	Kate	14	342	17	295
Darragh	15	414	15	356	Rachel	14	342	7	431
Jamie	16	406	23	327	Hannah	16	340	13	340
Ben	17	399	18	348	Lauren	17	318	15	311
Oisín	18	384	20	342	Ava	18	308	24	255
Shane	19	379	21	335	Megan	19	299	16	310
Thomas	20	371	14	375	Grace	20	295	23	258
John	21	366	22	333	Rebecca	21	290	17	295
Joshua	22	364	17	352	Lucy	22	276	29	203
Matthew	23	361	25	304	Jessica	23	264	19	292
Patrick	24	357	19	343	Laura	24	261	21	268
Evan	25	337	26	303	Holly	25	253	28	213

Source: CSO

TABLE 3.17

