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Housing and Households

- Home ownership in Ireland remains very high with almost 75% of private dwellings in the state being owner occupied in 2006.

- The majority of dwellings in 2006 were houses. Of these more than 625,988 were detached and just over 655,882 were semi-detached/terraced houses.

- One person households are the fastest-growing ownership group, up 51,877 or 18.7% since 2002.

- The average number of persons per household continues to decline; it now stands at 2.8.

- Over 828,000 (56.6%) households had a personal computer (PC) in April 2006 while 683,000 (46.7%) had access to the Internet.

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Introduction

This chapter deals with housing and households. The statistics are taken from the Censuses of Population from 1926 to 2006.

Number and size of households

The number of private households has more than doubled since 1926, when there were 622,700 private households in the State. By 1991 the number had increased to 1,029,100 and in 2006 there were 1,469,521 private households. There were, on average, 4.48 persons per household in 1926. By 1991, average household size had fallen to 3.34 and the latest figure, for 2006, is 2.81 persons.

Detached dwellings predominate

Detached dwellings were the predominant housing type in 2006, accounting for nearly 43% of all housing units. More than one in four houses were semi-detached, 17.6% were terraced while flats and apartments accounted for 10.2% of all housing units. More than four out of five rural dwellings were detached residences while semi-detached and terraced housing were the most common dwelling types in urban areas. Flats and apartments featured strongly in urban areas, making up 15% of urban dwellings in 2006, continuing the upward trend observed in 2002.

Vacancy rate of 15%

Table 21.8 refers to occupancy status. By expressing the total vacant houses and flats and holiday homes as a percentage of the total housing stock it is possible to derive an overall vacancy rate. This stood at 15% for April 2006. The counties with the highest vacancy rates were Leitrim (29.3%), Donegal (27%) and Kerry (24.8%) while South Dublin (6.2%), Fingal (8.8%) and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (8.9%) had the lowest rates.

Age of dwelling

Table 21.5 provides an analysis of the housing stock by period of construction. Over half of the permanent housing units distinguished in the 2006 Census were built since 1971. The period since 1996, during which the population increased by an average of 60,000 per year, accounted for 404,000 (28%) of the total housing stock. More than one third of these housing units were located in Dublin and the Mid-East regions. Population growth during the 1970s, which was on a par with that achieved in the most recent intercensal period, explains the relatively large proportion (16.9%) of the housing stock built during that period. Almost 18% of houses in the South-East region were built before 1919 compared with one in eight houses in other regions.

Home ownership and rented accommodation

Table 21.4 shows that in 2006 about 301,000 dwellings were rented. Of these, almost 106,000 were rented from a Local Authority. Over 1 in 3 of all householders (498,000) owned their dwelling outright. Another 570,000 were paying a home loan or mortgage. Home ownership in Ireland remains very high with almost 75% of private dwellings in the State being owner-occupied in 2006.

Home computing

According to the Census, over 828,000 (56.6%) households had a personal computer (PC) in April 2006 while 683,000 (46.7%) had access to the Internet. Of this latter figure, 292,000 households had a broadband connection to the internet.

Technical Notes

Owner occupied private dwellings does not include those having or being acquired through a Local Authority scheme.

Table 21.1   Private households by size

Thousands

	Number of persons in household						Total	Average size of household
	One	**Two**	**Three**	**Four**	**Five**	**Six or more**	**Total**	**Average size of household**
1926	51.5	98.4	102.7	96.3	82.3	191.5	**622.7**	4.48
1936	60.6	110.9	111.5	100.1	82.9	181.3	**647.3**	4.31
1946	68.9	118.7	116.4	103.4	84.4	170.8	**662.6**	4.16
1961	85.4	137.3	116.9	98.2	78.4	160.2	**676.4**	3.97
1966	89.0	139.5	114.4	97.1	79.3	168.0	**687.3**	4.01
1971	102.8	149.5	115.8	102.2	84.0	172.1	**726.4**	3.93
1979	145.0	179.0	133.0	133.3	109.1	177.2	**876.7**	3.71
1981	155.7	184.1	136.4	140.3	117.2	177.0	**910.7**	3.66
1986	180.8	198.0	144.8	156.7	127.8	168.1	**976.2**	3.53
1991	207.6	218.5	157.8	170.9	130.9	143.3	**1,029.0**	3.34
1996	241.8	256.8	179.8	191.8	133.0	120.0	**1,123.2**	3.14
2002	277.6	333.7	227.8	223.2	134.9	90.8	**1288.0**	2.94
2006	329.5	415.5	265.4	243.8	137.3	78.1	**1469.5**	2.81

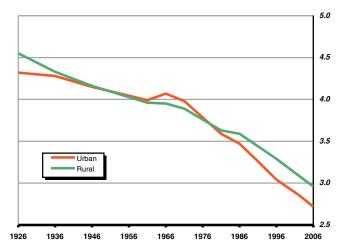*Source: CSO*

Average household size

Table 21.2 Number of private households and number of persons in private households in each province, county and city, classified by type of household, 2006

| Province, county or city | Number of households | | | Number of persons in households | | |
	Total	Permanent private	Temporary private	Total	Permanent private	Temporary private
Leinster	**794,844**	**791,277**	**3,567**	**2,237,687**	**2,229,076**	**8,611**
Carlow	**17,195**	17,074	121	**49,336**	49,061	275
Dublin	**420,429**	419,529	900	**1,148,957**	1,146,289	2,668
Dublin City	*190,984*	*190,711*	*273*	*478,008*	*477,203*	*805*
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	*68,412*	*68,375*	*37*	*189,355*	*189,248*	*107*
Fingal	*80,402*	*80,085*	*317*	*237,132*	*236,242*	*890*
South Dublin	*80,631*	*80,358*	*273*	*244,462*	*243,596*	*866*
Kildare	**60,957**	60,578	379	**183,598**	182,730	868
Kilkenny	**29,651**	29,478	173	**85,395**	84,973	422
Laois	**22,591**	22,421	170	**65,747**	65,397	350
Longford	**12,111**	12,042	69	**33,839**	33,708	131
Louth	**38,703**	38,598	105	**109,578**	109,367	211
Meath	**53,938**	53,575	363	**161,533**	160,788	745
Offaly	**23,769**	23,533	236	**69,498**	68,936	562
Westmeath	**27,064**	26,881	183	**77,066**	76,603	463
Wexford	**45,566**	45,096	470	**129,359**	128,311	1,048
Wicklow	**42,870**	42,472	398	**123,781**	122,913	868
Munster	**408,726**	**406,798**	**1,928**	**1,137,294**	**1,133,014**	**4,280**
Clare	**38,210**	38,026	184	**106,683**	106,279	404
Cork	**167,234**	166,542	692	**470,219**	468,790	1,429
Cork City	*43,939*	*43,871*	*68*	*114,698*	*114,467*	*231*
Cork County	*123,295*	*122,671*	*624*	*355,521*	*354,323*	*1,198*
Kerry	**48,110**	47,743	367	**131,817**	131,159	658
Limerick	**64,225**	63,956	269	**178,493**	177,683	810
Limerick City	*19,550*	*19,513*	*37*	*50,419*	*50,253*	*166*
Limerick County	*44,675*	*44,443*	*232*	*128,074*	*127,430*	*644*
North Tipperary	**22,992**	22,866	126	**64,356**	64,065	291
South Tipperary	**29,375**	29,221	154	**81,366**	80,986	380
Waterford	**38,580**	38,444	136	**104,360**	104,052	308
Waterford City	*17,069*	*17,049*	*20*	*43,577*	*43,512*	*65*
Waterford County	*21,511*	*21,395*	*116*	*60,783*	*60,540*	*243*
Connacht	**174,952**	**173,941**	**1,011**	**486,025**	**483,723**	**2,302**
Galway	**78,661**	78,206	455	**222,940**	221,906	1,034
Galway City	*25,353*	*25,324*	*29*	*67,669*	*67,572*	*97*
Galway County	*53,308*	*52,882*	*426*	*155,271*	*154,334*	*937*
Leitrim	**10,646**	10,541	105	**28,236**	28,015	221
Mayo	**43,431**	43,218	213	**119,398**	118,927	471
Roscommon	**20,734**	20,624	110	**57,185**	56,928	257
Sligo	**21,480**	21,352	128	**58,266**	57,947	319
Ulster (part)	**90,999**	**90,280**	**719**	**262,312**	**260,940**	**1,372**
Cavan	**21,929**	21,781	148	**62,933**	62,660	273
Donegal	**50,415**	49,993	422	**144,167**	143,365	802
Monaghan	**18,655**	18,506	149	**55,212**	54,915	297
TOTAL	**1,469,521**	**1,462,296**	**7,225**	**4,123,318**	**4,106,753**	**16,565**

Source: CSO

Table 21.3 Private dwellings in permanent housing units classified by period in which built, water supply, sewerage facilities and central heating, 2006

| Water supply, sanitary facilities and central heating | Total | Period in which built | | | | | | | | | |
		Before 1919	1919-1940	1941-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001 or later	Not stated
Type of water supply											
Public mains	1,093,189	98,537	77,262	113,907	93,958	165,383	121,375	72,953	119,130	191,119	39,565
Local Authority group scheme	126,609	13,935	10,318	11,048	7,587	18,434	17,099	7,628	13,907	23,118	3,535
Private group scheme	46,458	7,684	4,902	4,383	2,419	6,291	6,415	2,656	4,478	6,662	568
Other private source	145,341	30,811	13,138	10,994	7,401	19,428	18,705	8,259	14,071	20,515	2,019
No piped water	2,908	1,418	631	404	183	30	24	18	20	34	146
Not stated	47,791	1,967	1,394	1,678	1,421	2,816	2,403	1,572	3,168	7,995	23,377
Total dwellings	**1,462,296**	**154,352**	**107,645**	**142,414**	**112,969**	**212,382**	**166,021**	**93,086**	**154,774**	**249,443**	**69,210**
Type of sewerage facility											
Public scheme	956,239	74,510	63,925	101,866	85,394	142,580	101,385	64,162	106,387	177,683	38,347
Individual septic tank	418,033	72,247	40,392	37,288	25,398	65,604	60,928	26,287	39,846	43,784	6,259
Individual treatment system	29,685	2,068	774	749	435	1,154	1,099	839	4,686	17,590	291
Other	6,979	1,206	371	352	257	580	500	325	731	2,366	291
No sewerage facility	4,179	2,343	866	497	149	21	10	17	22	30	224
Not stated	47,181	1,978	1,317	1,662	1,336	2,443	2,099	1,456	3,102	7,990	23,798
Total dwellings	**1,462,296**	**154,352**	**107,645**	**142,414**	**112,969**	**212,382**	**166,021**	**93,086**	**154,774**	**249,443**	**69,210**
Central heating											
Yes	1,288,261	118,907	87,971	124,459	102,622	196,251	152,031	85,534	144,823	233,104	42,559
No	136,155	32,713	17,708	15,672	8,554	13,210	11,814	6,232	7,932	12,585	9,735
Not stated	37,880	2,732	1,966	2,283	1,793	2,921	2,176	1,320	2,019	3,754	16,916
Total dwellings	**1,462,296**	**154,352**	**107,645**	**142,414**	**112,969**	**212,382**	**166,021**	**93,086**	**154,774**	**249,443**	**69,210**

Source: CSO

Table 21.4 Private dwellings in permanent housing units classified by period in which built and nature of occupancy, 2006

| Nature of occupancy | Total | Period in which built | | | | | | | | | |
		Before 1919	1919-1940	1941-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001 or later	Not stated
Owner occupied with loan or mortgage	569,966	34,278	25,793	39,889	29,915	73,931	71,561	47,840	88,758	150,547	7,454
Owner occupied without loan or mortgage	498,432	86,192	60,367	73,378	58,973	96,131	56,070	19,124	20,906	20,341	6,950
Being purchased from a Local Authority	23,547	624	1,376	4,382	3,033	5,993	3,493	656	986	2,089	915
Rented from a Local Authority	105,509	2,339	4,269	9,003	9,520	18,501	15,626	7,044	11,855	19,954	7,398
Rented from a Voluntary Body	50,480	4,194	2,655	2,845	2,214	3,410	4,087	4,304	7,918	12,864	5,989
Private rented unfurnished	16,621	2,746	1,255	1,239	913	1,302	1,357	1,110	2,005	3,425	1,269
Private rented furnished or part furnished	128,696	14,770	6,861	6,472	4,946	7,987	9,781	10,437	18,535	33,158	15,749
Occupied free of rent	21,701	5,906	2,735	2,725	1,654	2,221	1,697	979	1,261	1,707	816
Not stated	47,344	3,303	2,334	2,481	1,801	2,906	2,349	1,592	2,550	5,358	22,670
Total	**1,462,296**	**154,352**	**107,645**	**142,414**	**112,969**	**212,382**	**166,021**	**93,086**	**154,774**	**249,443**	**69,210**

Source: CSO

Table 21.5 **Private dwellings in permanent housing units in each Regional Authority Area, classified by period in which built and number of rooms occupied, 2006**

Number of rooms occupied	Total	Before 1919	1919-1940	1941-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001 or later	Not stated
											Period in which built
1 room	**20,893**	5,114	1,863	1,617	1,413	1,559	1,308	849	1,181	2,324	3,665
2 rooms	**61,757**	9,243	4,698	4,215	3,063	3,880	4,734	4,332	6,791	13,725	7,076
3 rooms	**123,655**	13,991	9,567	10,364	7,121	11,172	10,803	7,807	13,653	30,120	9,057
4 rooms	**160,878**	23,126	18,694	21,703	9,804	12,977	13,385	8,453	14,096	30,642	7,998
5 rooms	**354,089**	28,560	25,655	38,513	27,884	58,152	44,493	21,236	35,753	61,863	11,980
6 rooms	**281,531**	25,592	20,975	32,448	27,473	49,343	33,374	17,287	28,841	39,578	6,620
7 rooms	**200,869**	17,924	11,914	16,218	17,727	37,376	26,820	14,626	24,182	31,038	3,044
8 rooms	**121,819**	14,395	6,957	8,518	9,791	20,336	15,733	9,499	15,540	19,613	1,437
9 rooms	**51,548**	5,437	2,793	3,343	3,924	8,087	7,204	4,305	6,993	8,979	483
10 or more rooms	**39,813**	7,497	2,151	2,379	2,411	5,404	5,235	3,006	4,914	6,466	350
Not stated	**45,444**	3,473	2,378	3,096	2,358	4,096	2,932	1,686	2,830	5,095	17,500
Total	**1,462,296**	**154,352**	**107,645**	**142,414**	**112,969**	**212,382**	**166,021**	**93,086**	**154,774**	**249,443**	**69,210**

Source: CSO

Table 21.6 **Number of private households in permanent housing units in each province, county and city, classified by type of accommodation**

Province, county or city	Total	Detached house	Semi-detached house	Terraced house	Flat or apartment in a purpose-built block	Flat or apartment in a converted house or commercial building	Bed-sit	Not stated
Leinster	**791,277**	**243,890**	**256,403**	**166,076**	**81,623**	**18,399**	**6,400**	**18,486**
Carlow	**17,074**	8,793	4,379	2,517	634	297	56	398
Dublin	**419,529**	49,417	154,981	118,000	67,038	13,540	5,405	11,148
Dublin City	*190,711*	*9,012*	*45,826*	*70,519*	*43,140*	*11,189*	*4,829*	*6,196*
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	*68,375*	*15,808*	*29,341*	*11,797*	*8,540*	*1,493*	*273*	*1,123*
Fingal	*80,085*	*16,154*	*36,791*	*15,119*	*9,397*	*511*	*168*	*1,945*
South Dublin	*80,358*	*8,443*	*43,023*	*20,565*	*5,961*	*347*	*135*	*1,884*
Kildare	**60,578**	25,531	23,510	6,105	3,452	664	160	1,156
Kilkenny	**29,478**	17,808	5,834	4,063	806	359	65	543
Laois	**22,421**	13,525	5,445	2,222	451	225	45	508
Longford	**12,042**	8,016	1,794	1,356	360	143	33	340
Louth	**38,598**	15,937	10,966	9,019	1,449	342	95	790
Meath	**53,575**	29,632	15,306	4,857	2,277	530	96	877
Offaly	**23,533**	13,760	5,755	2,536	516	348	81	537
Westmeath	**26,881**	14,522	7,217	2,783	1,243	406	97	613
Wexford	**45,096**	27,717	8,821	5,809	1,247	685	113	704
Wicklow	**42,472**	19,232	12,395	6,809	2,150	860	154	872
Munster	**406,798**	**206,801**	**94,401**	**70,428**	**17,994**	**7,374**	**1,543**	**8,257**
Clare	**38,026**	22,872	7,868	4,602	1,325	526	93	740
Cork	**166,542**	75,949	40,668	34,644	7,870	3,488	746	3,177
Cork City	*43,871*	*5,042*	*14,026*	*17,104*	*4,470*	*1,612*	*499*	*1,118*
Cork County	*122,671*	*70,907*	*26,642*	*17,540*	*3,400*	*1,876*	*247*	*2,059*
Kerry	**47,743**	31,825	7,766	4,742	1,341	835	150	1,084
Limerick	**63,956**	28,985	16,588	11,294	4,458	1,045	257	1,329
Limerick City	*19,513*	*1,872*	*6,406*	*7,448*	*2,554*	*609*	*150*	*474*
Limerick County	*44,443*	*27,113*	*10,182*	*3,846*	*1,904*	*436*	*107*	*855*
North Tipperary	**22,866**	14,422	4,600	2,416	518	342	84	484
South Tipperary	**29,221**	16,209	6,049	5,081	706	492	79	605
Waterford	**38,444**	16,539	10,862	7,649	1,776	646	134	838
Waterford City	*17,049*	*3,163*	*5,988*	*5,394*	*1,400*	*425*	*112*	*567*
Waterford County	*21,395*	*13,376*	*4,874*	*2,255*	*376*	*221*	*22*	*271*
Connacht	**173,941**	**113,393**	**32,029**	**13,292**	**8,229**	**2,975**	**641**	**3,382**
Galway	**78,206**	46,584	15,863	6,223	5,757	1,671	352	1,756
Galway City	*25,324*	*5,378*	*9,488*	*4,256*	*4,471*	*901*	*197*	*633*
Galway County	*52,882*	*41,206*	*6,375*	*1,967*	*1,286*	*770*	*155*	*1,123*
Leitrim	**10,541**	7,834	1,476	617	279	113	28	194
Mayo	**43,218**	30,501	7,029	3,202	975	654	118	739
Roscommon	**20,624**	15,778	3,019	771	367	266	66	357
Sligo	**21,352**	12,696	4,642	2,479	851	271	77	336
Ulster (part)	**90,280**	**61,904**	**15,527**	**7,726**	**2,020**	**1,258**	**167**	**1,678**
Cavan	**21,781**	15,139	3,459	1,801	541	322	56	463
Donegal	**49,993**	34,654	8,939	3,795	1,028	667	69	841
Monaghan	**18,506**	12,111	3,129	2,130	451	269	42	374
TOTAL	**1,462,296**	**625,988**	**398,360**	**257,522**	**109,866**	**30,006**	**8,751**	**31,803**

Source: CSO

Table 21.7 Number of rented private dwellings in permanent housing units classified by type of accommodation, nature of occupancy and weekly rent

Weekly rent €	Total	Type of accommodation						
		Detached house	Semi-detached house	Terraced house	Flat or apartment in a purpose-built block	Flat or apartment in a converted house or commercial building	Bed-sit	Not stated
Rented from a Local Authority								
Under 25	**23,755**	2,481	7,094	9,400	3,677	167	187	749
25 - < 50	**35,499**	3,862	10,214	14,035	5,844	204	221	1,119
50 - < 100	**27,679**	2,945	8,138	11,659	3,844	211	140	742
100 - < 150	**5,694**	607	1,463	1,962	1,112	251	173	126
150 - < 200	**3,617**	504	1,098	604	980	266	67	98
200 - < 250	**1,891**	221	466	271	714	114	43	62
250 - < 300	**1,644**	170	546	275	466	80	36	71
300 and over	**672**	87	177	122	215	34	16	21
Not stated	**5,058**	592	1,348	2,024	726	48	48	272
Total	**105,509**	**11,469**	**30,544**	**40,352**	**17,578**	**1,375**	**931**	**3,260**
Average weekly rent	**58.84**	60.22	58.01	51.02	70.87	121.07	88.50	58.17
Rented from a Voluntary Body								
Under 25	**2,189**	245	596	556	606	94	50	42
25 - < 50	**2,943**	297	1,000	621	742	149	69	65
50 - < 100	**6,862**	1,332	1,470	1,044	1,749	789	390	88
100 - < 150	**10,179**	2,461	2,381	1,536	1,937	1,337	393	134
150 - < 200	**12,424**	2,034	4,425	2,014	2,782	873	126	170
200 - < 250	**6,361**	672	1,747	1,000	2,364	447	40	91
250 - < 300	**4,826**	415	1,795	868	1,433	201	46	68
300 and over	**2,775**	340	942	574	756	123	18	22
Not stated	**1,921**	381	520	360	373	156	91	40
Total	**50,480**	**8,177**	**14,876**	**8,573**	**12,742**	**4,169**	**1,223**	**720**
Average weekly rent	**158.63**	147.76	166.96	158.67	166.48	142.63	111.62	148.47
Private rented unfurnished								
Under 25	**1,079**	260	251	326	137	60	18	27
25 - < 50	**1,208**	240	309	337	199	68	26	29
50 - < 100	**2,367**	683	422	450	378	265	133	36
100 - < 150	**3,103**	1,136	693	446	308	347	140	33
150 - < 200	**3,715**	1,265	1,293	431	415	218	64	29
200 - < 250	**1,661**	432	431	269	360	137	12	20
250 - < 300	**1,216**	256	421	219	246	56	7	11
300 and over	**1,405**	470	433	256	180	43	11	12
Not stated	**867**	217	211	155	143	83	26	32
Total	**16,621**	**4,959**	**4,464**	**2,889**	**2,366**	**1,277**	**437**	**229**
Average weekly rent	**161.57**	170.07	173.08	150.22	160.50	137.06	112.14	130.22

Table 21.7   Number of rented private dwellings in permanent housing units classified by type of accommodation, nature of occupancy and weekly rent (continued)

Weekly rent €	Total	Detached house	Semi-detached house	Terraced house	Flat or apartment in a purpose-built block	Flat or apartment in a converted house or commercial building	Bed-sit	Not stated
				Private rented furnished or part furnished				
Under 25	**1,491**	248	309	327	314	178	85	30
25 - < 50	**1,747**	401	357	311	305	203	142	28
50 - < 100	**10,488**	2,190	1,393	1,207	2,019	2,334	1,239	106
100 - < 150	**25,270**	5,014	4,971	3,382	5,222	4,765	1,671	245
150 - < 200	**35,527**	5,098	11,097	5,690	9,089	3,751	460	342
200 - < 250	**20,428**	1,797	4,687	3,178	8,582	1,868	160	156
250 - < 300	**16,948**	1,148	5,009	3,254	6,380	889	107	161
300 and over	**12,640**	1,267	3,406	3,005	4,181	638	76	67
Not stated	**4,157**	677	960	661	990	573	211	85
Total	**128,696**	**17,840**	**32,189**	**21,015**	**37,082**	**15,199**	**4,151**	**1,220**
Average weekly rent	**191**	166	200	206	209	156	118	176

Source: CSO

Table 21.8   Permanent housing units by occupancy status on Census night

	Occupied by		Unoccupied					
Province, county or city	Usual resident(s) of the household **A**	Visitors only **B**	Residents temporarily absent **C**	Vacant house **D**	Vacant flat **E**	Holiday home **F**	Total housing stock	Vacancy rate
Leinster	**791,277**	**4,835**	**16,458**	**70,437**	**25,697**	**10,781**	**919,485**	**11.6**
Carlow	17,074	150	436	1,857	310	308	**20,135**	12.3
Dublin	419,529	2,911	9,254	27,122	18,765	418	**477,999**	9.7
Dublin City	*190,711*	*1,888*	*4,407*	*12,557*	*13,424*	*111*	*223,098*	*11.7*
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	*68,375*	*432*	*1,773*	*4,661*	*2,207*	*60*	*77,508*	*8.9*
Fingal	*80,085*	*332*	*1,614*	*5,841*	*1,804*	*233*	*89,909*	*8.8*
South Dublin	*80,358*	*259*	*1,460*	*4,063*	*1,330*	*14*	*87,484*	*6.2*
Kildare	60,578	304	1,120	5,363	1,359	116	**68,840**	9.9
Kilkenny	29,478	138	629	3,393	309	406	**34,353**	12.0
Laois	22,421	109	309	3,673	464	103	**27,079**	15.7
Longford	12,042	73	230	2,931	331	261	**15,868**	22.2
Louth	38,598	162	621	4,692	840	575	**45,488**	13.4
Meath	53,575	218	979	5,414	725	346	**61,257**	10.6
Offaly	23,533	104	404	3,023	307	220	**27,591**	12.9
Westmeath	26,881	237	684	3,894	850	271	**32,817**	15.3
Wexford	45,096	235	947	5,236	855	6,601	**58,970**	21.5
Wicklow	42,472	194	845	3,839	582	1,156	**49,088**	11.4
Munster	**406,798**	**3,715**	**8,396**	**54,490**	**9,519**	**18,721**	**501,639**	**16.5**
Clare	38,026	325	672	5,534	653	3,624	**48,834**	20.1
Cork	166,542	1,382	3,187	20,200	4,228	6,561	**202,100**	15.3
Cork City	*43,871*	*453*	*922*	*4,017*	*2,150*	*28*	*51,441*	*12.0*
Cork County	*122,671*	*929*	*2,265*	*16,183*	*2,078*	*6,533*	*150,659*	*16.5*
Kerry	47,743	615	1,189	9,379	997	5,990	**65,913**	24.8
Limerick	63,956	653	1,573	7,457	1,757	346	**75,742**	12.6
Limerick City	*19,513*	*187*	*444*	*1,703*	*1,210*	*8*	*23,065*	*12.7*
Limerick County	*44,443*	*466*	*1,129*	*5,754*	*547*	*338*	*52,677*	*12.6*
North Tipperary	22,866	222	551	2,796	311	557	**27,303**	13.4
South Tipperary	29,221	119	525	3,575	449	317	**34,206**	12.7
Waterford	38,444	399	699	5,549	1,124	1,326	**47,541**	16.8
Waterford City	*17,049*	*216*	*321*	*2,088*	*837*	*11*	*20,522*	*14.3*
Waterford County	*21,395*	*183*	*378*	*3,461*	*287*	*1,315*	*27,019*	*18.7*
Connacht	**173,941**	**1,740**	**3,499**	**33,068**	**4,745**	**11,062**	**228,055**	**21.4**
Galway	78,206	802	1,751	11,967	2,428	3,172	**98,326**	17.9
Galway City	*25,324*	*458*	*823*	*2,430*	*1,349*	*205*	*30,589*	*13.0*
Galway County	*52,882*	*344*	*928*	*9,537*	*1,079*	*2,967*	*67,737*	*20.1*
Leitrim	10,541	86	182	2,942	339	1,192	**15,282**	29.3
Mayo	43,218	465	736	9,136	946	4,216	**58,717**	24.4
Roscommon	20,624	110	356	4,564	383	942	**26,979**	21.8
Sligo	21,352	277	474	4,459	649	1,540	**28,751**	23.1
Ulster (part)	**90,280**	**759**	**1,593**	**16,940**	**1,637**	**9,225**	**120,434**	**23.1**
Cavan	21,781	128	344	4,806	412	779	**28,250**	21.2
Donegal	49,993	549	941	9,725	1,043	8,275	**70,526**	27.0
Monaghan	18,506	82	308	2,409	182	171	**21,658**	12.8
TOTAL	**1,462,296**	**11,049**	**29,946**	**174,935**	**41,598**	**49,789**	**1,769,613**	**15.0**

Source: CSO

Table 21.9 Number of private households in permanent housing units in each province, county and city, classified by personal computer ownership and access to the internet, 2006

Province, county or city	Personal computer ownership				Access to the internet			
	Total	Yes	No	Not stated	Yes, Broadband connection	Yes, other connection	No access to internet	Not stated
Leinster	**791,277**	**470,775**	**299,899**	**20,603**	**196,105**	**195,256**	**354,264**	**45,652**
Carlow	**17,074**	9,248	7,424	402	2,213	4,916	8,802	1,143
Dublin	**419,529**	254,506	152,235	12,788	134,923	81,709	178,946	23,951
Dublin City	*190,711*	*98,878*	*84,522*	*7,311*	*51,172*	*29,223*	*95,393*	*14,923*
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	*68,375*	*48,357*	*18,651*	*1,367*	*27,284*	*16,077*	*23,288*	*1,726*
Fingal	*80,085*	*55,103*	*22,809*	*2,173*	*27,712*	*20,290*	*29,208*	*2,875*
South Dublin	*80,358*	*52,168*	*26,253*	*1,937*	*28,755*	*16,119*	*31,057*	*4,427*
Kildare	**60,578**	39,134	20,167	1,277	14,385	18,265	24,871	3,057
Kilkenny	**29,478**	16,601	12,273	604	3,919	9,545	14,283	1,731
Laois	**22,421**	12,008	9,937	476	2,671	6,575	11,798	1,377
Longford	**12,042**	5,778	5,923	341	1,189	3,326	6,610	917
Louth	**38,598**	21,801	15,917	880	6,821	10,594	18,749	2,434
Meath	**53,575**	33,801	18,766	1,008	9,889	18,298	22,665	2,723
Offaly	**23,533**	12,143	10,839	551	2,483	6,680	12,723	1,647
Westmeath	**26,881**	14,578	11,652	651	3,678	7,733	13,802	1,668
Wexford	**45,096**	24,203	20,183	710	4,510	14,396	23,446	2,744
Wicklow	**42,472**	26,974	14,583	915	9,424	13,219	17,569	2,260
Munster	**406,798**	**219,611**	**178,422**	**8,765**	**64,269**	**116,056**	**206,641**	**19,832**
Clare	**38,026**	21,700	15,556	770	5,309	12,435	18,023	2,259
Cork	**166,542**	92,841	69,868	3,833	29,671	47,765	79,015	10,091
Cork City	*43,871*	*21,108*	*21,232*	*1,531*	*9,703*	*7,014*	*23,751*	*3,403*
Cork County	*122,671*	*71,733*	*48,636*	*2,302*	*19,968*	*40,751*	*55,264*	*6,688*
Kerry	**47,743**	24,049	22,688	1,006	5,368	14,389	25,020	2,966
Limerick	**63,956**	33,748	28,929	1,279	10,227	16,783	35,097	1,849
Limerick City	*19,513*	*8,812*	*10,251*	*450*	*3,768*	*3,002*	*12,073*	*670*
Limerick County	*44,443*	*24,936*	*18,678*	*829*	*6,459*	*13,781*	*23,024*	*1,179*
North Tipperary	**22,866**	11,844	10,574	448	2,522	6,787	12,954	603
South Tipperary	**29,221**	14,474	14,227	520	3,557	8,136	16,756	772
Waterford	**38,444**	20,955	16,580	909	7,615	9,761	19,776	1,292
Waterford City	*17,049*	*8,716*	*7,696*	*637*	*4,655*	*2,674*	*8,917*	*803*
Waterford County	*21,395*	*12,239*	*8,884*	*272*	*2,960*	*7,087*	*10,859*	*489*
Connacht	**173,941**	**92,220**	**78,119**	**3,602**	**22,988**	**52,065**	**92,522**	**6,366**
Galway	**78,206**	43,474	32,842	1,890	13,364	22,426	38,952	3,464
Galway City	*25,324*	*14,477*	*10,068*	*779*	*7,990*	*4,234*	*12,164*	*936*
Galway County	*52,882*	*28,997*	*22,774*	*1,111*	*5,374*	*18,192*	*26,788*	*2,528*
Leitrim	**10,541**	5,167	5,170	204	817	3,252	6,190	282
Mayo	**43,218**	21,563	20,840	815	4,371	13,169	24,113	1,565
Roscommon	**20,624**	10,522	9,762	340	1,926	6,339	11,838	521
Sligo	**21,352**	11,494	9,505	353	2,510	6,879	11,429	534
Ulster (part)	**90,280**	**45,750**	**42,977**	**1,553**	**8,748**	**27,158**	**50,480**	**3,894**
Cavan	**21,781**	10,796	10,531	454	1,980	6,526	11,708	1,567
Donegal	**49,993**	25,518	23,721	754	4,878	15,153	28,859	1,103
Monaghan	**18,506**	9,436	8,725	345	1,890	5,479	9,913	1,224
TOTAL	**1,462,296**	**828,356**	**599,417**	**34,523**	**292,110**	**390,535**	**703,907**	**75,744**