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Population

- The population enumerated on census night 23 April 2006 was 4,239,848 persons, compared with 3,917,203 in April 2002, representing an increase of 8.2% in four years.
- Irish society is becoming more diverse. 188 countries were represented in the non-Irish national population. However, 82% of these came from only 10 countries: UK, Poland, Lithuania, Nigeria, Latvia, US, China, Germany, Philippines and France.
- The population is getting older – the average age was 35.6 years in 2006 compared with 35.1 years in 2002.
- The number of divorced persons increased from 35,000 to 59,500 between 2002 and 2006, a rise of 70%.
- The total number of cohabiting couples was 121,800 in 2006 compared with 77,600 in 2002 – by far the fastest-growing type of family unit.

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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, ie 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, nationality 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 2006 are taken from the various censuses and registrations of births and deaths. Detailed figures for intercensal 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 the five-year interval for census taking. This five-year periodicity was broken in 2001 when the census planned for that year was postponed until April 2002 due to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. The most recent census was taken on 23 April 2006.

Historical 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 1980s, the direction of population change has since been positive.

With 36.7%, Munster had the largest population share in 1841, followed by Leinster with 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% in 1841 to 27.7% in 2006. The decline in the share of Connacht and Ulster (part of) has been even more acute, the 2006 levels being 11.9% and 6.3% 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 the 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 year since then, apart from 1986-1991 when a fairly modest decline was experienced. The 2002-2006 period has witnessed record population growth with the annual increase amounting to 79,000 – consisting of a natural increase of 33,000 supplemented by annual net inward migration of 46,000.

Population by age and sex

The State's average age of the population was 35.6 years in 2006 compared with 35.1 four years earlier.

The increase in births during the 1960s and 1970s is reflected in the number of very young persons (ie those aged 0-4) reaching a peak of 353,000 in 1981. Even though the fertility rate of women aged 20-39 declined in the 1970s, the increase of 37% in their numbers during this period ensured an increase in the number of births. The number of very young persons declined to just over a quarter of a million in 1996, but has since increased to 302,300 according to the 2006 Census. The main cause of this increase was an increase in birth rates in the period to 2006.

While the number of old persons (those aged 65 years and over) increased by almost a third between 1971 and 2006, their share of the population is still at a fairly low level (11%) by international standards.

Population figures for the period since 2002 show annual growth of around 2%. The total for the population from the 2006 Census is 4.24 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 strengthened in the period to 2002. By 2006, males outnumbered females once again.

Marital status and living arrangements

43% of the population aged 15 and over were single and 46.4% were married (excluding those separated) in 2006. The remaining 10.6% were either widowed or separated (including divorced).

The number of divorced persons has risen by 70%, from 35,100 to 59,500, between 2002 and 2006, reflecting to a large extent the legalisation of divorce in the State in 1997. The number of separated (including divorced) persons increased from 133,800 in 2002 to 166,800 in 2006.

Limerick City has the highest proportion of separated people at 12.9%. This measure expresses the number of separated people including divorced as a percentage of those ever-married including widowed. This was followed by Dublin City (11.6%). At the other end of the scale, County Galway had the lowest proportion at 6.3%.

Cohabiting couples accounted for 11.6% of all family units in 2006 compared with 8.4% in 2002. Those without children accounted for 1 in 5 of all childless couples in 2006, while those with children represented 7.8% of all couples with children. The number of children living with cohabiting parents increased from 51,700 in 2002 to 74,500 in 2006.

Migration, birthplace and nationality

According to the 2006 Census, 85% 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. Just over 50,000 Northern Ireland-born persons were usual residents of the State in 2006. Almost 200,000 were born in Britain.

The number of non-Irish nationals enumerated as part of the 2006 census was 420,000, representing 10 per cent of the usually resident population.

In the twelve months leading up to census day in 2006, 121,700 persons immigrated into the State. Of these, 45% were Irish born. In terms of non-nationals, 33,400 Polish, 22,600 UK and 7,400 Lithuanians were the leading immigrant groups.

Technical Notes

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¹ De facto

² Usual residence

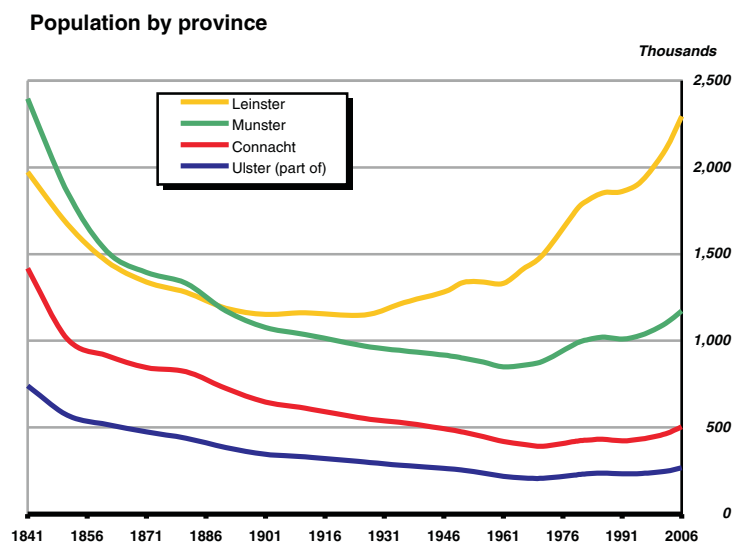
³ Preliminary

Table 1.1 Population by province

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	3,917.2	2,105.6	1,100.6	464.3	246.7
2006	4,239.8	2,295.1	1,173.3	504.1	267.3

Source: CSO



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

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
2002-2006	61	28	33	81	48

Source: CSO

Components of population changes

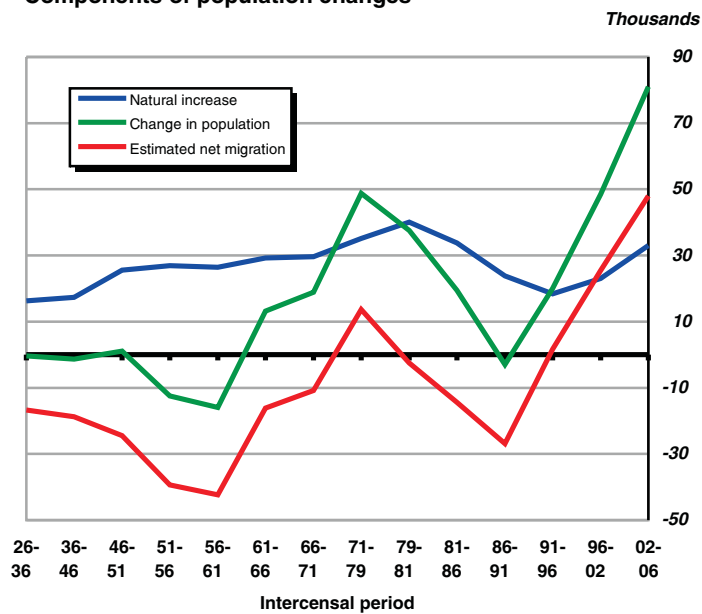


Table 1.3 Population by province, county and city, 2006

Province, county or city	Persons	Males	Females	Change in population 2002-2006	
				Actual	%
Leinster	2,295,123	1,141,320	1,153,803	189,544	9.0
Carlow	50,349	25,611	24,738	4,335	9.4
Dublin	1,187,176	582,557	604,619	64,355	5.7
<i>Dublin City</i>	506,211	248,087	258,124	10,430	2.1
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	194,038	92,899	101,139	2,246	1.2
<i>Fingal</i>	239,992	119,200	120,792	43,579	22.2
<i>South Dublin</i>	246,935	122,371	124,564	8,100	3.4
Kildare	186,335	94,190	92,145	22,391	13.7
Kilkenny	87,558	44,263	43,295	7,219	9.0
Laois	67,059	34,409	32,650	8,285	14.1
Longford	34,391	17,573	16,818	3,323	10.7
Louth	111,267	55,335	55,932	9,446	9.3
Meath	162,831	82,651	80,180	28,826	21.5
Offaly	70,868	35,937	34,931	7,205	11.3
Westmeath	79,346	39,819	39,527	7,488	10.4
Wexford	131,749	66,070	65,679	15,153	13.0
Wicklow	126,194	62,905	63,289	11,518	10.0
Munster	1,173,340	589,933	583,407	72,726	6.6
Clare	110,950	56,048	54,902	7,673	7.4
Cork	481,295	240,814	240,481	33,466	7.5
<i>Cork City</i>	119,418	58,449	60,969	-3,644	-3.0
<i>Cork County</i>	361,877	182,365	179,512	37,110	11.4
Kerry	139,835	70,641	69,194	7,308	5.5
Limerick	184,055	92,680	91,375	8,751	5.0
<i>Limerick City</i>	52,539	25,698	26,841	-1,484	-2.7
<i>Limerick County</i>	131,516	66,982	64,534	10,235	8.4
North Tipperary	66,023	33,568	32,455	5,013	8.2
South Tipperary	83,221	42,250	40,971	4,100	5.2
Waterford	107,961	53,932	54,029	6,415	6.3
<i>Waterford City</i>	45,748	22,622	23,126	1,154	2.6
<i>Waterford County</i>	62,213	31,310	30,903	5,261	9.2
Connacht	504,121	254,450	249,671	39,825	8.6
Galway	231,670	116,476	115,194	22,593	10.8
<i>Galway City</i>	72,414	34,848	37,566	6,582	10.0
<i>Galway County</i>	159,256	81,628	77,628	16,011	11.2
Leitrim	28,950	14,903	14,047	3,151	12.2
Mayo	123,839	62,636	61,203	6,393	5.4
Roscommon	58,768	30,178	28,590	4,994	9.3
Sligo	60,894	30,257	30,637	2,694	4.6
Ulster (part)	267,264	135,468	131,796	20,550	8.3
Cavan	64,003	32,915	31,088	7,457	13.2
Donegal	147,264	73,970	73,294	9,689	7.0
Monaghan	55,997	28,583	27,414	3,404	6.5
TOTAL	4,239,848	2,121,171	2,118,677	322,645	8.2

Source: CSO

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Table 1.4 Population by sex and age group for census years

Thousands

	Age group	1979	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	2006	
Persons	0-4	343.5	353.0	324.1	273.7	250.4	277.6	302.3	
	5-9	350.1	349.5	350.7	318.5	282.9	264.1	288.3	
	10-14	336.3	341.2	350.0	348.3	326.1	285.7	273.9	
	15-19	317.4	326.4	331.1	335.0	339.5	313.2	290.3	
	20-24	266.3	276.1	286.4	266.6	293.4	328.3	342.5	
	25-29	239.4	246.1	258.4	246.3	259.0	312.7	373.1	
	30-34	220.1	232.0	242.7	249.1	260.9	304.7	349.4	
	35-39	178.5	193.8	229.7	237.9	255.7	290.9	322.1	
	40-44	159.4	165.9	191.8	225.7	240.4	272.0	301.3	
	45-49	152.4	151.9	161.7	187.8	225.4	249.6	274.7	
	50-54	151.7	147.7	147.5	156.8	186.6	230.8	247.1	
	55-59	154.1	149.6	142.2	142.5	153.8	197.3	225.3	
	60-64	137.7	139.3	140.0	134.6	137.9	154.3	181.7	
	65-69	133.8	133.9	129.5	130.8	126.8	133.5	143.4	
	70-74	98.3	103.1	111.0	109.3	112.5	112.1	119.2	
	75-79	68.9	68.5	75.5	84.1	84.1	89.8	92.5	
	80-84	38.0	40.5	42.9	49.3	55.8	58.9	64.9	
	85 and over	22.5	23.0	25.5	29.4	34.7	41.7	48.1	
		Total	3,368.2	3,443.4	3,540.6	3,525.7	3,626.1	3,917.2	4,239.8
	Males	0-4	175.6	181.0	166.4	140.6	128.7	142.0	154.6
5-9		179.1	179.1	179.8	163.3	145.3	135.9	148.0	
10-14		172.3	175.3	179.4	178.9	167.4	146.1	140.5	
15-19		162.3	166.7	169.9	171.4	174.0	160.4	148.2	
20-24		135.8	140.4	144.1	136.5	149.1	165.3	172.8	
25-29		121.6	124.4	129.1	120.7	129.4	156.1	189.3	
30-34		112.7	118.3	122.2	123.2	127.7	152.4	177.5	
35-39		91.8	99.3	116.4	118.7	126.1	144.5	163.8	
40-44		81.8	85.3	98.0	113.9	120.1	135.3	151.4	
45-49		77.8	77.8	82.8	95.4	113.8	125.0	138.0	
50-54		75.6	75.3	75.2	79.9	94.8	116.6	124.6	
55-59		76.1	73.3	70.5	71.7	77.8	99.8	113.9	
60-64		67.8	68.0	67.2	65.6	68.7	77.6	91.6	
65-69		65.0	64.3	161.1	61.0	60.3	65.3	70.9	
70-74		45.8	48.4	50.9	49.2	50.1	21.7	56.5	
75-79		29.1	29.2	32.6	35.7	35.2	37.4	40.1	
80-84		14.9	15.4	16.1	19.0	21.1	22.3	24.7	
85 and over		8.1	7.9	8.0	8.9	10.6	12.5	14.8	
		Total	1,693.3	1,729.4	1,769.7	1,753.4	1,800.2	1,946.2	2,121.2
Females		0-4	167.8	172.0	157.7	133.2	121.7	135.6	147.7
	5-9	171.1	170.4	170.8	155.2	137.6	128.2	140.3	
	10-14	164.0	166.0	170.6	169.4	158.7	139.6	133.4	
	15-19	155.1	159.8	161.2	163.6	165.6	152.8	142.0	
	20-24	130.5	135.7	142.3	130.1	144.2	163.0	169.7	
	25-29	117.8	121.7	129.4	125.7	129.7	156.6	183.8	
	30-34	107.4	113.7	120.5	125.9	133.2	152.3	171.9	
	35-39	86.7	94.5	113.3	119.2	129.5	146.4	158.3	
	40-44	77.6	80.6	93.8	111.8	120.4	136.7	149.9	
	45-49	74.7	74.1	79.0	92.3	111.6	124.6	136.8	
	50-54	76.1	74.4	72.4	76.9	91.8	114.3	122.5	
	55-59	77.9	76.3	71.7	70.9	76.0	94.5	111.4	
	60-64	69.9	71.3	72.8	69.0	69.3	76.7	90.2	
	65-69	68.8	69.6	68.4	69.8	66.6	68.2	72.5	
	70-74	52.5	54.8	60.1	60.1	62.4	60.4	62.6	
	75-79	39.7	39.3	42.9	48.4	48.9	52.4	52.3	
	80-84	23.1	25.0	26.8	30.3	34.7	36.6	40.2	
	85 and over	14.3	15.1	17.4	20.5	24.1	29.2	33.2	
		Total	1,674.9	1,714.1	1,771.0	1,772.3	1,825.9	1,971.0	2,118.7

Source: CSO

Table 1.5 Estimated annual population by sex and age group

Thousands

	Age group	2003	2004	2005	2006 ¹	2006 ²	2007 ³	2008 ³
Persons	0-4	284.3	290.7	296.5	302.3	302.3	312.3	327.9
	5-9	268.7	274.9	280.6	288.3	288.5	295.9	303.4
	10-14	281.7	278.2	276.3	273.9	274.2	275.6	281.0
	15-19	304.7	298.4	292.8	290.3	290.9	286.0	283.9
	20-24	334.0	336.1	339.5	342.5	347.5	347.8	334.0
	25-29	317.4	325.4	345.2	373.1	375.2	405.1	416.7
	30-34	316.1	325.1	335.8	349.4	347.9	358.0	366.9
	35-39	296.4	303.5	312.1	322.1	320.4	331.7	342.1
	40-44	279.2	286.0	294.1	301.3	299.8	305.8	310.2
	45-49	253.7	259.2	265.4	274.7	273.8	279.8	286.1
	50-54	235.1	238.1	243.1	247.1	246.4	252.6	257.2
	55-59	206.6	213.9	221.4	225.3	223.9	227.4	232.0
	60-64	160.3	166.0	172.1	181.7	179.8	190.5	199.2
	65-69	135.0	137.5	140.8	143.4	141.2	143.5	148.8
	70-74	113.8	115.7	117.4	119.2	117.5	119.2	120.8
	75-79	89.5	90.0	91.0	92.5	91.4	92.1	93.6
	80-84	61.7	63.1	64.0	64.9	64.4	65.4	65.2
	85 and over	41.9	43.4	45.7	48.0	47.8	50.3	53.2
		Total	3,979.9	4,045.2	4,133.8	4,239.8	4,232.9	4,339.0
Males	0-4	145.4	148.7	151.7	154.6	154.7	160.5	168.2
	5-9	137.8	141.2	144.3	148.0	148.1	151.3	154.9
	10-14	144.4	142.8	142.0	140.5	140.7	141.3	144.1
	15-19	155.9	152.7	149.8	148.2	148.7	145.4	144.6
	20-24	167.0	168.2	170.0	172.8	175.5	175.0	165.7
	25-29	158.6	162.9	174.1	189.3	190.2	204.7	209.4
	30-34	158.2	161.8	168.7	177.5	176.4	182.6	185.3
	35-39	147.4	152.4	157.8	163.8	162.8	169.1	174.0
	40-44	138.9	142.5	147.1	151.4	150.4	153.6	155.7
	45-49	126.9	129.7	132.9	138.0	137.4	140.6	143.4
	50-54	118.5	120.1	122.9	124.6	124.1	127.1	129.2
	55-59	104.9	108.5	112.0	113.9	113.2	114.9	117.0
	60-64	80.7	83.8	86.7	91.6	90.6	96.0	100.4
	65-69	66.0	67.3	69.1	70.9	69.9	71.3	73.6
	70-74	53.2	54.6	55.7	56.5	55.8	56.6	57.5
	75-79	37.3	37.8	38.8	40.1	39.7	40.6	41.8
	80-84	23.4	23.9	24.3	24.7	24.5	25.0	25.0
	85 and over	12.6	13.2	14.0	14.8	14.8	15.5	16.6
		Total	1,976.9	2,011.9	2,061.8	2,121.2	2,117.3	2,171.1
Females	0-4	138.9	142.0	144.8	147.7	147.7	151.8	159.7
	5-9	130.9	133.8	136.3	140.3	140.4	144.6	148.5
	10-14	137.3	135.4	134.4	133.4	133.5	134.2	136.9
	15-19	148.8	145.7	143.0	142.0	142.2	140.6	139.3
	20-24	167.0	167.9	169.5	169.7	172.0	172.8	168.3
	25-29	158.8	162.5	171.1	183.8	185.0	200.4	207.3
	30-34	157.9	163.4	167.0	171.9	171.5	175.3	181.6
	35-39	149.0	151.1	154.4	158.3	157.7	162.5	168.1
	40-44	140.3	143.5	147.1	149.9	149.3	152.2	154.5
	45-49	126.8	129.6	132.6	136.8	136.4	139.3	142.8
	50-54	116.6	118.0	120.2	122.5	122.3	125.5	128.0
	55-59	101.6	105.4	109.4	111.4	110.7	112.5	115.0
	60-64	79.6	82.2	85.4	90.2	89.1	94.6	98.8
	65-69	69.0	70.2	71.7	72.5	71.4	72.2	75.2
	70-74	60.6	61.1	61.7	62.6	61.7	62.6	63.3
	75-79	52.3	52.2	52.2	52.3	51.8	51.5	51.8
	80-84	38.3	39.2	39.7	40.2	39.9	40.4	40.1
	85 and over	29.3	30.2	31.7	33.2	33.1	34.8	36.6
		Total	2,002.9	2,033.3	2,072.0	2,118.7	2,115.6	2,167.9

Source: CSO

Population

Table 1.6 Usual residents by ethnic or cultural background, 2006

Category	Thousands	%
White		
Irish	3,645.2	87.4
Irish Traveller	22.4	0.5
Any other White background	289.0	6.9
Black or black Irish		
African	40.5	1.0
Any other Black background	3.8	0.1
Asian or Asian Irish		
Chinese	16.5	0.4
Any other Asian background	35.8	0.9
Other including mixed background		
Not stated	46.4	1.1
	72.3	1.7
Total	4,172.0	100.0

Source: CSO

Table 1.7 Travellers by age group, sex and marital status, 2006

	Age group	Total	Marital status			
			Single	Married	Separated (including divorced)	Widowed
Persons	0-4 years	3,312	3,312	–	–	–
	5-14 years	5,989	5,989	–	–	–
	15-24 years	4,601	3,406	1,098	93	4
	25-34 years	3,241	986	1,901	322	32
	35-44 years	2,434	396	1,652	324	62
	45-54 years	1,461	160	1,047	173	81
	55-64 years	803	78	563	74	88
	65 years and over	594	67	278	20	229
	Total	22,435	14,394	6,539	1,006	496
Males	0-4 years	1,697	1,697	–	–	–
	5-14 years	3,055	3,055	–	–	–
	15-24 years	2,230	1,731	481	16	2
	25-34 years	1,510	486	932	83	9
	35-44 years	1,127	201	825	84	17
	45-54 years	722	95	554	52	21
	55-64 years	416	47	309	36	24
	65 years and over	271	51	158	8	54
	Total	11,028	7,363	3,259	279	127
Females	0-4 years	1,615	1,615	–	–	–
	5-14 years	2,934	2,934	–	–	–
	15-24 years	2,371	1,675	617	77	2
	25-34 years	1,731	500	969	239	23
	35-44 years	1,307	195	827	240	45
	45-54 years	739	65	493	121	60
	55-64 years	387	31	254	38	64
	65 years and over	323	16	120	12	175
	Total	11,407	7,031	3,280	727	369

Source: CSO

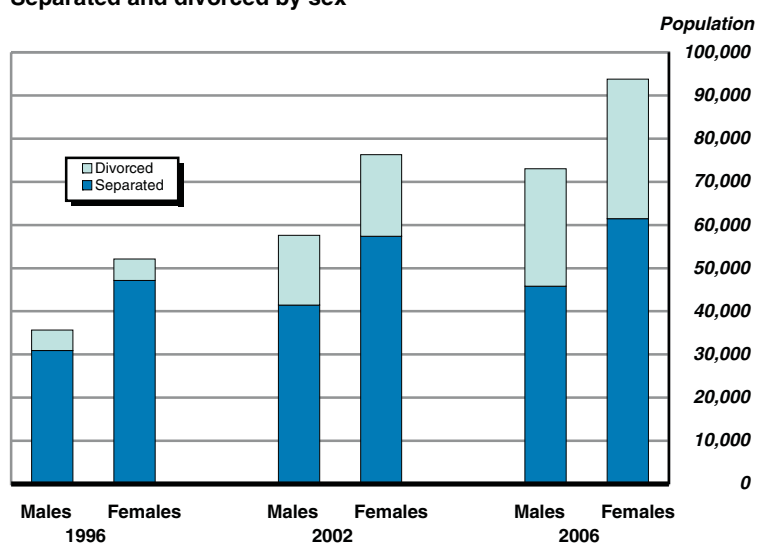
Table 1.8 Population aged 15 years and over by marital status

Thousands

	Population	Single	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
<i>Thousands</i>						
1996	2,766.7	1,137.9	1,356.6	78.0	9.8	184.4
2002	3,089.8	1,314.7	1,454.4	98.8	35.1	186.9
2006	3,375.4	1,453.2	1,565.0	107.3	59.5	190.4
<i>Percentage change</i>						
1996/2002	11.7	15.5	7.2	26.6	258.2	1.3
2002/2006	9.2	10.5	7.6	8.6	69.8	1.9

Source: CSO

Separated and divorced by sex



Population

Table 1.9 Persons usually present in the State on Census Night, by place of birth and age group

Place of Birth	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Ireland (Republic)	3,559,384	777,059	519,243	1,017,257	813,837	431,988
County of usual residence	2,710,020	653,203	416,499	727,673	590,530	322,115
Other county	849,364	123,856	102,744	289,584	223,307	109,873
Outside Ireland (Republic)	612,629	83,437	99,222	303,294	98,464	28,212
EU	438,489	52,900	70,857	210,133	80,473	24,126
Northern Ireland	50,172	5,866	4,408	18,218	15,004	6,676
England and Wales	204,746	31,661	23,539	90,469	45,831	13,246
Scotland	16,863	1,464	1,265	7,537	4,684	1,913
Austria	617	67	95	301	109	45
Belgium	1,276	243	197	548	201	87
Cyprus	244	35	22	112	64	11
Czech Republic	5,278	362	1,334	3,182	345	55
Denmark	809	93	111	433	128	44
Estonia	2,373	193	824	1,186	162	8
Finland	935	61	191	558	107	18
France	9,307	811	2,219	5,349	788	140
Germany	11,797	1,289	1,750	5,778	2,194	786
Greece	471	54	77	259	67	14
Hungary	3,328	191	642	2,236	213	46
Italy	5,811	346	755	3,764	740	206
Latvia	13,999	1,194	3,933	7,551	1,276	45
Lithuania	24,808	2,651	6,916	13,140	2,032	69
Luxembourg	113	56	30	18	7	2
Malta	285	24	24	110	100	27
Netherlands	4,292	653	582	1,672	1,078	307
Poland	63,090	4,485	17,672	36,485	4,249	199
Portugal	1,520	164	228	948	159	21
Slovakia	8,201	401	2,505	4,797	466	32
Slovenia	135	11	30	84	8	2
Spain	6,207	379	1,022	4,432	290	84
Sweden	1,812	146	486	966	171	43
Other European Countries	27,517	4,298	3,996	16,403	2,533	287
Romania	8,566	1,166	1,556	5,336	478	30
Russia	4,568	1,205	545	2,251	530	37
Ukraine	3,397	375	338	2,373	299	12
Moldova	2,260	326	301	1,481	149	3
Other	8,726	1,226	1,256	4,962	1,077	205
Africa	42,764	7,854	5,778	24,864	3,750	518
Nigeria	16,677	3,845	1,686	10,404	703	39
South Africa	7,727	1,339	1,216	3,842	1,092	238
Zimbabwe	2,281	384	378	1,178	309	32
Congo	2,037	440	357	1,126	109	5
Other	14,042	1,846	2,141	8,314	1,537	204
Asia	55,628	6,936	11,106	31,488	5,298	800
China	11,218	529	4,481	5,758	368	82
Philippines	9,644	1,413	356	6,614	1,227	34
India	9,342	991	1,236	5,995	836	284
Pakistan	5,850	966	1,065	3,247	523	49
Malaysia	3,409	241	1,040	1,714	358	56
Bangladesh	1,961	138	439	1,297	83	4
Hong Kong	1,718	142	257	708	552	59
Other	12,486	2,516	2,232	6,155	1,351	232
America	38,301	9,506	5,910	15,223	5,425	2,237
USA	25,181	7,689	3,525	8,180	3,840	1,947
Brazil	4,720	483	1,064	2,887	275	11
Canada	4,618	632	830	2,220	765	171
Other	3,782	702	491	1,936	545	108
Australia	6,624	1,505	1,218	3,205	539	157
New Zealand	2,393	289	245	1,474	325	60
Other countries	913	149	112	504	121	27
TOTAL	4,172,013	860,496	618,465	1,320,551	912,301	460,200

Source: CSO

Table 1.10 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by nationality and age group, 2006

Nationality	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Total Irish	3,706,683	797,281	536,777	1,089,238	845,160	438,227
Irish	3,661,560	782,057	531,152	1,075,721	837,752	434,878
Irish-English	14,829	3,514	1,762	4,861	3,227	1,465
Irish-American	12,350	4,038	1,429	3,731	1,746	1,406
Irish-European	5,267	2,756	886	1,082	413	130
Irish-Other	12,677	4,916	1,548	3,843	2,022	348
Non-Irish	419,733	52,500	75,687	219,281	57,181	15,084
EU	275,775	28,695	51,826	137,788	44,921	12,545
Austria	583	53	98	339	79	14
Belgium	910	69	133	461	195	52
Cyprus	60	5	10	31	11	3
Czech Republic	5,159	356	1,292	3,171	320	20
Denmark	729	61	91	420	129	28
Estonia	2,272	198	764	1,135	169	6
Finland	926	62	193	574	88	9
France	9,046	588	2,116	5,455	774	113
Germany	10,289	821	1,461	5,396	1,976	635
Greece	412	32	48	267	57	8
Hungary	3,440	197	675	2,330	216	22
Italy	6,190	366	791	4,104	749	180
Latvia	13,319	1,238	3,690	7,106	1,245	40
Lithuania	24,628	2,778	6,728	12,987	2,064	71
Luxembourg	26	4	7	5	8	2
Malta	139	17	15	66	31	10
Netherlands	3,990	418	416	1,786	1,089	281
Poland	63,276	4,790	17,665	36,464	4,213	144
Portugal	1,798	175	270	1,156	173	24
Slovakia	8,111	418	2,465	4,751	450	27
Slovenia	130	10	26	86	7	1
Spain	6,052	277	975	4,478	264	58
Sweden	1,742	111	475	957	163	36
UK	112,548	15,651	11,422	44,263	30,451	10,761
Rest of Europe	24,425	3,249	3,519	15,446	2,003	208
Romania	7,696	1,024	1,156	5,068	424	24
Russia	4,495	653	793	2,571	456	22
Ukraine	3,122	316	297	2,245	254	10
Other	9,112	1,256	1,273	5,562	869	152
Africa	35,326	7,647	4,615	20,937	1,980	147
Nigeria	16,300	4,151	1,626	9,929	564	30
South Africa	5,432	955	735	3,012	672	58
Other	13,594	2,541	2,254	7,996	744	59
Asia	46,952	5,497	10,056	28,058	3,079	262
China	11,161	412	4,515	5,745	415	74
Philippines	9,548	1,572	340	6,481	1,131	24
India	8,460	1,162	1,156	5,708	396	38
Pakistan	4,998	952	982	2,772	264	28
Malaysia	2,979	227	1,031	1,532	174	15
Other	9,806	1,172	2,032	5,820	699	83
America	21,124	4,612	3,286	9,182	2,975	1,069
USA	12,475	3,535	1,615	4,252	2,145	928
Brazil	4,388	446	980	2,706	248	8
Canada	2,343	334	427	1,093	380	109
Other	1,918	297	264	1,131	202	24

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Table 1.10 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by nationality and age group, 2006 (continued)

Nationality	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Australia	4,033	568	547	2,418	422	78
New Zealand	1,756	147	178	1,194	202	35
Other nationalities	7,984	1,543	1,367	3,207	1,230	637
Multi-nationality	2,358	542	293	1,051	369	103
No nationality	1,318	397	179	485	170	87
Not stated	44,279	10,318	5,822	11,547	9,790	6,802
TOTAL	4,172,013	860,496	618,465	1,320,551	912,301	460,200

Source: CSO

Table 1.11 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by religion and nationality, 2006

Nationality	Total persons	Religious denomination									No religion	Not stated
		Catholic	Church of Ireland (including Protestant)	Other Christian religions	Presbyterian	Muslim (Islamic)	Orthodox	Methodist	Other stated religions			
Irish	3,706,683	3,409,381	86,990	16,327	13,628	9,761	2,881	5,077	22,497	105,356	34,785	
Non-Irish	419,733	213,412	31,197	11,484	7,741	21,613	16,845	5,612	31,118	68,444	12,267	
UK	112,548	54,214	22,511	1,667	3,621	620	117	2,053	4,167	21,851	1,727	
Rest of EU	163,227	112,806	3,388	1,551	990	777	3,666	293	7,284	27,529	4,943	
Rest of Europe	24,425	4,002	412	1,082	263	1,924	11,776	52	1,824	2,101	989	
Africa	35,326	8,530	2,467	4,553	1,649	6,909	196	2,330	6,337	917	1,438	
Asia	46,952	12,443	648	1,482	259	10,649	731	407	8,792	10,187	1,354	
America	21,124	13,229	722	738	549	128	64	281	1,866	2,661	886	
Other nationalities	16,131	8,188	1,049	411	410	606	295	196	848	3,198	930	
Not stated, incl. no nationality	45,597	22,172	761	217	127	405	268	79	418	1,452	19,698	
TOTAL	4,172,013	3,644,965	118,948	28,028	21,496	31,779	19,994	10,768	54,033	175,252	66,750	

Source: CSO

Population

Table 1.12 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over, by frequency of speaking Irish, age group and sex, 2006

Age group	Total persons	Daily within education system		Outside education system				
		Speaks within education system only	Speaks Irish also outside education system	Daily	Weekly	Less often	Never	Not stated
Persons								
3-4	14,773	9,333	759	1,152	1,293	1,636	187	413
5-9	171,290	143,763	6,530	1,804	7,366	7,582	1,983	2,262
10-14	194,337	156,306	7,140	1,927	9,292	11,845	5,043	2,784
15-19	184,847	98,479	6,166	3,103	11,300	37,058	25,649	3,092
20-24	149,122	8,329	1,230	4,341	8,767	67,019	56,680	2,756
25-34	264,516	11,890	2,421	8,674	14,019	113,569	110,288	3,655
35-44	204,541	9,231	2,599	9,334	14,209	94,064	72,386	2,718
45-54	191,600	9,361	2,355	7,975	12,457	95,748	60,704	3,000
55-64	138,483	4,629	1,416	6,520	8,964	74,525	39,807	2,622
65 years and over	143,281	1,886	989	8,641	9,422	78,528	40,119	3,696
Total	1,656,790	453,207	31,605	53,471	97,089	581,574	412,846	26,998
Males								
3-4	6,784	4,260	346	572	561	743	92	210
5-9	84,914	71,249	3,223	916	3,572	3,791	1,043	1,120
10-14	95,247	75,903	3,526	941	4,621	6,122	2,728	1,406
15-19	86,448	44,170	2,811	1,477	5,278	17,805	13,359	1,548
20-24	66,262	1,975	397	2,172	3,795	30,124	26,399	1,400
25-34	114,936	2,033	829	4,108	6,247	51,064	48,729	1,926
35-44	88,414	1,730	945	4,049	5,677	41,470	33,083	1,460
45-54	87,836	2,359	1,054	4,049	5,861	44,707	28,258	1,548
55-64	65,680	1,487	775	3,586	4,552	35,356	18,609	1,315
65 years and over	60,546	788	487	4,301	4,505	33,470	15,491	1,504
Total	757,067	205,954	14,393	26,171	44,669	264,652	187,791	13,437
Females								
3- 4	7,989	5,073	413	580	732	893	95	203
5-9	86,376	72,514	3,307	888	3,794	3,791	940	1,142
10-14	99,090	80,403	3,614	986	4,671	5,723	2,315	1,378
15-19	98,399	54,309	3,355	1,626	6,022	19,253	12,290	1,544
20-24	82,860	6,354	833	2,169	4,972	36,895	30,281	1,356
25-34	149,580	9,857	1,592	4,566	7,772	62,505	61,559	1,729
35-44	116,127	7,501	1,654	5,285	8,532	52,594	39,303	1,258
45-54	103,764	7,002	1,301	3,926	6,596	51,041	32,446	1,452
55-64	72,803	3,142	641	2,934	4,412	39,169	21,198	1,307
65 years and over	82,735	1,098	502	4,340	4,917	45,058	24,628	2,192
Total	899,723	247,253	17,212	27,300	52,420	316,922	225,055	13,561

Source: CSO

Table 1.13 Family units in private households by type of family unit and number of children, 2006

Type of family unit	Total family units	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more	Number of children
Husband and wife without children	225,805	225,805	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cohabiting couple without children	77,782	77,782	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Husband and wife with children (of any age)										
All children under 15 years	231,380	-	68,444	96,292	49,278	13,988	2,564	618	196	482,796
All children aged 15 years and over	193,331	-	97,854	64,507	23,449	6,037	1,157	235	92	329,244
Remainder	91,702	-	0	28,854	35,178	18,654	5,841	2,012	1,163	288,125
Total	516,413	-	166,298	189,653	107,905	38,679	9,562	2,865	1,451	1,100,165
Cohabiting couple with children (of any age)										
All children under 15 years	36,105	-	21,101	10,808	3,078	819	211	64	24	56,837
All children aged 15 years and over	3,987	-	2,629	1,070	218	55	13	1	1	5,721
Remainder	3,885	-	0	1,493	1,325	660	242	99	66	11,907
Total	43,977	-	23,730	13,371	4,621	1,534	466	164	91	74,465
Lone mother with children (of any age)										
All children under 15 years	73,019	-	45,103	19,232	6,198	1,854	491	109	32	112,926
All children aged 15 years and over	71,739	-	48,465	17,066	4,718	1,151	251	67	21	103,172
Remainder	17,738	-	0	7,093	5,904	2,990	1,140	378	233	53,604
Total	162,496	-	93,568	43,391	16,820	5,995	1,882	554	286	269,702
Lone father with children (of any age)										
All children under 15 years	5,155	-	3,225	1,376	418	108	21	6	1	7,811
All children aged 15 years and over	19,198	-	13,313	4,347	1,139	310	67	19	3	27,134
Remainder	2,364	-	0	929	823	396	144	50	22	7,102
Total	26,717	-	16,538	6,652	2,380	814	232	75	26	42,047
TOTAL FAMILY UNITS	1,053,090	303,587	300,134	253,067	131,726	47,022	12,142	3,658	1,854	1,486,379

Source: CSO

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