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- In 2009, nearly 40% of burglary was recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Region.
- Recorded theft and related offences decreased from 77,031 in 2009 to 76,852 in 2010.
- In 2010, over half of prisoners (50.3%) were aged 29 years and under.
- In 2010 there were 14,377 Gardaí, down from 14,547 in 2009.
- Dublin (12.4%) had the highest household victimisation rate followed by the Mid-East (10.4%).

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Introduction

The statistics in this chapter relate to a number of aspects of justice and defence. They have been obtained from the Garda Síochána, the Prison Service, the Defence Forces, the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Central Statistics Office. Results from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) ad hoc module on Crime and Victimization are also included.

Crime figures are provided for the number of offences recorded by the Garda Síochána. These are based on the Irish Crime Classification System (ICCS), but exclude elements of Group 4 (Dangerous or Negligent Acts) and all of Groups 14 (Road and Traffic Offences (Not Elsewhere Classified)) and 16 (Offences Not Elsewhere Classified). Details of this new classification system can be found at www.cso.ie. All crime figures are provisional and may be revised.

The QNHS is a large-scale, nationwide survey of households in Ireland. While the primary purpose of the QNHS is to collect information on employment and unemployment it also includes modules each quarter on social topics of interest. A module on Crime and Victimization was included in the three months interviewing period from January to March 2010. This module was previously carried out in 1998, 2003 and 2006. The module contained numerous questions on crime-related topics, divided into two main sections – household and individual questions.

Technical Notes

Table 7.1

Table 7.1 figures are based on data received from the Garda Síochána at the end of Quarter 1 2011. These figures may be updated in further CSO releases.

Tables 7.4 and 7.5

Tables 7.4 and 7.5 provide an insight into the incidence and perception of certain crime types in Ireland and are taken from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) ad hoc modules on Crime and Victimization as detailed in the introduction.

Table 7.5

'Any crime' refers to victims of burglary, motor vehicle crime, theft of bicycles or vandalism.

Tables 7.6 and 7.7

Figures exclude non-criminal prisoners (eg immigration detainees) and those on trial and on remand.

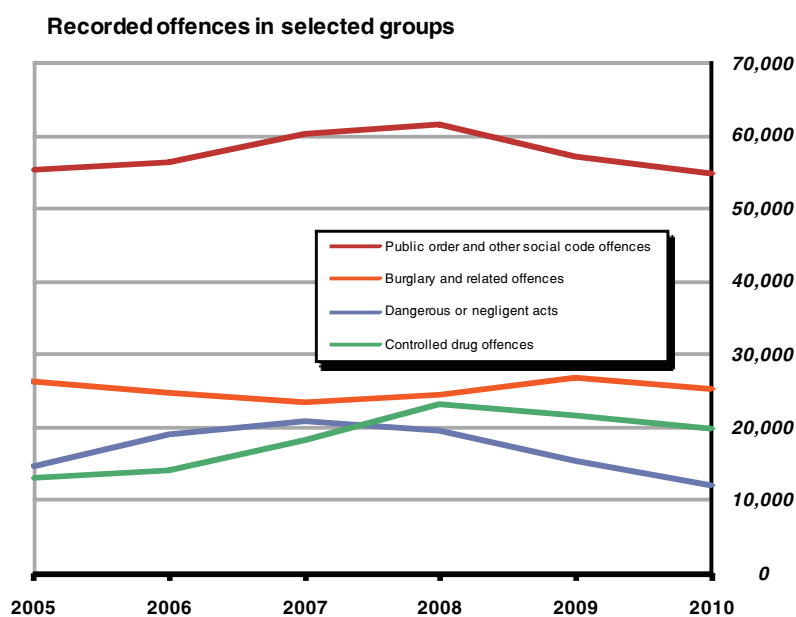
Tables 7.8 and 7.9

The given 'per 100,000 population' figures are calculated based on 2002 and 2006 census figures and interim population estimates.

Table 7.1 Recorded offences

Offence	Number					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Homicide offences	126	138	132	89	88	86
Sexual offences	1,801	1,416	1,366	1,407	1,481	2,398
Attempts/threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	13,687	15,454	17,666	19,150	18,353	17,550
Dangerous or negligent acts	14,720	19,280	21,009	19,587	15,532	12,086
Kidnapping and related offences	74	81	106	77	146	131
Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	2,424	2,486	2,171	2,299	2,491	3,195
Burglary and related offences	26,381	24,788	23,603	24,683	26,911	25,380
Theft and related offences	73,078	74,500	75,190	76,861	77,031	76,852
Fraud, deception and related offences	4,012	4,176	5,858	5,410	4,947	4,995
Controlled drug offences	13,322	14,233	18,554	23,405	21,983	20,057
Weapons and explosives offences	2,560	3,119	3,595	4,016	4,064	4,096
Damage to property and to the environment	39,728	43,583	43,285	44,626	42,331	39,318
Public order and other social code offences	55,482	56,617	60,585	61,822	57,351	54,926
Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	7,792	9,482	11,003	13,288	11,901	11,121

Source: CSO



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Table 7.2 Incidents of assaults, recorded, per 100,000 population, detections and with relevant proceedings, 2009

Number and percentage

Garda region	Recorded	Per 100,000 population	Detected	Detection rate %	With relevant proceedings
Northern	2,117	420.5	1,537	72.6	832
Western	1,888	334.6	1,367	72.4	690
Southern	3,015	353.3	2,156	71.5	992
Eastern	2,289	302.5	1,515	66.2	658
South Eastern	2,111	371.0	1,519	72.0	684
Dublin Metropolitan	4,160	343.1	2,198	52.8	1,005
State	15,580	349.4	10,292	66.1	4,861

Source: CSO

Table 7.3 Incidents of burglary, recorded, per 100,000 population, detections and with relevant proceedings, 2009

Number and percentage

Garda region	Recorded	Per 100,000 population	Detected	Detection rate %	With relevant proceedings
Northern	2,302	457.2	490	21.3	274
Western	2,563	454.3	707	27.6	386
Southern	3,388	397.0	1,129	33.3	784
Eastern	4,710	622.4	865	18.4	509
South Eastern	3,220	565.8	778	24.2	460
Dublin Metropolitan	10,728	884.8	2,448	22.8	1,465
State	26,911	603.5	6,417	23.8	3,878

Source: CSO

Table 7.4 Persons aged 18 and over by their perception of crime

%

	Very serious problem	Serious problem	Fairly serious problem	Not a serious problem	Not a problem	Total
Males						
1998	32.5	39.8	24.0	3.3	0.4	100.0
2003	41.6	35.2	19.6	3.2	0.4	100.0
2006	39.9	36.5	19.3	3.9	0.5	100.0
2010	44.8	35.3	15.5	3.0	0.2	100.0
Females						
1998	43.8	36.6	17.7	1.7	0.2	100.0
2003	51.2	32.7	14.5	1.5	0.2	100.0
2006	51.8	33.4	13.1	1.6	0.1	100.0
2010	52.5	32.1	12.5	1.4	0.5	100.0
18-24 years						
1998	28.3	40.2	27.4	3.7	0.5	100.0
2003	32.6	38.8	23.9	4.2	0.5	100.0
2006	30.7	37.8	25.0	5.9	0.7	100.0
2010	33.0	38.6	21.7	3.2	0.7	100.0
25-44 years						
1998	35.3	39.7	22.2	2.5	0.3	100.0
2003	42.1	35.9	18.9	2.7	0.3	100.0
2006	40.5	37.1	18.5	3.5	0.3	100.0
2010	44.5	35.0	15.8	3.2	0.4	100.0
45-64 years						
1998	42.0	37.1	18.6	2.1	0.2	100.0
2003	52.7	31.7	14.1	1.4	0.2	100.0
2006	52.3	33.8	12.6	1.2	0.1	100.0
2010	54.2	32.7	11.2	1.2	0.2	100.0
65 years and over						
1998	49.6	34.1	14.4	1.6	0.2	100.0
2003	60.7	27.9	10.2	1.1	0.1	100.0
2006	63.0	28.3	8.0	0.5	0.1	100.0
2010	61.8	27.9	8.4	0.8	0.2	100.0
TOTAL						
1998	38.3	38.2	20.8	2.5	0.3	100.0
2003	46.5	33.9	17.0	2.3	0.3	100.0
2006	45.9	34.9	16.2	2.7	0.3	100.0
2010	48.7	33.7	14.0	2.2	0.3	100.0

Source: CSO

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Table 7.5 Households classified by whether they experienced crime, 2006 and 2010

Number and percentage

	2006				2010			
	All households	Household burglary	Vandalism	Victims of any crime	All households	Household burglary	Vandalism	Victims of any crime
	'000	%	%	%	'000	%	%	%
Region								
Border	166.6	1.7	4.1	7.7	190.6	3.0	1.9	5.9
Midland	88.4	4.2	2.8	8.7	102.2	3.2	5.0	9.6
West	151.2	1.9	3.4	7.8	162.5	2.4	2.6	5.6
Dublin	428.0	4.4	8.1	18.0	434.4	3.5	4.6	12.4
Mid-East	154.6	3.9	3.6	10.9	187.5	3.8	2.9	10.4
Mid-West	132.4	3.5	5.1	11.2	141.9	2.9	3.6	7.4
South-East	167.4	3.3	2.5	7.7	187.7	3.3	2.7	7.4
South-West	225.2	1.9	3.1	7.7	244.2	1.6	2.9	5.9
Household composition								
1 adult, no children	331.7	3.2	4.1	8.9	318.5	3.3	2.5	6.4
2 adults, no children	388.1	3.2	4.5	9.8	430.0	2.7	3.2	7.7
3 or more adults, no children	284.1	2.9	5.2	12.5	197.5	2.6	2.9	8.7
1 adult with children	60.4	3.3	7.8	14.6	99.6	2.2	6.0	10.5
2 adults with 1-3 children	284.2	3.4	5.1	12.8	465.1	3.2	3.5	9.7
Other households with children	165.2	3.6	5.0	14.0	140.3	3.8	4.4	11.4
Urban/rural location								
Urban areas	912.8	3.7	6.7	14.6	987.3	3.1	4.5	10.6
Rural areas	601.0	2.5	2.0	6.3	663.7	2.8	1.7	5.7
All households	1,513.8	3.2	4.8	11.3	1,651.0	3.0	3.4	8.6

Source: CSO

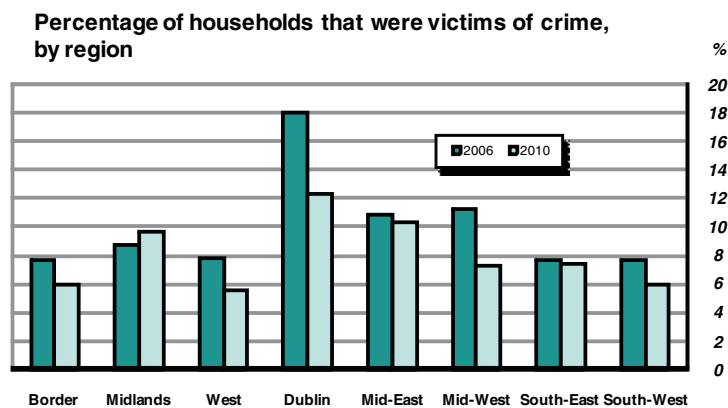


Table 7.6 Sentenced prisoners in custody by length of sentence and sex, 31 August 2010

Number and percentage

Length of sentence	Male		Female		Total	%
	Number	%	Number	%		
Life	279	8	5	5	284	8
10 years or more	279	8	3	3	282	8
5 to 10 years	881	25	21	19	902	25
3 to 5 years	775	22	28	25	803	22
2 to 3 years	428	12	13	12	441	12
1 to 2 years	476	13	16	15	492	13
6 to 12 months	319	9	18	16	337	9
Under 6 months	119	3	6	5	125	3
Total	3,556	100	110	100	3,666	100

Source: Irish Prison Service

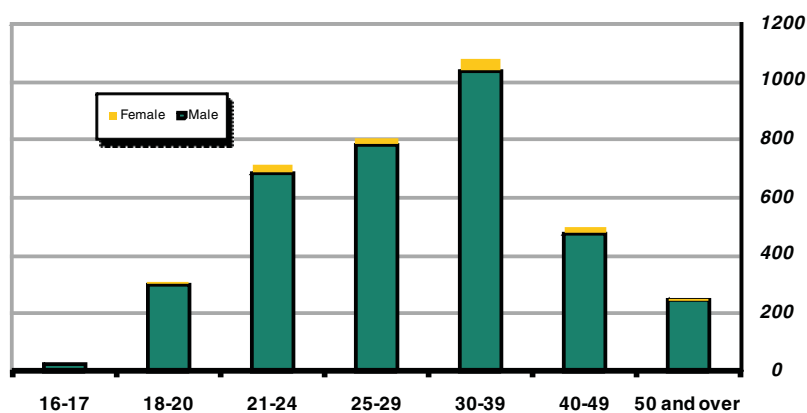
Table 7.7 Sentenced prisoners in custody by age and sex, 31 August 2010

Number

Age	Male	Female	Total
16-17	25	0	25
18-20	302	6	308
21-24	687	21	708
25-29	782	21	803
30-39	1,039	40	1,079
40-49	476	17	493
50 and over	245	5	250
Total	3,556	110	3,666

Source: Irish Prison Service

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Table 7.8 Numbers in each rank of the Defence Forces

Rank	Number								
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Commissioned Officers	1,303	1,336	1,348	1,360	1,345	1,378	1,347	1,337	
Lieutenant-General	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Major-General	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	
Brigadier-General	8	8	8	8	10	9	8	6	
Colonel	41	42	43	43	44	45	32	35	
Lieutenant-Colonel	145	151	149	153	159	155	141	124	
Commandant	423	429	423	401	391	380	358	340	
Captain	324	336	365	393	358	361	398	438	
Lieutenant	257	234	235	239	226	289	355	349	
2nd Lieutenant	101	133	122	120	153	135	52	42	
Non-Commissioned Officers	3,967	3,960	3,934	3,919	3,817	3,845	3,682	3,454	
Sergeant-Major	47	47	46	45	44	45	37	33	
Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant	52	52	53	48	45	50	40	32	
Company Sergeant	271	256	260	263	254	257	251	219	
Company Quartermaster-Sergeant	278	279	278	271	281	281	262	245	
Sergeant	1,395	1,364	1,383	1,354	1,400	1,399	1,331	1,275	
Corporal	1,924	1,962	1,914	1,938	1,793	1,813	1,761	1,650	
Private	5,090	5,119	5,038	5,088	5,162	5,087	4,813	4,684	
Cadet	138	136	125	112	110	98	91	75	
TOTAL PERMANENT DEFENCE FORCE	10,498	10,551	10,445	10,479	10,434	10,408	9,933	9,550	
Permanent personnel per 100,000 population	264	261	253	248	240	235	223	214	
Total Reserve Defence Force	13,941	13,167	10,368	9,506	8,793	8,042	6,998	6,400	
Reserve of Officers (First Line)	179	177	177	155	144	142	123	107	
Reserve of Men (First Line)	230	223	224	217	241	229	231	210	
Reserve (Second Line) All Ranks	13,532	12,767	9,967	9,134	8,408	7,671	6,644	6,083	

Source: Defence Forces

Table 7.9 Numbers in each rank of the Garda Síochána

Year	Number										
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commissioner ranks	13	13	13	13	14	15	14	15	15	14	12
Chief Superintendents	46	47	47	47	47	47	46	52	52	39	45
Superintendents	169	170	171	173	168	173	166	185	187	167	170
Inspectors	293	289	294	294	291	289	287	330	344	317	336
Sergeants	1,897	1,933	1,928	1,946	1,950	1,926	1,945	2,083	2,229	2,078	2,135
Gardaí	9,222	9,362	9,447	9,545	9,739	9,815	10,496	11,090	11,584	11,932	11,679
Total	11,640	11,814	11,900	12,018	12,209	12,265	12,954	13,755	14,411	14,547	14,377
Garda personnel per 100,000 population	307	307	304	302	302	297	306	317	326	326	322

Source: Garda Síochána

Table 7.10 Type and frequency of seizures of particular drugs

Quantity and number

Drug		2009		2010	
		Quantity seized	No. of seizures	Quantity seized	No. of seizures
Alprazolam	Tablets	38,415	42	70,183	98
Amphetamine	Powder (gms)	36,508	72	26,463	89
BZP	Tablets	309,237	348	351,536	258
	Powder (gms)	4,371	–	3,271	–
	Capsules	2,360	–	371	–
Cannabis	Resin (gms)	1,538,226	1,109	748,266	616
	Herbal (gms)	572,333	981	912,962	1,247
	Plants	3,750	224	3,851	405
Cocaine	Powder (gms)	118,259	635	94,804	588
Diamorphine(Heroin)	Powder (gms)	78,668	1,455	30,158	1,150
Diazepam	Tablets	114,158	270	145,197	448
	Powder (gms)	3	–	11,523	–
Dihydrocodeine	Tablets	790	9	434	12
Ephedrine	Tablets	0	0	3,926	15
	Powder (gms)	0	0	22	–
Ecstasy	Tablets	18,711	90	398	30
	Powder (gms)	3,288	–	1,429	–
Flunitrazepam (Rohypnol)	Tablets	152	7	1,009	9
Flurazepam	Tablets	50	34	21	37
	Capsules	339	–	1,505	–
Lignocaine	Powder (gms)	106,147	20	13,993	39
Lorazepam	Tablets	41,524	14	230	5
LSD	Tablets	0	0	57	13
	Units	1,122	4	1,588	–
Mephedone	Powder (gms)	0	0	5,298	100
Methadone	Liquid (ml)	2,014	15	4,801	33
	Tablets	732	11	22	2
Methylamphetamine	Powder (gms)	1,120	25	404	20
Oxymetholone	Tablets	72	5	733	15
Temazepam	Tablets	5	5	244	9
Zopiclone	Tablets	76,821	67	49,170	138

Source: Forensic Science Laboratory, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

