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## Population

- Census 2011 results show that Ireland's population has continued to grow strongly since Census 2006, increasing by 348,404 persons to 4,588,252 persons. This represents an increase of 8.2% over the 5 year inter-censal period, an annual average increase of 1.6%.
- There were a total of 544,357 non-Irish nationals living in Ireland in April 2011 representing 199 different nations. This is an increase of 124,624, or 30%, over the five years since 2006. Polish nationals increased by 93.7% from 63,276 to 122,585 in 2011, making them the largest group, ahead of UK nationals with 112,259 persons.
- A question on foreign languages was asked for the first time in Census 2011. The results show that over half a million (514,068) Irish residents spoke a foreign language at home and that, unsurprisingly, Polish was by far the most common, followed by French, Lithuanian and German.
- The average age of the population of the State as a whole increased by half a year since 2006 to 36.1 years. The population of elderly people aged 65 or over increased by 14.4% over the 5 year inter-censal period.



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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 usually resident population by place of birth and nationality. Religion and the Irish language are also covered. 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 10 April 2011.

## 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, currently at 54.6%. Munster's share of the total population has declined from 36.7% in 1841 to 27.1% in 2011. The decline in the share of Connacht and Ulster (part of) has been even more acute, the 2011 levels being 11.8% and 6.4% respectively according to the 2011 Census results.

## 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. Population growth peaked at 81,000 per annum during the 2002-2006 period. The most recent intercensal period (2006-2011) shows the highest natural increase at 45,000 persons per annum, with 73,000 births and 28,000 deaths.

## **Population by age and sex**

The average age of the population continued to increase and stood at 36.1 in April 2011 compared with 35.6 five years earlier, a gain of half a year. Since 1996, when it was just 34.1, the average age has increased by two full years.

A comparison of the population structure in 2011 to 2006 shows that in 2011 the number of people in Ireland increased across all ages, except in the 15-29 age group which showed a slight decrease. This decrease was due to the decline in births in the late 1980's and early 1990's combined with the effects of migration, particularly on those in their mid-twenties.

People are living longer as can be seen in the changes in the population aged over 65 which increased by 14.4% since 2006. This was especially evident in the male population aged over 65 which rose by 17.5% compared with 12% for women, indicating the narrowing gap in life expectancy between the two sexes.

There were 42,854 more females than males in the State in April 2011 resulting in an overall sex ratio of 98.1 males for every 100 females. This is a reversal of the situation in 2006 when the sex ratio was 100.1 males for every 100 females.

## **Marital status and living arrangements**

The percentage of people aged 15 and over who were single has fallen from 43.1% in 2006 to 41.7% in 2011. The numbers differed for men and women with 44.3% of men single and 39.2% of women.

The married population increased by 9.2% between 2006 and 2011, growing from 1,565,016 to 1,708,604. As the population aged 15 and over grew more slowly (6.9% over the same period), married people increased their share from 46.4% to 47.3%. Married women outnumber married men at each year of age from 17 up to 40 reflecting the trend for women to marry younger. From age 41 onwards the pattern reverses with more married men than women at each single year of age as widowhood becomes more common for women.

The number of divorced people in Ireland has increased by 150.3% since 2002 (the first census following the introduction of divorce in Ireland), up from 35,059 to 87,770 in the 2011 census. In contrast the number of people identified as separated has levelled off and stood at 116,194, up marginally from 107,263 five years earlier. The data on remarriage following divorce show that the 2002 figure of 21,400 has more than doubled to 42,960 in April 2011. Here the number of men outstripped women with 24,079 men in the category compared with 18,881 women, partially explaining the lower number of divorced men compared with women.

Census 2011 saw the number of private households increase by 12.6% over 5 years to stand at 1,654,208. The number of people living in private households grew more slowly, by 9.4% to 4,510,409. There is now an average of 2.73 persons in each household, down from 2.81 in 2006. This continues a long-running trend of households becoming smaller. Couples with children have long been the most dominant household type in Ireland, accounting for roughly 35% of all private households. Since 2006 they have increased by 60,600 to 577,870 in 2011. One person households and couples without children also grew significantly over the five years, increasing by 62,500 and 43,700 respectively.

### **Migration, birthplace and nationality**

The number of Irish residents who were born outside Ireland continues to increase and stood at 766,770 in 2011 an increase of 25% on 2006, and accounting for 17% of the population. The groups which showed the largest increase were those already well established in Ireland. The fastest growing groups were Romanians (up 110%), Indians (up 91%), Polish (up 83%), Latvians (up 43%) and Lithuanians (up 40%).

Between 2006 and 2011 the number of non-Irish nationals increased by 124,624 persons, or 29.7%, from 419,733 to 544,357. Polish nationals increased by 93.7% from 63,276 to 122,585, and account for almost half of the total increase among this group, and overtaking UK nationals as the largest non-Irish group living in Ireland.

The year leading to April 2011 shows that 19,593 Irish returned to Ireland, of which 7,338 had previously lived in the UK, followed by Australia as the second most important country of origin (3,921) and the USA in third place with 1,688.

## **Technical Notes**

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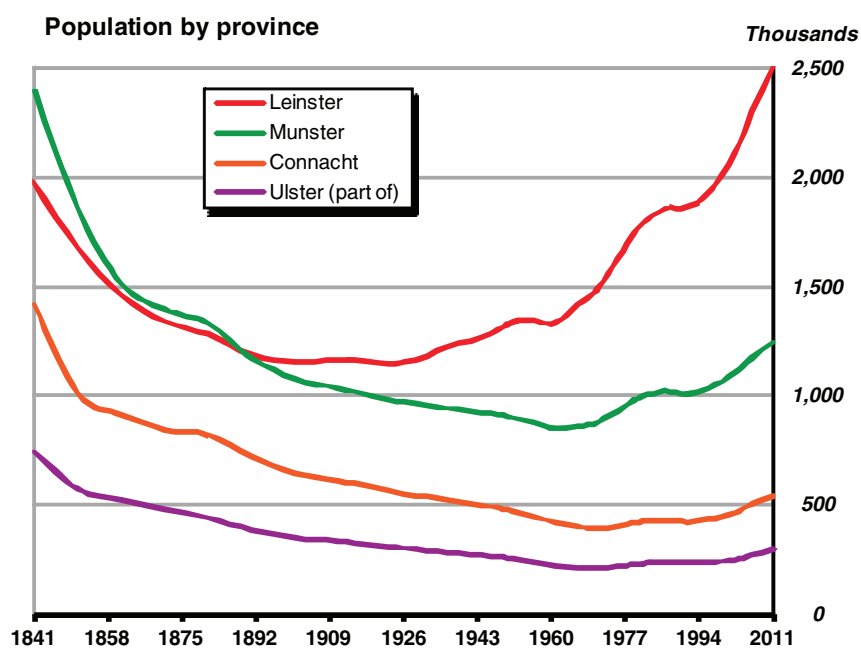
Estimated figures used for the year 2012.

The population estimates are based on the usual residence concept.

**Table 1.1 Population by province**

Census year	Total	Leinster	Munster	Connacht	Ulster (part)
1841	6,528,799	1,973,731	2,396,161	1,418,859	740,048
1851	5,111,557	1,672,738	1,857,736	1,010,031	571,052
1861	4,402,111	1,457,635	1,513,558	913,135	517,783
1871	4,053,187	1,339,451	1,393,485	846,213	474,038
1881	3,870,020	1,278,989	1,331,115	821,657	438,259
1891	3,468,694	1,187,760	1,172,402	724,774	383,758
1901	3,221,823	1,152,829	1,076,188	646,932	345,874
1911	3,139,688	1,162,044	1,035,495	610,984	331,165
1926	2,971,992	1,149,092	969,902	552,907	300,091
1936	2,968,420	1,220,411	942,272	525,468	280,269
1946	2,955,107	1,281,117	917,306	492,797	263,887
1951	2,960,593	1,336,576	898,870	471,895	253,252
1956	2,898,264	1,338,942	877,238	446,221	235,863
1961	2,818,341	1,332,149	849,203	419,465	217,524
1966	2,884,002	1,414,415	859,334	401,950	208,303
1971	2,978,248	1,498,140	882,002	390,902	207,204
1979	3,368,217	1,743,861	979,819	418,500	226,037
1981	3,443,405	1,790,521	998,315	424,410	230,159
1986	3,540,643	1,852,649	1,020,577	431,409	236,008
1991	3,525,719	1,860,949	1,009,533	423,031	232,206
1996	3,626,087	1,924,702	1,033,903	433,231	234,251
2002	3,917,203	2,105,579	1,100,614	464,296	246,714
2006	4,239,848	2,295,123	1,173,340	504,121	267,264
2011	4,588,252	2,504,814	1,246,088	542,547	294,803

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
2006-2011	73	28	45	70	25

Source: CSO

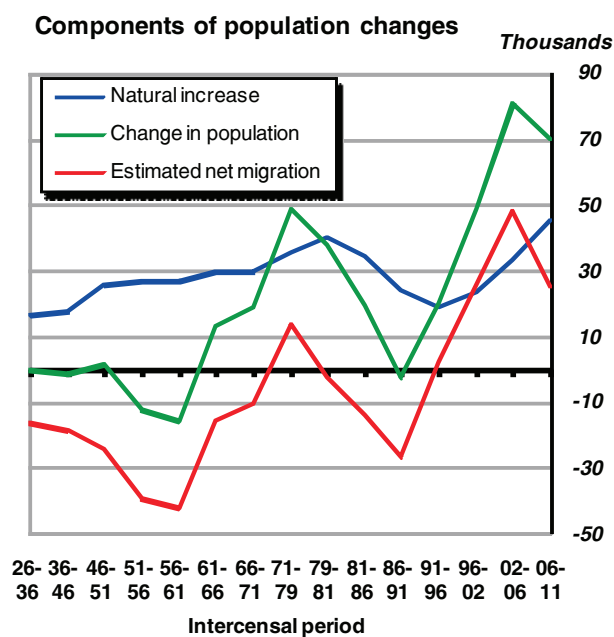




Table 1.3 Population by province, county and city, 2011

Province, county or city	Persons	Males	Females	Change in population 2006-2011	
				Actual	%
<b>Leinster</b>	<b>2,504,814</b>	1,233,352	1,271,462	209,691	9.1
Carlow	54,612	27,431	27,181	4,263	8.5
Dublin	<b>1,273,069</b>	619,902	653,167	85,893	7.2
<i>Dublin City</i>	<i>527,612</i>	<i>257,303</i>	<i>270,309</i>	<i>21,401</i>	<i>4.2</i>
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	<i>206,261</i>	<i>98,567</i>	<i>107,694</i>	<i>12,223</i>	<i>6.3</i>
<i>Fingal</i>	<i>273,991</i>	<i>134,488</i>	<i>139,503</i>	<i>33,999</i>	<i>14.2</i>
<i>South Dublin</i>	<i>265,205</i>	<i>129,544</i>	<i>135,661</i>	<i>18,270</i>	<i>7.4</i>
Kildare	<b>210,312</b>	104,658	105,654	23,977	12.9
Kilkenny	<b>95,419</b>	47,788	47,631	7,861	9.0
Laois	<b>80,559</b>	40,587	39,972	13,500	20.1
Longford	<b>39,000</b>	19,649	19,351	4,609	13.4
Louth	<b>122,897</b>	60,763	62,134	11,630	10.5
Meath	<b>184,135</b>	91,910	92,225	21,304	13.1
Offaly	<b>76,687</b>	38,430	38,257	5,819	8.2
Westmeath	<b>86,164</b>	42,783	43,381	6,818	8.6
Wexford	<b>145,320</b>	71,909	73,411	13,571	10.3
Wicklow	<b>136,640</b>	67,542	69,098	10,446	8.3
<b>Munster</b>	<b>1,246,088</b>	620,260	625,828	72,748	6.2
Clare	<b>117,196</b>	58,298	58,898	6,246	5.6
Cork	<b>519,032</b>	257,470	261,562	37,737	7.8
<i>Cork City</i>	<i>119,230</i>	<i>58,812</i>	<i>60,418</i>	<i>-188</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
<i>Cork County</i>	<i>399,802</i>	<i>198,658</i>	<i>201,144</i>	<i>37,925</i>	<i>10.5</i>
Kerry	<b>145,502</b>	72,629	72,873	5,667	4.1
Limerick	<b>191,809</b>	95,815	95,994	7,754	4.2
<i>Limerick City</i>	<i>57,106</i>	<i>27,947</i>	<i>29,159</i>	<i>-2,684</i>	<i>-4.5</i>
<i>Limerick County</i>	<i>134,703</i>	<i>67,868</i>	<i>66,835</i>	<i>10,438</i>	<i>8.4</i>
North Tipperary	<b>70,322</b>	35,340	34,982	4,299	6.5
South Tipperary	<b>88,432</b>	44,244	44,188	5,211	6.3
Waterford	<b>113,795</b>	56,464	57,331	5,834	5.4
<i>Waterford City</i>	<i>46,732</i>	<i>22,921</i>	<i>23,811</i>	<i>984</i>	<i>2.2</i>
<i>Waterford County</i>	<i>67,063</i>	<i>33,543</i>	<i>33,520</i>	<i>4,850</i>	<i>7.8</i>
<b>Connacht</b>	<b>542,547</b>	271,110	271,437	38,426	7.6
Galway	<b>250,653</b>	124,758	125,895	18,983	8.2
<i>Galway City</i>	<i>75,529</i>	<i>36,514</i>	<i>39,015</i>	<i>3,115</i>	<i>4.3</i>
<i>Galway County</i>	<i>175,124</i>	<i>88,244</i>	<i>86,880</i>	<i>15,868</i>	<i>10.0</i>
Leitrim	<b>31,798</b>	16,144	15,654	2,848	9.8
Mayo	<b>130,638</b>	65,420	65,218	6,799	5.5
Roscommon	<b>64,065</b>	32,353	31,712	5,297	9.0
Sligo	<b>65,393</b>	32,435	32,958	4,499	7.4
<b>Ulster (part)</b>	<b>294,803</b>	147,977	146,826	27,539	10.3
Cavan	<b>73,183</b>	37,013	36,170	9,180	14.3
Donegal	<b>161,137</b>	80,523	80,614	13,873	9.4
Monaghan	<b>60,483</b>	30,441	30,042	4,486	8.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,588,252</b>	<b>2,272,699</b>	<b>2,315,553</b>	<b>348,404</b>	<b>8.2</b>

Source: CSO

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### Population change by county 2006-2011

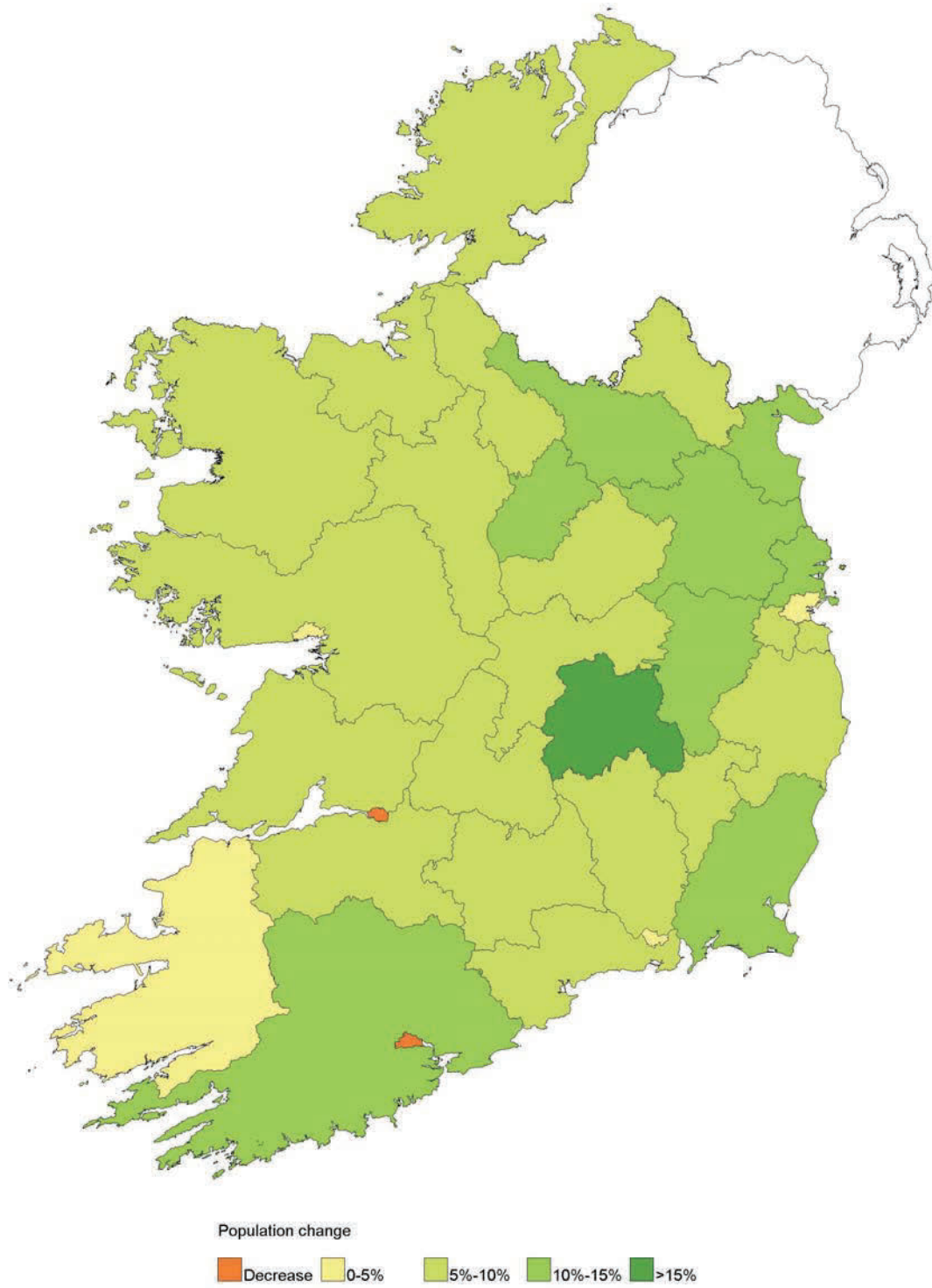


Table 1.4 Population by sex and age group for census years

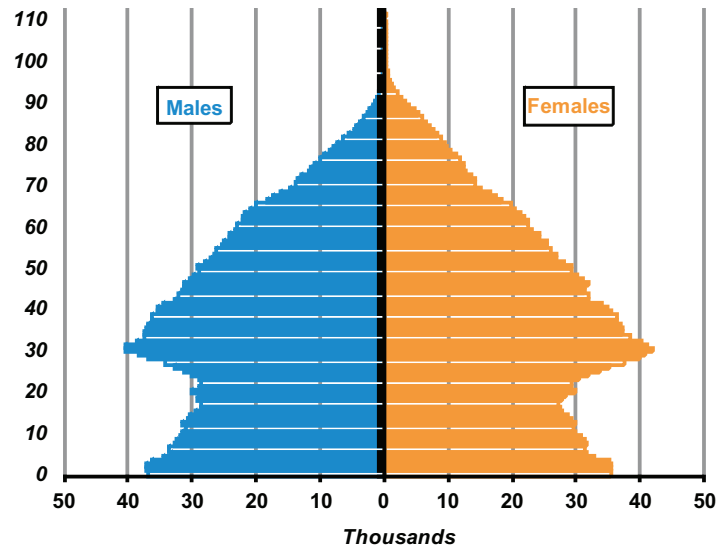
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	Age group	1979	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	2006	2011
<b>Persons</b>	0-4	343.5	353.0	324.1	273.7	250.4	277.6	302.3	356.3
	5-9	350.1	349.5	350.7	318.5	282.9	264.1	288.3	320.8
	10-14	336.3	341.2	350.0	348.3	326.1	285.7	273.9	302.5
	15-19	317.4	326.4	331.1	335.0	339.5	313.2	290.3	283.0
	20-24	266.3	276.1	286.4	266.6	293.4	328.3	342.5	297.2
	25-29	239.4	246.1	258.4	246.3	259.0	312.7	373.1	361.1
	30-34	220.1	232.0	242.7	249.1	260.9	304.7	349.4	393.9
	35-39	178.5	193.8	229.7	237.9	255.7	290.9	322.1	364.3
	40-44	159.4	165.9	191.8	225.7	240.4	272.0	301.3	330.8
	45-49	152.4	151.9	161.7	187.8	225.4	249.6	274.7	305.2
	50-54	151.7	149.7	147.5	156.8	186.6	230.8	247.1	274.4
	55-59	154.1	149.6	142.2	142.5	153.8	197.3	225.3	244.5
	60-64	137.7	139.3	140.0	134.6	137.9	154.3	181.7	218.8
	65-69	133.8	133.9	129.5	130.8	126.8	133.5	143.4	173.6
	70-74	98.3	103.1	111.0	109.3	112.5	112.1	119.2	131.2
	75-79	68.9	68.5	75.5	84.1	84.1	89.8	92.5	102.0
	80-84	38.0	40.5	42.9	49.3	55.8	58.9	64.9	70.1
85 and over	22.5	23.0	25.5	29.4	34.7	41.7	48.1	58.4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,368.2</b>	<b>3,443.4</b>	<b>3,540.6</b>	<b>3,525.7</b>	<b>3,626.1</b>	<b>3,917.2</b>	<b>4,239.8</b>	<b>4,588.3</b>
<b>Males</b>	0-4	175.6	181.0	166.4	140.6	128.7	142.0	154.6	182.1
	5-9	179.1	179.1	179.8	163.3	145.3	135.9	148.0	164.0
	10-14	172.3	175.3	179.4	178.9	167.4	146.1	140.5	155.1
	15-19	162.3	166.7	169.9	171.4	174.0	160.4	148.2	144.3
	20-24	135.8	140.4	144.1	136.5	149.1	165.3	172.8	146.6
	25-29	121.6	124.4	129.1	120.7	129.4	156.1	189.3	173.7
	30-34	112.7	118.3	122.2	123.2	127.7	152.4	177.5	194.8
	35-39	91.8	99.3	116.4	118.7	126.1	144.5	163.8	182.2
	40-44	81.8	85.3	98.0	113.9	120.1	135.3	151.4	166.3
	45-49	77.8	77.8	82.8	95.4	113.8	125.0	138.0	151.5
	50-54	75.6	75.3	75.2	79.9	94.8	116.6	124.6	136.7
	55-59	76.1	73.3	70.5	71.7	77.8	99.8	113.9	122.1
	60-64	67.8	68.0	67.2	65.6	68.7	77.6	91.6	109.9
	65-69	65.0	64.3	61.1	61.0	60.3	65.3	70.9	86.3
	70-74	45.8	48.4	50.9	49.2	50.1	51.7	56.5	63.5
	75-79	29.1	29.2	32.6	35.7	35.2	37.4	40.1	46.6
	80-84	14.9	15.4	16.1	19.0	21.1	22.3	24.7	28.4
85 and over	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.9	10.6	12.5	14.8	18.5	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,693.3</b>	<b>1,729.4</b>	<b>1,769.7</b>	<b>1,753.4</b>	<b>1,800.2</b>	<b>1,946.2</b>	<b>2,121.2</b>	<b>2,272.7</b>
<b>Females</b>	0-4	167.8	172.0	157.7	133.2	121.7	135.6	147.7	174.3
	5-9	171.1	170.4	170.8	155.2	137.6	128.2	140.3	156.7
	10-14	164.0	166.0	170.6	169.4	158.7	139.6	133.4	147.4
	15-19	155.1	159.8	161.2	163.6	165.6	152.8	142.0	138.8
	20-24	130.5	135.7	142.3	130.1	144.2	163.0	169.7	150.6
	25-29	117.8	121.7	129.4	125.7	129.7	156.6	183.8	187.4
	30-34	107.4	113.7	120.5	125.9	133.2	152.3	171.9	199.2
	35-39	86.7	94.5	113.3	119.2	129.5	146.4	158.3	182.0
	40-44	77.6	80.6	93.8	111.8	120.4	136.7	149.9	164.5
	45-49	74.7	74.1	79.0	92.3	111.6	124.6	136.8	153.7
	50-54	76.1	74.4	72.4	76.9	91.8	114.3	122.5	137.6
	55-59	77.9	76.3	71.7	70.9	76.0	97.5	111.4	122.4
	60-64	69.9	71.3	72.8	69.0	69.3	76.7	90.2	108.9
	65-69	68.8	69.6	68.4	69.8	66.6	68.2	72.5	87.3
	70-74	52.5	54.8	60.1	60.1	62.4	60.4	62.6	67.7
	75-79	39.7	39.3	42.9	48.4	48.9	52.4	52.3	55.4
	80-84	23.1	25.0	26.8	30.3	34.7	36.6	40.2	41.7
85 and over	14.3	15.1	17.4	20.5	24.1	29.2	33.2	39.9	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,674.9</b>	<b>1,714.1</b>	<b>1,771.0</b>	<b>1,772.3</b>	<b>1,825.9</b>	<b>1,971.0</b>	<b>2,118.7</b>	<b>2,315.6</b>

Source: CSO

## Population

Population by sex and age 2011



Average age by county 2011

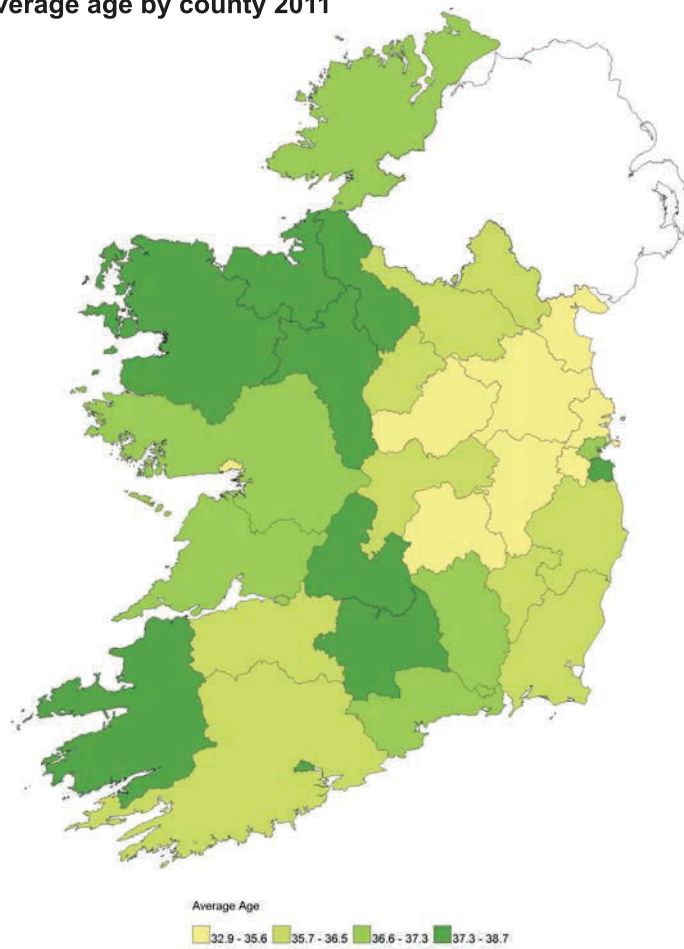


Table 1.5 Estimated annual population by sex and age group

Thousands

	Age group	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Persons</b>	0-4	302.3	310.5	324.0	335.2	347.0	356.0	364.6
	5-9	288.5	297.2	306.2	310.7	314.6	319.6	324.8
	10-14	274.2	276.5	283.1	290.5	296.1	301.0	305.4
	15-19	290.9	291.4	295.6	294.3	289.4	281.0	275.7
	20-24	347.5	371.7	373.6	354.4	326.3	298.6	277.7
	25-29	375.2	399.8	408.3	400.6	381.6	362.9	341.2
	30-34	347.9	361.3	369.5	374.5	381.2	393.4	392.3
	35-39	320.4	335.3	348.6	356.3	359.7	363.1	364.3
	40-44	299.8	308.1	313.6	316.7	321.8	329.3	335.7
	45-49	273.8	281.2	288.5	295.6	300.9	304.1	308.1
	50-54	246.4	253.2	258.0	262.3	267.4	273.7	278.2
	55-59	223.9	227.9	232.6	235.7	239.6	243.4	248.0
	60-64	179.8	190.7	199.8	207.7	214.0	217.1	220.0
	65-69	141.2	144.1	149.8	156.6	163.5	172.1	181.5
	70-74	117.5	119.5	121.7	124.6	127.9	130.1	132.7
	75-79	91.4	92.5	94.5	96.8	99.1	101.4	103.6
	80-84	64.4	65.6	65.9	66.9	68.4	69.8	71.0
	85 and over	47.8	49.4	51.9	54.0	56.1	58.2	60.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,232.9</b>	<b>4,375.8</b>	<b>4,485.1</b>	<b>4,533.4</b>	<b>4,554.8</b>	<b>4,574.9</b>	<b>4,585.4</b>
<b>Males</b>	0-4	154.7	159.4	165.9	171.4	177.6	182.0	186.0
	5-9	148.1	151.9	156.3	158.5	160.8	163.5	166.1
	10-14	140.7	141.9	145.3	149.2	152.1	154.5	156.4
	15-19	148.7	147.5	149.6	150.3	147.7	143.7	141.3
	20-24	175.5	187.6	186.5	173.5	160.1	148.6	138.6
	25-29	190.2	202.6	204.7	198.4	186.1	175.1	163.5
	30-34	176.4	184.6	186.9	188.1	189.8	194.9	191.3
	35-39	162.8	171.3	177.6	180.3	181.0	181.9	181.5
	40-44	150.4	154.9	157.5	159.5	162.2	165.9	168.5
	45-49	137.4	141.2	144.5	147.9	149.8	151.3	153.1
	50-54	124.1	127.4	129.5	131.6	133.7	136.7	138.2
	55-59	113.2	115.2	117.3	118.7	120.3	121.8	123.6
	60-64	90.6	96.1	101.0	104.9	107.6	109.2	110.0
	65-69	69.9	71.9	74.4	78.0	81.5	85.6	90.6
	70-74	55.8	56.9	58.1	59.8	61.8	62.9	64.4
	75-79	39.7	40.8	42.4	43.9	45.1	46.3	47.6
	80-84	24.5	25.0	25.3	26.3	27.3	28.3	29.4
	85 and over	14.8	15.2	15.9	16.8	17.7	18.4	19.4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,117.3</b>	<b>2,191.3</b>	<b>2,238.6</b>	<b>2,257.3</b>	<b>2,262.2</b>	<b>2,270.5</b>	<b>2,269.6</b>
<b>Females</b>	0-4	147.7	151.1	158.1	163.8	169.4	174.1	178.6
	5-9	140.4	145.4	150.0	152.2	153.8	156.2	158.7
	10-14	133.5	134.6	137.9	141.2	144.0	146.6	149.0
	15-19	142.2	144.0	146.0	143.9	141.7	137.4	134.4
	20-24	172.0	184.1	187.1	180.9	166.2	149.9	139.2
	25-29	185.0	197.2	203.6	202.1	195.6	187.8	177.7
	30-34	171.5	176.8	182.6	186.4	191.4	198.5	201.0
	35-39	157.7	164.0	171.0	176.0	178.7	181.2	182.9
	40-44	149.3	153.2	156.1	157.3	159.6	163.4	167.1
	45-49	136.4	140.1	143.9	147.7	151.1	152.9	155.0
	50-54	122.3	125.8	128.5	130.7	133.7	137.1	140.0
	55-59	110.7	112.7	115.3	117.0	119.3	121.6	124.3
	60-64	89.1	94.5	98.8	102.8	106.4	107.9	109.9
	65-69	71.4	72.2	75.4	78.6	82.0	86.5	90.9
	70-74	61.7	62.6	63.6	64.8	66.2	67.2	68.3
	75-79	51.8	51.6	52.1	52.9	54.0	55.0	55.9
	80-84	39.9	40.5	40.5	40.6	41.0	41.5	41.6
	85 and over	33.1	34.2	36.0	37.2	38.5	39.8	41.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,115.6</b>	<b>2,184.6</b>	<b>2,246.5</b>	<b>2,276.1</b>	<b>2,292.6</b>	<b>2,304.4</b>	<b>2,315.8</b>

Source: CSO

## Population

**Table 1.6 Usual residents by ethnic or cultural background, 2011**

Category	Thousands	%
<b>White</b>		
Irish	3,822.0	84.5
Irish Traveller	29.5	0.7
Any other white background	413.0	9.1
<b>Black or black Irish</b>		
African	58.7	1.3
Any other black background	6.4	0.1
<b>Asian or Asian Irish</b>		
Chinese	17.8	0.4
Any other Asian background	66.9	1.5
<b>Other including mixed background</b>		
Not stated	40.7	0.9
	70.3	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,525.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 1.7 Irish Travellers by age group, sex and marital status, 2011**

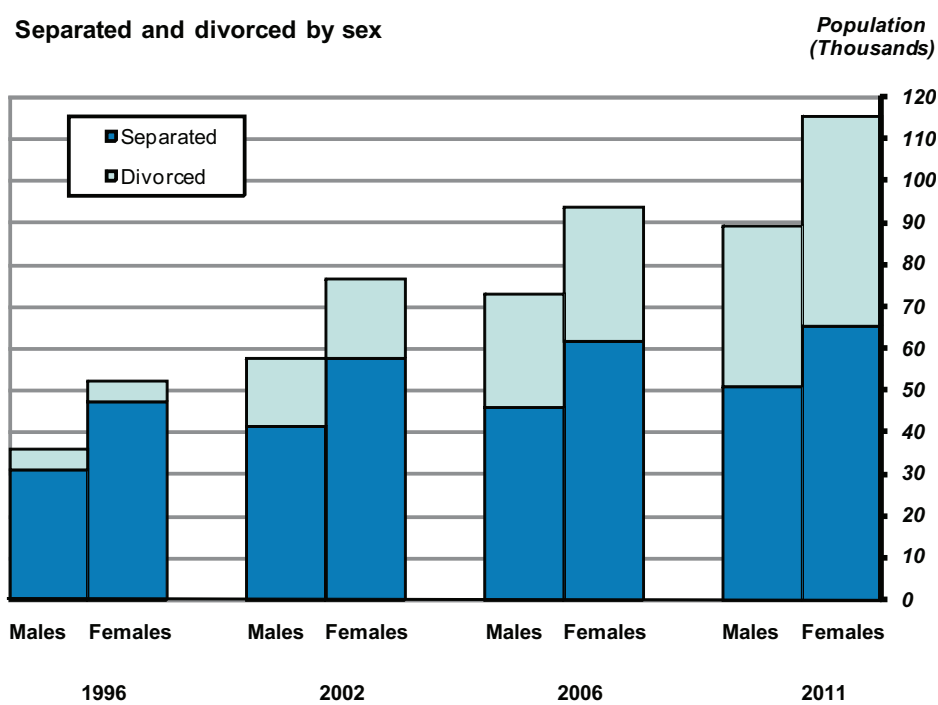
Age group	Total	Marital status				
		Single	All Married	Separated (including deserted)	Divorced	Widowed
<b>Persons</b>						
0-4 years	4,683	4,683	–	–	–	–
5-14 years	7,481	7,481	–	–	–	–
15-24 years	6,066	4,475	1,462	119	4	6
25-34 years	4,374	1,386	2,590	320	57	21
35-44 years	3,195	626	2,078	340	71	80
45-54 years	1,968	238	1,301	277	36	116
55-64 years	1,072	110	749	100	13	100
65 years and over	734	60	366	47	7	254
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,573</b>	<b>19,059</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>577</b>
<b>Males</b>						
0-4 years	2,410	2,410	–	–	–	–
5-14 years	3,814	3,814	–	–	–	–
15-24 years	3,030	2,331	661	37	1	–
25-34 years	2,057	689	1,253	96	18	1
35-44 years	1,484	306	1,044	90	29	15
45-54 years	955	128	676	104	13	34
55-64 years	538	60	399	49	4	26
65 years and over	337	38	206	25	5	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,625</b>	<b>9,776</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Females</b>						
0-4 years	2,273	2,273	–	–	–	–
5-14 years	3,667	3,667	–	–	–	–
15-24 years	3,036	2,144	801	82	3	6
25-34 years	2,317	697	1,337	224	39	20
35-44 years	1,711	320	1,034	250	42	65
45-54 years	1,013	110	625	173	23	82
55-64 years	534	50	350	51	9	74
65 years and over	397	22	160	22	2	191
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,948</b>	<b>9,283</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>438</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 1.8 Population aged 15 years and over by marital status**

	Population	Single	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
<i>Thousands</i>						
1996	<b>2,766.7</b>	1,137.9	1,356.6	78.0	9.8	184.4
2002	<b>3,089.8</b>	1,314.7	1,454.4	98.8	35.1	186.9
2006	<b>3,375.4</b>	1,453.2	1,565.0	107.3	59.5	190.4
2011	<b>3,608.6</b>	1,505.0	1,708.6	116.2	87.8	191.1
<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
2006/2011	6.9	3.6	9.2	8.3	47.6	0.4

Source: CSO



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**Table 1.9 Persons usually resident in the State on Census Night, by place of birth and age group, 2011**

Place of Birth	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
<b>Ireland (Republic)</b>	<b>3,758,511</b>	<b>880,170</b>	<b>461,096</b>	<b>1,048,018</b>	<b>876,839</b>	<b>492,388</b>
County of usual residence	2,825,408	731,189	367,727	736,424	632,325	357,743
Other county	933,103	148,981	93,369	311,594	244,514	134,645
<b>Outside Ireland (Republic)</b>	<b>766,770</b>	<b>93,822</b>	<b>104,375</b>	<b>381,957</b>	<b>150,293</b>	<b>36,323</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>555,594</b>	<b>61,775</b>	<b>71,901</b>	<b>270,629</b>	<b>119,875</b>	<b>31,414</b>
Northern Ireland	58,470	7,808	4,840	19,972	17,235	8,615
England and Wales	212,286	22,045	30,250	74,531	68,116	17,344
Scotland	17,871	1,250	1,383	6,667	6,230	2,341
Austria	708	91	96	343	126	52
Belgium	1,479	257	237	621	274	90
Bulgaria	1,783	131	211	1,136	291	14
Cyprus	260	37	30	94	82	17
Czech Republic	5,494	470	724	3,711	532	57
Denmark	885	81	148	442	158	56
Estonia	2,479	224	377	1,563	303	12
Finland	873	60	113	553	126	21
France	10,070	871	1,886	6,009	1,131	173
Germany	12,980	1,247	1,765	6,070	2,881	1,017
Greece	575	49	82	353	76	15
Hungary	7,413	705	741	5,338	577	52
Italy	7,146	499	594	4,849	920	284
Latvia	19,989	2,643	3,450	11,130	2,669	97
Lithuania	34,847	4,611	5,658	20,381	4,075	122
Luxembourg	141	46	49	35	8	3
Malta	336	34	23	122	123	34
Netherlands	4,499	565	606	1,667	1,255	406
Poland	115,193	14,172	12,416	79,125	9,218	262
Portugal	2,246	307	227	1,416	264	32
Romania	17,995	1,755	3,379	11,191	1,580	90
Slovakia	10,695	869	1,457	7,450	884	35
Slovenia	190	13	22	123	28	4
Spain	7,003	800	801	4,794	492	116
Sweden	1,688	135	336	943	221	53
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>22,427</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>12,568</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>373</b>
Russian Federation	5,936	1,640	580	2,608	1,042	66
Ukraine	4,123	401	399	2,664	634	25
Moldova, Republic of	3,421	320	486	2,221	387	7
Other	8,947	934	1,215	5,075	1,448	275
<b>Africa</b>	<b>54,419</b>	<b>7,202</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>30,409</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>757</b>
South Africa	8,116	970	1,327	3,974	1,518	327
Nigeria	19,780	3,248	2,712	11,295	2,468	57
Mauritius	2,919	172	598	1,908	218	23
Zimbabwe	2,790	350	435	1,412	525	68
Congo	2,276	304	494	1,177	283	18
Other	18,538	2,158	2,684	10,643	2,789	264
<b>Asia</b>	<b>79,021</b>	<b>11,172</b>	<b>10,843</b>	<b>46,144</b>	<b>9,721</b>	<b>1,141</b>
China	11,458	604	2,304	7,763	694	93
India	17,856	2,969	1,096	11,918	1,500	373
Philippines	13,833	2,219	1,251	7,790	2,517	56
Pakistan	8,329	1,026	1,135	5,003	1,094	71
Malaysia	3,782	242	837	2,094	539	70
Bangladesh	2,920	254	351	2,109	198	8
Hong Kong	1,705	81	251	565	741	67
Other	19,138	3,777	3,618	8,902	2,438	403
<b>America</b>	<b>47,116</b>	<b>8,848</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>18,449</b>	<b>8,186</b>	<b>2,398</b>
USA	27,726	6,969	5,397	7,518	5,827	2,015
Brazil	9,298	690	2,232	5,781	559	36
Canada	4,809	417	888	2,311	1,010	183
Other	5,283	772	718	2,839	790	164
<b>Australia</b>	<b>5,964</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Other Oceanic countries</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,525,281</b>	<b>973,992</b>	<b>565,471</b>	<b>1,429,975</b>	<b>1,027,132</b>	<b>528,711</b>

Source: CSO



**Table 1.10 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by nationality and age group, 2011**

Nationality	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
<b>Total Irish</b>	<b>3,927,143</b>	<b>877,898</b>	<b>491,177</b>	<b>1,119,980</b>	<b>936,439</b>	<b>501,649</b>
Irish	3,871,238	858,005	483,607	1,106,107	925,679	497,840
Irish-English	13,543	2,560	1,897	3,662	3,751	1,673
Irish-American	14,699	4,491	2,523	3,201	3,012	1,472
Irish-European	9,937	5,927	1,097	2,087	653	173
Irish-Other	17,726	6,915	2,053	4,923	3,344	491
<b>Non-Irish</b>	<b>544,357</b>	<b>78,569</b>	<b>68,187</b>	<b>296,404</b>	<b>82,052</b>	<b>19,145</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>386,764</b>	<b>53,469</b>	<b>45,189</b>	<b>206,417</b>	<b>64,824</b>	<b>16,865</b>
Austria	720	84	98	396	121	21
Belgium	1,071	114	103	542	250	62
Bulgaria	1,759	184	201	1,092	267	15
Cyprus	83	10	12	42	14	5
Czech Republic	5,451	587	702	3,629	510	23
Denmark	801	73	113	414	159	42
Estonia	2,560	369	355	1,490	329	17
Finland	868	70	109	563	112	14
France	9,749	778	1,660	6,047	1,128	136
Germany	11,305	1,074	1,243	5,576	2,580	832
Greece	516	33	35	357	76	15
Hungary	8,034	979	786	5,608	639	22
Italy	7,656	569	615	5,277	966	229
Latvia	20,593	3,660	3,330	10,804	2,703	96
Lithuania	36,683	6,424	5,565	20,338	4,227	129
Luxembourg	35	2	5	19	7	2
Malta	180	22	16	86	43	13
Netherlands	4,313	496	372	1,718	1,335	392
Poland	122,585	22,204	12,357	78,742	9,063	219
Portugal	2,739	331	274	1,769	334	31
Romania	17,304	2,450	2,849	10,539	1,390	76
Slovakia	10,801	1,136	1,434	7,361	843	27
Slovenia	192	23	20	124	22	3
Spain	6,794	532	756	4,924	492	90
Sweden	1,713	127	313	992	231	50
UK	112,259	11,138	11,866	37,968	36,983	14,304
<b>Rest of Europe</b>	<b>16,307</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>9,783</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>220</b>
Russia	3,896	617	508	2,099	638	34
Ukraine	3,343	385	312	2,190	449	7
Other	9,068	1,108	1,185	5,494	1,102	179
<b>Africa</b>	<b>41,642</b>	<b>7,542</b>	<b>6,313</b>	<b>23,407</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>242</b>
Nigeria	17,642	3,752	2,415	9,701	1,734	40
South Africa	4,872	664	705	2,608	799	96
Mauritius	2,844	232	583	1,851	173	5
Other	16,284	2,894	2,610	9,247	1,432	101
<b>Asia</b>	<b>65,579</b>	<b>10,406</b>	<b>8,961</b>	<b>39,992</b>	<b>5,833</b>	<b>387</b>
India	16,986	3,922	1,018	11,087	917	42
Philippines	12,791	2,421	1,180	6,993	2,158	39
China	10,896	580	2,258	7,401	593	64
Pakistan	6,847	1,087	907	4,259	547	47
Malaysia	3,295	338	812	1,867	256	22
Other	14,764	2,058	2,786	8,385	1,362	173
<b>America</b>	<b>24,884</b>	<b>3,638</b>	<b>4,655</b>	<b>12,002</b>	<b>3,549</b>	<b>1,040</b>
USA	11,015	2,416	1,675	3,715	2,369	840
Brazil	8,704	709	2,113	5,371	476	35
Canada	2,384	200	458	1,168	429	129
Other	2,781	313	409	1,748	275	36

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**Table 1.10 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by nationality and age group, 2011 (continued)**

Nationality	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Australia	2,849	373	311	1,576	499	90
New Zealand	1,394	163	94	882	220	35
Other nationalities	4,098	630	571	1,974	691	232
Multi-nationality	840	238	88	371	109	34
No nationality	1,487	809	110	363	154	51
Not stated	52,294	16,716	5,997	13,228	8,487	7,866
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,525,281</b>	<b>973,992</b>	<b>565,471</b>	<b>1,429,975</b>	<b>1,027,132</b>	<b>528,711</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 1.11 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by religion and nationality, 2011**

Nationality	Religious denomination										
	All religions	Roman Catholic	Church of Ireland	Muslim (Islamic)	Orthodox	Other Christian religion, n.e.s.	Presbyterian	Apostolic or Pentecostal	Other stated religions	No religion	Not stated
Irish	3,927,143	3,525,573	93,056	18,223	8,465	24,023	14,348	5,520	34,867	173,180	29,888
Non-Irish	544,357	282,799	30,464	29,143	34,854	15,258	8,311	8,182	40,227	82,194	12,925
UK	112,259	49,761	21,477	823	271	2,112	3,619	183	6,598	25,620	1,795
Rest of EU	274,505	184,066	4,228	1,445	22,108	3,165	1,494	2,320	11,845	37,463	6,371
Rest of Europe	16,307	2,222	174	2,049	8,901	300	67	37	621	1,478	458
Africa	41,642	9,770	2,571	8,777	815	5,506	1,758	5,013	4,967	1,154	1,311
Asia	65,579	19,420	783	15,376	2,299	2,556	349	364	12,620	10,179	1,633
America	24,884	13,706	628	170	154	1,325	743	166	2,891	4,188	913
Other nationalities and multi-nationality	9,181	3,854	603	503	306	294	281	99	685	2,112	444
Not stated, incl. no nationality	53,781	22,815	925	764	684	371	176	174	561	1,456	25,855
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,525,281</b>	<b>3,831,187</b>	<b>124,445</b>	<b>48,130</b>	<b>44,003</b>	<b>39,652</b>	<b>22,835</b>	<b>13,876</b>	<b>75,655</b>	<b>256,830</b>	<b>68,668</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 1.12 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over, by frequency of speaking Irish, age group and sex, 2011**

Age group	Total persons	Daily within education system		Outside education system				Not stated
		Speaks within education system only	Speaks Irish also outside education system	Daily	Weekly	Less often	Never	
<b>Persons</b>								
3-4	<b>18,740</b>	12,434	1,062	1,334	1,504	1,817	266	323
5-9	<b>198,940</b>	169,313	8,603	1,801	6,945	8,562	2,409	1,307
10-14	<b>219,292</b>	180,926	9,503	1,774	8,107	11,902	5,820	1,260
15-19	<b>178,751</b>	103,060	7,897	2,476	9,137	31,744	23,171	1,266
20-24	<b>128,613</b>	8,370	1,542	3,682	7,846	56,583	49,232	1,358
25-34	<b>260,880</b>	17,964	2,744	8,282	14,720	109,836	105,072	2,262
35-44	<b>234,404</b>	10,391	2,582	11,190	17,927	105,328	85,136	1,850
45-54	<b>196,503</b>	9,811	2,301	8,347	13,677	96,238	64,441	1,688
55-64	<b>164,361</b>	5,083	1,309	7,038	10,921	88,106	50,166	1,738
65 years and over	<b>173,953</b>	1,829	937	9,630	12,348	97,344	49,506	2,359
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,774,437</b>	<b>519,181</b>	<b>38,480</b>	<b>55,554</b>	<b>103,132</b>	<b>607,460</b>	<b>435,219</b>	<b>15,411</b>
<b>Males</b>								
3-4	<b>8,702</b>	5,765	486	624	666	875	125	161
5-9	<b>98,406</b>	83,727	4,227	851	3,402	4,319	1,238	642
10-14	<b>107,669</b>	88,159	4,712	835	4,056	6,124	3,153	630
15-19	<b>83,888</b>	47,171	3,745	1,169	4,224	14,966	11,952	661
20-24	<b>56,557</b>	1,988	521	1,750	3,335	25,064	23,190	709
25-34	<b>109,371</b>	2,923	772	3,574	6,218	48,295	46,396	1,193
35-44	<b>99,070</b>	1,770	730	4,526	7,056	45,744	38,273	971
45-54	<b>85,819</b>	1,807	745	4,035	5,982	43,359	28,987	904
55-64	<b>76,332</b>	1,451	590	3,688	5,384	41,418	22,895	906
65 years and over	<b>75,036</b>	790	437	4,841	5,813	42,461	19,674	1,020
<b>Total</b>	<b>800,850</b>	<b>235,551</b>	<b>16,965</b>	<b>25,893</b>	<b>46,136</b>	<b>272,625</b>	<b>195,883</b>	<b>7,797</b>
<b>Females</b>								
3-4	<b>10,038</b>	6,669	576	710	838	942	141	162
5-9	<b>100,534</b>	85,586	4,376	950	3,543	4,243	1,171	665
10-14	<b>111,623</b>	92,767	4,791	939	4,051	5,778	2,667	630
15-19	<b>94,863</b>	55,889	4,152	1,307	4,913	16,778	11,219	605
20-24	<b>72,056</b>	6,382	1,021	1,932	4,511	31,519	26,042	649
25-34	<b>151,509</b>	15,041	1,972	4,708	8,502	61,541	58,676	1,069
35-44	<b>135,334</b>	8,621	1,852	6,664	10,871	59,584	46,863	879
45-54	<b>110,684</b>	8,004	1,556	4,312	7,695	52,879	35,454	784
55-64	<b>88,029</b>	3,632	719	3,350	5,537	46,688	27,271	832
65 years and over	<b>98,917</b>	1,039	500	4,789	6,535	54,883	29,832	1,339
<b>Total</b>	<b>973,587</b>	<b>283,630</b>	<b>21,515</b>	<b>29,661</b>	<b>56,996</b>	<b>334,835</b>	<b>239,336</b>	<b>7,614</b>

Source: CSO

## Population

**Table 1.13 Family units in private households by type of family unit and number of children, 2011**

Type of family unit	Total family units	Number of children in family units								Number of children
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more	
<b>Husband and wife without children</b>										
All family units	261,652	261,652	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
All children under 15 years	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
All children aged 15 years and over	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Children both under and over 15 years	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Cohabiting couple without children</b>										
All family units	83,292	83,292	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
All children under 15 years	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
All children aged 15 years and over	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Children both under and over 15 years	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Husband and wife with children</b>										
All family units	558,682	–	183,971	416,374	346,476	153,212	45,310	14,748	9,223	1,169,314
All children under 15 years	266,969	–	80,072	223,330	168,033	62,544	14,050	3,402	1,542	552,973
All children aged 15 years and over	201,499	–	103,899	134,836	70,788	21,356	4,945	1,254	355	337,433
Children both under and over 15 years	90,214	–	–	58,208	107,655	69,312	26,315	10,092	7,326	278,908
<b>Lone mother with children</b>										
All family units	186,284	–	106,039	103,138	58,833	25,516	9,580	3,168	1,835	308,109
All children under 15 years	83,476	–	50,550	46,338	21,876	7,588	2,225	600	170	129,347
All children aged 15 years and over	81,206	–	55,489	38,854	14,904	4,180	1,085	264	119	114,895
Children both under and over 15 years	21,602	–	–	17,946	22,053	13,748	6,270	2,304	1,546	63,867
<b>Lone father with children</b>										
All family units	29,031	–	18,726	14,032	7,095	2,752	845	282	155	43,887
All children under 15 years	6,136	–	3,912	3,190	1,416	500	130	24	14	9,186
All children aged 15 years and over	20,753	–	14,814	9,000	3,354	1,068	205	60	25	28,526
Children both under and over 15 years	2,142	–	–	1,842	2,325	1,184	510	198	116	6,175
<b>Cohabiting couple with children</b>										
All family units	60,269	–	30,860	38,360	21,006	8,928	3,270	1,320	921	104,665
All children under 15 years	49,005	–	27,050	31,024	14,346	4,980	1,500	528	208	79,636
All children aged 15 years and over	5,717	–	3,810	2,962	984	328	65	18	–	8,167
Children both under and over 15 years	5,547	–	–	4,374	5,676	3,620	1,705	774	713	16,862
<b>All family units</b>										
All family units	1,179,210	–	339,596	571,904	433,410	190,408	59,005	19,518	12,134	1,625,975
All children under 15 years	405,586	–	161,584	303,882	205,671	75,612	17,905	4,554	1,934	771,142
All children aged 15 years and over	309,175	–	178,012	185,652	90,030	26,932	6,300	1,596	499	489,021
Children both under and over 15 years	119,505	–	–	82,370	137,709	87,864	34,800	13,368	9,701	365,812

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