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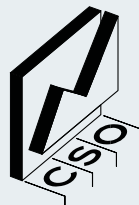
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FOREWORD

We are delighted to join in publishing the fourth edition of the North-South Statistical Profile, which draws together official social and economic statistics for both parts of Ireland and tracks change over time. Previous editions were published in 2001, 2003 and 2004.

The publication inevitably focuses on the areas where broadly comparable data are readily available. Successive editions of the publication have sought to enhance and expand the policy areas covered by the first edition. This edition incorporates additional data in almost all of the policy areas, particularly so for the areas of economy and tourism. This edition also includes, for the first time, a chapter devoted to crime and justice.

We trust that this statistical overview will continue to be of value to government departments and agencies, and to the cross-border bodies established under the Belfast Agreement. It should also be of interest to those who wish to study the dynamics of social and economic change in the two parts of Ireland.

We are grateful to the staff of our respective organisations who undertook the painstaking work of identifying data sources, checking them for comparability, compiling the tables and footnotes and drafting the commentary at the beginning of each chapter. We also want to record our appreciation to the Central Statistics Office's Publications Unit in Cork, who were responsible for designing and typesetting the report.

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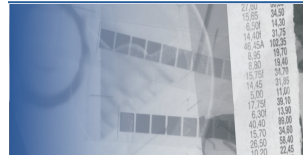
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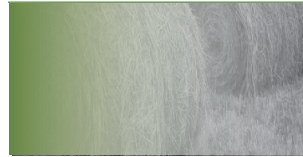
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The department or other body responsible for supplying the data, along with the data source has been noted at the relevant table. A list of contact points and relevant key publication for further information appears at the end of the *Profile*.

Definitions and Conventions

Technical notes

Each chapter of this Statistical Profile is followed by technical notes which should be read in conjunction with the appropriate tables.

Non-calendar years

Academic year: e.g., September 2005 to June 2006 is shown as 2005/06.

Financial year: e.g., 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 is shown as 2005-06.

Data covering more than one year: e.g., 2004, 2005 and 2006 are shown as 2004-06.

Rounding of figures

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Symbols

The following symbols are used throughout this Statistical Profile:

..	not available
.	not applicable
-	negligible (less than half the final digit shown)
0	nil
p	provisional
r	revised
b	break in series
d	data not revealed due to disclosure issues
*	sample size too small for a reliable estimate
<	less than
Kg	Kilograms
g	grams
mls	millilitres

Typeface

Bold text denotes summary values. Rates and percentages are presented in italics.

Table format

Where the specialist in each subject area has deemed the data, North and South, to be broadly comparable these figures are presented in a joint table. Where the data are less comparable they are presented in separate tables for Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Annual average exchange rate - Units of Pound Sterling (£) per ECU/Euro (€)¹

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Rate	0.692	0.676	0.659	0.609	0.622	0.629	0.692	0.679	0.684	0.682	0.684

Source Eurostat

Until 31 December 1998 these exchange rates refer to the ECU. The ECU, a basket of EU currencies, ceased to exist on 1 January 1999, when it was replaced by the Euro at a rate of 1:1.

