

Life in 1916 Ireland: Stories from statistics



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- We searched for statistics to illustrate what life was like for people living 100 years ago
- We compared to data available for today
- Created an electronic publication - available on cso.ie
- Contains 72 tables and Census returns for about 70 people associated with the Rising
- Also created a smaller paper publication, 18 tables and Census returns for 3 men, 3 women associated with the Rising

Population has increased in Ireland

3,139,688 people in 1911 - 4,588,252 by 2011

An increase of 46% or 1,448,564

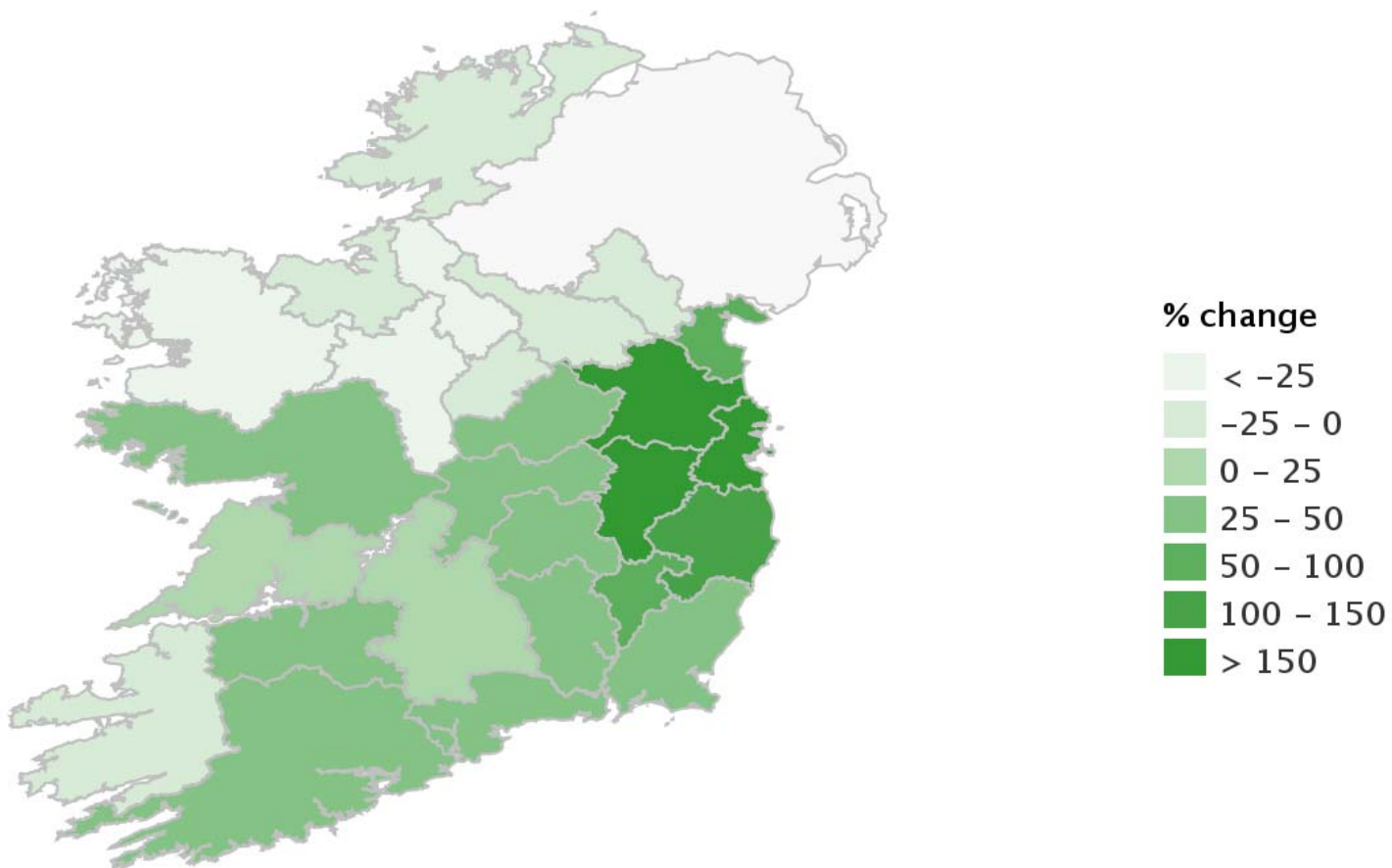
Dublin County more than quadrupled

Kildare more than tripled

Meath +183%, Wicklow +125%,
Louth +93%



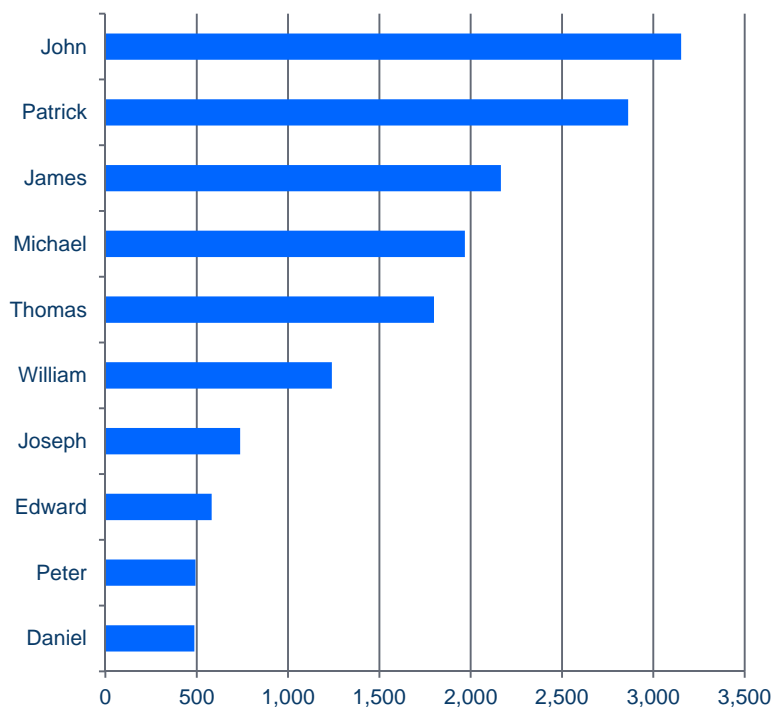
Largest population increases in the east



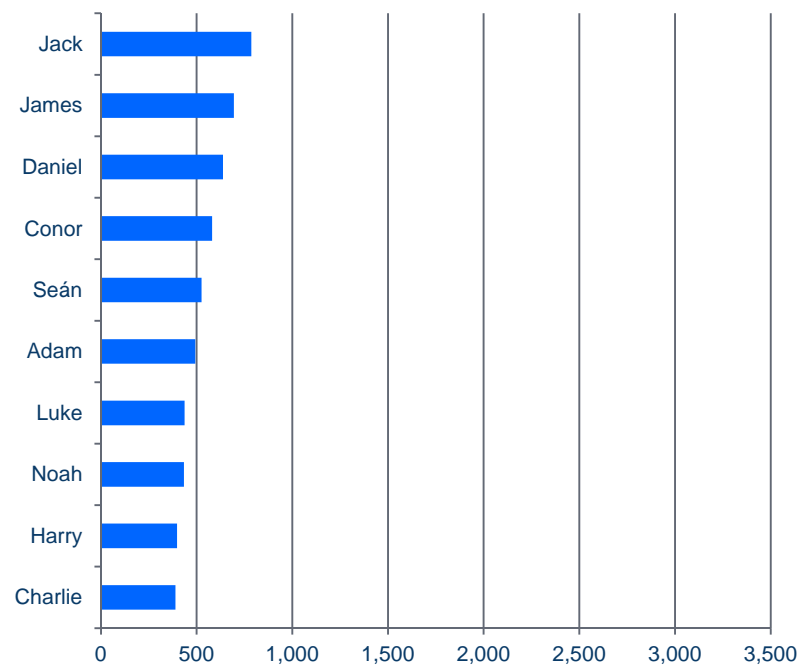


More variety now in names for baby boys

Top 10 baby boys names in 1911



Top 10 baby boys names in 2014

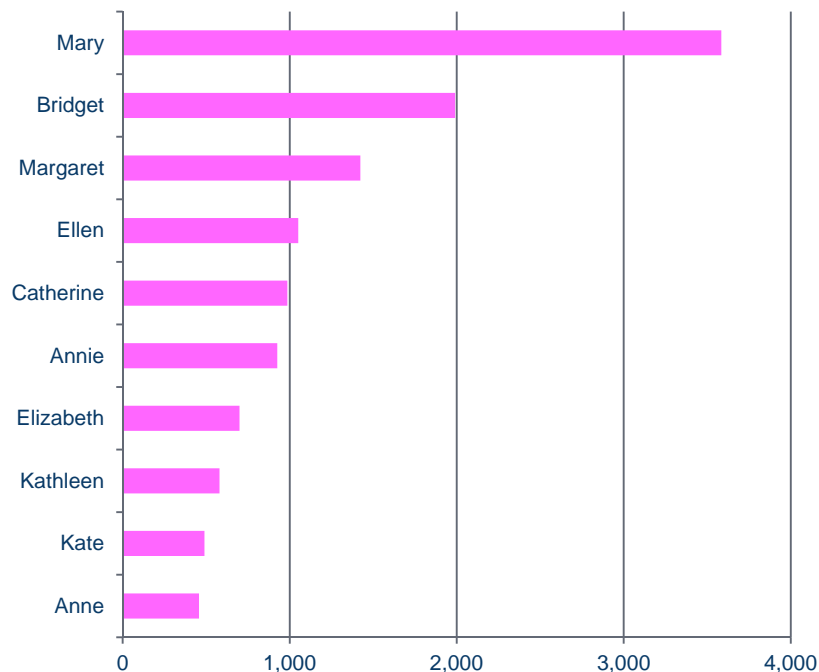




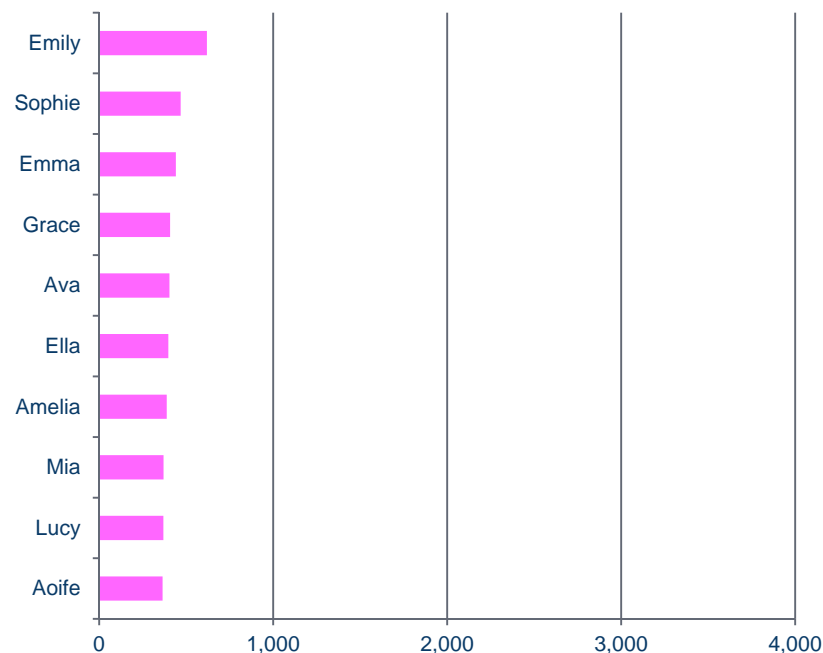
More variety now in names for baby girls also



Top 10 baby girls names 1911



Top 10 baby girls names 2014



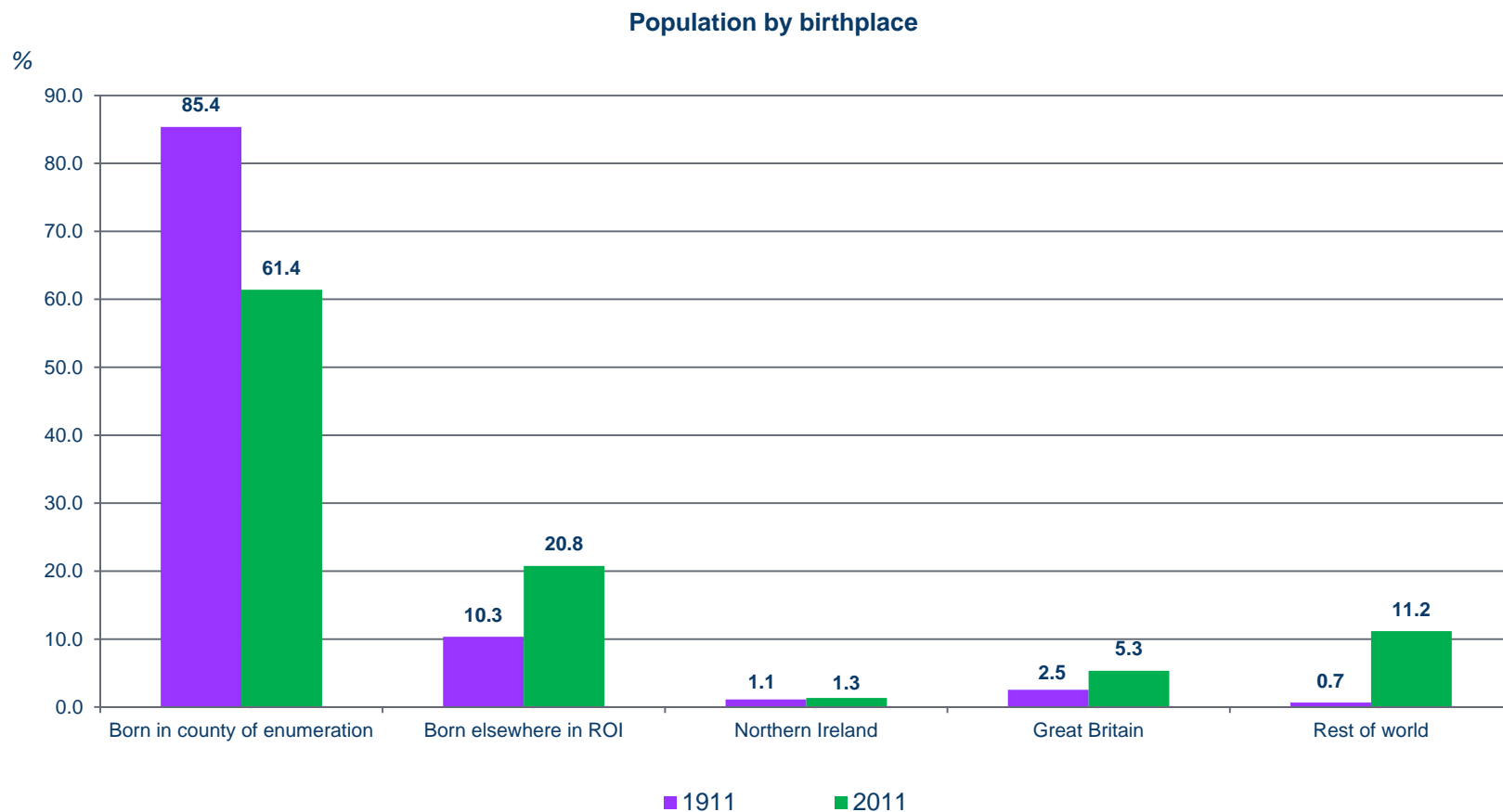
Housing in 1911

- Nearly 10% of dwellings in 1911 had 10+ rooms
- Compared to 2.8% in 2011
- In Dublin 22% of dwellings had 10+ rooms in 1911
- And 36% of Dublin dwellings were one room tenements
- Dublin was clearly place of extremes for housing



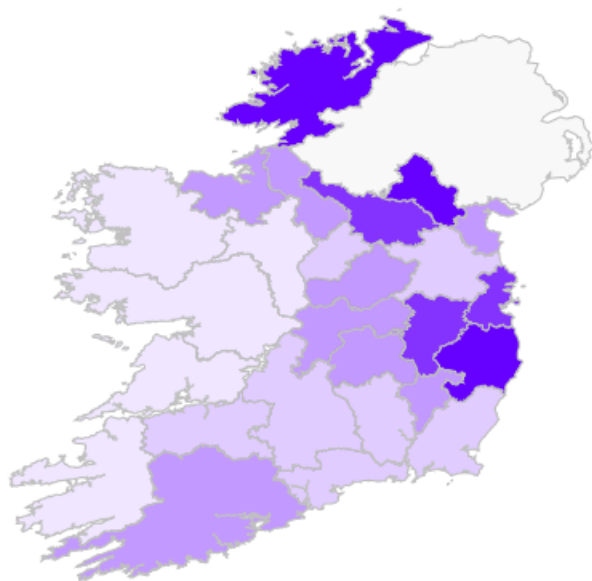


People more mobile now, more inward migration

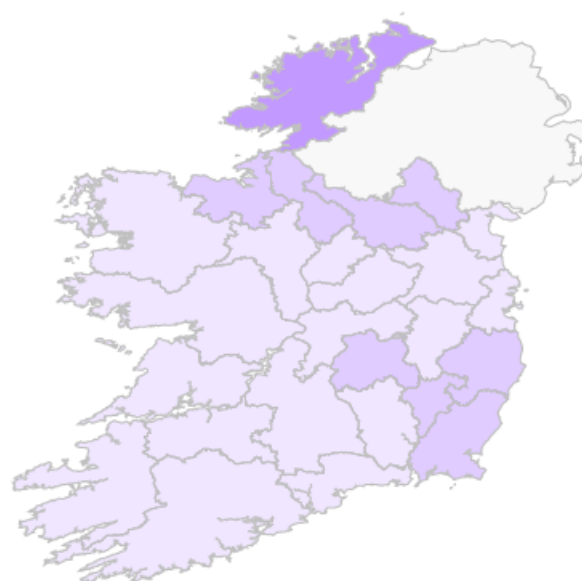


Decrease in numbers of Protestants

Proportion of Protestants by county 1911



Proportion of Protestants by county 2011

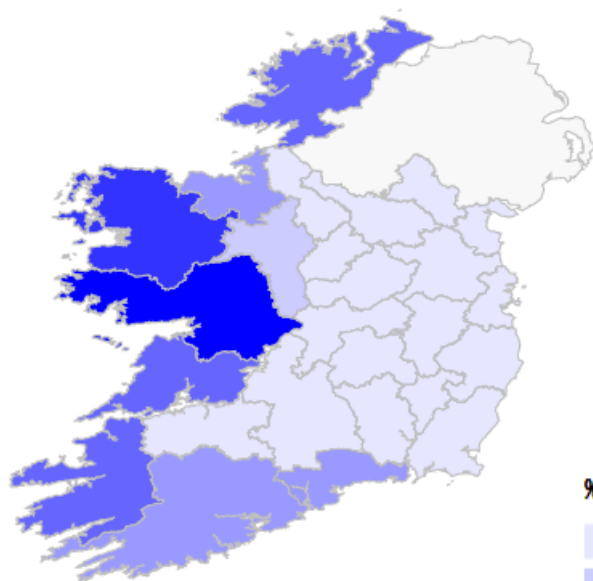


% Protestants

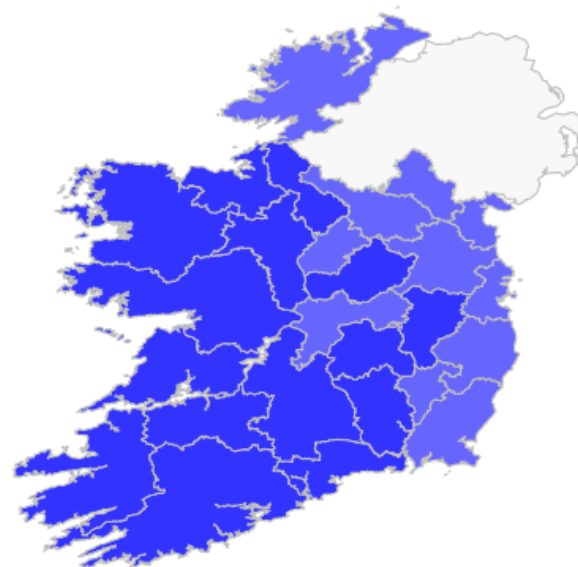


Increase in ability to speak Irish

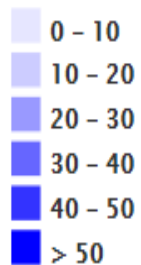
Ability to speak Irish by county, 1911



Ability to speak Irish by county, 2011



% persons can speak Irish

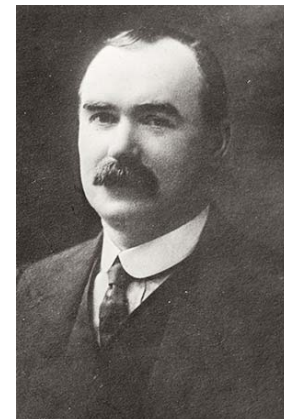




Census of Population and people of the Rising

- Extraordinary people doing ordinary things
- Selected interesting people associated with the Rising and found their Census returns
- 7 signatories of the Proclamation, 9 other executed men
- 18 women associated with the Rising
- Other men involved with the Rising
- Some of the individuals involved with the British Administration
- Selection of some famous people

James Connolly 1868-1916



- Found 1901 and 1911 Census returns for James, wife Lillie and their children
- 1901 Census included daughter Mona aged 9
- However Mona not included on 1911 return – she died in an accident in 1903
- Occupation in 1901 - “Printer compositor”
- Occupation in 1911 - “National organiser for the Socialist Party”
- Executed 12 May 1916

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.
(This form is to be filled up by the head of the family in the month of April, 1901.)

FORM A.

STATEMENT of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their PERSONAL, EDUCATIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL, &c., PARTICULARS, as far as they are known to the head of the FAMILY, for the year 1901.

NAME	AGE	SEX	RELATION	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	REMARKS
James Connolly	32	M	Head	Printed & written	Printer compositor	
Lillie Connolly	27	F	Wife	Printed & written	Printer compositor	
Mona Connolly	9	F	Daughter	Printed & written	Printer compositor	
John Connolly	5	M	Son	Printed & written	Printer compositor	
William Connolly	3	M	Son	Printed & written	Printer compositor	
Thomas Connolly	2	M	Son	Printed & written	Printer compositor	
John Henry Connolly	1	M	Son	Printed & written	Printer compositor	
John Thomas Connolly	1	M	Son	Printed & written	Printer compositor	
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Michael O'Hanrahan 1877-1916

- Found 1901 and 1911 Census returns for Michael living with his parents and siblings
- Ages of the children do not tally between the 2 Censuses
- 1901 filled out by Father – 1911 filled out by widowed Mother
- 1901- Michael aged 24, was a cork cutter
- 1911- Michael aged 28, was an unemployed reader for the Press





Francis Sheehy Skeffington 1878-1916

- Found 1911 Census return for Francis, his wife Hanna and baby Owen
- Francis was a well known pacifist
- Arrested on Easter Tuesday
- Shot dead in yard of Portobello Barracks that evening on order of Captain Bowen-Colthurst
- Bowen-Colthurst found guilty but insane at court martial

Hanna Sheehy Skeffington 1877-1946

- Hanna was a suffragette
- Boycotted 1911 Census
- Enumerator entered her details (got name, age, length of marriage and place of birth incorrect)

[illegible]

Jennie Wyse Power 1858-1941



- Found the 1911 Census for Jennie, her husband and children
- Form filled out in Irish by Jennie's husband
- He got her age incorrect – entered 47 - but she was actually 53
- Signing of the Proclamation took place at her house in Henry Street



Constance Markievicz 1868-1927

- No record in 1911 Census
- May have been in jail
- Found Census form for daughter Maeve (9) in Sligo with Constance's mother, Georgina Gore Booth (67)
- Five other people in the house, includes three servants
- Mix of religions – Georgina and a visitor to house were Church of England
- Maeve and two servants were Church of Ireland
- Cook and stable boy were Catholic





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Register No. *copy*

Minute Sheet No.

A.G.

General Maxwell has written to the F.M.C. in C. asking whether in the event of Countess Markevitch being convicted by Court Martial and sentenced to death, the sentence should be carried out. He says "She is a lady who has taken a leading part as a Commander and I will try her as she is bloodguilty and dangerous. I am of opinion that this is a case of a woman who has forfeited the privilege of her sex. We cannot allow our soldiers to be shot down by such like. She has a following who see something to admire in her."

The Field Marshal thinks you will probably like to take the Prime Minister's instructions, but he will be glad of an answer this afternoon as early as possible, to enable him to telegraph to Sir John Maxwell.

(Sd.) F.C. Shaw,

Maj. Gen.

G.S.

Horse Guards

3.5.16.

G.H.Q., H.F.

I have spoken to the Prime Minister's Private Secretary who will communicate direct with the F.M.C. in C. on the subject.

(Initd.) C.F.N.M.

A.G.

3.5.16.

Persons killed and wounded during the Easter rising (Police report)

2.9 Number of persons killed and wounded during the Easter Rising		
Category of person	Killed	Wounded
Military	116	367
Police	3	7
Civilians	310	2,208
Total	429	2,582
Source: Dublin Metropolitan Police Report 1916		

Average annual income of principals and assistant teachers, National schools, 1916

Principals

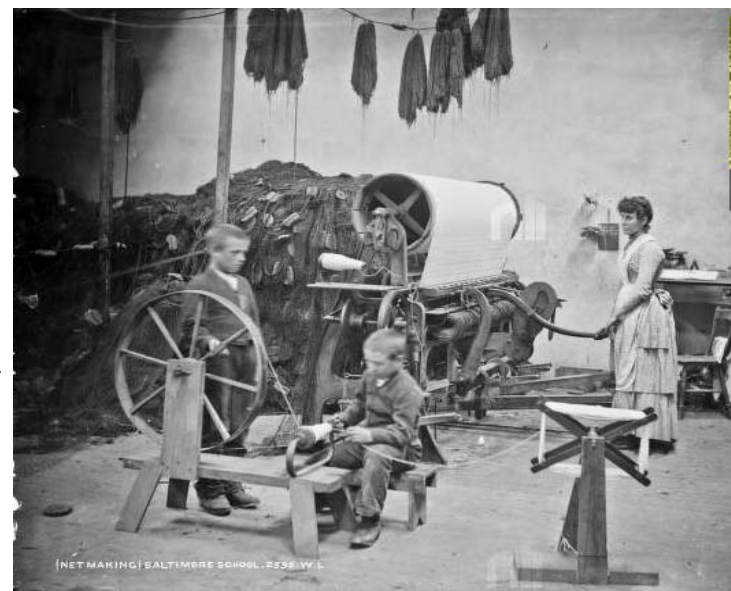
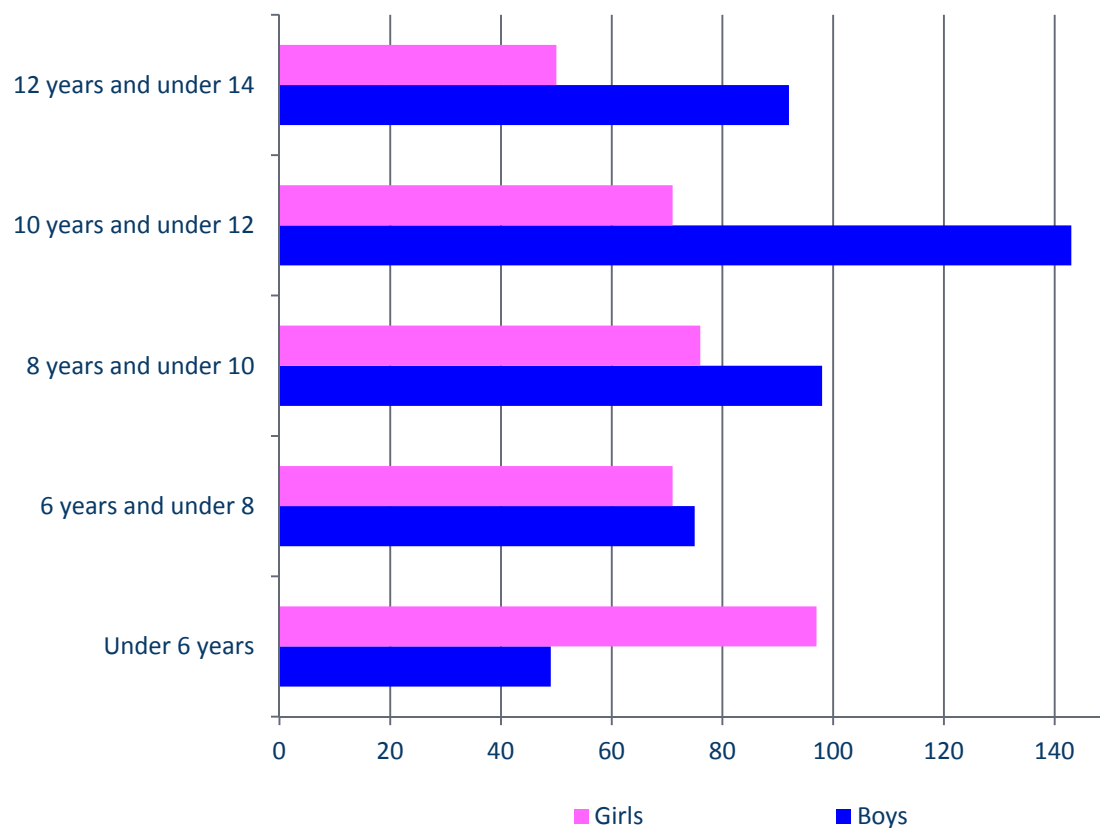
Assistant Teachers

- Men £115 19 shillings
 & 11 pence
- Women £92 13 shillings
 & 9 pence

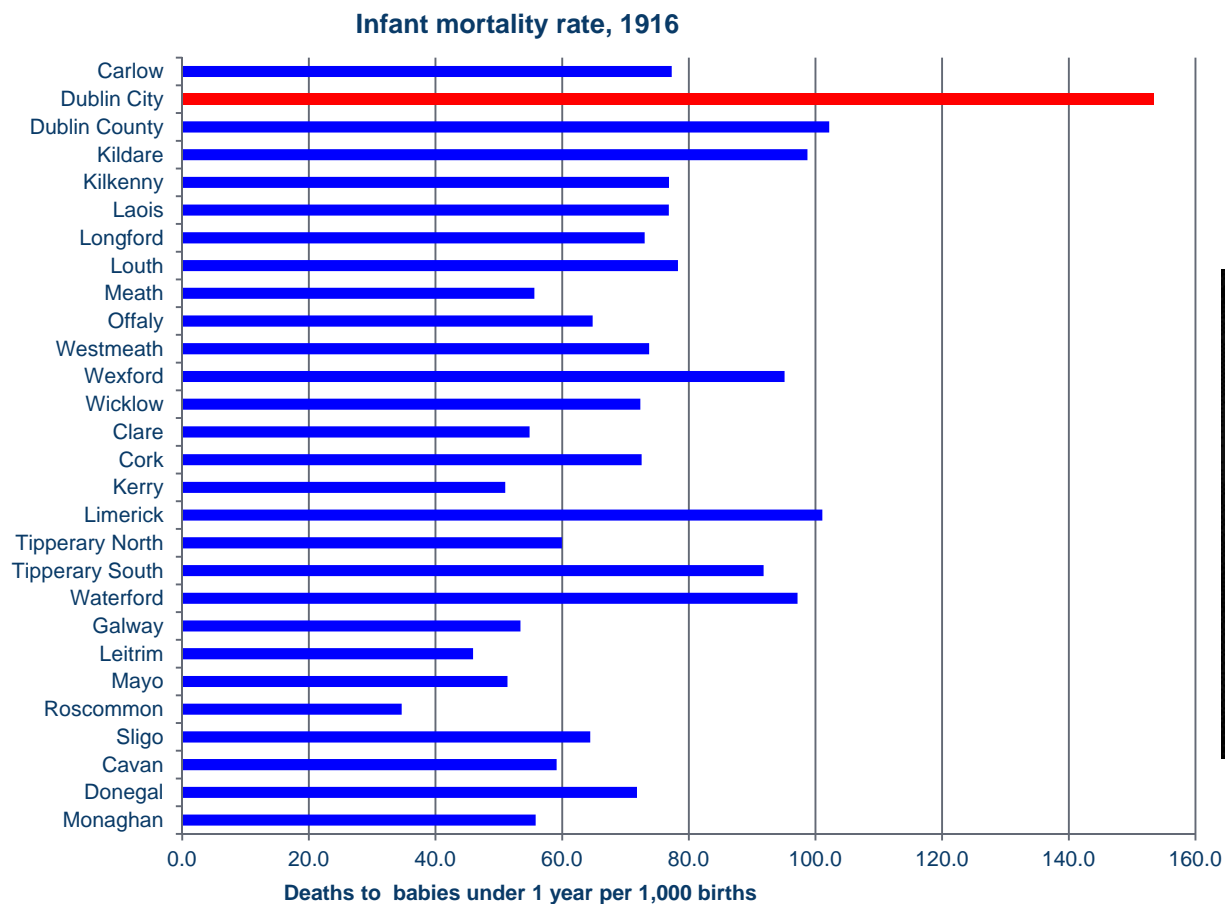
- £83 11 shillings
 & 4 pence
- £70 2 shillings
 & 3 pence



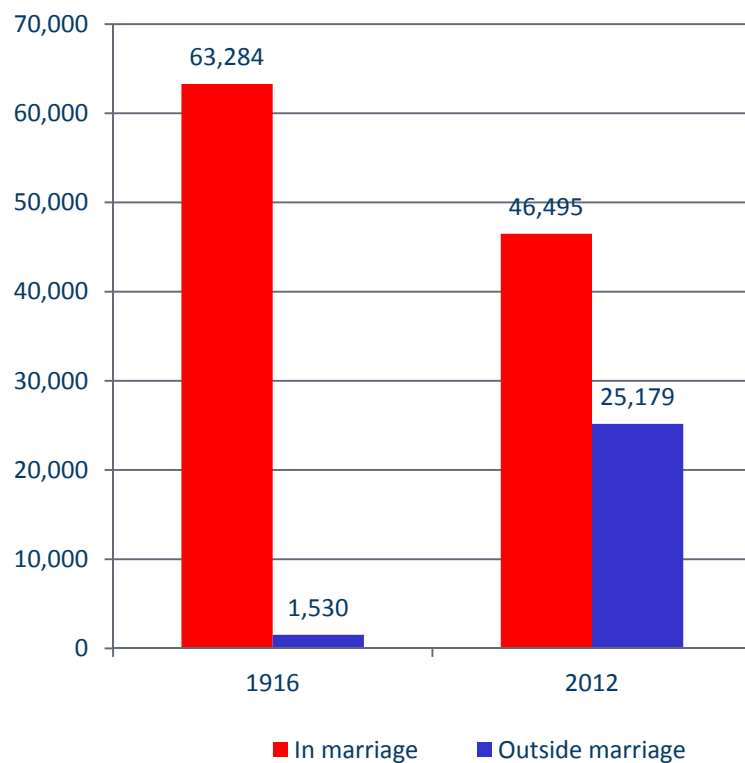
Very young children admitted to Industrial schools, 1916



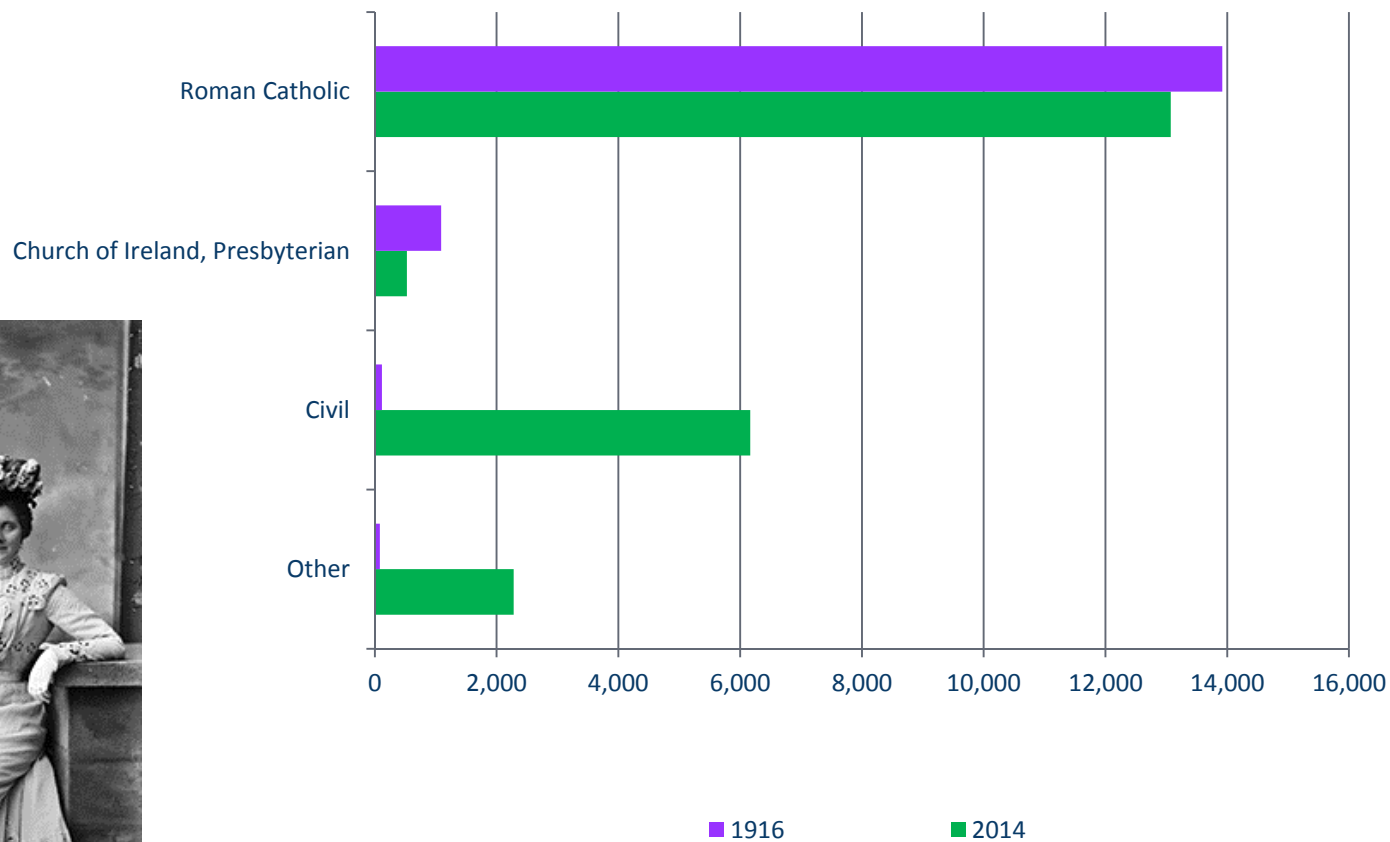
Infant mortality very high in Dublin city in 1916



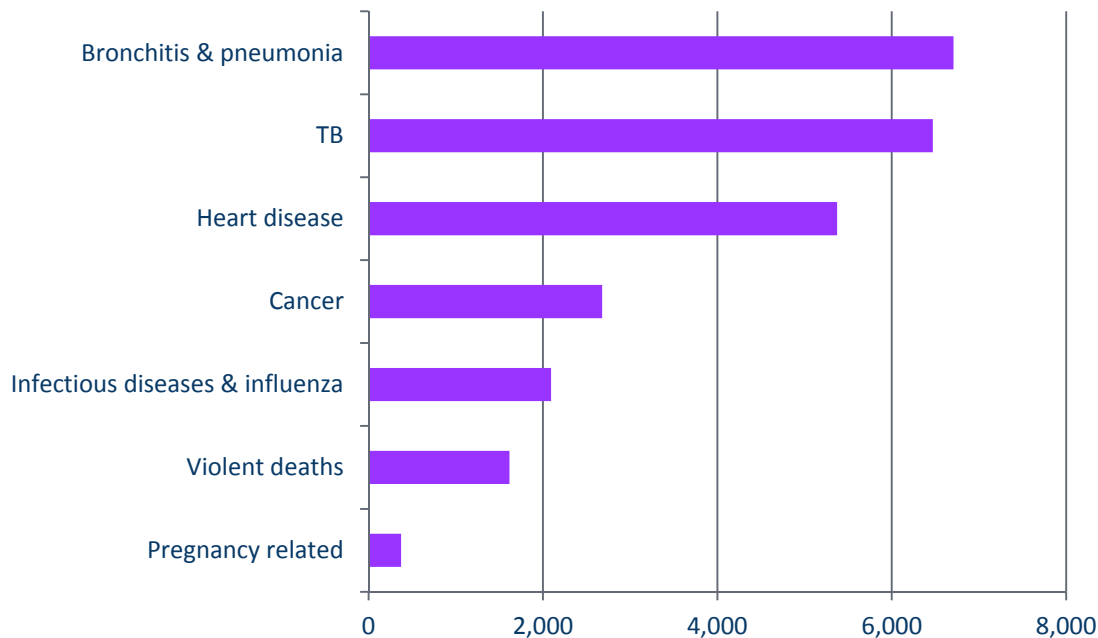
Rise in births outside marriage



Rise in Civil and Other marriage ceremonies

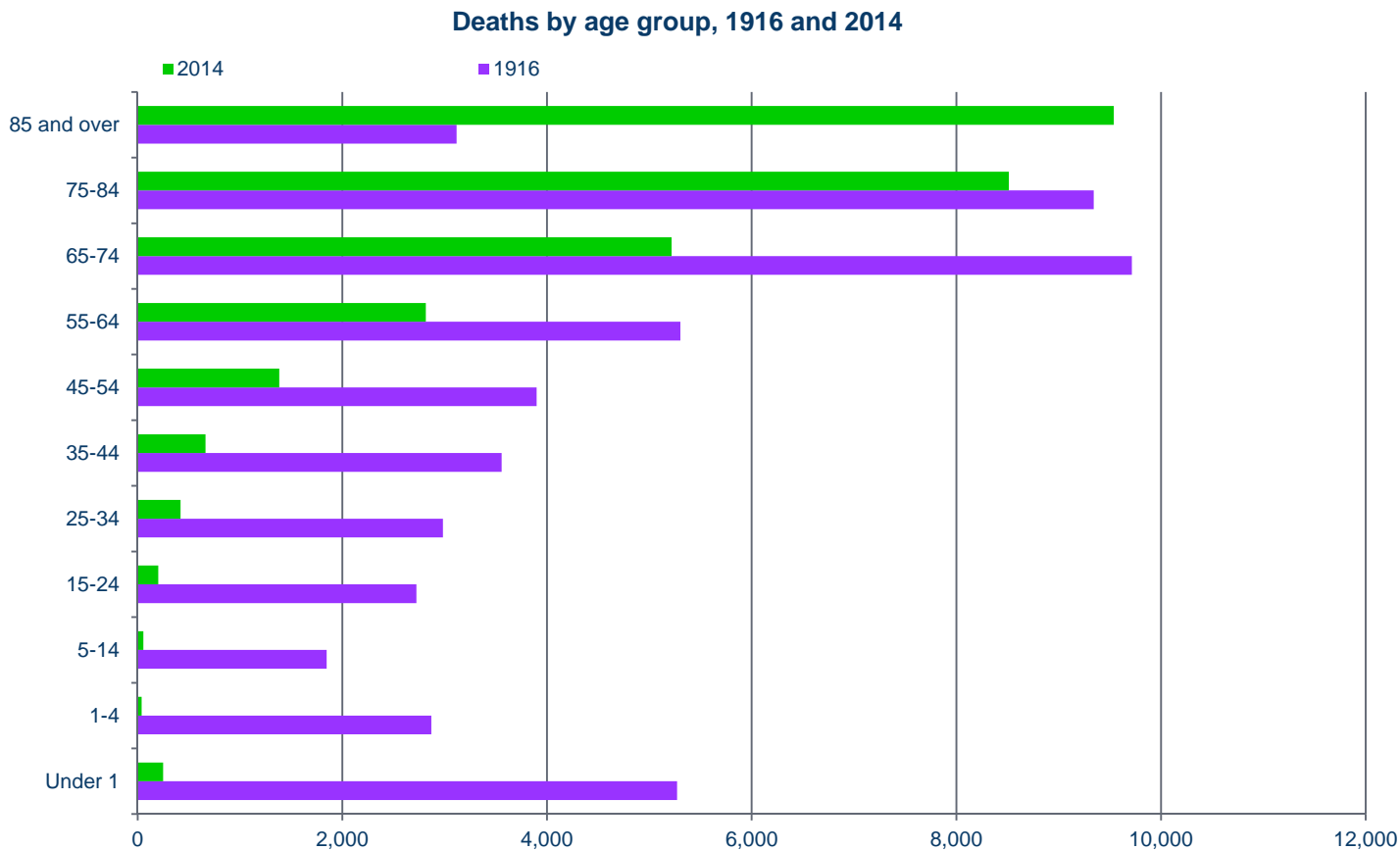


Bronchitis, pneumonia, TB were main causes of the 50,627 deaths in Ireland in 1916



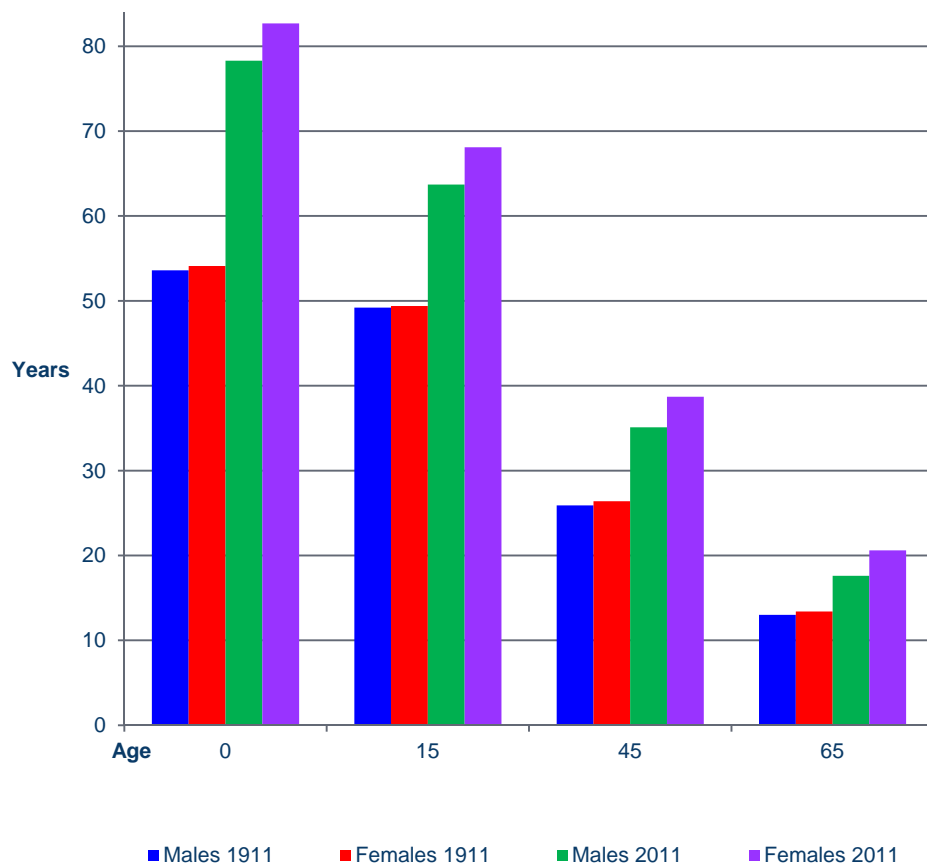


Deaths spread over all age groups in 1916



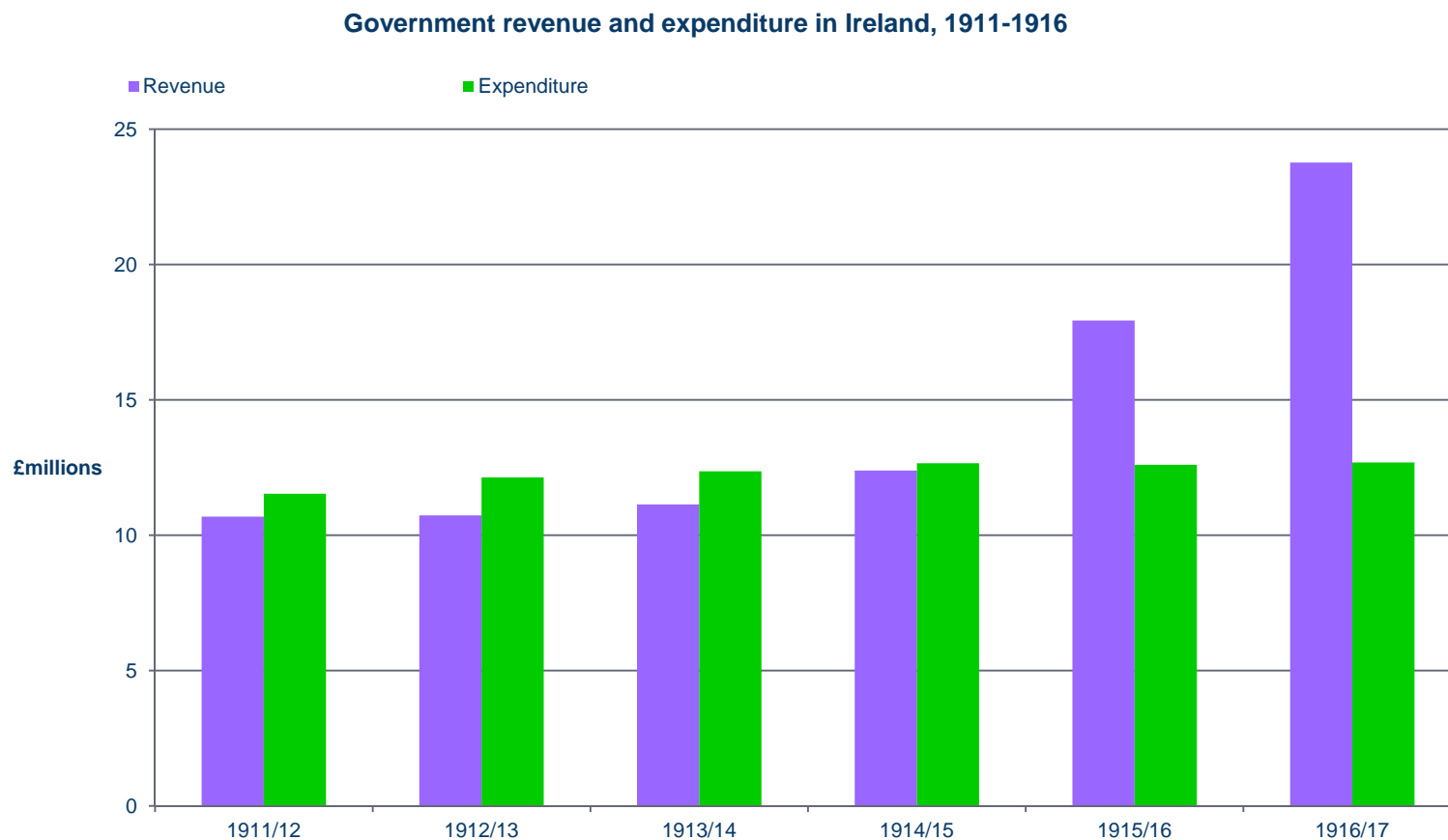
Life expectancy increased, especially for younger ages

Life expectancy, 1911 and 2011





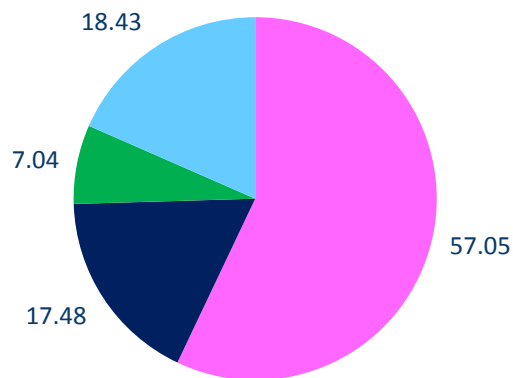
Government revenue soared during war



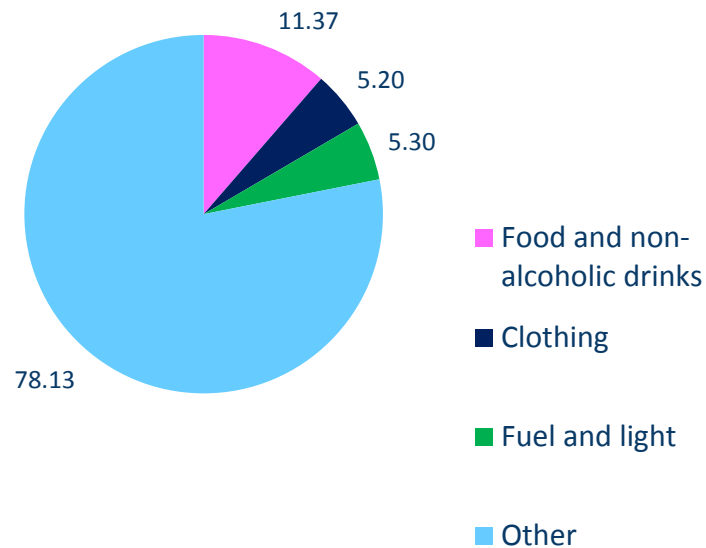


Food dominated 1922 CPI weights

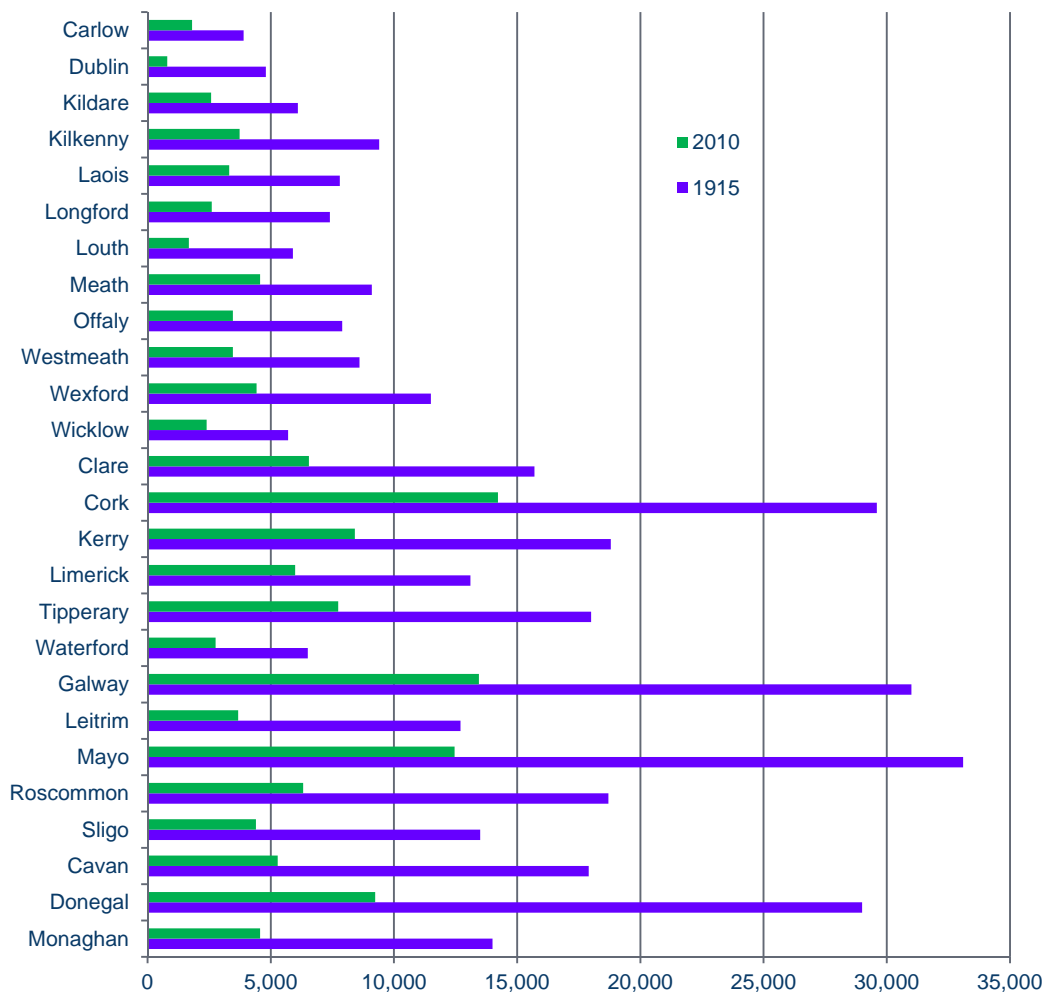
1922 weights



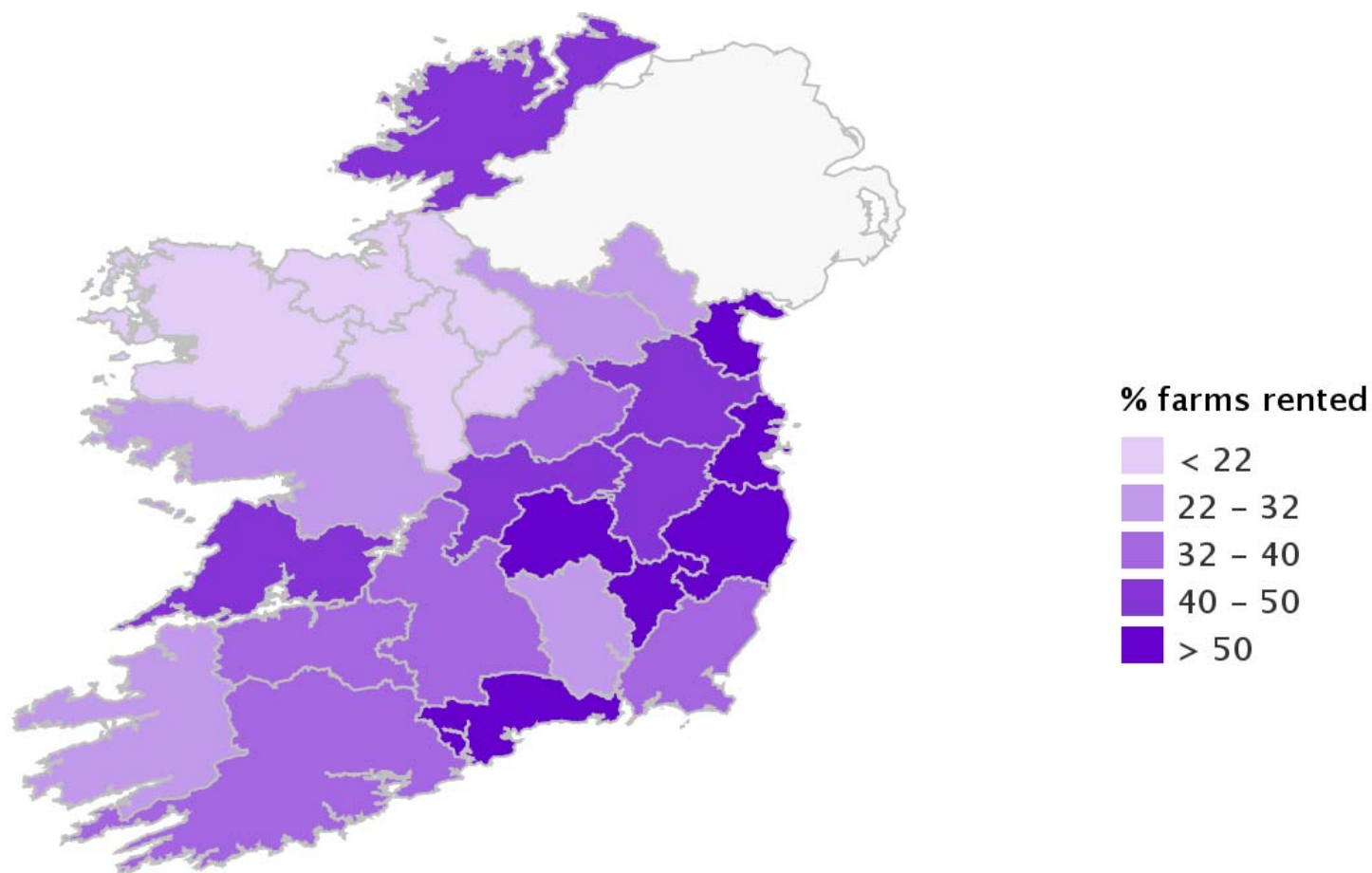
2011 weights



Number of farms has dropped

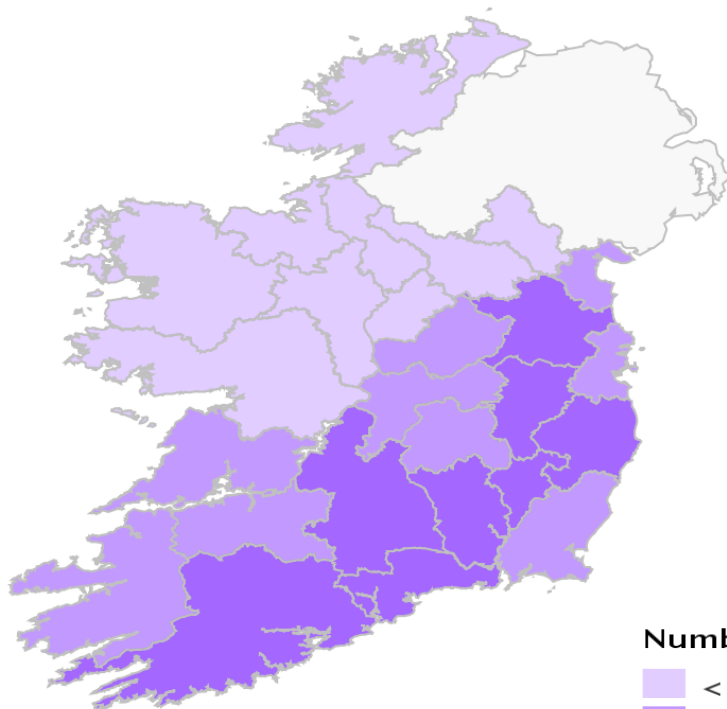


East had highest number of rented farms in 1916

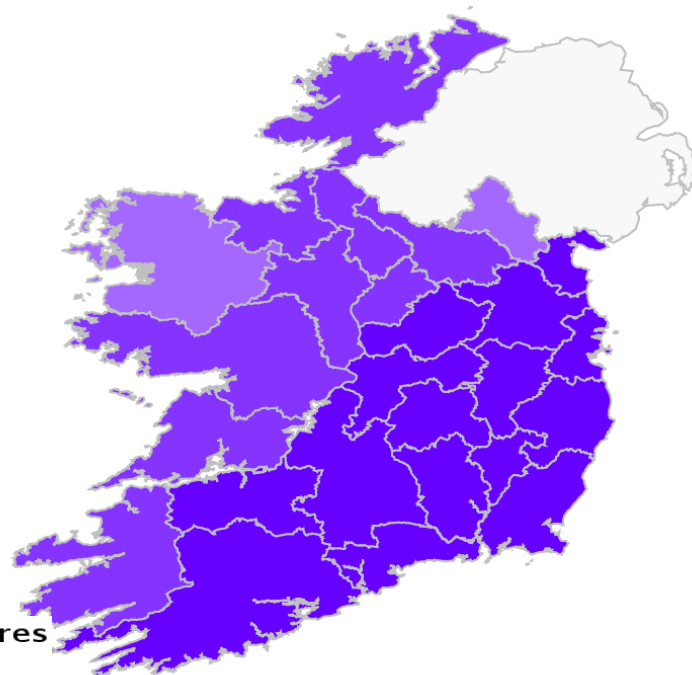


Average farm size has increased

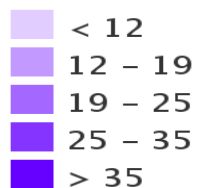
Average farm size 1915 (hectares)



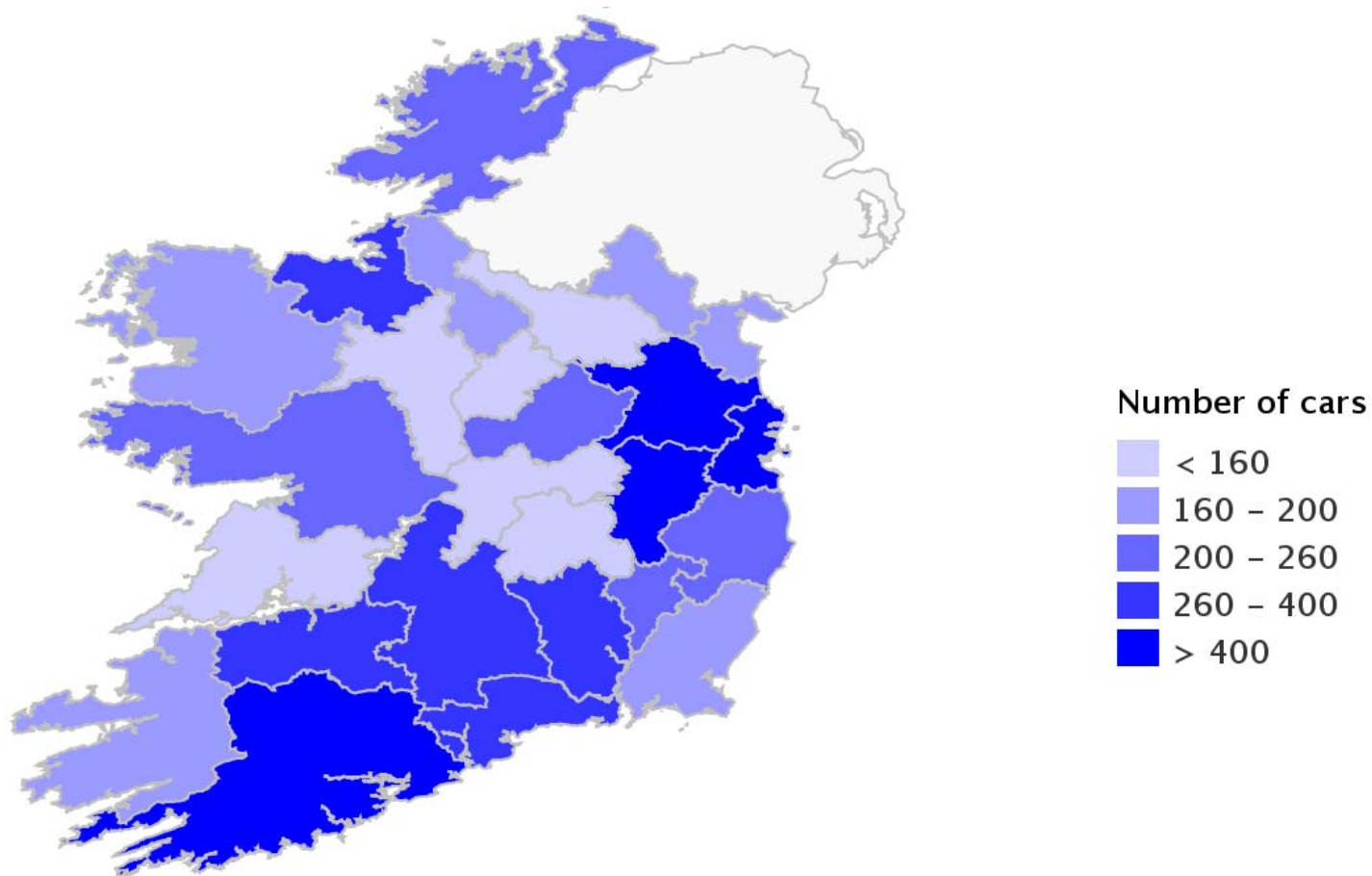
Average farm size 2010 (hectares)



Number of hectares



There were cars in each county in 1915



Thank you!

