

Chapter 2

Births 2009

The number of births which occurred in 2009 was 75,554 comprising 38,682 males and 36,872 females. The corresponding total for 2008 was 75,173, 38,619 males and 36,554 females. The birth rate in 2009 was 16.9 per 1,000 of the population, 0.1 lower than in 2008. In the case of multiple births, each child was counted as an individual birth. See table 2.21.

Table 1 Number of births in Ireland* and birth rates per 1,000 population in Ireland and neighbouring countries, 1941 to 2009

Period	Numbers of births (in thousands) Ireland*	Birth rate per 1,000 population			
		Ireland*	Northern Ireland	England and Wales	Scotland
1941-1950 ¹	65.0	21.9	22.4	16.9	18.8
1951-1960 ¹	61.7	21.2	21.3	15.8	18.5
1961-1970 ¹	62.4	21.7	22.4	17.5	18.8
1971-1980 ¹	69.4	21.8	18.1	13.2	13.6
1981-1990 ¹	61.6	17.6	17.4	13.2	12.9
1991-2000 ¹	51.6	14.2	14.5	12.6	11.8
1994	48.3	13.5	14.8	12.9	12.0
1995	48.8	13.5	14.5	12.5	11.7
1996	50.7	14.0	14.8	12.5	11.6
1997	52.8	14.4	14.5	12.3	11.6
1998	54.0	14.6	14.0	12.1	11.2
1999	53.9	14.4	13.6	11.8	10.8
2000	54.8	14.5	12.7	11.6	10.4
2001	57.9	15.0	13.0	11.4	10.4
2002	60.5	15.4	12.6	11.4	10.1
2003	61.5	15.5	12.7	11.8	10.4
2004	62.0	15.3	13.0	12.1	10.6
2005	61.4	14.8	12.9	12.1	10.7
2006	65.4	15.4	13.4	12.5	10.9
2007	71.4	16.5	13.9	12.8	11.2
2008 ²	75.2	17.0	14.9	13.0	11.6
2009	75.6	16.9	13.9	12.9	11.4

* Exclusive of Northern Ireland.

¹ Average annual number of births and birth rates for decennial periods 1941-2000.

² 2008 contains revised data.

This report contains upward revisions to the previously published figures for births which occurred in 2008. The data omissions occurred as a result of a data transmission and download issue, which was recently identified by the Central Statistics Office. Measures have been put in place to avoid any such problem arising in the future.

Total Period Fertility Rate

The total period fertility rate (TPFR) is derived from the age-specific fertility rates. It gives the theoretical average number of children who would be born alive to a woman during her lifetime if she were to pass through her childbearing years conforming to the age-specific fertility rates of a given year. A value of 2.1 is generally taken to be the level at which a generation would replace itself in the long run, ignoring migration.

The TPFR has fallen by 35 % in the past 30 years, from 3.23 in 1979 to 2.10 in 2009. In Ireland, it dropped below the replacement level in 1989 and again in 1991 and has remained below this level until 2008 when the TPRF was 2.10, the same rate as 2009. See table 2.1.

Ireland had the highest fertility rate of the 27 EU member states in 2009. France, the UK and Sweden followed with rates of 2.00, 1.94 and 1.94 respectively. Hungary, Portugal and Latvia had the lowest rates of 1.32, 1.32 and 1.31 respectively.

Table II Total fertility rates in the European Union, 2009

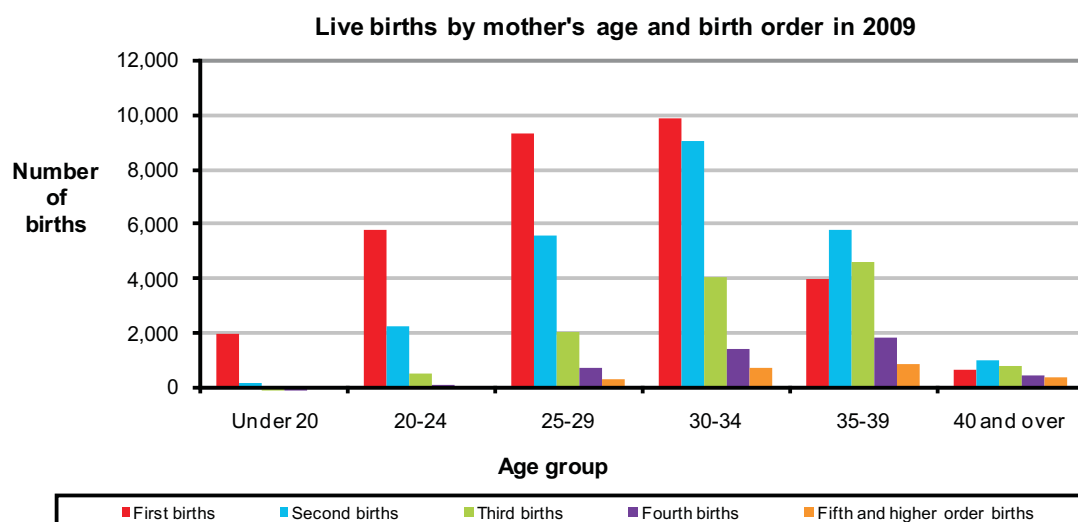
Area of residence	Total fertility rate	Area of Residence	Total fertility rate
European Union (27 countries)	1.59		
Belgium	1.84	Luxembourg	1.59
Bulgaria	1.57	Hungary	1.32
Czech Republic	1.49	Malta	1.43
Denmark	1.84	Netherlands	1.79
Germany	1.36	Austria	1.39
Estonia	1.62	Poland	1.40
Ireland	2.10	Portugal	1.32
Greece	1.52	Romania	1.38
Spain	1.40	Slovenia	1.53
France	2.00	Slovakia	1.41
Italy	1.41	Finland	1.86
Cyprus	1.51	Sweden	1.94
Latvia	1.31	United Kingdom	1.94
Lithuania	1.55		

Source: Eurostat

Birth Order

A total of 31,843 births (42.4%) were to first time mothers in 2009. Second time mothers had 24,062 births (32.0%) and third time mothers had 12,311 births (16.4%). Mothers who already had three or more live-born children accounted for the remaining 9.3% of births. See table 2.8.

Live births by mother's age and birth order in 2009



Age at maternity

In 1979, mothers under 30 years of age accounted for 60.4% of births. The proportion declined fairly steadily to reach 39.3% in 2008 and 38.8% in 2009. In Northern Ireland, just over half of all mothers were under 30 in 2009, while in England and Wales, and Scotland, 53% of mothers were aged under 30.

In 2009, almost 8% of females aged in their twenties gave birth and almost 12% of females aged in their thirties gave birth.

The average age of mothers at maternity in Ireland in 2009 was 31.3 years. In 1959, 50 years earlier, the average age at maternity was slightly higher at 31.6 years, while 30 years earlier, in 1979, the average age was at a low of 28.8 years.

In Northern Ireland, the average age at maternity in 2009 was 29.8 years, while in England and Wales it was 29.5 and in Scotland it was 29.4 years.

Table III Percentage distribution of births according to age of mother at maternity

Age at maternity	Ireland*				Northern Ireland	England and Wales	Scotland
	1959	1979	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009
Under 20 years	1.5	4.8	3.2	3.0	5.4	6.1	6.8
20-24	13.4	22.6	12.4	11.7	16.5	19.3	18.9
25-29	26.2	33.0	23.8	24.2	28.7	27.5	27.4
30-34	28.0	25.0	33.8	33.6	29.5	27.1	26.8
35-39	22.6	11.2	22.5	22.9	16.4	16.2	16.4
40-44	7.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	3.4	3.6	3.5
45 years and over	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average age at maternity	31.6	28.8	31.2	31.3	29.8	29.5	29.4

* Exclusive of Northern Ireland

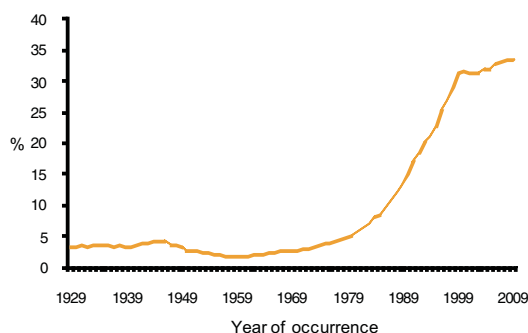
Births outside marriage

The total number of births outside marriage in 2009 was 25,252. This corresponds to 33.4% of all births, the same as 2008.

The lowest ever number of births outside marriage was recorded in 1959 (1.6%). The graph illustrates the steady increase in the percentage of births outside marriage, notably since 1980.

The highest percentage of births outside marriage occurred in Limerick City at 50.4% while the county with the lowest percentage was County Galway at 23.9%. See table 2.21.

**% of births outside marriage
1929-2009**



Multiple births

The number of maternities in 2009 which resulted in multiple live births was 1,221 consisting of 1,206 sets of twins, 14 sets of triplets and one set of quadruplets. This is equivalent to a “twinning rate” of 16.2 (i.e. the number of sets of live twins per thousand maternities which resulted in live births). This represents a decrease of 1.7 per thousand on the 2008 rate of 17.9. However, over the past 20 years, the twinning rate has increased very significantly – from 12.2 in 1989 to 16.2 in 2009. See *table 2.20*

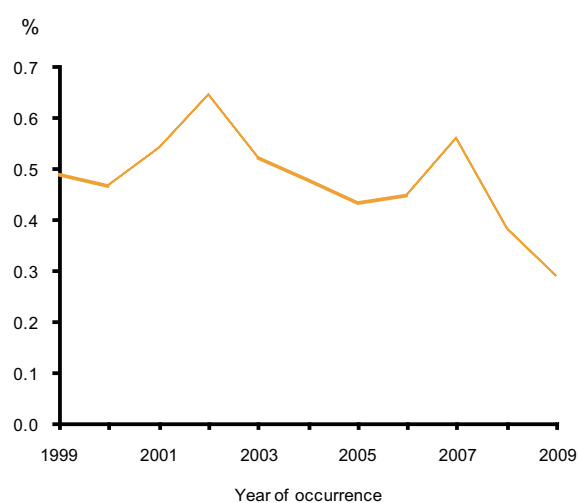
Domiciliary births

There were 217 babies born at home in 2009. This represents a reduction of 24.1% on the 2008 figure when there were 286 domiciliary births. Such births have dropped from one in three births in the early 1950’s to almost three in every thousand in 2009. See *table 2.17*.

Table IV Total number of domiciliary births from 1999 to 2009

Domiciliary births	
Year	Number
1999	262
2000	255
2001	313
2002	410
2003	321
2004	295
2005	264
2006	293
2007	399
2008	286
2009	217

Domiciliary births percentages 1999-2009



Nationality of parents

In 2009, 75.7% of mothers’ were of Irish nationality, 2.2% of UK nationality, 1.4% of EU-15 (excluding Ireland and the UK) nationality, 10.0% of EU-27 (excluding EU-15) nationality and 9.3% of other nationality. The nationality of the mother was not stated for 1.2% of births.

The average age at maternity differed by nationality of mother in 2009. The highest average age at maternity was for mothers of EU-15 (excluding Ireland and the UK) nationality, 32.9 years, while the lowest was for mothers of EU-27 (excluding EU-15) nationality, 28.0 years. The average age for mothers of Irish nationality was 31.7 years. The differences in average age at maternity can be affected by the age structure of the population for each nationality group. See *tables 2.24a and b*.

Birthweight

In 2009, babies with a birthweight of between 3,500 and 3,999 grams accounted for the highest percentage of births of known birthweight at 34.6%. Of these, 53.8% were male and the remaining 46.2% were female. The majority of babies (69.2%) with a birthweight of 3,500 to 3,999 grams and of known gestation had a gestational age of 40 weeks and over.

Those with a birthweight of under 1,000 grams accounted for the lowest percentage of births of known birthweight at 0.3%. Of these, 54.7% were male and the remaining 45.3% were female. Three quarters (75.3%) of babies born in 2009 with a birthweight of under 1,000 grams and of known gestation had a gestational age of under 28 weeks. See *tables 2.13, 2.14 and 2.15*.

Gestation

In 2009, babies with a gestational age of 40 weeks and over represented the majority (57.1%) of births of known gestation. These were distributed between the two sexes, with 50.9% male and 49.1% female.

Babies with a gestational age of under 28 weeks represented the lowest percentage of births of known gestation at 0.3%. Of these, 56.1% were male and the remaining 44.9% were female. See tables 2.12, 2.14 and 2.16

Live births

The terms used in relation to live births are defined as follows:

Parity: parity is the number of previous live born children to a woman.

Birth Order: Birth order is the number of live born children a woman has in the order in which they are born.

Parity and Birth Order: A first birth relates to parity 0 or birth order 1 i.e. birth order = parity + 1.

Crude birth rate (CBR): The number of live births divided by the total population at that age (or age-group), multiplied by 1,000.

Age specific fertility rate (ASFR): The number of live births at a certain age (or age-group) divided by the female population at that age (or age-group) multiplied by 1,000.

Total period fertility rate (TPFR): The sum of the ASFRs, divided by 1,000, i.e. the expected number of children a woman will have in her lifetime based on the fertility of that year.

$$TPFR = \sum_{15}^{49} asfr / 1,000 \cong {}_5TPFR = 5 \sum_{15-19}^{45-49} asfr / 1,000$$

Age specific reproduction rate (ASRR): The number of female live births at a certain age (or age group) divided by the female population at that age (or age-group), multiplied by 1,000.

Gross reproduction rate (GRR): The sum of the ASRRs divided by 1,000 i.e. the expected number of daughters a woman will have in her lifetime based on the fertility of that year.

Net reproduction rate (NRR): The sum of the products of the ASRRs and the expected number of female years to be lived at that age, divided by 1,000 i.e. the GRR adjusted for female mortality.

The difference between the gross and net reproduction rates in an indicator of female mortality.

Average age at maternity: 0.5 plus the sum of the products of the ages at maternity of live births and their ages divided by the number of live births.

$$average\ age = 0.5 + \frac{\sum_{x=15}^{49} xf_x}{\sum_{x=15}^{49} f_x}$$

Average age at maternity of first birth: 0.5 plus the sum of the products of the ages at maternity of first live births and their ages divided by the number of first live births.

Childbearing years are regarded as between the ages of 15 and 49.

Live births to mothers aged less than 15 are included in the age 15 category and are divided by the age 15 population. Similarly live births to mothers aged greater than 49 are included in the age 49 category and are divided by the age 49 population.

Average of mean ages: Live births where the age at maternity is not stated are excluded from the calculation.

Tables

Table 2.1 Total period of fertility rate (TPFR) and age specific fertility rates (ASFR), 1965-2009

Year	ASFR							TPFR
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	All ages
1965	14.0	125.1	236.1	218.9	150.3	57.6	4.2	4.03
1966	13.5	128.1	232.5	213.1	144.4	54.9	4.3	3.95
1967	14.5	129.7	220.0	208.3	138.6	52.9	4.4	3.84
1968	14.1	134.8	222.5	197.8	133.8	48.5	4.1	3.78
1969	15.4	139.7	228.7	199.5	133.1	48.1	4.4	3.85
1970	16.3	145.5	228.7	201.9	131.9	45.3	3.7	3.87
1971	19.1	150.3	243.5	200.5	131.7	46.6	3.3	3.98
1972	21.3	152.1	241.5	187.6	125.7	43.4	3.4	3.88
1973	22.4	149.9	235.0	181.2	115.6	41.3	2.7	3.74
1974	22.6	145.4	229.5	171.9	111.2	39.9	2.8	3.62
1975	22.8	138.5	216.0	162.2	100.2	36.8	2.6	3.40
1976	21.9	133.7	211.7	162.2	94.9	34.8	3.1	3.31
1977	21.2	130.4	205.5	166.7	93.9	33.2	3.0	3.27
1978	21.8	126.2	201.7	167.8	96.5	31.1	2.8	3.24
1979	22.7	125.9	202.5	168.4	94.1	29.9	2.3	3.23
1980	23.0	125.3	202.3	165.7	97.3	29.6	2.3	3.23
1981	22.2	117.4	190.3	161.5	93.6	26.5	2.4	3.07
1982	20.7	110.2	185.0	156.9	91.6	24.9	2.2	2.96
1983	18.7	102.6	172.3	146.9	84.6	25.0	1.7	2.76
1984	18.0	95.4	163.3	138.4	78.9	21.8	1.9	2.59
1985	16.6	87.2	158.6	138.4	75.3	21.6	1.5	2.50
1986	16.4	83.1	154.3	139.0	73.4	21.2	1.5	2.44
1987	16.1	75.4	147.9	132.3	68.6	19.8	1.3	2.31
1988	15.3	69.6	141.0	125.5	63.2	17.8	1.1	2.17
1989	14.8	64.0	134.4	122.0	62.4	17.0	1.1	2.08
1990	16.7	63.3	137.6	126.2	63.1	15.4	1.1	2.12
1991	17.1	64.0	131.8	124.4	63.4	15.2	1.0	2.09
1992	16.9	58.9	123.9	122.3	61.3	14.4	0.8	1.99
1993	16.3	53.8	116.5	121.2	58.5	14.1	0.9	1.91
1994	15.0	50.7	112.5	119.8	58.6	12.8	0.7	1.85
1995	15.1	50.3	106.7	123.5	60.3	13.1	0.8	1.85
1996	16.7	52.2	105.3	127.1	63.9	11.8	0.6	1.89
1997	17.5	50.9	106.4	131.5	66.6	13.4	0.8	1.94
1998	19.2	52.5	103.1	131.5	69.3	13.4	0.6	1.95
1999	20.2	51.0	99.4	129.5	68.5	12.9	0.6	1.91
2000	19.5	51.6	95.1	129.3	71.3	13.6	0.5	1.90
2001	19.9	53.3	95.1	134.1	75.3	13.9	0.7	1.96
2002	19.4	52.8	93.7	134.5	80.0	14.5	0.6	1.98
2003	19.0	50.3	92.6	135.0	82.3	15.7	0.5	1.98
2004	17.1	49.1	88.4	134.3	85.2	16.2	0.5	1.95
2005	16.8	45.8	79.9	129.4	86.4	16.9	0.6	1.88
2006	16.4	49.5	82.1	130.4	90.8	18.1	0.8	1.94
2007	17.8	51.6	82.8	139.3	97.6	19.6	0.8	2.05
2008 ¹	17.2	55.2	86.3	140.1	100.6	19.9	1.2	2.10
2009	16.4	56.7	87.4	137.1	100.6	21.3	1.1	2.10

¹ Contains revised data.

Calculation of Total Period Fertility Rate

The TPFR is compiled by summing the age specific fertility rates for the relevant five-year age-groups, dividing by 1,000 and multiplying by 5. The small number of births for which the age of the mother is not stated is distributed in proportion to the stated categories.

Table 2.2 Age specific and total period fertility rates by area of residence of mother in 2006*

Area of residence	Live births per 1,000 females at specified ages							TPFR
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	All ages
STATE	16.4	49.5	82.1	130.4	90.8	18.1	0.8	1.94
LEINSTER	18.1	50.3	78.5	125.4	90.4	18.0	0.8	1.91
Carlow	19.7	67.0	113.5	141.1	80.2	18.6	1.2	2.21
Dublin City	23.2	39.1	47.4	84.7	75.6	17.9	0.8	1.44
South Dublin	24.2	64.5	92.4	128.9	91.3	15.8	0.7	2.09
Fingal	16.2	52.2	83.6	135.3	100.5	19.5	0.7	2.04
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	9.2	23.8	45.1	112.1	113.2	23.2	1.7	1.64
Kildare	16.1	50.6	95.5	153.4	97.3	18.5	0.3	2.16
Kilkenny	9.8	50.9	81.0	130.5	85.3	17.2	0.3	1.87
Laois	16.6	69.4	101.9	142.1	77.9	12.4	0.9	2.11
Longford	26.4	67.9	121.5	145.7	100.5	21.0	1.8	2.42
Louth	16.2	65.1	101.3	118.6	76.7	16.7	0.0	1.97
Meath	13.3	44.3	103.2	156.4	96.3	17.2	0.8	2.16
Offaly	19.6	65.7	99.0	135.3	83.2	15.9	0.0	2.09
Westmeath	18.9	63.1	106.6	146.2	89.0	19.9	0.0	2.22
Wexford	21.8	78.9	110.4	136.6	89.3	14.7	0.5	2.26
Wicklow	14.9	59.9	96.2	153.0	98.5	18.2	1.2	2.21
MUNSTER	15.1	48.4	87.3	139.8	91.8	17.7	0.8	2.00
Clare	16.7	51.7	97.1	145.6	100.9	20.3	0.8	2.17
Cork City	23.9	38.0	66.9	123.5	90.5	16.1	0.8	1.80
Cork County	10.4	40.5	86.1	152.0	95.4	17.8	0.6	2.01
Kerry	8.1	51.6	87.5	130.0	89.6	17.7	1.3	1.93
Limerick City	30.2	62.8	75.7	106.9	64.5	14.9	0.7	1.78
Limerick County	14.6	44.2	82.2	142.6	97.0	17.2	0.9	1.99
North Tipperary	13.4	56.7	112.4	152.0	99.7	22.5	1.0	2.29
South Tipperary	13.9	65.5	96.0	108.9	74.8	14.2	0.4	1.87
Waterford City	20.7	57.5	86.1	99.6	65.8	8.5	0.0	1.69
Waterford County	18.6	72.5	122.3	175.8	99.6	24.5	1.0	2.57
CONNACHT	11.9	44.2	80.9	135.6	97.0	20.5	0.8	1.95
Galway City	10.2	23.2	41.7	85.6	79.3	22.6	1.0	1.32
Galway County	11.8	50.1	99.0	159.9	107.3	23.5	0.7	2.26
Leitrim	13.2	76.5	88.9	145.5	93.2	16.6	1.0	2.17
Mayo	12.1	58.8	96.9	137.0	97.3	17.9	0.9	2.10
Roscommon	7.6	55.3	87.8	147.6	85.4	18.7	0.5	2.01
Sligo	16.7	46.9	89.1	130.7	99.0	19.0	0.9	2.01
ULSTER (PART OF)	17.0	57.7	101.2	127.9	78.2	17.2	0.8	2.00
Cavan	17.6	58.9	117.7	153.9	89.5	18.7	1.5	2.29
Donegal	19.5	61.4	100.1	119.1	73.7	16.7	0.4	1.96
Monaghan	10.2	47.2	85.9	121.8	76.9	16.8	1.1	1.80
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:								
Border	16.6	59.1	99.1	126.7	81.1	17.3	0.7	2.00
Midland	19.5	66.1	105.0	141.9	85.9	16.9	0.5	2.18
West	11.0	42.1	79.4	135.7	97.0	21.0	0.8	1.93
Dublin	19.5	44.0	63.1	109.7	90.5	18.8	0.9	1.73
Mid-East	14.8	51.0	98.4	154.4	97.3	18.0	0.7	2.17
Mid-West	17.8	51.8	90.0	140.1	94.5	18.9	0.9	2.07
South-East	17.3	66.4	101.4	132.8	84.3	16.3	0.5	2.09
South-West	12.9	41.8	81.9	142.7	93.4	17.5	0.8	1.96

* This table is compiled using data from the latest census year available (2006).

Table 2.3 Births by area of residence, sex of infant and age at maternity in 2009

Area of residence	Males	Females	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 & over	Age not stated
STATE	38,682	36,872	75,554	2,249	8,844	18,231	25,406	17,336	3,293	163	32
LEINSTER	21,791	20,843	42,634	1,332	5,238	10,456	14,114	9,642	1,753	81	18
Carlow	482	515	997	32	132	292	296	212	31	2	-
Carlow Town	220	248	468	15	64	148	133	93	15	-	-
Rest of Co. Carlow	262	267	529	17	68	144	163	119	16	2	-
Dublin City	4,106	3,880	7,986	314	1,170	1,999	2,386	1,757	343	16	1
South Dublin	2,364	2,295	4,659	209	695	1,318	1,405	862	158	7	5
Fingal	2,908	2,603	5,511	114	587	1,274	2,033	1,294	198	7	4
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1,499	1,385	2,884	57	209	474	1,047	898	185	13	1
Kildare	2,001	2,011	4,012	98	426	945	1,401	976	157	6	3
Athy Town	144	152	296	12	47	92	74	63	8	-	-
Naas Town	333	329	662	16	61	144	226	172	40	3	-
Rest of Co. Kildare	1,524	1,530	3,054	70	318	709	1,101	741	109	3	3
Kilkenny	756	665	1,421	35	136	326	514	350	56	4	-
Kilkenny Borough	222	200	422	10	59	120	151	73	9	-	-
Rest of Co. Kilkenny	534	465	999	25	77	206	363	277	47	4	-
Laois	721	682	1,403	42	174	399	434	294	58	2	-
Longford	353	365	718	29	120	190	205	136	37	-	1
Longford Town	109	137	246	15	62	65	56	37	11	-	-
Rest of Co. Longford	244	228	472	14	58	125	149	99	26	-	1
Louth	973	925	1,898	78	242	521	601	375	80	1	-
Drogheda Borough	414	349	763	24	93	219	239	156	31	1	-
Dundalk Town	305	333	638	36	102	180	186	107	27	-	-
Rest of Co. Louth	254	243	497	18	47	122	176	112	22	-	-
Meath	1,775	1,742	3,517	80	317	801	1,288	882	144	4	1
Kells Town	145	122	267	4	29	69	87	66	12	-	-
Navan Town	415	409	824	26	83	216	278	190	31	-	-
Trim Town	83	82	165	8	20	33	63	38	3	-	-
Rest of Co. Meath	1,132	1,129	2,261	42	185	483	860	588	98	4	1
Offaly	643	620	1,263	47	182	342	397	241	51	2	1
Birr Town	95	86	181	6	23	47	52	45	7	1	-
Tullamore Town	248	205	453	16	75	118	152	76	14	1	1
Rest of Co. Offaly	300	329	629	25	84	177	193	120	30	-	-
Westmeath	765	722	1,487	46	197	385	476	316	59	7	1
Athlone Town	180	179	359	13	68	96	102	60	17	2	1
Rest of Co. Westmeath	585	543	1,128	33	129	289	374	256	42	5	-
Wexford	1,206	1,209	2,415	90	383	611	762	474	88	7	-
Enniscorthy Town	271	252	523	27	85	123	165	106	16	1	-
New Ross Town	115	127	242	3	42	75	69	40	13	-	-
Wexford Borough	162	176	338	8	88	82	94	56	8	2	-
Rest of Co. Wexford	658	654	1,312	52	168	331	434	272	51	4	-
Wicklow	1,239	1,224	2,463	61	268	579	869	575	108	3	-
Arklow Town	166	145	311	7	49	94	88	60	13	-	-
Bray Town	269	238	507	19	70	124	166	108	18	2	-
Wicklow Town	84	63	147	5	14	38	52	34	4	-	-
Rest of Co. Wicklow	720	778	1,498	30	135	323	563	373	73	1	-
MUNSTER	10,488	9,804	20,292	573	2,281	4,790	6,982	4,686	920	50	10
Clare	980	920	1,900	71	216	403	638	462	107	3	-
Ennis Town	303	291	594	24	79	140	185	138	28	-	-
Kilrush Town	62	44	106	4	20	15	34	24	6	3	-
Rest of Co. Clare	615	585	1,200	43	117	248	419	300	73	-	-
Cork City	890	867	1,757	71	263	504	513	333	69	3	1
Cork County	3,509	3,298	6,807	130	580	1,423	2,599	1,755	301	14	5
Clonakilty Town	78	67	145	3	11	30	54	40	6	1	-
Cobh Town	120	117	237	11	32	52	94	39	9	-	-
Fermoy Town	82	82	164	4	21	40	62	34	2	-	1
Kinsale Town	58	64	122	-	4	19	48	41	8	1	1
Macroom Town	67	53	120	1	11	31	43	28	6	-	-
Mallow Town	209	152	361	7	43	95	129	77	8	2	-
Midleton Town	104	112	216	5	34	47	67	55	6	2	-
Skibbereen Town	40	50	90	1	7	16	26	32	8	-	-
Youghal Town	74	78	152	8	13	52	46	25	7	1	-
Rest of Co. Cork	2,677	2,523	5,200	90	404	1,041	2,030	1,384	241	7	3
Kerry	1,116	1,055	2,171	56	266	519	681	523	120	5	1
Killarney Town	259	255	514	14	62	127	149	130	30	2	-
Listowel Town	76	77	153	5	25	35	49	35	4	-	-
Tralee Town	325	277	602	25	91	155	172	119	37	3	-
Rest of Co. Kerry	456	446	902	12	88	202	311	239	49	-	1
Limerick City	471	408	879	51	172	245	248	141	16	4	2

Table 2.3 Births by area of residence, sex of infant and age at maternity in 2009 - Continued

Area of residence	Males	Females	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 & over	Age not stated
Limerick County	1,222	1,082	2,304	56	227	552	819	526	117	6	1
North Tipperary	633	610	1,243	37	133	303	425	280	60	5	-
Nenagh Town	161	178	339	7	34	85	107	82	24	-	-
Templemore Town	33	39	72	3	8	14	26	19	2	-	-
Thurles Town	219	186	405	11	45	113	148	71	16	1	-
Rest of North Tipperary	220	207	427	16	46	91	144	108	18	4	-
South Tipperary	729	625	1,354	45	188	363	413	283	57	5	-
Carrick-on-Suir Town	67	60	127	7	14	44	39	19	3	1	-
Cashel Town	103	94	197	10	27	46	64	36	13	1	-
Clonmel Borough	277	206	483	14	75	142	134	97	19	2	-
Tipperary Town	55	49	104	3	15	32	25	25	4	-	-
Rest of South Tipperary	227	216	443	11	57	99	151	106	18	1	-
Waterford City	416	425	841	35	132	234	276	134	28	2	-
Waterford County	522	514	1,036	21	104	244	370	249	45	3	-
Dungarvan Town	127	107	234	5	37	52	80	56	4	-	-
Rest of Co. Waterford	395	407	802	16	67	192	290	193	41	3	-
CONNACHT	4,154	4,055	8,209	194	813	1,826	2,846	2,088	420	21	1
Galway City	500	545	1,045	39	142	274	331	211	46	2	-
Galway County	1,508	1,427	2,935	58	225	570	1,068	837	167	9	1
Ballinasloe Town	181	180	361	11	36	84	127	85	15	3	-
Rest of Co. Galway	1,327	1,247	2,574	47	189	486	941	752	152	6	1
Leitrim	246	242	488	9	51	110	178	109	29	2	-
Mayo	941	886	1,827	49	192	447	596	445	93	5	-
Ballina Town	194	169	363	14	47	96	113	79	14	-	-
Castlebar Town	167	174	341	9	41	66	109	96	18	2	-
Westport Town	108	93	201	4	17	47	71	52	10	-	-
Rest of Co. Mayo	472	450	922	22	87	238	303	218	51	3	-
Roscommon	465	459	924	11	86	201	339	245	41	1	-
Sligo	494	496	990	28	117	224	334	241	44	2	-
Sligo Borough	160	143	303	17	50	73	101	55	7	-	-
Rest of Co. Sligo	334	353	687	11	67	151	233	186	37	2	-
ULSTER (PART OF)	2,249	2,170	4,419	150	512	1,159	1,464	920	200	11	3
Cavan	630	603	1,233	36	140	329	404	273	47	3	1
Cavan Town	158	142	300	16	45	70	96	67	6	-	-
Rest of Co. Cavan	472	461	933	20	95	259	308	206	41	3	1
Donegal	1,198	1,149	2,347	90	284	619	765	464	120	3	2
Buncrana Town	82	65	147	7	28	44	39	23	6	-	-
Bundoran Town	13	9	22	2	1	6	11	1	1	-	-
Letterkenny Town	307	304	611	30	69	149	199	136	25	2	1
Rest of Co. Donegal	796	771	1,567	51	186	420	516	304	88	1	1
Monaghan	421	418	839	24	88	211	295	183	33	5	-
Carrickmacross Town	93	77	170	4	12	49	64	36	5	-	-
Castleblaney Town	88	84	172	6	18	47	52	42	7	-	-
Clones Town	23	25	48	1	7	11	17	11	1	-	-
Monaghan Town	67	68	135	6	19	33	47	24	6	-	-
Rest of Co. Monaghan	150	164	314	7	32	71	115	70	14	5	-
Towns and Boroughs	8,520	8,003	16,523	569	2,232	4,240	5,260	3,509	668	40	5
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:											
Border	3,962	3,833	7,795	265	922	2,014	2,577	1,645	353	16	3
Midland	2,482	2,389	4,871	164	673	1,316	1,512	987	205	11	3
West	3,414	3,317	6,731	157	645	1,492	2,334	1,738	347	17	1
Dublin	10,877	10,163	21,040	694	2,661	5,065	6,871	4,811	884	43	11
Mid-East	5,015	4,977	9,992	239	1,011	2,325	3,558	2,433	409	13	4
Mid-West	3,306	3,020	6,326	215	748	1,503	2,130	1,409	300	18	3
South-East	4,111	3,953	8,064	258	1,075	2,070	2,631	1,702	305	23	-
South-West	5,515	5,220	10,735	257	1,109	2,446	3,793	2,611	490	22	7

Table 2.4 Births by area of residence showing the numbers in each quarter in 2009

Area of residence	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Year	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
STATE	9,200	8,940	9,665	9,261	10,118	9,410	9,699	9,261	38,682	36,872
LEINSTER	5,145	5,028	5,446	5,208	5,724	5,309	5,476	5,298	21,791	20,843
Carlow	110	109	139	135	111	143	122	128	482	515
Dublin City	938	926	980	958	1,119	1,021	1,069	975	4,106	3,880
South Dublin	536	547	612	587	639	569	577	592	2,364	2,295
Fingal	688	641	782	653	735	687	703	622	2,908	2,603
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	358	347	365	328	406	334	370	376	1,499	1,385
Kildare	494	474	485	508	514	512	508	517	2,001	2,011
Kilkenny	182	158	190	168	198	155	186	184	756	665
Laois	156	155	175	184	199	180	191	163	721	682
Longford	83	91	92	88	93	103	85	83	353	365
Louth	223	223	223	236	263	235	264	231	973	925
Meath	409	434	435	435	486	423	445	450	1,775	1,742
Offaly	147	152	171	150	169	166	156	152	643	620
Westmeath	193	146	174	189	193	183	205	204	765	722
Wexford	319	322	312	290	289	302	286	295	1,206	1,209
Wicklow	309	303	311	299	310	296	309	326	1,239	1,224
MUNSTER	2,515	2,433	2,651	2,506	2,724	2,430	2,598	2,435	10,488	9,804
Clare	236	218	253	229	265	241	226	232	980	920
Cork City	212	204	260	276	222	188	196	199	890	867
Cork County	823	850	863	799	955	838	868	811	3,509	3,298
Kerry	281	257	303	289	258	269	274	240	1,116	1,055
Limerick City	123	94	120	94	125	115	103	105	471	408
Limerick County	305	256	294	290	297	245	326	291	1,222	1,082
North Tipperary	156	166	160	143	145	150	172	151	633	610
South Tipperary	163	141	170	160	199	164	197	160	729	625
Waterford City	98	114	92	92	116	99	110	120	416	425
Waterford County	118	133	136	134	142	121	126	126	522	514
CONNACHT	992	951	1,025	1,034	1,093	1,077	1,044	993	4,154	4,055
Galway City	108	113	128	151	142	149	122	132	500	545
Galway County	390	381	368	342	389	359	361	345	1,508	1,427
Leitrim	58	45	51	62	67	72	70	63	246	242
Mayo	211	220	252	221	235	236	243	209	941	886
Roscommon	114	89	98	125	140	127	113	118	465	459
Sligo	111	103	128	133	120	134	135	126	494	496
ULSTER (PART OF)	548	528	543	513	577	594	581	535	2,249	2,170
Cavan	158	142	152	139	154	169	166	153	630	603
Donegal	285	279	291	282	334	314	288	274	1,198	1,149
Monaghan	105	107	100	92	89	111	127	108	421	418
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:										
Border	940	899	945	944	1,027	1,035	1,050	955	3,962	3,833
Midland	579	544	612	611	654	632	637	602	2,482	2,389
West	823	803	846	839	906	871	839	804	3,414	3,317
Dublin	2,520	2,461	2,739	2,526	2,899	2,611	2,719	2,565	10,877	10,163
Mid-East	1,212	1,211	1,231	1,242	1,310	1,231	1,262	1,293	5,015	4,977
Mid-West	820	734	827	756	832	751	827	779	3,306	3,020
South-East	990	977	1,039	979	1,055	984	1,027	1,013	4,111	3,953
South-West	1,316	1,311	1,426	1,364	1,435	1,295	1,338	1,250	5,515	5,220

Table 2.5 Births in 2009, classified by sex and age of mother at maternity and showing the number of births outside marriage

Age of mother at maternity	Total Births (including births outside marriage)			Births outside marriage		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
All ages	75,554	38,682	36,872	25,252	13,023	12,229
15 and under	45	26	19	45	26	19
16	166	93	73	161	90	71
17	369	191	178	343	181	162
18	634	334	300	592	311	281
19	1,035	522	513	935	484	451
Under 20	2,249	1,166	1,083	2,076	1,092	984
20	1,273	638	635	1,116	560	556
21	1,489	788	701	1,247	663	584
22	1,810	925	885	1,422	729	693
23	2,001	1,045	956	1,509	799	710
24	2,271	1,144	1,127	1,540	765	775
20-24	8,844	4,540	4,304	6,834	3,516	3,318
25	2,662	1,378	1,284	1,600	845	755
26	3,189	1,639	1,550	1,654	867	787
27	3,605	1,803	1,802	1,655	831	824
28	4,092	2,101	1,991	1,506	781	725
29	4,683	2,347	2,336	1,475	700	775
25-29	18,231	9,268	8,963	7,890	4,024	3,866
30	4,887	2,501	2,386	1,306	655	651
31	5,115	2,676	2,439	1,131	612	519
32	5,260	2,720	2,540	983	537	446
33	5,223	2,692	2,531	858	453	405
34	4,921	2,517	2,404	771	380	391
30-34	25,406	13,106	12,300	5,049	2,637	2,412
35	4,648	2,334	2,314	738	373	365
36	4,202	2,159	2,043	630	341	289
37	3,490	1,775	1,715	527	267	260
38	2,864	1,449	1,415	442	215	227
39	2,132	1,102	1,030	355	175	180
35-39	17,336	8,819	8,517	2,692	1,371	1,321
40	1,429	715	714	259	138	121
41	880	438	442	184	95	89
42	526	290	236	121	72	49
43	301	164	137	63	35	28
44	157	78	79	30	16	14
40-44	3,293	1,685	1,608	657	356	301
45 and over	163	80	83	42	22	20
Age not stated	32	18	14	12	5	7

Table 2.6 Total births in 2009 classified by area of residence and age of mother at maternity

Area of residence	Under 20		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45 & over		Age not stated	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
STATE	1,166	1,083	4,540	4,304	9,268	8,963	13,106	12,300	8,819	8,517	1,685	1,608	80	83	18	14
LEINSTER	680	652	2,666	2,572	5,332	5,124	7,273	6,841	4,889	4,753	900	853	39	42	12	6
Carlow	17	15	60	72	151	141	140	156	97	115	16	15	1	1	-	-
Dublin City	152	162	604	566	1,015	984	1,223	1,163	925	832	179	164	8	8	-	1
South Dublin	105	104	347	348	678	640	715	690	441	421	71	87	2	5	5	-
Fingal	59	55	311	276	678	596	1,105	928	639	655	110	88	4	3	2	2
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	37	20	110	99	243	231	554	493	459	439	88	97	8	5	-	1
Kildare	53	45	204	222	467	478	691	710	498	478	81	76	4	2	3	-
Kilkenny	16	19	74	62	171	155	275	239	185	165	33	23	2	2	-	-
Laois	25	17	95	79	188	211	231	203	152	142	30	28	-	2	-	-
Longford	15	14	57	63	96	94	98	107	67	69	20	17	-	-	-	1
Louth	36	42	124	118	264	257	316	285	196	179	37	43	-	1	-	-
Meath	40	40	164	153	392	409	658	630	437	445	81	63	2	2	1	-
Offaly	24	23	96	86	173	169	196	201	125	116	27	24	1	1	1	-
Westmeath	24	22	101	96	211	174	242	234	155	161	30	29	2	5	-	1
Wexford	44	46	186	197	292	319	396	366	242	232	43	45	3	4	-	-
Wicklow	33	28	133	135	313	266	433	436	271	304	54	54	2	1	-	-
MUNSTER	309	264	1,189	1,092	2,427	2,363	3,658	3,324	2,423	2,263	453	467	25	25	4	6
Clare	36	35	117	99	197	206	328	310	248	214	53	54	1	2	-	-
Cork City	42	29	135	128	246	258	261	252	171	162	35	34	-	3	-	1
Cork County	66	64	294	286	719	704	1,376	1,223	903	852	141	160	7	7	3	2
Kerry	30	26	130	136	272	247	350	331	273	250	60	60	1	4	-	1
Limerick City	34	17	98	74	121	124	132	116	73	68	9	7	3	1	1	1
Limerick County	28	28	117	110	296	256	441	378	280	246	57	60	3	3	-	1
North Tipperary	18	19	73	60	144	159	213	212	147	133	34	26	4	1	-	-
South Tipperary	25	20	105	83	189	174	232	181	138	145	38	19	2	3	-	-
Waterford City	18	17	63	69	123	111	135	141	64	70	12	16	1	1	-	-
Waterford County	12	9	57	47	120	124	190	180	126	123	14	31	3	-	-	-
CONNACHT	100	94	418	395	920	906	1,438	1,408	1,041	1,047	226	194	10	11	1	-
Galway City	24	15	80	62	125	149	156	175	92	119	22	24	1	1	-	-
Galway County	32	26	110	115	304	266	543	525	422	415	93	74	3	6	1	-
Leitrim	4	5	23	28	63	47	89	89	53	56	12	17	2	-	-	-
Mayo	22	27	95	97	229	218	307	289	235	210	50	43	3	2	-	-
Roscommon	4	7	48	38	97	104	163	176	126	119	26	15	1	-	-	-
Sligo	14	14	62	55	102	122	180	154	113	128	23	21	-	2	-	-
ULSTER (PART OF)	77	73	267	245	589	570	737	727	466	454	106	94	6	5	1	2
Cavan	16	20	77	63	173	156	191	213	145	128	25	22	2	1	1	-
Donegal	45	45	144	140	309	310	397	368	237	227	64	56	2	1	-	2
Monaghan	16	8	46	42	107	104	149	146	84	99	17	16	2	3	-	-
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:																
Border	131	134	476	446	1,018	996	1,322	1,255	828	817	178	175	8	8	1	2
Midland	88	76	349	324	668	648	767	745	499	488	107	98	3	8	1	2
West	82	75	333	312	755	737	1,169	1,165	875	863	191	156	8	9	1	-
Dublin	353	341	1,372	1,289	2,614	2,451	3,597	3,274	2,464	2,347	448	436	22	21	7	4
Mid-East	126	113	501	510	1,172	1,153	1,782	1,776	1,206	1,227	216	193	8	5	4	-
Mid-West	116	99	405	343	758	745	1,114	1,016	748	661	153	147	11	7	1	2
South-East	132	126	545	530	1,046	1,024	1,368	1,263	852	850	156	149	12	11	-	-
South-West	138	119	559	550	1,237	1,209	1,987	1,806	1,347	1,264	236	254	8	14	3	4

Table 2.7 Births outside marriage in 2009 classified by area of residence and age of mother at maternity

Area of residence	Under 25		25-29		30-34		35-39		40 & over		Age not stated		All ages	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
STATE	4,608	4,302	4,024	3,866	2,637	2,412	1,371	1,321	378	321	5	7	13,023	12,229
LEINSTER	2,707	2,571	2,481	2,316	1,583	1,449	822	795	221	193	4	2	7,818	7,326
Carlow	65	68	81	61	40	39	22	19	5	6	-	-	213	193
Dublin City	636	597	531	511	360	330	203	190	47	47	-	1	1,777	1,676
South Dublin	364	366	350	309	189	175	91	92	20	30	2	-	1,016	972
Fingal	269	237	275	253	211	178	104	107	23	17	-	-	882	792
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	126	97	104	109	101	83	59	59	21	15	-	1	411	364
Kildare	212	213	197	196	140	133	66	61	17	10	1	-	633	613
Kilkenny	71	69	71	68	62	35	25	18	12	5	-	-	241	195
Laois	95	79	75	93	39	41	32	26	4	8	-	-	245	247
Longford	49	42	48	39	20	21	12	8	1	4	-	-	130	114
Louth	138	138	111	121	65	63	33	41	14	5	-	-	361	368
Meath	151	147	161	174	90	103	51	53	13	15	-	-	466	492
Offaly	90	93	72	49	43	36	15	18	5	2	1	-	226	198
Westmeath	98	84	88	67	50	43	18	17	7	8	-	-	261	219
Wexford	196	200	147	154	91	89	51	38	22	6	-	-	507	487
Wicklow	147	141	170	112	82	80	40	48	10	15	-	-	449	396
MUNSTER	1,203	1,108	997	996	660	621	350	326	94	83	1	4	3,305	3,138
Clare	126	109	79	78	35	43	31	21	12	10	-	-	283	261
Cork City	149	134	125	124	82	77	36	44	7	9	-	1	399	389
Cork County	291	278	240	262	214	181	105	94	22	22	1	1	873	838
Kerry	115	130	102	97	48	51	40	50	14	15	-	-	319	343
Limerick City	110	75	71	63	47	37	16	16	3	4	-	1	247	196
Limerick County	109	115	107	98	69	65	42	31	14	7	-	1	341	317
North Tipperary	76	70	61	73	39	48	19	15	4	8	-	-	199	214
South Tipperary	105	82	99	87	63	33	21	18	8	1	-	-	296	221
Waterford City	64	67	59	57	30	45	18	16	3	3	-	-	174	188
Waterford County	58	48	54	57	33	41	22	21	7	4	-	-	174	171
CONNACHT	406	354	347	342	248	210	135	142	39	26	-	-	1,175	1,074
Galway City	74	52	51	62	44	41	19	23	7	4	-	-	195	182
Galway County	115	100	105	106	70	64	52	60	20	10	-	-	362	340
Leitrim	20	24	19	16	11	15	7	5	2	4	-	-	59	64
Mayo	92	86	89	73	53	43	30	24	7	6	-	-	271	232
Roscommon	41	35	39	37	31	25	10	12	1	-	-	-	122	109
Sligo	64	57	44	48	39	22	17	18	2	2	-	-	166	147
ULSTER (PART OF)	292	269	199	212	146	132	64	58	24	19	-	1	725	691
Cavan	73	69	61	52	42	36	18	15	1	1	-	-	195	173
Donegal	169	159	108	122	82	68	34	33	18	15	-	1	411	398
Monaghan	50	41	30	38	22	28	12	10	5	3	-	-	119	120
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:														
Border	514	488	373	397	261	232	121	122	42	30	-	1	1,311	1,270
Midland	332	298	283	248	152	141	77	69	17	22	1	-	862	778
West	322	273	284	278	198	173	111	119	35	20	-	-	950	863
Dublin	1,395	1,297	1,260	1,182	861	766	457	448	111	109	2	2	4,086	3,804
Mid-East	510	501	528	482	312	316	157	162	40	40	1	-	1,548	1,501
Mid-West	421	369	318	312	190	193	108	83	33	29	-	2	1,070	988
South-East	559	534	511	484	319	282	159	130	57	25	-	-	1,605	1,455
South-West	555	542	467	483	344	309	181	188	43	46	1	2	1,591	1,570

Table 2.8 Total births in 2009, classified by age of mother at maternity and number of previous liveborn children

Age of mother at maternity	Number of previous liveborn children												
	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more	Not stated
All ages	75,554	31,843	24,062	12,311	4,661	1,415	528	202	82	40	26	20	364
15 and under	45	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	166	163	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	369	347	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	634	574	52	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
19	1,035	906	114	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Under 20	2,249	2,035	191	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
20	1,273	974	256	31	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
21	1,489	1,089	332	58	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
22	1,810	1,211	460	109	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
23	2,001	1,251	552	152	35	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
24	2,271	1,272	704	207	65	12	1	1	-	-	-	-	9
20-24	8,844	5,797	2,304	557	137	21	1	1	-	-	-	-	26
25	2,662	1,473	800	267	84	21	2	2	1	-	-	-	12
26	3,189	1,718	978	346	101	26	5	-	-	-	-	-	15
27	3,605	1,865	1,129	405	137	37	12	3	1	1	-	-	15
28	4,092	2,016	1,284	506	171	55	27	10	5	-	-	-	18
29	4,683	2,280	1,455	578	239	73	29	8	-	-	-	-	21
25-29	18,231	9,352	5,646	2,102	732	212	75	23	7	1	-	-	81
30	4,887	2,309	1,578	634	244	65	26	8	5	1	-	-	17
31	5,115	2,194	1,796	740	243	78	31	9	3	-	2	-	19
32	5,260	2,137	1,883	788	266	93	42	17	-	3	1	-	30
33	5,223	1,827	1,960	934	319	88	35	16	8	2	2	-	32
34	4,921	1,459	1,862	1,038	369	96	38	19	8	6	-	-	26
30-34	25,406	9,926	9,079	4,134	1,441	420	172	69	24	12	5	-	124
35	4,648	1,250	1,664	1,155	366	129	32	11	5	1	2	3	30
36	4,202	1,000	1,522	1,087	413	93	34	16	3	4	1	2	27
37	3,490	786	1,120	999	404	99	43	14	2	4	6	1	12
38	2,864	590	841	848	379	120	44	12	9	6	2	1	12
39	2,132	392	654	591	308	107	33	13	6	3	6	5	14
35-39	17,336	4,018	5,801	4,680	1,870	548	186	66	25	18	17	12	95
40	1,429	272	439	361	202	84	31	15	6	1	3	1	14
41	880	178	259	213	123	53	26	12	6	2	-	-	8
42	526	114	155	108	74	39	15	6	6	2	1	3	3
43	301	57	86	71	45	19	9	8	3	1	-	2	-
44	157	38	47	30	20	6	7	2	4	-	-	1	2
40-44	3,293	659	986	783	464	201	88	43	25	6	4	7	27
45 and over	163	45	43	36	14	12	6	-	1	3	-	1	2
Age not stated	32	11	12	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Table 2.9 Births outside marriage in 2009, classified by age of mother at maternity and number of previous liveborn children

Age of mother at maternity	Number of previous liveborn children												
	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more	Not stated
All ages	25,252	13,870	6,924	2,658	1,065	382	165	56	17	11	5	2	97
15 and under	45	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	161	158	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	343	322	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	592	538	47	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
19	935	827	97	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Under 20	2,076	1,890	168	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
20	1,116	884	196	25	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
21	1,247	941	261	40	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
22	1,422	984	348	70	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
23	1,509	961	422	101	19	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
24	1,540	911	462	119	31	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	8
20-24	6,834	4,681	1,689	355	74	13	1	1	-	-	-	-	20
25	1,600	928	469	144	38	14	1	1	-	-	-	-	5
26	1,654	875	521	193	47	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
27	1,655	839	526	191	65	22	5	-	-	-	-	-	7
28	1,506	698	484	194	76	23	14	5	2	-	-	-	10
29	1,475	647	493	203	86	24	15	3	-	-	-	-	4
25-29	7,890	3,987	2,493	925	312	93	39	9	2	-	-	-	30
30	1,306	609	393	170	94	25	10	1	-	-	-	-	4
31	1,131	481	360	170	77	25	9	3	-	-	-	-	6
32	983	430	291	143	63	31	13	3	-	-	1	-	8
33	858	323	296	142	57	17	10	5	2	-	-	-	6
34	771	281	251	126	67	21	12	5	2	3	-	-	3
30-34	5,049	2,124	1,591	751	358	119	54	17	4	3	1	-	27
35	738	258	241	126	68	30	8	4	1	-	1	-	1
36	630	238	184	114	48	24	13	5	-	1	-	-	3
37	527	195	148	103	40	22	9	3	1	1	1	1	3
38	442	159	115	83	46	20	10	2	4	1	1	-	1
39	355	105	106	69	42	17	10	2	-	1	1	-	2
35-39	2,692	955	794	495	244	113	50	16	6	4	4	1	10
40	259	92	73	41	26	14	7	3	1	-	-	-	2
41	184	54	45	36	22	10	8	6	-	1	-	-	2
42	121	36	40	20	11	9	1	1	2	1	-	-	-
43	63	17	12	9	9	6	4	3	1	1	-	1	-
44	30	12	11	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40-44	657	211	181	109	71	40	20	13	4	3	-	1	4
45 and over	42	18	5	8	4	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Age not stated	12	4	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Table 2.10 Births within marriage in 2009, classified by age of mother at maternity and year of marriage

Age of mother at maternity	Total	Births within marriage: the year of marriage being												
		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	1996-2000	1991-1995	1990 & earlier	Not stated
All ages	50,302	1,028	6,838	6,847	6,017	5,347	4,333	3,660	3,020	2,388	5,776	1,216	201	3,631
15 and under	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	5	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
17	26	4	16	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
18	42	4	34	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
19	100	14	48	15	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Under 20	173	23	100	21	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
20	157	19	46	31	32	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
21	242	25	79	44	40	20	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	27
22	388	49	110	80	52	37	10	7	3	-	-	-	-	40
23	492	55	139	89	54	41	29	25	4	2	2	-	-	52
24	731	58	181	132	102	71	45	43	19	12	3	-	-	65
20-24	2,010	206	555	376	280	177	92	76	26	14	5	-	-	203
25	1,062	52	281	225	134	88	55	51	41	17	13	-	-	105
26	1,535	68	420	338	202	144	71	65	44	42	25	-	-	116
27	1,950	73	491	466	250	212	102	86	53	39	47	-	-	131
28	2,586	70	603	541	397	285	175	109	83	61	87	2	-	173
29	3,208	79	652	664	504	368	261	158	105	71	128	1	-	217
25-29	10,341	342	2,447	2,234	1,487	1,097	664	469	326	230	300	3	-	742
30	3,581	84	625	723	511	471	329	197	143	97	168	6	-	227
31	3,984	54	568	712	614	512	418	285	218	113	201	15	-	274
32	4,277	57	569	639	640	561	456	322	254	169	293	33	-	284
33	4,365	50	484	520	558	574	456	428	327	230	389	50	2	297
34	4,150	42	379	429	487	510	453	386	339	274	497	79	-	275
30-34	20,357	287	2,625	3,023	2,810	2,628	2,112	1,618	1,281	883	1,548	183	2	1,357
35	3,910	31	315	333	399	408	373	424	380	297	604	74	3	269
36	3,572	23	258	259	311	331	340	305	319	286	747	123	6	264
37	2,963	33	171	217	245	235	243	270	236	251	690	131	12	229
38	2,422	34	145	134	167	163	193	188	199	181	664	149	23	182
39	1,777	13	89	110	125	121	137	126	103	104	507	175	24	143
35-39	14,644	134	978	1,053	1,247	1,258	1,286	1,313	1,237	1,119	3,212	652	68	1,087
40	1,170	17	58	65	83	85	70	74	71	70	312	150	35	80
41	696	9	25	43	38	47	42	62	35	34	195	80	23	63
42	405	8	19	19	27	16	30	21	19	17	97	68	35	29
43	238	-	16	7	15	13	16	10	14	9	57	40	14	27
44	127	1	7	1	10	11	7	4	7	6	27	20	15	11
40-44	2,636	35	125	135	173	172	165	171	146	136	688	358	122	210
45 and over	121	1	8	3	8	12	9	13	1	5	23	19	9	10
Age not stated	20	-	-	2	2	1	5	-	3	1	-	1	-	5

Table 2.11 First births within marriage in 2009, classified by age of mother at maternity and year of marriage

Age of mother at maternity	Total	First births within marriage: the year of marriage being												
		2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	1996-2000	1991-1995	1990 & earlier	Not stated
All ages	17,973	722	4,894	4,564	2,528	1,416	787	532	338	188	394	55	5	1,550
15 and under	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	5	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
17	25	4	16	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
18	36	4	29	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
19	79	12	41	13	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Under 20	145	21	88	17	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
20	90	15	38	12	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
21	148	23	70	21	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
22	227	43	84	49	16	9	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	23
23	290	47	111	60	20	10	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	32
24	361	39	142	76	43	15	5	3	1	2	-	-	-	35
20-24	1,116	167	445	218	101	37	12	8	3	2	-	-	-	123
25	545	41	194	132	55	30	14	8	5	1	-	-	-	65
26	843	51	300	240	99	43	19	9	8	4	1	-	-	69
27	1,026	47	352	311	117	61	23	15	6	4	4	-	-	86
28	1,318	46	420	388	202	80	45	20	13	8	4	-	-	92
29	1,633	60	475	472	267	130	66	25	5	6	5	-	-	122
25-29	5,365	245	1,741	1,543	740	344	167	77	37	23	14	-	-	434
30	1,700	66	439	522	275	139	68	40	14	5	10	-	-	122
31	1,713	36	416	497	289	155	78	42	40	11	11	-	-	138
32	1,707	33	418	467	298	164	78	53	28	8	26	-	-	134
33	1,504	37	370	363	223	151	78	62	32	21	33	2	-	132
34	1,178	20	274	272	177	123	80	51	32	21	28	2	-	98
30-34	7,802	192	1,917	2,121	1,262	732	382	248	146	66	108	4	-	624
35	992	20	225	208	138	86	64	62	40	23	41	4	-	81
36	762	11	174	159	75	62	54	39	36	22	46	4	-	80
37	591	21	107	117	73	44	36	37	26	23	44	9	-	54
38	431	17	81	69	53	36	27	17	20	8	43	5	-	55
39	287	6	49	53	30	24	16	13	11	9	35	6	-	35
35-39	3,063	75	636	606	369	252	197	168	133	85	209	28	-	305
40	180	11	33	30	19	15	6	8	3	4	26	8	3	14
41	124	3	14	14	11	15	8	11	4	4	22	5	1	12
42	78	6	8	10	7	4	8	5	6	2	4	7	-	11
43	40	-	8	3	3	6	2	1	3	-	6	2	1	5
44	26	1	2	-	6	4	1	2	3	-	3	-	-	4
40-44	448	21	65	57	46	44	25	27	19	10	61	22	5	46
45 and over	27	1	2	1	5	5	3	4	-	1	2	1	-	2
Age not stated	7	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3

Table 2.12 Births in 2009, classified by period of gestation and age of mother at maternity

Period of gestation in weeks	Age of mother at maternity									
	All ages	15 and under	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 years and over	Age not stated
Total	75,554	45	2,204	8,844	18,231	25,406	17,336	3,293	163	32
Under 28	189	-	5	22	38	65	45	14	-	-
28-31	479	-	25	56	122	130	118	26	2	-
32-35	1,892	3	63	217	404	627	453	119	5	1
36-39	28,069	16	685	2,781	6,273	9,361	7,306	1,526	105	16
40 and over	40,793	24	1,302	5,177	10,399	13,863	8,539	1,432	45	12
Not stated	4,132	2	124	591	995	1,360	875	176	6	3

Table 2.13 Births in 2009, classified by age of mother at maternity and birthweight

Birthweight in grams	Age of mother at maternity									
	All ages	15 and under	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 years and over	Age not stated
Total	75,554	45	2,204	8,844	18,231	25,406	17,336	3,293	163	32
Under 1000	190	-	5	26	43	60	42	14	-	-
1000-1499	383	-	16	44	88	105	101	27	1	1
1500-1999	827	1	33	98	174	265	194	60	2	-
2000-2499	2,211	2	95	293	526	660	496	123	14	2
2500-2999	8,783	9	349	1,219	2,217	2,704	1,859	382	39	5
3000-3499	23,940	17	787	3,097	6,112	7,798	5,134	940	47	8
3500-3999	25,468	15	646	2,763	5,991	8,844	6,038	1,120	42	9
4000 and over	11,891	-	211	1,066	2,657	4,358	3,046	535	13	5
Not stated	1,861	1	62	238	423	612	426	92	5	2

Table 2.14 Births in 2009, classified by period of gestation and birthweight

Birthweight in grams	Period of gestation in weeks						
	Total	Under 28	28-31	32-35	36-39	40 & over	Not stated
Total	75,554	189	479	1,892	28,069	40,793	4,132
Under 1000	190	140	35	6	1	4	4
1000-1499	383	33	225	108	7	4	6
1500-1999	827	1	154	495	154	8	15
2000-2499	2,211	-	18	699	1,276	144	74
2500-2999	8,783	1	9	440	5,703	2,355	275
3000-3499	23,940	3	11	101	10,908	12,116	801
3500-3999	25,468	2	14	25	7,530	17,011	886
4000 and over	11,891	-	5	6	2,398	9,032	450
Not stated	1,861	9	8	12	92	119	1,621

Table 2.15 Births in 2009, classified by sex of infant and birthweight

Sex of infant	Birthweight in grams									
	Total	Under 1000	1000-1499	1500-1999	2000-2499	2500-2999	3000-3499	3500-3999	4000 and over	Not stated
Total	75,554	190	383	827	2,211	8,783	23,940	25,468	11,891	1,861
Male	38,682	104	199	385	1,001	3,852	11,135	13,709	7,342	955
Female	36,872	86	184	442	1,210	4,931	12,805	11,759	4,549	906

Table 2.16 Births in 2009, classified by sex of infant and period of gestation

Sex of infant	Period of gestation in weeks						
	Total	Under 28	28-31	32-35	36-39	40 & over	Not stated
Total	75,554	189	479	1,892	28,069	40,793	4,132
Male	38,682	106	265	986	14,451	20,774	2,100
Female	36,872	83	214	906	13,618	20,019	2,032

Table 2.17 Births in 2009 showing place of occurrence and area of normal residence

Area	Hospital births				Domiciliary births			
	Total number registered	Number transferred from area	Number transferred to area	Net number	Total number registered	Number transferred from area	Number transferred to area	Net number
STATE	75,337	-	-	75,337	217	-	-	217
LEINSTER	41,888	1,122	1,764	42,530	103	3	4	104
Carlow	-	-	996	996	-	-	1	1
Dublin City	26,866	19,124	220	7,962	25	13	13	25
South Dublin	-	-	4,652	4,652	2	1	6	7
Fingal	1	1	5,488	5,488	47	34	9	22
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1,280	921	2,511	2,870	3	-	11	14
Kildare	1	-	3,999	4,000	5	1	8	12
Kilkenny	2,154	1,122	386	1,418	-	-	3	3
Laois	2,256	1,093	240	1,403	1	1	-	-
Longford	-	-	717	717	1	-	-	1
Louth	4,113	2,327	110	1,896	5	3	-	2
Meath	-	-	3,511	3,511	4	-	2	6
Offaly	-	-	1,263	1,263	-	-	-	-
Westmeath	2,915	1,870	440	1,485	5	3	-	2
Wexford	2,302	67	179	2,414	1	-	-	1
Wicklow	-	-	2,455	2,455	4	-	4	8
MUNSTER	20,139	782	852	20,209	85	4	2	83
Clare	-	-	1,894	1,894	6	-	-	6
Cork City	8,907	7,163	3	1,747	38	28	-	10
Cork County	-	-	6,769	6,769	11	-	27	38
Kerry	1,957	127	326	2,156	14	-	1	15
Limerick City	5,431	4,559	7	879	-	-	-	-
Limerick County	-	-	2,304	2,304	-	-	-	-
North Tipperary	-	-	1,242	1,242	-	-	1	1
South Tipperary	1,353	315	314	1,352	2	-	-	2
Waterford City	2,491	1,671	17	837	2	1	3	4
Waterford County	-	-	1,029	1,029	12	6	1	7
CONNACHT	9,229	1,336	290	8,183	25	-	1	26
Galway City	3,490	2,476	27	1,041	13	9	-	4
Galway County	2,215	1,503	2,213	2,925	1	-	9	10
Leitrim	-	-	487	487	-	-	1	1
Mayo	1,871	182	131	1,820	8	1	-	7
Roscommon	-	-	921	921	1	-	2	3
Sligo	1,653	715	51	989	2	1	-	1
ULSTER (PART OF)	4,081	308	642	4,415	4	-	-	4
Cavan	1,931	834	135	1,232	1	-	-	1
Donegal	2,150	7	203	2,346	1	-	-	1
Monaghan	-	-	837	837	2	-	-	2
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:								
Border	9,847	3,883	1,823	7,787	11	3	-	8
Midland	5,171	2,963	2,660	4,868	7	4	-	3
West	7,576	4,161	3,292	6,707	23	-	1	24
Dublin	28,147	20,046	12,871	20,972	77	13	4	68
Mid-East	1	-	9,965	9,966	13	1	14	26
Mid-West	5,431	4,559	5,447	6,319	6	-	1	7
South-East	8,300	3,175	2,921	8,046	17	-	1	18
South-West	10,864	7,290	7,098	10,672	63	2	2	63

Table 2.18 Births in 2009 by day of occurrence and mothers usual residence

Area of residence	Day of occurrence						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
STATE	10,884	12,132	12,065	12,318	11,554	8,782	7,819
LEINSTER	6,069	6,752	6,700	6,937	6,371	5,072	4,733
Carlow	119	157	151	213	160	94	103
Dublin City	1,151	1,246	1,286	1,198	1,164	1,023	918
South Dublin	687	700	707	698	757	581	529
Fingal	775	825	856	923	772	690	670
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	439	449	448	456	400	362	330
Kildare	555	639	649	632	619	489	429
Kilkenny	192	272	225	259	190	130	153
Laois	204	258	178	254	206	150	153
Longford	90	121	115	124	114	82	72
Louth	288	317	279	326	281	201	206
Meath	512	554	631	575	535	377	333
Offaly	187	199	187	221	215	133	121
Westmeath	222	222	270	229	230	159	155
Wexford	303	393	327	438	344	315	295
Wicklow	345	400	391	391	384	286	266
MUNSTER	2,886	3,360	3,384	3,303	3,208	2,280	1,871
Clare	245	306	351	344	289	205	160
Cork City	244	277	290	308	280	208	150
Cork County	1,005	1,120	1,138	1,102	1,070	740	632
Kerry	283	396	308	388	365	247	184
Limerick City	110	153	151	136	135	113	81
Limerick County	306	406	377	392	378	236	209
North Tipperary	205	212	212	176	178	140	120
South Tipperary	184	220	255	166	225	168	136
Waterford City	126	122	135	132	135	96	95
Waterford County	178	148	167	159	153	127	104
CONNACHT	1,302	1,328	1,348	1,297	1,250	913	771
Galway City	175	166	163	157	161	129	94
Galway County	453	487	495	460	433	324	283
Leitrim	83	80	83	76	77	44	45
Mayo	303	299	293	278	272	219	163
Roscommon	140	145	151	166	146	86	90
Sligo	148	151	163	160	161	111	96
ULSTER (PART OF)	627	692	633	781	725	517	444
Cavan	170	211	192	186	213	149	112
Donegal	330	342	321	460	376	273	245
Monaghan	127	139	120	135	136	95	87
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:	10,884	12,132	12,065	12,318	11,554	8,782	7,819
Border	1,146	1,240	1,158	1,343	1,244	873	791
Midland	703	800	750	828	765	524	501
West	1,071	1,097	1,102	1,061	1,012	758	630
Dublin	3,052	3,220	3,297	3,275	3,093	2,656	2,447
Mid-East	1,412	1,593	1,671	1,598	1,538	1,152	1,028
Mid-West	866	1,077	1,091	1,048	980	694	570
South-East	1,102	1,312	1,260	1,367	1,207	930	886
South-West	1,532	1,793	1,736	1,798	1,715	1,195	966

Table 2.19 Births per 1,000 women in each age-group, Ireland, England and Wales, 2009

Age of mother	Total Births per 1,000 women		Births (within marriage) per 1,000 married women		Births (outside marriage) per 1,000 single, widowed, divorced or separated women	
	Ireland*	England and Wales	Ireland*	England and Wales	Ireland*	England and Wales
15 - 19 years	16.4	25.3	576.7	352.6	15.2	24.0
20 - 24 "	56.7	73.9	319.0	306.4	45.6	58.1
25 - 29 "	87.3	107.2	215.9	232.2	49.0	63.7
30 - 34 "	137.0	113.1	202.4	173.9	59.6	61.1
35 - 39 "	100.6	59.0	126.0	72.5	47.9	41.1
40 - 44 "	21.2	12.1	23.4	12.6	15.5	11.3
45 - 49 "	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.8
Total 15 - 49 years	65.1	63.7	102.8	100.8	37.6	44.6

* Rates are based on the 2009 April population estimates.

¹ Since the number of births within marriage in the under 20 age-group is small, caution should be exercised in the interpretation of trends in this rate.

Table 2.20 Number of multiple births and the number of twins per 1,000 maternities, 1984-2009

Year	Live births	Maternities which resulted in live issue	Multiple confinements				Twinning rate
			Twins	Triplets	Quadruplets	Quintuplets	
1984	64,062	63,364	733	3	-	-	11.6
1985	62,388	61,736	651	6	-	-	10.5
1986	61,620	60,993	642	8	-	-	10.5
1987	58,433	57,818	625	12	-	-	10.8
1988	54,600	53,981	639	5	-	-	11.8
1989	52,018	51,398	626	7	-	-	12.2
1990	53,044	52,425	649	8	-	1	12.4
1991	52,718	52,142	610	6	2	-	11.7
1992	51,089	50,505	602	8	3	-	11.9
1993	49,304	48,748	574	13	-	-	11.8
1994	48,255	47,670	602	14	1	-	12.6
1995	48,787	48,138	674	16	-	-	14.0
1996	50,655	49,996	675	22	-	-	13.5
1997	52,775	52,071	737	26	1	-	14.2
1998	53,969	53,262	742	22	1	-	13.9
1999	53,924	53,191	728	29	-	-	13.7
2000	54,789	54,084	726	16	1	-	13.4
2001	57,854	56,962	891	24	2	1	15.6
2002	60,503	59,620	890	18	3	-	14.9
2003	61,529	60,645	896	26	-	-	14.8
2004	61,972	61,007	979	16	1	-	16.0
2005	61,372	60,456	937	13	1	-	15.5
2006	65,425	64,427	990	17	1	-	15.4
2007	71,389	70,287	1,105	26	1	-	15.7
2008 ¹	75,173	73,807	1,319	32	1	-	17.9
2009	75,554	74,335	1,206	14	1	-	16.2

¹ Contains revised data.

Table 2.21 Births by area of residence of mother during 2009 showing births outside marriage separately

Area of residence	Total (including outside marriage)			Rate per 1,000 population	Outside marriage			Percentage births outside marriage
	Males	Females	Total		Males	Females	Total	
STATE	38,682	36,872	75,554	16.9	13,023	12,229	25,252	33.4
LEINSTER	21,791	20,843	42,634	17.7	7,818	7,326	15,144	35.5
Carlow	482	515	997	18.8	213	193	406	40.7
Dublin City	4,106	3,880	7,986	15.0	1,777	1,676	3,453	43.2
South Dublin	2,364	2,295	4,659	17.9	1,016	972	1,988	42.7
Fingal	2,908	2,603	5,511	21.8	882	792	1,674	30.4
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1,499	1,385	2,884	14.1	411	364	775	26.9
Kildare	2,001	2,011	4,012	20.5	633	613	1,246	31.1
Kilkenny	756	665	1,421	15.4	241	195	436	30.7
Laois	721	682	1,403	19.9	245	247	492	35.1
Longford	353	365	718	19.8	130	114	244	34.0
Louth	973	925	1,898	16.2	361	368	729	38.4
Meath	1,775	1,742	3,517	20.5	466	492	958	27.2
Offaly	643	620	1,263	16.9	226	198	424	33.6
Westmeath	765	722	1,487	17.8	261	219	480	32.3
Wexford	1,206	1,209	2,415	17.4	507	487	994	41.2
Wicklow	1,239	1,224	2,463	18.6	449	396	845	34.3
MUNSTER	10,488	9,804	20,292	16.4	3,305	3,138	6,443	31.8
Clare	980	920	1,900	16.3	283	261	544	28.6
Cork City	890	867	1,757	14.0	399	389	788	44.8
Cork County	3,509	3,298	6,807	17.9	873	838	1,711	25.1
Kerry	1,116	1,055	2,171	14.8	319	343	662	30.5
Limerick City	471	408	879	14.0	247	196	443	50.4
Limerick County	1,222	1,082	2,304	17.6	341	317	658	28.6
North Tipperary	633	610	1,243	17.9	199	214	413	33.2
South Tipperary	729	625	1,354	15.5	296	221	517	38.2
Waterford City	416	425	841	17.5	174	188	362	43.0
Waterford County	522	514	1,036	15.8	174	171	345	33.3
CONNACHT	4,154	4,055	8,209	15.5	1,175	1,074	2,249	27.4
Galway City	500	545	1,045	13.7	195	182	377	36.1
Galway County	1,508	1,427	2,935	17.5	362	340	702	23.9
Leitrim	246	242	488	16.0	59	64	123	25.2
Mayo	941	886	1,827	14.0	271	232	503	27.5
Roscommon	465	459	924	14.9	122	109	231	25.0
Sligo	494	496	990	15.5	166	147	313	31.6
ULSTER (PART OF)	2,249	2,170	4,419	15.7	725	691	1,416	32.0
Cavan	630	603	1,233	18.3	195	173	368	29.8
Donegal	1,198	1,149	2,347	15.2	411	398	809	34.5
Monaghan	421	418	839	14.2	119	120	239	28.5
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:								
Border	3,962	3,833	7,795	15.7	1,311	1,270	2,581	33.1
Midland	2,482	2,389	4,871	18.1	862	778	1,640	33.7
West	3,414	3,317	6,731	15.7	950	863	1,813	26.9
Dublin	10,877	10,163	21,040	17.1	4,086	3,804	7,890	37.5
Mid-East	5,015	4,977	9,992	19.3	1,548	1,501	3,049	30.5
Mid-West	3,306	3,020	6,326	16.9	1,070	988	2,058	32.5
South-East	4,111	3,953	8,064	16.4	1,605	1,455	3,060	37.9
South-West	5,515	5,220	10,735	16.5	1,591	1,570	3,161	29.4

Table 2.22 Average age at maternity by area of residence of mother during 2009 showing births inside and outside marriage separately

Area of residence	Total (including outside marriage)		Within marriage		Outside marriage	
	Total births	First births	Total births	First births	Total births	First births
STATE	31.3	29.1	33.1	31.4	27.8	26.2
LEINSTER	31.2	29.1	33.0	31.4	27.8	26.2
Carlow	30.6	28.3	32.5	30.9	27.8	25.8
Dublin City	30.8	28.9	33.0	31.3	27.9	26.4
South Dublin	30.2	28.1	32.3	30.7	27.3	25.5
Fingal	31.5	29.7	32.9	31.4	28.4	26.9
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	33.0	30.9	34.4	32.6	29.2	27.9
Kildare	31.5	29.5	33.2	31.6	27.8	26.5
Kilkenny	31.7	29.5	33.3	31.7	28.2	26.3
Laois	30.9	29.6	32.6	31.8	27.7	26.8
Longford	30.4	27.3	32.2	29.7	27.0	24.6
Louth	30.7	28.1	32.7	31.0	27.4	25.0
Meath	31.8	29.4	33.2	31.4	28.1	26.1
Offaly	30.5	28.4	32.4	30.9	26.8	25.4
Westmeath	30.9	28.8	32.6	31.0	27.4	25.6
Wexford	30.5	27.8	32.7	30.7	27.4	25.5
Wicklow	31.5	29.5	33.4	32.0	27.9	26.4
MUNSTER	31.4	29.2	33.1	31.4	27.8	26.1
Clare	31.6	28.9	33.4	31.4	27.0	25.3
Cork City	30.3	28.2	32.5	30.7	27.7	25.9
Cork County	32.1	30.0	33.4	31.8	28.2	26.7
Kerry	31.5	29.2	33.0	31.3	28.0	26.2
Limerick City	29.4	27.3	31.9	30.0	26.9	25.2
Limerick County	31.7	29.5	33.1	31.6	28.0	26.4
North Tipperary	31.4	28.9	33.3	31.5	27.7	25.9
South Tipperary	30.8	28.4	33.0	31.0	27.3	25.8
Waterford City	30.1	27.8	32.0	30.3	27.5	25.5
Waterford County	31.7	29.2	33.3	31.7	28.5	26.1
CONNACHT	31.8	29.7	33.2	31.7	28.1	26.6
Galway City	30.8	29.2	32.2	31.2	28.2	26.6
Galway County	32.5	30.5	33.6	32.1	28.8	27.4
Leitrim	31.8	29.8	33.1	31.6	28.1	26.6
Mayo	31.6	29.1	33.0	31.3	27.7	26.2
Roscommon	32.1	30.1	33.5	31.8	28.0	26.7
Sligo	31.4	28.6	33.3	31.3	27.5	25.6
ULSTER (PART OF)	31.0	28.0	32.8	30.7	27.3	25.0
Cavan	31.1	28.3	32.8	30.7	27.2	25.5
Donegal	30.9	27.7	32.8	30.7	27.2	24.7
Monaghan	31.3	28.2	32.8	30.7	27.5	25.0
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	31.1	28.2	32.9	30.9	27.4	25.1
Midland	30.7	28.8	32.5	31.1	27.3	25.8
West	31.9	29.8	33.3	31.7	28.3	26.8
Dublin	31.1	29.2	33.0	31.4	28.0	26.5
Mid-East	31.6	29.4	33.2	31.6	27.9	26.3
Mid-West	31.3	28.9	33.1	31.3	27.5	25.8
South-East	30.9	28.5	32.8	31.1	27.7	25.8
South-West	31.7	29.5	33.2	31.5	28.0	26.4

Table 2.23 Births inside and outside marriage and rates per 1,000 population, 1864-2009

Period	Inside marriage		Outside marriage				% of all births
	Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Male	Female	
1864-1870	104,342	25.17	2,584	0.62	1,304	1,280	2.42
1871-1880	102,674	25.88	1,705	0.43	878	827	1.63
1881-1890	82,187	22.45	1,575	0.43	816	759	1.89
1891-1900	72,527	21.76	1,468	0.44	753	715	1.99
1901-1910	69,912	22.08	1,468	0.46	754	714	2.06
1911-1920	64,912	20.99	1,595	0.51	815	780	2.41
1921-1930	58,700	19.64	1,706	0.57	880	826	2.83
1931-1940	55,212	18.70	1,893	0.64	970	923	3.31
1941-1950	62,728	21.13	2,282	0.77	1,173	1,109	3.51
1951-1960	60,444	20.82	1,220	0.42	633	587	1.97
1961-1970	61,035	21.19	1,382	0.48	700	682	2.21
1971-1980	66,806	20.93	2,633	0.82	1,356	1,277	3.77
1981-1990	55,985	15.94	5,643	1.61	2,894	2,749	9.16
1991-2000	39,091	10.75	12,535	3.45	6,454	6,081	24.28
1995	37,925	10.53	10,862	3.02	5,649	5,213	22.26
1996	37,858	10.44	12,797	3.53	6,671	6,126	25.26
1997	38,626	10.55	14,149	3.87	7,090	7,059	26.81
1998	38,477	10.39	15,492	4.18	7,940	7,552	28.71
1999	37,134	9.92	16,790	4.48	8,752	8,038	31.14
2000	37,523	9.91	17,266	4.56	8,945	8,321	31.51
2001	39,740	10.35	18,114	4.72	9,295	8,819	31.31
2002	41,624	10.63	18,879	4.82	9,639	9,240	31.20
2003	42,319	10.64	19,210	4.83	9,902	9,308	31.22
2004	42,174	10.43	19,798	4.90	10,212	9,586	31.95
2005	41,871	10.13	19,501	4.71	9,968	9,533	31.78
2006	44,028	10.38	21,397	5.05	11,072	10,325	32.70
2007	47,749	11.00	23,640	5.45	12,084	11,556	33.11
2008 ¹	50,028	11.31	25,145	5.69	12,905	12,240	33.45
2009	50,302	11.30	25,252	5.65	13,023	12,229	33.42

¹ Contains revised data.

Table 2.24a Total births in 2009 classified by nationality of mother and marital status

Nationality of mother	Total births	% of total births	% of births outside marriage	Average age
Total	75,554	100.0	33.4	31.3
Ireland	57,224	75.7	33.9	31.7
United Kingdom	1,769	2.3	41.2	31.6
EU15 excl. Irl & UK	1,068	1.4	38.4	32.9
Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	7,539	10.0	40.5	28.0
Other	7,023	9.3	22.0	30.7
Not stated	931	1.2	19.9	32.7

Table 2.24b Total births in 2009 classified by sex of infant and nationality of parents

Nationality of mother	Nationality of father	Male	Female
Total		38,682	36,872
Ireland	Ireland	24,116 (62.4%)	22,900 (62.1%)
Ireland	United Kingdom	637 (1.7%)	635 (1.7%)
Ireland	EU15 excl. Irl & UK	232 (0.6%)	199 (0.5%)
Ireland	Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	245 (0.6%)	265 (0.7%)
Ireland	Other	741 (1.9%)	737 (2.0%)
Ireland	Not stated	3,333 (8.6%)	3,184 (8.6%)
United Kingdom	Ireland	571 (1.5%)	518 (1.4%)
EU15 excl. Irl & UK	Ireland	238 (0.6%)	255 (0.7%)
Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	Ireland	274 (0.7%)	240 (0.7%)
Other	Ireland	603 (1.6%)	507 (1.4%)
Not stated	Ireland	210 (0.5%)	216 (0.6%)
United Kingdom	United Kingdom	192 (0.5%)	191 (0.5%)
EU15 excl. Irl & UK	EU15 excl. Irl & UK	156 (0.4%)	158 (0.4%)
Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	Accession states (EU27 excl. EU15)	3,050 (7.9%)	2,915 (7.9%)
Other	Other	2,477 (6.4%)	2,423 (6.6%)
Remainder	Remainder	1,607 (4.2%)	1,529 (4.1%)