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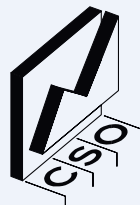
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# FOREWORD

We are delighted to join in publishing the second North-South Statistical Profile which draws together official social and economic statistics for both parts of Ireland and tracks significant change over time. This updates the first edition published in January 2001.

The publication inevitably focuses on those areas where comparable data are readily available. Differences between the two jurisdictions and issues such as data availability and definition mean that it has not been possible to produce comparative data for all policy areas. Nonetheless, we have been able to provide closely comparable data on many important sectors including demography, agriculture, the economy and the labour market.

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 which was responsible for designing and typesetting the report.

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