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- The population exceeds 3.9 million, the highest since 1871.
- The population of Leinster is over 2 million.
- The population is getting older.
- The number of divorced persons increased from 9,800 to 35,000 between 1996 and 2002.
- Non-Irish nationals make up 5.8 per cent of the population.

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 place of birth and place of usual residence one year before the census. Religion and the Irish language are also covered.

Historical data for the period up to and including 2002 are taken from the various censuses and registrations of births and deaths. 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.

Historic 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 per cent, Munster had the largest population share in 1841, followed by Leinster with 30.2 per cent. 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. Munster's share of the total population has declined from 36.7

per cent in 1841 to 28.1 per cent in 2002. The decline in the share of Connacht and Ulster (part of) has been even more acute, the 2002 levels being 11.9 per cent and 6.3 per cent respectively.

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 of 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 period since then, apart from 1986-1991 when a fairly modest decline was experienced. The increases were most pronounced during the 1971-1979 and 1996-2002 intercensal periods with an annual increase of around 49,000 for both periods. Natural increase accounted for 72 per cent of the population increase in the 1971-1979 intercensal period, whereas for 1996-2002, net immigration accounted for over half of the increase.

Population by age and sex

The State's average age of the population was 35.1 years in 2002 compared with 34.1 six years earlier.

The increase in births during the 1960s and 1970s is reflected in the number of very young persons (ie those aged 0-4) reaching a peak of 353,000 in 1981. Even though the fertility rate of women aged 20-39 declined in the 1970s, the increase of 37 per cent in their numbers during this period ensured an increase in the number of births. The number of very young persons declined to just over a quarter of a million in 1996, but has since increased to 278,000 according to the 2002 Census. The main cause of this increase was an increase in the birth rates in recent years.

While the number of old persons (those aged 65 years and over) increased by almost a third between 1971 and 2002, their share of the population is still at a fairly low level (11.1%) by international standards.

Population figures for the period since 1996 show annual growth of around 1.3 per cent. The total for the population from the 2002 Census is 3.92 million.

The number of males in the population exceeded the number of females by 13,300 in 1971. The 1986 Census witnessed a small female surplus which has since strengthened. By 2002, females outnumbered males by 25,000.

Marital status and living arrangements

42.5 per cent of the population aged 15 and over were single and 47.1 per cent were married (excluding those separated). The remaining 10.4 per cent were either widowed or separated (including divorced).

The number of divorced persons more than trebled, from 9,800 to 35,100, between 1996 and 2002, reflecting to a large extent the legalisation of divorce in the State in 1997. The number of separated (including divorced) persons increased from 87,800 in 1996 to 133,800 in 2002.

Limerick City has the highest proportion of separated people at 11.7 per cent. This measure expresses the number of separated including divorced as a percentage of those ever-married including widowed. This was followed by Dublin City (10.6%). At the other end of the scale, County Cavan had the lowest proportion at 4.9 per cent of those who ever married.

Cohabiting couples accounted for 8.4 per cent of all family units in 2002 compared with 3.9 per cent in 1996. Those without children accounted for one in five of all childless couples in 2002, while those with children represented 5.5 per cent of all couples with children. The number of children living with cohabiting parents increased from 23,000 in 1996 to 51,700 in 2002.

Migration, birthplace and nationality

According to the 2002 Census, 90 per cent of persons usually resident in the State were born there. Of these nearly four out of five live in the county in which they were born. Close to 50,000 Northern Ireland born persons were usual residents of the State in 2002. A further 200,000 were born in Britain.

In the twelve months leading up to census day in 2002, 76,000 persons immigrated into the State. Of these, one third were Irish born.

Irish nationals accounted for 91.6 per cent of the usually resident population with those with dual Irish/Other nationalities accounting for a further 1.3 per cent. Of the remaining 5.8 per cent of the population, for whom a non-Irish nationality was indicated, almost half (2.7%) were UK nationals. Other EU nationals and the nationals of other European countries were the next most numerous categories followed by Asian, African and US nationals.

Table 1.1 Population by province

Thousands

Census year	Total	Leinster	Munster	Connacht	Ulster (part)
1841	6,528.8	1,973.7	2,396.2	1,418.9	740.0
1851	5,111.6	1,672.7	1,857.7	1,010.0	571.1
1861	4,402.1	1,457.6	1,513.6	913.1	517.8
1871	4,053.2	1,339.5	1,393.5	846.2	474.0
1881	3,870.0	1,279.0	1,331.1	821.7	438.3
1891	3,468.7	1,187.8	1,172.4	724.8	383.8
1901	3,221.8	1,152.8	1,076.2	646.9	345.9
1911	3,139.7	1,162.0	1,035.5	611.0	331.2
1926	2,972.0	1,149.1	969.9	552.9	300.1
1936	2,968.4	1,220.4	942.3	525.5	280.3
1946	2,955.1	1,281.1	917.3	492.8	263.9
1951	2,960.6	1,336.6	898.9	471.9	253.3
1956	2,898.3	1,338.9	877.2	446.2	235.9
1961	2,818.3	1,332.1	849.2	419.5	217.5
1966	2,884.0	1,414.4	859.3	402.0	208.3
1971	2,978.2	1,498.1	882.0	390.9	207.2
1979	3,368.2	1,743.9	979.8	418.5	226.0
1981	3,443.4	1,790.5	998.3	424.4	230.2
1986	3,540.6	1,852.6	1,020.6	431.4	236.0
1991	3,525.7	1,860.9	1,009.5	423.0	232.2
1996	3,626.1	1,924.7	1,033.9	433.2	234.3
2002	3,917.2	2,105.6	1,100.6	464.3	246.7



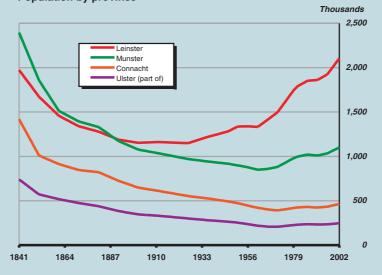


Table 1.2 Average annual births, deaths, natural increase and estimated net migration for each intercensal period

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

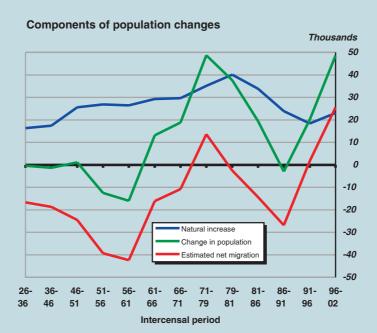


Table 1.3 Population by province, county and city, 2002

				Change in pop 1996-200	
Province, county or city	Persons	Males	Females	Actual	%
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	
Leinster	2,105.6	1,038.0	1,067.6	180.9	9.4
Carlow	46.0	23.4	22.6	4.4	10.6
Dublin	1,122.8	544.1	578.7	64.6	6.1
Dublin City	495.8	237.8	258.0	13.9	2.9
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	191.8	91.3	100.5	1.8	0.9
Fingal	196.4	97.4	99.0	28.7	17.1
South Dublin	238.8	117.5	121.3	20.1	9.2
Kildare	163.9	82.7	81.2	29.0	21.4
Kilkenny	80.3	40.5	39.8	5.0	6.6
Laois	58.8	30.1	28.6	5.8	11.0
Longford	31.1	15.8	15.3	0.9	3.0
Louth	101.8	50.5	51.3	9.7	10.5
Meath	134.0	67.7	66.3	24.3	22.1
Offaly	63.7	32.2	31.5	4.5	7.7
Westmeath	71.9	36.0	35.9	8.5	13.5
Wexford	116.6	58.2	58.4	12.2	11.7
Wicklow	114.7	56.8	57.9	12.0	11.7
Munster	1,100.6	550.1	550.5	66.7	6.5
Clare	103.3	52.1	51.2	9.3	9.9
Cork	447.8	222.3	225.5	27.3	6.5
Cork City	123.1	59.3	63.8	-4.1	-3.2
Cork County	324.8	163.1	161.7	31.5	10.7
Kerry	132.5	66.6	66.0	6.4	5.1
Limerick	175.3	87.6	87.7	10.3	6.2
Limerick City	54.0	26.1	27.9	2.0	3.8
Limerick County	121.3	61.5	59.8	8.3	7.3
North Tipperary	61.0	30.9	30.1	3.0	5.2
South Tipperary	79.1	40.0	39.1	3.6	4.8
Waterford	101.5	50.7	50.9	6.9	7.3
Waterford City	44.6	21.8	22.8	2.1	4.8
Waterford County	57.0	28.9	28.1	4.8	9.2
Connacht	464.3	233.2	231.1	31.1	7.2
Galway	209.1	104.4	104.7	20.2	10.7
Galway City	65.8	31.0	34.8	8.6	15.0
Galway County	143.2	73.4	69.9	11.6	8.8
Leitrim	25.8	13.3	12.5	0.7	3.0
Mayo	117.4	59.1	58.3	5.9	5.3
Roscommon	53.8	27.6	26.2	1.8	3.5
Sligo	58.2	28.8	29.4	2.4	4.3
Ulster (part)	246.7	124.8	121.9	12.5	5.3
Cavan	56.5	29.0	27.5	3.6	6.8
Donegal	137.6	69.0	68.6	7.6	5.8
Monaghan	52.6	26.8	25.8	1.3	2.5
Total	3,917.2	1,946.2	1,971.0	291.1	8.0

 Table 1.4
 Population by sex and age group for census years

Persons	Age group	1971	1979	1001	1986	1991	1996	
Persons			1979	1981	1900	1991	1990	2002
	0-4	315.7	343.5	353.0	324.1	273.7	250.4	277.6
	5-9	316.9	350.1	349.5	350.7	318.5	282.9	264.1
	10-14	298.6	336.3	341.2	350.0	348.3	326.1	285.7
	15-19	267.7	317.4	326.4	331.1	335.0	339.5	313.2
	20-24	215.3	266.3	276.1	286.4	266.6	293.4	328.3
	25-29	173.0	239.4	246.1	258.4	246.3	259.0	312.7
	30-34	151.4	220.1	232.0	242.7	249.1	260.9	304.7
	35-39	149.1	178.5	193.8	229.7	237.9	255.7	290.9
	40-44	152.7	159.4	165.9	191.8	225.7	240.4	272.0
	45-49	160.1	152.4	151.9	161.7	187.8	225.4	249.6
	50-54	159.1	151.7	149.7	147.5	156.8	186.6	230.8
	55-59	154.8	154.1	149.6	142.2	142.5	153.8	197.3
	60-64	134.1	137.7	139.3	140.0	134.6	137.9	154.3
	65-69	111.8	133.8	133.9	129.5	130.8	126.8	133.5
	70-74	99.0	98.3	103.1	111.0	109.3	112.5	112.1
	75-79	61.8	68.9	68.5	75.5	84.1	84.1	89.8
	80-84	36.4	38.0	40.5	42.9	49.3	55.8	58.9
	85 and over	20.9	22.5	23.0	25.5	29.4	34.7	41.7
	Total	2,978.2	3,368.2	3,443.4	3,540.6	3,525.7	3,626.1	3,917.2
	0.4	464.0	475.6	101.0	466.4	440.6	420.7	442.0
Males	0-4	161.8	175.6	181.0	166.4	140.6	128.7	142.0
	5-9	161.8	179.1	179.1	179.8	163.3	145.3	135.9
	10-14	152.1	172.3	175.3	179.4	178.9	167.4	146.1
	15-19	136.8	162.3	166.7	169.9	171.4	174.0	160.4
	20-24	110.0	135.8	140.4	144.1	136.5	149.1	165.3
	25-29	87.7	121.6	124.4	129.1	120.7	129.4	156.1
	30-34	76.8	112.7	118.3	122.2	123.2	127.7	152.4
	35-39	75.5	91.8	99.3	116.4	118.7	126.1	144.5
	40-44	76.4	81.8	85.3	98.0	113.9	120.1	135.3
	45-49	79.5	77.8	77.8	82.8	95.4	113.8	125.0
	50-54	80.0	75.6	75.3	75.2	79.9	94.8	116.6
	55-59	78.4	76.1	73.3	70.5	71.7	77.8	99.8
	60-64	68.1	67.8	68.0	67.2	65.6	68.7	77.6
	65-69	54.5	65.0	64.3	61.1	61.0	60.3	65.3
	70-74	44.6	45.8	48.4	50.9	49.2	50.1	51.7
	75-79	27.8	29.1	29.2	32.6	35.7	35.2	37.4
	80-84	15.7	14.9	15.4	16.1	19.0	21.1	22.3
	85 and over Total	8.1 1,495.8	8.1 1,693.3	7.9 1,729.4	8.0 1,769.7	8.9 1,753.4	10.6 1,800.2	12.5 1,946.2
	Total	1,493.0	1,093.3	1,723.4	1,709.7	1,755.4	1,000.2	1,940.2
Females	0-4	153.8	167.8	172.0	157.7	133.2	121.7	135.6
	5-9	155.1	171.1	170.4	170.8	155.2	137.6	128.2
	10-14	146.4	164.0	166.0	170.6	169.4	158.7	139.6
	15-19	131.0	155.1	159.8	161.2	163.6	165.6	152.8
	20-24	105.3	130.5	135.7	142.3	130.1	144.2	163.0
	25-29	85.3	117.8	121.7	129.4	125.7	129.7	156.6
	30-34	74.5	107.4	113.7	120.5	125.9	133.2	152.3
	35-39	73.6	86.7	94.5	113.3	119.2	129.5	146.4
	40-44	76.3	77.6	80.6	93.8	111.8	120.4	136.7
	45-49	80.6	74.7	74.1	79.0	92.3	111.6	124.6
	50-54	79.0	76.1	74.4	72.4	76.9	91.8	114.3
	55-59	76.4	77.9	76.3	71.7	70.9	76.0	97.5
	60-64	65.9	69.9	71.3	72.8	69.0	69.3	76.7
	65-69	57.3	68.8	69.6	68.4	69.8	66.6	68.2
	70-74	54.4	52.5	54.8	60.1	60.1	62.4	60.4
	75-79	34.0	39.7	39.3	42.9	48.4	48.9	52.4
	80-84	20.7	23.1	25.0	26.8	30.3	34.7	36.6
	85 and over Total	12.8 1,482.5	14.3 1,674.9	15.1 1,714.1	17.4 1,771.0	20.5 1,772.3	24.1 1,825.9	29.2 1,971.0

Table 1.5 Estimated population by sex and age group

							Thousands
	Age group	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Persons	0-4	250.0	253.6	259.4	265.1	270.8	277.6
	5-9	277.7	273.5	270.0	265.3	261.9	264.1
	10-14	317.9	308.1	299.9	294.0	289.0	285.7
	15-19	343.9	346.5	343.0	333.9	325.9	313.2
	20-24	298.6	306.1	314.9	326.1	334.8	328.3
	25-29	267.3	279.6	290.8	302.7	316.8	312.7
	30-34	262.4	263.0	264.6	267.7	275.4	304.7
	35-39	258.0	262.1	265.9	269.9	271.6	290.9
	40-44	246.0	248.7	251.8	255.2	260.7	272.0
	45-49	228.1	232.5	234.4	238.4	243.1	249.6
	50-54	197.9	207.2	216.3	223.2	226.1	230.8
	55-59	155.9	162.2	167.8	173.5	184.3	197.3
	60-64	140.5	141.5	144.3	148.0	149.6	154.3
	65-69	126.4	127.5	127.8	128.0	129.2	133.5
	70-74	112.7	111.5	110.7	110.6	110.8	112.1
	75-79	85.0	88.2	88.8	88.6	88.7	89.8
	80-84	55.8	54.4	54.2	55.2	57.1	58.9
	85 and over	36.6	38.7	40.1	41.7	43.2	41.7
	Total	3,660.6	3,704.9	3,744.7	3,786.9	3,838.9	3,917.2
Males	0-4	128.6	130.8	133.8	136.8	139.5	142.0
	5-9	142.1	140.1	138.3	136.0	134.5	135.9
	10-14	163.3	157.9	153.5	150.3	147.6	146.1
	15-19	176.4	177.3	176.1	171.5	167.3	160.4
	20-24	151.9	155.6	158.8	164.0	168.5	165.3
	25-29	133.5	140.5	146.4	153.2	160.1	156.1
	30-34	128.6	129.5	130.5	133.1	138.1	152.4
	35-39	127.1	129.0	131.0	132.4	133.7	144.5
	40-44	122.6	123.6	125.3	126.7	129.2	135.3
	45-49	114.7	116.5	117.3	119.3	121.7	125.0
	50-54	100.5	105.3	109.6	112.7	113.8	116.6
	55-59	79.1	82.0	84.9	87.8	93.1	99.8
	60-64	69.9	70.3	71.7	73.8	74.6	77.6
	65-69	60.7	61.7	62.3	62.4	63.0	65.3
	70-74	50.2	49.8	49.7	50.1	50.7	51.7
	75-79	35.6	36.7	37.0	36.8	37.0	37.4
	80-84	20.9	20.4	20.4	20.9	21.6	22.3
	85 and over	11.4	12.1	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.5
	Total	1,817.2	1,839.1	1,859.1	1,880.6	1,907.4	1,946.2
Females	0-4	121.3	122.9	125.6	128.3	131.3	135.6
	5-9	135.6	133.4	131.7	129.3	127.4	128.2
	10-14	154.5	150.2	146.3	143.7	141.3	139.6
	15-19	167.5	169.2	166.9	162.4	158.6	152.8
	20-24	146.7	150.5	156.1	162.1	166.4	163.0
	25-29	133.8	139.1	144.4	149.5	156.8	156.6
	30-34	133.8	133.5	134.0	134.6	137.3	152.3
	35-39	130.9	133.1	134.9	137.6	138.0	146.4
	40-44	123.5	125.1	126.6	128.5	131.5	136.7
	45-49	113.3	116.0	117.1	119.1	121.4	124.6
	50-54	97.5	102.0	106.8	110.5	112.3	114.3
	55-59	76.8	80.2	82.8	85.8	91.3	97.5
	60-64	70.6	71.1	72.6	74.3	75.0	76.7
	65-69	65.8	65.8	65.5	65.6	66.2	68.2
	70-74	62.5	61.7	61.0	60.5	60.1	60.4
	75-79	49.4	51.5	51.9	51.7	51.8	52.4
	80-84	34.9	34.0	33.9	34.3	35.5	36.6
	85 and over	25.2	26.6	27.5	28.7	29.5	29.2
	Total	1,843.4	1,865.8	1,885.6	1,906.3	1,931.5	1,971.0

 Table 1.6
 Population of inhabited islands off the coast

		1996		2002	
County	Island	Persons	Persons	Males	Females
Clare	Inishmore (or Deer)	1	1	0	1
Cork	Ballycottin	27	0	0	0
	Bear	212	207	117	90
	Clear	145	129	72	57
	Dursey	9	6	4	2
	Garinish	1	0	0	0
	Haulbowline	110	75	55	20
	Horse Island	0	3	1	2
	Inchydoney	102	134	59	75
	Inishbeg	19	13	6	7
	Inishodriscol (or Hare)	16	27	16	11
	Long	9	12	9	3
	Ringarogy	76	88	45	43
	Sherkin	98	129	65	64
	Spike	103	61	58	3
	Whiddy	34	29	16	13
Donegal	Aran	602	543	285	258
	Aughnish	3	3	1	2
	Cruit	70	61	26	35
	Gola Island	0	5	4	1
	Inishbofin	24	16	12	4
	Inishfree Upper	15	7	3	4
	Island Roy	15	7	4	3
	Tory	169	133	68	65
Dublin City	North Bull	22	17	10	7
Fingal	Lambay	8	6	3	3
Galway	Annaghvaan	104	121	60	61
	Furnace	59	56	34	22
	Gorumna	1,057	1,015	515	500
	Illaunmore	1	1	1	0
	Inchaghaun	3	3	2	1
	Inishbarra	1	0	0	0
	Inishbofin	200	178	99	79
	Inisheer	274	262	148	114
	Inishmaan	191	187	99	88
	Inishmore	838	831	420	411
	Inishnee	33	24	14	10
	Inishtravin	3	1	1	0
	Lettermore	503	497	265	232
	Lettermullan	204	219	120	99
	Mweenish	150	146	67	79
	Omey	4	4	4	0
	Rossroe	23	19	10	9
	Rusheennacholla	3	3	1	2
Kerry	Beginish	2	0	0	0
,	Carrig	13	10	6	4
	Garinish Island	0	2	1	1
	Skellig Rock Great	4	0	0	0
	Rossmore	8	7	6	1
	Tarbert	13	5	3	2
					314
	Valencia	676	690	376	

Table 1.6 Population of inhabited islands off the coast (continued)

		1996		2002	
County	Island	Persons	Persons	Males	Females
Limerick	Foynes Island	0	5	4	1
Mayo	Achill	2,718	2,620	1,280	1,340
, .	Clare	136	127	73	54
	Clynish	5	5	3	2
	Collan More	0	3	3	0
	Inishbiggle	48	39	26	13
	Inishcottle	7	4	1	3
	Inishgort	2	1	1	0
	Inishlyre	7	7	5	2
	Inishnakillew	6	5	3	2
	Inishturk	83	72	44	28
	Inisraher	0	4	2	2
	Island More	0	1	1	0
Sligo	Inishmulclohy(or Coney Island)	6	3	2	1

Table 1.7 Travellers by age group, sex and marital status, 2002

				Marital st	atus	
	Age group	Total	Single	Married	Separated (including divorced)	Widowed
Persons	0-4 years	3,408	3,408	_	_	_
reisons	5-14 years	6,593	6,593			
	,	4,850		1,040	- 79	6
	15-24 years		3,725 976	•	79 291	29
	25-34 years	3,386		2,090		
	35-44 years	2,332	335	1,688	250	59
	45-54 years	1,458	187	1,069	132	70
	55-64 years	878	97	604	68	109
	65 years and over	776	116	347	21	292
	Total	23,681	15,437	6,838	841	565
Males	0-4 years	1,786	1,786	_	_	_
	5-14 years	3,302	3,302	_	_	-
	15-24 years	2,372	1,920	434	17	1
	25-34 years	1,615	493	1,039	80	3
	35-44 years	1,108	178	850	62	18
	45-54 years	733	117	548	53	15
	55-64 years	438	67	308	35	28
	65 years and over	354	71	198	16	69
	Total	11,708	7,934	3,377	263	134
Females	0-4 years	1,622	1,622	_	_	_
	5-14 years	3,291	3,291	_	_	_
	15-24 years	2,478	1,805	606	62	5
	25-34 years	1,771	483	1,051	211	26
	35-44 years	1,224	157	838	188	41
	45-54 years	725	70	521	79	55
	55-64 years	440	30	296	33	81
	65 years and over	422	45	149	5	223
	Total	11,973	7,503	3,461	578	431

Table 1.8 Males and females by age group and marital status, 2002

_				1ales			Fem	ales	
Age group	Persons			Ever				Ever	
group		Total	Single	married	Widowed	Total	Single	married	Widowed
0-4	277,630	142,040	142,040			135,590	135,590		
5-9	264,090	135,890	135,890	_	_	128,200	128,200	_	_
		•		_	_		,	_	_
10-14	285,708	146,114	146,114	_	_	139,594	139,594	_	_
15-19	313,188	160,413	160,218	194	1	152,775	152,302	467	6
20-24	328,334	165,292	162,504	2,763	25	163,042	156,529	6,458	55
25-29	312,693	156,100	129,582	26,468	50	156,593	114,550	41,897	146
30-34	304,676	152,377	75,562	76,684	131	152,299	59,998	91,720	581
35-39	290,906	144,530	40,703	103,470	357	146,376	31,622	113,692	1,062
40-44	271,984	135,301	26,552	108,134	615	136,683	19,952	114,809	1,922
45-49	249,604	124,981	20,392	103,478	1,111	124,623	14,654	106,808	3,161
50-54	230,843	116,585	17,915	96,756	1,914	114,258	11,409	97,576	5,273
55-59	197,294	99,827	14,468	82,707	2,652	97,467	9,199	79,722	8,546
60-64	154,252	77,559	12,263	61,838	3,458	76,693	7,780	56,931	11,982
65-69	133,474	65,290	11,855	48,792	4,643	68,184	8,291	41,547	18,346
70-74	112,129	51,719	10,843	35,177	5,699	60,410	8,823	26,809	24,778
75-79	89,815	37,377	8,180	22,785	6,412	52,438	8,624	15,182	28,632
80-84	58,857	22,283	4,906	11,733	5,644	36,574	6,591	6,260	23,723
85 and									
over	41,726	12,486	2,648	4,940	4,898	29,240	5,749	2,454	21,037
Total	3,917,203	1,946,164	1,122,635	785,919	37,610	1,971,039	1,019,457	802,332	149,250

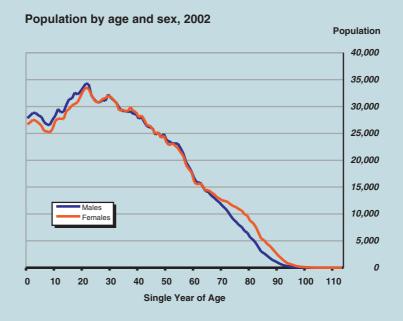


Table 1.9 Usually resident persons, males and females, classified by place of birth, 2002

Birthplace	Persons	Males	Females
Ireland (Republic)	3,458,479	1,717,314	1,741,165
County of usual residence	2,697,735	1,373,336	1,324,399
Other county	760,744	343,978	416,766
Outside Ireland (Republic)	400,016	198,909	201,107
EU	281,316	137,168	144,148
Northern Ireland	49,928	24,344	25,584
England and Wales	182,624	89,486	93,138
Scotland	15,963	7,946	8,017
Austria	533	223	310
Belgium	1,141	581	560
Denmark Finland	692 687	307 182	385 505
France	6,794	3,236	3,558
Germany	8,770	3,991	4,779
Greece	345	205	140
Italy	3,705	2,122	1,583
Luxembourg	85	47	38
Netherlands	3,512	1,871	1,641
Portugal	590	358	232
Spain	4,632	1,817	2,815
Sweden	1,315	452	863
Other European Countries	26,235	14,447	11,788
Romania	5,838	3,258	2,580
Russia	2,556	1,307	1,249
Latvia	2,281	1,223	1,058
Poland	2,167	1,290	877
Lithuania	2,120	1,111	1,009
Ukraine	1,485	878	607
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1,058	526	532
Moldova	1,032	578	454
Other	7,698	4,276	3,422
Africa	26,515	13,917	12,598
Nigeria	9,225	4,423	4,802
South Africa	6,260	3,174	3,086
Zimbabwe	1,462	742	720
Congo	1,132	599	533
Other Asia	8,436 28,132	4,979 15,349	3,457 12,783
China	26,132 5,669	3,263	2,406
Philippines	4,086	1,412	2,674
India	3,402	2,114	1,288
Pakistan	3,391	2,172	1,219
Malaysia	2,195	1,187	1,008
Hong Kong	1,696	974	722
Other	7,693	4,227	3,466
America	29,119	13,680	15,439
USA	21,541	9,992	11,549
Canada	4,081	1,860	2,221
Brazil	1,232	785	447
Other	2,265	1,043	1,222
Australia	6,107	2,966	3,141
New Zealand	2,256	1,192	1,064
Other countries	336	190	146
Total	3,858,495	1,916,223	1,942,272

Table 1.10 Usually resident persons, males and females, classified by nationality, 2002

Nationality	Persons	Males	Females	
Total Irish	3,584,975	1,778,590	1,806,385	
Irish	3,535,676	1,754,716	1,780,960	
Irish-English	20,491	9,997	10,494	
Irish-American	12,387	5,721	6,666	
Irish-European	4,172	2,046	2,126	
Irish-Other	12,249	6,110	6,139	
Non-Irish	224,261	112,593	111,668	
EU	133,436	64,647	68,789	
Austria	553	222	331	
Belgium	789	391	398	
Denmark	631	287	344	
Finland	876	285	591	
France	6,363	3,059	3,304	
Germany	7,216	3,200	4,016	
Greece	253	149	104	
Italy	3,770	2,145	1,625	
Luxembourg	16	9	7	
Netherlands	3,108	1,638	1,470	
Portugal	687	428	259	
Spain	4,436	1,732	2,704	
Sweden	1,262	425	837	
UK	103,476	50,677	52,799	
Rest of Europe	23,105	12,863	10,242	
Romania	4,978	2,836	2,142	
Russia	2,703	1,399	1,304	
Poland	2,124	1,275	849	
Lithuania	2,104	1,091	1,013	
Latvia	1,797	974	823	
Ukraine	1,420	828	592	
Czech Republic	1,103	713	390	
Other	6,876	3,747	3,129	
Africa	20,981	11,039	9,942	
Nigeria	8,969	4,271	4,698	
South Africa	4,185	2,167	2,018	
Other	7,827	4,601	3,226	
Asia	21,779	12,014	9,765	
China	5,842	3,424	2,418	
Philippines	3,900	1,383	2,517	
Pakistan	2,939	1,891	1,048	
India	2,534	1,668	866	
Malaysia	1,686	907	779	
Other	4,878	2,741	2,137	
America	15,383	7,223	8,160	
USA	11,384	5,196	6,188	
Canada	1,932	870	1,062	
Brazil	1,087	713	374	
Other	980	444	536	
Australia	3,706	1,752	1,954	
New Zealand	1,637	858	779	
Other nationalities	1,894	1,096	798	
Multi-nationality	2,340	1,101	1,239	
No nationality	847	482	365	
Not stated	48,412	24,558	23,854	
Total	3,858,495	1,916,223	1,942,272	

Table 1.11 Usually resident persons, males and females, aged one year and over, classified by usual residence one year ago, 2002

Jsual residence one year ago	Persons	Males	Female	
reland (Republic)	3,728,251	1,851,061	1,877,190	
Same address	3,467,397	1,725,698	1,741,699	
Elsewhere in county	185,827	89,402	96,425	
In another county	75,027	35,961	39,066	
Outside Ireland (Republic)	76,104	37,529	38,575	
EU	35,602	17,055	18,547	
Northern Ireland	3,491	1,646	1,845	
England and Wales	20,350	9,874	10,476	
Scotland	1,813	860	953	
Austria	166	68	98	
Belgium	513	241	272	
Denmark	179	86	93	
Finland	193	74	119	
France	2,204	1,008	1,196	
Germany	1,962	885	1,077	
Greece	116	58	58	
Italy	911	457	454	
Luxembourg	82	43	39	
Netherlands	857	491	366	
Portugal	167	101	66	
Spain	2,123	981	1,142	
Sweden	475	182	293	
Other European Countries	8,335	4,605	3,730	
Latvia	954	461	493	
Lithuania	1,074	545	529	
Romania	970	554	416	
Russia	625	309	316	
Other	4,712	2,736	1,976	
Africa	7,087	3,442	3,645	
South Africa	2,339	1,205	1,134	
Nigeria	2,557	1,117	1,440	
Other	2,191	1,120	1,07	
Asia	7,921	4,137	3,784	
Philippines	1,715	560	1,155	
China	1,561	940	62:	
India	837	568	269	
Other	3,808	2,069	1,739	
America	7,801	3,932	3,869	
USA	6,143	3,025	3,118	
Other	1,658	907	75	
Australia	8,088	3,714	4,374	
New Zealand	791	374	417	
Other countries	479	270	209	

Table 1.12 Population classified by religion in each province, county and city, 2002

		Religious denomination								
Province, county or city	Total persons	Catholic	Church of Ireland (including Protest- ant)	Other Christian religions nes	Presby- terian	Muslim (Islamic)	Ortho- dox	Other stated religions	No religion	Not stated
Leinster	2,105,579	1,828,097	67,877	13,892	8,447	13,233	7,570	30,581	87,730	48,152
Carlow	46,014	41,544	1,977	239	99	152	65	382	906	650
Dublin	1,122,821	943,624	33,857	7,905	5,474	10,132	5,735	20,347	62,556	33,191
Dublin City	495,781	407,661	12,242	3,226	2,276	4,265	3,385	8,967	33,022	20,737
Dún Laoghaire -Rathdown	191,792	156,369	11,284	1,672	1,442	1,250	548	4,404	11,921	2,902
Fingal	196,413	170,444	4,745	1,149	867	2,231	897	3,098	8,626	4,356
South Dublin	238,835	209,150	5,586	1,858	889	2,386	905	3,878	8,987	5,196
Kildare	163,944	146,808	4,859	1,087	575	515	565	1,943	4,868	2,724
Kilkenny	80,339	73,186	2,384	425	293	215	78	685	1,865	1,208
Laois	58,774	53,330	2,661	268	103	159	63	510	919	761
Longford	31,068	28,577	966	88	73	121	69	300	340	534
Louth	101,821	93,228	1,590	863	335	577	124	1,174	2,420	1,510
Meath	134,005	122,251	3,100	809	442	431	298	1,293	3,231	2,150
Offaly	63,663	59,010	1,900	182	68	141	55	422	853	1,032
Westmeath	71,858	65,787	1,689	512	183	279	127	726	1,441	1,114
Wexford	116,596	105,762	4,727	542	217	275	147	922	2,690	1,314
Wicklow	114,676	94,990	8,167	972	585	236	244	1,877	5,641	1,964
Munster	1,100,614	995,728	26,183	5,036	2,065	3,683	1,884	12,577	33,336	20,122
Clare	103,277	92,340	1,825	696	260	395	223	1,463	3,772	2,303
Cork	447,829	401,504	12,699	2,144	841	1,387	615	5,450	15,782	7,407
Cork City	123,062	109,927	1,887	637	199	545	277	1,445	5,041	3,104
Cork County	324,767	291,577	10,812	1,507	642	842	338	4,005	10,741	4,303
Kerry	132,527	118,721	2,931	725	302	554	227	1,645	4,183	3,239
Limerick	175,304	161,793	2,838	691	231	673	369	1,731	4,255	2,723
Limerick City	54,023	49,218	742	271	70	181	171	562	1,767	1,041
Limerick County	121,281	112,575	2,096	420	161	492	198	1,169	2,488	1,682
North Tipperary	61,010	56,137	1,894	170	86	71	116	562	1,017	957
South Tipperary	79,121	73,470	1,537	207	144	208	123	565	1,468	1,399
Waterford	101,546	91,763	2,459	403	201	395	211	1,161	2,859	2,094
Waterford City	44,594	39,885	875	220	102	322	156	617	1,410	1,007
Waterford County	56,952	51,878	1,584	183	99	73	55	544	1,449	1,087
Connacht	464,296	424,019	9,773	1,672	1,086	1,731	657	4,411	13,277	7,670
Galway	209,077	189,153	3,535	948	453	895	424	2,234	7,491	3,944
Galway City	65,832	56,260	1,093	459	237	642	297	1,162	3,950	1,732
Galway County	143,245	132,893	2,442	489	216	253	127	1,072	3,541	2,212
Leitrim	25,799	23,235	966	72	42	33	28	283	753	387
Mayo	117,446	109,349	2,072	322	289	370	131	943	2,391	1,579
Roscommon	53,774	50,614	842	127	72	156	34	408	965	556
Sligo	58,200	51,668	2,358	203	230	277	40	543	1,677	1,204
Ulster (part of)	246,714	214,762	11,778	803	8,984	500	326	2,490	3,921	3,150
Cavan	56,546	49,323	3,767	204	768	185	81	564	847	807
Donegal	137,575	119,101	6,308	467	5,775	253	83	1,512	2,442	1,634
Monaghan	52,593	46,338	1,703	132	2,441	62	162	414	632	709
Total	3,917,203	3,462,606	115,611	21,403	20,582	19,147	10,437	50,059	138,264	79,094

Table 1.13 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over in each province, county and city, classified by frequency of speaking Irish, 2002

		sh				
Province, county or city	Total persons	Daily	Weekly	Less often	Never	Not stated
Leinster	768,404	153,700	75,384	285,274	239,450	14,596
Carlow	1,7670	3,770	1,701	6,530	5,347	322
Dublin	394,240	73,131	37,307	149,400	127,086	7,316
Dublin City	158,116	25,889	14,244	62,905	51,769	3,309
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	76,463	14,219	7,623	28,857	24,621	1,143
Fingal	75,240	15,052	7,228	27,177	24,515	1,268
South Dublin	84,421	17,971	8,212	30,461	26,181	1,596
Kildare	66,800	14,077	6,633	24,451	20,474	1,165
Kilkenny	33,166	7,191	3,410	12,150	9,789	626
Laois	24,255	5,007	2,423	9,177	7,138	510
Longford	12,383	2,739	1,277	4,531	3,541	295
Louth	34,485	7,276	3,548	12,363	10,604	694
Meath	50,989	11,741	5,149	18,187	14,935	977
Offaly	24,087	5,162	2,393	8,990	7,068	474
Westmeath	28,846	5,604	2,882	10,991	8,806	563
Wexford	41,064	8,851	4,414	14,460	12,472	867
Wicklow	40,419	9,151	4,247	14,044	12,190	787
Munster	493,500	105,032	46,519	186,443	145,618	9,888
Clare	48,644	10,436	4,661	18,531	14,053	963
Cork	200,657	41,884	18,884	75,353	60,564	3,972
Cork City	52,072	9,300	4,562	20,429	16,629	1,152
Cork County	148,585	32,584	14,322	54,924	43,935	2,820
Kerry	60,885	14,732	6,138	23,915	14,712	1,388
Limerick	79,498	15,648	7,136	30,310	24,979	1,425
Limerick City	21,417	4,159	2,176	8,196	6,487	399
Limerick County	58,081	11,489	4,960	22,114	18,492	1,026
North Tipperary	28,324	6,222	2,555	10,604	8,373	570
South Tipperary	32,757	7,013	3,109	11,901	10,021	713
Waterford	42,735	9,097	4,036	15,829	12,916	857
Waterford City	17,234	3,230	1,502	6,312	5,863	327
Waterford County	25,501	5,867	2,534	9,517	7,053	530
Connacht	216,128	53,236	22,670	82,335	53,147	4,740
Galway	102,529	29,743	10,546	38,393	21,577	2,270
Galway City	31,440	5,983	3,364	13,815	7,721	557
Galway County	71,089	23,760	7,182	24,578	13,856	1,713
Leitrim	11,095	2,240	1,129	4,254	3,206	266
Mayo	53,707	11,910	6,034	20,913	13,699	1,151
Roscommon	23,633	4,679	2,390	9,200	6,846	518
Sligo	25,164	4,664	2,571	9,575	7,819	535
Ulster (part of)	92,862	27,573	10,466	31,248	21,442	2,133
Cavan	20,528	4,577	2,044	7,151	6,274	482
Donegal	51,783	17,925	6,121	17,004	9,561	1,172
Monaghan	20,551	5,071	2,301	7,093	5,607	479
Total	1,570,894	339,541	155,039	585,300	459,657	31,357

Table 1.14 Family units with two or more children in private households, classified by type of family unit, age group of youngest child and age group of eldest child, 2002

	_	Age Group of eldest child						
Family composition	Total	0-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-19 years	20 years and over		
Husband and wife								
Age group of youngest child								
0-4 years	106,178	26,241	46,987	22,454	8,302	2,194		
5-9 years	75,592		12,165	35,076	20,691	7,660		
10-14 years	74,320	_	-	11,528	37,724	25,068		
15 and over	62,020	_	_	11,520	12,832	49,188		
20 and over	42,982	_	_	_	12,032	42,982		
Total	361,092	26,241	59,152	69,058	79,549	127,092		
Cohabiting couple								
Age group of youngest child								
0-4 years	8,516	2,468	3,549	1,688	682	129		
5-9 years	2,710	0	595	1,237	658	220		
10-14 years	1,551	0	0	371	819	361		
15 and over	855	0	0	0	270	585		
20 and over	345	0	0	0	0	345		
Total	13,977	2,468	4,144	3,296	2,429	1,640		
Lone mother								
Age group of youngest child								
0-4 years	15,203	2,821	6,259	3,891	1,699	533		
5-9 years	11,539	0	2,009	5,145	3,170	1,215		
10-14 years	11,313	0	0	2,003	5,643	3,667		
15 and over	9,794	0	0	0	2,334	7,460		
20 and over	15,154	0	0	0	0	15,154		
Total	63,003	2,821	8,268	11,039	12,846	28,029		
Lone father								
Age group of youngest child								
0-4 years	804	174	300	178	74	78		
5-9 years	1,228	0	182	525	345	176		
10-14 years	2,063	0	0	305	1,044	714		
15 and over	2,526	0	0	0	591	1,935		
20 and over	3,782	0	0	0	0	3,782		
Total	10,403	174	482	1,008	2,054	6,685		

