

Vital Statistics

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- There were 20,300 marriages registered in 2003, the highest figure in 21 years.
- There were 61,500 births registered in 2003, the highest figure in 16 years.
- Males born in 2002 can expect to live 75.1 years and females 80.3 years.
- The percentage of births outside marriage rose slightly in 2003 and now stands at 31.4% of all births.
- There were 28,800 deaths registered in 2003. This corresponds to a rate of 7.2 per 1,000 population.
- The most popular babies' names in 2003 were Sean and Emma.

Introduction

This chapter contains statistics on births, deaths and marriages which are compiled by the Central Statistics Office on behalf of the Minister for Health and Children, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1952. The chapter also contains figures on divorce, nullity and judicial separation applications, provided by the Courts Service.

Births

Tables 3.1, 3.2 and 3.8 contain information on births. The number of births was at its lowest in 1996, when 50,655 babies were born, and has risen more or less steadily since then. In 2003, there were 61,517 births – 31,414 male and 30,103 female. Almost two thirds of births, or 19,313, were outside marriage in 2003. This compares with 12,797 births outside marriage, just over a quarter of the total, in 1996.

The average age of unmarried mothers is lower than for married mothers. Half of births outside marriage are to mothers aged under 25; there were 8,878 births to mothers in this age category in 2003.

The most popular babies' names in 2003 were Sean and Emma, respectively, for boys and girls. The top five names for boys remained the same as the previous year, although the order changed slightly, while for girls, Katie replaced Chloe in the top five.

The total period fertility rate (TPFR), in table 3.9, estimates the number of children who would be born to each female over her lifetime on the basis of current birth patterns. This is an indicator of generation replacement. Even with the recent rise in births, the TPFR remains below the replacement level of 2.1 for the last decade and stands at 1.98 in 2003. This contrasts with previous decades when fertility was much higher – the TPFR was 3.76 in 1960, 3.87 in 1970, 3.23 in 1980 and 2.12 in 1990.

Deaths

Tables 3.1 to 3.7 contain information on deaths. A total of 28,823 deaths were registered in 2003, giving a mortality rate of 7.2 per 1,000 population. The death rate for males was 7.5 per 1,000 population and for females 7.0 per 1,000 population. The most common causes of deaths were diseases of the circulatory system (10,984 deaths), malignant neoplasms (7,568) and diseases of the respiratory system (4,428). Injury and poisoning accounted for 1,355 deaths. There were 444 deaths due to suicide and 293 due to motor vehicle accidents.

Life Expectancy

As a result of long-term falls in mortality, people are living longer. Table 3.12 shows the life expectancy figures since 1926 and table 3.13 contains

projections up to 2031. A baby boy or girl born in 1926 could expect, on the basis of the mortality figures at that time, to live on average to about 57 years. The exact figures were 57.4 years for boys and 57.9 years for girls. By contrast, the estimated life expectancy for people born in 2002 is 75.1 years for boys and 80.3 years for girls. Assuming that similar trends continue into the future, male life expectancy in Ireland may be approaching 78 years by the year 2030 and female life expectancy should be about 84 years.

Marriages

Tables 3.1, 3.2, 3.10 and 3.11 give information on marriages. There were 20,302 marriages registered in 2003, compared with 20,047 in 2002. The figures for 2002 and 2003 were considerably above 1996, when there were 16,174 marriages. Nevertheless, the number of marriages per year is considerably below the peak levels recorded in the 1970s. Throughout that decade, the annual number of marriages exceeded 20,000 with the highest annual figure, of 22,833, recorded in 1974. The number of marriages subsequently fell from 21,792 in 1980 to 18,174 in 1989 and the trend continued downward until the mid-1990s.

While the majority of marriages are celebrated according to Roman Catholic rites, the share of civil marriages in the total is increasing. In 1970, there were 121 civil marriages, accounting for about half a percent of the total. By 1980, this had risen to 388 civil marriages (1.8%) and in 1990, 656 (or 3.7%). In 1996, the latest year for which this breakdown is available, there were 928 civil marriages, representing 5.7% of the total.

Divorces

Tables 3.14 and 3.15 give information on divorce applications under the Divorce Act, 1996. In 1997, the first year in which the legislation operated, there were 95 divorces granted. The number of divorces granted increased to 1,421 in 1998, 2,333 in 1999, 2,740 in 2000, 2,838 in 2001 and decreased to 2,591 in 2002. There were 2,970 divorces granted in 2003.

Reference period for Vital Statistics

The figures on births and deaths relate to those which occurred in the relevant years up to 2001 inclusive. Figures for 2002 and 2003 relate to births and deaths registered in those years.

The figures for marriages relate to year of registration. Due to delays in the provision of information from the registration system, some details of marriages are only currently available up to 1996.

Total Period Fertility Rate (TPFR)

The Total Period Fertility Rate (TPFR) is derived from the age-specific fertility rates in the current year. It represents the projected number of children a woman would have if she experienced the current age-specific fertility rates while progressing from age 15 to 49 years. A value of 2.1 is generally taken to be the level at which the population would replace itself in the long run, ignoring migration.

Life Expectancy

Life expectancy estimates are calculated using mortality data for the three year period around a Census year. The most recent estimates refer to 2001-2003. The projected life expectancy figures up to 2031 are taken from the CSO's Population and Labour Force Projections.

Table 3.1 Births, deaths and marriages registered, 2003

	Births	Deaths	Marriages
Leinster	35,259	14,068	10,526
Carlow	833	361	271
Dublin City	6,889	4,497	3,255
South Dublin	4,569	858	699
Fingal	4,369	827	379
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	2,398	1,188	439
Kildare	3,277	829	898
Kilkenny	1,125	580	484
Laois	983	375	364
Longford	517	292	172
Louth	1,653	708	656
Meath	2,559	757	731
Offaly	1,000	475	413
Westmeath	1,243	544	402
Wexford	1,932	906	656
Wicklow	1,912	871	707
Munster	16,326	8,655	5,814
Clare	1,709	760	615
Cork City	1,685	1,060	1,363
Cork County	5,056	2,415	856
Kerry	1,678	1,096	781
Limerick City	948	497	393
Limerick County	1,680	848	497
North Tipperary	933	561	352
South Tipperary	1,070	632	435
Waterford City	699	305	214
Waterford County	868	481	308
Connacht	6,524	4,005	2,597
Galway City	1,036	295	496
Galway County	2,208	1,271	698
Leitrim	337	305	149
Mayo	1,568	1,161	733
Roscommon	617	511	183
Sligo	758	462	338
Ulster	3,408	2,095	1,365
Cavan	788	534	300
Donegal	1,969	1,174	767
Monaghan	651	387	298
State	61,517	28,823	20,302
Regional Authorities			
Border	6,156	3,570	2,508
Midland	3,743	1,686	1,351
West	5,429	3,238	2,110
Dublin	18,225	7,370	4,772
Mid-East	7,748	2,457	2,336
Mid-West	5,270	2,666	1,857
South-East	6,527	3,265	2,368
South-West	8,419	4,571	3,000
Health Boards			
ERHA	23,414	9,070	6,377
Midland	3,743	1,686	1,351
Mid Western	5,270	2,666	1,857
North Eastern	5,651	2,386	1,985
North Western	3,064	1,941	1,254
South Eastern	6,527	3,265	2,368
Southern	8,419	4,571	3,000
Western	5,429	3,238	2,110

Source: CSO

Table 3.2 Live births, deaths and marriages, and rates per 1,000 population*Number and rate*

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Marriages	16,174	15,631	16,783	18,526	19,168	19,246	20,047	20,302
Births								
Male	26,350	27,061	27,848	27,817	28,175	29,684	31,001	31,414
Female	24,305	25,714	26,121	26,107	26,614	28,170	29,520	30,103
Total	50,655	52,775	53,969	53,924	54,789	57,854	60,521	61,517
Births within marriage	37,858	38,626	38,477	37,134	37,523	39,740	41,706	42,204
Births outside marriage	12,797	14,149	15,492	16,790	17,266	18,114	18,815	19,313
Births outside marriage as % of total births	25.3	26.8	28.7	31.1	31.5	31.3	31.1	31.4
Deaths								
Male	16,672	16,501	16,553	16,961	16,192	15,691	15,217	14,735
Female	15,051	15,080	15,010	15,647	15,199	14,521	14,131	14,088
Total	31,723	31,581	31,563	32,608	31,391	30,212	29,348	28,823
Natural increase	18,932	21,194	22,406	21,316	23,398	27,642	31,173	32,694
Rates per 1,000 of population								
Marriages	4.5	4.3	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.1
Births	14.0	14.4	14.6	14.4	14.5	15.1	15.5	15.5
Deaths	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.7	8.3	7.9	7.5	7.2

Source: CSO

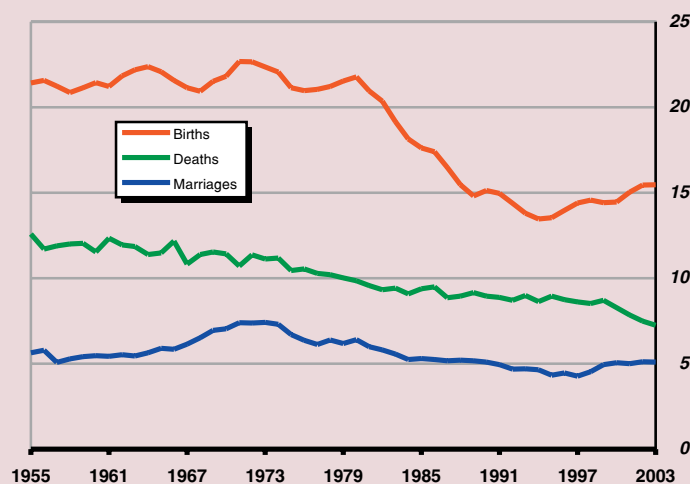
Birth, death and marriage rates per 1,000 population

Table 3.3 Deaths classified by age and sex

	Number							
Age at death	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Males								
Under 1 year	169	164	196	172	203	178	164	182
1-4	30	30	33	41	29	45	32	27
5-9	25	17	14	32	20	20	14	17
10-14	47	38	33	37	21	23	26	25
15-19	121	137	146	141	146	129	111	102
20-24	209	226	221	191	205	185	157	180
25-34	340	303	329	354	355	365	348	309
35-44	418	423	452	432	478	468	432	407
45-54	891	896	908	988	970	925	950	847
55-64	1,931	1,918	1,940	1,901	1,870	1,873	1,812	1,828
65-74	4,324	4,272	4,119	4,121	3,876	3,680	3,445	3,303
75-84	5,649	5,597	5,625	5,753	5,387	5,081	5,070	4,902
85-94	2,360	2,305	2,396	2,618	2,464	2,577	2,509	2,445
95 and over	158	175	141	180	168	142	147	161
Total	16,672	16,501	16,553	16,961	16,192	15,691	15,217	14,735
Females								
Under 1 year	134	157	120	145	135	153	142	129
1-4	32	30	25	33	16	33	32	18
5-9	11	13	18	15	19	16	12	12
10-14	16	23	26	24	22	20	16	19
15-19	51	62	54	51	61	40	40	44
20-24	39	51	47	58	63	64	50	50
25-34	125	125	115	114	116	111	126	110
35-44	235	263	272	252	307	301	259	240
45-54	540	583	567	598	626	643	561	528
55-64	1,044	1,092	1,078	1,091	1,074	988	940	1,150
65-74	2,865	2,789	2,657	2,633	2,561	2,271	2,201	2,118
75-84	5,496	5,427	5,397	5,583	5,247	5,158	4,901	4,873
85-94	3,979	4,009	4,096	4,499	4,410	4,167	4,287	4,190
95 and over	484	456	538	551	542	556	564	607
Total	15,051	15,080	15,010	15,647	15,199	14,521	14,131	14,088

Source: CSO

Suicide rate per 100,000 population

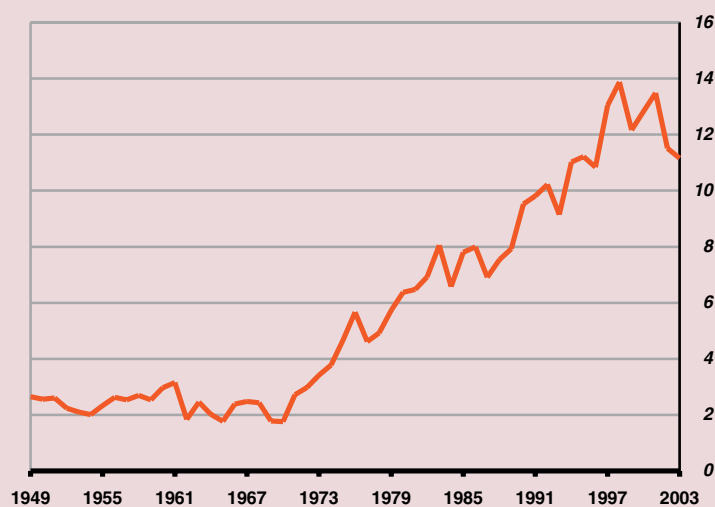


TABLE 3.4

Table 3.4 Death rates per 1,000 population, classified by sex and age group

Age at death	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Males									
Under 5	1.57	1.55	1.51	1.75	1.59	1.69	1.59	1.38	1.44
5-9	0.21	0.17	0.12	0.10	0.23	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.12
10-14	0.23	0.28	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.14	0.15	0.18	0.17
15-19	0.73	0.70	0.78	0.83	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.69	0.65
20-24	1.21	1.40	1.49	1.45	1.24	1.30	1.15	0.95	1.07
25-34	1.18	1.32	1.16	1.23	1.29	1.25	1.24	1.13	0.98
35-44	1.74	1.70	1.68	1.76	1.64	1.78	1.71	1.54	1.43
45-54	4.28	4.27	4.16	4.08	4.33	4.15	3.89	3.93	3.46
55-64	13.93	13.18	12.84	12.67	12.05	11.47	11.02	10.21	9.85
65-74	41.89	39.17	38.45	36.78	36.57	34.12	31.97	29.44	27.73
75 and over	125.64	122.08	119.66	118.81	124.11	115.05	109.86	107.01	102.29
Total	9.55	9.26	9.07	9.00	9.13	8.60	8.20	7.82	7.45
Females									
Under 5	1.35	1.37	1.54	1.18	1.41	1.17	1.40	1.28	1.06
5-9	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.11	0.15	0.12	0.09	0.09
10-14	0.18	0.10	0.15	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.14
15-19	0.26	0.31	0.37	0.32	0.31	0.38	0.26	0.26	0.29
20-24	0.41	0.27	0.35	0.32	0.39	0.41	0.41	0.31	0.30
25-34	0.53	0.48	0.47	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.38	0.41	0.35
35-44	1.01	0.94	1.03	1.04	0.95	1.13	1.08	0.91	0.83
45-54	2.86	2.65	2.76	2.60	2.67	2.72	2.75	2.35	2.17
55-64	7.61	7.19	7.39	7.10	6.99	6.67	5.89	5.40	6.33
65-74	22.93	22.21	21.70	20.76	20.68	20.15	17.80	17.12	16.33
75 and over	93.41	92.47	90.59	89.72	94.01	89.15	85.03	82.50	80.45
Total	8.38	8.24	8.17	8.05	8.31	7.97	7.51	7.17	7.04

Source: CSO

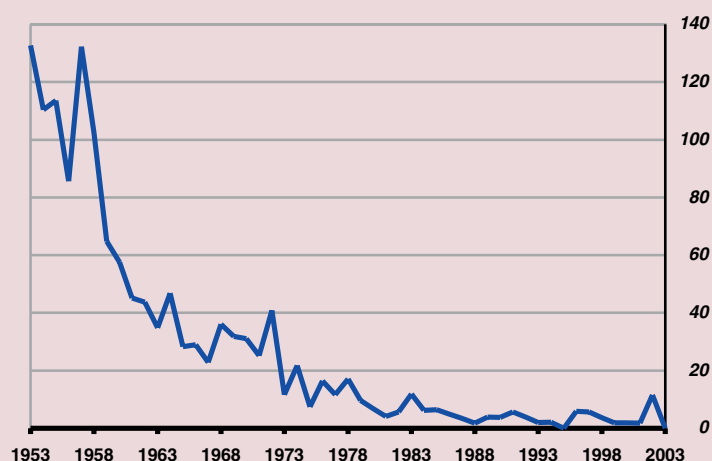
Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births

Table 3.5 Deaths classified by cause and rates, per 100,000 population

Cause of death	Number of deaths					Death rates per 100,000				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total deaths	32,608	31,391	30,212	29,348	28,823	871.5	828.4	785.3	749.2	724.4
Infectious and parasitic diseases	205	223	184	174	151	5.5	5.9	4.8	4.4	3.8
Malignant neoplasms	7,651	7,666	7,632	7,499	7,568	204.5	202.3	198.4	191.4	190.2
Diseases of the circulatory system	13,380	12,666	11,886	11,595	10,984	357.6	334.2	309.0	296.0	276.1
Diseases of the respiratory system	5,391	4,863	4,472	4,330	4,428	144.1	128.3	116.2	110.5	111.3
Diseases of the digestive system	1,044	1,050	1,047	1,027	1,006	27.9	27.7	27.2	26.2	25.3
Injury and poisoning	1,603	1,578	1,648	1,381	1,355	42.8	41.6	42.8	35.3	34.1
Other	3,334	3,345	3,343	3,342	3,331	89.1	88.3	86.9	85.3	83.7
External causes (included above)										
Accidents and adverse effects	1,253	1,158	1,195	1,008	960	33.5	30.6	31.1	25.7	24.1
Motor vehicle traffic accidents	413	411	394	343	293	11.0	10.8	10.2	8.8	7.4
Suicide	455	486	519	451	444	12.2	12.8	13.5	11.5	11.2
Other	110	110	118	81	91	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.1	2.3

Source: CSO

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Table 3.6 Death rates from cancer by age and sex, per 100,000 population

Age at death	Males						Females					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Under 25	3.3	4.1	3.5	3.3	2.4	4.4	3.1	2.9	3.6	4.7	3.5	2.2
25-34	11.5	13.1	12.3	11.2	9.1	11.1	11.4	14.8	9.9	7.5	10.7	7.6
35-44	30.4	33.5	36.2	31.7	28.6	27.0	48.2	45.0	54.3	52.4	41.0	37.9
45-54	126.3	145.2	124.0	117.3	131.2	108.7	152.6	145.9	148.2	148.2	123.9	118.0
55-64	443.5	417.9	427.0	383.2	391.2	369.8	345.8	342.9	354.7	310.9	297.4	354.6
65-74	1,148.2	1,118.0	1,125.9	1,069.5	1,018.8	1,015.1	721.1	675.6	757.7	706.9	694.4	653.0
75 and over	2,395.9	2,391.9	2,375.9	2,439.4	2,405.8	2,273.8	1,336.3	1,400.5	1,319.9	1,395.9	1,313.0	1,386.0
Total	218.9	218.1	216.6	211.1	208.9	201.1	185.2	185.2	188.1	185.8	174.2	179.5

Source: CSO

Table 3.7 Death rates from diseases of the circulatory system, per 100,000 population

Age at death	Males						Females					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Under 25	2.8	2.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.1	0.3	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.8
25-34	10.1	10.6	9.9	9.1	7.5	5.7	4.8	5.4	6.0	5.1	4.9	3.2
35-44	40.5	32.7	38.8	33.6	36.1	29.9	14.9	14.6	18.7	10.4	13.4	13.5
45-54	153.7	159.2	153.9	130.3	139.9	116.5	43.1	48.6	53.0	50.8	45.2	38.6
55-64	552.6	493.3	463.2	436.1	378.8	376.3	183.1	190.4	158.4	127.1	112.5	138.2
65-74	1,620.5	1,597.2	1,447.2	1,323.2	1,221.4	1,064.7	789.1	769.8	693.9	601.9	545.1	496.5
75 and over	5,363.9	5,490.6	5,086.1	4,793.0	4,585.9	4,335.1	4,441.0	4,487.2	4,266.6	3,981.1	3,929.8	3,650.6
Total	371.9	369.0	342.5	319.3	302.4	280.9	343.3	346.4	326.1	298.7	289.7	271.3

Source: CSO

Table 3.8 Births classified by age of mother at maternity

Number

Age	Total births					Births outside marriage				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
15 and under	66	67	67	63	58	66	67	63	59	57
Under 20	3,314	3,116	3,087	2,978	2,803	3,178	2,945	2,870	2,721	2,580
20-24	7,630	7,933	8,325	8,589	8,469	6,054	6,252	6,427	6,458	6,298
25-29	13,771	13,556	14,160	14,572	14,806	4,135	4,324	4,599	4,839	5,187
30-34	17,778	18,018	19,276	20,346	20,899	2,081	2,333	2,582	2,926	3,263
35-39	9,422	10,077	10,779	11,633	11,978	988	1,078	1,253	1,399	1,511
40-44	1,646	1,765	1,867	1,999	2,173	228	234	274	321	352
45 and over	73	63	79	70	64	10	6	9	12	10
Age not stated	290	261	281	334	325	116	94	100	139	112
All ages	53,924	54,789	57,854	60,521	61,517	16,790	17,266	18,114	18,815	19,313

Source: CSO

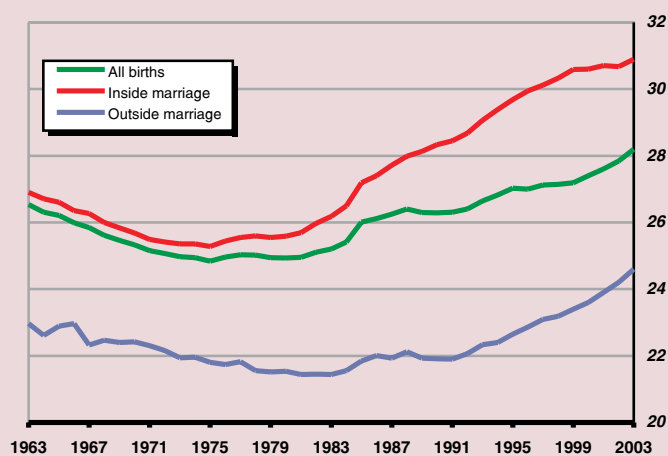
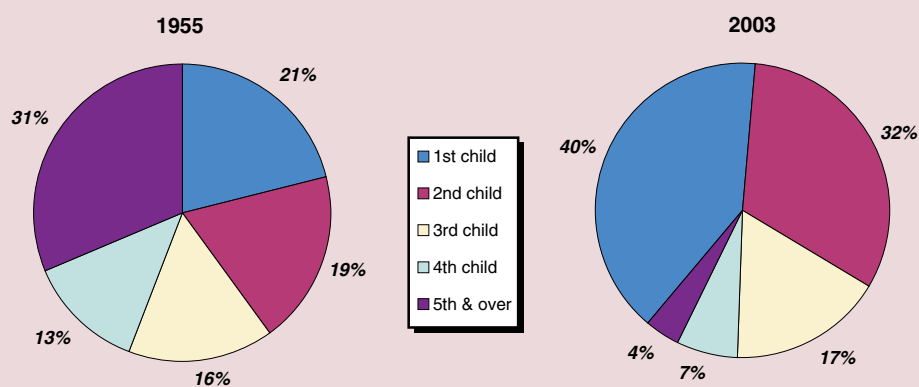
Average age at maternity at first birth by marital status**Birth order (number of previous children)**

Table 3.9 Age specific fertility rates and total period fertility rates

Year	Age at maternity							Total period fertility rates
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
1960	8.8	103.9	209.6	213.1	156.3	56.0	4.2	3.76
1961	9.5	108.2	216.9	209.6	152.1	57.7	4.2	3.79
1962	11.2	114.2	224.1	214.8	155.8	59.5	4.5	3.92
1963	12.2	120.1	229.2	223.0	153.9	60.1	3.5	4.01
1964	13.1	123.1	237.8	221.7	152.3	61.3	3.7	4.06
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	50.6	105.4	132.9	67.2	13.5	0.8	1.94
1998	19.1	51.2	100.7	134.1	70.4	13.5	0.6	1.95
1999	20.0	49.1	95.9	133.4	70.2	13.1	0.6	1.91
2000	19.3	49.2	91.1	134.5	73.6	13.8	0.5	1.91
2001	19.6	50.3	90.7	141.1	78.5	14.3	0.7	1.98
2002	19.6	53.0	93.6	134.3	79.9	14.7	0.6	1.98
2003	18.8	50.8	93.6	134.5	81.4	15.6	0.5	1.98

Source: CSO

TABLE 3.9

Table 3.10 Marriages registered according to the mode of celebration*Number*

Year	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Methodist	Jewish	Other non-Catholic	Civil	Catholic	Total
1957	509	97	27	19	5	52	13,948	14,657
1958	389	91	32	17	4	45	14,483	15,061
1959	444	97	35	16	4	76	14,748	15,420
1960	371	115	34	18	4	57	14,866	15,465
1961	375	92	29	17	5	39	14,772	15,329
1962	438	120	28	14	3	47	14,977	15,627
1963	430	112	30	12	6	78	14,888	15,556
1964	412	103	31	7	3	66	15,506	16,128
1965	429	83	33	9	7	56	16,329	16,946
1966	444	117	33	8	4	79	16,164	16,849
1967	475	103	30	3	6	74	17,097	17,788
1968	465	120	31	8	13	96	18,260	18,993
1969	567	116	36	15	5	124	19,441	20,304
1970	518	104	29	7	10	121	19,989	20,778
1971	566	111	30	6	13	170	21,118	22,014
1972	528	130	43	7	13	168	21,413	22,302
1973	491	113	25	12	3	179	21,993	22,816
1974	441	103	30	7	8	239	22,005	22,833
1975	426	82	24	5	2	224	20,517	21,280
1976	490	93	35	7	8	282	19,665	20,580
1977	342	88	27	8	5	266	19,280	20,016
1978	394	65	17	2	3	322	20,381	21,184
1979	325	60	15	5	8	351	20,042	20,806
1980	332	51	23	11	13	388	20,974	21,792
1981	392	63	25	4	27	454	19,647	20,612
1982	376	119	41	1	20	540	19,127	20,224
1983	404	71	23	2	19	902	18,046	19,467
1984	380	84	32	15	22	606	17,388	18,513
1985	364	73	35	1	13	581	17,724	18,791
1986	387	64	32	1	14	598	17,477	18,573
1987	455	54	33	16	17	655	17,079	18,309
1988	430	74	34	11	16	670	17,147	18,382
1989	352	59	21	3	27	675	17,037	18,174
1990	423	73	27	6	27	656	16,626	17,838
1991	392	52	30	0	25	649	16,293	17,441
1992	521	98	35	0	32	695	15,255	16,636
1993	444	58	43	1	41	837	15,400	16,824
1994	434	51	33	3	50	850	15,200	16,621
1995	425	76	25	1	28	891	14,158	15,604
1996	483	91	38	2	25	928	14,607	16,174

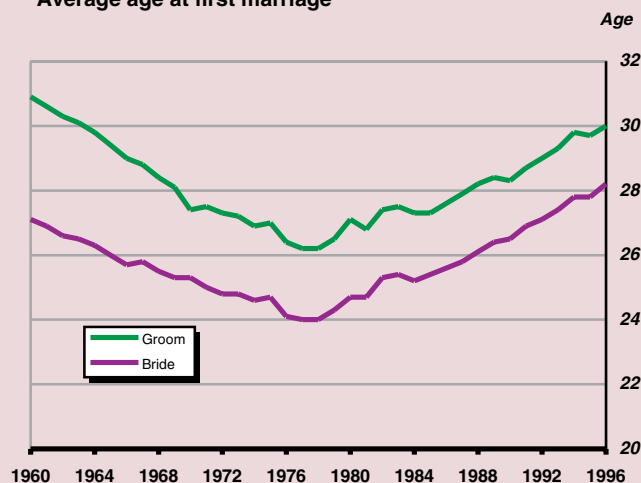
Source: CSO

Table 3.11 Marriages registered in 1996 classified by age of bride and groom

Age of groom	Age of bride										60 and over	Not stated	Total marriages
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59				
Under 20	51	24	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	81
20-24	81	1,123	475	54	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,739
25-29	38	1,802	4,695	834	93	8	2	1	—	—	6	7,479	
30-34	17	450	2,340	1,586	249	26	5	—	1	—	5	4,679	
35-39	3	74	364	553	261	57	10	2	—	—	1	1,325	
40-44	1	13	82	128	133	55	14	3	1	—	1	431	
45-49	1	2	15	36	47	41	28	7	—	1	—	178	
50-54	—	1	3	11	16	14	12	11	5	1	—	74	
55-59	—	—	3	4	4	3	9	14	4	8	—	49	
60-64	—	—	—	—	2	3	6	3	9	10	—	33	
65 and over	—	—	2	1	1	6	1	11	5	41	—	68	
Age not stated	—	3	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	26	38	
Total marriages	192	3,492	7,989	3,210	813	214	87	52	25	61	39	16,174	

Source: CSO

Average age at first marriage



Marriage rate

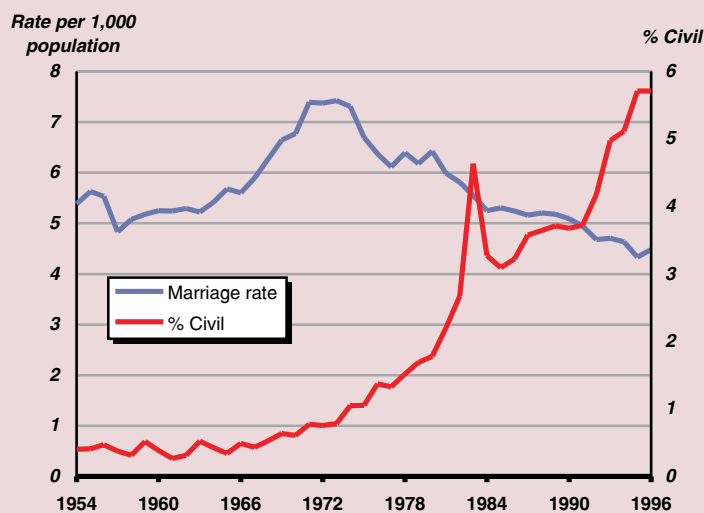


TABLE 3.12

Table 3.12 Life expectancy at various ages

Period	Age in years									
	0	5	10	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Males										
1925-1927	57.4	59.5	55.2	38.4	30.4	22.7	15.8	10.0	5.8	3.3
1935-1937	58.2	60.1	55.8	38.5	30.3	22.4	15.5	10.0	6.0	3.1
1940-1942	59.0	60.7	56.3	38.9	30.6	22.5	15.4	9.6	5.7	3.6
1945-1947	60.5	61.5	56.9	39.2	30.6	22.4	15.1	9.2	5.3	3.2
1950-1952	64.5	63.6	58.8	40.3	31.3	22.8	15.4	9.2	5.0	2.7
1960-1962	68.1	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.4	23.5	15.8	9.7	5.1	2.5
1965-1967	68.6	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.2	23.4	15.6	9.7	5.2	2.6
1970-1972	68.8	65.5	60.6	41.5	32.1	23.3	15.6	9.7	5.4	2.8
1978-1980	69.5	65.7	60.8	41.7	32.2	23.3	15.7	9.5	5.3	2.9
1980-1982	70.1	66.1	61.3	42.1	32.6	23.6	15.9	9.7	5.4	2.9
1985-1987	71.0	66.8	61.9	42.7	33.1	24.0	16.0	9.7	5.3	2.8
1990-1992	72.3	68.0	63.1	43.9	34.4	25.2	17.0	10.4	5.8	3.0
1995-1997	73.0	68.6	63.6	44.5	35.1	25.8	17.5	10.6	5.9	3.0
2001-2003	75.1	70.7	65.7	46.5	37.0	27.8	19.2	11.9	6.5	3.3
Females										
1925-1927	57.9	59.2	54.9	38.6	30.8	23.2	16.4	10.7	6.5	3.7
1935-1937	59.6	60.4	56.1	39.2	31.2	23.3	16.2	10.6	6.5	3.4
1940-1942	61.0	61.4	56.9	39.9	31.6	23.5	16.3	10.4	6.4	4.2
1945-1947	62.4	62.5	57.9	40.5	32.1	23.9	16.4	10.2	6.0	3.8
1950-1952	67.1	65.4	60.6	42.2	33.3	24.7	16.8	10.2	5.6	3.2
1960-1962	71.9	69.0	64.1	44.7	35.3	26.3	18.1	11.0	5.9	3.0
1965-1967	72.9	69.6	64.8	45.2	35.7	26.6	18.4	11.2	6.1	3.1
1970-1972	73.5	70.0	65.1	45.6	36.0	27.0	18.7	11.5	6.2	3.2
1978-1980	75.0	71.0	66.1	46.5	36.8	27.6	19.2	11.9	6.4	3.4
1980-1982	75.6	71.5	66.6	47.0	37.3	28.0	19.5	12.2	6.7	3.5
1985-1987	76.7	72.4	67.5	47.8	38.1	28.7	20.1	12.6	6.8	3.3
1990-1992	77.9	73.5	68.6	48.9	39.2	29.8	21.1	13.5	7.4	3.6
1995-1997	78.5	74.1	69.1	49.5	39.8	30.3	21.5	13.7	7.5	3.7
2001-2003	80.3	75.7	70.8	51.1	41.4	31.9	22.9	14.8	8.2	4.1

Source: CSO

Life expectancy at birth

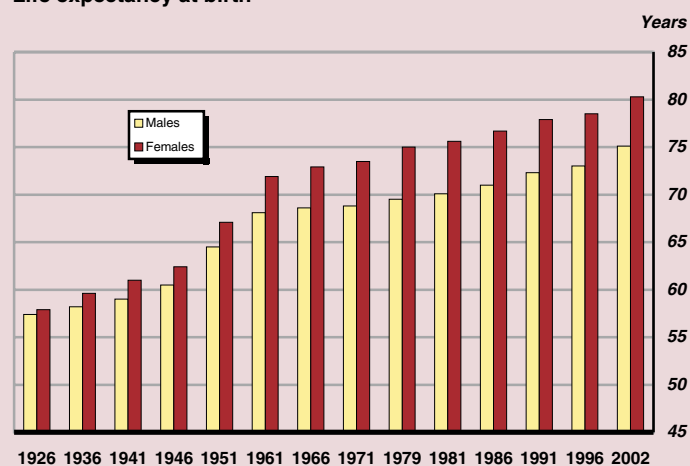


Table 3.13 Projected life expectancy at various ages

Period	Age in years									
	0	5	10	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Males										
2000-2002	73.8	69.3	64.4	45.3	35.8	26.5	17.9	10.9	6.1	3.2
2005-2007	74.6	70.1	65.1	46.0	36.5	27.1	18.3	11.2	6.3	3.3
2010-2012	75.3	70.7	65.8	46.6	37.2	27.7	18.8	11.6	6.5	3.4
2015-2017	75.9	71.4	66.4	47.3	37.8	28.3	19.3	11.9	6.7	3.5
2020-2022	76.6	72.0	67.0	47.9	38.4	28.9	19.7	12.2	6.9	3.6
2025-2027	77.2	72.6	67.6	48.5	39.0	29.4	20.2	12.5	7.1	3.7
2030-2032	77.8	73.2	68.2	49.1	39.6	30.0	20.6	12.9	7.3	3.8
Females										
2000-2002	79.5	75.0	70.0	50.3	40.6	31.1	22.1	14.2	7.9	3.9
2005-2007	80.3	75.8	70.8	51.1	41.4	31.8	22.8	14.7	8.2	4.0
2010-2012	81.1	76.5	71.6	51.9	42.1	32.5	23.4	15.2	8.5	4.1
2015-2017	81.9	77.3	72.3	52.6	42.8	33.2	24.0	15.7	8.8	4.2
2020-2022	82.6	78.0	73.0	53.3	43.5	33.9	24.5	16.2	9.1	4.3
2025-2027	83.3	78.7	73.7	54.0	44.2	34.5	25.1	15.6	9.4	4.4
2030-2032	84.0	79.3	74.3	54.6	44.8	35.1	25.7	17.1	9.6	4.5

Source: CSO

TABLE 3.13

Life expectancy at age 65

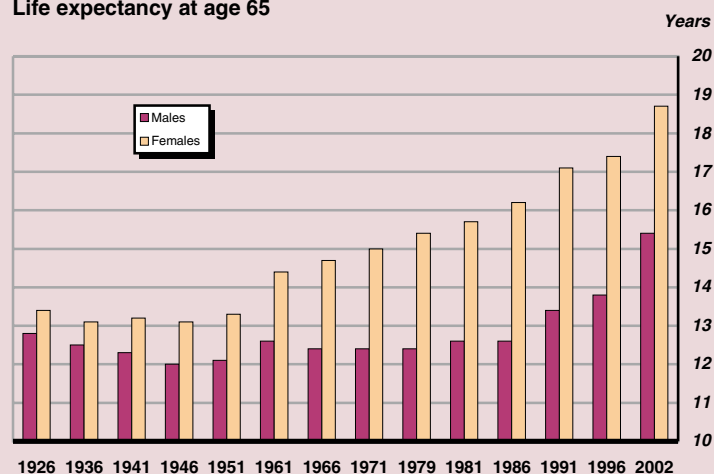


Table 3.14 Divorce, judicial separation and nullity applications received and granted by the Circuit Courts, 2002

Circuit Court	Number					
	Divorce applications		Judicial separation applications		Nullity applications	
	Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted
Carlow	27	21	19	5	0	0
Carrick on Shannon	14	9	8	1	0	0
Castlebar	46	46	37	22	3	1
Cavan	30	20	19	6	0	0
Clonmel	94	68	38	24	1	1
Cork	809	312	486	116	17	4
Dublin	1,585	951	545	290	20	18
Dundalk	67	52	67	26	3	3
Ennis	78	49	30	20	0	1
Galway	19	31	35	37	3	3
Kilkenny	57	61	22	40	0	0
Letterkenny	70	76	45	29	0	2
Limerick	138	139	62	36	0	0
Longford	17	23	14	10	0	1
Monaghan	29	29	27	20	0	1
Mullingar	64	77	30	17	1	1
Naas	100	93	72	32	0	1
Portlaoise	41	21	13	7	0	0
Roscommon	53	31	34	15	1	0
Sligo	38	32	31	24	0	0
Tralee	86	42	48	28	1	1
Trim	61	63	63	39	1	1
Tullamore	30	38	11	10	0	0
Waterford	138	86	46	34	0	0
Wexford	112	106	41	28	0	1
Wicklow	109	95	28	24	1	0
Total	3,912	2,571	1,871	940	52	40

Source: Courts Service

Table 3.15 Divorce, judicial separation and nullity applications received and granted by the Circuit Courts, 2003

Circuit Court	Number					
	Divorce applications		Judicial separation applications		Nullity applications	
	Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted
Carlow	57	34	14	11	0	0
Carrick on Shannon	14	14	10	5	0	0
Castlebar	65	45	46	24	2	3
Cavan	32	35	19	15	0	0
Clonmel	104	70	48	19	2	0
Cork	582	357	417	215	35	9
Dublin	1,326	1,032	543	432	21	8
Dundalk	99	71	46	40	0	1
Ennis	68	64	39	14	3	0
Galway	110	110	37	37	6	6
Kilkenny	61	56	28	14	0	0
Letterkenny	78	85	36	48	1	0
Limerick	122	105	88	43	2	2
Longford	25	19	10	6	1	0
Monaghan	40	23	20	17	0	0
Mullingar	81	69	31	15	3	0
Naas	133	88	67	37	3	0
Portlaoise	33	33	13	10	0	0
Roscommon	50	33	19	9	1	1
Sligo	72	61	25	20	0	0
Tralee	78	100	43	32	0	0
Trim	122	57	64	41	6	0
Tullamore	64	43	11	12	2	0
Waterford	97	84	47	37	0	0
Wexford	111	125	34	20	0	0
Wicklow	109	116	47	33	4	3
Total	3,733	2,929	1,802	1,206	92	33

Source: Courts Service

TABLE 3.15

Table 3.16 Top 25 babies' names registered in 2003, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank in 2002

Boy's name	2003	Number	2002	Number	Girl's name	2003	Number	2002	Number
Sean	1	897	2	866	Emma	1	791	4	532
Jack	2	800	1	868	Sarah	2	606	1	655
Adam	3	787	3	798	Aoife	3	571	2	585
Conor	4	705	4	748	Ciara	4	535	3	577
James	5	626	5	581	Katie	5	468	7	418
Daniel	6	617	6	559	Sophie	6	432	9	404
Michael	7	525	8	520	Rachel	7	431	13	364
Cian	8	501	7	536	Chloe	8	412	5	516
David	9	480	9	501	Amy	9	410	6	485
Dylan	10	478	11	485	Leah	10	395	15	351
Luke	11	474	10	489	Niamh	11	370	8	407
Ryan	12	425	14	365	Caoimhe	12	357	20	272
Aaron	13	411	12	467	Hannah	13	340	12	368
Thomas	14	375	18	349	Ella	14	327	28	204
Eoin	15	356	16	361	Lauren	15	311	10	402
Darragh	15	356	24	310	Megan	16	310	11	387
Joshua	17	352	19	345	Kate	17	295	18	301
Ben	18	348	19	345	Rebecca	17	295	14	361
Patrick	19	343	13	366	Jessica	19	292	17	302
Oisín	20	342	25	300	Emily	20	273	19	278
Shane	21	335	21	343	Laura	21	268	16	349
John	22	333	15	362	Anna	22	265	21	247
Jamie	23	327	23	333	Grace	23	258	29	191
Liam	24	316	26	290	Ava	24	255	26	216
Matthew	25	304	17	351	Ellen	25	253	23	229

Source: CSO

