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## Population

- The preliminary total for the population enumerated on census night 10 April 2011 was 4,581,269 persons, compared with 4,239,848 persons in April 2006, representing an increase of 8.1% in five years.
- Irish society is becoming more diverse. 188 countries were represented in the non-Irish national population. However, 82% of these came from only 10 countries: UK, Poland, Lithuania, Nigeria, Latvia, US, China, Germany, Philippines and France.
- The number of divorced persons increased from 35,100 to 59,500 between 2002 and 2006, a rise of 70%.
- The total number of cohabiting couples was 121,800 in 2006 compared with 77,600 in 2002 – by far the fastest-growing type of family unit.

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## 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, nationality and place of usual residence one year before the census. Religion and the Irish language are also covered. 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. The most recent census was taken on 10 April 2011.

## Historical 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%, Munster had the largest population share in 1841, followed by Leinster with 30.2%. 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% in 1841 to 27.1% in 2011. The decline in the share of Connacht and Ulster (part of) has been even more acute, the 2011 levels being 11.8% and 6.4% respectively according to the 2011 Census preliminary results.

## 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 the 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 year since then, apart from 1986-1991 when a fairly modest decline was experienced. Population growth peaked at 81,000 per annum during the 2002-2006 period. The most recent inter-censal period (2006-2011) shows the highest natural increase at 45,000 persons per annum, with 73,000 births and 28,000 deaths.

## **Population by age and sex**

The State's average age of the population was 35.6 years in 2006 compared with 35.1 four 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% 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 302,300 according to the 2006 Census. The main cause of this increase was an increase in birth rates in the period to 2006.

While the number of old persons (those aged 65 years and over) increased by almost a third between 1971 and 2006, their share of the population is still at a fairly low level (11%) by international standards.

Population figures for the period since 2002 show annual growth of around 2%. The preliminary total for the population from the 2011 Census is 4.58 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 strengthened in the period to 2002. In 2006, males outnumbered females but according to the 2011 Census preliminary results this has reversed to show a small female surplus again.

## **Marital status and living arrangements**

43% of the population aged 15 and over were single and 46.4% were married (excluding those separated) in 2006. The remaining 10.6% were either widowed or separated (including divorced).

The number of divorced persons has risen by 70%, from 35,100 to 59,500, between 2002 and 2006, reflecting to a large extent the legalisation of divorce in the State in

1997. The number of separated (including divorced) persons increased from 133,800 in 2002 to 166,800 in 2006.

Limerick City has the highest proportion of separated people at 12.9%. This measure expresses the number of separated people including divorced as a percentage of those ever-married including widowed. This was followed by Dublin City (11.6%). At the other end of the scale, County Galway had the lowest proportion at 6.3%.

Cohabiting couples accounted for 11.6% of all family units in 2006 compared with 8.4% in 2002. Those without children accounted for 1 in 5 of all childless couples in 2006, while those with children represented 7.8% of all couples with children. The number of children living with cohabiting parents increased from 51,700 in 2002 to 74,500 in 2006.

### **Migration, birthplace and nationality**

According to the 2006 Census, 85% 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. Just over 50,000 Northern Ireland-born persons were usual residents of the State in 2006. Almost 200,000 were born in Britain.

The number of non-Irish nationals enumerated as part of the 2006 census was 420,000, representing 10 per cent of the usually resident population.

In the twelve months leading up to census day in 2006, 121,700 persons immigrated into the State. Of these, 45% were Irish born. In terms of non-nationals, 33,400 Polish, 22,600 UK and 7,400 Lithuanians were the leading immigrant groups.

## **Technical Notes**

### **Tables 1.1 and 1.3**

Preliminary figures used for the year 2011.

### **Table 1.5**

Preliminary figures used for the years 2007 to 2009.

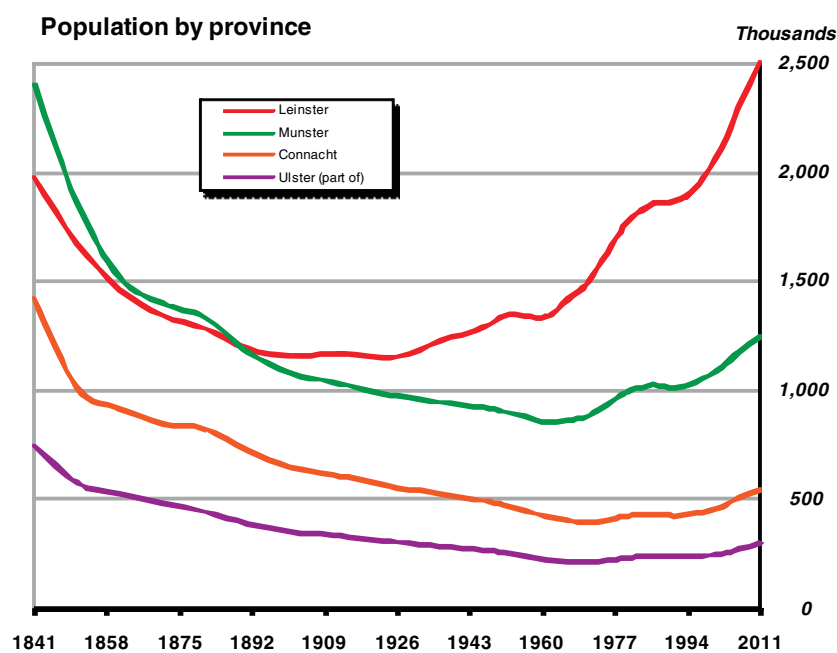
The population estimates for year ending April 2006 and later periods are based on the usual residences concept. For previous periods the de facto concept was used.

**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
2006	4,239.8	2,295.1	1,173.3	504.1	267.3
2011	4,581.3	2,501.2	1,243.7	542.0	294.3

Source: CSO



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**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
2002-2006	61	28	33	81	48
2006-2011	73	28	45	68	24

Source: CSO

**Components of population changes**

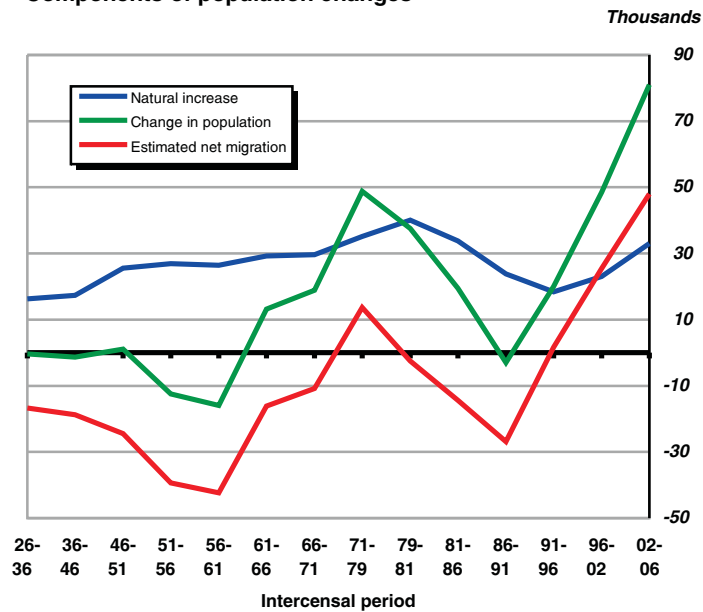


Table 1.3 Population by province, county and city, 2011

Province, county or city	Persons	Males	Females	Change in population 2006-2011	
				Actual	%
<b>Leinster</b>	<b>2,501,208</b>	<b>1,231,347</b>	<b>1,269,861</b>	<b>206,085</b>	<b>9.0</b>
Carlow	54,532	27,396	27,136	4,183	8.3
Dublin	1,270,603	618,541	652,062	83,427	7.0
<i>Dublin City</i>	525,383	256,138	269,245	19,172	3.8
<i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>	206,995	98,820	108,175	12,957	6.7
<i>Fingal</i>	273,051	134,114	138,937	33,059	13.8
<i>South Dublin</i>	265,174	129,469	135,705	18,239	7.4
Kildare	209,955	104,522	105,433	23,620	12.7
Kilkenny	95,360	47,807	47,553	7,802	8.9
Laois	80,458	40,500	39,958	13,399	20.0
Longford	38,970	19,620	19,350	4,579	13.3
Louth	122,808	60,674	62,134	11,541	10.4
Meath	184,034	91,837	92,197	21,203	13.0
Offaly	76,806	38,480	38,326	5,938	8.4
Westmeath	85,961	42,667	43,294	6,615	8.3
Wexford	145,273	71,898	73,375	13,524	10.3
Wicklow	136,448	67,405	69,043	10,254	8.1
<b>Munster</b>	<b>1,243,726</b>	<b>618,956</b>	<b>624,770</b>	<b>70,386</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Clare	116,885	58,134	58,751	5,935	5.3
Cork	518,128	256,970	261,158	36,833	7.7
<i>Cork City</i>	118,912	58,653	60,259	-506	-0.4
<i>Cork County</i>	399,216	198,317	200,899	37,339	10.3
Kerry	145,048	72,356	72,692	5,213	3.7
Limerick	191,306	95,514	95,792	7,251	3.9
<i>Limerick City</i>	56,779	27,771	29,008	-3,011	-5.0
<i>Limerick County</i>	134,527	67,743	66,784	10,262	8.3
North Tipperary	70,219	35,281	34,938	4,196	6.4
South Tipperary	88,433	44,237	44,196	5,212	6.3
Waterford	113,707	56,464	57,243	5,746	5.3
<i>Waterford City</i>	46,747	22,963	23,784	999	2.2
<i>Waterford County</i>	66,960	33,501	33,459	4,747	7.6
<b>Connacht</b>	<b>542,039</b>	<b>270,696</b>	<b>271,343</b>	<b>37,918</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Galway	250,541	124,617	125,924	18,871	8.1
<i>Galway City</i>	75,414	36,401	39,013	3,000	4.1
<i>Galway County</i>	175,127	88,216	86,911	15,871	10.0
Leitrim	31,778	16,144	15,634	2,828	9.8
Mayo	130,552	65,303	65,249	6,713	5.4
Roscommon	63,898	32,262	31,636	5,130	8.7
Sligo	65,270	32,370	32,900	4,376	7.2
<b>Ulster (part)</b>	<b>294,296</b>	<b>147,699</b>	<b>146,597</b>	<b>27,032</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Cavan	72,874	36,851	36,023	8,871	13.9
Donegal	160,927	80,411	80,516	13,663	9.3
Monaghan	60,495	30,437	30,058	4,498	8.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,581,269</b>	<b>2,268,698</b>	<b>2,312,571</b>	<b>341,421</b>	<b>8.1</b>

Source: CSO

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**Table 1.4 Population by sex and age group for census years**

Thousands

	Age group	1979	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	2006	
<b>Persons</b>	0-4	343.5	353.0	324.1	273.7	250.4	277.6	302.3	
	5-9	350.1	349.5	350.7	318.5	282.9	264.1	288.3	
	10-14	336.3	341.2	350.0	348.3	326.1	285.7	273.9	
	15-19	317.4	326.4	331.1	335.0	339.5	313.2	290.3	
	20-24	266.3	276.1	286.4	266.6	293.4	328.3	342.5	
	25-29	239.4	246.1	258.4	246.3	259.0	312.7	373.1	
	30-34	220.1	232.0	242.7	249.1	260.9	304.7	349.4	
	35-39	178.5	193.8	229.7	237.9	255.7	290.9	322.1	
	40-44	159.4	165.9	191.8	225.7	240.4	272.0	301.3	
	45-49	152.4	151.9	161.7	187.8	225.4	249.6	274.7	
	50-54	151.7	149.7	147.5	156.8	186.6	230.8	247.1	
	55-59	154.1	149.6	142.2	142.5	153.8	197.3	225.3	
	60-64	137.7	139.3	140.0	134.6	137.9	154.3	181.7	
	65-69	133.8	133.9	129.5	130.8	126.8	133.5	143.4	
	70-74	98.3	103.1	111.0	109.3	112.5	112.1	119.2	
	75-79	68.9	68.5	75.5	84.1	84.1	89.8	92.5	
	80-84	38.0	40.5	42.9	49.3	55.8	58.9	64.9	
	85 and over	22.5	23.0	25.5	29.4	34.7	41.7	48.1	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3,368.2</b>	<b>3,443.4</b>	<b>3,540.6</b>	<b>3,525.7</b>	<b>3,626.1</b>	<b>3,917.2</b>	<b>4,239.8</b>
	<b>Males</b>	0-4	175.6	181.0	166.4	140.6	128.7	142.0	154.6
5-9		179.1	179.1	179.8	163.3	145.3	135.9	148.0	
10-14		172.3	175.3	179.4	178.9	167.4	146.1	140.5	
15-19		162.3	166.7	169.9	171.4	174.0	160.4	148.2	
20-24		135.8	140.4	144.1	136.5	149.1	165.3	172.8	
25-29		121.6	124.4	129.1	120.7	129.4	156.1	189.3	
30-34		112.7	118.3	122.2	123.2	127.7	152.4	177.5	
35-39		91.8	99.3	116.4	118.7	126.1	144.5	163.8	
40-44		81.8	85.3	98.0	113.9	120.1	135.3	151.4	
45-49		77.8	77.8	82.8	95.4	113.8	125.0	138.0	
50-54		75.6	75.3	75.2	79.9	94.8	116.6	124.6	
55-59		76.1	73.3	70.5	71.7	77.8	99.8	113.9	
60-64		67.8	68.0	67.2	65.6	68.7	77.6	91.6	
65-69		65.0	64.3	61.1	61.0	60.3	65.3	70.9	
70-74		45.8	48.4	50.9	49.2	50.1	51.7	56.5	
75-79		29.1	29.2	32.6	35.7	35.2	37.4	40.1	
80-84		14.9	15.4	16.1	19.0	21.1	22.3	24.7	
85 and over		8.1	7.9	8.0	8.9	10.6	12.5	14.8	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,693.3</b>	<b>1,729.4</b>	<b>1,769.7</b>	<b>1,753.4</b>	<b>1,800.2</b>	<b>1,946.2</b>	<b>2,121.2</b>
<b>Females</b>		0-4	167.8	172.0	157.7	133.2	121.7	135.6	147.7
	5-9	171.1	170.4	170.8	155.2	137.6	128.2	140.3	
	10-14	164.0	166.0	170.6	169.4	158.7	139.6	133.4	
	15-19	155.1	159.8	161.2	163.6	165.6	152.8	142.0	
	20-24	130.5	135.7	142.3	130.1	144.2	163.0	169.7	
	25-29	117.8	121.7	129.4	125.7	129.7	156.6	183.8	
	30-34	107.4	113.7	120.5	125.9	133.2	152.3	171.9	
	35-39	86.7	94.5	113.3	119.2	129.5	146.4	158.3	
	40-44	77.6	80.6	93.8	111.8	120.4	136.7	149.9	
	45-49	74.7	74.1	79.0	92.3	111.6	124.6	136.8	
	50-54	76.1	74.4	72.4	76.9	91.8	114.3	122.5	
	55-59	77.9	76.3	71.7	70.9	76.0	94.5	111.4	
	60-64	69.9	71.3	72.8	69.0	69.3	76.7	90.2	
	65-69	68.8	69.6	68.4	69.8	66.6	68.2	72.5	
	70-74	52.5	54.8	60.1	60.1	62.4	60.4	62.6	
	75-79	39.7	39.3	42.9	48.4	48.9	52.4	52.3	
	80-84	23.1	25.0	26.8	30.3	34.7	36.6	40.2	
	85 and over	14.3	15.1	17.4	20.5	24.1	29.2	33.2	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,674.9</b>	<b>1,714.1</b>	<b>1,771.0</b>	<b>1,772.3</b>	<b>1,825.9</b>	<b>1,971.0</b>	<b>2,118.7</b>

Source: CSO

Table 1.5 Estimated annual population by sex and age group

Thousands

	Age group	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Persons</b>	0-4	290.7	296.5	302.3	312.3	327.9	341.6
	5-9	274.9	280.6	288.5	295.9	303.4	308.0
	10-14	278.2	276.3	274.2	275.6	281.0	288.1
	15-19	298.4	292.8	290.9	286.0	283.9	278.6
	20-24	336.1	339.5	347.5	347.8	334.0	304.8
	25-29	325.4	345.2	375.2	405.1	416.7	413.4
	30-34	325.1	335.8	347.9	358.0	366.9	371.4
	35-39	303.5	312.1	320.4	331.7	342.1	348.0
	40-44	286.0	294.1	299.8	305.8	310.2	312.5
	45-49	259.2	265.4	273.8	279.8	286.1	293.5
	50-54	238.1	243.1	246.4	252.6	257.2	261.7
	55-59	213.9	221.4	223.9	227.4	232.0	235.4
	60-64	166.0	172.1	179.8	190.5	199.2	207.5
	65-69	137.5	140.8	141.2	143.5	148.8	155.3
	70-74	115.7	117.4	117.5	119.2	120.8	123.2
	75-79	90.0	91.0	91.4	92.1	93.6	95.2
	80-84	63.1	64.0	64.4	65.4	65.2	65.9
85 and over	43.4	45.7	47.8	50.3	53.2	55.4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,045.2</b>	<b>4,133.8</b>	<b>4,232.9</b>	<b>4,339.0</b>	<b>4,422.1</b>	<b>4,459.3</b>
<b>Males</b>	0-4	148.7	151.7	154.7	160.5	168.2	175.3
	5-9	141.2	144.3	148.1	151.3	154.9	157.6
	10-14	142.8	142.0	140.7	141.3	144.1	147.7
	15-19	152.7	149.8	148.7	145.4	144.6	141.8
	20-24	168.2	170.0	175.5	175.0	165.7	148.6
	25-29	162.9	174.1	190.2	204.7	209.4	204.6
	30-34	161.8	168.7	176.4	182.6	185.3	186.0
	35-39	152.4	157.8	162.8	169.1	174.0	175.6
	40-44	142.5	147.1	150.4	153.6	155.7	157.5
	45-49	129.7	132.9	137.4	140.6	143.4	147.0
	50-54	120.1	122.9	124.1	127.1	129.2	131.5
	55-59	108.5	112.0	113.2	114.9	117.0	118.5
	60-64	83.8	86.7	90.6	96.0	100.4	104.3
	65-69	67.3	69.1	69.9	71.3	73.6	76.9
	70-74	54.6	55.7	55.8	56.6	57.5	58.7
	75-79	37.8	38.8	39.7	40.6	41.8	42.9
	80-84	23.9	24.3	24.5	25.0	25.0	25.9
85 and over	13.2	14.0	14.8	15.5	16.6	17.5	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,011.9</b>	<b>2,061.8</b>	<b>2,117.3</b>	<b>2,171.1</b>	<b>2,206.3</b>	<b>2,217.7</b>
<b>Females</b>	0-4	142.0	144.8	147.7	151.8	159.7	166.4
	5-9	133.8	136.3	140.4	144.6	148.5	150.5
	10-14	135.4	134.4	133.5	134.2	136.9	140.4
	15-19	145.7	143.0	142.2	140.6	139.3	136.8
	20-24	167.9	169.5	172.0	172.8	168.3	156.1
	25-29	162.5	171.1	185.0	200.4	207.3	208.8
	30-34	163.4	167.0	171.5	175.3	181.6	185.4
	35-39	151.1	154.4	157.7	162.5	168.1	172.4
	40-44	143.5	147.1	149.3	152.2	154.5	155.0
	45-49	129.6	132.6	136.4	139.3	142.8	146.5
	50-54	118.0	120.2	122.3	125.5	128.0	130.2
	55-59	105.4	109.4	110.7	112.5	115.0	116.9
	60-64	82.2	85.4	89.1	94.6	98.8	103.2
	65-69	70.2	71.7	71.4	72.2	75.2	78.4
	70-74	61.1	61.7	61.7	62.6	63.3	64.5
	75-79	52.2	52.2	51.8	51.5	51.8	52.4
	80-84	39.2	39.7	39.9	40.4	40.1	40.0
85 and over	30.2	31.7	33.1	34.8	36.6	37.9	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,033.3</b>	<b>2,072.0</b>	<b>2,115.6</b>	<b>2,167.9</b>	<b>2,215.8</b>	<b>2,241.6</b>

Source: CSO

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**Table 1.6 Usual residents by ethnic or cultural background, 2006**

Category	Thousands	%
<b>White</b>		
Irish	3,645.2	87.4
Irish Traveller	22.4	0.5
Any other White background	289.0	6.9
<b>Black or black Irish</b>		
African	40.5	1.0
Any other Black background	3.8	0.1
<b>Asian or Asian Irish</b>		
Chinese	16.5	0.4
Any other Asian background	35.8	0.9
<b>Other including mixed background</b>		
Not stated	46.4	1.1
	72.3	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,172.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 1.7 Travellers by age group, sex and marital status, 2006**

	Age group	Total	Marital status			
			Single	Married	Separated (including divorced)	Widowed
<b>Persons</b>	0-4 years	3,312	3,312	–	–	–
	5-14 years	5,989	5,989	–	–	–
	15-24 years	4,601	3,406	1,098	93	4
	25-34 years	3,241	986	1,901	322	32
	35-44 years	2,434	396	1,652	324	62
	45-54 years	1,461	160	1,047	173	81
	55-64 years	803	78	563	74	88
	65 years and over	594	67	278	20	229
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,435</b>	<b>14,394</b>	<b>6,539</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>496</b>
<b>Males</b>	0-4 years	1,697	1,697	–	–	–
	5-14 years	3,055	3,055	–	–	–
	15-24 years	2,230	1,731	481	16	2
	25-34 years	1,510	486	932	83	9
	35-44 years	1,127	201	825	84	17
	45-54 years	722	95	554	52	21
	55-64 years	416	47	309	36	24
	65 years and over	271	51	158	8	54
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,028</b>	<b>7,363</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Females</b>	0-4 years	1,615	1,615	–	–	–
	5-14 years	2,934	2,934	–	–	–
	15-24 years	2,371	1,675	617	77	2
	25-34 years	1,731	500	969	239	23
	35-44 years	1,307	195	827	240	45
	45-54 years	739	65	493	121	60
	55-64 years	387	31	254	38	64
	65 years and over	323	16	120	12	175
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,407</b>	<b>7,031</b>	<b>3,280</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>369</b>

Source: CSO

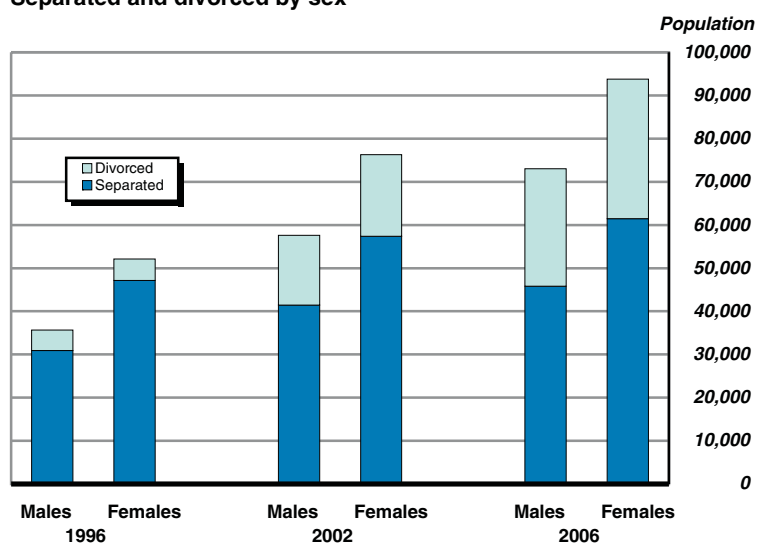
**Table 1.8 Population aged 15 years and over by marital status**

Thousands

	Population	Single	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
<i>Thousands</i>						
1996	<b>2,766.7</b>	1,137.9	1,356.6	78.0	9.8	184.4
2002	<b>3,089.8</b>	1,314.7	1,454.4	98.8	35.1	186.9
2006	<b>3,375.4</b>	1,453.2	1,565.0	107.3	59.5	190.4
<i>Percentage change</i>						
1996/2002	11.7	15.5	7.2	26.6	258.2	1.3
2002/2006	9.2	10.5	7.6	8.6	69.8	1.9

Source: CSO

**Separated and divorced by sex**



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**Table 1.9 Persons usually resident in the State on Census Night, by place of birth and age group, 2006**

Place of Birth	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
<b>Ireland (Republic)</b>	<b>3,559,384</b>	<b>777,059</b>	<b>519,243</b>	<b>1,017,257</b>	<b>813,837</b>	<b>431,988</b>
County of usual residence	2,710,020	653,203	416,499	727,673	590,530	322,115
Other county	849,364	123,856	102,744	289,584	223,307	109,873
<b>Outside Ireland (Republic)</b>	<b>612,629</b>	<b>83,437</b>	<b>99,222</b>	<b>303,294</b>	<b>98,464</b>	<b>28,212</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>438,489</b>	<b>52,900</b>	<b>70,857</b>	<b>210,133</b>	<b>80,473</b>	<b>24,126</b>
Northern Ireland	50,172	5,866	4,408	18,218	15,004	6,676
England and Wales	204,746	31,661	23,539	90,469	45,831	13,246
Scotland	16,863	1,464	1,265	7,537	4,684	1,913
Austria	617	67	95	301	109	45
Belgium	1,276	243	197	548	201	87
Cyprus	244	35	22	112	64	11
Czech Republic	5,278	362	1,334	3,182	345	55
Denmark	809	93	111	433	128	44
Estonia	2,373	193	824	1,186	162	8
Finland	935	61	191	558	107	18
France	9,307	811	2,219	5,349	788	140
Germany	11,797	1,289	1,750	5,778	2,194	786
Greece	471	54	77	259	67	14
Hungary	3,328	191	642	2,236	213	46
Italy	5,811	346	755	3,764	740	206
Latvia	13,999	1,194	3,933	7,551	1,276	45
Lithuania	24,808	2,651	6,916	13,140	2,032	69
Luxembourg	113	56	30	18	7	2
Malta	285	24	24	110	100	27
Netherlands	4,292	653	582	1,672	1,078	307
Poland	63,090	4,485	17,672	36,485	4,249	199
Portugal	1,520	164	228	948	159	21
Slovakia	8,201	401	2,505	4,797	466	32
Slovenia	135	11	30	84	8	2
Spain	6,207	379	1,022	4,432	290	84
Sweden	1,812	146	486	966	171	43
<b>Other European Countries</b>	<b>27,517</b>	<b>4,298</b>	<b>3,996</b>	<b>16,403</b>	<b>2,533</b>	<b>287</b>
Romania	8,566	1,166	1,556	5,336	478	30
Russia	4,568	1,205	545	2,251	530	37
Ukraine	3,397	375	338	2,373	299	12
Moldova	2,260	326	301	1,481	149	3
Other	8,726	1,226	1,256	4,962	1,077	205
<b>Africa</b>	<b>42,764</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>5,778</b>	<b>24,864</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>518</b>
Nigeria	16,677	3,845	1,686	10,404	703	39
South Africa	7,727	1,339	1,216	3,842	1,092	238
Zimbabwe	2,281	384	378	1,178	309	32
Congo	2,037	440	357	1,126	109	5
Other	14,042	1,846	2,141	8,314	1,537	204
<b>Asia</b>	<b>55,628</b>	<b>6,936</b>	<b>11,106</b>	<b>31,488</b>	<b>5,298</b>	<b>800</b>
China	11,218	529	4,481	5,758	368	82
Philippines	9,644	1,413	356	6,614	1,227	34
India	9,342	991	1,236	5,995	836	284
Pakistan	5,850	966	1,065	3,247	523	49
Malaysia	3,409	241	1,040	1,714	358	56
Bangladesh	1,961	138	439	1,297	83	4
Hong Kong	1,718	142	257	708	552	59
Other	12,486	2,516	2,232	6,155	1,351	232
<b>America</b>	<b>38,301</b>	<b>9,506</b>	<b>5,910</b>	<b>15,223</b>	<b>5,425</b>	<b>2,237</b>
USA	25,181	7,689	3,525	8,180	3,840	1,947
Brazil	4,720	483	1,064	2,887	275	11
Canada	4,618	632	830	2,220	765	171
Other	3,782	702	491	1,936	545	108
<b>Australia</b>	<b>6,624</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,172,013</b>	<b>860,496</b>	<b>618,465</b>	<b>1,320,551</b>	<b>912,301</b>	<b>460,200</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 1.10 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by nationality and age group, 2006**

Nationality	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
<b>Total Irish</b>	<b>3,706,683</b>	<b>797,281</b>	<b>536,777</b>	<b>1,089,238</b>	<b>845,160</b>	<b>438,227</b>
Irish	3,661,560	782,057	531,152	1,075,721	837,752	434,878
Irish-English	14,829	3,514	1,762	4,861	3,227	1,465
Irish-American	12,350	4,038	1,429	3,731	1,746	1,406
Irish-European	5,267	2,756	886	1,082	413	130
Irish-Other	12,677	4,916	1,548	3,843	2,022	348
<b>Non-Irish</b>	<b>419,733</b>	<b>52,500</b>	<b>75,687</b>	<b>219,281</b>	<b>57,181</b>	<b>15,084</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>275,775</b>	<b>28,695</b>	<b>51,826</b>	<b>137,788</b>	<b>44,921</b>	<b>12,545</b>
Austria	583	53	98	339	79	14
Belgium	910	69	133	461	195	52
Cyprus	60	5	10	31	11	3
Czech Republic	5,159	356	1,292	3,171	320	20
Denmark	729	61	91	420	129	28
Estonia	2,272	198	764	1,135	169	6
Finland	926	62	193	574	88	9
France	9,046	588	2,116	5,455	774	113
Germany	10,289	821	1,461	5,396	1,976	635
Greece	412	32	48	267	57	8
Hungary	3,440	197	675	2,330	216	22
Italy	6,190	366	791	4,104	749	180
Latvia	13,319	1,238	3,690	7,106	1,245	40
Lithuania	24,628	2,778	6,728	12,987	2,064	71
Luxembourg	26	4	7	5	8	2
Malta	139	17	15	66	31	10
Netherlands	3,990	418	416	1,786	1,089	281
Poland	63,276	4,790	17,665	36,464	4,213	144
Portugal	1,798	175	270	1,156	173	24
Slovakia	8,111	418	2,465	4,751	450	27
Slovenia	130	10	26	86	7	1
Spain	6,052	277	975	4,478	264	58
Sweden	1,742	111	475	957	163	36
UK	112,548	15,651	11,422	44,263	30,451	10,761
<b>Rest of Europe</b>	<b>24,425</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>15,446</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>208</b>
Romania	7,696	1,024	1,156	5,068	424	24
Russia	4,495	653	793	2,571	456	22
Ukraine	3,122	316	297	2,245	254	10
Other	9,112	1,256	1,273	5,562	869	152
<b>Africa</b>	<b>35,326</b>	<b>7,647</b>	<b>4,615</b>	<b>20,937</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>147</b>
Nigeria	16,300	4,151	1,626	9,929	564	30
South Africa	5,432	955	735	3,012	672	58
Other	13,594	2,541	2,254	7,996	744	59
<b>Asia</b>	<b>46,952</b>	<b>5,497</b>	<b>10,056</b>	<b>28,058</b>	<b>3,079</b>	<b>262</b>
China	11,161	412	4,515	5,745	415	74
Philippines	9,548	1,572	340	6,481	1,131	24
India	8,460	1,162	1,156	5,708	396	38
Pakistan	4,998	952	982	2,772	264	28
Malaysia	2,979	227	1,031	1,532	174	15
Other	9,806	1,172	2,032	5,820	699	83
<b>America</b>	<b>21,124</b>	<b>4,612</b>	<b>3,286</b>	<b>9,182</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>1,069</b>
USA	12,475	3,535	1,615	4,252	2,145	928
Brazil	4,388	446	980	2,706	248	8
Canada	2,343	334	427	1,093	380	109
Other	1,918	297	264	1,131	202	24

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**Table 1.10 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by nationality and age group, 2006 (continued)**

Nationality	Total	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Australia	4,033	568	547	2,418	422	78
New Zealand	1,756	147	178	1,194	202	35
Other nationalities	7,984	1,543	1,367	3,207	1,230	637
Multi-nationality	2,358	542	293	1,051	369	103
No nationality	1,318	397	179	485	170	87
Not stated	44,279	10,318	5,822	11,547	9,790	6,802
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,172,013</b>	<b>860,496</b>	<b>618,465</b>	<b>1,320,551</b>	<b>912,301</b>	<b>460,200</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 1.11 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by religion and nationality, 2006**

Nationality	Total persons	Religious denomination									No religion	Not stated
		Catholic	Church of Ireland (including Protestant)	Other Christian religions	Presbyterian	Muslim (Islamic)	Orthodox	Methodist	Other stated religions			
Irish	<b>3,706,683</b>	3,409,381	86,990	16,327	13,628	9,761	2,881	5,077	22,497	105,356	34,785	
Non-Irish	<b>419,733</b>	213,412	31,197	11,484	7,741	21,613	16,845	5,612	31,118	68,444	12,267	
UK	<b>112,548</b>	54,214	22,511	1,667	3,621	620	117	2,053	4,167	21,851	1,727	
Rest of EU	<b>163,227</b>	112,806	3,388	1,551	990	777	3,666	293	7,284	27,529	4,943	
Rest of Europe	<b>24,425</b>	4,002	412	1,082	263	1,924	11,776	52	1,824	2,101	989	
Africa	<b>35,326</b>	8,530	2,467	4,553	1,649	6,909	196	2,330	6,337	917	1,438	
Asia	<b>46,952</b>	12,443	648	1,482	259	10,649	731	407	8,792	10,187	1,354	
America	<b>21,124</b>	13,229	722	738	549	128	64	281	1,866	2,661	886	
Other nationalities	<b>16,131</b>	8,188	1,049	411	410	606	295	196	848	3,198	930	
Not stated, incl. no nationality	<b>45,597</b>	22,172	761	217	127	405	268	79	418	1,452	19,698	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,172,013</b>	<b>3,644,965</b>	<b>118,948</b>	<b>28,028</b>	<b>21,496</b>	<b>31,779</b>	<b>19,994</b>	<b>10,768</b>	<b>54,033</b>	<b>175,252</b>	<b>66,750</b>	

Source: CSO

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**Table 1.12 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over, by frequency of speaking Irish, age group and sex, 2006**

Age group	Total persons	Daily within education system		Outside education system				
		Speaks within education system only	Speaks Irish also outside education system	Daily	Weekly	Less often	Never	Not stated
<b>Persons</b>								
3-4	<b>14,773</b>	9,333	759	1,152	1,293	1,636	187	413
5-9	<b>171,290</b>	143,763	6,530	1,804	7,366	7,582	1,983	2,262
10-14	<b>194,337</b>	156,306	7,140	1,927	9,292	11,845	5,043	2,784
15-19	<b>184,847</b>	98,479	6,166	3,103	11,300	37,058	25,649	3,092
20-24	<b>149,122</b>	8,329	1,230	4,341	8,767	67,019	56,680	2,756
25-34	<b>264,516</b>	11,890	2,421	8,674	14,019	113,569	110,288	3,655
35-44	<b>204,541</b>	9,231	2,599	9,334	14,209	94,064	72,386	2,718
45-54	<b>191,600</b>	9,361	2,355	7,975	12,457	95,748	60,704	3,000
55-64	<b>138,483</b>	4,629	1,416	6,520	8,964	74,525	39,807	2,622
65 years and over	<b>143,281</b>	1,886	989	8,641	9,422	78,528	40,119	3,696
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,656,790</b>	<b>453,207</b>	<b>31,605</b>	<b>53,471</b>	<b>97,089</b>	<b>581,574</b>	<b>412,846</b>	<b>26,998</b>
<b>Males</b>								
3-4	<b>6,784</b>	4,260	346	572	561	743	92	210
5-9	<b>84,914</b>	71,249	3,223	916	3,572	3,791	1,043	1,120
10-14	<b>95,247</b>	75,903	3,526	941	4,621	6,122	2,728	1,406
15-19	<b>86,448</b>	44,170	2,811	1,477	5,278	17,805	13,359	1,548
20-24	<b>66,262</b>	1,975	397	2,172	3,795	30,124	26,399	1,400
25-34	<b>114,936</b>	2,033	829	4,108	6,247	51,064	48,729	1,926
35-44	<b>88,414</b>	1,730	945	4,049	5,677	41,470	33,083	1,460
45-54	<b>87,836</b>	2,359	1,054	4,049	5,861	44,707	28,258	1,548
55-64	<b>65,680</b>	1,487	775	3,586	4,552	35,356	18,609	1,315
65 years and over	<b>60,546</b>	788	487	4,301	4,505	33,470	15,491	1,504
<b>Total</b>	<b>757,067</b>	<b>205,954</b>	<b>14,393</b>	<b>26,171</b>	<b>44,669</b>	<b>264,652</b>	<b>187,791</b>	<b>13,437</b>
<b>Females</b>								
3- 4	<b>7,989</b>	5,073	413	580	732	893	95	203
5-9	<b>86,376</b>	72,514	3,307	888	3,794	3,791	940	1,142
10-14	<b>99,090</b>	80,403	3,614	986	4,671	5,723	2,315	1,378
15-19	<b>98,399</b>	54,309	3,355	1,626	6,022	19,253	12,290	1,544
20-24	<b>82,860</b>	6,354	833	2,169	4,972	36,895	30,281	1,356
25-34	<b>149,580</b>	9,857	1,592	4,566	7,772	62,505	61,559	1,729
35-44	<b>116,127</b>	7,501	1,654	5,285	8,532	52,594	39,303	1,258
45-54	<b>103,764</b>	7,002	1,301	3,926	6,596	51,041	32,446	1,452
55-64	<b>72,803</b>	3,142	641	2,934	4,412	39,169	21,198	1,307
65 years and over	<b>82,735</b>	1,098	502	4,340	4,917	45,058	24,628	2,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,723</b>	<b>247,253</b>	<b>17,212</b>	<b>27,300</b>	<b>52,420</b>	<b>316,922</b>	<b>225,055</b>	<b>13,561</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 1.13 Family units in private households by type of family unit and number of children, 2006**

Type of family unit	Total family units	Number of children in family units								Number of children
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more	
<b>Husband and wife without children</b>	<b>225,773</b>	<b>225,773</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cohabiting couple without children</b>	<b>77,781</b>	<b>77,781</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Husband and wife with children (of any age)</b>										
All children under 15 years	231,376	-	68,442	96,288	49,279	13,989	2,564	618	196	482,793
All children aged 15 years and over	193,323	-	97,850	64,503	23,449	6,037	1,157	235	92	329,232
Remainder	91,705	-	-	28,858	35,178	18,653	5,841	2,012	1,163	288,129
<b>Total</b>	<b>516,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>166,298</b>	<b>189,649</b>	<b>107,906</b>	<b>38,679</b>	<b>9,562</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,100,154</b>
<b>Cohabiting couple with children (of any age)</b>										
All children under 15 years	36,111	-	21,105	10,810	3,078	818	212	64	24	56,846
All children aged 15 years and over	3,985	-	2,627	1,070	218	55	13	1	1	5,719
Remainder	3,886	-	-	1,494	1,325	660	242	99	66	11,909
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,732</b>	<b>13,374</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>74,474</b>
<b>Lone mother with children (of any age)</b>										
All children under 15 years	73,079	-	45,147	19,240	6,206	1,854	491	109	32	113,010
All children aged 15 years and over	71,733	-	48,460	17,065	4,718	1,151	251	67	21	103,165
Remainder	17,739	-	-	7,093	5,903	2,991	1,141	378	233	53,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,551</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,607</b>	<b>43,398</b>	<b>16,827</b>	<b>5,996</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>269,785</b>
<b>Lone father with children (of any age)</b>										
All children under 15 years	5,151	-	3,221	1,376	418	108	21	6	1	7,807
All children aged 15 years and over	19,174	-	13,290	4,346	1,139	310	67	19	3	27,109
Remainder	2,364	-	-	929	823	396	144	50	22	7,102
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,689</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,511</b>	<b>6,651</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>42,018</b>
<b>TOTAL FAMILY UNITS</b>	<b>1,053,180</b>	<b>303,554</b>	<b>300,142</b>	<b>253,072</b>	<b>131,734</b>	<b>47,022</b>	<b>12,144</b>	<b>3,658</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>1,486,431</b>

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