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## Population

- The population enumerated on census night 23 April 2006 was 4,239,848 persons, compared with 3,917,203 in April 2002, representing an increase of 8.2% in four years.
- It is estimated that about 420,000 of the population usually resident in the 2006 census were non-Irish nationals.
- EU Accession State migrants are the fastest-growing non-national groups with Poles now exceeding 63,000 and Lithuanians 24,000.
- The population is getting older – the average age was 35.6 years in 2006 compared with 35.1 years in 2002.
- The number of divorced persons increased from 35,000 to 59,500 between 2002 and 2006, a rise of 70%.

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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.

Historical data for the period up to and including 2006 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. The most recent census was taken on 23 April 2006.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 27.7% in 2006. The decline in the share of Connacht and Ulster (part of) has been even more acute, the 2006 levels being 11.9% and 6.3% 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 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. The 2002-2006 period has witnessed record population growth with the annual increase amounting to 79,000 – consisting of a natural increase of 33,000 supplemented by annual net inward migration of 46,000.

## **Population by age and sex**

The State's average age of the population was 35.2 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 total for the population from the 2006 Census is 4.24 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. By 2006, males outnumbered females once 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% of those who were ever married.

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 close to 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.

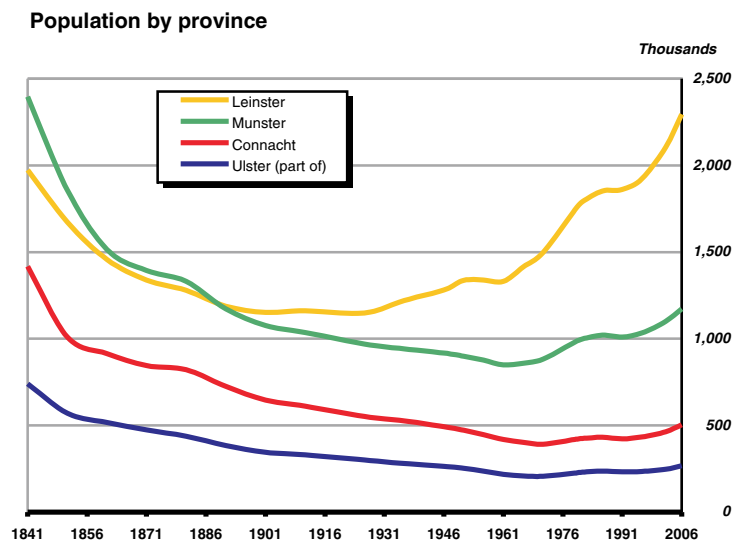
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**Table 1.1 Population by province**

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         |

Source: CSO



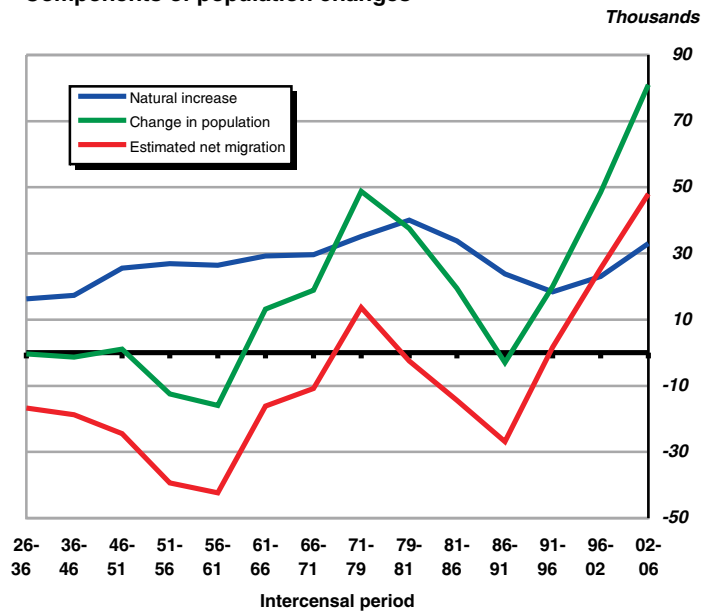
**Table 1.2 Average annual births, deaths, natural increase and estimated net migration for each intercensal period**

*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                      |

Source: CSO

**Components of population changes**



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**Table 1.3 Population by province, county and city, 2006**

| Province, county or city      | Persons          | Males            | Females          | Change in population<br>2002-2006 |             |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
|                               |                  |                  |                  | Actual                            | %           |
| <b>Leinster</b>               | <b>2,295,123</b> | <b>1,141,320</b> | <b>1,153,803</b> | <b>189,544</b>                    | <b>9.0</b>  |
| Carlow                        | 50,349           | 25,611           | 24,738           | 4,335                             | 9.4         |
| Dublin                        | <b>1,187,176</b> | 582,557          | 604,619          | 64,355                            | 5.7         |
| <i>Dublin City</i>            | <i>506,211</i>   | <i>248,087</i>   | <i>258,124</i>   | <i>10,430</i>                     | <i>2.1</i>  |
| <i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i> | <i>194,038</i>   | <i>92,899</i>    | <i>101,139</i>   | <i>2,246</i>                      | <i>1.2</i>  |
| <i>Fingal</i>                 | <i>239,992</i>   | <i>119,200</i>   | <i>120,792</i>   | <i>43,579</i>                     | <i>22.2</i> |
| <i>South Dublin</i>           | <i>246,935</i>   | <i>122,371</i>   | <i>124,564</i>   | <i>8,100</i>                      | <i>3.4</i>  |
| Kildare                       | <b>186,335</b>   | 94,190           | 92,145           | 22,391                            | 13.7        |
| Kilkenny                      | <b>87,558</b>    | 44,263           | 43,295           | 7,219                             | 9.0         |
| Laois                         | <b>67,059</b>    | 34,409           | 32,650           | 8,285                             | 14.1        |
| Longford                      | <b>34,391</b>    | 17,573           | 16,818           | 3,323                             | 10.7        |
| Louth                         | <b>111,267</b>   | 55,335           | 55,932           | 9,446                             | 9.3         |
| Meath                         | <b>162,831</b>   | 82,651           | 80,180           | 28,826                            | 21.5        |
| Offaly                        | <b>70,868</b>    | 35,937           | 34,931           | 7,205                             | 11.3        |
| Westmeath                     | <b>79,346</b>    | 39,819           | 39,527           | 7,488                             | 10.4        |
| Wexford                       | <b>131,749</b>   | 66,070           | 65,679           | 15,153                            | 13.0        |
| Wicklow                       | <b>126,194</b>   | 62,905           | 63,289           | 11,518                            | 10.0        |
| <b>Munster</b>                | <b>1,173,340</b> | <b>589,933</b>   | <b>583,407</b>   | <b>72,726</b>                     | <b>6.6</b>  |
| Clare                         | <b>110,950</b>   | 56,048           | 54,902           | 7,673                             | 7.4         |
| Cork                          | <b>481,295</b>   | 240,814          | 240,481          | 33,466                            | 7.5         |
| <i>Cork City</i>              | <i>119,418</i>   | <i>58,449</i>    | <i>60,969</i>    | <i>-3,644</i>                     | <i>-3.0</i> |
| <i>Cork County</i>            | <i>361,877</i>   | <i>182,365</i>   | <i>179,512</i>   | <i>37,110</i>                     | <i>11.4</i> |
| Kerry                         | <b>139,835</b>   | 70,641           | 69,194           | 7,308                             | 5.5         |
| Limerick                      | <b>184,055</b>   | 92,680           | 91,375           | 8,751                             | 5.0         |
| <i>Limerick City</i>          | <i>52,539</i>    | <i>25,698</i>    | <i>26,841</i>    | <i>-1,484</i>                     | <i>-2.7</i> |
| <i>Limerick County</i>        | <i>131,516</i>   | <i>66,982</i>    | <i>64,534</i>    | <i>10,235</i>                     | <i>8.4</i>  |
| North Tipperary               | <b>66,023</b>    | 33,568           | 32,455           | 5,013                             | 8.2         |
| South Tipperary               | <b>83,221</b>    | 42,250           | 40,971           | 4,100                             | 5.2         |
| Waterford                     | <b>107,961</b>   | 53,932           | 54,029           | 6,415                             | 6.3         |
| <i>Waterford City</i>         | <i>45,748</i>    | <i>22,622</i>    | <i>23,126</i>    | <i>1,154</i>                      | <i>2.6</i>  |
| <i>Waterford County</i>       | <i>62,213</i>    | <i>31,310</i>    | <i>30,903</i>    | <i>5,261</i>                      | <i>9.2</i>  |
| <b>Connacht</b>               | <b>504,121</b>   | <b>254,450</b>   | <b>249,671</b>   | <b>39,825</b>                     | <b>8.6</b>  |
| Galway                        | <b>231,670</b>   | 116,476          | 115,194          | 22,593                            | 10.8        |
| <i>Galway City</i>            | <i>72,414</i>    | <i>34,848</i>    | <i>37,566</i>    | <i>6,582</i>                      | <i>10.0</i> |
| <i>Galway County</i>          | <i>159,256</i>   | <i>81,628</i>    | <i>77,628</i>    | <i>16,011</i>                     | <i>11.2</i> |
| Leitrim                       | <b>28,950</b>    | 14,903           | 14,047           | 3,151                             | 12.2        |
| Mayo                          | <b>123,839</b>   | 62,636           | 61,203           | 6,393                             | 5.4         |
| Roscommon                     | <b>58,768</b>    | 30,178           | 28,590           | 4,994                             | 9.3         |
| Sligo                         | <b>60,894</b>    | 30,257           | 30,637           | 2,694                             | 4.6         |
| <b>Ulster (part)</b>          | <b>267,264</b>   | <b>135,468</b>   | <b>131,796</b>   | <b>20,550</b>                     | <b>8.3</b>  |
| Cavan                         | <b>64,003</b>    | 32,915           | 31,088           | 7,457                             | 13.2        |
| Donegal                       | <b>147,264</b>   | 73,970           | 73,294           | 9,689                             | 7.0         |
| Monaghan                      | 55,997           | 28,583           | 27,414           | 3,404                             | 6.5         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>4,239,848</b> | <b>2,121,171</b> | <b>2,118,677</b> | <b>322,645</b>                    | <b>8.2</b>  |

Source: CSO



Table 1.4 Population by sex and age group for census years

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|                | 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        | 147.7          | 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           | 161.1          | 61.0           | 60.3           | 65.3           | 70.9           |                |
| 70-74          |              | 45.8         | 48.4           | 50.9           | 49.2           | 50.1           | 21.7           | 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

## Population

**Table 1.5 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 1.6 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

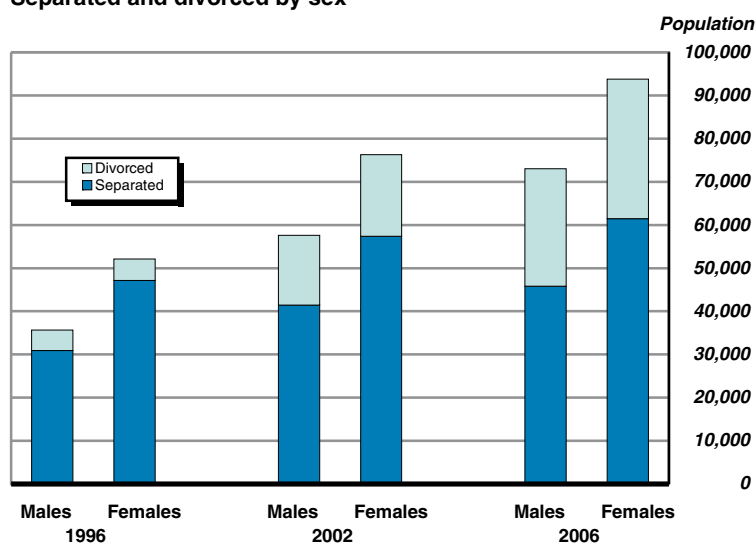
**Table 1.7 Population aged 15 years and over classified by marital status**

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**



## Population

**Table 1.8 Persons usually present in the State on Census Night, classified by place of birth and age group**

| 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 1.9 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified 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                |

## Population

**Table 1.9 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified 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 1.10 Persons usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, classified 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> |            |

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## Population

**Table 1.11 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over, classified 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> |

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**Table 1.12 Family units in private households classified by type of family unit and number of children, 2006**

| Type of family unit                                 | Total family units | 0              | 1              | 2              | 3              | 4             | 5             | 6            | 7 or more    | Number of children |
|---|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>Husband and wife without children</b>            | <b>225,805</b>     | <b>225,805</b> | -              | -              | -              | -             | -             | -            | -            | -                  |
| <b>Cohabiting couple without children</b>           | <b>77,782</b>      | <b>77,782</b>  | -              | -              | -              | -             | -             | -            | -            | -                  |
| <b>Husband and wife with children (of any age)</b>  |                    |                |                |                |                |               |               |              |              |                    |
| All children under 15 years                         | 231,380            | -              | 68,444         | 96,292         | 49,278         | 13,988        | 2,564         | 618          | 196          | 482,796            |
| All children aged 15 years and over                 | 193,331            | -              | 97,854         | 64,507         | 23,449         | 6,037         | 1,157         | 235          | 92           | 329,244            |
| Remainder   | 91,702             | -              | 0              | 28,854         | 35,178         | 18,654        | 5,841         | 2,012        | 1,163        | 288,125            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>516,413</b>     | <b>-</b>       | <b>166,298</b> | <b>189,653</b> | <b>107,905</b> | <b>38,679</b> | <b>9,562</b>  | <b>2,865</b> | <b>1,451</b> | <b>1,100,165</b>   |
| <b>Cohabiting couple with children (of any age)</b> |                    |                |                |                |                |               |               |              |              |                    |
| All children under 15 years                         | 36,105             | -              | 21,101         | 10,808         | 3,078          | 819           | 211           | 64           | 24           | 56,837             |
| All children aged 15 years and over                 | 3,987              | -              | 2,629          | 1,070          | 218            | 55            | 13            | 1            | 1            | 5,721              |
| Remainder   | 3,885              | -              | 0              | 1,493          | 1,325          | 660           | 242           | 99           | 66           | 11,907             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>43,977</b>      | <b>-</b>       | <b>23,730</b>  | <b>13,371</b>  | <b>4,621</b>   | <b>1,534</b>  | <b>466</b>    | <b>164</b>   | <b>91</b>    | <b>74,465</b>      |
| <b>Lone mother with children (of any age)</b>       |                    |                |                |                |                |               |               |              |              |                    |
| All children under 15 years                         | 73,019             | -              | 45,103         | 19,232         | 6,198          | 1,854         | 491           | 109          | 32           | 112,926            |
| All children aged 15 years and over                 | 71,739             | -              | 48,465         | 17,066         | 4,718          | 1,151         | 251           | 67           | 21           | 103,172            |
| Remainder   | 17,738             | -              | 0              | 7,093          | 5,904          | 2,990         | 1,140         | 378          | 233          | 53,604             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>162,496</b>     | <b>-</b>       | <b>93,568</b>  | <b>43,391</b>  | <b>16,820</b>  | <b>5,995</b>  | <b>1,882</b>  | <b>554</b>   | <b>286</b>   | <b>269,702</b>     |
| <b>Lone father with children (of any age)</b>       |                    |                |                |                |                |               |               |              |              |                    |
| All children under 15 years                         | 5,155              | -              | 3,225          | 1,376          | 418            | 108           | 21            | 6            | 1            | 7,811              |
| All children aged 15 years and over                 | 19,198             | -              | 13,313         | 4,347          | 1,139          | 310           | 67            | 19           | 3            | 27,134             |
| Remainder   | 2,364              | -              | 0              | 929            | 823            | 396           | 144           | 50           | 22           | 7,102              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>26,717</b>      | <b>-</b>       | <b>16,538</b>  | <b>6,652</b>   | <b>2,380</b>   | <b>814</b>    | <b>232</b>    | <b>75</b>    | <b>26</b>    | <b>42,047</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL FAMILY UNITS</b>                           | <b>1,053,090</b>   | <b>303,587</b> | <b>300,134</b> | <b>253,067</b> | <b>131,726</b> | <b>47,022</b> | <b>12,142</b> | <b>3,658</b> | <b>1,854</b> | <b>1,486,379</b>   |

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