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Household Composition, Family Units and Fertility

Department/Agency

Central Statistics Office (CSO)

Key Information

Number of private households and number of persons in private households classified by permanent/temporary, by town/rural, by composition, size and area (provinces, counties and cities), by composition, size and type of district; persons aged over 65, and over 70, living alone; statistics on permanent and on temporary housing units; family units classified by family cycle, age of youngest/oldest child, and number of children. Fertility statistics provide details on females by number of children born alive, which are classified by age group, marital status and town/rural, by area and age group, by Regional Authority area, by nationality, and by ethnic or cultural background.

Information is supplied in the Small Area Population Statistics (SAPS) classified by Census Enumeration Areas, Dáil Constituencies, Electoral Divisions, Gaeltacht Areas, Garda Regions, Divisions and Districts, Health Service Executive Areas, Local Electoral Areas, Towns, Urban and Rural areas of each county.

Links to web pages which contain:

> Principal statistics

See "Housing and Households"
Available in web page format

> Census tables and maps by a variety of area definitions

See "Census 2006 Small Area Population Statistics (SAPS)"
Available in databank format

> Interactive tables

See "Census"
Available in databank format

> Previous releases and historical tables

See "2002 Census Results, 1996 Census Results and Historical Series"
Available in databank and pdf format

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Theme

People and Society - Housing and Households

Source

Census of Population.

Scope

The census figures relate to the de facto population, i.e. the figures include visitors present on census night as well as those in residence, while usual residents temporarily absent from the area are excluded from the census count.

Frequency

Usually every five years

Reference Period

A night in April of the relevant census year

Start Date

1996 (detailed census releases), 1926 (principal statistics on households by size)

Timeliness

About 13 months after the date of the census

Classification

- > **Province** - Leinster; Munster; Connacht; Ulster (part).
- > **Region (NUTS3)** - Border; Dublin; Mid-East; Midland; Mid-West; South-East; South-West; West.
- > **County or City** - The 34 administrative counties.
- > **Marital status** - Single; Married; Separated/divorced; Widowed.
- > **Household composition** - One person; Husband and wife; Cohabiting couple; Husband and wife with children; Cohabiting couple with children; Lone mother with children; Lone father with children; Husband and wife with other persons; Cohabiting couple with other persons; Husband and wife with children and other persons; Cohabiting couple with children and other persons; Lone mother with children and other persons; Lone father with children and other persons; Two family units with or without other persons; Three or more family units with or without other persons; Non-family households containing related persons; Non-family households containing no related persons.
- > **District** - Aggregate town area (Greater Dublin area; Other cities; Towns 10,000 and over; Towns 5,000-9,999; Towns 1,500-4,999); Aggregate rural area (Towns 1,000-1,499; Towns under 1,000; Remainder of country).
- > **Family unit** - Husband and wife without children; Cohabiting couple without children; Husband and wife with children; Cohabiting couple with children; Lone mother with children; Alone father with children.
- > **Household size** - 1 person; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10+ persons.
- > **Nationality** - Irish; Non-Irish (UK; Rest of EU; Rest of Europe; Africa; Asia; America; Other nationalities); Not stated/no nationality.
- > **Ethnic or cultural background** - White (Irish; Irish traveller; Other white background); Black or black Irish (African; Other black background); Asian or Asian Irish (Chinese; Other Asian background); Other including mixed background.

Quality

See below a summary from the statistic's [Report on Methods and Quality](#):

- > **Relevance** -
- > **Accuracy and Reliability** -
- > **Timeliness and Punctuality** -
- > **Coherence and Comparability** -
- > **Accessibility and Clarity** -

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