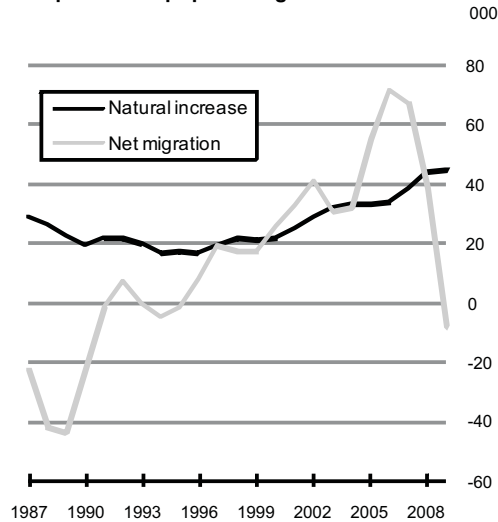




Population and Migration Estimates April 2009

Components of population growth



	Year ending	
	April 2008	April 2009
Natural increase	44,600	45,100
Net migration	38,500	-7,800
Population change	83,100	37,300
Population at	4,422,100	4,459,300

Resumption of net outward migration

The number of emigrants from the State in the year to April 2009 is estimated to have increased by over 40% from 45,300 to 65,100, while the number of immigrants continued to decline over the same period, from 83,800 to 57,300. These combined changes have resulted in a return to net outward migration for Ireland (-7,800) for the first time since 1995.

Over the same period, the number of births reached a new high of 74,500 (not seen since 1896) while the number of deaths was 29,400, resulting in strong natural growth for the year to April 2009 of 45,100.

The combined effect of the natural increase and migration resulted in a population increase of 37,300 (+0.8%) bringing the population estimate to 4.46 million in April 2009.

The main features of the 2009 figures are:

- ◆ Of the 65,100 people who emigrated in the year to April 2009, EU12 nationals were by far the largest group accounting for 30,100, with Irish nationals being the second largest at 18,400 (see Table 3).
- ◆ Immigration of all non-Irish national groups showed a decline, with those from the EU12 countries showing the greatest fall from 33,700 in April 2008 to 13,500 in April 2009, a decline of 20,200 (see Table 2).
- ◆ The excess of births over deaths has increased almost three fold since its low point of 16,600 in 1994 (see Table 1).
- ◆ The overall population increase of 0.8 per cent was unevenly distributed across the regions, with the Mid-East showing the strongest growth at 2.1 per cent and Dublin showing the weakest at -0.5 per cent.

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Table 1 Components of the annual population change 1987 - 2009

Year ending April	Components of Population change						
	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net migration	Population change
	000						
1987	61.2	32.2	29.0	17.2	40.2	-23.0	5.9
1988	57.8	31.6	26.2	19.2	61.1	-41.9	-15.8
1989	53.6	31.0	22.6	26.7	70.6	-43.9	-21.2
1990	51.9	32.8	19.1	33.3	56.3	-22.9	-3.7
1991	53.1	31.1	22.0	33.3	35.3	-2.0	19.9
1992	52.8	31.4	21.4	40.7	33.4	7.4	28.8
1993	50.4	30.4	20.0	34.7	35.1	-0.4	19.6
1994	49.1	32.6	16.6	30.1	34.8	-4.7	11.8
1995	48.4	31.2	17.2	31.2	33.1	-1.9	15.4
1996	48.8	32.0	16.7	39.2	31.2	8.0	24.8
1997	50.7	31.7	19.0	44.5	25.3	19.2	38.2
1998	52.7	31.2	21.5	46.0	28.6	17.4	38.8
1999	53.7	32.4	21.2	48.9	31.5	17.3	38.5
2000	54.0	32.1	21.8	52.6	26.6	26.0	47.9
2001	55.1	30.2	24.8	59.0	26.2	32.8	57.7
2002	58.1	29.3	28.8	66.9	25.6	41.3	70.0
2003	60.8	28.9	31.9	60.0	29.3	30.7	62.6
2004	62.0	28.6	33.3	58.5	26.5	32.0	65.3
2005	61.4	27.9	33.5	84.6	29.4	55.1	88.6
2006	61.2	27.0	34.2	107.8	36.0	71.8	106.0
2007 ¹	65.8	27.0	38.8	109.5	42.2	67.3	106.1
2008 ¹	72.3	27.7	44.6	83.8	45.3	38.5	83.1
2009 ¹	74.5	29.4	45.1	57.3	65.1	-7.8	37.3

¹ Preliminary

Table 2 Estimated Immigration classified by Sex and Nationality, 2004 - 2009

Sex and Nationality	Immigrants					
	2004	2005	2006	2007 ¹	2008 ¹	2009 ¹
	000					
Persons						
Irish	16.7	18.5	18.9	20.0	16.2	18.4
UK	7.4	8.9	9.9	5.9	7.0	4.4
Rest of EU15 ²	13.3	9.3	12.7	10.4	8.6	8.6
EU12 ³	-	34.1	49.9	52.7	33.7	13.5
USA	2.3	2.1	1.7	2.8	2.0	1.1
Rest of world	18.8	11.6	14.7	17.8	16.3	11.3
Total	58.5	84.6	107.8	109.5	83.8	57.3
Males						
Irish	8.4	9.4	9.5	10.1	7.8	10.0
UK	4.5	5.2	5.7	3.5	4.0	2.5
Rest of EU15 ²	6.9	3.8	6.4	4.8	3.8	3.0
EU12 ³	-	22.9	30.7	28.7	15.5	6.6
USA	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.4
Rest of world	9.9	5.7	7.6	9.1	7.7	5.6
Total	30.5	47.5	60.3	57.4	39.9	28.2
Females						
Irish	8.2	9.1	9.4	10.0	8.4	8.4
UK	2.9	3.7	4.2	2.5	3.0	1.9
Rest of EU15 ²	6.4	5.5	6.2	5.5	4.7	5.5
EU12 ³	-	11.2	19.2	24.0	18.2	6.9
USA	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.8
Rest of world	9.0	5.9	7.1	8.7	8.6	5.7
Total	28.0	37.1	47.5	52.1	43.9	29.1

¹ Preliminary

² Rest of EU 15: countries before enlargement on 1 May 2004, i.e., Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal.

³ EU12: defined as the 10 accession countries that joined the EU on 1 May 2004 i.e., Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia), and includes the 2 new accession states that joined the EU on 1 January 2007 (i.e., Bulgaria and Romania). For the year 2004 the data relating to the EU 12 are included with the rest of the world.

Table 3 Estimated Emigration classified by Sex and Nationality, 2006 - 2009

Sex and Nationality	Emigrants			
	2006	2007 ¹	2008 ¹	2009 ¹
	000			
Persons				
Irish	15.3	13.1	13.4	18.4
UK	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.9
Rest of EU15 ²	5.1	6.9	4.2	5.5
EU12 ³	7.2	14.4	18.8	30.1
Rest of world	6.2	5.5	6.4	8.3
Total	36.0	42.2	45.3	65.1
Males				
Irish	8.0	6.2	7.2	11.5
UK	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.8
Rest of EU15 ²	2.5	3.3	1.3	1.3
EU12 ³	3.7	9.4	13.3	20.9
Rest of world	2.8	3.2	4.2	3.4
Total	18.7	23.6	27.6	39.0
Females				
Irish	7.3	6.8	6.2	6.8
UK	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.0
Rest of EU15 ²	2.6	3.6	3.0	4.2
EU12 ³	3.4	5.0	5.5	9.2
Rest of world	3.4	2.3	2.3	4.9
Total	17.3	18.6	17.7	26.1

¹ Preliminary

² Rest of EU 15: countries before enlargement on 1 May 2004, i.e., Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal.

³ EU12: defined as the 10 accession countries that joined the EU on 1 May 2004 i.e., Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia), and includes the 2 new accession states that joined the EU on 1 January 2007 (i.e., Bulgaria and Romania).

Table 4 Estimated Migration classified by Sex and Country of Destination/Origin, 2004 - 2009

Sex / Year ending April	Emigrants						Immigrants						Net Migration
	UK	Rest of EU 15 ²	EU 12 ³	USA	Rest of world	Total	UK	Rest of EU 15 ²	EU 12 ³	USA	Rest of world	Total	
000													
Persons													
2004	7.1	5.0	-	3.9	10.5	26.5	14.6	15.2	-	5.3	23.3	58.5	32.0
2005	7.9	4.9	0.8	3.3	12.7	29.4	15.6	11.1	33.7	4.8	19.4	84.6	55.1
2006	8.8	5.7	2.3	3.3	15.8	36.0	17.7	13.5	49.3	4.0	23.3	107.8	71.8
2007 ¹	10.1	3.2	7.0	2.9	19.0	42.2	13.4	14.1	52.1	4.2	25.7	109.5	67.3
2008 ¹	7.0	7.4	9.0	2.2	19.8	45.3	14.1	10.3	33.1	3.9	22.4	83.8	38.5
2009 ¹	11.9	6.6	22.9	3.7	20.1	65.1	10.7	13.0	13.1	3.1	17.5	57.3	-7.8
Males													
2004	2.9	2.2	-	2.1	5.3	12.5	7.7	7.6	-	2.9	12.4	30.5	18.0
2005	3.9	2.1	0.4	1.6	6.8	14.9	8.4	4.9	22.6	1.6	9.9	47.5	32.6
2006	4.5	2.4	1.0	1.6	9.3	18.7	9.7	6.8	30.5	1.7	11.6	60.3	41.6
2007 ¹	4.8	1.4	4.3	1.6	11.5	23.6	6.9	6.7	28.3	2.1	13.4	57.4	33.8
2008 ¹	3.7	3.0	6.0	1.7	13.3	27.6	7.2	4.7	15.2	1.9	10.9	39.9	12.3
2009 ¹	7.5	2.8	14.9	2.1	11.8	39.0	5.7	4.8	6.3	1.7	9.7	28.2	-10.9
Females													
2004	4.2	2.8	-	1.8	5.2	14.0	6.9	7.6	-	2.5	10.9	28.0	14.0
2005	3.9	2.8	0.4	1.6	5.8	14.6	7.2	6.2	11.1	3.1	9.5	37.1	22.5
2006	4.4	3.3	1.4	1.7	6.6	17.3	8.0	6.7	18.8	2.3	11.8	47.5	30.2
2007 ¹	5.3	1.9	2.7	1.2	7.5	18.6	6.5	7.4	23.8	2.2	12.3	52.1	33.5
2008 ¹	3.3	4.4	3.0	0.5	6.5	17.7	6.9	5.6	17.9	2.0	11.5	43.9	26.1
2009 ¹	4.4	3.8	8.0	1.6	8.3	26.1	5.0	8.2	6.8	1.4	7.8	29.1	3.0

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Table 5 Estimated Migration classified by Sex and Age Group, 2004 - 2009

Sex / Year ending April	Emigrants						Immigrants						Net Migration
	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Total	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Total	
000													
Persons													
2004	1.5	14.1	9.2	1.3	0.4	26.5	6.1	18.7	28.8	4.2	0.7	58.5	32.0
2005	2.1	14.3	10.6	1.5	0.9	29.4	8.0	24.4	44.8	6.1	1.2	84.6	55.1
2006	2.2	15.9	14.2	2.0	1.6	36.0	11.5	31.6	57.2	6.1	1.4	107.8	71.8
2007 ¹	1.3	16.6	19.3	2.7	2.3	42.2	11.7	30.3	59.8	6.9	0.9	109.5	67.3
2008 ¹	1.5	18.2	20.3	2.6	2.8	45.3	13.6	23.7	39.2	5.8	1.5	83.8	38.5
2009 ¹	1.2	28.8	30.4	2.6	2.0	65.1	5.9	16.3	29.8	3.9	1.4	57.3	-7.8
Males													
2004	0.6	6.3	5.3	0.4	0.0	12.5	3.5	8.1	16.3	2.4	0.3	30.5	18.0
2005	1.1	6.7	6.1	0.6	0.4	14.9	4.2	11.6	27.3	3.7	0.6	47.5	32.6
2006	1.1	8.0	7.6	1.2	0.8	18.7	5.5	16.4	34.0	3.7	0.7	60.3	41.6
2007 ¹	0.5	8.2	11.7	1.8	1.4	23.6	5.6	13.4	33.6	4.3	0.6	57.4	33.8
2008 ¹	0.7	10.0	13.0	2.1	1.9	27.6	6.6	10.3	19.0	3.4	0.6	39.9	12.3
2009 ¹	0.6	16.4	20.0	1.4	0.6	39.0	2.8	6.4	16.3	2.1	0.6	28.2	-10.9
Females													
2004	0.9	7.8	3.9	1.0	0.4	14.0	2.7	10.6	12.5	1.8	0.4	28.0	14.0
2005	1.1	7.6	4.5	0.8	0.5	14.6	3.8	12.7	17.5	2.5	0.6	37.1	22.5
2006	1.1	7.9	6.5	0.9	0.9	17.3	6.0	15.2	23.2	2.4	0.7	47.5	30.2
2007 ¹	0.7	8.4	7.6	0.9	0.9	18.6	6.1	16.9	26.2	2.7	0.3	52.1	33.5
2008 ¹	0.8	8.2	7.3	0.6	0.9	17.7	7.0	13.4	20.2	2.4	0.9	43.9	26.1
2009 ¹	0.7	12.4	10.4	1.3	1.4	26.1	3.0	9.9	13.5	1.8	0.9	29.1	3.0

¹ Preliminary

Table 6 Estimated Population classified by Sex and Age Group, 2004 - 2009

Sex and Age Group	Persons in April of each year						
	2004	2005	2006 ¹	2006 ²	2007 ³	2008 ³	2009 ³
	000						
Persons							
0 - 4 years	290.7	296.5	302.3	302.3	312.3	327.9	341.6
5 - 9 "	274.9	280.6	288.3	288.5	295.9	303.4	308.0
10 - 14 "	278.2	276.3	273.9	274.2	275.6	281.0	288.1
15 - 19 "	298.4	292.8	290.3	290.9	286.0	283.9	278.6
20 - 24 "	336.1	339.5	342.5	347.5	347.8	334.0	304.8
25 - 29 "	325.4	345.2	373.1	375.2	405.1	416.7	413.4
30 - 34 "	325.1	335.8	349.4	347.9	358.0	366.9	371.4
35 - 39 "	303.5	312.1	322.1	320.4	331.7	342.1	348.0
40 - 44 "	286.0	294.1	301.3	299.8	305.8	310.2	312.5
45 - 49 "	259.2	265.4	274.7	273.8	279.8	286.1	293.5
50 - 54 "	238.1	243.1	247.1	246.4	252.6	257.2	261.7
55 - 59 "	213.9	221.4	225.3	223.9	227.4	232.0	235.4
60 - 64 "	166.0	172.1	181.7	179.8	190.5	199.2	207.5
65 - 69 "	137.5	140.8	143.4	141.2	143.5	148.8	155.3
70 - 74 "	115.7	117.4	119.2	117.5	119.2	120.8	123.2
75 - 79 "	90.0	91.0	92.5	91.4	92.1	93.6	95.2
80 - 84 "	63.1	64.0	64.9	64.4	65.4	65.2	65.9
85 years and over	43.4	45.7	48.0	47.8	50.3	53.2	55.4
Total	4,045.2	4,133.8	4,239.8	4,232.9	4,339.0	4,422.1	4,459.3
Males							
0 - 4 years	148.7	151.7	154.6	154.7	160.5	168.2	175.3
5 - 9 "	141.2	144.3	148.0	148.1	151.3	154.9	157.6
10 - 14 "	142.8	142.0	140.5	140.7	141.3	144.1	147.7
15 - 19 "	152.7	149.8	148.2	148.7	145.4	144.6	141.8
20 - 24 "	168.2	170.0	172.8	175.5	175.0	165.7	148.6
25 - 29 "	162.9	174.1	189.3	190.2	204.7	209.4	204.6
30 - 34 "	161.8	168.7	177.5	176.4	182.6	185.3	186.0
35 - 39 "	152.4	157.8	163.8	162.8	169.1	174.0	175.6
40 - 44 "	142.5	147.1	151.4	150.4	153.6	155.7	157.5
45 - 49 "	129.7	132.9	138.0	137.4	140.6	143.4	147.0
50 - 54 "	120.1	122.9	124.6	124.1	127.1	129.2	131.5
55 - 59 "	108.5	112.0	113.9	113.2	114.9	117.0	118.5
60 - 64 "	83.8	86.7	91.6	90.6	96.0	100.4	104.3
65 - 69 "	67.3	69.1	70.9	69.9	71.3	73.6	76.9
70 - 74 "	54.6	55.7	56.5	55.8	56.6	57.5	58.7
75 - 79 "	37.8	38.8	40.1	39.7	40.6	41.8	42.9
80 - 84 "	23.9	24.3	24.7	24.5	25.0	25.0	25.9
85 years and over	13.2	14.0	14.8	14.8	15.5	16.6	17.5
Total	2,011.9	2,061.8	2,121.2	2,117.3	2,171.1	2,206.3	2,217.7
Females							
0 - 4 years	142.0	144.8	147.7	147.7	151.8	159.7	166.4
5 - 9 "	133.8	136.3	140.3	140.4	144.6	148.5	150.5
10 - 14 "	135.4	134.4	133.4	133.5	134.2	136.9	140.4
15 - 19 "	145.7	143.0	142.0	142.2	140.6	139.3	136.8
20 - 24 "	167.9	169.5	169.7	172.0	172.8	168.3	156.1
25 - 29 "	162.5	171.1	183.8	185.0	200.4	207.3	208.8
30 - 34 "	163.4	167.0	171.9	171.5	175.3	181.6	185.4
35 - 39 "	151.1	154.4	158.3	157.7	162.5	168.1	172.4
40 - 44 "	143.5	147.1	149.9	149.3	152.2	154.5	155.0
45 - 49 "	129.6	132.6	136.8	136.4	139.3	142.8	146.5
50 - 54 "	118.0	120.2	122.5	122.3	125.5	128.0	130.2
55 - 59 "	105.4	109.4	111.4	110.7	112.5	115.0	116.9
60 - 64 "	82.2	85.4	90.2	89.1	94.6	98.8	103.2
65 - 69 "	70.2	71.7	72.5	71.4	72.2	75.2	78.4
70 - 74 "	61.1	61.7	62.6	61.7	62.6	63.3	64.5
75 - 79 "	52.2	52.2	52.3	51.8	51.5	51.8	52.4
80 - 84 "	39.2	39.7	40.2	39.9	40.4	40.1	40.0
85 years and over	30.2	31.7	33.2	33.1	34.8	36.6	37.9
Total	2,033.3	2,072.0	2,118.7	2,115.6	2,167.9	2,215.8	2,241.6

¹ De Facto² Usual Residence³ Preliminary

Table 7 Estimated Population classified by Sex, Age Group and Regional Authority Area, April 2009¹

Sex and Age Group	State	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West
000									
Persons									
0 - 4 years	341.6	37.4	90.9	46.3	21.7	28.3	38.1	47.3	31.5
5 - 9 "	308.0	36.5	74.7	41.9	21.0	25.9	35.8	43.1	29.1
10 - 14 "	288.1	35.4	69.3	35.9	19.0	24.7	33.6	42.3	27.8
15 - 19 "	278.6	34.2	69.0	32.0	17.5	24.3	32.7	41.4	27.4
20 - 24 "	304.8	33.1	89.0	32.5	16.7	26.1	33.0	44.9	29.4
25 - 29 "	413.4	38.8	141.9	46.9	21.8	31.0	39.2	56.1	37.6
30 - 34 "	371.4	36.9	115.6	47.5	21.4	27.8	37.5	51.6	33.1
35 - 39 "	348.0	37.4	97.1	46.4	20.9	28.3	37.3	49.3	31.3
40 - 44 "	312.5	36.0	80.5	40.1	19.5	26.4	35.4	45.1	29.5
45 - 49 "	293.5	33.0	76.7	35.0	17.9	24.9	33.7	43.5	28.7
50 - 54 "	261.7	30.0	67.4	29.6	16.3	22.8	29.9	38.8	27.0
55 - 59 "	235.4	27.5	60.3	25.7	14.1	21.0	26.9	35.6	24.1
60 - 64 "	207.5	24.9	52.2	21.9	12.4	18.8	24.1	32.2	21.0
65 - 69 "	155.3	18.5	39.6	15.3	9.3	13.9	18.9	23.9	15.9
70 - 74 "	123.2	14.8	32.0	10.9	7.6	10.7	14.9	19.0	13.2
75 - 79 "	95.2	11.7	24.9	7.6	5.8	8.3	11.4	15.0	10.5
80 - 84 "	65.9	8.4	17.0	5.2	4.3	5.8	7.7	10.1	7.4
85 years and over	55.4	7.5	13.1	4.8	3.2	4.7	6.5	8.7	6.8
Total	4,459.3	502.0	1,211.5	525.5	270.6	374.0	496.5	648.0	431.4
Males									
0 - 4 years	175.3	19.4	46.3	24.2	11.1	14.6	19.7	23.8	16.1
5 - 9 "	157.6	18.4	37.9	22.2	10.7	13.1	18.1	22.1	15.1
10 - 14 "	147.7	18.0	35.5	18.5	9.8	12.8	17.1	21.5	14.5
15 - 19 "	141.8	17.6	34.7	16.3	8.8	12.4	16.7	21.1	14.1
20 - 24 "	148.6	17.3	42.0	16.0	8.3	13.5	16.1	21.8	13.5
25 - 29 "	204.6	18.9	70.7	22.9	10.7	15.5	19.8	27.7	18.4
30 - 34 "	186.0	17.9	58.1	23.8	10.7	14.0	18.7	26.1	16.8
35 - 39 "	175.6	18.7	49.3	23.4	10.1	14.5	18.9	24.7	15.8
40 - 44 "	157.5	18.2	40.1	20.3	10.0	13.4	18.0	22.7	14.9
45 - 49 "	147.0	16.7	37.5	17.9	9.2	12.8	16.7	21.9	14.3
50 - 54 "	131.5	15.4	32.7	14.9	8.5	11.5	15.1	19.7	13.6
55 - 59 "	118.5	14.1	29.3	12.8	7.3	10.9	13.8	18.0	12.3
60 - 64 "	104.3	12.7	25.4	11.1	6.2	9.4	12.1	16.3	11.0
65 - 69 "	76.9	9.5	18.8	7.6	4.7	6.9	9.6	11.7	8.1
70 - 74 "	58.7	7.3	14.3	5.3	3.6	5.2	7.2	9.1	6.7
75 - 79 "	42.9	5.5	10.4	3.5	2.7	3.9	5.2	6.7	5.0
80 - 84 "	25.9	3.4	6.3	2.0	1.9	2.2	3.1	3.9	3.0
85 years and over	17.5	2.4	3.8	1.5	1.1	1.5	2.1	2.7	2.3
Total	2,217.7	251.3	593.1	264.0	135.7	188.2	248.2	321.6	215.5
Females									
0 - 4 years	166.4	18.0	44.6	22.1	10.7	13.7	18.4	23.5	15.4
5 - 9 "	150.5	18.1	36.8	19.7	10.3	12.8	17.7	21.0	14.0
10 - 14 "	140.4	17.3	33.8	17.4	9.2	12.0	16.5	20.8	13.4
15 - 19 "	136.8	16.7	34.3	15.7	8.7	11.9	16.0	20.3	13.3
20 - 24 "	156.1	15.7	47.0	16.6	8.4	12.6	16.9	23.1	15.9
25 - 29 "	208.8	19.9	71.2	24.1	11.1	15.5	19.3	28.4	19.2
30 - 34 "	185.4	19.0	57.6	23.7	10.6	13.8	18.9	25.5	16.3
35 - 39 "	172.4	18.7	47.7	23.0	10.8	13.8	18.4	24.6	15.4
40 - 44 "	155.0	17.8	40.4	19.8	9.6	13.1	17.4	22.4	14.6
45 - 49 "	146.5	16.3	39.2	17.1	8.7	12.2	17.0	21.6	14.4
50 - 54 "	130.2	14.6	34.7	14.7	7.8	11.2	14.7	19.0	13.4
55 - 59 "	116.9	13.5	31.0	12.9	6.8	10.2	13.1	17.7	11.8
60 - 64 "	103.2	12.1	26.8	10.8	6.1	9.4	12.1	15.8	10.0
65 - 69 "	78.4	9.0	20.8	7.7	4.6	7.0	9.3	12.2	7.8
70 - 74 "	64.5	7.6	17.8	5.6	3.9	5.5	7.6	10.0	6.5
75 - 79 "	52.4	6.2	14.5	4.1	3.1	4.4	6.2	8.3	5.5
80 - 84 "	40.0	5.0	10.6	3.2	2.4	3.5	4.5	6.2	4.4
85 years and over	37.9	5.0	9.3	3.4	2.1	3.2	4.4	6.0	4.6
Total	2,241.6	250.6	618.3	261.5	134.9	185.7	248.2	326.4	215.9

¹ Preliminary

Background Notes

Coverage The population for 2006 classified by age, sex and region is taken from the Census of Population 2006, which was held in April that year. The reference period for the population estimates for subsequent years is mid-April each year, while the migration flows represent movements during the twelve months up to mid-April of the same year, as do births and deaths.

Source of Migration data The principal source of information for the estimation of the gross annual migration flows is the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS - formerly annual Labour Force Survey), which also provides the basis for the classification of the flows by sex, age group, origin/destination and nationality.

The migration estimates are compiled against the backdrop of movements in other migration indicators such as the number of Personal Public Service (PPS) numbers allocated to non-Irish nationals, the number of work permits issued/renewed and the number of asylum applications.

Calculation of annual population estimates Annual population estimates for mid-April are calculated by trending forwards the most recent Census of Population data. For example, the base population data for estimating the April 2007 figure was the number of males and females in each region by single year of age as established by the Census of Population for 2006. From this base, each person was aged by one year, births for the period were added, and deaths were subtracted.

The estimated number of immigrants was then added and the number of emigrants was subtracted. Allowance was also made for estimated inter-regional migration in arriving at the final 2007 figures. The end result of this overall process provided the population estimate for April 2007 which in turn provided the base population for calculating the April 2008 population estimate and so on for subsequent years. The population estimates are subject to revision once the definitive results of the next census become available.

Emigration by nationality The present release contains a new table on emigration by nationality which is being published for the years 2006 onwards. This has been made possible by analysing the data on persons sampled in the QNHS who on subsequent visits are found to have left the country. The destination of emigrants for 2009 was also based on this analysis and this therefore represents a discontinuity with previous years. This new analysis is part of ongoing work aimed at improving the methodology used to measure migration.

Usual residence and de facto population concepts Up to and including 2006 the annual population estimates were calculated using the de facto definition of population, i.e., and all persons present in the State on census night. Since 2007 onwards a new concept of usual residence has been used. I.e., all persons usually resident and present in the State on census night *plus* absent persons who are usually resident in Ireland but are temporarily away from home *and outside the state* on census night. All persons are now classified according to their region of usual residence. Table 6 in the release shows 2 columns of data for the year 2006, the first is the population count using the de facto definition and the second shows the population counted using this usually resident definition. As Table 6 shows, the difference between these two definitions is very small.