

Education

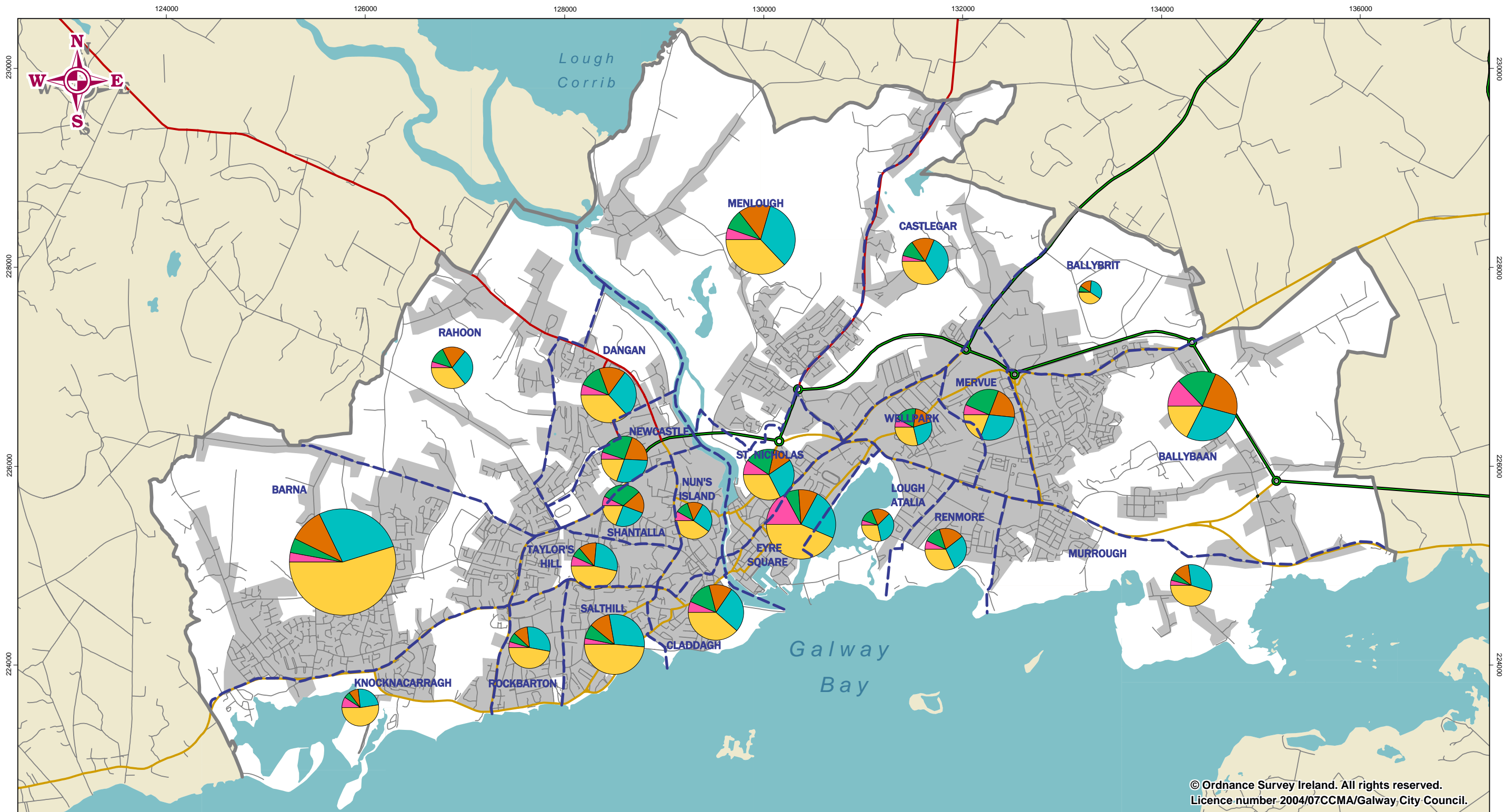
Educational Attainment

In 2002, 40.8% of the population of Galway City aged 15 years plus had completed third level education, which compares favourably with the national figure of 26.0%. Inevitably, the proximity of two major third level educational institutions will have contributed strongly to this figure for Galway City. Given the acknowledged relationship between income potential and educational attainment, it is noteworthy that 11.6% of the city's population (aged 15 years and over) ceased education prior to or at 15 years of age, though this figure is lower than the national figure of 21.9%. However, the proportion of the population that ended formal education at or greater than 20 years is 34.8%, which is more than fourteen percentage points higher than the national figure. Similarly, this figure is significantly higher than the corresponding statistics for the West (20.0%), the BMW region (17.0%), and the South and East Region (21.7%).

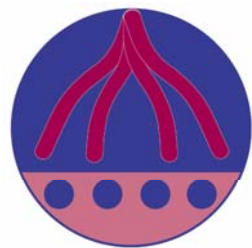
Electoral divisions exhibiting the highest incidence of educational cessation at primary level include Shantalla (34.3%), Newcastle (28.1%), Mervue (26.3%), Ballybaan (22.3%) and Wellpark (21.6%). The age profile of these areas is a factor requiring consideration when analysing the significance of these findings relative to the total figure for Galway City of 13.5%. As expected, a strong correlation exists between the areas with the greatest concentration of population in the professional, managerial/technical occupational categories and the percentage of population completing third level education. As depicted in map no.18, 57.7% of the population of Knocknacarragh is educated to third level. Mirroring the social class profile, Barna (56.3%), Rockbarton (49.2%) and Salthill (49.7 %) also record a high percentage of their respective populations completing third level education. In contrast, despite the close proximity of Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), only 19.8% of the population of Ballybaan have completed third level education, which is significantly lower than the figure for the city of 40.8%.

Electoral Division	None / Not Stated	Primary	Lower Secondary	Upper Secondary	Third Level
Ballybaan	404	574	716	882	548
Ballybrit	5	40	82	158	196
Barna	191	290	695	1,821	3,629
Castlegar	61	168	238	508	516
Claddagh	126	288	269	531	761
Dangan	134	290	341	615	805
Eyre Square	508	202	268	701	1,297
Knocknacarragh	96	58	87	254	544
Lough Atalia	40	111	152	271	230
Menlough	156	266	438	972	1,078
Mervue	108	413	350	490	325
Murrough	48	75	151	383	543
Newcastle	76	382	304	442	295
Nun's Island	84	117	140	270	410
Rahoon	62	164	237	369	462
Renmore	76	154	221	325	366
Rockbarton	62	98	150	398	627
St. Nicholas	173	352	222	497	600
Salthill	74	174	257	668	1,108
Shantalla	99	423	231	337	260
Taylor's Hill	97	97	174	377	648
Wellpark	80	202	192	271	301
Galway City	2,760	4,938	5,915	11,540	15,549

Source: Central Statistics Office. www.cso.ie



Educational Attainment Age 15 And Over by Electoral Division, 2002

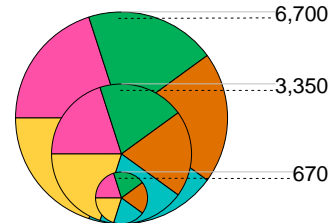


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- City Boundary
- Electoral Division Boundary
- Built-up Area

- National Primary Road
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Level of Education Attained
Population aged 15 and over



- None or Not Stated
- Primary
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Sources: Ordnance Survey Ireland,
Central Statistics Office, Census of Population 2002

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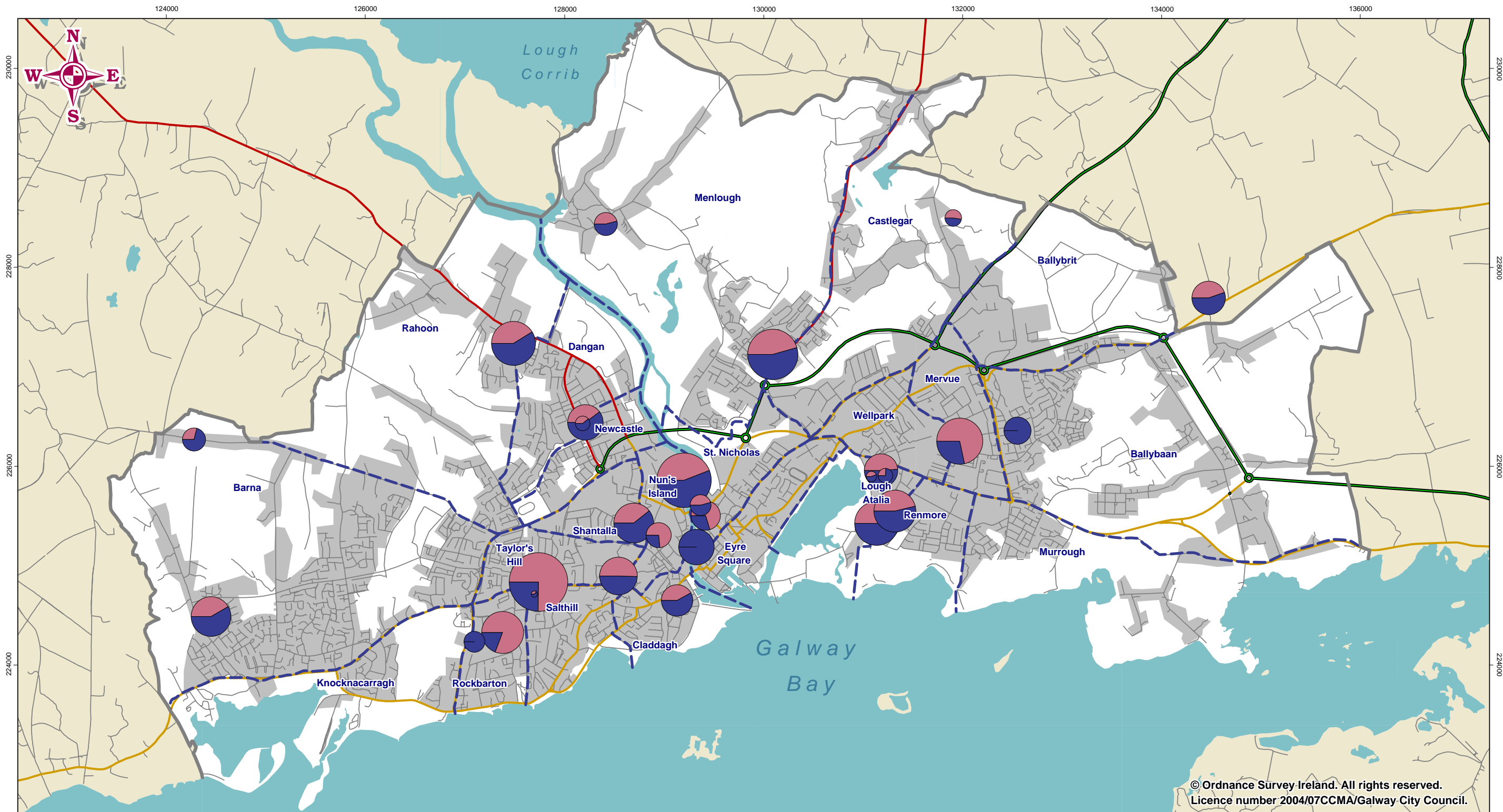
Primary Schools

Over the period 2002-2003, 6,364 students from the city attended 27 primary schools located in Galway City. Briarhill National School is situated in the County Area and serves the Ballybrit Electoral Division. The student population comprises 48% girls and 52% boys. The greatest number of primary school children attend schools situated in the centre of the city, with lower student numbers in evidence in the outlying suburbs of the city. In particular, it is noteworthy that only 419 primary school pupils attended school in the Barna electoral Division, which serves a population of 10,822 with 2,668 aged 14 years and under. Similarly, analysis of map no. 19 illustrates gaps in primary school infrastructure in the east of the city, particularly given the growth projected for the Ardaun Corridor with only 159 children currently attending primary school in the Ballybaan electoral division.

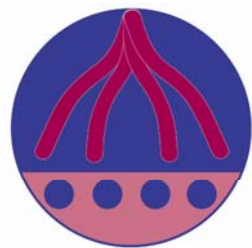
Analysis of age profile vis à vis electoral divisions indicates that increased demand for primary school places will be concentrated mostly in the more suburban areas of the city, which contrasts with the current concentration of primary schools in the city centre. However, in recognition of this need, Galway City Development Plan 2005-2011 highlights that Galway City Council has designated three sites for schools, two for Barna/Knocknacarragh, with a further school proposed for Doughiska, which is located in Ballybaan electoral division.

Electoral Division	School	Address	Boys	Girls	Total
Ballybane	Scoil Michil Naofa	Baile Bán	159	–	159
Barna	Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh	An Coimín Mór	172	123	295
Barna	Scoil Naomh Iosaf	Boleybeg	88	36	124
Castlegar	Scoil Náisiúnta Colmcille	An Caisleán Garr	28	31	59
Claddagh	Niochlás National School	An Cladach	113	82	195
Lough Atalia	Gaelscoil Dara	Bóthar Bhaile Áth Cliath	118	112	230
Lough Atalia	Holy Family School (Special School)	Renmore	15	12	27
Lough Atalia	Rosedale School	Renmore	37	13	50
Lough Atalia	Scoil Náisiúnta Caitríona Sois	Renmore	179	154	333
Lough Atalia	Scoil Náisiúnta Caitríona Síneair	Renmore	190	166	356
Menlough	Scoil Brighde	Mionloch	60	51	111
Menlough	Tirellan Heights National School	Headford Road	244	205	449
Mervue	Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa	Muirbheach	112	283	395
Newcastle	St Joseph's Special School	Thomas Hynes Road	34	22	56
Newcastle	Galway Educate Together National School	Thomas Hynes Road	142	94	236
Nun's Island	Scoil Croí Íosa	Presentation Road	37	102	139
Nun's Island	Scoil Náisiúnta Iognáid	Bóthar na Sliogán	290	229	519
Rahoon	Bushy Park National School	Bushy Park	204	143	347
Rockbarton	Scoil Íde	Ard na Mara	61	255	316
Rockbarton	Scoil Naomh Einde	Bóthar na Trá	106	0	106
Salthill	Dominican Convent	Taylor's Hill	105	454	559
Salthill	Scoil Áine (Special School)	Taylor's Hill	7	4	11
Shantalla	Scoil Náisiúnta Bríde Naofa	Sean Tallamh	175	114	289
St. Nicholas	Scoil an Linbh Íosa	St. Francis St.	49	116	165
St. Nicholas	Parochial National School	Cearnóg Tí na Cuairte	51	43	94
St. Nicholas	Scoil Náisiúnta Padraic Naofa	Sráid Lombard	255	–	255
Taylor's Hill	Scoil Náisiúnta Fursa	Nile Lodge	135	137	272
County Area	Briarhill National School	Ballybrit	120	97	217
		TOTAL	3286	3078	6364

Source: Department of Education



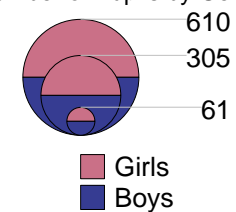
Primary Schools in Galway City, 2002 - 2003



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Number of Pupils by Gender



Sources: Ordnance Survey Ireland,
Department Of Education, 2004

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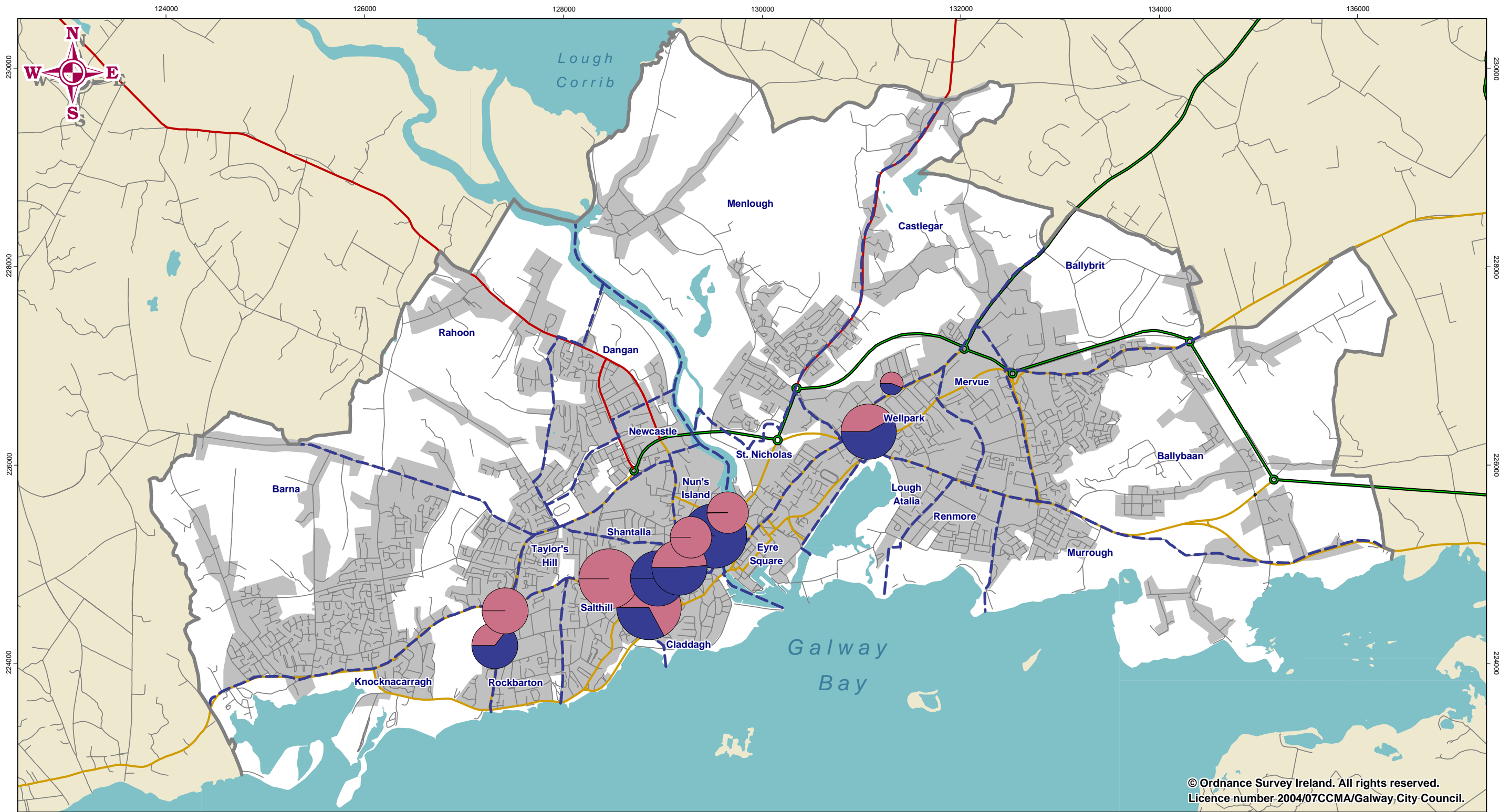
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Second Level Schools

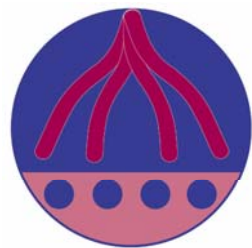
In 2002, second level schools in the city served a student population of 5,919. Of this total figure, 46% boys and 54% girls attended second level schools, differing from the pattern evident at primary level. Second level schools are predominantly located in the west of the city, with clustering clear along the Nun's Island, Taylor's Hill, Claddagh axis. Map no. 20 clearly illustrates an absence of second level schools in the outlying suburbs, with this factor and the clustering from Nun's Island having obvious implications for traffic congestion in the city.

Electoral Division	School	Address	Boys	Girls	Total
Castlegar	Coláiste na Coiribe	Bóthar Thuama	64	82	146
Claddagh	Galway Technical Institute	Father Griffin Road	260	532	792
Knocknacarra	Coláiste Einde	Threadneedle Road	311	171	482
Knocknacarra	Salerno Secondary School	Threadneedle Road	-	454	454
Nun's Island	Coláiste Iognáid	Raleigh Row	313	298	611
Nun's Island	Presentation Secondary School	Presentation Road	-	367	367
Nun's Island	St Joseph's College	Nun's Island	770	-	770
St. Nicholas	Meán Scoil Muire	Newtownsmith	2	395	397
Taylor's Hill	Dominican College	Taylor's Hill	-	659	659
Taylor's Hill	St. Mary's College	St. Mary's Road	606	-	606
Wellpark	Galway Community College	Wellpark	369	266	635
TOTAL			2695	3224	5919

Source: Department of Education



Second Level Schools in Galway City, 2002 - 2003

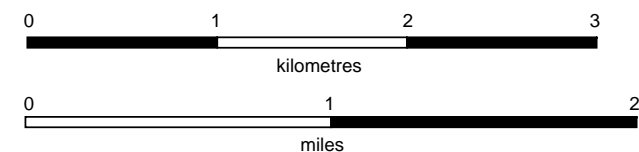
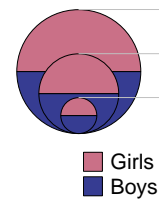


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