

Table 1 Population of each Province at each census since 1926; marriages, births and deaths registered, natural increase and estimated net migration in each intercensal period since 1911

Total population		Figures for the intercensal period as shown in last column						Intercensal period
		Marriages registered	Births registered	Deaths registered	Natural increase (births minus deaths)	Change in population	Estimated net migration (inward less outward)	
Year	Persons							
Total								
1926	2,971,992	230,525	968,742	731,409	237,333	-167,696	-405,029	1911-1926
1936	2,968,420	136,699	583,502	420,323	163,179	- 3,572	-166,751	1926-1936
1946	2,955,107	159,426	602,095	428,297	173,798	- 13,313	-187,111	1936-1946
1951	2,960,593	80,868	329,270	201,295	127,975	+ 5,486	-122,489	1946-1951
1956	2,898,264	79,541	312,517	178,083	134,434	- 62,329	-196,763	1951-1956
1961	2,818,341	76,669	302,816	170,736	132,080	- 79,923	-212,003	1956-1961
1966	2,884,002	80,754	312,709	166,443	146,266	+ 65,661	- 80,605	1961-1966
1971	2,978,248	95,662	312,796	164,644	148,152	+ 94,246	- 53,906	1966-1971
1979	3,368,217	171,705	548,413	267,378	281,035	+389,969	+108,934	1971-1979
1981	3,443,405	42,728	146,224	65,991	80,233	+ 75,188	- 5,045	1979-1981
1986	3,540,643	95,648	333,457	164,336	169,121	+ 97,238	- 71,883	1981-1986
1991	3,525,719	90,692	277,546	158,300	119,246	- 14,924	-134,170	1986-1991
Leinster								
1926	1,149,092	99,593	383,768	302,183	81,585	- 12,952	- 94,537	1911-1926
1936	1,220,411	62,879	250,481	174,879	75,602	+ 71,319	- 4,283	1926-1936
1946	1,281,117	76,825	277,696	180,349	97,347	+ 60,706	- 36,641	1936-1946
1951	1,336,576	40,277	154,139	83,878	70,261	+ 55,459	- 14,802	1946-1951
1956	1,338,942	43,145	152,760	74,300	78,460	+ 2,366	- 76,094	1951-1956
1961	1,332,149	43,005	153,487	72,634	80,853	- 6,793	- 87,646	1956-1961
1966	1,414,415	45,506	165,121	72,412	92,709	+ 82,266	- 10,443	1961-1966
1971	1,498,140	53,689	168,060	72,131	95,929	+ 83,725	- 12,204	1966-1971
1979	1,743,861	92,316	293,658	119,007	174,751	+245,721	+ 70,970	1971-1979
1981	1,790,521	22,173	78,511	30,050	48,461	+ 46,660	- 1,801	1979-1981
1986	1,852,649	49,655	177,152	74,363	102,789	+ 62,128	- 40,661	1981-1986
1991	1,860,949	47,537	149,371	73,375	75,996	+ 8,300	- 67,696	1986-1991
Munster								
1926	969,902	74,388	313,119	229,634	83,485	- 65,593	-149,078	1911-1926
1936	942,272	42,023	184,113	133,474	50,639	- 27,630	- 78,269	1926-1936
1946	917,306	47,410	181,614	134,881	46,733	- 24,966	- 71,699	1936-1946
1951	898,870	23,506	98,972	64,590	34,382	- 18,436	- 52,818	1946-1951
1956	877,238	21,782	92,123	57,082	35,041	- 21,632	- 56,673	1951-1956
1961	849,203	20,794	88,622	55,257	33,365	- 28,035	- 61,400	1956-1961
1966	859,334	22,200	91,190	53,893	37,297	+ 10,131	- 27,166	1961-1966
1971	882,002	26,696	90,996	53,251	37,745	+ 22,668	- 15,077	1966-1971
1979	979,819	48,417	159,703	85,528	74,175	+ 97,817	+ 23,642	1971-1979
1981	998,315	12,129	41,615	20,638	20,977	+ 18,496	- 2,481	1979-1981
1986	1,020,577	27,154	94,813	52,140	42,673	+ 22,262	- 20,411	1981-1986
1991	1,009,533	25,934	77,330	48,888	28,442	- 11,044	- 39,486	1986-1991
Connacht								
1926	552,907	35,448	175,588	122,218	53,370	- 58,077	-111,447	1911-1926
1936	525,468	20,271	97,656	70,518	27,138	- 27,439	- 54,577	1926-1936
1946	492,797	22,110	92,323	72,540	19,783	- 32,671	- 52,454	1936-1946
1951	471,895	10,828	49,442	34,201	15,241	- 20,902	- 36,143	1946-1951
1956	446,221	8,921	44,561	30,204	14,357	- 25,674	- 40,515	1951-1956
1961	419,465	7,749	40,569	27,810	12,759	- 26,756	- 39,031	1956-1961
1966	401,950	7,767	36,616	26,305	10,311	- 17,515	- 27,826	1961-1966
1971	390,902	9,275	34,678	25,972	8,706	- 11,048	- 19,754	1966-1971
1979	418,500	18,953	60,692	40,824	19,868	+ 27,598	+ 7,730	1971-1979
1981	424,410	5,476	16,518	10,246	6,272	+ 5,910	- 362	1979-1981
1986	431,409	12,160	39,007	24,807	14,200	+ 6,999	- 7,201	1981-1986
1991	423,031	11,109	32,263	23,681	8,582	- 8,378	- 16,960	1986-1991
Ulster (part of)								
1926	300,091	21,096	96,267	77,374	18,893	- 31,074	- 49,967	1911-1926
1936	280,269	11,526	51,252	41,452	9,800	- 19,822	- 29,622	1926-1936
1946	263,887	13,081	50,462	40,527	9,935	- 16,382	- 26,317	1936-1946
1951	253,252	6,257	26,717	18,626	8,091	- 10,635	- 18,726	1946-1951
1956	235,863	5,693	23,073	16,497	6,576	- 17,389	- 23,965	1951-1956
1961	217,524	5,121	20,138	15,035	5,103	- 18,339	- 23,442	1956-1961
1966	208,303	5,281	19,782	13,833	5,949	- 9,221	- 15,170	1961-1966
1971	207,204	6,002	19,782	13,833	5,949	- 9,221	- 15,170	1966-1971
1979	226,037	12,019	34,260	22,209	12,241	+ 18,833	+ 6,592	1971-1979
1981	230,159	2,950	9,580	5,057	4,523	+ 4,122	- 401	1979-1981
1986	236,008	6,679	22,485	13,026	9,459	+ 5,849	- 3,610	1981-1986
1991	232,206	6,112	18,582	12,356	6,226	- 3,802	- 10,028	1986-1991