

Table 2 Population of each

Province or County	1926	1936	1946	1951	1956	1961	1966	1971
State	2,971,992	2,968,420	2,955,107	2,960,593	2,898,264	2,818,341	2,884,002	2,978,248
Leinster	1,149,092	1,220,411	1,281,117	1,336,576	1,338,942	1,332,149	1,414,415	1,498,140
Carlow	34,476	34,452	34,081	34,162	33,888	33,342	33,593	34,237
Dublin	505,654	586,925	636,193	693,022	705,781	718,332	795,047	852,219
Kildare	58,028	57,892	64,849	66,437	65,915	64,420	66,404	71,977
Kilkenny	70,990	68,614	66,712	65,235	64,089	61,668	60,463	61,473
Laoighis	51,540	50,109	49,697	48,430	47,087	45,069	44,595	45,259
Longford	39,847	37,847	36,218	34,553	32,969	30,643	28,989	28,250
Louth	62,739	64,339	66,194	68,771	69,194	67,378	69,519	74,951
Meath	62,969	61,405	66,232	66,337	66,762	65,122	67,323	71,729
Offaly	52,592	51,308	53,686	52,544	51,970	51,533	51,717	51,829
Westmeath	56,818	54,706	54,949	54,463	54,122	52,861	52,900	53,570
Wexford	95,848	94,245	91,855	90,032	87,259	83,308	83,437	86,351
Wicklow	57,591	58,569	60,451	62,590	59,906	58,473	60,428	66,295
Munster	969,902	942,272	917,306	898,870	877,238	849,203	859,334	882,002
Clare	95,064	89,879	85,064	81,329	77,176	73,702	73,597	75,008
Cork	365,747	355,957	343,668	341,284	336,663	330,443	339,703	352,883
Kerry	149,171	139,834	133,893	126,644	122,072	116,458	112,785	112,772
Limerick	140,343	141,153	142,559	141,239	137,881	133,339	137,357	140,459
North Tipperary	59,645	59,551	58,103	57,009	55,697	53,696	53,843	54,337
South Tipperary	81,370	78,284	77,911	76,304	73,718	70,126	68,969	69,228
Waterford	78,562	77,614	76,108	75,061	74,031	71,439	73,080	77,315
Connacht	552,907	525,468	492,797	471,895	446,221	419,465	401,950	390,902
Galway	169,366	168,198	165,201	160,204	155,553	149,887	148,340	149,223
Leitrim	55,907	50,908	44,591	41,209	37,056	33,470	30,572	28,360
Mayo	172,690	161,349	148,120	141,867	133,052	123,330	115,547	109,525
Roscommon	83,556	77,566	72,510	68,102	63,710	59,217	56,228	53,519
Sligo	71,388	67,447	62,375	60,513	56,850	53,561	51,263	50,275
Ulster (part of)	300,091	280,269	263,887	253,252	235,863	217,524	208,303	207,204
Cavan	82,452	76,670	70,355	66,377	61,740	56,594	54,022	52,618
Donegal	152,508	142,310	136,317	131,530	122,059	113,842	108,549	108,344
Monaghan	65,131	61,289	57,215	55,345	52,064	47,088	45,732	46,242

Note - The figures shown in this table for each census relate to the areas as defined at the date of that census.

Province and County, 1926-2006

1979	1981	1986	1991	1996	2002	2006	Province or County
3,368,217	3,443,405	3,540,643	3,525,719	3,626,087	3,917,203	4,234,925	State
1,743,861	1,790,521	1,852,649	1,860,949	1,924,702	2,105,579	2,292,939	Leinster
38,668	39,820	40,988	40,942	41,616	46,014	50,471	Carlow
983,683	1,003,164	1,021,449	1,025,304	1,058,264	1,122,821	1,186,159	Dublin
97,185	104,122	116,247	122,656	134,992	163,944	186,075	Kildare
69,156	70,806	73,186	73,635	75,336	80,339	87,394	Kilkenny
49,936	51,171	53,284	52,314	52,945	58,774	67,012	Laoighis
30,785	31,140	31,496	30,296	30,166	31,068	34,361	Longford
86,135	88,514	91,810	90,724	92,166	101,821	110,894	Louth
90,715	95,419	103,881	105,370	109,732	134,005	162,621	Meath
57,342	58,312	59,835	58,494	59,117	63,663	70,604	Offaly
59,885	61,523	63,379	61,880	63,314	71,858	79,403	Westmeath
96,421	99,081	102,552	102,069	104,371	116,596	131,615	Wexford
83,950	87,449	94,542	97,265	102,683	114,676	126,330	Wicklow
979,819	998,315	1,020,577	1,009,533	1,033,903	1,100,614	1,172,170	Munster
84,919	87,567	91,344	90,918	94,006	103,277	110,800	Clare
396,118	402,465	412,735	410,369	420,510	447,829	480,909	Cork
120,356	122,770	124,159	121,894	126,130	132,527	139,616	Kerry
157,407	161,661	164,569	161,956	165,042	175,304	183,863	Limerick
58,476	58,984	59,522	57,854	58,021	61,010	65,988	North Tipperary
75,265	76,277	77,097	74,918	75,514	79,121	83,052	South Tipperary
87,278	88,591	91,151	91,624	94,680	101,546	107,942	Waterford
418,500	424,410	431,409	423,031	433,231	464,296	503,083	Connacht
167,838	172,018	178,552	180,364	188,854	209,077	231,035	Galway
27,844	27,609	27,035	25,301	25,057	25,799	28,837	Leitrim
114,019	114,766	115,184	110,713	111,524	117,446	123,648	Mayo
54,189	54,543	54,592	51,897	51,975	53,774	58,700	Roscommon
54,610	55,474	56,046	54,756	55,821	58,200	60,863	Sligo
226,037	230,159	236,008	232,206	234,251	246,714	266,733	Ulster (part of)
53,720	53,855	53,965	52,796	52,944	56,546	63,961	Cavan
121,941	125,112	129,664	128,117	129,994	137,575	146,956	Donegal
50,376	51,192	52,379	51,293	51,313	52,593	55,816	Monaghan