

Poverty Profile County Wicklow

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Introduction

This profile is primarily based on the results of the 2011 Census of Population, which was conducted on the night of Sunday 10th April 2011. The Census of Population data will be supplemented where appropriate with other CSO reports and where available Departmental statistical reports.

Section 1. Population Change

The population of County Wicklow has experienced a lot of variation over the last one hundred and seventy years as outlined in the table below covering the period 1841 to 2011.

Table 1 Population of County Wicklow at each Census since 1841

Census Year	Population	Actual Change	Percentage Change
1841	126,143	-	-
1851	98,979	-27,164	-21.5
1861	86,479	-12,500	-12.6
1871	78,697	-7,782	-9.0
1881	70,386	-8,311	-10.6
1891	62,136	-8,250	-11.7
1901	60,824	-1,312	-2.1
1911	60,711	-113	-0.2
1926	57,591	-3,120	-5.1
1936	58,569	978	1.7
1946	60,451	1,882	3.2
1951	62,590	2,139	3.5
1956	59,906	-2,684	-4.3
1961	58,473	-1,433	-2.4
1966	60,428	1,955	3.3
1971	66,295	5,867	9.7
1979	83,950	17,655	26.6
1981	87,449	3,499	4.2
1986	94,542	7,093	8.1
1991	97,265	2,723	2.9
1996	102,683	5,418	5.6

2002	114,676	11,993	11.7
2006	126,194	11,518	10.0
2011	136,640	10,446	8.3

Source: CSO Census of Population 2011.

At the time of the Census 2011 County Wicklow's population stood at 136,640 an increase of 8.3 percent on the 2006 figure or an actual increase of 10,446. The average increase in population per annum was 1.65 %. The Wicklow increase is slightly below the rate of increase which occurred for the province of Leinster which was 9.1 and nearly the same as the increase in population of the State of 8.2 which occurred in the population of the State over the period 2006 to 2011.

While the population of the county increased during the period 2006 to 2011, the entire county did not grow at the same rate as can be seen in Table 2. It is therefore worthwhile to look at the population change in more detail by examining the change which has occurred at town level. The populations of the principal settlements and the extent of change since 1991 are summarised in the following table.

Table 2: Population Change in Main Settlements.

	Total 1991	Total 1996	Total 2002	Total 2006	Total 2011	Percentage Change 2006 - 2011
Bray + Legal environs	25,138	25,760	28,002	31,901	31,872	-0.1
Greystones + environs	10,778	11,296	11,913	14,569	17,468	19.9
Arklow + environs	7,987	8,557	9,993	11,806	13,009	10.2
Wicklow + environs	6,215	7,290	9,355	10,070	10,356	2.8
Kilcoole	2,485	2,694	2,826	3,252	4,049	24.5
Newtownmountkennedy	2,321	2,528	2,521	2,548	2,410	-5.4
Blessington	1,408	1,860	2,509	4,018	4,639	15.5
Enniskerry	1,238	1,275	1,904	1,881	1,811	-3.7
Rathnew	1,496	1,437	1,441	1,849	2,964	60.3
Rathdrum	1,175	1,234	1,387	1,405	1,586	12.9
Ashford	878	1,215	1,356	1,349	1,449	7.4
Baltinglass	1,068	1,127	1,260	1,735	2,061	18.8
Aughrim	713	745	871	1,145	1,364	19.1
Newcastle	633	763	851	837	951	13.6
Kilmacanoge	763	818	834	839	1,028	22.5
Dunlavin	720	693	814	849	830	-2.2
Carnew	737	795	809	949	1,091	15.0
Tinahely	628	630	692	965	970	0.5
Avoca	494	490	564	734	753	2.6
Roundwood	437	446	518	589	833	41.4
Kilpedder	406	480	517	480	1,287	168.1

Glenealy	361	383	377	528	670	26.9
Laragh	248	267	357	378	340	-10.1
Shillelagh	326	324	278	311	341	9.6
Donard	165	162	201	182	187	2.7
Stratford	-	-	151	163	217	33.1
Redcross	-	-	-	196	241	23.0
Ballinaclash	-	-	-	-	301	-
Manor Kilbride	-	-	-	-	281	-
Bardarrig	-	-	-	-	233	-
Coolboy	-	-	-	-	144	-
Knockanna	-	-	-	-	141	-
County Wicklow	97,265	102,683	114,676	126,194	136,640	8.3

Source: CSO Census of Population

As can be clearly seen, the largest settlement is Bray with a population of 31,872 persons, followed by Greystones with 17,468. Therefore, it is worth examining the change in the population of Bray in more detail. The population of the town of Bray decreased by 0.1 percent over the period 2006 - 2011. Along with Bray the towns of Netownmountkennedy, Dunlavin and Laragh show population decline over the period. The town of Kilpedder shows the greatest population increase with an increase of 168.1 percent or an actual increase of 807. Rathnew also shows a significant increase in population.

The previous table illustrated the population change at town and village level, it is also important to examine this change at Electoral District (ED) level as is shown in table 3. **Map 1** shows the population densities for 2011 at Electoral District level per square kilometre, while **Map 2** shows the population change, which has occurred over the period 2006 to 2011.

Table 3: Population Change at Electoral District (ED) Level 2006 - 2011

District	Persons 2006	Persons 2011	Actual Change	Percentage Change
Wicklow County	126,194	136,640	10,446	8.28
Arklow No. 1 Urban	9128	9,817	689	7.55
Arklow No. 2 Urban	2584	2,953	369	14.28
Bray No. 1	1700	1,746	46	2.71
Bray No. 2	6305	6,192	-113	-1.79
Bray No. 3	6557	6,424	-133	-2.03

Rathmichael (Bray)	2431	2,380	-51	-2.10
Wicklow Urban	6930	6,761	-169	-2.44
Ballinguile	144	138	-6	-4.17
Baltinglass	2392	2,614	222	9.28
Blessington	4001	4,399	398	9.95
Burgage	1542	1,786	244	15.82
Donaghmore	373	396	23	6.17
Donard	483	508	25	5.18
Dunlavin	1300	1,327	27	2.08
Eadestown	186	201	15	8.06
Hartstown	283	276	-7	-2.47
Hollywood	671	727	56	8.35
Humewood	301	304	3	1.00
Imael North	212	235	23	10.85
Imael South	349	254	-95	-27.22
Kilbride	982	975	-7	-0.71
Lackan	763	743	-20	-2.62
Lugglass	143	155	12	8.39
Rathdangan	399	445	46	11.53
Rathsallagh	283	269	-14	-4.95
Stratford	379	430	51	13.46
Talbotstown	404	395	-9	-2.23
The Grange	422	419	-3	-0.71
Tober	453	524	71	15.67
Togher	302	332	30	9.93
Tuckmill	225	246	21	9.33
Delgany	5158	5,652	494	9.58
Enniskerry	2696	2,765	69	2.56
Greystones	7044	7,151	107	1.52
Kilmacanoge	13772	14,043	271	1.97
Powerscourt	773	785	12	1.55
Altidore	303	363	60	19.80

Arklow Rural	1067	1,310	243	22.77
Aughrim	1440	1,760	320	22.22
Avoca	838	682	-156	-18.62
Ballinaclash	592	636	44	7.43
Ballinacor	258	309	51	19.77
Ballinderry	418	459	41	9.81
Ballyarthur	887	1,024	137	15.45
Ballycullen	217	269	52	23.96
Brockagh	733	776	43	5.87
Calary	283	302	19	6.71
Cronebane	494	478	-16	-3.24
Dunganstown East	686	764	78	11.37
Dunganstown South	748	840	92	12.30
Dunganstown West	416	453	37	8.89
Ennereilly	393	382	-11	-2.80
Glendalough	257	268	11	4.28
Glenealy	2410	2,750	340	14.11
Kilbride	825	909	84	10.18
Kilcoole	6832	9,834	3,002	43.94
Killiskey	1010	1,038	28	2.77
Knockrath	209	239	30	14.35
Moneystown	247	303	56	22.67
Newcastle Lower	2098	2,209	111	5.29
Newcastle Upper	3161	3,584	423	13.38
Oldtown	544	583	39	7.17
Rathdrum	2237	2,448	211	9.43
Togher	909	1,204	295	32.45
Trooperstown	303	348	45	14.85
Wicklow Rural	5872	7,429	1,557	26.52
Aghowle	236	213	-23	-9.75
Ballingate	388	398	10	2.58
Ballinglen	231	230	-1	-0.43

Ballybeg	187	201	14	7.49
Carnew	1573	1,759	186	11.82
Coolattin	264	290	26	9.85
Coolballintaggart	420	461	41	9.76
Coolboy	462	546	84	18.18
Cronelea	173	190	17	9.83
Kilballyowen	292	345	53	18.15
Killinure	352	340	-12	-3.41
Kilpipe	380	406	26	6.84
Money	138	149	11	7.97
Rath	271	261	-10	-3.69
Shillelagh	562	595	33	5.87
Tinahely	1508	1,536	28	1.86

As can be seen across the county there was significant variation in the population change in the county over the period 2006 to 2011. At Electoral District level Imael South (-27.22) had the largest percentage decline in population and Kilcoole (43.94) the largest increase.

The main reasons for population increase are natural increase and net in migration. The following table illustrates the natural increase and net migration levels 1986 – 2011.

Table 4: Co. Wicklow Natural Increase and Net Migration 1986 to 2011 Rates

Period	Natural Increase*	Net Migration*
1986-1991	9.40	-3.72
1991-1996	7.58	+3.4
1996 – 2002	8.09	+10.3
2002 - 2006	9.6	+14.3
2006 - 2011	12.6	+3.0

Source: CSO

*Annual Rates per 1,000 Average Population

It is interesting to note that according to the 2011 Census of Population 65.1 percent (88,945 people) of the population in County Wicklow now live in the aggregate town

areas. In the State approximately 62 percent of the population, now live in aggregate town areas, while the percentage is 63.3 percent for the Mid East region. In 1961 approximately 46.4 percent of the population lived in urban areas and 53.6 percent in rural areas. In 1961 Dublin City accounted for 50.9 percent of all the people living in urban areas while in 2011 this figure stood at 39 percent. There are now 197 designated urban areas in the country with 24.2 percent of the population of the country living in Dublin City and suburbs.

County Wicklow is part of the Mid – East region along with Meath and Kildare. Figures for the Mid – East region will be included throughout the profile for comparative purposes.

When examining the principal demographic changes that have occurred in County Wicklow it is essential to examine the age structure of the population and the changes which have occurred within it. Section 2 examines in detail the age structure of the population in County Wicklow.

Age Profile of Population:

As was seen in the previous section the population of County Wicklow has grown substantially over the last twenty years and it is therefore interesting to look at changes which have occurred in the different age cohorts over the period.

Table 5: County Wicklow Population Change by Age Cohort 1991 – 2011

Age	1991	1996	2002	2006	2011	% Change 1991 - 2011
0 - 14	27,384	25,585	25,826	27,137	31,172	13.83
15 - 24	15,753	16,968	17,641	17,767	16,514	4.83
25 - 44	27,596	29,349	34,694	40,331	41,609	50.78
45 - 64	16,716	20,361	25,082	28,442	32,344	93.49
65 years and over	9,816	10,420	11,433	12,517	15,001	52.82
Total	97,265	102,683	114,676	126,194	136,640	40.48

It is worth noting that while the overall population of the county grew over the period, the level of growth differed across the age cohorts. The number of people in the age category 45 – 64 grew by approximately 93.49 percent while the population in the age category 65 years and older increased by 52.82 percent.

Table 6: Persons by Age Category

Age Category	Wicklow	Leinster	State
0 – 4 Years	11,474	198,742	356,329
5 – 9 Years	10,179	175,466	320,770
10 – 14 Years	9,519	161,678	302,491
15 – 19 Years	8,582	151,886	283,019
20 – 24 Years	7,932	169,781	297,231
25 – 29 Years	8,983	213,574	361,122
30 – 34 Years	10,937	229,387	393,945
35 – 39 Years	11,193	206,043	364,261
40 – 44 Years	10,496	181,738	330,812

45 – 49 Years	9,970	164,354	305,185
50 – 54 Years	8,412	145,078	274,386
55 – 59 Years	7,323	126,629	244,522
60 – 64 Years	6,639	111,770	218,786
65 – 69 Years	5,372	88,075	173,638
70 – 74 Years	3,757	66,721	131,190
75 – 79 Years	2,633	51,035	102,036
80 – 84 Years	1,731	34,680	70,113
85 Years and Older	1,508	28,177	58,416

As can be seen from the above table 39,754 of the people in County Wicklow at the time of the 2011 Census were aged 19 years or younger this equates to approximately 29 percent of the county's population. The Young Dependency rate is the number of young people aged 0 – 14 as a percentage of the total population of working age, at a national level the rate was 31.9 percent, the rate in Wicklow is 34.5 percent.

Census 2011 shows a population of pre-school children aged 0-4 of 356,329, an increase of 17.9 per cent since 2006 compared to the 8.2 per cent in the population of the State as a whole, bringing the numbers back to just above the levels in the early 1980s¹. The Census also shows that 83.1 per cent of this age group lived in family units with both parents, with 15.4 per cent in lone parent families. While there was an increase of pre-school children living with a lone parent of 7.5 per cent since 2006, this type of family unit has decreased as a proportion of all household types from 16.9 to 15.4 per cent in 2011.

The Census also shows the population of the primary school age group (5-12) stood at 504,267, an increase of 12 per cent since 2006 compared to an 8.2 per cent increase in the population of the State as a whole.

¹ CSO, Profile 2, Older and Younger, May 2012, pg. 20

As well as looking at the age categories for the County as a whole it is interesting to look at the breakdown of the population in the main urban centres in the county.

Table 7: Age Categories in Main Urban Settlements 2011

Town	Total	0 – 14 Years	15 – 24 Years	25 – 44 Years	45 – 64 Years	65 Years and Older
Bray	31,872	6,374	4,258	9,926	7,698	3,616
Greystones	17,468	4,134	2,046	5,607	3,910	1,771
Arklow	13,009	3,037	1,557	4,312	2,764	1,339
Wicklow	10,356	2,438	1,312	3,078	2,441	1,087
Blessington	5,010	1,397	528	1,945	889	251
Rathnew	2,964	836	306	1,206	476	140
Baltinglass	2,061	521	242	662	421	215
Rathdrum	1,586	368	172	491	327	228

**Table 8: Average ages of the aggregate town and aggregate rural areas in 2006
and 2011 for selected areas**

Area	2006			2011		
	Total	Aggregate Town Area	Aggregate Rural Area	Total	Aggregate Town Area	Aggregate Rural Area
Wicklow	35.2	34.5	36.2	35.7	35.1	36.9
Meath	33.4	31.0	36.0	33.8	31.4	37.0
Kildare	32.8	32.1	34.1	33.5	32.6	35.3
Leinster	34.9	34.7	35.8	35.5	35.1	36.6
State	35.6	34.9	36.7	36.1	35.4	37.3

Source: Census of Population 2011, Profile 2 Older and Younger

Table 9: Age dependency ratios in 2006 and 2011 for selected areas.

Area	2006			2011		
	Total	Young (0-14)	Old (65 Years and over)	Total	Young (0-14)	Old (65 Years and over)
Wicklow	45.8	31.4	14.5	51.0	34.5	16.6
Meath	45.8	34.2	11.7	51.7	38.3	13.5
Kildare	42.7	32.9	9.8	48.0	36.3	11.7
Leinster	43.5	29.1	14.4	47.3	31.5	15.8
State	45.8	29.7	16.1	49.3	31.9	17.4

Source: Census of Population 2011, Profile 2 Older and Younger

The reports from the CSO on the 2011 Census of Population highlights that the average age of the population continues to increase and at the time of the Census stood at 36.1 compared to 35.6 in 2006. Table 8 shows the average age in both the aggregate rural and aggregate urban areas and as can be seen the average age in the rural areas is older. The rural population was on average almost two years older than the population in urban areas. Meath had the youngest urban population in the country at 31.4. In County Wicklow the average age in 2011 was 35.7 while for aggregate rural areas it was 36.9 and for aggregate urban areas 35.1 a difference of 1.8 years.

Meanwhile Table 9 outlines that age dependency rates. The age dependency rate is the ratio of the old and young population to the population of working age. There was increase in the age dependency rate for the State over the five year period from 45.8 in 2006 to 49.3 in 2011 an increase of 3.5 percent. The young dependency rate which is the ratio of young people aged between 0-14 as a percentage of the population of working age also shows an increase for the State going from 29.7 to 31.9. While the old dependency rate which is the older population as a percentage of the population of working age increased from 16.1 to 17.4.

In the case of Wicklow there an increase of 5.2 percent in the age dependency rate in the period 2006 to 2011. The young dependency rate increased by 3.1 percent to 34.5, while the old dependency rate increased by 2.1 to 16.6.

Nationality and Ethnicity:

As can be seen the population of County Wicklow has increased significantly in recent years and has become more ethnically and culturally diverse. This diversity has enhanced the county in many ways with the influx of new skills, talents and approaches.

2002 was the first time an Irish Census asked a question on nationality and as noted by the CSO this reflected the growing importance of gathering data in this area. Therefore it is only possible analyse data on nationality from 2002 on. As well as looking at the picture in a Wicklow context it is interesting to look at the national context as well. The CSO outline that over the period 2002 to 2006 there was a rapid growth in the number of non-Irish nationals which saw the number increase from 224,261 to 419,733. The period 2006 to 2011 has seen a continuation of this growth but at a slower rate with the number now standing at 544,357 an increase of 29.7 percent.

The CSO also notes that a small number of nationalities account for most of the increase. The number of Polish nationals account increased by 93.7 percent to 122,585 and now have overtaken UK nationals as the largest non-Irish group living in Ireland. The number of Latvians living Ireland also shows a significant increase up 54.6 percent or 7,274, Lithuanians up 12,055 or 48.9 percent, Romanians were up 9,608 or 124.8 percent, Brazilians up 4,316 or 98.4 percent and Indians up 8,526 or 100.8 percent.

It is worth noting that the 544,357 non-Irish nationals living in Ireland at the time of the last census represented 199 nations. The twelve nations with over ten thousand residents accounted for 74.4 percent of all non-Irish nationals in 2011. This is highlighted in Table 10.

Table 10: Population by Nationality, 2002, 2006 and 2011

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Change 2002 to 2011</u>
Poland	2,124	63,276	122,461	5,671.4
UK	103,476	112,548	112,259	8.5
Lithuania	2,104	24,628	36,683	1,643.5
Latvia	1,797	13,319	20,593	1,046.0
Nigeria	8,969	16,300	17,642	96.7
Romania	4,978	7,696	17,304	247.6
India	2,534	8,460	16,986	570.3
Philippines	3,900	9,548	12,791	228.0
Germany	7,216	10,289	11,305	56.7
USA	11,384	12,475	11,015	-3.2
China	5,842	11,161	10,896	86.5
Slovakia	297	8,111	10,801	3,536.7
France	6,363	9,046	9,749	53.2
Total	224,261	419,733	544,357	142.7

Source: CSO Profile 6, Migration and Diversity, Census of Population 2011.

When one examines nationality at a county level, Dublin City with 88,038, Fingal with 49,517 and Cork County with 42,886 had the highest number of non-Irish nationals. Leitrim and Longford had the lowest numbers with 3,703 and 5,477 respectively. The census shows that Galway City was the most multicultural area in the country with 19.4 percent of the people enumerated there on Census night being non-Irish nationals.

According to the 2011 Census of Population 9.9 percent of the population in County were non-Irish nationals. This is outlined in Table 11. The percentage of the population in County Wcklow that are non-Irish nationals is slightly below the national rate of 12 percent, the rate in Wexford is 9.4, Kildare 11.8 and Meath is 10.8.

Table 11: Population by Nationality 2011 in County Wicklow,

Nationality	Number	Percent of Total Population
Irish	120,409	89.27
Non-Irish	13,377	9.92
UK	3,749	2.78
Poland	2,754	2.04
EU15 (excl. Ireland and UK)	1,443	1.07
EU 15 to EU27 (excl. Poland)	2,121	1.57
Other European Nationalities	395	0.29
Africa	472	0.35
Asia	1,497	1.11
America	672	0.50
Other Nationalities	250	0.19
Multi Nationalities	24	0.02
No Nationality	25	0.02
Not Stated	1,067	0.79
Total	134,878	100

Approximately 55 percent of the non-Irish nationals living in County Wicklow are from three different nationalities, UK with 3749, Polish with 2,754 and Lithuanian with 848 people. It is also worth noting that 10,067 (75.3 percent) of the non-Irish nationals living in County Wicklow at the time of the Census of Population were from the EU 27.

As well as examining nationality at County level it is worth looking at nationality in the main urban settlements in County Wicklow.

Table 12: Population by Nationality 2011 in main Urban Settlements

	Bray and Environs	Arklow and Environs	Wicklow and Environs	Greystones and Environs	Blessington
Irish	27,177	10,979	9,133	15,087	4,280
UK	667	332	286	656	137
Polish	858	734	176	412	230
Lithuanian	263	145	175	61	90
Other EU 27	865	265	195	423	125
Rest of World	1,347	292	191	491	115
Not Stated	238	134	88	76	14
Total no of non-Irish Nationals	4,000	1,768	1,023	2,043	697
Total	31415	12881	10244	17206	4991
Percent of Population that non-Irish-nationals	12.73	13.73	9.99	11.87	13.97

As well as examining the population in relation to nationality it is also worth looking at the population of County Wicklow in terms of ethnicity.

Table 13: Demography by Ethnicity and cultural background in County Wicklow

	Number	Percentage
White Irish	117,991	87.48
Irish Traveller	721	0.53
Any other White background	11,128	8.25
African	381	0.28
Any other Black background	108	0.08
Chinese	617	0.46
Any other Asian background	1,432	1.06
Other including mixed background	1,044	0.77
Not Stated	1,456	1.08
Total	134,878	100

Irish Traveller Community:

Members of the Irish Travelling Community have their own culture and belief systems and can be regarded as an ethnic minority group. The 2011 Census of Population contains very little detail on the Irish Travelling Community at a county level and therefore much of the data contained in this section is drawn from the national level.

According to the 2011 Census of Population there were 29,573 Irish Travellers enumerated on census night representing 0.6 percent of the total population. This represents an increase of 22,435 or 32 percent on the number enumerated in the 2006 Census.

The census shows that the structure of the Irish Traveller population is substantially different from that of the general population. Only 2.5 percent of the Irish Travellers were aged 65 or over compared to 11.7 percent for the general population, while 29.1 percent of the Irish Traveller population were aged 9 years or younger compared to 14.8 percent for the general population. The average age of Irish Travellers was 22.4 compared to 36.1 for the general population, while approximately 52.2 percent of the Irish Travellers were aged less than twenty years of age.

Table 14: Irish Travellers by area and gender

Area	Persons	Male	Female	Travellers per 1,000 total population
Wicklow	721	354	367	5.3
Kildare	875	452	423	4.2
Meath	967	497	470	5.3
Wexford	1,504	722	782	10.3
State	29,573	14,625	14,948	6.4

As can be seen from the above Table there were 721 Irish Travellers enumerated in County Wicklow approximately 2.4 percent of the Irish Traveller population. The Census shows that 81.7 percent of the Irish Travellers lived in urban areas and 18.3

percent in rural areas. Table 15 outlines the Irish Traveller Population living in the main urban centres in the county.

Table 15: Irish Travellers by Urban Area

Area	White Irish Traveller	Total
Bray Legal Town and its Environs	180	31415
Baltinglass	24	2058
Greystones Legal Town and its Environs	31	17206
Enniskerry	14	1796
Arklow Legal Town and its Environs	49	12881
Wicklow Legal Town and its Environs	139	10244
Ashford	29	1443
Aughrim	3	1353
Kilcoole	37	4015
Kilpedder	1	1281
Newtownmountkennedy	6	2397
Rathdrum	8	1586
Rathnew	56	2949
Roundwood	10	826
Newcastle	1	948
Carnew	10	1090

According to the census there were 180 members of the travelling community living in Bray which represents approximately 25 percent of the County's total Traveller population. While a further 139 live in Wicklow Town or its environs representing approximately 19.3 percent of the Irish Traveller population in the county.

As well as looking at the location of members of the Irish Travellers by area it is worth looking at the different household types.

Table 16 Irish Travellers living in private households by household type.

Area	Total Private Households	Total Irish Travellers			
		Total	Permanent Housing Units	Temporary Housing Units	Not Stated
Wicklow	211	698	602	61	35
Meath	283	948	838	98	12
Kildare	211	846	762	71	4
Wexford	397	1,479	1,320	109	50
State	7,765	28,498	23,967	3,487	1,044

Table 17: Irish Travellers aged 15 years and over, classified by labour force, employment status and labour force participation rate

Sex	Total Aged 15 years and over	Total in Labour Force	At Work	Unemployed	Students	Total not in Labour Force	Labour Force Participation rate	PES Unemployment Rate
Persons	17,409	9,973	1,562	8,411	1,946	7,436	57.28	84.33
Male	8,401	5,829	782	5,047	915	2,572	69.38	86.58
Female	9,008	4,144	780	3,364	1,031	4,864	46.00	81.17

- ◆ The principal economic status labour force participation rate for male Travellers at 69.8 and for female Travellers at 46 percent.
- ◆ The Principal Economic Status unemployment rate for Irish Travellers was 84.33, for male Travellers was 86.58 and for female Travellers at 81.17.
- ◆ The CSO notes that unemployment in the Irish Traveller community was up 9.4 percent since the 2006 Census of Population.
- ◆ The labour force participation rate was 57.3 percent for Irish Travellers compared to 61.9 percent for the population as a whole.

Older People:

The population aged 65 years and older according to the 2011 Census of Population increased by 14.4 percent and stood at 535,393. This compared to a population growth of 8.2 percent for the whole population. It is also interesting to note that the number of people in the country aged 100 years and over increased by 389. As was highlighted in Section 2 there has been an increase in the number of people in County Wicklow aged 65 years and older. In April 2011 there were 15,001 people aged 65 years and older accounting for 10.97 percent of the population of the county. The number of people in this age category has increased by 52.82 percent over the last ten years in county Wicklow.

It is worth noting that the older people are not a homogenous group and there has been a lot of discussion on what is meant by the term older person as it can be subjective and a matter of personal judgment especially as life expectancy rates increase. The Table below shows the number of people aged 55 years and older by age category.

Table 26: Older Persons by Age Category

Age Category	Wicklow	Leinster	State
55 – 59 Years	7,323	126,629	244,522
60 – 64 Years	6,639	111,770	218,786
65 – 69 Years	5,372	88,075	173,638
70 – 74 Years	3,757	66,721	131,190
75 – 79 Years	2,633	51,035	102,036
80 – 84 Years	1,731	34,680	70,113
85 Years and Older	1,508	28,177	58,416
Total	28,963	507,087	998,701

Table 27: Marital Status of Persons aged 65 Years and Older in County Wicklow

Age	Total	Single	All Married	First Marriage	Re-married following widowhood	Re-married following dissolution	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
65 – 69	5,372	476	3,809	3640	52	117	271	181	635
70 – 74	3,757	385	2,382	2274	37	71	124	88	778
75 – 79	2,633	323	1,410	1349	30	31	27	38	805
80 – 84	1,731	267	634	607	22	5	30	9	791
85 Years and Older	1,508	236	305	288	12	5	8	6	953
Total	15,001	1,687	8,540	8,158	153	229	460	322	3,962

As can be seen in the above table approximately 56.9 percent of the persons aged sixty five years and older in the county are married, while 11.2 percent are single, 5.2 percent are separated or divorced and 26.4 percent are widowed.

When one looks at the figures for older people living alone they are predominantly women, with women accounting for approximately three quarters (73.8 percent) of all persons aged 85 years and older and living alone.

The annual Statistical Information on Social Welfare Services prepared by the Department of Social Protection for 2011 shows that in County Wicklow in 2011 there were;

- 1,955 persons in receipt of State Pension Non Contributory
- 7,910 in receipt of State Pension Contributory
- 388 in receipt of State Pension Transition
- 3,145 in receipt of Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension
- 16 in receipt of Death Benefit Pension

Household Composition:

In April 2011 there were a total of 47,798 private households in County Wicklow with a total of 135,259 persons in private households. Therefore the average number of persons per private household was 2.83. At ED level there was a range of 1.13 in household size with the maximum being 3.39. It is worth noting that there has been a decline of 0.23 in the average private household size in County Wicklow since 2002 and an increase of 11,226 or 30.7 percent in the number of private households.

The following Table highlights the number of private households and the number of persons in private households within the counties around Wicklow, within the State.

Table 28: Private Household Size (Census of Population 2011)

Area	Number of Private Households	Number of Persons in private Households	Average Number of persons per private Household
Kildare	70,763	208,522	3.0
Meath	62,201	184,336	3.0
Wexford	52,652	144,349	2.7
Wicklow	47,798	135,259	2.8
State	1,654,208	4,510,409	2.7

It is interesting to note that the average household size for County Wicklow is higher than the national average and the average for Wexford, while lower than the average for Kildare and Meath. While the previous table shows average household size at a county level it does not show the variation which may occur within a county and it is worth highlighting this variation.

Table 29: Aspects of Household Composition (Private Households – No. of Households)

Composition of Household	Kildare	Meath	Wexford	Wicklow	% Wicklow	State	% State
One person	12,586	11,344	12,210	9,659	20.21	392,000	23.70
Husband and wife	9,919	8,965	8,431	7,232	15.13	240,146	14.52
Cohabiting couple	3,469	2,788	2,107	2,119	4.43	73,111	4.42
Husband and wife with children (of any age)	26,676	24,655	16,634	16,652	34.84	522,959	31.61
Cohabiting couple with children (of any age)	2,969	2,689	2,324	1,979	4.14	54,911	3.32
Father with children (of any age)	974	909	826	773	1.61	24,497	1.48
Mother with children (of any age)	6,417	5,099	5,321	4,893	10.24	155,264	9.39
Couple and Others	1,034	761	616	628	1.31	21,697	1.31
Couple, Children and Others	1,551	1,427	1,046	953	1.99	30,459	1.84
Father, Children and Others	141	119	99	88	0.18	2,986	0.18
Mother, Children and Others	607	497	467	451	0.94	15,190	0.92
Two or more Family Units Households	929	739	653	591	1.24	18,769	1.13
Non- Family Households and Relations Households	1,225	1,041	1,009	883	1.85	39,611	2.39
Two or more Non-Related Persons Households	2,266	1,168	909	897	1.88	62,608	3.78
Total private households	70,763	62,201	52,652	47,798	100	1,654,208	100

As can be seen from the above table there is a wide variety of household compositions. In County Wicklow approximately 20.2 percent of private households are one person households, while 23.7 percent are one person households nationally. Husband and wife with children accounts for 34.8 percent of all households, this is similar to the national rate of 31.6 percent. Lone Parent households accounted for approximately 12 percent of all private households in County Wicklow compared to a national rate of 11 percent nationally². At Electoral Division level Rathmichael had the highest percentage of lone parent households as a percentage of all households at 27.1 percent. The percentage of lone parent households ranged from 3.2 (Ballybeg) to 27.1 with an average of 9.9 percent.

As well as looking at the private households it is interesting to look at the different types of families. In county Wicklow there were 36,964 family units of which 10,295 were couples with no children, while the average number of children per family was 1.4 which is the same as the national average of 1.4.

Table 30: Number of Families, Persons and Children by size

Size	Number of Families	Number of Persons	Number of Children
2 Persons	14,085	28,170	3,790
3 Persons	8,752	26,256	10,662
4 Persons	8,523	34,092	17,811
5 Persons	4,022	20,110	12,272
6 or more Persons	1,582	10,006	6,911
Total	36,964	118,634	51,446

² Note this figure includes Father with Children, Mother with Children. The number of father/mother with children living on their own in County Wicklow is 5,666 households or 11.9 percent of all private households.

Carers and Disability

The results of the Census of Population 2011 shows that nationally a total of 595,335 people had a disability accounting for 13.0 per cent of the population. Of these 48.7 percent or 289,728 were male and 305,607 51.3 percent were female. Since 2006 there has been an increase in the number of people classified as having a disability across all age groups with an overall increase of 201,550 or 51.2 percent. According to the CSO the changing to the wording of the questions has had an impact on the increase, however it is not possible to measure the impact of the change in the wording on the increase. It is worth noting that when the increase is analysed by age category the greatest changes were for the youngest age group under five years of age and for the oldest age group persons aged 85 years and older. The other age groups increased in line with the average.

Table 41: Persons with a disability and those without in 2006 and 2011

Area	2006			2011			Actual Change in persons with a disability	% Change
	Total	Persons with a disability	Persons without a disability	Total	Persons with a disability	Persons without a disability		
Wicklow	126,194	11,576	114,618	136,640	17,616	119,024	6,040	52.2
Kildare	186,335	14,986	171,349	210,312	24,369	185,943	9,383	62.6
Meath	162,831	12,076	150,755	184,135	19,669	164,466	7,593	62.9
Wexford	131,749	12,681	119,068	145,320	20,134	125,186	7,453	58.8
State	4,239,848	393,785	3,846,063	4,588,252	595,335	3,992,917	201,550	51.2

The above table shows the changes in the number of people with a disability in selected counties over the period 2006 to 2011. As well as looking at the number of people with a disability it is also worth looking at the types of disability people experience and to note that those with a disability may experience more than one type of disability.

Table 42: Persons with a disability by type of disability 2011

Area	Total Persons With a Disability	Type of Disability											Total Disabilities
		Blindness deafness or a severe vision or hearing impairment	A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities	An intellectual disability	A difficulty with learning, remembering or concentrating	A difficulty with basic physical activities	A Psychological or emotional condition	A difficulty with pain, breathing, or any other chronic illness or condition	A Difficulty in dressing, bathing or getting around inside the home	Difficulty in working at a job or attending school/ college	Difficulty in going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctors surgery	Difficulty in participating in other activities for example leisure or using public transport	
Wicklow	17,616	1,363	2,609	1,715	4,299	6,588	2,856	8,221	3,373	5,445	4,370	5,791	46,630
Kildare	24,369	1,870	3,497	2,639	6,047	8,982	3,998	11,591	4,745	7,689	6,048	8,075	65,181
Meath	19,669	1,658	2,920	1,896	4,546	7,335	3,135	9,048	3,850	6,342	5,038	6,170	52,586
Wexford	20,134	1,693	3,188	1,893	4,731	8,197	2,898	9,422	3,952	6,649	5,180	6,862	54,665
State	595,335	51,718	92,060	57,709	137,070	244,739	96,004	274,762	125,450	194,398	165,681	207,455	1,647,046

As can be seen from the above table people in Wicklow experience a wide range of disabilities and some people have more than one disability. It is worth noting that of the 17,616 people in County Wicklow with a disability 5,173 or 32.4 percent were aged 65 years or older. While county Wicklow has a disability rate of 12.9 percent when one looks at the number of people with a disability in the different areas, Rathdrum town has a disability rate of 20.2 percent placing it in the top five in the country. This may be at least partially explained due to St. Colman’s being located in Rathdrum. According to the CSO report “Our Bill of Health” some of the disabilities are clearly more age related than others, both difficulty with pain, breathing or other chronic illness and a difficulty with physical activities both increased with age. The incidence of deafness or hearing impairment was low until the age of 50 and after 50 years of age began rising steadily, while blindness was less age related until after the age of 75. Therefore it is worth looking at the age categories of people with a disability.

Table 43: Age Categories of Persons with a disability 2011

Area	1 – 14	15 – 24	25 – 44	45 – 64	65 plus	Total
Wicklow	1,847	1,453	3,554	5,049	5,713	17,616

32.4 percent of the persons with a disability in Wicklow are aged 65 years or older, while 28.7 are aged 45 to 64 years and 10.5 percent are aged 14 years or younger.

The labour force participation rate for people with a disability was 30 percent compared to 61.9 percent for the overall population. While the unemployment rate for among disabled people was 30.8 percent compared to 19 percent for the overall population.

Carers

Carers are classified by the number of hours per week of unpaid personal help that they provide for a friend or family member with a long- term illness or disability. It is worth noting that 4.1 percent of the people in the State provide unpaid care to a person with a disability or long term illness. In county Wicklow 5,131 people provide regular unpaid personal help to a friend or family member, 20.6 percent of the carers in the county provide care for more than six hours per day. Approximately 36.9 percent of carers in the county are male and 63.1 percent are female. Table 44 highlights the hours of care provided by carers in County Wicklow according to gender.

Table 44: Carers classified by the number of hours of unpaid help per week.

	Total Carers	1-14	15-28	29-42	43+	Not Stated
Male	1,894	877	275	129	363	250
Female	3,327	1407	521	220	693	396
Total	5,221	2284	796	349	1056	646

General Health:

“A new question on general health was introduced for the first time in census 2011 and asked respondents to select one of five categories ranging from very good to very bad. Self-perceived health provides a well validated and widely used measure, The naturally observed phenomenon of failing health with age is clearly reflected in the census results. Among 10- 14 year olds 87 per cent perceived their health as very good – the peak for any age group; by age 40-44 this had fallen to 60 per cent. By age 65 only one in three people identified themselves as being in very good health. Just over half of all people aged 80 or older regarded their health as good or very good, a further 4 out of 10 replied fair while one in 10 replied bad or very bad (This is Ireland, Highlights from Census 2011, Part 2 pg. 41)”.

In county Wicklow 89.7 percent of the population or 122,554 people stated that they were in very good or good health, compared to 88.3 percent for the population nationally. While 1.3 percent of the population stated that they were in bad or very bad health compared to 1.5 percent nationally.

Table 45: Health Status classified by Gender in County Wicklow

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very Bad	Not Stated	Total
Male	42,645	18,070	4,782	731	140	1,174	67,542
Female	43,545	18,294	5,236	739	160	1,124	69,098
Total	86,190	36,364	10,018	1,470	300	2,298	136,640

At Electoral Division the percentage of the population classifying themselves as having good or very good health ranged from 81.73 in Bray No. 1 to 94.7 in Calary. Bray No.1 had 3.21 percent of it’s population with bad or very bad health.