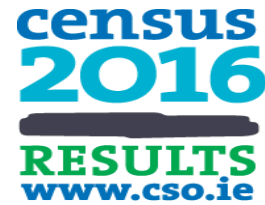




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## Press Statement

### Census 2016 Profile 3: An Age Profile of Ireland

#### Average age in Kildare rose to 34.9 years

The average age of Ireland's population continues to increase, and stood at 37.4 years in April 2016, up by 1.3 years since 2011. Today the CSO published *Profile 3 - An Age Profile of Ireland*, the latest in the series of thematic reports from Census 2016. Other insights include results showing that the number of both pre-school children aged 0-4 and young adults (19-24) have fallen since 2011.

Deirdre Cullen, Senior Statistician: “*This profile report examines the age breakdown of Ireland's population and the characteristics of different age groups by geographic area, accommodation and household composition. It aims to build on the earlier results on age and sex composition in the Summary Results Part 1 and to provide a more in-depth look at all age cohorts in Ireland in April 2016.*”

The full report is available on the CSO website at [www.cso.ie/en/census/](http://www.cso.ie/en/census/) along with all the data which is available in a range of interactive web tables, allowing users to build their own tables by selecting the data they are interested in and downloading them in an easy to use format for their own analysis. In co-operation with the All Ireland Research Observatory (AIRO) at NUI Maynooth, summary census data is available in thematic maps for Electoral Districts and all Small Areas on the AIRO website. This can be accessed via the link on the CSO website.

#### ***Kildare highlights from Profile 3 - An Age Profile of Ireland***

##### ***Population getting older***

The average age of Kildare's population in April 2016 was 34.9 years, an increase of 1.4 years since 2011. Those living in urban areas were on average 2.9 years younger than those in rural areas.

Nationally, the average age increased by 1.3 years to 37.4 years, while the average age in rural areas was 2.4 years higher than that in urban areas.

##### ***Age Groups***

Profile 3 provides data on the population by a range of age groups, i.e. pre-school children (aged 0-4), primary school aged children (5-12), secondary school age (13-18), young adults (19-24), adults (25-64) and older people (65 years and over).

The numbers in the pre-school and young adult cohorts fell both in Kildare and nationally, while all other cohorts increased. The county recorded significantly higher increases than those seen nationally in the secondary age group – 16.7% compared to 7.7, as well as the older age group – 32.2% compared to 19.1%.

##### ***Age Dependency***

Age dependency is a measure of the extent to which the young (aged 0-14) and older (age 65 and over) populations are dependent on the population of working age people, defined as those aged 15 to 64 years.

The dependency rate in Kildare was 51.4%, i.e. the number of young and older people together were equal to 51.4% of the total number of working age people, compared to the national rate of 52.7%.

A summary of some of the headline results from Census 2016 for Kildare, together with comparisons for Leinster and the State as a whole are attached for information.

### **Population by age group**

Age group	Kildare		Leinster		State	
	Population 2016	Change since 2011	Population 2016	Change since 2011	Population 2016	Change since 2011
Pre-school (0-4)	17,314	-8.5%	187,106	-5.9%	331,515	-7.0%
Primary (5-12)	29,453	9.9%	303,155	10.6%	548,693	8.8%
Secondary (13-18)	19,188	16.7%	201,743	10.1%	371,588	7.7%
Young Adults (19-24)	15,562	-0.7%	189,912	-5.7%	331,208	-6.5%
Adults (25-64)	118,973	2.7%	1,429,260	3.7%	2,541,294	1.9%
Older (65 and over)	22,014	32.2%	323,227	20.3%	637,567	19.1%
All Ages	222,504	5.8%	2,634,403	5.2%	4,761,865	3.8%

### **Population Average Age & Dependency Rates**

	Kildare	Leinster	State
<b>Average Age</b>			
2016	34.9	36.6	37.4
2011	33.5	35.5	36.1
Urban Areas	34.0	36.2	36.5
Rural Areas	36.9	38.2	38.9
Males	34.5	35.9	36.7
Females	35.4	37.3	38.0
<b>Dependency</b>			
Young	36.5%	31.9%	32.3%
Old	15.0%	18.5%	20.4%
<b>Total</b>	51.4%	50.4%	52.7%

To view *Profile 3 An Age Profile of Ireland*, visit the CSO website at [www.cso.ie/en/census](http://www.cso.ie/en/census)

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**Note to Editors:**

- The census figures relate to the de facto population, i.e. the population recorded for each area represents the total of all persons present within its boundaries on the night of Sunday, 24 April 2016, together with all persons who arrived in that area on the morning of Monday, 25 April 2016, not having been enumerated elsewhere. Persons on board ships in port are included with the population of adjacent areas. The figures, therefore, include visitors present on Census Night as well as those in residence, while usual residents temporarily absent from the area are excluded.
- The de facto measure of the population in April 2016 was 4,761,865 while the usually resident total was 4,689,921 - a difference of 71,944 or 1.5%. The usually resident measure is used when analysing topics such as nationality and households and families.
- This is the third in the series of eleven thematic reports from Census 2016. The Central Statistics Office has also published two Summary Reports providing first results of all of the areas covered in the census. The thematic reports address these areas in greater detail. The next profile report *Profile 4 Households and Families* will be published on 27 July. Further profile reports will address themes such as homeless persons; migration and diversity; education, skills and the Irish language. The full release schedule, and all of the reports published to date, are available at <http://www.cso.ie/en/census/>

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