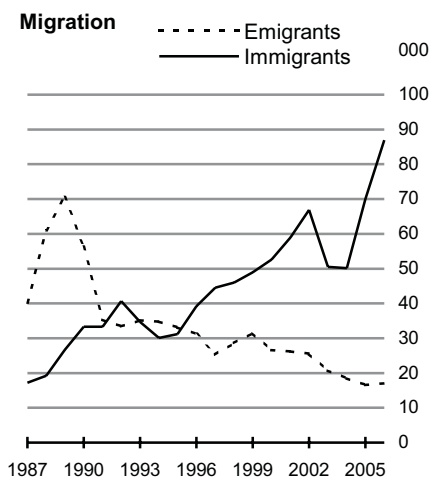




Population and Migration Estimates April 2006



	Year ending	
	April 2005	April 2006
Natural increase	33,500	34,200
Net migration	53,400	69,900
Population change	87,000	104,100

Record population increase driven by immigration

The number of immigrants into Ireland in the twelve months to April 2006 is estimated to have been 86,900 which is the highest figure recorded since the present series of annual migration estimates began in 1987. The estimated number of emigrants in the same period was 17,000, which gave a net migration figure of 69,900 compared with 53,400 in the twelve months to April 2005.

The natural increase in the population (i.e., births less deaths) for the year ending April 2006 was 34,200. The combined effect of the natural increase and migration resulted in a population increase of 104,100 (+2.5 per cent) bringing the population estimate to 4.235* million in April 2006.

The main features of the 2006 figures are:

- ◆ Approximately two-thirds of the population increase in the year up to April 2006 was accounted for by migration with the remaining one-third due to the natural increase in the population.
- ◆ Nearly half (43 per cent) of immigrants were nationals of the 10 new EU accession states, which joined the EU on 1 May 2004 (See Table 7).
- ◆ 26 per cent (22,900) of immigrants were from Poland while 7 per cent (6,100) were from Lithuania.
- ◆ 43 per cent of emigrants went to countries other than the EU and the USA, while 23 per cent of all immigrants originated from outside the EU and USA (See Table 5).
- ◆ More than half (54 per cent) of immigrants were aged 25-44 while a further 28 per cent were aged 15-24. Approximately 1 in 10 of the immigrants were children under the age of 15 (See Table 6).
- ◆ The excess of births over deaths has more than doubled from 16,600 in the twelve-month period ending April 1994 to 34,200 in the corresponding period to April 2006 (see Table 9).

* While, at the overall level, the estimated population is coincidentally identical to the preliminary population total from the 2006 census, there are some small differences when the gender and region breakdowns are examined. See Table 10 for further details.

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Table 1 Estimated Population classified by Sex and Age Group, 2001 - 2006

Sex and Age Group	Persons in April of each year					
	2001	2002	2003 ¹	2004 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹
	000					
Persons						
0 - 4 years	273.2	277.6	284.8	291.1	297.4	304.9
5 - 9 "	263.7	264.1	268.1	274.6	281.2	287.4
10 - 14 "	290.6	285.7	280.9	277.5	274.7	272.2
15 - 19 "	320.4	313.2	306.8	300.8	296.0	294.3
20 - 24 "	317.6	328.3	336.0	338.7	341.3	344.9
25 - 29 "	300.8	312.7	318.9	329.4	351.4	380.9
30 - 34 "	288.6	304.7	313.4	320.8	330.2	340.3
35 - 39 "	285.1	290.9	294.1	299.9	306.4	315.5
40 - 44 "	267.6	272.0	278.1	283.7	290.7	296.3
45 - 49 "	243.9	249.6	253.2	258.3	263.8	272.6
50 - 54 "	228.2	230.8	234.8	237.5	242.5	246.1
55 - 59 "	185.8	197.3	206.7	214.5	222.0	226.3
60 - 64 "	151.7	154.3	160.4	166.1	172.4	182.3
65 - 69 "	130.8	133.5	135.3	137.9	141.4	144.1
70 - 74 "	111.8	112.1	113.7	115.3	116.9	118.7
75 - 79 "	89.2	89.8	89.6	90.2	91.1	92.8
80 - 84 "	57.6	58.9	61.5	62.7	63.5	64.2
85 years and over	40.4	41.7	42.8	44.8	47.8	50.8
Total	3,847.2	3,917.2	3,978.9	4,043.8	4,130.7	4,234.9
Males						
0 - 4 years	140.4	142.0	145.6	148.8	152.4	155.9
5 - 9 "	135.5	135.9	137.7	141.2	144.6	147.9
10 - 14 "	149.0	146.1	144.2	142.4	141.1	139.6
15 - 19 "	164.3	160.4	157.0	154.1	151.4	150.6
20 - 24 "	160.5	165.3	168.5	170.3	171.4	173.9
25 - 29 "	151.2	156.1	159.6	165.0	177.9	193.3
30 - 34 "	144.2	152.4	157.2	160.3	166.2	173.4
35 - 39 "	141.2	144.5	146.3	150.5	154.6	160.2
40 - 44 "	133.0	135.3	138.2	140.8	144.6	147.8
45 - 49 "	122.4	125.0	126.5	128.8	131.5	136.2
50 - 54 "	115.5	116.6	118.2	119.6	122.3	123.7
55 - 59 "	94.0	99.8	104.9	108.7	111.9	114.1
60 - 64 "	75.9	77.6	80.6	83.6	86.6	91.4
65 - 69 "	64.0	65.3	66.1	67.4	69.2	70.9
70 - 74 "	51.1	51.7	53.1	54.4	55.5	56.3
75 - 79 "	37.1	37.4	37.4	38.0	38.8	40.3
80 - 84 "	21.7	22.3	23.3	23.7	23.9	24.3
85 years and over	12.2	12.5	13.0	13.7	14.9	16.1
Total	1,913.1	1,946.2	1,977.2	2,011.2	2,059.0	2,116.1
Females						
0 - 4 years	132.8	135.6	139.2	142.3	144.9	149.0
5 - 9 "	128.2	128.2	130.3	133.4	136.6	139.5
10 - 14 "	141.6	139.6	136.8	135.0	133.7	132.6
15 - 19 "	156.2	152.8	149.8	146.7	144.6	143.7
20 - 24 "	157.1	163.0	167.5	168.5	170.0	170.9
25 - 29 "	149.6	156.6	159.3	164.3	173.5	187.6
30 - 34 "	144.4	152.3	156.2	160.5	164.0	166.9
35 - 39 "	143.9	146.4	147.8	149.4	151.7	155.3
40 - 44 "	134.6	136.7	139.9	142.9	146.1	148.5
45 - 49 "	121.5	124.6	126.7	129.5	132.3	136.4
50 - 54 "	112.7	114.3	116.6	117.9	120.2	122.4
55 - 59 "	91.8	97.5	101.8	105.8	110.1	112.2
60 - 64 "	75.8	76.7	79.8	82.5	85.8	90.9
65 - 69 "	66.8	68.2	69.2	70.5	72.2	73.2
70 - 74 "	60.8	60.4	60.5	60.9	61.5	62.4
75 - 79 "	52.1	52.4	52.3	52.2	52.2	52.5
80 - 84 "	35.9	36.6	38.2	39.0	39.5	39.9
85 years and over	28.2	29.2	29.8	31.1	32.9	34.8
Total	1,934.1	1,971.0	2,001.7	2,032.6	2,071.8	2,118.8

¹ Preliminary

Table 2 Estimated Population classified by Sex, Age Group and Marital Status, April 2006¹

Sex and Age Group	Total	Single	Married	Separated ²	Widowed
000					
Persons					
0 - 14 years	864.6	864.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
15 - 19 "	294.3	293.5	0.8	0.0	0.0
20 - 24 "	344.9	337.0	7.6	0.2	0.1
25 - 29 "	380.9	314.1	63.8	2.6	0.4
30 - 34 "	340.3	162.2	170.5	6.9	0.7
35 - 39 "	315.5	83.6	215.0	15.3	1.6
40 - 44 "	296.3	49.5	226.2	18.4	2.2
45 - 49 "	272.6	36.1	211.0	21.7	3.8
50 - 54 "	246.1	31.6	188.2	19.9	6.4
55 - 59 "	226.3	27.4	172.7	16.3	9.9
60 - 64 "	182.3	17.8	138.5	10.0	16.0
65 years and over	470.7	60.9	246.9	9.1	153.7
Total	4,234.9	2,278.1	1,641.4	120.6	194.8
Males					
0 - 14 years	443.5	443.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
15 - 19 "	150.6	150.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
20 - 24 "	173.9	171.5	2.3	0.1	0.1
25 - 29 "	193.3	167.7	24.8	0.7	0.1
30 - 34 "	173.4	90.5	80.4	2.3	0.1
35 - 39 "	160.2	47.9	106.4	5.5	0.4
40 - 44 "	147.8	28.0	113.2	5.9	0.8
45 - 49 "	136.2	20.6	106.7	7.9	1.1
50 - 54 "	123.7	18.9	96.1	7.3	1.4
55 - 59 "	114.1	16.6	88.7	6.3	2.6
60 - 64 "	91.4	10.8	72.1	4.6	4.0
65 years and over	207.9	34.3	139.4	4.0	30.2
Total	2,116.1	1,200.5	830.5	44.5	40.6
Females					
0 - 14 years	421.1	421.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
15 - 19 "	143.7	143.2	0.5	0.0	0.0
20 - 24 "	170.9	165.5	5.3	0.2	0.0
25 - 29 "	187.6	146.4	39.0	1.9	0.4
30 - 34 "	166.9	71.6	90.1	4.6	0.6
35 - 39 "	155.3	35.6	108.6	9.8	1.2
40 - 44 "	148.5	21.5	113.0	12.6	1.4
45 - 49 "	136.4	15.5	104.4	13.8	2.7
50 - 54 "	122.4	12.6	92.1	12.6	5.0
55 - 59 "	112.2	10.8	84.1	10.1	7.3
60 - 64 "	90.9	7.0	66.4	5.4	12.0
65 years and over	262.7	26.6	107.5	5.1	123.5
Total	2,118.8	1,077.6	811.0	76.1	154.2

¹ Preliminary² Including divorced

Table 3 Estimated Population classified by Sex, Age Group and Regional Authority Area, April 2006¹

Sex and Age Group	State	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West
000									
Persons									
0 - 4 years	304.9	32.5	83.2	39.5	19.4	25.9	33.5	42.9	27.9
5 - 9 "	287.4	34.5	70.8	35.8	19.1	24.8	33.5	41.6	27.5
10 - 14 "	272.2	32.7	66.5	32.2	18.0	23.4	31.8	40.1	27.5
15 - 19 "	294.3	35.1	74.8	32.7	18.5	25.5	34.1	43.3	30.2
20 - 24 "	344.9	34.7	106.8	35.1	19.0	29.4	35.3	49.2	35.5
25 - 29 "	380.9	33.7	135.3	40.2	20.0	30.5	35.0	52.6	33.5
30 - 34 "	340.3	33.7	109.5	40.3	19.8	26.3	33.8	46.8	30.1
35 - 39 "	315.5	34.0	89.8	38.5	18.4	25.3	35.1	45.1	29.4
40 - 44 "	296.3	32.1	79.3	36.1	18.0	25.1	33.5	44.3	27.9
45 - 49 "	272.6	30.3	72.8	30.6	16.3	23.3	30.8	41.2	27.2
50 - 54 "	246.1	27.5	65.4	26.8	14.5	21.8	27.5	37.5	25.2
55 - 59 "	226.3	26.0	59.7	23.8	13.1	20.3	25.3	34.9	23.3
60 - 64 "	182.3	21.2	48.0	18.4	10.4	16.2	20.9	28.7	18.5
65 - 69 "	144.1	16.9	38.9	12.8	8.1	12.9	16.9	22.7	15.0
70 - 74 "	118.7	14.1	31.5	9.5	7.1	10.6	14.0	19.1	12.9
75 - 79 "	92.8	11.3	24.6	7.2	5.7	8.2	10.5	14.8	10.5
80 - 84 "	64.2	8.2	16.1	5.1	4.0	5.9	7.4	10.1	7.4
85 years and over	50.8	6.8	12.3	4.3	3.0	4.4	5.5	7.9	6.6
Total	4,234.9	465.2	1,185.4	468.9	252.4	359.6	464.4	622.9	416.2
Males									
0 - 4 years	155.9	16.8	42.5	20.3	9.8	13.2	17.1	22.1	14.3
5 - 9 "	147.9	17.8	36.6	18.6	10.0	12.8	17.1	21.0	13.9
10 - 14 "	139.6	16.8	34.3	16.5	9.4	11.9	16.3	20.4	14.0
15 - 19 "	150.6	17.9	37.6	16.9	9.9	13.2	17.5	22.0	15.5
20 - 24 "	173.9	18.2	52.4	17.7	10.1	15.0	18.8	24.6	17.2
25 - 29 "	193.3	17.2	67.3	20.4	10.3	15.9	18.1	26.9	17.3
30 - 34 "	173.4	17.1	56.0	20.4	10.2	13.6	17.0	24.0	15.1
35 - 39 "	160.2	17.4	45.7	19.4	9.4	12.9	18.0	22.8	14.7
40 - 44 "	147.8	16.0	38.5	18.3	9.3	12.8	16.8	22.3	13.8
45 - 49 "	136.2	15.1	35.1	15.4	8.5	11.9	15.5	21.0	13.6
50 - 54 "	123.7	14.2	31.6	13.6	7.5	11.1	14.1	18.9	12.8
55 - 59 "	114.1	13.3	28.8	12.1	6.7	10.3	13.1	17.7	12.1
60 - 64 "	91.4	10.9	23.0	9.4	5.3	8.1	10.6	14.5	9.6
65 - 69 "	70.9	8.6	18.1	6.4	4.1	6.5	8.4	11.1	7.7
70 - 74 "	56.3	7.0	13.9	4.5	3.5	5.1	6.8	9.0	6.4
75 - 79 "	40.3	5.0	10.0	3.2	2.5	3.6	4.7	6.5	4.7
80 - 84 "	24.3	3.3	5.7	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.9	3.8	2.9
85 years and over	16.1	2.2	3.4	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.5	2.3
Total	2,116.1	234.7	580.5	236.3	129.0	181.6	234.7	311.2	208.1
Females									
0 - 4 years	149.0	15.7	40.8	19.3	9.6	12.7	16.4	20.8	13.6
5 - 9 "	139.5	16.7	34.2	17.1	9.0	12.0	16.3	20.6	13.6
10 - 14 "	132.6	15.9	32.2	15.7	8.6	11.5	15.5	19.7	13.5
15 - 19 "	143.7	17.1	37.2	15.9	8.7	12.3	16.5	21.3	14.7
20 - 24 "	170.9	16.5	54.3	17.3	9.0	14.4	16.5	24.6	18.3
25 - 29 "	187.6	16.5	68.0	19.9	9.7	14.6	17.0	25.8	16.2
30 - 34 "	166.9	16.6	53.5	19.8	9.6	12.7	16.8	22.9	15.0
35 - 39 "	155.3	16.6	44.1	19.1	8.9	12.4	17.1	22.3	14.7
40 - 44 "	148.5	16.1	40.8	17.8	8.8	12.2	16.6	22.0	14.2
45 - 49 "	136.4	15.2	37.7	15.2	7.9	11.4	15.3	20.3	13.6
50 - 54 "	122.4	13.3	33.9	13.2	7.0	10.7	13.4	18.5	12.4
55 - 59 "	112.2	12.6	30.9	11.7	6.4	10.0	12.3	17.2	11.2
60 - 64 "	90.9	10.2	25.0	9.0	5.1	8.1	10.4	14.2	8.9
65 - 69 "	73.2	8.3	20.7	6.5	4.0	6.4	8.4	11.6	7.2
70 - 74 "	62.4	7.1	17.5	4.9	3.7	5.5	7.2	10.1	6.5
75 - 79 "	52.5	6.3	14.6	4.0	3.1	4.5	5.8	8.3	5.7
80 - 84 "	39.9	5.0	10.4	3.2	2.3	3.6	4.6	6.3	4.5
85 years and over	34.8	4.5	9.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.6	5.4	4.3
Total	2,118.8	230.5	604.9	232.6	123.4	178.1	229.6	311.6	208.1

¹ Preliminary

Table 4 Estimated Population aged 15 years and over classified by Sex, Regional Authority Area and Marital Status, April 2006¹

Sex and Region	Total	Single	Married	Separated ²	Widowed
000					
Persons					
State	3,370.3	1,413.5	1,641.4	120.6	194.8
Border	365.5	143.2	185.1	14.5	22.7
Dublin	964.8	450.5	424.8	37.7	51.8
Mid-East	361.4	145.4	187.2	10.7	18.0
Midland	195.9	78.6	100.0	6.8	10.6
Mid-West	285.6	113.4	144.3	9.7	18.2
South-East	365.6	146.3	182.0	14.5	22.7
South-West	498.3	202.5	248.3	17.5	30.0
West	333.3	133.6	169.7	9.2	20.7
Males					
State	1,672.6	757.1	830.5	44.5	40.6
Border	183.4	80.0	93.8	5.8	3.7
Dublin	467.1	226.5	216.1	12.7	11.7
Mid-East	180.9	78.7	93.9	4.4	4.0
Midland	99.8	44.4	50.7	2.6	2.0
Mid-West	143.7	63.1	72.9	3.7	4.0
South-East	184.2	81.9	91.5	5.6	5.2
South-West	247.7	109.4	125.7	6.5	6.1
West	165.9	73.1	85.7	3.1	3.9
Females					
State	1,697.7	656.5	811.0	76.1	154.2
Border	182.1	63.2	91.3	8.8	18.9
Dublin	497.8	224.0	208.7	24.9	40.1
Mid-East	180.5	66.8	93.3	6.3	14.1
Midland	96.1	34.2	49.2	4.2	8.6
Mid-West	141.9	50.3	71.4	6.0	14.2
South-East	181.3	64.5	90.5	8.9	17.5
South-West	250.6	93.1	122.6	11.0	23.8
West	167.4	60.5	84.0	6.0	16.9

¹ Preliminary

² Including divorced

Table 5 Estimated Migration classified by Sex and Country of Destination/Origin, 2001- 2006

Sex / Year ending April	Emigrants						Immigrants						Net Migration
	UK	Rest of EU 15 ²	EU 10 ³	USA	Rest of world	Total	UK	Rest of EU 15 ²	EU 10 ³	USA	Rest of world	Total	
	000												
Persons													
2001	7.8	5.6	-	3.4	9.5	26.2	20.6	10.3	-	6.7	21.5	59.0	32.8
2002	7.4	4.8	-	4.8	8.5	25.6	19.1	11.3	-	6.6	29.9	66.9	41.3
2003 ¹	6.3	4.3	-	2.5	7.6	20.7	13.5	9.7	-	4.7	22.5	50.5	29.8
2004 ¹	4.9	3.4	-	2.8	7.4	18.5	13.0	12.6	-	4.8	19.7	50.1	31.6
2005 ¹	4.1	2.9	0.5	1.7	7.4	16.6	13.8	8.9	26.2	4.3	16.8	70.0	53.4
2006 ¹	4.4	2.8	1.1	1.4	7.3	17.0	15.5	10.7	37.4	3.5	19.8	86.9	69.9
Males													
2001	3.4	2.0	-	2.0	5.2	12.6	10.2	5.0	-	2.7	12.2	30.1	17.5
2002	3.5	2.1	-	2.8	4.2	12.7	9.3	4.6	-	2.9	14.4	31.3	18.6
2003 ¹	3.3	1.8	-	1.5	4.5	11.1	7.6	5.0	-	2.4	10.9	25.9	14.8
2004 ¹	2.0	1.5	-	1.6	4.0	9.2	6.7	6.3	-	2.6	10.5	26.1	17.0
2005 ¹	1.8	1.3	0.3	1.0	4.3	8.6	7.3	4.0	17.6	1.6	8.7	39.1	30.5
2006 ¹	2.3	1.2	0.5	0.8	4.3	9.1	8.3	5.4	23.3	1.6	9.9	48.5	39.4
Females													
2001	4.4	3.6	-	1.5	4.3	13.6	10.4	5.4	-	4.0	9.3	29.0	15.3
2002	3.9	2.7	-	2.0	4.3	12.9	9.8	6.7	-	3.7	15.5	35.6	22.7
2003 ¹	3.0	2.5	-	1.0	3.1	9.6	6.0	4.7	-	2.3	11.7	24.6	15.0
2004 ¹	2.8	1.9	-	1.2	3.4	9.4	6.3	6.3	-	2.2	9.2	24.0	14.6
2005 ¹	2.2	1.6	0.2	0.8	3.1	8.0	6.4	5.0	8.6	2.8	8.2	30.9	22.9
2006 ¹	2.1	1.5	0.6	0.6	3.0	7.8	7.1	5.3	14.2	1.9	9.9	38.4	30.6

¹ Preliminary

² Rest of EU 15 : countries before enlargement on 1 May 2004, i.e., Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal.

³ EU 10: accession countries on 1 May 2004 i.e., Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia. For the years 2001 to 2004 inclusive the data relating to the EU 10 are included with the Rest of the world.

Table 6 Estimated Migration classified by Sex and Age Group, 2001 - 2006

Sex / Year ending April	Emigrants						Immigrants						Net Migration
	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Total	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Total	
000													
Persons													
2001	0.0	21.2	4.4	0.0	0.7	26.2	7.9	16.4	29.5	4.3	0.8	59.0	32.8
2002	2.5	18.7	3.1	0.1	1.2	25.6	7.0	19.8	35.2	4.2	0.8	66.9	41.3
2003 ¹	0.8	12.1	7.0	0.6	0.3	20.7	6.2	16.8	22.3	3.9	1.2	50.5	29.8
2004 ¹	0.4	9.9	7.2	0.7	0.2	18.5	5.2	15.9	24.8	3.6	0.6	50.1	31.6
2005 ¹	0.2	8.3	7.1	0.6	0.3	16.6	6.5	19.7	37.5	5.2	1.1	70.0	53.4
2006 ¹	0.3	7.6	7.7	0.7	0.7	17.0	9.2	24.7	46.7	5.0	1.3	86.9	69.9
Males													
2001	0.0	9.9	2.4	0.0	0.4	12.6	4.1	6.6	16.3	2.5	0.5	30.1	17.5
2002	1.2	9.0	1.7	0.0	0.8	12.7	3.2	8.0	17.5	2.3	0.3	31.3	18.6
2003 ¹	0.3	6.4	3.9	0.3	0.2	11.1	3.0	7.5	12.3	2.4	0.6	25.9	14.8
2004 ¹	0.2	4.5	3.9	0.5	0.1	9.2	3.0	6.8	14.0	2.1	0.3	26.1	17.0
2005 ¹	0.1	4.0	4.0	0.4	0.1	8.6	3.4	9.4	22.7	3.1	0.6	39.1	30.5
2006 ¹	0.1	4.0	4.2	0.5	0.4	9.1	4.4	12.8	27.7	3.0	0.6	48.5	39.4
Females													
2001	0.0	11.3	2.0	0.0	0.3	13.6	3.8	9.8	13.2	1.8	0.3	29.0	15.3
2002	1.2	9.8	1.4	0.1	0.4	12.9	3.8	11.8	17.7	1.9	0.5	35.6	22.7
2003 ¹	0.5	5.7	3.1	0.3	0.1	9.6	3.2	9.3	10.0	1.6	0.6	24.6	15.0
2004 ¹	0.3	5.4	3.3	0.3	0.0	9.4	2.3	9.1	10.8	1.6	0.3	24.0	14.6
2005 ¹	0.2	4.4	3.1	0.1	0.2	8.0	3.1	10.3	14.9	2.1	0.6	30.9	22.9
2006 ¹	0.2	3.6	3.6	0.1	0.4	7.8	4.9	11.9	19.0	2.0	0.7	38.4	30.6

¹ Preliminary

Table 7 Estimated Immigration classified by Sex and Nationality, 2001- 2006

Sex and Nationality	Immigrants					
	2001	2002	2003 ¹	2004 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹
	000					
Persons						
Irish	26.3	27.0	17.5	16.9	19.0	19.7
UK	9.0	7.4	6.9	5.9	6.9	7.5
Rest of EU 15 ²	6.5	8.1	6.9	10.6	7.1	9.6
EU 10 ³	-	-	-	-	26.4	37.8
USA	3.7	2.7	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.3
Rest of world	13.6	21.7	17.7	14.9	9.0	11.1
Total	59.0	66.9	50.5	50.1	70.0	86.9
Males						
Irish	13.2	12.4	9.4	8.6	9.7	9.9
UK	4.5	4.1	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.3
Rest of EU 15 ²	3.1	3.1	3.2	5.5	2.9	4.9
EU 10 ³	-	-	-	-	17.8	23.3
USA	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3
Rest of world	8.1	11.0	8.8	7.8	4.4	5.8
Total	30.1	31.3	25.9	26.1	39.1	48.5
Females						
Irish	13.1	14.6	8.1	8.3	9.4	9.7
UK	4.5	3.3	3.1	2.3	2.9	3.2
Rest of EU 15 ²	3.5	4.9	3.7	5.1	4.2	4.7
EU 10 ³	-	-	-	-	8.6	14.5
USA	2.5	2.0	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.0
Rest of world	5.4	10.8	8.8	7.1	4.6	5.4
Total	29.0	35.6	24.6	24.0	30.9	38.4

¹ Preliminary² Rest of EU 15: countries before enlargement on 1 May 2004, i.e., Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal.³ EU 10: accession countries on 1 May 2004 i.e., Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia. For the years 2001 to 2004 inclusive the data relating to the EU 10 are included with the rest of the world.

Table 8 Estimated Population classified by Regional Authority Area 2002 - 2006

Year ending April	State	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West
000									
2002	3,917.2	432.5	1,122.8	412.6	225.4	339.6	423.6	580.4	380.3
2003 ¹	3,978.9	438.9	1,133.9	425.1	230.3	342.2	431.7	588.6	388.2
2004 ¹	4,043.8	448.1	1,144.4	437.3	236.8	345.4	440.4	597.1	394.3
2005 ¹	4,130.7	455.4	1,160.1	452.4	242.9	352.3	451.9	609.7	406.0
2006 ¹	4,234.9	465.2	1,185.4	468.9	252.4	359.6	464.4	622.9	416.2
% Increase									
2002-2003	1.6%	1.5%	1.0%	3.0%	2.2%	0.8%	1.9%	1.4%	2.1%
2003-2004	1.6%	2.1%	0.9%	2.9%	2.8%	0.9%	2.0%	1.4%	1.6%
2004-2005	2.2%	1.6%	1.4%	3.4%	2.6%	2.0%	2.6%	2.1%	3.0%
2005-2006	2.5%	2.1%	2.2%	3.7%	3.9%	2.1%	2.7%	2.2%	2.5%

¹ Preliminary**Table 9 Components of the annual population change 1987 - 2006**

Year ending April	Components of Population change						
	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net migration	Population change
000							
1987	61.2	32.2	29.0	17.2	40.2	-23.0	5.9
1988	57.8	31.6	26.2	19.2	61.1	-41.9	-15.8
1989	53.6	31.0	22.6	26.7	70.6	-43.9	-21.2
1990	51.9	32.8	19.1	33.3	56.3	-22.9	-3.7
1991	53.1	31.1	22.0	33.3	35.3	-2.0	19.9
1992	52.8	31.4	21.4	40.7	33.4	7.4	28.8
1993	50.4	30.4	20.0	34.7	35.1	-0.4	19.6
1994	49.1	32.6	16.6	30.1	34.8	-4.7	11.8
1995	48.4	31.2	17.2	31.2	33.1	-1.9	15.4
1996	48.8	32.0	16.7	39.2	31.2	8.0	24.8
1997	50.7	31.7	19.0	44.5	25.3	19.2	38.2
1998	52.7	31.2	21.5	46.0	28.6	17.4	38.8
1999	53.7	32.4	21.2	48.9	31.5	17.3	38.5
2000	54.0	32.1	21.8	52.6	26.6	26.0	47.9
2001	55.1	30.2	24.8	59.0	26.2	32.8	57.7
2002	58.1	29.3	28.8	66.9	25.6	41.3	70.0
2003 ¹	60.8	28.9	31.9	50.5	20.7	29.8	61.7
2004 ¹	62.0	28.6	33.3	50.1	18.5	31.6	64.9
2005 ¹	61.4	27.9	33.5	70.0	16.6	53.4	87.0
2006 ¹	61.2	27.0	34.2	86.9	17.0	69.9	104.1

¹ Preliminary

Table 10

Comparison of Preliminary Census of Population 2006 results with Estimated Population April 2006 in each Regional Authority Area classified by sex

Sex	State	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West
	000								
Persons									
Census 2006 (A)	4,234.9	467.3	1,186.2	475.0	251.4	360.7	460.5	620.5	413.4
Population estimate (B)	4,234.9	465.2	1,185.4	468.9	252.4	359.6	464.4	622.9	416.2
Difference (A-B)	0.0	2.1	0.8	6.1	-1.0	1.1	-3.9	-2.4	-2.8
Males									
Census 2006 (A)	2,118.2	235.3	582.2	239.5	127.5	182.1	231.8	311.0	208.8
Population estimate (B)	2,116.1	234.7	580.5	236.3	129.0	181.6	234.7	311.2	208.1
Difference (A-B)	2.1	0.6	1.7	3.2	-1.5	0.5	-2.9	-0.2	0.7
Females									
Census 2006 (A)	2,116.7	232.1	603.9	235.6	123.9	178.6	228.6	309.5	204.5
Population estimate (B)	2,118.8	230.5	604.9	232.6	123.4	178.1	229.6	311.6	208.1
Difference (A-B)	-2.1	1.6	-1.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	-1.0	-2.1	-3.6

Background Notes

Coverage The reference period for the population estimates is mid-April of the years shown while the migration flows are in respect of the twelve months to mid-April of the corresponding years. The population classified by age and sex for 2002 is taken from the Census of Population.

Source of Migration data The principal source of information for the estimation of the gross annual migration flows is the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS - formerly annual Labour Force Survey), which also provides the basis for the classification of the flows by sex, age group, origin/destination and nationality (immigrants only).
Other migration indicators are also used. These include:

- the Register of Electors
- the Child Benefit Scheme
- the number of visas granted
- the number of work permits issued/renewed
- the number of asylum applications
- the number of PPS numbers allocated.

Calculation of annual population estimates Annual population estimates for mid-April are calculated for all years including Census years by trending forwards the most recent Census of Population. For example, the base population estimate for estimating the April 2003 figure is the numbers of males and females in each region by single year of age as established by the Census of Population for 2002. From this base, each person is aged by one year, births for the 12 months ending in April 2003 are added and deaths for the same time period are subtracted. The number of immigrants into the country in the 12 months up to April 2003 are then added while the number of emigrants are subtracted. Allowance is also made for estimated inter-regional migration in arriving at the final 2003 figures. The end result from this overall process provides the population estimate for April 2003 which in turn provides the base population for calculating the April 2004 population estimate and so on for subsequent years. The population estimates are subject to revision once the definitive results of the next census are available.

Comparison with Census of Population results The 2006 population estimate was compiled in accordance with the 2002 based methodology set out in the previous paragraph. While at the aggregate level the total population estimate for April 2006 is identical to the preliminary population total published for the 2006 census, there are small counterbalancing differences when broken down by region and sex. These are shown in Table 10. The final census figures are likely to reveal further differences when the age and marital status analyses are available.

Asylum seekers While at the overall level the population estimates cover persons resident in private and non-private households (i.e., institutions), the breakdowns provided are based solely on the QNHS which covers private households only. Because there are asylum seekers who are accommodated in institutions such as hotels and hostels, the classification of immigrants by country of origin (*Table 5*) and nationality (*Table 7*) for more recent years may be subject to a wider margin of error than the other estimates in this release. The number of migrants accommodated in institutions is estimated to be in the region of about 6,200 in the year to April 2006