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Introduction

The mission of the Department of Health and Children is

“In a partnership with the providers of health care, and in co-operation with other government departments, statutory and non-statutory bodies, to protect, promote and restore the health and well-being of people by ensuring that health and personal social services are planned, managed and delivered to achieve measurable health and social gain and provide the optimum return on the resources invested.”

Statistical data on health status and on the health services are central to furthering this aim since accurate information forms the essential basis for service evaluation, policy formulation and the measurement of health gain.

This compendium of health statistics brings together data from a wide variety of sources on demographics, health and health service utilisation. It has been extensively revised and expanded compared with earlier editions. The intention is to provide a statistical overview as well as serving as a resource and reference for those interested in particular aspects of health.

The report's new format reflects the shifting emphasis from illness to the promotion of healthy lifestyles, the need for better information, particularly in the areas of health status, health risks and health determinants, and the continued development of community-based health services. Colour has been introduced to highlight relevant table rows/columns and graphics are used wherever possible to display comparative figures and time trends.

The first three sections of the report contain demographic and health status indicators:

- Section A — Population and Population Projections;
- Section B — Life Expectancy and Vital Statistics;
- Section C — Health Status and Lifestyle.

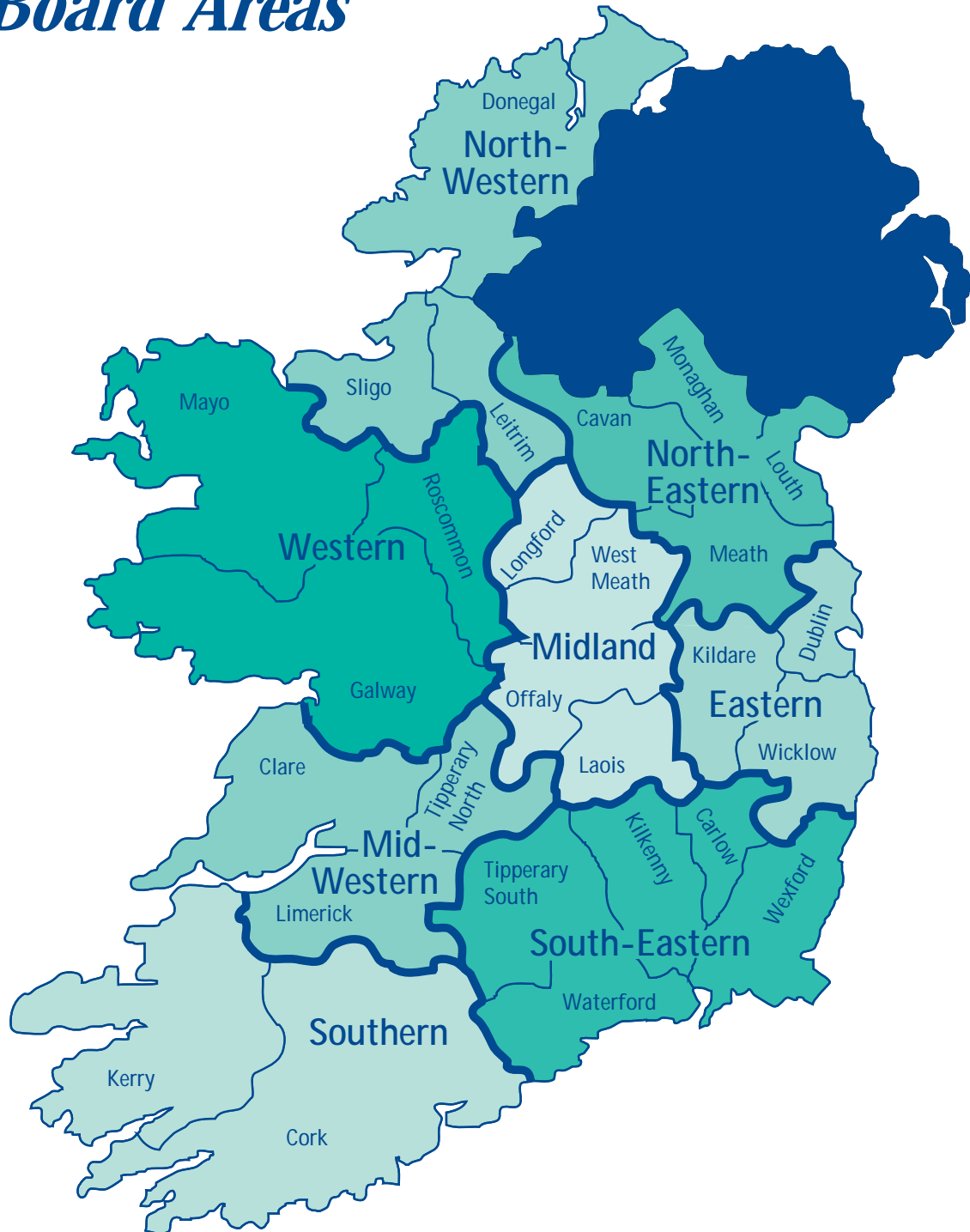
The remainder of the report deals with health services provision and associated employment and expenditure statistics:

- Section D — Community Health and Welfare Services;
- Section E — Children in Care;
- Section F — Psychiatric Services;
- Section G — Services for the Handicapped;
- Section H — Acute Hospital Services;
- Section J — District/Community Hospitals and Extended Care;
- Section K — Health Service Employment Statistics;
- Section L — Expenditure Statistics.

Every effort has been made to preserve the continuity of time series from previous editions and, where appropriate, data for three years are provided to ensure that the annual series remain complete. The full Health Statistics Report is also available for downloading in PDF file format from the Department of Health and Children's website: <http://www.doh.ie>. The website also includes statistical tables in HTML format which are updated as soon as new information becomes available and are therefore likely to supersede the information in the published report over the coming months. The website also contains much additional information on the delivery of health services, and the Department is committed to the development of its internet applications as the best method for delivering relevant and timely information.

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Population

Tables are presented on the population of the State, distribution by health board area and comparison of Ireland's age distribution with that of other EU countries. Results from the Census of Population conducted in 1996 recorded a population of 3,626,087 persons on census night, an increase of 2.8% over the 1991 population. Intercensal population estimates are also included in Table A2.

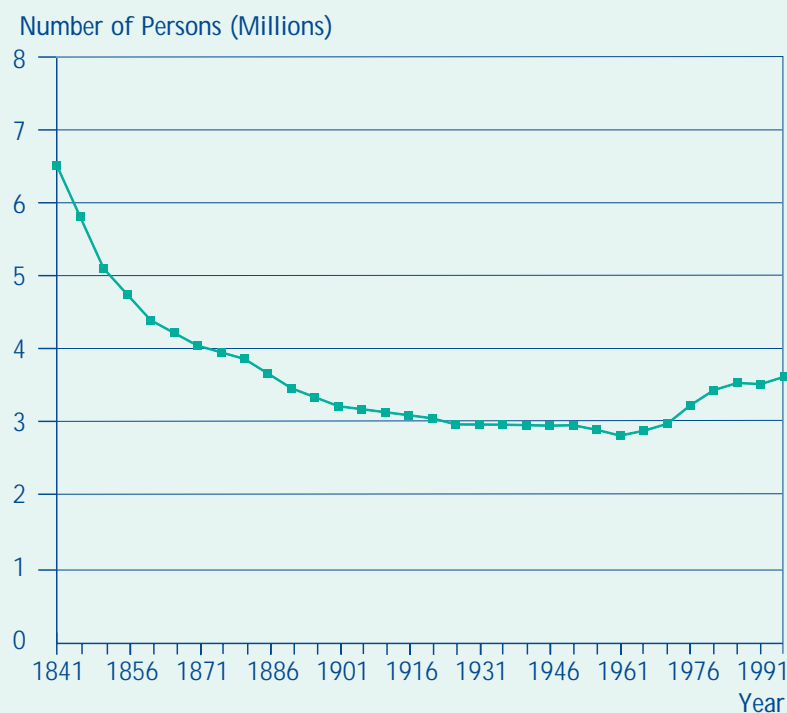
Definition: *The young dependency ratio refers to the number of persons aged 0-14 years as a percentage of those aged 15-64 years.*

The old dependency ratio refers to the number of persons aged 65 years and over as a percentage of those aged 15-64 years.

The total dependency ratio is the sum of the young and old ratios.

Figure 1

Total Population: 1841 to 1996



Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A1

Population of Ireland: Summary Statistics
for Census Years 1961 to 1996

		1961	1966	1971	1979	1981	1986	1991	1996	
Population:	Total	2,818,341	2,884,002	2,978,248	3,368,217	3,443,405	3,540,643	3,525,719	3,626,087	
	Male	1,416,549	1,449,032	1,495,760	1,693,272	1,729,354	1,769,690	1,753,418	1,800,232	
	Female	1,401,792	1,434,970	1,482,488	1,674,945	1,714,051	1,770,953	1,772,301	1,825,855	
Age groups:										
Number aged	0-14	Total	877,259	900,396	931,152	1,029,908	1,043,729	1,024,701	940,574	859,424
		Male	448,740	459,406	475,786	527,030	535,409	525,646	482,838	441,452
		Female	428,519	440,990	455,366	502,878	508,320	499,055	457,736	417,972
	15-24	Total	391,839	444,645	482,978	583,639	602,556	617,524	601,598	632,890
		Male	200,767	228,053	246,734	298,087	307,123	313,999	307,887	323,093
		Female	191,072	216,592	236,244	285,552	295,433	303,525	293,711	309,797
	25-34	Total	298,164	295,942	324,344	459,542	478,011	501,128	495,392	519,974
		Male	147,530	148,802	164,559	234,338	242,665	251,284	243,828	257,098
		Female	150,634	147,140	159,785	225,204	235,346	249,844	251,564	262,876
	35-44	Total	337,086	317,634	301,836	337,885	359,753	421,491	463,572	496,117
		Male	166,421	157,424	151,912	173,556	184,606	214,372	232,580	246,204
		Female	170,665	160,210	149,924	164,329	175,147	207,119	230,992	249,913
	45-54	Total	331,747	331,474	319,206	304,127	301,530	309,251	344,568	412,047
		Male	170,724	167,952	159,572	153,362	153,101	157,925	175,304	208,634
		Female	161,023	163,522	159,634	150,765	148,429	151,326	169,264	203,413
	55-64	Total	267,183	270,904	288,913	291,741	288,872	282,193	277,115	291,753
		Male	133,054	137,446	146,560	143,931	141,267	137,733	137,256	146,499
		Female	134,129	133,458	142,353	147,810	147,605	144,460	139,859	145,254
	65-74	Total	196,278	204,325	210,737	232,071	237,057	240,494	240,077	239,351
		Male	95,251	97,289	99,086	110,796	112,686	111,961	110,139	110,380
		Female	101,027	107,036	111,651	121,275	124,371	128,533	129,938	128,971
	75-84	Total	100,250	98,385	98,150	106,843	108,913	118,403	133,383	139,868
		Male	46,368	44,568	43,437	44,057	44,587	48,761	54,678	56,302
		Female	53,882	53,817	54,713	62,786	64,326	69,642	78,705	83,566
	85+	Total	18,535	20,297	20,932	22,461	22,984	25,458	29,440	34,663
		Male	7,694	8,092	8,114	8,115	7,910	8,009	8,908	10,570
		Female	10,841	12,205	12,818	14,346	15,074	17,449	20,532	24,093
Dependency ratio:										
	0-14 years		54.0	54.2	54.2	52.1	51.4	48.1	43.1	36.5
	65 years and over		19.4	19.5	19.2	18.3	18.2	18.0	18.5	17.6
	Total		73.3	73.7	73.4	70.4	69.6	66.1	61.6	54.1
Density:										
	Number of persons per square kilometre		41	42	43	49	50	51	51	53

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A2

Estimated Population by Sex,
Each Year 1961 to 1998

Year	Estimated Population 000's			% increase over previous year
	Male	Female	Total	
1961(C)	1,417	1,402	2,818	—
1962	1,423	1,407	2,830	0.43
1963	1,433	1,417	2,850	0.71
1964	1,440	1,424	2,864	0.49
1965	1,446	1,430	2,876	0.42
1966(C)	1,449	1,435	2,884	0.28
1967	1,457	1,443	2,900	0.55
1968	1,464	1,449	2,913	0.45
1969	1,470	1,455	2,926	0.45
1970	1,482	1,468	2,950	0.82
1971(C)	1,496	1,482	2,978	0.95
1972	1,519	1,505	3,024	1.54
1973	1,544	1,529	3,073	1.62
1974	1,570	1,554	3,124	1.66
1975	1,597	1,580	3,177	1.70
1976	1,623	1,605	3,228	1.61
1977	1,645	1,627	3,272	1.36
1978	1,666	1,648	3,314	1.28
1979(C)	1,693	1,675	3,368	1.63
1980	1,709	1,692	3,401	0.98
1981(C)	1,729	1,714	3,443	1.23
1982	1,746	1,734	3,480	1.07
1983	1,756	1,748	3,504	0.69
1984	1,767	1,762	3,529	0.71
1985	1,771	1,769	3,540	0.31
1986(C)	1,770	1,771	3,541	0.03
1987	1,770	1,776	3,546	0.14
1988	1,759	1,772	3,531	-0.42
1989	1,744	1,766	3,510	-0.59
1990	1,743	1,763	3,506	-0.11
1991(C)	1,753	1,772	3,526	0.57
1992	1,768	1,786	3,555	0.82
1993	1,778	1,796	3,574	0.53
1994	1,783	1,803	3,586	0.34
1995	1,788	1,813	3,601	0.42
1996(C)	1,800	1,826	3,626	0.69
1997	1,817	1,843	3,661	0.97
1998	1,839	1,866	3,705	1.20

(C) Census.

The figures in this table relate to April of each year.

Source: Central Statistics Office

Figure 2

Population Pyramid for Ireland for Census Year 1996



Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A3

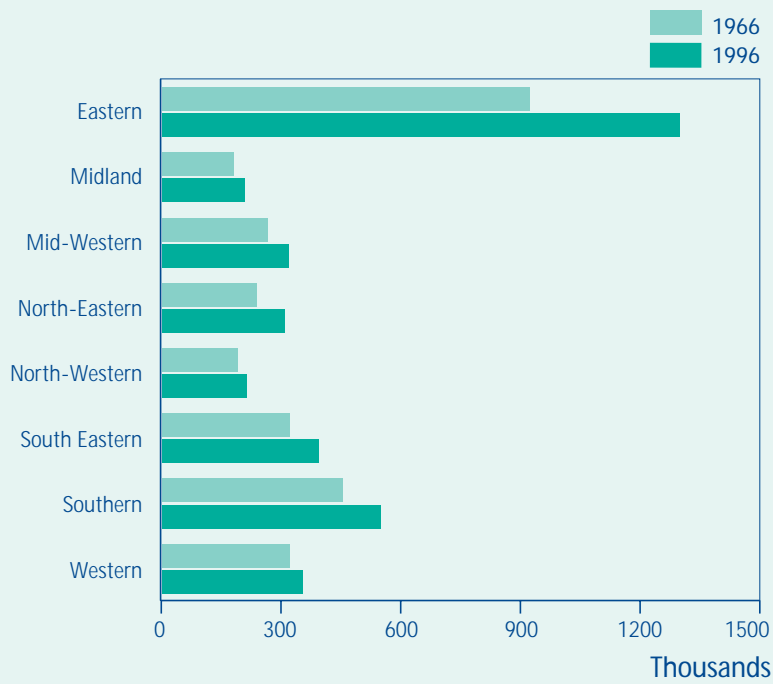
Population of Each Health Board Area for Census Years 1961 to 1996

Health Board	1961	1966	1971	1979	1981	1986	1991	1996
Eastern	841,225	921,879	990,491	1,164,818	1,194,735	1,232,238	1,245,225	1,295,939
Midland	180,106	178,201	178,908	197,948	202,146	207,994	202,984	205,542
Mid-Western	260,737	264,797	269,804	300,802	308,212	315,435	310,728	317,069
North-Eastern	236,182	236,596	245,540	280,946	288,980	302,035	300,183	306,155
North-Western	200,873	190,384	186,979	204,395	208,195	212,745	208,174	210,872
South-Eastern	319,883	319,542	328,604	366,788	374,575	384,974	383,188	391,517
Southern	446,901	452,488	465,665	516,474	525,235	536,894	532,263	546,640
Western	332,434	320,115	312,267	336,046	341,327	348,328	342,974	352,353
Ireland	2,818,341	2,884,002	2,978,258	3,368,217	3,443,405	3,540,643	3,525,719	3,626,087

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 3

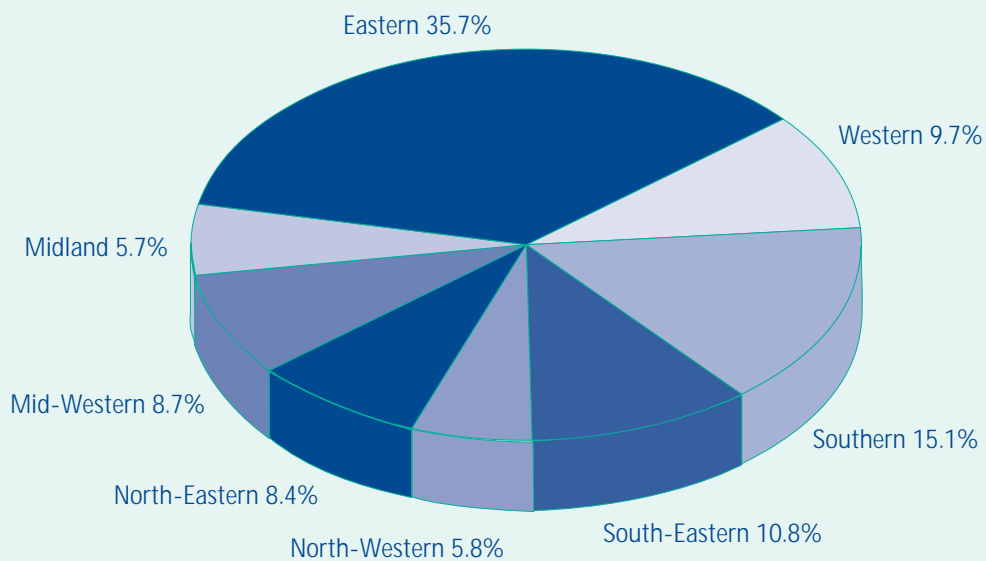
Population by Health Board Area, 1966 and 1996



Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 4

Percentage Distribution of Population by Health Board for Census Year 1996



Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A4

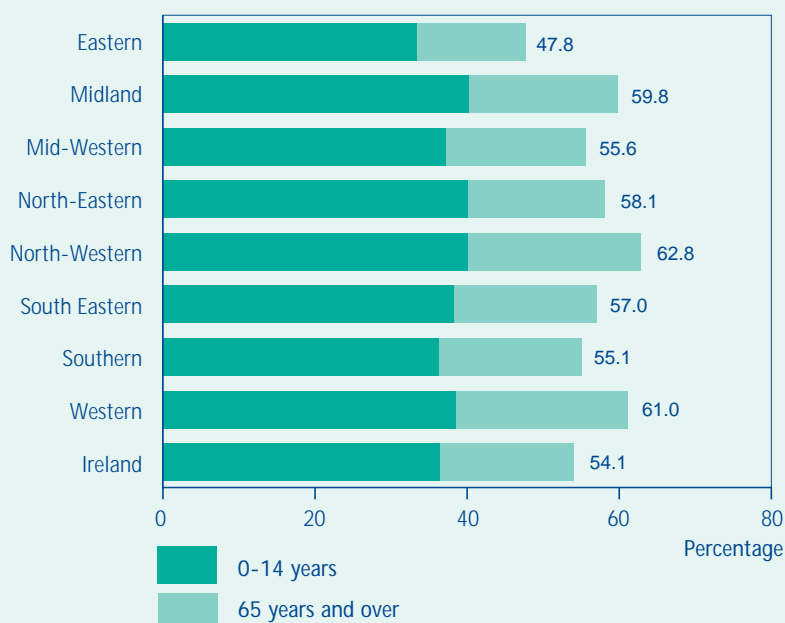
Population of Each Health Board Area:
Summary Statistics for Census Year 1996

	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Ireland
Population:									
Total	1,295,939	205,542	317,069	306,155	210,872	391,517	546,640	352,353	3,626,087
Male	627,796	104,230	159,625	154,420	106,312	197,276	272,978	177,595	1,800,232
Female	668,143	101,312	157,444	151,735	104,560	194,241	273,662	174,758	1,825,855
Age groups:									
0-14	294,051	51,898	75,880	77,676	51,954	95,593	128,006	84,366	859,424
15-24	238,692	34,338	55,970	51,110	34,575	65,249	93,596	59,360	632,890
25-34	211,359	27,153	42,019	40,946	25,937	53,321	76,033	43,206	519,974
35-44	180,205	28,039	43,031	42,571	27,322	53,083	74,358	47,508	496,117
45-54	145,282	22,549	37,009	35,444	24,157	44,918	62,944	39,744	412,047
55-64	101,079	16,546	25,680	23,596	17,532	32,763	45,576	28,981	291,753
65-74	74,908	14,690	21,692	20,147	15,965	27,504	37,765	26,680	239,351
75-84	39,805	8,491	12,625	11,983	10,697	15,368	22,889	18,010	139,868
85+	10,558	1,838	3,163	2,682	2,733	3,718	5,473	4,498	34,663
Age groups as percentage of population:									
0-14	22.7	25.2	23.9	25.4	24.6	24.4	23.4	23.9	23.7
15-24	18.4	16.7	17.7	16.7	16.4	16.7	17.1	16.8	17.5
25-34	16.3	13.2	13.3	13.4	12.3	13.6	13.9	12.3	14.3
35-44	13.9	13.6	13.6	13.9	13.0	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.7
45-54	11.2	11.0	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.3	11.4
55-64	7.8	8.0	8.1	7.7	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.0
65-74	5.8	7.1	6.8	6.6	7.6	7.0	6.9	7.6	6.6
75-84	3.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	5.1	3.9	4.2	5.1	3.9
85+	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.0
Dependency ratio:									
0-14 years	33.5	40.3	37.2	40.1	40.1	38.3	36.3	38.6	36.5
65+	14.3	19.5	18.4	18.0	22.7	18.7	18.8	22.5	17.6
Total	47.8	59.8	55.6	58.1	62.8	57.0	55.1	61.0	54.1

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 5

Young and Old Dependency Ratios
by Health Board Area, 1996



Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A5

Population and Percentage Distribution
by Age for EU countries, 1996

Country	Total Population 000's	Percentage Aged			
		0 – 14 Years	15 – 44 Years	45 – 64 Years	65 Years and over
Austria	8,054.8	17.5	44.5	22.8	15.2
Belgium	10,143.0	17.9	43.0	23.1	16.0
Denmark	5,251.0	17.5	42.8	24.5	15.1
Finland	5,116.8	19.0	42.0	24.7	14.3
France (a)	58,255.9	19.4	43.3	22.1	15.2
Germany	81,817.5	16.2	43.1	25.1	15.6
Greece	10,465.1	16.6	43.5	24.1	15.8
Ireland	3,615.6	24.0	45.1	19.4	11.5
Italy	57,333.0	14.9	43.5	24.8	16.8
Luxembourg	412.8	18.5	44.5	23.0	14.1
Netherlands	15,493.9	18.4	45.3	23.0	13.3
Portugal	9,920.8	17.6	44.9	22.8	14.7
Spain	39,241.9	16.4	46.1	22.0	15.4
Sweden	8,837.5	18.8	39.7	23.9	17.5
United Kingdom (a)	58,694.0	19.4	42.3	22.6	15.7
EU Total (a)	372,653.6	17.4	43.5	23.5	15.6

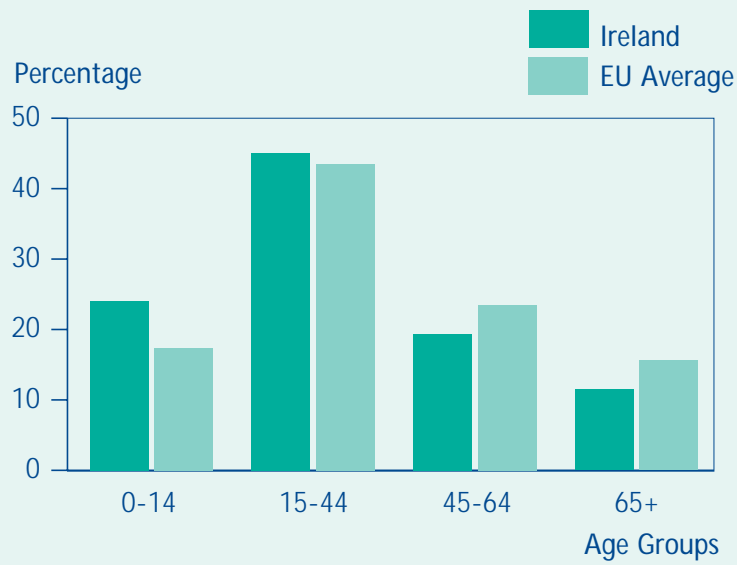
(a) Provisional data.

The figures in this table relate to 1 January.

Source: Demographic Statistics, Eurostat 1997.

Figure 6

Percentage Population by Age Group:
Ireland and EU, 1996



Source: Demographic Statistics Eurostat 1997.

Population Projections

The tables and graphs in this section are derived from the Central Statistics Office report 'Population and Labour Force Projections, 2001-2031'. Population projections are produced by applying a mathematical model to a number of assumptions about the factors that affect the population. The principal factors used in the calculations are fertility, mortality and migration. Section B gives more detail on fertility and mortality. Migration refers to the actual change in the population resulting from the difference between the numbers of people taking up residence in the country and those leaving to reside elsewhere.

Table A6 gives a summary of the assumptions applied and tables A7 and A8 list the results of applying various combinations of these assumptions. Figures A7 to A13 show projected trends in population size and structure. For illustration purposes, assumption M2F2 has been used in most of the graphs. This choice is arbitrary and should not be construed as an indication of the most likely outcome.

Table A6

Summary of Assumptions	
Fertility*	
F1:	TFR to increase from its 1998 level to 2.0 by 2001 and remain constant thereafter.
F2:	TFR to remain constant at its 1998 level to 2001, decrease to 1.75 by 2011 and remain constant thereafter.
F2:	TFR to remain constant at its 1998 level to 2001, decrease to 1.5 by 2011 and remain constant thereafter
Mortality	
Decrease in mortality rates consistent with gains in life expectancy at birth from:	
73.0 years in 1995/97 to 77.8 years in 2030/32 for males	
78.7 years in 1995/97 to 84.0 years in 2030/32 for females	
Migration	
M1:	Immigration continuing but diminishing
	+20,000 per annum in 1996/2001
	+15,000 per annum in 2001/2006
	+10,000 per annum in 2006/2011
	+5,000 per annum in 2011/2031
M2:	Immigration followed by emigration
	+15,000 per annum in 1996/2001
	+5,000 per annum in 2001/2006
	zero net migration in 2006/2011
	-5,000 per annum in 2011/2031

* See Section B for definition of Total Fertility Rate (TFR).

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A7

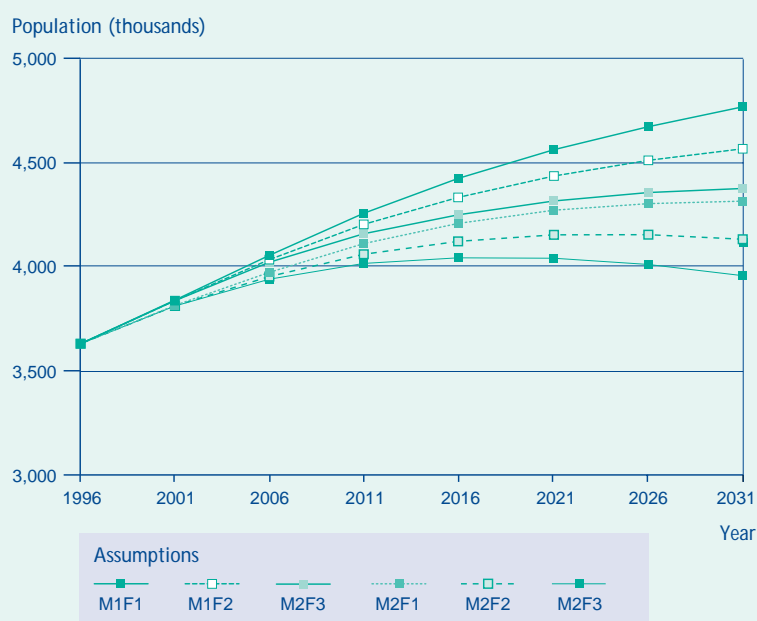
Projected Total Population (000's), 2001 to 2031

Assumption	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
M1F1	3,836.4	4,052.0	4,254.7	4,422.6	4,561.2	4,671.9	4,767.6
M1F2	3,833.7	4,031.4	4,201.2	4,331.1	4,434.2	4,509.8	4,566.5
M1F3	3,833.7	4,018.8	4,156.0	4,247.2	4,314.0	4,354.6	4,374.2
M2F1	3,810.8	3,970.0	4,108.5	4,205.8	4,269.5	4,301.1	4,313.2
M2F2	3,808.1	3,949.9	4,057.1	4,119.3	4,150.8	4,151.5	4,129.5
M2F3	3,808.1	3,937.6	4,013.9	4,040.1	4,038.9	4,008.7	3,954.5

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 7

Projected Population: 1991 to 2031
for Different Assumptions



Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A8

Projected Population (000's)
Classified by Sex and Age Group, 2001 to 2031

Age Groups	Assumption	2001		2006		2011		2016		2021		2026		2031	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-14	M1F1	426.8	404.0	444.9	420.2	479.1	452.0	495.7	467.5	487.6	459.9	465.7	439.2	447.1	421.7
	M1F2	425.5	402.7	434.3	410.2	451.5	426.0	450.0	424.4	432.8	408.2	409.7	386.4	390.4	368.3
	M1F3	425.5	402.7	427.8	404.1	428.3	404.1	406.7	383.7	377.4	356.1	353.0	333.0	334.5	315.6
	M2F1	424.9	402.1	436.2	411.9	460.3	434.3	466.9	440.6	449.4	424.1	419.0	395.4	392.2	370.1
	M2F2	423.5	400.9	425.8	402.1	433.9	409.4	423.7	399.8	398.6	376.2	368.3	347.6	342.0	322.8
	M2F3	423.5	400.9	419.5	396.1	411.6	388.4	383.0	361.4	347.3	327.9	317.0	299.3	292.5	276.2
15-39	M1F1	760.2	750.9	779.7	765.3	771.8	756.4	748.4	731.9	728.5	708.5	729.1	705.7	748.2	721.7
	M1F2	760.2	750.9	779.7	765.3	771.8	756.4	747.0	730.6	718.0	698.6	701.6	679.7	701.4	677.4
	M1F3	760.2	750.9	779.7	765.3	771.8	756.4	747.0	730.6	711.5	692.4	678.5	657.8	658.4	636.7
	M2F1	751.4	741.6	755.5	739.1	734.3	714.5	696.9	674.4	665.3	639.0	651.3	622.4	654.1	622.8
	M2F2	751.4	741.6	755.5	739.1	734.3	714.5	695.6	673.1	655.0	629.3	625.0	597.5	609.8	580.9
	M2F3	751.4	741.6	755.5	739.1	734.3	714.5	695.6	673.1	648.7	623.3	602.8	576.6	569.3	542.6
40-64	M1F1	533.1	533.7	590.2	599.2	639.3	652.3	690.5	704.0	745.0	758.4	777.9	787.1	783.4	786.9
	M1F2	533.1	533.7	590.2	599.2	639.3	652.3	690.5	704.0	745.0	758.4	777.9	787.1	783.4	786.9
	M1F3	533.1	533.7	590.2	599.2	639.3	652.3	690.5	704.0	745.0	758.4	777.9	787.1	783.4	786.9
	M2F1	531.4	532.3	583.5	594.0	625.0	641.2	665.5	684.1	704.9	723.5	723.1	736.5	714.1	720.4
	M2F2	531.4	532.3	583.5	594.0	625.0	641.2	665.5	684.1	704.9	723.5	723.1	736.5	714.1	720.4
	M2F3	531.4	532.3	583.5	594.0	625.0	641.2	665.5	684.1	704.9	723.5	723.1	736.5	714.1	720.4
65-74	M1F1	113.6	127.3	122.4	133.8	141.9	154.5	171.3	187.1	194.4	214.6	210.0	235.4	224.2	254.2
	M1F2	113.6	127.3	122.4	133.8	141.9	154.5	171.3	187.1	194.4	214.6	210.0	235.4	224.2	254.2
	M1F3	113.6	127.3	122.4	133.8	141.9	154.5	171.3	187.1	194.4	214.6	210.0	235.4	224.2	254.2
	M2F1	113.4	127.1	121.3	132.8	140.0	152.7	168.8	184.7	190.9	211.5	205.1	231.3	217.1	248.4
	M2F2	113.4	127.1	121.3	132.8	140.0	152.7	168.8	184.7	190.9	211.5	205.1	231.3	217.1	248.4
	M2F3	113.4	127.1	121.3	132.8	140.0	152.7	168.8	184.7	190.9	211.5	205.1	231.3	217.1	248.4
75-84	M1F1	57.8	88.8	59.9	91.8	63.8	93.4	70.7	100.8	84.8	119.4	104.9	147.7	121.0	172.0
	M1F2	57.8	88.8	59.9	91.8	63.8	93.4	70.7	100.8	84.8	119.4	104.9	147.7	121.0	172.0
	M1F3	57.8	88.8	59.9	91.8	63.8	93.4	70.7	100.8	84.8	119.4	104.9	147.7	121.0	172.0
	M2F1	57.7	88.7	59.7	91.5	63.3	92.8	69.8	99.7	83.4	117.8	103.1	145.6	118.6	169.3
	M2F2	57.7	88.7	59.7	91.5	63.3	92.8	69.8	99.7	83.4	117.8	103.1	145.6	118.6	169.3
	M2F3	57.7	88.7	59.7	91.5	63.3	92.8	69.8	99.7	83.4	117.8	103.1	145.6	118.6	169.3
85+	M1F1	12.2	28.0	13.2	31.3	14.5	35.8	15.9	38.7	18.0	42.1	21.1	48.2	27.0	60.4
	M1F2	12.2	28.0	13.2	31.3	14.5	35.8	15.9	38.7	18.0	42.1	21.1	48.2	27.0	60.4
	M1F3	12.2	28.0	13.2	31.3	14.5	35.8	15.9	38.7	18.0	42.1	21.1	48.2	27.0	60.4
	M2F1	12.2	28.0	13.2	31.3	14.5	35.7	15.8	38.6	17.8	41.8	20.8	47.6	26.6	59.6
	M2F2	12.2	28.0	13.2	31.3	14.5	35.7	15.8	38.6	17.8	41.8	20.8	47.6	26.6	59.6
	M2F3	12.2	28.0	13.2	31.3	14.5	35.7	15.8	38.6	17.8	41.8	20.8	47.6	26.6	59.6
Total population															
	M1F1	1,903.7	1,932.6	2,010.4	2,041.6	2,110.5	2,144.2	2,192.5	2,230.1	2,258.3	2,302.9	2,308.6	2,363.3	2,350.9	2,416.8
	M1F2	1,902.4	1,931.3	1,999.8	2,031.6	2,082.9	2,118.3	2,145.4	2,185.7	2,192.9	2,241.3	2,225.2	2,284.6	2,247.4	2,319.1
	M1F3	1,902.4	1,931.3	1,993.3	2,025.5	2,059.7	2,096.4	2,102.2	2,145.0	2,131.0	2,182.9	2,145.3	2,209.3	2,148.5	2,225.7
	M2F1	1,890.9	1,919.9	1,969.3	2,000.7	2,037.3	2,071.2	2,083.7	2,122.1	2,111.8	2,157.7	2,122.4	2,178.7	2,122.7	2,190.6
	M2F2	1,889.5	1,918.6	1,959.0	1,990.9	2,010.8	2,046.3	2,039.2	2,080.1	2,050.7	2,100.1	2,045.4	2,106.1	2,028.2	2,101.3
	M2F3	1,889.5	1,918.6	1,952.6	1,984.9	1,988.6	2,025.3	1,998.4	2,041.7	1,993.1	2,045.8	1,971.9	2,036.8	1,938.2	2,016.4

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 8

Population Pyramid for 1996 and 2031



Note: Applying assumption M1F1

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 9

Population Pyramid for 1996 and 2031

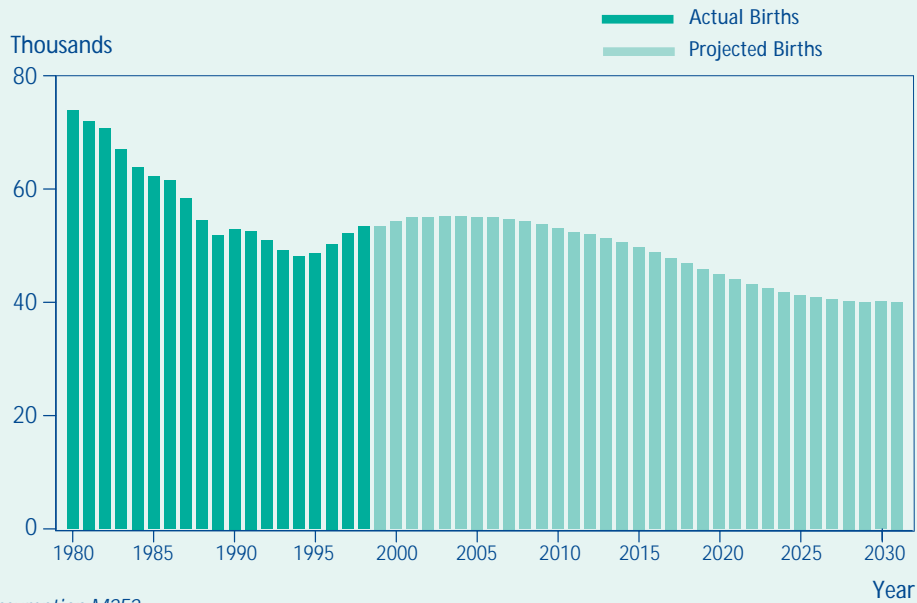


Note: Applying assumption M2F3

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 10

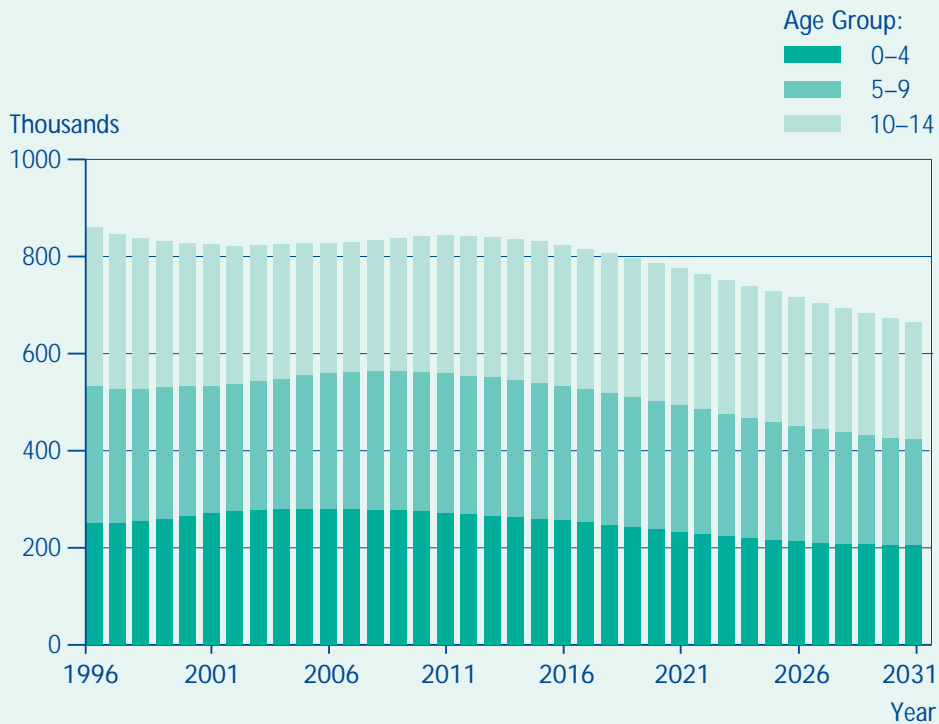
Actual Births: 1980 to 1998
Projected Births: 1999 to 2031



Note: Applying assumption M2F2
Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 11

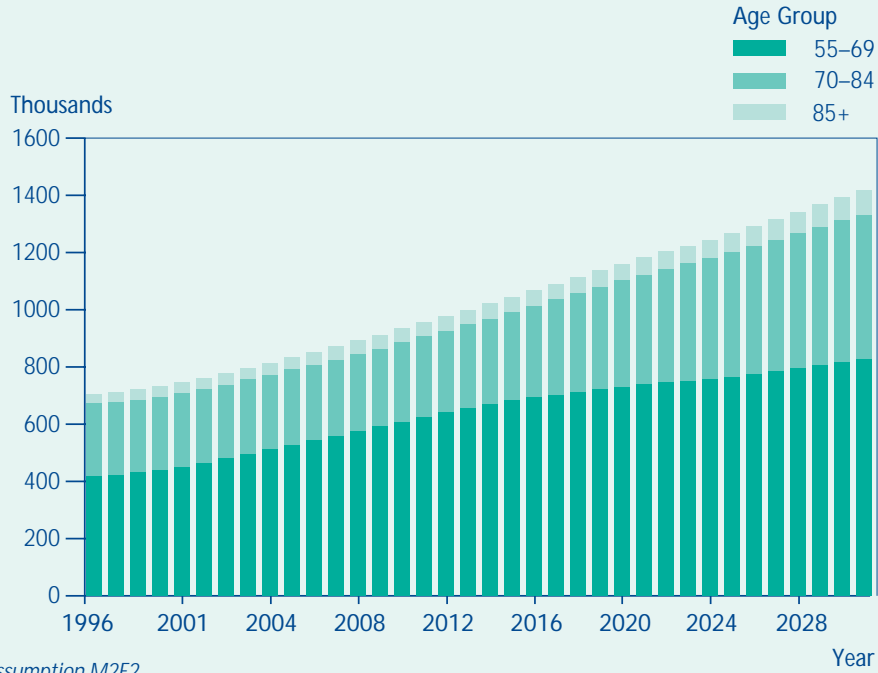
Projected Population for Younger Age Groups:
1996 to 2031



Note: Applying assumption M2F2
Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 12

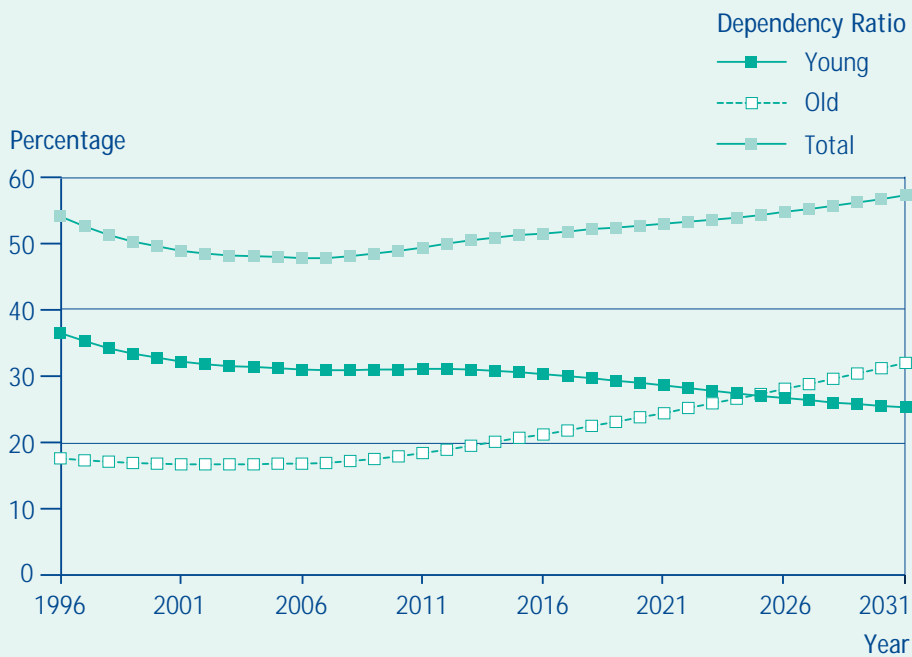
Projected Population for Older Age Groups
1996 to 2031



Note: Applying assumption M2F2
Source: Central Statistics Office

Figure 13

Projected Dependency Ratios
1996 to 2031



Note: Applying assumption M2F2
See introduction to Section A for definitions.
Source: Central Statistics Office.

Travelling People

Demographic Situation of the Traveller Community in April 1996

Almost 11,000 travellers were identified during the course of the 1996 Census of Population representing three per thousand of the overall population of the State. Census enumerators were instructed to note all cases where it was clear to them that the household consisted of members of the Traveller Community. These were mainly, though not exclusively, Travellers living in halting sites, encampments, mobile homes and caravans. In general, Travellers living in the settled community were only noted as being members of the Traveller Community if they indicated that they wished to be recorded as Travellers. Because it would not have been operationally practical, census enumerators did not ask each householder in the State whether the relevant household contained a member or members of the Traveller Community. For this reason the figures provided in the following tables do not purport to represent the totality of the Traveller Community living in the State at the time of the census.

The Traveller Community identified in the census had a markedly different age structure from that of the population in general. Over 50 per cent of the Travellers distinguished by the enumerators were aged less than 15 years compared with less than 24 per cent of the population in general. Travellers aged 65 years and over accounted for just 1.3 per cent of the total Travellers population while the corresponding proportion for the population in general was 11.4 per cent.

Table A9

Age Structure of the Traveller Community, 1996

<i>Age Group</i>	Travellers		Total Population	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
0-14 years	5,454	50.1	859,424	23.7
15 -64 years	5,290	48.6	2,352,781	64.9
65 years and over	147	1.3	413,882	11.4
Total	10,891	100.0	3,626,087	100.0

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A10

Travellers Classified by Age Group and Sex, 1996

<i>Age Group</i>	Males	Females	Total	Males per 100 Females
0-4 years	1,095	1,023	2,118	107
5-14 years	1,679	1,657	3,336	101
15-24 years	1,094	1,133	2,227	97
25-34 years	767	770	1,537	100
35-44 years	429	391	820	110
45-54 years	238	200	438	119
55-64 years	129	139	268	93
65 years and over	80	67	147	119
Total	5,511	5,380	10,891	102

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Table A11

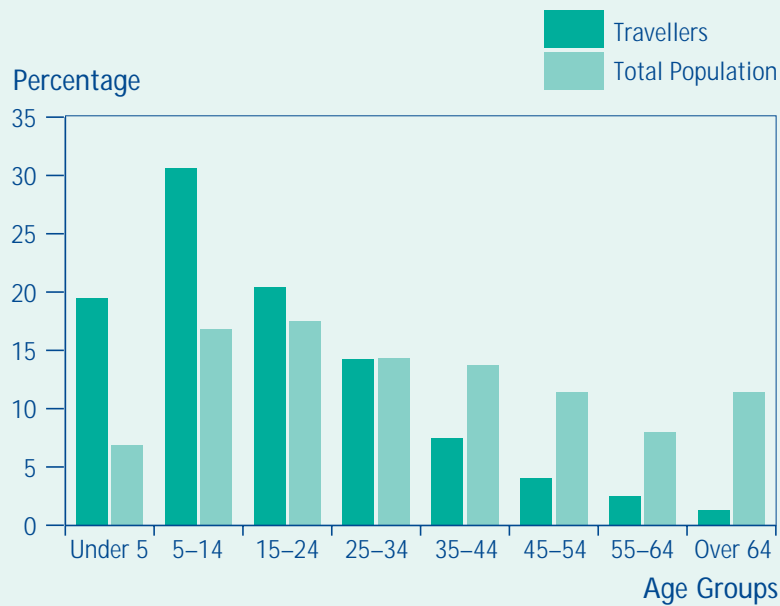
Number of Travellers by Health Board Area, 1996

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of Travellers	Travellers per 1,000 Total Population
Eastern	4,052	3.1
Midland	1,009	4.9
Mid-Western	1,133	3.6
North-Eastern	728	2.4
North-Western	411	1.9
South-Eastern	1,199	3.1
Southern	1,032	1.9
Western	1,327	3.8
Total	10,891	3.0

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 14

Comparison of Age Structure of Travellers with Total Population



Source: Central Statistics Office.

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Section B

Life Expectancy and Vital Statistics

This section provides data on life expectancy, births, marriages and deaths. Tables are included on a range of parameters and contain information on changes over time, breakdowns by health board area and comparisons with other EU countries. The section also contains a number of graphs and charts highlighting important distributions and significant trends.

Life Expectancy

Table B1, which sets out life expectancy figures at selected ages for males and females, shows that life expectancy at birth has risen to 78.6 years for a female and 73.0 for a male (see Figures 1 and 2). Table B2 compares life expectancies in Ireland with those in other EU countries.

Definition: *Life expectancy refers to the number of additional years a person of a given age can expect to live.*

Table B1

Life Expectancy at Selected Ages for the Period 1950 to 1995

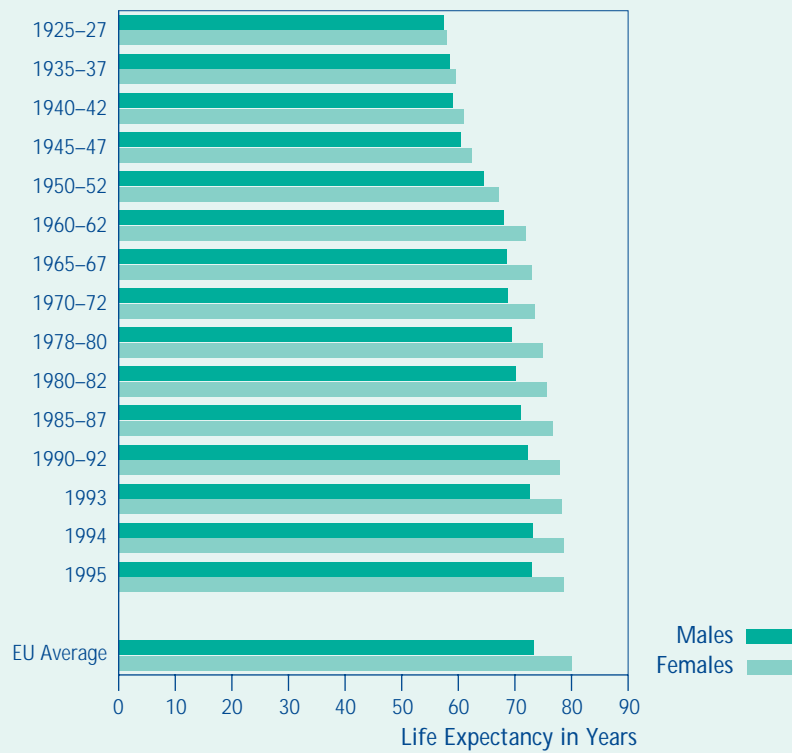
	1950-52	1960-62	1970-72	1980-82	1990-92	1993*	1994*	1995*
Male:								
Life expectancy at age 0	64.5	68.1	68.8	70.1	72.3	72.6	73.2	73.0
1	66.9	69.3	69.2	69.9	71.9	72.1	72.6	72.5
10	58.8	60.8	60.6	61.3	63.1	63.2	63.8	63.7
20	49.3	51.1	51.0	51.6	53.4	53.5	54.1	53.9
30	40.3	41.7	41.5	42.1	43.9	44.1	44.6	44.5
40	31.3	32.4	32.1	32.6	34.4	34.5	35.1	35.0
50	22.8	23.5	23.3	23.6	25.2	25.3	25.8	25.7
60	15.4	15.8	15.6	15.9	17.0	17.0	17.4	17.4
65	12.1	12.6	12.4	12.6	13.4	13.4	13.9	13.7
70	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.7	10.4	10.4	10.8	10.6
75	6.8	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.8	7.9	8.2	8.1
Female:								
Life expectancy at age 0	67.1	71.9	73.5	75.6	77.9	78.1	78.7	78.6
1	68.8	72.9	73.8	75.4	77.4	77.5	78.1	78.1
10	60.6	64.1	65.1	66.6	68.6	68.7	69.1	69.2
20	51.2	54.3	55.3	56.8	58.7	58.8	59.2	59.3
30	42.2	44.7	45.6	47.0	48.9	49.0	49.4	49.5
40	33.3	35.3	36.0	37.3	39.2	39.3	39.7	39.8
50	24.7	26.3	27.0	28.0	29.8	29.9	30.2	30.4
60	16.8	18.1	18.7	19.5	21.1	21.1	21.5	21.5
65	13.3	14.4	15.0	15.7	17.1	17.0	17.4	17.4
70	10.2	11.0	11.5	12.2	13.5	13.3	13.7	13.7
75	7.6	8.1	8.5	9.1	10.2	10.1	10.4	10.4

* Provisional figures, Demographic Statistics, Eurostat 1997.

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 1

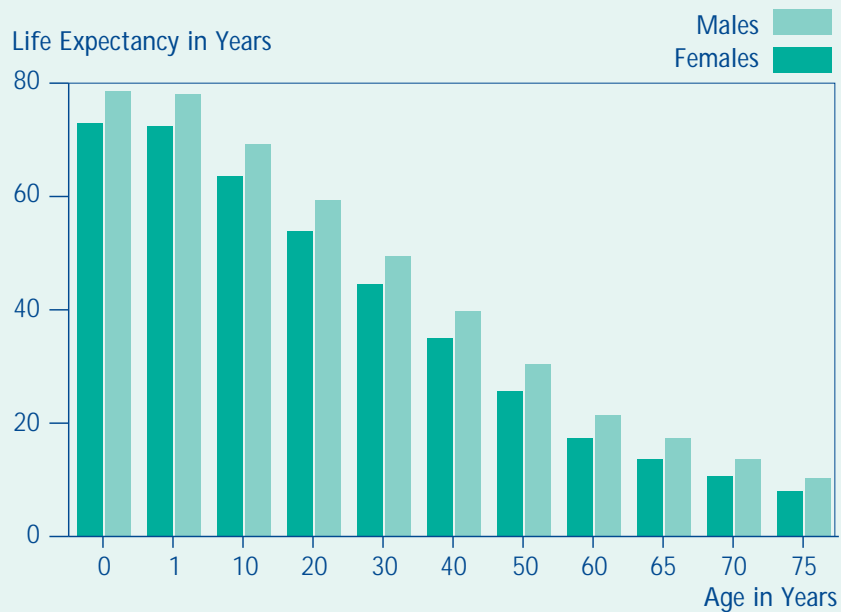
Life Expectancy at Birth by Sex for Selected Periods:
1925 to 1995



Source: Central Statistics Office and Demographic Statistics, Eurostat 1997.

Figure 2

Life Expectancy by Age and Sex, 1995



Source: Table B1

Table B2

Life Expectancy at Selected Ages for EU Countries

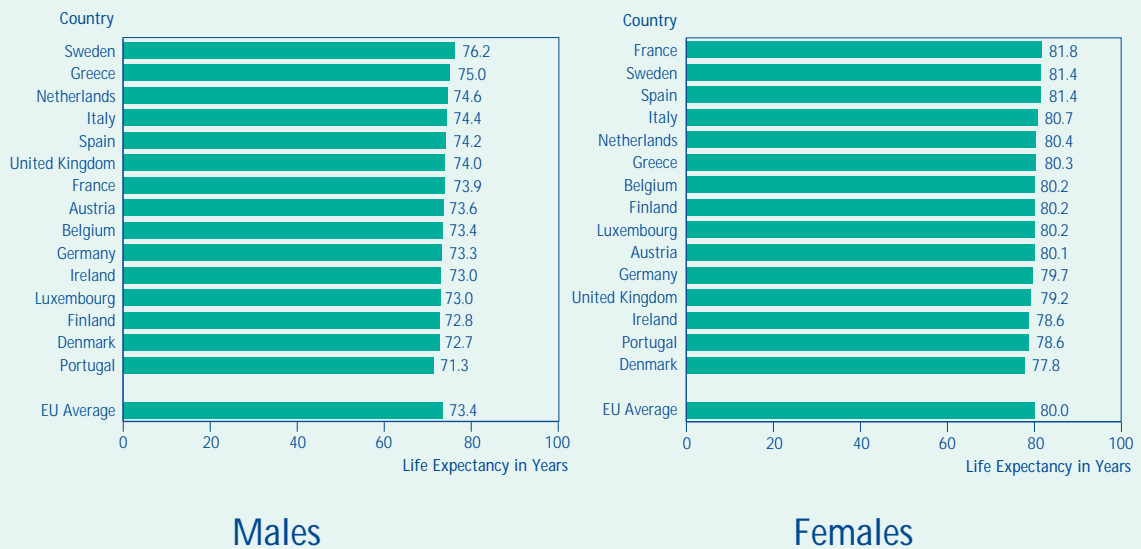
Country	Period	Sex	Life expectancy in years at ages:				Excess of female life expectancy over male expectancy at age 0
			0	1	40	65	
Austria	1995	M	73.6	73.0	35.7	15.2	6.5
		F	80.1	79.4	41.2	18.7	
Belgium*	1995	M	73.4	73.0	35.6	14.8	6.8
		F	80.2	79.6	41.5	19.1	
Denmark	1995	M	72.7	72.1	34.7	14.1	5.1
		F	77.8	77.2	39.0	17.5	
Finland	1995	M	72.8	72.1	34.8	14.5	7.4
		F	80.2	79.5	41.2	18.6	
France*	1995	M	73.9	73.3	36.3	16.1	7.9
		F	81.8	81.2	43.2	20.6	
Germany	1995	M	73.3	72.7	35.2	14.7	6.4
		F	79.7	79.1	40.9	18.5	
Greece	1995	M	75.0	74.7	37.3	16.1	5.3
		F	80.3	79.8	41.6	18.4	
Ireland*	1995	M	73.0	72.5	35.0	13.7	5.6
		F	78.6	78.1	39.8	17.4	
Italy	1993	M	74.4	74.0	36.7	15.5	6.3
		F	80.7	80.3	42.1	19.3	
Luxembourg	1995	M	73.0	72.3	35.1	14.7	7.2
		F	80.2	79.7	41.6	19.2	
Netherlands	1995	M	74.6	74.1	36.2	14.7	5.8
		F	80.4	79.7	41.5	19.1	
Portugal	1995	M	71.3	70.8	34.7	14.3	7.3
		F	78.6	78.1	40.2	17.7	
Spain	1994	M	74.2	73.7	36.9	16.0	7.2
		F	81.4	80.9	42.8	19.8	
Sweden	1995	M	76.2	75.5	37.6	16.0	5.2
		F	81.4	80.7	42.3	19.7	
United Kingdom*	1995	M	74.0	73.5	35.8	14.6	5.2
		F	79.2	78.6	40.4	18.1	
EU Average	1993	M	73.4	73.0	35.7	15.0	6.6
		F	80.0	79.4	41.3	18.8	

* Provisional figures.

Source: Demographic Statistics, Eurostat 1997.

Figure 3

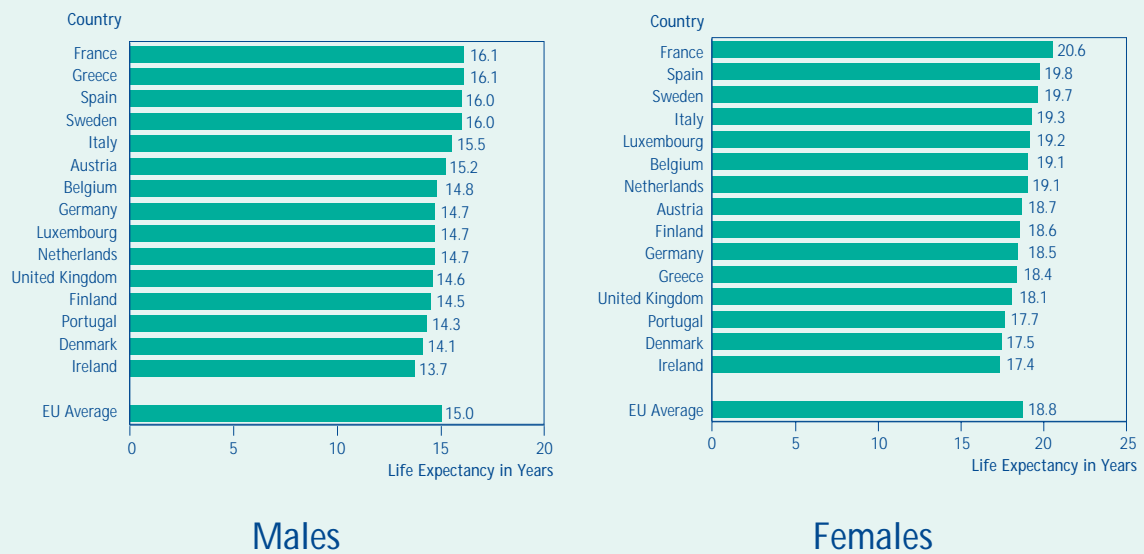
Life Expectancy at Birth for Males and Females in EU Countries



Source: Table B2

Figure 4

Life Expectancy at Age 65 for Males and Females in EU Countries



Source: Table B2

Vital Statistics

Births, Deaths and Marriages: Numbers and Rates

The following table and accompanying graphs show numbers and crude rates per 1,000 population for births, deaths and marriages for all years from 1953 to 1998. While long and short term trends can be seen in these figures, interpretation must be approached with caution and in conjunction with other relevant distributions.

Table B3

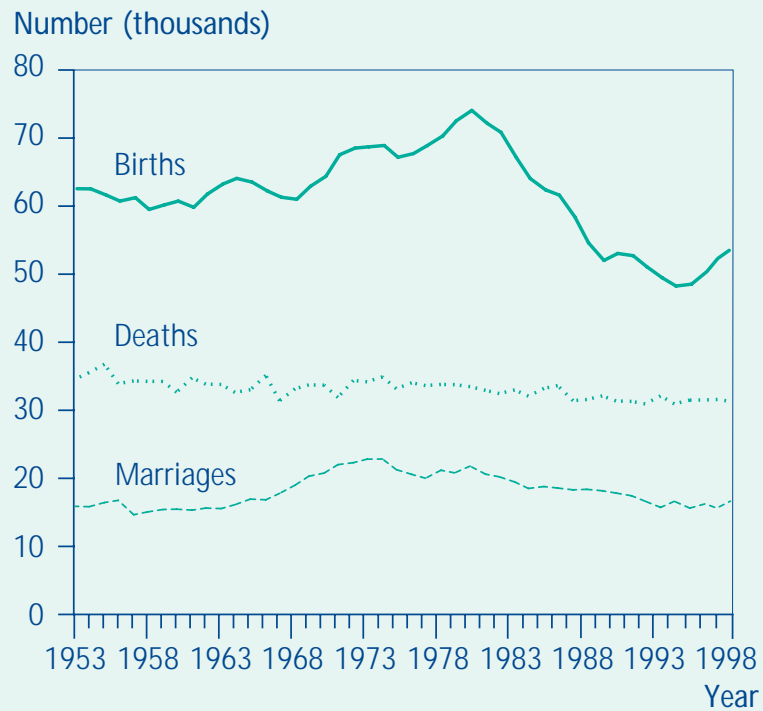
Births, Deaths and Marriages: Numbers and Rates 1953 to 1998

Year	Number of Births	Birth rate (Per 1,000 Pop.)	Number of Deaths	Mortality rate (Per 1,000 Pop.)	Number of Marriages	Marriage rate (Per 1,000 Pop.)
1953	62,558	21.2	34,591	11.7	15,888	5.4
1954	62,534	21.3	35,535	12.1	15,831	5.4
1955	61,622	21.1	36,761	12.6	16,443	5.6
1956	60,740	21.0	33,910	11.7	16,761	5.8
1957	61,242	21.2	34,311	11.9	14,657	5.1
1958	59,510	20.9	34,248	12.0	15,061	5.3
1959	60,188	21.1	34,243	12.0	15,420	5.4
1960	60,735	21.4	32,660	11.5	15,465	5.5
1961	59,825	21.2	34,763	12.3	15,329	5.4
1962	61,782	21.8	33,838	12.0	15,627	5.5
1963	63,246	22.2	33,795	11.9	15,556	5.5
1964	64,072	22.4	32,630	11.4	16,128	5.6
1965	63,525	22.1	33,022	11.5	16,946	5.9
1966	62,215	21.6	35,113	12.2	16,849	5.8
1967	61,307	21.1	31,400	10.8	17,788	6.1
1968	61,004	21.0	33,157	11.4	18,993	6.5
1969	62,912	21.5	33,734	11.5	20,304	7.0
1970	64,382	21.9	33,686	11.4	20,778	7.1
1971	67,551	22.7	31,890	10.7	22,014	7.4
1972	68,527	22.7	34,381	11.4	22,302	7.4
1973	68,713	22.4	34,192	11.1	22,816	7.4
1974	68,907	22.1	34,921	11.2	22,833	7.3
1975	67,178	21.1	33,173	10.4	21,280	6.7
1976	67,718	21.0	34,043	10.5	20,580	6.4
1977	68,892	21.1	33,632	10.3	20,016	6.1
1978	70,299	21.2	33,794	10.2	21,184	6.4
1979	72,539	21.5	33,771	10.0	20,806	6.2
1980	74,064	21.8	33,472	9.8	21,792	6.4
1981	72,158	21.0	32,929	9.6	20,612	6.0
1982	70,843	20.3	32,457	9.3	20,224	5.8
1983	67,117	19.1	32,976	9.4	19,467	5.5
1984	64,062	18.2	32,076	9.1	18,513	5.2
1985	62,388	17.6	33,213	9.4	18,791	5.3
1986	61,620	17.4	33,630	9.5	18,573	5.2
1987	58,433	16.5	31,413	8.9	18,309	5.2
1988	54,600	15.4	31,580	8.9	18,382	5.2
1989	52,018	14.8	32,111	9.1	18,174	5.2
1990	53,044	15.1	31,370	9.0	17,838	5.1
1991	52,718	15.0	31,305	8.9	17,441	4.9
1992	51,089	14.4	30,931	8.7	16,636	4.7
1993	49,304	13.8	32,148	9.0	16,824	4.7
1994	48,255	13.5	30,948	8.6	16,621	4.6
1995	48,787	13.5	32,259	9.0	15,604	4.3
1996*	50,390	13.9	31,514	8.7	16,255	4.5
1997*	52,311	14.3	31,605	8.6	15,631	4.3
1998*	53,551	14.5	31,352	8.5	16,783	4.5

* Provisional figures based in year of registration
Source: Central Statistics Office

Figure 5

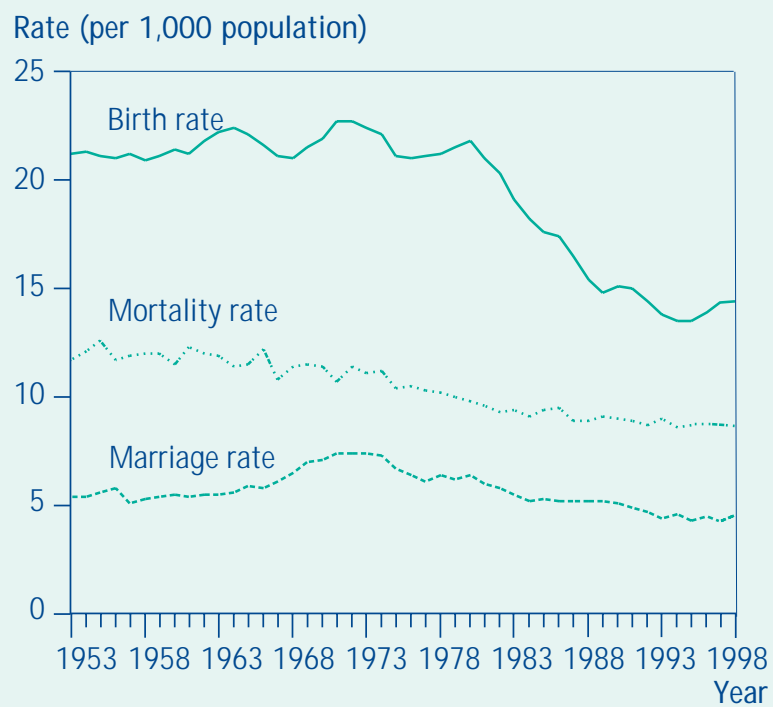
Births, Deaths and Marriages 1953 to 1998



Source: Table B3

Figure 6

Birth, Mortality and Marriage Rates 1953 to 1998



Source: Table B3

Outcome of Pregnancy

The crude birth rate fell continuously from a rate of 21.8 live births per 1,000 population in 1980 down to 14.8 in 1989. Following an increase to 15.1 in 1990 it then decreased to 13.5 in 1994 and 1995. Provisional figures for 1996, 1997 and 1998 show a steady increase to 14.5. The Irish birth rate is higher than the EU average but the disparity has diminished over recent years (see Figure 12). Tables and graphs are presented on national birth statistics, by health board area and on comparisons with other EU countries.

Definition: The Total Fertility Rate is a measure of the average number of children a woman could expect to have if the fertility rates in a given year pertained throughout her fertile years

Table B4

Births (Numbers and Rates), Place of Occurrence, Age at Maternity, Previous Children, Births Outside Marriage, 1968, 1978, 1988 and 1998

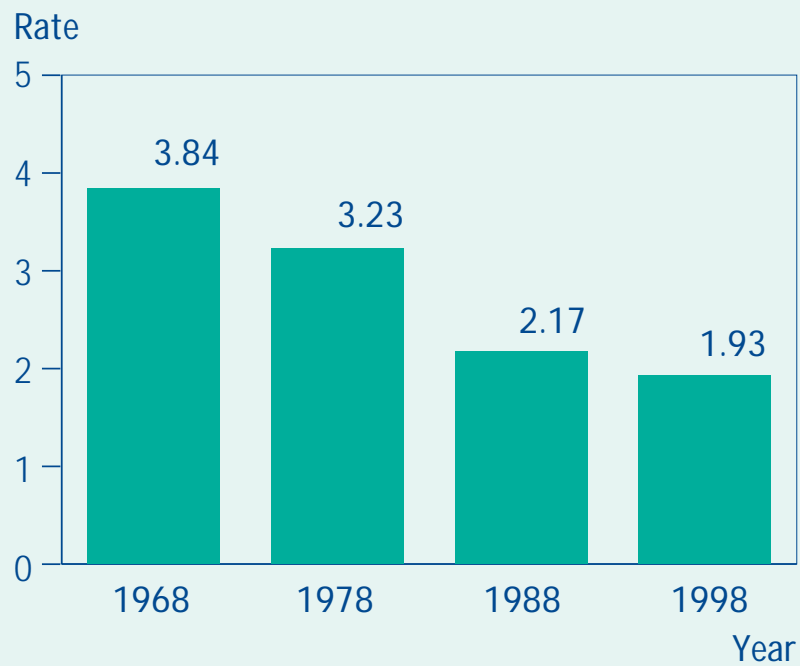
	1968	1978	1988	1998(a)
Births				
Total number of live births	61,004	70,299	54,600	53,551
Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)	21.0	21.2	15.4	14.5
Total fertility rate	3.84	3.23	2.17	1.93
Place of Occurrence				
Percentage of births which were domiciliary	5.0	0.4	0.3	0.4
Age at Maternity				
Average age at maternity (in years)	30.1	28.3	29.5	29.6
Percentage of births to mothers aged under 25 years	24.2	27.5	22.1	20.0
Percentage of births to mothers aged 35 years and over	23.6	15.4	17.0	20.5
Previous Children				
Percentage of births to mothers with no previous children	26.2	29.1	34.7	39.4
Percentage of births to mothers with 1 previous child	20.3	24.7	26.1	30.2
Percentage of births to mothers with 2 previous children	16.1	18.9	17.5	17.8
Percentage of births to mothers with 3 or more previous children	37.4	27.3	21.4	12.7
Births Outside Marriage				
Total number	1,558	3,003	6,483	15,133
As a percentage of total births	2.6	4.3	11.9	28.3

(a) Provisional figures based on year of registration

Source: Central Statistics Office

Figure 7

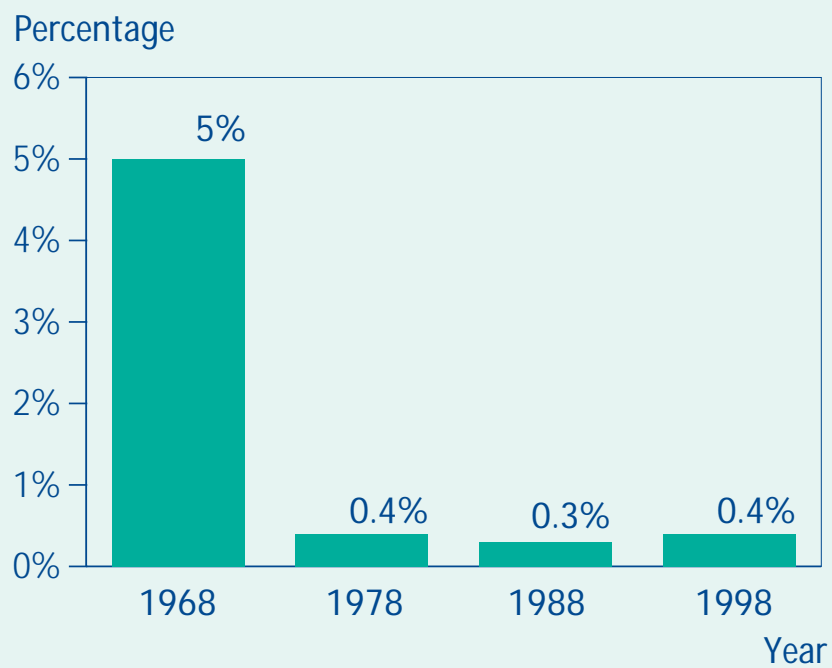
**Total Fertility Rate
1968, 1978, 1988 and 1998**



Source: Table B4

Figure 8

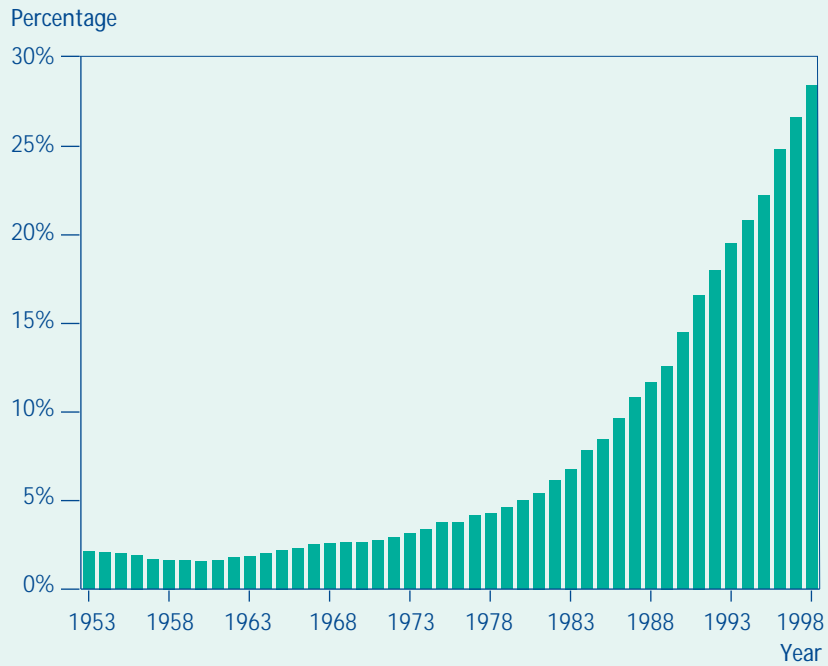
**Domiciliary Births as a Percentage of Total Births:
1968, 1978, 1988 and 1998**



Source: Table B4

Figure 9

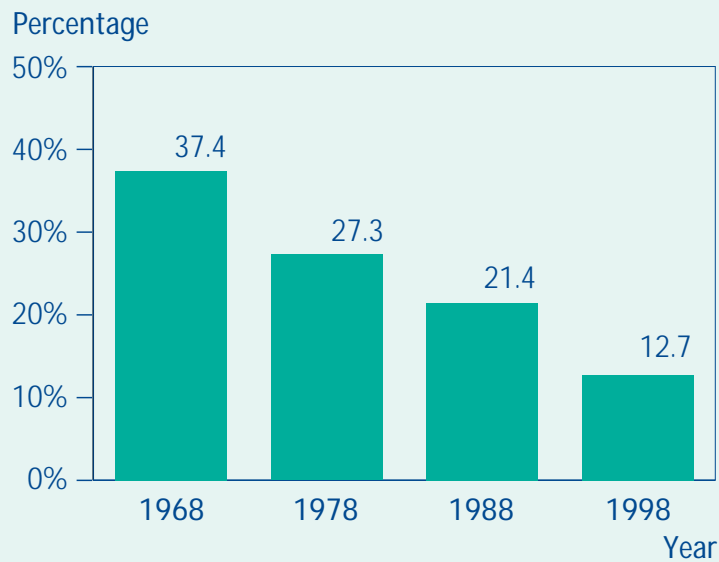
Births Outside Marriage as a Percentage of Total Births: 1953 to 1998



Source: Central Statistics Office

Figure 10

Percentage of Births to Mothers With Three or More Previous Children 1968, 1978, 1988 and 1998



Source: Table B4

Table B5

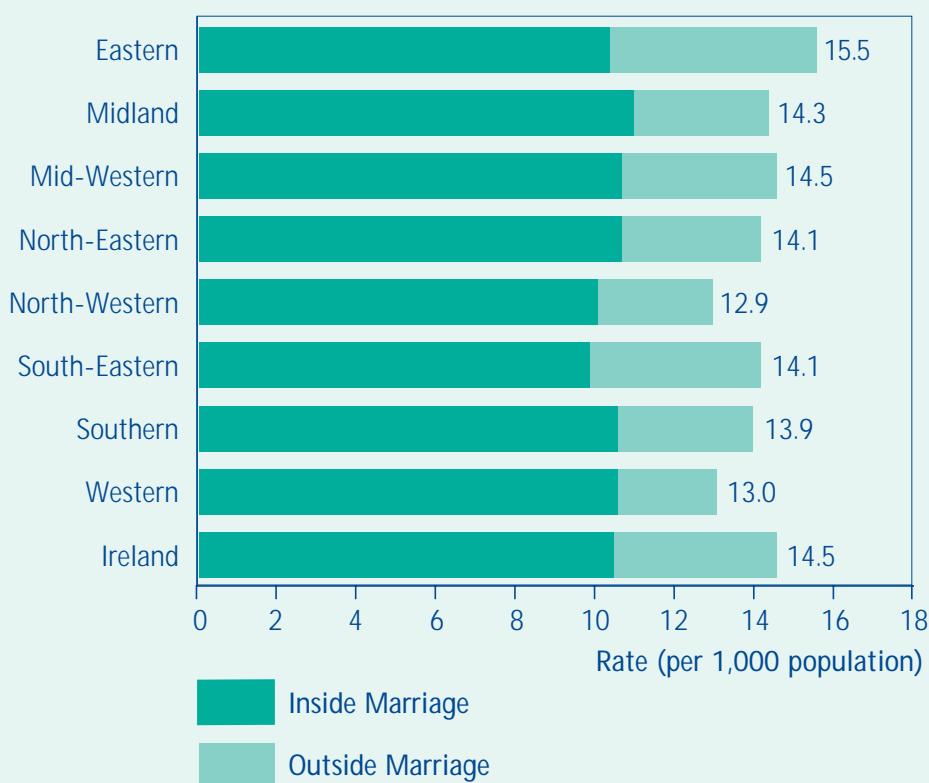
Number of Births and Birth Rates (per 1,000 population)
by Health Board Area 1998*

	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Ireland
Area of Residence									
Number of births	20,619	3,016	4,695	4,411	2,772	5,610	7,743	4,685	53,551
Rate (per 1,000 population)	15.5	14.3	14.5	14.1	12.9	14.1	13.9	13.0	14.5
Area of Occurrence									
Number of births	22,185	2,157	3,971	3,537	2,810	5,250	7,935	5,706	53,551
Births by area of occurrence as a percentage of births by area of residence	107.6	71.5	84.6	80.2	101.4	93.6	102.5	121.8	100.0
Births Outside Marriage									
Number of births	6,986	709	1,255	1,102	625	1,690	1,881	885	15,133
Births outside marriage as a percentage of total births	33.9	23.5	26.7	25.0	22.5	30.1	24.3	18.9	28.3

* Provisional figures based on year of registration
Source: Central Statistics Office

Figure 11

Birth Rates by Health Board Area 1998



Source: Central Statistics Office

Table B6

Birth Rates, Births Outside Marriage,
Average Age at Maternity, Fertility Rates – EU Countries, 1995

Country	Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 Pop.)	% of Live Births Outside Marriage	Average Age at Maternity	Total Fertility Rate
Austria	11.0	27.4	27.7	1.40
Belgium	11.3 (a)	15.0 (b)	28.5 (a)	1.55 (a)
Denmark	13.4	46.5	29.2	1.80
Finland	12.4	33.1	29.3	1.81
France	12.5 (a)	37.2 (a)	29.0 (a)	1.70 (a)
Germany	9.4	16.1	28.3	1.25
Greece	9.7	3.0	28.2	1.32
Ireland *	13.5	22.3	30.0	1.84
Italy	9.1 (a)	8.1 (a)	29.7 (c)	1.17 (b)
Luxembourg	13.3	13.1	28.9	1.69
Netherlands	12.4	15.5	30.0	1.53
Portugal	10.8	18.7	28.1	1.40
Spain	9.2 (a)	10.8 (a)	29.7 (c)	1.18 (b)
Sweden	11.7	53.0	29.2	1.73
United Kingdom	12.5	33.6	28.2 (a)	1.70 (a)
EU Average	10.8 (a)	23.4 (b)	28.9 (b)	1.43 (b)

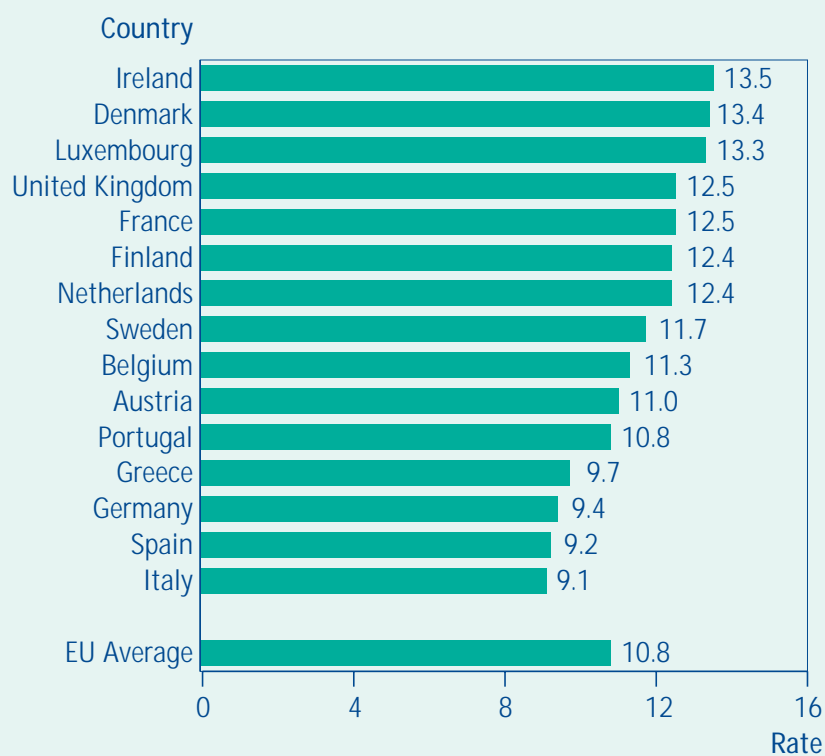
(a) Provisional figure, (b) estimated figure, (c) 1994.

* Source: Central Statistics Office.

Source: Demographic Statistics, Eurostat 1997.

Figure 12

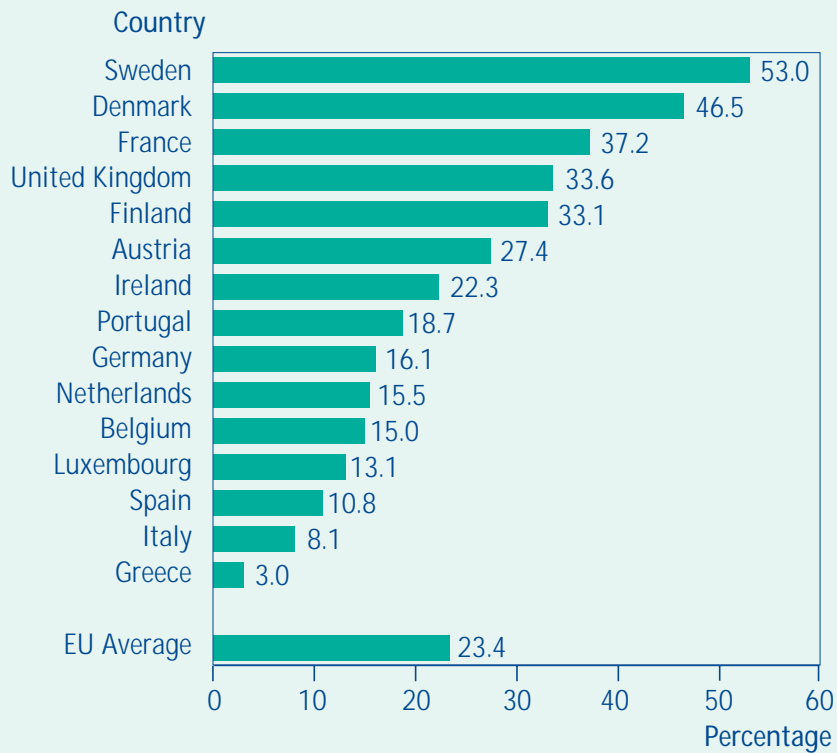
Birth Rates: EU Countries



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Figure 13

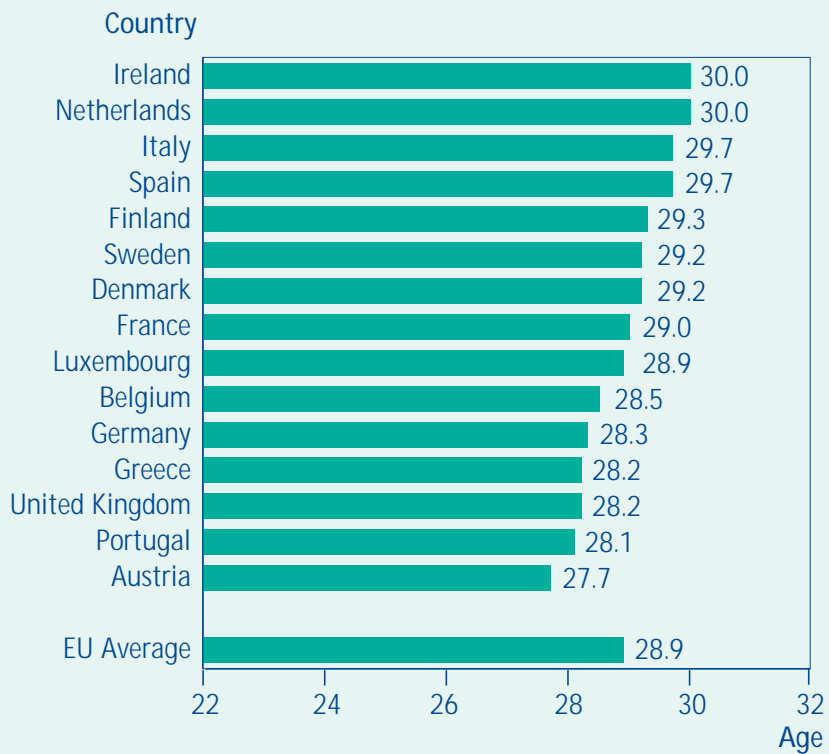
Percentage of Live Births Outside Marriage: EU Countries



Source: Table B6

Figure 14

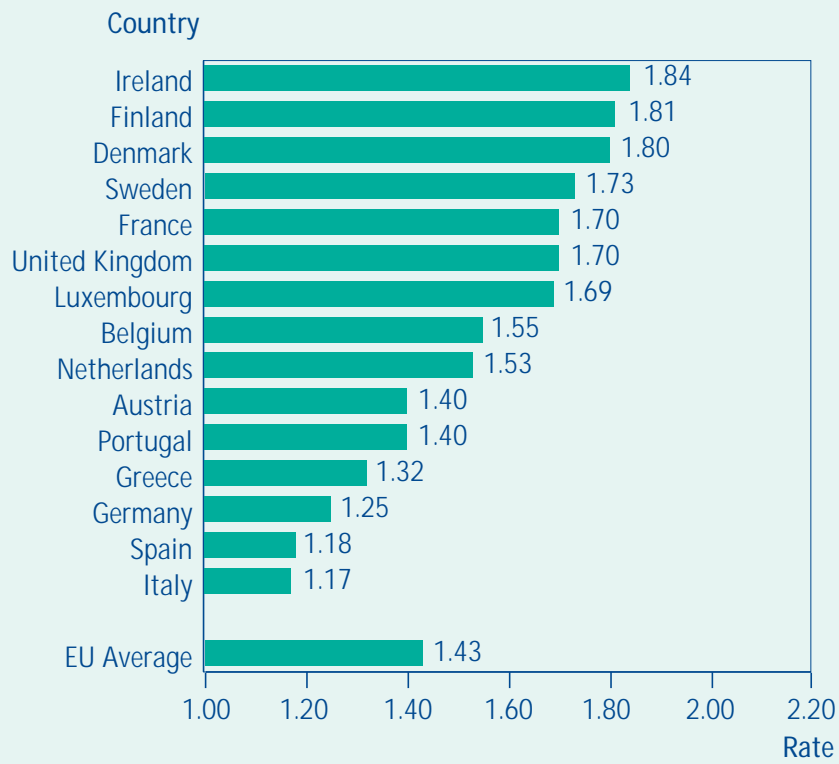
Average Age at Maternity: EU Countries



Source: Table B6

Figure 15

Total Fertility Rate: EU Countries



Source: Table B6

Mortality

The number of deaths registered in 1998 was 31,352. This gives a crude death rate of 8.5 per 1,000 population (see Table B3 for details). The principal causes of death were diseases of the circulatory system accounting for 42% of the total. Over 23% of all deaths were due to cancer and 1.3% were caused by motor vehicle traffic accidents (see Table B7 and Figure 16). Table B8 breaks these figures down by health board area and Table B9 gives EU comparisons based on statistics compiled by the World Health Organisation.

Definitions:

Cause of death categories:

- Diseases of the Circulatory System refer to International Classification of Diseases (I.C.D), Ninth Revision detailed list numbers 390-459
- Ischaemic Heart Disease refers to I.C.D. 9 detailed list numbers 410-414.
- Stroke refers to I.C.D.9 detailed list numbers 430-438.
- Cancer refers to I.C.D 9 detailed list numbers 140-208.
- Cancer of the Trachea, Bronchus and Lung refers to I.C.D. 9 detailed list number 162.
- Cancer of the Female Breast refers to I.C.D. 9 detailed list number 174.
- External Causes of Injury and Poisoning refer to I.C.D. 9 detailed list numbers E800-E999.
- Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents refer to I.C.D. 9 detailed list numbers E810-E819.
- Suicide refers to I.C.D. 9 detailed list numbers E950-E959.

Age-Standardised Mortality Rates take account of differences in the age structure of the population between areas and over time by working out the rate which would apply if each area showed the age structure of the Standard European Population (as supplied by the world Health Organisation).

Table B7

Principal Causes of Death, Crude Death Rates and Age-Standardised Mortality Rates Per 100,000 Population –1968, 1978, 1988 and 1998*

	1968	1978	1988	1998(a)
All Causes				
Number	33,157	33,794	31,580	31,352
Crude death rate	1,139.5	1,019.7	894.4	846.2
Age-standardised mortality rate	1,203.7	1,134.5	964.8	812.1
Diseases of the Circulatory System				
All Circulatory System Diseases:				
Number	17,371	17,012	14,952	13,191
Crude death rate	597.0	513.3	423.5	356.0
Age-standardised mortality rate	636.7	578.7	456.2	335.5
Ischaemic Heart Disease:				
Number	5,930	9,065	8,382	7,218
Crude death rate	205.6	273.5	237.4	194.8
Age-standardised mortality rate	264.2	307.3	256.8	186.7
Stroke:				
Number	4,338	4,296	3,207	2,580
Crude death rate	150.4	129.6	90.8	69.6
Age-standardised mortality rate	160.2	144.6	96.5	63.7
Cancer				
All Malignant Neoplasms:				
Number	5,173	6,218	7,154	7,493
Crude death rate	179.4	187.6	202.6	202.2
Age-standardised mortality rate	192.7	211.7	223.7	205.2
Cancer of the Trachea, Bronchus and Lung:				
Number	777	1,269	1,546	1,526
Crude death rate	26.9	38.3	43.8	41.2
Age-standardised mortality rate	33.5	43.0	48.8	42.5
Cancer of the Female Breast:				
Number	371	540	614	602
Crude death rate	25.9	32.8	34.7	32.3
Age-standardised mortality rate	31.0	37.6	39.1	32.6
External Causes of Injury and Poisoning:				
All Deaths from External Causes				
Number	1,169	1,796	1,427	1,747
Crude death rate	40.5	54.2	40.4	47.2
Age-standardised mortality rate	49.0	59.4	42.6	46.2
Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents:				
Number	350	606	460	429
Crude death rate	12.1	18.3	13.0	11.6
Age-standardised mortality rate	14.7	19.5	12.9	11.1
Suicide				
Number	69	163	266	504
Crude death rate	2.4	4.9	7.5	13.6
Age-standardised mortality rate	2.9	5.8	8.4	13.5

* Age-Standardised rates based on World Health Organisation standardised European population.

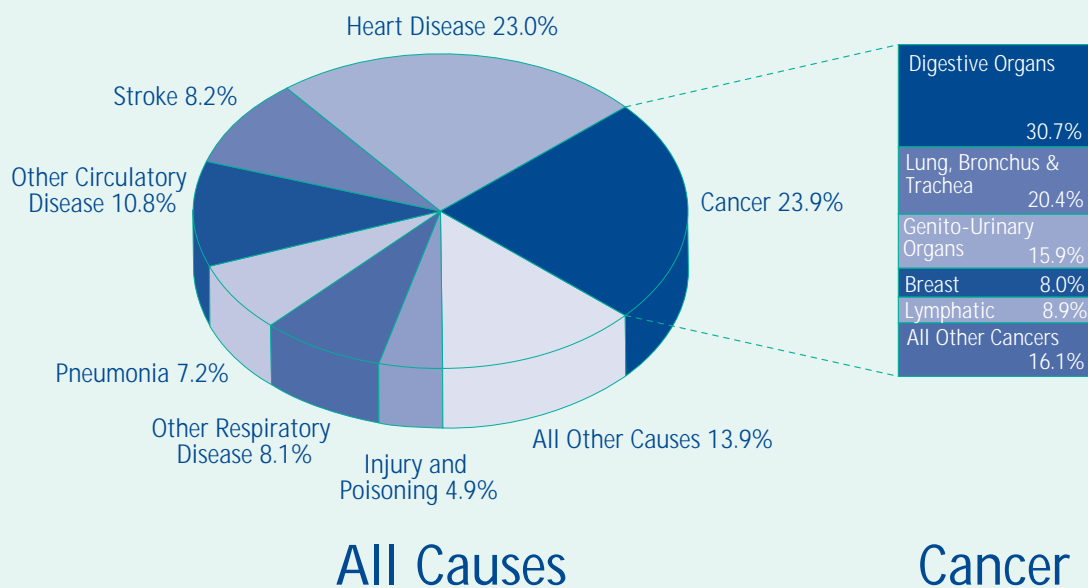
Source: World Health Statistics, 1995.

(a) Provisional figures based on year of registration.

Source: Central Statistics Office and Health for All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 16

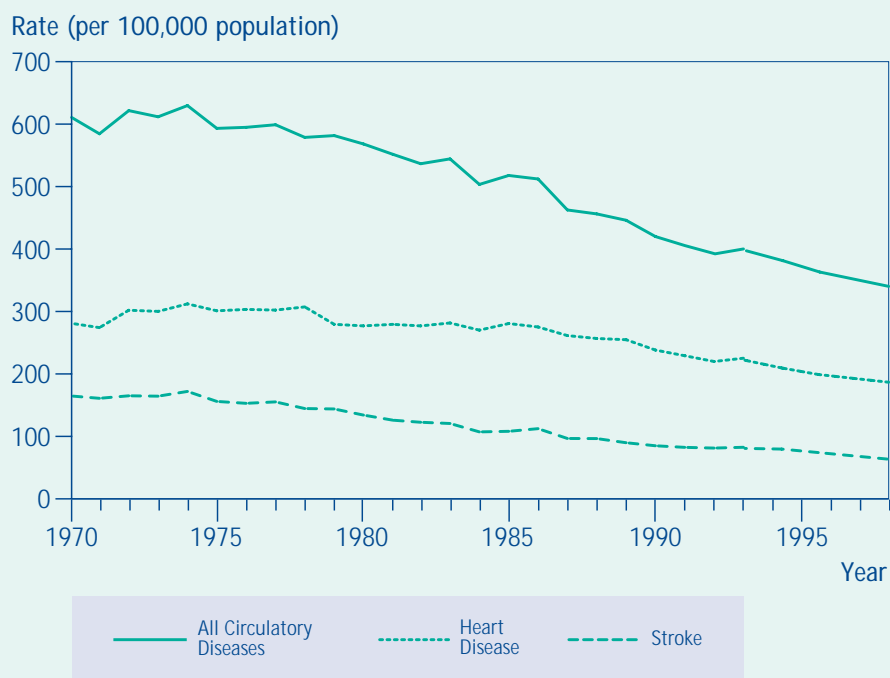
Deaths by Principal Causes, Percentage Distribution, 1998



Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 17

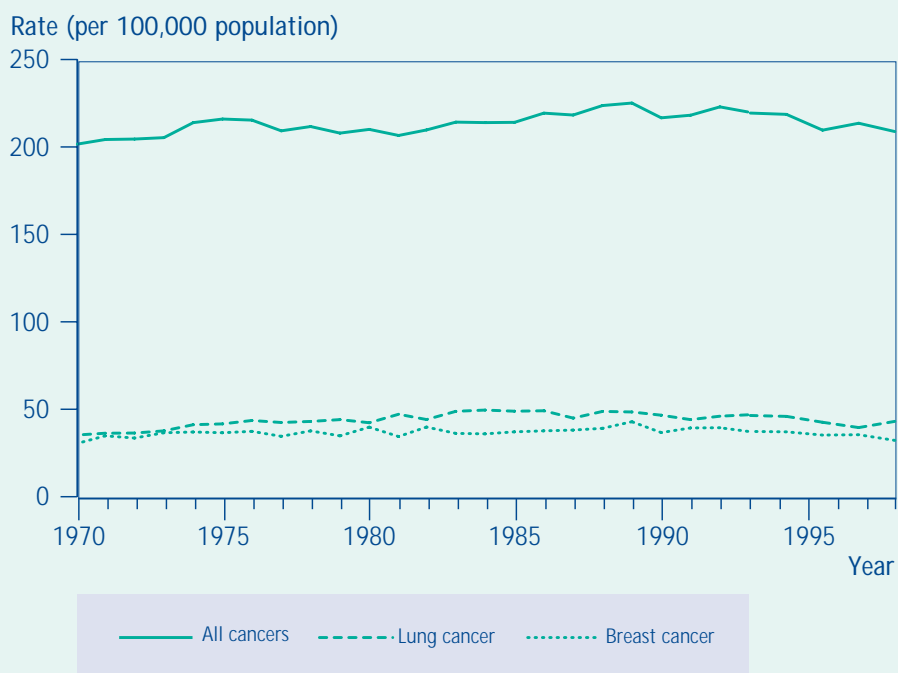
Diseases of the Circulatory System – Trends in Age-Standardised Death Rates, 1970 to 1998



Source: Central Statistics Office and Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 18

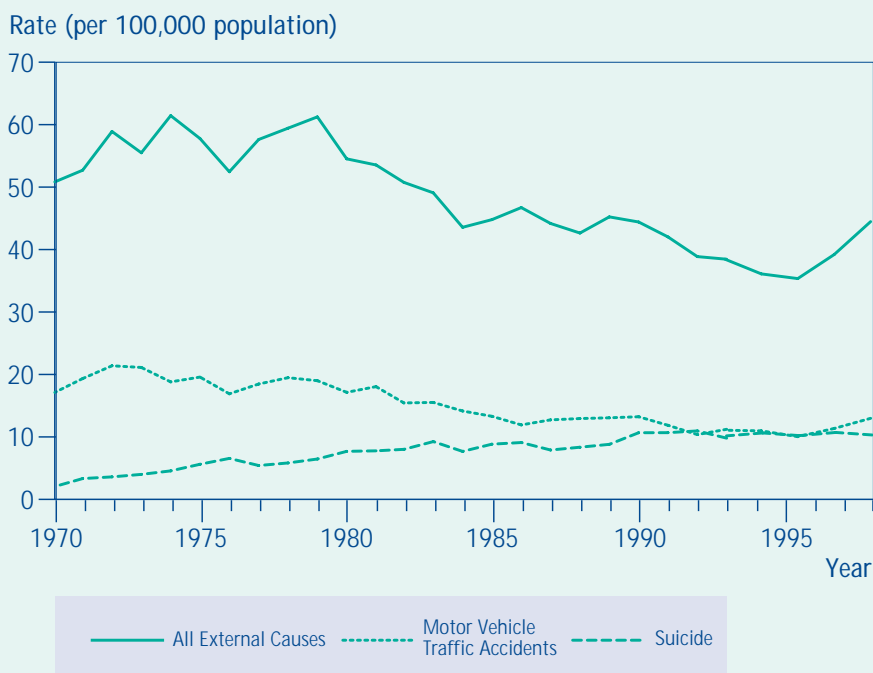
Cancer –
Trends in Age-Standardised Death Rates, 1970 to 1998



Source: Central Statistics Office and Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 19

External Causes –
Trends in Age-Standardised Death Rates, 1970 to 1998



Source: Central Statistics Office and Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

Table B8

Principal Causes of Death and Crude Death Rates per 100,000 Population by Health Board Area 1998 and Age-Standardised Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population by Health Board Area 1993-1997*

	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Ireland
All Causes									
Number	9,556	1,928	3,048	2,561	2,240	3,419	5,029	3,571	31,352
Crude death rate	719.9	916.3	939.8	817.4	1,042.8	856.7	903.9	992.6	846.2
Age-standardised mortality rate	846.3	899.1	888.3	847.4	861.8	884.6	894.9	839.7	865.8
Diseases of the Circulatory System									
All Circulatory System Diseases:									
Number	3,809	801	1,291	1,110	956	1,428	2,180	1,616	13,191
Crude death rate	287.0	280.7	398.1	354.3	445.0	357.8	391.8	449.2	356.0
Age-standardised mortality rate	361.9	398.5	387.9	380.0	365.6	388.0	405.0	373.6	379.3
Ischaemic Heart Disease:									
Number	2,000	442	681	638	522	794	1,215	926	7,218
Crude death rate	150.7	210.1	210.0	203.6	243.0	198.9	218.4	257.4	194.8
Age-standardised mortality rate	199.1	220.7	205.3	232.2	194.9	223.3	228.3	211.7	212.2
Stroke:									
Number	820	144	233	192	178	296	400	317	2,580
Crude death rate	61.8	68.4	71.8	61.3	82.9	74.2	71.9	88.1	69.6
Age-standardised mortality rate	76.3	77.3	75.9	71.3	74.8	84.1	77.9	71.2	76.3
Cancer									
All Malignant Neoplasms:									
Number	2,561	437	670	574	513	803	1,147	788	7,493
Crude death rate	187.3	179.5	200.9	192.1	241.4	203.6	222.3	216.8	202.2
Age-standardised mortality rate	228.4	205.4	206.1	203.3	204.8	210.7	214.8	195.8	213.3
Cancer of Trachea, Bronchus and Lung:									
Number	618	84	148	99	95	154	210	118	1,526
Crude death rate	46.6	39.9	45.6	31.6	44.2	38.6	37.7	32.8	41.2
Age-standardised mortality rate	55.9	37.9	38.3	41.7	39.2	41.2	38.0	32.5	43.8
Cancer of the Female Breast:									
Number	216	27	49	50	37	64	93	66	602
Crude death rate	31.6	26.0	30.4	32.2	34.7	32.3	33.4	37.0	32.3
Age-standardised mortality rate	36.9	37.3	38.3	39.4	30.0	36.7	36.7	36.8	36.7
External Causes of Injury and Poisoning:									
All Deaths from External Causes									
Number	607	108	145	151	121	184	286	145	1,747
Crude death rate	45.7	51.3	44.7	48.2	56.3	46.1	51.4	40.3	47.2
Age-standardised mortality rate	33.6	45.0	41.1	46.6	43.1	43.2	43.4	43.3	40.0
Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents:									
Number	112	49	41	53	27	52	63	32	429
Crude death rate	8.4	23.3	12.6	16.9	12.6	13.0	11.3	8.9	11.6
Age-standardised mortality rate	8.0	16.5	12.5	19.0	12.4	13.3	9.9	13.1	11.3
Suicide:									
Number	145	33	44	43	31	54	109	45	504
Crude death rate	10.9	15.7	13.6	13.7	14.4	13.5	19.6	12.5	13.6
Age-standardised mortality rate	8.4	10.8	12.3	11.0	11.3	14.0	14.0	12.6	11.1

* Age standardised rates based on World Health Organisation standardised European population.

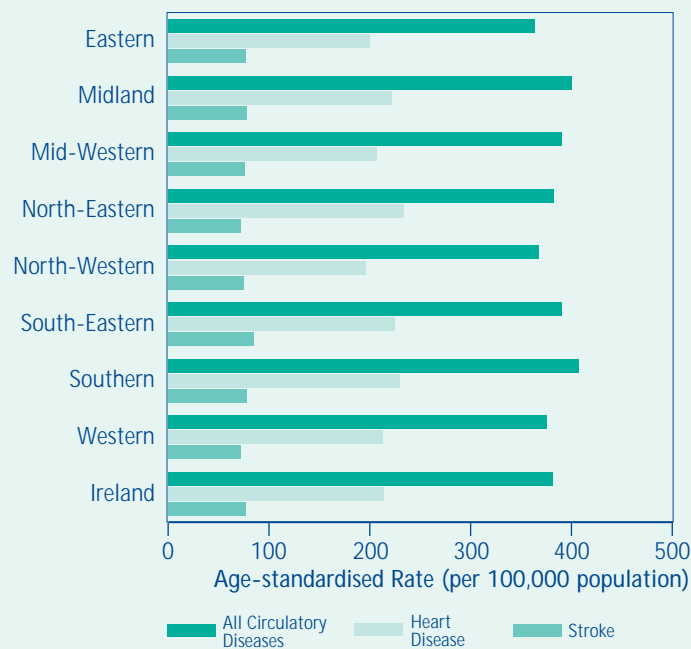
Source: World Health Statistics, 1995

Note: 1996 figures are provisional based on year of registration.

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 20

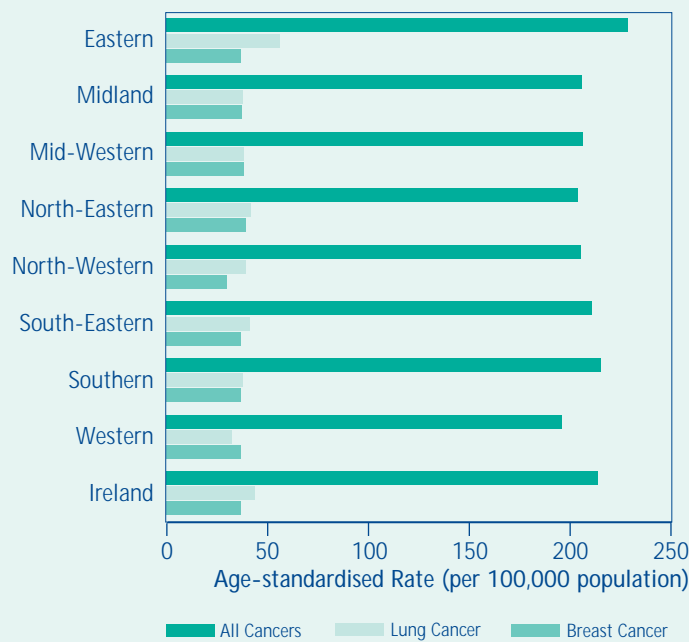
Diseases of the Circulatory System –
Mortality Rates by Health Board Area, 1993 to 1997



Source: Table B8

Figure 21

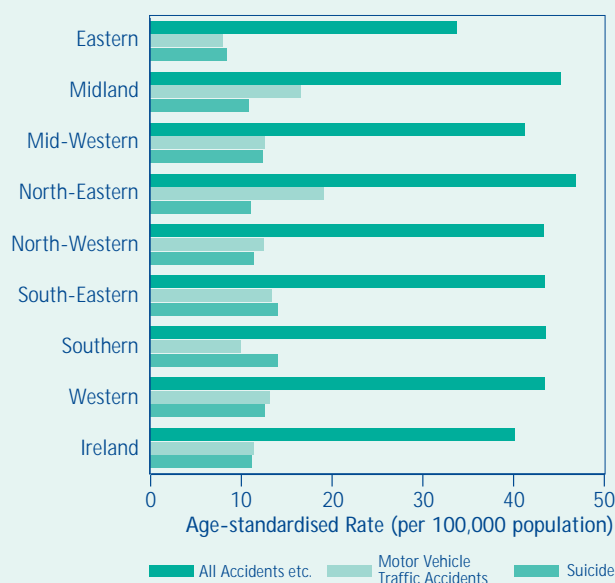
Cancer –
Mortality Rates by Health Board Area, 1993 to 1997



Source: Table B8

Figure 22

External Causes of Injury and Poisoning –
Mortality Rates by Health Board Area, 1993 to 1997



Source: Table B8

Table B9

Age-Standardised Mortality Rates
per 100,000 Population by Principal Causes for EU Countries

Country	Year of Data	All Causes	Diseases of the Circulatory System			Cancer			External Causes of Injury and Poisoning		
			All Circulatory System Diseases	Ischaemic Heart Disease	Stroke	All Malignant Neoplasms	Cancer of the Trachea, Bronchus and Lung	Cancer of the Female Breast	All Deaths from External Causes	Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents	Suicide
Austria	1997	709.7	355.7	146.8	80.5	182.3	33.6	28.6	48.4	11.9	17.8
Belgium	1992	770.2	267.7	81.0	66.8	214.5	53.4	35.5	56.3	15.4	17.2
Denmark	1996	837.9	286.1	142.0	67.7	226.5	53.4	39.3	52.3	9.1	15.5
Finland	1995	772.4	354.0	207.4	90.9	163.0	31.3	25.1	79.1	7.5	26.1
France	1995	638.0	182.7	53.6	45.3	193.0	35.4	27.9	63.0	13.2	18.7
Germany	1997	724.1	323.8	142.6	70.9	189.4	35.5	30.3	38.3	9.8	13.2
Greece	1996	689.8	334.6	91.1	114.4	162.6	39.6	23.2	38.8	22.2	3.1
Ireland*	1997	834.4	351.4	194.4	69.4	209.9	39.0	35.8	41.0	11.5	11.9
Italy	1993	695.5	284.8	90.0	85.5	199.9	42.2	29.5	40.8	13.3	7.2
Luxembourg	1997	707.4	277.1	91.6	69.5	193.0	45.2	26.7	48.8	13.5	18.0
Netherlands	1996	703.9	253.9	106.0	58.3	206.4	49.2	36.9	29.7	7.2	9.5
Portugal	1996	892.6	356.3	75.7	186.5	171.8	22.7	25.1	54.1	21.1	5.9
Spain	1995	674.5	241.7	71.7	71.6	179.8	35.3	24.8	37.4	13.6	7.2
Sweden	1996	637.6	286.9	148.8	61.3	160.3	24.5	23.8	38.6	5.1	13.1
United Kingdom	1997	737.0	292.1	162.6	69.8	198.1	45.5	33.4	28.5	5.9	6.7
EU Average	1996	718.9	284.92	114.5	74.7	193.9	39.3	30.2	42.9	11.3	11.3

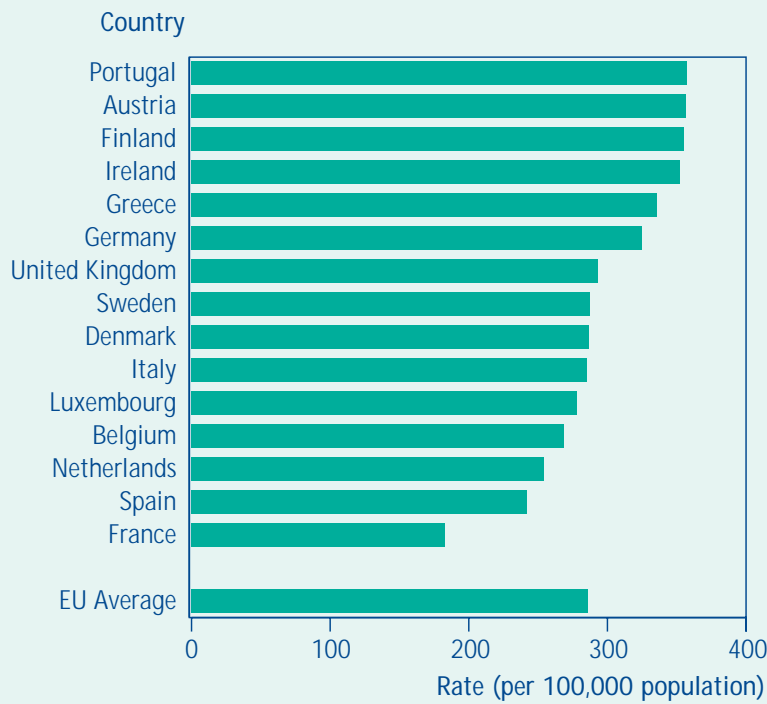
Source: Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

* Provisional figures based on year of registration.

Source: Central Statistics Office.

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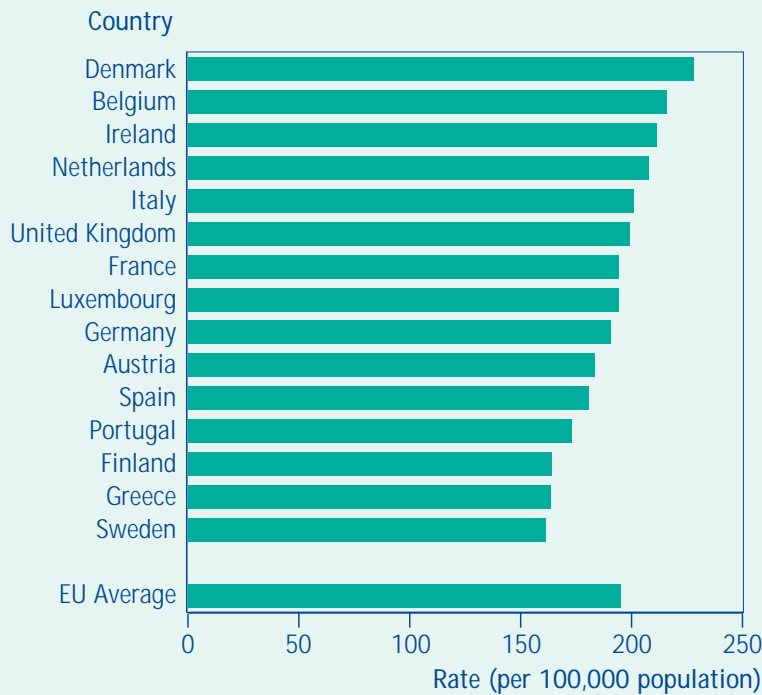
Age-Standardised Mortality Rates
for Diseases of the Circulatory System – EU Countries



Source: Table B9

Figure 24

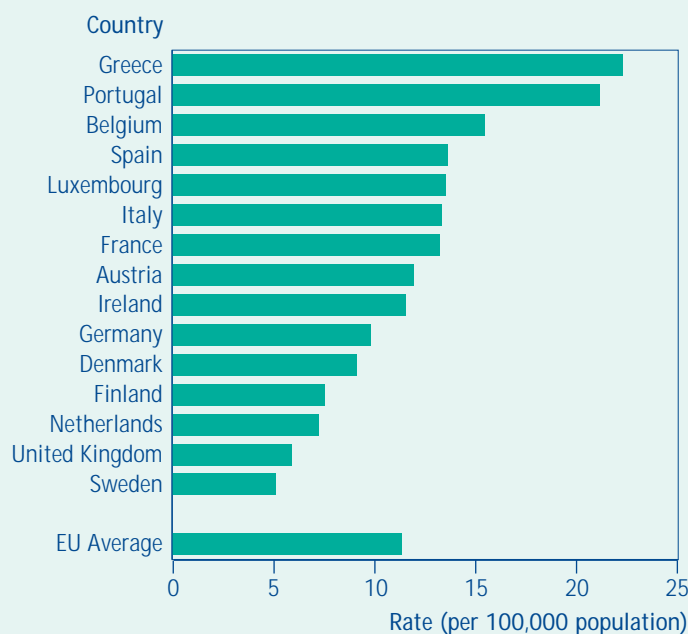
Age-Standardised Mortality Rates
for Cancer – EU Countries



Source: Table B9

Figure 25

Age-Standardised Mortality Rates for Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents – EU Countries



Source: Table B9

Deaths Attributed to Smoking

Data for Ireland on the estimated number of deaths directly attributed to smoking are contained in the publication, "Mortality from Smoking in Developed Countries, 1950–2000" by Richard Peto and others. Figures are available for the years 1975, 1985, 1990 and 1995 and are provided in table B10 and displayed graphically in Figure 26. A comparison with other EU countries is shown in Figure 27. The estimates are based on an indirect method which used the results of epidemiological studies of mortality in smokers versus non-smokers in the United States to assign proportions of total mortality due to tobacco for each relevant cause of death. Data on the numbers of regular smokers are provided in Section C

Table B10

Estimated Number of Deaths Attributed to Smoking 1975, 1985, 1990 and 1995

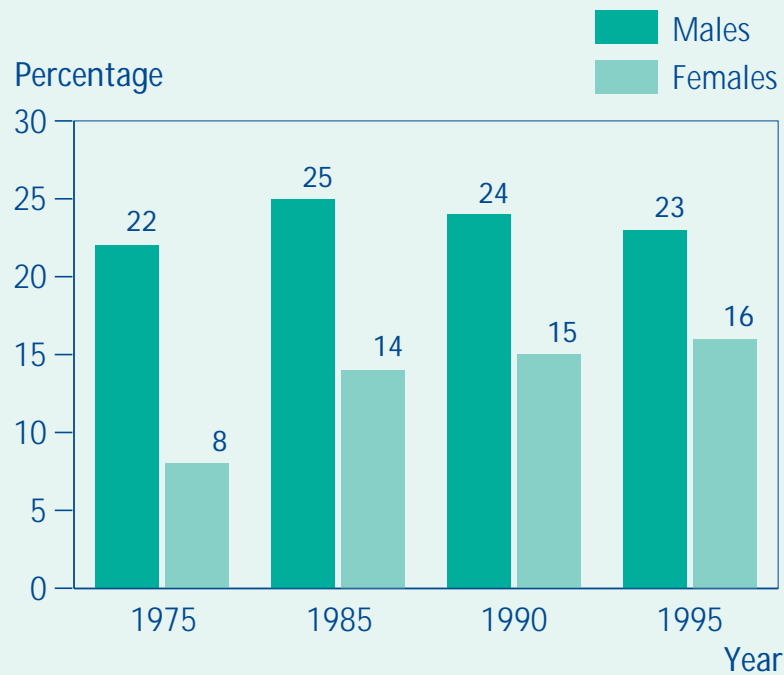
Cause of Death	1975		1985		1990		1995	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Lung Cancer	815	213	1,024	339	956	395	886	432
Upper Aero-Digestive Cancer*	144	58	178	78	179	86	183	91
Other Cancers	269	48	332	78	344	98	345	110
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	831	315	1,006	511	948	515	908	470
Other Respiratory Diseases	148	62	180	122	157	143	132	143
Vascular Disease	1,546	529	1,647	847	1,310	806	1,020	682
Other Medical Causes	252	126	276	183	256	224	227	252
Total	4,005	1,351	4,643	2,158	4,150	2,267	3,701	2,180

* Includes Cancers of the Mouth, Oesophagus, Pharynx and Larynx.

Source: Peto, R. et al. "Mortality from Smoking in Developed Countries 1950–2000".

Figure 26

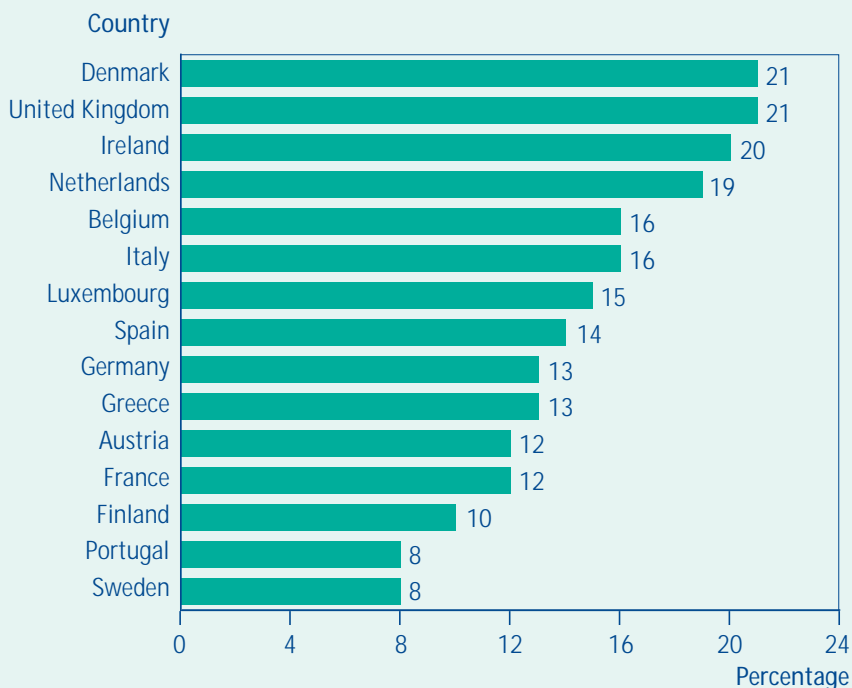
Estimated Deaths from Smoking
as a percentage of Total Deaths: 1975, 1985, 1990 and 1995



Source: Peto, R. et al. "Mortality from Smoking in Developed Countries 1950–2000."

Figure 27

Estimated Deaths from Smoking
in 1995 as a percentage of Total Deaths: EU Countries



Source: Peto, R. et al. "Mortality from Smoking in Developed Countries 1950–2000."

Infant and Maternal Mortality

Infant and maternal mortality rates have steadily declined in recent years (see table B11). Table B12 gives a breakdown by health board area and Table B13 gives comparisons with other EU Countries.

Definitions:

- Infant deaths refer to liveborn infants surviving less than 1 year.
- Neonatal deaths refer to liveborn infants surviving less than 4 weeks.
- Stillbirths prior to 1995 refer to the death of a fetus at or over 28 weeks gestation. From 1995 stillbirths refer to the death of a fetus weighing 500 grams or more at a gestational age of 24 weeks or more.
- Perinatal deaths refer to stillbirths plus deaths of liveborn infants aged under 1 week.
- Maternal deaths refer to I.C.D. 9 detailed list numbers 630-676.

Table B11

Infant, Perinatal, Neonatal and Maternal Mortality 1968, 1978, 1988 and 1998

	1968	1978	1988	1998*
Infant Deaths				
Number	1,280	1,046	484	330
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	21.0	14.9	8.9	6.2
Neonatal Deaths				
Number	850	692	291	232
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	13.9	9.8	5.3	4.3
Perinatal Deaths				
Number	1,645	1,246	624	520 (a)
Perinatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births and stillbirths)	26.6	17.6	11.3	10.6 (a)
Maternal Deaths				
Number	22	12	1	0 (a)
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births and stillbirths)	35.5	16.9	1.8	0.0 (a)
Stillbirths				
Number	934	659	386	330 (a)
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 live births and stillbirths)	15.1	9.3	7.0	6.7 (a)

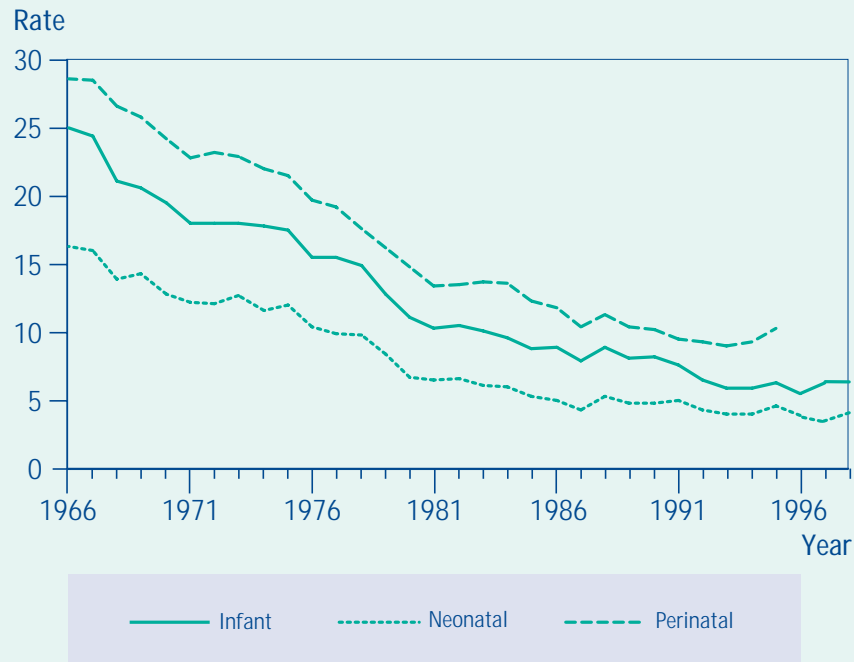
* Provisional figures based on year of registration.

(a) 1995.

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 28

Infant, Neonatal and Perinatal Mortality Rates 1966 to 1998



Source: Central Statistics Office

Table B12

Number of Deaths and Rates for Stillbirths, Infant, Neonatal and Perinatal Mortality by Health Board Area, 1998*

	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Ireland
Infant Deaths									
Number	130	22	35	21	22	28	41	31	330
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	6.3	7.3	7.5	4.8	7.9	5.0	5.3	6.6	6.2
Neonatal Deaths									
Number	90	17	26	15	16	22	25	21	232
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	4.4	5.6	5.5	3.4	5.8	3.9	3.2	4.5	4.3
Perinatal Deaths (a)									
Number	180	37	45	51	25	60	87	35	520
Perinatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births and stillbirths)	9.7	12.9	10.7	12.6	9.3	11.4	12.2	8.1	10.6
Stillbirths (a)									
Number	107	26	30	29	13	44	59	22	330
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 live births and stillbirths)	5.8	9.1	7.1	7.2	4.8	8.3	8.3	5.1	6.7

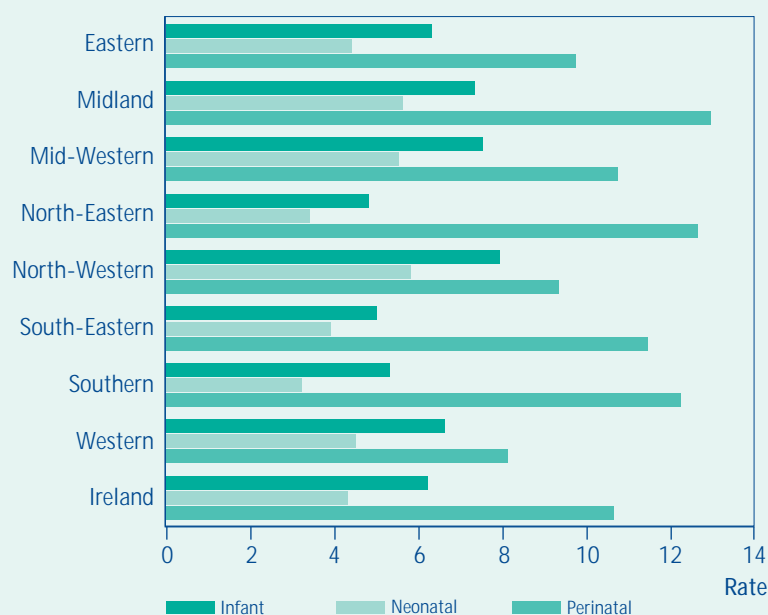
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(a) 1995.

Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 29

Perinatal Mortality Rates 1995, Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates 1998, by Health Board Area



Source: Table B12

Table B13

Infant, Neonatal and Perinatal Mortality Rates for EU Countries, 1995

Country	Infant Mortality Rate	Neonatal Mortality Rate	Perinatal Mortality Rate
Austria	5.4	3.4	6.8
Belgium	6.1	4.2 (b)	8.4 (b)
Denmark	5.3	3.5 (c)	7.4 (c)
Finland	3.9	2.6	5.4 (d)
France	4.9 (a)	3.2 (d)	7.0 (d)
Germany	5.3	3.2	6.8
Greece	8.1	5.8	10.4
Ireland*	6.4	4.8	10.6
Italy	6.2 (a)	5.3 (c)	8.8 (c)
Luxembourg	5.5	3.5	7.0
Netherlands	5.5	3.8	8.8
Portugal	7.5	4.7	9.3 (d)
Spain	5.5 (a)	3.9 (d)	6.5 (d)
Sweden	4.1	2.9	5.4 (d)
United Kingdom	6.2	4.1 (d)	8.9 (d)
EU Average	5.6 (a)	4.2 (b)	7.7 (b)

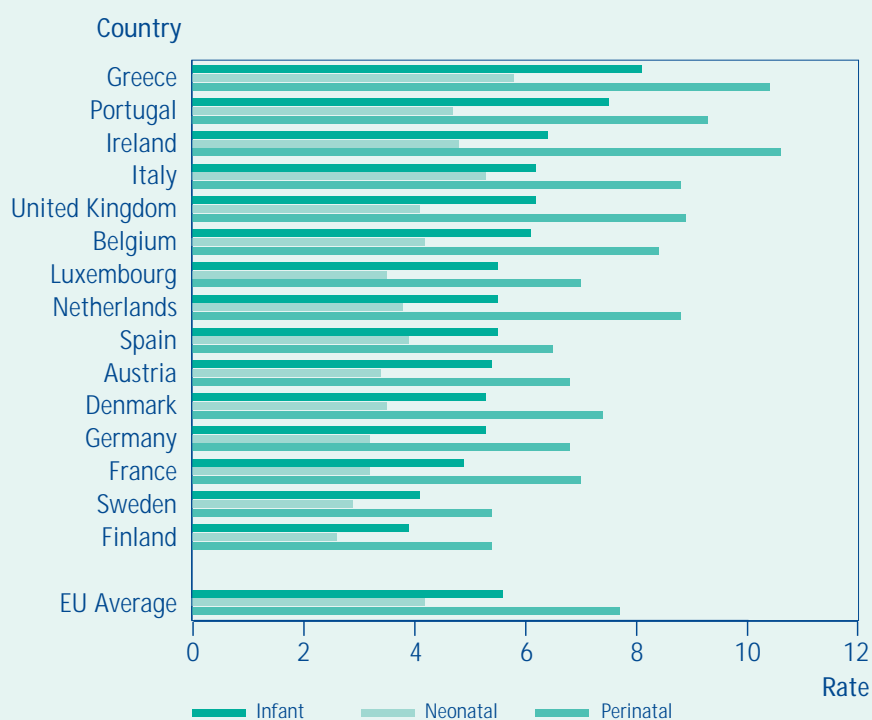
(a) Provisional figure, (b) 1992, (c) 1993, (d) 1994

Source: Demographic Statistics, Eurostat 1997.

* Source: Central Statistics Office.

Figure 30

Infant, Neonatal and Perinatal Mortality Rates for EU Countries



Source: Table B13

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Health Status

This section contains information relating to the self-reported health status of the Irish population together with a comparison to the other EU member states. Information is also provided about the incidence of some of the conditions that have a significant adverse affect on the overall health status of the population including various infectious diseases, the incidence of cancers, neonatal health and the occurrence of accidental injuries.

Self-Reported Health in EU Countries

The data in Table C1 are taken from the first wave (1994) of the European Community Household Panel (ECHP). This is a multi-dimensional and multi-purpose survey which covers income, demographic and labour force characteristics, health, education, housing, migration and other topics. Because health is related to age and the age distribution varies between the EU Member States, the figures provided are 'age-standardised' with the exception of the 'EU Average' figures. As the survey was undertaken when the EU had only 12 Member States, Austria, Finland and Sweden are not included.

Table C1

Health Indicators per Country (16 Years of Age and Over), 1994

Country	Percentage who Perceived their Health to be			Percentage Hampered in Daily Activities Due to Chronic Conditions*		Percentage Reporting a Cutdown of Activities in Past Two Weeks Due to Physical and/or Mental Condition			Percentage Hospitalised During Past 12 Months#
	Good or Very Good	Fair	Bad or Very Bad	Yes, Severely	Yes, to Some Extent	Physical & Mental	Physical	Mental	
Belgium	74	21	6	6	15	1	8	2	12
Denmark	80	15	5	5	15	3	13	2	10
France	64	28	7	10	9	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	10
Germany	69	23	8	7	18	1	14	1	13
Greece	76	15	10	6	10	1	7	1	8
Ireland	80	17	4	4	14	2	8	2	11
Italy	59	29	12	7	15	0	4	1	9
Luxembourg	67	26	8	4	19	2	11	2	15
Netherlands	75	21	5	7	19	4	13	3	8
Portugal	53	28	19	9	19	N.A.	13 ~	5	7
Spain	64	23	13	6	12	1	10	1	8
United Kingdom	75	19	7	5	18	2	12	1	11
EU Average+	65	25	10	8	16	1	11	1	11

* Includes any chronic physical or mental health problem, illness or disability.

Excludes hospitalisation for childbirth.

+ Not age-standardised.

~ Includes "Physical & Mental".

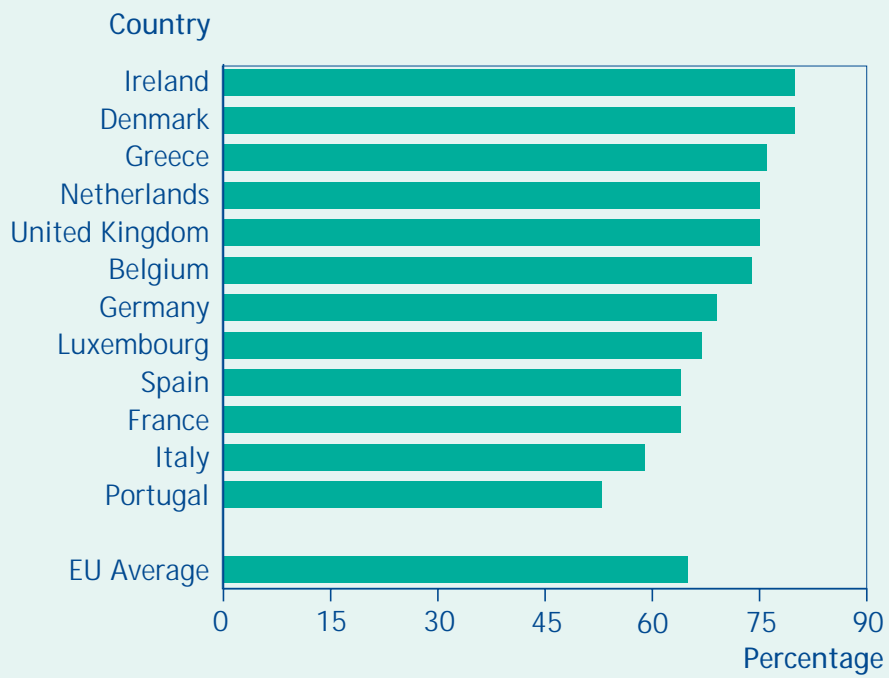
N.A. indicates 'Not Available'.

Note: Any slight discrepancies in figures are due to rounding.

Source: Eurostat - European Community Household Panel. Survey of Living Conditions, 1994.

Figure 1

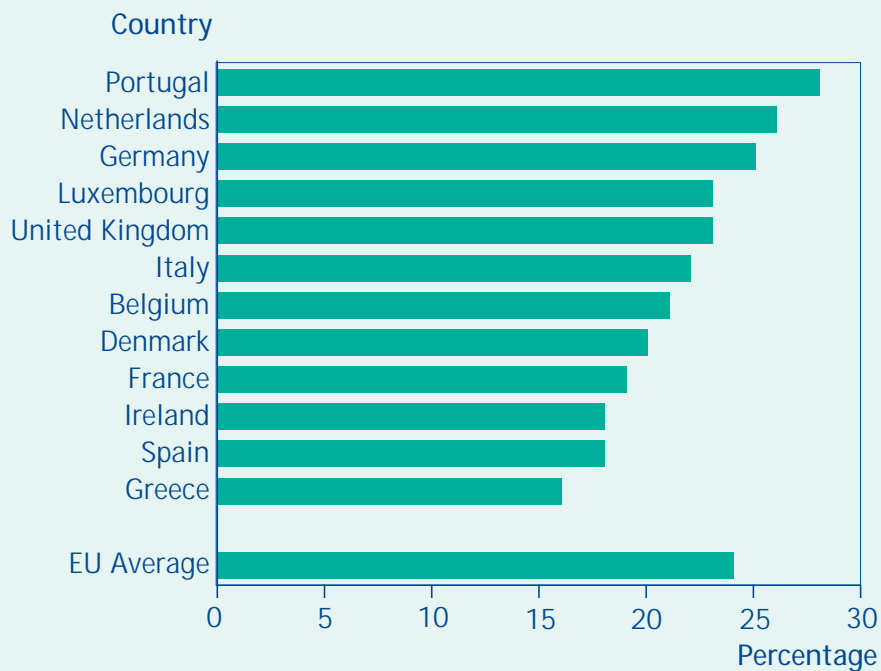
Percentage Who Perceive Their Health to be Good or Very Good: EU Countries



Source: Table C1.

Figure 2

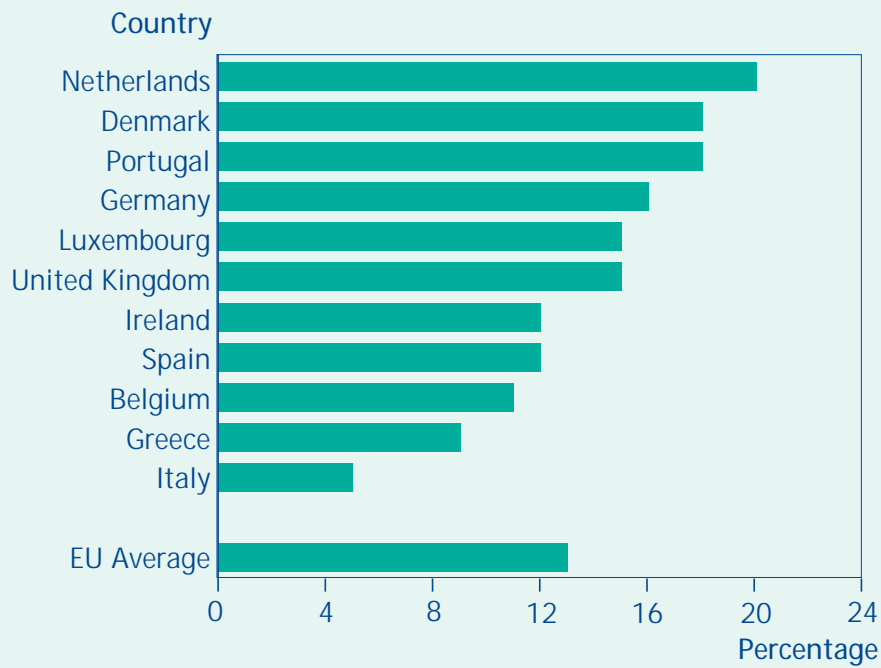
Percentage Hampered in Daily Activities Due to Chronic Conditions: EU Countries



Source: Table C1.

Figure 3

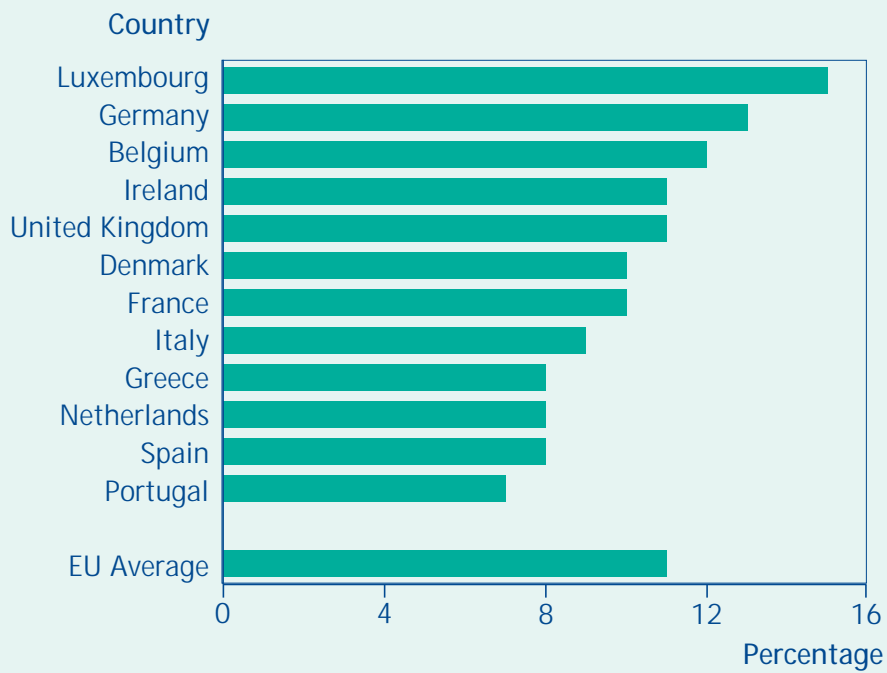
Percentage Reporting a Cutdown of Activities Due to Physical and/or Mental Conditions: EU Countries



Source: Table C1.

Figure 4

Percentage Hospitalised During the Past Year: EU Countries



Source: Table C1.

Infectious Diseases

Seven tables are presented on infectious diseases. Table C2 and Figure 5 deal with the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified each year from 1971 to 1996. Tables C3 and C4 indicate the numbers of new cases of each notifiable disease from 1994 to 1997 (see also Figures 6 and 7).

Table C5 shows the number of HIV positive antibody results from the Virus Reference Laboratory since 1985 while tables C6 and C7 summarise the results of the anonymous unlinked antenatal HIV screening programme which has been in operation since October 1992.

Table C8 and Figure 8 provide information on the number of new cases of and deaths from AIDS for each of the years since 1982. Comparisons of the incidence of clinically diagnosed AIDS in 1996 with other EU countries is shown in Figure 9.

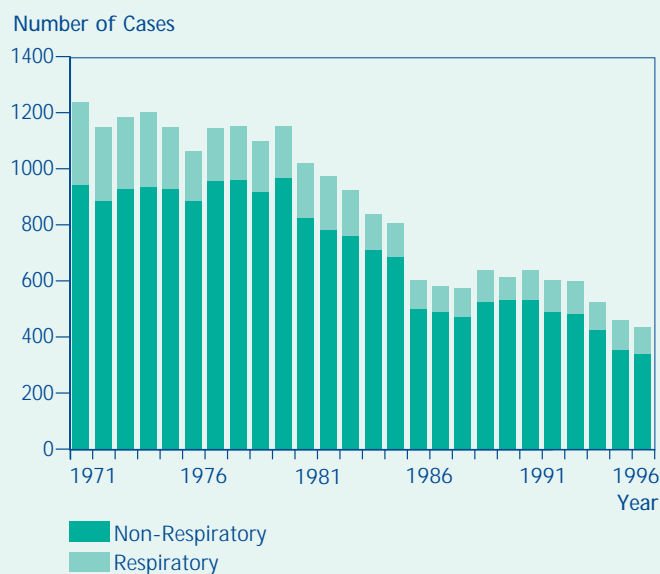
Table C2

**Number of New Cases of Tuberculosis
Notified Each Year 1971 to 1996**

<i>Year</i>	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Total
1971	943	295	1,238
1972	884	263	1,147
1973	928	254	1,182
1974	938	264	1,202
1975	930	218	1,148
1976	886	175	1,061
1977	959	186	1,145
1978	960	191	1,151
1979	918	181	1,099
1980	967	185	1,152
1981	825	193	1,018
1982	784	191	975
1983	763	161	924
1984	711	126	837
1985	685	119	804
1986	501	101	602
1987	490	91	581
1988	474	101	575
1989	525	113	638
1990	532	81	613
1991	534	106	640
1992	491	113	604
1993	482	116	598
1994	425	99	524
1995	354	104	458
1996	339	95	434

Figure 5

New Cases of Tuberculosis Notified 1971 to 1996



Source: Table C2.

Table C3

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified
1994 to 1997

Infectious Disease	1994	1995	1996	1997
Acute Encephalitis	1	0	7	3
Acute Viral Meningitis	90	74	77	32
Bacillary Dysentery	203	97	59	41
Bacterial Meningitis (including Meningococcal Septicaemia)	241	382	410	506
Brucellosis	14	6	10	7
Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease*	—	—	—	3
Food Poisoning (bacterial other than Salmonella)	62	100	276	448
Gastro-Enteritis (when contracted by children under 2 years of age)	3,043	3,234	2,997	2,968
Infectious Mononucleosis	183	156	216	212
Infectious Parotitis (Mumps)	33	27	422	285
Influenzal Pneumonia	6	31	54	29
Legionnaire's Disease	1	1	2	6
Leptospirosis	2	1	6	8
Malaria	12	9	14	8
Measles	1,233	235	228	185
Rubella	206	100	602	113
Salmonellosis (other than Typhoid or Paratyphoid)	338	571	678	958
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	1	4	4	0
Typhus	0	1	0	0
Viral Haemorrhagic Disease	0	0	0	1
Viral Hepatitis Type A	94	133	313	422
Viral Hepatitis Type B	20	11	10	26
Viral Hepatitis Unspecified	56	57	63	65
Whooping Cough	353	436	261	459

* Became a notifiable disease on 16/12/96.

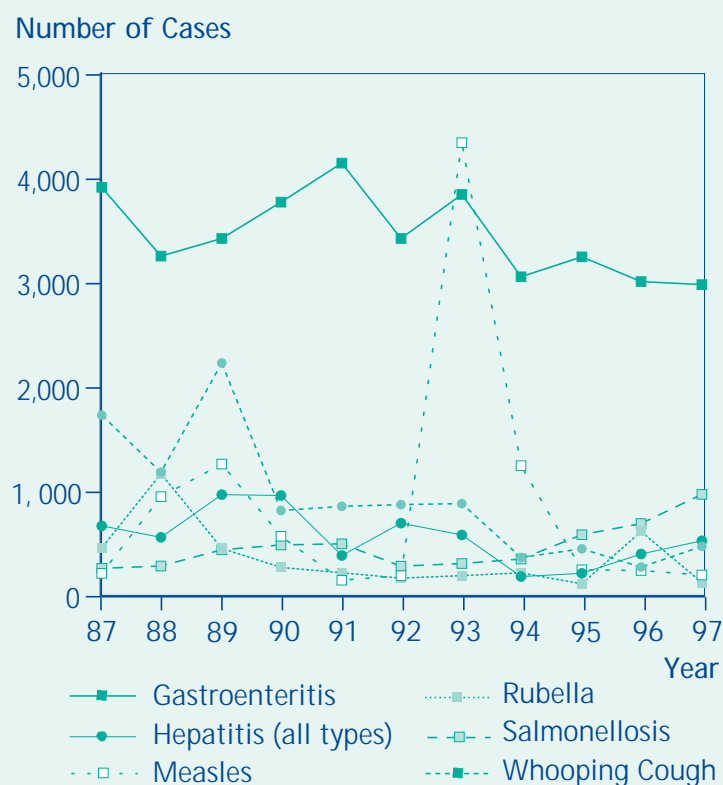
Table C4

Cases of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Notified
1994 to 1997

Sexually Transmitted Disease	1994	1995	1996	1997
Ano-Genital Warts	1,532	1,972	2,286	2,514
Candidiasis	1,360	1,271	1,321	1,521
Chancroid	2	3	1	1
Chlamydia Trachomatis	133	245	364	462
Genital Herpes Simplex	173	198	181	211
Gonorrhoea	98	76	83	98
Granuloma Inguinale	0	0	1	1
Lymphogranuloma Venereum	0	0	0	5
Molluscum Contagiosum	56	59	34	74
Non-Specific Urethritis	610	781	823	1,034
Pediculosis Pubis	69	86	79	81
Syphilis	11	11	17	16
Trichomoniasis	29	60	71	94
Other	391	382	505	1,138
Totals	4,464	5,144	5,766	7,250

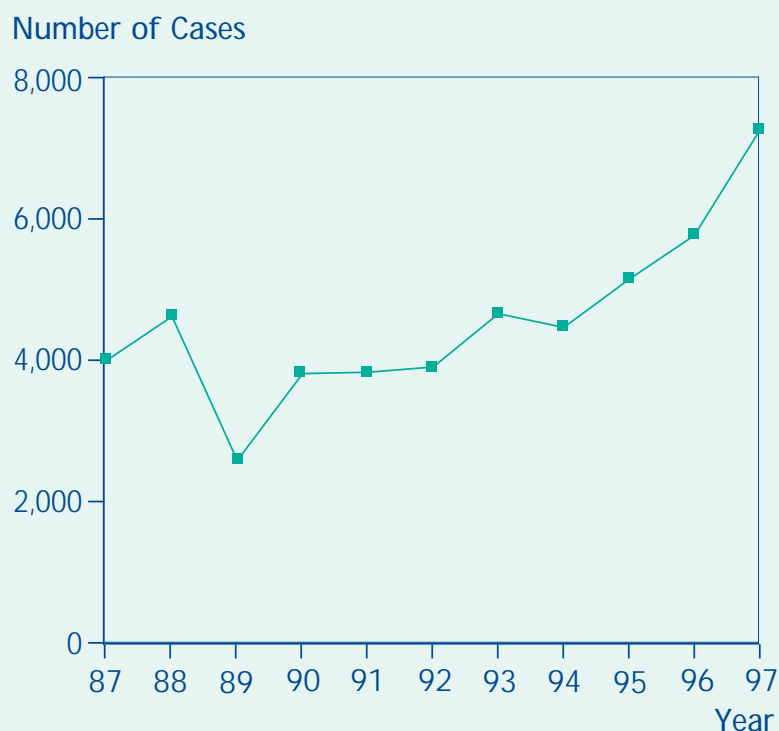
Figure 6

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified
for Selected Types: 1987 to 1997



Note: Gastroenteritis refers to cases contracted by children under 2 years.
Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1989-1999.

Figure 7
Cases of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Notified, 1987 to 1997



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1989–1999.

Table C5
Yearly HIV Positive Antibody Results
from The Virus Reference Laboratory, 1985 to 1998

Category	1985#	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Cumulative Total
Intravenous Drug Users	221	112	72	58	57	50	34	82	52	20	19	20	21	26	844
Children at Risk	8	11	16	18	10	11	4	7	12	10	4	8	10	20	149
Homosexuals	39	11	21	17	33	25	27	58	48	31	33	41	37	37	458
Haemophiliacs	92	13	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	114
Haemophiliac Contacts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Hospital Staff/Occupational Hazard/Needlestick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4
Transfusion*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4
Blood Donors (specimens referred by BTSB)*	3	1	3	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	0	5	1	2	28
Organ Donors*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visa Requests*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Insurance*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prisoners*	0	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	5	3	26
Heterosexuals/Risk Unspecified	0	21	26	20	0	24	25	50	21	22	30	27	40	47	353
Total	363	169	145	115	116	111	92	201	137	85	91	106	119	136	1,986

Cumulative figures.

* Categorized by site reason rather than risk.

Notes: (i) This table does not include specimens tested in unlinked anonymous surveillance programme.

(ii) The above figures which are produced by the Virus Reference Laboratory relate to categories of persons as identified either by patients themselves or by their clinicians.

Source: Virus Reference Laboratory.

Table C6

Results of Anonymous Unlinked Antenatal Screening
by Year, 1993 to 1997

<i>Year</i>	Total Tests Undertaken	Total Negative Tests	Total Tests Confirmed Positive	Percentage Confirmed Positive
1993*	53,480	53,467	13	0.02
1994	51,118	51,112	6	0.01
1995	56,081	56,075	6	0.01
1996	62,008	61,996	12	0.02
1997	64,412	64,385	27	0.04
Total	287,099	287,035	64	0.02

* Includes 4th quarter of 1992.

Table C7

Anonymous Unlinked Antenatal Screening
1993 to 1997 by Age Group

<i>Age Group</i>	Total Tests Undertaken	Total Negative Tests	Total Indeterminate Samples	Total Tests Confirmed Positive	Rate Confirmed Positive per 100,000 Tests
Under 20 years	21,831	21,829	0	2	9.16
20-24 years	45,567	45,551	0	16	35.11
25-29 years	76,516	76,491	0	25	32.67
30-34 years	78,063	78,049	0	14	17.93
35-39 years	35,514	35,511	1	2	5.63
40 years and over	9,368	9,366	0	2	21.35
Not Stated	20,240	20,237	0	3	14.82
Total	287,099	287,034	1	64	22.29

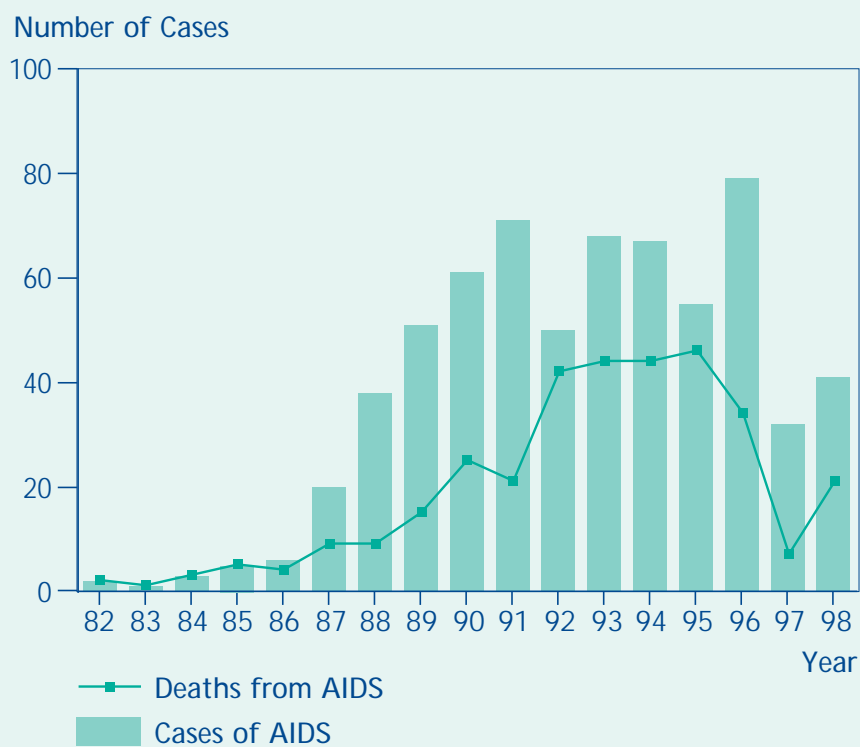
Table C8

Cases of and Deaths from AIDS 1982 to 1998

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Cumulative Total
Cases of AIDS																		
Homosexuals/Bisexuals	2	0	1	1	1	6	21	17	22	23	15	13	27	16	34	12	13	224
I.V. Drug Users	0	0	0	1	1	9	10	21	27	31	27	42	21	23	33	9	11	266
Homo/Bisexual/I.V. Drug Users	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9
Haemophiliacs	0	0	1	0	3	3	3	6	1	3	1	1	6	3	0	0	2	33
Heterosexuals	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	8	11	7	11	7	10	11	7	5	81
Babies Born to I.V. Drug Users	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	12
Other Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	4	10
Transfusion Recipient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
Undetermined	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	9
Total	2	1	3	5	6	20	38	51	61	71	50	68	67	55	79	32	41	650
Deaths from AIDS																		
Homosexuals/Bisexuals	2	0	1	1	1	3	4	7	7	7	12	14	11	11	16	3	9	109
I.V. Drug Users	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	11	9	21	21	27	26	17	1	7	148
Homo/Bisexual/I.V. Drug Users	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Haemophiliacs	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	3	2	1	6	3	3	0	0	1	25
Heterosexuals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	8	3	3	5	1	2	3	32
Babies Born to I.V. Drug Users	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8
Undetermined	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Total	2	1	3	5	4	9	9	15	25	21	42	44	44	46	34	7	21	332

Figure 8

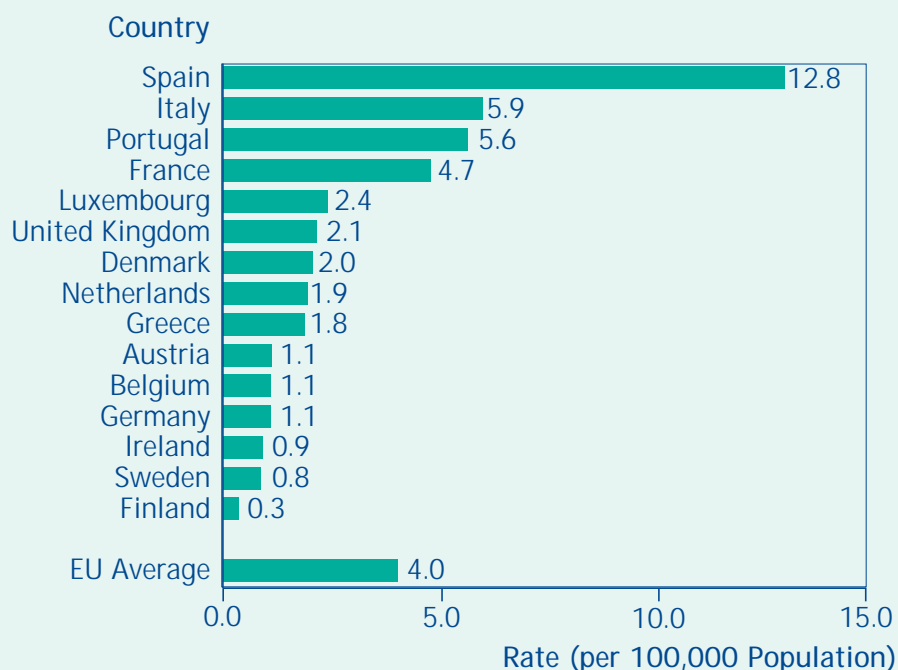
Cases of and Deaths from AIDS, 1982 to 1998



Source: Table C8.

Figure 9

Incidence of AIDS in 1997 per 100,000 Population: EU Countries



Source: Health for All Database, World Health Organisation.

Incidence of Cancer

Since the late 1970's the Southern Tumour Registry has collected data on cancer incidence and mortality in Cork and Kerry. The National Cancer Registry extended the collection of data to the rest of the country in 1994 and has published national reports for 1994 and 1995.

The Registry recorded 19,833 incident cases of cancer in 1995. 51% of these were diagnosed in women and 49% in men. The crude incidence rate for both women and men was 5.5 per 1,000 population per year. The overall risk of developing cancer before the age of 75 was 37%, a little more than one in three, for the entire population - 39% for men and 35% for women.

Dividing the number of deaths in the year by the number of cases gives the mortality/incidence ratio which is an approximate measure of the overall death rate from cancer. For men this was 0.41; that is, for every 100 men developing cancer, 41 could expect to die of this cancer. The ratio for women was significantly lower at 0.34.

35% of the 19,833 incident cases refer to non-melanoma skin cancers. These cancers are often excluded from summaries of cancer incidence as they introduce bias into the data for the following reasons:

- mortality from them is negligible,
- they tend to be concentrated in the older age-groups and so their large numbers shift estimates of average and median ages to higher values,
- their diagnosis and treatment is usually carried out on an out-patient or day care basis and so they are more likely to escape registration than other cancers. Because of their large numbers, small variations in the registration efficiency of non-melanoma skin cancer may have a disproportionate effect on overall cancer incidence rates.

Table C9 shows the main types of cancers diagnosed in males and females in 1994 and 1995. This information is displayed graphically in Figure 10 for 1995. Age-standardised incidence rates for all cancers excluding non-melanoma skin cancer are provided in Table C10 and Figure 11 in respect of selected EU countries.

Table C9

Main Types of New Cancers Diagnosed in 1994 and 1995

Cancer Type	Male		Female		Total		As a % of All Cases in 1995
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	
	Non-melanoma skin	3,327	3,620	3,081	3,315	6,408	
Bowel	995	971	790	786	1,785	1,757	8.9
Breast	13	8	1,544	1,555	1,557	1,563	7.9
Lung	987	936	468	475	1,455	1,411	7.1
Prostate	1,000	1,083	—	—	1,000	1,083	5.5
Cervix	—	—	1,061	969	1,061	969	4.9
Melanoma of skin	165	169	315	329	480	498	2.5
Stomach	304	305	172	187	476	492	2.5
Bladder	345	337	164	109	509	446	2.2
Lymphoma	244	224	211	192	455	416	2.1
Ovary	—	—	280	332	280	332	1.7
Leukaemia	171	204	135	104	306	308	1.6
Oesophagus	168	169	127	132	295	301	1.5
Pancreas	142	141	142	145	284	286	1.4
Brain	142	155	113	116	255	271	1.4
Womb	—	—	182	213	182	213	1.1
Kidney	138	117	80	89	218	206	1.0
Larynx	95	108	20	17	115	125	0.6
All other	1,192	1,266	1,003	955	2,195	2,221	11.2
Total	9,428	9,813	9,888	10,020	19,316	19,833	100.0

Source: National Cancer Registry.

Table C10

Age-standardised Incidence Rates per 100,000 Population for Ireland in 1995* and Selected EU Countries in 1990** for all Cancers Excluding Non-melanoma Skin Cancer

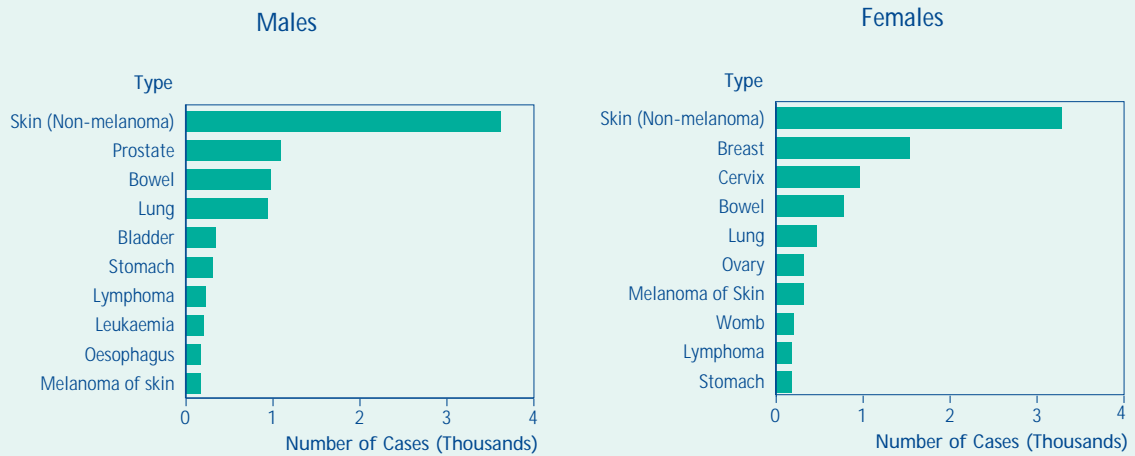
Country	Incidence Rate	
	Male	Female
Austria	427.9	314.3
Denmark	375.7	357.2
Finland	367.9	283.9
France	435.2	241.5
Germany	396.4	292.7
Ireland	400.0	377.1
Italy	389.1	259.0
Netherlands	429.7	315.8
Spain	354.1	214.5
Sweden	356.2	318.1
United Kingdom	381.8	315.7
EU Average	389.3	273.8

* Source: National Cancer Registry, Ireland.

** Source: International Registry for Research on Cancer - European Network of Cancer Registries - Cancer in the European Union in 1990.

Figure 10

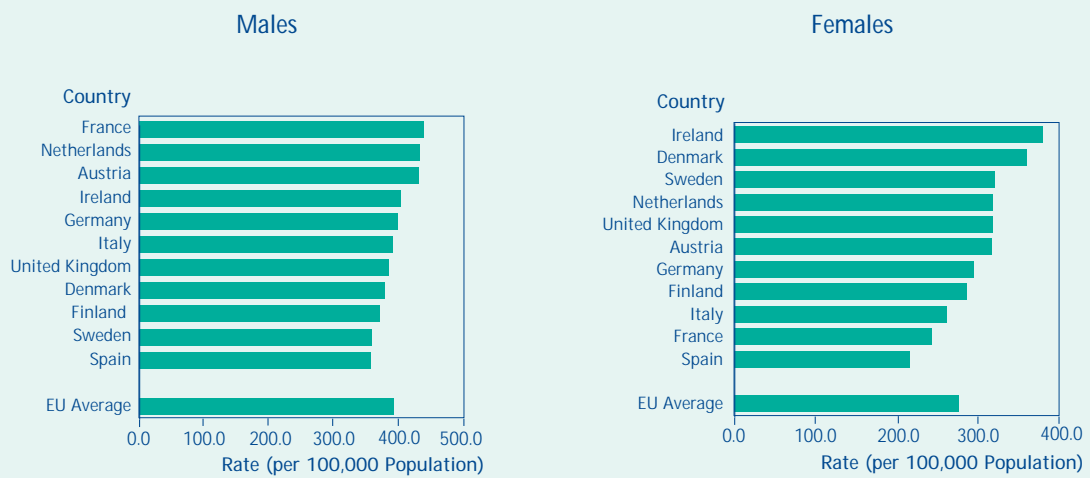
New Cancers Diagnosed in 1995:
10 Most common Types in Males and Females



Source: Table C9.

Figure 11

Age-Standardised Incidence Rates
for all Cancers Excluding Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer
— Selected EU Countries



Source: Table C10.

Metabolic Errors

Newborn infants are tested for Phenylketonuria (P.K.U.) and for other congenital metabolic errors. Table C11 shows the number of tests carried out and the incidence of these conditions.

Table C11

Metabolic Errors Screening Programme 1966 to 1997

Condition	Number of Specimens Tested				Incidence Rate per 100,000 Specimens				Total Screening Since 1966		
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1994	1995	1996	1997	Year Screening Began	Number of Specimens Tested	Incidence Rate per 100,000 Specimens
Phenylketonuria	52,630	53,909	55,422	57,293	19.0	29.7	19.8	22.7	1966	1,953,913	22.4
Homocystinuria	52,630	53,909	55,422	57,293	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1971	1,655,125	1.5
Maple Syrup											
Urine Disease	52,630	53,909	55,422	57,293	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1972	1,584,228	0.8
Galactosaemia	52,630	53,909	55,422	57,293	3.8	9.3	3.6	12.2	1972	1,568,105	5.5
Hypothyroidism	52,630	53,909	55,422	57,293	30.4	51.9	30.7	36.7	1979	1,110,841	30.5

Source: National Neonatal Screening Laboratory.

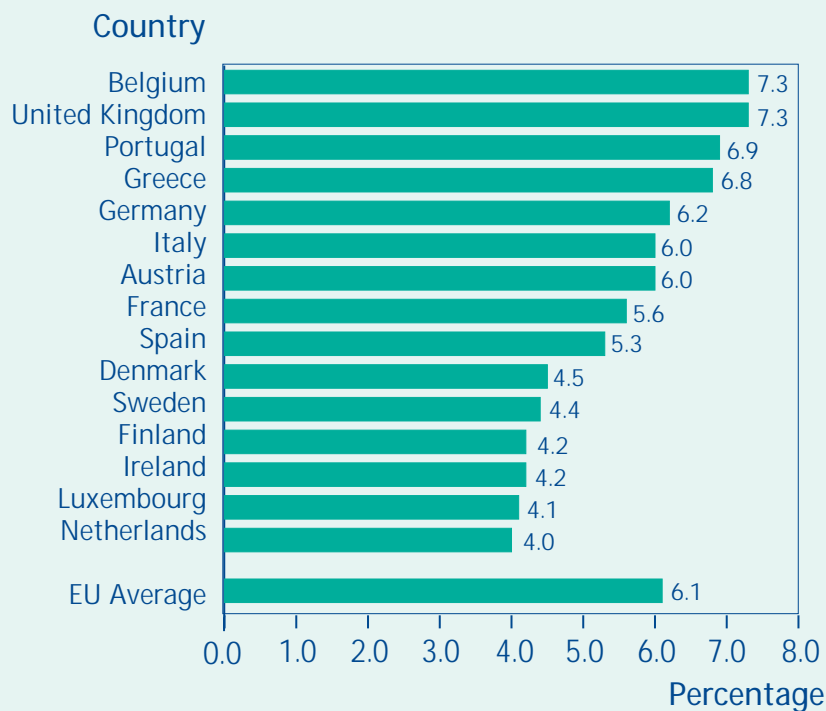
Low Birthweight Babies

Table C12

Percentage of Live Births in EU Countries Weighing Less Than 2,500 Grams

Country	Year of Data	As a % of Total Births
Austria	1997	6.0
Belgium	1997	7.3
Denmark	1992	4.5
Finland	1996	4.2
France	1991	5.6
Germany	1994	6.2
Greece	1995	6.8
Ireland	1993	4.2
Italy	1994	6.0
Luxembourg	1995	4.1
Netherlands	1982	4.0
Portugal	1997	6.9
Spain	1994	5.3
Sweden	1995	4.4
United Kingdom	1997	7.3
EU Average	1994	6.1

Source: Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 12**Percentage of Low Birthweight Babies in EU Countries**

Source: Table C12.

Home and Leisure Accidents

The principal source of detailed information on home and leisure accidents in Ireland is the European Home and Leisure Accidents Surveillance System (EHLASS) which was established by a decision of the Council of the European Communities in April, 1986. The objective of the system is to monitor home and leisure accidents in a harmonised manner to determine their causes, the circumstances of their occurrence, their consequences and to provide information on the consumer products involved.

Data collection systems were set up for the collection of EHLASS data in the casualty departments of selected hospitals in each of the member states and each state produces its own annual EHLASS report in a harmonised format specified by the European Commission.

Data collection began in Ireland in April, 1986 in Cork University Hospital and Mayo General Hospital, Castlebar. EHLASS records all home and leisure accidents where the persons involved sought treatment at the casualty departments of either of these two hospitals. Road traffic accidents and work accidents are excluded from this survey as are suicide attempts.

In 1998 the two participating hospitals dealt with 6,213 EHLASS accidents. Cork University Hospital, which operates in an urban area, accounted for 3,662 accidents while Mayo General Hospital, serving a large and predominantly rural area, accounted for the remaining 2,551.

The 1998 report showed that 71% of accidents involved males and that most occurred in the under 25 age group. 49% of accidents to males were due to being struck and/or hit whereas 50% of female accidents were due to falls. Sporting venues were the most frequent place of occurrence of home and leisure accidents with play and leisure being the most frequent activities associated with accidents. For men in the 15-24 age group, over 79% of accidents occurred during sporting activities.

Health Status and Lifestyle

Out of a total of 6,213 accidents recorded, 10% required hospitalisation. The average length of stay was 3.2 days although 44% of patients were discharged after only one day. The average length of stay was significantly higher for the very old.

Table C13 summarises the principal product groups responsible for home and leisure accidents while figures 13 to 17 show other aspects of these accidents such as age distribution, types of injuries sustained and place of occurrence.

Table C13

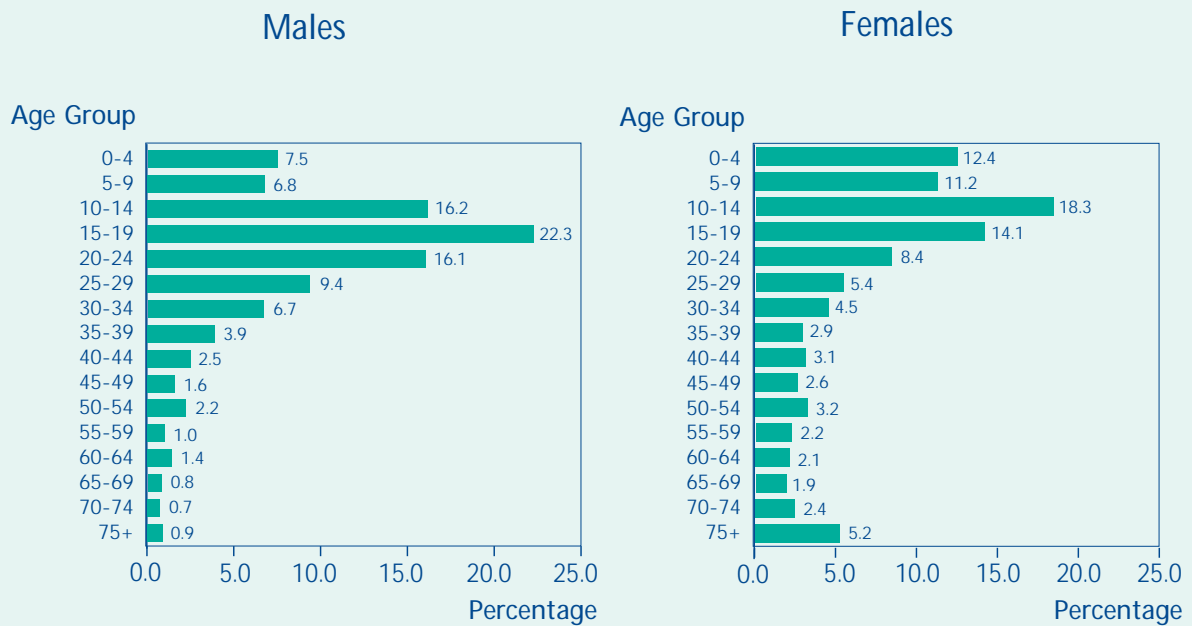
The 20 Most Common Product Groups Causing Injury, 1998

<i>Description of Product Grouping</i>	Number of Accidents	As a % of All Accidents	% Hospitalised	Average Length of Stay in Days
Tennis, windsurfing, swimming etc.	2,245	36.16	6.50	2.93
House building elements	774	12.47	11.89	3.32
Clothing, sportswear	500	8.05	9.80	1.51
Household furniture	280	4.51	15.36	3.98
Sports articles	280	4.51	10.71	3.37
Vehicles, car accessories, boats, bikes	264	4.25	7.58	2.80
Floor, footpath, street, water	243	3.91	8.23	5.10
Animals and animal accessories	158	2.54	5.06	4.63
DIY equipment	133	2.14	9.02	4.00
Food, hot liquids	121	1.95	19.01	5.78
Athletics, boxing, golf, horse riding etc.	116	1.87	6.03	3.57
Kitchen utensils, electrical items	101	1.63	12.87	2.46
Building materials, insulation, wood	85	1.37	4.71	3.75
Splinters dust particles	85	1.37	0.00	0.00
Fair, playground	83	1.34	13.25	2.09
Footwear	57	0.92	12.28	1.71
Plants, trees	54	0.87	12.96	2.00
Heating equipment	52	0.84	40.38	6.95
Floors, inside coverings, stairs	48	0.77	6.25	6.00
Garden equipment	45	0.72	22.22	2.90
Other product	354	5.70	12.43	2.21
Unknown	135	2.17	19.26	3.23
Total	6,213	100.00	9.59	3.20

Source: EHLASS Report for Ireland, 1998.

Figure 13

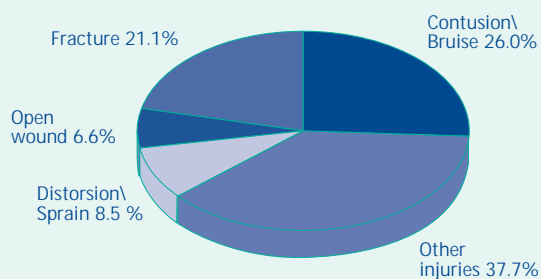
Distribution of Accidents
by Age for Males and Females, 1998



Source: EHLASS Report for Ireland, 1998.

Figure 14

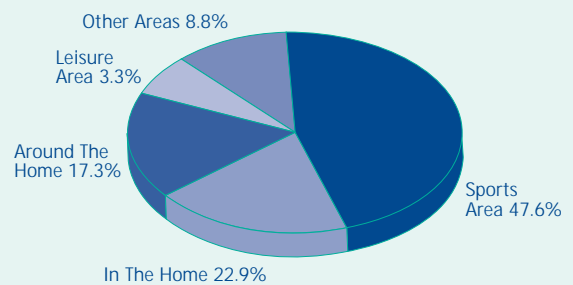
Injuries Sustained:
Percentage Distribution of
Most Frequent Injuries, 1998



Source: EHLASS Report for Ireland, 1998.

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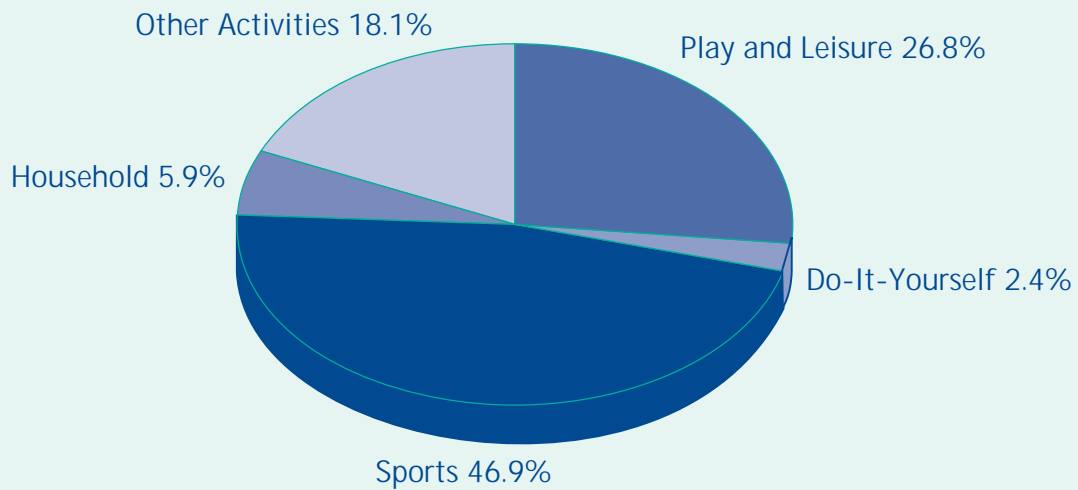
Place of Occurrence:
Percentage Distribution of
Most Frequent Places, 1998



Source: EHLASS Report for Ireland, 1998.

Figure 16

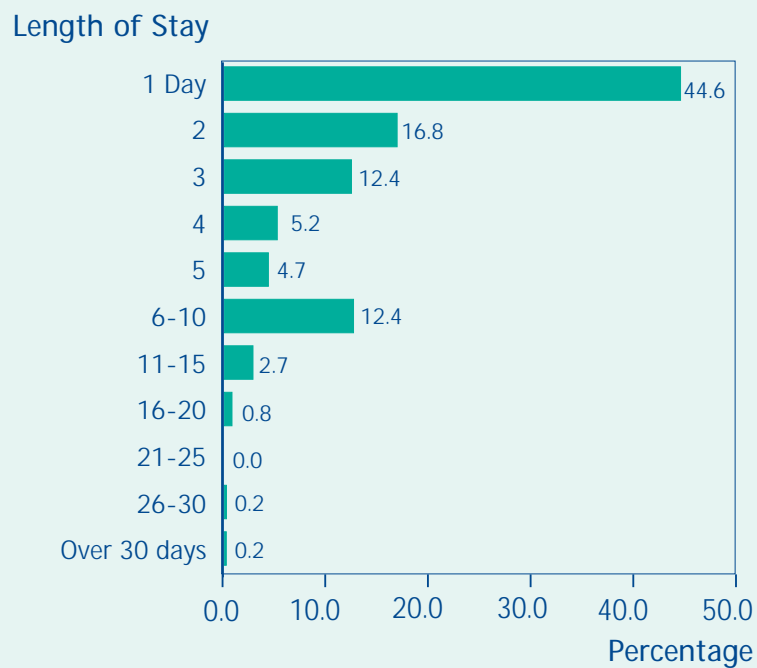
Activity at Time of Accident:
Percentage Distribution of
Most Frequent Activities, 1998



Source: EHLASS Report for Ireland, 1998.

Figure 17

Distribution of Hospitalised Accidents
by Length of Stay in Days, 1998



Source: EHLASS Report for Ireland, 1998.

Road Traffic Accidents

Table C14 provides data on persons injured or killed in road traffic accidents for the years 1983 to 1997. A breakdown of the 1997 figure by type of road user is displayed in Figure 18. Comparisons with other EU countries are set out in Table C15 and Figure 19. Additional data on the number of deaths from motor vehicle traffic accidents are given in Section B.

Table C14

Persons Injured or Killed in Road Traffic Accidents: Numbers and Rates 1983 to 1997

<i>Year</i>	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population
1983	8,481	242.0
1984	8,675	245.8
1985	8,228	232.4
1986	8,716	246.2
1987	8,871	250.1
1988	8,900	252.1
1989	9,263	263.9
1990	9,907	282.6
1991	10,319	292.7
1992	10,603	298.3
1993	10,262	287.1
1994	10,633	296.5
1995	13,110	364.0
1996	13,772	379.8
1997	13,587	371.2

Source: Road Accident Facts Ireland, National Roads Authority.

Table C15

Persons Injured or Killed in Road Traffic Accidents in 1997: EU Countries

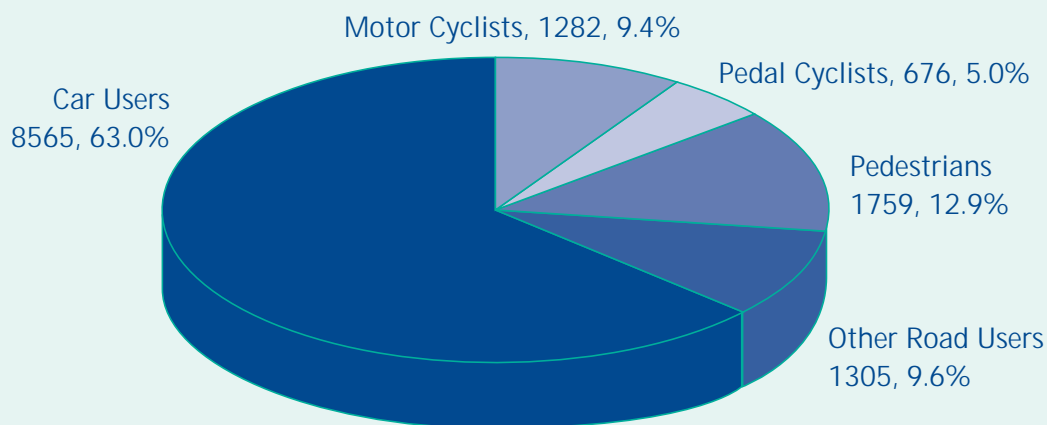
<i>Country</i>	Rate per 100,000 Population
Austria	652.8
Belgium	696.0
Denmark	190.3
Finland	182.8
France(a)	305.3
Germany	621.1
Greece(a)	321.9
Ireland	371.2
Italy	482.1
Luxembourg(a)	387.2
Netherlands	314.3
Portugal(a)	717.3
Spain	329.5
Sweden(a)	241.5
United Kingdom(a)	544.7
EU Average	478.8

(a) 1996.

Source: Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 18

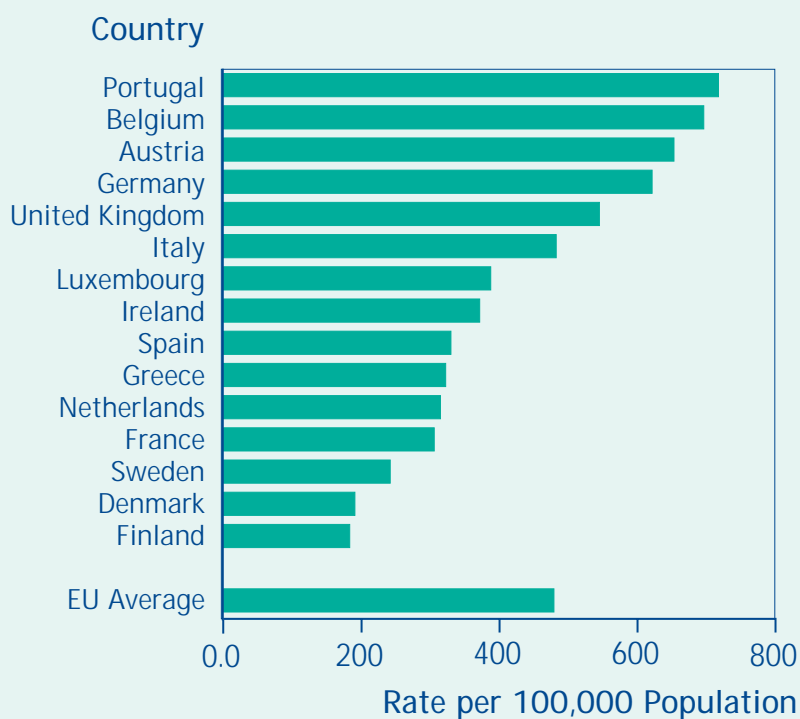
Persons Killed or Injured in Road Traffic Accidents
by Road User Type, 1997



Source: National Roads Authority.

Figure 19

Persons Injured or Killed in Road Traffic Accidents:
EU Countries



Source: Table C15.

Occupational Accidents

Ireland's laws on health and safety at work are administered and enforced by the Health and Safety Authority. The Authority is a State-sponsored body coming under the auspices of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulation, 1993, all employers are obliged to report accidents at work which result in employees being absent for more than three days to the Health and Safety Authority. However, there is still considerable under-reporting of accidents. In order to gain a better picture on overall levels of workplace accidents the Authority also makes use of a number of other sources of data including the Central Statistics Office's Labour Force Survey, the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs' Occupational Injury Benefits Claims Allowed and the Irish Insurance Federation's Employer Liability Claims Allowed. Data relating to 1993 to 1997 from each source are set out in Table C16. Accidents reported to the Health and Safety Authority are provided by type of industry for 1997 in Table C17. Comparisons of deaths due to work-related accidents in EU countries are provided in Table C18 and Figure 20.

Table C16

Occupational Accidents Reported 1993 to 1997

<i>Data Source</i>	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Accidents Reported to the Health and Safety Authority	4,020	5,022	4,988	4,805	5,511
Accidents Reported via the Labour Force Survey	13,900	14,000	14,700	18,800	16,600
Department of Social Welfare: Occupational Injury Benefit Claims Allowed	11,700	10,344	9,981	10,293	11,169
Irish Insurance Federation: Employers Liability Insurance Claims Allowed	7,400	7,500	8,300	8,921	9,758

Source: Annual Reports 1994 and 1997, Health and Safety Authority.

Table C17

Accidents Reported to The Health and Safety Authority by Type of Industry, 1997

<i>Industry*</i>	Number
Agriculture, Hunting & Forestry	41
Fishing (including diving operations)	5
Mining & Quarrying	99
Manufacturing	2,492
Electricity, Gas & Water Supply	288
Construction	492
Wholesale & Retail Trade: Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles & Personal & Household Goods	202
Hotels & Restaurants	109
Transport, Storage & Communication	595
Financial Intermediation	47
Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities	134
Public Administration & Defence; Compulsory Social Security	483
Education	95
Health & Social Work	348
Other Community, Social & Personal Services Activities	81
Total	5,511

* Classified in accordance with the general economic classification used within the EU.
Source: Annual Report 1997, Health and Safety Authority.

Table C18

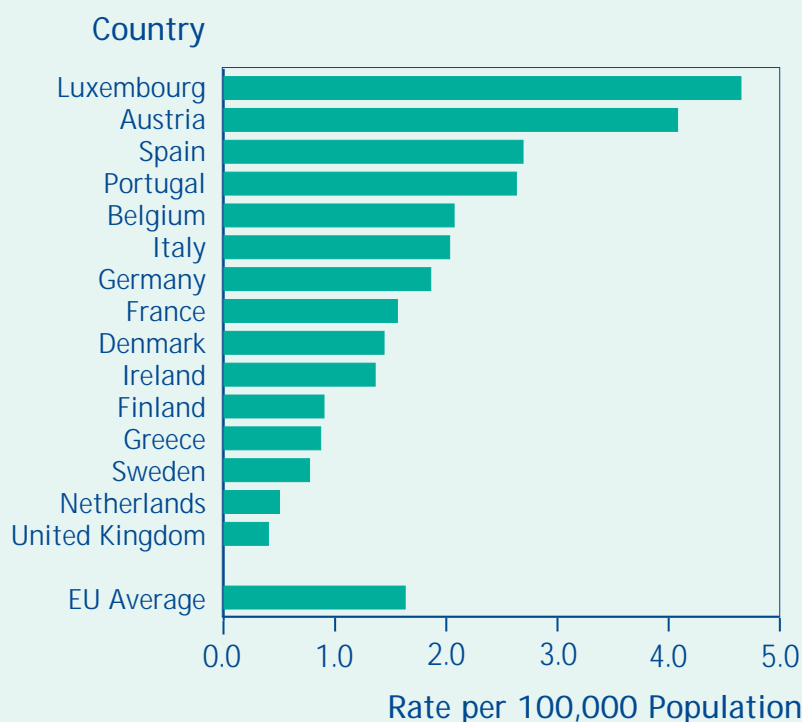
Deaths Due to Work-related Accidents in EU Countries

Country	Year of Data	Rate per 100,000 Population
Austria	1997	4.1
Belgium	1996	2.1
Denmark	1996	1.4
Finland	1995	0.9
France	1994	1.6
Germany	1996	1.9
Greece	1995	0.9
Ireland	1997	1.4
Italy	1996	2.0
Luxembourg	1991	4.7
Netherlands	1996	0.5
Portugal	1996	2.6
Spain	1997	2.7
Sweden	1996	0.8
United Kingdom	1995	0.4
EU Average	1996	1.6

Source: Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 20

Deaths Due to Work Related Accidents in EU Countries



Source: Table C18.

Hospitalisation due to Accidents, Poisoning and Violence

The number of hospitalisations in publicly funded acute hospitals during 1997 as a result of accidents, poisoning and violence is set out in Table C19. Figure 21 displays trends in hospitalisation due to accidents by age group for 1994 to 1997. These figures are taken from the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) which is managed by the Economic and Social Research Institute. Further information about HIPE is provided in Section H.

Table C19

Hospitalisation Due to Accidents, Poisoning and Violence, 1997

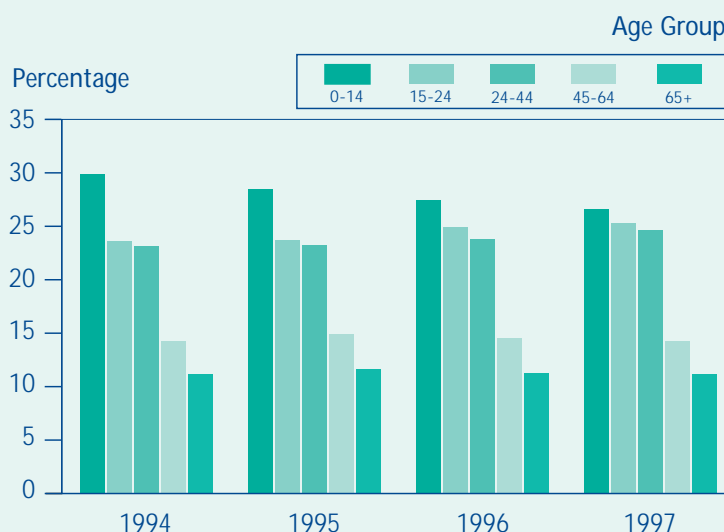
Cause	Number of Cases	Average Length of Stay in Days
Accidental Falls	23,475	5.76
Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents	8,108	6.06
Self-Inflicted Injury	3,934	2.60
Injury Purposely Inflicted by Other Persons	3,394	2.61
Drugs, Medicinal and Biological Substances Causing Adverse Effects in Therapeutic Use	2,347	8.11
Other Road Vehicle Accidents	2,279	3.01
Accidental Poisoning by Drugs, Medicinal Substances and Biologicals	2,279	2.40
Accidents Caused by Submersion, Suffocation and Foreign Bodies	870	2.70
Accidental Poisoning by other Solid & Liquid Substances, Gases & Vapours	894	1.92
Accidents due to Natural and Environmental Factors	854	4.15
Accidents Caused by Fire and Flames	429	10.20
Late Effects of Accidental Injury	330	24.51
Motor Vehicle Non-Traffic Accidents	227	5.66
Water Transport Accidents	66	4.62
Air and Space Transport Accidents	26	6.12
Railway Accidents	18	9.22
Other Accidents	13,031	3.26
Total	62,561	4.78

Note: Day cases are excluded from this table.

Source: Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE).

Figure 21

Hospitalisation Due to Accidents Percentage by Age Group, 1994 to 1997



Source: Hospital In-Patient Enquiry.

Lifestyle

Various lifestyle practices are recognised to have a bearing on a person's wellbeing. This section includes data on some of the more significant of these lifestyle factors including exercise, nutrition, smoking, alcohol consumption and drug misuse. Where possible, comparisons with other EU countries are provided.

Physical Exercise

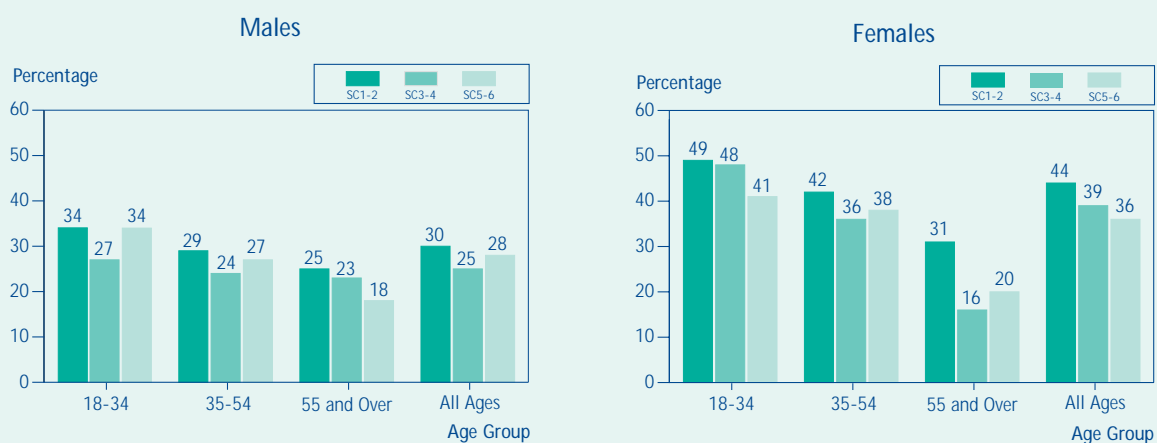
Data on participation in physical exercise were collected as part of two National Health and Lifestyle Surveys carried out across the country in 1998. The first survey, SLAN (Survey of Lifestyles, Attitudes and Nutrition), included persons aged 18 years and over. The second survey, HBSC (Health Behaviour in School-aged Children), focussed on school-going children aged between 9 and 17 years.

Some of the principal results from the surveys in relation to physical exercise are presented in Figures 22, 23 and 24. The social class codes used in the graphs are as follows:

- SC1: Professional Workers
- SC2: Managerial and Technical
- SC3: Non-Manual
- SC4: Skilled Manual
- SC5: Semi-Skilled
- SC6: Unskilled

Figure 22

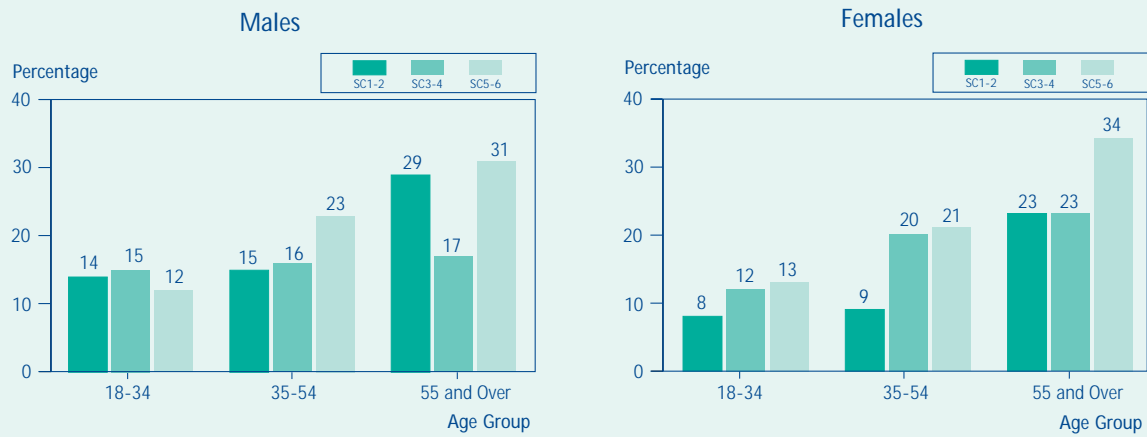
Percentage of Adults Engaging in Moderate Exercise for at Least 20 Minutes Three Times per Week by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Figure 23

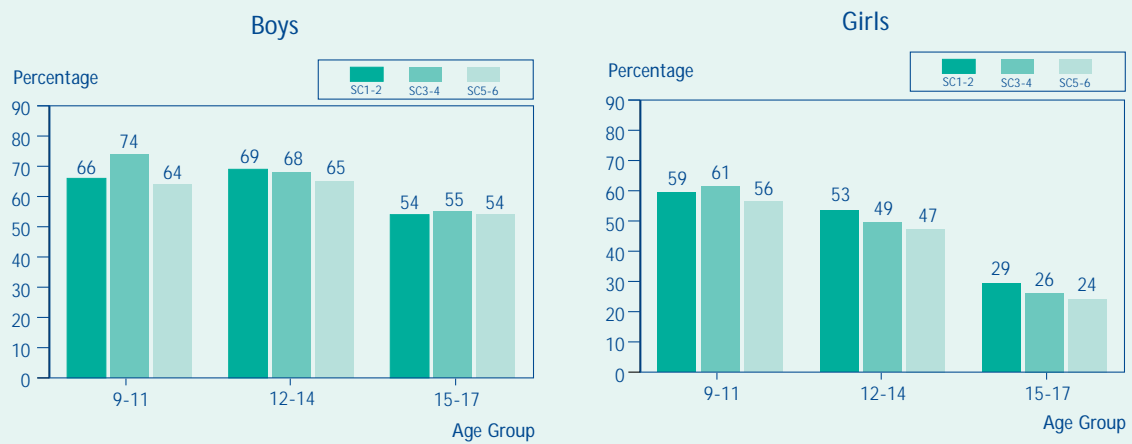
Percentage of Adults Doing No Exercise At All in a Week by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Figure 24

Percentage of Children Doing Vigorous Exercise at Least Four Times per Week by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Food and Nutrition

The National Health and Lifestyle Surveys (SLAN and HBSC) also gathered information on the eating habits of the population. Figures 25 to 31 display the principal results. Information on the social class codes used are set out in the sub-section on Physical Exercise.

Table C20 and Figures 32 to 34 provide data from the World Health Organisation on the average number of calories available for consumption per person per day and the percentage of total energy available from fat and protein.

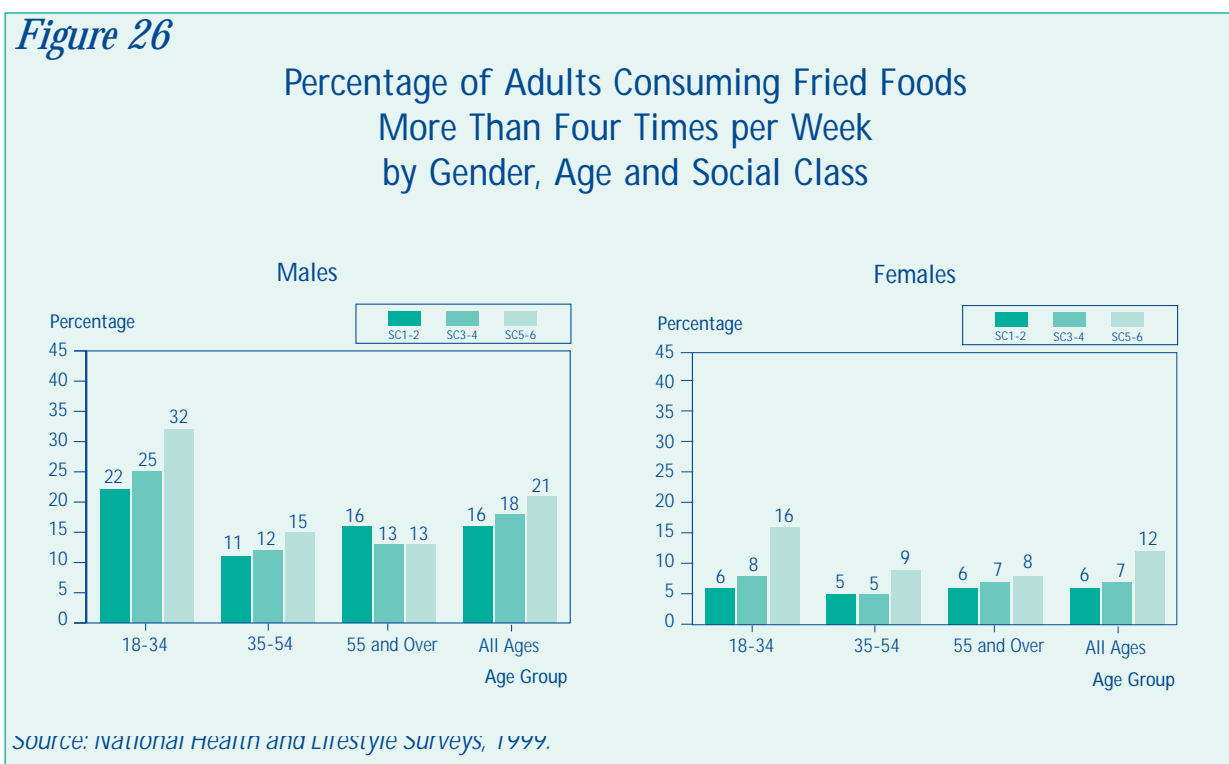
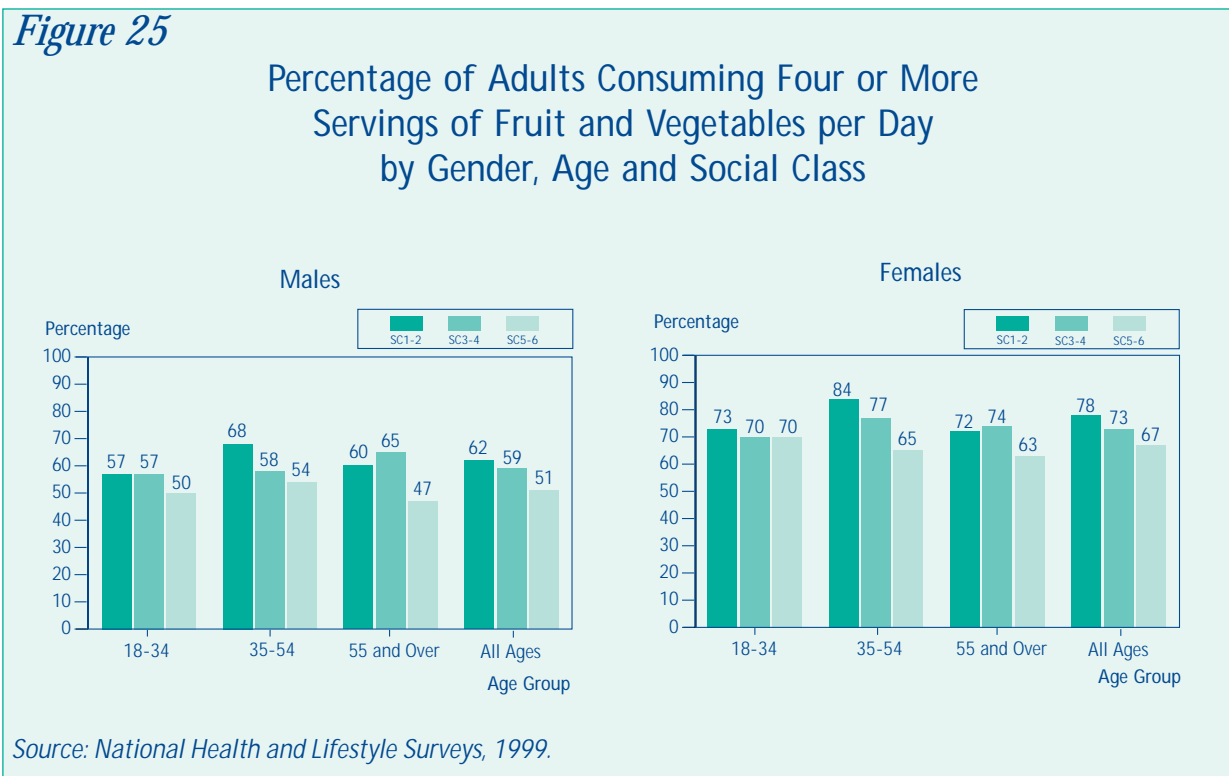


Figure 27

Percentage of Children Consuming Fruit More Than Once a Day by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Figure 28

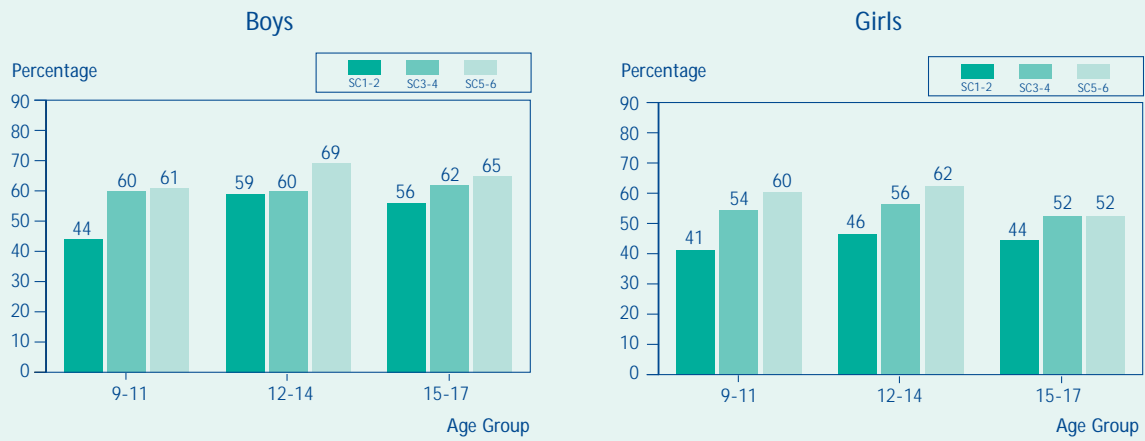
Percentage of Children Consuming Vegetables More Than Once a Day by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Figure 29

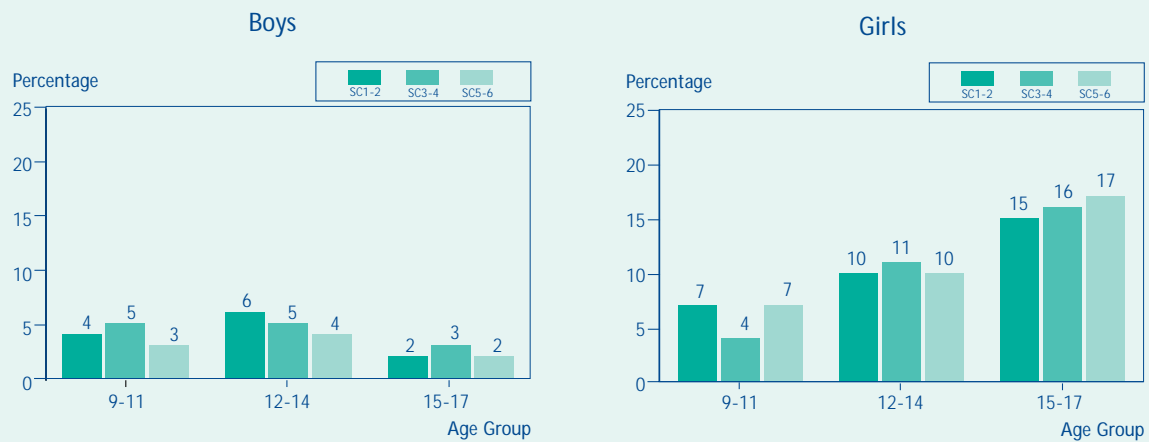
Percentage of Children Consuming High Fat and Sugar Foods Frequently by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

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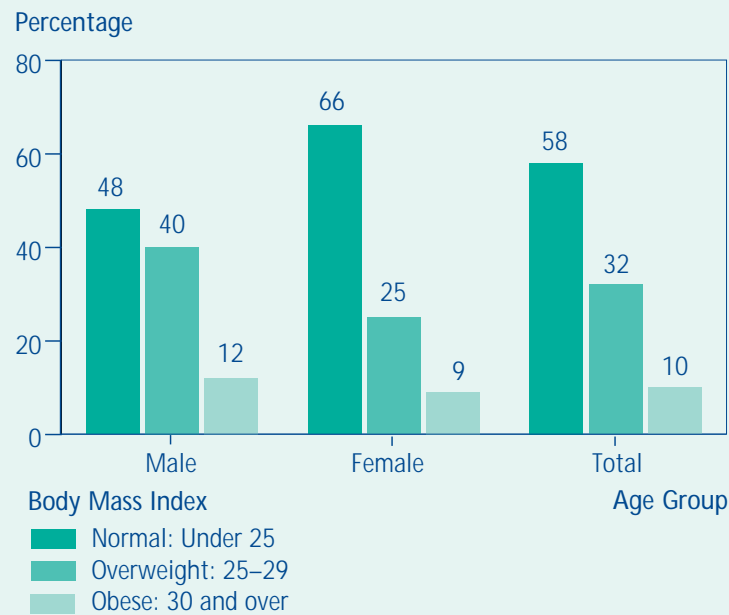
Percentage of Children Who are on a Weight Reducing Diet by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Figure 31

Gender Distribution of Body Mass Index of Persons Aged 18 and Over



Note: Body Mass Index = weight/height², kg/m².

Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Table C20

Average Number of Calories Available for Consumption per Person per Day and Percentage of Total Energy Available from Fat and Protein: EU Countries

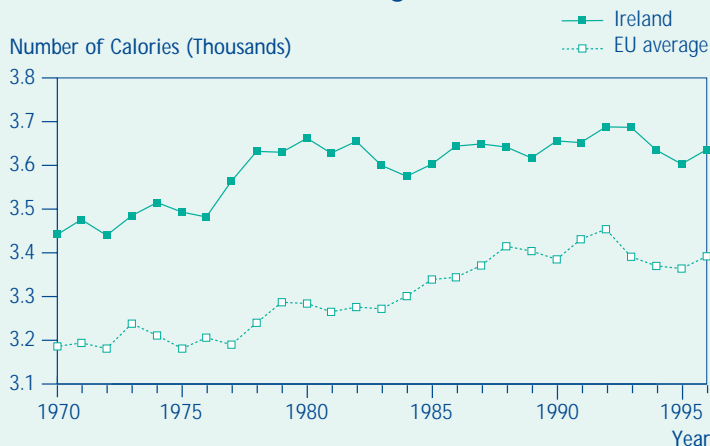
Country	Year of Data	Average Number of Calories Available	Percentage of total Energy available from	
			Fat	Protein
Austria	1996	3,343	42.5	11.5
Belgium	1996	3,544	40.1	11.5
Denmark	1996	3,808	42.8	11.1
Finland	1997	2,900	37.9	13.1
France	1996	3,551	41.6	12.8
Germany	1996	3,330	39.2	11.4
Greece	1996	3,575	37.8	12.6
Ireland	1996	3,636	32.2	12.4
Italy	1996	3,504	37.2	12.4
Luxembourg	1995	3,530	40.5	11.7
Netherlands	1996	3,258	39.0	12.8
Portugal	1996	3,658	32.2	12.3
Spain	1996	3,295	38.8	13.0
Sweden	1996	3,160	37.6	12.8
United Kingdom	1996	3,237	38.9	11.6
EU Average	1996	3,392	39.0	12.2

N.A. indicates "Not Available".

Source: Health for All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 32

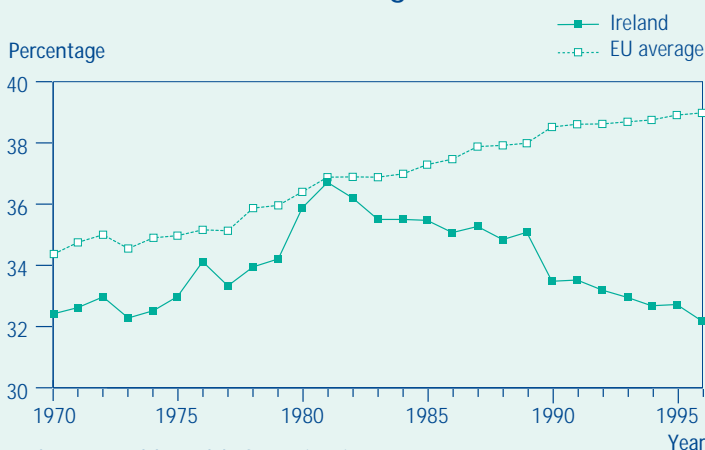
Average Number of Calories Available per Person per Day
Ireland and EU Average, 1970 to 1996



Source: Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 33

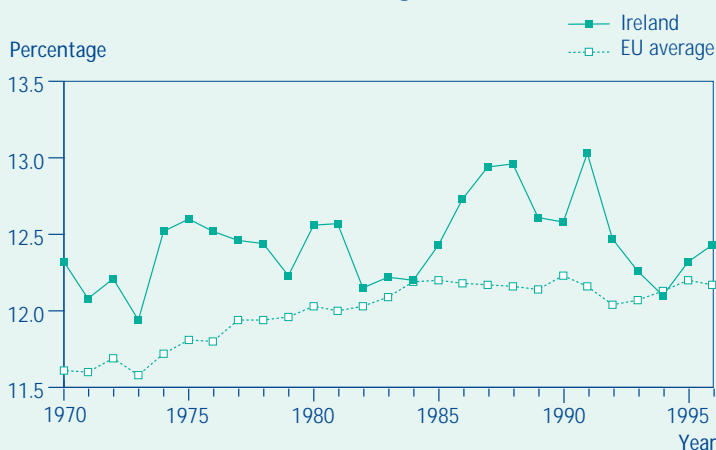
Percentage of Total Energy Available from Fat
Ireland and EU Average, 1970 to 1996



Source: Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 34

Percentage of Total Energy Available from Protein
Ireland and EU Average, 1970 to 1996



Source: Health For All Database, World Health Organisation.

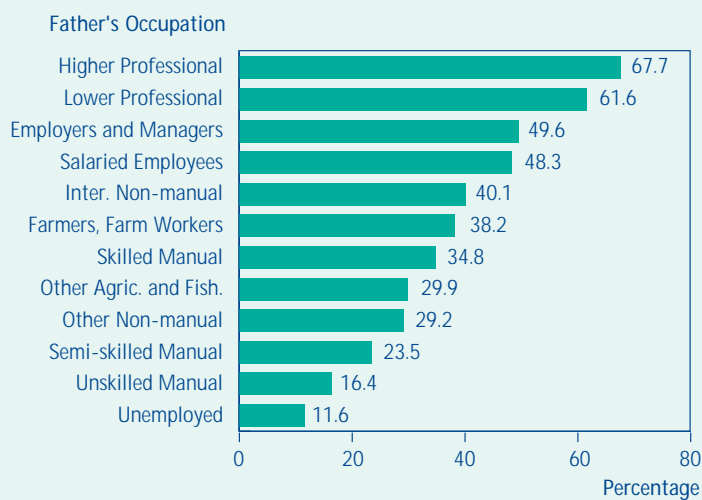
Breastfeeding

National figures on breastfeeding are collected on the birth notification form and published in the Annual Reports on Perinatal Statistics which have been compiled by the Department of Health and Children since 1984. Figures refer to the type of feeding at the time of discharge from hospital.

Percentage of mothers breastfeeding in 1993 by occupation of father and age of mother are shown in Figures 35 and 36. It should be noted that the figures refer to the father's occupation, where stated, irrespective of the mother's marital status. In practice, for a high proportion of single mothers this information is not recorded. From 1998, the mother's occupation has been incorporated on to the birth notification form.

Figure 35

**Percentage of Mothers Breastfeeding,
by Father's Occupation, 1993**

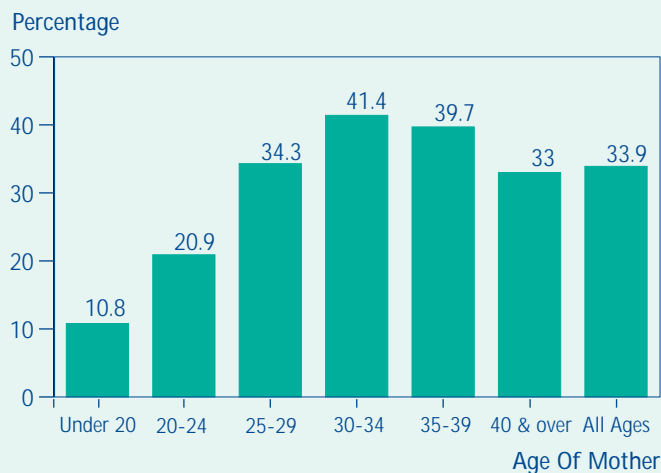


Note: Multiple births are not included.

Source: Perinatal Statistics 1993, Department of Health and Children.

Figure 36

**Percentage of Mothers Breastfeeding,
by Age of Mother, 1993**



Note: Multiple births are not included.

Source: Perinatal Statistics 1993, Department of Health and Children.

Smoking

Figures on the percentage of regular smokers in Ireland aged over 15 years are provided in Table C21 for the years 1985 to 1994. Data from the National Health and Lifestyle Surveys (SLAN and HBSC) are displayed in Figures 37, 38 and 39. Information on the social class codes used are set out in the sub-section on Physical Exercise.

Comparisons with other EU countries are set out in Tables C22 and C23 and in Figure 40.

Table C21

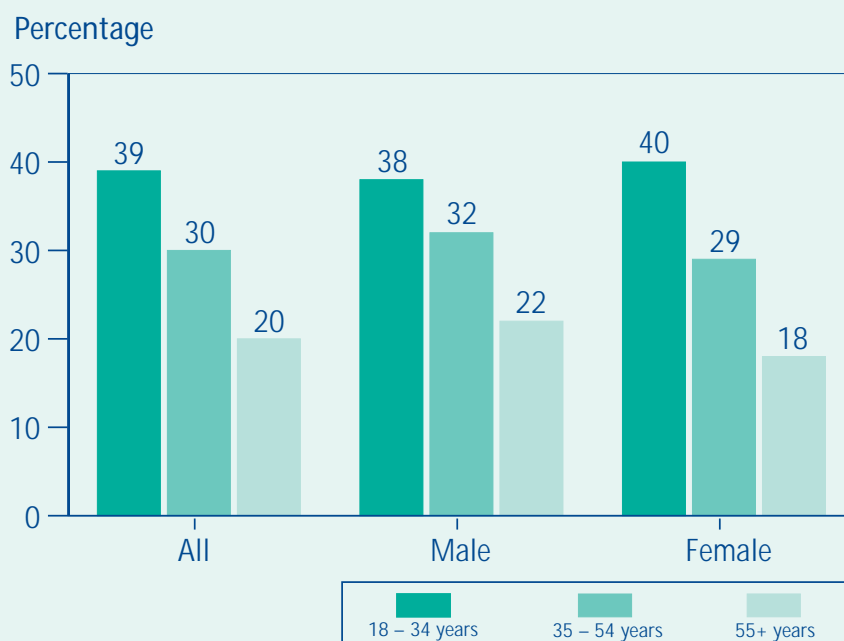
Percentage of Regular Daily Smokers in the Population Aged Over 15 Years, 1985 to 1994

Year	Male	Female	Total
1985	37	32	35
1986	36	32	34
1987	34	31	32
1988	30	27	29
1989	32	27	30
1990	31	29	30
1991	30	27	28
1992	30	30	30
1993	31	26	28
1994	28	29	29

Source: Health for All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 37

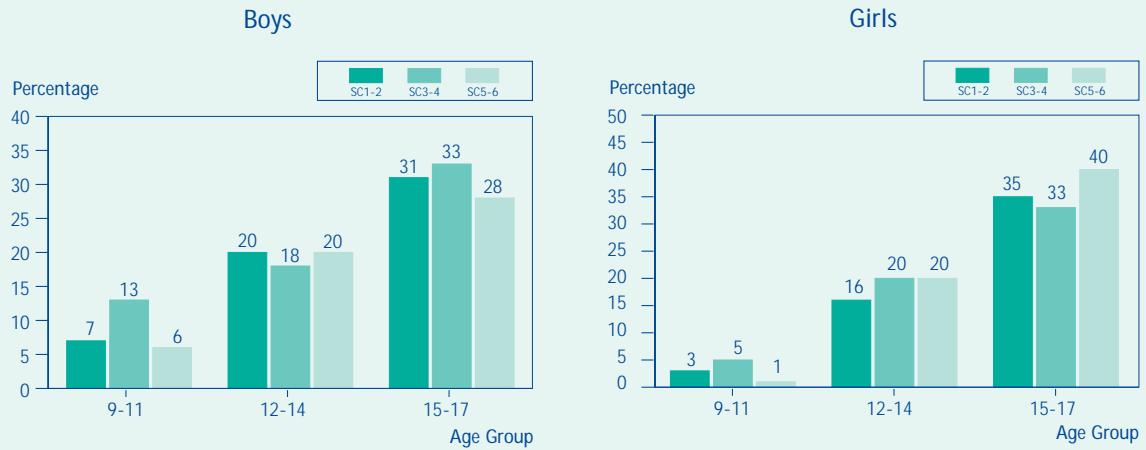
Age and Gender Distribution of Smokers Over 18 Years



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Figure 38

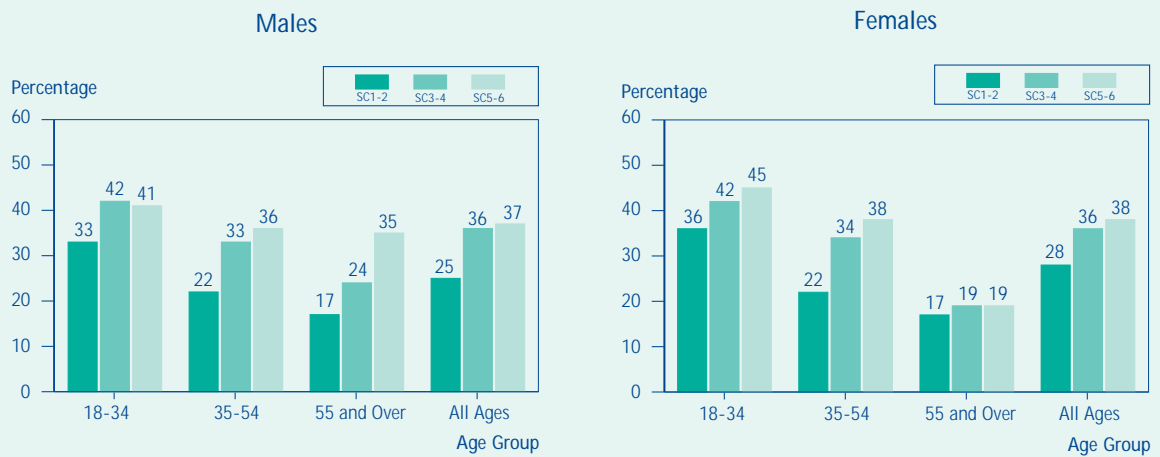
Percentage of Children Reporting that they are Current Smokers by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Figure 39

Percentage of Adults who Smoke by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Table C22

Percentage of Regular Daily Smokers Aged Over 15 Years in EU Countries

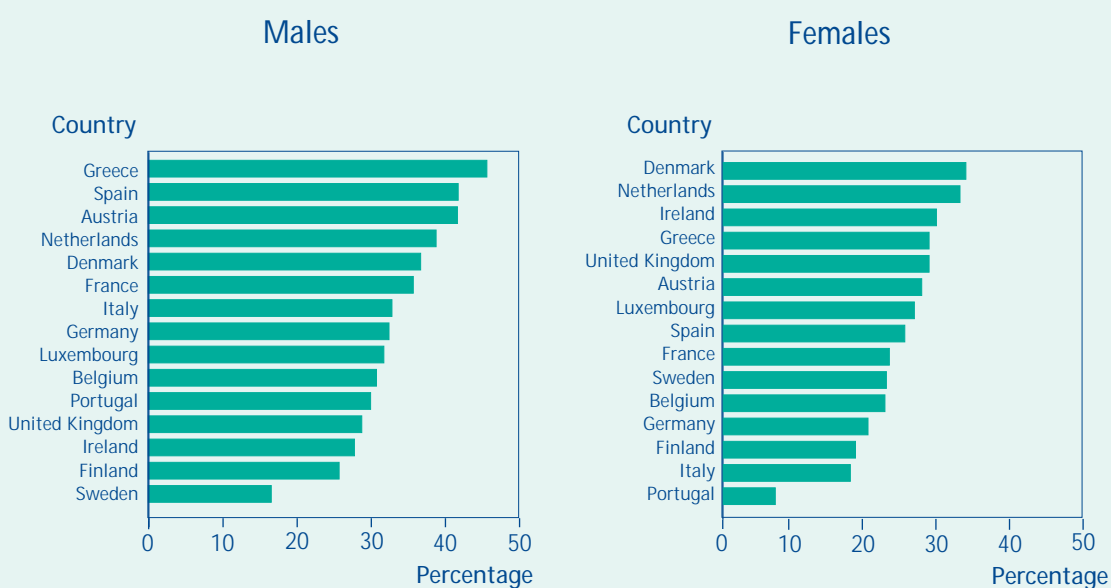
Country	Year of Data	Male	Female	Total
Austria	1992	42.0	27.0	35.0
Belgium	1997	31.0	22.0	26.0
Denmark	1997	37.0	33.0	33.0
Finland	1996	27.0	18.0	22.0
France	1993	36.0	22.6	29.5
Germany	1995	32.7	19.7	26.0
Greece	1994	46.0	28.0	37.0
Ireland	1994	28.0	29.0	29.0
Italy	1997	33.1	17.3	24.9
Luxembourg	1993	32.0	26.0	29.0
Netherlands	1997	39.1	32.2	35.5
Portugal	1996	30.2	7.1	18.1
Spain	1997	42.1	24.7	33.1
Sweden	1997	16.7	22.2	19.5
United Kingdom	1996	29.0	28.0	28.0
EU Average	1994	N.A.	N.A.	29.0

N.A. indicates 'Not Available'.

Source: Health for All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 40

Percentage of Regular Daily Smokers Aged Over 15 Years in EU Countries



Source: Table C22.

Table C23

Estimated Annual Consumption of Cigarettes per Person
in EU Countries, 1994

<i>Country</i>	Number
Austria	1,650
Belgium	2,189
Denmark	1,657
Finland	1,054
France	1,553
Germany	1,815
Greece	3,013
Ireland	1,722
Italy	1,723
Luxembourg	2,140
Netherlands	1,685
Portugal	1,778
Spain	2,115
Sweden	992
United Kingdom	1,535
EU Average	1,749

Source: Eurostat Yearbook 1996.

Alcohol Consumption

Data on alcohol consumption in Ireland are set out in Table C24. Table C25 and Figure 41 provide data from the National Health and Lifestyle Surveys (SLAN and HBSC). Information on the social class codes used are set out in the sub-section on Physical Exercise.

EU comparisons are provided in Table C26 and Figures 42 and 43.

Table C24

Alcohol Consumption per Capita by Beverage Type
1970, 1980, 1990 and 1996

	1970	1980	1990	1996
Spirits (litres)	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.7
Beer (litres)	100.6	121.8	122.4	142.5
Wine (litres)	3.3	3.6	8.7	15.0
Total (litres of pure alcohol)	5.9	7.3	7.6	9.1

Source: Health for All Database, World Health Organisation.

Table C25

Percentage Consuming More Than The Recommended Limits of Alcohol by Gender, Age and Social Class

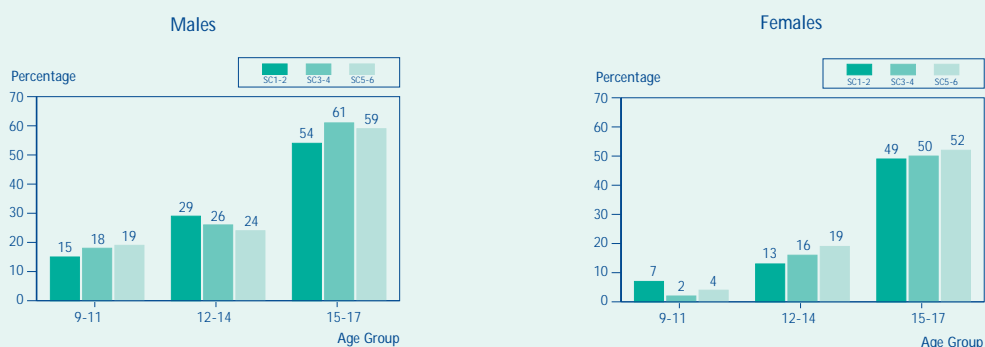
Age Group	Males			Females		
	SC1-2	SC3-4	SC5-6	SC1-2	SC3-4	SC5-6
18-34 years	34	32	40	27	34	22
35-54 years	23	30	21	11	16	8
55 years and over	23	24	25	8	15	21

Note: Recommended sensible weekly limits = 21 units males, 14 units females.

Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Figure 41

Percentage of Children Who have had an Alcoholic Drink in the Last Month, by Gender, Age and Social Class



Source: National Health and Lifestyle Surveys, 1999.

Table C26

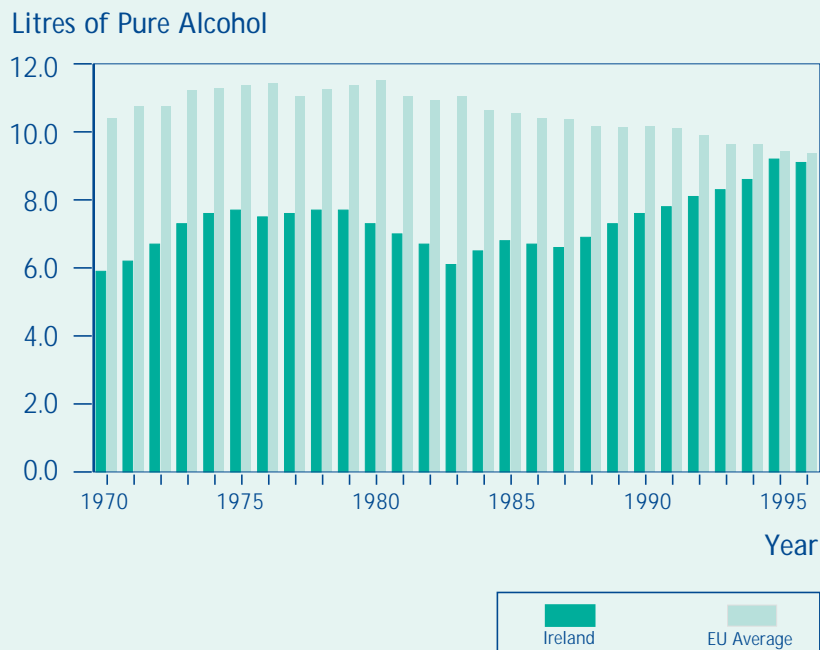
Alcohol Consumption per Capita in 1996 by Beverage Type – EU Countries

Country	Spirits (litres)	Beer (litres)	Wine (litres)	Total (litres of pure alcohol)
Austria	1.5	116.0	31.5	9.8
Belgium	1.1	102.0	25.0	9.0
Denmark	1.1	117.6	28.3	10.0
Finland	2.0	82.1	7.6	6.7
France	2.4	39.6	60.0	11.1
Germany	2.1	134.5	22.8	10.9
Greece	2.7	39.0	34.0	8.7
Ireland	1.7	142.5	15.0	9.1
Italy	0.9	24.0	55.0	8.2
Luxembourg	1.6	109.0	58.0	11.8
Netherlands	1.8	83.7	17.1	8.0
Portugal	0.8	61.9	60.6	11.2
Spain	2.4	64.7	30.3	9.3
Sweden	1.2	59.1	13.3	4.9
United Kingdom	1.4	102.3	13.1	7.6
EU Average	1.8	79.5	33.8	9.4

Source: Health for All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 42

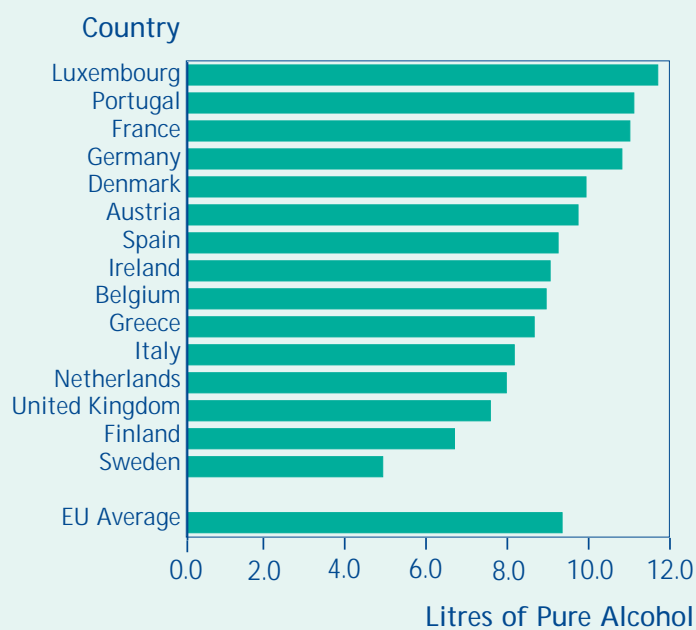
Total Alcohol Consumption per Capita
Ireland and EU Average, 1970 – 1996



Source: Health for All Database, World Health Organisation.

Figure 43

Total Alcohol Consumption per Capita
in 1996 – EU Countries



Source: Table C26.

Treated Drug Misuse

The Drug Section of the Health Research Board was established in 1987. Its annual reports, the first of which was for 1990, were based on data on drug misusers receiving treatment in the Greater Dublin Area only. As a response to the growing concern relating to drug misuse the reporting system was expanded to cover the entire country. National reports for 1995 and 1996 have been published and some selected statistics are set out in the following tables and graphs.

The data in the reports relate to those problem drug users who present for treatment at any one of the centres participating in the reporting system. Although, in 1996, a total of eighty six centres were identified as pertinent agencies to participate in the National Drug Treatment Reporting System, not all of them did so. There are also two major gaps in the reporting system as it exists at present, data from the prison services and drug misuse treated by general practitioners are not included. It is estimated that inclusion of these groups would increase the figures considerably and give a more accurate picture of treated drug misuse in Ireland. It is hoped to launch a feasibility study which should afford the possibility of including these sources within the reporting system in 1999. It is felt, however, that the centres which have returned data represent reasonable coverage of treated drug misuse in Ireland.

Tables C27A and C27B provide selected statistics by health board area for 1995 and 1996 respectively while attendances for 1996 by age and drug type are displayed graphically in Figures 44 and 45. Comparisons with other EU countries are provided in Table C28 and Figures 46 and 47.

Table C27A

Attendances at Drug Treatment Centres: Selected Statistics by Health Board Area, 1995

	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Total Clients									
Number	3,763	62	45	41	18	111	336	15	4,391
Percentage	85.7	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.4	2.5	7.7	0.3	100.0
Sex									
Percentage who were:									
Male	78.0	80.0	77.8	90.2	58.8	91.9	83.9	66.7	78.8
Female	22.0	20.0	22.2	9.8	41.2	8.1	16.1	33.3	21.2
Age									
Percentage Aged:									
Under 15 years	1.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.0	3.9	0.0	1.9
15-19 years	29.7	24.6	44.4	39.5	35.3	40.5	43.5	0.0	31.1
20-24 years	33.8	26.2	26.7	39.5	35.3	17.1	27.0	33.3	32.7
25-29 years	18.0	8.2	22.2	10.5	5.9	9.0	9.9	6.7	16.9
30-34 years	11.1	11.5	6.7	0.0	5.9	5.4	4.2	6.7	10.2
35 years and over	6.4	24.6	0.0	10.5	17.6	0.9	11.4	53.3	7.1
Employment Status									
Percentage who were:									
Unemployed/Casual	86.7	72.7	81.4	70.0	52.9	66.7	57.6	71.4	83.5
Regular employment	10.0	12.7	9.3	17.5	41.2	25.0	19.7	28.6	11.4
Other	3.3	14.5	9.3	12.5	5.9	8.3	22.6	0.0	5.1
Primary Drug									
Percentage who used:									
Opiates	85.5	19.4	8.9	24.4	22.2	5.4	6.8	13.3	74.6
Cannabis	7.2	50.0	46.7	26.8	33.3	68.5	45.8	20.0	13.1
Stimulants	4.1	17.7	31.1	46.3	33.3	17.1	31.5	20.0	7.5
Hypnotics/Sedatives	1.8	8.1	0.0	0.0	5.6	2.7	9.8	40.0	2.6
Hallucinogens	0.9	0.0	8.9	2.4	0.0	2.7	4.2	6.7	1.3
Other	0.5	4.8	4.4	0.0	5.6	3.6	1.8	0.0	0.8

Note: Figures refer to the number of cases, as distinct from persons, who received treatment at a drug treatment centre.
Source: National Drug Treatment Reporting System, Health Research Board.

Table C27B

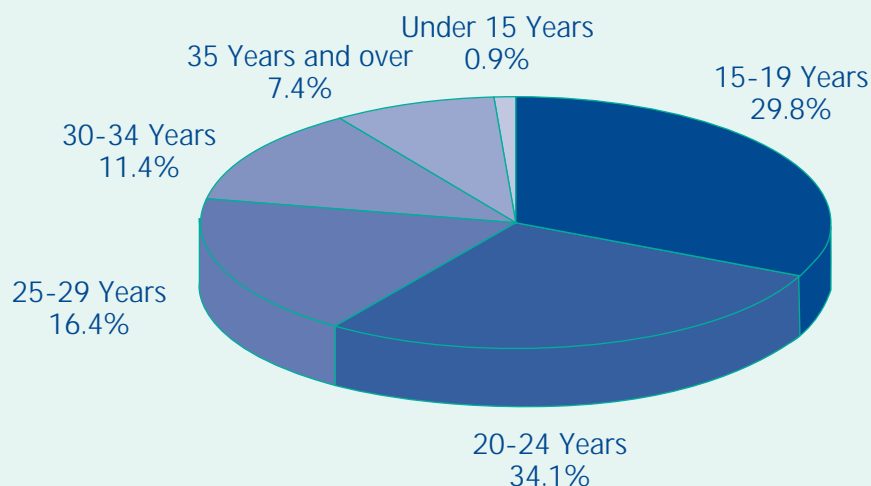
Attendances at Drug Treatment Centres:
Selected Statistics by Health Board Area, 1996

	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern*	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Total Clients									
Number	4,283	63	83	—	13	131	281	11	4,865
Percentage	88.0	1.3	1.7	—	0.3	2.7	5.8	0.2	100.0
Sex									
Percentage who were:									
Male	71.0	90.2	85.4	—	83.3	83.5	73.5	72.7	72.0
Female	29.0	9.8	14.6	—	16.7	16.5	26.5	27.3	28.0
Age									
Percentage Aged:									
Under 15 years	0.8	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	0.8	2.1	0.0	0.9
15-19 years	28.6	42.9	31.3	—	30.8	30.8	46.3	0.0	29.8
20-24 years	34.4	33.3	39.8	—	30.8	38.5	26.3	36.4	34.1
25-29 years	16.8	7.9	16.9	—	15.4	20.0	10.0	9.1	16.4
30-34 years	12.1	11.1	4.8	—	7.7	6.2	5.3	18.2	11.4
35 years and over	7.2	4.8	7.2	—	15.4	3.8	10.0	36.4	7.4
Employment Status									
Percentage who were:									
Unemployed/Casual	86.0	68.3	83.8	—	46.2	66.1	57.2	77.8	83.4
Regular employment	9.4	12.7	12.5	—	23.1	22.0	21.4	11.1	10.5
Other	4.6	19.0	3.8	—	30.8	11.8	21.4	11.1	6.0
Primary Drug									
Percentage who used:									
Opiates	88.2	11.1	32.5	—	7.7	10.7	5.0	27.3	79.0
Cannabis	6.4	66.7	32.5	—	46.2	70.2	49.1	36.4	12.0
Stimulants	3.4	12.7	22.9	—	30.8	14.5	30.2	9.1	5.8
Hypnotics/Sedatives	1.0	0.0	1.2	—	7.7	0.8	3.6	18.2	1.2
Hallucinogens	0.3	1.6	7.2	—	7.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4
Other	0.7	7.9	3.6	—	0.0	3.8	11.4	9.1	1.5

* No returns were provided for 1996 in respect of the two treatment centres in the North-Eastern Health Board area.
Note: Figures refer to the number of cases, as distinct from persons, who received treatment at a drug treatment centre.
Source: National Drug Treatment Reporting System, Health Research Board.

Figure 44

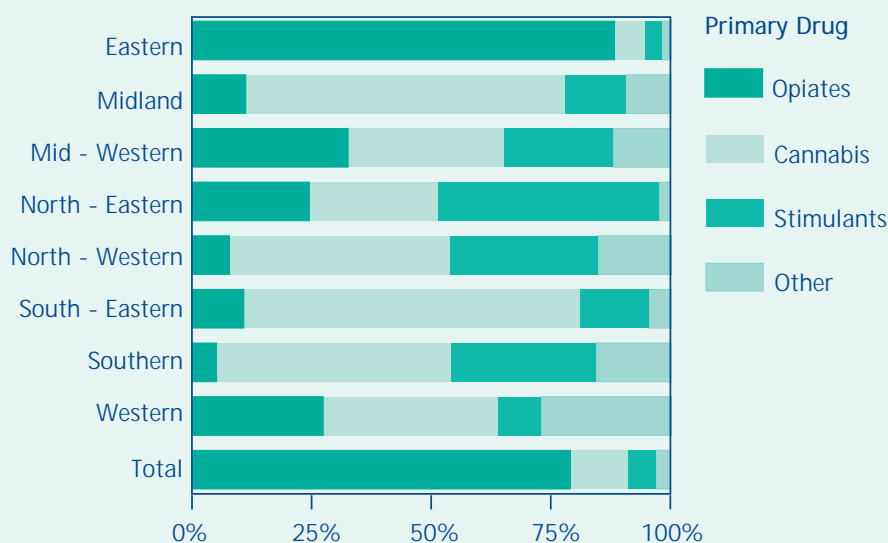
Attendances at Drug Treatment Centres, by Age, 1996



Source: Table C27B.

Figure 45

Primary Drug Used by Health Board Area, 1996*



* Data for North-Eastern Health Board refer to 1995.
Source: Tables C27A and C27B.

Table C28

Selected Characteristics of Clients Treated for Drug Problems in EU Countries*

Country	Client Characteristics					Primary Drug Used					
	Year of Data	Average Age of Client	% Aged Under 25 Yrs	% Aged Over 35 Yrs	% Male	Opiates	Cocaine	Amphetamines	Hallucinogens	Cannabis	Other
Belgium#	1996	N.A.	22.0	25.0	71	79.0	6.0	N.A.	N.A.	5.1	10.2
Denmark	1995	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	68	88.0	0.1	0.2	1.8	4.6	5.3
Finland	1995	N.A.	27.0	22.8	69	33.6	0.8	42.1	2.4	21.1	N.A.
France	1995	28.9	24.2	N.A.	73	68.1	2.2	0.8	0.4	8.1	20.4
Germany	1995	28.0	37.2	20.4	76	72.6	6.7	1.8	5.4	12.9	0.8
Greece	1995	30.1	21.1	24.4	85	89.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	4.9	5.2
Ireland	1995	23.6	65.3	7.2	79	74.6	0.5	0.3	1.3	13.1	10.2
Italy	1996	29.7	22.4	19.8	85	88.7	1.8	0.4	0.2	5.8	3.1
Luxembourg	1996	28.4	30.0	15.0	82	76.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	6.0
Netherlands	1996	29.9	27.3	22.9	80	68.0	14.5	2.6	1.0	10.5	3.4
Portugal	1995	26.9	37.2	13.6	81	95.7	1.5	N.A.	N.A.	0.4	2.4
Spain	1996	29.2	26.5	16.3	84	89.8	5.6	0.6	0.1	3.0	0.9
Sweden	1995	32.8	18.7	34.0	70	29.2	0.1	22.2	0.1	7.9	40.5
United Kingdom	1995/6	N.A.	43.0	15.0	75	70.0	4.0	9.0	0.0	7.0	10.0

* No data available for Austria.

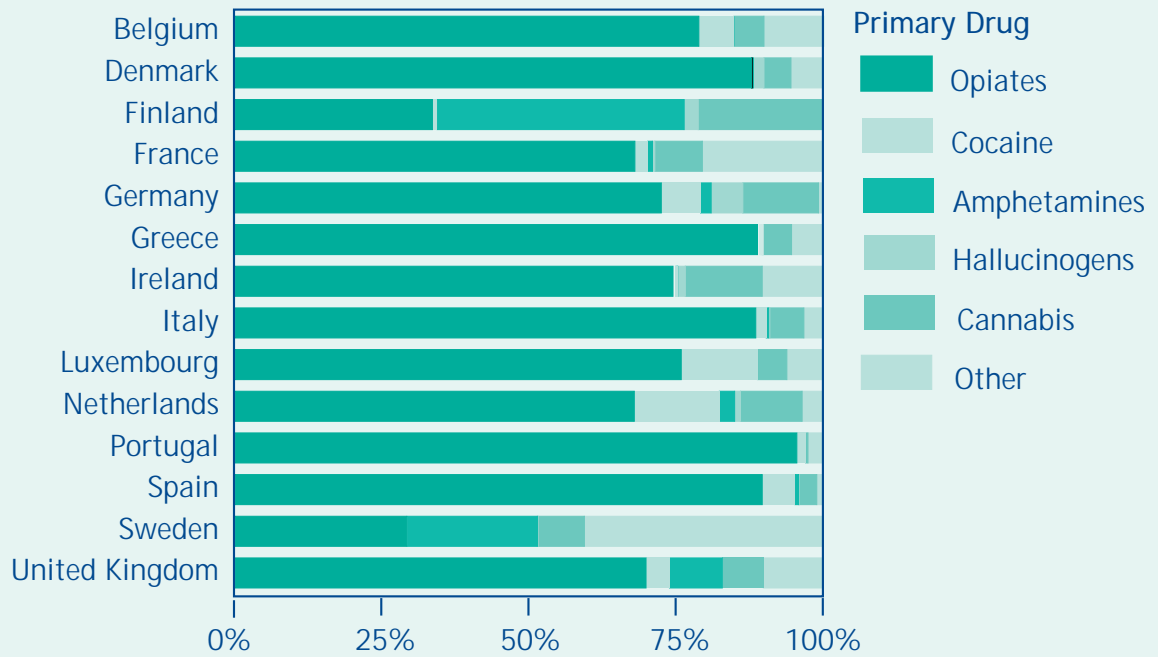
Data refer to Brussels only.

N.A. indicates "Not Available".

Source: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction.

Figure 46

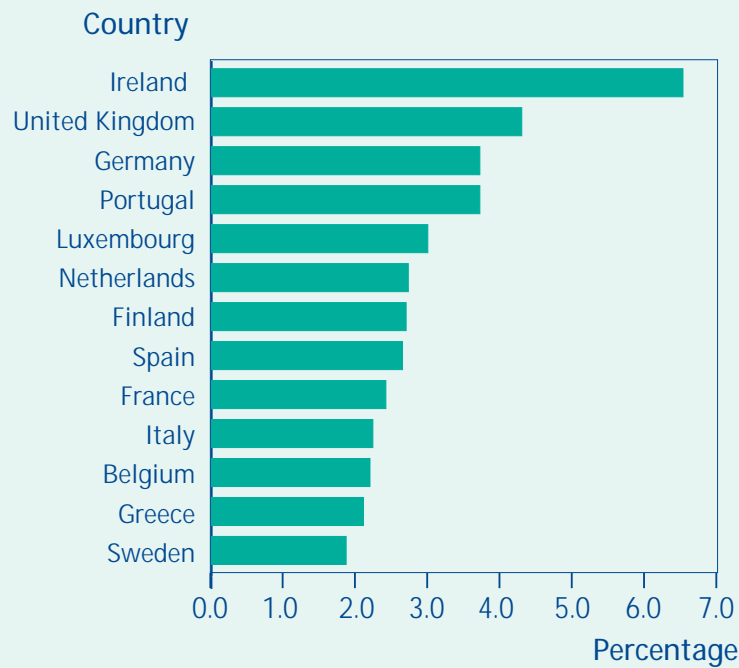
Primary Drug Used by Clients
Treated for Drug Problems: EU Countries



Source: Table C28.

Figure 47

Percentage of Clients Treated for Drug Problems
Aged Under 25 Years: EU Countries



Source: Table C28.

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Section D

Community Health and Welfare Services

A wide range of services are provided at community level and, for the purposes of presentation, these are subdivided into health and welfare services. Community health services refer broadly to schemes and services covering the ongoing health requirements of the population. This includes community nursing services and dental services among others. Community welfare services comprise a range of maintenance allowances and cash grants designed to meet specific welfare needs. Responsibility for the administration of the Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance scheme was transferred to the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs in 1996 but continues to be included in this Report to ensure completeness. The final part of this section provides a summary of health service entitlements for Category 1 (i.e. medical card holders) and Category 2 persons and shows the percentage distribution of medical card eligibility by health board and county.

Community Health Services

General Medical Services

This service, which provides for visits to general practitioners and the supply of prescribed drugs, medicines and appliances, is available free of charge to persons with Category 1 eligibility (i.e. medical card holders, together with their dependents). See final part of this section.

Under the scheme an eligible person registers with a doctor of his/her choice from a list of doctors participating in the scheme. Prior to March 1989, payment to doctors was by way of fee per service where the fee varied between surgery and different types of domiciliary visits. From March 1989, the system changed to a capitation based one where the doctor is paid on a monthly basis and payment varies with fluctuations in panel size. The rate of capitation for a patient is determined by age, gender and location of residence. A supplementary capitation payment is made in respect of out-of-hours patient care or where the patient is not on the doctor's own panel. There are also a number of special services which attract a fee in addition to capitation (e.g. excisions, suturing of cuts, recognised vein treatment, E.C.G. tests and their interpretation etc.). A small number of doctors chose not to enter the capitation based scheme and they continue to provide their services on a fee per item basis.

Prescribed medicines are supplied by retail pharmacists. The General Medical Services (Payments) Board, which is a joint board composed of officers from the health boards and the Department of Health and Children, calculates and makes payments to doctors and pharmacists. Table D1 sets out the average number of prescriptions and items dispensed by pharmacies per person for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Table D1

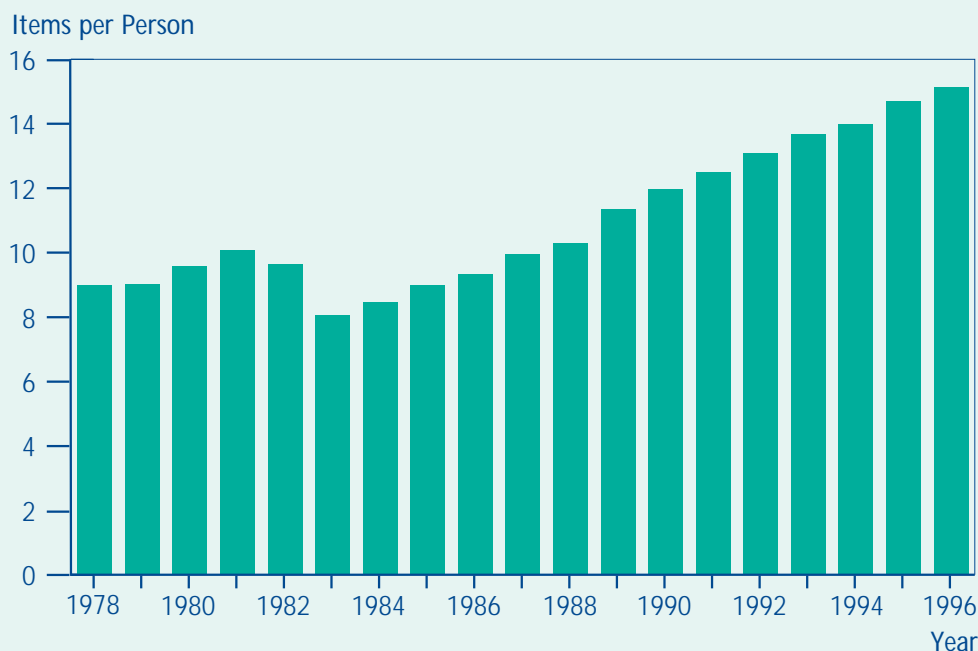
Persons Covered by Medical Cards:
Average Number of Prescriptions and Items Dispensed by Pharmacies
per Person During 1994, 1995 and 1996

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Average Number Prescriptions per Person Covered			Average Number of Items per Person Covered		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	7.09	7.43	7.53	14.79	15.43	15.94
Midland	7.08	6.92	6.98	14.34	15.09	15.54
Mid-Western	7.13	7.59	7.61	14.94	16.09	16.41
North-Eastern	6.30	6.70	6.91	12.97	13.81	14.54
North-Western	5.38	5.65	5.82	10.80	11.38	11.89
South-Eastern	6.84	7.14	7.21	13.40	14.04	14.38
Southern	7.71	7.97	8.01	15.84	16.41	16.77
Western	6.09	6.50	6.54	12.38	13.32	13.57
Total	6.82	7.16	7.25	13.97	14.70	15.14

Source: General Medical Services (Payments) Board.

Figure 1

Persons Covered by Medical Cards:
Average Number of Prescription Items Dispensed per Person, 1978 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1986-1999.

Long Term Illness Scheme

Under this scheme, the medicines and appliances necessary for the treatment of certain prescribed long term illnesses and disabilities are provided without charge and without reference to the recipient's level of income. The scheme is operated by the health boards. Non-medical card holders who are suffering from any of the conditions set out in table D2 obtain all the necessary medical requisites without charge.

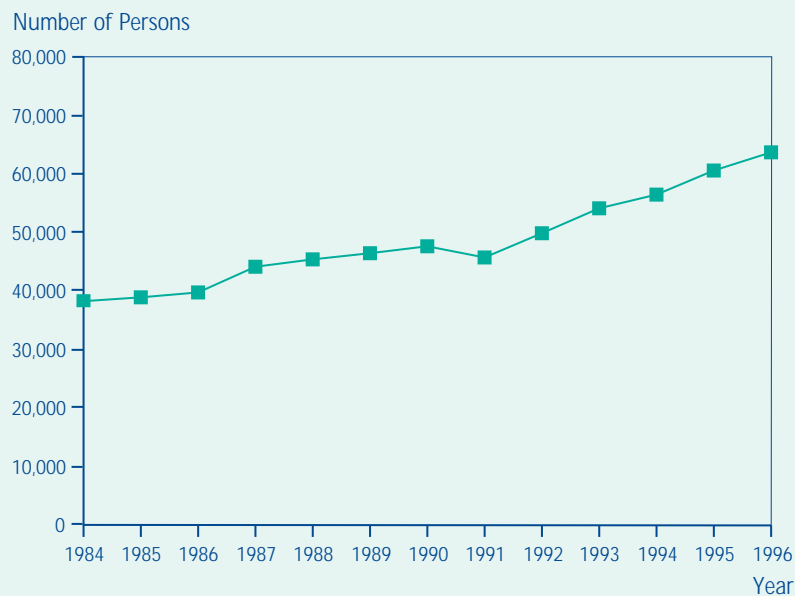
Table D2

**Long Term Illness Scheme:
Number of Persons Availing by Medical Condition 1994, 1995 and 1996**

Condition	1994	1995	1996
Mental Handicap	2,715	2,881	2,910
Mental Illness (under 16 only)	169	166	172
Phenylketonuria	422	444	444
Cystic Fibrosis	981	1,032	1,067
Spina Bifida/Hydrocephalus	1,198	1,195	1,223
Cerebral Palsy	1,057	1,165	1,137
Haemophilia	211	221	227
Epilepsy	16,303	17,088	17,866
Diabetes	28,380	30,976	32,945
Multiple Sclerosis	1,793	1,966	2,107
Muscular Dystrophy	337	356	369
Parkinsonism	2,274	2,457	2,538
Acute Leukaemia	605	615	664
Total	56,445	60,562	63,669

Figure 2

Long Term Illness Scheme: Number of Persons Availing, 1984 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1986 – 1999.

Drug Refund Scheme

Persons whose expenditure on prescribed drugs and medicines for use in a specified three month period, commencing 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October, is in excess of £90 are eligible to claim a refund of their expenditure in excess of that amount. This includes expenditure in respect of dependants. The objective of the Drug Refund Scheme is to constrain the costs incurred by persons ineligible under the Medical Card (Choice of Doctor) Scheme in respect of prescribed medical requisites.

Table D3

Drug Refund Scheme: Average Number of Claims per Month by Health Board Area 1994, 1995 and 1996

Health Board Area	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	4,145	4,505	5,203
Midland	396	439	528
Mid-Western	557	667	739
North-Eastern	629	730	789
North-Western	237	324	367
South-Eastern	877	1,010	1,325
Southern	1,753	1,934	2,244
Western	644	723	804
Total	9,238	10,332	11,999

Drug Cost Subsidisation Scheme

The Drug Cost Subsidisation Scheme is available to persons who do not have a medical card or long term illness book but who are certified as having a long term medical condition with a regular and on-going requirement for prescribed drugs and medicines costing in excess of £32 per month. In order to qualify, the medical condition would usually be likely to last for at least twelve months. Eligible persons are obliged only to pay £32 to their community pharmacist in respect of all prescription medication dispensed to them.

Table D4

Drug Cost Subsidisation Scheme: Number of Persons Covered and Average Number of Claimants by Health Board Area 1994, 1995 and 1996

Health Board Area	Number of Persons Covered*			Average Number of Claimants		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	18,696	23,629	28,170	8,703	10,713	12,919
Midland	2,136	2,374	2,677	1,051	1,296	1,541
Mid-Western	5,683	7,963	10,774	2,315	3,106	4,123
North-Eastern	2,922	3,849	4,664	1,251	1,673	2,243
North-Western	2,521	3,037	3,837	1,129	1,334	1,585
South-Eastern	4,312	5,461	5,141	1,985	2,367	2,905
Southern	7,988	10,501	12,295	3,548	4,462	4,964
Western	2,668	3,297	4,102	1,074	1,336	1,563
Total	46,926	60,111	71,660	21,056	26,287	31,843

* As at 31 December

Maternity and Infant Care Scheme

Ante-natal care for expectant mothers and medical care for mothers and infants for up to six weeks after the birth is provided, free of charge, under this scheme. The scheme is operated through general medical practitioners who have agreements with health boards to provide the services. Specified fees are payable to these doctors. Normally mothers choose their own general practitioners and make at least six visits before confinement and two visits afterwards. The numbers of women availing of this service for ante-natal and/or post-natal care are set out by health board area of residence in Table D5.

Table D5

Number of Women Who Received Care Under the Maternity and Infant Care Scheme, 1994, 1995 and 1996

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of Women who had						Number who had post-natal care as a percentage of those who had ante-natal care		
	Ante-Natal Care			Post-Natal Care			1994	1995	1996
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	5,509	7,106	8,140	4,408	5,774	6,603	80	81	81
Midland	2,026	2,299	2,503	1,910	2,135	2,343	94	93	94
Mid-Western	2,710	2,409	2,979	2,254	2,016	2,795	83	84	94
North-Eastern	2,335	3,268	3,289	2,112	2,808	2,877	90	86	87
North-Western	2,540	1,916	2,357	2,323	1,807	2,219	91	94	94
South-Eastern	3,920	3,391	4,378	3,538	2,619	3,977	90	77	91
Southern	5,914	6,079	6,454	5,734	5,807	6,172	97	96	96
Western	3,558	3,454	3,114	3,340	3,325	3,087	94	96	99
Total	28,512	29,922	33,214	25,619	26,291	30,073	90	88	91

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services

Health board dental services are provided mainly by whole-time dentists employed by the boards. In 1979, an arrangement was introduced under which adult patients may be authorised by the health boards to receive treatment from a private dentist who has entered into agreement with the board to treat patients in their own surgeries on a fee per item basis.

Ophthalmic community services are provided by ophthalmologists employed by the health boards. A sight-testing scheme was introduced in 1979, under which eligible adults may have their sight tested by ophthalmologists, ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic opticians in private practice who have entered into agreement with the board to examine eligible patients in their private practice premises. Where glasses are prescribed for an eligible person, they may be dispensed by a dispenser of the patient's choice from among those who have agreed with the health boards to provide this service.

The community aural services are primarily concerned with the ascertainment and assessment of hearing loss, particularly among children. Where hearing aids are prescribed, they are supplied through the National Rehabilitation Board.

Community Nursing Services

A general community nursing service is provided by the health boards through public health nurses who are specially trained in the field of community nursing.

The services provided by community nurses are:

- ◆ caring for acute, chronic and terminally ill patients in their own homes;
- ◆ care and supervision of the frail and elderly, care and support of the handicapped and their families; and
- ◆ monitoring the health of children from infancy to end of primary school - this includes health education and health promotion for individuals in the home and in the community.

Community nurses also provide ante- and post-natal care and cervical cytology testing in some areas and are available for advice at local health centres. Particulars on the numbers of public health nurses are given in Section K.

Supervision of Food and Drugs

The health boards, acting through their environmental health officers, ensure that hygiene standards are maintained in the manufacture, preparation, sale and serving of food. The monitoring of drugs with regard to side effects and their safety for human use is the responsibility of the Irish Medicines Board. Tables D6 and D7 deal with samples and Figure 3 shows trends in the numbers of food samples contravening regulations from 1986 to 1996.

Table D6

Number of Samples Submitted for Analysis During 1996

<i>Regional Analyst</i>	Food			Water/ Effluent	Total
	Formal	Informal	Submitted by Public		
Cork	150	1,783	65	2,830	4,828
Dublin	141	1,043	275	4,153	5,612
Galway	82	1,829	129	7,231	9,271
Total	373	4,655	469	14,214	19,711

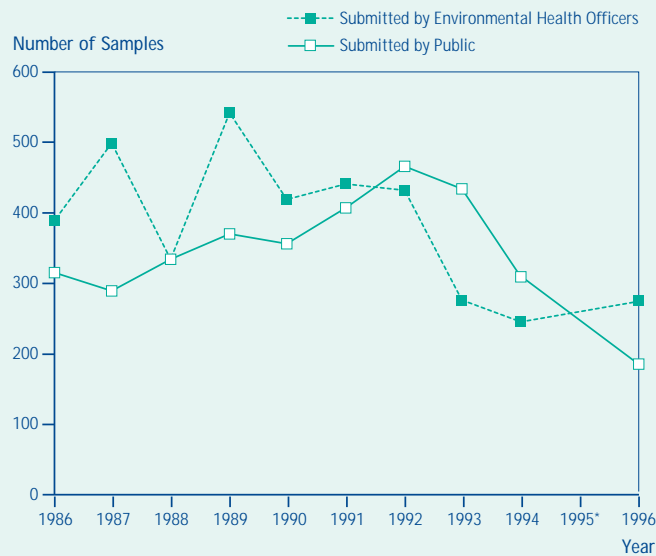
Table D7

Results of Analysis of Food Samples Examined During 1996

<i>Regional Analyst</i>	Total Number of Food Samples		Total Number of Food Samples Contravening Regulations	
	Submitted by Public	Submitted by Environmental Health Officers	Submitted by Public	Submitted by Environmental Health Officers
Cork	65	1,933	43	121
Dublin	275	1,184	58	27
Galway	129	1,911	85	129
Total	469	5,028	186	277

Figure 3

Food Samples Contravening Regulations 1986 to 1996*



* Data not available for 1995

Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1987-1999.

Community Welfare Services

Health boards provide a range of welfare services to the community. These can be divided into cash payments and other services.

Cash Payments

The following cash payment schemes are operated by the health boards on behalf of the Department of Health and Children.

- (i) **Maternity Cash Grant** - payable to women with Category 1 eligibility for each child born.
- (ii) **Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance** - payable to persons with long-term disabilities which prevent them from working. The administration of DPMA transferred to the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs in 1996.
- (iii) **Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Allowance** - payable to persons with disabilities over 16 years of age who are engaged in full-time rehabilitation training approved by the health board in consultation with the National Rehabilitation Board and who have to live away from home.
- (iv) **Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowance** - payable to persons who are prevented from working because they are undergoing treatment for specified infectious diseases.
- (v) **Supplementary Blind Welfare Allowance** - payable, in addition to the blind pension or the Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance (both administered by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs), to blind people who are in necessitous circumstances.
- (vi) **Domiciliary Care Allowance** - payable to parents of severely handicapped children (aged 2 to 16 years) who require care and attention significantly greater than that normally required by a child of the same age.
- (vii) **Mobility Allowance** - payable to severely handicapped persons aged between 16 and 66 years who are unable to walk and who would benefit from occasional trips away from home.
- (viii) **Motorised Transport Grant** - payable to persons whose disability prevents them from using public transport and to whom a car is essential to allow them to earn a living.

Allowances payable under (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vii) and (viii) are subject to a means test. In the case of the Domiciliary Care Allowance the child's means, if any, not the parents' means are taken into account.

Table D8A

Number of Recipients of Welfare Allowances
at 31 December 1994

Payment	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Maternity Cash Grant	1,954	357	175	174	94	439	202	309	3,704
Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance	8,406	1,813	3,190	2,054	2,254	3,754	5,022	4,200	30,693
Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Allowance	19	330	77	431	382	250	154	257	1,900
Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowance	10	2	3	4	3	3	10	3	38
Blind Welfare Allowance	363	60	115	85	154	179	255	132	1,343
Domiciliary Care Allowance	2,782	465	683	656	399	717	1,387	784	7,873
Mobility Allowance	634	138	148	156	109	168	328	242	1,923
Motorised Transport Grant	17	12	9	16	30	12	24	25	145

Table D8B

Number of Recipients of Welfare Allowances
at 31 December 1995

Payment	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Maternity Cash Grant	1,422	390	175	154	96	411	165	288	3,101
Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance	9,053	1,858	3,366	2,198	2,430	3,918	5,531	4,345	32,699
Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Allowance	20	341	103	448	373	215	159	237	1,896
Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowance	16	3	2	6	1	3	11	2	44
Blind Welfare Allowance	401	53	110	122	144	172	284	137	1,423
Domiciliary Care Allowance	2,830	477	716	643	409	809	1,439	802	8,125
Mobility Allowance	728	133	165	171	109	173	347	246	2,072
Motorised Transport Grant	7	9	9	7	22	9	7	12	82

Table D8C

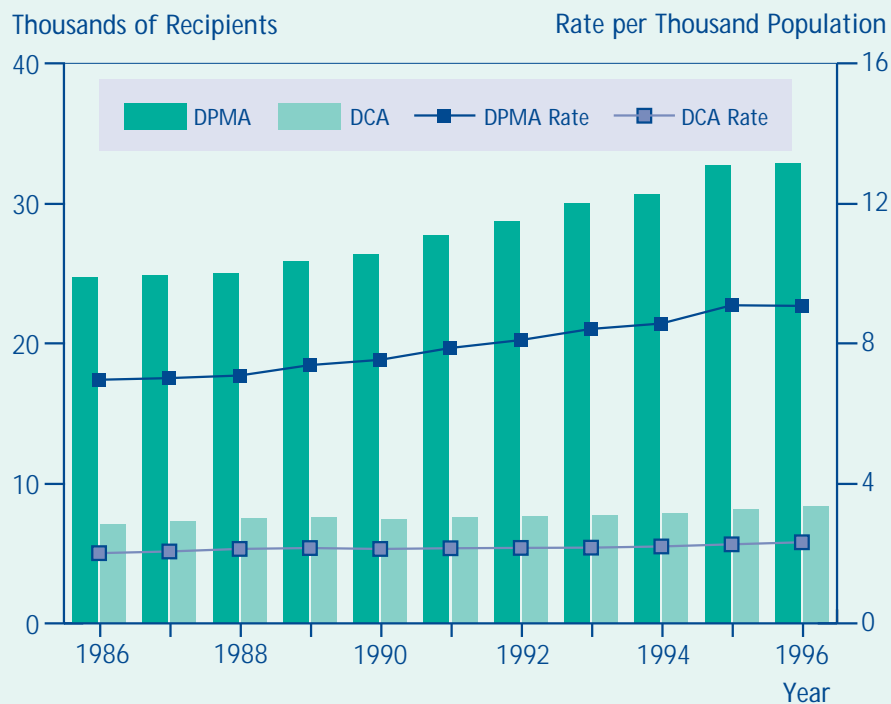
Number of Recipients of Welfare Allowances at 31 December 1996

Payment	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Maternity Cash Grant	998	302	175	119	108	375	104	305	2,486
Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance*	9,749	1,986	3,415	2,318	2,595	4,139	4,298	4,387	32,887
Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Allowance	22	152	86	297	187	204	93	35	1,076
Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowance	12	1	1	6	2	2	7	1	32
Blind Welfare Allowance	427	85	111	136	164	179	290	147	1,539
Domiciliary Care Allowance	2,925	472	761	695	423	827	1,501	799	8,403
Mobility Allowance	781	144	212	182	137	174	370	263	2,263
Motorised Transport Grant	7	12	12	7	30	11	12	23	114

* Figures refer to the number of recipients at 30 September 1996 when responsibility for the administration of DPMA transferred to the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs

Figure 4

Disabled Persons Maintenance and Domiciliary Care Allowance Recipients: Numbers and Rates per 1,000 Population, 1986 to 1996



Note: DCA - Domiciliary Care Allowance
 DPMA - Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance
 Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1987-1999.

Other Services

Tables D9A to D9C show, by health board area, the use made of the following services:

- (ix) Meals Service - this service, which provides meals to needy persons, is provided mainly by voluntary bodies with health board subsidies.
- (x) Home Help - home helps are employed by the health boards and by voluntary agencies subsidised by the health boards. Help is given to families in stress and to older persons.

Table D9A

**Number of Recipients of Community Welfare Services
for Year Ended 31 December 1994**

<i>Service</i>	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Meals Service	N.A.	563	751	1,149	622	1,217	1,759	N.A.	6,061
Home Help Service									
– Older Persons	4,211	962	1,231	1,045	1,110	1,258	3,153	1,655	14,625
– Families Under Stress	407	37	244	33	56	89	131	106	1,103
– Physically Handicapped	661	134	80	449	85	67	174	61	1,711
– Other	356	188	205	16	79	28	130	74	1,076

N.A: Indicates "Not Available".

Table D9B

**Number of Recipients of Community Welfare Services
for Year Ended 31 December 1995**

<i>Service</i>	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Meals Service	N.A.	724	600	869	905	1,969	1,770	2,317	9,154
Home Help Service									
– Older Persons	4,347	997	1,353	1,088	1,111	3,346	3,478	1,778	15,498
– Families Under Stress	430	39	166	55	61	97	155	88	1,091
– Physically Handicapped	704	132	82	449	56	43	146	118	1,730
– Other	261	291	193	22	69	64	156	23	1,079

N.A: Indicates "Not Available".

* Figures for Tipperary/Limerick Community Care Area are not available.

Table D9C

**Number of Recipients of Community Welfare Services
for Year Ended 31 December 1996**

<i>Service</i>	Eastern	Midland	Mid-Western	North-Eastern	North-Western	South-Eastern	Southern	Western	Total
Meals Service	N.A.	1,174	3,255	911	899	1,998	2,348	2,620	13,205
Home Help Service									
– Older Persons	4,645	1,007	1,383	1,249	1,403	1,348	3,205	1,729	15,969
– Families Under Stress	508	65	192	28	74	80	148	96	1,191
– Physically Handicapped	755	129	101	93	53	24	135	111	1,401
– Other	327	283	146	59	79	72	177	9	1,152

N.A: Indicates "Not Available".

Eligibility for Health Services

The category of eligibility to which a person belongs determines what services s/he should pay for and what services s/he is entitled to free of charge. There are two categories of eligibility as follows:

Category One:

Persons who are unable without undue hardship to arrange general practitioner services for themselves and their dependants. Such persons have full eligibility for all health services. They are issued with medical cards by the health boards. The health boards fix income guidelines to help in deciding on applications for medical cards. About 35% of the population are in this category.

Category Two:

Anyone who is ordinarily resident in Ireland who does not qualify for full eligibility has limited eligibility. About 65% of the population are in this category.

Services

The following is a list of the main services to which each eligibility category is entitled:

Category One: Persons in this category (i.e. medical card holders) are entitled to the full range of health services without charge. These include in particular:

- general practitioner and pharmaceutical services;
- free maintenance and treatment in public wards of hospitals;
- free specialist out-patient services at public clinics;
- free dental, ophthalmic and aural services.

Category Two:

- maintenance and treatment in public wards of hospitals subject to a specified charge;
- specialist out-patient services at public clinics free of charge; persons who attend the A & E Department are subject to a specified charge;
- assistance towards the cost of prescribed medicines;
- general practitioner maternity and infant care services;
- free drugs for certain long term illnesses.

Private Medical Insurance

The number of persons in Ireland who avail of private medical insurance has been increasing for a number of years. At present, an estimated 1.5 million persons have insurance cover compared with the 1993 estimate of 1.3 million. Taking account of the increase in the population in that time, the proportion of persons with private insurance has grown by over 12%.

The estimates include the Voluntary Health Insurance Board (VHI), BUPA (Ireland), who entered the market in January 1997, St. Paul's Garda Medical Aid Society, the Prison Officers Medical Aid Society and the ESB Medical Provident Fund. The schemes operated by the insurers focus, primarily, on cover for hospital costs.

Table D10

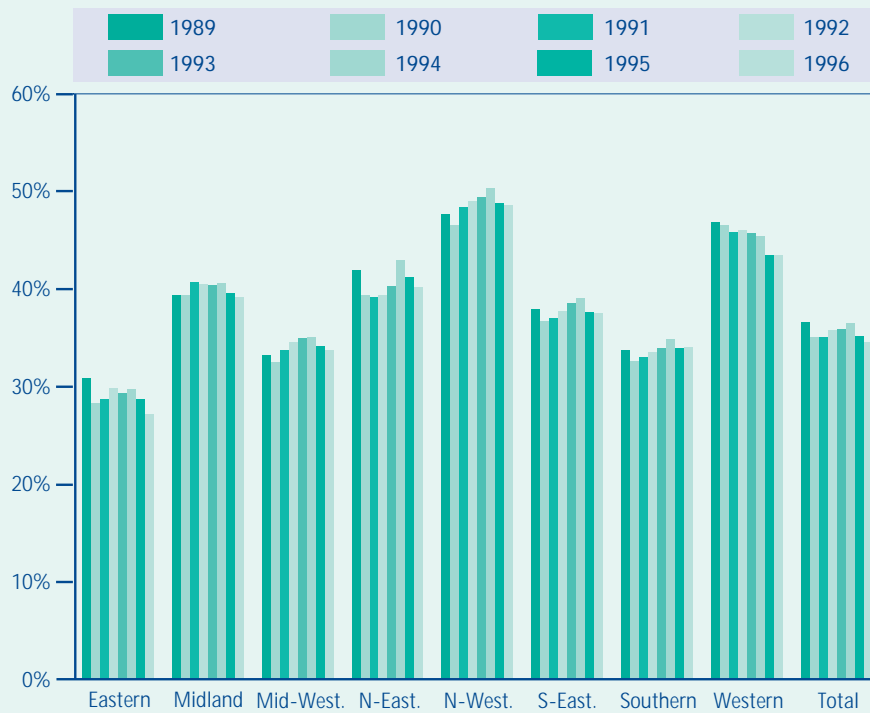
Number of Medical Cards and Percentage of Population in
Each County Covered by Medical Cards, 1995 and 1996

<i>Health Board and County</i>	Number of Cards Current on 31 December		Number of Persons (including dependants) Covered by Medical Cards on 31 December		Percentage of Population Covered by Medical Cards on 31 December*	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
Eastern						
Dublin	177,279	168,444	300,136	282,872	28.36	26.73
Kildare	20,986	20,318	36,385	35,004	26.95	25.93
Wicklow	20,692	20,354	35,723	35,068	34.79	34.15
Total Eastern	218,957	209,116	372,244	352,944	28.72	27.23
Midland						
Laois	12,429	12,491	21,691	21,518	40.97	40.64
Longford	7,625	7,527	13,118	12,957	43.49	42.95
Offaly	14,057	13,823	23,994	23,634	40.59	39.98
Westmeath	13,535	13,444	22,583	22,337	35.67	35.28
Total Midland	47,646	47,285	81,386	80,446	39.60	39.14
Mid-Western						
Clare	19,724	18,855	31,949	30,962	33.99	32.94
Limerick	33,105	32,996	55,027	55,177	33.34	33.43
Tipperary (NR)	12,753	12,616	21,180	20,822	36.50	35.89
Total Mid-Western	65,582	64,467	108,156	106,961	34.11	33.73
North-Eastern						
Cavan	13,691	13,310	22,621	22,030	42.73	41.61
Louth	23,575	23,845	39,465	39,821	42.82	43.21
Meath	24,190	23,028	41,101	38,645	37.46	35.22
Monaghan	13,725	13,532	22,905	22,497	44.64	43.84
Total North-Eastern	75,181	73,715	126,092	122,993	41.19	40.17
North-Western						
Donegal	39,269	37,689	69,768	69,524	53.67	53.48
Leitrim	7,491	7,275	12,361	12,430	49.33	49.61
Sligo	12,658	12,237	20,712	20,615	37.10	36.93
Total North-Western	59,418	57,201	102,841	102,569	48.77	48.64
South-Eastern						
Carlow	9,756	9,791	17,058	17,061	40.99	41.00
Kilkenny	13,220	13,116	22,153	22,159	29.41	29.41
Tipperary (SR)	16,780	15,882	28,466	27,309	37.70	36.16
Waterford	23,370	23,729	38,693	39,508	40.87	41.73
Wexford	23,266	23,128	41,164	40,799	39.44	39.09
Total South-Eastern	86,392	85,646	147,534	146,836	37.68	37.50
Southern						
Cork	84,486	85,550	138,114	139,370	32.84	33.14
Kerry	28,661	28,160	47,620	46,993	37.75	37.26
Total Southern	113,147	113,710	185,734	186,363	33.98	34.09
Western						
Galway	43,738	43,971	73,474	73,724	38.91	39.04
Mayo	33,282	33,226	56,138	55,910	50.34	50.13
Roscommon	14,411	14,593	23,456	23,638	45.13	45.48
Total Western	91,431	91,790	153,068	153,272	43.44	43.50
Grand Total	757,754	742,930	1,277,055	1,252,384	35.22	34.54

* These percentages are based on the Census of Population, 1996.

Figure 5

Percentage of Population Covered by Medical Cards
by Health Board: 1989 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1990-1999.

Section

Children in Care

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Section E

Children in Care

Health boards have a statutory responsibility to promote the welfare of children in their area. In order to achieve this objective, they may provide substitute care for those children who are not receiving adequate care and protection at home. Children may be received into the care of a health board either with parental consent or on foot of a care order which must be made by a court under the provisions of the Child Care Act, 1991.

Survey of Children in the Care of Health Boards at 31 December 1996

The Survey is primarily a census of all children in the care of health boards on the the night of 31 December 1996. Children who were at home temporarily on that night are also included in the survey.

The survey does not cover:

- ◆ children awaiting adoption;
- ◆ children in day care or day fostering;
- ◆ children in private foster care;
- ◆ children living with their mothers in mother and baby homes, women's refuges etc.;
- ◆ children living in this country who are the legal responsibility of a Social Services Department or other agency outside the state.

The survey is based on a questionnaire in respect of children in care completed in the 32 Community Care Areas throughout the country. Details of individual cases were not collected in the questionnaire.

Table E1

Number of Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Sex

<i>Health Board</i>	Male	Female	Total
Eastern	743	733	1,476
Midland	123	118	241
Mid-Western	207	197	404
North-Eastern	158	145	303
North-Western	73	99	172
South-Eastern	156	173	329
Southern	251	271	522
Western	98	123	221
Total	1,809	1,859	3,668
As % of Total	49.3	50.7	100.0

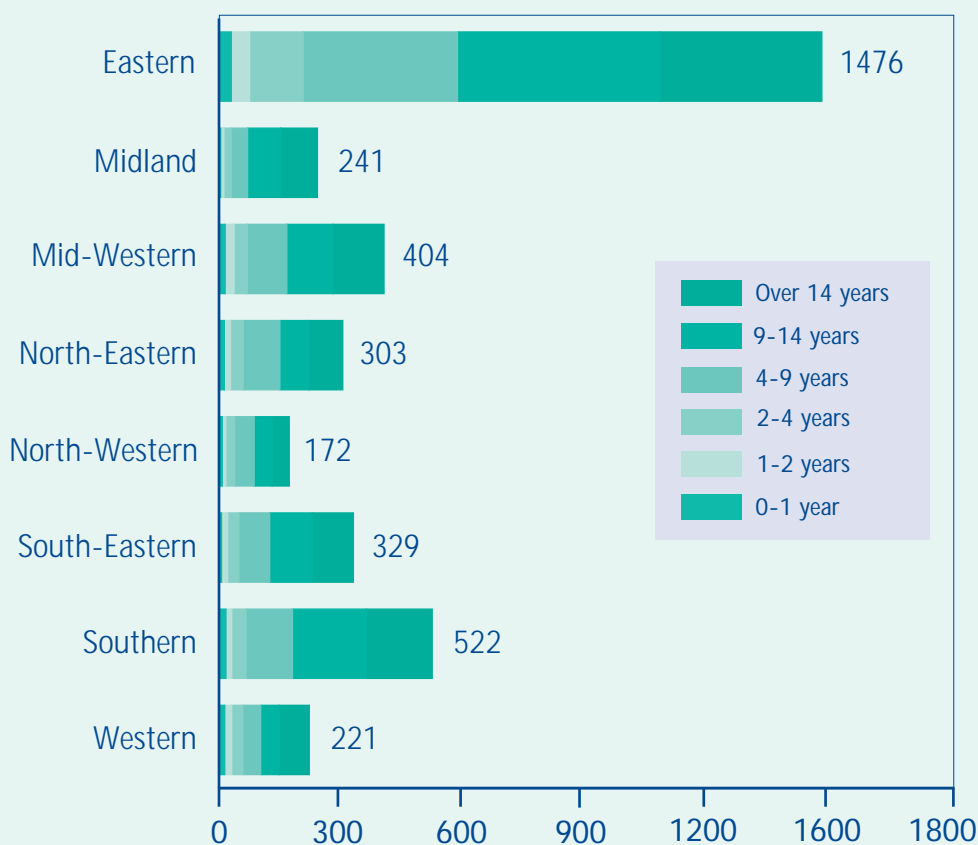
Table E2

Number of Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Age

Health Board	0-1 year	1-2 years	2-4 years	4-9 years	9-14 years	Over 14 years	Total
Eastern	30	45	131	378	496	396	1,476
Midland	4	8	18	40	81	90	241
Mid-Western	15	22	32	97	113	125	404
North-Eastern	13	15	31	90	71	83	303
North-Western	8	9	21	48	44	42	172
South-Eastern	6	15	28	75	104	101	329
Southern	17	14	35	114	181	161	522
Western	14	17	27	44	45	74	221
Total	107	145	323	886	1,135	1,072	3,668
As % of Total	2.9	4.0	8.8	24.2	30.9	29.2	100.0

Figure 1

Number of Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Age and Health Board



Source: Table E2.

Table E3

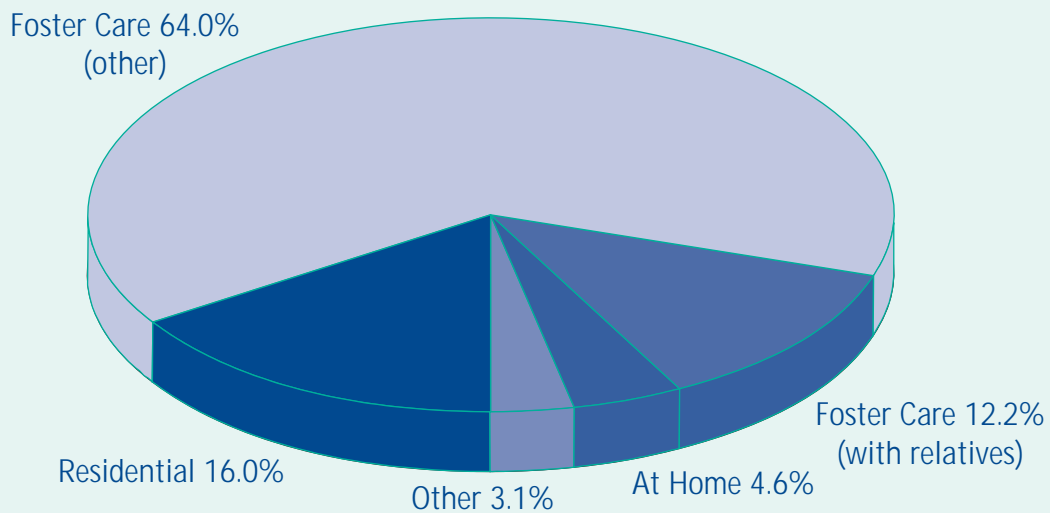
Number of Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Type of Care

<i>Health Board</i>	Residential	Foster Care		At Home	Other	Total
		With relatives	Elsewhere			
Eastern	314	179	878	38	67	1,476
Midland	24	40	151	17	9	241
Mid-Western	34	33	286	47	4	404
North-Eastern	23	64	176	21	19	303
North-Western	8	20	136	8	0	172
South-Eastern	59	42	211	15	2	329
Southern	88	50	368	6	10	522
Western	37	21	143	17	3	221
Total	587	449	2,349	169	114	3,668
As % of Total	16.0	12.2	64.0	4.6	3.1	100.0

Notes: (1) "At Home" refers to children under supervision orders.
 (2) "Other" includes children in boarding schools, supported lodgings, special homes and children opting to live with relatives etc.

Figure 2

Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Type of Care



Source: Table E3.

Table E4

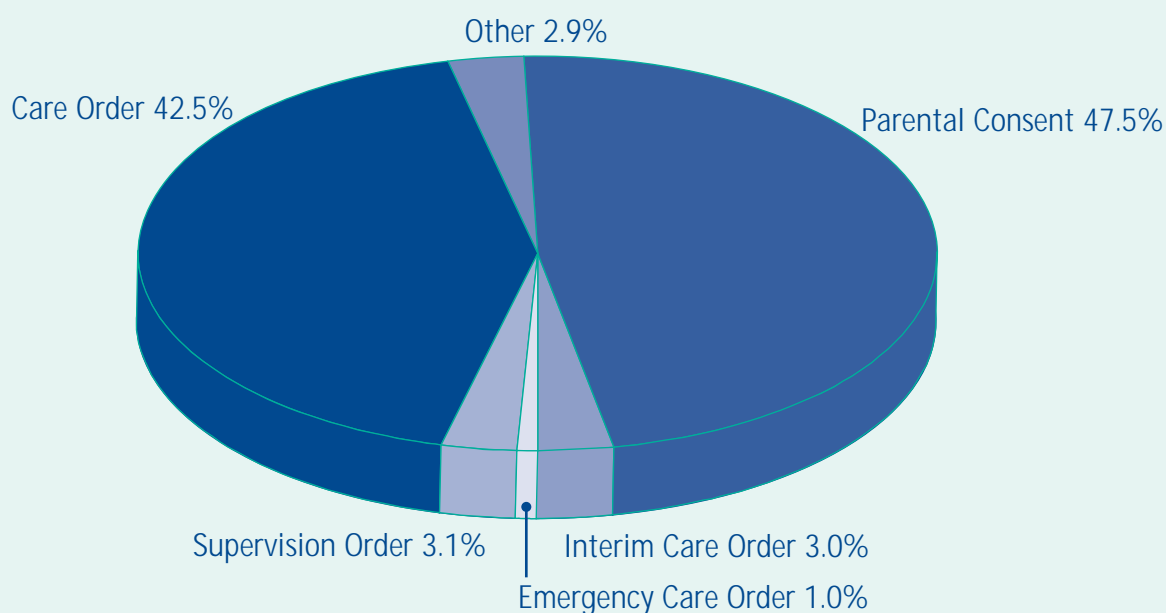
**Number of Children in Care at 31 December 1996
by Current Legal Basis for Care**

<i>Health Board</i>	Emergency Care Order	Interim Care Order	Care Order	Supervision Order	Parental Consent	Other	Total
Eastern	29	81	602	2	678	84	1,476
Midland	0	0	128	10	103	0	241
Mid-Western	2	4	170	45	179	4	404
North-Eastern	4	10	107	8	169	5	303
North-Western	1	3	80	8	80	0	172
South-Eastern	0	1	99	17	205	7	329
Southern	0	7	269	5	238	3	522
Western	0	4	104	17	92	4	221
Total	36	110	1,559	112	1,744	107	3,668
As % of Total	1.0	3.0	42.5	3.1	47.5	2.9	100.0

Note: "Other" includes children who are wards of court.

Figure 3

Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Current Legal Basis for Care



Source: Table E4.

Table E5

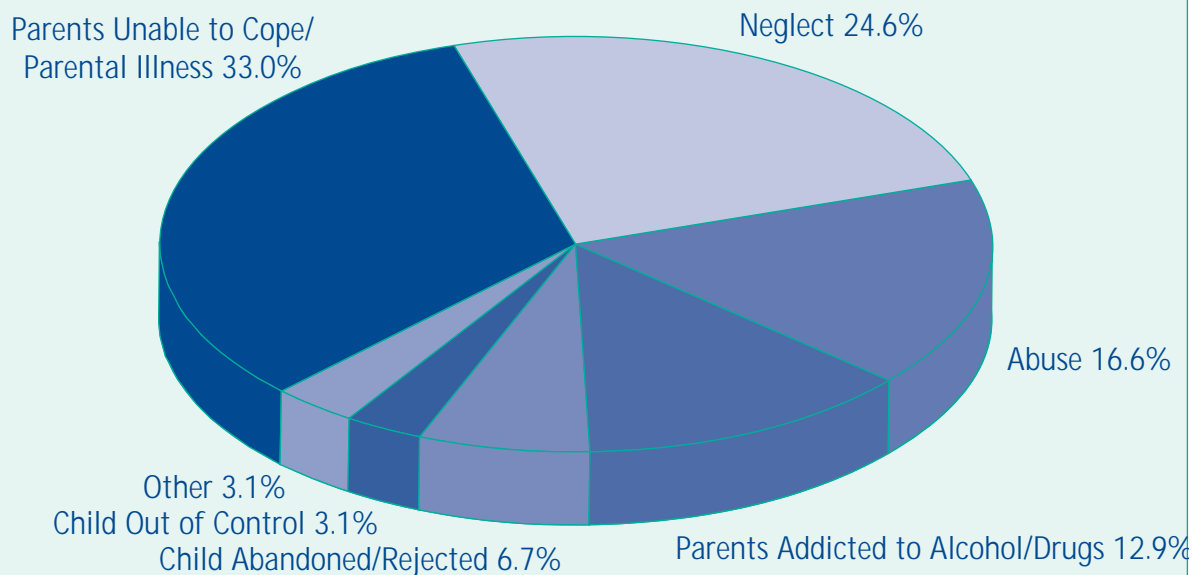
Number of Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Principal Reason for Admission to Care

Health Board	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Neglect	Parents Unable to Cope/ Parental Illness	Parents Addicted to Alcohol/ Drugs	Child Out of Control	Child Abandoned/ Rejected	Other	Total
Eastern	129	92	19	325	464	269	58	96	24	1,476
Midland	25	21	3	72	61	26	5	18	10	241
Mid-Western	23	21	20	81	129	82	18	28	2	404
North-Eastern	8	9	12	51	145	36	8	23	11	303
North-Western	9	20	5	44	72	0	4	14	4	172
South-Eastern	18	25	5	91	125	9	8	21	27	329
Southern	48	47	21	184	130	29	6	33	24	522
Western	12	9	6	55	83	23	8	13	12	221
Total	272	244	91	903	1,209	474	115	246	114	3,668
As % of Total	7.4	6.7	2.5	24.6	33.0	12.9	3.1	6.7	3.1	100.0

Note: The "Abuse" and "Neglect" categories include both suspected and confirmed cases.

Figure 4

Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Principal Reason for Admission to Care



Source: Table E5.

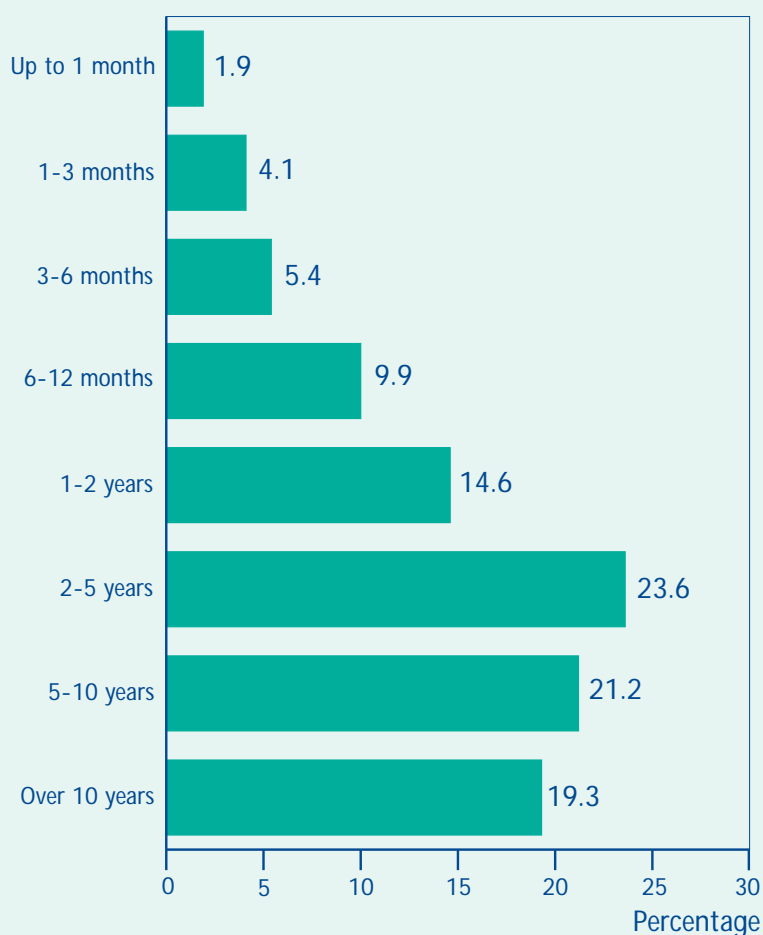
Table E6

Number of Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Length of Stay

<i>Health Board</i>	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	5-10 years	Over 10 years	Total
Eastern	25	57	71	135	211	384	343	250	1,476
Midland	3	3	10	27	36	58	46	58	241
Mid-Western	8	39	37	47	54	75	76	68	404
North-Eastern	0	12	19	23	66	80	59	44	303
North-Western	4	7	10	11	17	37	52	34	172
South-Eastern	8	20	19	51	59	55	56	61	329
Southern	12	6	24	36	64	126	114	140	522
Western	11	5	9	35	27	49	32	53	221
Total	71	149	199	365	534	864	778	708	3,668
As % of Total	1.9	4.1	5.4	9.9	14.6	23.6	21.2	19.3	100.0

Figure 5

Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Length of Stay



Source: Table E6.

Table E7

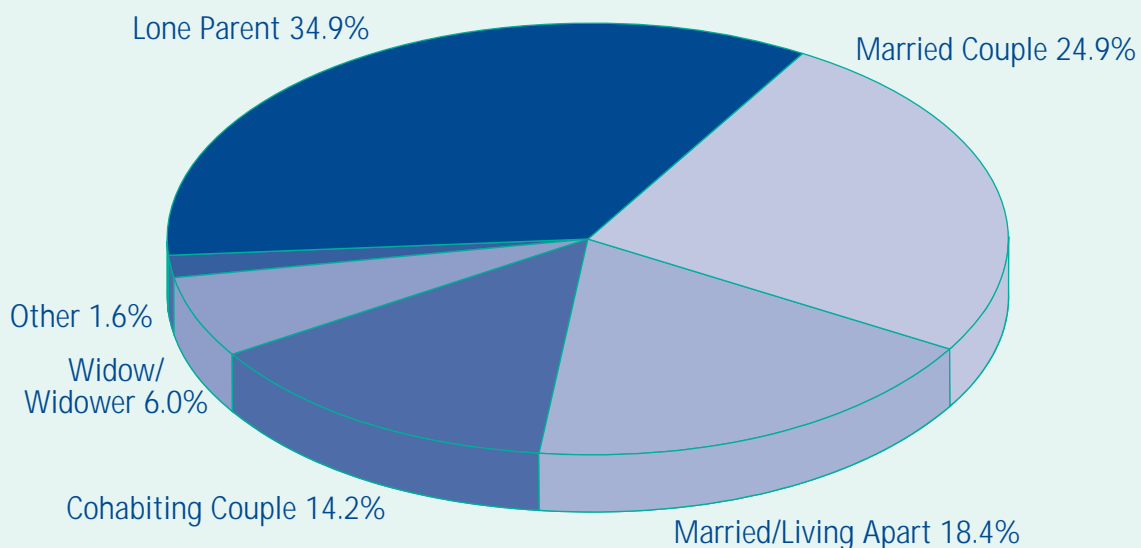
Number of Children in Care at 31 December 1996
by Family Type

Health Board	Married Couple	Married/Living Apart	Cohabiting Couple	Widow/Widower	Lone Parent	Other	Total
Eastern	340	247	231	80	558	20	1,476
Midland	69	51	31	34	51	5	241
Mid-Western	115	91	62	11	122	3	404
North-Eastern	83	49	19	18	134	0	303
North-Western	42	35	24	0	68	3	172
South-Eastern	85	75	46	15	97	11	329
Southern	136	94	59	46	174	13	522
Western	44	34	48	17	75	3	221
Total	914	676	520	221	1,279	58	3,668
As % of Total	24.9	18.4	14.2	6.0	34.9	1.6	100.0

Notes: (1) "Married Couple" is used for a couple who are married to each other and living together.
 (2) "Married/Living Apart" is used where the parent caring for the child is deserted by or separated from his or her spouse and is living alone.
 (3) "Cohabiting Couple" is used when a couple who are living together are not married to each other, although they may be married to others.
 (4) "Widow/Widower" is used only if the parent has not remarried or is not living with a partner. In other circumstances the most appropriate category applies.
 (5) "Lone Parent" is used when an unmarried parent is not living with a partner.

Figure 6

Children in Care at 31 December 1996 by Family Type



Source: Table E7.

Table E8

Number of Admissions to Care During 1996

<i>Health Board</i>	Residential	Foster Care		At Home	Other	Total
		With relatives	Elsewhere			
Eastern	133	78	355	1	58	625
Midland	8	11	185	5	0	209
Mid-Western	52	30	415	45	0	542
North-Eastern	23	39	137	0	17	216
North-Western	14	14	75	6	0	109
South-Eastern	62	44	170	15	3	294
Southern	26	10	183	0	3	222
Western	73	4	109	3	0	189
Total	391	230	1,629	75	81	2,406
As % of Total	16.3	9.6	67.7	3.1	3.4	100.0

Note: Every admission to care was recorded, e.g. if a child had two admissions to care during the year both were recorded.

Table E9

Number of Discharges from Care During 1996

<i>Health Board</i>	Residential	Foster Care		At Home	Other	Total
		With relatives	Elsewhere			
Eastern	72	18	223	6	12	331
Midland	4	13	170	1	0	188
Mid-Western	45	12	374	1	0	432
North-Eastern	18	22	104	0	0	144
North-Western	11	5	57	0	0	73
South-Eastern	57	34	148	3	3	245
Southern	17	1	141	0	0	159
Western	72	4	103	3	0	182
Total	296	109	1,320	14	15	1,754
As % of Total	16.9	6.2	75.3	0.8	0.9	100.0

Note: Every discharge from care was recorded, e.g. if a child was discharged twice during the year both were recorded.

Section

Psychiatric Services

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Section F

Psychiatric Services

Particulars of community psychiatric services are presented in this section in addition to information on in-patient psychiatric care. A range of community services is provided primarily by the health boards and also by voluntary and other agencies.

Data refer to the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 and principal time trends are illustrated in a number of graphs.

In-Patient Services

In-Patients: Table F1 provides summary data by health board area on the number of in-patients at 31 December 1994, 1995 and 1996. Tables F2 and F3 give the individual hospital breakdown for the different hospital categories.

Admissions: The number of admissions by age for 1994, 1995 and 1996 is set out in Table F4 for each health board area and hospital category. Tables F5 to F6C analyse certain demographic characteristics and diagnoses.

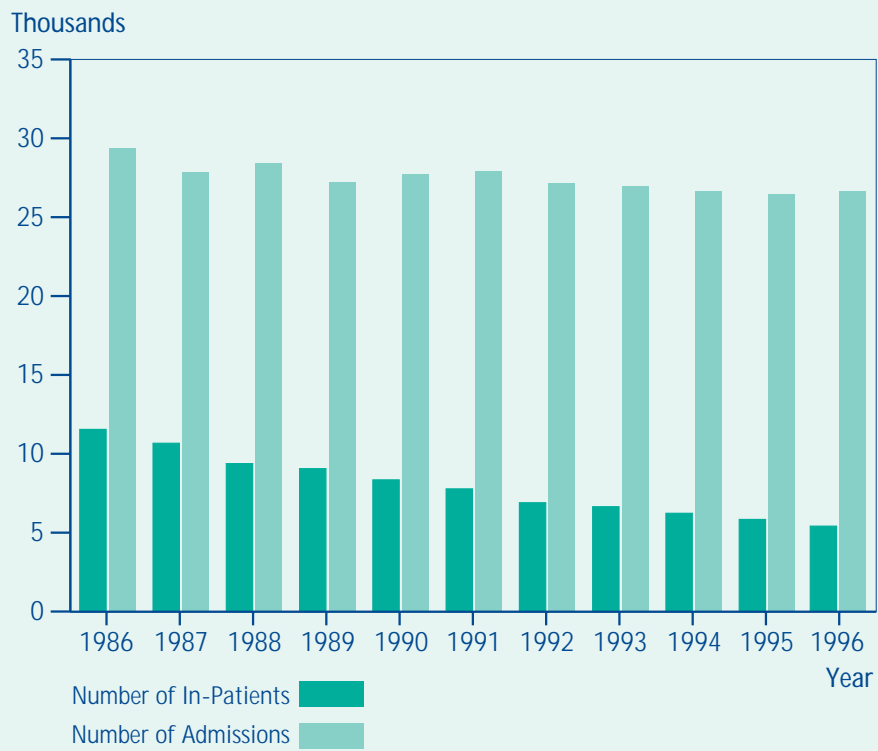
Table F1

All Psychiatric Hospitals and Units:
Number of In-Patients at 31 December 1994, 1995 and 1996
analysed by Health Board Area

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of In-Patients at 31 December		
	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	2,002	1,822	1,827
Midland	421	400	367
Mid-Western	485	482	452
North-Eastern	328	314	301
North-Western	279	268	250
South-Eastern	949	928	876
Southern	936	891	782
Western	797	702	720
Total	6,197	5,807	5,575

Figure 1

Numbers of Psychiatric In-Patients At 31 December,
and In-Patient Admissions, 1986 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports, 1988 – 1999.

Table F2

Publicly Funded Psychiatric Hospitals and Units:
Number of In-Patients at 31 December 1994, 1995 and 1996

Health Board and Hospital/Unit	Number of In-Patients at 31 December		
	1994	1995	1996
Eastern			
Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum	80	71	78
Cluain Mhuire	41	43	35
Court Hall, Mulhuddart	2	3	3
Lakeview Unit, Naas General	23	18	30
Newcastle, Co. Wicklow	74	69	73
St. Brendan's (a)	256	234	252
St. Ita's	627	609	571
St. James's, St. Patrick's catchment area service	86	82	81
St. Loman's	86	78	76
St. Paul's, Beaumont	4	5	12
St. Vincent's, Fairview	76	81	71
Unit at James Connolly Memorial Hospital	22	14	8
Unit at Mater Hospital, Dublin	13	12	14
Unit at St. Vincent's, Elm Park	12	13	9
Vergemount, Clonskeagh	20	13	24
Warrenstown House, Blanchardstown	10	4	2
Total Eastern	1,432	1,349	1,339
Midland			
St. Fintan's, Portlaoise	147	148	131
St. Loman's, Mullingar	274	252	236
Total Midland	421	400	367
Mid-Western			
Our Lady's, Ennis	213	221	211
St. Joseph's, Limerick	224	214	194
Unit at Limerick Regional	48	47	47
Total Mid-Western	485	482	452
North-Eastern			
St. Brigid's, Ardee	145	157	131
St. Davnet's, Monaghan	165	136	130
Unit at Cavan General	18	21	19
Unit at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan (b)	-	-	21
Total North-Eastern	328	314	301
North-Western			
Mental Health Service, Ballytivnan	100	94	117
St. Conal's, Letterkenny	131	123	75
Unit at Letterkenny General	48	51	58
Total North-Western	279	268	250
South-Eastern			
St. Canice's, Kilkenny	139	143	126
St. Dymphna's, Carlow	140	120	110
St. Luke's, Clonmel	253	235	236
St. Michael's Unit, Clonmel	38	44	42
St. Otteran's, Waterford	150	144	137
St. Senan's, Enniscorthy	176	197	192
Unit at Waterford Regional Hospital	44	37	24
Total South-Eastern	940	920	867
Southern			
Our Lady's, Cork	200	194	130
St. Anne's, Skibbereen (c)	28	26	-
St. Finan's, Killarney	279	252	245
St. Stephen's, Sarsfieldscourt	295	283	278
Unit at Bantry General (d)	-	-	19
Unit at Cork University and St. Finbarr's Hospitals	68	72	64
Unit at Tralee General	45	42	46
Total Southern	915	869	782
Western			
St. Anne's, Galway	44	8	6
St. Brigid's, Ballinasloe	334	306	427
St. Mary's, Castlebar	285	258	225
St. Patrick's, Castlerea (e)	70	72	-
Unit at Roscommon General	22	14	21
Unit at University College Hospital, Galway	42	44	41
Total Western	797	702	720
Grand Total	5,597	5,304	5,078

(a) The figure for St. Brendan's Hospital includes in-patient numbers for St. Dymphna's Alcohol Unit.

(b) The psychiatric unit at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan opened on 25 November 1996.

(c) St. Anne's Psychiatric Unit, Skibbereen closed on 8 January 1996.

(d) The psychiatric unit at Bantry General Hospital opened on 8 January 1996.

(e) St. Patrick's Hospital, Castlerea closed on 26 July 1996.

Table F3

Private Psychiatric Hospitals: Number of In-Patients
at 31 December 1994, 1995 and 1996

<i>Health Board and Hospital</i>	Number of In-Patients at 31 December		
	1994	1995	1996
Eastern			
Bloomfield, Donnybrook, Dublin	51	61	60
Bungalow 22, Palmerstown, Dublin (a)	—	—	5
Hampstead, Highfield and Elmhurst, Dublin	102	73	75
Kylemore Clinic, Co. Dublin	35	32	38
Palmerstown Lodge, Co. Dublin (a)	4	4	—
St. John of God, Dublin	157	138	117
St. Patrick's, James's St. and St. Edmondsbury, Lucan, Co. Dublin	221	165	193
Total Eastern	570	473	488
South-Eastern			
Larch Bungalow, Belmont Park, Waterford	9	8	9
Total South-Eastern	9	8	9
Southern			
Lindville, Blackrock Road, Cork (b)	21	22	—
Total Southern	21	22	—
Grand Total	600	503	497

(a) Bungalow 22, Palmerstown, Dublin replaced Palmerstown Lodge, which ceased to cater for psychiatric patients in July 1996.

(b) Lindville Hospital closed on 6 September 1996.

Table F4A

All Psychiatric Hospitals and Units:
Number of Admissions by Age, 1994

<i>Health Board Area and Hospital/Unit Type</i>	Under 45 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	Unspecified	Total
Eastern					
Public	4,437	1,938	793	35	7,203
Private	1,888	1,397	794	15	4,094
Total Eastern	6,325	3,335	1,587	50	11,297
Midland					
Public	544	386	208	1	1,139
Total Midland	544	386	208	1	1,139
Mid-Western					
Public	805	554	250	0	1,609
Total Mid-Western	805	554	250	0	1,609
North-Eastern					
Public	660	429	257	3	1,349
Total North-Eastern	660	429	257	3	1,349
North-Western					
Public	963	635	305	5	1,908
Total North-Western	963	635	305	5	1,908
South-Eastern					
Public	1,553	1,048	566	18	3,185
Total South-Eastern	1,553	1,048	566	18	3,185
Southern					
Public	1,870	969	502	25	3,366
Private	30	38	38	0	106
Total Southern	1,900	1,007	540	25	3,472
Western					
Public	1,467	772	482	7	2,728
Total Western	1,467	772	482	7	2,728
Total Public	12,299	6,731	3,363	94	22,487
Total Private	1,918	1,435	832	15	4,200
Grand Total	14,217	8,166	4,195	109	26,687

Source: Health Research Board

Table F4B

All Psychiatric Hospitals and Units:
Number of Admissions by Age 1995

<i>Health Board Area and Hospital/Unit Type</i>	Under 45 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	Unspecified	Total
Eastern					
Public	4,224	1,949	874	25	7,072
Private	1,798	1,455	866	11	4,130
Total Eastern	6,022	3,404	1,740	36	11,202
Midland					
Public	619	417	250	3	1,289
Total Midland	619	417	250	3	1,289
Mid-Western					
Public	878	436	266	1	1,581
Total Mid-Western	878	436	266	1	1,581
North-Eastern					
Public	584	403	258	3	1,248
Total North-Eastern	584	403	258	3	1,248
North-Western					
Public	896	637	237	0	1,770
Total North-Western	896	637	237	0	1,770
South-Eastern					
Public	1,624	997	622	7	3,250
Total South-Eastern	1,624	997	622	7	3,250
Southern					
Public	1,884	1,010	473	22	3,389
Private	39	39	36	0	114
Total Southern	1,923	1,049	509	22	3,503
Western					
Public	1,436	783	376	2	2,597
Total Western	1,436	783	376	2	2,597
Total Public	12,145	6,632	3,356	63	22,196
Total Private	1,837	1,494	902	11	4,244
Grand Total	13,982	8,126	4,258	74	26,440

Source: Health Research Board

Table F4C

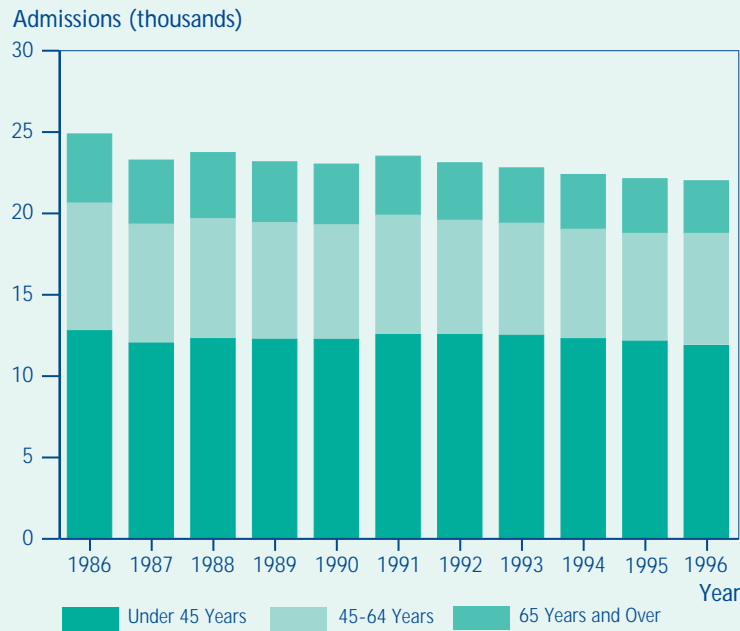
All Psychiatric Hospitals and Units:
Number of Admissions by Age 1996

<i>Health Board Area and Hospital/Unit Type</i>	Under 45 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	Unspecified	Total
Eastern					
Public	4,186	2,114	847	58	7,205
Private	1,809	1,474	804	3	4,090
Total Eastern	5,995	3,588	1,651	61	11,295
Midland					
Public	656	411	223	1	1,291
Total Midland	656	411	223	1	1,291
Mid-Western					
Public	851	491	214	0	1,556
Total Mid-Western	851	491	214	0	1,556
North-Eastern					
Public	655	396	218	2	1,271
Total North-Eastern	655	396	218	2	1,271
North-Western					
Public	963	636	231	0	1,830
Total North-Western	963	636	231	0	1,830
South-Eastern					
Public	1,576	1,075	564	15	3,230
Total South-Eastern	1,576	1,075	564	15	3,230
Southern					
Public	1,559	874	451	463	3,347
Private	12	23	18	0	53
Total Southern	1,571	897	469	463	3,400
Western					
Public	1,509	874	394	6	2,783
Total Western	1,509	874	394	6	2,783
Total Public	11,955	6,871	3,142	545	22,513
Total Private	1,821	1,497	822	3	4,143
Grand Total	13,776	8,368	3,964	548	26,656

Source: Health Research Board

Figure 2

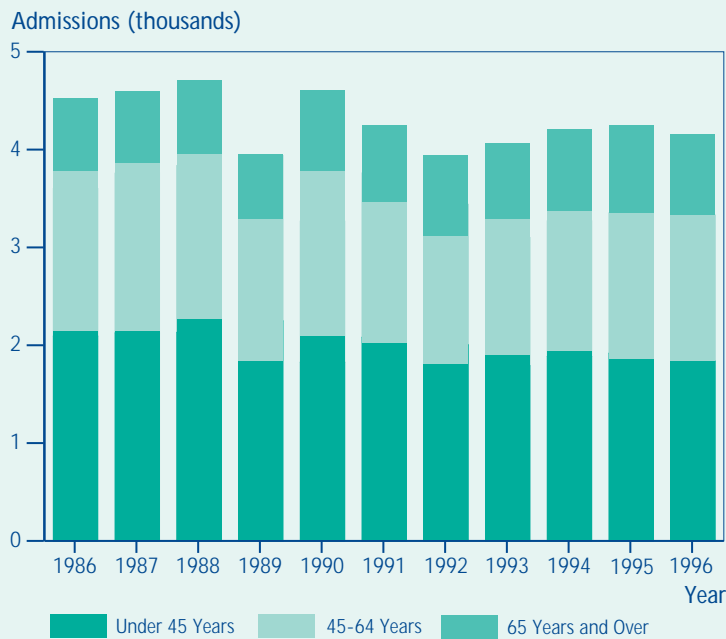
Number of Admissions to Public Psychiatric Hospitals and Units by Age, 1986 to 1996



Note: The category 'Unspecified' is not included in the calculations.
Source: Health Research Board.

Figure 3

Number of Admissions to Private Psychiatric Hospitals and Units by Age, 1986 to 1996



Note: The category 'Unspecified' is not included in the calculations.
Source: Health Research Board.

Table F5

All Psychiatric Hospitals and Units: Admissions Analysed by Marital Status, Age and Sex of Patients 1994, 1995 and 1996

	Number			Rate per 100,000 Population*		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
Total Admissions	26,687	26,440	26,656	736.0	729.2	735.1
First Admissions	7,132	7,246	7,130	196.7	199.8	196.6
Marital status of patients who were admitted:						
single	13,933	14,162	13,926	697.6	709.1	697.2
married	8,428	7,948	7,909	587.5	554.0	551.3
widowed	1,912	1,905	1,829	1036.9	1033.1	991.9
unspecified	2,414	2,425	2,992	—	—	—
Age of patients who were admitted:						
under 15 years	208	329	105	24.2	38.3	12.2
15-19 years	818	734	744	240.9	216.2	219.1
20-24 years	1,772	1,815	1,939	604.0	618.6	661.0
25-34 years	5,373	5,251	5,026	1033.3	1009.9	966.6
35-44 years	6,046	5,853	5,962	1218.7	1180.0	1201.7
45-54 years	4,721	4,755	4,986	1145.7	1154.0	1210.1
55-64 years	3,445	3,371	3,382	1180.8	1155.4	1159.2
65-74 years	2,788	2,718	2,458	1164.8	1135.6	1026.9
75 years and over	1,407	1,540	1,506	806.2	882.4	862.9
unspecified	109	74	548	—	—	—
Sex of patients who were admitted:						
male	14,645	14,375	14,195	813.5	798.5	788.5
female	12,042	12,065	12,461	659.5	660.8	682.5

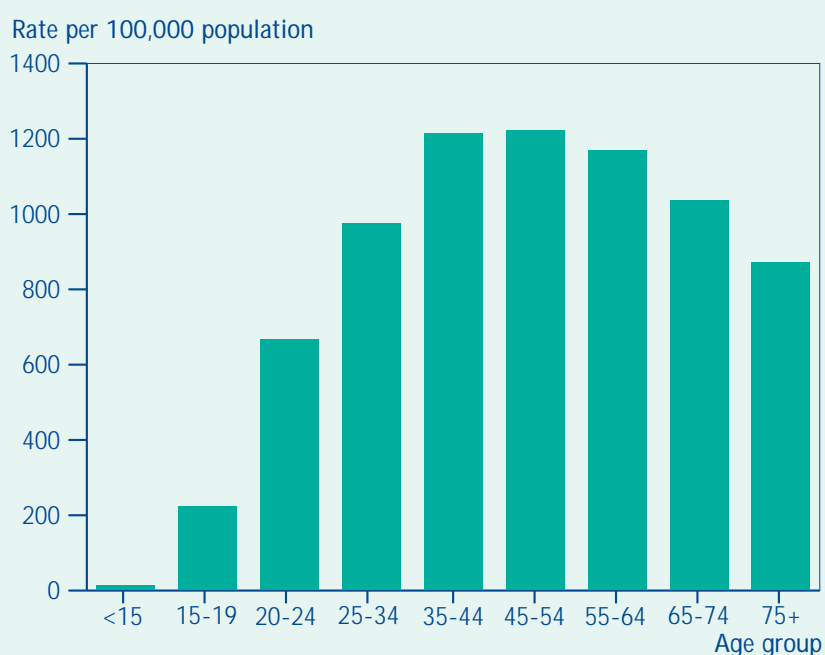
* These rates are based on the 1996 Census of Population.

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Source: Health Research Board.

Figure 4

Admission Rates to Psychiatric Hospitals Per 100,000 Population by Age Group, 1996



Source: Table F5.

Table F6A

**All Psychiatric Hospitals and Units: Number of Admissions
by Diagnosis, Sex, Selected Age Groups
and Overall Rate Per 100,000 Population, 1994**

Diagnosis	Sex		Age					Number of admissions per 100,000 population*
	Male	Female	Under 25 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and Over	Unspecified	
Organic Psychosis	439	352	18	91	133	543	6	21.8
Schizophrenia	3,338	2,311	494	2,930	1,664	544	17	155.8
Other Psychoses	86	101	39	72	42	32	2	5.2
Depressive Disorders	2,862	4,313	493	2,358	2,460	1,838	26	197.9
Mania	1,226	1,516	198	1,251	879	401	13	75.6
Neuroses	725	943	435	697	361	170	5	46.0
Personality Disorders	736	739	434	753	210	71	7	40.7
Alcoholic Disorders	4,312	1,239	268	2,641	2,154	468	20	153.1
Drug Dependence	364	150	185	239	66	21	3	14.2
Mental Handicap	291	190	128	240	87	23	3	13.3
Unspecified	266	188	106	147	110	84	7	12.5
Total	14,645	12,042	2,798	11,419	8,166	4,195	109	736.0

* These rates are based on the 1996 Census of Population.

Source: Health Research Board.

Table F6B

**All Psychiatric Hospitals and Units: Number of Admissions
by Diagnosis, Sex, Selected Age Groups
and Overall Rate Per 100,000 Population, 1995**

Diagnosis	Sex		Age					Number of admissions per 100,000 population*
	Male	Female	Under 25 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and Over	Unspecified	
Organic Psychosis	421	394	36	91	104	576	8	22.5
Schizophrenia	3,396	2,180	519	2,705	1,726	614	12	153.8
Other Psychoses	85	107	39	94	41	18	0	5.3
Depressive Disorders	2,970	4,362	517	2,506	2,469	1,820	20	202.2
Mania	1,186	1,478	197	1,199	857	408	3	73.5
Neuroses	667	913	416	657	343	160	4	43.6
Personality Disorders	694	702	372	765	192	58	9	38.5
Alcoholic Disorders	3,897	1,365	250	2,409	2,134	459	10	145.1
Drug Dependence	405	133	186	274	65	12	1	14.8
Mental Handicap	465	206	296	251	97	23	4	18.5
Unspecified	189	225	50	153	98	110	3	11.4
Total	14,375	12,065	2,878	11,104	8,126	4,258	74	729.2

* These rates are based on the 1996 Census of Population.

Source: Health Research Board.

Table F6C

All Psychiatric Hospitals and Units: Number of Admissions by Diagnosis, Sex, Selected Age Groups and Overall Rate Per 100,000 Population, 1996

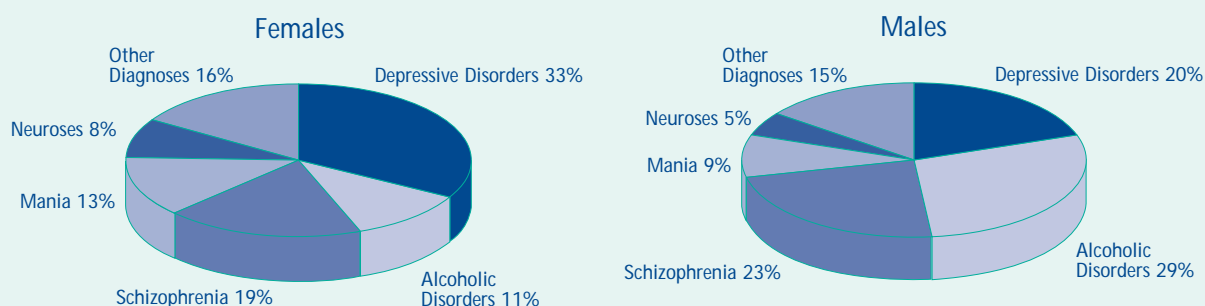
Diagnosis	Sex		Age					Number of admissions per 100,000 population*
	Male	Female	Under 25 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and Over	Unspecified	
Organic Psychosis	409	447	18	86	135	600	17	23.6
Schizophrenia	3,286	2,340	552	2,649	1,735	582	108	155.2
Other Psychoses	118	104	53	89	46	25	9	6.1
Depressive Disorders	2,802	4,140	527	2,429	2,349	1,480	157	191.4
Mania	1,258	1,592	222	1,278	902	383	65	78.6
Neuroses	695	1,028	329	683	482	200	29	47.5
Personality Disorders	651	820	401	779	189	65	37	40.6
Alcoholic Disorders	4,071	1,364	306	2,364	2,236	476	53	149.9
Drug Dependence	416	149	228	252	58	21	6	15.6
Mental Handicap	278	202	94	228	113	31	14	13.2
Unspecified	211	275	58	151	123	101	53	13.4
Total	14,195	12,461	2,788	10,988	8,368	3,964	548	735.1

* These rates are based on the 1996 Census of Population.

Source: Health Research Board.

Figure 5

Percentage Admissions to Psychiatric Hospitals by Diagnosis for Females and Males, 1996



Note: The category "Unspecified" is not included in the calculations.

Source: Table F6C.

Community Services

The trend in the last few years has been for an increase in community psychiatric facilities and a corresponding increase in the number of mentally ill persons being treated in the community. The availability of community residences and other psychiatric facilities has contributed to the decline in the numbers of patients resident in psychiatric hospitals and also to the reduction in recent years in the length of stay of persons admitted for in-patient treatment. There is still considerable variation between health boards in the availability of community psychiatric facilities. However, the policy in each area is for increased provision of community services in future years.

Day Facilities: Day facilities such as day centres provide social care (and possible treatment) for patients who do not require the intensive services of a hospital but cannot manage fully at home. The emphasis on a community based psychiatric service is on out-patient treatment and day care so that patients with a mental illness can continue to live in their own homes. The function of a day hospital is to provide intensive treatment equivalent to that available in a hospital in-patient setting for acutely ill patients. Table F7 compares the number of day facilities for the mentally ill in each health board area for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996. Tables F8 and F9 set out the number of places available and attendances at day centres and day hospitals during 1996.

Out-Patient Clinics: Table F10A to F10C give the annual out-patient attendances by health board area for 1994 to 1996 respectively while a breakdown by hospital/unit for 1996 is provided in Table F11.

Community Residences: Community residences provide accommodation in the community for patients with a psychiatric condition. Patients may live a short time in a community residence or it may be their permanent home. Table F12 compares the number of community residences for the mentally ill, number of places and number of residents in each health board area for 1994, 1995 and 1996.

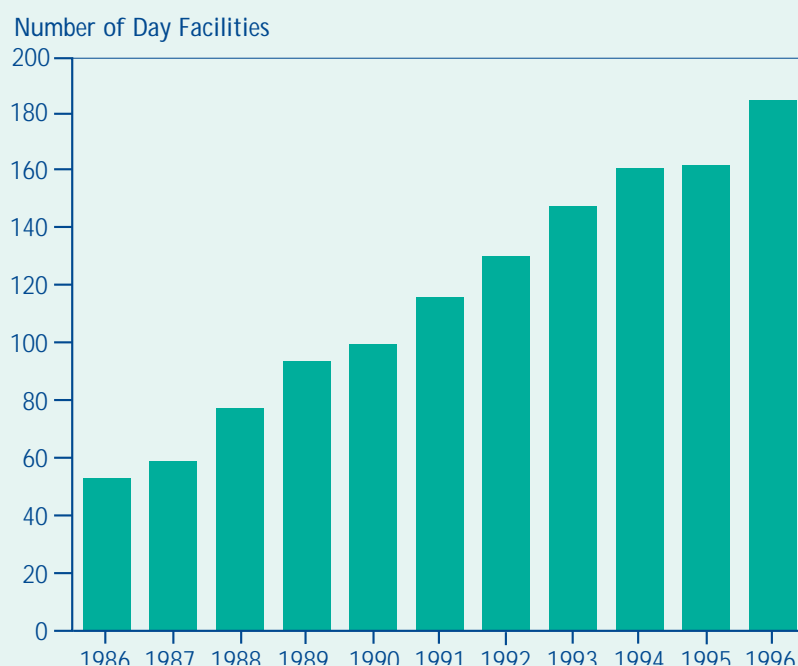
Table F7

Day Facilities: Comparison of the Number of Day Facilities for the Mentally Ill in 1994, 1995 and 1996

<i>Health Board Area</i>	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	41	38	44
Midland	11	10	13
Mid-Western	18	18	19
North-Eastern	10	10	11
North-Western	14	13	19
South-Eastern	21	22	27
Southern	15	18	18
Western	28	30	30
Total	158	159	181

Figure 6

Number of Day Facilities for the Mentally Ill, 1986 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1988 – 1999.

Table F8

Day Centres: Number of Places Available and Attendances by Health Board, 1996

<i>Health Board</i>	Places Available		Number of Attendances	Number of Persons Attending
	Number	Rate per 100,000 population over 15 years*		
Eastern	424	42.3	62,261	8,608
Midland	105	68.3	30,706	243
Mid-Western	153	63.4	30,353	375
North-Eastern	204	89.3	46,623	428
North-Western	288	181.2	71,986	2,911
South-Eastern	375	126.7	48,593	527
Southern	148	35.4	30,035	341
Western	473	176.5	101,593	1,346
Total	2,170	78.4	422,150	14,779

* These rates are based on the 1996 Census of Population.

Table F9

Day Hospitals: Number of Places Available and Attendances by Health Board, 1996

<i>Health Board</i>	Places Available		Number of Attendances	Number of Persons Attending
	Number	Rate per 100,000 population over 15 years*		
Eastern	462	46.1	67,951	5,462
Midland	24	15.6	8,707	525
Mid-Western	199	82.5	34,039	2,374
North-Eastern	50	21.9	5,503	1,147
North-Western	30	18.9	1,054	85
South-Eastern	72	24.3	17,603	1,504
Southern	159	38.0	16,355	5,347
Western	148	55.2	14,910	974
Total	1,144	41.3	166,122	17,418

* These rates are based on the 1996 Census of Population

Table F10A

Psychiatric Out-Patient Attendances by Health Board Area, 1994

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of Clinic Locations	Number of Sessions	Attendances		
			New	Return	Total
Eastern	56	5,696	5,129	106,468	111,597
Midland	17	628	718	88,521	9,570
Mid-Western	26	1,674	967	19,411	20,378
North-Eastern	18	838	720	12,100	12,820
North-Western	29	824	426	7,230	7,656
South-Eastern	33	1,441	1,567	19,107	20,674
Southern	39	1,404	1,113	20,168	21,281
Western	47	1,645	1,224	14,844	16,068
Total	265	14,150	11,864	208,180	220,004

Table F10B

Psychiatric Out-Patient Attendances by Health Board Area, 1995

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of Clinic Locations	Number of Sessions	Attendances		
			New	Return	Total
Eastern	59	6,976	5,358	101,848	107,206
Midland	17	628	637	9,358	9,995
Mid-Western	31	1,807	1,149	19,232	20,381
North-Eastern	14	716	847	13,619	14,466
North-Western	28	746	482	7,303	7,785
South-Eastern	34	1,445	1,494	18,862	20,356
Southern	40	1,381	1,175	21,171	22,346
Western	49	1,758	1,030	18,288	19,318
Total	272	15,457	12,172	209,681	221,853

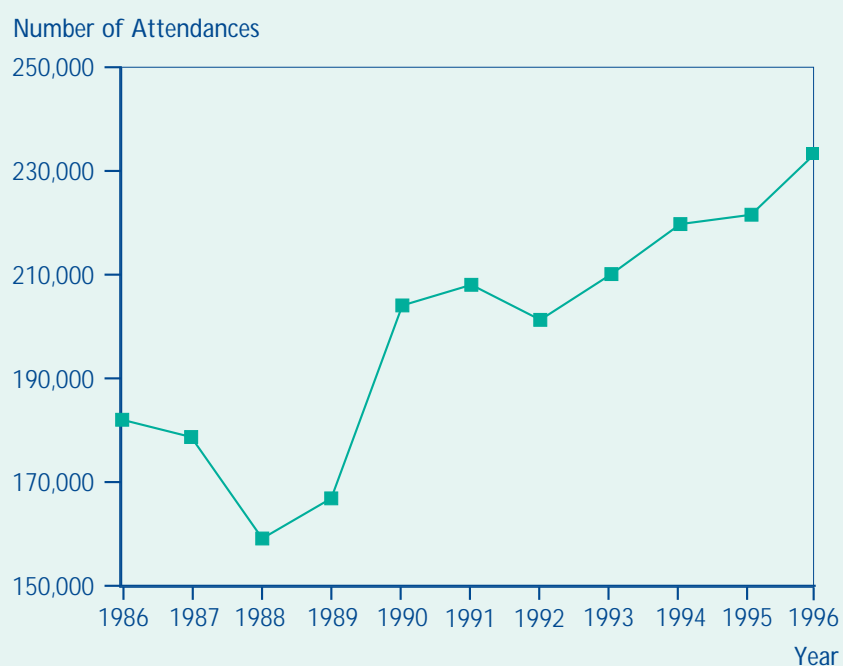
Table F10C

Psychiatric Out-Patient Attendances
by Health Board Area, 1996

Health Board Area	Number of Clinic Locations	Number of Sessions	Attendances		
			New	Return	Total
Eastern	49	6,571	5,399	107,120	112,519
Midland	17	633	838	9,329	10,167
Mid-Western	22	1,926	1,189	18,614	19,803
North-Eastern	14	754	890	14,848	15,738
North-Western	26	862	620	8,977	9,597
South-Eastern	32	1,260	1,472	17,433	18,905
Southern	33	1,362	1,576	22,061	25,637
Western	58	2,085	1,797	21,349	23,146
Total	251	15,453	13,781	219,731	233,512

Figure 7

Psychiatric Out-Patient Attendances, 1986 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1988 – 1999.

Table F11

Psychiatric Out- Patient Attendances by Clinic Location, 1996

Health Board Area and Hospital Unit	Number of Clinic Locations	Number of Sessions	Attendances		
			New	Return	Total
Eastern					
Cluain Mhuire	2	1,092	530	5,803	6,333
James Connolly Memorial	5	409	632	13,368	14,000
Lakeview Unit, Naas General	4	595	555	7,147	7,702
Newcastle, Co. Wicklow	9	286	334	5,352	5,686
St. Ita's	10	1,743	630	15,002	15,632
St. James's	1	387	383	6,352	6,735
St. Loman's	7	957	888	23,763	24,651
St. Vincent's, Elm Park	1	196	441	2,854	3,295
St. Vincent's, Fairview	7	474	811	17,103	17,914
Vergemount, Clonskeagh	3	432	195	10,376	10,571
Total Eastern	49	6,571	5,399	107,120	112,519
Midland					
St. Fintan's, Portlaoise	12	319	505	4,663	5,168
St. Loman's, Mullingar	5	314	333	4,666	4,999
Total Midland	17	633	838	9,329	10,167
Mid-Western					
Our Lady's, Ennis	12	442	372	2,717	3,089
St. Joseph's, Limerick (a)	7	1,212	608	12,478	13,086
Tipperary North Riding	3	272	209	3,419	3,628
Total Mid-Western	22	1,926	1,189	18,614	19,803
North Eastern					
St. Bridgid's, Ardee	9	477	565	10,047	10,612
St. Darnet's, Monaghan	5	277	325	4,801	5,126
Total North-Eastern	14	754	890	14,848	15,738
North Western					
Mental Health Service, Ballytivnan	12	320	140	2,534	2,674
St. Conal's, Letterkenny (b)	14	542	480	6,443	6,293
Total North-Western	26	862	620	8,977	9,597
South Eastern					
St. Canice's, Kilkenny	8	213	193	2,157	2,350
St. Dymphna's, Carlow	6	235	126	2,263	2,389
St. Luke's, Clonmel (c)	7	94	481	2,330	2,811
St. Otteran's, Waterford (d)	7	413	401	5,034	5,435
St. Senan's, Enniscorthy	4	305	271	5,649	5,920
Total South-Eastern	32	1,260	1,472	17,433	18,905
Southern					
Our Lady's, Cork	8	435	422	5,692	6,114
St. Stephen's, Sarsfield's court	6	174	255	4,029	4,284
Unit at Bantry General	7	167	371	2,493	2,864
Unit at Cork University Hospital	4	298	304	5,214	5,518
Unit at Tralee General	8	288	224	4,633	4,857
Total Southern	33	1,362	1,576	22,061	23,637
Western					
St. Bridgid's, Ballinasloe	19	655	263	6,293	6,556
St. Mary's, Castlebar (e)	21	753	1,195	7,438	8,633
Unit at Roscommon General	8	244	96	2,196	2,292
Unit at University College Hospital	10	433	243	5,422	5,665
Total Western	58	2,085	1,797	21,349	23,146
Grand Total	251	15,453	13,781	219,731	233,512

(a) Includes figures for the Psychiatric Unit, Limerick Regional Hospital.
 (b) Includes figures for the Psychiatric Unit, Letterkenny General Hospital.
 (c) Includes figures for the Psychiatric Unit, St. Joseph's, Clonmel.
 (d) Includes figures for the Psychiatric Unit, Waterford Regional Hospital.
 (e) These figures include patients seen on a daily basis at St. Michael's Day Hospital.

Table F12

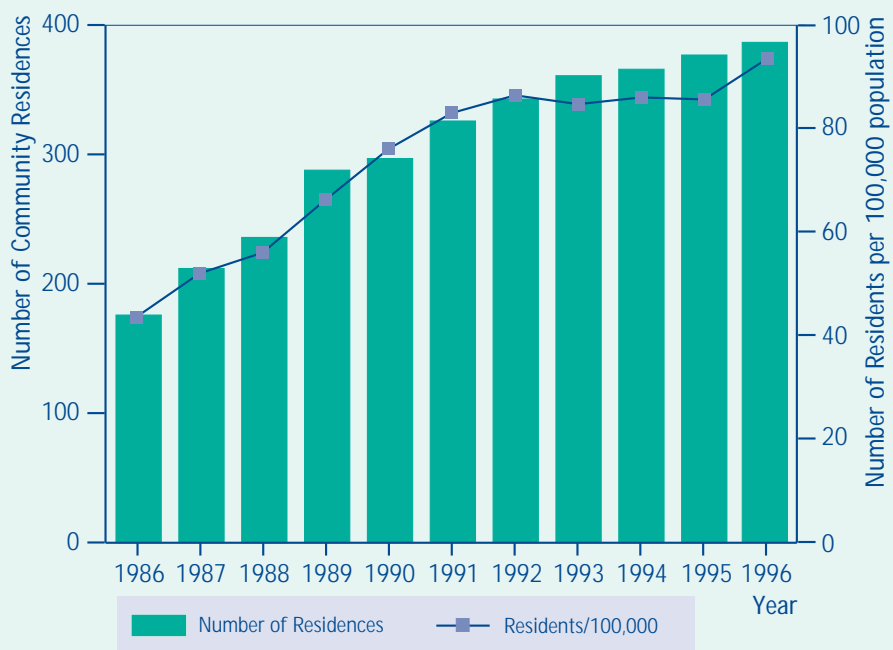
Community Residences: Number of Community Residences for the Mentally Ill and Number of Residents at 31 December 1994, 1995 and 1996

Health Board	Number of Community Residences			Number of Places			Number of Residents			Number of Residents per 100,000 Population		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	85	84	87	815	760	810	703	660	685	70.1	65.9	68.4
Midland	30	29	29	201	193	208	175	172	182	113.9	111.9	112.1
Mid-Western	29	28	29	245	225	240	231	202	212	95.8	83.8	87.9
North-Eastern	25	25	25	182	195	199	158	172	166	69.2	75.3	72.7
North-Western	32	33	33	211	221	226	181	185	194	113.9	116.4	112.1
South-Eastern	68	67	69	393	384	396	352	346	370	118.9	116.9	112.1
Southern	42	45	45	299	289	329	254	261	328	60.7	62.3	125.0
Western	55	66	68	329	399	496	316	361	442	117.9	134.7	78.4
Total	366	377	385	2,675	2,666	2,904	2,370	359	579	85.7	85.3	164.9

*These rates are based on the 1996 Census of Population

Figure 8

Number of Community Residences for Mentally Ill & Number of Residents per 100,000 Population, 1986 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1988 – 1999.

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Services for the Handicapped

This section contains data on services provided for people with a mental or physical disability. It includes data relating to services which are specifically for persons with a mental handicap and also data on occupational rehabilitation services. There is overlapping between the two sets of services insofar as persons with a mental handicap may avail of rehabilitation services.

Services for Persons with a Mental Handicap

The National Intellectual Disability Database

An essential requirement in planning services for persons with a mental handicap is accurate information on client need. The National Intellectual Disability Database was established in 1995 to ensure that information is available to enable the Department of Health and Children, the health boards and the voluntary service agencies to provide appropriate services designed to meet the changing needs of the population of people with a mental handicap.

The Health Strategy "Shaping a Healthier Future" defined the objectives of the database as follows:

- ◆ to improve the accuracy of data available to health boards on the population of people with a mental handicap;
- ◆ to enable the current needs of clients with a mental handicap to be assessed more accurately;
- ◆ to support planning for the future development of services for people with mental handicap.

In addition, the Intellectual Disability Database will facilitate research and the generation of a national census.

Current Service Provision

The overall numbers of persons with a mental handicap who were identified by the Intellectual Disability Database at September 1996 as receiving a day service and / or a full-time residential service is 22,561. Figure 1 summarises the numbers and percentages at each level of handicap for persons who are in receipt of mental handicap services and Figure 2 shows the gender distribution of people who are in receipt of services.

Note: The "not verified category" in these tables refers to people who have a mental handicap but the level of handicap has not yet been confirmed.

The philosophy which underpins the provision of services to persons with mental handicap is to enable each individual to achieve his or her potential and to live within his or her family circle and local community where possible. The right of persons with a mental handicap to quality services which respect their dignity, which are provided within the least restrictive environment and which aim at the greatest possible inclusion of persons with a mental handicap in society, is recognised as a key principle guiding the development of the services. With this in mind, a wide range of services has been developed.

Current service provision is summarised in Figure 3 while Figure 4 displays the age profile of people who are in receipt of services. As people with a mental handicap get older, service provision is directed primarily at those in the moderate, severe and profound categories. Table G1 summarises day and residential services availed of by people with a mental handicap by Health Board Area. Table G2 gives a breakdown of this information by service type for all Health Board areas.

Further information pertaining to specific health board regions may be requested from the Regional Database Co-Ordinator in the relevant health board.

Main Service Types

The main types of day and residential services which are available to persons with a mental handicap are as follows:

◆ ***Development and Assessment Services (Early Services)***

This includes the provision of multi-disciplinary assessment services, parental counselling, early intervention services, school and adult support services.

◆ ***Pre-School***

Pre-School services develop children's abilities in all areas and prepare them for school.

◆ ***Child Educational and Development Centres***

These centres provide services for children with severe or profound levels of mental handicap. They provide care, training and education, with individual programme planning for each child.

◆ ***Educational Services***

The Department of Education has responsibility for the primary and secondary education of all children, including those with a mental or physical handicap, or both. Schools for children with a mild or moderate mental handicap have been in operation for many years. More recently, many classes for children with a severe or profound handicap have been set up.

Further information on educational services may be obtained from the Department of Education, Special Education Section, Ballymahon Road, Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

◆ ***Vocational Training Units***

The vocational training unit assists school leavers in acquiring adult skills in self-care, personal, social and work areas.

◆ ***Adult Activation Centres***

Many of the children who have attended Child Educational and Development Centres progress to the Adult Activation units. Because of the degree and nature of handicap, many of these people are likely to require full-time residential care.

◆ ***Selected Work / Employment Centres***

These centres continue the work experience for those graduating from the vocational training units. The majority of trainees will continue their employment in these centres with a small number finding work elsewhere, sometimes in open employment.

◆ ***Home Support Services***

Home support services involve providing assistance to the family in terms of allowing carers to take time off, assisting with care, facilitating attendance at social activities etc.

◆ ***Specialist / Intensive Services***

A number of persons with a mental handicap require more intensive or specialist intervention on an ongoing or intermittent basis. This would include persons who present with disturbed behaviour or mental health needs.

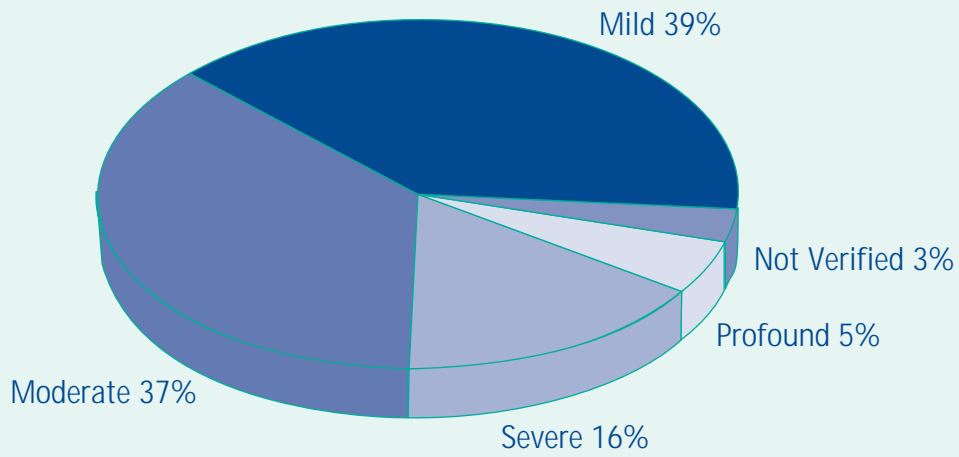
While many people with autism can benefit from the general services provided for persons with a mental handicap, a minority need specialised facilities.

◆ ***Residential Services***

Where it is not possible for a person with a mental handicap to live with his or her family, either 5 day or 7 day care may be needed in a residential centre or a group home. A residential centre is usually based on a campus: the aim is to provide accommodation which is as home-like as possible. A group home is a standard domestic style house in a residential neighbourhood.

Figure 1

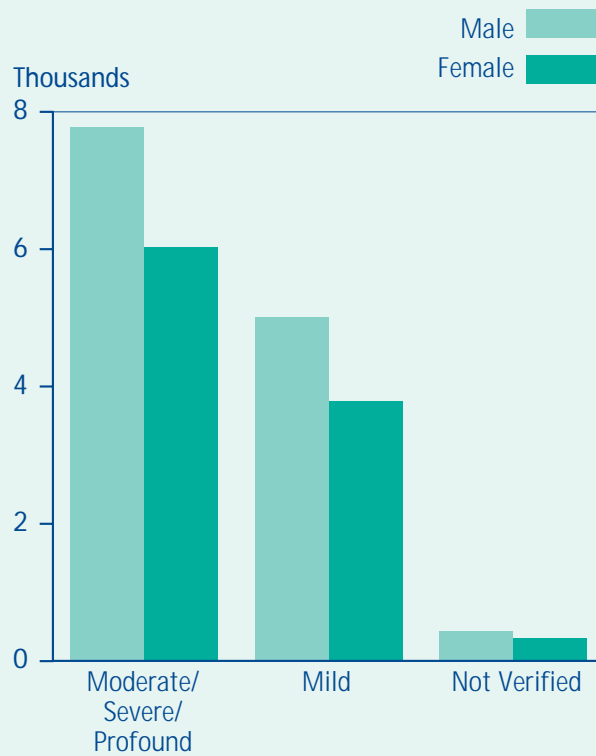
Degree of Mental Handicap of People in Receipt of Services at September 1996



Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Figure 2

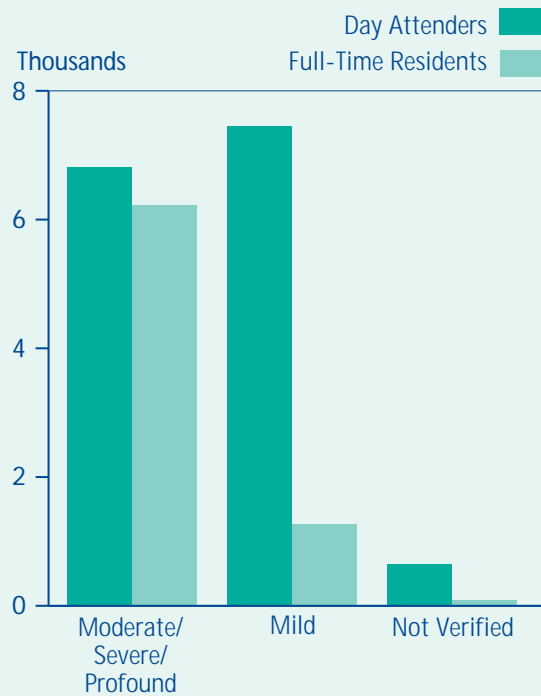
People in Receipt of Mental Handicap Services by Degree of Handicap and Sex at September 1996



Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Figure 3

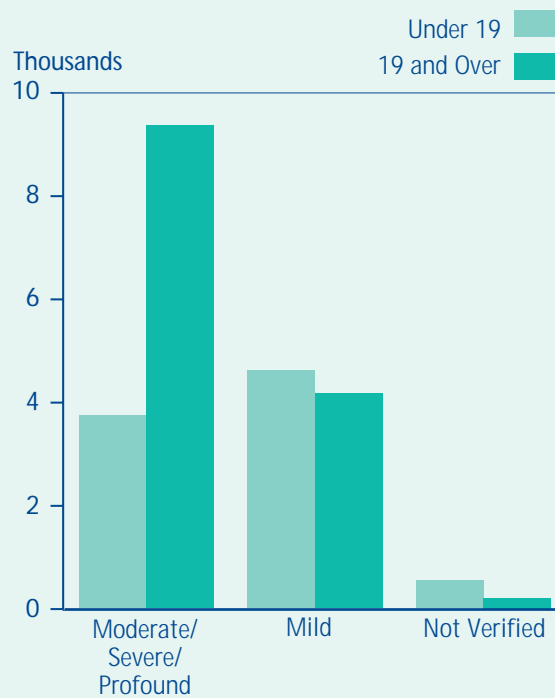
**People in Receipt of Mental Handicap Services
by Degree of Handicap and Category of Service at September 1996**



Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Figure 4

**People in Receipt of Mental Handicap Services
by Degree of Handicap and Age Group at September 1996**



Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Table G1

People with a Mental Handicap Availing of Day and Residential Services at September 1996 by Health Board Area

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Receiving Day Services		Receiving 5 or 7 Day Residential Services		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Eastern	4,389	29.3	2,559	33.8	6,948	30.8
Midland	882	5.9	450	5.9	1,332	5.9
Mid-Western	1,627	10.9	709	9.4	2,336	10.4
North-Eastern	1,306	8.7	440	5.8	1,746	7.7
North-Western	766	5.1	588	7.8	1,354	6.0
South-Eastern	1,897	12.7	874	11.5	2,771	12.3
Southern	2,510	16.7	1,059	14.0	3,569	15.8
Western	1,612	10.8	893	11.8	2,505	11.1
Totals	14,989	100.0	7,572	100.0	22,561	100.0

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database

Table G2

Type of Service Availed of by People With
a Mental Handicap at September 1996

<i>Service</i>	Full-Time Residents	Day Attenders	Total Number
Day Programmes			
Home Support Level 1	0	418	418
Home Support Level 2	0	207	207
Home Support Level 3	0	78	78
Early Services	1	212	213
Ordinary Pre-School	0	138	138
Special Pre-School	5	552	557
Child Education and Development Centre	137	574	711
Ordinary School	2	709	711
Resource Teacher	0	38	38
Special Class - Primary	11	789	800
Special Class - Secondary	12	129	141
Special School	413	4,709	5,122
Generic Vocational Training	6	75	81
Special Vocational Training	348	1,538	1,886
Activation Centre	3,031	1,262	4,293
Programme for the Elderly	142	97	239
Special High Support Day Service < 1:1 Ratio	349	29	378
Special Intensive Day Service 1:1 Ratio or more	81	35	116
Sheltered Work Centre	1,771	2,711	4,482
Sheltered Employment Centre	16	20	36
Other Day Service	507	289	796
Enclave Within Open Employment	61	23	84
Supported Employment	58	249	307
Open Employment	19	108	127
Total - Day Programmes	6,970	14,989	21,959
Residential Placements			
5 Day Community Group Home	638	0	638
7 Day Community Group Home	846	0	846
7 Day (52 Week) Community Group Home	909	0	909
5 Day Residential Care	276	0	276
7 Day Residential Care	993	0	993
7 Day (52 Week) Residential Care	2,555	0	2,555
Nursing Home	38	0	38
Psychiatric Hospital	970	0	970
Intensive Placement (Challenging Behaviour)	107	0	107
Intensive Placement (Profound/Multiple Disability)	240	0	240
Total - Residential Placements	7,572	0	7,572

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Training for People with Disabilities

Vocational training for people with disabilities is provided by health boards and voluntary agencies. The majority of training activities for people with disabilities in Ireland is carried out with support from the European Social Fund via the Operational Programme for Human Resources (OP) 1994 to 1999. The OP also provides European Regional Development Funds to training agencies towards the improvement in the quality of training provision.

The National Rehabilitation Board, which is the national implementing authority for training for people with disabilities measure under the OP, co-ordinates the agencies' claims, monitors the programmes and disburses funds among the agencies for the majority of training activities.

The current structural funds round (1994 - 1999) has brought about significant change in funding provided for the vocational training of people with disabilities. Firstly, the programme for people with disabilities is no longer a stand-alone programme but is a sub-programme of the larger Human Resources Operational Programme. This includes FÁS, Department of Education and CERT training activities.

Also with effect from 1995 there has been a reduction in the amount of ESF funding made available. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in Exchequer funding. Details of the training programmes currently supported by the EU and Exchequer are set out below.

The Operational Programme for Human Resources has four levels of training:

(i) Level I – Foundation Training

Training at this level affords trainees the opportunity to engage in foundation, practical and personal skills development to enable them to progress to introductory vocational skills training. Programmes at foundation level are trainee-centred. They vary in duration and content according to the specific needs of individual trainees i.e. essentially integrated training and development programmes involving skill sampling and work orientation. Assessment is continuous in relation to the achievement of individual goals and related, where appropriate, to pre-determined standards.

(ii) Level II – Introductory Work Skills

This programme concentrates on specific occupational skills.

(iii) Level III – Skilled Training

This programme provides training up to skilled worker standards.

Data on the number of places available and trainees attending programmes funded by the European Social Fund are provided in Tables G3A to G3C by health board area for 1994 to 1996.

Figure 5 displays the data for 1996 graphically.

(iv) Training Opportunities Programme

This is a new Exchequer funded programme broadly similar to Level I training. The major difference is that trainees in TOPs are not required to achieve the same outcomes as those in ESF funded programmes. Many organisations catering for persons with a mental handicap have opted for the TOPs programme because of its relevance to the ability levels of their clients. The TOPs is administered, monitored and the Exchequer funds to agencies disbursed by the NRB on behalf of the State in the same manner to programmes supported under the ESF. Information on the total number of places available and trainees attending during 1995 and 1996 is presented in Table G4. This information is not available by health board area.

Funding Outside of the Operational Programme

Department of Health and Children Funding

This programme which is not part of the OP provides training at all levels of training. Activities for this element of the programme are monitored and Exchequer funds disbursed by health boards. The numbers of places available under this programme are set out in Tables G5 and G6. Information on the number of trainees attending is not available.

Table G3A

Training Programmes Funded by the European Social Fund: Number of Places Available and Number of Trainees Attending by Health Board Area, 1994

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of Places Available	Number of Trainees Attending			
		Mental Handicap	Physical Disability	Mental Illness	Total
Eastern	1,440	1,060	810	757	2,627
Midland	246	295	100	47	442
Mid-Western	235	224	55	104	383
North-Eastern	228	232	64	93	389
North-Western	240	235	130	68	433
South-Eastern	325	343	89	108	540
Southern	436	450	196	219	865
Western	329	233	101	248	582
Totals	3,479	3,072	1,545	1,644	6,261

Table G3B

Training Programmes Funded by the European Social Fund:
Number of Places Available and Number of
Trainees Attending by Health Board Area, 1995

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of Places Available	Number of Trainees Attending			
		Mental Handicap	Physical Disability	Mental Illness	Total
Eastern	880	402	640	453	1,495
Midland	195	193	90	32	315
Mid-Western	143	117	52	50	219
North-Eastern	154	124	52	88	264
North-Western	145	67	74	97	238
South-Eastern	186	171	70	40	281
Southern	207	123	130	136	389
Western	169	100	93	93	286
Totals	2,079	1,297	1,201	989	3,487

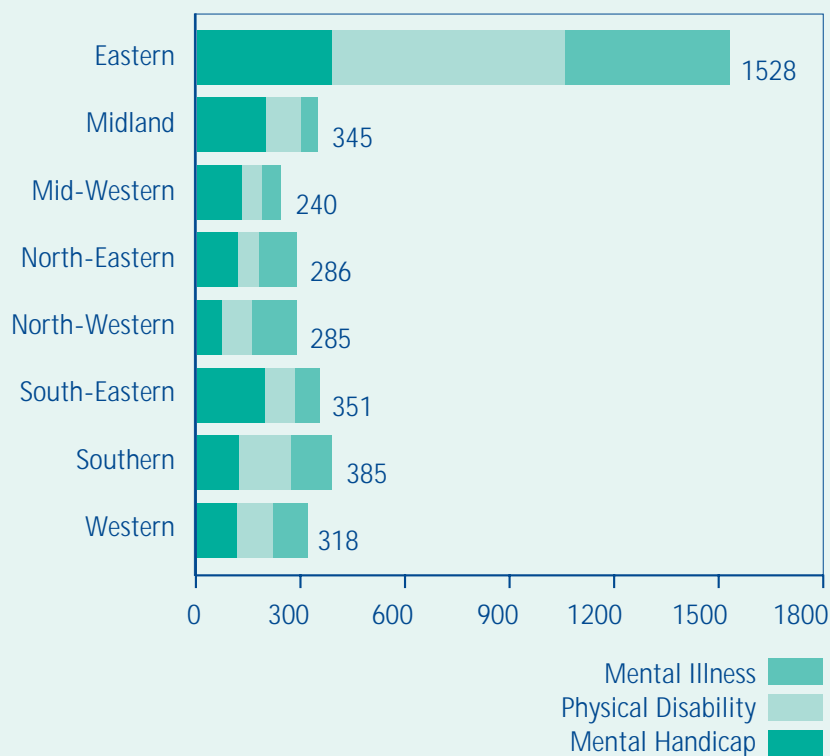
Table G3C

Training Programmes Funded by the European Social Fund:
Number of Places Available and Number of Trainees
Attending by Health Board Area, 1996

Health Board Area	Number of Places Available	Number of Trainees Attending			
		Mental Handicap	Physical Disability	Mental Illness	Total
Eastern	862	388	667	473	1,528
Midland	207	196	102	47	345
Mid-Western	143	129	57	54	240
North-Eastern	153	117	61	108	286
North-Western	160	70	88	127	285
South-Eastern	208	194	86	71	351
Southern	213	120	149	116	385
Western	188	113	105	100	318
Totals	2,134	1,327	1,315	1,096	3,738

Figure 5

Number of Trainees Attending ESF Funded Training Programmes
by Health Board Area, 1996



Source: Table G3C

Table G4

Training Opportunities Programme Funded by the Exchequer:
Number of Places Available and Trainees Attending,
1995 and 1996

	1995	1996
Number of Places Available	760	752
Number of Trainees Attending	1,050	997

Table G5

Training Programmes Funded by the Exchequer:
Number of Places Available to Directly Funded Voluntary Agencies,
1995 and 1996

<i>Agency</i>	Number of Places Available	
	1995	1996
St. Michael's House	73	73
St. John of Gods	74	74
Brothers of Charity	21	21
Cope Foundation	20	20
Daughters of Charity	49	49
Stewarts Hospital	15	15
Totals	252	252

Table G6

Training Programmes Funded by the Exchequer:
Number of Places Available by Health Board Area,
1995 and 1996

<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of Places Available	
	1995	1996
Eastern	183	183
Midland	23	23
Mid-Western	9	9
North-Eastern	13	13
North-Western	50	50
South-Eastern	38	38
Southern	47	47
Western	78	78
Totals	441	441

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Section H

Acute Hospital Services

This chapter on Acute Hospitals Services presents data under four separate headings:

- In-Patient Care (Tables H1A to H64);
- Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (Tables H65 and H66);
- Out-Patient Care (Tables H67A to H68C);
- Live Births (Table H69).

It should be noted that while live births by hospital are reported in Table H69, overall activity statistics for maternity hospitals are included in the sections on in-patient and out-patient care.

In-Patient Care

Figure 1 shows trends in numbers of beds and discharges for all acute publicly funded hospitals since 1980 and Figure 2 shows trends in the number of day cases since 1991 for the same group of hospitals. Tables H1A, H1B and H1C relate to acute in-patient care by health board area for 1994, 1995 and 1996 respectively. Tables H2A to H2C contain summary statistics for individual acute hospitals and Table H2C also provides a reference to the detailed statistics by specialty for each hospital given in Tables H3 to H64*.

The acute hospitals are divided into two management groups:-

- (a) Health Board Hospitals
These are hospitals which are administered by the health boards and financed by State funds.
- (b) Public Voluntary Hospitals
The management authorities for this group of hospitals vary widely. Some are owned and operated by religious orders, others are incorporated by charter or statute and work under lay boards of governors. These are financed to a large extent by State funds.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to the tables on hospital in-patient statistics:-

Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available: This indicates, by specialty, the average number of beds that are available for use over the year, taking beds that have been temporarily closed or opened into account.

Available Bed Days: Given by specialty, this indicates the annual number of days a bed is available for use multiplied by the number of beds allocated to the specialty.

Bed Days Used: Measures total in-patient nights by specialty.

% Occupancy: Gives the ratio of bed days used to available bed days by specialty. In certain circumstances it is possible for occupancy to exceed 100% due to rounding of average number of in-patient beds available on monthly returns from hospitals.

Average Length of Stay: Gives the average length of stay in days by specialty and is calculated as the ratio of bed days used to discharges/deaths.

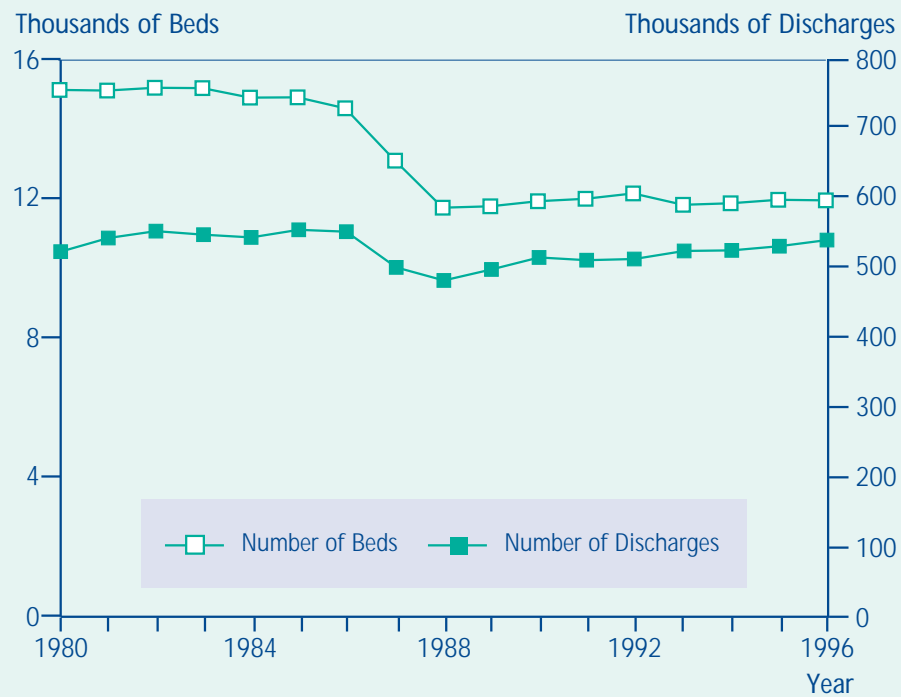
N.S.: Indicates "Not Specified". — : Indicates "Not Applicable".

* There may be slight differences due to rounding between a hospital's summary and specialty statistics for the indicator 'Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available'.

Where a hospital only has a single specialty, a line for 'Hospital Total' would be redundant and is therefore not included.

Figure 1

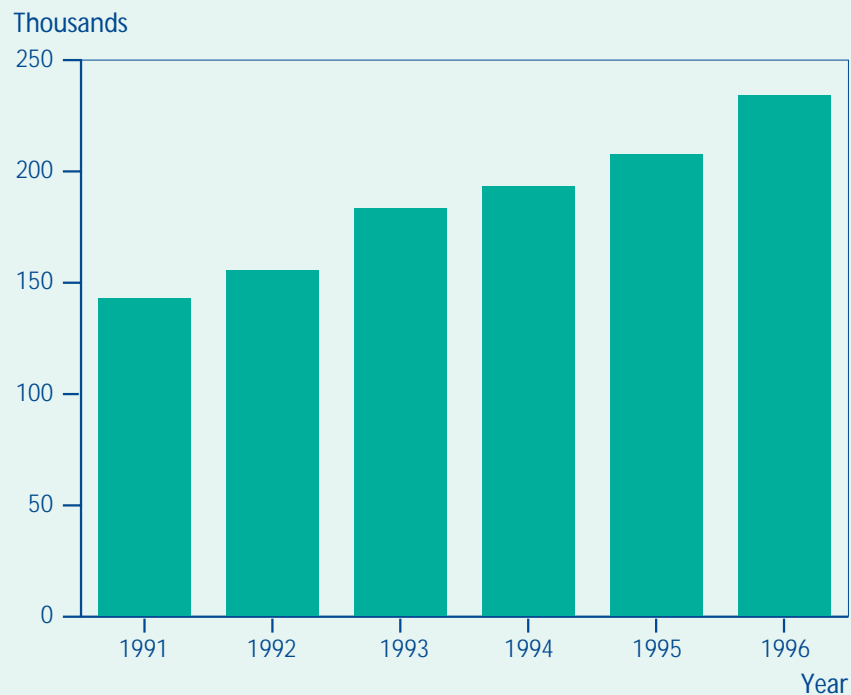
Numbers of In-Patient Beds and Discharges in Publicly Funded Acute Hospitals, 1980 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1982 - 1999.

Figure 2

Number of Day Cases in Publicly Funded Acute Hospitals, 1991 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1991 - 1999.

Table H1A

Publicly Funded Acute Hospitals: Number of Beds Available, Patients Discharged, Average Length of Stay and Day Cases, 1994

Health Board Area	Number of Hospitals	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available #	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average Number of Day Beds Available #	Day Cases
Eastern	25	4,920	188,834	7.6*	299	121,359
Midland	3	479	25,325	5.7	24	5,542
Mid-Western	6	758	41,125	6.0	45	11,030
North-Eastern	5	946	38,357	6.6	24	6,086
North-Western	3	665	34,228	5.4*	15	12,414
South-Eastern	7	1,078	53,543	5.8	37	9,508
Southern	9	1,771	83,631	6.3	51	17,037
Western	5	1,236	57,844	6.5	26	10,042
Total	63	11,853	522,887	6.6*	521	193,018

Table H1B

Publicly Funded Acute Hospitals: Number of Beds Available, Patients Discharged, Average Length of Stay and Day Cases, 1995

Health Board Area	Number of Hospitals	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average Number of Day Beds Available #	Day Cases
Eastern	25	4,951	189,107	7.7*	314	125,578
Midland	3	474	26,530	5.5	24	5,889
Mid-Western	6	784	40,739	6.1	47	13,872
North-Eastern	5	898	38,901	6.4	31	7,491
North-Western	3	668	34,653	5.3*	15	15,076
South-Eastern	7	1,129	56,427	5.4	37	11,671
Southern	9	1,793	84,038	6.3	50	16,399
Western	5	1,256	58,423	6.4	25	11,332
Total	63	11,953	528,818	6.6*	543	207,308

Table H1C

Publicly Funded Acute Hospitals: Number of Beds Available, Patients Discharged, Average Length of Stay and Day Cases, 1996

Health Board Area	Number of Hospitals	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available #	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average Number of Day Beds Available #	Day Cases
Eastern	25	4,970	193,448	7.5*	321	127,469
Midland	3	468	27,047	5.4	27	6,726
Mid-Western	6	783	40,301	6.2	47	14,826
North-Eastern	5	911	40,841	6.0	32	10,061
North-Western	3	668	33,913	5.4*	21	16,308
South-Eastern	6	1,109	58,509	5.3	51	13,352
Southern	9	1,795	85,424	6.1	46	31,508
Western	5	1,233	58,074	6.4	38	13,658
Total	62	11,937	537,557	6.5*	583	233,908

Note: District hospitals are not included in these tables.

These figures refer to the average number of beds available for use during the year taking beds that have been temporarily closed or opened into account.

* The Average Length of Stay calculations for area and national totals exclude Incorporated Orthopaedic, NRH, Peamount, Baldoyle and Manorhamilton because of the nature of their specialties which involve substantially longer stays than in acute hospitals generally.

Table H2A

Acute Hospital Summary Statistics by Health Board Area and Hospital, 1994

Health Board Area and Hospital	Activity										
	In-Patient						Day		Other		
	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average No. of Day Beds Available	Day Cases	Casualty Attendances	Dialysis Treatments
Eastern											
Adelaide (V)	149	4,537	4,564	54,539	40,972	75.1	9.0	21	4,227	0	0
Beaumont (V)	605	21,264	21,219	220,902	204,211	92.4	9.6	12	17,385	58,320	17,582
Cherry Orchard	79	2,357	2,377	28,985	15,092	52.1	6.3	0	0	0	0
Coombe (V)	202	12,237	12,233	73,726	62,455	84.7	5.1	29	7,035	0	0
Hume Street (V)	31	456	456	6,448	5,029	78.0	11.0	0	10,890	0	0
Inc. Orthopaedic, Clontarf (V)	104	1,059	1,047	37,960	29,767	78.4	28.4*	0	0	0	0
James Connolly	230	7,556	7,474	83,950	75,949	90.5	10.2	21	3,499	30,293	0
Loughlinstown	128	5,835	5,860	46,546	44,967	96.6	7.7	12	1,498	32,124	0
Mater (V)	472	16,733	16,717	172,280	158,326	91.9	9.5	22	12,632	66,176	0
Meath (V)	229	8,622	8,753	83,487	84,256	100.9	9.6	17	7,023	43,963	4,415
Naas	115	4,004	3,955	42,092	36,502	86.7	9.2	6	1,329	22,679	0
National Children's (V)	55	4,550	4,537	20,075	13,748	68.5	3.0	15	3,441	20,298	0
National Maternity (V)	191	12,336	12,297	69,715	41,363	59.3	3.4	12	1,051	0	0
NRH, Dunlaoghaire (V)	125	995	1,032	45,625	40,308	88.3	39.1*	0	0	0	0
Our Lady's, Crumlin (V)	246	13,177	13,283	89,790	67,873	75.6	5.1	12	4,427	35,742	0
Peamount (V)	80	850	860	29,200	20,667	70.8	24.0*	0	0	0	0
Rotunda (V)	180	11,193	11,064	65,524	45,168	68.9	4.1	12	4,580	0	0
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear (V)	64	4,840	4,892	23,274	16,955	72.8	3.5	10	1,998	45,371	0
St. James's (V)	617	21,600	21,394	225,387	204,410	90.7	9.6	41	20,923	51,986	0
St. Luke's & St. Anne's (V)	147	3,372	3,385	53,748	47,983	89.3	14.2	8	3,642	0	0
St. Mary's Baldoyle (V)	93	90	99	33,945	22,584	66.5	228.1*	0	0	0	0
St. Mary's, Cappagh (V)	129	3,180	3,189	47,165	35,451	75.2	11.1	10	2,492	0	0
St. Michael's, Dunlaoghaire (V)	92	3,564	3,590	33,580	27,864	83.0	7.8	10	1,887	24,759	0
St. Vincent's (V)	445	17,422	17,404	162,275	146,228	90.1	8.4	15	8,291	44,805	1,422
Temple Street (V)	112	7,143	7,153	40,726	33,602	82.5	4.7	14	3,109	50,280	240
Total Eastern	4,920	188,972	188,834	1,790,944	1,521,730	85.0	7.6*	299	121,359	526,796	23,659
Midland											
Mullingar	182	10,048	9,978	66,430	57,466	86.5	5.8	6	1,684	18,437	0
Portlaoise	132	7,846	7,771	48,027	36,593	76.2	4.7	9	1,782	10,609	0
Tullamore	165	7,413	7,576	60,340	50,890	84.3	6.7	9	2,076	16,638	0
Total Midland	479	25,307	25,325	174,797	144,949	82.9	5.7	24	5,542	45,684	0
Mid-Western											
Ennis	85	4,822	4,802	31,111	30,525	98.1	6.4	6	2,021	18,009	0
Limerick Maternity	92	5,767	5,732	33,701	27,046	80.3	4.7	0	0	0	0
Limerick Regional	345	21,222	21,225	125,871	116,456	92.5	5.5	15	3,470	50,410	4,195
Nenagh	62	4,475	4,454	22,660	22,781	100.5	5.1	5	1,299	10,316	0
St. John's, Limerick (V)	94	3,348	3,367	34,310	29,507	86.0	8.8	10	3,410	24,337	0
St. Nessan's, Croom	80	1,535	1,545	29,322	21,412	73.0	13.9	9	830	0	0
Total Mid-Western	758	41,169	41,125	276,975	247,727	89.4	6.0	45	11,030	103,072	4,195
North-Eastern											
Cavan	164	7,419	7,398	59,978	47,435	79.1	6.4	15	1,627	18,259	37
Dundalk	139	5,535	5,551	50,628	34,740	68.6	6.3	0	1,377	18,548	0
Lourdes, Drogheda (V)	339	14,173	14,159	123,849	89,761	72.5	6.3	9	2,332	25,322	0
Monaghan	127	5,255	5,250	46,473	30,564	65.8	5.8	0	17	4,582	0
Navan	177	5,985	5,999	64,461	49,246	76.4	8.2	0	733	19,049	0
Total North-Eastern	946	38,367	38,357	345,389	251,746	72.9	6.6	24	6,086	85,760	37
North-Western											
Letterkenny	314	16,775	16,641	114,753	95,447	83.2	5.7	6	6,628	17,307	2,142
Manorhamilton	58	642	616	21,187	18,468	87.2	30.0*	2	159	2,077	0
Sligo	293	16,978	16,971	106,838	86,159	80.6	5.1	7	5,627	27,985	1,959
Total North-Western	665	34,395	34,228	242,778	200,074	82.4	5.4*	15	12,414	47,369	4,101

Table H2A – continued

Acute Hospital Summary Statistics
by Health Board Area and Hospital, 1994

Health Board Area and Hospital	Activity										
	In-Patient							Day		Other	
	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average No. of Day Beds Available	Day Cases	Casualty Attendances	Dialysis Treatments
South-Eastern											
Cashel	71	3,422	3,441	25,915	16,544	63.8	4.8	6	1,116	16,182	0
Clonmel	169	6,749	6,777	61,561	49,543	80.5	7.3	8	1,183	3,144	0
Kilcreene, Kilkenny	59	1,311	1,332	21,586	11,173	51.8	8.4	0	0	0	0
St. Luke's, Kilkenny	174	10,662	10,891	63,451	56,599	89.2	5.2	6	1,342	18,701	0
Waterford											
Maternity (V)	57	2,799	2,795	20,805	13,080	62.9	4.7	0	70	0	0
Waterford Regional	353	15,856	16,165	128,999	102,787	79.7	6.4	7	4,236	44,510	2,470
Wexford General	195	12,136	12,142	71,175	62,623	88.0	5.2	10	1,561	18,172	0
Total South-Eastern	1,078	52,935	53,543	393,492	312,349	79.4	5.8	37	9,508	100,709	2,470
Southern											
Bantry	68	3,285	3,267	24,820	19,347	77.9	5.9	0	536	3,215	0
Cork University Hospital	534	29,515	29,834	194,873	187,034	96.0	6.3	20	6,020	45,014	7,943
Erinville, Cork	73	3,813	3,802	26,645	17,608	66.1	4.6	0	0	0	0
Mallow	64	4,073	3,927	23,360	22,465	96.2	5.7	5	1,540	13,413	0
Mercy, Cork (V)	232	13,212	13,193	84,640	67,851	80.2	5.1	16	4,800	19,211	0
St. Finbarr's, Cork	210	4,375	4,289	76,650	42,297	55.2	9.9	0	127	0	0
St. Mary's, Gurranebraher	125	2,693	2,655	45,649	29,061	63.7	10.9	0	105	0	0
South Infirmary /Victoria (V)	170	9,273	9,266	62,033	51,942	83.7	5.6	10	2,600	28,452	0
Tralee	295	13,535	13,398	107,590	88,130	81.9	6.6	0	1,309	25,861	0
Total Southern	1,771	83,774	83,631	646,260	525,735	81.4	6.3	51	17,037	135,166	7,943
Western											
Castlebar	226	13,123	13,064	82,490	62,249	75.5	4.8	0	2,055	21,582	340
Merlin Park, Galway	202	5,607	5,620	73,639	51,830	70.4	9.2	0	1,773	0	5,837
Portiuncula, Ballinasloe (V)	201	10,039	10,063	73,365	55,640	75.8	5.5	8	2,379	13,494	0
Roscommon	116	4,943	4,918	42,340	32,737	77.3	6.7	0	0	12,823	0
University Hospital Galway	491	24,172	24,179	179,066	174,652	97.5	7.2	18	3,835	45,228	0
Total Western	1,236	57,884	57,844	450,900	377,108	83.6	6.5	26	10,042	93,127	6,177
Health Board Hospitals Total	6,392	300,739	300,876	2,333,162	1,924,417	82.5	6.3*	208	62,394	585,167	24,923
Voluntary Hospitals Total	5,461	222,064	222,011	1,988,373	1,657,001	83.3	7.0*	313	130,624	552,516	23,659
Grand Total	11,853	522,803	522,887	4,321,535	3,581,418	82.9	6.6*	521	193,018	1,137,683	48,582

(V) Indicates Voluntary Hospital.

* The Average Length of Stay calculations for area and national totals exclude Inc. Orthopaedic, NRH, Peamount, Baldoyle and Manorhamilton, because of the nature of their specialties which involve substantially longer stays than in acute hospitals generally.

Table H2B

Acute Hospital Summary Statistics by Health Board Area and Hospital, 1995

Health Board Area and Hospital	Activity										
	In-Patient							Day		Other	
	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average No. of Day Beds Available	Day Cases	Casualty Attendances	Dialysis Treatments
Eastern											
Adelaide (V)	146	4,611	4,598	53,111	40,567	76.4	8.8	21	4,248	0	0
Beaumont (V)	622	19,938	19,917	226,973	208,536	91.9	10.5	12	19,448	61,412	18,053
Cherry Orchard	73	2,547	2,541	26,645	15,761	59.2	6.2	0	0	0	0
Coombe (V)	197	12,294	12,304	72,051	62,272	86.4	5.1	30	7,026	0	0
Hume Street (V)	31	480	480	6,448	4,788	74.3	10.0	0	11,602	0	0
Inc. Orthopaedic, Clontarf (V)	85	972	995	30,855	26,304	85.3	26.4*	0	0	0	0
James Connolly	230	7,693	7,692	83,950	77,412	92.2	10.1	21	3,552	32,842	0
Loughlinstown	133	5,831	5,806	48,530	45,081	92.9	7.8	12	1,547	33,584	0
Mater (V)	501	17,050	17,019	183,005	168,926	92.3	9.9	26	15,664	65,583	0
Meath (V)	239	8,902	8,933	87,211	84,617	97.0	9.5	22	6,386	44,053	4,493
Naas	117	4,477	4,466	42,705	37,363	87.5	8.4	6	1,347	25,193	0
National Children's (V)	55	4,427	4,467	20,075	16,848	83.9	3.8	14	3,502	22,901	0
National Maternity (V)	191	12,301	12,315	69,715	42,988	61.7	3.5	12	1,145	0	0
NRH, Dunlaoghaire (V)	111	1,010	1,019	40,552	36,933	91.1	36.2*	0	0	0	0
Our Lady's, Crumlin (V)	246	13,329	13,323	89,790	63,960	71.2	4.8	12	4,772	39,934	0
Peamount (V)	78	948	924	28,580	19,315	67.6	20.9*	5	0	0	0
Rotunda (V)	182	11,621	11,647	66,368	45,732	68.9	3.9	12	3,830	0	0
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear (V)	62	4,802	4,794	22,666	15,628	68.9	3.3	10	2,080	44,153	0
St. James's (V)	633	21,407	21,309	230,884	212,076	91.9	10.0	43	18,633	52,833	0
St. Luke's & St. Anne's (V)	147	3,160	3,171	53,663	47,465	88.5	15.0	8	4,604	0	0
St. Mary's Baldoye (V)	93	105	116	33,945	21,188	62.4	182.7*	0	0	0	0
St. Mary's, Cappagh (V)	126	2,980	2,975	46,042	32,460	70.5	10.9	9	2,701	0	0
St. Michael's, Dunlaoghaire (V)	89	3,393	3,389	32,604	26,764	82.1	7.9	9	1,824	27,183	0
St. Vincent's (V)	453	17,189	17,168	165,460	146,108	88.3	8.5	16	8,558	45,546	1,803
Temple Street (V)	111	7,753	7,739	40,539	33,054	81.5	4.3	14	3,109	52,168	4
Total Eastern	4,951	189,220	189,107	1,802,367	1,532,146	85.0	7.7*	314	125,578	547,385	24,353
Midland											
Mullingar	182	10,850	10,829	66,430	56,740	85.4	5.2	6	1,686	20,563	0
Portlaoise	131	7,686	7,702	47,815	33,930	71.0	4.4	9	1,832	11,621	0
Tullamore	161	8,196	7,999	58,597	55,540	94.8	6.9	9	2,371	18,723	0
Total Midland	474	26,732	26,530	172,842	146,210	84.6	5.5	24	5,889	50,907	0
Mid-Western											
Ennis	88	4,756	4,756	32,120	32,289	100.5	6.8	6	2,001	17,786	0
Limerick Maternity	96	5,403	5,403	35,040	27,673	79.0	5.1	0	13	0	0
Limerick Regional	374	21,093	21,093	136,510	116,068	85.0	5.5	15	5,630	54,480	4,704
Nenagh	61	4,316	4,316	22,148	22,995	103.8	5.3	6	1,701	11,830	0
St. John's, Limerick (V)	93	3,561	3,548	34,031	29,536	86.8	8.3	10	3,724	25,051	0
St. Nessian's, Croom	72	1,623	1,623	26,280	20,426	77.7	12.6	10	803	0	0
Total Mid-Western	784	40,752	40,739	286,129	248,987	87.0	6.1	47	13,872	109,147	4,704
North-Eastern											
Cavan	165	7,760	7,755	60,261	50,807	84.3	6.6	22	2,131	20,158	2,119
Dundalk	136	5,865	5,878	49,751	36,336	73.0	6.2	0	1,324	19,454	0
Lourdes, Drogheda (V)	306	13,955	13,944	111,754	84,118	75.3	6.0	9	2,929	27,350	0
Monaghan	127	5,075	5,090	46,355	31,335	67.6	6.2	0	333	6,425	0
Navan	164	6,207	6,234	59,856	47,442	79.3	7.6	0	774	20,762	0
Total North-Eastern	898	38,862	38,901	327,977	250,038	76.2	6.4	31	7,491	94,149	2,119
North-Western											
Letterkenny	315	16,710	16,652	114,839	94,022	81.9	5.6	6	7,784	18,438	2,314
Manorhamilton	60	670	656	21,900	17,838	81.5	27.2*	2	169	2,084	0
Sligo	293	17,305	17,345	106,838	85,277	79.8	4.9	7	7,123	27,453	1,895
Total North-Western	668	34,685	34,653	243,577	197,137	80.9	5.3*	15	15,076	47,975	4,209

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Health Board Area and Hospital	Activity										
	In-Patient						Day		Other		
	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average No. of Day Beds Available	Day Cases	Casualty Attendances	Dialysis Treatments
South-Eastern											
Cashel	71	3,048	3,048	25,915	12,572	48.5	4.1	6	1,148	14,826	0
Clonmel	169	7,142	6,959	61,685	49,440	80.1	7.1	8	1,432	4,481	0
Kilcreene, Kilkenny	60	1,357	1,355	21,759	8,960	41.2	6.6	0	0	0	0
St. Luke's, Kilkenny	190	11,318	11,385	69,215	53,561	77.4	4.7	6	1,290	20,110	0
Waterford											
Maternity (V) #	57	1,708	1,708	11,685	7,732	66.2	4.5	0	28	0	0
Waterford Regional	384	19,348	19,208	140,159	111,963	79.9	5.8	6	5,904	48,542	2,601
Wexford General	198	12,769	12,764	72,149	62,165	86.2	4.9	11	1,869	18,270	0
Total South-Eastern	1,129	56,690	56,427	402,567	306,393	76.1	5.4	37	11,671	106,229	2,601
Southern											
Bantry	68	3,194	3,148	24,820	20,012	80.6	6.4	0	498	3,835	0
Cork University Hospital	543	29,047	29,461	198,291	188,379	95.0	6.4	16	4,537	47,247	6,901
Erinville, Cork	73	3,984	4,065	26,645	19,448	73.0	4.8	0	0	0	0
Mallow	64	4,117	4,032	23,360	22,780	97.5	5.6	5	1,666	14,652	0
Mercy, Cork (V)	239	13,348	13,373	87,329	67,464	77.3	5.0	19	5,107	20,802	0
St. Finbarr's, Cork	210	4,447	4,350	76,650	41,362	54.0	9.5	0	122	0	0
St. Mary's, Gurranebraher South Infirmary /Victoria (V)	119	3,020	2,944	43,580	28,808	66.1	9.8	0	450	0	0
Tralee	168	9,241	9,235	61,328	50,229	81.9	5.4	10	2,621	29,256	0
Tralee	309	13,503	13,430	112,785	90,511	80.3	6.7	0	1,398	27,252	1,154
Total Southern	1,793	83,901	84,038	654,788	528,993	80.8	6.3	50	16,399	143,044	8,055
Western											
Castlebar	226	14,258	14,269	82,490	66,216	80.3	4.6	0	2,261	23,511	1,746
Merlin Park, Galway	207	6,284	6,221	75,730	57,694	76.2	9.3	0	656	0	4,687
Portiuncula, Ballinasloe (V)	204	10,092	10,052	74,460	55,518	74.6	5.5	8	2,725	14,702	0
Roscommon	116	4,943	4,966	42,340	33,624	79.4	6.8	0	0	13,297	0
University Hospital Galway	503	22,974	22,915	183,742	159,993	87.1	7.0	17	5,690	49,106	0
Total Western	1,256	58,551	58,423	458,762	373,045	81.3	6.4	25	11,332	100,616	6,433
Health Board Hospitals Total	6,488	308,816	308,356	2,367,885	1,931,823	81.6	6.2*	212	71,042	626,525	28,121
Voluntary Hospitals Total	5,465	220,577	220,462	1,981,124	1,651,126	83.3	7.1*	331	136,266	572,927	24,353
Grand Total	11,953	529,393	528,818	4,349,009	3,582,949	82.4	6.6*	543	207,308	1,199,452	52,474

(V) Indicates Voluntary Hospital.

* The Average Length of Stay calculations for area and national totals exclude Inc. Orthopaedic, NRH, Peamount, Baldoye and Manorhamilton, because of the nature of their specialties which involve substantially longer stays than in acute hospitals generally.

Hospital closed and services transferred to Waterford Regional Hospital on 25 July 1995.

Table H2C

Acute Hospital Summary Statistics by Health Board Area and Hospital, 1996

Health Board Area and Hospital	Activity											
	In-Patient							Day		Other		
	Detailed table Reference	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occup- ancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average No. of Day Beds Available	Day Cases	Casualty Attendances	Dialysis Treatments
Eastern												
Adelaide (V)	H3	150	4,597	4,602	54,988	40,366	73.4	8.8	21	4,537	0	0
Beaumont (V)	H4	617	20,608	20,625	225,822	208,096	92.2	10.1	12	14,230	59,047	19,090
Cherry Orchard	H5	97	2,613	2,568	35,502	14,180	39.9	5.5	0	0	0	0
Coombe (V)	H6	198	13,089	13,041	72,524	63,568	87.7	4.9	30	7,755	0	0
Hume Street (V) Inc. Orthopaedic,	H7	31	491	484	6,479	5,159	79.6	10.7	0	13,687	0	0
Clontarf (V)	H8	88	976	963	32,158	27,106	84.3	28.1*	0	0	0	0
James Connolly	H9	230	8,011	7,816	84,180	77,848	92.5	10.0	21	3,628	33,260	0
Loughlinstown	H10	133	5,450	5,444	48,852	44,637	91.4	8.2	10	1,564	32,454	0
Mater (V)	H11	511	16,678	16,635	187,026	169,594	90.7	10.2	27	16,619	70,633	0
Meath (V)	H12	237	9,277	9,376	86,574	86,438	99.8	9.2	27	6,068	45,274	5,291
Naas	H13	120	4,817	4,830	43,926	40,363	91.9	8.4	6	830	25,526	0
National Children's (V)	H14	55	4,589	4,608	20,130	17,070	84.8	3.7	15	4,599	21,056	0
National Maternity (V)	H15	186	13,114	13,231	68,074	46,346	68.1	3.5	13	1,050	0	0
NRH, Dunlaoghaire (V)	H16	123	1,088	1,076	45,018	40,050	89.0	37.2*	0	0	0	0
Our Lady's, Crumlin (V)	H17	236	12,972	12,970	86,211	63,120	73.2	4.9	12	5,613	37,623	0
Peamount (V)	H18	60	855	862	21,960	17,510	79.7	20.3*	0	0	0	0
Rotunda (V)	H19	182	12,635	12,642	66,490	49,464	74.4	3.9	12	4,023	0	0
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear (V)	H20	59	4,582	4,554	21,616	15,447	71.5	3.4	16	2,301	41,713	0
St. James's (V)	H21	642	21,985	21,769	234,909	211,900	90.2	9.7	43	19,493	53,450	0
St. Luke's & St. Anne's (V)	H22	154	3,336	3,328	56,304	46,476	82.5	14.0	8	4,173	0	0
St. Mary's Baldoye (V)	H23	92	165	167	33,824	19,773	58.5	118.4*	0	0	0	0
St. Mary's, Cappagh (V)	H24	118	3,103	3,110	43,122	27,788	64.4	8.9	9	2,837	0	0
St. Michael's, Dunlaoghaire (V)	H25	85	3,118	3,138	31,215	26,056	83.5	8.3	9	2,022	27,634	0
St. Vincent's (V)	H26	451	17,543	17,546	165,195	144,568	87.5	8.2	16	9,537	45,023	1,887
Temple Street (V)	H27	115	7,907	8,063	42,018	33,567	79.9	4.2	14	2,903	47,874	261
Total Eastern		4,970	193,599	193,448	1,814,117	1,536,490	84.7	7.5*	321	127,469	540,567	26,529
Midland												
Mullingar	H28	182	10,868	10,849	66,612	56,343	84.6	5.2	6	1,942	20,434	0
Portlaoise	H29	131	7,295	7,283	47,946	33,228	69.3	4.6	9	1,824	12,117	0
Tullamore	H30	155	9,085	8,915	56,910	56,772	99.8	6.4	12	2,960	19,401	0
Total Midland		468	27,248	27,047	171,468	146,343	85.3	5.4	27	6,726	51,952	0
Mid-Western												
Ennis	H31	86	4,555	4,560	31,588	29,520	93.5	6.5	6	2,064	19,126	0
Limerick Maternity	H32	95	5,734	5,715	34,770	26,954	77.5	4.7	0	4	0	0
Limerick Regional	H33	365	20,880	20,934	133,673	119,313	89.3	5.7	15	6,285	55,326	4,216
Nenagh	H34	67	4,158	4,153	24,648	25,727	104.4	6.2	6	1,759	11,791	0
St. John's, Limerick (V)	H35	94	3,327	3,336	34,404	27,316	79.4	8.2	10	3,905	24,372	0
St. Nessian's, Croom	H36	76	1,595	1,603	27,637	19,842	71.8	12.4	10	809	0	0
Total Mid-Western		783	40,249	40,301	286,720	248,672	86.7	6.2	47	14,826	110,615	4,216
North-Eastern												
Cavan	H37	174	8,185	8,238	63,806	51,848	81.3	6.3	22	2,518	20,616	2,212
Dundalk	H38	137	5,821	5,820	50,304	34,017	67.6	5.8	0	1,430	18,340	0
Lourdes, Drogheda (V)	H39	311	14,875	14,870	113,798	86,355	75.9	5.8	10	3,619	27,006	0
Monaghan	H40	127	5,526	5,570	46,482	29,719	63.9	5.3	0	1,591	6,396	0
Navan	H41	162	6,450	6,343	59,209	44,727	75.5	7.1	0	903	20,330	0
Total North-Eastern		911	40,857	40,841	333,599	246,666	73.9	6.0	32	10,061	92,688	2,212
North-Western												
Letterkenny	H42	313	16,217	16,119	114,572	95,722	83.5	5.9	13	9,568	19,219	2,613
Manorhamilton	H43	60	653	659	21,960	18,491	84.2	28.1*	1	159	2,366	0
Sligo	H44	295	17,128	17,135	107,970	83,282	77.1	4.9	7	6,581	24,252	1,629
Total North-Western		668	33,998	33,913	244,502	197,495	80.8	5.4*	21	16,308	45,837	4,242

Table H2C - continued

Acute Hospital Summary Statistics
by Health Board Area and Hospital, 1996

Health Board Area and Hospital	Activity											
	In-Patient							Day		Other		
	Detailed table Reference	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged/ Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Average No. of Day Beds Available	Day Cases	Casualty Attendances	Dialysis Treatments
South-Eastern												
Cashel	H45	71	2,756	2,778	25,986	11,930	45.9	4.3	6	1,289	14,905	0
Clonmel	H46	168	7,165	7,042	61,389	49,982	81.4	7.1	8	1,475	6,195	0
Kilcreene, Kilkenny	H47	61	1,193	1,194	22,326	8,347	37.4	7.0	0	0	0	0
St. Luke's, Kilkenny	H48	191	12,387	12,391	69,776	53,037	76.0	4.3	6	1,628	18,914	0
Waterford Regional	H49	420	22,188	22,251	153,788	127,267	82.8	5.7	19	7,300	50,343	2,847
Wexford General	H50	198	12,855	12,853	72,344	62,182	86.0	4.8	12	1,660	17,427	0
Total South-Eastern		1,109	58,544	58,509	405,609	312,745	77.1	5.3	51	13,352	107,784	2,847
Southern												
Bantry	H51	68	3,473	3,476	24,888	21,849	87.8	6.3	0	619	4,165	0
Cork University Hospital	H52	542	28,782	29,190	198,288	179,576	90.6	6.2	15	15,853	48,326	6,900
Erinville, Cork	H53	73	4,464	4,333	26,718	19,118	71.6	4.4	0	0	0	0
Mallow	H54	64	3,863	3,841	23,424	22,033	94.1	5.7	5	1,714	14,499	0
Mercy, Cork (V)	H55	232	13,271	13,249	84,826	66,890	78.9	5.0	17	5,120	20,251	0
St. Finbarr's, Cork	H56	210	4,550	4,561	76,860	41,047	53.4	9.0	0	135	0	0
St. Mary's, Gurranebraher	H57	125	2,876	2,873	45,750	29,161	63.7	10.2	0	580	0	0
South Infirmary												
/Victoria (V)	H58	172	9,852	9,853	62,926	52,549	83.5	5.3	9	2,973	28,512	0
Tralee	H59	309	14,152	14,048	113,094	90,422	80.0	6.4	0	4,514	25,715	1,549
Total Southern		1,795	85,283	85,424	656,774	522,645	79.6	6.1	46	31,508	141,468	8,449
Western												
Castlebar	H60	216	13,895	13,858	79,170	68,168	86.1	4.9	12	2,744	24,590	1,884
Merlin Park, Galway	H61	208	6,521	6,557	76,028	56,651	74.5	8.6	0	307	0	5,467
Portiuncula,												
Ballinasloe (V)	H62	201	9,427	9,427	73,567	56,619	77.0	6.0	8	2,831	15,478	0
Roscommon	H63	116	4,809	4,859	42,456	37,788	89.0	7.8	0	164	13,024	0
University Hospital Galway	H64	492	23,355	23,373	180,098	155,112	86.1	6.6	18	7,612	49,774	0
Total Western		1,233	58,007	58,074	451,319	374,338	82.9	6.4	38	13,658	102,866	7,351
Health Board Hospitals												
Total		6,537	314,325	314,032	2,392,930	1,936,203	80.9	6.1*	245	94,013	628,831	29,317
Voluntary Hospitals												
Total		5,400	223,460	223,525	1,971,178	1,649,191	83.7	7.0*	338	139,895	564,946	26,529
Grand Total		11,937	537,785	537,557	4,364,108	3,585,394	82.2	6.5*	583	233,908	1,193,777	55,846

(V) Indicates Voluntary Hospital.

* The Average Length of Stay calculations for area and national totals exclude Inc. Orthopaedic, NRH, Peamount, Baldoyle and Manorhamilton, because of the nature of their specialties which involve substantially longer stays than in acute hospitals generally.

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Eastern Health Board Area**Table H3****Adelaide Hospital, Dublin**

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	13	4,758	4,831	101.5	645	7.5	126
Endocrinology	13	4,758	4,744	99.7	394	12.0	69
Gastro-Enterology	10	3,660	1,936	52.9	215	9.0	857
General Medicine	3	1,098	446	40.6	41	10.9	0
General Surgery	36	13,102	9,148	69.8	1,140	8.0	2,305
Gynaecology	11	4,206	1,581	37.6	259	6.1	496
Neurology	11	4,026	3,655	90.8	392	9.3	4
Orthopaedics	47	17,246	12,881	74.7	1,221	10.5	615
Otolaryngology (ENT)	6	2,134	1,144	53.6	295	3.9	65
Hospital Total	150	54,988	40,366	73.4	4,602	8.8	4,537

Table H4**Beaumont Hospital, Dublin**

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	34	12,444	12,917	103.8	1,420	9.1	50
Dental Surgery	1	366	109	29.8	39	2.8	3
Dermatology	N.S.	—	24	—	5	4.8	897
General Medicine	151	55,266	57,007	103.2	4,943	11.5	2,195
General Surgery	110	40,260	38,432	95.5	4,107	9.4	4,155
Geriatric Medicine	21	7,686	6,928	90.1	261	26.5	0
Gynaecology	7	2,562	1,277	49.8	236	5.4	138
Haematology	5	1,830	2,358	128.9	236	10.0	695
Nephrology	56	20,496	16,506	80.5	1,310	12.6	2
Neurology	30	10,980	9,814	89.4	736	13.3	97
Neurosurgery	91	33,306	28,579	85.8	2,202	13.0	30
Ophthalmology	N.S.	—	2	—	1	2.0	234
Orthopaedics	47	17,202	15,073	87.6	1,683	9.0	1,858
Otolaryngology (ENT)	29	10,614	5,398	50.9	1,668	3.2	1,606
Pain Relief	N.S.	—	151	—	26	5.8	548
Renal Transplantation	N.S.	—	2,375	—	134	17.7	0
Substance Abuse	10	3,660	3,210	87.7	238	13.5	0
Urology	25	9,150	7,936	86.7	1,380	5.8	1,721
Other	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Hospital Total	617	225,822	208,096	92.2	20,625	10.1	14,230

Table H5**Cherry Orchard Hospital, Ballyfermot, Dublin**

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Infectious Diseases	97	35,502	14,180	39.9	2,568	5.5	0

Table H6

Coombe Women's Hospital, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Gynaecology	33	12,134	6,343	52.3	1,199	5.3	1,739
Obstetrics	132	48,312	45,508	94.2	10,247	4.4	6,016
Paediatrics	33	12,078	11,717	97.0	1,595	7.3	0
Hospital Total	198	72,524	63,568	87.7	13,041	4.9	7,755

Table H7

Hume Street Hospital, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Dermatology	31	6,479	5,159	79.6	484	10.7	13,687

Table H8

Incorporated Orthopaedic Hospital, Clontarf

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Orthopaedics	88	32,158	27,106	84.3	963	28.1	0

Table H9

James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Coronary Care	5	1,830	1,292	70.6	76	17.0	0
Dental Surgery	4	1,464	6	0.4	4	1.5	97
General Medicine	79	28,914	29,747	102.9	3,365	8.8	1,485
General Surgery	60	21,960	20,593	93.8	3,085	6.7	2,046
Geriatric Medicine	56	20,496	17,969	87.7	947	19.0	0
Intensive Care	4	1,464	1,104	75.4	45	24.5	0
Psychiatry	22	8,052	7,137	88.6	294	24.3	0
Hospital Total	230	84,180	77,848	92.5	7,816	10.0	3,628

Table H10

St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Dental Surgery	N.S.	—	136	—	105	1.3	114
General Medicine	31	11,346	11,772	103.8	2,281	5.2	271
General Surgery	33	12,078	12,424	102.9	2,028	6.1	959
Geriatric Medicine	30	10,980	10,563	96.2	504	21.0	1
Gynaecology	N.S.	—	4	—	1	4.0	30
Intensive Care	6	2,196	1,490	67.9	0	—	0
Orthopaedics	18	6,762	5,687	84.1	207	27.5	92
Paediatrics	15	5,490	2,521	45.9	310	8.1	64
Pain Relief	N.S.	—	40	—	8	5.0	33
Hospital Total	133	48,852	44,637	91.4	5,444	8.2	1,564

Table H11

Mater Misericordiae, Dublin

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	42	15,372	17,019	110.7	1,269	13.4	101
Cardiology	27	9,882	19,842	200.8	1,552	12.8	1,097
Dental Surgery	N.S.	—	408	—	138	3.0	34
Dermatology	7	2,562	1,996	77.9	141	14.2	2,090
Endocrinology	18	6,588	11,545	175.2	930	12.4	13
Gastro-Enterology	32	11,712	13,359	114.1	1,355	9.9	2,125
General Medicine	20	7,320	5,459	74.6	502	10.9	1
General Surgery	48	17,568	15,512	88.3	1,818	8.5	1,638
Geriatric Medicine	20	7,320	7,247	99.0	316	22.9	372
Gynaecology	12	4,392	3,012	68.6	435	6.9	381
Infectious Diseases	6	2,196	3,874	176.4	316	12.3	1
Nephrology	4	1,464	1,688	115.3	193	8.7	1
Neurology	N.S.	—	56	—	9	6.2	0
Oncology/Haematology	15	5,490	7,555	137.6	842	9.0	1,569
Ophthalmology	22	8,052	5,754	71.5	1,041	5.5	2,865
Orthopaedics	33	12,078	14,693	121.7	1,427	10.3	387
Otolaryngology (ENT)	14	5,124	6,049	118.1	1,038	5.8	1,304
Plastic Surgery	7	2,562	2,663	103.9	455	5.9	940
Psychiatry	N.S.	—	4,840	—	260	18.6	0
Respiratory Medicine	19	6,954	7,912	113.8	681	11.6	280
Rheumatology	6	2,196	4,745	216.1	388	12.2	346
Urology	8	2,928	3,741	127.8	465	8.0	358
Vascular Surgery	31	11,346	10,279	90.6	1,027	10.0	359
Other	120	43,920	346	0.8	37	9.4	357
Hospital Total	511	187,026	169,594	90.7	16,635	10.2	16,619

Table H12

Meath Hospital, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available *	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine		—	39,496	—	3,146	12.6	842
General Surgery		—	11,978	—	1,447	8.3	1,006
Gynaecology		—	425	—	69	6.2	91
Nephrology		—	3,964	—	295	13.4	96
Orthopaedics		—	14,933	—	1,725	8.7	638
Otolaryngology (ENT)		—	596	—	160	3.7	187
Urology		—	15,046	—	2,534	5.9	515
Other		—	0	—	0	—	2,693
Hospital Total	237	86,574	86,438	99.8	9,376	9.2	6,068

* Beds available could not be provided by specialty for this hospital.

Table H13

General Hospital, Naas, Co. Kildare

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	4	1,464	1,309	89.4	437	3.0	0
General Medicine	52	19,038	18,300	96.1	1,896	9.7	194
General Surgery	32	11,712	10,810	92.3	1,982	5.5	636
Intensive Care	2	732	645	88.1	27	23.9	0
Psychiatry	30	10,980	9,299	84.7	488	19.1	0
Hospital Total	120	43,926	40,363	91.9	4,830	8.4	830

Table H14

National Children's Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	26	9,516	8,481	89.1	2,343	3.6	875
General Surgery	14	5,124	4,915	95.9	990	5.0	2,426
Haematology	6	2,196	1,686	76.8	253	6.7	461
Orthopaedics	4	1,464	1,165	79.6	357	3.3	281
Otolaryngology (ENT)	5	1,830	823	45.0	665	1.2	556
Hospital Total	55	20,130	17,070	84.8	4,608	3.7	4,599

Table H15

National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Gynaecology	25	9,058	5,353	59.1	1,524	3.5	994
Obstetrics	130	47,670	34,675	72.7	10,688	3.2	56
Paediatrics	31	11,346	6,318	55.7	1,019	6.2	0
Hospital Total	186	68,074	46,346	68.1	13,231	3.5	1,050

Table H16

National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Rehabilitation Medicine	123	45,018	40,050	89.0	1,076	37.2	0

Table H17

Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available*	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	—	—	1,258	—	150	8.4	2
Cardiology	—	—	7,486	—	677	11.1	19
Clinical (Medical) Genetics	—	—	9	—	0	—	1
Dental Surgery	—	—	164	—	100	1.6	102
Dermatology	—	—	329	—	49	6.7	2
Endocrinology	—	—	206	—	68	3.0	47
General Medicine	—	—	21,086	—	3,911	5.4	577
General Surgery	—	—	10,853	—	2,588	4.2	1,674
Immunology	—	—	0	—	0	0.0	1
Neonatology	—	—	1,103	—	95	11.6	6
Neurology	—	—	1,817	—	243	7.5	40
Oncology	—	—	6,185	—	1,316	4.7	1,176
Ophthalmology	—	—	131	—	95	1.4	55
Orthopaedics	—	—	7,392	—	2,132	3.5	530
Otolaryngology (ENT)	—	—	1,252	—	640	2.0	419
Plastic Surgery	—	—	3,471	—	817	4.2	555
Psychiatry	—	—	35	—	4	8.8	0
Radiology	—	—	3	—	1	0.0	82
Urology	—	—	340	—	84	4.0	325
Hospital Total	236	86,211	63,120	73.2	12,970	4.9	5,613

* Beds Available could not be provided by specialty for this hospital

Table H18

Peamount Hospital, Newcastle, Co.Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Respiratory Medicine	60	21,960	17,510	79.7	862	20.3	0

Table H19

Rotunda Hospital, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Gynaecology	28	10,126	5,969	58.9	2,492	2.4	650
Obstetrics	116	42,456	32,813	77.3	8,865	3.7	3,373
Paediatrics	38	13,908	10,682	76.8	1,285	8.3	0
Hospital Total	182	66,490	49,464	74.4	12,642	3.9	4,023

Table H20

Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Ophthalmology	38	13,899	10,385	74.7	3,287	3.2	1,596
Otolaryngology (ENT)	21	7,717	5,062	65.6	1,267	4.0	705
Hospital Total	59	21,616	15,447	71.5	4,554	3.4	2,301

Table H21

St. James's Hospital, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Accident & Emergency	14	5,124	656	12.8	301	2.2	0
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	10	3,660	3,202	87.5	302	10.6	20
Cardiology	30	10,980	11,654	106.1	2,002	5.8	1,446
Dermatology	4	1,464	681	46.5	56	12.2	121
Endocrinology	14	5,124	5,248	102.4	508	10.3	0
Gastro-Enterology	28	10,248	14,954	145.9	1,471	10.2	4,110
General Medicine	84	30,622	15,692	51.2	1,396	11.2	99
General Surgery	89	32,574	19,603	60.2	2,426	8.1	3,185
Genito-Urinary Medicine	12	4,392	2,491	56.7	265	9.4	798
Geriatric Medicine	94	34,404	34,879	101.4	983	35.5	0
Gynaecology	16	5,856	4,887	83.5	928	5.3	374
Haematology	12	4,392	7,101	161.7	485	14.6	2,419
Maxillo-Facial	12	4,392	4,516	102.8	1,120	4.0	216
Nephrology	3	1,224	797	65.1	64	12.5	0
Neurology	3	1,098	1,432	130.4	175	8.2	0
Oncology	15	5,490	4,352	79.3	606	7.2	2,045
Orthopaedics	31	11,346	13,143	115.8	1,484	8.9	229
Otolaryngology (ENT)	19	6,954	5,766	82.9	1,093	5.3	306
Plastic Surgery	31	11,346	12,051	106.2	2,428	5.0	3,275
Psychiatry	51	18,666	18,399	98.6	525	35.0	0
Respiratory Medicine	32	11,620	12,826	110.4	1,239	10.4	456
Rheumatology	15	5,490	6,657	121.3	575	11.6	0
Urology	8	2,928	3,317	113.3	575	5.8	361
Vascular Surgery	15	5,515	7,596	137.7	762	10.0	33
Hospital Total	642	234,909	211,900	90.2	21,769	9.7	19,493

Table H22

St. Luke's and St. Anne's Hospitals, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Oncology	154	56,304	46,476	82.5	3,328	14.0	4,173

Table H23

St. Mary's Auxiliary Hospital, Baldoyle

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Paed. Physical Handicap	76	27,816	13,779	49.5	166	83.0	0
Other	16	6,008	5,994	99.8	1	5994.0	0
Hospital Total	92	33,824	19,773	58.5	167	118.4	0

Table H24

St. Mary's Hospital, Cappagh, Dublin

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Orthopaedics	118	43,122	27,788	64.4	3,110	8.9	2,837

Table H25

St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available*	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths*	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Gastro-Enterology		—	0	—		—	451
General Medicine		—	13,815	—		—	85
General Surgery		—	9,604	—		—	1,134
Orthopaedics		—	2,475	—		—	141
Otolaryngology (ENT)		—	162	—		—	23
Respiratory Medicine		—	0	—		—	50
Urology		—	0	—		—	138
Hospital Total	85	31,215	26,056	83.5	3,138	8.3	2,022

* Beds Available and Discharges/Deaths could not be provided by specialty for this hospital.

Table H26

St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	8	3,082	2,140	69.4	132	16.2	6
Cardiology	31	11,526	9,669	83.9	1,475	6.6	72
Dental Surgery	0	122	66	—	25	2.6	0
Dermatology	0	60	94	156.7	7	13.4	0
Endocrinology	10	3,630	2,869	79.0	328	8.7	12
Gastro-Enterology	34	12,593	11,515	91.4	1,312	8.8	904
General Surgery	79	28,975	25,018	86.3	3,069	8.2	1,868
Geriatric Medicine	26	9,369	9,150	97.7	502	18.2	4
Gynaecology	8	2,954	2,146	72.6	504	4.3	0
Haematology	3	1,157	1,063	91.9	127	8.4	131
Intensive Care	8	2,928	2,411	82.3	197	12.2	0
Nephrology	18	6,678	6,410	96.0	503	12.7	1
Neurology	11	3,934	3,076	78.2	280	11.0	9
Oncology	28	10,152	9,927	97.8	1,137	8.7	3,167
Ophthalmology	9	3,294	1,756	53.3	583	3.0	1,196
Orthopaedics	30	10,975	10,358	94.4	1,752	5.9	258
Otolaryngology (ENT)	6	2,378	1,712	72.0	578	3.0	85
Pain Relief	2	732	466	63.7	246	1.9	319
Plastic Surgery	8	2,867	2,215	77.3	359	6.2	416
Psychiatry	19	6,923	6,022	87.0	283	21.3	0
Radiology	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Respiratory Medicine	51	18,795	17,700	94.2	1,584	11.2	122
Rheumatology	11	4,146	3,700	89.2	365	10.1	1
Urology	30	11,096	9,016	81.3	1,608	5.6	904
Vascular Surgery	19	6,829	6,069	88.9	590	10.3	59
Hospital Total	449	165,195	144,568	87.5	17,546	8.2	9,537

Table H27

Temple Street Children's Hospital, Dublin

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Paediatrics	115	42,018	33,567	79.9	8,063	4.2	2,903

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Table H28

General Hospital, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	6	2,196	1,852	84.3	103	18.0	3
General Medicine	57	20,862	25,561	122.5	3,538	7.2	749
General Surgery	57	20,801	13,609	65.4	3,033	4.5	1,127
Gynaecology	12	4,392	3,798	86.5	942	4.0	8
Obstetrics	30	10,980	7,176	65.4	1,693	4.2	15
Paediatrics	20	7,381	4,347	58.9	1,540	2.8	40
Hospital Total	182	66,612	56,343	84.6	10,849	5.2	1,942

Table H29

General Hospital, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	43	15,738	11,930	75.8	2,024	5.9	35
General Surgery	35	12,810	10,372	81.0	1,987	5.2	1,677
Gynaecology	4	1,464	1,175	80.3	424	2.8	101
Obstetrics	28	10,248	5,460	53.3	1,566	3.5	4
Paediatrics	20	7,320	4,266	58.3	1,270	3.4	7
Other	1	366	25	6.8	12	2.1	0
Hospital Total	131	47,946	33,228	69.3	7,283	4.6	1,824

Table H30

General Hospital, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Coronary Care	4	1,464	1,259	86.0	128	9.8	0
Dental Surgery	N.S.	—	28	—	27	1.0	397
General Medicine	51	18,818	27,594	146.6	3,012	9.2	1,114
General Surgery	33	11,985	9,941	82.9	2,193	4.5	917
Intensive Care	4	1,464	1,148	78.4	88	13.0	0
Orthopaedics	43	15,860	11,964	75.4	1,695	7.1	235
Otolaryngology (ENT)	20	7,319	4,838	66.1	1,772	2.7	290
Radiology	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Hospital Total	155	56,910	56,772	99.8	8,915	6.4	2,960

Mid-Western Health Board Area**Table H31****General Hospital, Ennis, Co. Clare**

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Dental Surgery	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	266
General Medicine	52	19,032	15,307	80.4	2,061	7.4	57
General Surgery	26	9,516	9,438	99.2	1,991	4.7	1,604
Geriatric Medicine	8	3,040	4,774	157.0	507	9.4	3
Gynaecology	N.S.	—	1	—	1	1.0	54
Urology	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	80
Hospital Total	86	31,588	29,520	93.5	4,560	6.5	2,064

Table H32**Regional Maternity Hospital, (St. Munchin's), Limerick**

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Neonatology	17	6,384	6,084	95.3	544	11.2	4
Obstetrics	78	28,386	20,870	73.5	5,171	4.0	0
Hospital Total	95	34,770	26,954	77.5	5,715	4.7	4

Table H33**Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle, Limerick**

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	N.S.	—	2,192	—	318	6.9	1
Dental Surgery	N.S.	—	3	—	3	1.0	380
Gastro-Intestinal Surgery	N.S.	—	1,826	—	279	6.5	125
General Medicine	92	33,583	34,157	101.7	5,379	6.4	1,093
General Surgery	94	34,404	22,076	64.2	3,771	5.9	991
Geriatric Medicine	14	5,124	5,935	115.8	522	11.4	0
Gynaecology	25	9,150	6,166	67.4	1,555	4.0	535
Oncology	N.S.	—	2	—	2	1.0	79
Ophthalmology	19	7,076	4,563	64.5	1,112	4.1	833
Orthopaedics	N.S.	—	4,168	—	1,378	3.0	3
Otolaryngology (ENT)	20	7,370	6,595	89.5	1,898	3.5	1,000
Paediatrics	51	18,666	11,812	63.3	3,355	3.5	42
Psychiatry	50	18,300	16,267	88.9	846	19.2	0
Respiratory Medicine	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	75
Urology	N.S.	—	1,710	—	361	4.7	1,090
Vascular Surgery	N.S.	—	1,841	—	155	11.9	38
Hospital Total	365	133,673	119,313	89.3	20,934	5.7	6,285

Table H34

General Hospital, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Dental Surgery	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	214
General Medicine	36	13,176	14,675	111.4	2,093	7.0	10
General Surgery	24	8,784	8,884	101.1	1,843	4.8	1,294
Geriatric Medicine	7	2,688	2,026	75.4	187	10.8	0
Urology	0	0	142	0.0	30	0.0	241
Hospital Total	67	24,648	25,727	104.4	4,153	6.2	1,759

Table H35

St. John's Hospital, Limerick

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	44	16,104	16,738	103.9	1,731	9.7	1,679
General Surgery	36	13,176	8,295	63.0	1,253	6.6	2,002
Gynaecology	14	5,124	2,283	44.6	352	6.5	224
Hospital Total	94	34,404	27,316	79.4	3,336	8.2	3,905

Table H36

Regional Orthopaedic Hospital, (St.Nessan's), Croom, Co. Limerick

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Orthopaedics	76	27,637	19,842	71.8	1,603	12.4	809

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Table H37

General Hospital, Cavan

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Anaesthetics	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	11
Dermatology	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8
General Medicine	52	19,124	20,470	107.0	2,691	7.6	284
General Surgery	43	15,768	14,816	94.0	2,794	5.3	1,840
Gynaecology	8	2,928	2,103	71.8	471	4.5	348
Obstetrics	30	10,980	5,509	50.2	1,023	5.4	4
Paediatrics	16	5,856	2,436	41.6	971	2.5	23
Psychiatry	25	9,150	6,514	71.2	288	22.6	0
Hospital Total	174	63,806	51,848	81.3	8,238	6.3	2,518

Table H38

Louth County Hospital, Dundalk

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Dental Surgery	N.S.	—	2	—	2	1.0	51
General Medicine	57	20,862	17,256	82.7	2,727	6.3	314
General Surgery	34	12,444	9,583	77.0	1,595	6.0	917
Gynaecology	9	3,294	3,569	108.3	800	4.5	148
Obstetrics	14	5,124	3,607	70.4	696	5.2	0
Other	23	8,580	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Hospital Total	137	50,304	34,017	67.6	5,820	5.8	1,430

Table H39

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	73	26,573	32,283	121.5	3,699	8.7	849
General Surgery	36	13,041	14,581	111.8	3,309	4.4	1,590
Gynaecology	22	7,990	6,097	76.3	1,360	4.5	34
Obstetrics	55	20,130	14,041	69.8	2,441	5.8	23
Oncology	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	488
Orthopaedics	24	8,784	7,386	84.1	1,128	6.5	20
Otolaryngology (ENT)	3	1,098	576	52.5	348	1.7	130
Paediatrics	70	25,496	11,334	44.5	2,570	4.4	162
Plastic Surgery	N.S.	—	8	—	6	1.3	77
Tropical	2	732	49	6.7	9	5.4	232
Other	27	9,954	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	14
Hospital Total	312	113,798	86,355	75.9	14,870	5.8	3,619

Table H40

General Hospital, Monaghan

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Anaesthetics	N.S.	—	8	—	1	8.0	21
General Medicine	51	18,666	16,208	86.8	2,462	6.6	849
General Surgery	29	10,614	9,591	90.4	2,141	4.5	600
Gynaecology	6	2,196	1,072	48.8	336	3.2	117
Obstetrics	20	7,320	2,639	36.1	504	5.2	4
Paediatrics	18	6,588	201	3.1	126	1.6	0
Other	3	1,098	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Hospital Total	127	46,482	29,719	63.9	5,570	5.3	1,591

Table H41

General Hospital (Our Lady's), Navan, Co. Meath

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	50	18,300	15,933	87.1	2,418	6.6	20
General Surgery	45	16,470	11,815	71.7	1,932	6.1	789
Orthopaedics	67	24,439	16,979	69.5	1,993	8.5	94
Hospital Total	162	59,209	44,727	75.5	6,343	7.1	903

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Table H42

General Hospital, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	8	2,928	2,452	83.7	268	9.1	890
General Medicine	69	25,254	26,648	105.5	4,278	6.2	1,357
General Surgery	60	21,999	20,685	94.0	4,256	4.9	5,491
Gynaecology	14	5,099	4,596	90.1	1,124	4.1	765
Intensive Care	5	1,830	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Obstetrics	38	13,908	9,874	71.0	2,118	4.7	532
Orthopaedics	22	8,052	6,110	75.9	931	6.6	220
Paediatrics	38	13,908	7,252	52.1	2,267	3.2	313
Psychiatry	59	21,594	18,105	83.8	877	20.6	0
Hospital Total	313	114,572	95,722	83.5	16,119	5.9	9,568

Table H43

Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	38	13,908	13,699	98.5	231	59.3	0
General Surgery	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	159
Rheumatology	22	8,052	4,792	59.5	428	11.2	0
Hospital Total	60	21,960	18,491	84.2	659	28.1	159

Table H44

Regional Hospital, Sligo

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	11	4,026	3,529	87.7	425	8.3	805
General Medicine	60	21,960	25,330	115.3	3,820	6.6	434
General Surgery	56	20,496	17,109	83.5	3,767	4.5	994
Gynaecology	14	5,124	3,596	70.2	1,015	3.5	0
Intensive Care	3	1,098	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Obstetrics	30	10,980	6,635	60.4	1,677	4.0	0
Ophthalmology	13	4,758	2,891	60.8	799	3.6	1,802
Orthopaedics	52	19,032	13,753	72.3	2,311	6.0	250
Otolaryngology (ENT)	26	9,516	5,455	57.3	1,518	3.6	1,349
Paediatrics	30	10,980	4,984	45.4	1,803	2.8	947
Hospital Total	295	107,970	83,282	77.1	17,135	4.9	6,581

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Table H45

Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel, Co. Tipperary

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Surgery	71	25,986	11,930	45.9	2,778	4.3	1,289

Table H46

St. Joseph's Hospital, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	62	22,692	21,047	92.8	2,815	7.5	1,274
Gynaecology	14	5,025	2,919	58.1	936	3.1	201
Obstetrics	30	10,980	6,710	61.1	1,462	4.6	0
Paediatrics	12	4,392	2,934	66.8	820	3.6	0
Psychiatry	50	18,300	16,372	89.5	1,009	16.2	0
Hospital Total	168	61,389	49,982	81.4	7,042	7.1	1,475

Table H47

Orthopaedic Hospital, Kilcreene, Co. Kilkenny

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Orthopaedics	61	22,326	8,347	37.4	1,194	7.0	0

Table H48

St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Dental Surgery	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	155
General Medicine	62	22,692	17,247	76.0	3,339	5.2	115
General Surgery	60	21,960	18,188	82.8	4,428	4.1	1,252
Gynaecology	13	4,628	3,465	74.9	975	3.6	106
Intensive Care	4	1,464	1,015	69.3	92	11.0	0
Obstetrics	32	11,712	9,312	79.5	1,763	5.3	0
Paediatrics	20	7,320	3,810	52.0	1,794	2.1	0
Hospital Total	191	69,776	53,037	76.0	12,391	4.3	1,628

Table H49

Regional Hospital, Ardkeen, Waterford

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Anaesthetics	N.S.	—	139	—	35	4.0	317
General Medicine	56	20,496	19,740	96.3	3,008	6.6	1,056
General Surgery	64	23,244	17,618	75.8	3,264	5.4	1,823
Geriatric Medicine	26	9,516	11,185	117.5	797	14.0	8
Gynaecology	13	4,758	3,320	69.8	806	4.1	38
Haematology	5	1,830	2,612	142.7	251	10.4	434
Obstetrics	44	16,104	12,213	75.8	2,594	4.7	726
Ophthalmology	28	10,248	7,345	71.7	1,758	4.2	396
Orthopaedics	62	22,692	17,922	79.0	3,332	5.4	991
Otolaryngology (ENT)	31	11,346	7,693	67.8	2,599	3.0	299
Paediatrics	48	17,447	14,644	83.9	2,907	5.0	1,185
Psychiatry	44	16,107	12,836	79.7	900	14.3	27
Hospital Total	421	153,788	127,267	82.8	22,251	5.7	7,300

Table H50

General Hospital, Wexford

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	71	25,986	23,484	90.4	4,106	5.7	820
General Surgery	63	22,934	20,243	88.3	3,188	6.3	840
Gynaecology	14	5,124	4,053	79.1	1,111	3.6	0
Obstetrics	23	8,418	7,143	84.9	1,756	4.1	0
Paediatrics	27	9,882	7,259	73.5	2,692	2.7	0
Hospital Total	198	72,344	62,182	86.0	12,853	4.8	1,660

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Table H51

General Hospital, Bantry, Co. Cork

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	33	12,078	11,806	97.7	1,991	5.9	175
General Surgery	31	11,346	10,043	88.5	1,485	6.8	444
Intensive Care	4	1,464	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Hospital Total	68	24,888	21,849	87.8	3,476	6.3	619

Table H52

Cork University Hospital

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Accident & Emergency	8	2,928	959	32.8	576	1.7	0
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	13	4,758	6,346	133.4	605	10.5	24
Cardiology	12	4,392	9,261	210.9	1,926	4.8	260
Dental Surgery	N.S.	—	588	—	168	3.5	7
Endocrinology	N.S.	—	324	—	31	10.5	0
Gastro-Enterology	10	3,660	1,446	39.5	243	6.0	940
General Medicine	22	8,052	24,051	298.7	3,487	6.9	173
General Surgery	35	12,810	19,758	154.2	3,016	6.6	363
Genito-Urinary Medicine	8	2,928	2,472	84.4	546	4.5	888
Geriatric Medicine	25	9,150	9,638	105.3	1,507	6.4	20
Gynaecology	10	3,660	2,859	78.1	639	4.5	17
Haematology	4	1,464	4,490	306.7	935	4.8	146
Intensive Care	11	4,026	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Metabolic Medicine	N.S.	—	169	—	15	11.3	0
Nephrology	15	5,490	3,590	65.4	315	11.4	9
Neurology	20	7,320	12,721	173.8	1,502	8.5	28
Neurosurgery	18	6,588	8,844	134.2	1,137	7.8	6
Ophthalmology	22	8,052	6,203	77.0	1,624	3.8	1,588
Orthopaedics	24	8,784	15,673	178.4	2,718	5.8	201
Paediatrics	78	28,548	10,885	38.1	3,324	3.3	671
Pain Relief	N.S.	—	281	—	270	1.0	22
Plastic Surgery	14	5,124	9,647	188.3	1,991	4.8	218
Psychiatry	35	12,810	16,194	126.4	589	27.5	606
Radiotherapy	11	4,026	5,829	144.8	1,031	5.7	9,531
Respiratory Medicine	11	4,026	3,435	85.3	535	6.4	87
Rheumatology	10	3,660	3,801	103.9	434	8.8	48
Vascular Surgery	N.S.	—	112	—	26	4.3	0
Other	126	46,032	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Hospital Total	542	198,288	179,576	90.6	29,190	6.2	15,853

Table H53

Erinville Hospital, Cork

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Obstetrics	56	20,496	15,608	76.2	4,059	3.8	0
Paediatrics	17	6,222	3,510	56.4	274	12.8	0
Hospital Total	73	26,718	19,118	71.6	4,333	4.4	0

Table H54

General Hospital, Mallow, Co. Cork

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	27	9,882	8,701	88.0	1,310	6.6	0
General Surgery	33	12,078	11,943	98.9	2,436	4.9	1,714
Intensive Care	4	1,464	1,389	94.9	95	14.6	0
Hospital Total	64	23,424	22,033	94.1	3,841	5.7	1,714

Table H55

Mercy Hospital, Cork

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available*	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Clinical Pharmacology	—	—	2,101	—	346	6.1	24
Dental Surgery	—	—	246	—	172	1.4	236
General Medicine	—	—	23,621	—	4,214	5.6	2,510
General Surgery	—	—	20,848	—	3,965	5.3	1,602
Gynaecology	—	—	1,673	—	410	4.1	87
Neurology	—	—	6,187	—	860	7.2	36
Ophthalmology	—	—	189	—	86	2.2	4
Otolaryngology (ENT)	—	—	452	—	123	3.7	47
Paediatrics	—	—	7,395	—	1,945	3.8	265
Urology	—	—	4,178	—	1,128	3.7	309
Hospital Total	232	84,826	66,890	78.9	13,249	5.0	5,120

* Beds Available could not be provided by specialty for this hospital.

Table H56

St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Geriatric Medicine	80	29,280	21,727	74.2	831	26.1	0
Infectious Diseases	7	2,562	1,275	49.8	34	37.5	0
Obstetrics	62	22,692	10,924	48.1	2,497	4.4	0
Paediatrics	61	22,326	7,121	31.9	1,199	5.9	135
Hospital Total	210	76,860	41,047	53.4	4,561	9.0	135

Table H57

St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital, Gurranebraher, Co.Cork

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Obstetrics	112	40,992	26,521	64.7	2,609	10.2	474
Plastic Surgery	13	4,758	2,640	55.5	264	10.0	106
Hospital Total	125	45,750	29,161	63.7	2,873	10.2	580

Table H58

South Infirmary/Victoria, Cork

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	24	8,786	10,100	115.0	1,292	7.8	218
Dermatology	10	3,660	2,329	63.6	194	12.0	80
Endocrinology	21	7,688	8,382	109.0	986	8.5	240
General Surgery	34	12,432	11,767	94.7	2,179	5.4	2,050
Gynaecology	24	8,743	5,856	67.0	1,895	3.1	47
Obstetrics	8	2,924	1,220	41.7	294	4.1	0
Otolaryngology (ENT)	34	12,471	6,714	53.8	2,225	3.0	243
Rheumatology	17	6,222	6,016	96.7	707	8.5	88
Other	N.S.	—	165	—	81	2.0	7
Hospital Total	172	62,926	52,549	83.5	9,853	5.3	2,973

Table H59

General Hospital, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Specialty	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	62	22,692	19,591	86.3	2,886	6.8	466
General Surgery	53	19,398	17,668	91.1	3,275	5.4	2,485
Gynaecology	10	3,660	1,982	54.2	691	2.9	155
Intensive Care	4	1,464	1,225	83.7	123	10.0	0
Neonatology	10	3,660	2,071	56.6	193	10.7	0
Obstetrics	34	12,444	7,071	56.8	1,475	4.8	62
Orthopaedics	30	10,980	9,630	87.7	1,146	8.4	157
Otolaryngology (ENT)	8	2,928	946	32.3	421	2.2	867
Paediatrics	33	12,078	6,390	52.9	1,530	4.2	112
Psychiatry	50	18,300	16,748	91.5	861	19.5	0
Other	15	5,490	7,100	129.3	1,447	4.9	210
Hospital Total	309	113,094	90,422	80.0	14,048	6.4	4,514

Western Health Board Area

Table H60

Mayo General Hospital, Castlebar

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	67	24,518	28,073	114.5	5,017	5.6	1,170
General Surgery	67	24,340	21,516	88.4	3,811	5.6	1,349
Gynaecology	9	3,294	2,460	74.7	682	3.6	83
Intensive Care	5	1,952	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Obstetrics	34	12,440	8,546	68.7	1,834	4.7	0
Paediatrics	34	12,626	7,573	60.0	2,514	3.0	142
Hospital Total	216	79,170	68,168	86.1	13,858	4.9	2,744

Table H61

Regional Hospital, Merlin Park, Galway

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Geriatric Medicine	28	10,248	9,276	90.5	513	18.1	0
Nephrology	35	12,810	9,343	72.9	1,225	7.6	1
Orthopaedics	104	38,238	27,604	72.2	3,524	7.8	305
Rheumatology	40	14,732	10,428	70.8	1,295	8.1	1
Hospital Total	207	76,028	56,651	74.5	6,557	8.6	307

Table H62

Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available*	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Dental Surgery		—	128	—		—	37
General Medicine		—	22,910	—		—	428
General Surgery		—	15,236	—		—	1,894
Gynaecology		—	2,837	—		—	435
Neonatology		—	2,365	—		—	0
Obstetrics		—	8,676	—		—	0
Paediatrics		—	4,467	—		—	0
Pain Relief		—	0	—		—	37
Hospital Total	201	73,567	56,619	77.0	9,427	6.0	2,831

* Beds Available and Discharges/Deaths could not be provided by specialty for this hospital.

Table H63

General Hospital, Roscommon

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
General Medicine	51	18,666	22,914	122.8	2,572	8.9	0
General Surgery	35	12,810	7,462	58.3	1,800	4.1	164
Psychiatry	30	10,980	7,412	67.5	487	15.2	0
Hospital Total	116	42,456	37,788	89.0	4,859	7.8	164

Table H64

University College Hospital, Galway

<i>Specialty</i>	Average Number of In-Patient Beds Available	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Average Length of Stay in Days	Day Cases
Cardiology	5	1,830	8,826	482.3	1,382	6.4	4
Dermatology	N.S.	—	245	—	18	13.6	0
General Medicine	144	52,760	33,889	64.2	3,607	9.4	4
General Surgery	108	39,432	30,541	77.5	3,488	8.8	1,912
Gynaecology	28	10,416	5,417	52.0	1,213	4.5	678
Haematology	N.S.	—	8,530	—	782	10.9	1,109
Intensive Care	7	2,562	N.S.	—	N.S.	—	0
Neonatology	14	5,124	3,823	74.6	327	11.7	0
Neurology	N.S.	—	3,046	—	234	13.0	8
Obstetrics	49	17,934	13,565	75.6	3,685	3.7	171
Ophthalmology	15	5,517	3,802	68.9	1,061	3.6	605
Otolaryngology (ENT)	20	7,194	6,326	87.9	2,007	3.2	1,508
Paediatrics	33	12,075	7,481	62.0	2,796	2.7	247
Plastic Surgery	N.S.	—	3,623	—	599	6.0	559
Psychiatry	43	15,738	14,895	94.6	707	21.1	321
Urology	26	9,516	11,103	116.7	1,467	7.6	486
Hospital Total	492	180,098	155,112	86.1	23,373	6.6	7,612

Hospital In-Patient Enquiry

The Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE), which is managed by the Economic and Social Research Institute, provides a range of information on each hospital discharge. The enquiry, which does not include maternity patients or patients in private or district hospitals, covered close to 100% of the remainder of the discharges in publicly funded acute hospitals in recent years.

Table G65 is based on the enquiry and shows the number of discharges and average length of stay of patients broken into major diagnostic categories (MDCs) for 1997. MDCs form part of the diagnosis related group (DRG) system of classification. There are 25 mutually exclusive MDCs where, in general, each MDC is constructed to correspond to a major organ system.

The average length of stay in hospital by age group is displayed graphically in Figures 3 and 4. The number of day case procedures carried out during the years 1994 to 1997 are provided in Table H66 and Figure 5. Procedures are grouped into day case procedure groups (DPG's) which are based on a Canadian classification system for day care.

Table H65

Hospital In-Patient Enquiry: Number and Percentage of Cases and Average Length of Stay, by Major Diagnostic Category, 1997

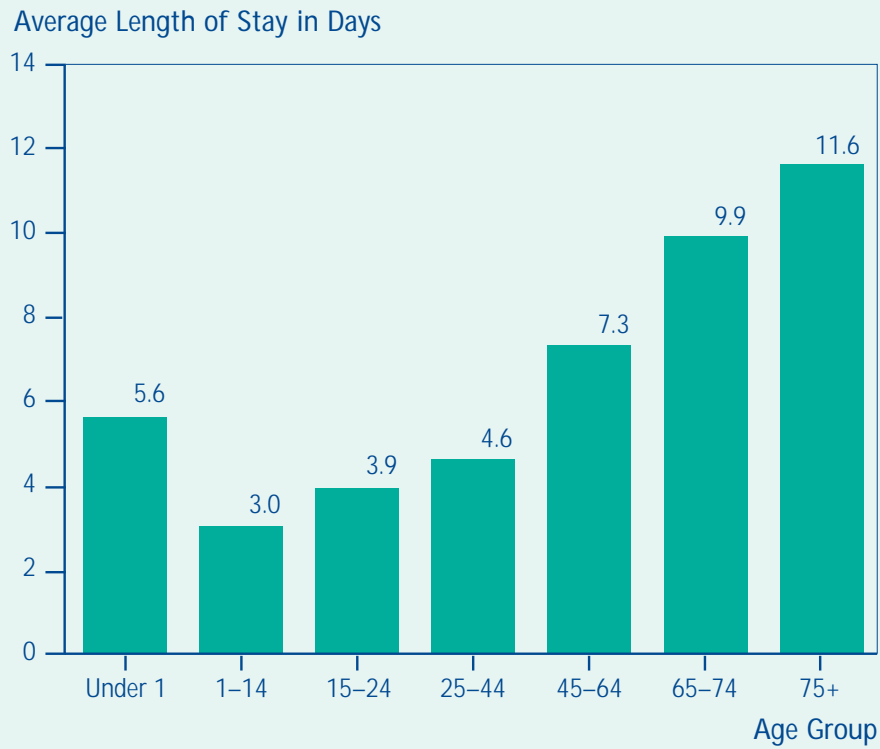
<i>Major Diagnostic Category: Code Number and Description</i>	Number of Cases	As a Percentage of Total	Average Length of Stay in Days
06 Digestive System	64,797	13.83	5.93
05 Circulatory System	54,288	11.59	8.20
08 Musculoskeletal System & Connective Tissue	50,881	10.86	7.13
04 Respiratory System	46,230	9.87	9.03
01 Nervous System	36,933	7.88	8.47
14 Pregnancy, Childbirth & the Puerperium	36,687	7.83	3.91
03 Ear, Nose, Mouth & Throat	32,345	6.90	3.51
09 Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue & Breast	22,952	4.90	6.05
11 Kidney & Urinary Tract	18,982	4.05	6.58
13 Female Reproductive System	17,967	3.84	4.86
21 Injury, Poisoning & Toxic Effect of Drugs	11,699	2.50	3.18
07 Hepatobiliary System & Pancreas	11,693	2.50	8.29
02 Eye	11,348	2.42	3.92
12 Male Reproductive System	8,363	1.79	5.74
17 Myeloproliferative Diseases	8,250	1.76	7.83
18 Infectious & Parasitic Diseases	7,989	1.71	6.56
10 Endocrine, Nutritional & Metabolic	7,776	1.66	7.73
23 Factors Influencing Health Status	4,949	1.06	5.72
16 Blood & Blood Forming Organs & Immunology	4,927	1.05	7.00
15 Newborns & Other Neonates	3,063	0.65	10.67
19 Mental Diseases & Disorders	2,564	0.55	20.32
20 Substance Use/Induced Mental Disorder	1,573	0.34	5.46
22 Burns	988	0.21	10.71
24 Multiple Significant Trauma	624	0.13	15.77
25 HIV Infections	606	0.13	11.34
00 Miscellaneous	1	0.00	3.00
Totals	468,475	100.00	6.65

Note: Day cases are excluded from this table.

Source: Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE).

Figure 3

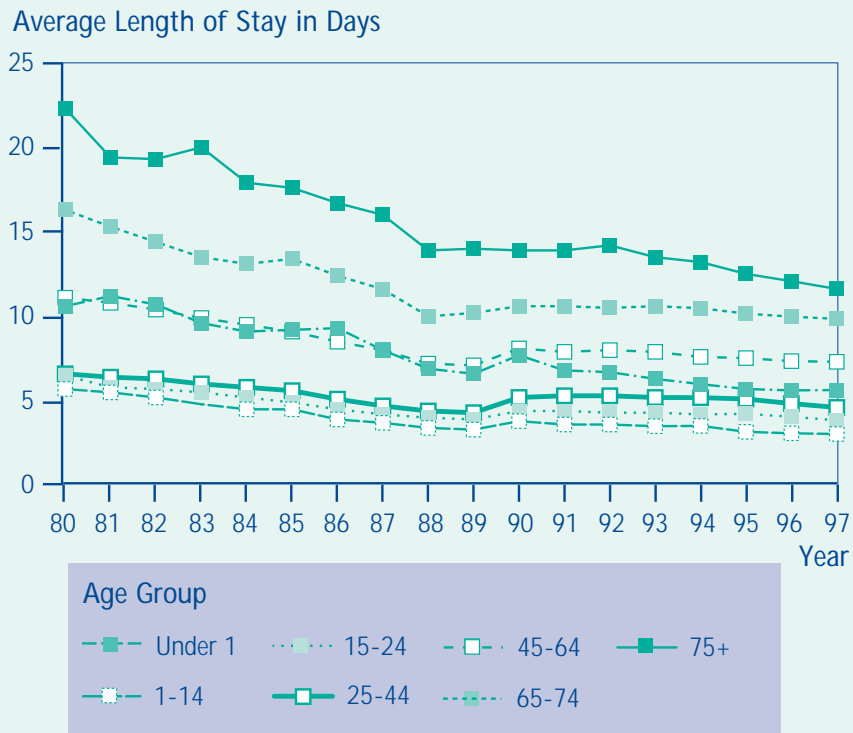
Average Length of Stay in Hospital by Age, 1997



Source: Hospital In-Patient Enquiry, (HIPE).

Figure 4

Trends in Average Length of Stay by Age Group, 1980 to 1997



Source: Hospital In-Patient Enquiry, (HIPE).

Table H66

Hospital In-Patient Enquiry:
Number of Day Case Procedures Performed, 1994 to 1997

<i>Day Case Procedure Groups: Code Number and Description</i>	1994	1995	1996	1997
28 Endoscopy - Gastro-Intestinal	33,366	37,745	43,498	47,483
59 Skin Procedures	20,989	24,683	27,430	28,199
65 Chemotherapy	8,252	11,508	15,852	17,459
35 Bladder & Urethral Procedures	5,590	7,842	8,210	8,527
8 External Eye Procedures	2,426	2,972	4,365	5,844
16 External Ear Procedures	4,765	5,303	5,862	4,985
60 Dental Surgery	2,209	2,278	3,199	3,572
19 Cardiac Catheterization	2,093	2,568	2,833	3,478
17 Endoscopy - ENT	1,703	2,181	2,860	3,355
30 Minor Anal Procedures	2,500	3,022	3,812	3,312
55 Mastectomy	2,478	2,485	2,877	2,931
42 Evacuations	2,355	2,572	2,698	2,850
40 Endoscopy & Gynaecological Procedures	1,186	1,712	2,005	2,137
63 Transfusions	1,234	2,121	2,350	2,124
50 Knee Procedures	1,728	1,823	1,965	2,103
52 Removal of Internal Fixation Device	1,326	1,403	1,556	1,915
5 Lens Procedures	633	787	1,181	1,582
61 Biopsy	393	411	869	1,515
14 Nasal Procedures	1,210	1,442	1,447	1,463
3 Nerve Injections	608	712	1,160	1,449
37 Circumcision	1,284	1,294	1,259	1,399
41 Minor Gynaecological Procedures	621	728	941	1,235
54 Manipulations	429	569	1,802	1,166
23 Lymphatic Procedures	735	932	1,044	965
32 Lithotripsy	0	954	892	882
22 Other Vascular Procedures	811	929	798	856
53 Soft Tissue Procedures	818	795	843	824
2 Spinal Procedures	340	467	599	772
12 Other Sinus Procedures	236	414	699	738
34 Lower Urinary & Genital Procedures	669	600	695	714
26 Hernia Repair	566	567	737	708
38 Urological Diagnostic Procedures	81	193	609	681
36 Vasectomy	580	622	665	668
62 Hemodialysis	14	9	0	649
27 Hepatobiliary Procedures	1	407	573	612
29 Ano-Rectal Procedures	326	445	492	593
6 Iris & Other Eye Procedures	391	468	561	536
21 Vascular Procedures	10	107	241	534
20 Angiography	237	250	410	524
33 Upper Urinary Procedures	338	346	427	446
24 Minor Vascular Procedures	299	243	317	442
1 Nerve and Other Procedures	227	228	294	334
11 Sinus Procedures	252	316	400	314
39 Uterus and Adnexal Procedures	147	173	193	297
4 Orbital & Other Eye Procedures	202	210	297	285
48 Closed Procedures	217	187	223	245
58 Plastic Reconstruction	242	240	290	227
64 Cardioversion	41	47	22	144

Table H66 - continued

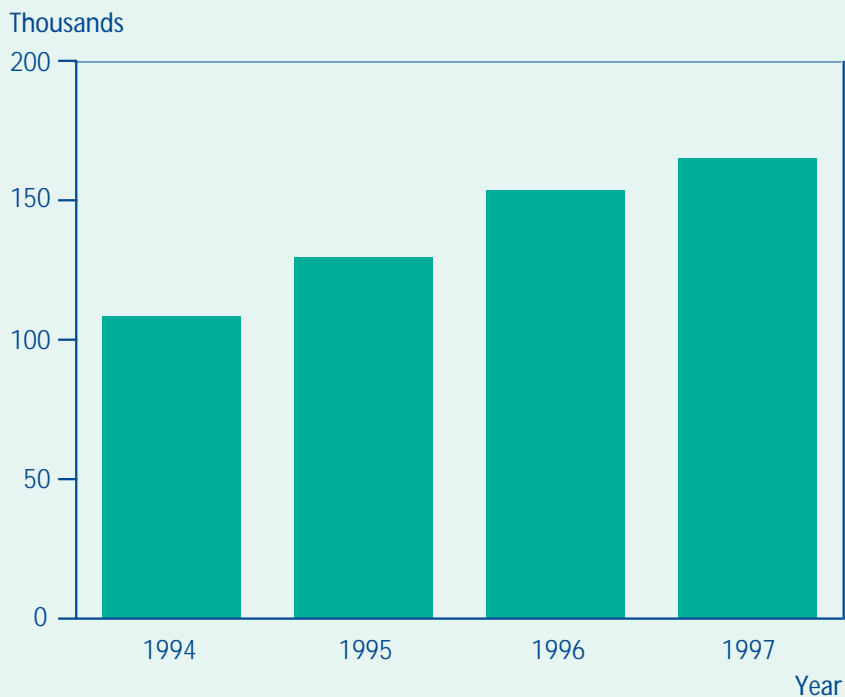
Hospital In-Patient Enquiry:
Number of Day Case Procedures Performed, 1994 to 1997

<i>Day Case Procedure Groups: Code Number and Description</i>	1994	1995	1996	1997
7 Strabismus Surgery	183	156	166	141
49 Lower Extremity Procedures	100	106	90	121
13 Tonsil/Adenoid Procedures	78	63	87	114
45 Upper Extremity Procedures	77	71	121	98
44 Chest Wall Procedures	74	69	85	98
47 Tendon and Muscle Procedures	73	88	98	93
46 Open Reduction & Internal Fixation	106	81	93	90
51 Ankle and Foot Procedures	141	165	70	85
10 Tympanoplasty	163	97	106	82
15 Other Respiratory Procedures	53	88	63	72
18 Pacemakers	41	52	45	65
67 Electroshock Therapy (EST)	19	57	29	53
57 Breast Plastic Procedures	34	42	51	35
9 Respiratory Procedures	13	9	15	14
56 Augmentation/Mammoplasty	2	4	24	12
43 Maxillo-Facial Procedures	19	5	8	9
25 Cholecystectomy	3	4	1	8
66 Myelogram	5	2	2	7
31 Mechanical Implants	0	0	0	1
Totals	108,342	129,469	153,506	165,271

Source: hospital in-patient enquiry (HIPE).

Figure 5

Number of Day Case Procedures Performed, 1994 to 1997



Source: Table H66

Out-Patient Care

In 1980, the Department of Health introduced a reporting system for attendances at consultant-controlled out-patient clinics. Each hospital submits an annual return with particulars of number of sessions held for each specialty and the number of new and return attendances. A new patient is defined as a patient who had not attended a clinic for the particular specialty in the year prior to this attendance.

The results for 1994, 1995 and 1996 are summarised in Tables H67A to H68C. Tables H67A to H67C show the total number of sessions held and attendances at each hospital during each of the three years while Tables H68A to H68C show the total number of sessions held and attendances in each specialty in all hospitals. Figure 6 highlights the trends in attendances and in average attendances per session since 1986.

Table H67A

Consultant-Controlled Out-Patient Clinics: General Summary Statistics by Health Board Area and Hospital 1994

Health Board Area and Hospital	Number of Sessions	Total Attendances	New Attendances		Return Attendances		Average Number of Attendances per Session	% National Attendances
			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
Eastern								
Adelaide	1,949	41,350	9,611	23.24	31,739	76.76	21.22	2.22
Beaumont	4,744	103,933	26,794	25.78	77,139	74.22	21.91	5.59
Coombe	2,339	56,542	9,567	16.92	46,975	83.08	24.17	3.04
Hume Street	762	9,826	2,678	27.25	7,148	72.75	12.90	0.53
Inc. Orthopaedic, Clontarf	22	285	74	25.96	211	74.04	12.95	0.02
James Connolly	1,491	44,497	8,945	20.10	35,552	79.90	29.84	2.39
Loughlinstown	722	18,637	4,704	25.24	13,933	74.76	25.81	1.00
Mater	7,084	118,694	30,020	25.29	88,674	74.71	16.76	6.39
Meath	1,329	37,258	8,356	22.43	28,902	77.57	28.03	2.00
Naas	365	15,644	2,133	13.63	13,511	86.37	42.86	0.84
National Children's	1,314	23,814	6,928	29.09	16,886	70.91	18.12	1.28
National Maternity	2,039	45,871	10,713	23.35	35,158	76.65	22.50	2.47
NRH, Dunlaoghaire	55	2,591	180	6.95	2,411	93.05	47.11	0.14
Our Lady's, Crumlin	3,110	39,861	10,441	26.19	29,420	73.81	12.82	2.14
Peamount	336	6,064	328	5.41	5,736	94.59	18.05	0.33
Rotunda	2,306	46,823	11,653	24.89	35,170	75.11	20.30	2.52
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear	1,719	39,291	6,789	17.28	32,502	82.72	22.86	2.11
St. James's	5,821	131,272	30,390	23.15	100,882	76.85	22.55	7.06
St. Luke's & St. Anne's	1,244	40,716	7,035	17.28	33,681	82.72	32.73	2.19
St. Mary's, Cappagh	190	2,533	566	22.35	1,967	77.65	13.33	0.14
St. Michael's, Dunlaoghaire	935	18,927	5,438	28.73	13,489	71.27	20.24	1.02
St. Vincent's	3,073	79,971	17,629	22.04	62,342	77.96	26.02	4.30
Temple Street	2,440	38,943	8,976	23.05	29,967	76.95	15.96	2.10
Total Eastern	45,389	963,343	219,948	22.83	743,395	77.17	21.22	51.83
Midland								
Athlone District	189	2,754	1,173	42.59	1,581	57.41	14.57	0.15
Longford District	422	8,085	2,807	34.72	5,278	65.28	19.16	0.43
Mullingar	578	14,653	3,952	26.97	10,701	73.03	25.35	0.79
Portlaoise	1,013	21,918	5,673	25.88	16,245	74.12	21.64	1.18
Tullamore	1,156	25,590	8,201	32.05	17,389	67.95	22.14	1.38
Total Midland	3,358	73,000	21,806	29.87	51,194	70.13	21.74	3.93
Mid-Western								
Ennis	678	12,676	3,808	30.04	8,868	69.96	18.70	0.68
Limerick Maternity	267	13,595	2,276	16.74	11,319	83.26	50.92	0.73
Limerick Regional	1,645	52,192	14,520	27.82	37,672	72.18	31.73	2.81
Nenagh	592	11,025	3,453	31.32	7,572	68.68	18.62	0.59
St. John's, Limerick	376	9,208	3,096	33.62	6,112	66.38	24.49	0.50
St. Nessian's, Croom	353	7,458	1,281	17.18	6,177	82.82	21.13	0.40
Total Mid-Western	3,911	106,154	28,434	26.79	77,720	73.21	27.14	5.71
North-Eastern								
Cavan	1,400	28,884	5,216	18.06	23,668	81.94	20.63	1.55
Dundalk	410	16,495	3,749	22.73	12,746	77.27	40.23	0.89
Lourdes, Drogheda	1,947	42,186	10,743	25.47	31,443	74.53	21.67	2.27
Monaghan	757	16,441	3,005	18.28	13,436	81.72	21.72	0.88
Navan	907	19,419	4,624	23.81	14,795	76.19	21.41	1.04
Total North-Eastern	5,421	123,425	27,337	22.15	96,088	77.85	22.77	6.64

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Health Board Area and Hospital	Number of Sessions	Total Attendances	New Attendances		Return Attendances		Average Number of Attendances per Session	% National Attendances
			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
North-Western								
Ballyshannon District	183	1,341	363	27.07	978	72.93	7.33	0.07
Buncrana CNU (a)	98	2,218	548	24.71	1,670	75.29	22.63	0.12
Carndonagh District	159	2,202	637	28.93	1,565	71.07	13.85	0.12
Donegal District	158	2,871	784	27.31	2,087	72.69	18.17	0.15
Dungloe District	115	2,018	603	29.88	1,415	70.12	17.55	0.11
Falcarragh CNU (a)	13	236	17	7.20	219	92.80	18.15	0.01
Letterkenny	1,476	43,502	11,248	25.86	32,254	74.14	29.47	2.34
Lifford District	4	40	12	30.00	28	70.00	10.00	0.00
Manorhamilton	190	1,798	608	33.82	1,190	66.18	9.46	0.10
St. Patrick's Hospital	89	1,130	194	17.17	936	82.83	12.70	0.06
Sligo	2,558	39,859	9,354	23.47	30,505	76.53	15.58	2.14
Total North-Western	5,043	97,215	24,368	25.07	72,847	74.93	19.28	5.23
South-Eastern								
Cashel	176	7,769	1,384	17.81	6,385	82.19	44.14	0.42
Clonmel	604	12,866	2,811	21.85	10,055	78.15	21.30	0.69
Kilcreene, Kilkenny	101	5,271	1,684	31.95	3,587	68.05	52.19	0.28
St. Luke's, Kilkenny	611	16,912	4,808	28.43	12,104	71.57	27.68	0.91
Waterford Maternity	496	9,784	1,988	20.32	7,796	79.68	19.73	0.53
Waterford Regional	2,316	40,992	9,265	22.60	31,727	77.40	17.70	2.21
Wexford General	1,048	27,813	7,454	26.80	20,359	73.20	26.54	1.50
Total South-Eastern	5,352	121,407	29,394	24.21	92,013	75.79	22.68	6.53
Southern								
Bantry	181	5,394	860	15.94	4,534	84.06	29.80	0.29
Cork University Hospital	3,241	96,805	19,607	20.25	77,198	79.75	29.87	5.21
Erinville, Cork	326	11,720	2,470	21.08	9,250	78.92	35.95	0.63
Mallow	458	6,983	1,989	28.48	4,994	71.52	15.25	0.38
Mercy, Cork	1,027	21,926	5,323	24.28	16,603	75.72	21.35	1.18
St. Finbarr's, Cork	537	7,565	1,773	23.44	5,792	76.56	14.09	0.41
St. Mary's, Gurranebraher	55	1,317	725	55.05	592	44.95	23.95	0.07
South Infirmary/Victoria	1,282	33,810	12,362	36.56	21,448	63.44	26.37	1.82
Tralee	1,381	37,653	10,870	28.87	26,783	71.13	27.27	2.03
Total Southern	8,488	223,173	55,979	25.08	167,194	74.92	26.29	12.01
Western								
Ballina District	164	3,742	639	17.08	3,103	82.92	22.82	0.20
Castlebar	1,072	23,539	5,755	24.45	17,784	75.55	21.96	1.27
Merlin Park, Galway	529	17,534	3,675	20.96	13,859	79.04	33.15	0.94
Portiuncula, Ballinasloe	936	21,404	4,763	22.25	16,641	77.75	22.87	1.15
Roscommon	488	13,729	2,345	17.08	11,384	82.92	28.13	0.74
University Hospital Galway	3,240	70,983	15,477	21.80	55,506	78.20	21.91	3.82
Total Western	6,429	150,931	32,654	21.64	118,277	78.36	23.48	8.12
Grand Total	83,391	1,858,648	439,920	23.67	1,418,728	76.33	22.29	100.00

(a) CNU indicates Community Nursing Unit

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<i>Health Board Area and Hospital</i>	Number of Sessions	Total Attendances	New Attendances		Return Attendances		Average Number of Attendances per Session	% National Attendances
			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
Eastern								
Adelaide	1,974	40,625	9,616	23.67	31,009	76.33	20.58	2.15
Beaumont	4,319	111,839	27,018	24.16	84,821	75.84	25.89	5.92
Coombe	2,385	54,722	8,690	15.88	46,032	84.12	22.94	2.89
Hume Street	762	10,054	2,950	29.34	7,104	70.66	13.19	0.53
Inc. Orthopaedic, Clontarf	19	219	58	26.48	161	73.52	11.53	0.01
James Connolly	1,524	45,431	8,620	18.97	36,811	81.03	29.81	2.40
Loughlinstown	656	18,043	5,036	27.91	13,007	72.09	27.50	0.95
Mater	8,317	116,955	28,835	24.65	88,120	75.35	14.06	6.19
Meath	1,320	38,560	8,077	20.95	30,483	79.05	29.21	2.04
Naas	281	15,170	2,604	17.17	12,566	82.83	53.99	0.80
National Children's	1,318	23,687	7,055	29.78	16,632	70.22	17.97	1.25
National Maternity	2,185	46,295	13,533	29.23	32,762	70.77	21.19	2.45
NRH, Dunlaoghaire	75	2,352	205	8.72	2,147	91.28	31.36	0.12
Our Lady's, Crumlin	3,208	42,739	11,981	28.03	30,758	71.97	13.32	2.26
Peamount	315	5,671	359	6.33	5,312	93.67	18.00	0.30
Rotunda	3,182	44,315	12,401	27.98	31,914	72.02	13.93	2.34
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear	1,676	39,309	7,423	18.88	31,886	81.12	23.45	2.08
St. James's	6,152	135,946	30,060	22.11	105,886	77.89	22.10	7.19
St. Luke's & St. Anne's	1,288	37,259	6,184	16.60	31,075	83.40	28.93	1.97
St. Mary's, Cappagh	198	2,365	475	20.08	1,890	79.92	11.94	0.13
St. Michael's, Dunlaoghaire	933	19,080	5,628	29.50	13,452	70.50	20.45	1.01
St. Vincent's	3,100	80,836	18,605	23.02	62,231	76.98	26.08	4.28
Temple Street	2,532	39,460	9,790	24.81	29,670	75.19	15.58	2.09
Total Eastern	47,719	970,932	225,203	23.19	745,729	76.81	20.35	51.35
Midland								
Athlone District	193	2,545	957	37.60	1,588	62.40	13.19	0.13
Longford District	471	7,883	2,631	33.38	5,252	66.62	16.74	0.42
Mullingar	700	15,659	4,292	27.41	11,367	72.59	22.37	0.83
Portlaoise	1,022	21,326	5,083	23.83	16,243	76.17	20.87	1.13
Tullamore	1,195	26,845	8,397	31.28	18,448	68.72	22.46	1.42
Total Midland	3,581	74,258	21,360	28.76	52,898	71.24	20.74	3.93
Mid-Western								
Ennis	680	12,330	3,881	31.48	8,449	68.52	18.13	0.65
Limerick Maternity	197	11,437	1,864	16.30	9,573	83.70	58.06	0.60
Limerick Regional	1,898	49,478	13,081	26.44	36,397	73.56	26.07	2.62
Nenagh	602	10,521	3,502	33.29	7,019	66.71	17.48	0.56
St. John's, Limerick	399	10,063	3,065	30.46	6,998	69.54	25.22	0.53
St. Nessian's, Croom	257	5,139	570	11.09	4,569	88.91	20.00	0.27
Total Mid-Western	4,033	98,968	25,963	26.23	73,005	73.77	24.54	5.23
North-Eastern								
Cavan	1,315	26,261	6,151	23.42	20,110	76.58	19.97	1.39
Dundalk	413	16,944	3,713	21.91	13,231	78.09	41.03	0.90
Lourdes, Drogheda	2,080	42,598	9,955	23.37	32,643	76.63	20.48	2.25
Monaghan	775	16,010	3,079	19.23	12,931	80.77	20.66	0.85
Navan	903	19,191	3,140	16.36	16,051	83.64	21.25	1.02
Total North-Eastern	5,486	121,004	26,038	21.52	94,966	78.48	22.06	6.40
North-Western								
Ballyshannon District	190	1,380	376	27.25	1,004	72.75	7.26	0.07
Buncrana CNU (a)	63	1,772	620	34.99	1,152	65.01	28.13	0.09
Carndonagh District	147	2,506	713	28.45	1,793	71.55	17.05	0.13
Donegal District	155	2,938	885	30.12	2,053	69.88	18.95	0.16
Dungloe District	123	2,392	777	32.48	1,615	67.52	19.45	0.13
Falcarragh CNU (a)	76	1,000	110	11.00	890	89.00	13.16	0.05
Letterkenny	1,858	47,528	12,467	26.23	35,061	73.77	25.58	2.51
Lifford District	25	228	18	7.89	210	92.11	9.12	0.01
Manorhamilton	204	1,972	651	33.01	1,321	66.99	9.67	0.10
St. Patrick's Hospital	102	1,127	205	18.19	922	81.81	11.05	0.06
Sligo	2,517	41,449	9,432	22.76	32,017	77.24	16.47	2.19
Total North-Western	5,460	104,292	26,254	25.17	78,038	74.83	19.10	5.52

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Health Board Area and Hospital	Number of Sessions	Total Attendances	New Attendances		Return Attendances		Average Number of Attendances per Session	% National Attendances
			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
South-Eastern								
Cashel	147	7,246	1,750	24.15	5,496	75.85	49.29	0.38
Clonmel	604	12,709	2,847	22.40	9,862	77.60	21.04	0.67
Kilcreene, Kilkenny	109	3,505	1,343	38.32	2,162	61.68	32.16	0.19
St. Luke's, Kilkenny	614	16,320	4,614	28.27	11,706	71.73	26.58	0.86
Waterford Maternity (b)	233	5,577	1,152	20.66	4,425	79.34	23.94	0.29
Waterford Regional	2,866	57,826	12,120	20.96	45,706	79.04	20.18	3.06
Wexford General	1,117	27,937	8,125	29.08	19,812	70.92	25.01	1.48
Total South-Eastern	5,690	131,120	31,951	24.37	99,169	75.63	23.04	6.93
Southern								
Bantry	182	5,878	878	14.94	5,000	85.06	32.30	0.31
Cork University Hospital	3,498	101,593	20,195	19.88	81,398	80.12	29.04	5.37
Erinville, Cork	458	11,901	2,348	19.73	9,553	80.27	25.98	0.63
Mallow	478	6,870	1,862	27.10	5,008	72.90	14.37	0.36
Mercy, Cork	1,006	21,497	5,297	24.64	16,200	75.36	21.37	1.14
St. Finbarr's, Cork	533	7,049	1,739	24.67	5,310	75.33	13.23	0.37
St. Mary's, Gurranebraher	43	1,061	725	68.33	336	31.67	24.67	0.06
South Infirmary/Victoria	1,436	37,276	12,662	33.97	24,614	66.03	25.96	1.97
Tralee	1,459	38,752	11,302	29.16	27,450	70.84	26.56	2.05
Total Southern	9,093	231,877	57,008	24.59	174,869	75.41	25.50	12.26
Western								
Ballina District	124	4,186	883	21.09	3,303	78.91	33.76	0.22
Castlebar	1,147	25,214	6,175	24.49	19,039	75.51	21.98	1.33
Merlin Park, Galway	519	20,337	5,521	27.15	14,816	72.85	39.18	1.08
Portiuncula, Ballinasloe	987	20,882	4,829	23.13	16,053	76.87	21.16	1.10
Roscommon	470	12,451	2,135	17.15	10,316	82.85	26.49	0.66
University Hospital Galway	3,169	75,181	15,545	20.68	59,636	79.32	23.72	3.98
Total Western	6,416	158,251	35,088	22.17	123,163	77.83	24.67	8.37
Grand Total	87,478	1,890,702	448,865	23.74	1,441,837	76.26	21.61	100.00

(a) CNU indicates Community Nursing Unit.

(b) Hospital closed and services transferred to Waterford Regional Hospital on 25th July 1995.

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<i>Health Board Area and Hospital</i>	Number of Sessions	Total Attendances	New Attendances		Return Attendances		Average Number of Attendances per Session	% National Attendances
			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
Eastern								
Adelaide	2,102	41,207	9,434	22.89	31,773	77.11	19.60	2.14
Beaumont	4,185	115,361	24,046	20.84	91,315	79.16	27.57	5.98
Coombe	2,331	56,879	9,339	16.42	47,540	83.58	24.40	2.95
Hume Street	645	11,013	3,064	27.82	7,949	72.18	17.07	0.57
Inc. Orthopaedic, Clontarf	17	154	31	20.13	123	79.87	9.06	0.01
James Connolly	1,532	47,223	8,700	18.42	38,523	81.58	30.82	2.45
Loughlinstown	688	17,655	4,929	27.92	12,726	72.08	25.66	0.92
Mater	9,320	118,451	36,904	31.16	81,547	68.84	12.71	6.14
Meath	1,546	39,766	8,654	21.76	31,112	78.24	25.72	2.06
Naas	289	14,988	2,564	17.11	12,424	82.89	51.86	0.78
National Children's	1,315	23,852	7,404	31.04	16,448	68.96	18.14	1.24
National Maternity	2,213	49,757	14,111	28.36	35,646	71.64	22.48	2.58
NRH, Dunlaoghaire	75	2,068	185	8.95	1,883	91.05	27.57	0.11
Our Lady's, Crumlin	3,250	41,927	11,154	26.60	30,773	73.40	12.90	2.17
Peamount	507	6,508	331	5.09	6,177	94.91	12.84	0.34
Rotunda	3,409	45,338	13,979	30.83	31,359	69.17	13.30	2.35
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear	1,737	40,563	7,148	17.62	33,415	82.38	23.35	2.10
St. James's	6,386	142,851	35,410	24.79	107,441	75.21	22.37	7.41
St. Luke's & St. Anne's	1,568	35,619	6,034	16.94	29,585	83.06	22.72	1.85
St. Mary's, Cappagh	211	2,431	474	19.50	1,957	80.50	11.52	0.13
St. Michael's, Dunlaoghaire	930	18,328	5,148	28.09	13,180	71.91	19.71	0.95
St. Vincent's	3,117	81,628	18,756	22.98	62,872	77.02	26.19	4.23
Temple Street	2,837	40,790	10,958	26.86	29,832	73.14	14.38	2.11
Total Eastern	50,210	994,357	238,757	24.01	755,600	75.99	19.80	51.55
Midland								
Athlone District	276	3,098	1,220	39.38	1,878	60.62	11.22	0.16
Longford District	393	8,227	2,727	33.15	5,500	66.85	20.93	0.43
Mullingar	674	16,721	4,630	27.69	12,091	72.31	24.81	0.87
Portlaoise	1,037	21,437	4,816	22.47	16,621	77.53	20.67	1.11
Tullamore	1,337	28,927	8,982	31.05	19,945	68.95	21.64	1.50
Total Midland	3,717	78,410	22,375	28.54	56,035	71.46	21.09	4.07
Mid-Western								
Ennis	707	12,719	4,163	32.73	8,556	67.27	17.99	0.66
Limerick Maternity	201	12,616	2,009	15.92	10,607	84.08	62.77	0.65
Limerick Regional	2,128	50,710	12,852	25.34	37,858	74.66	23.83	2.63
Nenagh	588	10,608	3,497	32.97	7,111	67.03	18.04	0.55
St. John's, Limerick	410	9,410	3,295	35.02	6,115	64.98	22.95	0.49
St. Nesson's, Croom	261	4,793	496	10.35	4,297	89.65	18.36	0.25
Total Mid-Western	4,295	100,856	26,312	26.09	74,544	73.91	23.48	5.23
North-Eastern								
Cavan	1,359	25,844	6,198	23.98	19,646	76.02	19.02	1.34
Dundalk	391	14,949	3,470	23.21	11,479	76.79	38.23	0.78
Lourdes, Drogheda	2,193	48,264	11,381	23.58	36,883	76.42	22.01	2.50
Monaghan	643	14,328	3,166	22.10	11,162	77.90	22.28	0.74
Navan	918	18,956	3,110	16.41	15,846	83.59	20.65	0.98
Total North-Eastern	5,504	122,341	27,325	22.34	95,016	77.66	22.23	6.34
North-Western								
Ballyshannon District	193	1,543	404	26.18	1,139	73.82	7.99	0.08
Buncrana CNU (a)	56	1,520	487	32.04	1,033	67.96	27.14	0.08
Carndonagh District	147	2,791	685	24.54	2,106	75.46	18.99	0.14
Donegal District	93	2,327	830	35.67	1,497	64.33	25.02	0.12
Dungloe District	68	1,704	740	43.43	964	56.57	25.06	0.09
Falcarragh CNU (a)	46	1,036	128	12.36	908	87.64	22.52	0.05
Letterkenny	1,907	50,455	12,038	23.86	38,417	76.14	26.46	2.62
Lifford District	35	419	32	7.64	387	92.36	11.97	0.02
Manorhamilton	193	1,857	584	31.45	1,273	68.55	9.62	0.10
St. Patrick's Hospital	99	1,167	222	19.02	945	80.98	11.79	0.06
Sligo	2,455	43,114	9,149	21.22	33,965	78.78	17.56	2.24
Total North-Western	5,292	107,933	25,299	23.44	82,634	76.56	20.40	5.60

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			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
South-Eastern								
Cashel	148	6,697	2,064	30.82	4,633	69.18	45.25	0.35
Clonmel	579	13,114	2,968	22.63	10,146	77.37	22.65	0.68
Kilcreene, Kilkenny	107	3,023	1,351	44.69	1,672	55.31	28.25	0.16
St. Luke's, Kilkenny	591	17,227	5,162	29.96	12,065	70.04	29.15	0.89
Waterford Regional	3,318	66,825	12,708	19.02	54,117	80.98	20.14	3.46
Wexford General	1,273	29,003	8,205	28.29	20,798	71.71	22.78	1.50
Total South-Eastern	6,016	135,889	32,458	23.89	103,431	76.11	22.59	7.05
Southern								
Bantry	181	5,754	1,040	18.07	4,714	81.93	31.79	0.30
Cork University Hospital	3,734	103,663	19,051	18.38	84,612	81.62	27.76	5.37
Erinville, Cork	681	11,412	2,321	20.34	9,091	79.66	16.76	0.59
Mallow	460	7,079	1,925	27.19	5,154	72.81	15.39	0.37
Mercy, Cork	1,118	20,872	5,014	24.02	15,858	75.98	18.67	1.08
St. Finbarr's, Cork	559	7,415	1,661	22.40	5,754	77.60	13.26	0.38
St. Mary's, Gurranebraher	41	912	656	71.93	256	28.07	22.24	0.05
South Infirmary/Victoria	1,371	37,061	12,121	32.71	24,940	67.29	27.03	1.92
Tralee	1,347	38,324	11,401	29.75	26,923	70.25	28.45	1.99
Total Southern	9,492	232,492	55,190	23.74	177,302	76.26	24.49	12.05
Western								
Ballina District	83	3,613	520	14.39	3,093	85.61	43.53	0.19
Castlebar	1,087	24,993	5,244	20.98	19,749	79.02	22.99	1.30
Merlin Park, Galway	505	21,664	6,234	28.78	15,430	71.22	42.90	1.12
Portiuncula, Ballinasloe	962	21,364	5,118	23.96	16,246	76.04	22.21	1.11
Roscommon	493	11,935	2,244	18.80	9,691	81.20	24.21	0.62
University Hospital Galway	2,959	72,890	15,282	20.97	57,608	79.03	24.63	3.78
Total Western	6,089	156,459	34,642	22.14	121,817	77.86	25.70	8.11
Grand Total	90,615	1,928,737	462,358	23.97	1,466,379	76.03	21.28	100.00

(a) CNU indicates Community Nursing Unit.

Table H68A

Consultant-Controlled Out-Patient Clinics:
Specialty Summary for all Public Hospitals 1994

Specialty	Number of Sessions	Total Attendances	New Attendances		Return Attendances		Average Number of Attendances per Session	% National Attendances
			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
Anaesthetics	387	3,713	926	24.94	2,787	75.06	9.59	0.20
Audiological Medicine	9	120	47	39.17	73	60.83	13.33	0.01
Cardiology	1,889	53,032	9,679	18.25	43,353	81.75	28.07	2.85
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	438	8,538	1,586	18.58	6,952	81.42	19.49	0.46
Clinical (Medical) Genetics	43	88	88	100.00	0	0.00	2.05	0.00
Clinical Immunology	53	803	195	24.28	608	75.72	15.15	0.04
Clinical Pharmacology	44	535	126	23.55	409	76.45	12.16	0.03
Dental Surgery	1,267	7,815	839	10.74	6,976	89.26	6.17	0.42
Dermatology	3,271	51,721	18,373	35.52	33,348	64.48	15.81	2.78
Endocrinology	2,243	52,419	6,115	11.67	46,304	88.33	23.37	2.82
Gastro-Enterology	1,409	32,559	7,208	22.14	25,351	77.86	23.11	1.75
General Medicine	7,528	146,540	24,752	16.89	121,788	83.11	19.47	7.88
General Surgery	9,901	281,444	85,317	30.31	196,127	69.69	28.43	15.14
Genito-Urinary Medicine	1,154	32,288	7,313	22.65	24,975	77.35	27.98	1.74
Geriatric Medicine	1,454	13,787	3,368	24.43	10,419	75.57	9.48	0.74
Gynaecology	5,894	91,748	29,399	32.04	62,349	67.96	15.57	4.94
Haematology	903	23,770	1,635	6.88	22,135	93.12	26.32	1.28
Infectious Diseases	369	2,174	790	36.34	1,384	63.66	5.89	0.12
Metabolic Medicine	258	1,422	27	1.90	1,395	98.10	5.51	0.08
Nephrology	846	13,980	1,060	7.58	12,920	92.42	16.52	0.75
Neurology	1,257	23,417	6,837	29.20	16,580	70.80	18.63	1.26
Neurosurgery	415	6,779	1,462	21.57	5,317	78.43	16.33	0.36
Obstetrics	6,962	199,436	34,701	17.40	164,735	82.60	28.65	10.73
Oncology	1,501	48,236	7,315	15.17	40,921	84.83	32.14	2.60
Ophthalmology	8,653	140,561	33,380	23.75	107,181	76.25	16.24	7.56
Orthopaedics	7,678	270,226	74,687	27.64	195,539	72.36	35.19	14.54
Otolaryngology (ENT)	3,840	94,390	34,508	36.56	59,882	63.44	24.58	5.08
Paediatrics	5,060	83,421	19,855	23.80	63,566	76.20	16.49	4.49
Plastic Surgery	1,224	37,675	8,239	21.87	29,436	78.13	30.78	2.03
Psychiatry	2,913	39,461	3,166	8.02	36,295	91.98	13.55	2.12
Radiotherapy	316	9,524	1,901	19.96	7,623	80.04	30.14	0.51
Rehabilitation Medicine	55	2,591	180	6.95	2,411	93.05	47.11	0.14
Respiratory Medicine	1,664	36,761	4,551	12.38	32,210	87.62	22.09	1.98
Rheumatology	1,344	28,935	5,559	19.21	23,376	80.79	21.53	1.56
Urology	649	14,139	3,739	26.44	10,400	73.56	21.79	0.76
Other	500	4,600	997	21.67	3,603	78.33	9.20	0.25
Total	83,391	1,858,648	439,920	23.67	1,418,728	76.33	22.29	100.00

Table H68B

Consultant-Controlled Out-Patient Clinics:
Specialty Summary for all Public Hospitals 1995

Specialty	Number of Sessions	Total Attendances	New Attendances		Return Attendances		Average Number of Attendances per Session	% National Attendances
			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
Anaesthetics	529	3,624	975	26.90	2,649	73.10	6.85	0.19
Cardiology	2,236	58,064	9,659	16.64	48,405	83.36	25.97	3.07
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	263	4,323	1,355	31.34	2,968	68.66	16.44	0.23
Clinical (Medical) Genetics	145	346	311	89.88	35	10.12	2.39	0.02
Clinical Immunology	52	789	205	25.98	584	74.02	15.17	0.04
Clinical Pharmacology	46	550	135	24.55	415	75.45	11.96	0.03
Dental Surgery	1,573	13,233	1,243	9.39	11,990	90.61	8.41	0.70
Dermatology	3,305	53,851	19,112	35.49	34,739	64.51	16.29	2.85
Endocrinology	2,471	56,198	6,104	10.86	50,094	89.14	22.74	2.97
Gastro-Enterology	1,468	33,665	7,097	21.08	26,568	78.92	22.93	1.78
General Medicine	7,764	151,012	24,946	16.52	126,066	83.48	19.45	7.99
General Surgery	10,989	266,183	79,682	29.94	186,501	70.06	24.22	14.08
Genito-Urinary Medicine	1,138	29,516	7,118	24.12	22,398	75.88	25.94	1.56
Geriatric Medicine	1,636	15,177	3,803	25.06	11,374	74.94	9.28	0.80
Gynaecology	5,905	91,376	30,009	32.84	61,367	67.16	15.47	4.83
Haematology	892	25,473	1,878	7.37	23,595	92.63	28.56	1.35
Infectious Diseases	368	3,427	1,263	36.85	2,164	63.15	9.31	0.18
Metabolic Medicine	279	1,770	51	2.88	1,719	97.12	6.34	0.09
Nephrology	792	14,338	1,017	7.09	13,321	92.91	18.10	0.76
Neurology	1,242	22,091	6,177	27.96	15,914	72.04	17.79	1.17
Neurosurgery	365	6,855	1,561	22.77	5,294	77.23	18.78	0.36
Obstetrics	7,136	196,075	35,406	18.06	160,669	81.94	27.48	10.37
Obstetrics/Gynaecology	12	1,341	0	0.00	1,341	100.00	111.75	0.07
Oncology	1,720	52,234	9,023	17.27	43,211	82.73	30.37	2.76
Ophthalmology	8,569	145,432	33,716	23.18	111,716	76.82	16.97	7.69
Orthopaedics	7,772	275,533	77,753	28.22	197,780	71.78	35.45	14.57
Otolaryngology (ENT)	4,140	103,694	37,222	35.90	66,472	64.10	25.05	5.48
Paediatrics	5,849	82,733	20,995	25.38	61,738	74.62	14.14	4.38
Plastic Surgery	1,577	46,028	10,479	22.77	35,549	77.23	29.19	2.43
Psychiatry	2,769	40,282	3,427	8.51	36,855	91.49	14.55	2.13
Radiotherapy	334	5,590	893	15.97	4,697	84.03	16.74	0.30
Rehabilitation Medicine	75	2,352	205	8.72	2,147	91.28	31.36	0.12
Respiratory Medicine	1,630	38,443	4,725	12.29	33,718	87.71	23.58	2.03
Rheumatology	1,544	30,165	6,256	20.74	23,909	79.26	19.54	1.60
Urology	555	14,262	4,106	28.79	10,156	71.21	25.70	0.75
Other	338	4,677	958	20.48	3,719	79.52	13.84	0.25
Total	87,478	1,890,702	448,865	23.74	1,441,837	76.26	21.61	100.00

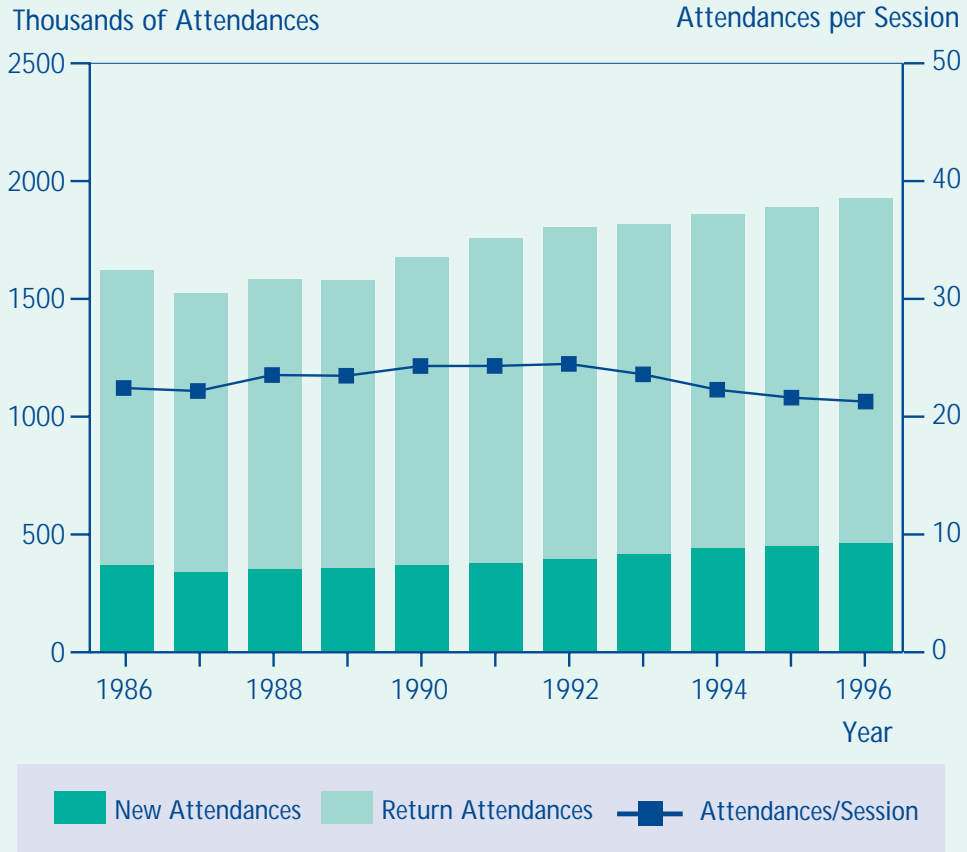
Table H68C

Consultant-Controlled Out-Patient Clinics:
Specialty Summary for all Public Hospitals 1996

Specialty	Number of Sessions	Total Attendances	New Attendances		Return Attendances		Average Number of Attendances per Session	% National Attendances
			Number	% of Total Attendances	Number	% of Total Attendances		
Anaesthetics	596	4,539	1,174	25.86	3,365	74.14	7.62	0.24
Cardiology	2,269	58,833	10,965	18.64	47,868	81.36	25.93	3.05
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	429	4,338	1,447	33.36	2,891	66.64	10.11	0.22
Clinical (Medical) Genetics	30	169	139	82.25	30	17.75	5.63	0.01
Clinical Immunology	54	824	228	27.67	596	72.33	15.26	0.04
Clinical Pharmacology	44	530	124	23.40	406	76.60	12.05	0.03
Dental Surgery	1,752	15,534	968	6.23	14,566	93.77	8.87	0.81
Dermatology	3,116	52,437	18,469	35.22	33,968	64.78	16.83	2.72
Endocrinology	2,558	55,458	6,751	12.17	48,707	87.83	21.68	2.88
Gastro-Enterology	1,543	33,316	7,444	22.34	25,872	77.66	21.59	1.73
General Medicine	7,495	153,280	25,203	16.44	128,077	83.56	20.45	7.95
General Surgery	10,398	267,374	81,979	30.66	185,395	69.34	25.71	13.86
Genito-Urinary Medicine	1,151	30,398	7,330	24.11	23,068	75.89	26.41	1.58
Geriatric Medicine	1,536	15,129	3,785	25.02	11,344	74.98	9.85	0.78
Gynaecology	6,287	95,415	32,090	33.63	63,325	66.37	15.18	4.95
Haematology	1,120	26,605	2,008	7.55	24,597	92.45	23.75	1.38
Infectious Diseases	407	3,588	1,334	37.18	2,254	62.82	8.82	0.19
Metabolic Medicine	332	1,605	60	3.74	1,545	96.26	4.83	0.08
Nephrology	1,020	15,817	1,448	9.15	14,369	90.85	15.51	0.82
Neurology	1,393	23,471	6,460	27.52	17,011	72.48	16.85	1.22
Neurosurgery	364	7,392	1,525	20.63	5,867	79.37	20.31	0.38
Obstetrics	7,161	206,647	36,864	17.84	169,783	82.16	28.86	10.71
Oncology	1,732	48,609	7,912	16.28	40,697	83.72	28.07	2.52
Ophthalmology	9,149	148,502	36,309	24.45	112,193	75.55	16.23	7.70
Orthopaedics	8,109	278,592	79,561	28.56	199,031	71.44	34.36	14.44
Otolaryngology (ENT)	4,342	103,440	35,475	34.30	67,965	65.70	23.82	5.36
Paediatrics	6,589	86,897	22,359	25.73	64,538	74.27	13.19	4.51
Plastic Surgery	2,022	48,645	11,436	23.51	37,209	76.49	24.06	2.52
Psychiatry	2,775	38,521	3,013	7.82	35,508	92.18	13.88	2.00
Radiotherapy	367	4,972	795	15.99	4,177	84.01	13.55	0.26
Rehabilitation Medicine	75	2,068	185	8.95	1,883	91.05	27.57	0.11
Respiratory Medicine	1,742	39,979	5,011	12.53	34,968	87.47	22.95	2.07
Rheumatology	1,496	31,534	6,213	19.70	25,321	80.30	21.08	1.63
Urology	755	19,573	5,492	28.06	14,081	71.94	25.92	1.01
Other	407	4,706	802	17.04	3,904	82.96	11.56	0.24
Total	90,615	1,928,737	462,358	23.97	1,466,379	76.03	21.28	100.00

Figure 6

Out-Patient Statistics:
New and Return Attendances and
Average Attendances per Session, 1986 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1987 - 1999.

Live Births

The data presented in Table H69 is gathered from the Perinatal Reporting System which has been in operation since 1984.

Table H69
Number of Live Births by Health Board Area and Hospital,
1994, 1995 and 1996*

Health Board Area and Hospital	Number of Live Births		
	1994	1995	1996
Eastern			
Baltinglass District	0	1	1
Coombe	6,505	6,355	6,396
Naas	1	1	0
National Maternity	6,279	6,683	7,217
Rotunda	5,531	5,563	6,031
Total Eastern	18,316	18,603	19,645
Midland			
Mullingar	1,037	1,145	1,089
Portlaoise	1,049	1,033	986
Total Midland	2,086	2,178	2,075
Mid-Western			
Ennis	1	6	0
Limerick Maternity	3,334	3,310	3,716
St. John's, Limerick	1	0	0
Total Mid-Western	3,336	3,316	3,716
North-Eastern			
Cavan	771	830	804
Dundalk	488	479	508
Lourdes, Drogheda	1,579	1,705	1,734
Monaghan	342	322	361
Navan	1	0	0
Total North-Eastern	3,181	3,336	3,407
North-Western			
Carndonagh District	3	0	1
Donegal District	1	3	2
Dungloe District	1	0	0
Letterkenny	1,529	1,511	1,539
Sligo	1,161	1,169	1,217
Total North-Western	2,695	2,683	2,759
South-Eastern			
Clonmel	1,032	998	1,004
St. Luke's, Kilkenny	1,033	1,055	1,182
Waterford Maternity/Regional (a)	1,293	1,442	1,563
Wexford General	1,269	1,295	1,312
Total South-Eastern	4,627	4,790	5,061
Southern			
Bantry	2	1	5
Caherciveen District	1	4	3
Castletownbere District	1	0	1
Cobh General	0	0	1
Cork University Hospital	2	0	0
Dingle District	1	0	0
Erinville, Cork	2,458	2,562	2,633
Kenmare District	0	1	0
St. Finbarr's, Cork	1,545	1,554	1,527
South Infirmary/Victoria	320	262	280
Tralee	1,010	964	1,079
Total Southern	5,340	5,348	5,529

Table H69 - continued

Number of Live Births by Health Board Area and Hospital, 1994, 1995 and 1996*

Health Board Area and Hospital	Number of Live Births		
	1994	1995	1996
Western			
Ballina District	2	0	2
Belmullet District	3	0	0
Castlebar General	1,149	1,141	1,220
Clifden District	1	0	1
Portiuncula, Ballinasloe	1,624	1,668	1,702
Roscommon	3	1	4
University Hospital Galway	2,406	2,483	2,535
Total Western	5,188	5,293	5,464
Total: Public Hospitals	44,769	45,547	47,656
Total: Private Hospitals	3,399	3,161	2,963
Total: All Hospitals	48,168	48,708	50,619
Total: Domiciliary Births	136	125	139
Grand Total	48,304	48,833	50,758

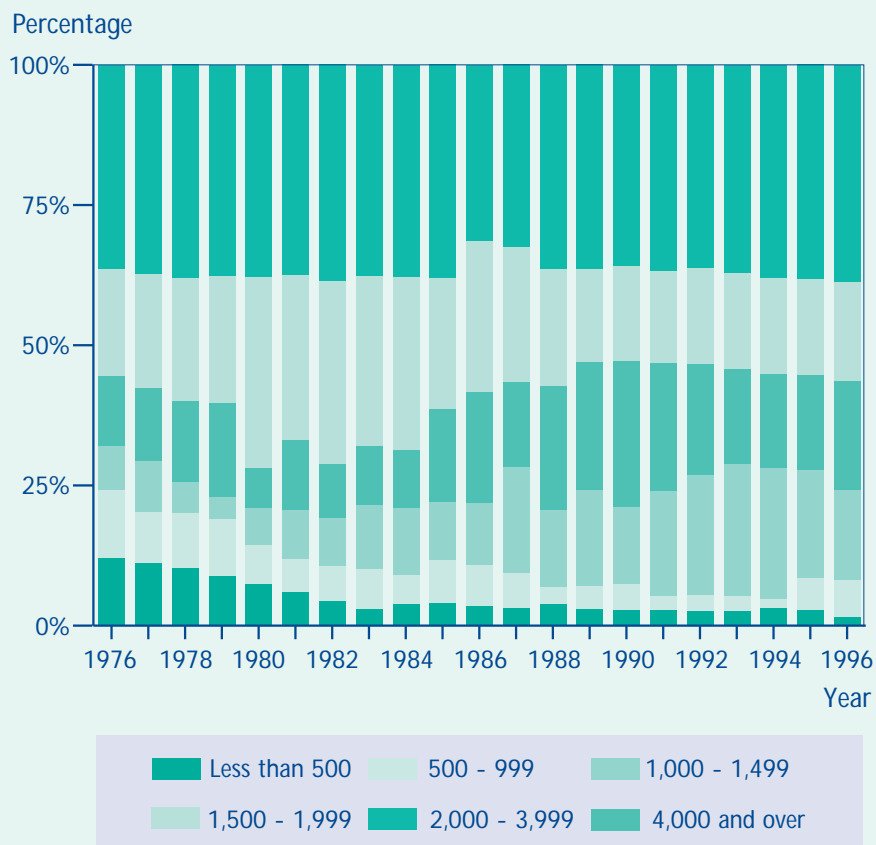
(a) Waterford Maternity Hospital closed and services transferred to Waterford Regional Hospital on 25th July 1995.

* All figures are provisional.

Source: Perinatal Reporting System.

Figure 7

Percentage Distribution of Hospital Births by Size of Maternity Unit, 1976 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1977 - 1999

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District/Community Hospitals and Extended Care

District/Community hospitals refer to health board general practitioner staffed hospitals with units for medicine, minor surgery and frequently for obstetrics and paediatrics.

Extended care comprises health board and voluntary geriatric hospitals and welfare homes as well as private nursing homes. It also includes patients occupying long-stay beds in district/community hospitals.

District/Community Hospitals

Figure 1 shows the trends in bed numbers and discharges since 1980 and Tables J1A to J1C contain summary statistics for individual hospitals for 1994, 1995 and 1996 respectively. The definitions provided on page 144 are also applicable to this group of hospitals.

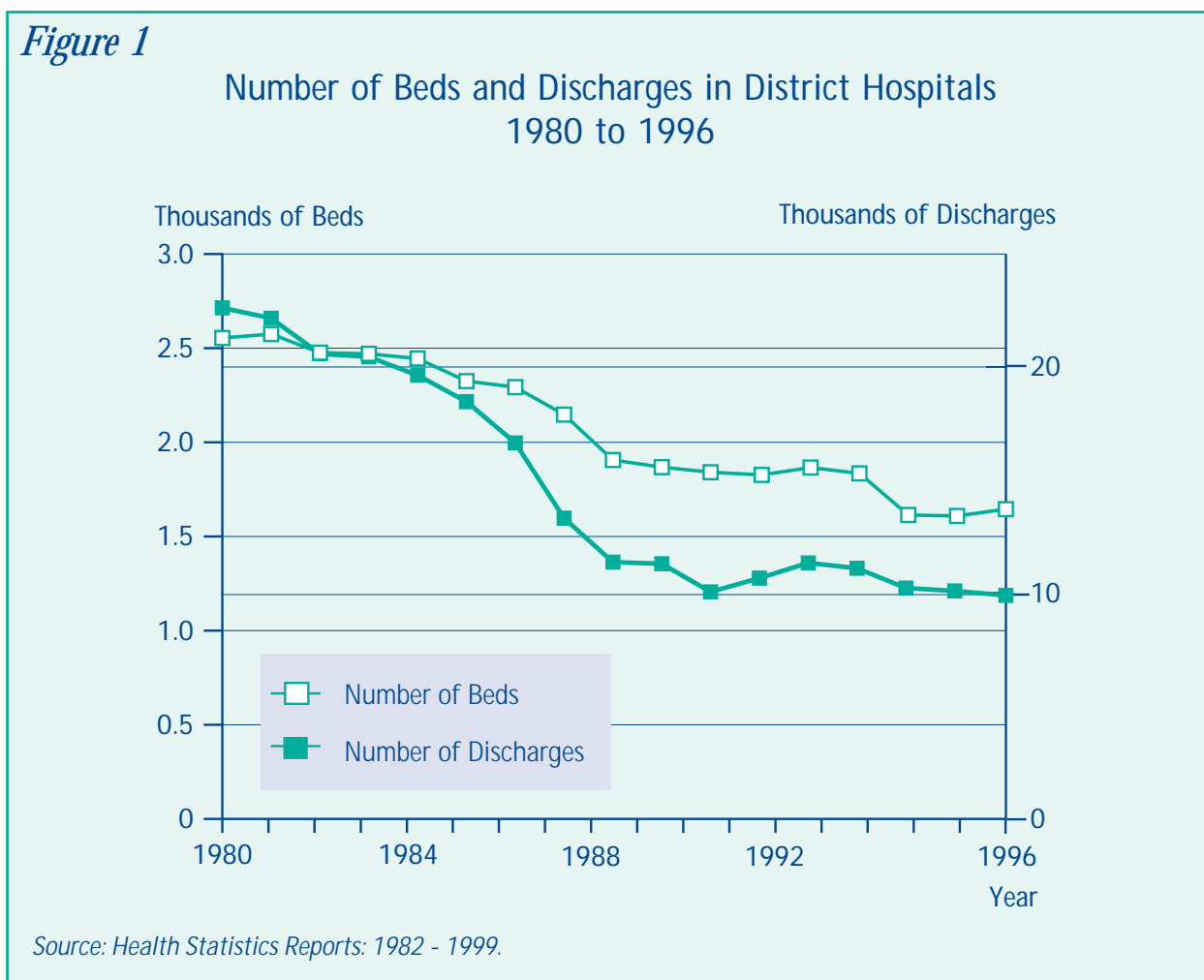


Table J1A

District/Community Hospital Summary Statistics by Health Board Area and Hospital, 1994

<i>Health Board Area and Hospital</i>	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Casualty Attendances
Eastern								
Baltinglass	95	210	210	34,675	30,523	88.0	145.3	1,560
Wicklow	30	56	58	10,950	10,131	92.5	174.7	1,353
Total Eastern	125	266	268	45,625	40,654	89.1	151.7	2,913
Midland								
Abbeyleix	50	134	101	18,250	18,043	98.9	178.6	4
Athlone	81	159	168	29,565	28,850	97.6	171.7	745
Birr	30	229	230	10,950	10,399	95.0	45.2	34
Longford	25	535	538	9,125	7,071	77.5	13.1	10,889
Total Midland	186	1,057	1,037	67,890	64,363	94.8	62.1	11,672
Mid-Western								
Ennistymon	33	111	113	12,045	12,045	100.0	106.6	0
Raheen	36	29	30	13,140	11,096	84.4	369.9	0
Total Mid-Western	69	140	143	25,185	23,141	91.9	161.8	0
North-Western								
Ballyshannon	51	296	277	18,615	17,412	93.5	62.9	0
Carndonagh	40	243	235	14,600	13,441	92.1	57.2	40
Donegal	29	428	419	10,585	11,089	104.8	26.5	0
Dungloe	44	451	452	16,060	9,539	59.4	21.1	0
Lifford	38	199	193	13,870	9,944	71.7	51.5	0
Total North-Western	202	1,617	1,576	73,730	61,425	83.3	39.0	40
South-Eastern								
Carlow	22	212	196	8,030	6,086	75.8	31.1	0
Carrick-On-Suir	20	173	172	7,300	6,768	92.7	39.3	190
Castlecomer	29	205	211	10,585	8,299	78.4	39.3	0
Clogheen	22	172	171	8,030	6,967	86.8	40.7	21
Dungarvan	30	225	217	10,950	8,795	80.3	40.5	0
Gorey	26	249	260	9,490	7,244	76.3	27.9	12
Total South-Eastern	149	1,236	1,227	54,385	44,159	81.2	36.0	223
Southern								
Bandon	23	21	22	8,395	8,336	99.3	378.9	18
Caherciveen	45	254	249	16,425	14,797	90.1	59.4	16
Castletownbere	34	139	136	12,410	11,416	92.0	83.9	340
Clonakilty	48	234	227	17,520	15,221	86.9	67.1	116
Dingle	47	220	219	17,155	14,829	86.4	67.7	127
Dunmanway	23	97	96	8,395	7,034	83.8	73.3	2
Fermoy	80	354	350	29,200	25,398	87.0	72.6	18
Kanturk	52	266	267	18,980	18,258	96.2	68.4	262
Kenmare	26	320	324	9,490	8,938	94.2	27.6	66
Killarney	42	590	595	15,330	11,213	73.1	18.8	503
Kinsale	40	236	237	14,600	11,782	80.7	49.7	880
Listowel	62	244	244	22,630	19,575	86.5	80.2	0
Macroom	38	54	55	13,870	13,754	99.2	250.1	28
Middleton	24	63	58	8,760	8,038	91.8	138.6	0
Millstreet	26	77	75	9,490	9,099	95.9	121.3	0
Schull	21	34	35	7,665	7,665	100.0	219.0	293
Skibbereen	40	295	290	14,600	12,065	82.6	41.6	190
Youghal	35	112	118	12,775	12,514	98.0	106.1	46
Total Southern	706	3,610	3,597	257,690	229,932	89.2	63.9	2,905
Western								
Ballina	60	739	739	21,900	21,746	99.3	29.4	738
Belmullet	47	989	989	17,155	13,369	77.9	13.5	582
Clifden	30	209	207	10,950	10,041	91.7	48.5	330
Swinford	40	475	481	14,600	12,796	87.6	26.6	0
Total Western	177	2,412	2,416	64,605	57,952	89.7	24.0	1,650
Grand Total	1,614	10,338	10,264	589,110	521,626	88.5	50.8	19,403

Table J1B

District/Community Hospital Summary Statistics by Health Board Area and Hospital, 1995

<i>Health Board Area and Hospital</i>	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Casualty Attendances
Eastern								
Baltinglass	95	179	184	34,675	30,323	87.4	164.8	1,620
Wicklow	30	99	99	10,950	10,073	92.0	101.7	1,497
Total Eastern	125	278	283	45,625	40,396	88.5	142.7	3,117
Midland								
Abbeyleix	50	149	153	18,250	18,085	99.1	118.2	0
Athlone	81	147	145	29,565	28,896	97.7	199.3	566
Birr	30	223	225	10,950	10,067	91.9	44.7	27
Longford	25	524	542	9,125	6,781	74.3	12.5	11,974
Total Midland	186	1,043	1,065	67,890	63,829	94.0	59.9	12,567
Mid-Western								
Ennistymon	33	121	126	12,045	9,342	77.6	74.1	0
Raheen	36	46	48	13,140	11,068	84.2	230.6	0
Total Mid-Western	69	167	174	25,185	20,410	81.0	117.3	0
North-Western								
Ballyshannon	51	257	250	18,615	17,441	93.7	69.8	0
Carndonagh	39	239	241	14,235	13,327	93.6	55.3	69
Donegal	29	414	415	10,585	9,831	92.9	23.7	0
Dungloe	42	450	444	15,330	13,029	85.0	29.3	0
Lifford	38	194	189	13,870	12,647	91.2	66.9	0
Total North-Western	199	1,554	1,539	72,635	66,275	91.2	43.1	69
South-Eastern								
Carlow	22	183	163	8,030	6,867	85.5	42.1	0
Carrick-On-Suir	20	182	182	7,300	6,818	93.4	37.5	163
Castlecomer	29	233	231	10,585	8,832	83.4	38.2	0
Clogheen	22	174	167	8,030	6,620	82.4	39.6	32
Dungarvan	30	199	203	10,950	7,487	68.4	36.9	9
Gorey	26	276	270	9,490	7,140	75.2	26.4	10
Total South-Eastern	149	1,247	1,216	54,385	43,764	80.5	36.0	214
Southern								
Bandon	23	20	22	8,395	8,290	98.7	376.8	8
Caherciveen	45	223	223	16,425	15,586	94.9	69.9	4
Castletownbere	33	102	128	12,045	11,694	97.1	91.4	434
Clonakilty	48	226	230	17,520	15,718	89.7	68.3	164
Dingle	47	191	189	17,155	14,316	83.5	75.7	151
Dunmanway	23	83	83	8,395	7,432	88.5	89.5	0
Fermoy	80	404	407	29,200	27,639	94.7	67.9	16
Kanturk	52	242	245	18,980	18,009	94.9	73.5	185
Kenmare	26	345	341	9,490	8,764	92.3	25.7	80
Killarney	42	619	617	15,330	11,288	73.6	18.3	497
Kinsale	38	274	274	13,870	11,763	84.8	42.9	579
Listowel	62	205	209	22,630	19,619	86.7	93.9	0
Macroom	38	59	58	13,870	13,803	99.5	238.0	6
Midleton	24	71	60	8,760	8,322	95.0	138.7	0
Millstreet	26	77	77	9,490	9,101	95.9	118.2	0
Schull	21	43	41	7,665	8,146	106.3	198.7	416
Skibbereen	40	295	300	14,600	11,588	79.4	38.6	387
Youghal	35	123	119	12,775	12,313	96.4	103.5	64
Total Southern	703	3,602	3,623	256,595	233,391	91.0	64.4	2,991
Western								
Ballina	60	752	747	21,900	22,915	104.6	30.7	692
Belmullet	48	829	837	17,520	12,380	70.7	14.8	413
Clifden	30	244	229	10,950	9,205	84.1	40.2	476
Swinford	40	476	470	14,600	13,201	90.4	28.1	0
Total Western	178	2,301	2,283	64,970	57,701	88.8	25.3	1,581
Grand Total	1,609	10,192	10,183	587,285	525,766	89.5	51.6	20,539

Table J1C

District/Community Hospital Summary Statistics by
Health Board Area and Hospital, 1996

<i>Health Board Area and Hospital</i>	Average No. of In-Patient Beds Available	In-Patient Admissions	In-Patients Discharged /Deaths	Available Bed Days	Bed Days Used	% Occupancy	Average Length of Stay in Days	Casualty Attendances
Eastern								
Baltinglass	78	208	201	28,548	27,192	95.3	135.3	1,518
Wicklow	30	75	76	10,980	10,439	95.1	137.4	1,448
Total Eastern	108	283	277	39,528	37,631	95.2	135.9	2,966
Midland								
Abbeyleix	50	200	198	18,300	17,734	96.9	89.6	3
Athlone	81	163	156	29,646	28,835	97.3	184.8	828
Birr	30	234	232	10,980	10,391	94.6	44.8	6
Longford	22	418	421	8,052	7,150	88.8	17.0	11,929
Total Midland	183	1,015	1,007	66,978	64,110	95.7	63.7	12,766
Mid-Western								
Ennistymon	33	98	96	12,078	9,404	77.9	98.0	0
Raheen	36	34	34	13,176	10,464	79.4	307.8	0
Total Mid-Western	69	132	130	25,254	19,868	78.7	152.8	0
North-Western								
Ballyshannon	51	298	299	18,666	16,444	88.1	55.0	0
Carndonagh	39	231	230	14,274	13,467	94.3	58.6	58
Donegal	29	386	386	10,614	10,236	96.4	26.5	576
Dungloe	42	373	371	15,372	11,627	75.6	31.3	0
Lifford	38	197	199	13,908	13,468	96.8	67.7	0
Total North-Western	199	1,485	1,485	72,834	65,242	89.6	43.9	634
South-Eastern								
Carlow	22	219	200	8,052	6,336	78.7	31.7	0
Carrick-On-Suir	20	183	183	7,320	6,579	89.9	36.0	130
Castlecomer	29	253	226	10,614	9,163	86.3	40.5	0
Clogheen	22	180	176	8,052	6,830	84.8	38.8	0
Dungarvan	30	201	193	10,980	8,752	79.7	45.3	58
Gorey	26	343	338	9,516	6,879	72.3	20.4	20
Total South-Eastern	149	1,379	1,316	54,534	44,539	81.7	33.8	208
Southern								
Bandon	23	76	76	8,418	8,268	98.2	108.8	14
Caherciveen	45	220	222	16,470	14,167	86.0	63.8	34
Castletownbere	33	115	117	12,078	11,549	95.6	98.7	422
Clonakilty	48	185	180	17,568	16,058	91.4	89.2	194
Dingle	47	179	178	17,202	15,134	88.0	85.0	132
Dunmanway	23	99	96	8,418	7,060	83.9	73.5	2
Fermoy	80	424	418	29,280	27,834	95.1	66.6	11
Kanturk	52	172	170	19,032	18,547	97.5	109.1	107
Kenmare	26	297	297	9,516	9,084	95.5	30.6	68
Killarney	39	650	654	14,274	11,617	81.4	17.8	585
Kinsale	38	262	260	13,908	11,952	85.9	46.0	485
Listowel	63	190	190	23,058	19,933	86.4	104.9	0
Macroom	38	92	91	13,908	13,770	99.0	151.3	9
Midleton	90	125	123	32,940	28,835	87.5	234.4	110
Millstreet	26	67	70	9,516	9,183	96.5	131.2	0
Schull	21	19	20	7,686	8,161	106.2	408.1	414
Skibbereen	40	288	283	14,640	12,183	83.2	43.0	348
Youghal	35	133	131	12,810	12,853	100.3	98.1	53
Total Southern	767	3,593	3,576	280,722	256,188	91.3	71.6	2,988
Western								
Ballina	60	724	724	21,960	20,970	95.5	29.0	480
Belmullet	40	722	714	14,640	11,751	80.3	16.5	135
Clifden	30	191	187	10,980	9,714	88.5	51.9	534
Swinford	40	474	476	14,640	14,068	96.1	29.6	0
Total Western	170	2,111	2,101	62,220	56,503	90.8	26.9	1,149
Grand Total	1,645	9,998	9,892	602,070	544,081	90.4	55.0	20,711

Extended Care

The Department of Health initiated an annual survey of extended care facilities in 1980.

Tables J2A to J2C record the number of beds in each type of facility in 1994, 1995 and 1996 respectively and the number of patients in residence on 31 December of each year. Figure 2 summarises this information for 1996 in graphical form. Trends in the number of persons resident in extended care facilities by type of facility since 1980 are shown in Figure 3. The medico/social status of these patients is examined in Table J3 and Figure 4 while Tables J4, J5 and Figures 5 and 6 look at the sex and age of the patients. Table J6 and Figure 7 examine the source of admission of those who entered extended care facilities while the discharge destination is summarised in Table J7 and Figure 8.

Table J2A

Extended Care by Type of Facility: Number of Beds and Number of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1994

<i>Beds/Patients</i>	Health Board Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Health Board Welfare Homes	Health Board District/Community Hospitals	Voluntary Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Private Nursing Homes	Total
Number of Beds	6,129	1,354	1,795	3,290	6,110	18,678
Number of Patients						
Resident on 31 December	5,579	1,243	1,669	3,087	5,592	17,170
Percentage of Beds						
Occupied on 31 December	91.0	91.8	93.0	93.8	91.5	91.9

Table J2B

Extended Care by Type of Facility: Number of Beds and Number of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1995

<i>Beds/Patients</i>	Health Board Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Health Board Welfare Homes	Health Board District/Community Hospitals	Voluntary Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Private Nursing Homes	Total
Number of Beds	6,048	1,351	1,862	3,385	6,138	18,784
Number of Patients						
Resident on 31 December	5,541	1,233	1,744	3,175	5,684	17,377
Percentage of Beds						
Occupied on 31 December	91.6	91.3	93.7	93.8	92.6	92.5

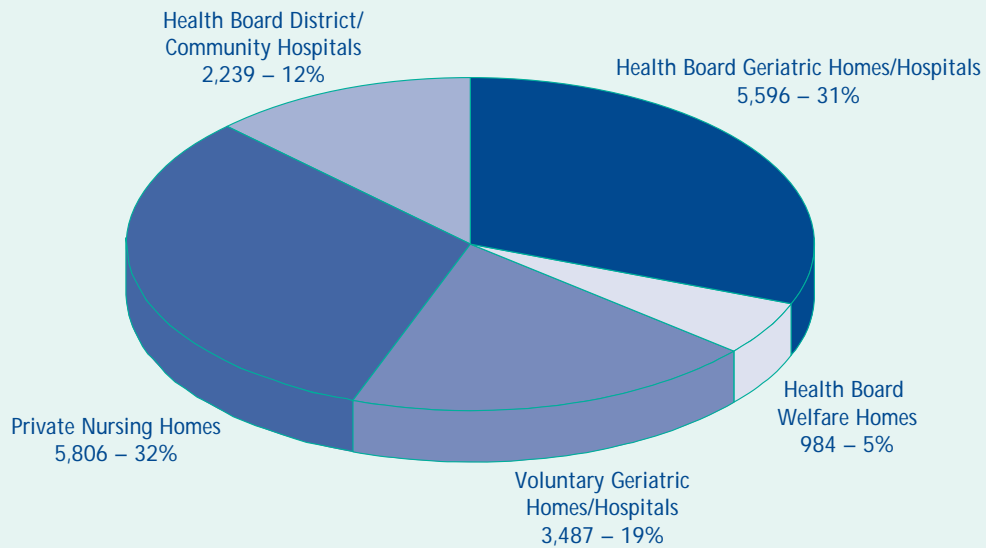
Table J2C

Extended Care by Type of Facility: Number of Beds and Number of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1996

<i>Beds/Patients</i>	Health Board Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Health Board Welfare Homes	Health Board District/Community Hospitals	Voluntary Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Private Nursing Homes	Total
Number of Beds	6,126	1,056	2,391	3,786	6,209	19,568
Number of Patients						
Resident on 31 December	5,596	984	2,239	3,487	5,806	18,112
Percentage of Beds						
Occupied on 31 December	91.3	93.2	93.6	92.1	93.5	92.6

Figure 2

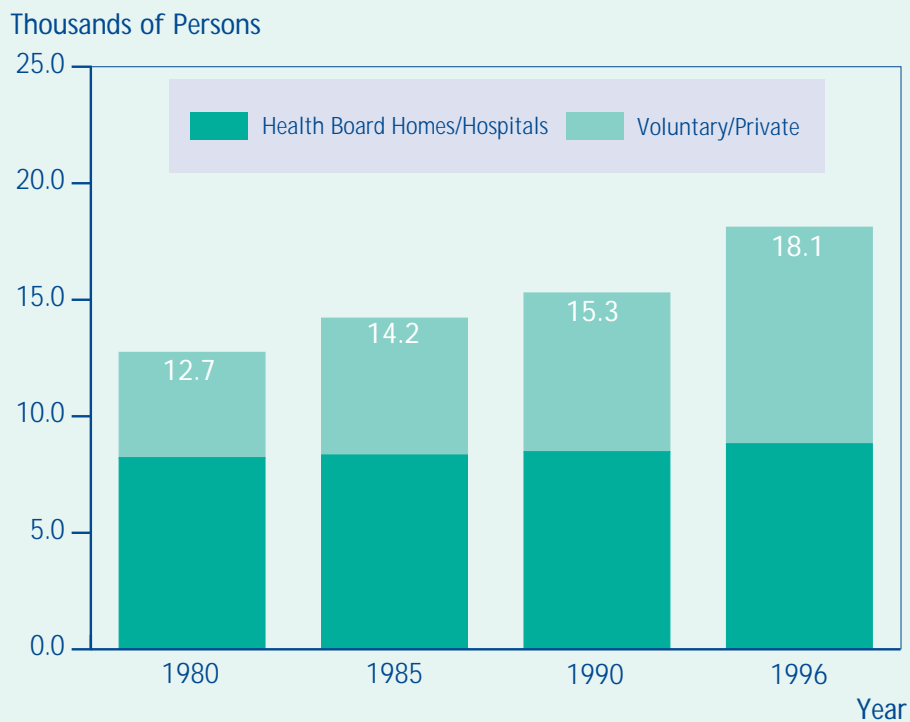
Distribution of Persons in Extended Care Facilities at 31 December 1996 by Type of Facility



Source: Table J2C.

Figure 3

Number of Persons Resident in Extended Care Facilities by Category of Facility at 31 December 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1996



Note: Level of coverage can vary slightly between years.

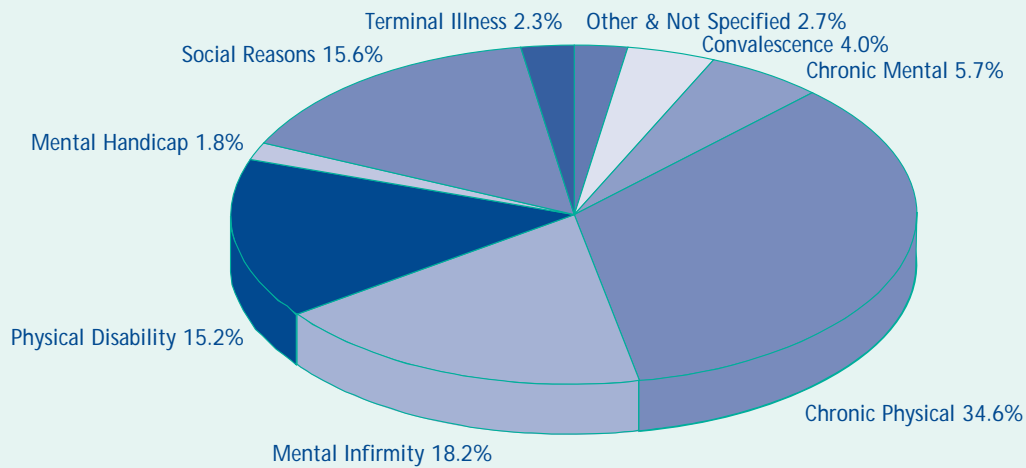
Table J3

Extended Care by Type of Facility: Percentage Distribution of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1996 by Medico/Social Status

<i>Medico/Social Status</i>	Health Board Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Health Board Welfare Homes	Health Board District/Community Hospitals	Voluntary Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Private Nursing Homes	Total
Chronic Mental Illness	6.9	9.1	4.9	4.3	5.1	5.7
Chronic Physical Illness	45.8	33.5	41.6	28.2	25.2	34.6
Convalescence/Rehab.	3.5	1.3	9.2	3.0	3.4	4.0
Mental Infirmity/Dementia	16.8	6.3	13.1	18.0	23.8	18.2
Physical Disability	10.7	12.0	12.1	20.5	18.0	15.2
Mental Handicap	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.8
Social Reasons	11.5	34.5	10.8	15.2	18.4	15.6
Terminal Illness	1.2	0.8	3.9	4.7	1.4	2.3
Other	1.1	0.4	2.7	4.6	2.8	2.5
Not Specified	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.2
Total - Number	5,596	984	2,239	3,487	5,806	18,112

Figure 4

Percentage Distribution of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1996 by Medico/Social Status



Source: Table J3.

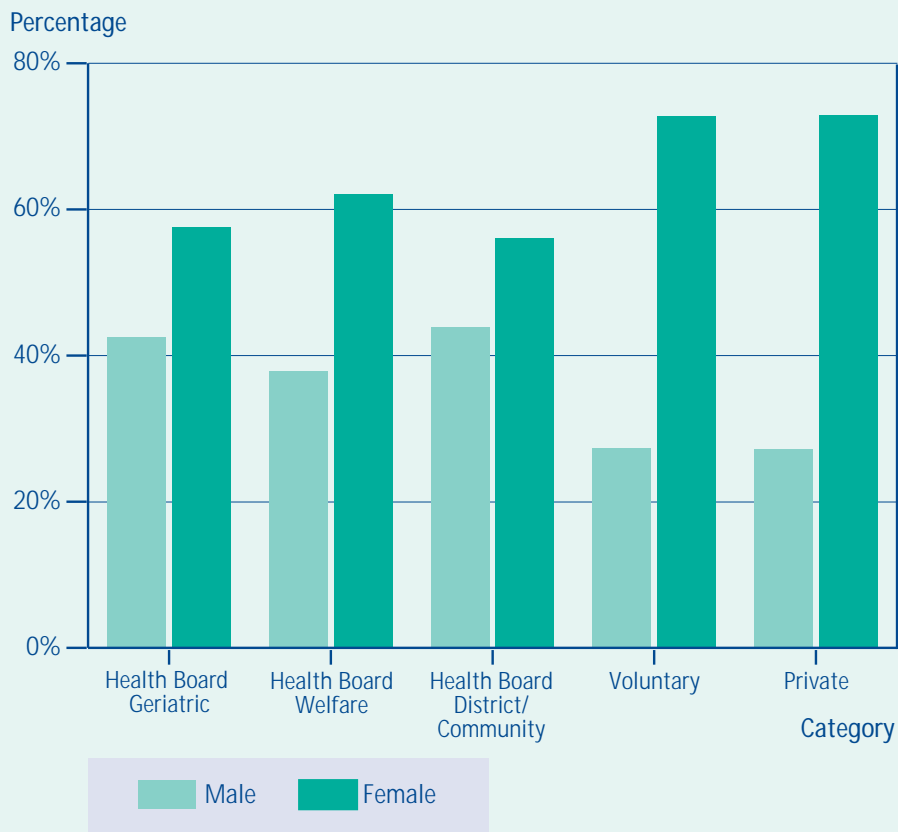
Table J4

Extended Care by Type of Facility: Percentage Distribution of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1996 by Sex

<i>Sex</i>	Health Board Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Health Board Welfare Homes	Health Board District/Community Hospitals	Voluntary Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Private Nursing Homes	Total
Male	42.5	37.9	43.9	27.3	27.1	34.6
Female	57.5	62.1	56.1	72.7	72.9	65.4
Total - Number	5,596	984	2,239	3,487	5,806	18,112

Figure 5

Percentage Distribution of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1996 by Sex



Source: Table J4.

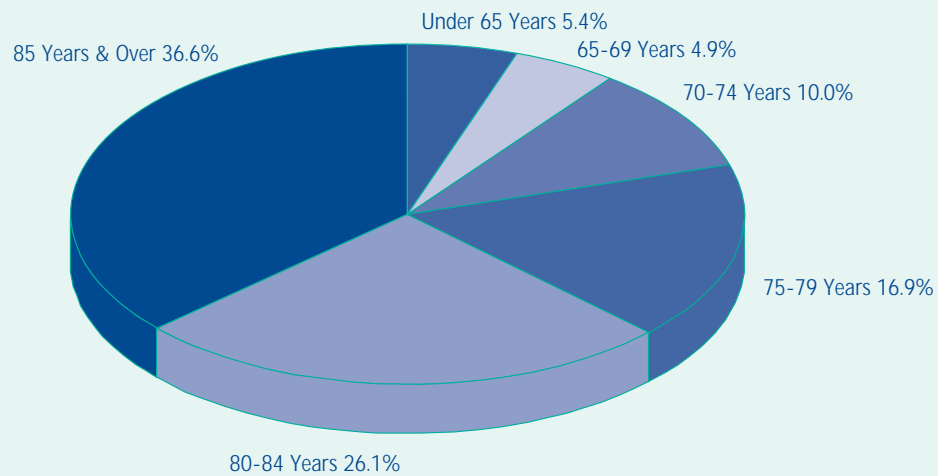
Table J5

Extended Care by Type of Facility: Percentage Distribution of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1996 by Age

Age	Health Board Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Health Board Welfare Homes	Health Board District/Community Hospitals	Voluntary Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Private Nursing Homes	Total
Under 40 years	0.4	0.0	0.6	1.3	0.2	0.5
40 - 64 years	6.2	2.6	5.7	6.2	3.1	4.9
65 - 69 years	6.9	6.8	6.3	3.8	2.8	4.9
70 - 74 years	13.1	11.4	11.7	8.2	7.4	10.0
75 - 79 years	19.1	16.3	19.0	14.0	15.8	16.9
80 - 84 years	24.3	26.8	25.7	23.4	29.6	26.1
85 years and over	30.0	36.1	31.0	43.1	41.2	36.6
Total - Number	5,596	984	2,239	3,487	5,806	18,112

Figure 6

Percentage Distribution of Patients in Residence at 31 December 1996 by Age



Source: Table J5.

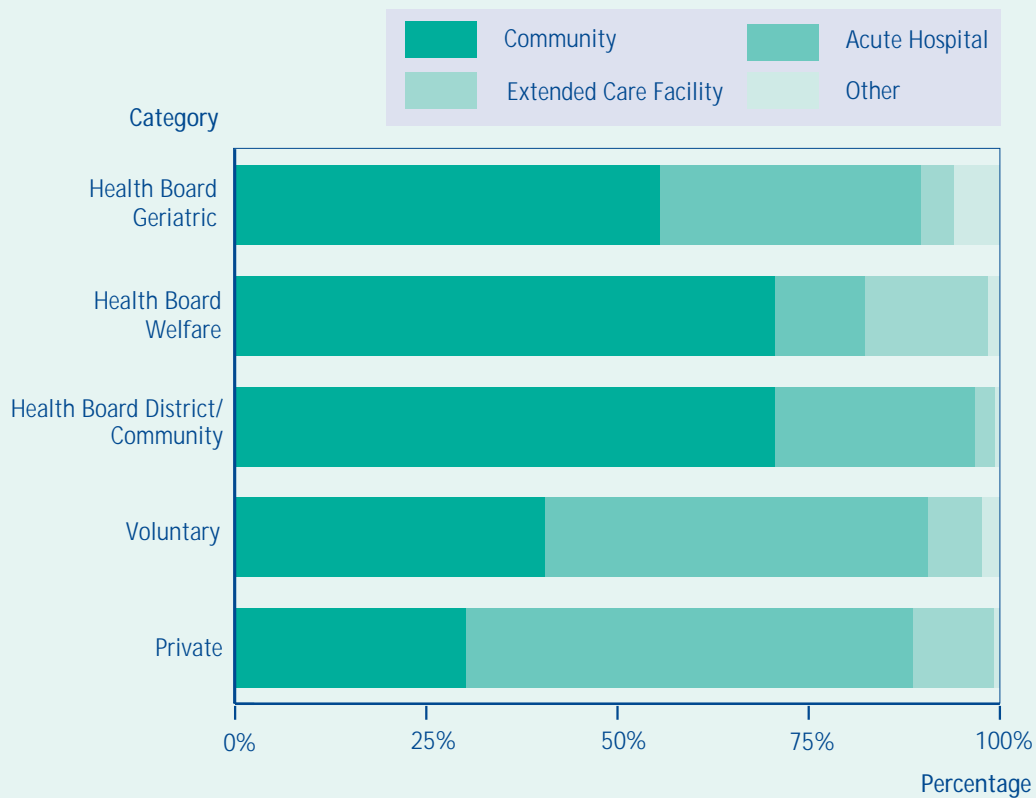
Table J6

Extended Care by Type of Facility: Percentage Distribution of Patients Admitted During 1996 by Source of Admission

Source of Admission	Health Board Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Health Board Welfare Homes	Health Board District/Community Hospitals	Voluntary Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Private Nursing Homes	Total
Community	55.5	70.6	70.5	40.5	30.2	55.1
Acute Hospital	34.2	11.7	26.2	50.1	58.4	36.8
Extended Care Facility	4.2	16.2	2.7	7.0	10.6	5.4
Other	6.1	1.5	0.5	2.4	0.8	2.7
Total - Number	10,240	877	11,034	3,731	5,311	31,193

Figure 7

Percentage Distribution of Patients Admitted During 1996 by Source of Admission



Source: Table J6.

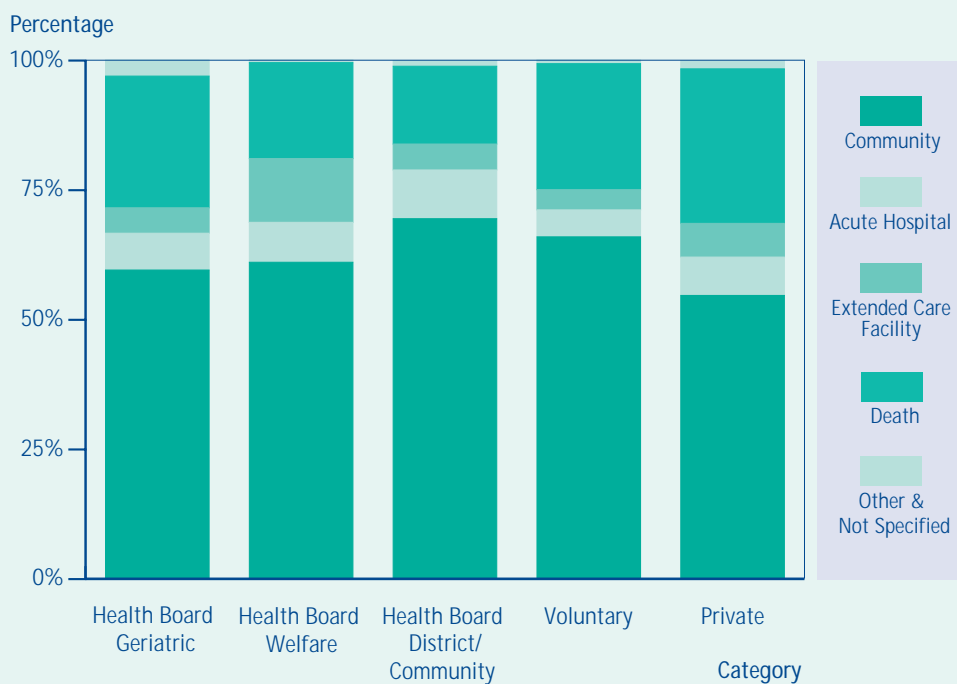
Table J7

Extended Care by Type of Facility: Percentage Distribution of Patients Discharged During 1996 by Destination on Discharge

<i>Destinction on Discharge</i>	Health Board Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Health Board Welfare Homes	Health Board District/Community Hospitals	Voluntary Geriatric Homes/Hospitals	Private Nursing Homes	Total
Community	59.6	61.1	69.5	66.0	54.7	63.1
Acute Hospital	7.1	7.7	9.4	5.2	7.4	7.8
Extended Care Facility	4.9	12.3	5.0	3.9	6.5	5.3
Other	3.1	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.6
Not Specified	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.2
Death	25.4	18.5	15.0	24.3	29.8	22.1
Total - Number	10,438	855	10,943	3,567	5,081	30,884

Figure 8

Percentage Distribution of Patients Discharged During 1996 by Destination on Discharge



Source: Table J7.

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Health Service Employment Statistics

General

There were 66,934 wholetime equivalent numbers employed in the operation and administration of health services in Ireland at the end of 1996. Tables K1A to K3 give details by occupational and employment categories respectively for 1994, 1995 and 1996. Figure 1 shows trends in total numbers employed in the health services since 1989.

Hospital Doctors

A distribution of hospital consultants by health board area at 1 January 1996 and 1997 is given in Table K4 and a distribution by specialty is given in Table K5. Figure 2 highlights the number of consultant posts and numbers practising since 1983 while Figure 3 shows the distribution of practising consultants by specialty in 1997. Table K6 gives the number of non-consultant hospital doctors analysed by grade from 1993 to 1996.

General Practitioners

The number of doctors participating in the Choice of Doctor Scheme from 1986 to 1996 is given in Table K7.

Pharmacists

The number of pharmacists participating in the Choice of Doctor Scheme from 1986 to 1996 is given in Table K8. Figure 4 shows trends in the number of doctors and pharmacists participating in the Choice of Doctor Scheme since 1981.

Dentists

A breakdown by health board and grade for the years 1994 to 1996 is provided for dentists, employed on a wholetime basis by the health boards, in Tables K9A to K9C.

Public Health Nurses

Details on the number of public health nurses for 1994 to 1996 are given in Tables K10A to K10C. Trends in the numbers of public health nurses per 10,000 population by health board since 1989 are shown in Figure 5.

Table K1A

Wholetime Equivalent Numbers Employed in the Public Health Services at 31 December 1994

<i>Health Sector</i>	Management/ Admin.	Medical/ Dental	Nursing	Para- Medical	Support Services	Maintenance/ Technical	Total
Health Boards							
Eastern	1,210	524	3,148	754	2,487	248	8,370
Midland	313	186	1,248	216	1,022	86	3,071
Mid-Western	480	242	1,763	266	961	159	3,870
North-Eastern	401	192	1,262	178	1,179	63	3,275
North-Western	528	227	1,552	327	1,386	103	4,123
South-Eastern	617	350	2,394	318	1,478	132	5,289
Southern	773	507	2,866	454	1,818	230	6,648
Western	697	410	2,552	393	1,865	187	6,105
Health Boards Total	5,019	2,640	16,783	2,906	12,197	1,208	40,752
Voluntary/Joint Board Hospitals	2,112	1,732	8,104	1,741	3,482	390	17,561
Mental Handicap Homes	477	45	2,031	378	2,596	100	5,626
Grand Total	7,607	4,417	26,918	5,024	18,275	1,698	63,939

Note: Slight discrepancies in reported figures are due to rounding.

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K1B

Wholetime Equivalent Numbers Employed in the Public Health Services at 31 December 1995

<i>Health Sector</i>	Management/ Admin.	Medical/ Dental	Nursing	Para- Medical	Support Services	Maintenance/ Technical	Total
Health Boards							
Eastern	1,270	528	3,181	827	2,501	252	8,559
Midland	327	196	1,270	239	955	85	3,072
Mid-Western	470	280	1,748	309	1,002	161	3,971
North-Eastern	440	216	1,381	222	1,155	61	3,475
North-Western	563	233	1,580	314	1,249	93	4,031
South-Eastern	641	367	2,507	355	1,586	127	5,581
Southern	821	535	3,091	484	1,871	221	7,023
Western	730	415	2,481	419	1,860	181	6,086
Health Boards Total	5,261	2,770	17,238	3,169	12,179	1,180	41,798
Voluntary/Joint Board Hospitals	2,162	1,767	8,066	1,779	3,490	383	17,646
Mental Handicap Homes	462	44	2,055	397	2,676	92	5,725
Grand Total	7,885	4,581	27,359	5,345	18,345	1,655	65,169

Note: Slight discrepancies in reported figures are due to rounding.

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K1C

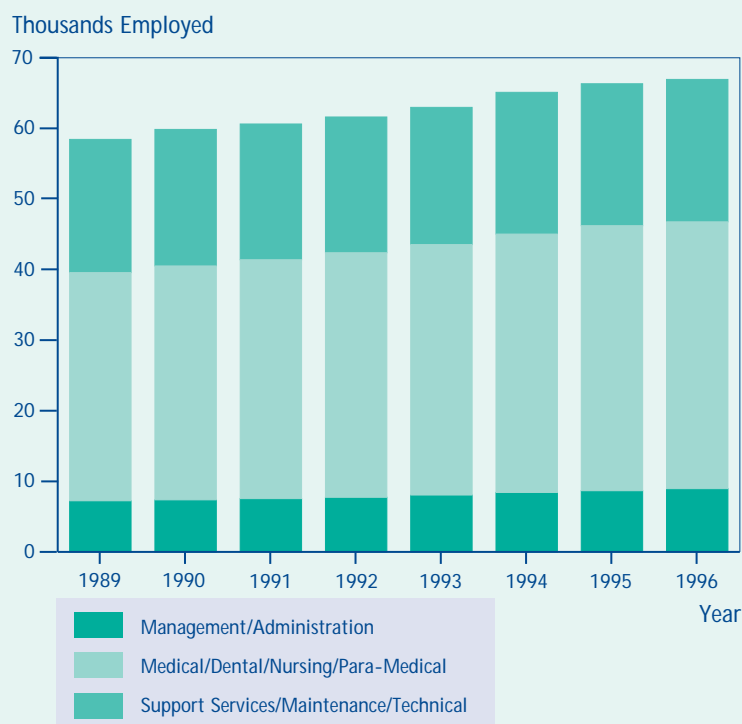
Wholetime Equivalent Numbers Employed in the Public Health Services at 31 December 1996

Health Sector	Management/ Admin.	Medical/ Dental	Nursing	Para- Medical	Support Services	Maintenance/ Technical	Total
Health Boards:							
Eastern	1,340	552	3,334	936	2,690	246	9,099
Midland	348	206	1,305	254	1,000	86	3,200
Mid-Western	504	281	1,660	308	1,011	163	3,926
North-Eastern	415	205	1,374	225	1,005	58	3,281
North-Western	585	246	1,545	301	1,294	90	4,061
South-Eastern	609	378	2,462	352	1,513	117	5,432
Southern	864	543	3,096	497	1,903	220	7,123
Western	759	423	2,458	447	1,618	179	5,883
Health Boards Total	5,424	2,834	17,234	3,320	12,035	1,158	42,005
Voluntary/Joint Board Hospitals	2,250	1,803	7,886	1,883	3,537	366	17,725
Mental Handicap Homes	476	47	2,144	373	2,890	94	6,024
Grand Total	8,151	4,684	27,264	5,576	18,461	1,618	65,755

Note: Slight discrepancies in reported figures are due to rounding.
Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Figure 1

Wholetime Equivalent Numbers Employed in the Public Health Services, 1989 to 1996



Note: Health Statistics Reports: 1990 - 1999.

Table K2A

Wholetime Equivalent Numbers Employed in Commercial and
Non-Commercial State Bodies under the Aegis of the Department
of Health and Children at 31 December 1994

<i>Health Sector</i>	Management/ Admin.	Medical/ Dental	Nursing	Para- Medical	Support Services	Maintenance/ Technical	Total
Commercial and Non-Commercial Semi-State Bodies	815	39	92	114	92	14	1,166

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K2B

Wholetime Equivalent Numbers Employed in Commercial and
Non-Commercial State Bodies under the Aegis of the Department
of Health and Children at 31 December 1995

<i>Health Sector</i>	Management/ Admin.	Medical/ Dental	Nursing	Para- Medical	Support Services	Maintenance/ Technical	Total
Commercial and Non-Commercial Semi-State Bodies	783	45	95	122	90	15	1,150

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K2C

Wholetime Equivalent Numbers Employed in Commercial and
Non-Commercial State Bodies under the Aegis of the Department
of Health and Children at 31 December 1996

<i>Health Sector</i>	Management/ Admin.	Medical/ Dental	Nursing	Para- Medical	Support Services	Maintenance/ Technical	Total
Commercial and Non-Commercial Semi-State Bodies	809	47	104	122	85	13	1,179

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K3

Staffing by Employment Category -
December 1994, 1995 and 1996*

<i>Employment Category</i>	Total Wholtime Equivalent			As a Percentage of Total		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
Permanent	42,326	43,133	44,721	66.2	66.2	68.0
Temporary	8,140	9,143	9,046	12.7	14.0	13.8
Part-time & Sessional	3,725	3,901	3,508	5.8	6.0	5.3
Training	6,876	6,238	5,827	10.8	9.6	8.9
Locum	2,871	2,755	2,652	4.5	4.2	4.0
Total (wholtime equivalent)	63,939	65,169	65,755	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Excludes commercial and non-commercial semi-state bodies.

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K4

Hospital Consultants: Number of Posts and Number Practising
by Health Board Area - 1 January 1996 and 1997

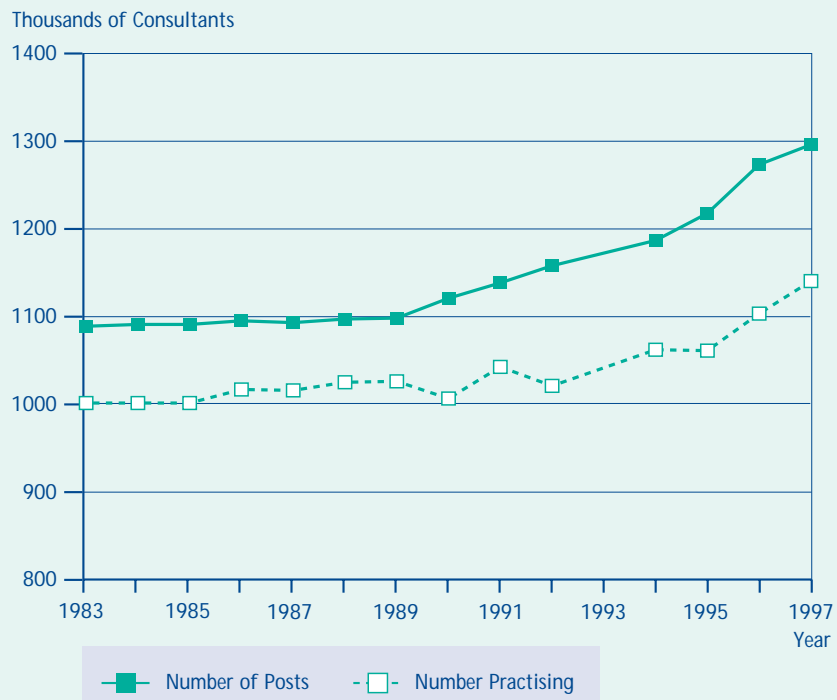
<i>Health Board Area</i>	Number of Posts		Number Practising		Number Practising Per 10,000 Population*	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Eastern	613	623	541	555	4.2	4.3
Midland	54	54	50	49	2.4	2.4
Mid-Western	80	81	66	69	2.1	2.2
North-Eastern	73	75	59	64	1.9	2.1
North-Western	61	63	56	60	2.7	2.8
South-Eastern	97	100	85	92	2.2	2.3
Southern	169	172	141	140	2.6	2.6
Western	123	124	107	112	3.0	3.2
Total	1,270	1,292	1,105	1,141	3.0	3.1

* These rates are based on the 1996 Census of Population.

Source: Comhairle na nOspideal.

Figure 2

Hospital Consultants: Number of Posts & Number Practising, 1983 to 1997*



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1984 - 1999.

* Data not available for 1993.

Table K5

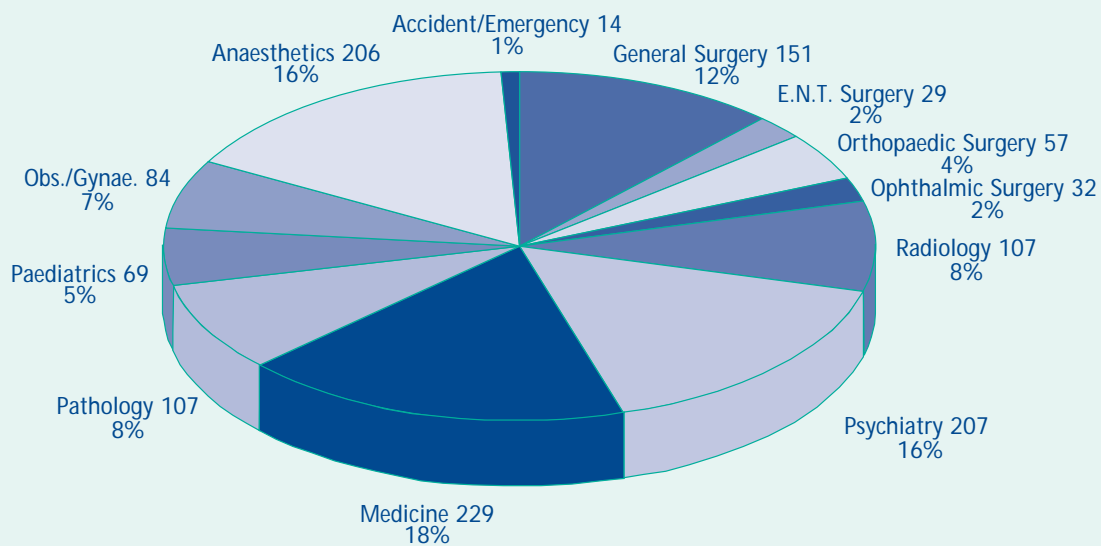
Hospital Consultants: Number by Specialty - 1 January 1996 and 1997

Specialty	Number of Posts		Number Practising		Number of Vacancies	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Accident and Emergency	14	14	14	14	0	0
Anaesthetics	206	206	176	191	30	15
ENT Surgery	29	29	27	28	2	1
General Surgery	149	151	134	135	15	16
Medicine	226	229	188	202	38	27
Obstetrics/Gynaecology	84	84	77	75	7	9
Ophthalmic Surgery	32	32	28	27	4	5
Orthopaedic Surgery	55	57	53	51	2	6
Paediatrics	67	69	60	64	7	5
Pathology	100	107	87	89	13	18
Psychiatry	205	207	168	167	37	40
Radiology	103	107	93	98	10	9
Total	1,270	1,292	1,105	1,141	165	151

Source: Comhairle na nOspideal.

Figure 3

Hospital Consultants: Number & Percentage of Posts by Specialty, 1997



Source: Comhairle na nOspideal.

Table K6

**Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors: Distribution by Grade within the
Public Health Service, December 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996**

<i>Grade</i>	1993	1994	1995	1996
Intern	351	351	363	357
House Officer	1,248	1,284	1,285	1,327
Registrar	831	867	936	968
Total	2,430	2,501	2,584	2,652

*The above figures represent whole-time equivalents and include locum cover.
Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.*

Table K7

**Number of Doctors Participating
in the Choice of Doctor Scheme, 1986 to 1996**

<i>Health Board</i>	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	504	511	517	513	505	508	524	519	528	528	518
Midland	91	90	92	91	95	96	101	99	101	97	99
Mid-Western	120	129	135	136	136	141	141	144	144	144	141
North-Eastern	116	113	117	119	119	120	122	122	126	124	125
North-Western	102	99	97	104	102	108	113	112	110	109	111
South-Eastern	163	166	173	172	179	177	184	185	187	185	189
Southern	236	249	256	256	260	255	266	273	275	271	268
Western	180	181	181	179	182	181	185	191	195	194	196
Total	1,512	1,538	1,568	1,570	1,578	1,586	1,636	1,645	1,666	1,652	1,647

Source: General Medical Services (Payments) Board.

Table K8

**Number of Pharmacists Practising
in the Choice of Doctor Scheme, 1986 to 1996**

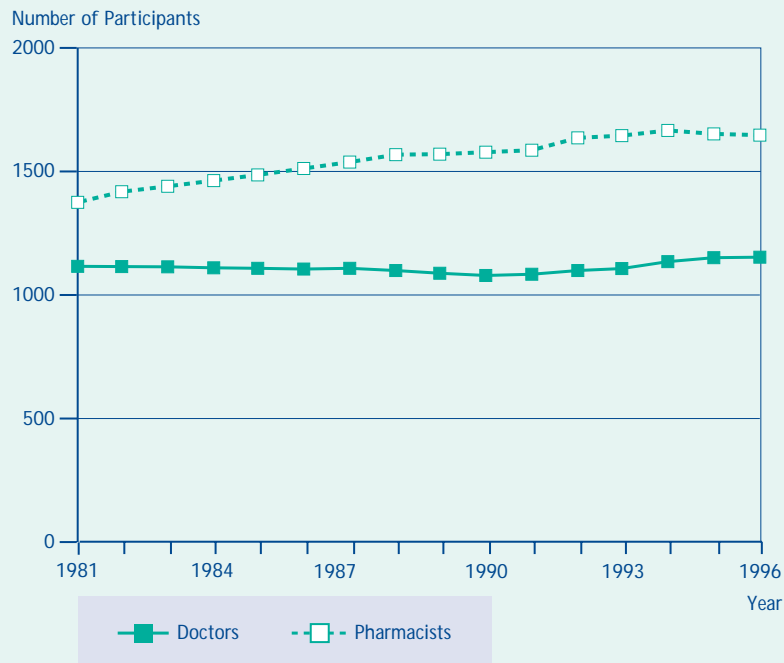
<i>Health Board</i>	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Eastern	383	387	383	371	363	366	366	365	374	382	381
Midland	60	63	61	63	62	62	64	65	65	66	65
Mid-Western	100	101	98	97	99	97	101	100	106	108	109
North-Eastern	90	88	90	92	92	94	97	92	97	97	100
North-Western	68	68	67	67	62	61	64	66	65	64	62
South-Eastern	112	113	112	113	117	121	122	127	128	130	130
Southern	174	171	170	168	172	166	169	174	180	182	184
Western	118	117	118	117	112	117	116	118	120	122	122
Total	1,105	1,108	1,099	1,088	1,079	1,084	1,099	1,107	1,135	1,151	1,153

Source: General Medical Services (Payments) Board.

*Notes: (1) The above figures relate to the number of pharmacies entitled to dispense G.M.S. prescriptions.
(2) The number of pharmacists providing services in these pharmacies is not separately identified.*

Figure 4

Choice of Doctor Scheme: Number of Doctors and Pharmacists Participating, 1981 to 1996



Source: General Medical Services(Payments) Board.

Table K9A

Dentists: Wholetime Equivalent Number Practising in Health Board Dental Service at 31 December 1994

Health Sector	Principal Dental Surgeon	Senior Dental Surgeon	Clinical Dental Surgeon	Orthodontist	Total
Health Boards					
Eastern	7.00	8.22	93.67	0.00	108.89
Midland	3.00	1.00	12.00	1.25	17.25
Mid-Western	3.00	1.00	26.29	1.00	31.29
North-Eastern	3.00	0.00	22.30	0.10	25.40
North-Western	2.00	1.00	16.60	1.00	20.60
South-Eastern	4.00	1.00	30.50	1.50	37.00
Southern	5.00	4.00	43.48	1.00	53.48
Western	3.00	3.00	26.64	1.00	33.64
Other Agencies	0.85	8.40	0.43	0.00	9.68
Total	30.85	27.62	271.91	6.85	337.23

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K9B

Dentists: Wholetime Equivalent Number
Practising in Health Board Dental Service at 31 December 1995

<i>Health Sector</i>	Principal Dental Surgeon	Senior Dental Surgeon	Clinical Dental Surgeon	Orthodontist	Total
Health Boards					
Eastern	7.00	7.22	93.67	0.40	107.99
Midland	2.00	1.00	16.72	1.43	21.15
Mid-Western	3.00	1.00	33.50	1.00	38.50
North-Eastern	3.00	1.00	16.90	0.00	20.90
North-Western	1.00	1.00	19.35	1.00	22.35
South-Eastern	4.00	1.00	31.40	1.20	37.60
Southern	5.00	4.00	50.48	1.00	60.48
Western	3.00	3.00	27.65	1.00	34.65
Other Agencies	0.85	0.43	8.40	0.00	9.68
Total	28.85	19.65	297.77	7.03	353.30

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K9C

Dentists: Wholetime Equivalent Number
Practising in Health Board Dental Service at 31 December 1996

<i>Health Sector</i>	Principal Dental Surgeon	Senior Dental Surgeon	Clinical Dental Surgeon	Orthodontist	Total
Health Boards					
Eastern	6.00	7.00	100.48	1.40	114.88
Midland	2.00	0.00	15.22	1.43	18.65
Mid-Western	3.00	1.00	30.51	1.00	35.51
North-Eastern	3.00	1.00	19.75	0.00	23.75
North-Western	2.00	1.00	19.86	1.00	23.86
South-Eastern	4.00	0.04	35.80	1.20	41.04
Southern	5.00	3.00	49.89	1.00	58.89
Western	4.00	2.00	24.42	1.00	31.42
Other Agencies	0.60	8.40	0.43	0.09	9.52
Total	29.60	23.44	296.36	8.12	357.52

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K10A

**Public Health Nurses: Wholetime Equivalent Numbers
in the Health Services at 31 December 1994**

<i>Health Board</i>	Public Health Nurses	Senior Public Health Nurses	Superintendent Public Health Nurses	Total
Eastern	420.21	22.0	7.00	449.21
Midland	96.53	2.0	2.00	100.53
Mid-Western	106.69	10.00	2.00	118.69
North-Eastern	118.87	4.00	3.00	125.87
North-Western	101.50	3.00	2.00	106.50
South-Eastern	144.83	8.00	4.00	156.83
Southern	150.81	8.00	3.64	162.45
Western	165.21	7.00	3.00	175.21
Total	1,304.65	64.00	26.64	1,395.29

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K10B

**Public Health Nurses: Wholetime Equivalent Numbers
in the Health Services at 31 December 1995**

<i>Health Board</i>	Public Health Nurses	Senior Public Health Nurses	Superintendent Public Health Nurses	Total
Eastern	404.73	21.00	9.00	434.73
Midland	101.47	2.00	2.00	105.47
Mid-Western	109.42	14.00	2.00	125.42
North-Eastern	117.73	9.00	3.00	129.73
North-Western	101.33	3.00	2.00	106.33
South-Eastern	146.49	8.00	3.00	157.49
Southern	161.03	14.97	4.00	180.00
Western	159.21	9.00	3.00	171.21
Total	1,301.41	80.97	28.00	1,410.38

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Table K10C

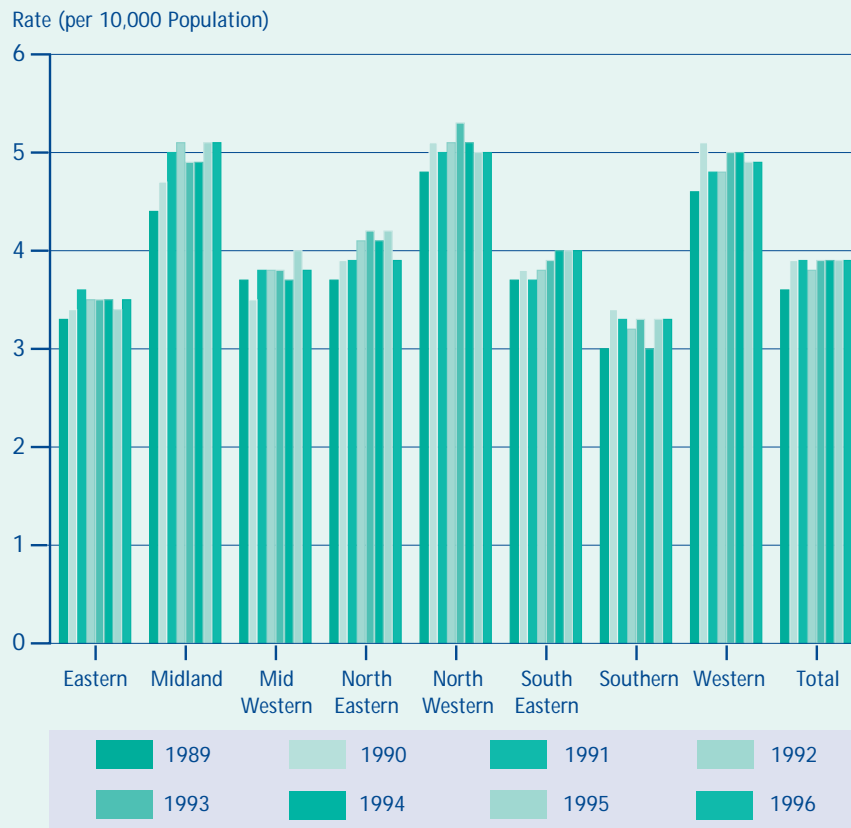
**Public Health Nurses: Wholetime Equivalent Numbers
in the Health Services at 31 December 1996**

<i>Health Board</i>	Public Health Nurses	Senior Public Health Nurses	Superintendent Public Health Nurses	Total
Eastern	420.74	24.00	9.00	453.74
Midland	100.60	2.00	2.00	104.60
Mid-Western	105.43	13.00	3.00	121.43
North-Eastern	107.30	8.00	3.00	118.30
North-Western	100.27	3.00	2.00	105.27
South-Eastern	145.60	8.00	3.00	156.60
Southern	164.50	14.50	4.00	183.00
Western	160.66	9.00	3.00	172.66
Total	1,305.10	81.50	29.00	1,415.60

Source: Personnel Census, Department of Health and Children.

Figure 5

Number of Public Health Nurses Per 10,000 Population in Each Health Board, 1989 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1990 - 1999.

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Expenditure Statistics

Non-Capital Expenditure (Tables L1 to L4)

Table L1 gives a detailed breakdown of estimated non-capital expenditure on each of the health programmes and services for 1994, 1995 and 1996. Figure 1 displays the percentage distribution of expenditure by programme. Table L2 shows the sources of non-capital funds for the same years. Table L3 presents a time series of net non-capital expenditure on health since 1982 and expresses these figures as a percentage of gross national product. Figure 2 depicts the trend in this percentage since 1982. The allocation of non-capital funds by agency for 1994, 1995 and 1996 is given in Table L4 and Figure 3 shows the percentage distribution by agency for 1996 in the form of a pie chart.

Capital Expenditure (Table L5)

Table L5 shows the allocations for capital expenditure for 1994, 1995 and 1996 subdivided by care programme. Figure 4 shows the trend since 1982 in capital expenditure expressed as a percentage of net capital and non-capital public health expenditure combined.

Estimated Overall Health Expenditure (Table L6)

Table L6 shows total expenditure on all health services, including expenditure by the Department of Health and Children and by other public agencies, and estimated private expenditure. The methodology used in compiling the table is discussed in detail in the Report of the Commission on Health Funding (Stationery Office, 1989 - Chapter 4). In addition to non-capital and capital expenditure of the Department of Health and Children, the components of total expenditure are as follows:

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| <i>European Social Fund:</i> | grants to a number of agencies towards the training of disabled persons for open employment; |
| <i>National Lottery:</i> | grants from the proceeds of the National Lottery, primarily for the development of community-based services; |
| <i>Treatment Benefits:</i> | dental, optical and aural benefits under the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs Treatment Benefits Scheme, including an additional provision of 10 per cent as an approximation of the administration of the Scheme; |
| <i>VHI Expenditure:</i> | the sum of claims expenditure and administration costs for year beginning 1 March; |
| <i>Other Non-Household Private Expenditure:</i> | a tentative estimate of expenditure under other health insurance schemes and by employers who provide or finance medical care for their staff; |
| <i>Household Expenditure:</i> | CSO estimates of household expenditure on medical goods and services net of refunds under health insurance and drug subsidy scheme. |

Table L1

Estimated Non-Capital Health Expenditure
by Programme and Service 1994, 1995 and 1996

	Expenditure 1994	Expenditure 1995	Expenditure 1996
<i>Programme and Service</i>	£000	£000	£000
1. Community Protection Programme			
1.1 Prevention of infectious disease	14,745	16,495	19,277
1.2 Child health examination	8,766	9,659	9,824
1.3 Food hygiene and standards	7,583	8,658	8,805
1.4 Drugs Advisory Service	1,450	1,801	—
1.5 Health promotion	2,270	2,822	3,399
1.6 Other preventive services	5,418	8,783	13,433
Programme Total	40,232	48,218	54,738
2. Community Health Services Programme			
2.1 General practitioner service (including prescribed drugs) (Choice of Doctor)	250,026	261,646	271,661
2.2 Subsidy for drugs purchased by persons ineligible under 2.1 including hardship cases	39,057	48,704	60,999
2.3 Refund of cost of drugs for long term illness	17,159	19,154	21,384
2.4 Home Nursing Services	30,569	31,713	32,288
2.5 Domiciliary maternity services	2,390	2,479	2,524
2.6 Family Planning	175	1,283	2,385
2.7 Dental Services	25,799	33,348	34,740
2.8 Ophthalmic Services	5,368	6,502	6,834
2.9 Aural Services	1,083	1,119	1,133
Programme Total	371,626	405,948	433,948
3. Community Welfare Programme			
3.1 Cash payments and grants for disabled persons	96,176	60,447	—
3.2 Mobility allowance for handicapped persons	646	806	1,040
3.3 Cash payments to persons with certain infectious diseases	759	769	840
3.4 Maternity cash grants	34	27	27
3.5 Domiciliary care allowances for handicapped children	7,785	8,106	8,729
3.6 Cash payments to blind persons	1,515	1,649	1,837
3.7 Home-help services	10,703	11,081	11,458
3.8 Meals-on-wheels services	1,903	1,945	1,949
3.9 Grants to voluntary welfare agencies	30,860	33,957	34,036
3.10 Supply of milk to expectant and nursing mothers and children under five covered by medical cards	1,072	1,095	1,097
3.11 Pre-school support services	1,554	1,688	1,691
3.12 Boarding out of children	9,634	9,845	10,490
3.13 Other child care services, including residential care	26,032	36,308	46,777
3.14 Welfare homes for the aged	11,312	11,724	12,623
3.15 Adoption services	744	770	783
Programme Total	200,729	180,217	133,377
4. Psychiatric Programme			
4.1 Service for the diagnosis, care and prevention of psychiatric ailments	215,850	227,852	233,199
Programme Total	215,850	227,852	233,199

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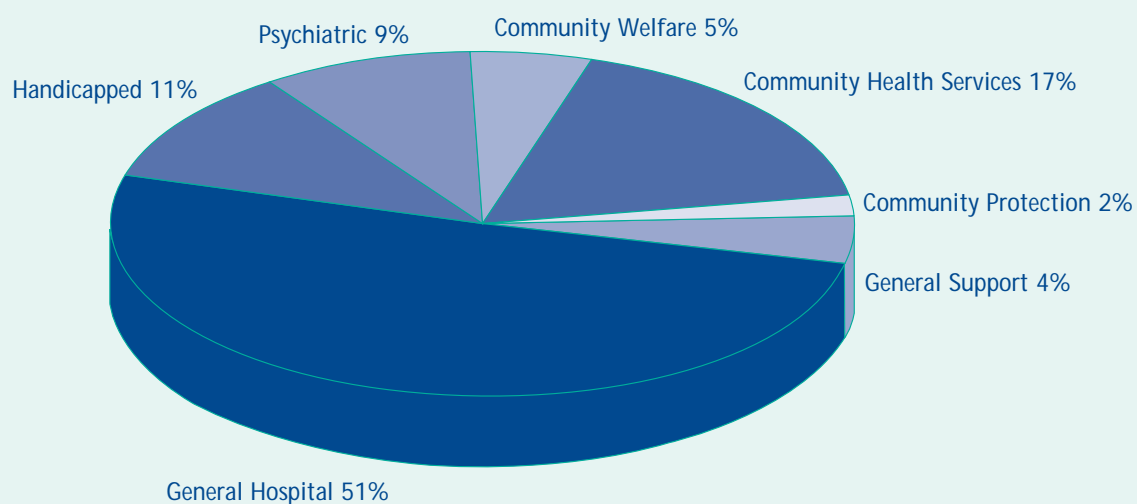
Estimated Non-Capital Health Expenditure
by Programme and Service 1994, 1995 and 1996

	Expenditure 1994	Expenditure 1995	Expenditure 1996
<i>Programme and Service</i>	£000	£000	£000
5. Programme for the handicapped			
5.1 Care in special homes for the mentally handicapped	144,859	161,099	167,747
5.2 Care of mentally handicapped persons in psychiatric hospitals	31,298	32,052	32,633
5.3 Care in day centres for the mentally handicapped	17,143	20,008	20,871
5.4 Assessment and care of the blind	2,552	3,308	3,514
5.5 Assessment and care of the deaf	767	904	1,006
5.6 Assessment and care of persons otherwise handicapped	22,060	24,929	26,151
5.7 Rehabilitation service	4,077	15,442	15,597
Programme Total	222,756	257,742	267,519
6. General Hospital Programme			
6.1 Services in regional hospitals	294,214	314,236	337,360
6.2 Services in public voluntary hospitals	475,383	507,124	518,024
6.3 Services in health board general hospitals	200,320	216,733	228,309
6.4 Contributions to patients in private nursing homes	27,326	30,325	30,380
6.5 Services in district hospitals	37,350	39,353	40,046
6.6 Services in health board long stay hospitals	87,398	91,493	93,536
6.7 Ambulance services	24,618	27,246	28,893
Programme Total	1,146,609	1,226,510	1,276,548
7. General Support Programme			
7.1 Central administration	13,233	14,315	16,024
7.2 Local administration (Health Boards)	44,997	47,386	47,566
7.3 Research	2,769	3,038	3,411
7.4 Superannuation	23,026	25,246	31,142
7.5 Finance charges (including interest on borrowings)	8,831	9,246	9,454
Programme Total	92,856	99,231	107,597
GROSS NON-CAPITAL TOTAL – ALL PROGRAMMES	2,290,658	2,445,718	2,506,926
8. Income			
8.1 Charges for maintenance in private and semi-private accommodation in public hospitals	58,441	58,441	60,441
8.2 Other income*	86,459	88,296	92,269
Total Non-Capital Income	144,900	146,737	152,710
NET NON-CAPITAL TOTAL – ALL PROGRAMMES	2,145,758	2,298,981	2,354,216

* Other income includes deductions from pay for emoluments and superannuation, retentions from pensions, other receipts such as canteen, payments for agency services (health inspectors' services etc.) and investment income (voluntary hospitals and homes).

Figure 1

Estimated Percentage Non-Capital Expenditure by Programme, 1996



Source: Table L1.

Table L2

Sources of Funds for Statutory Non-Capital Health Services 1994, 1995 and 1996

Source	1994		1995		1996	
	£000	Percentage	£000	Percentage	£000	Percentage
Exchequer	1,890,563	88.11	2,031,490	88.36	2,079,972	88.35
Health Contributions etc. <i>including other miscellaneous</i>	201,133	9.37	215,878	9.39	215,582	9.16
Receipts under EU regulations	54,062	2.52	51,613	2.25	58,662	2.49
Total	2,145,758	100.00	2,298,981	100.00	2,354,216	100.00

Table L3

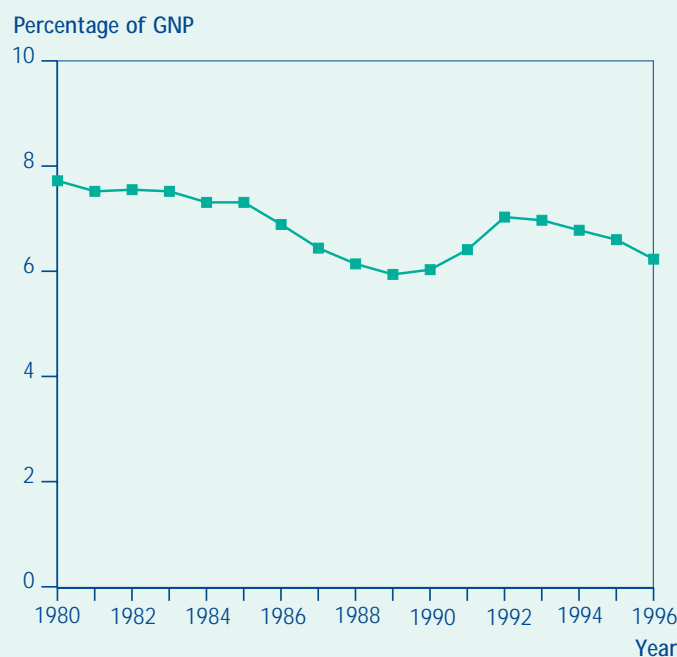
Non-Capital Expenditure on Statutory Health Services
for the years 1980 to 1996, in actual terms
and as a percentage of Gross National Product

	Non-Capital Expenditure on statutory health services (net)	Health Expenditure as a percentage of Gross National Product*
Year	£m	%
1980	701.00	7.72
1981	822.70	7.52
1982	948.00	7.55
1983	1,033.00	7.52
1984	1,090.00	7.31
1985	1,169.30	7.31
1986	1,219.00	6.89
1987	1,221.50	6.44
1988	1,231.50	6.14
1989	1,318.00	5.94
1990	1,463.90	6.03
1991	1,631.00	6.41
1992	1,829.68	7.03
1993	2,016.60	6.97
1994	2,145.76	6.78
1995	2,298.98	6.60
1996	2,354.22	6.23

* Percentages for 1980 to 1993 have been revised.

Figure 2

Non-Capital Expenditure on the Health Services
as a percentage of GNP, 1980 to 1996



Source: Table L3.

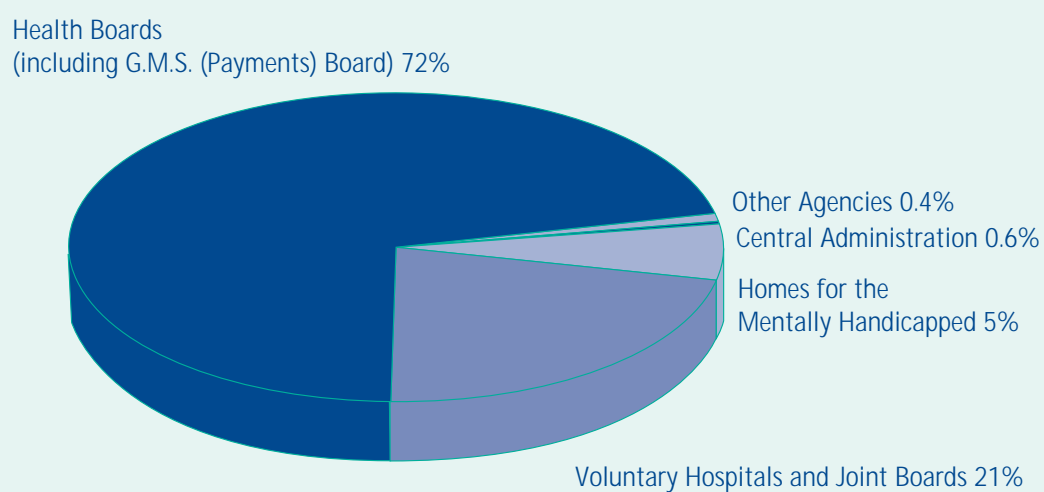
Table L4

Estimated Non-Capital Expenditure
by Agency 1994, 1995 and 1996

Agency	Expenditure 1994	Expenditure 1995	Expenditure 1996
	£M	£M	£M
Health Boards (including GMS (Payments) Board)	1,554.199	1,652.860	1,678.291
Voluntary and Joint Board Hospitals	452.661	494.777	518.024
Homes for the Mentally Handicapped	116.764	130.282	133.691
Other Agencies	8.901	6.747	8.186
Central Administration	13.233	14.315	16.024
Total	2,145.758	2,298.981	2,354.216

Figure 3

Estimated percentage Non-Capital Expenditure
by Agency, 1996



Source: Table L4.

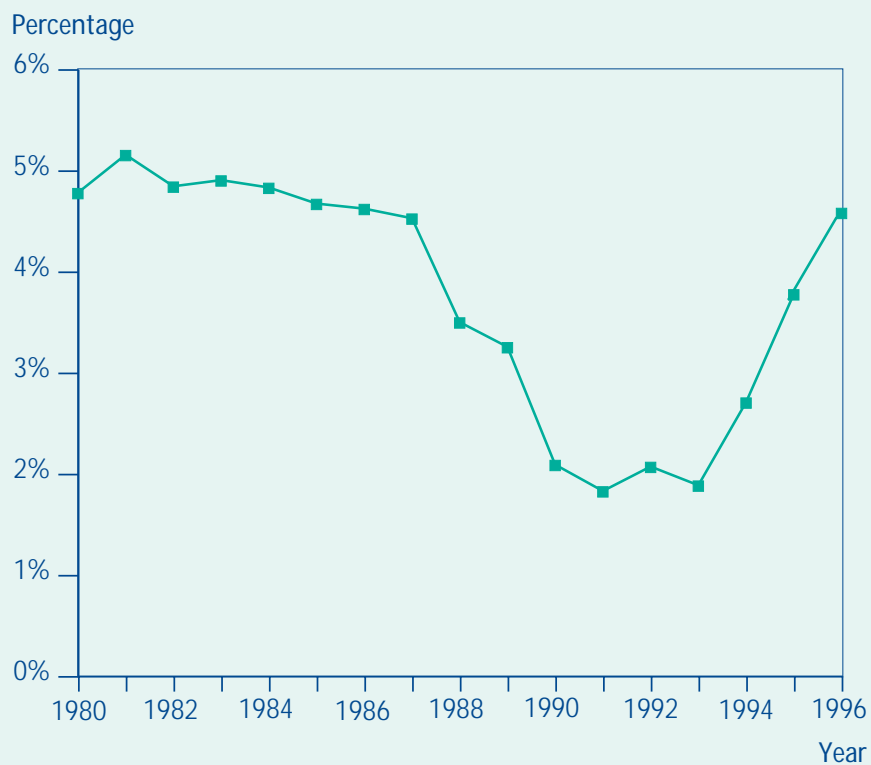
Table L5

Capital Expenditure by Programme 1994, 1995 and 1996

<i>Programme</i>	1994 (£m)	1995 (£m)	1996 (£m)
General Hospitals	51.602	73.761	77.605
Community Health & Welfare <i>(including community protection, welfare homes and child welfare)</i>	1.743	4.257	14.993
Psychiatric	0.982	3.310	3.749
Handicapped <i>(including mental handicap, rehabilitation, deaf, blind and Cheshire Homes)</i>	3.500	5.724	9.726
Miscellaneous	1.343	2.617	6.389
Total	59.170	89.670	112.461

Figure 4

Capital Expenditure as a percentage of Total Health Expenditure, 1980 to 1996



Source: Health Statistics Reports: 1981 – 1999.

Table L6

Estimated Overall Health Expenditure, 1986 to 1996

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<i>Public Health Expenditure</i>	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)
Health Net Non-Capital Expenditure (1)	1,219.0	1,221.5	1,231.5	1,318.0	1,455.3	1,609.5	1,799.4	1,998.2	2,126.9	2,280.8	2,336.1
European Social Fund	17.1	18.3	17.8	22.9	23.6	24.9	26.6	27.6	28.0	20.1	17.4
National Lottery Current Expenditure	0.0	3.5	4.5	4.9	8.6	21.5	30.3	18.4	18.9	18.2	18.1
Treatment Benefits	16.6	16.7	18.2	16.1	15.5	17.0	17.4	24.8	26.1	28.3	29.4
Total Public Non-Capital Expenditure	1,252.7	1,260.0	1,272.0	1,361.9	1,503.0	1,672.9	1,873.7	2,069.0	2,199.9	2,347.4	2,401.0
Health Capital Expenditure (2)	58.7	57.6	42.3	45.0	44.2	35.9	33.0	33.0	54.4	92.0	115.8
National Lottery Capital Expenditure	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	6.6	11.0	11.0	11.1	4.0	4.0
Total Public Capital Expenditure	58.7	57.6	44.3	48.0	46.2	42.5	44.0	44.0	65.5	96.0	119.8
Total Public Expenditure	1,311.4	1,317.6	1,316.3	1,409.9	1,549.2	1,715.4	1,917.7	2,113.0	2,265.4	2,443.4	2,520.8

Estimated Private Health Expenditure

VHI Expenditure	117.4	150.1	164.9	158.0	171.1	184.9	203.6	223.6	247.7	268.8	291.6
Other Non-Household Private Expenditure	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.5	6.0	6.7	7.4	8.3	8.8	9.4	9.7
Household Expenditure	227.5	231.1	250.5	267.5	288.9	321.6	350.6	350.8	361.5	382.4	398.9
Private Capital Expenditure	21.3	37.5	45.6	51.5	43.6	30.3	34.4	25.2	26.3	56.5	51.9
Total Private Expenditure	371.2	423.8	466.1	482.4	509.6	543.5	596.0	607.8	644.3	717.1	752.1

Estimated Total Health Expenditure

Total Expenditure	1,682.6	1,741.4	1,782.4	1,892.3	2,058.8	2,258.9	2,513.7	2,720.8	2,909.7	3,160.5	3,272.9
As % of GDP											
-Total Public	6.7	6.3	5.8	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.2	5.9
-Total Private	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Total	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.4	7.6	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.6
As % of GNP											
-Total Public (3)	7.4	6.9	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.7	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.7
-Total Private	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0
Total	9.5	9.2	8.9	8.5	8.5	8.9	9.3	9.4	9.2	9.1	8.7

1. Net non-capital expenditure supported by the Department of Health and Children's Vote as shown in the Appendix to the Department of Health and Children's Vote on the Revised Estimates Volume for Public Services excluding National Lottery funding.
2. Capital expenditure supported by the Department of Health and Children's vote in the Revised Estimates Volume for Public Services excluding National Lottery funding.
3. These figures are higher than those in Table L3 as they are based on net total public expenditure on health as given above.

Notes: (i) Estimates of Other Non-Household Private Expenditure, Household Expenditure and Private Capital Expenditure for previous years have been revised based on some revisions to the underlying data and refinement of the methodologies used.

(ii) Estimates of expenditure as a proportion of GDP and GNP have been revised on the basis of updated data from the National Accounts.