

Census of Population 2011

Preliminary Results for County Galway

The following report presents the results of the preliminary count of the census which was held on 10th April, 2011. The results are based on summary counts for each of the 4,854 enumeration areas. Each enumerator wrote the total number of persons, males and females in each household onto the front of the census form and then prepared a clerical summary of the total for their area. These summaries were returned to the CSO in advance of the census forms themselves and the results in this report are based on this information. These results are only **preliminary**.

Headline Results

- Population of County Galway increased by 10% in the period 2006 – 2011 from 159,256 to 175,127
- 47% of this increase was due to net inward migration – this was strong compared to a 29% negative outward migration in the City
- County Galway had a high rate of increase in dwellings between 2006 and 2011 of 15.2% compared with the city having a increase of 10.6% and the state average of 13.2%
- 19.4% of these dwellings were vacant on census night compared to 11.3% in the City
- Many of the main population EDs showed strong growth with Clifden growing by 23.2%, Oranmore by 22.7%, Craughwell by 19.9%, Athenry by 19.6% and Tuam Rural by 19.5%.

1. Population & Change in Population 2006 - 2011

Area	2006	2011 Preliminary Results	Actual Change	% Change
Galway City	72,414	75,414	3,000	4.1%
Galway County	159,256	175,127	15,871	10%
Total Galway	231,670	250,541	18,871	8.1%
State	4,239,848	4,581,269	341,421	8.1%

- The population increase of County Galway was greater than the city and state average.
- Galway City had the slowest growth in Connacht (4.1%) while Galway County showed the strongest growth of 10% per cent.

2. Components of Population Change 2006 - 2011

Area	Actual Change	Natural Increase *	Estimated Net Migration**
Galway City	3,000	3,871 (129%)	- 870 (-29%)
Galway County	15,871	8,397 (52.9%)	7,474 (47%)
Total Galway	18,871	12,267 (65%)	6,604 (34.9%)
State	341,421	222,771 (65.2%)	118,650 (34.8%)

*Natural Increase is the number of births minus the number of deaths

** Net migration is a measure of the movements of persons into and out of the State. By deducting the natural increase in population at county level from the corresponding population change it is possible to derive county net migration figures. It is important to note that these figures will also include movement of persons between counties in Ireland.

- County Galway experienced good positive net inward migration (47% of population increase)
- Galway city experienced negative net migration (-29% of population increase)
- The period 2006 - 2011 showed a slow down of net inward migration compared to the period 2002 – 2006. Net inward migration accounted for 74.5% of the population increase in County Galway for the period 2002 – 2006 compared to 47% in the period 2006 – 2011.
- Ireland and County Galway experienced strong net inward migration for the first half of the 2006 – 2011 census period but this switched to net outward migration over the second half.

3. Housing Stock & Vacant Dwellings 2006 - 2011

	Housing Stock 2006	Vacant Dwellings 2006	Housing Stock 2011	Vacant Dwellings 2011	Increase Dwellings 2006 - 2011
Galway City	30,589	3,984 (13%)	33,826	3,839 (11.3%)	3,237 (10.6%)
Galway County	67,737	13,583 (20.1%)	78,023	15,113 (19.4%)	10,286 (15.2%)
Total Galway	98,326	17,567 (17.9%)	111,849	18,952 (16.9%)	13,523 (13.7%)
State	1,769,613	266,322 (15%)	2,004,175	294,202 (14.7%)	234,562 (13.2%)

- County Galway had a high rate of increase in dwellings between 2006 and 2011 of 15.2% compared with the city having a increase of 10.6% and the state average of 13.2%
- County Galway had the 12th highest increase in dwellings of the 34 LA administrative areas
- County Galway had the 11th highest rate of vacant dwellings of the 34 LA administrative areas
- While there was a 10% increase in the population in County Galway between 2006 and 2011 there was an increase in dwellings of 15.2%

4. Population and Population Change in the Largest Population EDs

ED	2006	2011	% Change
Balliasloe Urban	6,049	6,440	6.50%
Tuam Rural	4,622	5,525	19.5%
Loughrea Urban	4,532	5,057	11.6%
Athenry	4,042	4,834	19.6%
Oranmore	3,523	4,321	22.7%
Tuam Urban	2,997	3,290	9.8%
Gort	2,782	2,636	-5.2%
Oughterard	2,563	2,605	1.6%
Clifden	2,118	2,609	23.2%
Portumna	2,030	2,305	13.5%
Báile Chlaír	1,853	2,008	8.4%
Maigh Cuilinn	1,772	2,006	13.2%
Craughwell	1,363	1,634	19.9%
An Spidéal	1,357	1,445	6.5%
Headford	1,349	1,495	10.8%
Na Forbacha	1,239	1,313	6%
Kinvara	1,160	1,356	16.9%

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