

AGE/SEX

In April 2011 Donegal had a population of 161,137, consisting of 80,523 males and 80,614 females.

The population of pre-school age (0-4) was 12,727, of primary school going age (5-12) was 19,463 and of secondary school going age (13-18) was 13,514. There were 21,471 persons aged 65 years and over. The number of persons aged 18 years or over was 117,405.

MARITAL STATUS

Of the 124,188 persons aged 15 years and over, 47,706 were single, 62,322 were married, 4,013 were separated, 2,949 were divorced and 7,198 were widowed.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

There were 57,964 private households in Donegal in April 2011, of which 14,890 were single person households. Of the 41,354 families in the area, 10,982 were couples with no children. The average number of children per family was 1.5 compared with 1.4 nationally.

HOUSEHOLDS BY COMPOSITION

	Donegal		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	14,890	25.7	23.7
Couple without children	10,264	17.7	18.9
Couple with children	21,176	36.5	34.9
Lone parent family	6,947	12.0	10.9
Other	4,687	8.1	11.6
Total	57,964	100.0	100.0

MIGRATION AND NATIONALITIES

95.1 per cent of the usually resident population aged over 1 lived at the same address one year before the census. A further 3.1 per cent lived elsewhere in the same county, 0.7 per cent lived elsewhere in the State while 1.0 per cent lived outside the State twelve months before the census on April 10, 2011.

Non-Irish nationals accounted for 8.1 per cent of the population of Donegal compared with a national average figure of 12.0 per cent. UK nationals (6,795 persons) were the largest group, followed by Polish (2,103 persons).

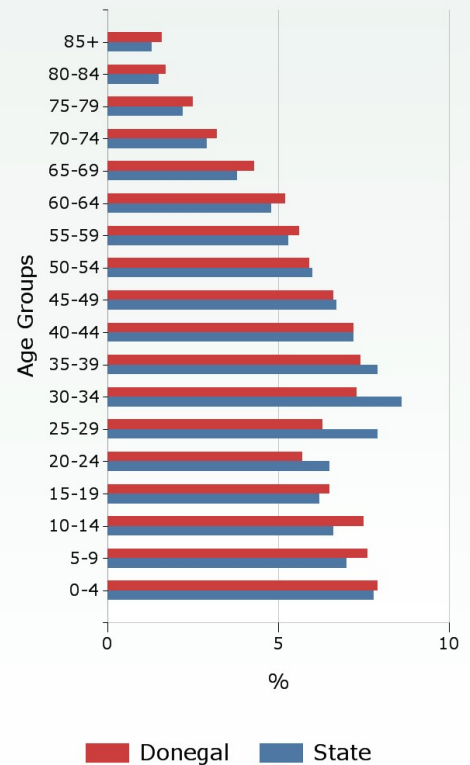
LANGUAGES

58,998 persons could speak the Irish language and of these 27,911 spoke the language daily. 7,954 persons spoke a language other than Irish or English at home and of these 1,434 could not speak English well or at all. Polish was the most common foreign language spoken at home with 2,008 speakers.

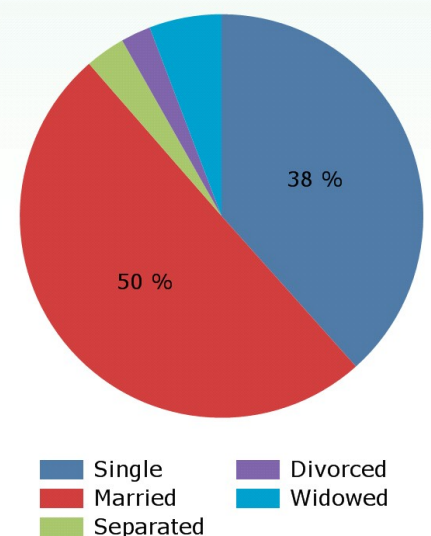
RELIGION

There were 137,639 Roman Catholics in the area at census time. A further 16,990 were adherents of other stated religions (e.g. Church of Ireland, Islam, Presbyterian, Orthodox), while 5,161 persons indicated that they had no religion.

AGE COMPARISON



MARITAL STATUS (AGE 15+)



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THIS AREA: DONEGAL

LABOUR FORCE

There were 72,146 persons aged 15 years and over in the labour force and of these, 73.8 per cent (53,277 persons) were at work. The unemployment rate for this area was 26.2 per cent compared with a national average rate of 19.0 per cent.

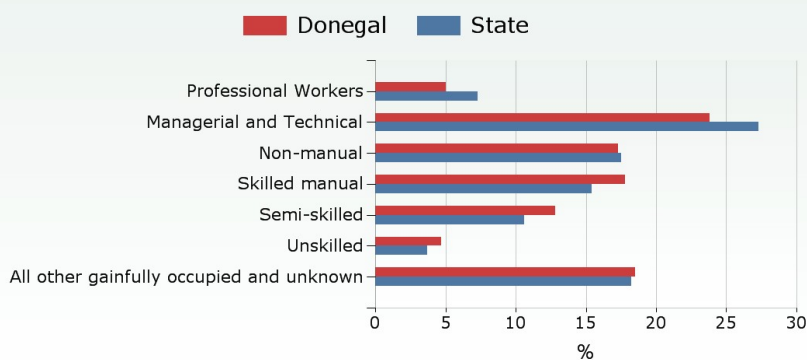
Of the 52,042 persons aged 15 years and over who were outside the labour force, 25.2 per cent were students, 24.8 per cent were looking after the home/family and 36.6 per cent were retired.

Of the 53,277 workers enumerated in Donegal, 5,361 worked outside the area. The daytime working population (resident and non-resident) of Donegal was 37,358 with professional services being the largest industry.

EDUCATION

Of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 26.1 per cent were educated to at most primary level only; a further 50.4 per cent attained second level while 23.5 per cent were educated to third level.

SOCIAL CLASS COMPARISON



TRAVEL TO WORK

The most popular means of travelling to work was by car (driver) with this mode accounting for 64.2 per cent of all journeys. 708 persons commuted using public transport (bus or rail). The average journey time was 22 minutes and 16.9 per cent of workers faced a commuting time in excess of 30 minutes.

DISABILITY AND CARERS

22,646 persons had a disability in April 2011, of whom 8,545, representing 37.7 per cent of the total, were aged 65 years and over.

7,433 persons (2,916 males and 4,517 females) provided regular unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long-term illness, health problem or disability. 24.8 per cent of these provided care for more than 6 hours per day.

HOUSING, INTERNET AND CARS

96.1 per cent of households lived in houses or bungalows while a further 3.5 per cent lived in apartments, flats or bedsits. 43,099 dwellings (74.7 per cent) were owner occupied while 13,989 dwellings (24.2 per cent) were rented. 32.0 per cent of the dwellings in this area were built in the ten years before the census. The average number of persons per household was 2.7 compared with 2.7 nationally.

55.9 per cent of households had broadband connectivity compared with 63.8 per cent nationally. 39.4 per cent of households had two or more cars.

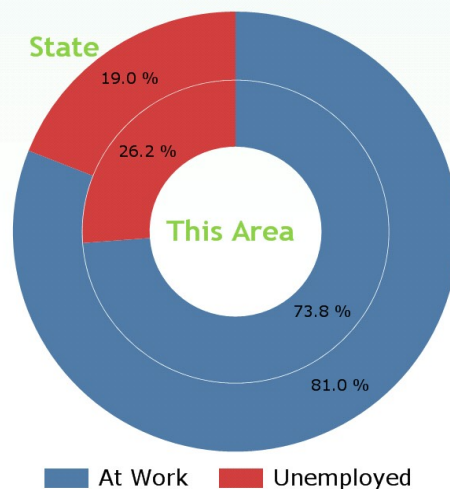
GENERAL HEALTH

In this area 140,026 persons stated they were in very good or good health, representing 86.9 per cent of total persons. This compares to 88.3 per cent of total persons nationally. 2,826 persons stated they were in bad or very bad health, representing 1.8 per cent of total persons in this area. Again this compares with 1.5 per cent of total persons nationally.

WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

Industry	Daytime Working Population
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,451
Building and construction	969
Manufacturing	3,704
Commerce and trade	9,223
Transport and communications	1,955
Public administration	2,948
Professional services	10,313
Other	5,795
Total	37,358

LABOUR FORCE



PERMANENT HOUSING STOCK

Dwelling Type	This Area	State
Occupied or Usually Occupied	59,922	1,705,394
<i>Of which</i>		
House or Bungalow	92.5%	84.7%
Flat, Apartment, Bedsit	3.4%	11.0%
Not Stated	4.0%	4.3%
Vacant	23,996	289,451
<i>Of which</i>		
Holiday Home	44.3%	20.5%
Other	55.7%	79.5%