

AGE/SEX

In April 2011 Meath had a population of 184,135, consisting of 91,910 males and 92,225 females.

The population of pre-school age (0-4) was 17,502, of primary school going age (5-12) was 23,774 and of secondary school going age (13-18) was 14,228. There were 16,322 persons aged 65 years and over. The number of persons aged 18 years or over was 130,735.

MARITAL STATUS

Of the 137,669 persons aged 15 years and over, 50,412 were single, 73,601 were married, 4,653 were separated, 3,173 were divorced and 5,830 were widowed.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

There were 62,201 private households in Meath in April 2011, of which 11,344 were single person households. Of the 49,405 families in the area, 12,930 were couples with no children. The average number of children per family was 1.5 compared with 1.4 nationally.

HOUSEHOLDS BY COMPOSITION

	Meath		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	11,344	18.2	23.7
Couple without children	11,753	18.9	18.9
Couple with children	27,344	44.0	34.9
Lone parent family	6,008	9.7	10.9
Other	5,752	9.2	11.6
Total	62,201	100.0	100.0

MIGRATION AND NATIONALITIES

93.9 per cent of the usually resident population aged over 1 lived at the same address one year before the census. A further 3.2 per cent lived elsewhere in the same county, 2.1 per cent lived elsewhere in the State while 0.8 per cent lived outside the State twelve months before the census on April 10, 2011.

Non-Irish nationals accounted for 10.8 per cent of the population of Meath compared with a national average figure of 12.0 per cent. Polish (3,867 persons) were the largest group, followed by UK nationals (3,638 persons).

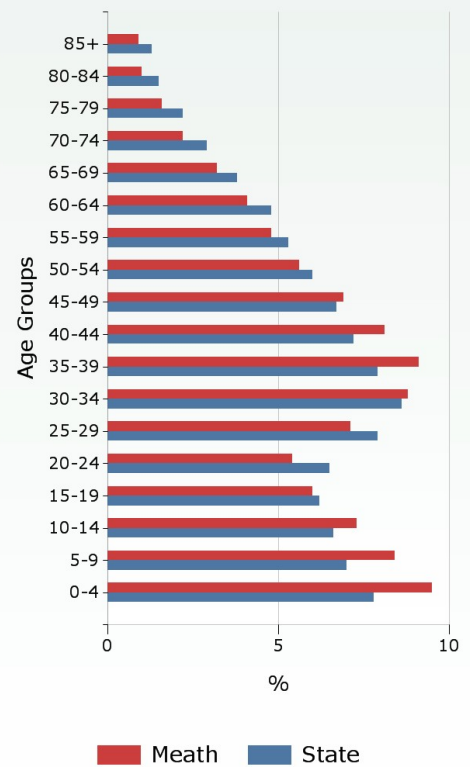
LANGUAGES

68,259 persons could speak the Irish language and of these 26,336 spoke the language daily. 19,832 persons spoke a language other than Irish or English at home and of these 3,915 could not speak English well or at all. Polish was the most common foreign language spoken at home with 3,867 speakers.

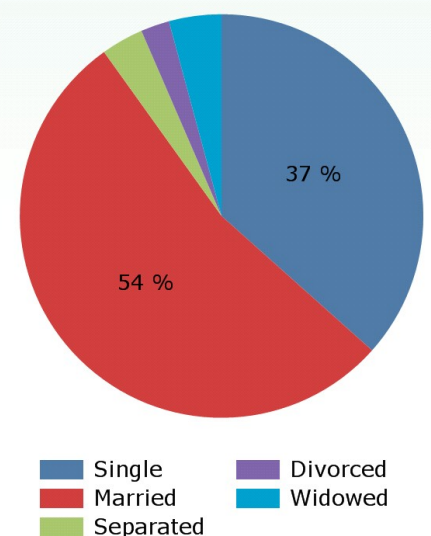
RELIGION

There were 160,527 Roman Catholics in the area at census time. A further 13,244 were adherents of other stated religions (e.g. Church of Ireland, Islam, Presbyterian, Orthodox), while 7,990 persons indicated that they had no religion.

AGE COMPARISON



MARITAL STATUS (AGE 15+)



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THIS AREA: MEATH

LABOUR FORCE

There were 90,634 persons aged 15 years and over in the labour force and of these, 82.0 per cent (74,342 persons) were at work. The unemployment rate for this area was 18.0 per cent compared with a national average rate of 19.0 per cent.

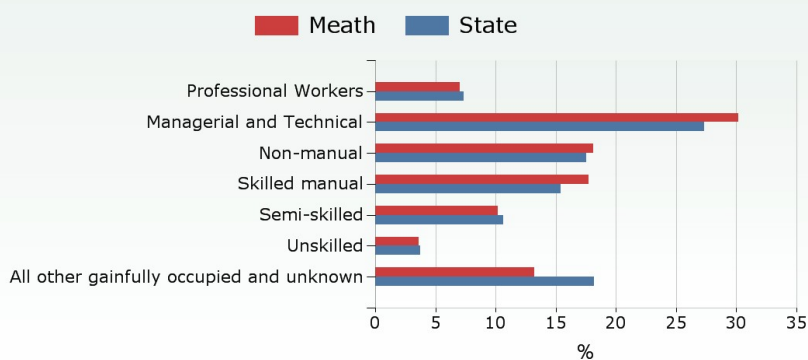
Of the 47,035 persons aged 15 years and over who were outside the labour force, 29.3 per cent were students, 30.0 per cent were looking after the home/family and 29.7 per cent were retired.

Of the 74,342 workers enumerated in Meath, 32,942 worked outside the area. The daytime working population (resident and non-resident) of Meath was 38,822 with commerce and trade being the largest industry.

EDUCATION

Of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 13.5 per cent were educated to at most primary level only; a further 57.6 per cent attained second level while 28.9 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 67.4 per cent of all journeys. 4,348 persons commuted using public transport (bus or rail). The average journey time was 33 minutes and 40.3 per cent of workers faced a commuting time in excess of 30 minutes.

DISABILITY AND CARERS

19,669 persons had a disability in April 2011, of whom 5,821, representing 29.6 per cent of the total, were aged 65 years and over.

6,632 persons (2,545 males and 4,087 females) provided regular unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long-term illness, health problem or disability. 20.4 per cent of these provided care for more than 6 hours per day.

HOUSING, INTERNET AND CARS

92.3 per cent of households lived in houses or bungalows while a further 7.3 per cent lived in apartments, flats or bedsits. 48,541 dwellings (78.4 per cent) were owner occupied while 12,631 dwellings (20.4 per cent) were rented. 37.1 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 3.0 compared with 2.7 nationally.

67.2 per cent of households had broadband connectivity compared with 63.8 per cent nationally. 53.8 per cent of households had two or more cars.

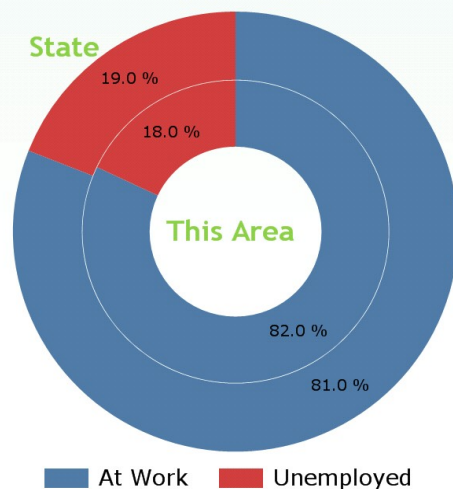
GENERAL HEALTH

In this area 166,866 persons stated they were in very good or good health, representing 90.6 per cent of total persons. This compares to 88.3 per cent of total persons nationally. 2,064 persons stated they were in bad or very bad health, representing 1.1 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	2,862
Building and construction	1,719
Manufacturing	5,514
Commerce and trade	10,137
Transport and communications	1,832
Public administration	2,398
Professional services	9,376
Other	4,984
Total	38,822

LABOUR FORCE



PERMANENT HOUSING STOCK

Dwelling Type	This Area	State
Occupied or Usually Occupied	63,524	1,705,394
<i>Of which</i>		
House or Bungalow	89.3%	84.7%
Flat, Apartment, Bedsit	7.1%	11.0%
Not Stated	3.6%	4.3%
Vacant	6,173	289,451
<i>Of which</i>		
Holiday Home	4.8%	20.5%
Other	95.2%	79.5%