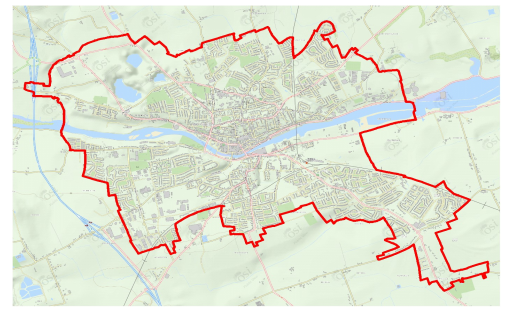


**AREA PROFILE FOR TOWN
DROGHEDA LEGAL TOWN AND ITS
ENVIRONS CO. LOUTH/MEATH**



AGE/SEX

In April 2011 Drogheda had a population of 38,578, consisting of 18,854 males and 19,724 females.

The population of pre-school age (0-4) was 3,542, of primary school going age (5-12) was 4,780 and of secondary school going age (13-18) was 2,691. There were 3,736 persons aged 65 years and over. The number of persons aged 18 years or over was 27,990.

MARITAL STATUS

Of the 29,298 persons aged 15 years and over, 11,949 were single, 13,698 were married, 1,326 were separated, 954 were divorced and 1,371 were widowed.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

There were 14,016 private households in Drogheda in April 2011, of which 3,267 were single person households. Of the 10,211 families in the area, 2,781 were couples with no children. The average number of children per family was 1.4 compared with 1.4 nationally.

HOUSEHOLDS BY COMPOSITION

	Drogheda		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	3,267	23.3	23.7
Couple without children	2,494	17.8	18.9
Couple with children	4,902	35.0	34.9
Lone parent family	1,747	12.5	10.9
Other	1,606	11.5	11.6
Total	14,016	100.0	100.0

MIGRATION AND NATIONALITIES

92.5 per cent of the usually resident population aged over 1 lived at the same address one year before the census. A further 4.2 per cent lived elsewhere in the same county, 2.3 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 16.1 per cent of the population of Drogheda compared with a national average figure of 12.0 per cent. Polish (1,127 persons) were the largest group, followed by Lithuanians (1,044 persons).

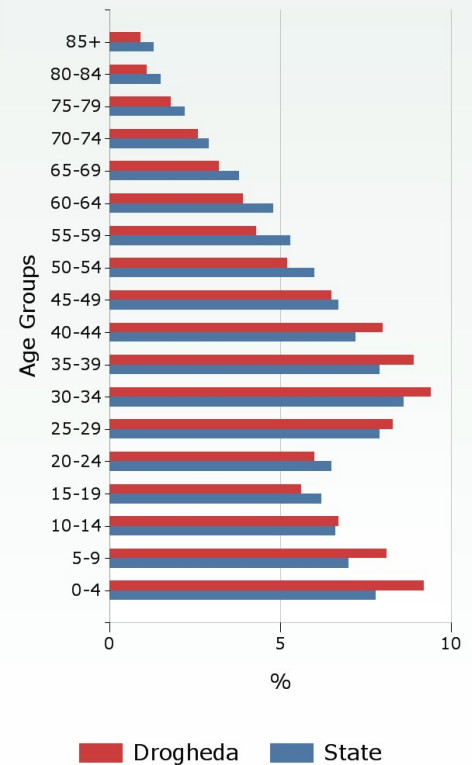
LANGUAGES

11,751 persons could speak the Irish language and of these 4,733 spoke the language daily. 6,337 persons spoke a language other than Irish or English at home and of these 1,210 could not speak English well or at all. Polish was the most common foreign language spoken at home with 1,114 speakers.

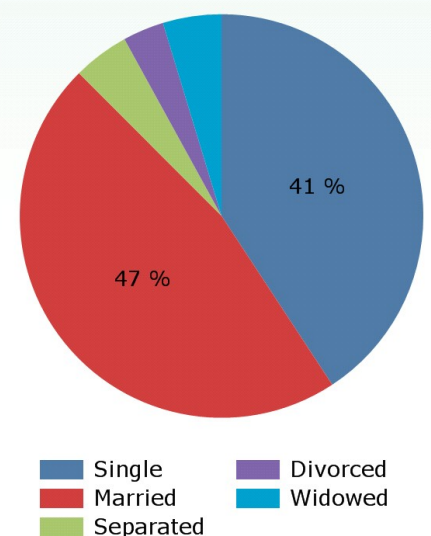
RELIGION

There were 31,965 Roman Catholics in the area at census time. A further 3,882 were adherents of other stated religions (e.g. Church of Ireland, Islam, Presbyterian, Orthodox), while 2,064 persons indicated that they had no religion.

AGE COMPARISON



MARITAL STATUS (AGE 15+)



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THIS AREA: DROGHEDA LEGAL TOWN AND ITS ENVIRONS

LABOUR FORCE

There were 18,804 persons aged 15 years and over in the labour force and of these, 75.6 per cent (14,224 persons) were at work. The unemployment rate for this area was 24.4 per cent compared with a national average rate of 19.0 per cent.

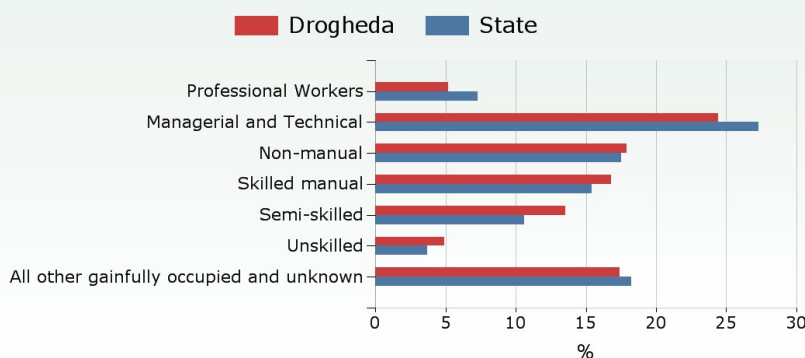
Of the 10,494 persons aged 15 years and over who were outside the labour force, 26.4 per cent were students, 25.4 per cent were looking after the home/family and 32.3 per cent were retired.

Of the 14,224 workers enumerated in Drogheda, 6,203 worked outside the area. The daytime working population (resident and non-resident) of Drogheda was 11,368 with professional services being the largest industry.

EDUCATION

Of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 19.1 per cent were educated to at most primary level only; a further 55.2 per cent attained second level while 25.6 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 58.4 per cent of all journeys. 1,281 persons commuted using public transport (bus or rail). The average journey time was 30 minutes and 32.9 per cent of workers faced a commuting time in excess of 30 minutes.

DISABILITY AND CARERS

5,299 persons had a disability in April 2011, of whom 1,603, representing 30.3 per cent of the total, were aged 65 years and over.

1,373 persons (537 males and 836 females) provided regular unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long-term illness, health problem or disability. 20.5 per cent of these provided care for more than 6 hours per day.

HOUSING, INTERNET AND CARS

90.1 per cent of households lived in houses or bungalows while a further 9.9 per cent lived in apartments, flats or bedsits. 9,334 dwellings (66.6 per cent) were owner occupied while 4,409 dwellings (31.5 per cent) were rented. 28.4 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.

65.1 per cent of households had broadband connectivity compared with 63.8 per cent nationally. 31.5 per cent of households had two or more cars.

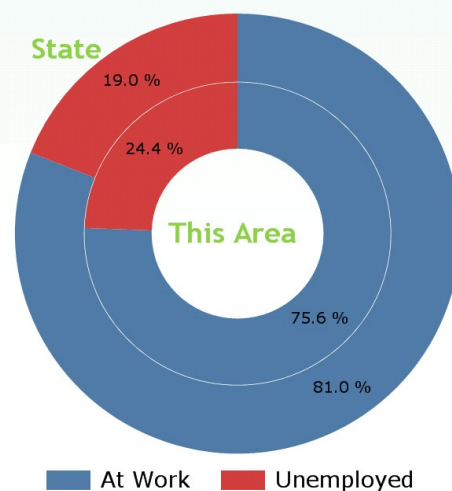
GENERAL HEALTH

In this area 33,489 persons stated they were in very good or good health, representing 86.8 per cent of total persons. This compares to 88.3 per cent of total persons nationally. 725 persons stated they were in bad or very bad health, representing 1.9 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	23
Building and construction	183
Manufacturing	1,487
Commerce and trade	3,472
Transport and communications	576
Public administration	411
Professional services	3,849
Other	1,367
Total	11,368

LABOUR FORCE



PERMANENT HOUSING STOCK

Dwelling Type	This Area	State
Occupied or Usually Occupied	14,388	1,705,394
<i>Of which</i>		
House or Bungalow	85.9%	84.7%
Flat, Apartment, Bedsit	9.5%	11.0%
Not Stated	4.7%	4.3%
Vacant	1,534	289,451
<i>Of which</i>		
Holiday Home	0.1%	20.5%
Other	99.9%	79.5%