

The Terrible Truth About "Ireland 2040" – Sources

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Ireland 2040

- ▶ 25 Year Irish Government planning document.
- ▶ Prime Minister, chief executive and head of government of Ireland: Leo Varadkar – a gay man born to Indian parents.
- ▶ Frances Fitzgerald – she had this to say about pay equity laws:
 - ▶ "I have dedicated most of my adult life to tackling inequality, especially gender inequality. Prior to serving as a TD, I was Chair of the National Women's Council of Ireland and, as well as my own experiences of being a working mother, I am keenly aware of the need to improve gender equality in the workplace.
- ▶ Document:
 - ▶ *By 2040, we know that Ireland will be home to an additional one million people. We will need at least an extra 600,000 jobs and a half a million additional homes. Twenty years ago, we were a country of 3.5m people; by 2040, that will be approaching 6m people. Together with Northern Ireland, our island will have a population of around 8 million by 2040.*
 - ▶ *Between now and 2040, our small but dynamic country will have to cope with enormous changes in social, economic, cultural and environmental terms. For example, the number of people over 65 will more than double by then, half the jobs that people will work at in 2040 may not even exist today and we are likely to be facing increased environmental and climate pressures.*

<http://www.francesfitzgerald.ie/search?updated-max=2018-09-27T11:16:00%2B01:00&max-results=5>

<http://npf.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Ireland-2040-Our-Plan-Draft-NPF-PRINT.pdf>

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- ▶ The remaining 500,000 will be made up of their children subsequently born in Ireland and Ireland's existing birth rate.
- ▶ Coveney revealed this figure at a community meeting he held at a Dublin Bar & Grill in November 2018 while answering a surprise question on the Global Compact on Migration from a member of the public in a Q&A session. He was unaware he was being recorded. The media have not published this figure.
- ▶ Minister For Health, Simon Harris, described the Ireland 2040 project as a major plan which was going to shape the development of Ireland for the next number of years, backed up by "millions and millions and billions" of Euros in capital investment.
- ▶ The countries of origin for the projected 500,000 migrants have not been stated by the government.
- ▶ Comments made by some officials suggest a large percentage of the migrants could be of African origin...

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- 'Simon Coveney asked about the Global Compact — 500,000 migrants for Ireland over next 20 years' | Published 28 Nov 2018

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- 'Irish Population to grow by over a million people over the next number of years' - Simon Harris' | 04 Feb 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxLaVyDccu8>

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- ▶ Tánaiste Simon Coveney focused on Africans in his response to the question on the Global Compact on Migration, stating that the continent of Africa was expected to have an extra billion people over the next 25 to 30 years and that "we need to find new ways of addressing the realities of the mass movement of people by trying to create societies and economies that people want to be part of." He said that EU needs to help African countries lower their birth rate by elevating their development in a much more ambitious partnership with Africa.

- ▶ Brian Hayes, MEP for Fine Gael, the ruling party in Ireland, stated in 2015:

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- 'Brian Hayes: EU could disintegrate on back of migration policy failure' | Irish Times | Oct 30, 2015

<https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/brian-hayes-eu-could-disintegrate-on-back-of-migration-policy-failure-1.2410453>

<http://archive.vn/6OhVd>

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- ▶ Jamie Drummond, Executive Director of ONE spoke to Ireland's Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade and Defence in December, 2017. Drummond co-founded ONE with Bono and other activists to facilitate the immigration of "Africa's doubling population" into Europe. He told the committee:

"As Africa's population doubles, a lot of them, whatever the circumstances, will be coming to Europe as economic migrants or as refugees.

"They will be coming — many of them — and that is a good thing if they come into a place with an open mind and those economies are doing well because we will be senile. We will be senescent demographically. We'll need their youthful energy to do stuff. So, that is just what the economic statistics tell you and the demographic data demands, you know... and demography is destiny.

"Europe and Africa are going to have a very close 21st century."

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rP7wsJU1tWU>

https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/joint_committee_on_foreign_affairs_and_trade_and_defence/2017-12-14/3/

Population Projections

- ▶ **50.4%:** The percentage of under 14s who will have a migrant background by 2061 in Ireland according to a 2011 Eurostat study on population projections for EU nations. Across all ages, the percentage was 45.1%. This was seven years before the Ireland 2040 project was announced.
- ▶ **200%:** The increase in population Tánaiste Simon Coveney (Deputy Prime Minister) says he wants for every city outside Dublin over the next 20-30 years.
— "Over the next 20-30 years, effectively we want to attempt to double the size of all the cities in population terms outside of Dublin."
- ▶ **50%:** The percentage of Longford county's population which will be of a mixture of different foreign ethnicities by 2050 according to Longford's Joint Policing Committee (JPC) at a publicly convened meeting in November 2017.
- ▶ **10 million:** The all-island population of Ireland Tánaiste Simon Coveney wants Ireland to prepare for by 2050 according a document outlining his policy priorities for the Fine Gael Leadership contest in May 2017. His projected figure was **8 million** by 2030. He also supports a new path to citizenship for illegal immigrants who have been in Ireland for more than 3 years.

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- 'Fewer older and multicultural? Projections of the EU populations by foreign/national background' | Eurostat | 2011

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/en/web/products-statistical-working-papers/-/KS-RA-11-019>

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High Noon on Newstalk | 16 May 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04kcBbWQbIY>

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- 'Longford to be mixed race county by 2050' | Longford Leader | 8 Nov 2017

<http://www.longfordleader.ie/news/home/280520/longford-to-be-mixed-race-county-by-2050.html>

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- 'Positive Strong Leadership — Simon Coveney Policy Priorities' | May 2017

<https://www.rte.ie/documents/news/coveney-policy-priorities.pdf>

Demography and pathways

- ▶ 4,757,976: The population of Ireland according to the 2016 census.
- ▶ 16.2%: The percentage of people who were foreign born in Ireland according to the 2016 census excluding people born in Northern Ireland (1.1%).
- ▶ The credibility of the census figures are in question:
- ▶ +28,000: In 2012, the Polish ambassador to Ireland, estimated that the number of Poles in Ireland was 28,000 higher than the census figure of 122,585.
- ▶ +50,000: In 2018, the respective ambassadors of the Baltic states estimated the number of their citizens in Ireland was 50,000 higher than the census figure of 60,000.
- ▶ +80,000 Chinese: The Department of Sociology at Maynooth University released a study in 2006 estimating that the real number of Chinese people living in Ireland was somewhere between 60,000 and 100,000. The study's estimate was made using work permits, visa data and residency figures. Only 16,533 Chinese people filled in the 2006 census. 20,000 ethnic Chinese filled in the 2016 census. Half had Irish citizenship.

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+28,000 Poles: The Polish ambassador to Ireland, Marcin Nawrot, said that the 2011 census may not fully reflect the number of Polish people living here (122,585 according to the 2011 census), which the embassy estimated to be about 28,000 higher.

-"We don't feel that we are strangers here" | The Irish Times | 13 Apr 2012

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/we-don-t-feel-that-we-are-strangers-here-1.500183>

+50,000 citizens of the Baltic States: According to the 2016 census, there were 60,000 people from the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia living in Ireland. However, their respective ambassadors who attended the annual Baltic Day celebrations in May 2018 estimated that the figure was closer to 110,000.

-"Fine Gael Senator calls for day to honour immigrants to Ireland" | The Irish Times | 8 May 2018

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/fine-gael-senator-calls-for-day-to-honour-immigrants-to-ireland-1.3488409>

<http://archive.is/995CT>

Meanwhile "ghost towns" of Latvia are trying to woo their youth back according to a December 2018 Times report.

<https://i.imgur.com/v4nkmz2.jpg>

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- 'Chinese Students in Ireland' | Department of Sociology, National University of Ireland, Maynooth | September 2006

http://eprints.maynoothuniversity.ie/502/1/06_Chinese_Report.pdf

<https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/index.cfm?action=furl.go&go=/librarydoc/chinese-students-in-ireland>

screenshot: <https://i.imgur.com/1lExqnT.jpg>

Demography and pathways

- ▶ **One in four:** The number of children in Ireland who were born to a non-Irish mother according to a 2014 study conducted by Trinity College Dublin.
- ▶ **120,000:** The approximate number of migrants who have been given Irish citizenship between 2011 and 2018.
- ▶ **115,000:** The approximate number of citizens from non-EEA countries who were legally living in Ireland at the end of 2016.
- ▶ English schools (sometimes called visa factories) have been a popular way for non-EEA nationals to attain work visas.
- ▶ Children of migrants can get Irish citizenship if their parents have been in Ireland legally for at least three years at the date of birth.
- ▶ **250,000:** The number of applications for citizenship, asylum and visas, Minister of Justice Charlie Flanagan says his department deals with in Ireland per year.
- ▶ **20,000 to 26,000:** The estimated number of illegal immigrants living and working in Ireland in 2015 according to the Migrant Rights Centre. The estimated number of their children was 5,000.

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- 'One in four children in Ireland are born to a non-Irish mother' | thejournal.ie | 1 Aug 2014
<https://www.thejournal.ie/poverty-children-ireland-immigrant-non-irish-1599272-Aug2014/>

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<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/press-release-minister-citizenship-271117>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vc2JIR9RNMM>

95,000: The estimate number of non-EEA nationals given permission to remain in the State in 2014 compared to 107,000 at the end of 2013.

The top 6 registered nationalities which account for over 50% of all persons registered were Brazil (12%), India (11%), China (9%), USA (7%), Nigeria (6%), and Philippines (5%).

The majority of persons with permission to remain in the State were here for work or study purposes.

- 'Immigration in Ireland – 2014' | The Department of Justice | 26 Jan 2015
<http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PR15000018>

115,000: The approximate number of citizens from non-EU countries legally living in Ireland at the end of 2016.

10,044 citizenship certificates were issued in 2016.

The top 5 nationalities awarded citizenship were Poland (1,328), India (1,028), Nigeria (777), Romania (756) and Philippines (730).

- 'Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service Immigration in Ireland: Annual Review 2016' | Department of Justice and Equality | 2016

http://justice.ie/en/JELR/INIS_Immigration_in_Ireland_Annual_Review_2016.pdf/Files/INIS_Immigration_in_Ireland_Annual_Review_2016.pdf

Visa factories:

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/language-school-reforms-to-eliminate-visa-factories-1.2225294>

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/tighter-regime-for-issuing-of-student-visas-announced-1.1915194>

Children of migrants get Irish citizenship if their parents have been in Ireland legally for three years

- 'Ignoring the result of the birth-right citizenship referendum is not un-constitutional' | East Coast FM | 20 Nov 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VciXu-r8bSQ>

250,000: The number of applications for citizenship, asylum and visas, Minister of Justice Charlie Flanagan says his department deals with in Ireland per year.

- 'Questions on Promised Legislation' | Dáil Éireann debate | 23 Oct 2018

Video: https://youtu.be/w2AELSjm_jE

transcript: <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/dail/2018-10-23/speech/65/>

20,000 to 26,000: The estimated number of illegal immigrants living and working in Ireland in 2015 according to the Migrant Rights Centre.

5000: The estimated number of children these illegal migrants have in Ireland with them.

"Department of Justice officials are considering a proposal aimed at regularising the status of up to 20,000 undocumented migrants living and working in the Republic.

The proposal, drawn up by the Migrant Rights Centre of Ireland"

- 'Government considers proposal on undocumented migrants' | The Irish Times | 9 Jul 2015

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/government-considers-proposal-on-undocumented-migrants-1.2278107>

Demography and pathways

- ▶ In March, 2017, Sinn Féin spokesman on housing, Eoin Ó Broin, said in the Dáil (Irish parliament) that there were **126,000** illegals living in Ireland whom he wanted to "regularise."
- ▶ **20,000**: The number of minors with deportation orders who have been granted Irish citizenship over the last five years, according to Minister of Justice Charlie Flanagan. Less than **1%** of deportation orders against minors were enforced.
- ▶ **62,032**: The number of Muslims in Ireland according to the 2016 census (1.3% of population). Just over half had Irish citizenship.
- ▶ **5,790**: The estimated number of females living in Ireland who have experienced Female Genital Mutilation while **2,639** girls are estimated to be at risk of being subjected to it.
- ▶ Second highest: Ireland's ranking in a list of countries ranked by number of ISIS fighters per overall Muslim Population in a University of Jerusalem study.
- ▶ Over **779,000** passports were issued in 2017, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs' annual report.

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<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/oireachtas/ireland-urged-to-regularise-status-of-undocumented-migrants-1.3031291>

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"Looking at the numbers going back over the last five years, there have been 134 deportation orders enforced against minors or young people. That contrasts with almost 20,000 minors being granted Irish citizenship." - Minister of Justice Charlie Flanagan

-Newstalk News | 22 Oct 2018

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WF_v7fsAyP0

Luxembourg: The only EU country which grants more citizenship to foreign nationals relative to its population than Ireland

-'Ireland grants citizenship to foreign nationals at a greater rate than every EU country bar one'
 | thejournal.ie | 19 Nov 2014

<https://www.thejournal.ie/ireland-citizenship-eurostat-1786053-Nov2014/>

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<http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/Statire/SelectVarVal/Define.asp?maintable=EY038&PLanguage=0>

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- 'Female genital mutilation: 'It's happening here, girls are being taken out of Ireland' | 06 Feb 2018

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/health-family/female-genital-mutilation-it-s-happening-here-girls-are-being-taken-out-of-ireland-1.3374033>

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- 'What Explains the Flow of Foreign Fighters to ISIS?' | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem | May 2017

<https://scholars.huji.ac.il/sites/default/files/eklor/files/w22190.pdf>

Screenshot <http://i.imgur.com/SrJFuGO.jpg>

Over 779,000 passports were issued in 2017, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs' (DFA) annual report.

One-in-five: The number of applications from Great Britain or Northern Ireland.

- 'Record number of Irish passports issued in 2017' | Irish Independent | 29 Dec 2017

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/record-number-of-irish-passports-issued-in-2017-36444048.html>

Demography and pathways

- ▶ **70%:** The percentage of people in Adamstown who were born to non Irish parents according to an RTÉ report in Feb. 2018.
- ▶ **90%:** The percentage of students with a migrant background in one north inner city Dublin school.
- ▶ **22%:** The percentage of students in one west Dublin school who do not use English or Irish as a first language.
- ▶ **14.1%:** The percentage of under 18s in Ireland who do not speak Irish or English at home according to the 2016 census.
- ▶ **40%:** The percentage of the population of Ballyhaunis in Mayo who are "white Irish".
- ▶ Ballyhaunis in Mayo is the town with the fewest Irish people in Ireland. Social cohesion was described as being "under threat" in one local news report in 2015.
- ▶ **26.4%:** The percentage of child protection cases who were immigrant parent families in 2015.

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Approximately 70% of the people in Adamstown are born to non-Irish parents, mostly Indian, Pakistani, African, Filipino and Eastern European.

- 'Adamstown' | RTÉ | 1 Feb 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TA3jeEH4N4>

90%: The percentage of students with a migrant background in one north inner-city Dublin school.

St Mary's in north inner-city Dublin has thirty nationalities and 90% of students have a migrant background.

An average of three school children in every class in Ireland don't speak English or Irish at home.

- 'Dublin city school has thirty nationalities and 90% of students have a migrant background' |

RTÉ News | 19 Jan 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WyuNdwa85s>

22% of students in west Dublin school do not use English as a first language

- '22% of students in west Dublin school do not use English as a first language' | echo.ie/St

Mark's CS Tallaght | 22 Apr 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--N9-OTpfRc>

14.1% of under 18s in Ireland do not speak Irish or English at home

- 'CSO Census 2016'

<https://i.imgur.com/w74avSM.png>

<https://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/Statire/SelectVarVal/Define.asp?maintable=E7010&PLanguage=0>

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-'"Social cohesion' of Ballyhaunis 'under threat'" | Mayo News | 1 Dec 2015

<http://www.mayonews.ie/news/26885-social-cohesion-of-ballyhaunis-under-threat>

<http://archive.is/E5agt>

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-'Immigrant parent families make up 26.4% of child protection cases, says report' | Irish Independent | 30 Nov 2015

<https://www.independent.ie/breaking-news/irish-news/immigrant-parent-families-make-up-26-4-of-child-protection-cases-says-report-34245482.html>

Demography and pathways

- ▶ A report into identity fraud, obtained by The Irish Times in 2006 under the Freedom of Information Act, found there was an organised network which involved "huge trade" in genuine documents, such as P45s, tax credit certs and social services cards, in order to obtain PPS numbers.
- ▶ **1,900:** The number of applications made in 2010 by non-EU nationals for residence based on marriage to an EU national in Ireland under EU Treaty Rights. The numbers involved were almost equal to Ireland's asylum application numbers that year.
- ▶ The largest non-EU nationality group making such applications were from Pakistan which accounted for nearly **20%** of all EUTR applications.
- ▶ Two-thirds of these Pakistani applications involved an EU partner from the Baltic States.
- ▶ **More than 50%:** The percentage of all marriages in Ireland between men from outside the EU and non-Irish EU women in 2011 who were believed by Irish police to have been shams.
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- 'Organised network dealing in fake PPS numbers' | Irish Times | 30 Jan 2006

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/organised-network-dealing-in-fake-pps-numbers-1.1008194>

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- 'Minister Dermot Ahern announces end of year asylum statistics' | Department of Justice | 7 Jan 2011

<http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/2010-asylum-stats>

More than 50%: The percentage of all marriages in Ireland between men from outside the EU and non-Irish EU women in recent years are believed by gardaí to have been shams.

Gardaí believe hundreds of men, typically from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, came to Ireland in recent years with the intention of getting married to a woman from one of the other 27 EU states, usually one in eastern Europe.

Most of the men applied for asylum when they first arrived in Ireland. Gardaí believe they were doing so to give themselves time to organise their bogus marriages.

'Bogus marriages in Republic linked to asylum claims' | The Irish Times | 25 Jan 2017

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/bogus-marriages-in-republic-linked-to-asylum-claims-1.2949938>

Demography and pathways

- ▶ **10%:** The approximate percentage of asylum seekers who were granted refugee status in Ireland up to 2017.
- ▶ **80%:** The percentage of deportation orders on failed asylum seekers which are NOT implemented according to the ESRI.
- ▶ In January, 2018, the Irish Independent reported of an alleged, undeclared scheme being operated by the immigration authorities allowing failed asylum seekers without a criminal record and who had been in Ireland for five years or more, to stay. Legal professionals working on asylum cases referred to this scheme as the "scheme that doesn't exist."
- ▶ The **five** leading countries of origin for asylum applicants in 2017 were Georgia, Albania, Pakistan, Nigeria and Zimbabwe which are not acknowledged conflict zones with high grant rates.
- ▶ **75%:** The percentage of asylum seekers who were granted refugee status in Ireland in 2017 at first instance according to Eurostat.

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<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/ireland-refuses-asylum-to-90pc-of-applicants-35229842.html>

<https://www.thedetail.tv/articles/republic-of-ireland-s-record-of-granting-asylum-below-eu-average>

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<https://www.esri.ie/pubs/RS65.pdf#page=24>

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('Mother resorted to prostitution to fund son's medication, court hears' -Irish Independent, 2018)

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/courts/mother-resorted-to-prostitution-to-fund-sons-medication-court-hears-36518112.html>

<http://archive.is/Dr6Qo>

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<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/khaled-s-story-direct-provision-is-like-living-in-a-jail-1.3388461>

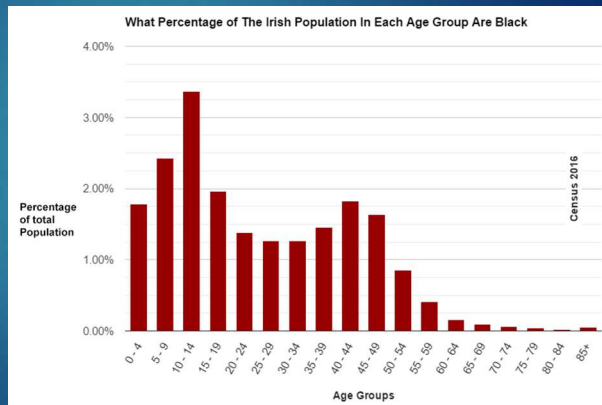
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[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=File:Distribution_of_first_instance_decisions_on_%28non-EU%29_asylum_applications,_2017_%28%25%29_YB18.png)

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Demography and pathways

- ▶ **3.3%:** The percentage of 10-14 year olds who were of African origin in the 2016 census. This peak can be attributed to the period between 1998 & 2004 when citizenship through birth was a constitutional right and pregnant women were flying in.



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<http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/Statire/SelectVarVal/Define.asp?maintable=EY038&PLanguage=0>

Impact on housing

- ▶ **58%:** The percentage of households who were on the waiting list for social housing in 2011 in North Dublin who were not Irish citizens. (30.5% were non-EU citizens). The figure was 29.5% nationwide.
- ▶ **15.7%** of the Irish population were listed as foreign-born in the 2011 census.
- ▶ **36%:** The percentage of households who were on waiting list for social housing in 2017 in North Dublin who were not Irish citizens (14.8% were non-EU citizens). The figure was 27.7% nationwide.
- ▶ **17.3%** of the Irish population were listed as foreign-born in the 2016 census.
- ▶ **110,000:** The number of migrants have been granted Irish citizenship in the interim years between 2011 and 2017 who now count as "Irish" which masks accurate figures for migrants.
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2016 census data:

<http://www.cso.ie/en/csolatestnews/presspages/2017/census2016summaryresults-part1/>

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Impact on housing

- ▶ One example of what is counted as an "Irish family" in the housing statistics being given their second council home by the leader of Ireland (Taoiseach Leo Varadkar) after out-growing their old one in North Dublin.



<https://twitter.com/campaignforleo/status/1059399695078998016>

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/race-abuse-for-family-given-home-keys-by-leo-37515256.html>

TD Noel Rock confirmed the family were Irish citizens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKVxrqpPX4>

Impact on housing

- ▶ **35%:** The percentage of rent supplement paid out to house non-Irish citizens in 2015.
- ▶ Over **€520 million** was spent nationally on rent supplement in 2012, accounting for half of all residential rents in Ireland.
- ▶ Rent Supplement is a means-tested payment for certain people living in private rented accommodation who cannot provide for the cost of their accommodation from their own resources.
- ▶ **69.8%** of non-Irish citizens were in the private rental sector in 2015 compared to **11.8%** for Irish citizens.
- ▶ **One in five:** The number of TDs (representatives in the Irish parliament) who are landlords or invest in property.
- ▶ **€40 million:** The annual rent paid to Ireland's largest landlord who is Canadian. Ires Reit launched in 2014, and has built up a portfolio of 2,288 apartments across Dublin.
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- 'Huge scale of immigration is making our housing crisis worse' by David Quinn | Irish Independent | 3 March 2017

<https://www.independent.ie/opinion/columnists/david-quinn/huge-scale-of-immigration-is-making-our-housing-crisis-worse-35498057.html>

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- 'Provision of social housing for non-EU nationals queried' | Fingal Independent | Jan 31, 2012)

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- 'Revealed: One in five TDs and Ministers are landlords or invest in property' | Irish Independent | 14 Feb 2018

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- 'Ires Reit: the facts behind Ireland's biggest landlord' | The Irish Times | 8 Aug 2016

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- 'Ireland's biggest landlord: 'I feel bad for the Irish people'' | The Irish Times | 18 Nov 2016

<https://www.irishtimes.com/business/commercial-property/ireland-s-biggest-landlord-i-feel-bad-for-the-irish-people-1.2870230>

Impact on housing

- ▶ **One third:** The percentage of families being put up in hotels in emergency accommodation by the Irish government despite having no right to social housing because they are mostly not EU citizens according to the Housing Minister.
- ▶ **90%:** The percentage of the homeless in Dublin's oldest homeless charity workshop who are Eastern European. Declaring as homeless is the fastest way to get up the housing list.
- ▶ **300:** The number of new homes needed every week for population growth of 1,000 per week in Ireland according to Ossian Smyth, a Green Party Councillor.
- ▶ The Central Statistics Office (CSO) said the population grew 64,500 in the year to April 2018. Of the 90,300 who immigrated, 28,400 were Irish nationals returning, (31.5%). Of the 56,000 who emigrated, 28,300 were Irish nationals (50%). Net inward migration among non-Irish nationals was estimated to be +33,900 in 2018.
- ▶ In September, the ESRI (Economic and Social Research Institute) commented on the ongoing Irish housing crisis. They said there was no end in sight to the rent and house price spiral. Supply is still well below demand and falling unemployment, wage growth and inward migration are all set to drive prices higher, it said.

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- 'The Pat Kenny Show' | Newstalk | 5 Oct 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaqacVei-4U>

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- 'Irish population figures booming with over 90,000 people immigrating here since last year' | The Irish Mirror | 18 Sep 2018

- 'Ireland has just experienced its largest population growth since 2008' | Irish Examiner | 28 Aug 2018

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- ▶ In November 2018, the ESRI has said that in order to meet housing demand, there needs to be an influx of immigrant construction workers.
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- 'Leo Varadkar: On Brexit, the poppy & a United Ireland - #IrelandUnfiltered' | 06 Nov 2018 (Skip to 13:40)

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Welfare and employment

- ▶ According to Eurostat, in Ireland, the economic activity rate for Irish nationals aged 20-64 was **76.2%**. For non-EU citizens, it was **63%**. For citizens of other EU member states, the figure was 78.8%.
- ▶ Non-EU citizens aged 20-64 were in 2013 twice as likely (21.3%) to be unemployed in one of the EU's 28 member states compared to "nationals" (10.0%) according to Eurostat.
- ▶ **107,767**: The number of foreign nationals who were given a PPS Number in 2016 allowing them to work in Ireland.
- ▶ **52,000**: The number who subsequently registered some form of employment activity that year.
- ▶ The employment rate for African nationals in the 15-64 year age group in Ireland was **45%** compared to **66%** for all Irish nationals in 2017 according to the ESRI.
- ▶ Africans' pattern of employment has persisted throughout the recession and recovery. Their employment rates actually **declined** between 2016 and 2017, when most labour market outcomes for nearly every other nationality group improved.
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- 'Monitoring report on integration 2018' | ESRI | November 2018

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Welfare and employment

- ▶ **16.7%:** The percentage of eligible workers among Roma who reported that they were in employment according to a Department of Justice study. According to Pavee Point community development worker Gabi Muntean in 2018, the figure was **10%**.
- ▶ **5,000:** The estimated number of Roma living in Ireland in 2018.
- ▶ **No fiscal boost from EU migrants in Ireland:** Migrant EU workers have not boosted Ireland's public finances according to a University of Uppsala study in 2018.
- ▶ **80%:** The percentage of immigrants assigned PPS numbers in 2008 who had no employment at any time in 2013.
- ▶ **22,573 people out of 127,048 (17.8%)** who arrived in 2008 were on social welfare in 2013, up 266 on the 2012 figure.
- ▶ The CSO cited several reasons for the increase in social welfare activity including the birth of a child and jobseekers claims.
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- 'Roma in Ireland | A National Needs Assessment' | Department of Justice/Pavee Point | <https://www.paveepoint.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/RNA-PDF.pdf>

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- 'Report finds Roma in Ireland live in 'extreme poverty' | RTÉ | 18 Jan 2018
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Migrant European Union workers have boosted the public finances in most countries in Europe, chief among them Switzerland, Cyprus, Norway and Belgium, according to a University of Uppsala study in 2018. The report showed 21 of 29 countries studied got a fiscal boost from EU migration while seven Eastern European nations and Ireland lost out slightly because EU migrants in those countries tended to be older or lower paid.

- 'EU migration boost public coffers in most of Europe - study' | euronews | 22 Mar 2018
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- '80% of immigrants assigned PPS numbers in 2008 not employed' | Irish Times | 27 Jan 2015
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- 'Statistics on Personal Public Service Numbers Issued' | welfare.ie | Last updated 16 Apr 2018
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Welfare and employment

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- ▶ **€40 million:** The amount of money Ireland has paid out in child welfare benefits to the families of 7,938 children living in other European Union countries over a three year span (2014-2017).
- ▶ The vast majority was paid to the families of more than 4,500 children living in Poland who are entitled to €140 a month per child from the Irish government.
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- 'FG: Pay jobless migrants to leave' | Irish Examiner | 05 Sep 2008

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The second highest amount of Irish child welfare goes to the UK where the families of more than 1,848 children receive benefits from the Government every month.

The third highest amount is paid to the families of 482 children in Lithuania, where the top rate of child benefit paid to parents living in the country is €34. The lowest rate is €11.38.

Ireland also pays €140 a month for 332 children in Romania where the local rate is €19. Some 182 children in Latvia receive the Irish child benefit rate - the top local payment is €34.14.

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- 'Revealed: How much Ireland paid out in child welfare benefits to families in other EU countries' | Irish Independent | 5 Mar 2018

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/politics/revealed-how-much-ireland-paid-out-in-child-welfare-benefits-to-families-in-other-eu-countries-35503022.html>

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Healthcare

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- ▶ A record number of 512 people were diagnosed with HIV in 2016.
- ▶ **61%** (311) of people diagnosed with HIV were born outside Ireland. 25% were born in Ireland and 13% did not have info on their country of birth.
- ▶ Sex between men accounted for 51% of transmissions where information was available
- ▶ Of the 311 cases among known migrants, 36% were born in sub-Saharan Africa, while 33% were born in Latin America.
- ▶ 53% of all female cases were born in sub-Saharan Africa.
- ▶ 30% of migrants diagnosed in 2016 were transferring their care to Ireland.
- ▶ The annual cost to treat HIV per case is €25,000.
- ▶ There was a 6% increase in STI diagnoses overall in 2018 compared to 2017. When broken down there was 6,739 cases of Chlamydia, 1,989 of Gonorrhoea, 1,383 of Herpes, 19 cases of Lymphogranuloma, 441 of Syphilis, and 53 reported cases of Trichomoniasis.

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Crime

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Language	Requests	
	2016	2015
Polish	2,420	2,141
Romanian	1,449	1,433
Lithuanian	1,081	1,049
Russian	797	712
Latvian	240	259
Mandarin	243	251
Portuguese	232	166
Czech	194	160
French	97	120
Arabic	183	118
Other	1079	1,081
Total	8,015	7,490

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The other languages to feature in the top 10 were Lithuanian (14.8%), Russian (9.9%), Mandarin (4.5%), Latvian (3.4%), Vietnamese (2.6%), Portuguese (2%), Arabic (1.7%), and Czech (1.5%)."

- 'Courts Service pays over €1m for interpreters' | Irish Examiner | 11 May 2015

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Crime

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- 'Nationality of Persons committed by year from 2008 to 2014' | irishprisons.ie |

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Some 66 nationalities are represented in Irish jails with Polish, Lithuanian, British and Romanian men forming the largest ethnic groupings after Irish inmates.

Records from the Irish Prison Service (IPS) show 3,516 men, including 441 non-nationals, were incarcerated at the end of September.

A total of 77 Polish, 66 Lithuanian, 63 British, 49 Romanian and 18 Latvian men were inmates in Irish institutions, with Nigerian, Brazilian, Chinese, and Czech nationals also significantly represented.

Of the 3,650 people in custody in the State earlier this year, 134 were women.

- 'Irish jails home to prisoners of 66 nationalities' | The Irish Times | 5 Dec 2016

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- ▶ The pregnant woman was quoted that she had been told by one gang member that she was "just giving us hassle because we're black."
- ▶ Several locals told how the gangs used social media to organise their rampage, even bragging to their victims online about how easy it is to organise "posh-bashing" sprees.
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Crime

- ▶ Sentences can often be lenient towards migrants.
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- ▶ On one occasion, the three took turns raping the girl in a forest clearing. The court heard that one of them said, "You look like you're going to cry." The girl slapped him across the face and asked: "Can you blame me?" She said she was still on antidepressants, and has had suicidal thoughts.
- ▶ On delivering her sentence, Judge Mary Ellen Ring noted that the sexual offence conviction might "cause them not to get employment, or to lose employment" and that this was punishment in itself.
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Polls

- ▶ A 2018 ESRI "Attitudes to Diversity in Ireland" report found that:
 - 59%** of the Irish public wanted to allow either just a few or no Muslim migrants to come and live in Ireland.
 - 75%** of the Irish public wanted to allow either just a few or no Roma migrants to come and live in Ireland.
 - 42%** of the Irish public wanted to allow either just a few or no European migrants to come and live in Ireland.
 - No other ethnicities were polled for.
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- ▶ **28%** of young Muslims aged between 16 and 26 believed violence for political ends was sometimes justified.
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