

Census 2002 - Carers Statistics

1. Numbers, Urban Rural Divide and Gender of Carers

There were 148,754 carers in Ireland aged 15 and over, according to the Census 2002.

Table 1.1: All Carers – Living in Urban and Rural Areas

Area	Numbers	As % of total
Urban	82,967	56%
Rural	65,787	44%

Table 1.2: Male Carers – Living in Urban and Rural Areas

Area	Numbers	As % of total
Urban	31,412	55%
Rural	26,068	45%

Table 1.3: Female Carers – Living in Urban and Rural Areas

Area	Numbers	As % of total
Urban	51,555	56%
Rural	39,719	44%

2. Carers – Numbers of Hours of Unpaid Help Provided

Of the total 148,754 carers in the state as a whole,

Table 2: Carers Classified by the number of unpaid hours of help provided

Hours Worked Per Week	Numbers of Carers	As % of total no. of carers
1 to 14	84,862	57%
15 to 28	15,409	10.5%
29 to 42	7,957	5.5%
43 and over	40,526	27%

Therefore, more than 1 in four carers provide full-time care in the home.

3. Carers – Numbers Classified by Geographical Areas

Table 3.1: Carers in towns

Town	Number of Carers (aged 15 and over)
Dublin	36,458
Cork	7,330
Limerick	3,264
Galway	2,280
Waterford	1,525
Bray	1,025
Tralee	868
Kilkenny	771
Sligo	692
Naas	534
Wexford	602
Clonmel	604
Mullingar	503
Portlaoise	368
Tullamore	398
Nenagh	195

Table 3.2: Carers in Counties, Provinces and Cities

County / Area	Numbers	As % of total
Leinster	76,167	51.2
Carlow	1,600	1.07
Dublin	40,720	27.37
Dublin city	18,107	12.17
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	7,636	5.13
Fingal	6,940	4.66
South Dublin	8,037	5.40
Kildare	5,308	3.56
Kilkenny	3,111	2.09
Laois	2,260	1.51
Longford	1,281	0.86
Louth	3,745	2.51
Meath	4,792	3.22
Offaly	2,346	1.57
Westmeath	2,663	1.79
Wexford	4,141	2.78
Wicklow	4,200	2.82
Munster	43,561	29.28
Clare	4,110	2.76
Cork	17,881	12.02
Cork City	4,954	3.33
Cork County	12,927	8.69

County / Area	Numbers	As % of total
Kerry	5,597	3.76
Limerick	6,926	4.65
Limerick City	2,167	1.45
Limerick County	4,759	3.19
Tipperary North	2,505	1.68
Tipperary South	1,619	1.08
Waterford	3,529	2.37
Waterford City	866	0.58
Waterford County	2,064	1.38
Connacht	19,341	13
Galway	8,362	5.62
Galway city	2,273	1.52
Galway county	6,089	4.09
Leitrim	1,074	0.72
Mayo	5,091	3.42
Roscommon	2,482	1.66
Sligo	2,332	1.56
Ulster (part of)	9,685	6.51
Cavan	2,220	1.49
Donegal	5,361	3.60
Monaghan	2,104	1.41

4. Age Profile of Carers

Table 4: Age profile of Carers

Age Group	Numbers	As % of Total
15-24 years of age	11,744	8%
25-34 years of age	18,477	12%
35-44 years of age	37,444	25%
45-54 years of age	40,961	28%
55-64 years of age	23,557	16%
65 and over	16,571	11%

5. Marital Status of Carers

Table 5: Marital Status of Carers

Marital Status	Numbers	As % of total
Single	40,413	27%
Married	94,624	64%
Separated*	7,997	5%
Widowed	5,729	4%

* including divorced

6. Carers Classified By Nationality

Table 6: Carers Classified by Nationality

Nationality	Number	As % of Total
Irish	139,890	94%
UK	3,533	2%
Rest of EU	585	0.4%
Rest of Europe	475	0.3%
Africa	349	0.2%
Asia	661	0.4%
America	402	0.3%
Other Nationalities	193	0.1%
Not stated	892	0.6%

Does not equal 100% due to rounding

7. Carers Classified by Principal Economic Status

Table 7: Carers Classified by Economic Status

Economic Status	Number	As % of total
At Work	77,385	52%
Looking for 1 st job	679	0.5%
Unemployed	5,412	4%
Student	6,699	4.5%
Looking after home / family	38,241	26%
Retired	12,707	8.5%
Unable to work due to permanent sickness / disability	5,300	3.5%
Other	2,361	1%

8. Carers and Computer Ownership and Access to Internet.

Table 8: Carers in private households, classified by personal computer ownership, access to Internet

Total Carers (in private households)	141,713
In households having a personal computer	
Yes	78,411
No	61,459
Not stated	1,843
In households having access to internet	
Yes	62,110
No	77,427
Not stated	2,176
In households having both personal computer and internet	60,846
No	

There were a total of 387,254 people living in households in which there were one or more usually resident carers