

Census 2002

Housing in County Wexford

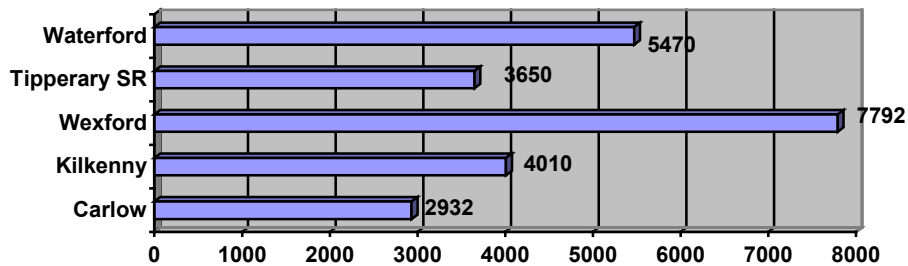


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Executive Summary

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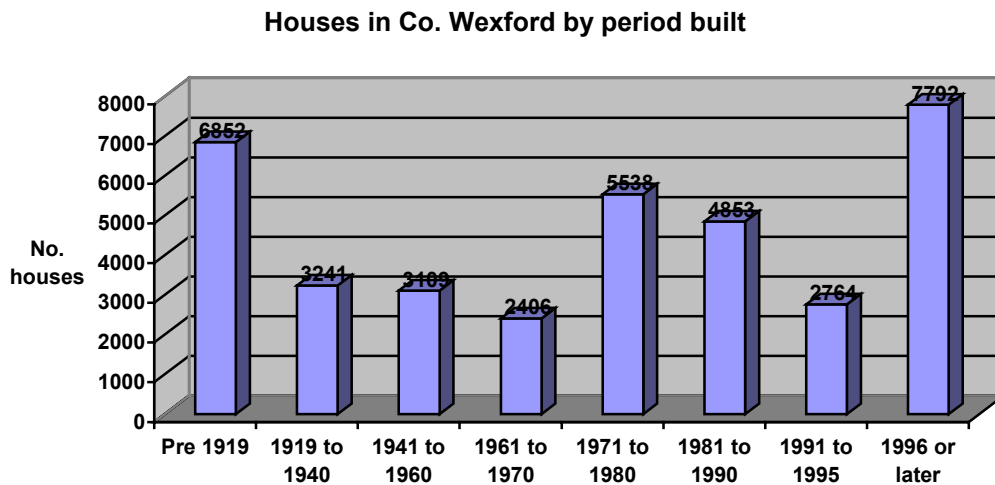
Number of houses built in South East region 1996-2002



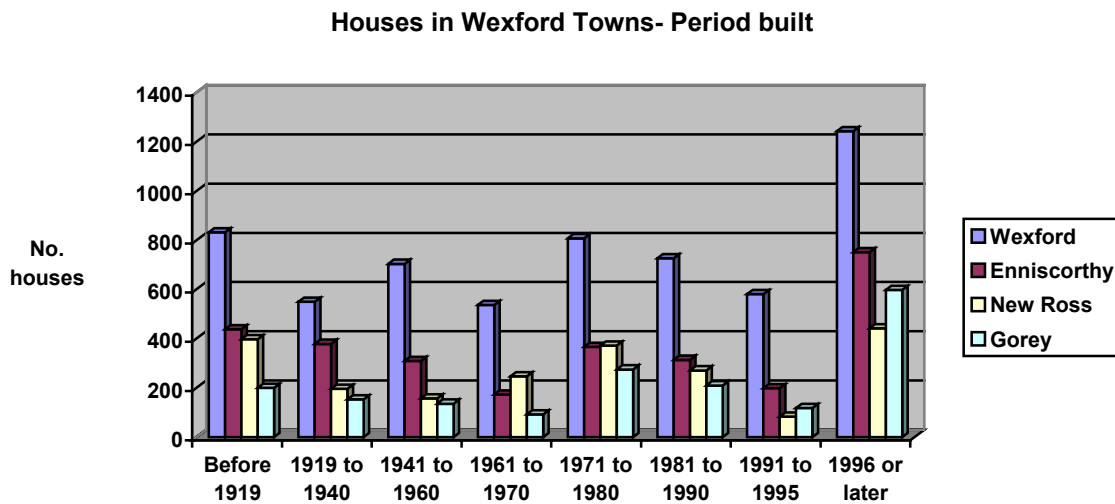
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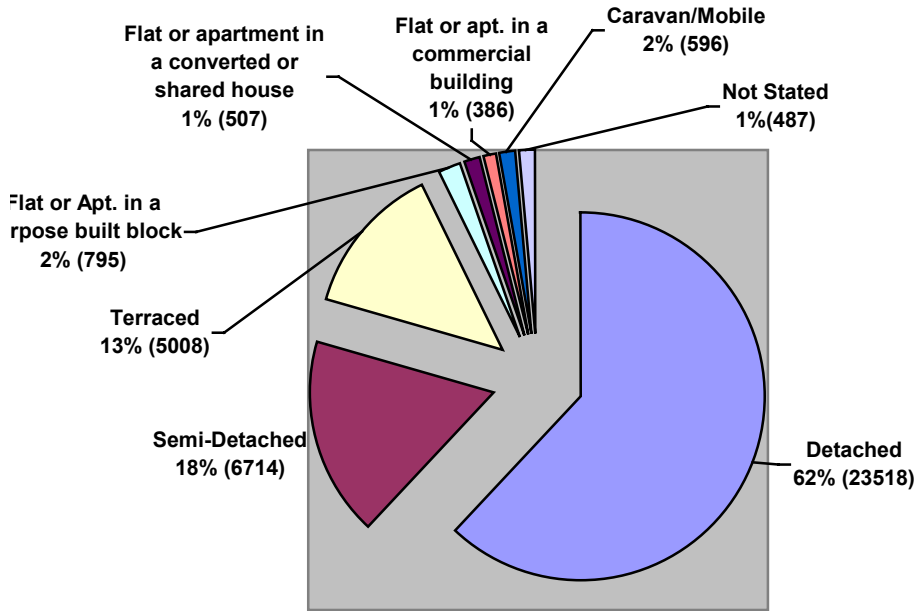


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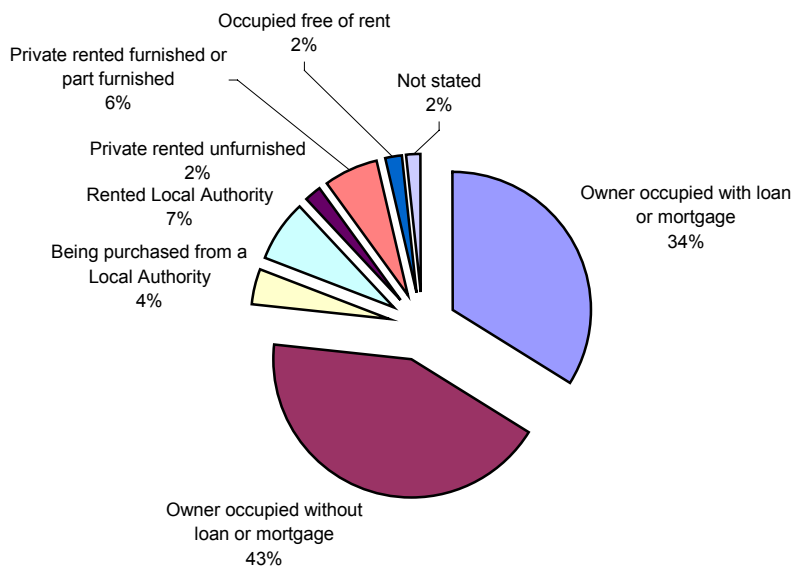
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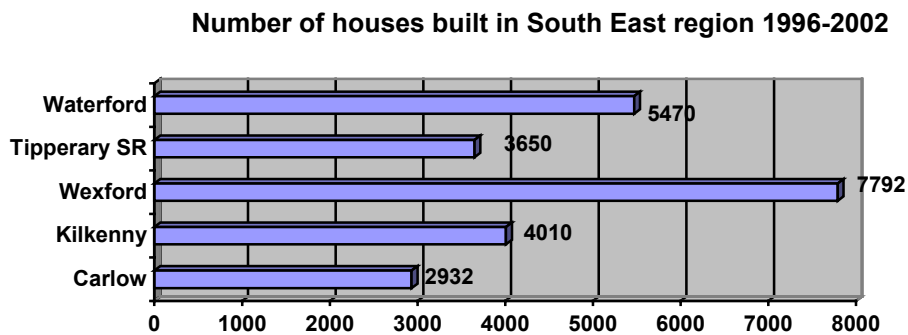
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Nature of Occupancy of Co. Wexford houses 2002



Introduction

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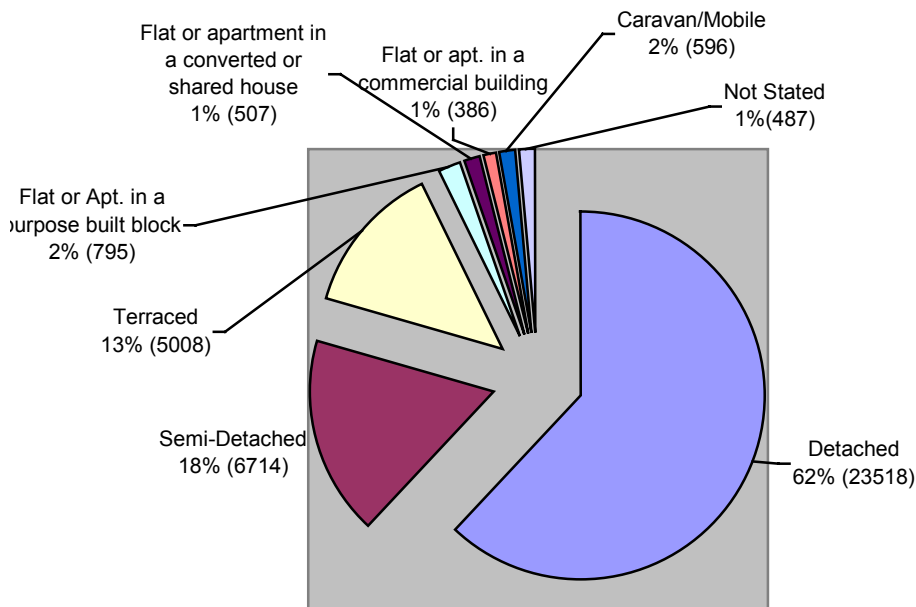
As can be seen by the chart above, County Wexford had the highest rate of housing development in the region in the years 1996 to 2002. At the moment, 21% of the total houses built and occupied in the county were built between 1996 and 2002.

Within Wexford towns, 33% of the housing stock in Gorey town was built between 1996 and 2002, 20% of the housing stock of New Ross and Wexford, and 25% of Enniscorthys' houses were built in that period. In all, 39% (3034) of houses built in the period 1996-2002 were built in the urban areas of Gorey, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford and 61% (4758) were built in the rural area of the county.

Type of Accommodation

Houses in County Wexford by type of accommodation

The following chart illustrates the number of houses in County Wexford by type of accommodation. The majority of the houses in the county are detached, at 62% of the total. Of the Detached houses, 86% (20,131) of these are in a rural area and 14% (3,387) are in an urban area. Being a predominantly rural county, it is no surprise that 53% of the total numbers of houses in the county are detached houses in a rural area.

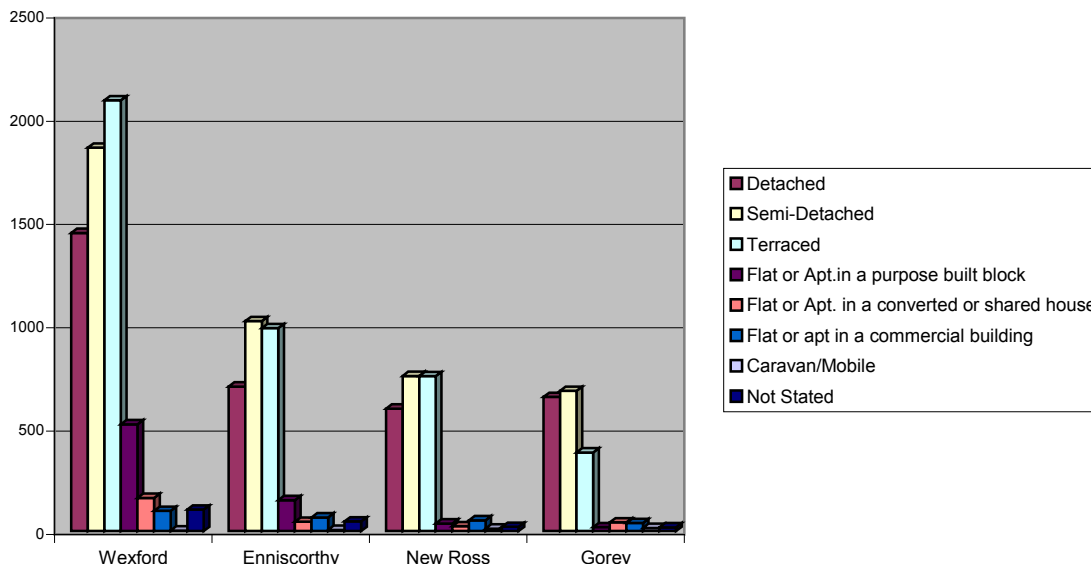


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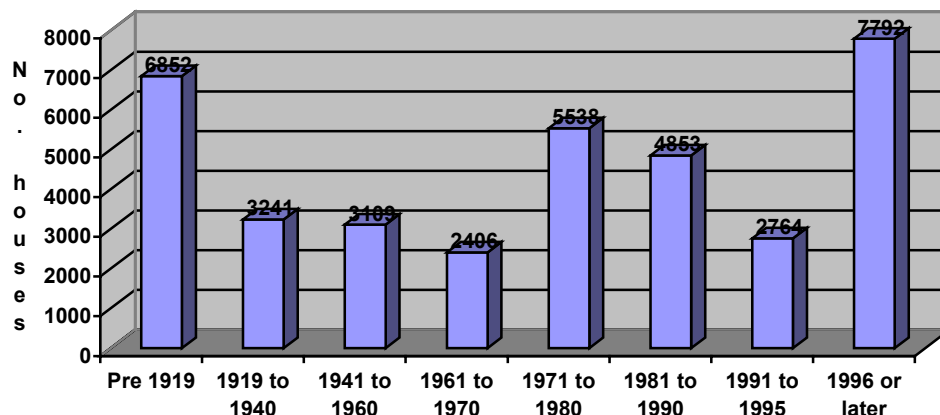
	Total	Detached	Semi-Detached	Terraced	Flat or Apt. Purpose built block	Flat or Apt.-Converted or shared house	Flat or Apt.-commercial building	Caravan / Mobile	Not Stated
Wexford	6270	1444	1857	2086	517	161	98	3	104
Enniscorthy	3014	700	1017	983	150	45	66	6	47
New Ross	2240	593	751	750	37	24	52	12	21
Gorey	1843	650	679	381	19	42	39	15	18

Private Dwellings in permanent housing units by period in which built

In 2002, there were 37,415 houses in County Wexford. 7792 of these (21%) of these houses were built between 1996 and 2002. The Chart and associated table below shows the percentage of number of houses in the county broken down by the period in which they were built. In effect, this shows the rate of house building in the county.

Private dwellings in permanent housing units by period in which built: Co. Wexford

Houses in Co. Wexford by period built



Houses in County Wexford by period in which built

Period in which built	Before 1919	1919 to 1940	1941 to 1960	1961 to 1970	1971 to 1980	1981 to 1990	1991 to 1995	1996 or later	Not stated	Total
Co. Wexford	6852	3241	3109	2406	5538	4853	2764	7792	860	37415
% Share	18.3%	8.7%	8.3%	6.4%	14.8%	13%	7.4%	21%	2.1%	100%

The Chart below illustrates the period in which the houses of Gorey, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford were built.

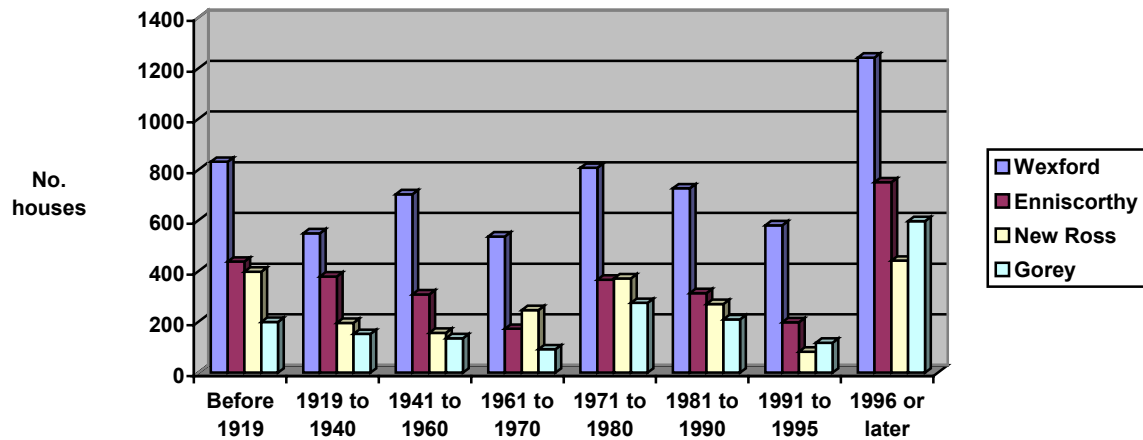
Houses in Wexford Towns by period in which built

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Wexford	832	550	704	537	808	727	581	1243	285	6267
Enniscorthy	438	379	309	173	367	314	199	751	78	3008

New Ross	398	196	157	247	372	271	83	442	62	2228
Gorey	200	153	136	92	275	210	118	598	46	1828

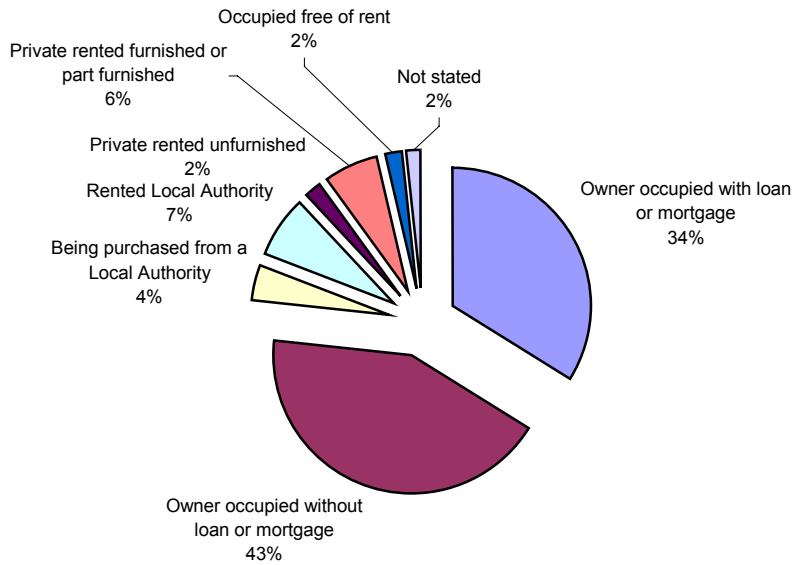
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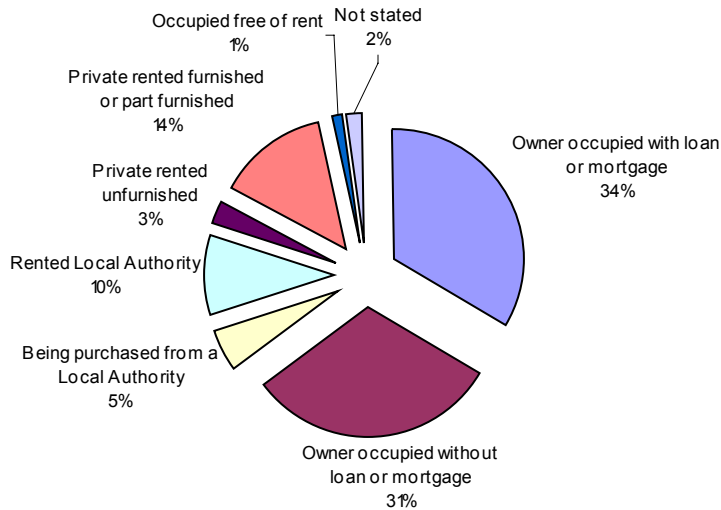
**Nature Of Occupancy of Houses -Co.
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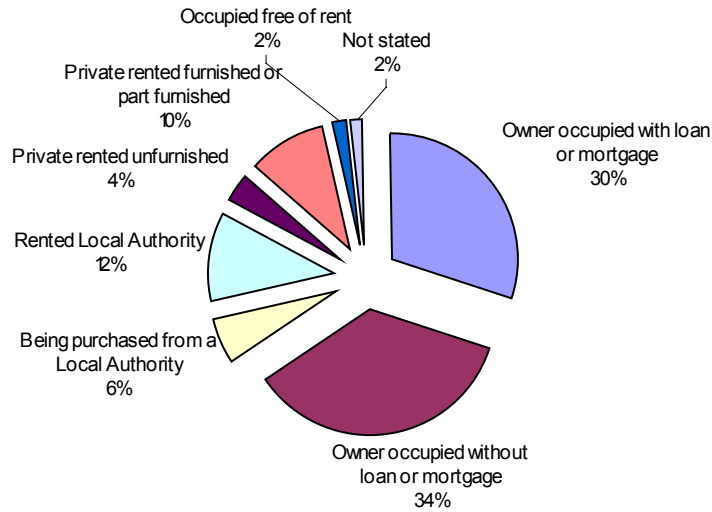
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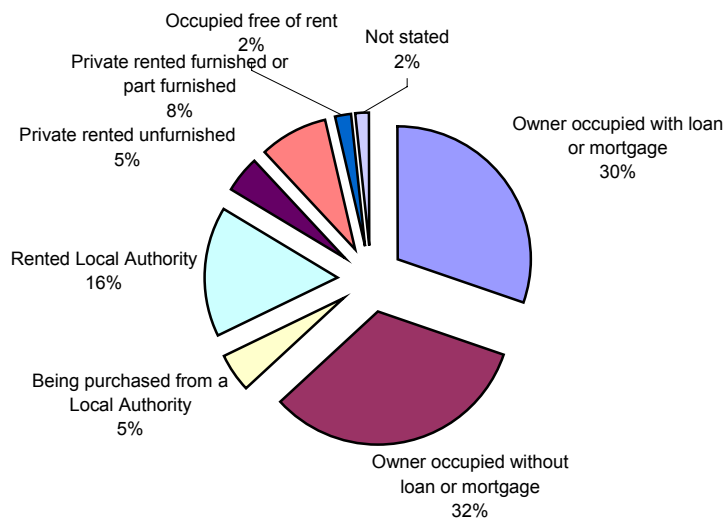
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Enniscorthy town- Nature of Occupancy



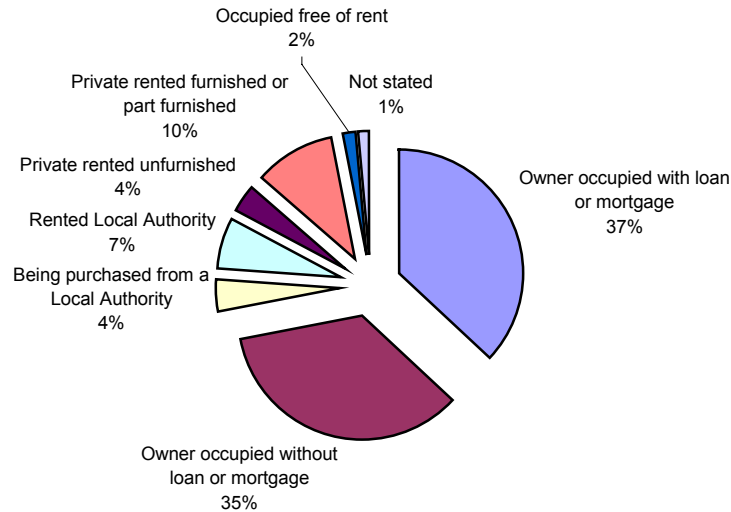
Enniscorthy and Gorey Towns have the highest proportion of Owner occupied accommodation without a loan or mortgage at 34% and 35% respectively.

New Ross- Nature of Occupancy



New Ross has the highest proportion of Local Authority houses with 21% of houses being bought or rented from the Local Authority.

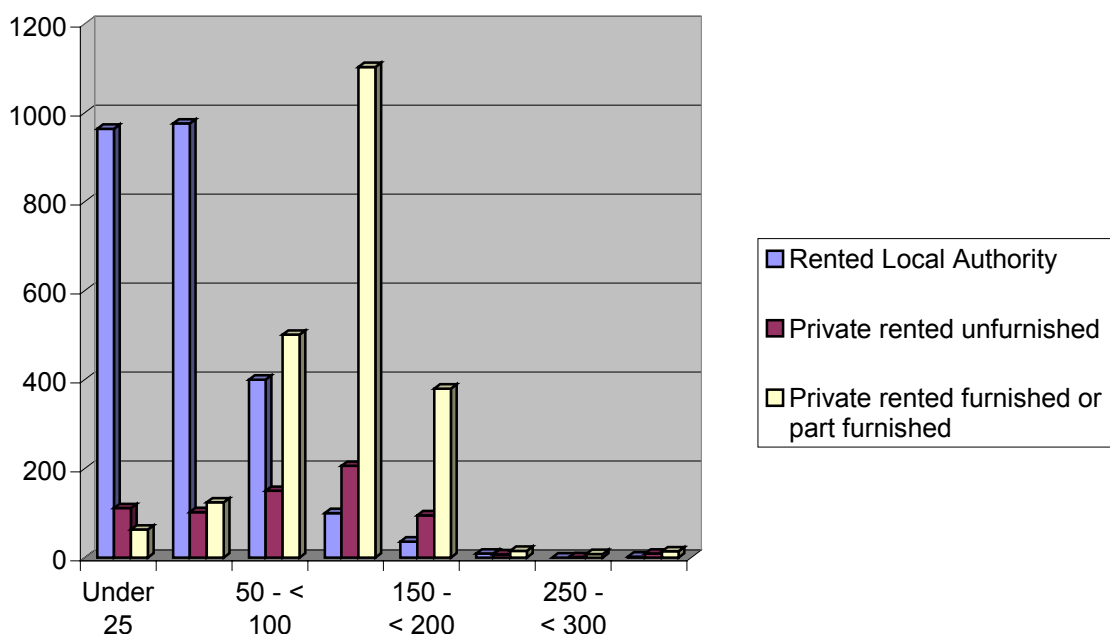
Gorey- Nature of Occupancy



Gorey town has the highest proportion of Owner occupied houses of towns in the county with 73% of houses owner occupied. The town also has the lowest proportion of Local Authority houses. 6% of houses in Enniscorthy are being purchased from the Local Authority, the highest proportion in the county.

Rented Housing and Rent Levels

The chart and table below show the levels of rent in the county under Local Authority, Privately Rented Furnished and Privately Rented Unfurnished.



Rented private dwellings in permanent housing units in County Wexford, classified by weekly rent and nature of occupancy, 2002

Occupancy Type	Total	Under 25 Euros	25 - < 50 Euros	50 - < 100 Euros	100 - < 150 Euros	150 - < 200 Euros	200 - < 250 Euros	250 - < 300 Euros	300 Euros and over	Not stated	Average Weekly Rent (Euro)
Rented Local Authority	2749	964	976	400	100	36	9	0	2	262	38.68
Private rented unfurnished	744	111	102	150	206	95	7	1	9	63	94.87
Private rented furnished or part furnished	2326	63	124	501	1103	380	15	8	14	118	116.61

The most common weekly rent amount for rented Local Authority accommodation in the county is between €25 and €50 euros, averaging at €38.68. For Private Rented Unfurnished and Furnished accommodation the most common amount is between €150 and €250 Euros per week.

Persons per Household

There are 3.01 persons per household in Wexford County. For the Aggregated Urban areas, there are 2.75 persons per household and for the Aggregated Rural areas;

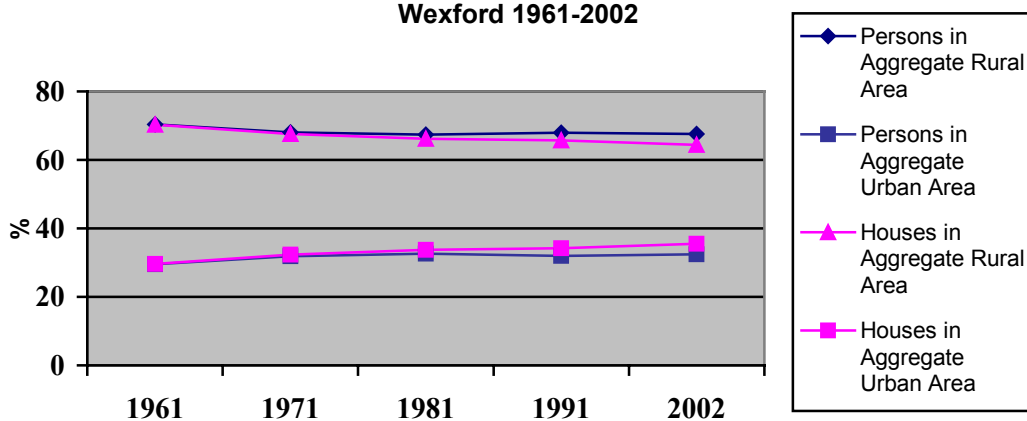
there are 3.16 persons per household. Carlow and Kilkenny have also just over 3 persons per household, while Waterford and Tipperary South have marginally less than 3 persons per household. The state average is 2.95 persons per household.

Persons per Private Household in County Wexford per Type 2002

House Type	Detached	Semi-Detached house	Terraced House	Flat or Apt. in a purpose built block	Flat or Apt. in a converted or shared house	Flat or Apt. in a commercial building	Caravan, mobile or temporary structure	Not stated	Total
Persons	73902	20356	13736	1467	927	882	1397	1474	114,141
% Total Persons per type	65%	18%	12%	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%	1.1%	1.2%	100%
Number of Houses	23518	6714	5008	795	507	386	596	487	38,011
Average No. of persons per house	3.14	3.03	2.74	1.84	1.83	2.28	2.34	3.03	3.01

73,902 people or 65% of the population of the county live in a detached house with 18% and 12% living in a semi-detached and terraced house respectively. The average number of persons per house in the county is 3.01.

**Persons and Houses in Aggregated Rural and Urban Areas:
Wexford 1961-2002**



The Chart above shows the trend for persons and houses in the aggregated rural and urban areas of the county. Before 1981, there was very little change in the percentage of houses or of people in the Urban and rural areas. Since 1981, the percentage of houses in the aggregate rural area has decreased and increased in the aggregate urban area. Meanwhile the percentage of persons within the aggregate urban and rural areas has remained stagnant.

Therefore, while the proportion of individual house development has been tending away from the rural areas and into the urban areas, the proportion of people within the aggregated Urban and Rural areas has actually remained the same.

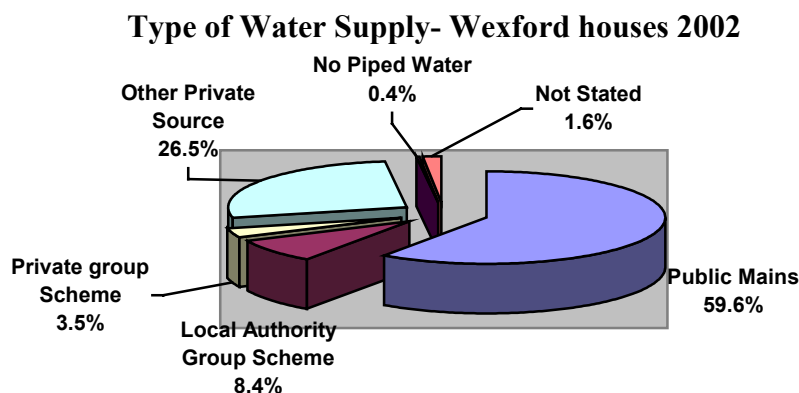
This points towards the emergence of lower numbers of persons per house within the urban areas with possibly the development of smaller apartment or flat units within these areas. It should also be kept in mind that the population has increased by 14,527 in the years from 1991 to 2002 which shows that while the proportion of people in the rural and urban areas has remained the same, there have been marginally higher rates of housing growth in the urban areas.

Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities

Water Supply in Wexford Houses 2002

Type of Water Supply/ Total	Public Mains	Local Authority Group Scheme	Private Group Scheme	Other Private source	No Piped water	Not Stated
37415	22285	3136	1314	9912	167	601
100.0%	59.6%	8.4%	3.5%	26.5%	0.4%	1.6%

The table above and chart below shows the Water supply in Wexford Houses in 2002. 59.6% (22,285) of houses use the Public Mains supply. 26.5% use another Private source, including private wells. 8.4% use the Local Authority group scheme and 3.5% use a Private group scheme.



Sewerage facility in Wexford houses: 2002

Type of Sewerage facility/ Total	Public Scheme	Individual Septic tank	Other	No sewerage facility	Not Stated
37415	16581	19467	616	243	508
100.0%	44.3%	52%	1.6%	.7%	1.4%

52% of Wexford houses use an individual septic tank for treatment of their sewerage while 44.3% use a Public Scheme. 1.6% of houses have 'Other' sewerage facilities. 0.7% or 243 houses still have no sewerage facility.

Central Heating

84.3% of houses in the State have Central Heating, while 82.2% of houses in the South East and 81.2% of houses in the county have central heating. Gorey town has the highest proportion of houses in the county with central heating at 82.3% of the housing stock. 74.4% of houses in New Ross have central heating.

Central heating in houses of State, Region and County

	Has Central heating	Has no Central Heating	Not Stated	Total
State	1,079,055(84.3%)	169,235(13.2%)	31,237(2.4%)	1,279,617
South East	113,161(82.2%)	21,615(15.7%)	2662(1.9%)	137,638
Wexford County	30,413(81.2%)	6454(17.2%)	548(1.5%)	37,415
Towns: Wexford	4830(77%)	1327(21.1%)	110(1.8%)	6267
New Ross	1658(74.4%)	544 (24.4%)	26(1.2%)	2228
Enniscorthy	2305(76.6%)	663(22%)	40(1.3%)	3008
Gorey	1505(82.3%)	296(16%)	27(1.5%)	1828

Ownership of Personal Computer and Access to the Internet

43.5% of households in the State have a personal computer and 34.1% have Internet access. Wexford County and the South East have almost the same proportion with a personal computer and Internet access at 39. % and circa 30% respectively.

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	Has a Personal Computer	Has Internet access	Total
State	556,445(43.5%)	435,762(34.1%)	1,279,617
South East	53,989(39.2%)	41,270(30.%)	137,638
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Of the towns in County Wexford, Gorey Town has the highest percentage of households with a personal computer while Gorey and New Ross have the highest percentage of households with Internet access. Enniscorthy has the lowest percentage of households with both a personal computer and Internet access.

Conclusion

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