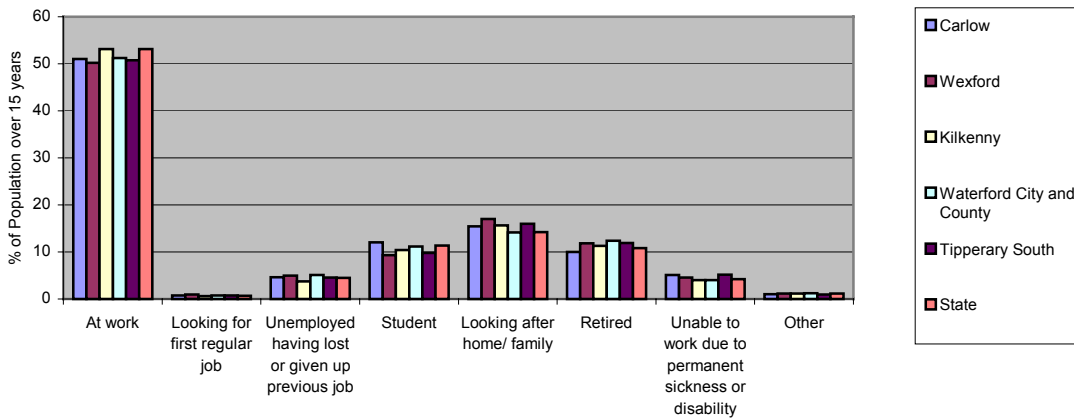


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1. Principal Economic Status

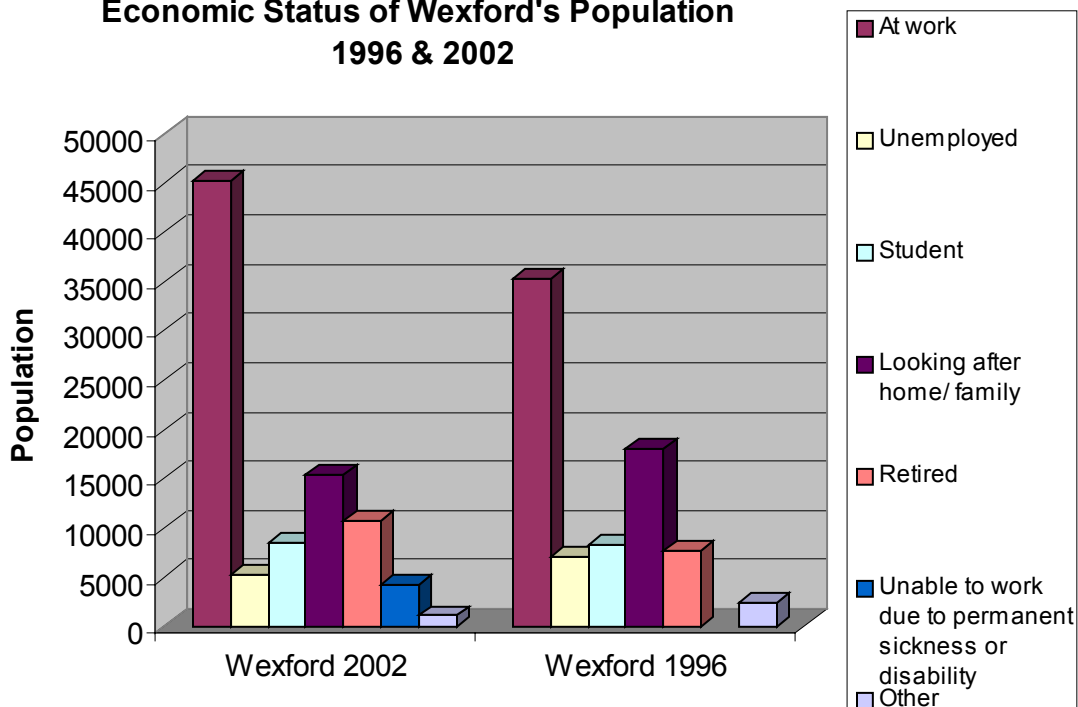
The following charts illustrate the Principal Economic Status of the South East region and the State. As can be seen, Kilkenny has the highest percentage population who say they are ‘at work’ or employed. Wexford has the lowest percentage population over 15 years at work and the highest who say they are on ‘home duties’ in the South East.

Principal Economic Status - South East 2002



The following chart illustrates the Principal Economic Status in 1996 & 2002 of the population of the county.

Economic Status of Wexford's Population 1996 & 2002



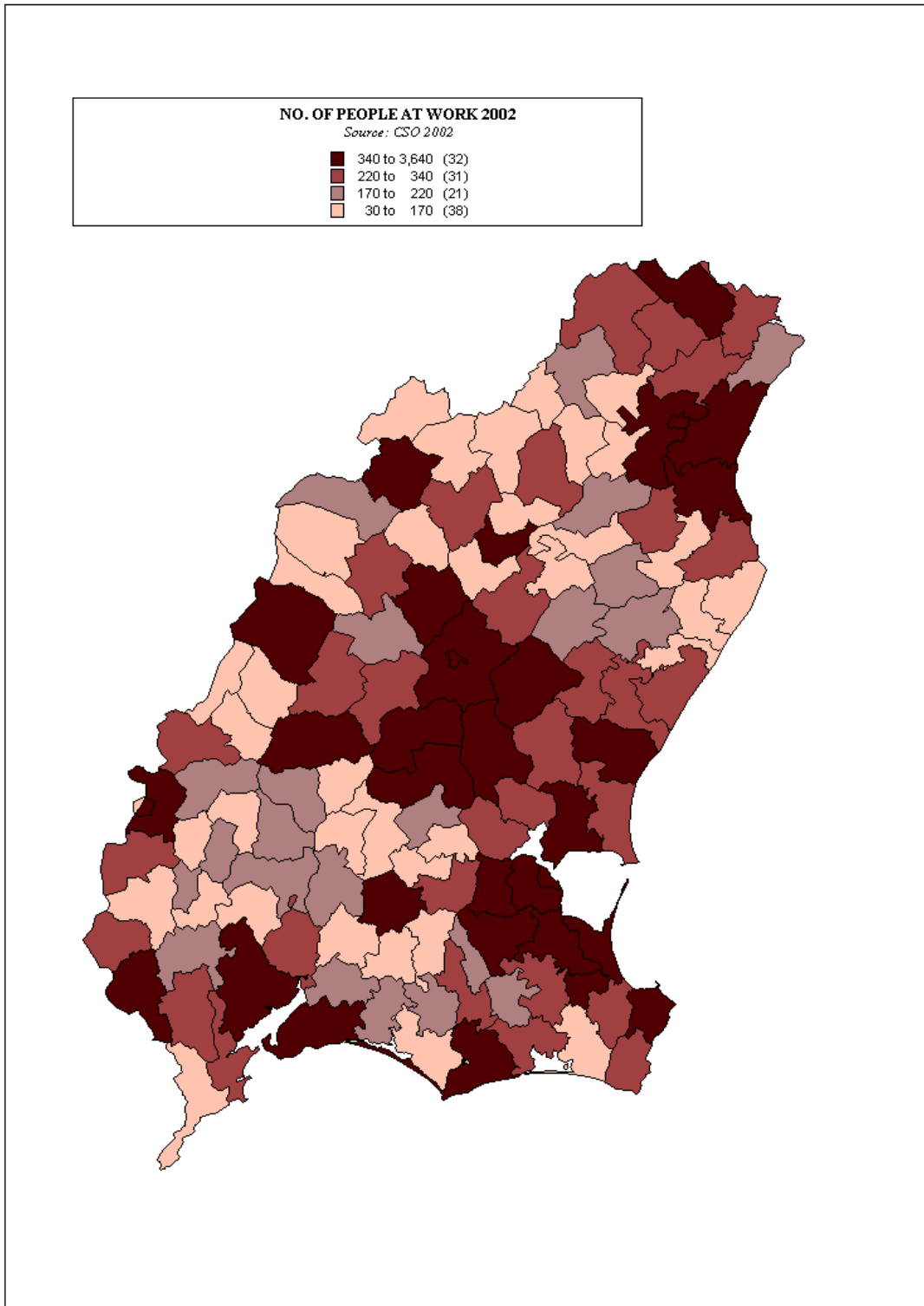
The structure of Wexford's Population has changed considerably since 1996, with a decrease in the numbers unemployed despite the increased population. Interestingly, despite the vast increases in population, the number of students has only marginally increased. The category 'unable to work due to a disability' was introduced in 2002.

The following maps will look individually at each category under Principal Economic Status at DED level

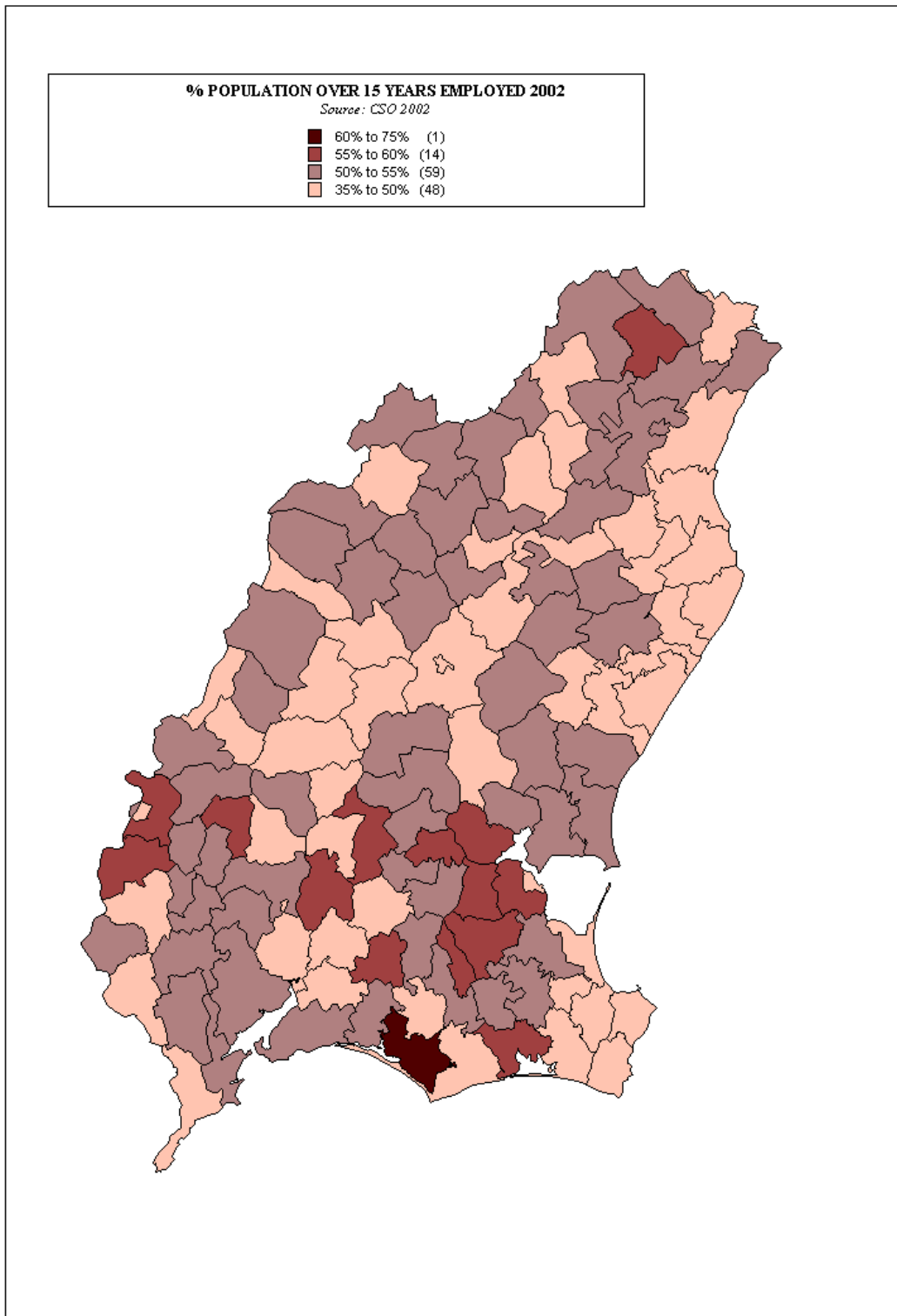
These are:

- a. Employed or at work**
- b. Unemployed**
- c. Student**
- d. On 'Home Duties', looking after home or family**
- e. Retired**
- f. Those unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability**

- a. **Employed or At Work:** The following maps show the number and percentage of the population at work in the County. As expected, the higher numbers of people employed are primarily around the urban or larger village centres.



The following map shows the percentage population at work at DED level, The map shows that there is higher proportional employment within the Southern DED's which is probably due to their proximity to Wexford town and Waterford city with Killag DED showing the highest employment rate in the county.



b. Unemployment

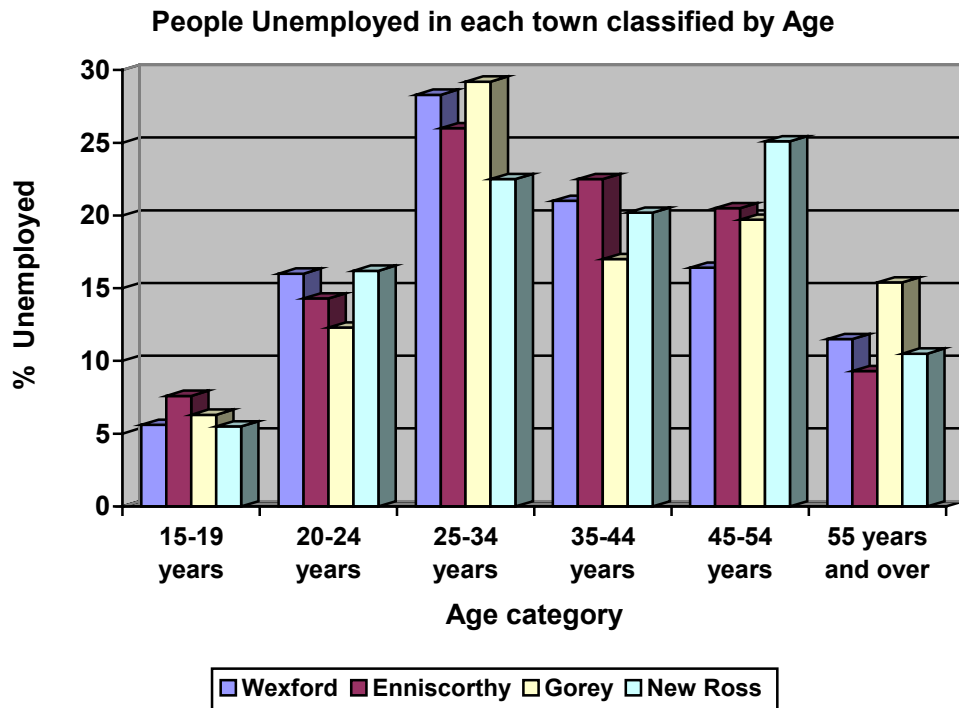
Based on the Principal Economic Status and taken as a percentage of the Labour Force, County Wexford has an overall Unemployment rate of 10.5%, the South East Region has a total unemployment rate of 9.5% and the State has an unemployment rate of 8.8%.

The following table (**Table 1**) shows the number of people unemployed within Wexford’s four main towns of 1,500 people or more- Wexford, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Gorey.

Table 1: Labour Force and Unemployed for Wexford Towns over 1500 people

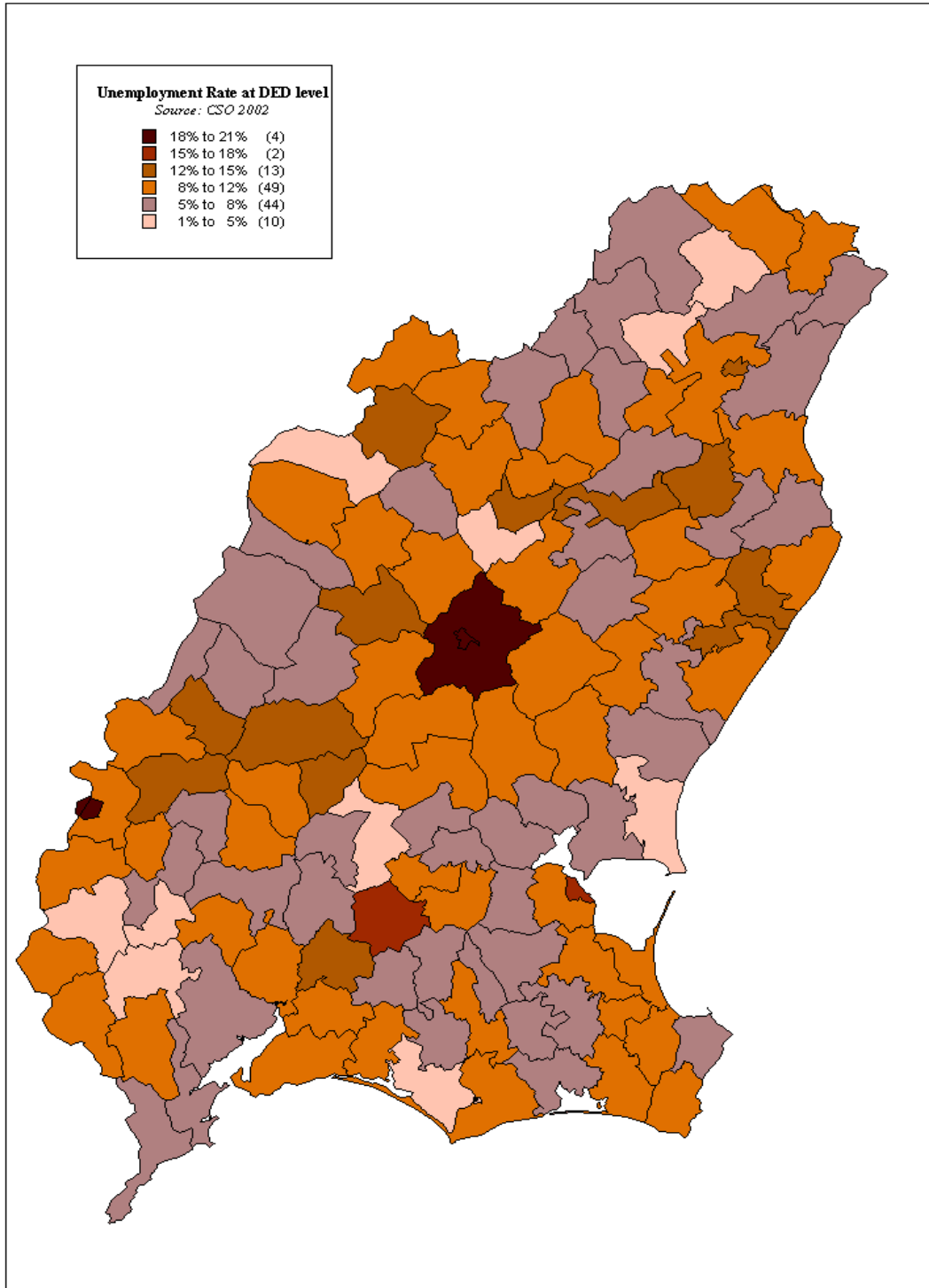
	Total Labour Force	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Wexford	7,925	912	11.5%
Enniscorthy	3,654	614	16.8%
New Ross	2,777	382	13.7%
Gorey	2,353	253	10.8%

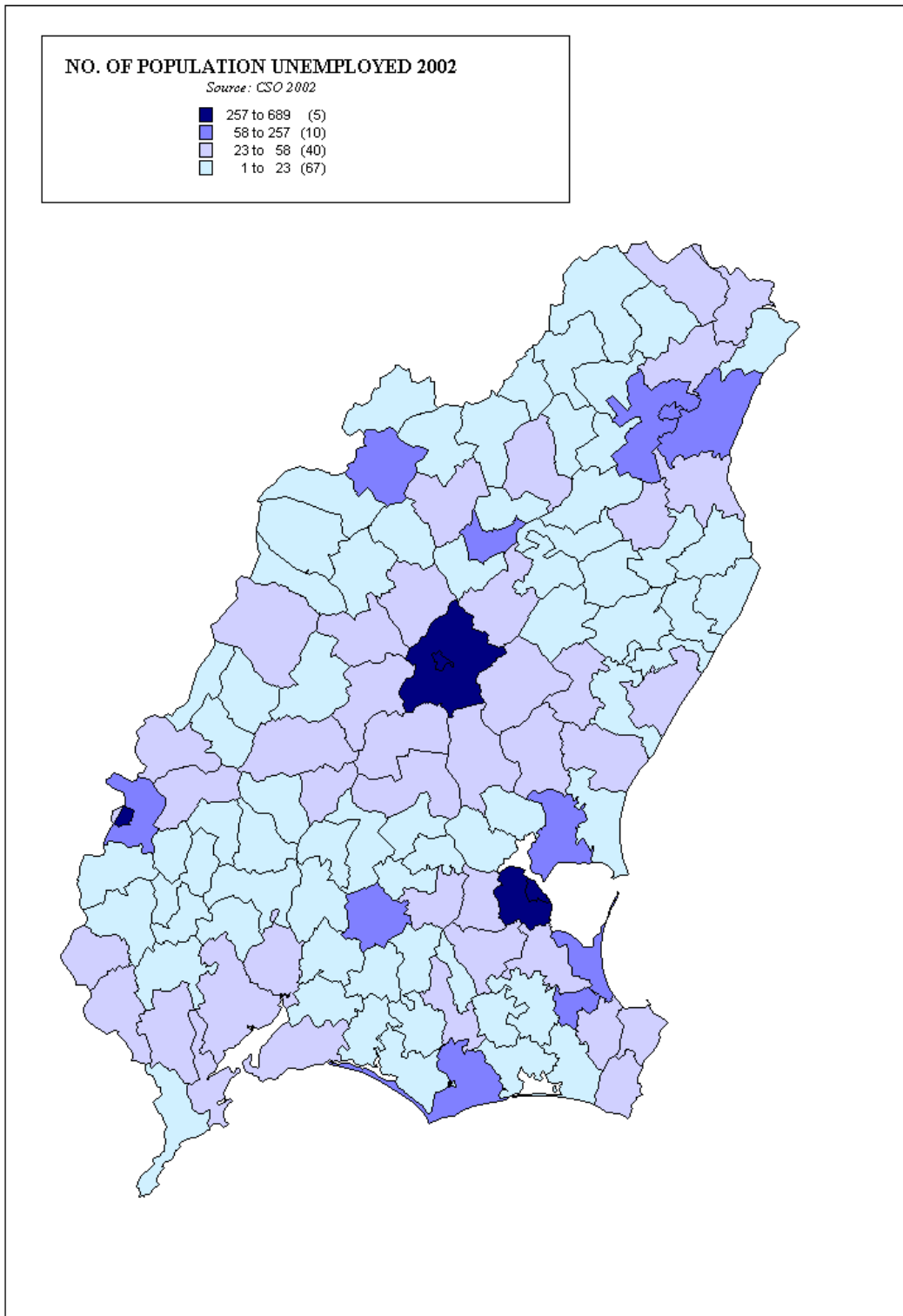
The following chart breaks down the percentage of people unemployed within each town by their age. It is interesting to see that the highest proportion of people unemployed in Wexford town, Gorey and Enniscorthy are between the 25-34 age group. In New Ross, the highest proportion unemployed are between the 45-54 age group.



The following maps show the Unemployment rate at DED level within the county and the number of people unemployed at DED level.

It should be noted that Enniscorthy Urban DED is considered an ‘Unemployment Black spot’ at 20.5% with New Ross Urban and Enniscorthy Rural, Taghmon and Wexford Urban DED’s also possessing high rates of unemployment. As shown in the map overleaf, most of the DED’s in the County have an unemployment rate over and above the State rate of 8.8%.

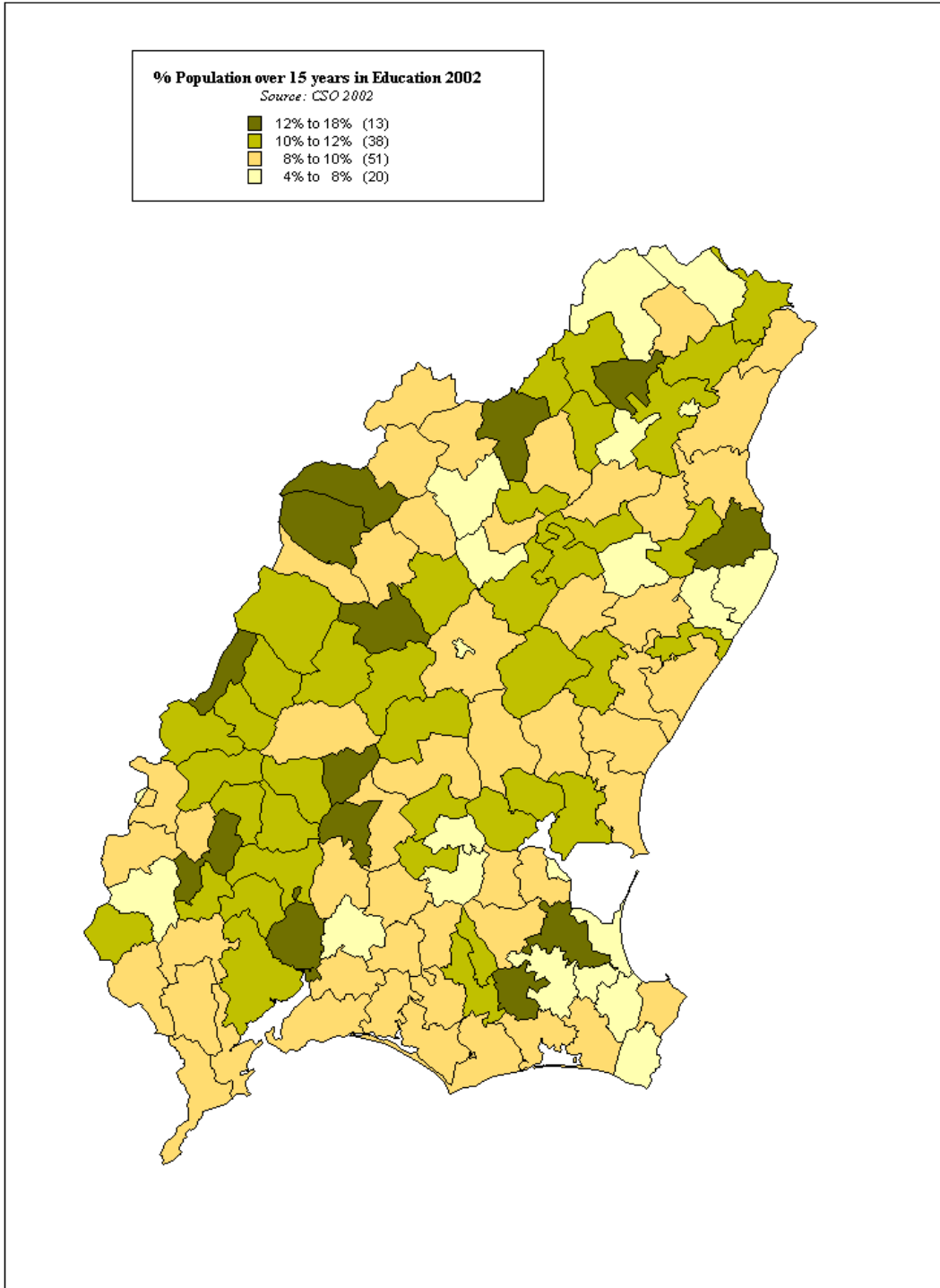




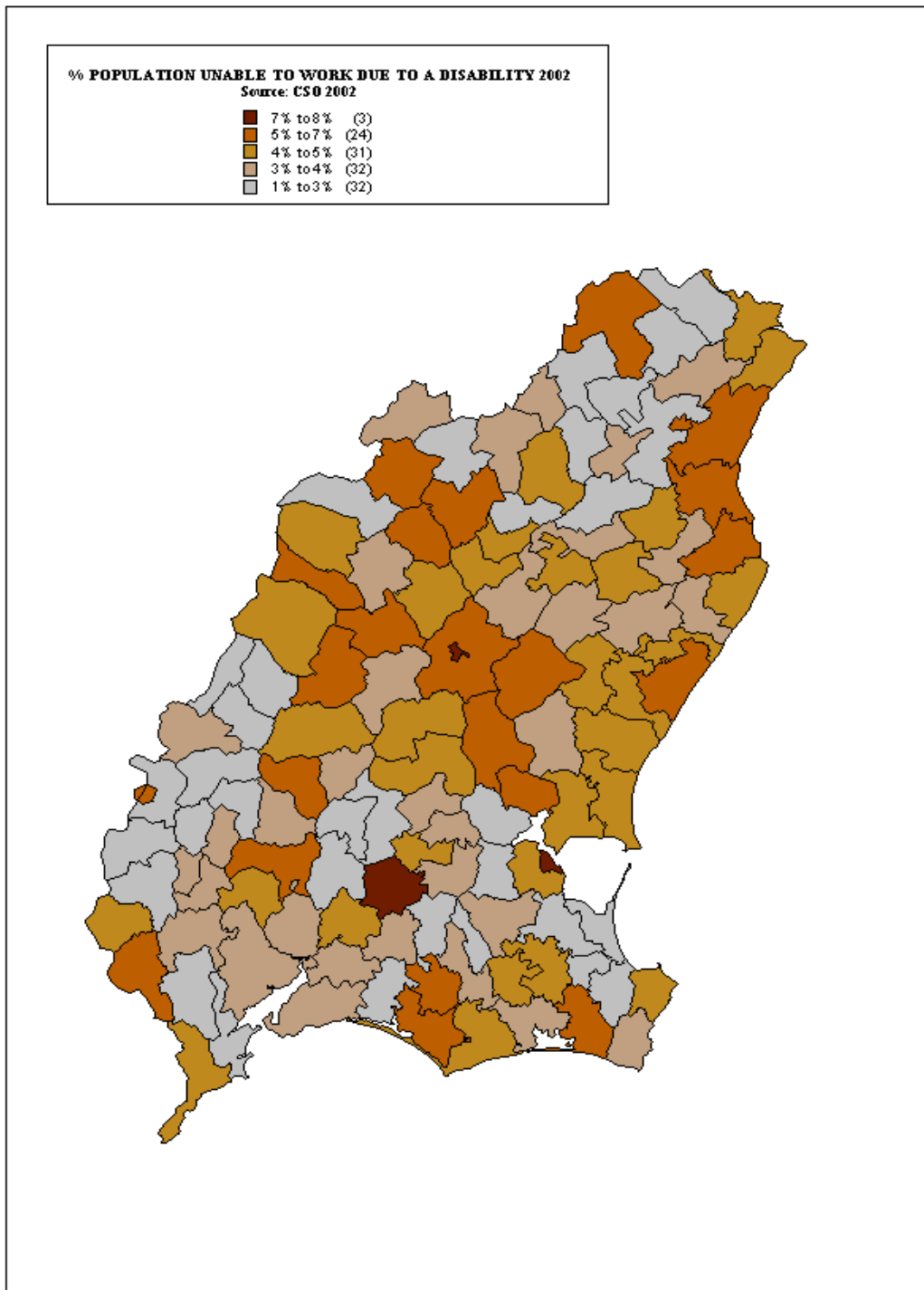
As expected, there are higher numbers of people unemployed within the urban areas of the County of New Ross, Enniscorthy, Gorey, Wexford town, Ferns, Taghmon and Bunclody areas.

c. Population over the age of 15 years in Education

The DED's with high rates of student population are well scattered around the county with higher rates around the western side of the county. Proximity to a large town does not appear to have a positive effect on the proportion of students within the DED.

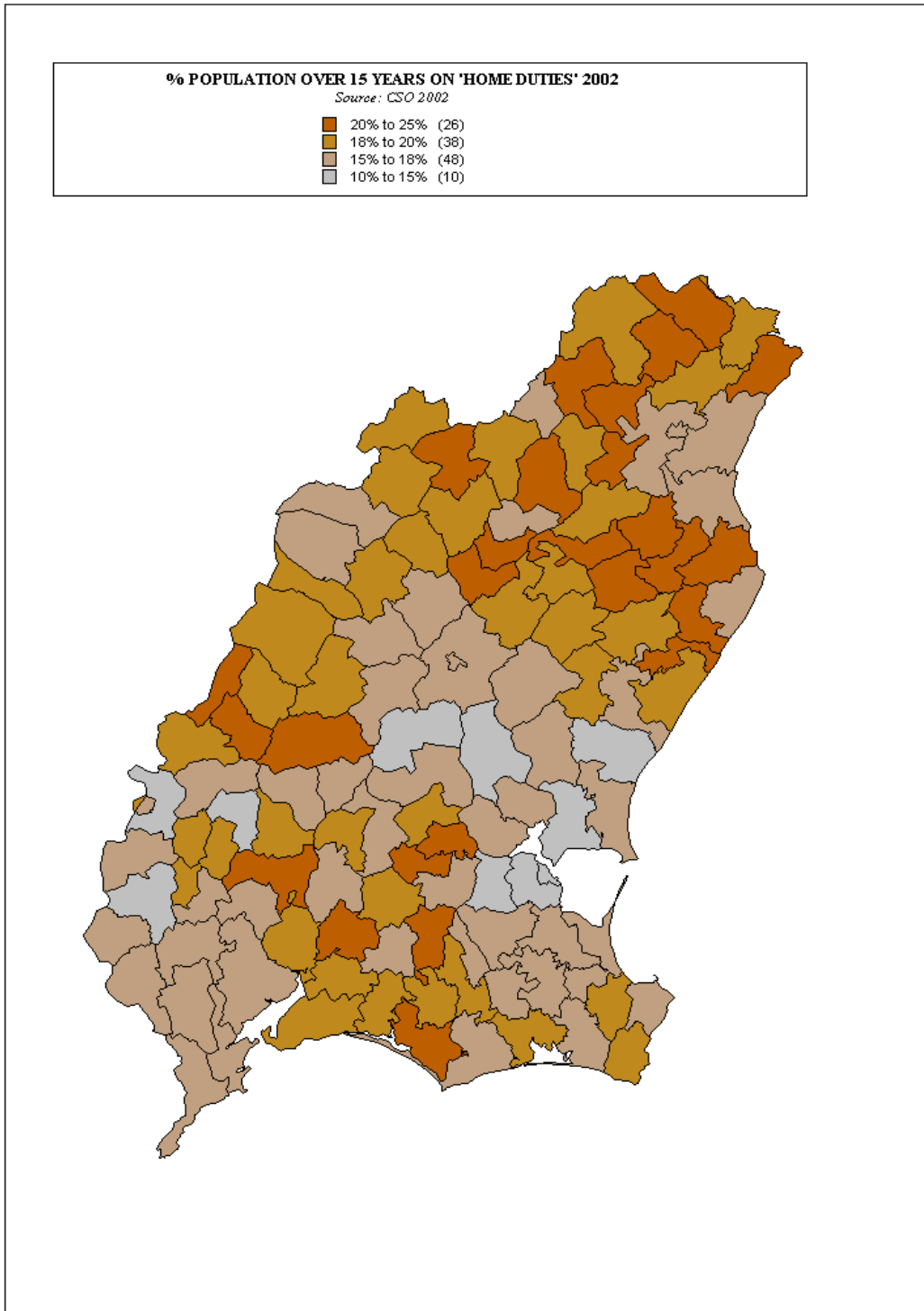


d. Proportion of Population over the age of 15 years unable to work due to a disability



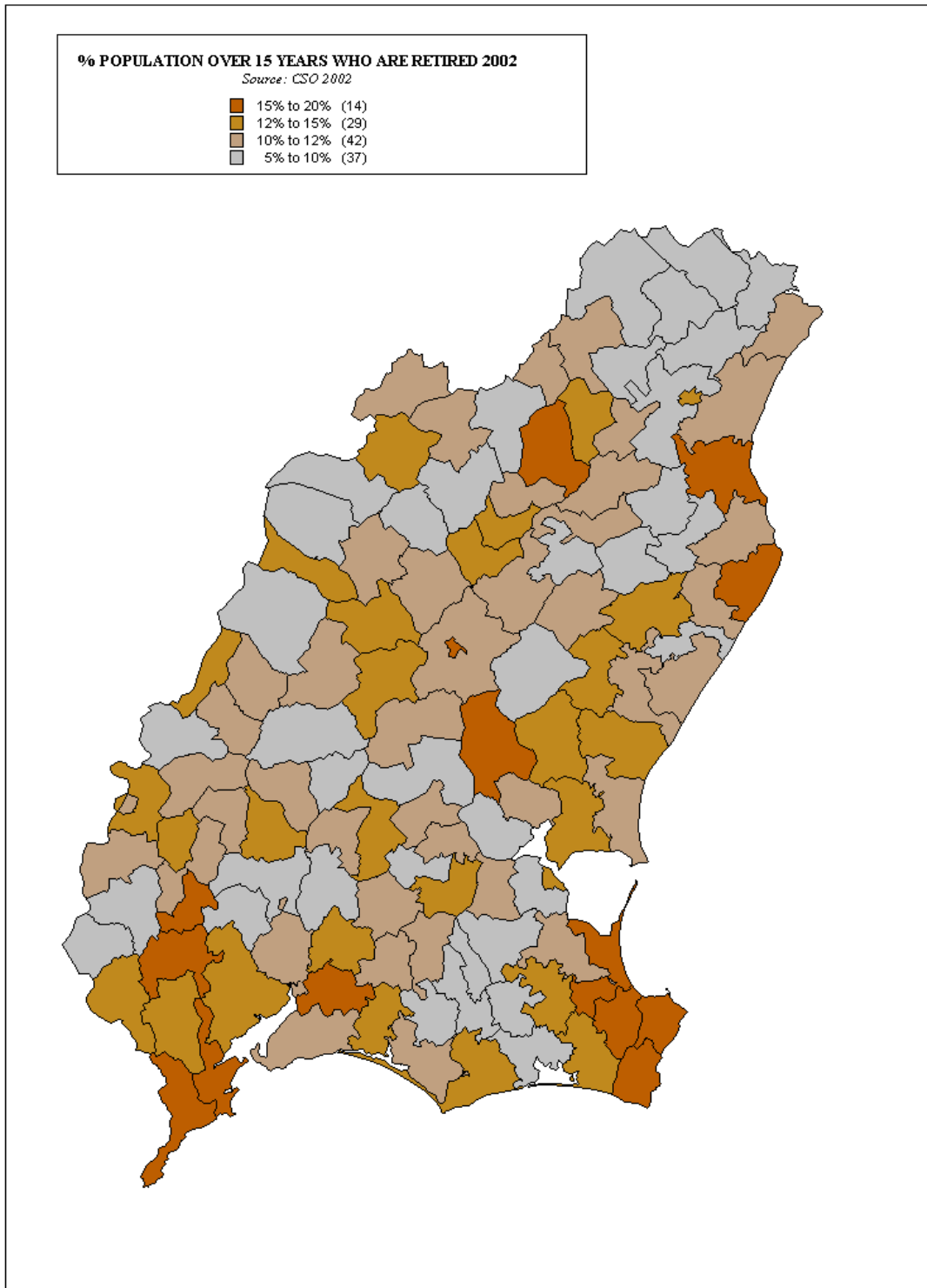
As can be seen from the map above, Taghmon DED, Enniscorthy Urban DED and Wexford Urban DED have the highest rate of people in the county who are unable to work due to a disability in the county. There are also clusters of DED's centred around the Gorey coastal area and Enniscorthy town areas with high rates of population unable to work due to a disability.

e..Population on Home duties.



The north of the county, particularly within the rural areas, appears to have a higher rate of population 'on home duties'.

f. Population of County Wexford Retired 2002



The concentration of retired population is not equal across the county with a higher proportion in the Rosslare, Fethard and Templetown areas. When compared to 1996, the total proportion of retired population in the county has changed marginally.

2. ILO economic Status

The ILO (International Labour Organisation) break down the Economic Status of the population according to their Labour Force participation. This differs from the Principal Economic Status (as shown in previous section), as the participants are asked if they have worked for at least one hour in the week preceding Census Day. The results are therefore not self defined, as the respondents are not asked if they count themselves as unemployed, it is prescribed for them. For the ILO, the categories at work would include any one who had gainful employment for at least an hour in the week preceding the Census Day in April 2002, including for example, students with a part time job. As a result, the results are very different from those of the Principal Economic Status.

Table 2: ILO economic Status – Counties of South East and State

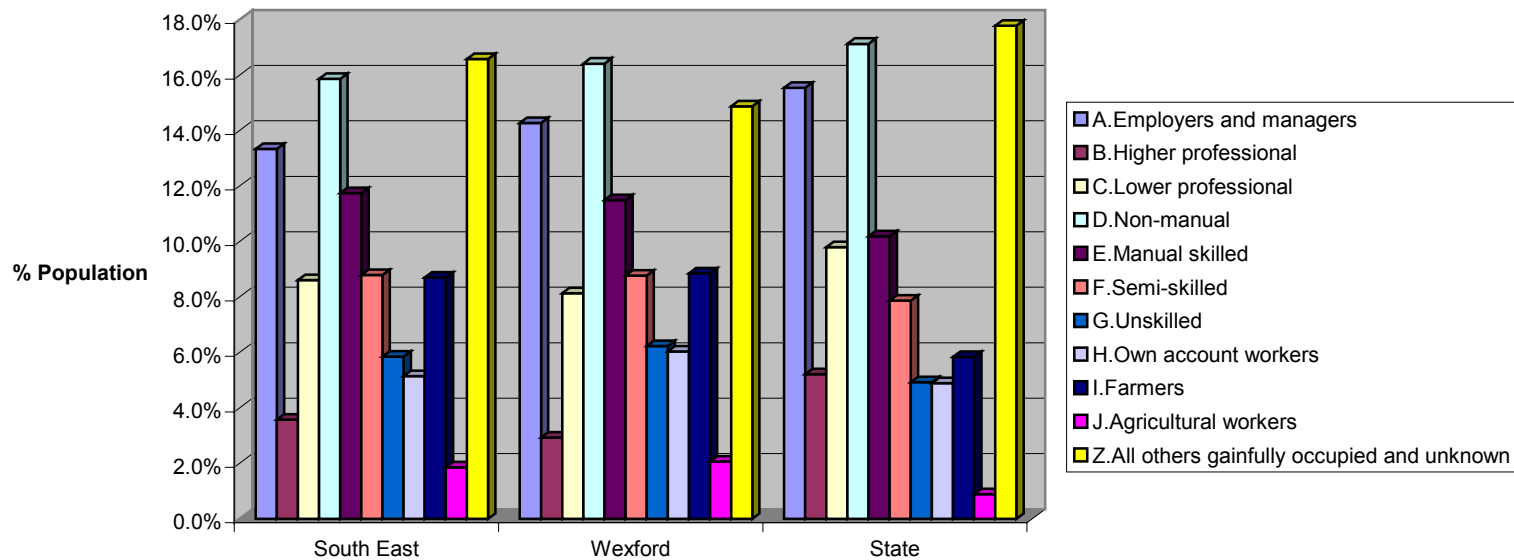
County	Population over 15 years	ILO Economic Status	Unemployed	Not In Labour force	Labour Force Participation Rate	Unemployment rate (%)
Wexford	90,081	49,123	3970	36988	58.9	4.4
Waterford	78,829	44,694	3142	31993	59.9	3.9
Kilkenny	62,260	36,260	1971	24029	61.4	3.2
Carlow	35,951	20,302	1340	14309	60.2	3.7
Tipperary SR	61,730	33,920	2290	25520	58.7	3.7
State	3,089,775	1,786,002	108,503	1,195,270	61.3	3.5

According to the ILO, Wexford has the highest rate of Unemployment and the lowest rate of Labour Force participation in the South East. Kilkenny appears to have the lowest unemployment rate and the highest Labour Force participation rate in the region.

2. Socio Economic Group

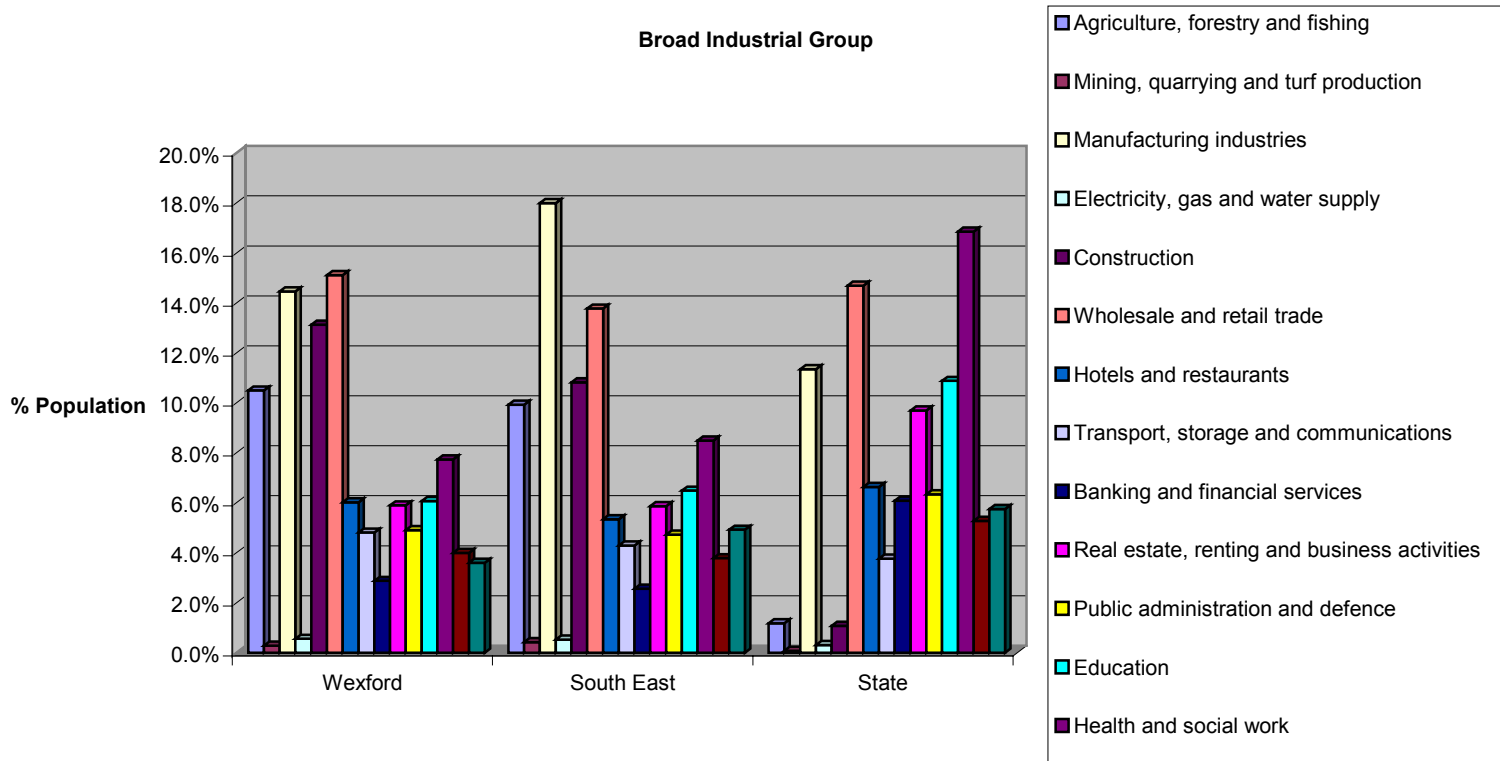
The following Chart shows the Socio-Economic Group of the population of the counties of the region. Wexford has a higher percentage of Employers and Managers and Non Manual workers than the South East as a whole but a less percentage population than the State.

Socio-Economic Group of Population 2002



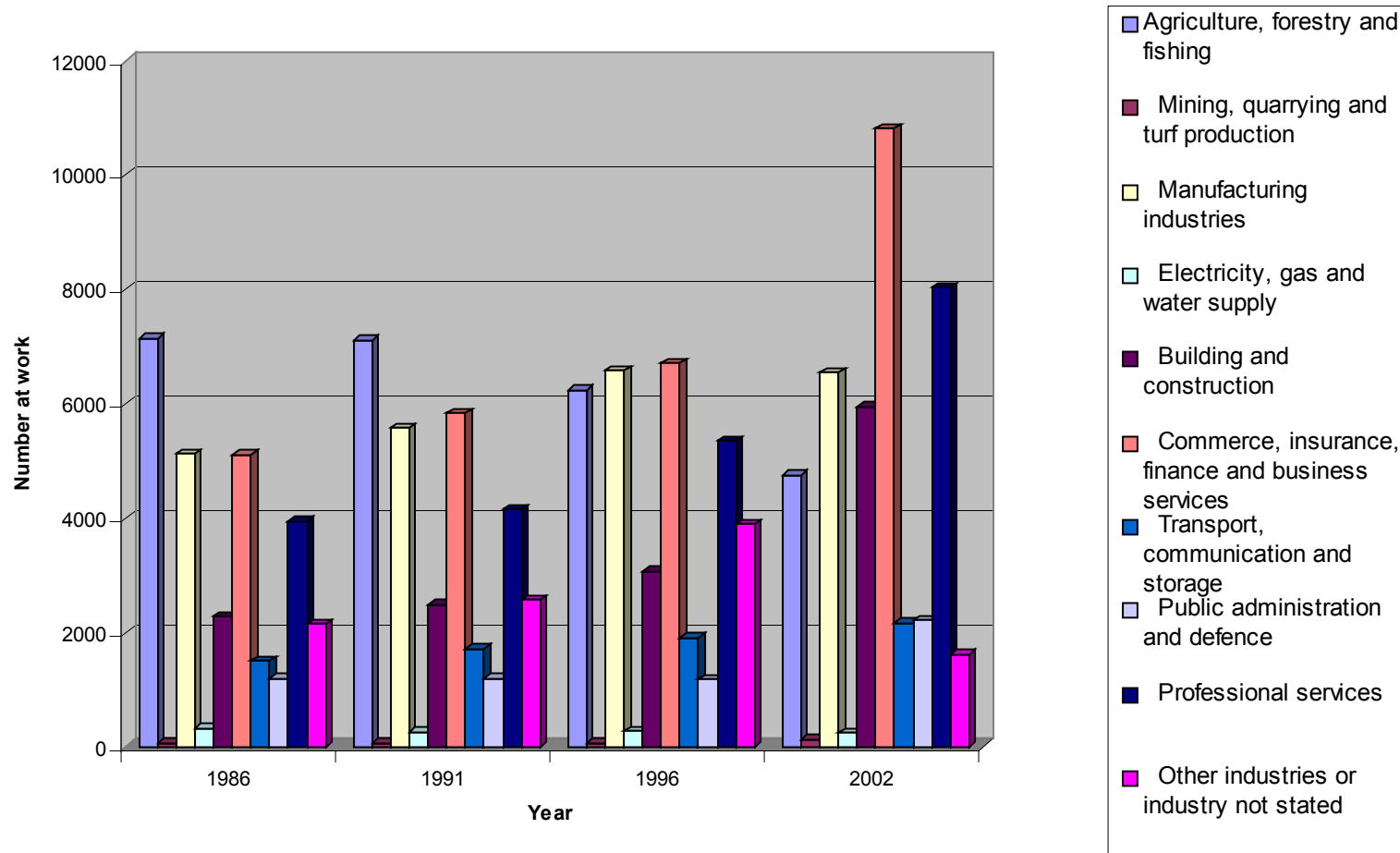
4. Broad Industrial Group

The following Chart compares the percentage population at work in Wexford, the South East and the State broken down by industry. Wexford doesn't appear to have any over reliance on one particular industry with Wholesale and Retail Trade being the group with the highest proportional employment. The South Eastern region appears to have a higher proportional employment in the Manufacturing industry compared to the State. Health and Social Work is the most popular Broad Industrial Group within the State as a whole.



The following chart trends those employed in County Wexford within each Broad Industrial group for the Censuses 1986-2002. There has been a growth in employment in the Commerce and Professional services industries. The numbers employed in Agriculture have fallen substantially.

Population at work in Wexford by Broad Industrial Group 1986-2002

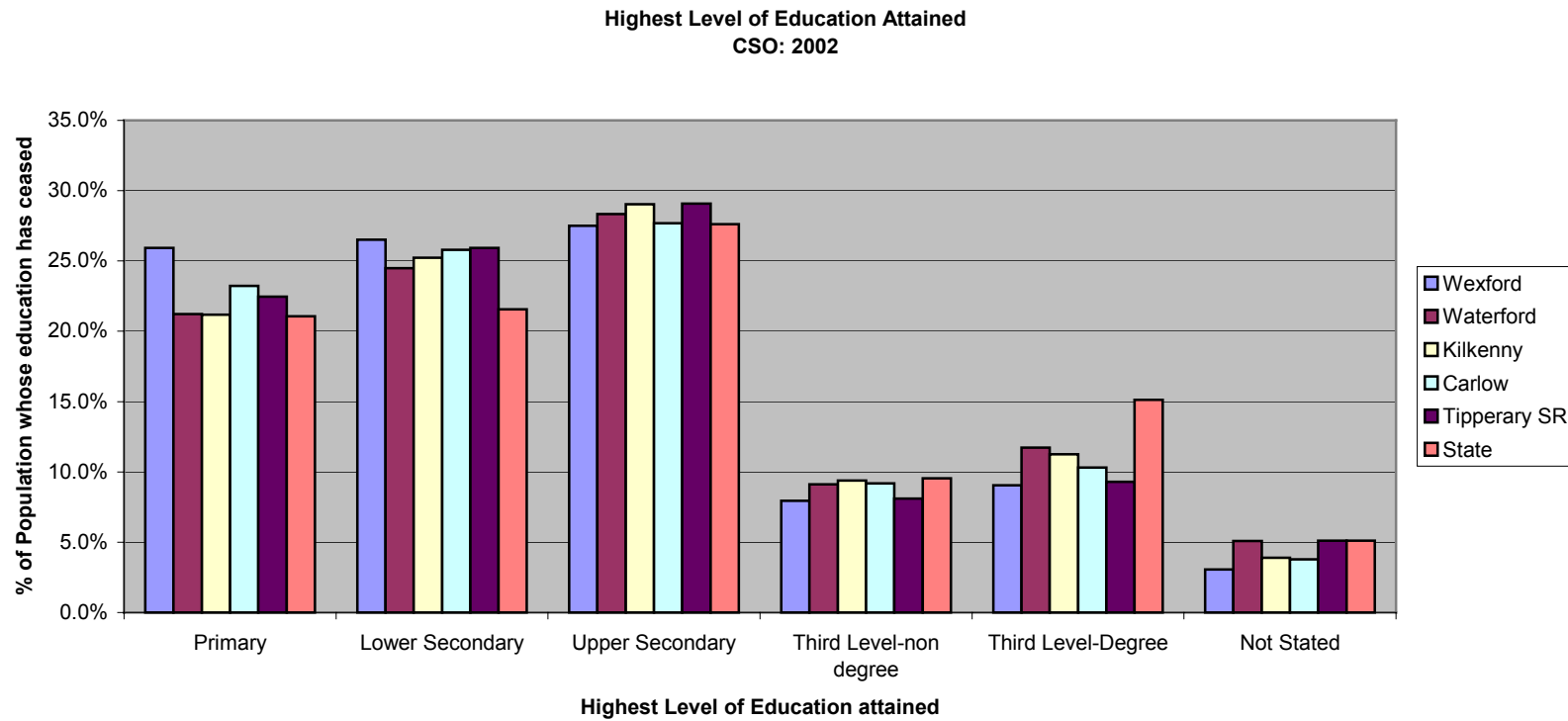


The structure began to change markedly in the period 1996 to 2002 with the Commerce and Professional Services Industries gaining importance.

5. Education

Educational attainment

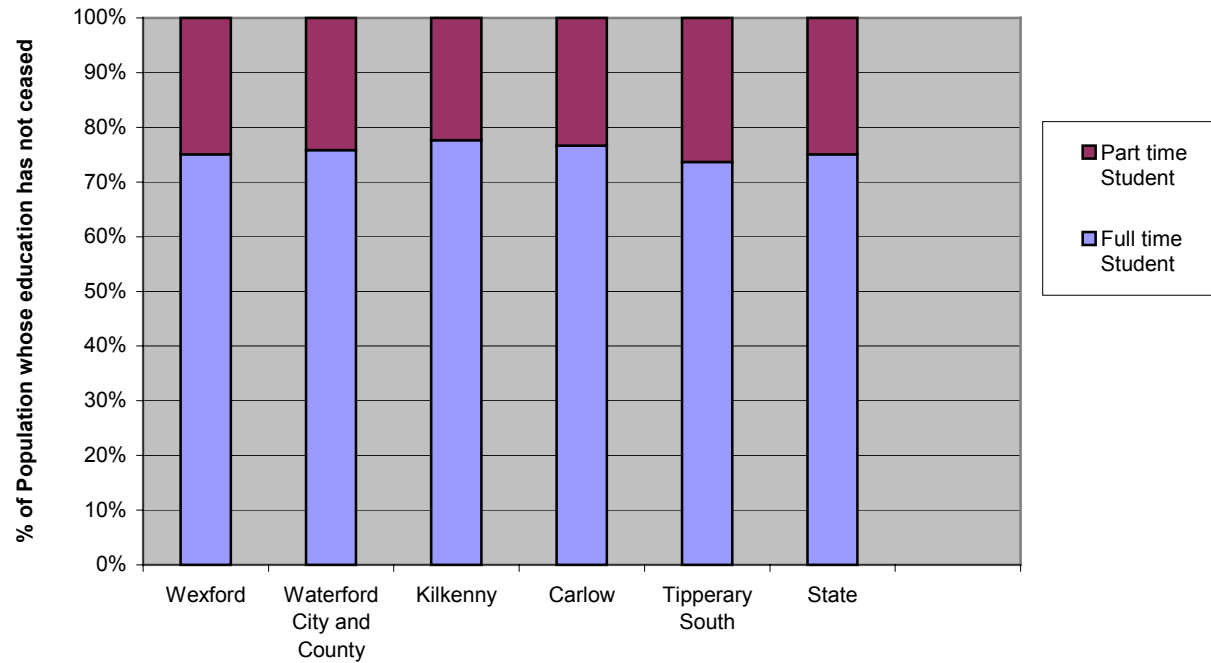
The following chart shows the highest education attained by the population of the South Eastern counties and the State in 2002. Wexford appears to have an above average rate of population with solely Primary or Lower Second level education. Next to the State, Waterford has the highest rate of population with Third Level education.



Population in Education: Full time/Part time

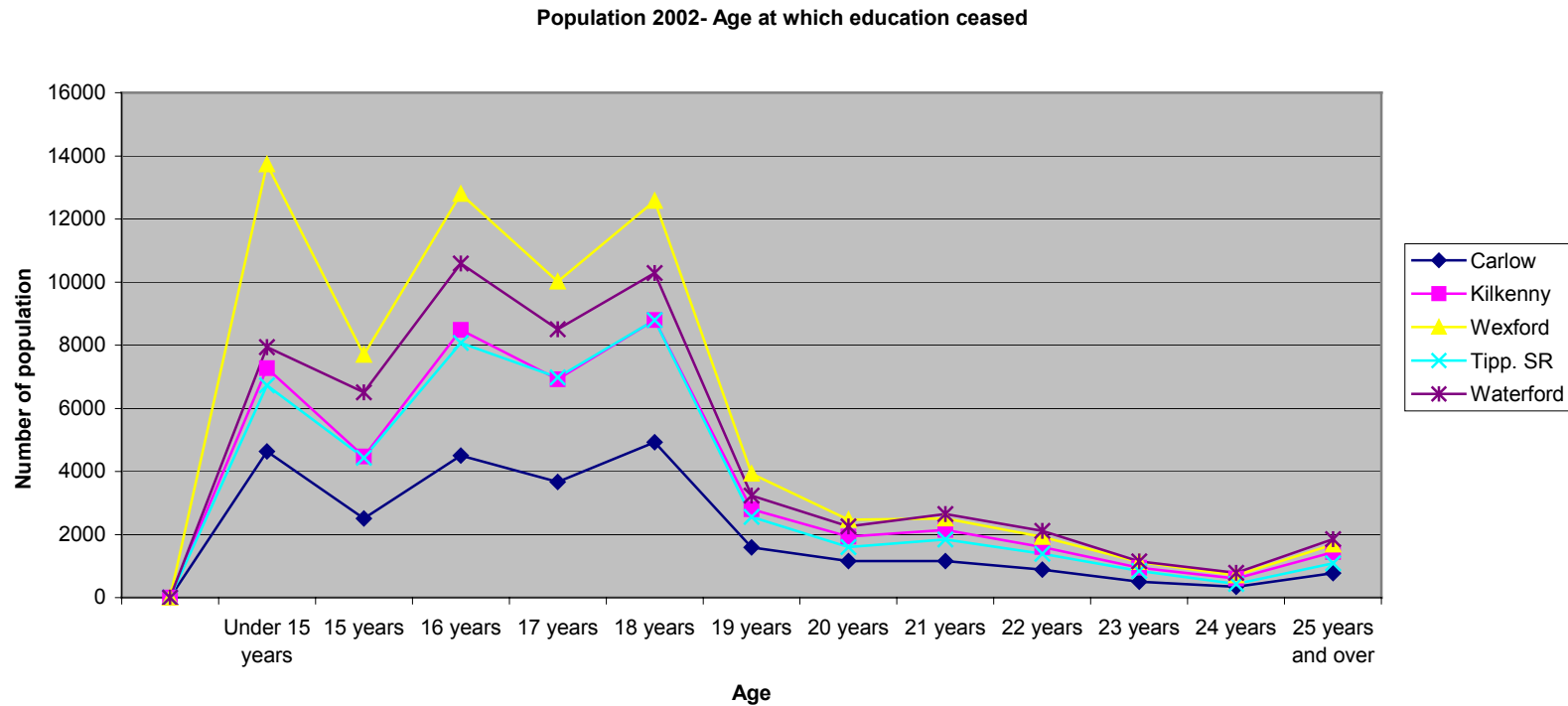
The following Chart shows the population in Part time and Full time education within the South East. Almost 25% of people in education in Wexford are in Part time Education, the second highest in the region next to Tipperary South Riding.

Total Population in education :Full time and Part time
CSO: 2002



Age Education Ceased

The following chart shows the number of people whose education has ceased, broken down by the age at which it ceased. Wexford, unlike other counties in the region, peak at the under 15 years level, meaning that more people ceased their education when they are less than 15 years. The transition to different levels of Primary, Junior certificate and Leaving Certificate are evidently the more common times for cessation of education for the population of all counties.



6. Internet Access

The following table shows the % of population within the Region and State who own a Personal Computer and who have an Internet Connection

Table 3: No. and % of Population with PC and Internet Access

	PC Ownership (No.)	% of Households with a PC	Internet access (No.)	% Households with Internet Access
Wexford	14542	38.9	11125	29.7
Waterford	13959	41.3	10637	31.5
Kilkenny	10678	42.	8271	32.6
Carlow	5805	39.3	4347	29.4
Tipperary SR	9005	34.3	6890	26.2
State	556445	43.5	435762	34.1

Kilkenny has the highest % of households with a PC and Internet Access in the region. Tipperary has the lowest proportion of households with a PC and Internet Access.

7. Motor car availability within South East region

Table 4: Population with more than one car

County	% of Population with at least one motor car
Wexford	82.6
Waterford	77.9
Kilkenny	83.6
Tipperary SR	79.3
Carlow	80.4
State	78.3

Kilkenny has the highest proportion of population with more than one car.

8. Estimated Net Migration for South Eastern region 1996-2002

Table 4: Estimated Net Migration

County	Population	Estimated Net Migration 1996-2002
Wexford	116,596	8083
Waterford	101,546	3054
Kilkenny	80,339	2650
Tipperary SR	79,121	1854
Carlow	46,014	2785

The above table shows the estimated net migration for the South Eastern Counties for the years 1996-2002. As expected, the figure is quite high in comparison to other counties in the region.

9. Enumerated in County Wexford but usually resident elsewhere

This table shows that a relatively minor number of persons are resident outside the county. The number of ‘true’ residents is thought to be 115,492.

Table 3: Number of persons usually resident in County Wexford

Population of County	Enumerated in County but usually resident in other county	Enumerated in County but usually resident outside State	Enumerated in other County but resident in Wexford	Absent outside State but resident in County	Total usually resident in County Wexford
116596	1273	1854	2023	609	116,101

10. Birthplace of Residents

County of birth of residents within County, if not Wexford

The most common counties of birth of residents, if not Wexford are , unsurprisingly, the surrounding counties of Kilkenny, Waterford, Carlow and Wicklow. The counties of Dublin and Kildare and, interestingly, Cork are also common counties of birth for residents.

Table 5: Population of largest towns by birthplace of residents

Towns	Population	Born in County Wexford	Born in Other Country (%)	Born in Other County (%)
Wexford	16661	12384(74.3%)	1679 (10%)	2603 (15.6%)
Enniscorthy	8645	6597(76.3%)	773 (8.9%)	1275 (14.7%)
New Ross	6249	4364(69.8%)	486 (7.7%)	1399 (22.4%)
Gorey	5057	3064(60.5%)	512 (10.%)	1481 (29.2%)

This table shows the population of the largest towns in the county broken down by the birthplace of their residents. As can be seen, a large percentage of Gorey’s population (almost 40%) were born in either another county or another country, while a large proportion of New Ross’s population (32%) were born in another county.

When looking at County Wexford as a whole, it appears that a very small proportion of Wexford’s population were born outside of the county at 26.8% in 2002. Compared to other counties, this is one of the lowest rates in the country.

Country of Birth of Wexford (apart from Ireland)

The following Chart shows the country of birth of Wexford residents in 2002. England and Wales are the most common countries of birth. The next most common country(ies) of birth are European countries outside of the European Union. These may possibly be migrant workers from predominantly Eastern European countries. The most common country of birth for residents within the EU is Germany.

