

Census 2006

Socio-Economic results

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Summary

Household Composition

There has been an increase of 7555 in the number of households in the county an increase of almost 20% on 2002 numbers with 45,566 households now in the county. There has been an increase across all types of household, most prevalently Cohabiting couples (62.0%) and cohabiting couples with children (62.3%).

Family Units

Wexford and Enniscorthy have experienced a decrease in the number of Husbands and wives/Couples with children while the other towns have increased across all categories. 33.2% of the Family Units within Wexford Town are now Husbands wives or Couples with no children.

Principal Economic Status

There was an almost 24% increase or 10,762 in the number of people at work in the county from 2002-2006. There has been an increase in the number of those unemployed and also looking for their first regular job in the intercensal period, increasing by 22.2% and 6.8%. The number of students decreased in that time period by almost 1%.

The proportion of those unemployed has decreased from 4.9% of the population over 15yrs to 4.6% of the population in 2006.

Labour Force increasing

The 2006 Census showed a strong rise in the number of people in the labour force. The main contributors to this were the increase in migration into the country and the increase in female labour force participation. Female labour participation remained at approximately 30% from 1926 to 1981. Since then there has been a sharp increase to reach a high of 52.8% in 2006 with over half of the increase coming in the past 10 years. There was a decline of 52,000 (nationally) in the number of persons looking after the home or family since 2002.

Female Participation rate- Co. Wexford one of the lowest in State

In Co. Wexford, 48.7% of females are in the workforce, the lowest in the region and amongst the lowest nationally. Many reasons may be causing this including availability of satisfactory quality childcare facilities, availability of flexible working arrangements or the slow moving changing culture of a formerly primary agricultural county. In view of the economic climate, this represents an opportunity for the county in tapping into this potential increased workforce.

County Participation rates

The average labour force participation rate is 62.5%. Of the other administrative counties, Fingal had the greatest proportion of its population in the labour force at 69.9%. Cork City had the lowest at 54.6%.

Wexford had a labour force participation of 60.3%, the second highest in the region next to Kilkenny at 62.6%. The lowest in the region was South Tipperary at 59.6%.

1 in 8 workers are non-national (state)

The number of non-Irish nationals has increased from 190,100 in 2002 to 367,200 in 2006, an increase of 177,000 or 93.1%. The proportion of Non-Irish nationals in the labour force is 75.7%, and is well ahead of the proportion of Irish nationals at 60.9%. This equates to 1 in 8 workers in the state being a Non-Irish national.

Half of employment increase accounted for by Non-Irish nationals

There was an increase in the number of usually resident people at work of 280,600 from 2002 to 2006 in the State in 2006. 49% of these were accounted for by non-Irish nationals.

Level of Self Employment

Co. Wexford has a higher number of persons who are self employed than the region or the State with almost 21% of those at work self employed (an Employer or own account worker).

Change in Socio-Economic Group of Co. Wexford 2002, 2006

The table below show the changes across socio-economic groups between 2002 and 2006 in Co. Wexford. The number of people classified as farmers in the county decreased by 2649 in the 4 years to 2006, along with a decrease in the number of

agricultural workers. The number of people classed as unskilled also decreased, by 825. The number of those classed as non-manual and as manual skilled increased by the largest amounts, by 6485 and 2791, respectively.

Wexford born people remain and return to the county

Co. Wexford has one of the highest rates of people who are born in the county and resident within the county with only 19.7% (26,607 people) of those born within Co. Wexford living elsewhere in Ireland. In the State, this is the third lowest rate of movement out of the county next to Donegal where 13.7% of those born within the county living elsewhere and Cork who have a rate of 13.8%.

Educational Attainment Increasing in Co. Wexford

The level of educational attainment within the county has increased, with 22% of the population now having attained Primary level education as their highest level of education, a decrease from 25.9% in 2002. 29% of those who have completed their education have reached Upper Secondary, increasing from 27.5% in 2002. Almost 21% of the population now have a Third level education, an increase from 14.8% in 2002.

Migration into the county

Net migration into Co. Wexford far outweighed migration into other counties in the South East.

A total of 5991 people moved into Co. Wexford in the year to 2006. 2843 people moved to Co. Wexford from other countries while 3148 others moved to the county from other counties in the State.

1013 people moved from Poland in the year to 2006, 606 from England and Wales, 213 from Lithuania, 123 from Latvia and 66 and 56 from Slovakia and Estonia, respectively.

PC and Internet Access

53.7% of homes in Co. Wexford have a Personal Computer, compared to 56.6% nationally. 10% of the county have Broadband Internet access, well below the State average of 20%, although 31.9% have another internet connection compared to 26.7% of the State.

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Table 1: Composition of Co. Wexford Households 2006 and 2002

	Co. Wexford 2006	Co. Wexford 2002	Change 2002 -2006	% Change 2002-2006
One person	9657	7564	2093	27.7%
Husband and wife	7216	5811	1405	24.2%
Cohabiting couple	1835	1133	702	62.0%
Husband and wife and children	15063	14050	1013	7.2%
Cohabiting couple with children	1725	1063	662	62.3%
Lone Mother with children	4226	3480	746	21.4%
Lone Father with children	695	579	116	20.0%
Husband and wife with others	396	329	67	20.4%
Cohabiting couple and others	288	138	150	108.7%
Husband and wife with children and others	979	1437	-458	-31.9%
Cohabiting couple with children and others	161	79	82	103.8%
Lone Mother with children and others	408	479	-71	-14.8%
Lone father with Children and others	119	133	-14	-10.5%
Two Family units	759	210	549	261.4%
Three or more family units	12	1	11	1100.0%
Non-Family households	2027	1525	502	32.9%
Total	45,566	38011	7555	19.9%

The number of households housing multiple family units of 2 or more increased substantially in the intercensal period.

➤ **People living alone over 65 years and over 70 years**

Wexford is slightly below average in the % of persons over 65 yrs and over 70 yrs living alone with 27.2% of those over 65 yrs living alone and 32.9% of those over 70yrs living alone. The State average is 28.7% for those over 65yrs and 32.9% for those over 70yrs.

Table 2: Persons ages 65yrs and 70yrs and over living alone

Wexford	Persons age 65 yrs and over	Persons age 65yrs living alone	% over 65yrs living alone	Persons aged 70yrs and over	Persons age 70yrs living alone	% over 70yrs living alone
Wexford	14,075	3829	27.2%	9231	2946	31.9%

➤ **Family Units**

There has been an increase in the number of Family Units within all of the Census Towns. Wexford and Enniscorthy have experienced a decrease in the number of Husbands and wives/Couples with children while the other towns have increased across all categories. Bunclody and Castlebridge are now classed as Census Towns having reached the threshold size of 1500.

There has been an increase in the number of couples and husband and wives without children in the 2006 Census in all of the Census Towns. 33.2% of the Family Units within Wexford Town are now Husbands wives or Couples with no children. While all areas experienced an increase in the numbers of lone mothers and children, this was most pronounced in the Enniscorthy area which increased from 435 to 585 (150 or 34%) in the 4 years to 2006.

Table 3: Family Units 2002

Persons	Family Units	Husband and wife(or couple) without children	Husband and wife (or couple) with children	Lone mother with Children	Lone father with Children

Wexford	4401	1307(29.7%)	2186(50%)	794(18%)	114(2.5%)
Enniscorthy	2217	577(26%)	1146(52%)	435(20%)	59(2.7%)
New Ross	1630	421(26%)	871(53.4%)	290(18%)	48(2.9%)
Gorey	1344	375(28%)	706(53%)	230(17%)	33(2.4%)

Table 4: Family Units 2006

Persons 2006	Family Units	Husband and wife (or couple) without children	Husband and wife (or couple) with children	Lone mother with Children	Lone father with Children
Wexford	4792	1594 (33.2%)	2119 (44.2%)	920(19.1%)	159(3.3%)
Enniscorthy	2485	739 (29.7%)	1093 (43.9%)	585(23.5%)	68(2.7%)
New Ross	2000	597 (29.9%)	915(45.8%)	422(21.1%)	66(3.3%)
Gorey	1868	573 (30.7%)	898(48%)	362(19.4%)	35(1.9%)
Bunclody	424	129(30.4%)	216(50.9%)	69(16.3%)	10(2.4%)
Castlebridge	444	120(27%)	229(51.6%)	81(18.3%)	14(3.1%)

Socio-Economic Profile

➤ **Principal Economic status**

There was an almost 24% increase or 10,762 in the number of people at work in the county from 2002-2006. There has been an increase in the number of those unemployed and also looking for their first regular job in the intercensal period, increasing by 22.2% and 6.8%. The number of students decreased in that time period by almost 1%. The number of those looking after home and family decreased by 5% while the number of those retired in the county increased by almost 19%.

Table 5: Principal Economic Status of Co. Wexford Population 2002-2006

	Wexford 2006	Wexford 2002	Increase 2002-2006	% Increase 2002-2006
At work	56,011	45,249	10,762	23.8%
Looking for first regular job	1017	832	185	22.2%
Unemployed	4754	4450	304	6.8%
Student	8314	8377	-63	-0.8%
Looking after home/family	14,615	15,312	-697	-4.6%
Retired	12,604	10,690	1,914	17.9%
Unable to work due to disability/sick	4890	4129	761	18.4%
Other	306	1042	-736	-70.6%
Total	102,511	90,081	12,430	13.8%

There has been an increase of almost 4.5% in the proportion of people at work since 2002 with almost 54.6% of the population at work in 2006. The proportion of those unemployed has decreased from 4.9% of the population over 15yrs to 4.6% of the population in 2006. The proportion of students has also decreased from 9.1% of the population over 15yrs to 8.1% of the population.

**Table 6: Principal Economic Status of Co. Wexford Population 2002-2006:
(Proportional change)**

	Wexford 2006	% 2006	Wexford 2002	% 2002
At work	56,011	54.6%	45,249	50.2%
Looking for first regular job	1017	1.0%	832	0.9%
Unemployed	4754	4.6%	4450	4.9%
Student	8314	8.1%	8377	9.3%
Looking after home/family	14,615	14.3%	15,312	17.0%
Retired	12,604	12.3%	10,690	11.9%
Unable to work due to disability/sick	4890	4.8%	4129	4.6%
Other	306	0.3%	1042	1.2%
Total	102,511	100%	90,081	100%

➤ **Principal Economic Status of Co. Wexford, Region and State 2006.**

While 54.6% of those at work in the County are at work, 55.2% of those in the region are at work and 57.2% of the State. The proportion of those unemployed is proportionally similar to those in the region and the State while the proportion of Students in the County is less than the region or the State. Low female participation labour force rates are reflected in the higher proportion of those Looking after home/Family at almost 3% higher than the State.

Co. Wexford has a marginally higher rate of the population who are retired with 12.3% of the population, and a marginally higher rate of those unable to work due to disability or sickness.

Table: 7 Principal Economic Status of Co. Wexford, Region and State 2006

	Wexford 2006	%	South East 2006	%	State 2006	%
At work	56,011	54.6%	199981	55.2%	1,930,042	57.2%
Looking for first regular job	1017	1.0%	3059	0.8%	29372	0.9%
Unemployed	4754	4.6%	16719	4.6%	150084	4.4%
Student	8314	8.1%	33490	9.2%	349596	10.4%
Looking after home/family	14,615	14.3%	46686	12.9%	387014	11.5%
Retired	12,604	12.3%	44111	12.2%	377927	11.2%
Unable to work due to disability/sick	4890	4.8%	16918	4.7%	138382	4.1%
Other	306	0.3%	1268	0.4%	12982	0.4%
Total	102,511	100.0%	362232	100.0%	3,375,399	100.0%

➤ **Labour force**

Of the 56,011 persons at work in the county, 11,708 (21%) are self-employed or employers, 44,052 are employees (78.6%) and 251(.04%) assist relatives.

In terms of self employment, the county is well above the state average of 14.6% and all other counties in the region. Waterford has the lowest level of self-employment at 14.1% of the workforce.

Table 8: Labour Force, Employment Status and Labour Force participation in Co. Wexford, South East and State 2006

	Wexford 2006	South East 2006	State 2006
Total aged 15yrs and over	102,511	362,232	3,375,399
Total in Labour force	61,782	219,759	2109498
At work: <i>Employer or own account worker</i>	11708	37,513	308221
At work: <i>Employee</i>	44052	161,648	1616304
At work: <i>Assisting relative</i>	251	820	5517
Looking for first regular job	1017	3,059	29372
Unemployed	4754	16,719	150084
Total not in labour force	40,729	142,473	1265901
Labour Force Participation rate	60.3%	60.8%	62.5%

The Labour Participation rate in Co. Wexford is just below the average rate for the Region, at 60.3% of the population over 15yrs in the work force. Within the region, Waterford and South Tipperary had marginally lower rates at 60.1% and 59.6% respectively. The table shows that the region has a lower participation rate than the State where on average, 62.5% of the population over 15yrs are in the workforce.

➤ **Level of Self employment 2006**

Co. Wexford has a higher number of persons who are self employed than the region or the State with almost 21% of those at work self employed (an Employer or own account worker). Only 16.0% of the State are self employed while 18.8% of the region are self employed. The table shows that over 1 in 4 people at work in the Region live in Co. Wexford (28% of the regional total).

Table 9: Analysis of persons at work, Wexford South East and State 2006

	Wexford 2006	Wexford 2006 (%)	South East 2006	South East 2006	State 2006	State 2006 (%)

				(%)		
At work: Employer or own account worker	11,708	20.9%	37,513	18.8%	308,221	16.0%
At work: Employee	44,052	78.6%	161,648	80.8%	1,616,304	83.7%
At work: Assisting relative	251	0.4%	820	0.4%	5517	0.3%
Total at work	56,011	100%	199,981	100%	1,930,042	100%

➤ **Female Participation rates**

While the full population has an overall Labour Force Participation rate of 60.3% in the county, when this is broken between the genders, Co. Wexford males have a Labour Force participation rate of 71.8%, compared to 72.3% for the State. However, Females have a Labour Force participation rate of 48.7%, the state average being 52.8% of the population. While this has increased since previous years, it is one of the lowest Female participation rates of the country with only Donegal, Kerry, Mayo and Roscommon lower.

➤ **Socio-Economic group**

Socio-Economic Group status defines each person within the county according to their employment, occupation or qualification. The classification aims to bring together people on the basis of similar skills or educational attainment. In defining the Socio economic group, no attempt is made to rank groups in order of socio economic importance. For those under 15 years, their Socio economic grouping is defined through the status of the ‘reference person’ of the household.

Wexford has a higher proportion of Employers and managers than the region and is slightly lower in proportion to the State. The proportion of Higher Professionals is slightly lower than the region and the State at 2.9% of the population. The county has a higher proportion of Unskilled, Own account workers, Farmers and Agricultural workers than either the Region or the State in 2006.

Table 10: Socio Economic Group Wexford, South East and State 2006

	Wexford	Wexford	South	South	State	State

	2006	% 2006	East 2006	East % 2006	2006	% 2006
Employers and managers	19,762	14.3%	63837	13.9%	650552	15.3%
Higher professionals	4609	2.9%	19072	4.1%	245170	5.8%
Lower professionals	12,185	8.1%	44990	9.8%	451865	10.7%
Non-manual	25,615	16.4%	85367	18.5%	818573	19.3%
Manual Skilled	16,186	11.5%	54423	11.8%	429779	10.1%
Semi-skilled	12,163	8.8%	43513	9.4%	355441	8.4%
Unskilled	6439	6.2%	20573	4.5%	159904	3.8%
Own account workers	7132	6.0%	20222	4.4%	180500	4.3%
Farmers	7660	8.8%	27034	5.9%	166864	3.9%
Agricultural Workers	1742	2.1%	6085	1.3%	27407	0.6%
All others	18,256	14.9%	75722	16.4%	753793	17.8%
Total	131749	100.0%	322931	100.0%	4239848	100.0%

➤ **Change in Socio-Economic Group of Co. Wexford 2002, 2006**

The table below show the changes across socio-economic groups between 2002 and 2006 in Co. Wexford. The number of people classified as farmers in the county decreased by 2649 in the 4 years to 2006, along with a decrease in the number of agricultural workers. The number of people classed as unskilled also decreased, by 825. The number of those classed as non-manual and as manual skilled increased by the largest amounts, by 6485 and 2791, respectively.

Table 11: Co. Wexford Socio Economic Group 2006, 2002

	Wexford 2006	%	Wexford 2002	%	Change 2002-2006
Employers and managers	19,762	15.0%	16635	14.3%	3,127
Higher professionals	4609	3.5%	3407	2.9%	1,202
Lower professionals	12,185	9.2%	9474	8.1%	2,711

Non-manual	25,615	19.4%	19130	16.4%	6,485
Manual Skilled	16,186	12.3%	13395	11.5%	2,791
Semi-skilled	12,163	9.2%	10222	8.8%	1,941
Unskilled	6439	4.9%	7264	6.2%	-825
Own account workers	7132	5.4%	7027	6.0%	105
Farmers	7660	5.8%	10309	8.8%	-2,649
Agricultural Workers	1742	1.3%	2399	2.1%	-657
All others	18,256	13.9%	17334	14.9%	922
Total	131,749	100.0%	116,596	100.0%	15,153

Education

➤ Full time Education ceased

The level of educational attainment within the county has increased, with 22% of the population now having attained Primary level education as their highest level of education, a decrease from 25.9% in 2002. 29% of those who have completed their education have reached Upper Secondary, increasing from 27.5% in 2002. Almost 21% of the population now have a Third level education, an increase from 14.8% in 2002.

Chart 1: Educational Attainment 2006,2002

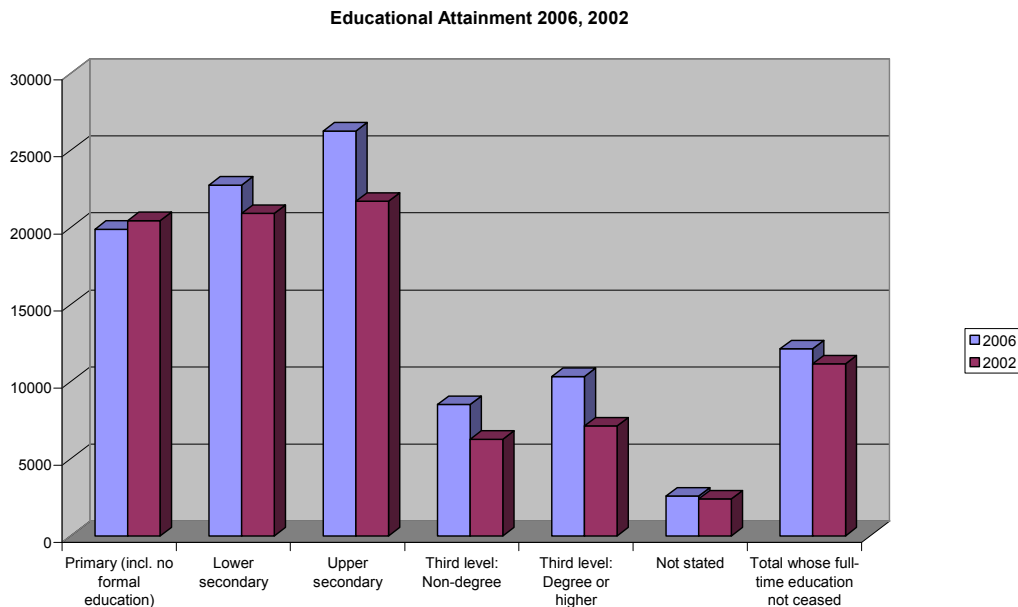


Table 12: Educational Attainment 2006, 2002, Co. Wexford

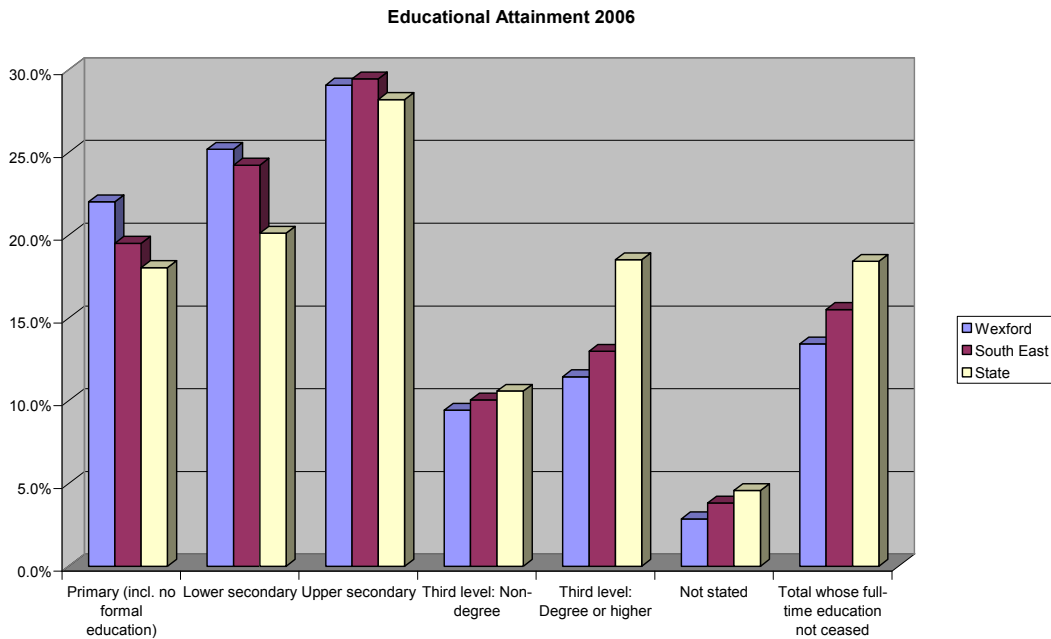
Highest level of Education attained	Total over 15 yrs whose education ceased	Primary	Lower Secondary	Upper Secondary	Third Level: Non-degree	Third Level: Degree	Not Stated	Total whose education not ceased
Co. Wexford 2002	78,923	20,457 (25.9%)	20,933 (26.5%)	21,712 (27.5%)	6272 (7.9%)	7137 (9%)	2412 (3%)	11,158
Co. Wexford 2006	90,372	19,896 (22%)	22,765 (25.2%)	26,267 (29%)	8520 (9.4%)	10,338 (11.4%)	2586 (2.8%)	12,139
Change 2002-2006	12,430	-561	1832	4555	2248	3201	174	981

Highest level of Education attained, compared with the South East region and the State.

Table 13: Highest Level of Education Attained 2006

Highest level of Education attained	Total over 15 yrs whose education ceased	Primary	Lower Secondary	Upper Secondary	Third Level: Non-degree	Third Level: Degree	Not Stated	Total whose education not ceased
Co. Wexford 2006	90,372	19,896 (22%)	22,765 (25.2%)	26,267 (29%)	8520 (9.4%)	10,338 (11.4%)	2586 (2.8%)	12,139
South East 2006	313,607	61,171 (19.5%)	75,967 (24.2%)	92,316 (29.4%)	31,488 (10.0%)	40,717 (13.0%)	11,948 (3.8%)	48,625
State 2006	2,850,333	514,085 (18%)	573,411 (20%)	803,498 (28%)	301,327 (10.6%)	527,775 (18.5%)	130,237 (4.6%)	525,066

Chart 2: Highest level of Educational Attainment 2006, Co. Wexford, Region, State



Although in absolute terms, Educational attainment has increased substantially in Co. Wexford, relative to the South East region and the State, the County has a lower educational attainment, shown in the Chart above. Particularly in the category of those who have a degree or higher, Co. Wexford (11.4%) and the South East (13.0%) region are considerably below the State average of 18.5%. Proximity to a University has been proven to increase the likelihood of students attending a University¹, this chart concurs with this theory.

Components of Population change

The table shows the components of population change in the 4 years to 2006. Net migration into Co. Wexford far outweighed migration into other counties in the South East. In terms of migration, the next county in terms of numbers to Co. Wexford was Kilkenny with less than half the number of those who migrated into Co. Wexford.

Table 14: Components of Population Change 2006

	Pop 2002	Births	Deaths	Net Migration	Pop 2006
Wexford	116,596	7922	3603	10,834	131,749
Carlow	46,014	3318	1391	2408	50,349
Waterford	101,546	6468	2952	2899	107,961

¹ Clancy, 2001, DES.

Kilkenny	80,339	4502	2269	4986	87,558
Sth Tipp.	79,121	4288	2523	2335	83,221

Migration into Co. Wexford if different from one year previously

➤ **Usually resident in other counties- County analysis**

2954 people were enumerated in Co. Wexford in the Census who are not resident in the county 840 of these in non-private establishments such as hospitals, hotels etc.. 3114 people usually resident in Co. Wexford were enumerated in other counties, 902 of these in non-private establishments.

This means that a net figure of 130,648 people were usually resident in the county in 2006.

➤ **Current Wexford Population- Residence one year previously.**

A total of 5991 people moved into Co. Wexford in the year to 2006. 2843 people moved to Co. Wexford from other countries while 3148 others moved to the county from other counties in the State. Of the other counties, 1344 moved from Co. Dublin County, 731 from Co. Wicklow, 185 from Co. Waterford and 103 from Co. Cork. Of those who are usually resident but who have lived elsewhere one year previously, Table 15 : gives the breakdown of the countries of residence for that time. This gives an indication of the pattern of migration for that time.

Table 15: Residence one year previously

Usual residence one year previously	Number
Co. Wexford	122,695
Under 1yr old	1962
Other County	3148
Other countries	2843
England and Wales	606
Poland	1013
Lithuania	213
Latvia	123
Slovakia	66
Estonia	56
Czech Republic	36
USA	97

Germany	52
Scotland	23
France	39
Hungary	31
Spain	28
Northern Ireland	28
Italy	27
Portugal	21
Other Countries	378

➤ **Co. Wexford as former county of residence one year previously**

1850 people moved **from** Co. Wexford in the year to 2006. The most common age of those who moved from Co. Wexford to other counties is the 25-29years age group(379), followed by the 20-24 yrs(364) followed by the 1-14yrs age(230) and the 35-44 yrs age group(228).

Birthplace

➤ **Birthplace of those usually resident in Co. Wexford**

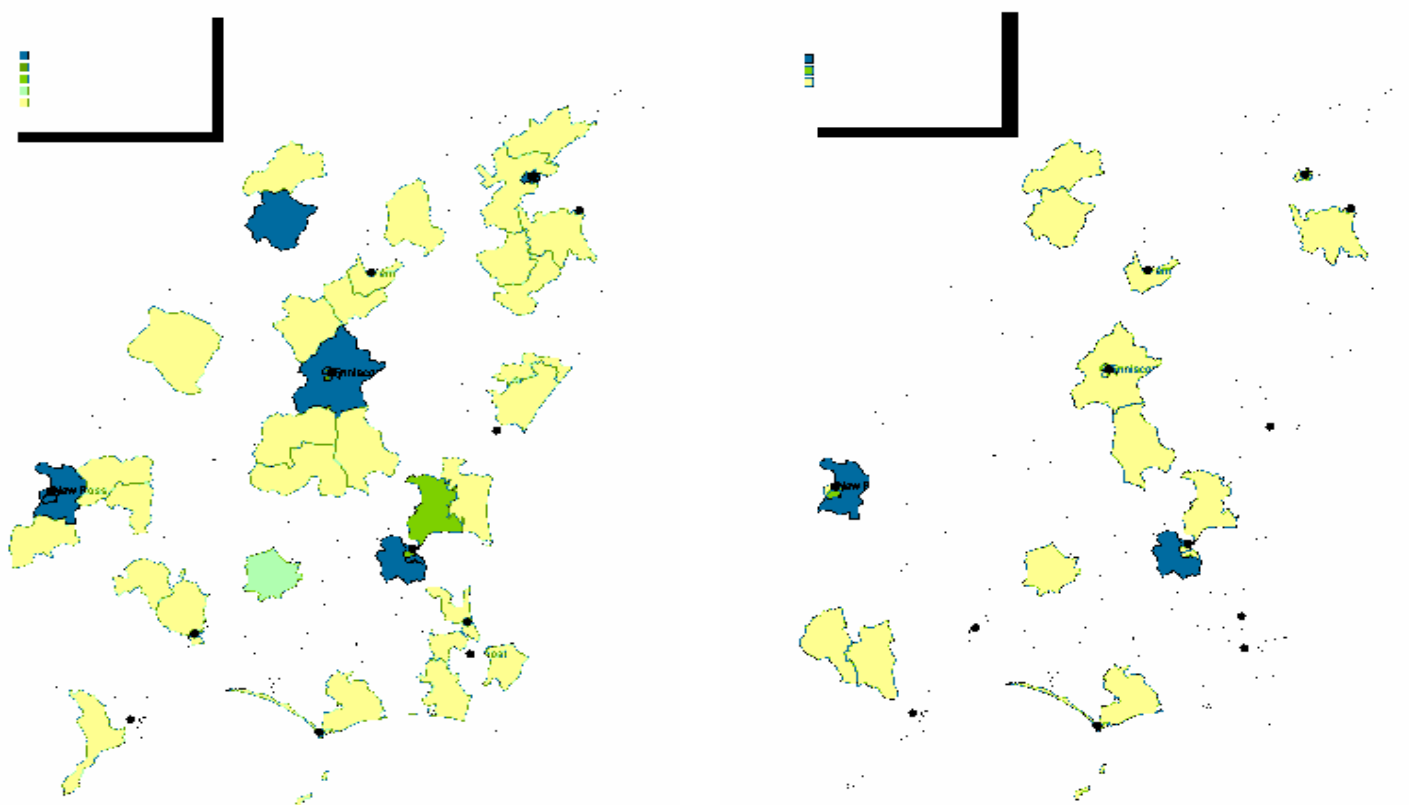
68% of those usually resident in the county were born in Co. Wexford and a further 20% were born in another county in the State. The remaining 11.6% were born in other countries, listed in the table below. 7705 people now resident in the county were born in England and Wales. Almost 2000 people in Co. Wexford were born in Poland and a further 1725 were born in another EU country. 640 people were born in Lithuania and a further 444 were born in other European Countries.

Table 16: Birthplace of those usually resident in Co. Wexford

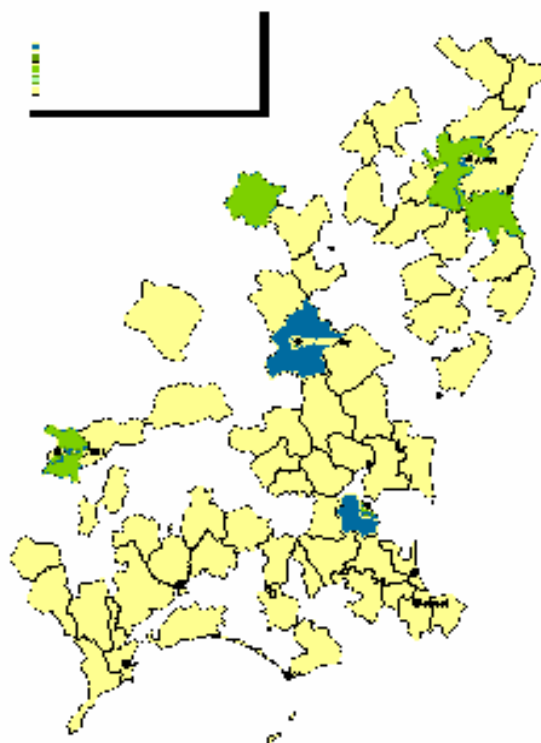
Co. Wexford	88,889	68.0%
Other County	26,607	20.4%
Northern Ireland	560	0.4%
England and Wales	7705	5.9%
Scotland	273	0.2%
Poland	1995	1.5%
Lithuania	640	0.5%
Other EU country	1725	1.3%

Other European Countries	444	0.3%
USA	376	0.3%
Africa	471	0.4%
Asia	601	0.5%
Other countries	362	0.3%
Total usually resident in Co. Wexford	130,648	100%

The maps below indicate the location and spread of people resident in Co. Wexford born in Poland and Lithuania. As expected, there is a large concentration of both nationalities in the wider urban areas, particularly Wexford, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Bunclody. The Taghmon and Castlebridge areas are also popular, particularly for people born in Poland. However, many people born in the countries are also resident in more rural areas of Co. Wexford, as the maps show.



The following map indicates the location and wide spread of those born in other EU 25 countries.



➤ **Birthplace of persons within Co. Wexford Towns 2006**

Bunclody has the highest proportion of persons born in the EU15-EU25 Accession states with 12.6% of the population from the area, followed by New Ross with 11.7% of the population.

Table 17: Birthplace of persons - Co. Wexford Towns 2006

	Wexford	Enniscorthy	New Ross	Gorey	Bunclody	Castle-bridge
Total	17,414	9248	7456	6956	1754	1595
Co. of usual residence	12,106	6731	4140	3501	893	1069
Other Co.	2697	1294	1796	2251	541	313
Northern Ireland	63	30	30	54	6	10
England, Wales and Scotland	969	479	406	425	68	116
Other EU 15	122	50	33	91	7	18
EU15-EU25 accession states	935 (5.4%)	435 (4.7%)	877 (11.7%)	414 (6%)	221 (12.6%)	50 (3.1%)
Other countries	522	229	174	220	18	19

➤ **Usually resident persons by county of birth**

Co. Wexford has one of the highest rates of people who are born in the county and resident within the county with only 19.7% (26,607 people) of those born within Co. Wexford living elsewhere in Ireland. In the State, this is the third lowest rate of movement out of the county next to Donegal where 13.7% of those born within the county living elsewhere and Cork who have a rate of 13.8%.

In the South East, 28.2% of Tipperary born people live elsewhere, 26.7% of Waterford born people live elsewhere, 30% of Kilkenny born people live elsewhere and 31.9% of Carlow born people live elsewhere.

➤ **Birthplace of County Wexford residents 1991-2006**

The table below illustrate the changing times where the proportion of people born outside Co. Wexford has increased in the past 25 years. In 1991, 18.4% of people within the county were born outside Co. Wexford whereas in 2006, 32.8% were born outside the county.

Table 18 : Residents born outside Co. Wexford 1991-2006

	Total	Country of enumeration	Other county	Northern Ireland	England and Wales	Scotland	USA	Other countries	% of those born outside county of enumeration
1991	102069	83,290	13,632	334	3842	127	137	707	18.4
1996	104371	83,905	14,348	378	4498	138	189	915	19.6
2002	116596	85,391	20,843	510	6910	254	279	2409	26.8
2006	131749	88,544	27,141	627	7950	299	409	6779	32.8

Nationality

Table 19 indicates the nationality of people in the County, Region and State in 2006. There are 2019 Polish people in Co. Wexford and 650 Lithuanian people resident in Co. Wexford, as expected the highest number in the region. A further 3234 people resident in Co. Wexford are from Other EU 25 countries or the Rest of the World.

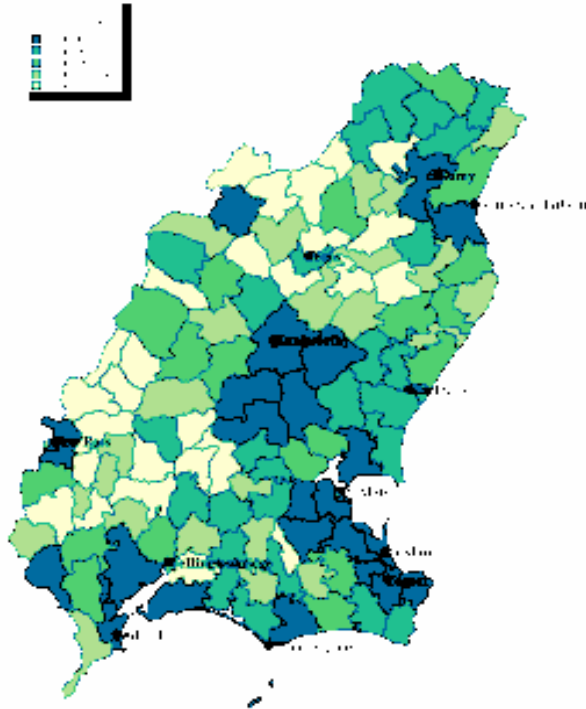
Table 19: Nationality of Co. Wexford, South East, State 2006

Nationality	Irish	UK	Polish	Lithuanian	Other EU 25	Rest of World	Not stated	Total
Wexford	119340	4361	2019	650	1582	1652	914	130518
Carlow	44771	1268	1235	195	711	1061	447	49688
Kilkenny	79825	2433	1008	195	1011	1432	785	86689
Waterford	56423	2688	364	111	513	788	384	61271
South Tipperary	75181	2923	958	428	835	1408	684	82417
State	3706683	112548	63276	24628	75323	143958	45597	4172013

Table 20: Proportional Nationality of Co. Wexford, South East, State 2006

Nationality	Irish	UK	Polish	Lithuanian	Other EU 25	Rest of World	Not stated
Wexford	91.4%	3.3%	1.5%	0.5%	1.2%	1.3%	0.7%
Carlow	90.1%	2.6%	2.5%	0.4%	1.4%	2.1%	0.9%
Kilkenny	92.1%	2.8%	1.2%	0.2%	1.2%	1.7%	0.9%
Waterford	92.1%	4.4%	0.6%	0.2%	0.8%	1.3%	0.6%
South Tipperary	91.2%	3.5%	1.2%	0.5%	1.0%	1.7%	0.8%
State	88.8%	2.7%	1.5%	0.6%	1.8%	3.5%	1.1%

The following map indicates the spread of those with UK nationality but resident in Co. Wexford.



There is a concentration of people with UK nationality within the Gorey, Wexford Enniscorthy, New Ross and Bunclody towns.

There is a particularly large concentration around the Enniscorthy and Wexford – Rosslare areas.

Ethnic and Cultural background

90% of the population of Co. Wexford are of White Irish background. .9% are of White Traveller origin and 6.4% or a total of 8310 people are of ‘Other White background’ origin.

Table 21: Ethnic or Cultural Background 2006

Ethnic or Cultural Background	Co. Wexford 2006	%
Total	130648	
White: Irish	117912	90.3%
White: Irish Traveller	1138	0.9%
Any other White background	8310	6.4%
Black: African	299	0.2%
Black: Any other	49	0.0%
Asian: Chinese	185	0.1%
Asian: Any other Asian Background	329	0.3%
Other	1021	0.8%
Not Stated	1405	1.1%

➤ **Towns (5000 in population and over) by cultural background**

The Ethnic and Cultural background of the towns gives an indication of the spread of differing cultures in the county. The largest proportion of those of ‘other White background’ is in New Ross town with 13.4% or 1003 people. 10.3% of the Goery Town population, or 715, people are of ‘Other White background’. 9% of the population of Wexford towns are of ‘Other White background’.

Table 22: Ethnic or Cultural Background- Co. Wexford Towns 2006

Ethnic or Cultural Background	Wexford	Enniscorthy	New Ross	Gorey
Total	17414	9248	7456	6956
White: Irish	15112	7976	5922	5916
White: Irish Traveller	76	182	160	30
Any other White background	1569 (9%)	698 (7.5%)	1003 (13.4%)	715 (10.3%)
Black: African	81	97	48	8
Black: Any other	11	2	6	6
Asian: Chinese	50	21	8	25
Asian: Any other Asian Background	106	53	13	49
Other	199	79	99	112
Not Stated	210	140	197	95

➤ **Irish Travellers- county and town**

There are a higher proportion of Irish Travellers in the county (8.6 per 1000 population) than in the State(5.3 per 1000 population). In the region, besides Co. Wexford, Carlow has the highest proportion at 5.3 per 1000 population, while Kilkenny and Waterford have the lowest with 4.1 per 1000 population.

Of Wexford Towns over 5,000, New Ross has 20.8 Travellers per 1000 population, Enniscorthy has 19.1 per 1000, Wexford has 4.7 and Gorey 4.2 per 1000 population.

In the County, there are 231 Private Traveller households, 765 Travellers live in Permanent accommodation while 185 persons live in temporary accommodation.35 people did not state their household. There are 58 households in the county where Travellers live with others, 248 persons live in Permanent accommodation in these households while 31 persons live in temporary accommodation. 12 were unstated

Infrastructure and Technology

➤ **Water supply and Sewerage Facility**

The following table indicates the water and sewerage facility of the county. For water Supply, 61.3% of Co. Wexford households use a Public Mains, compared to 74.8% nationally. 25.85 use another private source in the county, compared to 9.9% in the State.

In the Sewerage area, 46.1% use a Public scheme while 65.4% use a Public Sewerage scheme in the State. 44.0% of households use an individual septic tank in the County while 28.6% use an Individual septic tank in the State.

Table:23 Water and Sewerage Supply 2006

Water	Co. Wexford		State	
Public Mains	27644	61.3%	1093189	74.8%
Local Authority group scheme	3307	7.3%	126609	8.7%
Private Group scheme	1465	3.2%	46458	3.2%
Other Private source	11626	25.8%	145341	9.9%
No Piped water	142	0.3%	2908	0.2%
Not stated	912	2.0%	47791	3.3%
Total	45096		1462296	100.0%

Sewerage	Co. Wexford		State	
Public Scheme	20809	46.1%	956239	65.4%
Individual Septic Tank	19836	44.0%	418033	28.6%
Individual treatment not septic tank	2914	6.5%	29685	2.0%
Other	516	1.1%	6979	0.5%
No sewerage facility	124	0.3%	4179	0.3%
Not stated	897	2.0%	47181	3.2%
Total	45096		1462296	

➤ **Central Heating**

86.5% of Co. Wexford homes have Central heating, marginally below the State average of 88.1%.

Table 24: Central Heating in Co. Wexford and State 2006

	Co. Wexford	%	State	%
Have Central Heating	39017	86.5%	1288261	88.1%
Have no Central Heating	5280	11.7%	136155	9.3%
Not stated	799	1.8%	37880	2.6%
Total	45096	100%	1462296	100%

Technology

➤ **PC ownership and Internet usage**

53.7% of homes in Co. Wexford have a Personal Computer, compared to 56.6% nationally.

Table 25: PC Ownership in Co. Wexford and State 2006

	Co. Wexford	%	State	%
Have a PC	24203	53.7%	828356	56.6%
Have no PC	20183	44.8%	599417	41.0%
Not Stated	710	1.6%	34523	2.4%
Total	45096	100.0%	1462296	100.0%

➤ **Internet Usage**

10% of the county have Broadband Internet access well below the State average of 20%, although 31.9% have another internet connection compared to 26.7% of the State. This brings the Co. Wexford access to the internet up to 41.9%, compared to 46.7% nationally.

Table 26: Internet usage in Co. Wexford and State 2006

	Co. Wexford	%	State	%
Have Broadband Internet Access	4510	10.0%	292110	20.0%
Have other Internet connection	14396	31.9%	390535	26.7%
No access to Internet	23446	52.0%	703907	48.1%
Not stated	2744	6.1%	75744	5.2%
Total	45096	100.0%	1462296	100%

Castlebridge has the highest proportional ownership of Personal Computers with 56.1% of the population which is almost on a par with the state average. Enniscorthy has the lowest proportional ownership at 40.2%. Since the Co. average is 53%, this shows that PC Ownership is more common in the overall rural area of the county than the urban areas.

Table 28 : PC ownership by Co. Wexford towns 2006

	Wexford	Enniscorthy	New Ross	Gorey	Bunclody	Castlebridge
Have a PC	3323 (47.6%)	1416 (40.2%)	1322 (46.5%)	1372 (51.8%)	244 (41.2%)	327 (56.1%)
Have no PC	3533 (50.6%)	2068 (58.8%)	1434 (50.4%)	1237 (46.7%)	340 (57.4%)	244 (41.9%)
Not Stated	124 (1.8%)	35 (1.%)	88 (3.1%)	41 (1.5%)	8 (1.4%)	12 (2.1%)
Total	6980	3519	2844	2650	592	583

New Ross has the largest proportion with access to Broadband internet access at 18.5% of households. Castlebridge has the highest proportion with another internet connection at almost 39%. Bunclody has the highest proportion of households with no internet access with 63.9% having no internet access.

Table 29 : Internet usage in Co. Wexford towns 2006

	Wexford	Enniscorthy	New Ross	Gorey	Bunclody	Castlebridge
Have Broadband Internet Access	1150 (16.5%)	441 (12.5%)	526 (18.5%)	469 (17.7%)	47 (7.9%)	19 (3.3%)
Have other Internet connection	1387 (19.9%)	521 (14.8%)	489 (17.2%)	549 (20.7%)	130 (22%)	226 (38.8%)
No access to Internet	3942 (56.5%)	2350 (55.8%)	1614 (56.8%)	1479 (55.8%)	378 (63.9%)	300 (51.5%)
Not stated	501 (7.2%)	207 (5.9%)	215 (7.6%)	153 (5.8%)	37 (6.3%)	38 (6.5%)
Total	6980	3519	2844	2650	592	583

Nature of occupancy

41.5% of houses in Co. Wexford are Owner occupied with mortgage, 3% less than the State at 44.5% and the lowest rate in the county. 36.3% of households in Co. Wexford are owner occupied with no mortgage, over 6% higher than the State in 2006. Kilkenny have the highest proportion of those owner occupied with no mortgage at 36.8% of households. Wexford has one of the highest rates in the region of houses rented from the Local Authority at 7.6%, .1% higher than the State rate of 7.5%.

Table 31: Nature of Occupancy of Co. Wexford, South East, State 2006

Occupancy	Owner occupied with mortgage	Owner occupied no mortgage	Buying - Local Authority	Rented - Local Authority	Rented - Voluntary Body	Other rented - unfurnished	Other rented – furnished	Occupied free of rent	Not stated
Wexford	41.5%	36.3%	1.7%	7.6%	3.0%	1.0%	5.8%	1.2%	1.8%
Carlow	41.7%	32.7%	1.7%	7.8%	4.0%	1.0%	6.8%	1.1%	3.2%
Kilkenny	43.5%	36.8%	1.5%	5.9%	2.5%	0.9%	5.1%	1.3%	2.4%
Waterford	47.1%	36.3%	1.4%	5.8%	2.0%	0.9%	3.8%	1.3%	1.5%
South Tipperary	42.5%	34.7%	2.1%	7.7%	2.9%	1.0%	5.2%	1.6%	2.4%
State	44.5%	30.1%	1.7%	7.5%	3.1%	1.1%	8.0%	1.0%	3.0%

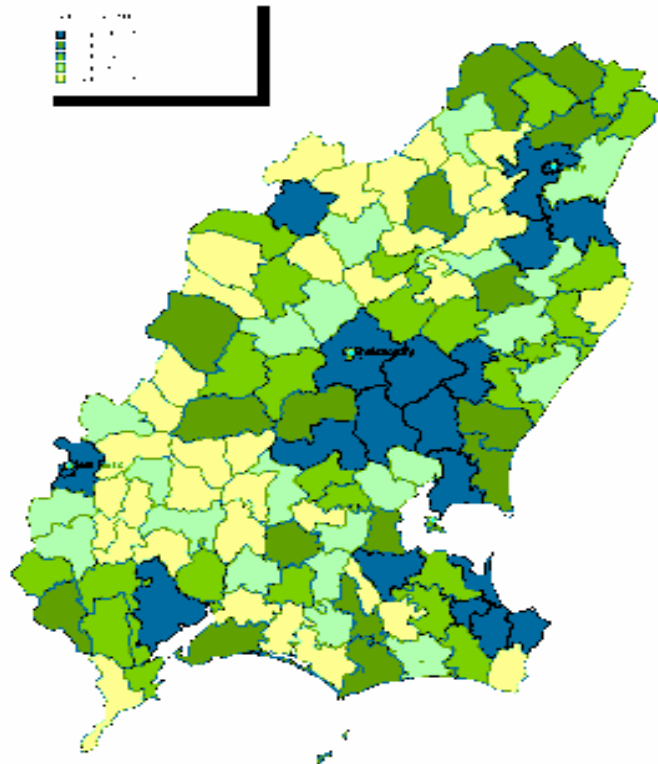
➤ **Co. Wexford Houses: Period built**

22.4% of houses in Co. Wexford were built after 2001, the highest proportion in the region and almost 5% higher than the State.

Table 30: Houses by period built in Co. Wexford, South East Region and State 2006

Year house built	Pre 1919	1919 to 1940	1941 to 1960	1961 to 1970	1971 to 1980	1981 to 1990	1991 To 1995	1996 to 2000	2001 or later	Not stated
Wexford	13.8%	6.9%	6.6%	5.4%	12.0%	10.2%	6.3%	13.8%	22.4%	2.6%
Carlow	12.8%	7.1%	8.2%	6.1%	12.6%	10.6%	6.6%	12.8%	18.6%	4.5%
Kilkenny	15.1%	7.2%	8.3%	5.5%	14.4%	11.6%	5.7%	10.3%	18.3%	3.6%
Waterford	16.8%	7.0%	6.8%	5.5%	14.8%	11.2%	5.3%	10.2%	19.9%	2.5%
South Tipperary	16.6%	9.5%	9.6%	6.5%	14.0%	10.4%	5.2%	10.0%	14.5%	3.8%
State	10.6%	7.4%	9.7%	7.7%	14.5%	11.4%	6.4%	10.6%	17.1%	4.7%

The following map indicates the areas of houses built after 2001. these were focused around the larger urban areas and the eastern corridor from Enniscorthy to Wexford town, including the broader Rosslare/Kilrane/Tagoat area.



Conclusion

Many socio-economic changes have occurred in Co. Wexford and the State in recent years. The level of migration into the county is the highest in years with many other nationalities resident in the county, having being born in other countries. Educational attainment is increasing and unemployment is at the lowest rate in decades. However, our culture is changing with major household composition shifts occurring across the county and the State with traditional family units being replaced.

While many of these changes are positive, it is now even more important that the Wexford County Development Board are equipped with accurate knowledge and information so that each member can determine the policy and service implications that these changes may have and to ensure that all residents of the county are equal in the delivery of these services.