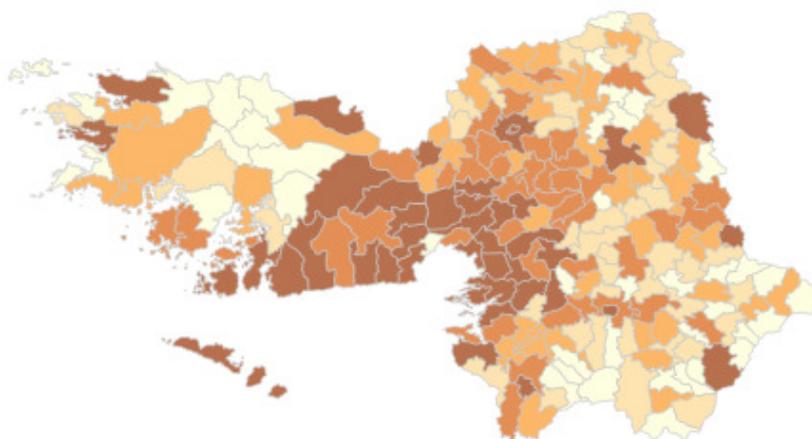


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Summary

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- The proportion of non Irish people living in County Galway has risen from 8.1% in 2006 to 14.7% in 2011.
- County Galway has a lower proportion of non Irish people (14.7%) than Galway City (25%) and the State (16.9%)
- At 26.7% of the population Gort has the highest proportion of non Irish people in a town in County Galway.
- Oranmore is the next highest at 23.1% followed by Athenry at 19%
- At 14.6% of the population Oranmore town has the highest proportion of people from the EU excluding Ireland and the UK
- At 2.3% of the population, Oranmore has the highest proportion of Africans followed by Clifden at 2.1%
- At 2.8% of the population Loughrea has the highest proportion of Asians followed by Clifden at 2.6%.

Ethnicity

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- As a percentage of the population in 2011, County Galway has more White Irish (88.4%) than the State (84.5%)
- As a percentage of the population in 2011, County Galway has less non Irish White people and Black or black Irish people than the State
- As a percentage of the population in 2011, County Galway has more Asian or Asian Irish People (0.7%) than the State (0.4%)
- The Percentage of non Irish White people, Black or black Irish and Asian or Asian Irish in County Galway has increased from 2006 to 2011
- The majority of Black or Black Irish people are living close to the City and in Ballinasloe, Tuam, Gort and in Clifden.
- The majority of Asian or Irish Asian are living close to the City, and in Oranmore, Athenry, Tuam, Ballinasloe, Portumna and Clifden.

Travellers

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- Galway City have a higher proportion of Travellers at 2.3% of the total usual resident population than County Galway at 1.4% and the state average at 0.6%.
- Travellers in County Galway have increased by 555 between 2006 and 2011 or 28.9%
- The Majority of White Irish Travellers are living in Tuam, Portumna, Ballinasloe, Athenry and Ceathrú an Bhrúnaigh.
- County Galway has a higher proportion of Travellers living in Permanent Private Households than the State but is lower than the City.

Irish Language

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- As a percentage of the population over 3 years of age, at 51%, County Galway has a higher percentage of people that speak Irish than Galway City (44%) and the State (40.6%).
- The EDs with the most Irish speakers as a percentage of the population can be seen in the South Connemara area.
- At 75.2% a higher proportion of people living in the Gaeltacht in County Galway speak Irish compared to the proportion of all the other Gaeltacht areas in the Country combined (69.5%).
- The highest proportion of those that speak Irish are in the school going age groups (5 – 19years)
- Older people (60+) are less likely to speak Irish than younger age groups
- The majority of Irish speakers that never speak Irish outside the education system are located near the city and to the east of the County.
- 63% of all households in County Galway Speak Irish
- It is more common for 2 people in a household to speak Irish than any other number of people.

Other Languages

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- At 31.2% Polish is by far the most popular language for a non Irish person to speak in the State

Religion

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- As a percentage of the population there are slightly less Roman Catholics in County Galway in 2011 than there was in 2006.
- Church of Ireland is the next most popular religion at 1.8%.
- As a percentage of the population at 6.3% there are more people in County Galway in 2011 who do not affiliate to any religion compared to 2006 (4.6%)

Nationality & Place of Birth

Table 1 Total Non Irish and EU Non Irish Usually Resident in the State 2011

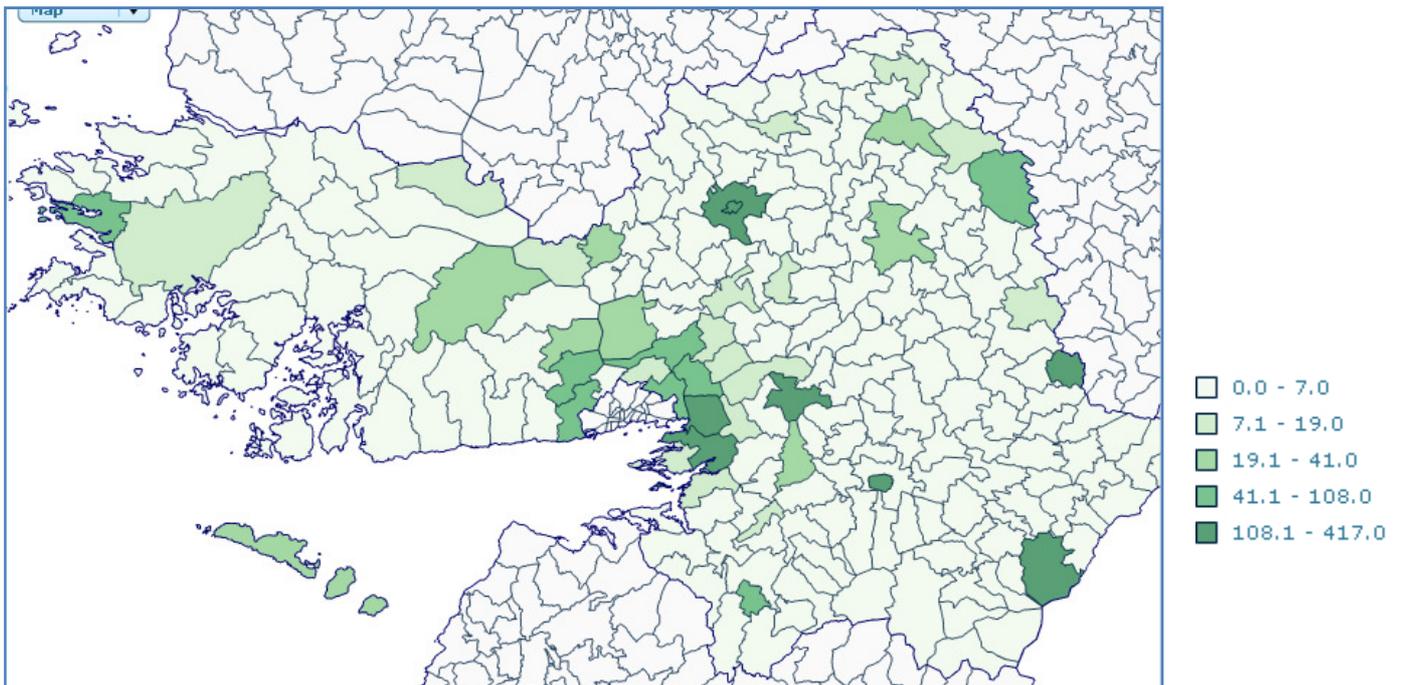
	Total Usually Resident	Total Non Irish Usually Resident		Total EU Non Irish Usually Resident	
County Galway	172,818	25,454	14.7%	19,590	11.3%
Galway City	72,996	18,272	25%	12,158	16.6%
Galway City & County	245,814	43,726	17.8%	31,748	12.9%
State	4,525,281	766,770	16.9%	555,594	12.3%

- The proportion of non Irish people living in County Galway has risen from 8.1% in 2006 to 14.7% in 2011.
- County Galway has a lower proportion of non Irish people (14.7%) than Galway City (25%) and the State (16.9%)

Table 2 Population Usually Resident and Present in County Galway by Birthplace 2011

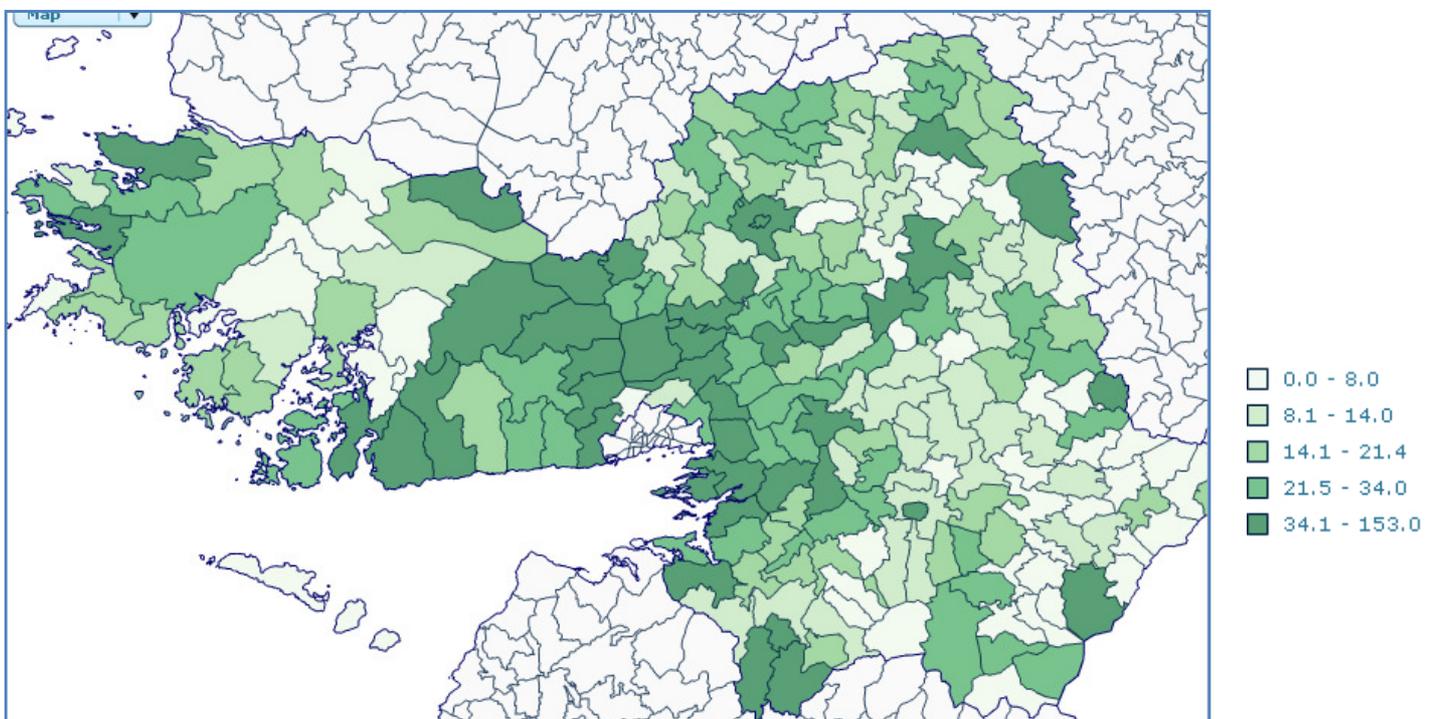
	Country	Number	% Usually Resident
1	England and Wales	11,508	6.7%
2	America	5,407	3.1%
3	Poland	3,197	1.8%
4	Northern Ireland	1,248	0.7%
5	Asia	1,494	0.9%
6	Africa	1,011	0.6%
7	Brazil	870	0.5%
8	Lithuania	565	0.3%
9	Germany	519	0.3%
10	Scotland	498	0.3%
11	France	290	0.2%
12	Hungary	259	0.1%
13	Latvia	239	0.1%
14	India	239	0.1%
15	Philippines	235	0.1%
16	Slovakia	233	0.1%
17	Australia	226	0.1%
18	Nigeria	209	0.1%
19	Netherlands	196	0.1%
20	South Africa	185	0.1%

Figure 1 Usually Resident Polish by ED, County Galway 2011



- The majority of Polish are living close to the city especially in Oranmore and Clarinbridge, in Athenry, Portumna, Ballinasloe and Tuam.

Figure 2 Usually Resident UK population by ED, County Galway 2011



- The UK nationalities are spread around the County with a high proportion of them living close to the City.

Table 3 Population Usually Resident and Present in their Usual Residence in the largest Towns in County Galway, 2011

Town	Total Population	Total Non Irish		EU27 excluding Irish and UK		African		Asian	
		Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Tuam	8,242	1,495	18.1%	1012	12.3%	79	1.0%	122	1.5%
Ballinasloe	6,577	960	14.6%	612	9.3%	57	0.9%	70	1.1%
Loughrea	5,062	840	16.6%	366	7.2%	21	0.4%	142	2.8%
Oranmore	4,799	1,110	23.1%	700	14.6%	111	2.3%	67	1.4%
Athenry	3,950	752	19.0%	421	10.7%	38	1.0%	31	0.8%
Gort	2,644	705	26.7%	144	5.4%	8	0.3%	25	0.9%
Clifden	2,056	304	14.8%	127	6.2%	43	2.1%	54	2.6%
Moycullen	1,559	206	13.2%	125	8.0%	2	0.1%	19	1.2%
Portumna	1,530	261	17.1%	191	12.5%	1	0.1%	31	2.0%

- At 26.7% of the population Gort has the highest proportion of non Irish people in a town.
- Oranmore is the next highest at 23.1% followed by Athenry at 19%
- At 14.6% of the population Oranmore has the proportion of people from the EU excluding Ireland and the UK
- At 2.3% of the population, Oranmore has the highest proportion of Africans followed by Clifden at 2.1%
- At 2.8% of the population Loughrea has the highest proportion of Asians followed by Clifden at 2.6%.

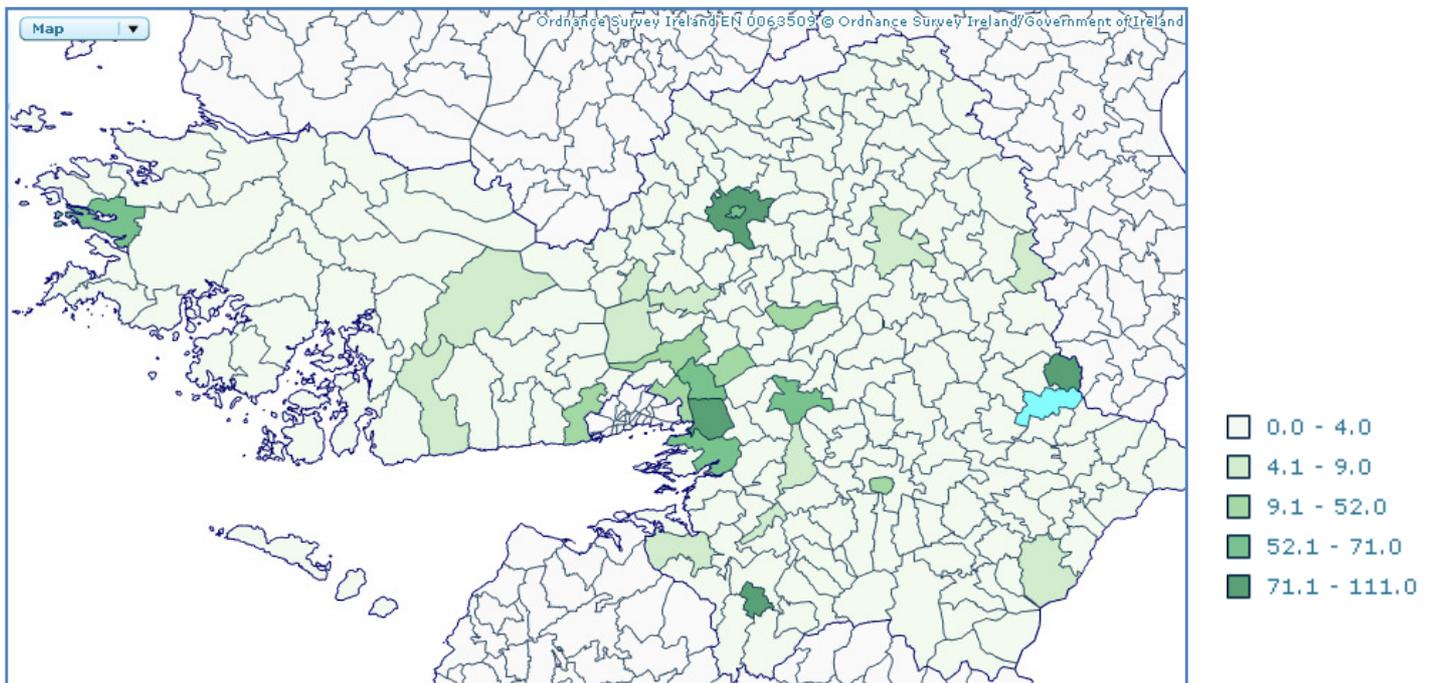
Ethnicity

Table 4 Population Usually Resident and Present in the State by Ethnic or Cultural Background, Age Group, County Galway, 2011

	2006				2011			
	County Galway		State		County Galway		State	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
All Backgrounds	157,005		4,172,013		172,818		4,525,281	
White Irish	140,673	89.6%	3,645,199	87.4%	152,835	88.4%	3,821,995	84.5%
White Irish Traveller	1,908	1.2%	22,369	0.5%	2,475	1.4%	29,495	0.7%
Other White	9,004	5.7%	289,041	6.9%	12,403	7.2%	412,975	9.1%
Black or Black Irish	446	0.3%	44,318	1.1%	988	0.6%	58,697	1.3%
Asian or Asian Irish	619	0.4%	52,345	1.3%	1,242	0.7%	17,832	0.4%
Other	2,180	1.4%	46,438	1.1%	1,227	0.7%	40,724	0.9%

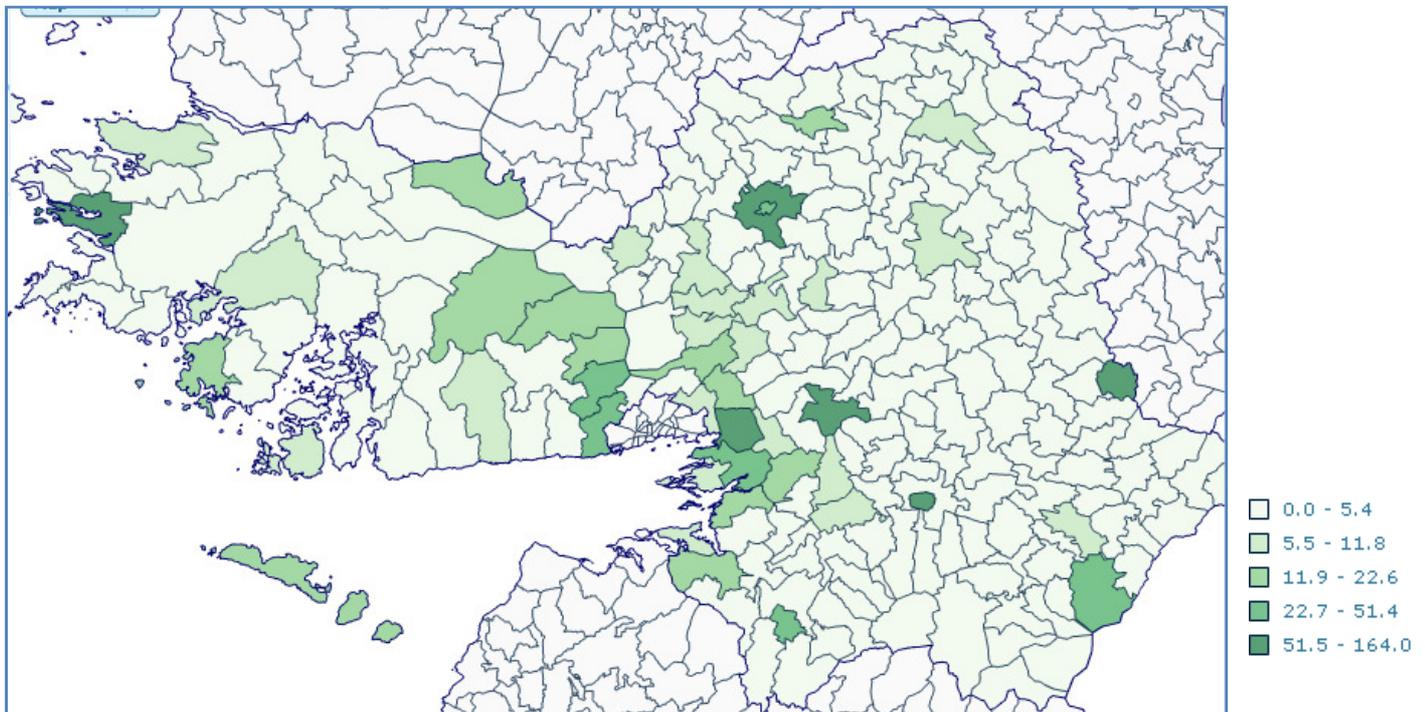
- As a percentage of the population in 2011, County Galway has more White Irish (88.4%) than the State (84.5%)
- As a percentage of the population in 2011, County Galway has less non Irish White people and Black or black Irish people than the State
- As a percentage of the population in 2011, County Galway has more Asian or Asian Irish People (0.7%) than the State (0.4%)
- The Percentage of no Irish White people, Black or black Irish and Asian or Asian Irish in County Galway has increased from 2006 to 2011

Figure 3 Usually Resident Black or Black Irish by ED, County Galway 2011



- The majority of Black or Black Irish people are living in close to the City, in Ballinasloe, Tuam, Gort and in Clifden.

Figure 4 Usually Resident Asian or Irish Asian by ED, County Galway 2011



- The majority of Asian or Irish Asian are living close to the City, and in Oranmore, Athenry, Tuam, Ballinasloe, Portumna and Clifden.

Table 5 Population Usually Resident and Present in the State by Ethnic or Cultural Background, Age Group, County Galway, 2011

	All Back - grounds	White Irish		White Irish Traveller		Other White background		Black or Black Irish		Asian or Asian Irish		Other	
All ages	172,818	152,835	88.4%	2475	1.4%	12403	7.2%	988	0.6%	1242	0.7%	1227	0.7%
0 - 4	14,004	12,081	86.3%	388	2.8%	847	6.0%	138	1.0%	176	1.3%	187	1.3%
5 - 9	13,221	11,633	88.0%	339	2.6%	696	5.3%	187	1.4%	128	1.0%	128	1.0%
10 - 14	12,193	10,862	89.1%	305	2.5%	654	5.4%	98	0.8%	81	0.7%	93	0.8%
15 - 19	10,818	9,664	89.3%	282	2.6%	609	5.6%	53	0.5%	53	0.5%	68	0.6%
20 - 24	8,754	7,667	87.6%	211	2.4%	588	6.7%	39	0.4%	48	0.5%	88	1.0%
25 - 29	10,300	8,157	79.2%	176	1.7%	1554	15.1%	58	0.6%	136	1.3%	123	1.2%
30 - 34	13,073	10,562	80.8%	185	1.4%	1761	13.5%	110	0.8%	191	1.5%	138	1.1%
35 - 39	13,966	11,947	85.5%	159	1.1%	1332	9.5%	104	0.7%	173	1.2%	129	0.9%
40 - 44	13,261	11,591	87.4%	104	0.8%	1145	8.6%	114	0.9%	118	0.9%	89	0.7%
45 - 49	11,989	10,702	89.3%	107	0.9%	922	7.7%	47	0.4%	60	0.5%	79	0.7%
50 - 54	11,031	10,045	91.1%	65	0.6%	717	6.5%	22	0.2%	37	0.3%	43	0.4%
55 - 59	9,882	9,224	93.3%	52	0.5%	483	4.9%	10	0.1%	24	0.2%	17	0.2%
60 - 64	8,625	8,036	93.2%	44	0.5%	428	5.0%	3	0.0%	9	0.1%	17	0.2%
65 - 69	6,836	6,427	94.0%	26	0.4%	291	4.3%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	10	0.1%
70 - 74	5,127	4,863	94.9%	15	0.3%	166	3.2%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	5	0.1%
75 - 79	4,116	3,934	95.6%	12	0.3%	106	2.6%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	9	0.2%
80 - 84	2,912	2,824	97.0%	3	0.1%	52	1.8%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.1%
85 +	2,710	2,616	96.5%	2	0.1%	52	1.9%			2	0.1%	2	0.1%

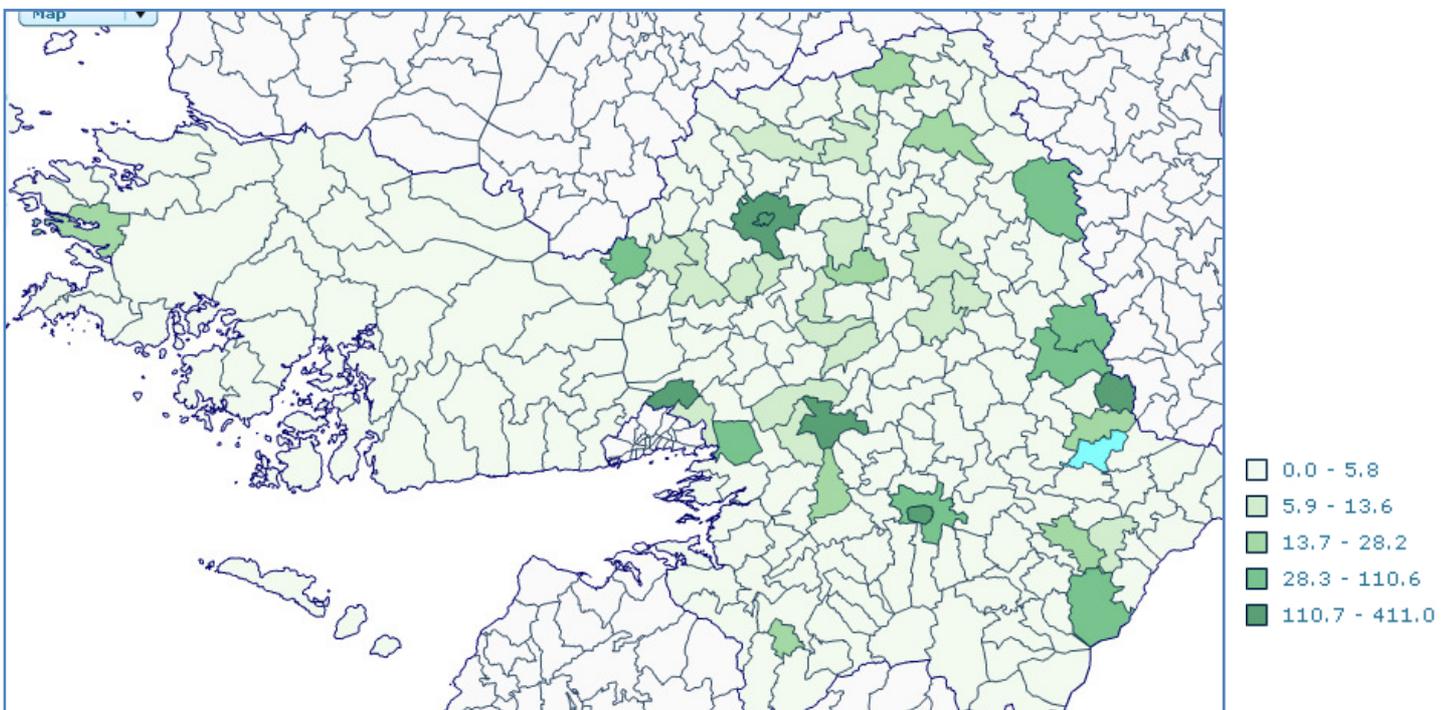
Travellers

Table 6 Total Travellers and % Travellers of Usually Resident Population 2011

	Total Usually Resident 2011	Total Travellers 2011	% Travellers of Usually Resident
County Galway	172,818	2,476	1.4%
Galway City	72,996	1,667	2.3%
Galway City & County	245,814	4,143	1.7%
State	4,525,281	29,573	0.6%

- Galway City have a higher proportion of Travellers at 2.3% of the total usual resident population than County Galway at 1.4% and the state average at 0.6%.
- Travellers in County Galway have increased by 555 between 2006 and 2011 or 28.9%

Figure 5 Usually Resident White Irish Travellers by ED, County Galway 2011



- The Majority of White Irish Travellers are living in Tuam, Portumna, Ballinasloe, Athenry and Ceathrú an Bhrúnaigh.

Table 7 Irish Travellers in Private Households by Type of Household 2011

	Total Travellers	Travellers in Permanent Private Households		Traveller in Temporary Private Households	
		No	%	No	%
County Galway	2,476	2,132	86.1%	245	9.9%
Galway City	1,667	1,472	88.3%	102	6.1%
Galway City & County	4,143	3,604	87%	347	8.4%
State	29,573	24,270	82%	3,600	12.2%

- At 86.1% County Galway has a higher proportion of Travellers living in Permanent Private Households than the State (82%) but is lower than the City (88.3%).
- The remainder of Travellers did not state an answer

Irish Language

Table 8 Population Aged 3 Years that Speak and Don't Speak Irish, County Galway, Galway City & the State, 2011

	County Galway		Galway City		State	
Population	166,624		72,471		4,370,631	
All Irish speakers	84,962	51.0%	31,866	44.0%	1,774,437	40.6%
Non-Irish speakers	79,459	47.7%	38,810	53.6%	2,507,312	57.4%
Not stated	2,203	1.3%	1,795	2.5%	88,882	2.0%

- As a percentage of the population over 3 years of age, at 51%, County Galway has a higher percentage of people that speak Irish than Galway City (44%) and the State (40.6%).

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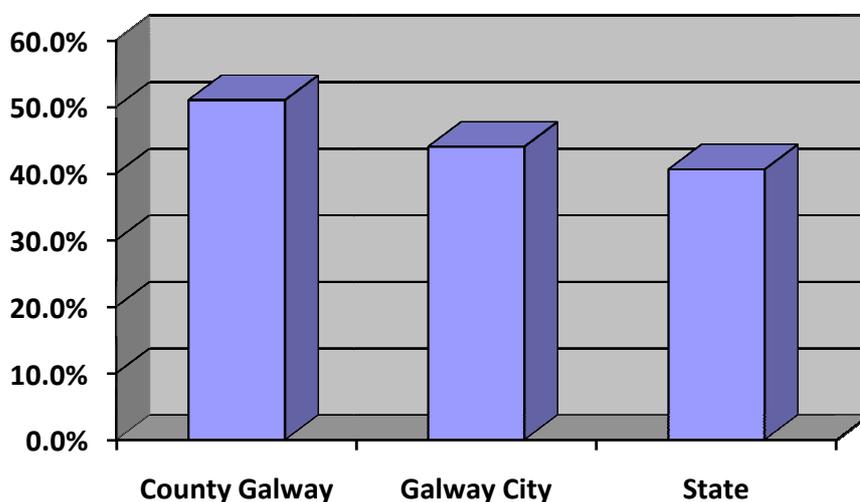
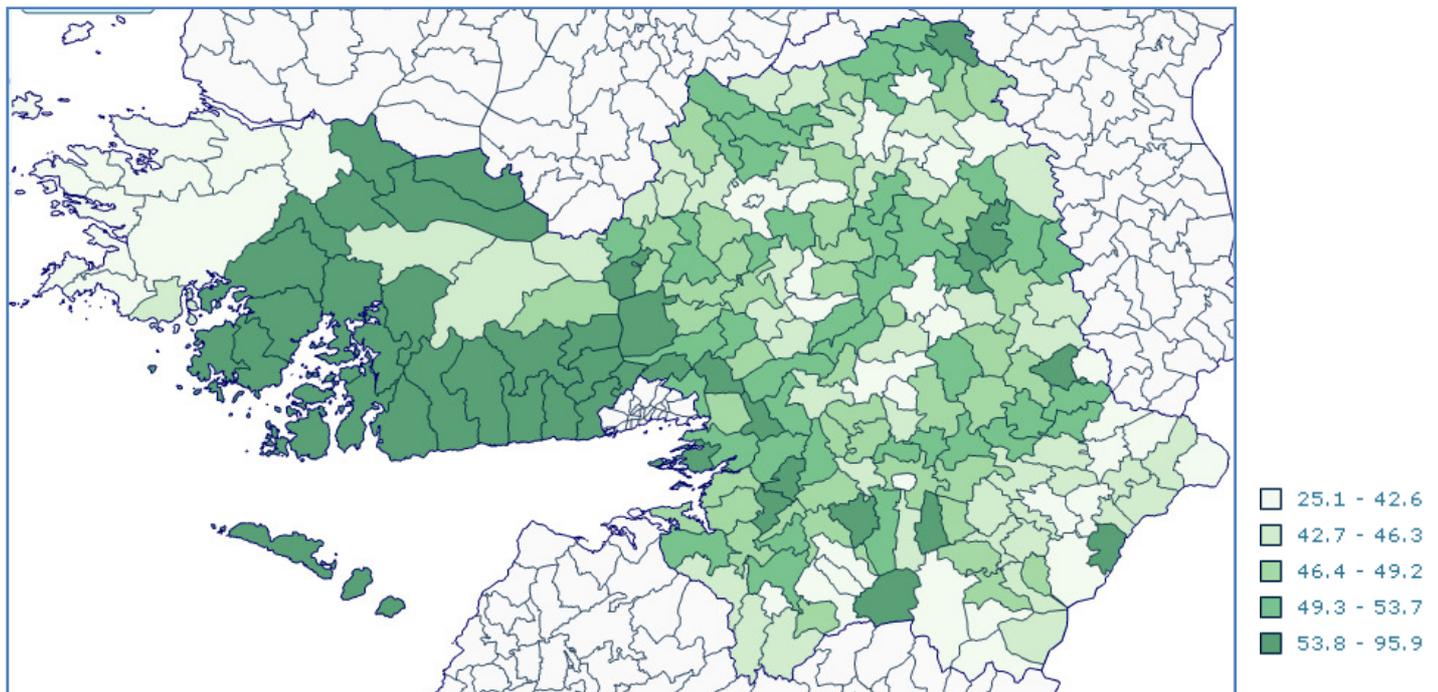


Figure 7 Population over the Age of 3 & Able to speak Irish by ED, County Galway, 2011



- The EDs with the most Irish speakers as a percentage of the population can be seen in the South Connemara area.

Table 9 Population of People aged 3 years and over that live in the Gaeltacht and speak Irish, 2011

	Galway County Gaeltacht Areas	All Gaeltacht Areas
Population Aged 3 Years +	32,131	96,628
Irish Speakers	23,855	66,238
Non-Irish Speakers	7,884	29,114
Not Stated	392	1,276
Irish Speakers as a Percentage of Total (excl. Not Stated)	75.2%	69.5%

- At 75.2% a higher proportion of people living in the Gaeltacht in County Galway speak Irish compared to the proportion of all the other Gaeltacht areas in the Country combined (69.5%).

Table 10 Breakdown by Age Group of those that Speak Irish over the age of 3, County Galway Gaeltach Area, 2011

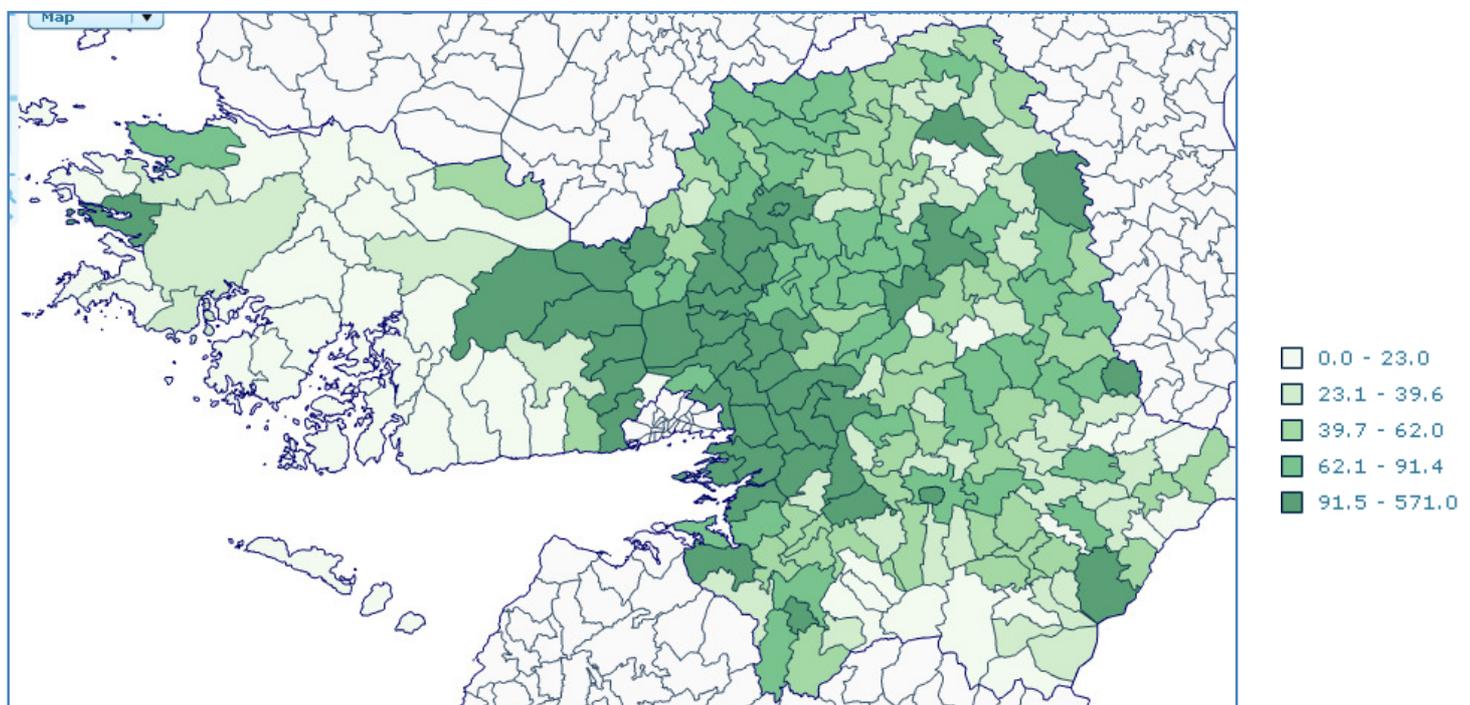
County Galway Gaeltacht Area	No	%
All ages	23,855	
3 - 4 years	526	2.2%
5 - 9 years	2,049	8.6%
10 - 14 years	2,194	9.2%
15 - 19 years	2,005	8.4%
20 - 24 years	1,380	5.8%
25 - 29 years	1,213	5.1%
30 - 34 years	1,427	6.0%
35 - 39 years	1,705	7.1%
40 - 44 years	1,723	7.2%
45 - 49 years	1,643	6.9%
50 - 54 years	1,745	7.3%
55 - 59 years	1,660	7.0%
60 - 64 years	1,399	5.9%
65 - 69 years	1,056	4.4%
70 - 74 years	778	3.3%
75 - 79 years	568	2.4%
80 - 84 years	410	1.7%
85 years and over	374	1.6%

- The highest proportion of those that speak Irish are in the school going age groups (5 – 19 years)
- Older people (60+) are less likely to speak Irish than younger age groups

Table 11 Frequency of Irish Speakers Speaking Irish inside and outside the Education System, County Galway Gaeltacht Area, 2011

Frequency of Speaking Irish	No	%
All Irish speakers	23,855	
Speaks Irish daily within the education system only	5,452	22.9%
Speaks Irish daily within and outside the education system	2,344	9.8%
Speaks Irish daily outside the education system	7,893	33.1%
Speaks Irish weekly outside the education system	1,794	7.5%
Speaks Irish less often outside the education system	4,577	19.2%
Never speaks Irish outside the education system	1,444	6.1%
Not stated	351	1.5%

Figure 8 Irish Speakers that Never Speak Irish Outside the Education System, County Galway, 2011



- The majority of Irish speakers that never speak Irish outside the education system are located near the city and to the east of the County.

Table 12 Percentage of Private Households with Irish Speakers by Province County or City, Census Year and Statistic

	No.	%
Total private households	60,952	
1 Irish speaker aged 3 years and over in household	6,342	10.4%
2 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over in household	11,101	18.2%
3 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over in household	7,022	11.5%
4 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over in household	7,236	7.2%
5 Irish speakers aged 3 years and over in household	4,419	7.2%
6 or more Irish speakers aged 3 years and over in household	2,296	3.8%
Total private households with Irish speakers	38,416	63.0%

- 63% of all households in County Galway Speak Irish
- It is more common for 2 people in a household to speak Irish

Other Languages

Table 13 Non Irish Population Usually Resident and Present in the State who Speak a Language other than English or Irish, by Language Spoken, 2011

Language	No	%
Polish	113,404	31.2%
Lithuanian	29,596	8.1%
Russian	17,489	4.8%
Romanian	16,185	4.4%
French	14,843	4.1%
Latvian	12,347	3.4%
Chinese, nec	11,168	3.1%
German	11,054	3.0%
Portuguese	10,047	2.8%
Slovak	8,993	2.5%
Spanish	8,955	2.5%
Malayalam	8,139	2.2%
Hungarian	7,269	2.0%
Arabic	7,234	2.0%
Yoruba	7,034	1.9%
Italian	6,399	1.8%

- At 31.2% Polish is by far the most popular language for a non Irish person to speak in the State

Religion

Table 14 Population by Religion Galway City & County 2011

	2006		2011		Change 2006 - 2011
Roman Catholic	205,226	88.6%	215,867	86.1%	-2.5%
Church of Ireland (incl. Protestant)	4,108	1.8%	4,574	1.8%	0.1%
Presbyterian	662	0.3%	740	0.3%	-
Methodist, Wesleyan	518	0.2%	155	0.1%	-0.2%
Jewish	71	1.1%	88	0.0%	-1.0%
Other stated religions (2)	6,740	2.9%	9,869	3.9%	1.0%
No religion	10,725	4.6%	15,696	6.3%	1.6%
Not stated	3,620	1.6%	3,664	1.5%	-0.1%

- As a percentage of the population at 86.1% there are slightly less Roman Catholics in County Galway in 2011 than there was in 2006 (88.6%)
- Church of Ireland is the next most popular religion at 1.8%.
- As a percentage of the population at 6.3% there are more people in County Galway in 2011 who do not affiliate to any religion compared to 2006 (4.6%)