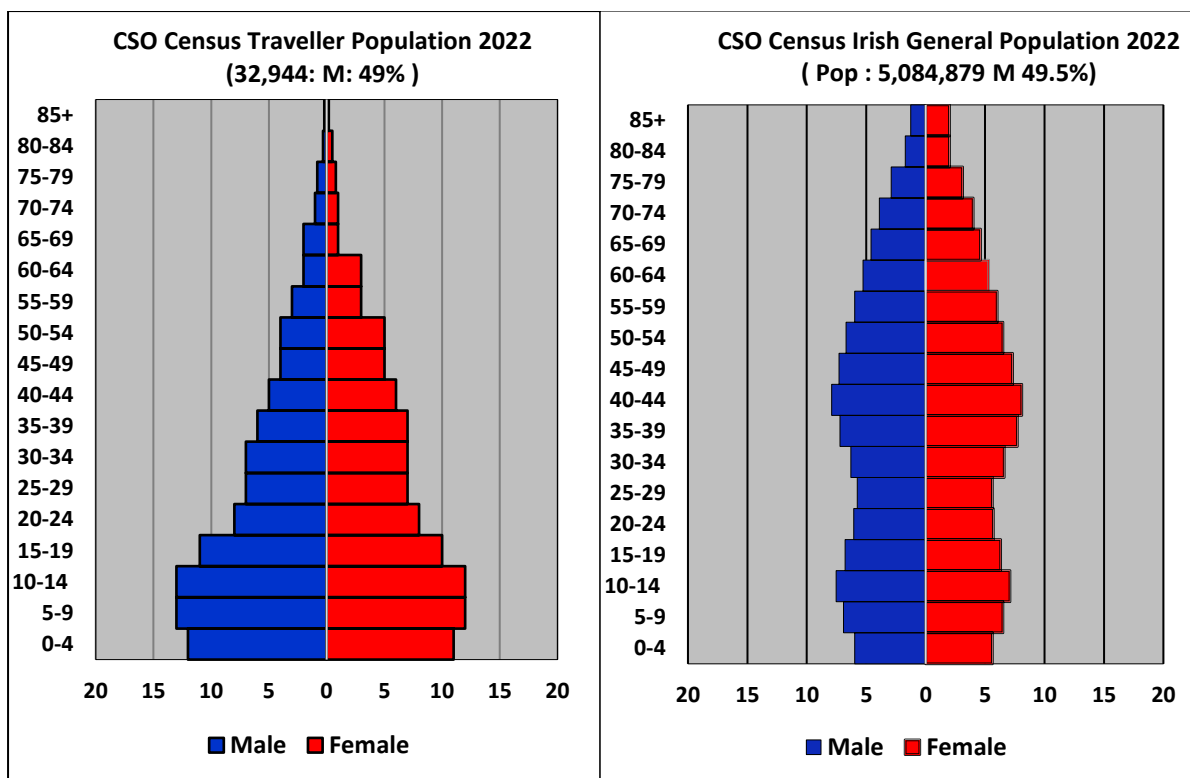




**Traveller and General Population CSO Census
2022 Data and
Comparison table of National Traveller
Population estimates
from the CSO Census 2022 & the DHLGH Annual
Traveller family count 2022
By
THU/CHO and Local Authority areas**

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- Travellers continue to have a population pyramid reflective of a developing country with higher fertility, higher mortality across all ages and genders and shorter life expectancy.
- The data for Travellers surviving to over age 65 is improving since 2016 when 3% were over 65 to 4.2% in 2022 but the gap between Travellers and the general population continues to widen as 11% of the general population were aged over 65 in 2016 and they are now 15% in 2022.

Number of Travellers enumerated in CSO Census 2022 = 32,949

This is a 6% increase in Traveller population since 2016

Health

- 4% of Irish Travellers reported their self-rated health as bad or very bad Vs 2% of the general population
- 15% of Irish Travellers experienced a long lasting condition or difficulty to a great extent Vs 8% in the general population;

Accommodation

- The Ethos definition of homelessness includes those in temporary accommodation with no access to water, electricity or sanitation, or those doubling up or sharing accommodation.
- According to the Annual Traveller Family count by DHLGH there are 2,616 Travellers living in unauthorised sites with not access to water or sanitation.
- There is an additional 907 Traveller families sharing (3,628 Travellers) doubling up in accommodation.
- 6,224 = 19% of Travellers are homeless
- The highest proportion of Travellers living in temporary units was Fingal with 18%

<https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-cpp5/census2022profile5-diversitymigrationethnicityirishtravellersreligion/irishtravellers>

Comparison of Traveller population estimates, CSO 2022*+ Dept. of Housing 2022**					
Local Authority areas	Traveller Population CSO Census 2022*	DHLGH Annual Traveller family count 2022**	THU areas	Estimated Traveller population 2022 Traveller families x by 4.0 ***	Difference +/- population and %'s between CSO and DHLGH count 2022
State	32,949	12,183	THU	48,732	15,783 (32%)
CHO 1 – THU North West	2,003	866	6%	3,464	1,461(42%)
CHO 2 – THU West	6,116	1,818	18%	7,272	1,156(16%)
CHO 3 /THU Mid West	4,283	1,606	13%	6,424	2,141(33%)
CHO 4 – THU South West	3,483	1,317	11%	5,268	1,785 (34%)
CHO 5- THU South East	3,260	1,606	10%	6,424	3,164(49%)
CHO - 6, 7 + 9: THU East	8, 012	2,661	24%	10,644	2,632(25%)
CHO 8 - THU Midlands and North East	5,792	2,309	18%	9,236	3,444(37%)

*Central Statistics Office (CSO), Census 2022: Profile 5 - Diversity, Migration, Ethnicity, Irish Travellers & Religion

** Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) - 2022 Annual count, total number of Traveller families in all categories of Accommodation.

***Average Traveller family size from the CSO Census 2022

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State	32,949	12,183	CHO's	48,732	15,783 (32%)
Leitrim	180	73	1	292	112 (38%)
Sligo	418	152	1	608	190 (31%)
Cavan	469	170	1	680	211 (31%)
Donegal	670	291	1	1,164	494(42%)
Monaghan	266	180	1	720	454 (63%)
CHO 1 – THU North West	2,003	866	6%	3,464	1,461(42%)
Mayo	1,294	441	2	1,764	470 (27%)
Roscommon	565	133	2	532	33 (-6%)
Galway City	1,748	554	2	2,216	468 (21%)
Galway County	2,509	690	2	2,760	251 (9%)
CHO 2 – THU West	6,116	1,818	18%	7,272	1,156(16%)
Clare	989	157	3	628	361 (-57%)
Limerick City and County	1,860	1,044	3	4,176	2,316 (55%)
Tipperary	1,434	405	3+5	1,620	186 (11%)
CHO 3 /THU Mid West	4,283	1,606	13%	6,424	2,141(33%)
Cork City	1,142	579	4	2,316	1,174 (50%)
Cork County	1,234	507	4	2,028	794 (39%)
Kerry	1,107	231	4	924	183 (-20%)
CHO 4 – THU South West	3,483	1,317	11%	5,268	1,785 (34%)
Kilkenny	637	208	5	832	195 (23%)
Waterford City and County	609	242	5	968	359 (37%)
Wexford	1,441	766	5	3,064	1,623 (53%)
Carlow	573	390	5	1,560	987 (63%)
CHO 5- THU South East	3,260	1,606	10%	6,424	3,164(49%)

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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	429	161	6	644	215 (33%)
Dublin City	2,279	836	6,7,9	3,344	1,065 (32%)
Wicklow	887	276	6 + 7	1,104	217 (19%)
South Dublin	1,943	435	7	1,740	203 (-12%)
Kildare	929	365	7	1,460	531(36%)
Fingal	1,545	588	9	2,352	807 (34%)
CHO - 6, 7 + 9: THU East	8, 012	2,661	24%	10,644	2,632(25%)
Offaly	1,174	341	8	1,364	190 (14%)
Westmeath	974	443	8	1,772	798 (45%)
Laois	812	208	8	832	20 (2%)
Longford	913	387	8	1,548	635 (41%)
Meath	989	484	8	1,936	947 (49%)
Louth	930	446	8	1,784	854(48%)
CHO 8 - THU Midlands and North East	5,792	2,309	18%	9,236	3,444(37%)

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*** HSE Community Health Organisations (CHO)

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