

Census 2011 Results

Highlights re Ageing In Co. Wexford

- People are living longer, the population of Ireland aged 65 years and over has increased by 14.4% since 2006
- 11.6% of the total population of Ireland is aged 65 years or over
- 18,367 residents of Co. Wexford are aged 65 years or over
- This figure represents 12.6% of the total population of the county, one percentage point higher than the national percentage figure
- In the 2006 census, those 65 years or over represented 11.6% of Co. Wexford's population, indicating a 1% rise in this sector of the population
- Over 23% of the population of Co. Wexford are aged 55 years or over
- There has been a 22% increase in Ireland, in the population aged 85 and over
- There has been a 24.2% increase in those aged 85 and over living in Co. Wexford
- Over 44% of those aged 85 or over, who live in private households, live alone (State figure)
- Women are still living longer than men but the gap is narrowing
- Nationally there has been an 18% increase in the male population aged 65 years and over
- There are more than two women aged 85 years and over, for every man in that age group
- Looking at the population aged 75 and over the state average is 68 males per 100 females
- Wexford men are living longer than the state average, as there are 74 males for every 100 females aged 75 years and over, in the county
- Overall in all the age groups over 65, the proportion of men has increased since 2006