

Table 1 Profile of population and persons aged 15 years and over who participated in sport or physical exercise in the previous 12 months, June-August 2006

	Population			Active Persons					
	All Persons 000	Male 000	Female 000	All Persons 000	%	Male 000	%	Female 000	%
State	3,398.4	1,686.5	1,711.9	2,135.8	62.8	1,034.0	61.3	1,101.8	64.4
Region									
Border	369.4	185.6	183.8	210.0	56.8	101.1	54.5	108.8	59.2
Midland	198.0	100.9	97.0	118.1	59.7	56.6	56.0	61.6	63.5
West	336.4	167.9	168.5	204.8	60.9	92.3	54.9	112.6	66.8
Dublin	969.7	469.5	500.2	640.6	66.1	321.8	68.5	318.8	63.7
Mid-East	365.6	182.5	183.1	243.3	66.5	117.2	64.2	126.1	68.9
Mid-West	287.4	144.6	142.8	179.8	62.5	86.0	59.5	93.7	65.6
South-East	369.3	185.6	183.7	228.0	61.7	111.9	60.3	116.1	63.2
South-West	502.6	249.8	252.8	311.2	61.9	147.1	58.9	164.1	64.9
Urban or rural location									
Urban areas	2,074.1	1,007.3	1,066.8	1,342.8	64.7	662.6	65.8	680.1	63.8
Rural areas	1,324.4	679.2	645.2	793.0	59.9	371.4	54.7	421.6	65.3
Age group									
15-24	642.2	325.8	316.3	461.6	71.9	247.7	76.0	213.9	67.6
25-34	732.7	372.6	360.1	490.4	66.9	243.5	65.3	247.0	68.6
35-44	616.0	310.2	305.8	406.7	66.0	190.4	61.4	216.3	70.7
45-54	521.7	261.1	260.6	336.2	64.4	152.6	58.5	183.6	70.4
55-64	412.3	207.2	205.1	242.9	58.9	109.1	52.7	133.8	65.2
65+	473.6	209.6	264.0	197.9	41.8	90.6	43.2	107.3	40.6
Highest education level attained									
Primary or below	726.4	370.9	355.4	309.7	42.6	152.8	41.2	156.9	44.1
Lower secondary	656.1	352.1	303.9	398.4	60.7	208.3	59.2	190.1	62.5
Higher secondary	835.4	400.3	435.0	560.8	67.1	269.1	67.2	291.8	67.1
Post leaving cert	298.0	151.2	146.8	192.5	64.6	89.6	59.2	102.9	70.1
Third level non degree	294.0	124.4	169.6	218.8	74.4	91.2	73.3	127.6	75.2
Third level degree or above	531.8	255.4	276.5	426.3	80.2	207.5	81.3	218.8	79.1
Other	56.8	32.1	24.7	29.2	51.4	15.5	48.2	13.8	55.6
Principal Economic Status									
At work	1,977.8	1,148.8	829.0	1,317.7	66.6	721.5	62.8	596.2	71.9
Unemployed	120.7	80.0	40.6	67.4	55.9	42.9	53.6	24.5	60.2
Student	348.0	161.6	186.3	269.6	77.5	135.9	84.1	133.7	71.8
Home duties	532.4	4.6	527.8	287.3	54.0	2.9	63.9	284.4	53.9
Retired	299.3	217.3	82.1	151.3	50.6	105.6	48.6	45.7	55.7
Others	120.3	74.1	46.2	42.5	35.3	25.2	34.0	17.3	37.4
Marital status									
Single	1,423.6	762.7	661.0	940.5	66.1	500.9	65.7	439.7	66.5
Married	1,659.9	841.9	818.0	1,049.8	63.2	496.2	58.9	553.6	67.7
Separated or divorced	123.8	44.1	79.8	72.2	58.3	22.6	51.2	49.6	62.2
Widowed	191.1	37.9	153.2	73.2	38.3	14.4	38.0	58.8	38.4
Health status									
Excellent	1,009.6	521.4	488.2	761.9	75.5	390.9	75.0	371.0	76.0
Very good	1,256.4	621.5	634.9	838.0	66.7	400.2	64.4	437.8	68.9
Good	790.6	379.6	411.0	436.4	55.2	196.5	51.8	240.0	58.4
Fair	279.4	134.5	144.9	90.1	32.2	42.6	31.6	47.5	32.8
Poor ¹	62.4	29.5	32.9	9.4	15.1	3.9	13.4	5.5	16.6
Disability									
Yes	474.1	225.8	248.3	180.5	38.1	85.2	37.7	95.4	38.4
No ¹	2,924.3	1,460.7	1,463.6	1,955.2	66.9	948.8	65.0	1,006.4	68.8

¹ Includes 'Don't know and 'Not stated'.