

Country Profile – Ireland



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The land		
Total Area (1 000 km ²):	70	
Agricultural (1 000 km ²):	43	
Major regions/cities (thousand inhabitants, 2008):	Dublin	1 661
	Cork	119
	Galway	72
The people		
Population (thousands, 2008):	4 459	
Number of inhabitants per km ² :	64	
Net increase (2006/07):	2.5	
Total labour force (thousands, 2007):	2 102	
Unemployment rate (% of civilian labour force, 2009):	11.9	
The economy		
Gross domestic product in USD billion:	197.3	
Per capita (PPP in USD):	44 200	
Exports of goods and services (% of GNI):	98.2	
Imports of goods and services (% of GNI):	86.1	
Monetary unit:	Euro	
The government		
System of executive power:	Parliamentary	
Type of legislature:	Bicameral	
Date of last general election:	May 2007	
Date of next general election:	2012	
State structure:	Unitary	
Date of entry into the EU:	1973	
Composition of the main chamber (Number of seats):	Fianna Fail	75
	Fine Gael	52
	Labour	20
	Other	19
	Total	166

Note: 2008 unless otherwise stated.

Sources: OECD Economic Survey of Ireland 2009, OECD in Figures 2009, OECD Unemployment Outlook 2009, and OECD Government at a Glance 2009.



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