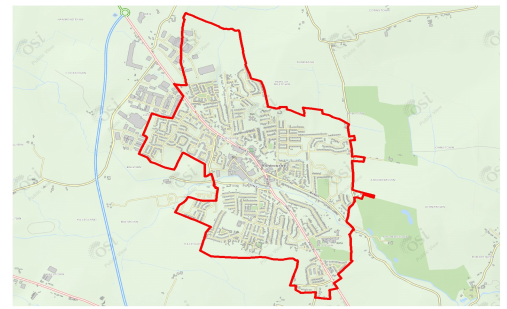


**AREA PROFILE FOR TOWN
ASHBOURNE CO. MEATH**



AGE/SEX

In April 2011 Ashbourne had a population of 11,355, consisting of 5,607 males and 5,748 females.

The population of pre-school age (0-4) was 1,230, of primary school going age (5-12) was 1,185 and of secondary school going age (13-18) was 752. There were 464 persons aged 65 years and over. The number of persons aged 18 years or over was 8,328.

MARITAL STATUS

Of the 8,684 persons aged 15 years and over, 3,601 were single, 4,292 were married, 264 were separated, 285 were divorced and 242 were widowed.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

There were 3,926 private households in Ashbourne in April 2011, of which 665 were single person households. Of the 3,115 families in the area, 890 were couples with no children. The average number of children per family was 1.3 compared with 1.4 nationally.

HOUSEHOLDS BY COMPOSITION

	Ashbourne		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	665	16.9	23.7
Couple without children	746	19.0	18.9
Couple with children	1,622	41.3	34.9
Lone parent family	347	8.8	10.9
Other	546	13.9	11.6
Total	3,926	100.0	100.0

MIGRATION AND NATIONALITIES

91.6 per cent of the usually resident population aged over 1 lived at the same address one year before the census. A further 4.6 per cent lived elsewhere in the same county, 2.7 per cent lived elsewhere in the State while 1.1 per cent lived outside the State twelve months before the census on April 10, 2011.

Non-Irish nationals accounted for 20.7 per cent of the population of Ashbourne compared with a national average figure of 12.0 per cent. Polish (623 persons) were the largest group, followed by Lithuanians (481 persons).

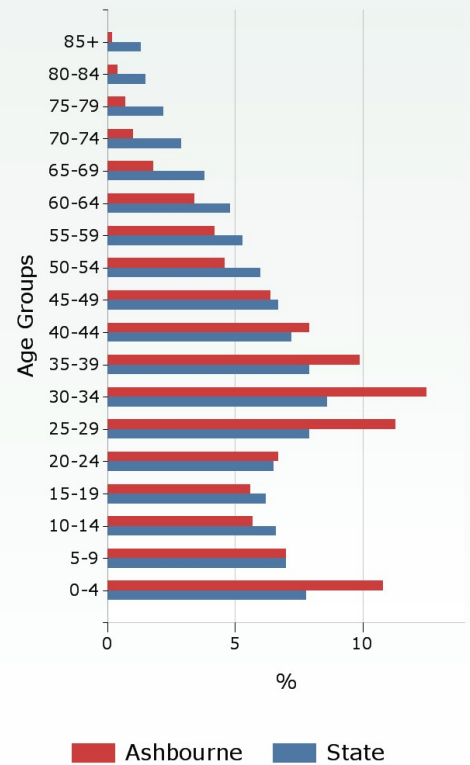
LANGUAGES

3,692 persons could speak the Irish language and of these 1,285 spoke the language daily. 2,376 persons spoke a language other than Irish or English at home and of these 565 could not speak English well or at all. Polish was the most common foreign language spoken at home with 606 speakers.

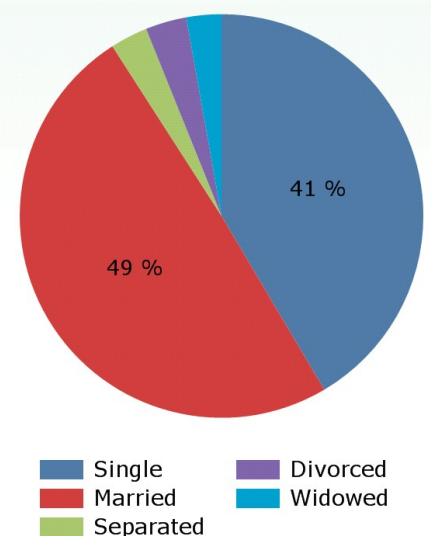
RELIGION

There were 9,391 Roman Catholics in the area at census time. A further 1,047 were adherents of other stated religions (e.g. Church of Ireland, Islam, Presbyterian, Orthodox), while 678 persons indicated that they had no religion.

AGE COMPARISON



MARITAL STATUS (AGE 15+)



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THIS AREA: ASHBOURNE

LABOUR FORCE

There were 6,471 persons aged 15 years and over in the labour force and of these, 84.8 per cent (5,490 persons) were at work. The unemployment rate for this area was 15.2 per cent compared with a national average rate of 19.0 per cent.

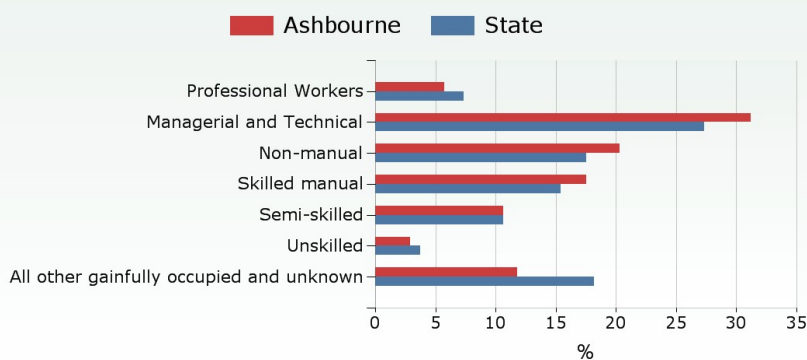
Of the 2,213 persons aged 15 years and over who were outside the labour force, 38.0 per cent were students, 29.2 per cent were looking after the home/family and 21.8 per cent were retired.

Of the 5,490 workers enumerated in Ashbourne, 3,939 worked outside the area. The daytime working population (resident and non-resident) of Ashbourne was 1,439 with commerce and trade being the largest industry.

EDUCATION

Of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 7.7 per cent were educated to at most primary level only; a further 59.7 per cent attained second level while 32.6 per cent were educated to third level.

SOCIAL CLASS COMPARISON



TRAVEL TO WORK

The most popular means of travelling to work was by car (driver) with this mode accounting for 66.2 per cent of all journeys. 543 persons commuted using public transport (bus or rail). The average journey time was 30 minutes and 35.0 per cent of workers faced a commuting time in excess of 30 minutes.

DISABILITY AND CARERS

912 persons had a disability in April 2011, of whom 148, representing 16.2 per cent of the total, were aged 65 years and over.

300 persons (117 males and 183 females) provided regular unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long-term illness, health problem or disability. 18.3 per cent of these provided care for more than 6 hours per day.

HOUSING, INTERNET AND CARS

79.7 per cent of households lived in houses or bungalows while a further 20.3 per cent lived in apartments, flats or bedsits. 2,849 dwellings (72.6 per cent) were owner occupied while 1,017 dwellings (25.9 per cent) were rented. 51.1 per cent of the dwellings in this area were built in the ten years before the census. The average number of persons per household was 2.9 compared with 2.7 nationally.

77.7 per cent of households had broadband connectivity compared with 63.8 per cent nationally. 48.6 per cent of households had two or more cars.

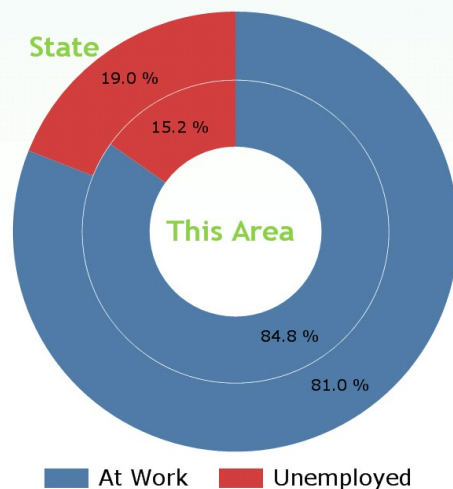
GENERAL HEALTH

In this area 10,392 persons stated they were in very good or good health, representing 91.5 per cent of total persons. This compares to 88.3 per cent of total persons nationally. 89 persons stated they were in bad or very bad health, representing 0.8 per cent of total persons in this area. Again this compares with 1.5 per cent of total persons nationally.

WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

Industry	Daytime Working Population
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	6
Building and construction	45
Manufacturing	75
Commerce and trade	622
Transport and communications	85
Public administration	60
Professional services	314
Other	232
Total	1,439

LABOUR FORCE



PERMANENT HOUSING STOCK

Dwelling Type	This Area	State
Occupied or Usually Occupied	4,039	1,705,394
<i>Of which</i>		
House or Bungalow	76.1%	84.7%
Flat, Apartment, Bedsit	19.5%	11.0%
Not Stated	4.4%	4.3%
Vacant	294	289,451
<i>Of which</i>		
Holiday Home	0.0%	20.5%
Other	100.0%	79.5%