# Economy

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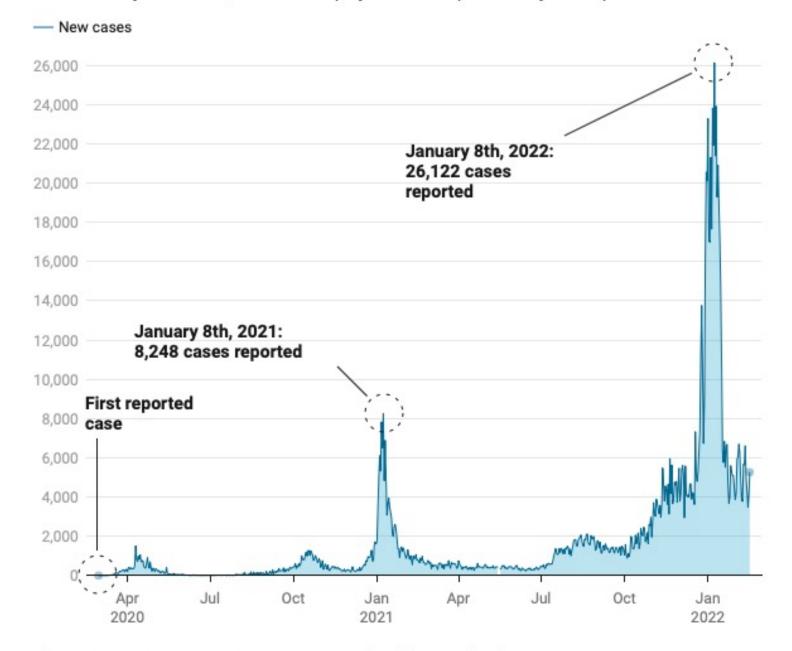
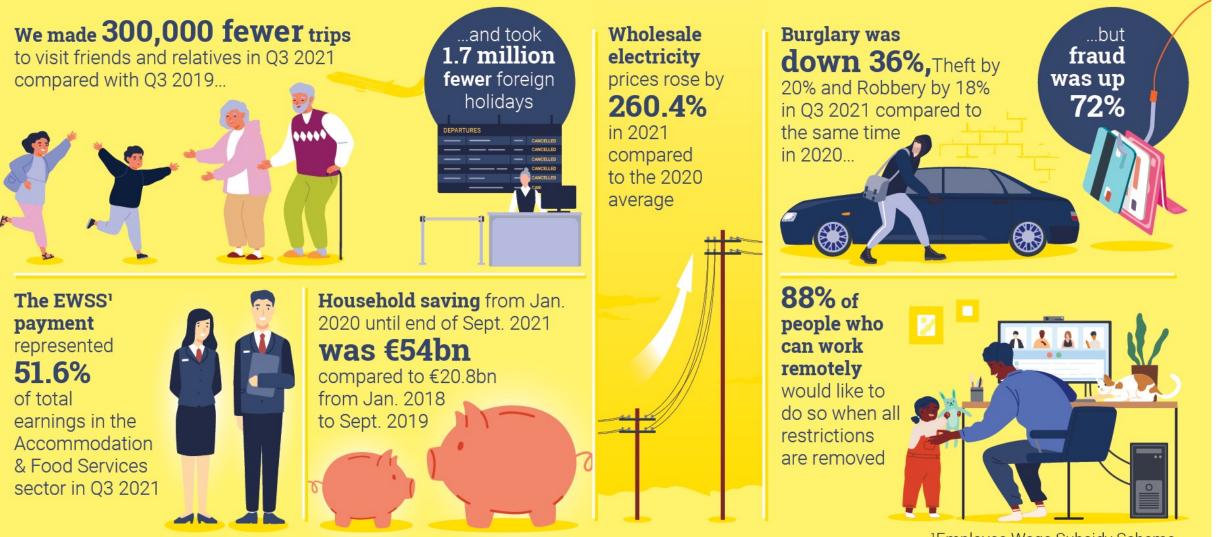


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### **COVID-19 Snapshot: Two Years On**



<sup>1</sup>Employee Wage Subsidy Scheme

## Economic Growth

- Economic growth in 2022 forecast to be 8.7% (EU says 5.5%)
- Return to full employment in 2024 (4.9 % unemployment)
- €3.2 billion of tax is warehoused

#### **Forecast growth\*** in Irish economy

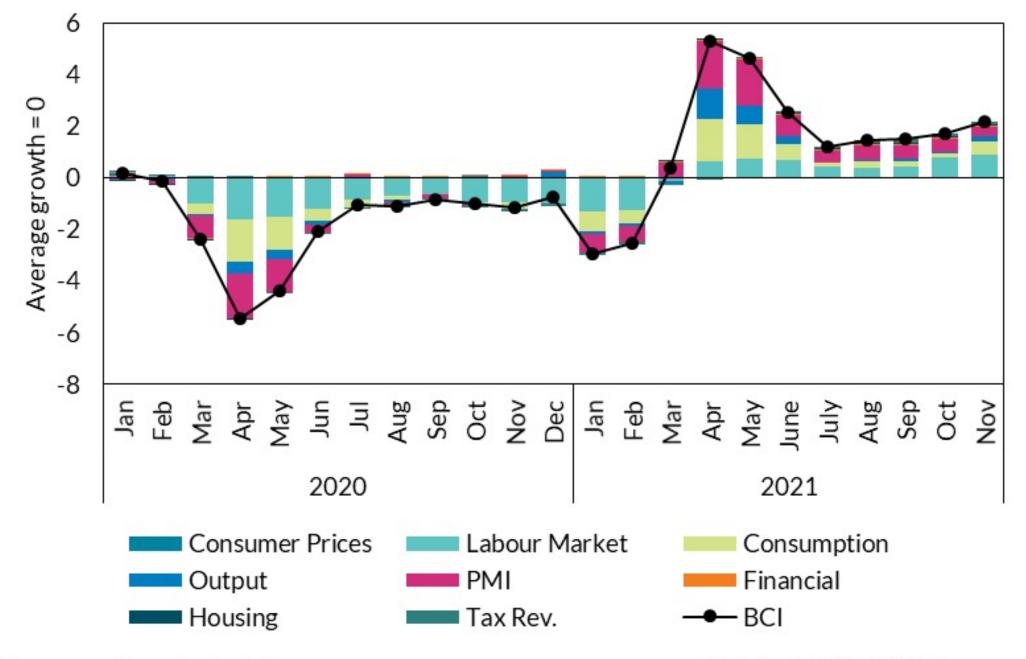


**Unemployment\*** forecast in Ireland





\*International Labour Organisation Definition.



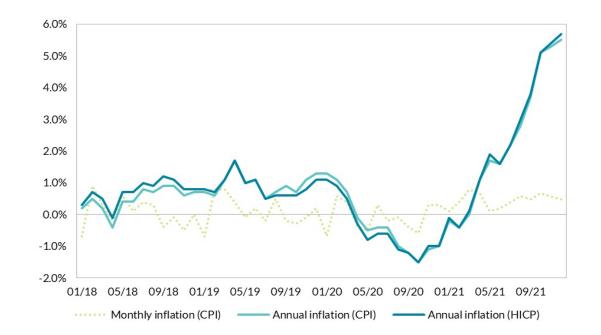
Source: authors' calculations.

Updated: 13/01/2022

## Government borrowing

- Covid-19 crisis €48.4 billion, or 12.9 per cent of GDP
- National Debt €**236.3 billion** (€227 in 2021)
- 57.6% of GDP (down from 61.2 per cent e/o 2020)
  - reduction due to increase in GDP actual debt is up €9.1 billion
- €47,144 per person or **€95,607 per worker**

- Inflation Trends
- CPI
  - 5.5 per cent in the year to December,
    - transport 2.9 per cent
    - bread and cereals up 3.3 per cent year on year.
    - house price inflation 14%
- HICP
  - 5.7 per cent (2.4 % in 2021)
  - energy products rose by an average of 12.3 per cent
  - price of goods increased on average by 1.5 per cent while services rose by 2.7 per cent.
  - Petrol up 32%, diesel up 36%





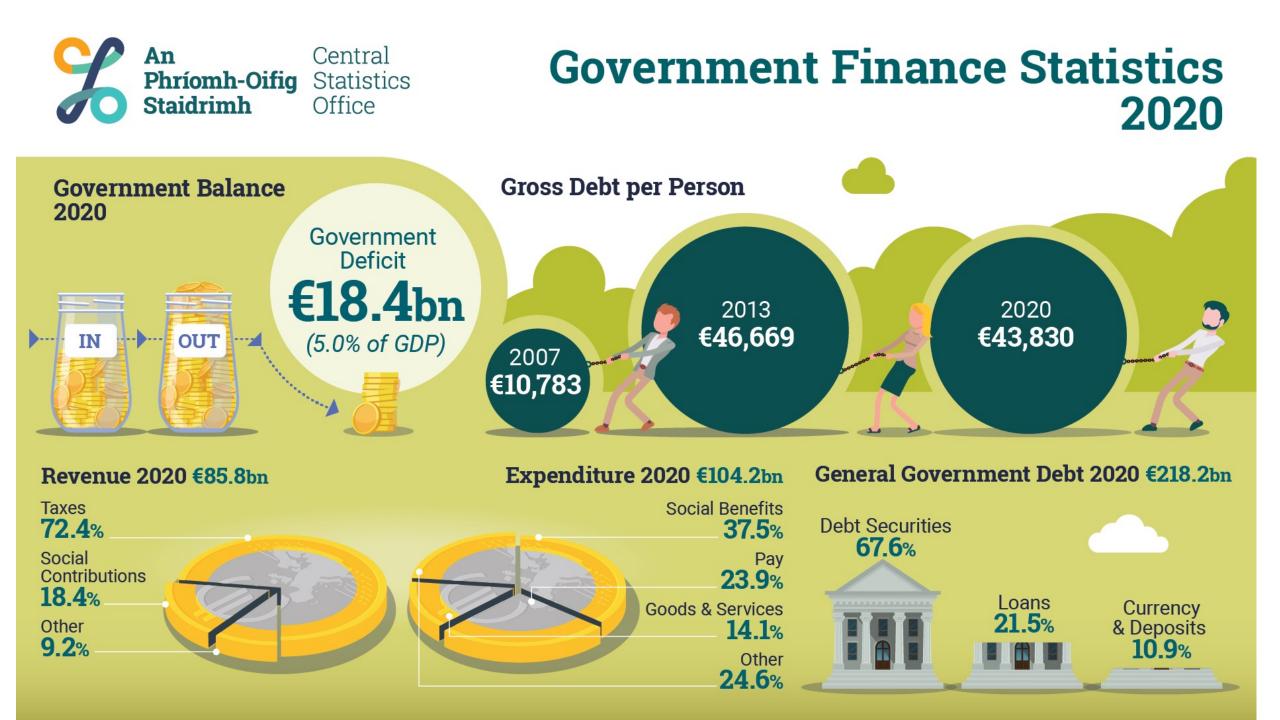
<sup>1</sup>Quarter 3 2021 Labour Force Survey





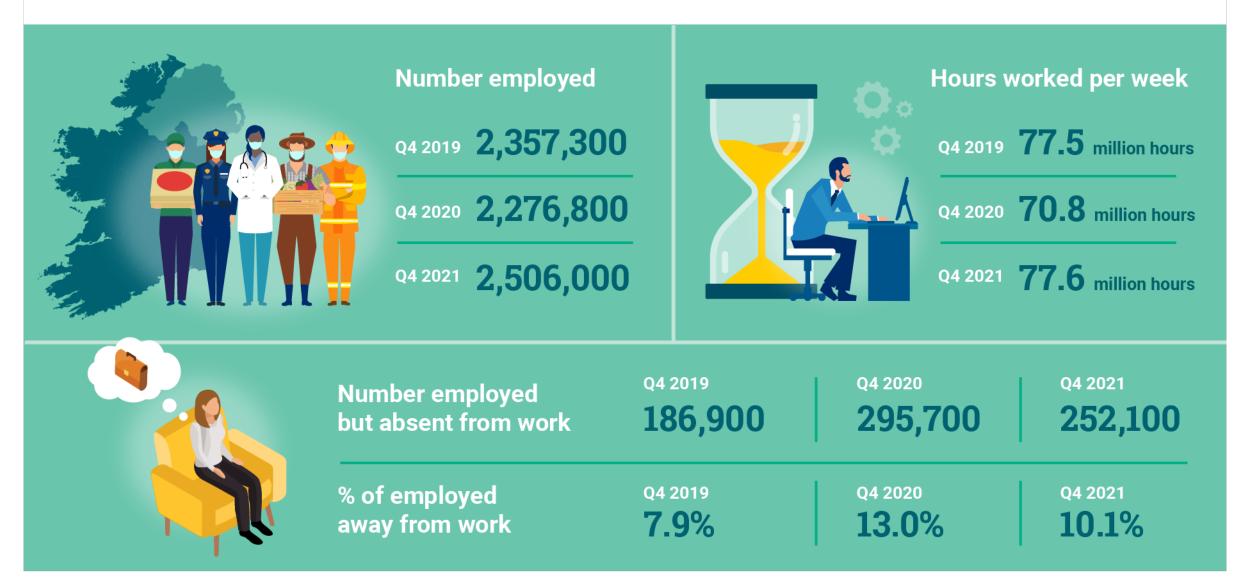


% growth Q3 2021 vs Q2 2021





### Labour Force Survey Quarter 4, 2021



## Employment / Unemployment trends,

- Labour Force
  - **2.63 million** (includes 127,400 unemployed or with PUP) increase of 10 percent on 2020
  - Highest increases were in accommodation and food extra 37,100
  - Jobless rate rose to 7.5 per cent in December
    - 193,332 people either out of work or in receipt of the Government's pandemic unemployment payment (PUP) December 2021
- Excluding PUP rate = 5.1%

#### LABOUR COSTS

Irish hourly labour costs are mid-range in Europe and below the Euro Area average in business economy sectors

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LABOUR COSTS € PER HOUR 2018

Source: Eurostat 2019

#### **IDA Ireland Indicators**

Indicator	2020 Value
Total of Investments Approved	246
No of New Name Investments	95
No of Expansion Investments	73
No of Research, Development and Innovation Invest	ments 46
Investment in Research, Development and Innovatio	on
investments	€1bn
Training Investments	28
Environmental Investments	4
% of Investments Located Outside Dublin	52%
% of Jobs Approved Outside Dublin	42%
% Jobs Approved with Salaries in Excess of €35,000	95%
Average Salary in Investments	€56,100

#### **Origin of IDA Ireland Supported Companies 2020**

Origin	Number of Companies	Total Employment	
United States	861	181,141	
Germany	93	14,361	
United Kingdom	147	8,071	
France	77	8,116	
Rest of Europe	188	20,773	
Rest of World	250	24,932	
Total	1,616	257,394	

Source: DETE Annual Employment Survey 2020.

Note: Includes Full-time and Part-time Employees.

#### **Total Employment by Sector in IDA Ireland Supported Companies**

Sector	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	%change 2019/2020
Pharmaceuticals and Food	27,092	28,302	30,198	32,288	34,187	6
Computers, Electronics and Optical Equipment	20,531	20,173	19,928	19,901	21,050	6
Medical and Dental Instruments and Supplies	29,502	31,500	33,874	35,946	36,304	1
Other Manufacturing	19,240	19,948	21,385	21,405	20,699	-3
Financial Services	24,943	26,999	27,217	29,167	29,419	1
Information and Communication	75,406	80,595	87,618	94,105	99,357	6
Business and Other Services	9,026	10,312	13,383	15,638	16,378	5
Total	205,740	217,829	233,603	248,450	257,394	4

Source: DETE Annual Employment Survey 2020.

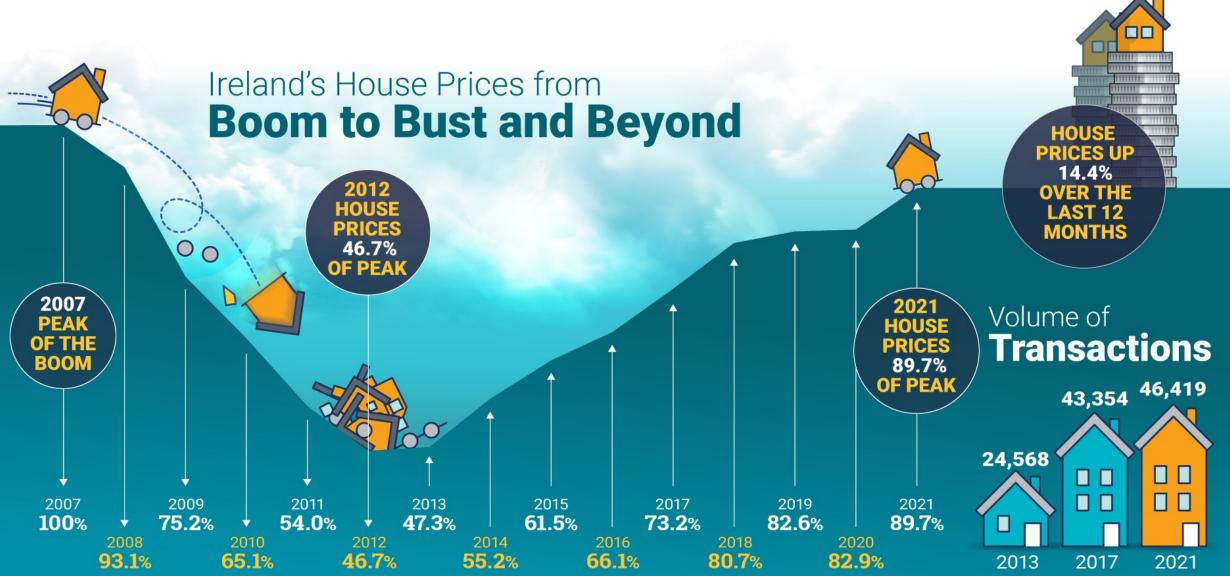
## Wage Increases

- Hourly earning up 3.8%
  - ICT up 11.9%
  - Construction up 8.4%
- 11% for those in the same job as a year earlier
- Public sector up 6.3%
- Private sector up 5.5%
- Central bank 167,000 new jobs will be created in the next 2 years

### Housing

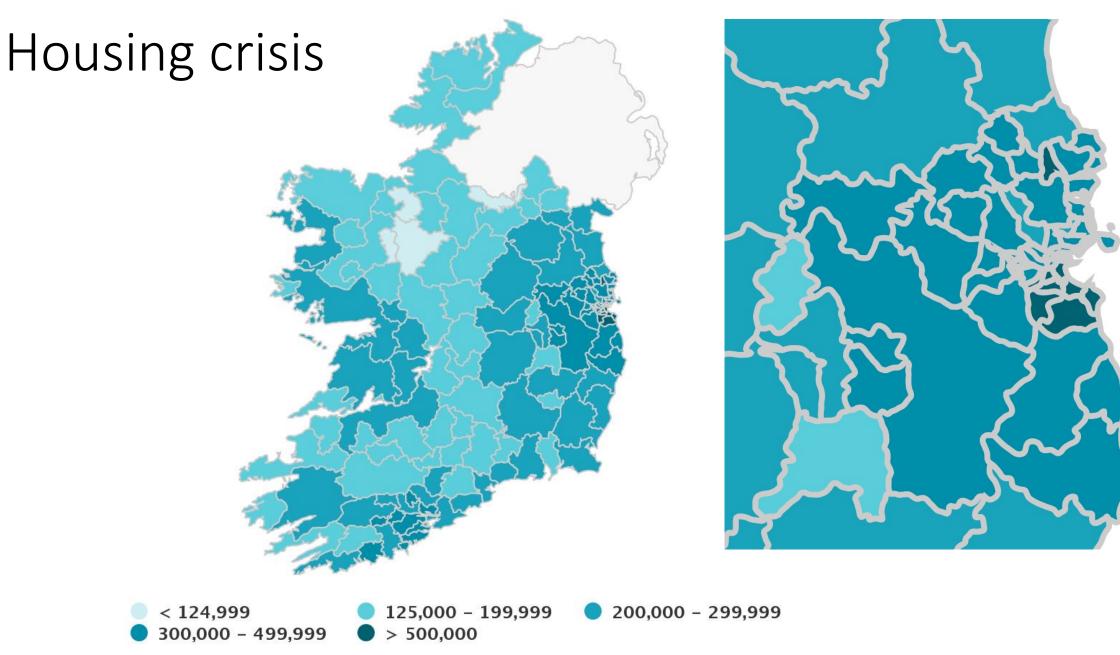


### **House Prices 2021**



- Housing Stock
  - 2.003,645 houses and apartments (census 2016)
  - 1,697,665 were occupied by persons usually resident
  - 9,788 were occupied by guests or visitors
  - 50,732 dwellings unoccupied by residents temporarily absent
  - 62,148 vacant holiday homes
  - 183,312 vacant houses and apartments

#### Figure 4.1: Median House Price by Eircode



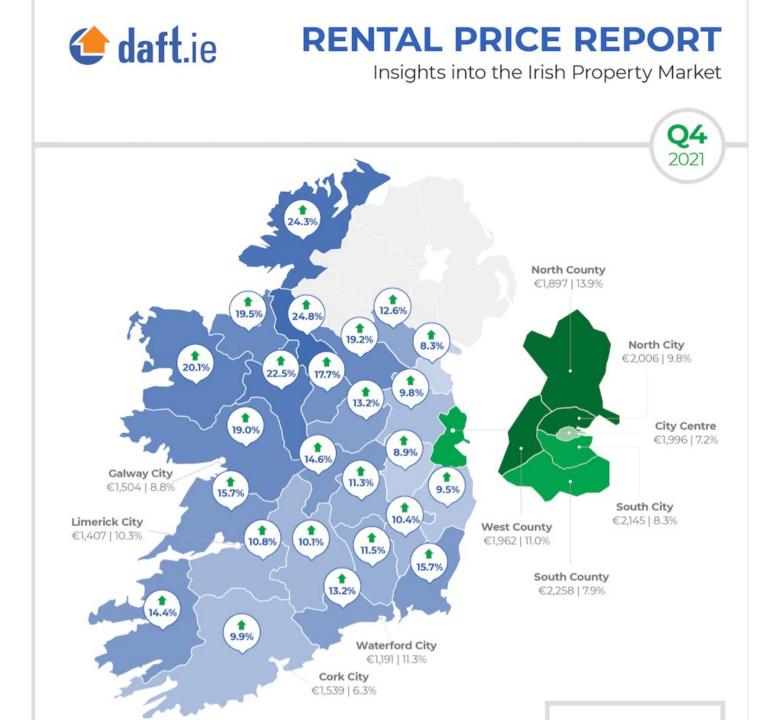
Source: CSO Ireland

### • Housing for All

- Ireland will need an average of 33,000 new homes to be provided each year from 2021 to 2030. The policy has four pathways to achieving housing for all:
  - supporting home ownership and increasing affordability
  - eradicating homelessness, increasing social housing delivery and supporting social inclusion
  - increasing new housing supply
  - addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing stock
- Aiming for 90,000 social homes by 2030
- Funding has been secured for 13,000 units in 2022, 9,000 social houses and 4,000 affordable/cost-rental homes.

- Need 188,000 workers in construction sector, currently 144,000
- 2021 €2 billion for 9,500 social housing units only 3,144 were completed in first 9 months
- average build cost, excluding land, of 461 social housing units built by Dublin City Council across seven schemes was €429,000.

- Rent rose 8.4% in 2021
  - €542 million on Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)
  - one third of rented sector 100,000 households are dependent on State Subsidies
  - Rental Assistance Scheme €122 million
  - Rent Supplements €123 million
  - Private leases €107 million
- Average monthly rent subsidy €1,872
- Average asking rent nationally €1,524
  - in Dublin over €2,000
- 85% of 65 year-old own their own homes –
- of 25-39 year-olds, only 12 own their own homes.

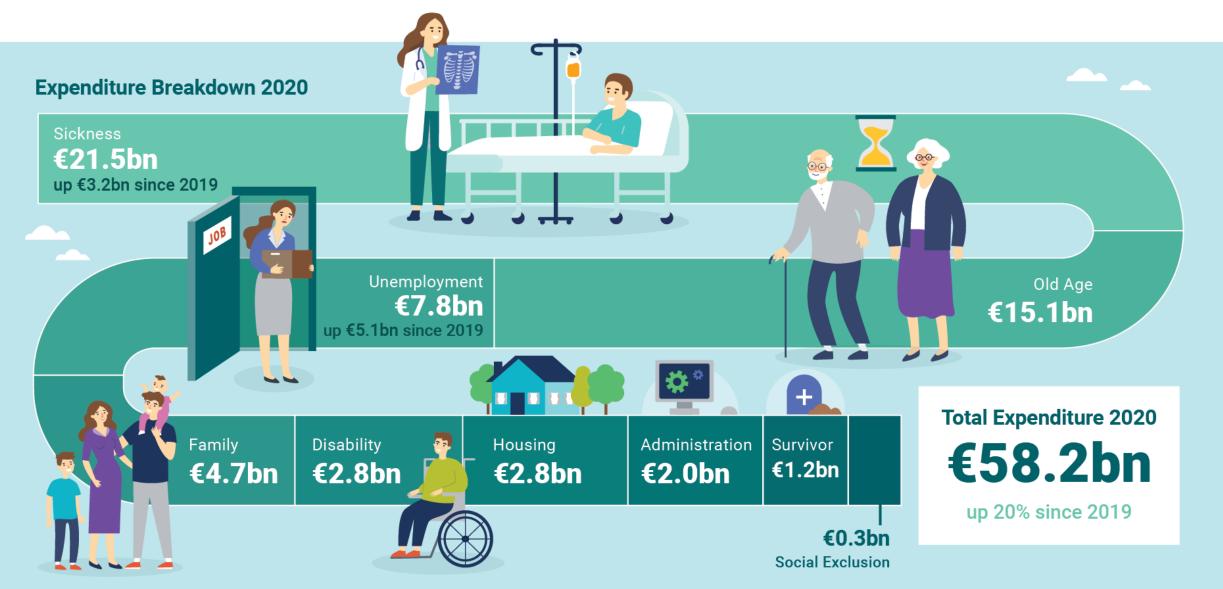


- average costs of purchasing a house
  - Dublin €506,667
  - Nation €290,998
    - Highest Dun Laoighaire Rathdown €701,956
    - Lowest Leitrim €158,246
    - Kerry €229,574

Inequality



### Social Protection Expenditure in Ireland 2020





Weekly household disposable income in 2017

The 'at risk of poverty' rate, is the share of persons whose income was less than 60% of the national median income

18.8%

15.7%

The percentage of people considered to be experiencing 'enforced deprivation'

### Indicators of Deprivation

- 1. Two pairs of strong shoes
- 2. A warm waterproof overcoat
- 3. Buy new (not second-hand) clothes
- 4. Eat meal with meat, chicken, fish (or vegetarian equivalent) every second day
- 5. Have a roast joint or its equivalent once a week
- 6. Had to go without heating during the last year through lack of money
- 7. Keep the home adequately warm
- 8. Buy presents for family or friends at least once a year
- 9. Replace any worn out furniture

10. Have family or friends for a drink or meal once a month

11. Have a morning, afternoon or evening out in the last fortnight for entertainment

The most common types of deprivation experienced at an overall level were:

20.4% Unable to replace worn-out furniture

Unable to have family/friends for a drink/meal once a month

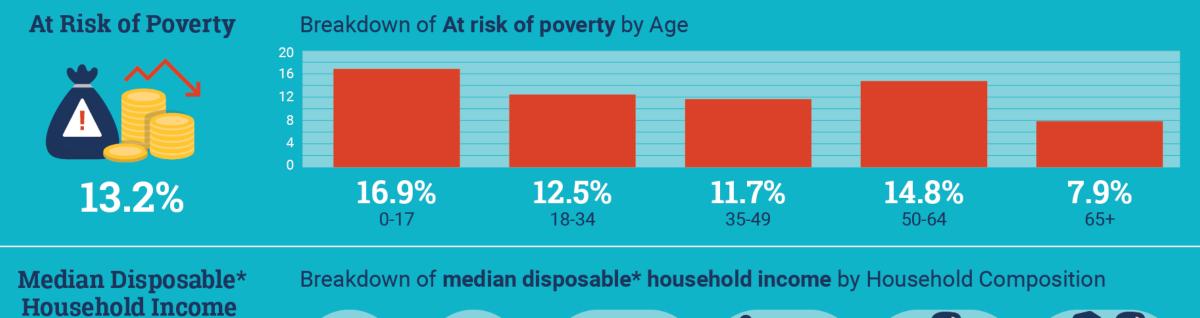
13.2%

13.9%

Unable to afford a morning/afternoon/evening out in the last fortnight



### Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) 2020



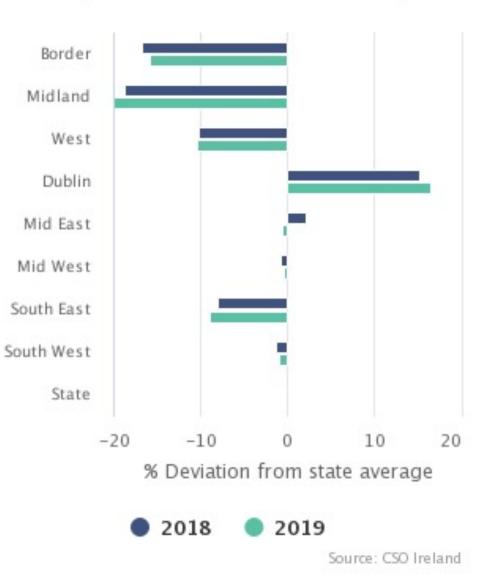


\*Disposable income = Gross Income less tax, social insurance contributions, pensions contributions and inter-household transfers paid

#### Disposable Income Per Person, 2018 and 2019

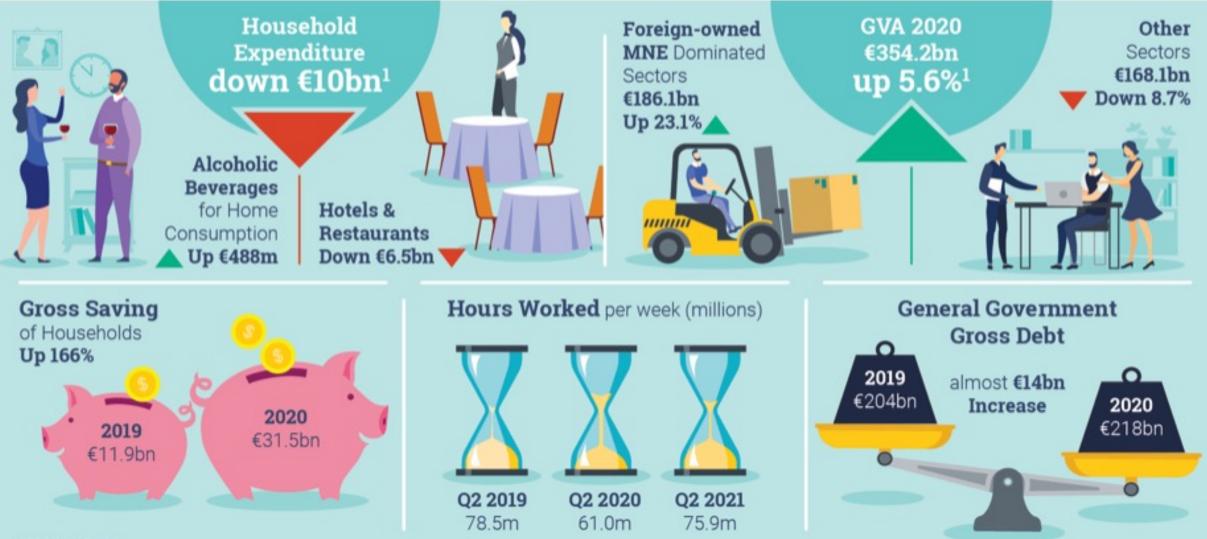
	€	€
Region	2018	2019
Northern and Western	18,349	19,174
Border	17,594	18,524
West	19,013	19,738
Southern	20,536	21,404
Mid West	20,986	21,972
South East	19,456	20,060
South West	20,885	21,835
Eastern and Midland	22,646	<b>23,501</b>
Dublin	24,399	25,696
Mid East	21,588	21,914
Midland	17,194	17,125
State	21,153	22,032

#### Figure 1: Disposable Income Per Person Percentage Deviation from State Average





### Economic Life and COVID-19 in Ireland, 2020–2021



12020 vs 2019

### Tourism

Tourist Numbers (000s)	2018 2	2019	Revenue (€m)	2018	2019
Britain	3,480 3	,487	Britain	1,024.80	1,022.10
Mainland Europe	3,512 3	,609	Mainland Europe	1,845.80	1,853.60
North America	1,963 1	,902	North America	1,746.70	1,705.70
Rest of World	654	676			
Total Overseas	9,609 9	,674	TOTAL OVERSEAS	5,217.30	5,174.00
Northern Ireland	1,338 1	,277	Northern Ireland:	394.6	402
	1	0,95			
Total out-of-state	10,947	1	TOTAL OUT-OF-STATE	5,611.90	5,576.00
	1	1,62			
Domestic trips	10,919	1			
			TOTAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE		
			EARNINGS	7,383.90	7,386 0
			Domestic trips	2,006.00	2,146.60
			TOTAL TOURISM REVENUE	9,389.90	9,532.60
			TOURISM REVENUE EXCLUDING		
			CARRIER RECEIPTS	7,664.90	7,766.60

#### Heavy impact of Covid on 2021 turnover

- Operators 33% drop in turnover in 2021 compared to 2019
- Businesses at full capacity on reopening 2021 turnover drop to just 5%

#### Staff

Third of staff employed during summer 2021 were new to tourism

#### Domestic tourists booking for next year

- Irish Holidaymakers rebooking for next year, especially families
- Stays are longer than normal

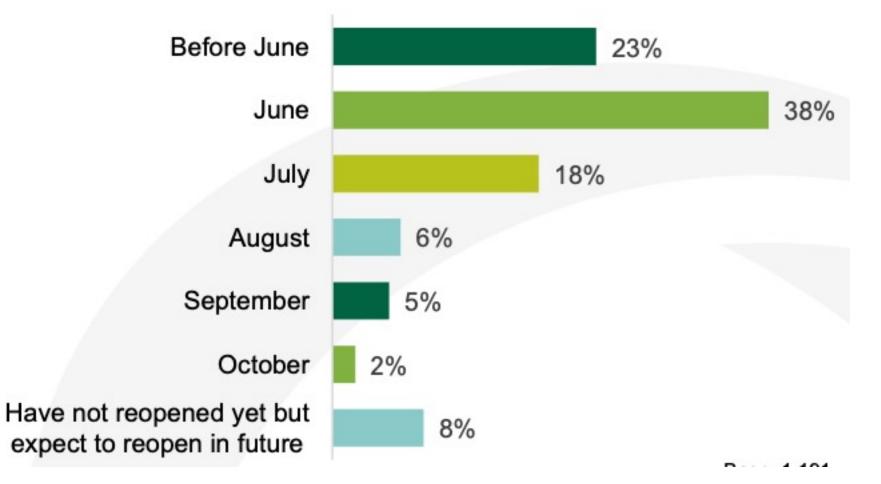
#### Mixed picture for overseas

- Overseas customers are more hesitant to book
- 62% of operators taking bookings for 2022 had US bookings, and 52% had GB bookings

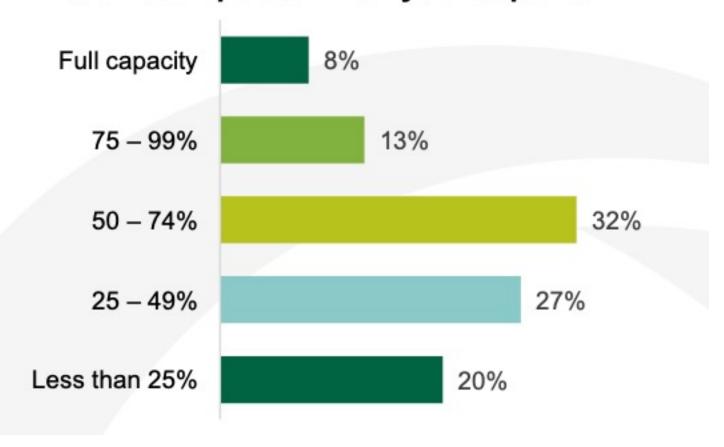
#### **Business survival**

- 37% of businesses were 'very confident' about surviving the next 12 months; 47% were 'fairly confident'
- Two key factors were the evolution of Covid, and overcoming operational challenges staff shortages and rising costs

### Q4 "When did you reopen, if at all, in 2021?"

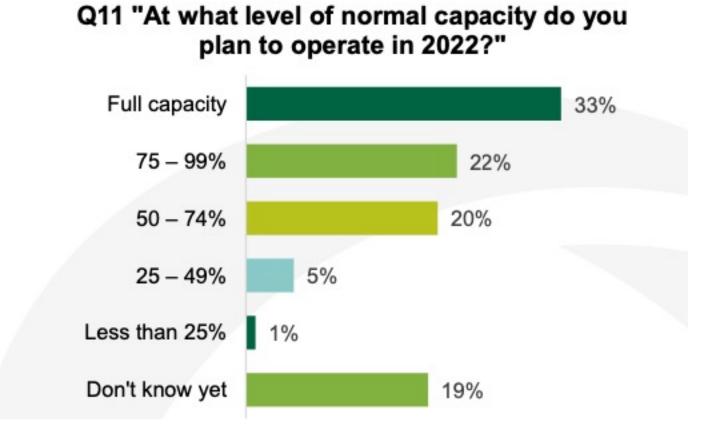


## Q5 "At what level of normal capacity did your business operate when you reopened?"



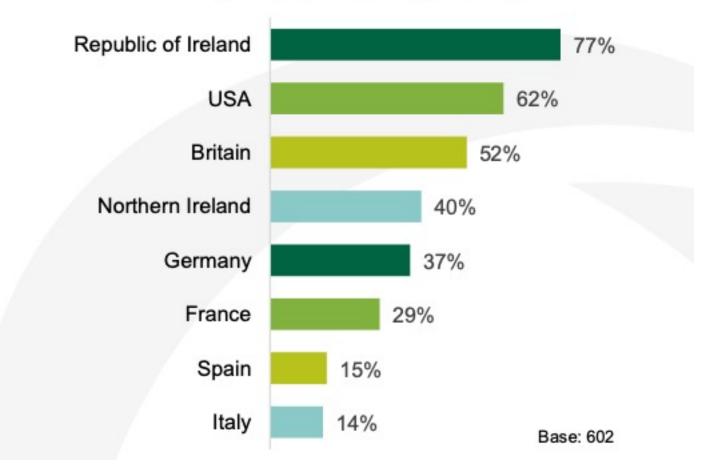
Q6 "How will your anticipated turnover in 2021 compare to turnover achieved in 2019?"





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#### Q14 "Are you getting any bookings for 2022 from any of the following markets?"





# **Intention to Travel Survey April 2021**

**64.6%** cancelled an overnight trip due to Covid-19 since March 2020\*



**Domestic Trips** 

54.5% International Trips

CANCELLED

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## Top 3

domestic overnight trip destinations planned to visit in next 12 months\*

28.7% South-West 20.6% West 13.3% South-East

# 33.5%

of those planning a trip abroad in the next twelve months intend to visit friends and relatives\*

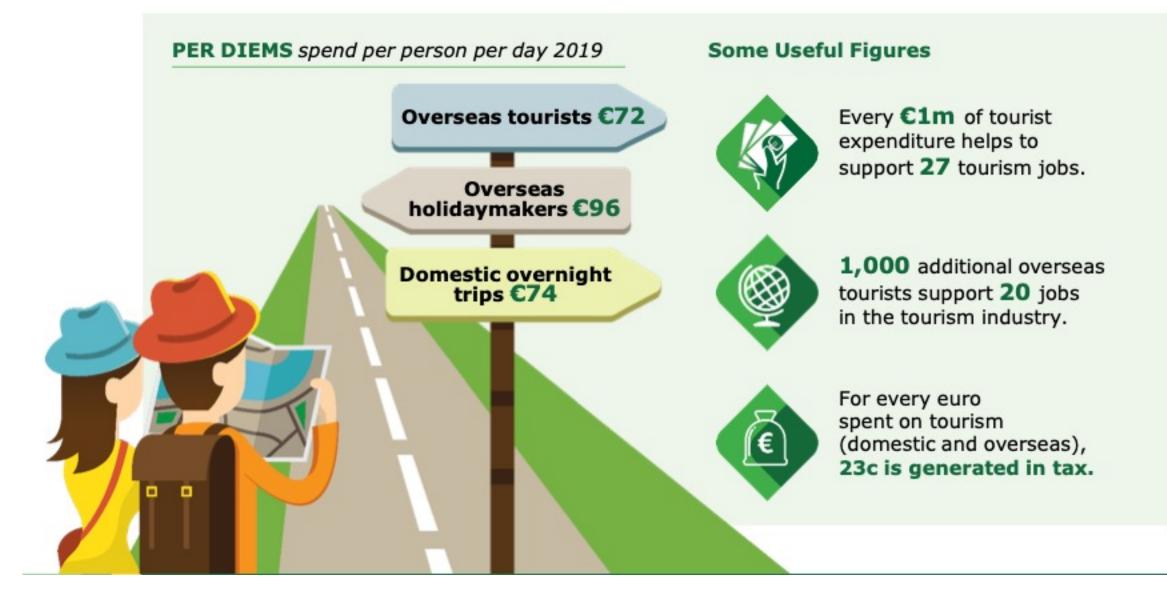


47.3% think their next

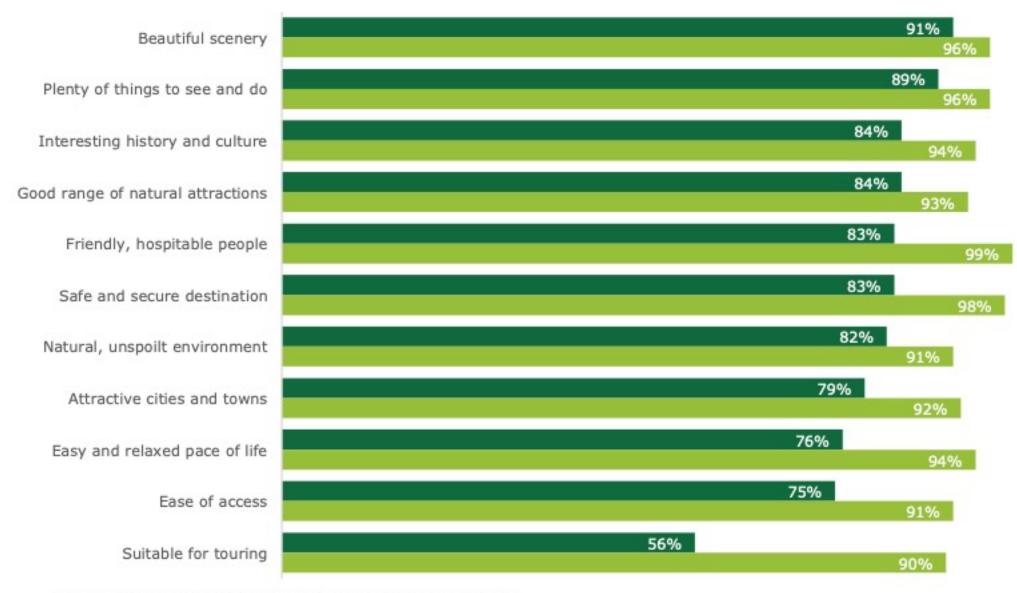
**18.2%** are not planning any trip abroad\*

\*of Irish residents aged 18 years and over

## **Revenue -** some useful figures







Source: Fáilte Ireland's Tourism Experience Port Survey 2019

# Brexit and Trade

# Brexit

- Britain left 2020
- NI still in single market for goods
- Impact on Irish trade
  - Imports from the UK declined from 25 per cent of total Irish imports in 2015 to just 12 per cent earlier this year.
  - Northern Ireland 21 per cent of all UK imports into Ireland
    - up from 12 per cent in 2015.

# Brexit

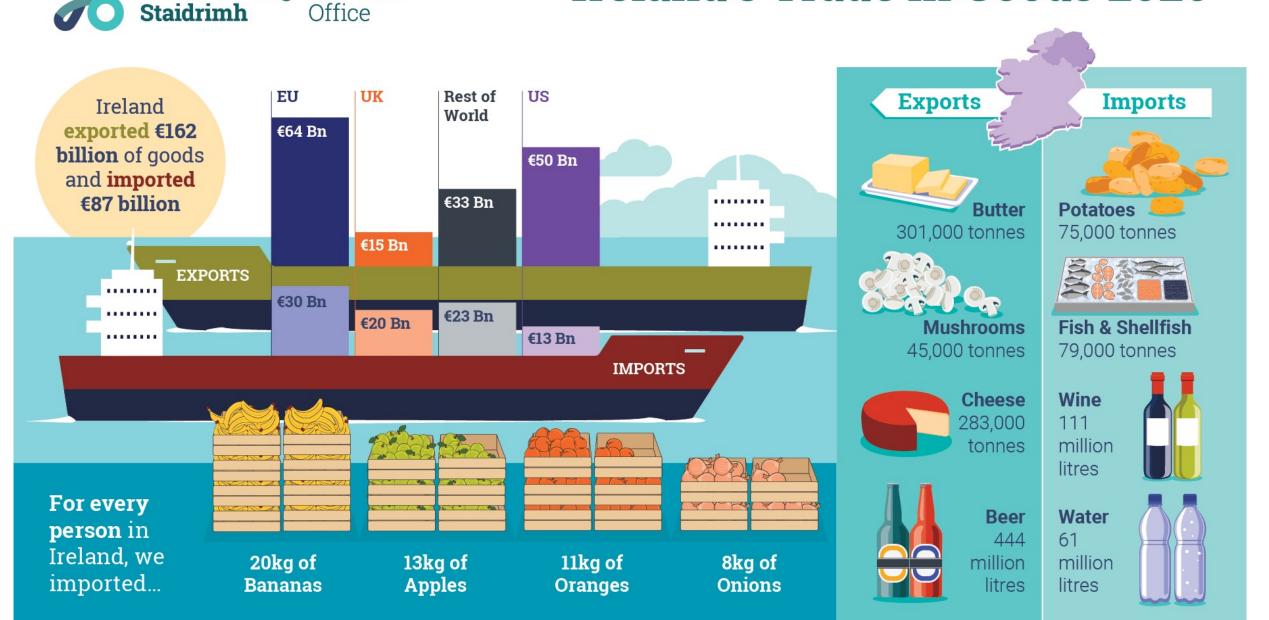
- Total exports 2021 €165,000
- Exports to Britain up €2 billion to €14,409 billion
  - 9% of total exports (but a decrease in food and live animals)
  - 13% decrease in imports from Great Britain €15,367 billion (15% of total imports)
- Imports from NI up 65% in 2021 (€4 billion)
- Exports to NI up 54% (3.7 billion)

# Brexit

- Overall Trade
- Exports €165,213
  - Medical/pharmaceutical @ 38% of goods (€62.6 billion)
- Imports €102,574 billion
  - equipment and aircraft @ 14% of total imports

	Exports		Impo	orts
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Total EU27	64,214	61,445	30,376	34,285
USA	50,536	52,526	13,478	17,835
Great Britain	12,309	14,409	17,738	15,367
Northern				
Ireland	2,406	3,696	2,400	3,956
Total UK	14,715	18,105	20,138	19,323





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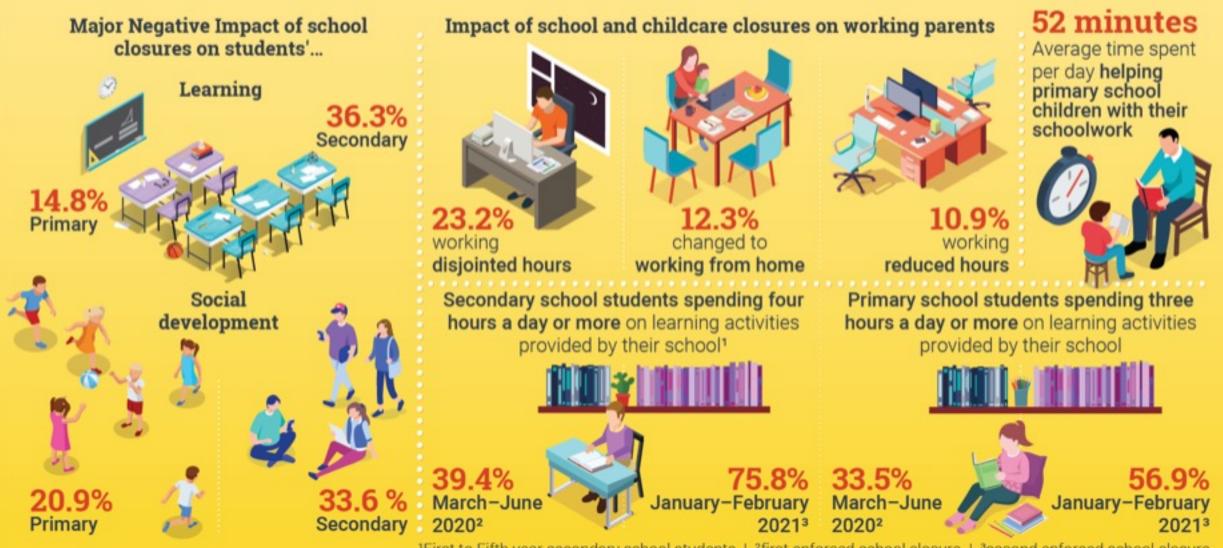
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	Exports		Imports	
	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec
	2020	2021	2020	2021
0Food and live animals	11,666	12,147	7,981	7,299
1 Beverages and tobacco	1,458	1,753	1,084	1,003
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,423	2,062	953	1,044
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	779	940	3,387	6,171
4Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	85	113	297	355
5 Chemicals and related products	<mark>105,818</mark>	<mark>102,524</mark>	<mark>21,509</mark>	<mark>25,852</mark>
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by				
6 material	2,327	2,783	5,813	6,799
7 Machinery and transport equipment	<mark>22,725</mark>	<mark>24,666</mark>	<mark>33,496</mark>	<mark>40,227</mark>
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	14,925	17,395	10,287	12,053
Commodities and transactions not classified				
9elsewhere	149	203	289	134
Unclassified estimates <sup>2</sup>	775	628	1,970	1,635
Total	162,131	165,212	87,065	102,57

# Extras



# Social Impact of COVID-19 Survey February 2021 Impact of School Closures



<sup>1</sup>First to Fifth year secondary school students | <sup>2</sup>first enforced school closure | <sup>3</sup>second enforced school closure

#### Long-term change (mainly 5 years) of Well-being Indicators

Positive Change	No Change	Negative Change		
Population rating their Overall Life Satisfaction as High	Population reporting Depression	School aged Children who report being Happy with their Life at Present		
Population who Did Not Feel Depressed or Downhearted in the Previous 4 weeks	Unmet Need for Medical Attention	Research and Development Personnel		
Healthy Life Years	Reading and Maths Performance in 15 Year Olds	Pollution, Grime and Other Environmental Problems		
Median Real Household Disposable Income	Average Distance to Everyday Services	Water Bodies Assessed as High or Good		
Median Household Net Wealth	Waste to Landfill	Greenhouse Gas Emissions		
Households making Ends Meet with Great Difficulty	Population who worry they could be a Victim of Crime	Murder Rate per 100,000 Population		
Lifelong Learning Rate	Carers providing at Least 20 hrs Care Per Week	Persons Killed or Injured on Roads		
A or B Domestic Dwelling Energy Rating	Population who Feel Lonely	Labour Underutilisation Rate		
New Dwelling Completions	Population with at least 2 people they are close enough to count on if they had a serious problem	Persons who experienced Discrimination in the Previous 2 Years		
Employment Rate	Satisfaction with How Democracy Works in Ireland			
Mean Weekly Earnings	Perceived Social Inclusion			
Long Working Hours in Main Job	At Risk of Poverty Rate after Rent and Mortgage Interest			
Population satisfied with Time Use				