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Guide to Republic of Ireland government documents

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1. INTRODUCTION

After centuries of British rule, and following a brutal civil war, the Irish Free State was established in Jan. 1922. It consisted of the 26 counties of the Catholic South of the country, while the six Protestant counties in the North remained part of the UK. William Cosgrave became the first prime minister and his Fine Gael party led for ten years. In 1932 de Valera, leader of the Fianna Fáil party, became prime minister (taoiseach). Five years later he brought in a new constitution establishing the sovereign nation of Ireland and abolishing the oath of allegiance sworn by Irish parliamentarians to the British crown. In 1948 Prime Minister John Costello demanded total independence from Britain and reunification with the six counties of Northern Ireland. Independence came the following year and in 1955 the Republic of Ireland was admitted to the United Nations, but nothing came of the claim to the six Ulster counties under British rule.

After the creation of the Irish Free State in 1922, the British Museum Library continued to receive its official publications under legal deposit. This arrangement continues to this day, although most Irish government publishing is now digital and material is accessible free through the Internet. This guide focuses on describing the Library's historic print collections of Irish government material from 1922. It also provides extensive links to material available online.

The guide also includes references to material held at the Bodleian Library at the University of Oxford. Material held by Oxford University Library Services is recorded in their SOLO catalogue [<http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>]. Please contact the Official Papers Section for further assistance [http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/official_papers/contact]

1.1. How can I access it?

Our material is recorded in the British Library's main catalogue, *Explore the British Library* [<http://explore.bl.uk/>] Once you have found the record for the document(s) you would like to consult, you can order by clicking on the title or the 'I want this' tab associated with the record in the results list. The Irish government documents collection is kept at the Library's Boston Spa site in Yorkshire and you need to allow 48 hours for delivery to a St Pancras reading room.

If you do not find what you are looking for in *Explore the British Library*, please contact the Enquiry Desk in the Social Sciences Reading Room, where expert staff will check further on your behalf using a range of printed guides and indexes

1.2. What indexes and guides can I use?

The following suggestions relate to general guides and indexes to official publications in the Republic of Ireland. They will be of most interest to researchers using the historic print collections.

Ireland / by J. Goodwille. In **Official Publications of Western Europe** / edited by E. Johansson. Vol.1. London: Mansell, 1984, p.87-106
BL shelfmark: OPL940.043

Irish official publications : a guide to Republic of Ireland papers, with a breviat of reports, 1922-1972 / by A. Maltby and B. Mckenna. Oxford : Pergamon Press, 1980
BL shelfmark: X.525/3917

Guide to official publications of foreign countries / edited by G. Westfall. 2nd. rev.ed. Chicago : American Library Association, Government Documents Round Table, 1997
BL shelfmark: OPL.070.595 Enquiry Desk

Information sources in official publications / edited by V.J. Nurcombe. London : Bowker-Saur, 1997
BL shelfmark: OPL.070.595

Annual Catalogue - Stationery Office Dublin (formerly **Catalogue of Government Publications**)
BL holdings: 1979-1997
BL shelfmark: OPL.941.50043

Irish Publishing Record
BL holdings: 1967-1994
BL shelfmark: HLR 015.415

The national bibliography of Ireland lists government publications but not comprehensively. It is annual

2. PARLIAMENTARY PUBLICATIONS

The Republic of Ireland, comprising the 26 southern counties of the island, has a parliament called the Oireachtas, which is divided into the directly elected Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives) and the indirectly elected Seanad (Senate). The president is the head of state while the prime minister heads the government. The official languages are Irish and English but the text of most official publications is in English

2.1. What is freely available online?

The official website of the Houses of the Oireachtas [<http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/>] offers:

- Legislative Observatory, 1992- full text of all bills as initiated (including explanatory memoranda), as amended, and as passed by each or both houses; amendments tabled; Acts of the Oireachtas and official translations; and links to debates on bills
- Official report of the Dáil (from 1919) the Seanad (from 1922) and Committees (from 1924). You can browse the Dail and Seanad debates by date, member and topic and search by keyword in full text.
- Committee reports from 2002 in chronological order at http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/oireachtasbusiness/committees_list/about/committee-reports/

Kildare Street [www.kildarestreet.com/] is a searchable archive of everything that's been said in the Dáil and all written parliamentary questions since January 2004, everything in the Seanad since September 2002, and all Committee meetings since September 2012. The site is run by volunteers and is not the 'canonical' version of the proceedings of the Oireachtas.

2.2. Dáil Éireann

2.2.1. What is it?

The Dáil is the lower house, and principal chamber, of the Oireachtas (Irish legislature), which also includes the President of Ireland and Seanad Éireann (the upper house). It is directly elected at least once every five years under the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote (STV). Its powers are similar to those of lower houses under many other bicameral parliamentary systems and it is by far the dominant branch of the Oireachtas. Subject to the limits imposed by the Constitution of Ireland, it has power to pass any law it wishes, and to nominate and remove the Taoiseach (head of government). Since 1922, it has met in Leinster House in Dublin

The Dáil publishes an official report of its chamber debates and those of its committees, committee reports and bills

2.2.2. What does The British Library hold?

Print

Parliamentary debates: official report

BL holdings: 1922-2012

BL shelfmark: CSA.99

The debates are published in an unrevised version after each sitting and then in revised bound volumes. Both revised and unrevised versions are held at the British Library. Revised and unrevised versions of the debates are currently filed together, but unrevised debates 1929-1972 are shelved at CSA.99(2)

Bodleian holdings: v.1- , 1922-
Bodleian classmark: O.IE/Parl. Deb.

Parliamentary questions

BL holdings: 1969-2013

BL shelfmark: CSA.99/19

Parliamentary Committee Debates

BL holdings: Dec. 1995-2010

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/326

At the BL, the debates of all Dáil Committees, including Select Committees, are currently interfiled at the same classmark. However Select Committee debates from 1993-1997 are also shelved at CSA.99.

Bodleian holdings: 1993-
Bodleian classmark: O.IE/Parl. Deb.

Parliamentary papers have been individually recorded and can be traced through the British Library Catalogue.

The British Library also holds the **Dáil Magazine** from issue 60, 1991 issue 197, 2006 at classmark ZK.9.b.4901

2.2.3. What indexes and guides can I use?

The debates of the Dail have indexes in each volume to general business, questions and members speaking. The British Library also holds cumulative indexes for 1922-1927, 1927-1937, 1937-1940, 1940-1947, 1948-1954 and 1954-1956.

2.3. Séanad Éireann

2.3.1. What is it?

The Séanad Éireann is the upper house of the Oireachtas (the Irish legislature. It is commonly called the Seanad or Senate and its members senators (seanadóirí in Irish, singular: seanadóir). Unlike Dáil Éireann, it is not directly elected but consists of a mixture of members chosen by various methods. Its powers are much weaker than those of the Dáil and it can only delay laws with which it disagrees, rather than veto them outright. It has been located, since its establishment, in Leinster House.

2.3.2. What does The British Library hold?

Print

Parliamentary debates: official report

BL holdings: 1922-2013

BL shelfmark: CSA.102

The debates are published in an unrevised version after each sitting and then in revised bound volumes. Both revised and unrevised versions are held. Revised and unrevised versions of the debates are currently filed together at the British Library, but unrevised debates 1929-1972 are shelved at CSA.102(2).

Bodleian holdings: v.1- , 1922-
Bodleian classmark: O.IE/Parl. Deb.

2.3.3. What indexes and guides can I use?

Each volume has an index for business and members speeches. General index is at CSA.102(3)

3. LEGISLATION AND COURT REPORTS

3.1. Bills

3.1.1. What is it?

Bills are proposals for legislation. There are three types:

- Public Bills, which are proposed by the Government. Most Bills fall into this category.
- Private Bills, which are promoted by local authorities, private organisations or individuals. These are rare and there are special procedures to deal with them; and
- Private Members' Bills, which are put forward by opposition parties and independent TDs and individual TDs.

A proposal for a new law or a change to an existing law may be made in either the Dáil or the Seanad. To become law, a bill must pass five stages. The second and third stages are often considered the most important as they offer the best chance to Members to discuss and change the Bill.

- First Stage: The Bill is introduced to one of the Houses - Dáil or Seanad.
- Second Stage: This is a general debate on the principles of the Bill and what else could be put into the Bill or what should be taken out.
- Third Stage: This is also known as Committee Stage. Members of the House where the Bill is being discussed, examine the Bill section by section and may suggest changes (known as amendments) to the Bill. However, only a Minister can propose an amendment that would cost money.
- Fourth Stage: This is known as 'Report Stage'. New amendments may be proposed.
- Fifth Stage: A final discussion on the Bill. No more changes can be made.

Where a Bill passes all stages in one House, it goes to the other House where the process begins again from the second Stage. Once the Dáil and Seanad both pass the Bill, the Taoiseach presents a copy to the President to sign and declare it as law. The signed law then goes to the Registrar of the Supreme Court where it is enrolled and kept on record

3.1.2. What is freely available online?

The official website of the Houses of the Oireachtas [<http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/>] offers the Legislative Observatory, 1992-: full text of all bills as initiated (including explanatory memoranda), as amended, and as passed by each or both houses; amendments tabled; Acts of the Oireachtas and official translations; and links to debates on bills

3.1.3. What does The British Library hold?

Print

Bills presented to the Oireachtas are published individually with the title of each bill in Irish and English. The British Library holds bills from 1924 to 2014 at classmark CSA.98. Explanatory notes and memoranda from 1968 to 2014 are held at CSA.98/2

3.2. Acts and Statutory Instruments

3.2.1. What is it?

The principal and supreme form of legislation in the Republic of Ireland is an act of the Oireachtas. Subject to the increasingly important proviso that European Union law within its competence can override any domestic legislation of the Irish Republic, acts of the Oireachtas can make new law and amend or overturn old law on any matter and can themselves be overturned only by another act of Parliament.

Increasingly the Oireachtas itself does not have the time or the expertise to consider detailed legislative rules on the administration of matters and has delegated authority for the making of rules and other instruments on such matters. Most subordinate legislation is made by Government Ministers under powers conferred on them by Acts. Approximately 500 pieces of subordinate legislation are passed per year

3.2.2. What is freely available online?

Irish legislative materials are available online at a number of web sites:

The Irish Statute Book [<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/>] offers the Acts of the Oireachtas 1922-present, Statutory Instruments 1922-present and the Chronological Table of the Statutes 1922-2005. It also includes most of the pre 1922 public and general statutes still in force in the State following the enactment of the Statute Law Revision Act 2007. The Act of 2007 repealed all public and general statutes enacted before 6 December 1922 with the exception of those listed in Schedule 1 of that Act. In the case of a small number of those statutes, the full text is not available in electronic format. The text of the Constitution of Ireland is also published on the site.

Acts of the Oireachtas 1922-present are also available at [<http://www.acts.ie/>] in Irish and English

BAILII [<http://www.bailii.org/>] offers Irish Statutes 1922 to the present, Statutory Instruments, 1922-to the present, case law (decisions of the Supreme Court, 1965-, the High Court, 1878-, Court of Appeal, 2014-, Competition Authority, 1991- and Information Commissioner, 1998-) and the Irish Law Reform Commission papers and reports, 1976-

IRLII [<http://www.irlii.org/>] is run by University College Cork Law Faculty to complement its contribution to BAILII and includes an index to articles in Irish legal periodicals

A helpful guide to Irish Law is available courtesy of Globalex at <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/ireland1.html>

3.2.3. What does The British Library hold?

Print

Laws are published separately as they are passed and subsequently in bound annual volumes

Achtanna an Oireachtais/Acts of the Oireachtas

BL holdings: Bound volumes -2010

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/1253

Public general acts passed by the Oireachtas of Saorstát Eirann

BL holdings: Bound volumes 1922-2010

BL shelfmark: CSA.97

Individual acts as promulgated

BL holdings: 1925-1926; 1929-2013

BL shelfmark: Last two years at OPL.344.415022

Bodleian holdings: 1938-

Bodleian classmark: LAW Main Libr Ireland 011

Secondary legislation is also published in individual parts and then in bound volumes:

Ionstraimi Reachtúla / Statutory instruments

BL holdings: Bound volumes 1948-2010

BL shelfmark: CSA.97/19

The British Library holds individual unbound Statutory Instruments 1933-1996 at classmark CSA.97/4 and 1997- at CSA.37/4

Bodleian holdings: 1948- missing 2006: vol. 1

Bodleian classmark: LAW Main Libr Ireland 090

4. OFFICIAL GAZETTE**4.1. What is it?**

The Official Gazette, the **Iris Oifigiúil**, has been published since 1922 and is the successor to the Dublin Gazette. It contains the presidential assent to bills, lists of statutory instruments and the texts of some government orders, court notices, bankruptcy notices, regulations, etc

4.2. What is freely available online?

The **Iris Oifigiúil** is available in full text online from 2002 at <http://www.irisoifigiuil.ie/>

4.3. What does The British Library hold?**Print****Iris Oifigiúil**

BL holdings: 1922-2014 (1973-80 very incomplete)

BL shelfmark: OGE.30

Bodleian holdings: v.1- , 1922- 2007

Bodleian classmark: Bodley BOD Bookstack N. 2296 c.8 and Bodley BOD Bookstack N. 2296 c.8* (Supplement)

Bodleian holdings: 2008-

Bodleian classmark: Bod P.C 25201 and BOD P.C 25202

4.4. What indexes and guides can I use?

The **Iris oifigiúil** has an annual index, published in arrears and shelved with the main set at OGE.30

5. OFFICIAL ALMANACS AND YEARBOOKS

5.1. What is freely available online?

The Government of Ireland web site at <http://www.gov.ie/> provides links to the web sites of all government departments and more than 400 services which can be accessed online. People looking for Irish Government information on rights, entitlements and benefits should start with <http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/> .

5.2. What does The British Library hold?

Print

Ireland: a directory

BL holdings: 1976-2003; 2015-

BL shelfmark: P.701/1511 (latest edition at OPL.941.50061)

Lists names and addresses of members of the Oireachtas, names of civil servants from graduate entry level upwards, and senior officers of the security forces. It also includes senior staff of local authorities, state-sponsored bodies, and major business and financial, educational, religious, professional and social organisations

Bodleian holdings: 1976-77; 1983; 1988; 1999-2000

Bodleian classmark: 1. Bodley BOD Bookstack Per. 2296 d.113

Bodleian holdings: 2001-

Bodleian classmark: BOD Nuneham P.D02252

On SOLO as 'Ireland: a directory and yearbook'

Administration yearbook & diary'

BL holdings: 1966-2014

BL shelfmark: P.701/109

Originally there were two separate publications running concurrently: 'Ireland a directory' containing directory information; 'Administration yearbook & diary' containing the same directory information but bound with a blank diary for sale in Ireland. Ireland, a directory was discontinued in 2003 and relaunched in 2015.

State directory/Eolaí an Stáit

BL holdings: 1976-2000

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/54

Lists names and addresses of members of the Oireachtas, names of civil servants from graduate entry level upwards, and senior officers of the security forces. Also records numbers of civil servants and security forces and pay scales

Bodleian holdings: 1976-

Bodleian classmark: BOD OffPapers O.REF/IE.1

6. BUDGET

6.1. What is it?

The budget currently consists of:

- Financial statement by the Finance Minister to the Dáil
- Budget measures – detailed list of changes
- Budget statistics and tables
- Financial resolutions – give temporary legislative backing for immediate budget changes
- Stability programme update – outlines the economic background to the budget and sets out the government's economic strategy for the next three years.
- White paper on receipts and expenditure
- Estimates for public services and summary public capital programme

6.2. What is freely available online?

Budget documents from 1996 are available free online at <http://www.budget.gov.ie>

6.3. What does The British Library hold?

Print

Budget

BL holdings: 1958-2002

BL shelfmark: CSA.71/32

Bodleian holdings: 1958-2008 (1999 missing)

Bodleian classmark: Bodley BOD Bookstack Per. 232972 d.13

Bodleian holdings: 2009-

Bodleian holdings: BOD P.C 25978

Bodleian holdings: 1965; 1969-77; 1979-80; 1982

Bodleian classmark: SocSci SSL Main Lib HA1170.5.FIN

7. NATIONAL BANK PUBLICATIONS

7.1. What is it?

The Central Bank of Ireland's mandate requires it to contribute to the wellbeing of the people of Ireland and Europe by:

- Ensuring price and financial stability
- Protecting consumers
- Developing regulatory policy
- Providing payment, settlement and currency systems operations and oversight
- Providing economic advice and financial statistics
- Recovery and resolution of distressed financial services firms

7.2. What is freely available online?

The Central Bank [<http://www.centralbank.ie/>] produces a number of publications which reflect the work of the organisation. Its economics publications include quarterly assessments of the Irish economy (Quarterly Bulletins at <http://www.centralbank.ie/publications/Pages/QB.aspx>), in-depth economic research of a technical nature (Research Technical Papers at <https://www.centralbank.ie/publication/research-technical-papers>), essays on economic issues of national or international interest (Economic Letters at <https://www.centralbank.ie/publication/economic-letters>) and assessments of financial stability (Macro-Financial Reviews at <https://www.centralbank.ie/publication/macro-financial-reviews>). Annual reports from 1998 are available in the corporate publications section at <https://www.centralbank.ie/publication/corporate-reports/annual-reports>

7.3. What does The British Library hold?

Print

The British Library holds the *Annual report* and *Quarterly bulletin*:

Annual report

BL holdings: 1995-2009

BL shelfmark: (XP) AM 30 (IRL) -E(15)

Bodleian holdings: 1984-2002

Bodleian classmark: Bodley BOD Bookstack Per. 23283 d.906

Quarterly bulletin

BL holdings: Oct.1963-Mar.2015

BL shelfmark: PP.8006.nu

Bodleian holdings: 1984-95; 2005 (incomplete)

Bodleian classmark: Bodley BOD Bookstack Per. 23283 d.906

8. STATISTICS

8.1. What is it?

The Central Statistics Office was established in 1949 as Ireland's national statistical office. Its status was formalised in legislation with the enactment of the Statistics Act, 1993. The mandate of the CSO, as set out in that Act, is "The collection, compilation, extraction and dissemination for statistical purposes of information relating to economic, social and general activities and conditions in the State". The CSO is also responsible for coordinating the official statistics of other public authorities and for developing the statistical potential of administrative records.

8.2. What is freely available online?

Republic of Ireland government statistics are published by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) along with government departments, agencies and other state bodies. The CSO makes an extensive databank available free via its web site at <http://www.cso.ie>. There are links from <http://www.cso.ie/en/databases/> to other public sector statistical databases:

Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/doehlg/homepagefiles/doehlg_statbank.asp

Department of Education and Skills

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/des/homepagefiles/des_statbank.asp

Irish Maritime Development Office

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/imdo/homepagefiles/imdo_statbank.asp

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/sei/homepagefiles/sei_statbank.asp

Commission for Communications Regulation (Comreg)

<https://www.comreg.ie/industry/electronic-communications/data-portal/>

Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB)

<https://www.comreg.ie/industry/electronic-communications/data-portal/>

Health Research Board

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/hrb/homepagefiles/hrb_statbank.asp

National Roads Authority

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/nra/homepagefiles/nra_statbank.asp

Revenue, Tax and Customs Statistics

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/rv01/homepagefiles/rv01_statbank.asp

Road Safety Authority of Ireland

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/rsa/homepagefiles/rsa_statbank.asp

Department of Health

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/health/Database/health/health%20Statistics/health_Statistics.asp

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/dafm/Database/dafm/Animal_Disease_Statistics/Animal_Disease_Statistics.asp

StatCentral at <http://www.statcentral.ie/index.asp> is the portal to Ireland's Official Statistics. It provides information about statistics produced by government departments and state organisations. Most of these are available on the web through a variety of websites and formats. The StatCentral portal provides standard documentation on recurring official statistics and links to where they can be found.

The Statistics Department of the Central Bank of Ireland is the main compiler of Irish Financial Statistics, providing a high quality collection and analysis service to all our stakeholders through regular publications. The Department collects, processes and analyses a large volume of regular statistical returns from a wide variety of market participants including credit institutions, investment funds and special purpose vehicles. In total over 6,500 institutions report information to the Statistics Department. Visit the Statistics landing page at <http://www.centralbank.ie/polstats/stats/Pages/default.aspx> to explore further.

8.3. What does The British Library hold?

Print

Statistical Yearbooks

Statistical yearbook of Ireland

BL holdings: 2001-13

BL shelfmark: Current issue: OPL.941.500212; Earlier issues: CSA.80/5

Continues:

Statistical abstract

BL holdings: 1931-1998/99

BL shelfmark: CSA.80/5

Subsequent issues are available free online at

<http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/statisticalyearbookofireland/>

Current Awareness

CSO Statistical release

BL holdings: 1988-2010

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/462

The release calendar and statistical press releases are available on the Central Statistics Office website at <http://www.cso.ie/en/newsandevents/statisticsdueforrelease/>

Public Finance

Annual report of the Comptroller and Auditor General and appropriation accounts

(1923-1988 Appropriation accounts)

BL holdings: 1923-2008

BL shelfmark: CSA.71/2

The Annual Report is now available online from 2001 at

<http://www.audgen.gov.ie/viewdoc.asp?DocID=-1&CatID=3&UserLang=EN&m=6>

Estimates for public services

BL holdings: 1977-2007

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/39

BL holdings: 1925/26-1991

BL shelfmark: CSA.71

These can currently be found with the budget documentation at

<http://www.budget.gov.ie>

Finance accounts

BL holdings: 1922/23-2005

BL shelfmark: CSA.71/3

BL holdings: 2006-

BL shelfmark: OPA.9.x.817

Also available from the Department of Finance at <http://www.finance.gov.ie/what-we-do/public-finances/annual-finance-accounts/finance-accounts/finance-accounts>

Revenue Commissioners. Statistical report

BL holdings: 1989-2002

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/763

Statistical reports of the Revenue Commissioners from 1996 to 2012 are online at

<http://www.revenue.ie/en/about/publications/statistical-reports.html> . Detailed

statistical information on taxes and duties for which the Office of the Revenue

Commissioners is responsible from 2013 is found at

<http://www.revenue.ie/en/about/statistics/index.html>

Local authority estimates

BL holdings: 1977-2002

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/16

Local authority financial outturns

BL holdings: 2001-2006

BL shelfmark: OPA.9.x.236

Returns of local taxation

BL holdings: 1921/26-2000

BL shelfmark: CSA.93/4

Information about local authority finance is available online from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government at

<http://www.housing.gov.ie/local-government/administration/finance/local-government-finance>

Economics and trade

Agricultural statistics

BL holdings: 1992-1997

BL shelfmark: (P) DL 239(I6)-E(9)

BL holdings: 1934-1956

BL shelfmark: CSA.121/9

Economic review and outlook (formerly Review of ... and outlook for ... , 1966-1976)

BL holdings: 1978-2005

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/111

BL holdings: 1966-1976

BL shelfmark: CSA.71/47

Monthly economic bulletin

Jan. 2003-

Online at <http://www.finance.gov.ie/publications/reports/reports-research>

The MEB provides a monthly update of some of the key developments within the Irish economy across a broad spectrum of sectors. The bulletin also outlines fiscal developments for the State as well as being a source of the Department's most up to date forecasts and providing a snapshot of conditions in some of Ireland's trading partners.

Economic series – Central Statistics Office

BL holdings: 1987-2001

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/450

National income and expenditure, 1959- (formerly Irish statistical survey, 1948/49-1958)

BL holdings: 1959-2013

BL shelfmark: CSA.121/12

BL holdings: 1948/49-1958

BL shelfmark: CSA.121

National accounts statistics are now available on the Central Statistics Office website at <http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/nationalaccounts/>

Statistical bulletin - Central Statistics Office, vol.62, 1987-vol.78, 2003 (Formerly, **Irish trade journal**, vol.1, 1925 – vol.12, no.3 Sept 1937; **Irish trade journal and statistical bulletin**, vol.12, no.4, Dec.1937-vol.38, 1963: and **Irish statistical bulletin**, vol. 39, 1964 – vol.61, 1986)

BL holdings: 1925-2003

BL shelfmark: CSA.78

Trade and shipping statistics

BL holdings: 1930-1971

BL shelfmark: CSA.79/2

BL holdings: 1924-1929

BL shelfmark: CSA.79

Trade statistics

BL holdings: 1930-2011

BL shelfmark: CSA.79

Continued online at <http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/externaltrade/> on the Central Statistics Office website

Social and Demographic

Annual report of the Registrar General, 1923-1949 (later Tuarascáil an Ard-Chláraitheora, 1950-52)

BL holdings: 1923-1952

BL shelfmark: CSA.112/3

Quarterly report on births, deaths and marriages and on certain infectious diseases
(formerly **Quarterly return of marriages, births and deaths**)

BL holdings: 1970-1977

BL shelfmark: CSA.112/80

BL holdings: 1864-1931

BL shelfmark: CSA.112/2

Report on vital statistics

BL holdings: 1953-

BL shelfmark: CSA.121/5

Vital statistics (Quarterly)

BL holdings: 1986-2013

BL shelfmark: CSA.112/80

BL holdings: 2006-

BL shelfmark: ZC.9b.8935

Births, deaths and marriages statistics are now available online at

<http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/birthsdeathsandmarriages/> on the Central Statistics Office website from 1864 to the present.

Health statistics (formerly **Statistical information relevant to the Health Services, 1976-1985**)

BL holdings: 1976-2005

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/11

Health statistics are now delivered online on the Department of Health website at <http://health.gov.ie/publications-research/statistics/> Statistics are divided up into topical areas. Within these topics you will find lots of useful statistics which in most cases can be downloaded and shared. Links to external sources of data and other relevant information are also presented.

Tuarascáil Statistiúil/Statistical report – Department of Education (later **Department of Education and Science**), 1972/73/1973/74– (formerly **Táblaí staitistic**, 1964/65 – 1971/72)

BL holdings: 1964/1965- 2006

BL shelfmark: CSA.63/2(2)

The Department for Education and Skills statistics web site now provides free access to data on primary, secondary and higher education at

http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/pssn/des/homepagefiles/des_statbank.asp

Surveys

Annual services inquiry

BL holdings: 1991-2006

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/985

Results of the Annual Services Inquiry from 1999 are available from the Central Statistics Office website at <http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/services/>

Census of industrial production

BL holdings: 1979-2006

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/419

BL holdings: 1926-1947

BL shelfmark: CSA.80/15

Results of the Census of Industrial Production from 1996 are available from the Central Statistics Office website at <http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/industry/>

Household budget survey

BL holdings: 1973-2000

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/12

Household budget inquiry

BL holdings: 1951/52 and 1965/66

BL shelfmark: CSA.121/4 and CSA.121/17

Results of the Household Finance and Consumption Survey (formerly the Household Budget Survey) are now available from the Central Statistics Office website at <http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/housingandhouseholds/> from 2000.

Labour force survey

BL holdings: 1975-1997

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/51

National farm survey

BL holdings: 1988-2014 [Transfer 2014 from ZK.9.b.29571]

BL shelfmark: CSA.121/7

Survey reports from 1999 are available at <https://www.teagasc.ie/rural-economy/rural-economy/national-farm-survey/> courtesy of Teagasc.

Road freight transport survey

BL holdings: 1982-2012

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/375

Reports from 1995 are available at the Central Statistics Office website at <http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/transport/>

Historical Compendia

Irish historical statistics: population 1821-1971/ W.E. Vaughan and A.J. Fitzpatrick (eds)

BL shelfmark: OPL 941.500212

Censuses

Census of Population, 1926.

BL shelfmark: CSA.49/2

Census of Population, 1936.

BL shelfmark: CSA.49/4

Census of Population of Ireland, 1946.

BL shelfmark: CSA.49/6(2)

Census of Population of Ireland, 1951.

BL shelfmark: CSA.49/7(2)

Census of Population of Ireland, 1956. Population, area and valuation of each district electoral division and of each larger unit of area.

BL shelfmark: CSA.49/8

Census of population of Ireland, 1961.

BL shelfmark: CSA.49/10(2)

Census of population of Ireland, 1966.

BL shelfmark: CSA.49/12(2)

Census of population of Ireland, 1971

BL shelfmark: CSA.14/13

Census of population of Ireland, 1979 and 1981

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/183

Census 86

BL shelfmark: CSA.127/463 (some parts at CSA.127/183)

Census reports for 1991- have been individually recorded in Explore the British Library.

Digitised historical census data from 1926 to 1991 is available courtesy of the Central Statistics Office at <http://www.cso.ie/en/census/> , as are results for 1996, 2002, 2006 and 2011 and a preliminary report for 2016.