

Health Region Profile - HSE South West

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1 Geographies

Table 1: IHAs in HSE South West

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HSE Cork North and East
HSE Cork South and West
HSE Kerry

Table 2: CHNs in HSE South West

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Ballincollig, Bishopstown, Macroom
Bandon, Kinsale and Carrigaline
Blarney and North Cork City
Central Cork
Douglas, Blackrock, Mahon
East Central Cork
East Cork City
Mallow, Charleville, Newmarket, Kanturk, Millstreet
North Kerry
Northeast Cork
South Cork City
South Kerry
West Cork
West Kerry

2 Key Points

- The **Age Dependency Ratio** of this Health Region is **54.6**. This compares to 53.2 nationally. The Age Dependency Ratio is the amount of people outside of working age (0-14 and 65+) per 100 people of working age (15-64).
- HSE South West has a total of 740,614 **persons** and 185,353 **families** living in private households.
- There are a total of 142,423 **persons aged 0-14** in this Health Region and 119,028 **persons aged over 65**.
- There are a total of 162,399 persons **living with a disability** in this Health Region, representing **21.9 percent** of the population. This compares with 21.5 percent nationally
- 11,816 people in this Health Region have **bad or very bad general health**. This represents **1.6 percent** of the population. 1.7 percent of the population have bad or very bad general health nationally.
- There are a total of 46,083 **carers** in this Health Region, representing **6.2 percent** of the population. This compares with 5.8 percent of the population that are carers nationally.
- **12.9 percent** of this Health Region **smoke tobacco products**. 13.1 percent of people nationally smoke tobacco products
- There are 8,987 **short term unemployed** and 12,784 **long term unemployed** people in this Health Region. These represent 1.5 and 2.1 percent of the population respectively.
- **2.9 percent** of the population of HSE South West are **unskilled**. 3.1 percent of people in the state are unskilled.
- **22.7 percent** of those aged 15+ in this Health Region have a **highest level of education of lower secondary or lower**. This compares with 23 percent nationally.
- **23.5 percent** of families with children in this Health Region have **lone parents**. This stands at 24.8 nationally.
- **17.9 percent** of this Health Region were **born outside Ireland** (20 percent nationally).
- **Households rented from a Local Authority** comprise **8.6 percent** of households in this Health Region. This stands at 8.3 percent nationally

3 Population

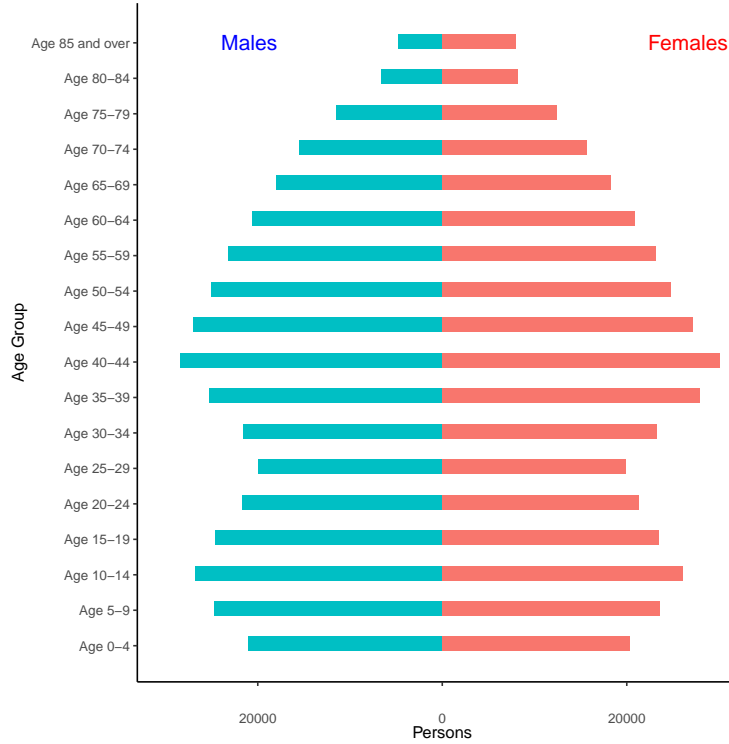


Figure 1: Persons by Age Group and Gender for HSE South West; Census 2022.

Age	Females		Males		Both Sexes		
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>% (HR)</i>	<i>% (State)</i>
0-14	69,963	18.7	72,460	19.8	142,423	19.2	19.7
15-64	241,852	64.6	237,311	64.8	479,163	64.7	65.3
65+	62,567	16.7	56,461	15.4	119,028	16.1	15.1
Age 0-4	20,350	5.4	21,012	5.7	41,362	5.6	5.7
Age 5-9	23,539	6.3	24,719	6.7	48,258	6.5	6.7
Age 10-14	26,074	7.0	26,729	7.3	52,803	7.1	7.3
Age 15-19	23,449	6.3	24,583	6.7	48,032	6.5	6.6
Age 20-24	21,295	5.7	21,702	5.9	42,997	5.8	6.0
Age 25-29	19,894	5.3	19,963	5.5	39,857	5.4	5.7
Age 30-34	23,277	6.2	21,592	5.9	44,869	6.1	6.5
Age 35-39	27,967	7.5	25,277	6.9	53,244	7.2	7.4
Age 40-44	30,051	8.0	28,436	7.8	58,487	7.9	8.0
Age 45-49	27,148	7.3	26,962	7.4	54,110	7.3	7.3
Age 50-54	24,781	6.6	25,011	6.8	49,792	6.7	6.6
Age 55-59	23,120	6.2	23,148	6.3	46,268	6.2	6.0
Age 60-64	20,870	5.6	20,637	5.6	41,507	5.6	5.3
Age 65-69	18,218	4.9	18,031	4.9	36,249	4.9	4.6
Age 70-74	15,714	4.2	15,490	4.2	31,204	4.2	3.9
Age 75-79	12,426	3.3	11,478	3.1	23,904	3.2	3.0
Age 80-84	8,218	2.2	6,659	1.8	14,877	2.0	1.9
Age 85 and over	7,991	2.1	4,803	1.3	12,794	1.7	1.6
All Ages	374,382	100.0	366,232	100.0	740,614	100.0	100.0

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Table 3: Population Breakdown by Age and Sex for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are provided for comparison purposes.

4 Disability

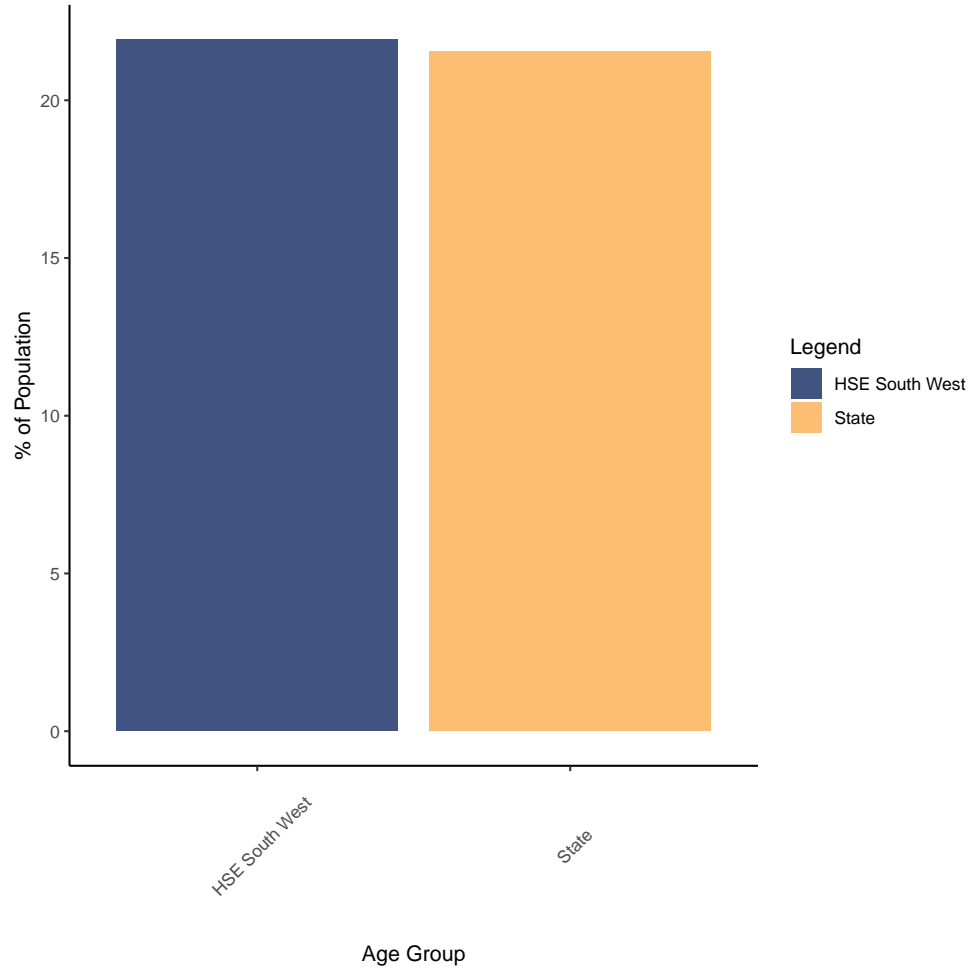


Figure 2: Percentage of Population with any Disability by Age Group for HSE South West, as well as State, Census 2022.

Sex	HSE South West			State
	Population	With a Disability		
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Males	366,232	78,107	21.3	20.9
Females	374,382	84,292	22.5	22.2
Both Sexes	740,614	162,399	21.9	21.5

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Table 4: Persons with a Disability by Sex for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage Breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

5 General Health

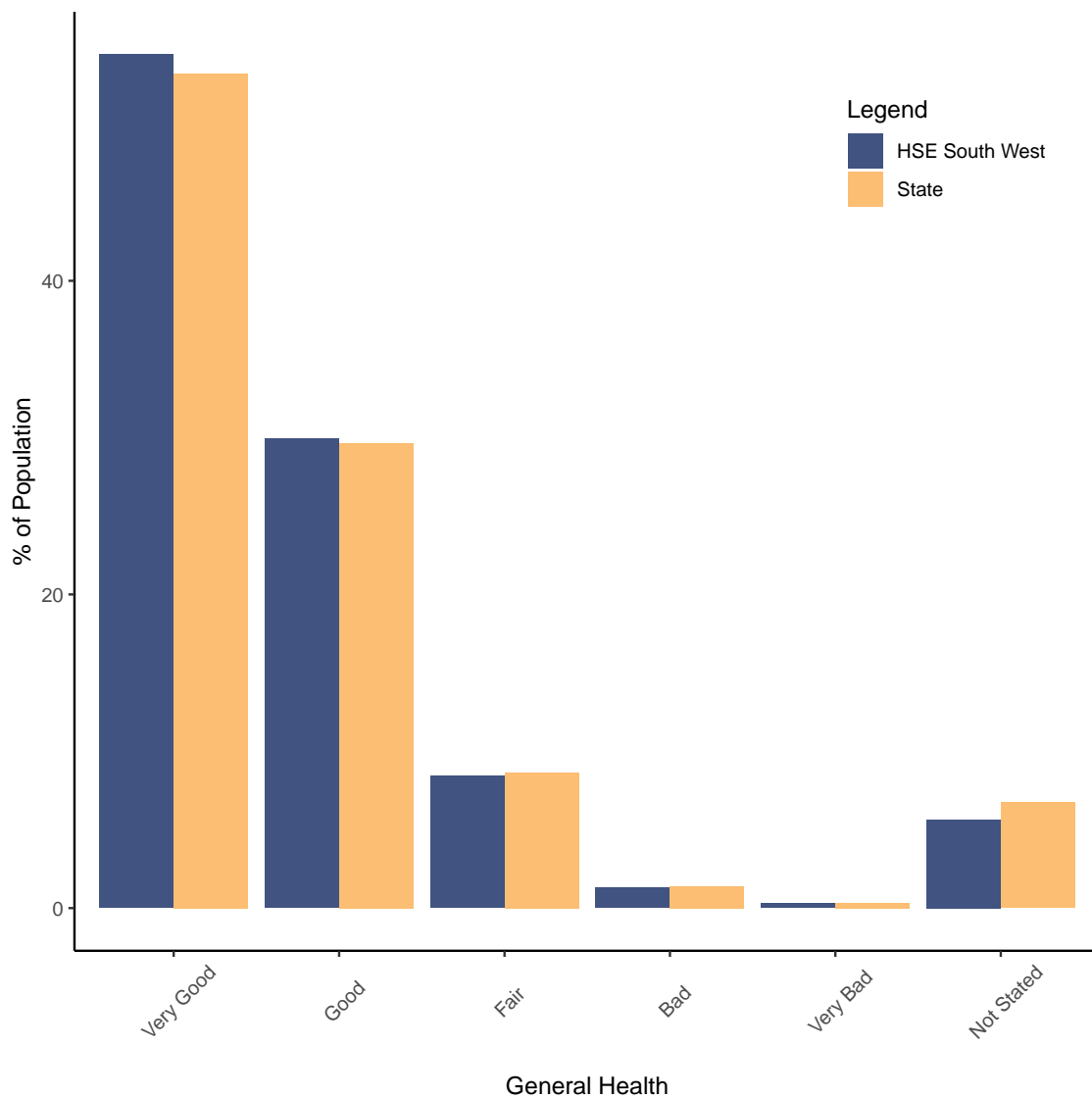


Figure 3: Population Breakdown (%) by General Health for HSE South West, as well as State, Census 2022.

General Health	HSE South West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Very Good	403,116	54.4	53.2
Good	221,645	29.9	29.7
Fair	62,312	8.4	8.6
Bad	9,556	1.3	1.4
Very Bad	2,260	0.3	0.3
Not Stated	41,725	5.6	6.7
Total	740,614	100.0	100.0

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Table 5: Population by General Health for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

6 Carers

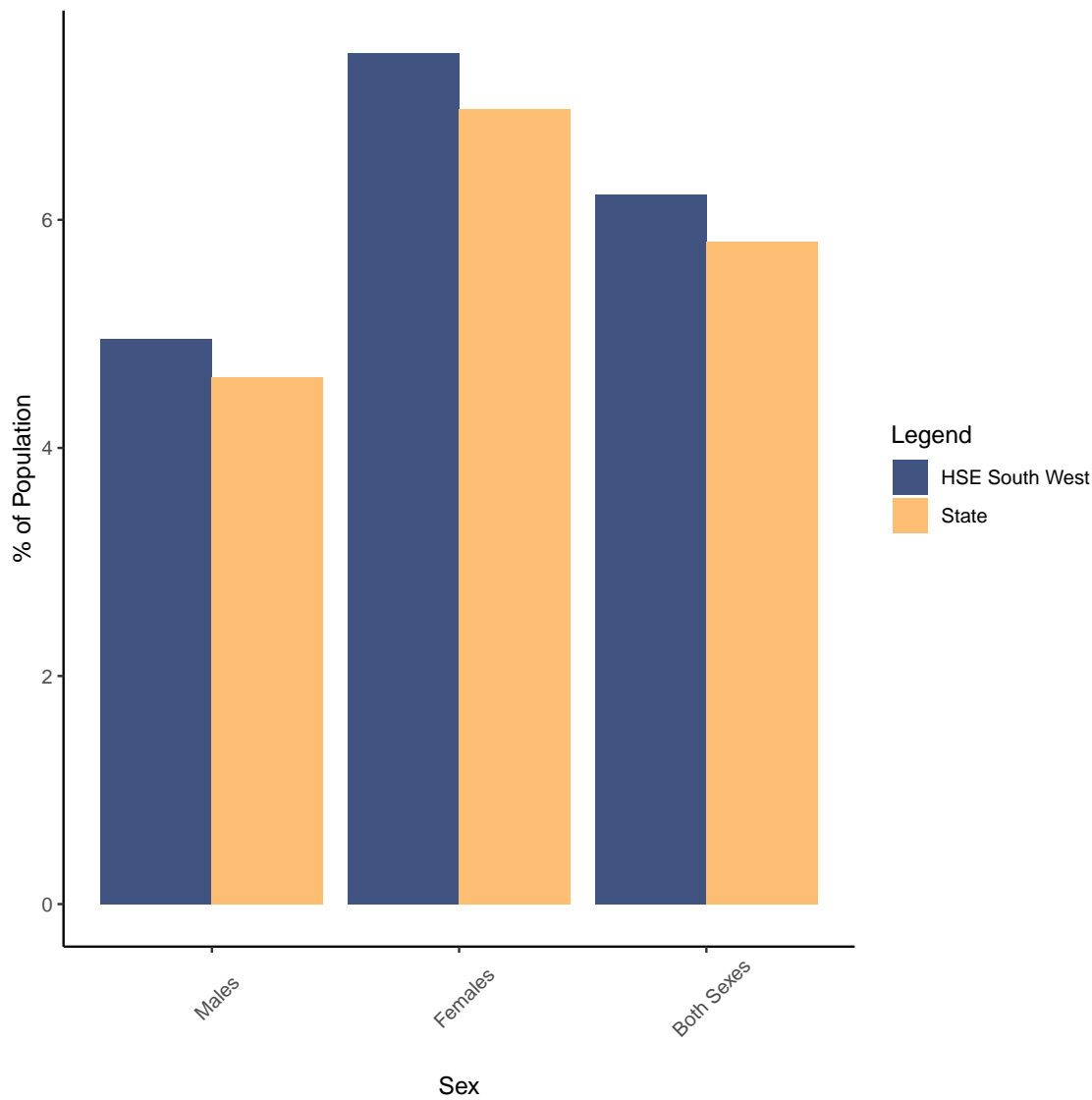


Figure 4: Carers as a Percentage of the Population of Males/Females/Both Sexes for HSE South West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Age Group	HSE South West		State	
	Population	Carers		
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Males	366,232	18,147	5.0	4.6
Females	374,382	27,936	7.5	7.0
Both Sexes	740,614	46,083	6.2	5.8

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Table 6: Carers by Sex for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage Breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

7 Volunteers

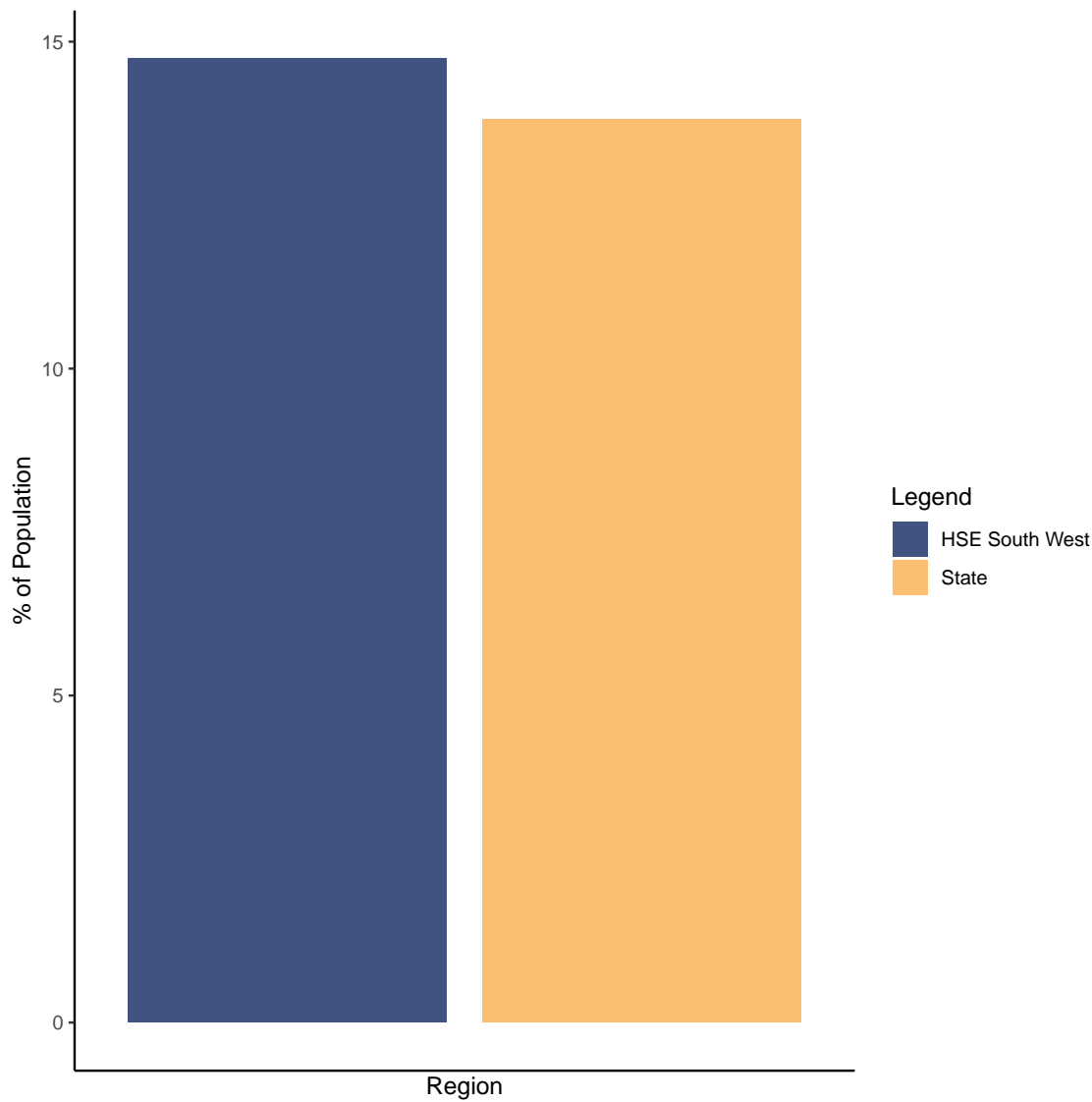


Figure 5: Volunteers as a Percentage of the Population for HSE South West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

HSE South West			State
Population		Volunteers	
<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
740,614	109,161	14.7	13.8

Table 7: Volunteers for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage Breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

8 Smoking

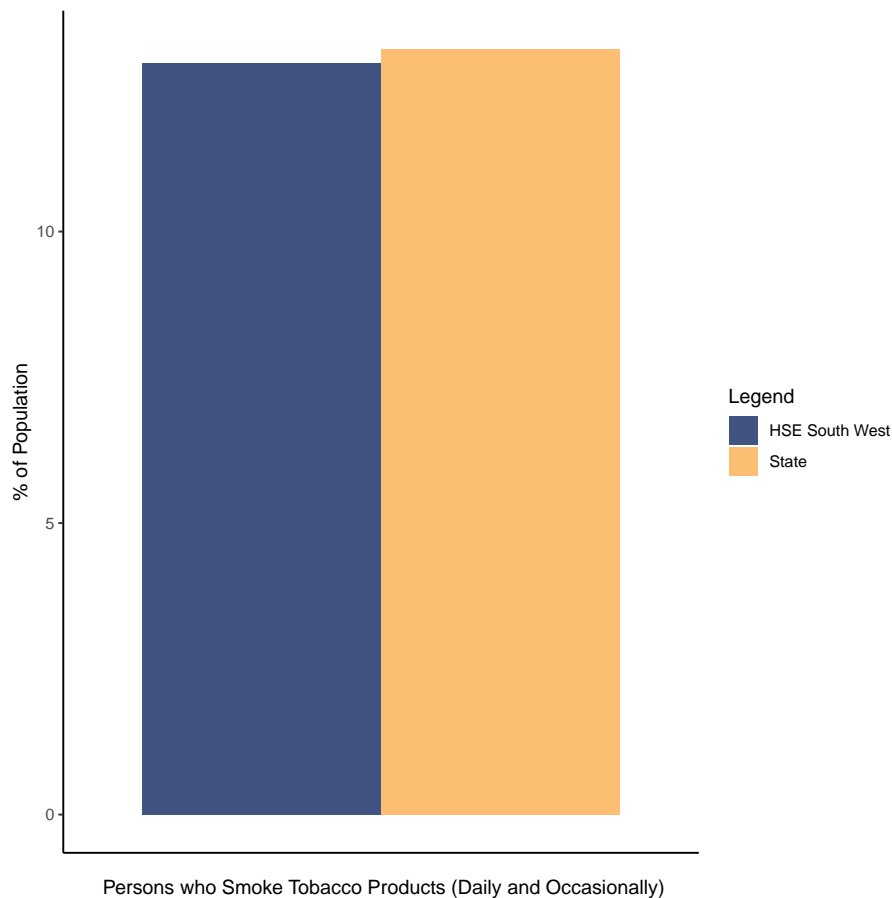


Figure 6: Percentage of the Population who Smoke Tobacco Products (Daily and Occasionally) for HSE South West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Smoking Status	HSE South West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Smoke Tobacco Products (Daily and Occasionally)	95,429	12.9	13.1
Don't Smoke Tobacco Products (Never and have given up)	598,606	80.8	79.4
Smoking Status Not Stated	46,579	6.3	7.5
All Persons	740,614	100.0	100.0

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Table 8: Smoking Status of HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

9 Principal Economic Status

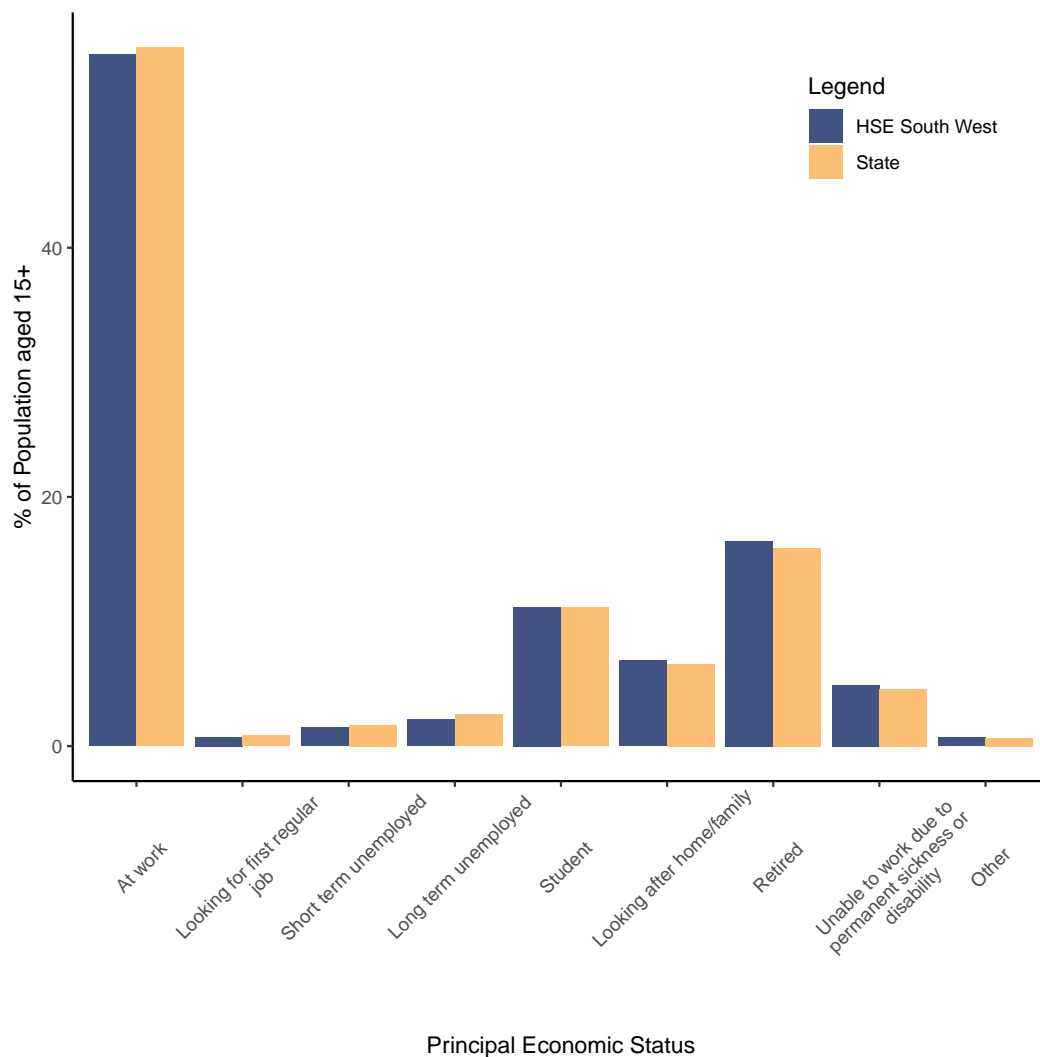


Figure 7: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Principal Economic Status for HSE South West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Principal Economic Status	HSE South West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
At Work	331,968	55.5	56.1
Looking for first regular job	4,370	0.7	0.8
Short term unemployed	8,987	1.5	1.7
Long term unemployed	12,784	2.1	2.6
Student	66,852	11.2	11.1
Looking after home/family	41,263	6.9	6.6
Retired	98,516	16.5	15.9
Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability	29,364	4.9	4.6
Other	4,087	0.7	0.7
Total	598,191	100.0	100.0

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Table 9: Population aged 15+ by Principal Economic Status for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

10 Social Class

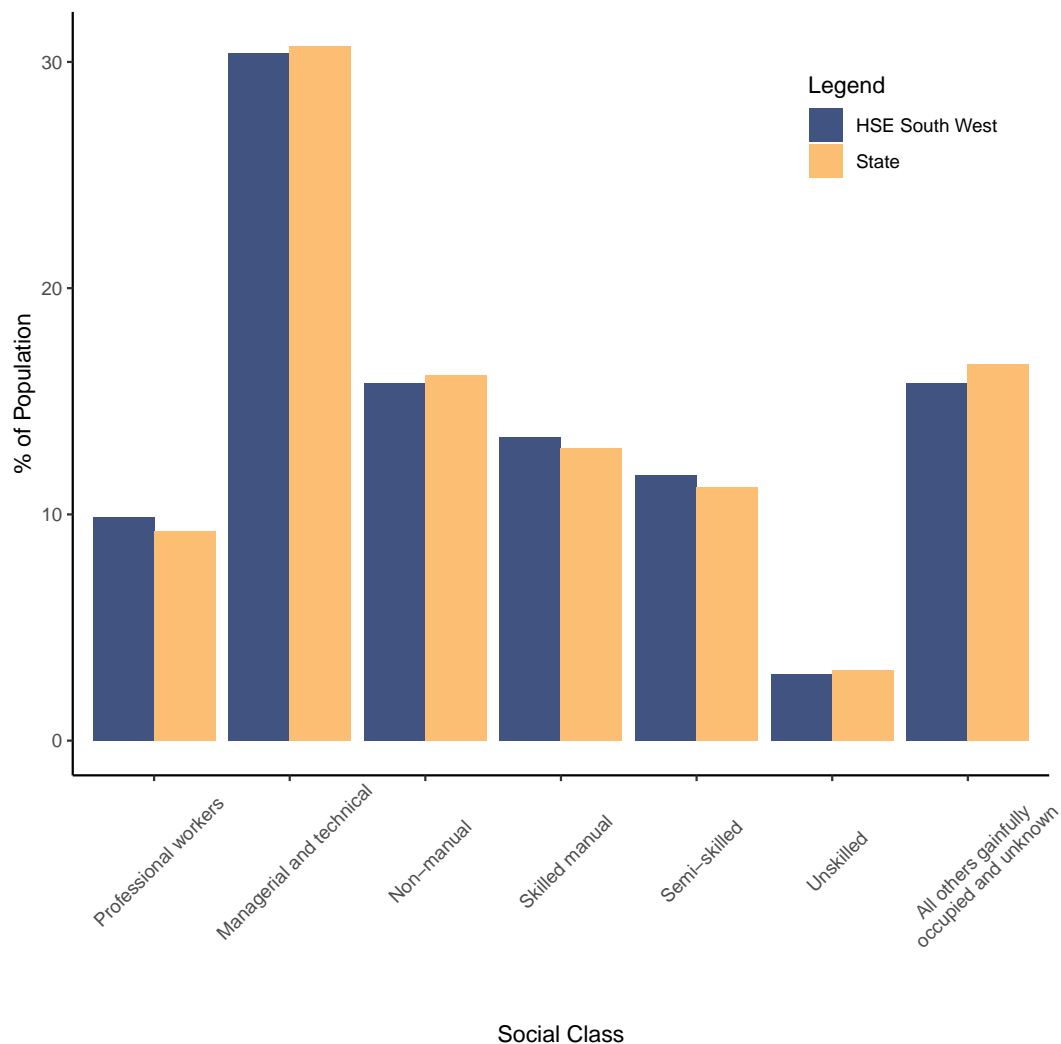


Figure 8: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Social Class for HSE South West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Social Class	HSE South West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Professional workers	73,224	9.9	9.3
Managerial and technical	225,148	30.4	30.7
Non-manual	117,116	15.8	16.2
Skilled manual	99,272	13.4	12.9
Semi-skilled	86,970	11.7	11.2
Unskilled	21,764	2.9	3.1
All others gainfully occupied and unknown	117,120	15.8	16.6
Total	740,614	100.0	100.0

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Table 10: Population aged 15+ by Social Class for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

11 Education

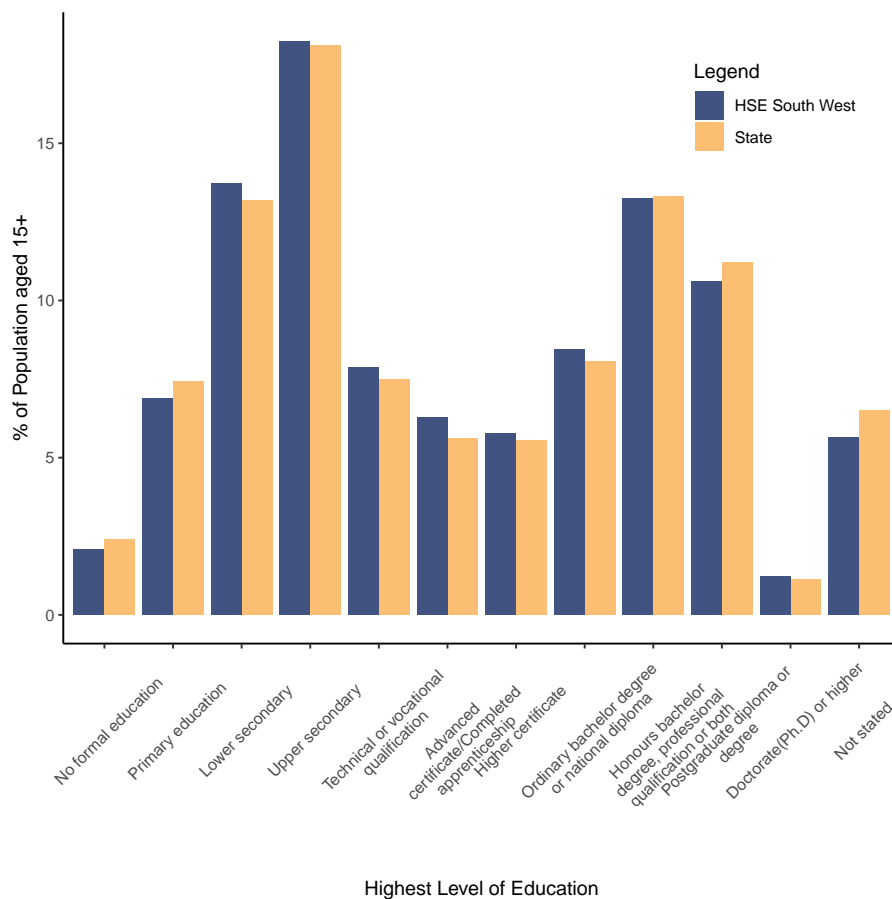


Figure 9: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Highest Level of Education Completed for HSE South West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Highest Level of Education Completed	HSE South West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
No formal education	10,226	2.1	2.4
Primary education	33,845	6.9	7.4
Lower secondary	67,629	13.7	13.2
Upper secondary	89,911	18.3	18.1
Technical or vocational qualification	38,721	7.9	7.5
Advanced certificate/Completed apprenticeship	31,011	6.3	5.6
Higher certificate	28,371	5.8	5.5
Ordinary bachelor degree or national diploma	41,566	8.4	8.1
Honours bachelor degree, professional qualification or both	65,220	13.2	13.3
Postgraduate diploma or degree	52,248	10.6	11.2
Doctorate(Ph.D) or higher	6,050	1.2	1.1
Not stated	27,767	5.6	6.5
Total	492,565	100.0	100.0

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Table 11: Population aged 15+ by Highest Level of Education Completed for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

12 Families

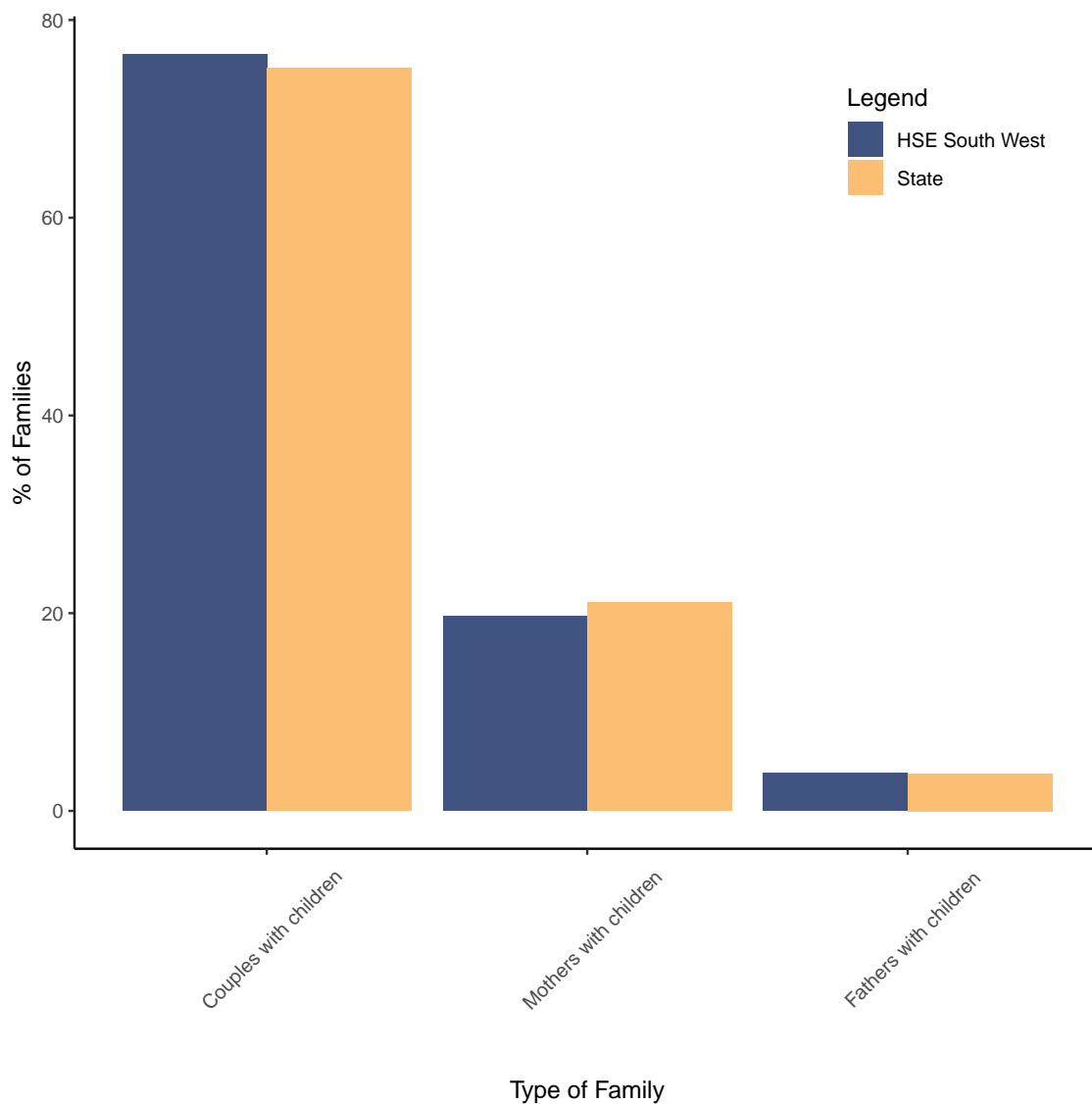


Figure 10: Percentage of Families with Children by Family Type for HSE South West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Type of Family	HSE South West		State
	<i>Families</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Couples with Children	97,665	76.5	75.2
Mothers with Children	25,086	19.7	21.1
Fathers with Children	4,855	3.8	3.8
All Families	127,606	100.0	100.0

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Table 12: Families with Children by Family Type for HSE South West; 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

13 Birthplace

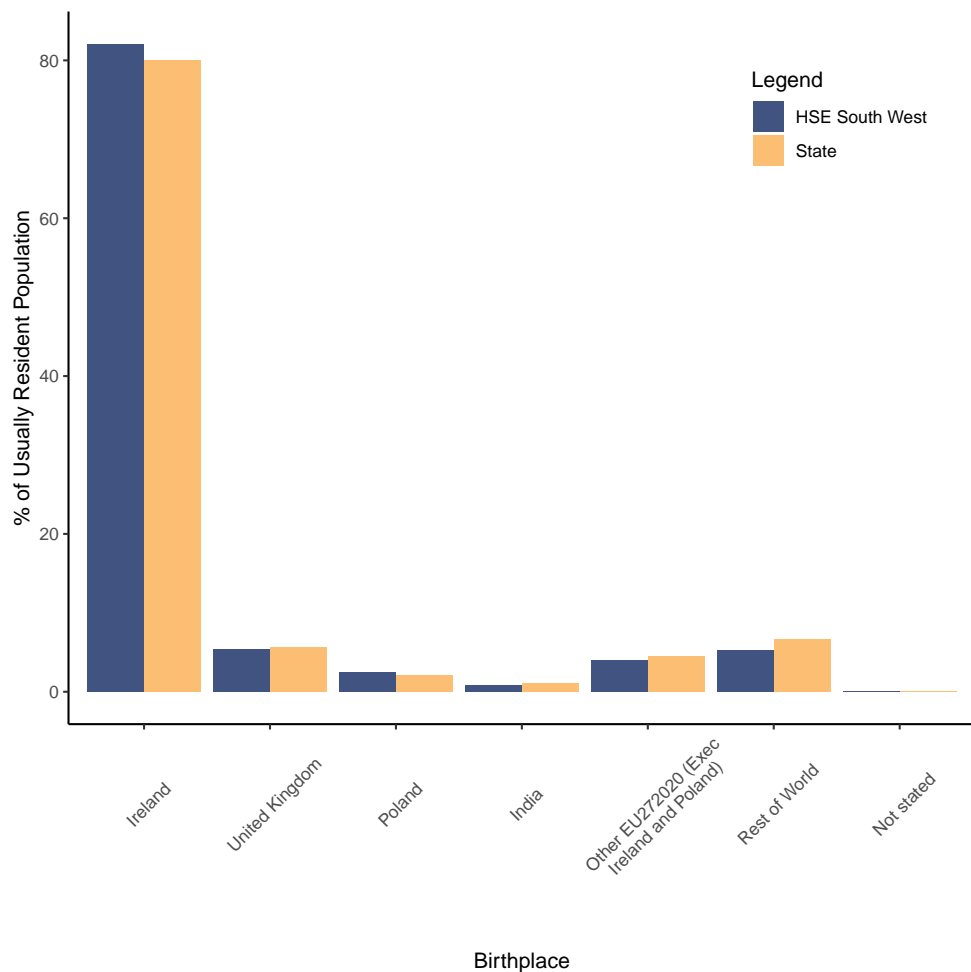


Figure 11: Percentage of Usually Resident Population by Birthplace for HSE South West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Birthplace	HSE South West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Ireland	599,151	82.1	80.0
United Kingdom	39,679	5.4	5.7
Poland	18,370	2.5	2.1
India	5,605	0.8	1.1
Other EU272020 (Exec Ireland and Poland)	28,967	4.0	4.4
Rest of World	38,137	5.2	6.7
Not stated	0	0.0	0.0
Total	729,909	100.0	100.0

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Table 13: Usually Resident Population By Birthplace for HSE South West, Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

14 Households - Type of Occupancy

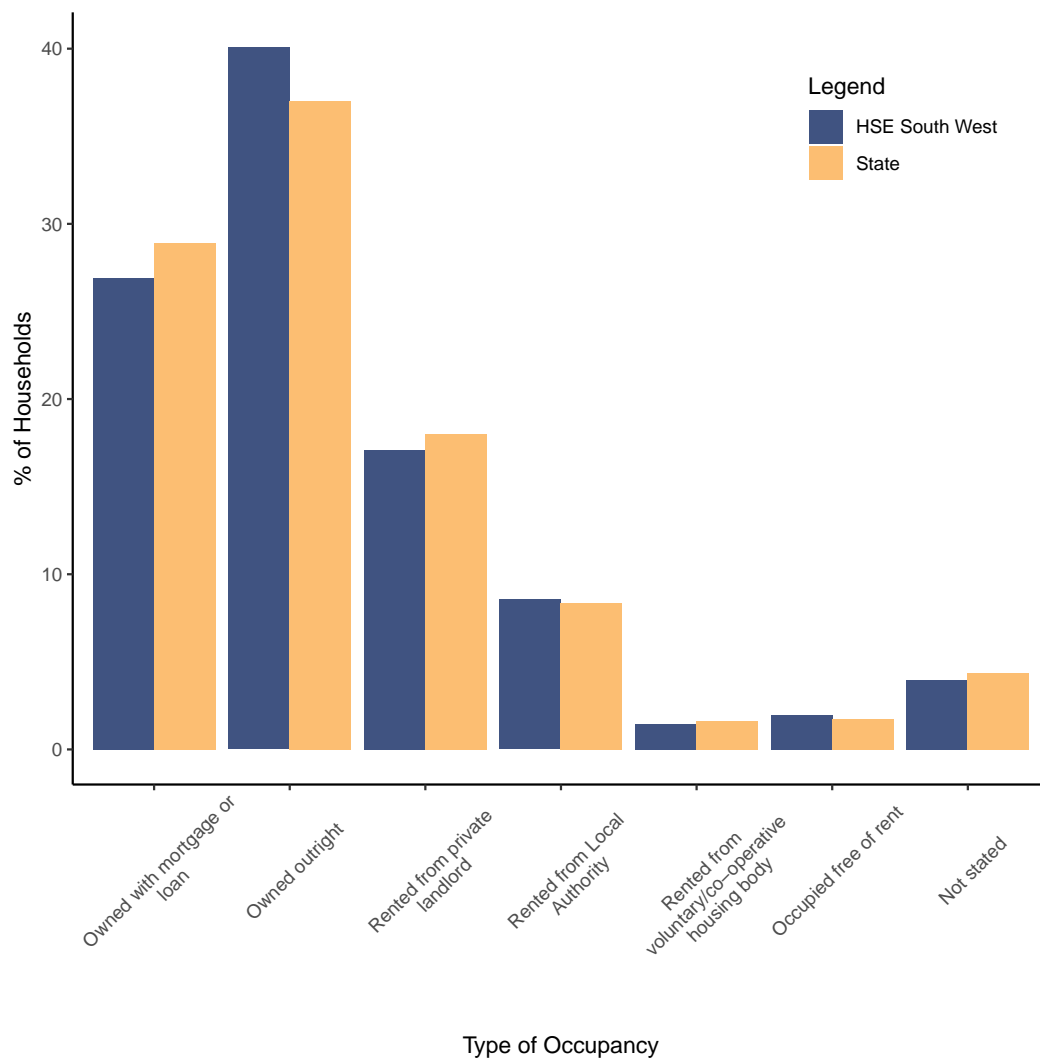


Figure 12: Percentage of Households by Type of Occupancy for HSE South West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Type of Occupancy	HSE South West		State
	<i>Households</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Owned with mortgage or loan	72,350	26.9	28.9
Owned outright	107,828	40.1	37.0
Rented from private landlord	45,995	17.1	18.0
Rented from Local Authority	23,029	8.6	8.3
Rented from voluntary/co-operative housing body	3,928	1.5	1.6
Occupied free of rent	5,265	2.0	1.7
Not stated	10,702	4.0	4.4
Total	269,097	100.0	100.0

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Table 14: Percentage of Households by Type of Occupancy for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

15 Transport

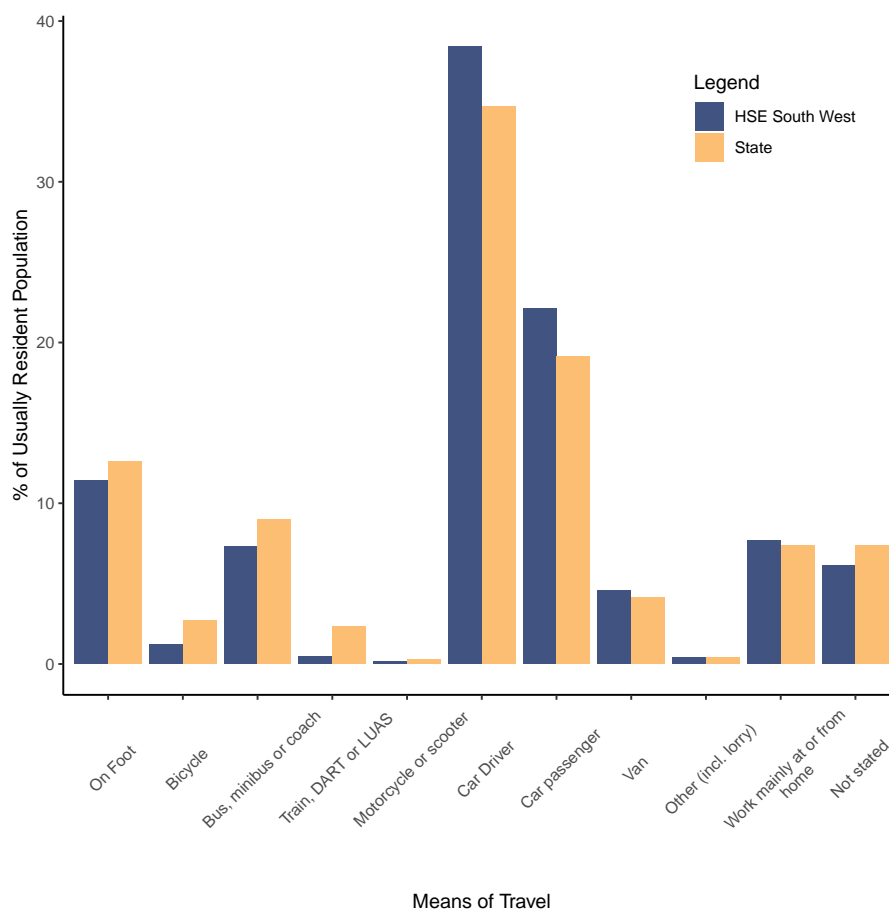


Figure 13: Percentage of Usually Resident Population by Means of Travel to Work, School, College or Childcare for HSE South West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Means of travel	HSE South West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
On Foot	58,909	11.4	12.6
Bicycle	6,299	1.2	2.7
Bus, minibus or coach	37,784	7.3	9.0
Train, DART or LUAS	2,539	0.5	2.4
Motorcycle or scooter	918	0.2	0.3
Car Driver	198,119	38.4	34.7
Car passenger	113,947	22.1	19.1
Van	23,641	4.6	4.1
Other (incl. lorry)	2,134	0.4	0.4
Work mainly at or from home	39,778	7.7	7.4
Not stated	31,688	6.1	7.4
Total	515,756	100.0	100.0

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Table 15: Percentage of Usually Resident Population by Means of Travel to Work, School, College or Childcare for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

16 Renewable Energy

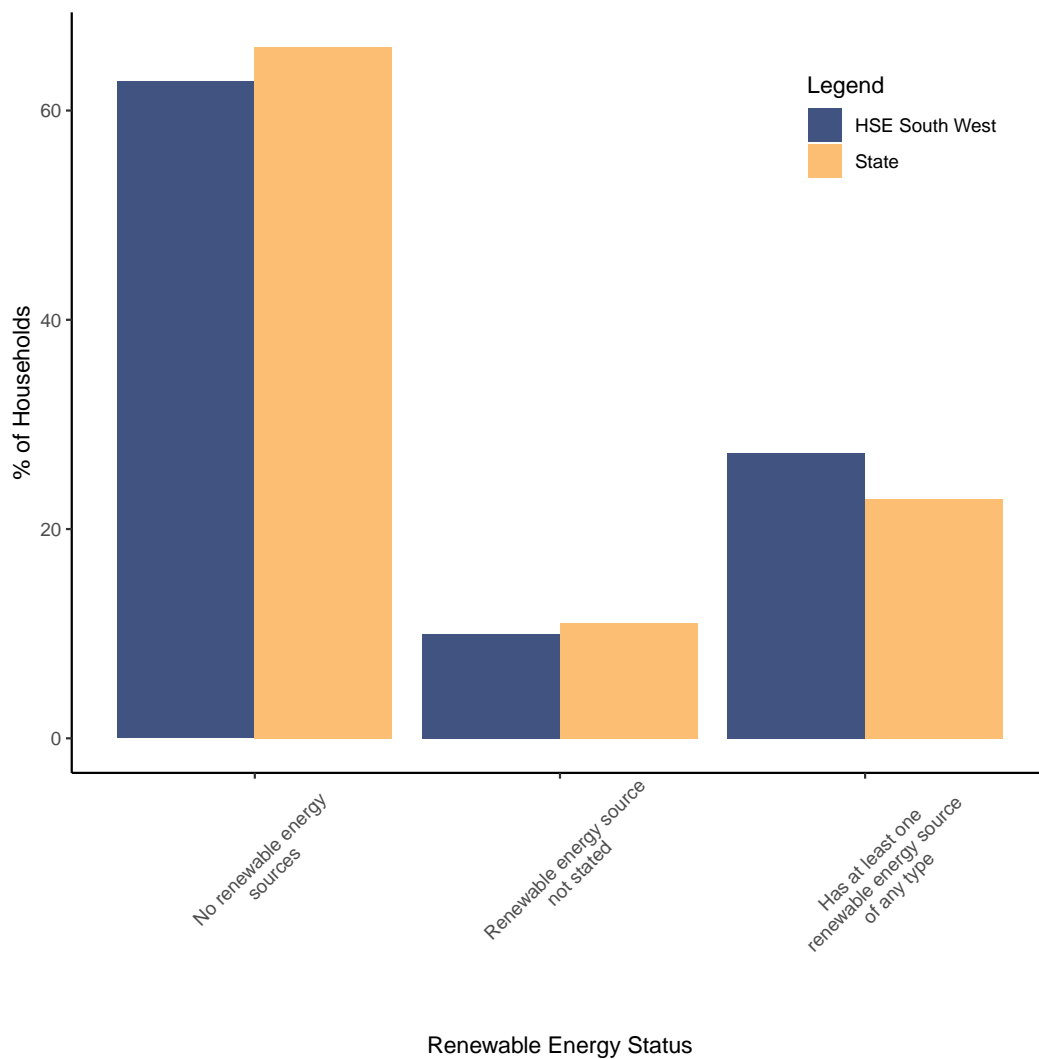


Figure 14: Percentage of Households by Renewable Energy Source for HSE South West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Renewable Energy Source	HSE South West		State
	<i>Households</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
All households	269,097	100.0	100.0
No renewable energy sources	168,938	62.8	66.1
Renewable energy source not stated	26,820	10.0	11.0
Has at least one renewable energy source of any type	73,339	27.3	22.9

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Table 16: Percentage of Households by Renewable Energy Source for HSE South West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

17 Detailed Tables

	HR	State
Education (Percentage of those aged 15+)		
No formal education	2.1	2.4
Primary education	6.9	7.4
Lower secondary	13.7	13.2
Upper secondary	18.3	18.1
Technical or vocational qualification	7.9	7.5
Advanced certificate/Completed apprenticeship	6.3	5.6
Higher certificate	5.8	5.5
Ordinary bachelor degree or national diploma	8.4	8.1
Hns bach. degree, prof. qual. or both	13.2	13.3
Postgraduate diploma or degree	10.6	11.2
Doctorate(Ph.D) or higher	1.2	1.1
Employment (Percentage of those aged 15+)		
At work	55.5	56.1
Looking for first regular job	0.7	0.8
short Term Unemployed	1.5	1.7
Long Term Unemployed	2.1	2.6
Student	11.2	11.1
Looking after home/family	6.9	6.6
Retired	16.5	15.9
Unable to work - perm. sickness or disability	4.9	4.6
Employment (Percentage of those at work)		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4.6	3.5
Building and construction	5.8	5.8
Manufacturing industries	16.1	11.8
Commerce and trade	21.6	23.8
Transport and communications	7.1	9.2
Public administration	4.9	5.7
Professional services	24.3	24.5
Social Class (Percentage of population)		
Professional workers	9.9	9.3
Managerial and technical	30.4	30.7
Non-manual	15.8	16.2
Skilled manual	13.4	12.9
Semi-skilled	11.7	11.2
Unskilled	2.9	3.1

	HR	State
Families (Percentage of family units)		
Families without children	31.2	30.8
Families with 1 child	26.8	27.1
Families with 2 children	25.3	25.3
Families with 3 children	12.4	12.3
Families with 4 children	3.4	3.5
Families with 5 or more children	0.9	1.0
Couples with children	52.7	52.0
Lone parent (mother)	13.5	14.6
Lone parent (father)	2.6	2.6
Pre-family families	8.7	9.3
Empty nest families	9.7	9.4
Retired families	12.8	12.0
Per-school families	8.0	8.1
Early school families	9.7	9.9
Pre-adolescent families	11.7	11.9
Adolescent families	12.2	12.3
Adult families	52.7	27.0
Families with youngest child aged 0 - 4	23.1	23.9
Families with youngest child aged 5 - 9	17.8	18.1
Families with youngest child aged 10 - 14	16.8	16.9
Families with youngest child aged 15 - 19	13.8	13.6
Families with youngest child aged 20 and over	28.5	27.5
Health (Percentage of population)		
Very good general health	54.4	53.2
Good general health	29.9	29.7
Fair general health	8.4	8.6
Bad general health	1.3	1.4
Very bad general health	0.3	0.3
Persons who smoke	12.9	13.1
With a disability (to some or to a great extent)	21.9	21.5
Household composition (Percentage of Private Households)		
Married couple households	15.4	14.9
Cohabiting couple households	4.3	4.3
Married couple with children households	30.1	29.4
Cohabiting couple with children households	4.1	4.3
One parent family (father) with children households	1.5	1.5
One parent family (mother) and children households	8.0	8.5
Couple and others households	1.2	1.5
Two or more non-related persons households	4.8	5.4
1 person households	24.4	23.1
2 person households	29	29
3 person households	17.5	17.9
4 person households	16.6	16.9
5 person households	8.8	8.9
6 person households	2.8	3.0
7 person households	0.7	0.8
8 or more person households	0.3	0.4
Housing (Percentage of permanent dwellings)		
Occupied	85.2	87.4
Temporarily absent	1.7	1.6
Unoccupied holiday homes	5.1	3.2
Other vacant dwellings	8.0	7.7

	HR	State
Housing (Percentage of permanent private households)		
Owned with mortgage or loan	26.9	28.9
Owned outright	40.1	37.0
Rented from private landlord	17.1	18.0
Rented from Local Authority	8.6	8.3
Rented from voluntary/co-operative housing body	1.5	1.6
Occupied free of rent	2.0	1.7
1 room	0.3	0.5
2 rooms	3.3	3.9
3 rooms	7	8
4 rooms	10.1	11.0
5 rooms	24.3	23.8
6 rooms	20.4	19.9
7 rooms	15	14
8 or more rooms	17.1	15.8
No central heating	1.6	1.2
Public main water supply	78.7	80.1
Group scheme with public source water supply	2.8	4.3
Group scheme with private source water supply	1.3	3.4
Other private source water supply	15.3	9.9
No water supply	0.1	0.1
Housing (Percentage of private households)		
House/Bungalow	90.9	86.7
Flat/Apartment	8.9	13.0
Bed-Sit	0.0	0.1
Caravan/Mobile home	0.2	0.2
Built Pre 1919	10.5	8.4
Built 1919 - 1945	6.3	6.2
Built 1946 - 1960	6.9	7.2
Built 1961 - 1970	6.5	6.7
Built 1971 - 1980	11.9	12.2
Built 1981 - 1990	10.1	10.1
Built 1991 - 2000	14.0	14.5
Built 2001 - 2010	24.1	24.5
Built 2011 - 2015	2.8	2.7
Built 2016 or later	4.5	5.1
Marital Status (Percentage of population)		
Single	53.0	53.9
Married (incl. same sex civil partnership)	37.9	37.1
Separated	2.1	2.3
Divorced	2.7	2.6
Widowed	4.3	4.1
Migration and ethnicity (Percentage of population)		
Speak english not well	1.3	1.6
Speak english not at all	0.2	0.3
Occupation (Percentage of those at work or unemployed)		
Managers, directors and senior officials	7.3	7.7
Professional occupations	20.8	20.3
Associate professional and technical occupations	11.1	11.7
Administrative and secretarial occupations	8.5	9.2
Skilled trades occupations	14.4	12.6
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	7.4	7.4
Sales and customer service occupations	6.5	6.2
Process, plant and machine operatives	7.5	6.9
Elementary occupations	8.1	8.2

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Migration and ethnicity (Percentage of usually resident population)		
Ireland - Birthplace	82.1	80.0
UK - Birthplace	5.4	5.7
Poland - Birthplace	2.5	2.1
India - Birthplace	0.8	1.1
Other EU28 - Birthplace	4.0	4.4
Rest of world - Birthplace	5.2	6.7
White Irish	79.5	76.6
White Irish Traveller	0.5	0.6
Other White	9.9	9.9
Black or Black Irish	1.1	1.5
Asian or Asian Irish	2.3	3.3
Other ethnic or cultural background	1.6	2.0
Usual residence 1 year before census day - Outside Ireland	1.7	1.8
Socio-economic group of ref. person (percentage of private households)		
A Employers and managers	11.8	12.9
B Higher professional	1.6	1.5
C Lower professional	6.4	6.3
D Non-manual	33.0	34.2
E Manual skilled	9.0	8.5
F Semi-skilled	8.3	7.7
G Unskilled	3.0	3.2
H Own account workers	4.1	4.0
I Farmers	4.2	3.1
J Agricultural workers	1.4	1.2
Z All others gainfully occupied and unknown	17.1	17.5
Transport (Percentage of population aged 5+)		
No motor car (percentage of households)	11.7	13.4
<i>Travel to work, school, College or childcare:</i>		
On Foot	11.4	12.6
By Bicycle	1.2	2.7
By Bus, minibus or coach	7.3	9.0
By Train, DART or LUAS	0.5	2.4
By Motorcycle or scooter	0.2	0.3
Car driver	38.4	34.7
Car passenger	22.1	19.1
By Van	4.6	4.1
By Other (incl. lorry)	0.4	0.4
Work mainly at or from home	7.7	7.4
Journey time to work, school or college is Under 15 mins	32.0	29.4
Journey time to work, school or college is 1/4 hour - under 1/2 hour	30.0	28.1
Journey time to work, school or college is 1/2 hour - under 3/4 hour	17.6	17.3
Journey time to work, school or college is 3/4 hour - under 1 hour	5.1	5.9
Journey time to work, school or college is 1 hour - under 1 1/2 hours	4.5	6.1
Journey time to work, school or college is 1 1/2 hours and over	1.6	2.5