

Health Region Profile - HSE Midwest

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1 Geographies

Table 1: IHAs in HSE Midwest

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HSE Clare and Limerick County	
HSE Limerick City and Tipperary North	

Table 2: CHNs in HSE Midwest

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East Clare	
East Limerick and Ballina	
North Limerick City	
North Tipperary	
South Limerick	
South Limerick City	
West Clare	
West Limerick	

2 Key Points

- The **Age Dependency Ratio** of this Health Region is **55.9**. 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 Midwest has a total of 413,059 **persons** and 101,756 **families** living in private households.
- There are a total of 79,806 **persons aged 0-14** in this Health Region and 68,305 **persons aged over 65**.
- There are a total of 91,612 persons **living with a disability** in this Health Region, representing **22.2 percent** of the population. This compares with 21.5 percent nationally
- 7,721 people in this Health Region have **bad or very bad general health**. This represents **1.9 percent** of the population. 1.7 percent of the population have bad or very bad general health nationally.
- There are a total of 25,226 **carers** in this Health Region, representing **6.1 percent** of the population. This compares with 5.8 percent of the population that are carers nationally.
- **13.1 percent** of this Health Region **smoke tobacco products**. 13.1 percent of people nationally smoke tobacco products
- There are 5,335 **short term unemployed** and 8,280 **long term unemployed** people in this Health Region. These represent 1.6 and 2.5 percent of the population respectively.
- **3.2 percent** of the population of HSE Midwest are **unskilled**. 3.1 percent of people in the state are unskilled.
- **24.1 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.
- **24.5 percent** of families with children in this Health Region have **lone parents**. This stands at 24.8 nationally.
- **16.4 percent** of this Health Region were **born outside Ireland** (20 percent nationally).
- **Households rented from a Local Authority** comprise **7.3 percent** of households in this Health Region. This stands at 8.3 percent nationally

3 Population

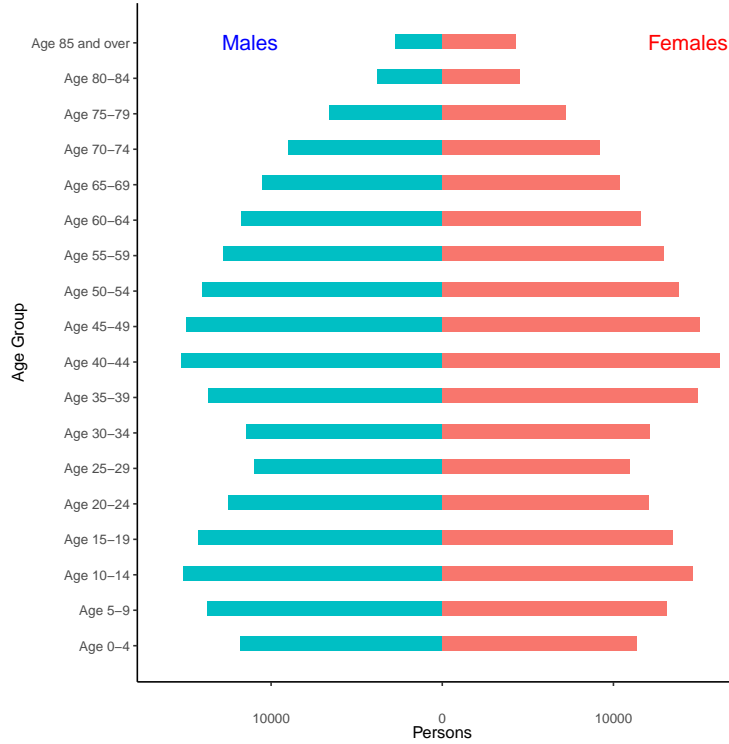


Figure 1: Persons by Age Group and Gender for HSE Midwest; Census 2022.

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	39,148	18.8	40,658	19.8	79,806	19.3	19.7
15-64	133,235	64.0	131,713	64.2	264,948	64.1	65.3
65+	35,649	17.1	32,656	15.9	68,305	16.5	15.1
Age 0-4	11,378	5.5	11,778	5.7	23,156	5.6	5.7
Age 5-9	13,108	6.3	13,741	6.7	26,849	6.5	6.7
Age 10-14	14,662	7.0	15,139	7.4	29,801	7.2	7.3
Age 15-19	13,484	6.5	14,262	7.0	27,746	6.7	6.6
Age 20-24	12,080	5.8	12,508	6.1	24,588	6.0	6.0
Age 25-29	10,971	5.3	10,990	5.4	21,961	5.3	5.7
Age 30-34	12,144	5.8	11,473	5.6	23,617	5.7	6.5
Age 35-39	14,952	7.2	13,697	6.7	28,649	6.9	7.4
Age 40-44	16,195	7.8	15,264	7.4	31,459	7.6	8.0
Age 45-49	15,063	7.2	14,983	7.3	30,046	7.3	7.3
Age 50-54	13,845	6.7	14,007	6.8	27,852	6.7	6.6
Age 55-59	12,914	6.2	12,801	6.2	25,715	6.2	6.0
Age 60-64	11,587	5.6	11,728	5.7	23,315	5.6	5.3
Age 65-69	10,379	5.0	10,500	5.1	20,879	5.1	4.6
Age 70-74	9,194	4.4	9,009	4.4	18,203	4.4	3.9
Age 75-79	7,220	3.5	6,603	3.2	13,823	3.3	3.0
Age 80-84	4,549	2.2	3,813	1.9	8,362	2.0	1.9
Age 85 and over	4,307	2.1	2,731	1.3	7,038	1.7	1.6
All Ages	208,032	100.0	205,027	100.0	413,059	100.0	100.0

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

4 Disability

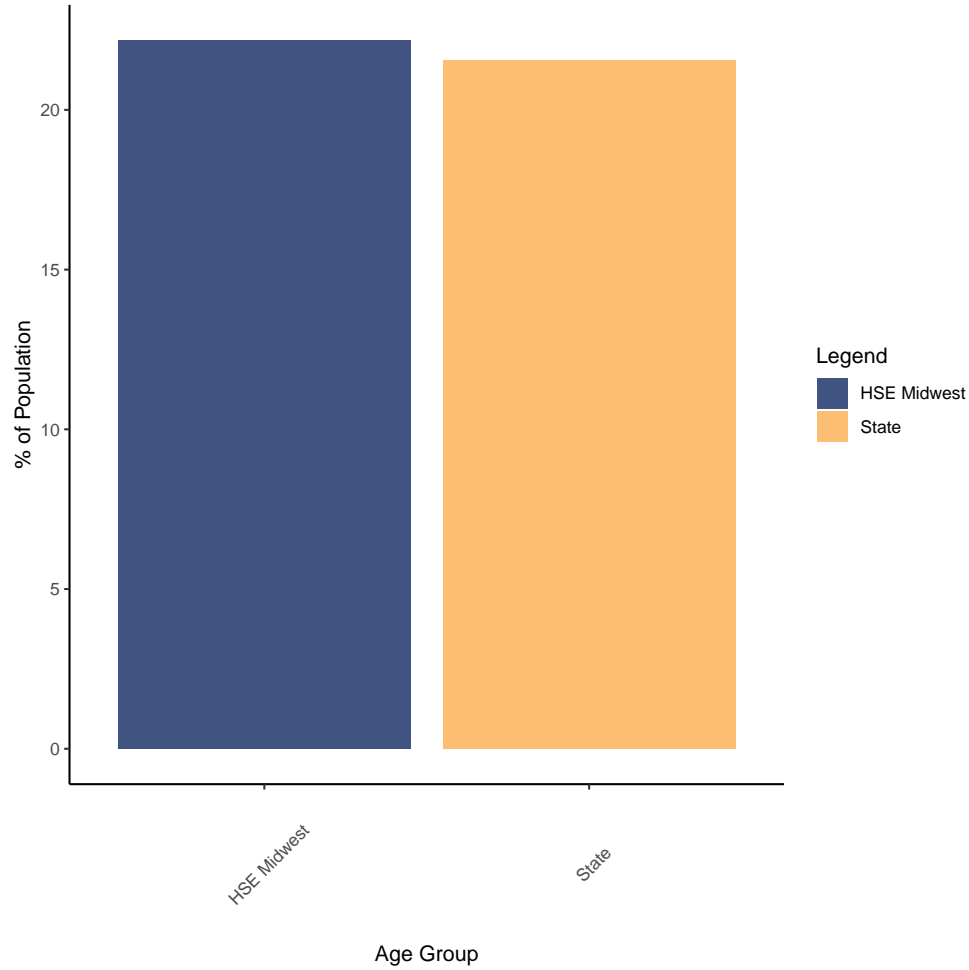


Figure 2: Percentage of Population with any Disability by Age Group for HSE Midwest, as well as State, Census 2022.

Sex	HSE Midwest			State
	Population	With a Disability		
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Males	205,027	44,565	21.7	20.9
Females	208,032	47,047	22.6	22.2
Both Sexes	413,059	91,612	22.2	21.5

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

5 General Health

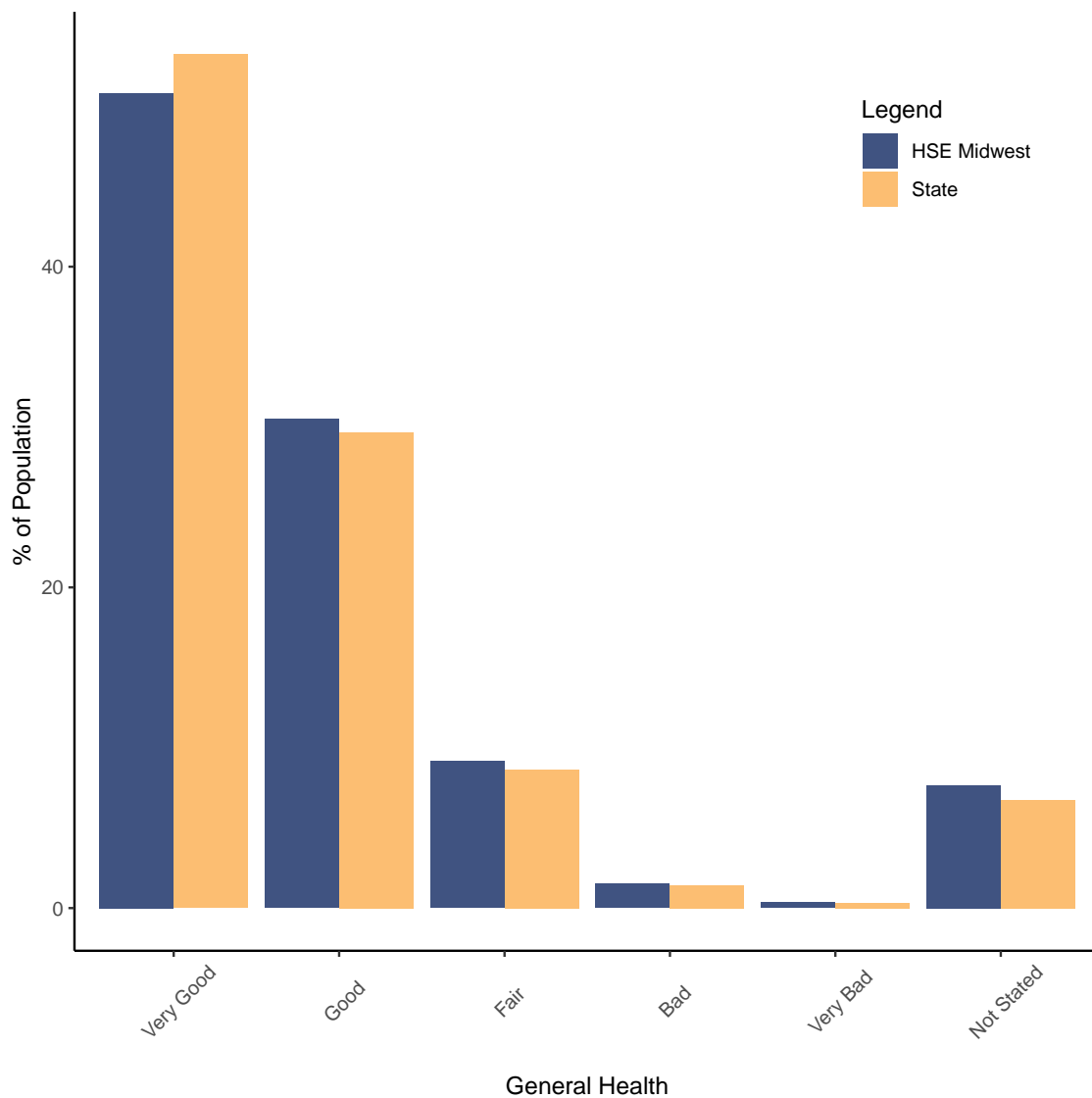


Figure 3: Population Breakdown (%) by General Health for HSE Midwest, as well as State, Census 2022.

General Health	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Very Good	209,889	50.8	53.2
Good	125,929	30.5	29.7
Fair	37,856	9.2	8.6
Bad	6,254	1.5	1.4
Very Bad	1,467	0.4	0.3
Not Stated	31,664	7.7	6.7
Total	413,059	100.0	100.0

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

6 Carers

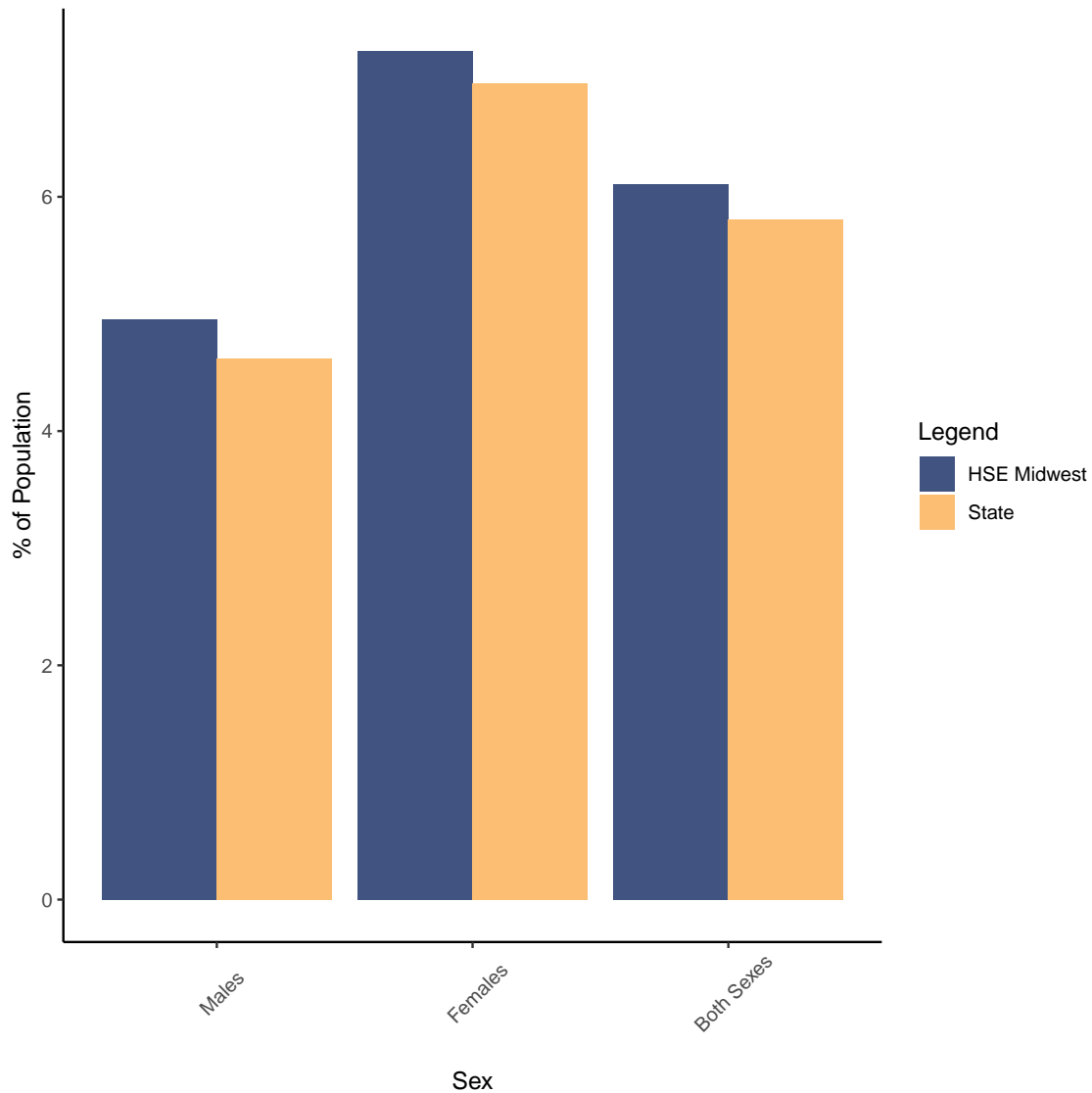


Figure 4: Carers as a Percentage of the Population of Males/Females/Both Sexes for HSE Midwest, as well as the State; Census 2022.

	HSE Midwest			State
Age Group	Population	Carers		
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Males	205,027	10,154	5.0	4.6
Females	208,032	15,072	7.2	7.0
Both Sexes	413,059	25,226	6.1	5.8
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Table 6: Carers by Sex for HSE Midwest; Census 2022. Percentage Breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

7 Volunteers

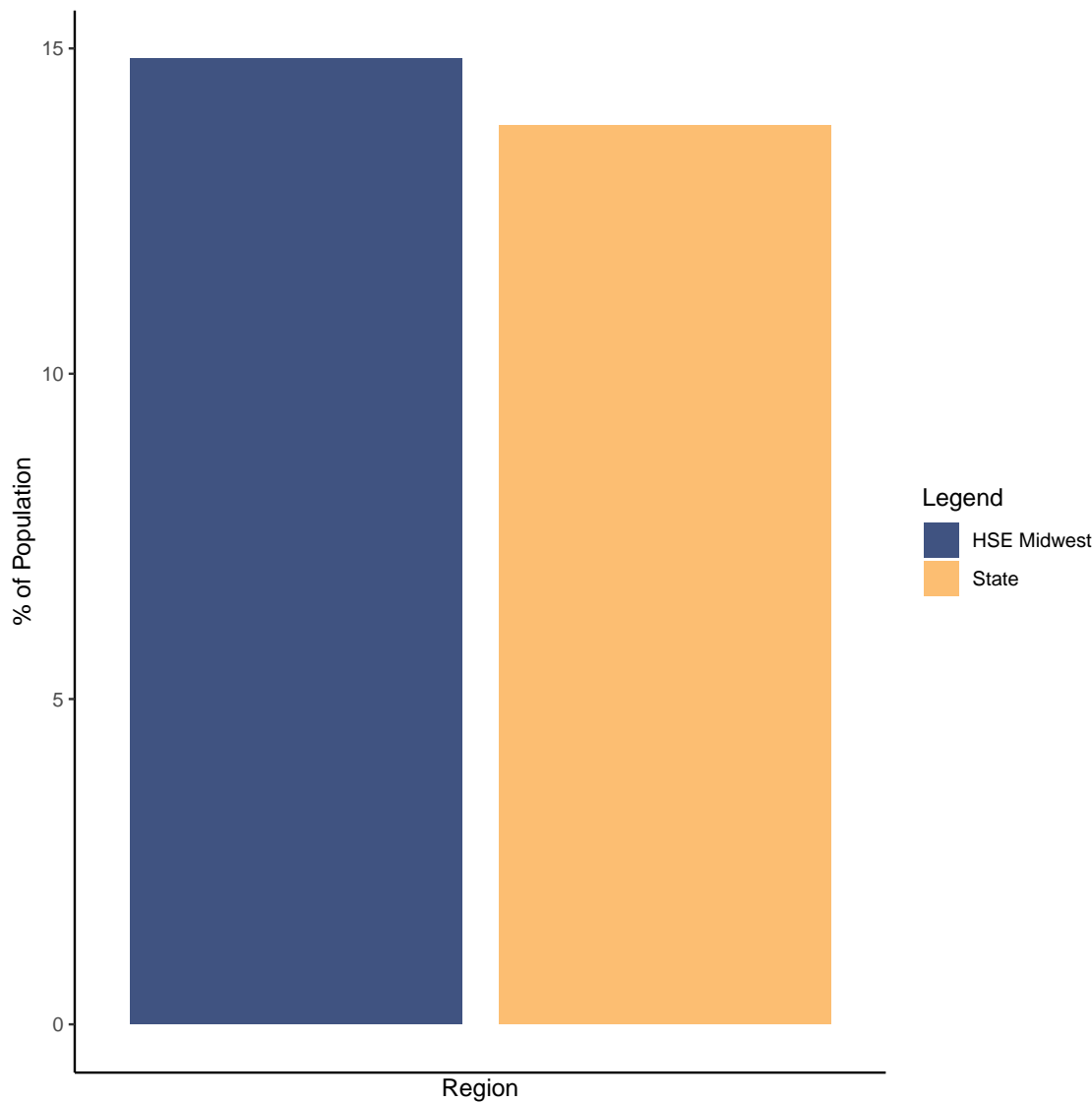


Figure 5: Volunteers as a Percentage of the Population for HSE Midwest; as well as the State; Census 2022.

HSE Midwest			State
Population		Volunteers	
<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
413,059	61,298	14.8	13.8

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

8 Smoking

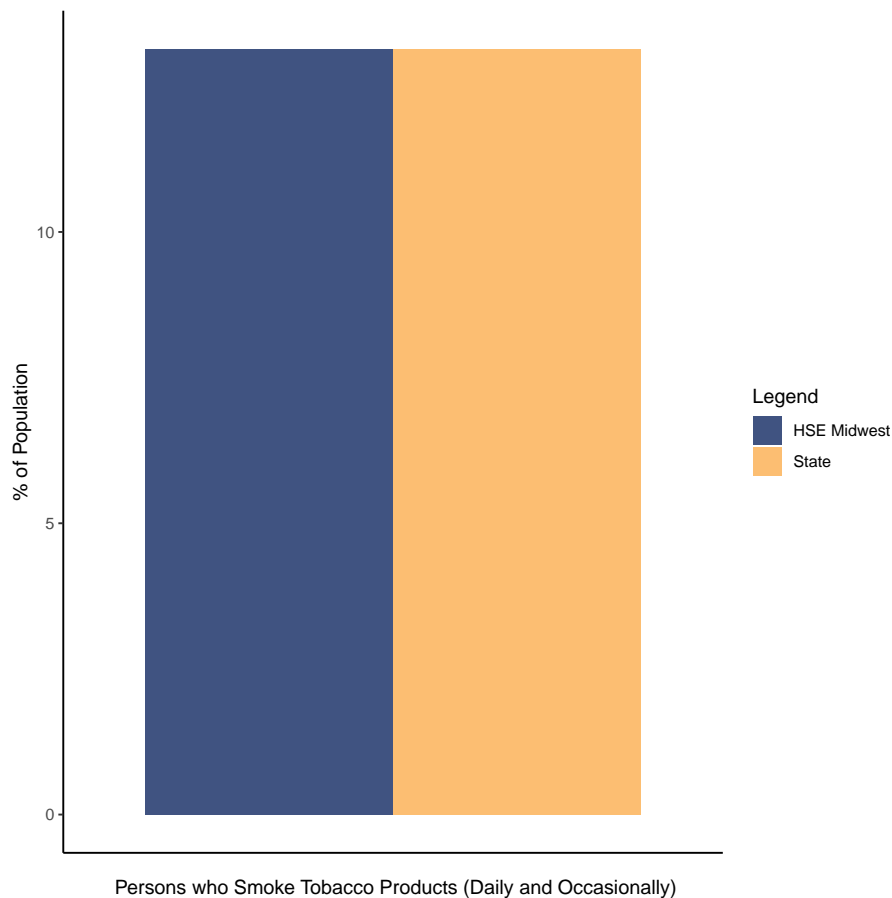


Figure 6: Percentage of the Population who Smoke Tobacco Products (Daily and Occasionally) for HSE Midwest; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Smoking Status	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Smoke Tobacco Products (Daily and Occasionally)	54,280	13.1	13.1
Don't Smoke Tobacco Products (Never and have given up)	323,978	78.4	79.4
Smoking Status Not Stated	34,801	8.4	7.5
All Persons	413,059	100.0	100.0

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

9 Principal Economic Status

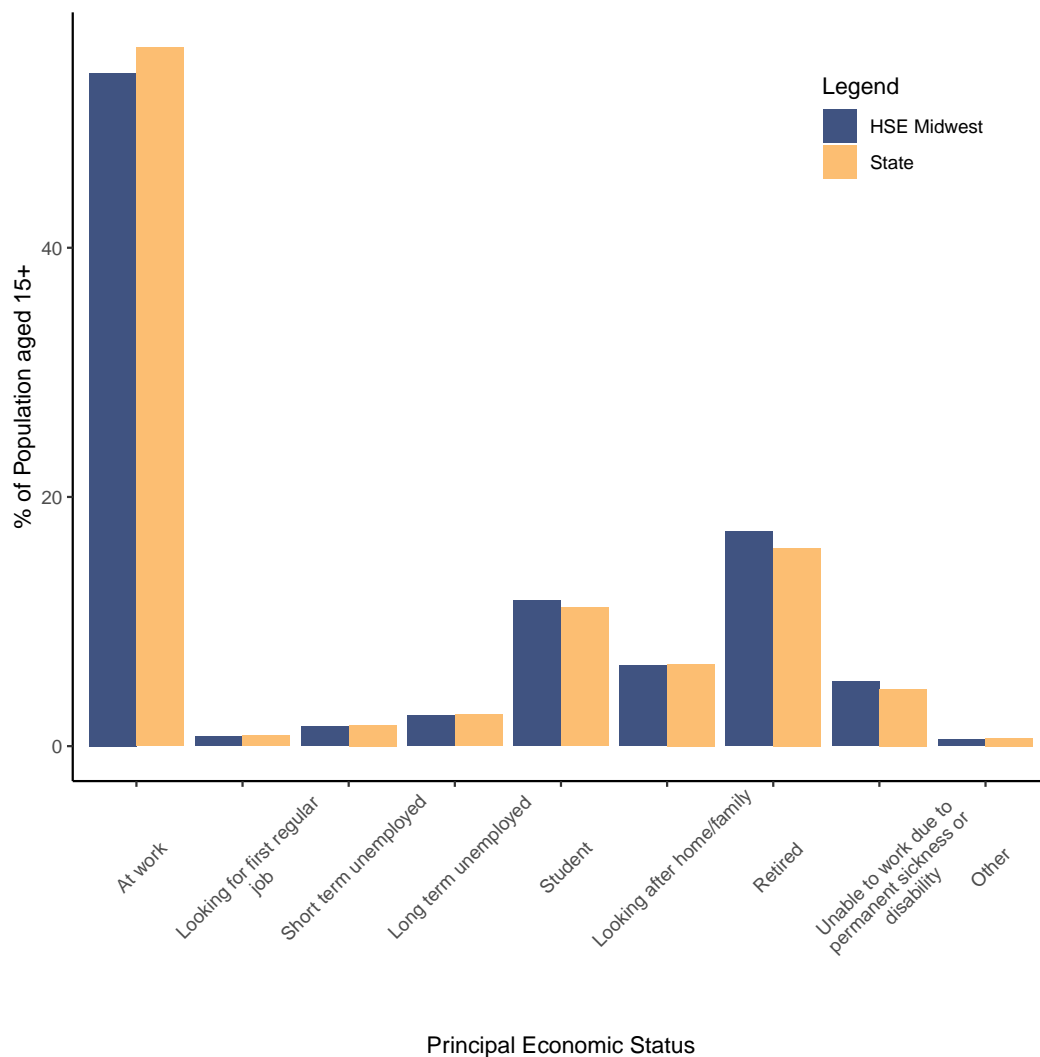


Figure 7: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Principal Economic Status for HSE Midwest, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Principal Economic Status	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
At Work	180,007	54.0	56.1
Looking for first regular job	2,553	0.8	0.8
Short term unemployed	5,335	1.6	1.7
Long term unemployed	8,280	2.5	2.6
Student	38,950	11.7	11.1
Looking after home/family	21,555	6.5	6.6
Retired	57,473	17.2	15.9
Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability	17,241	5.2	4.6
Other	1,859	0.6	0.7
Total	333,253	100.0	100.0

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

10 Social Class

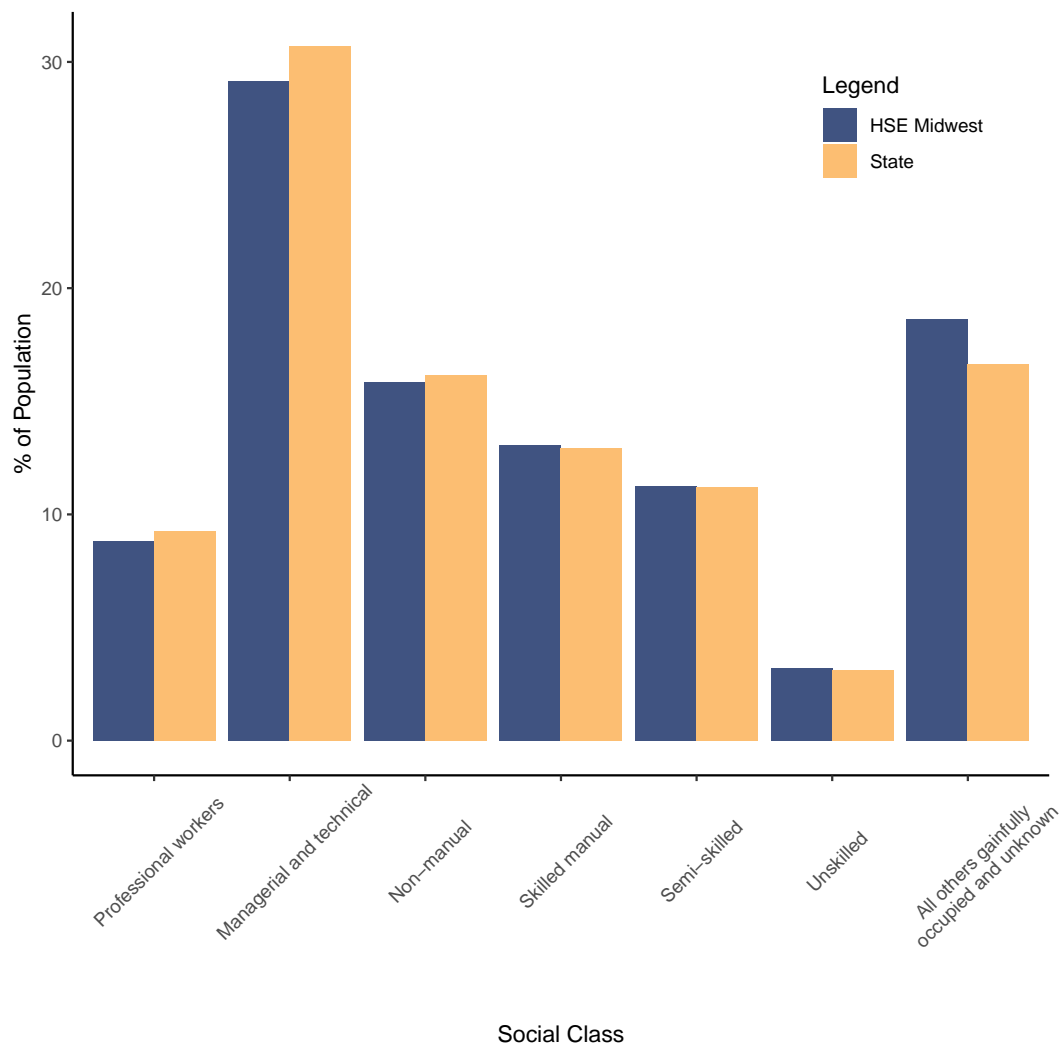


Figure 8: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Social Class for HSE Midwest, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Social Class	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Professional workers	36,383	8.8	9.3
Managerial and technical	120,320	29.1	30.7
Non-manual	65,419	15.8	16.2
Skilled manual	54,032	13.1	12.9
Semi-skilled	46,546	11.3	11.2
Unskilled	13,313	3.2	3.1
All others gainfully occupied and unknown	77,046	18.7	16.6
Total	413,059	100.0	100.0

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

11 Education

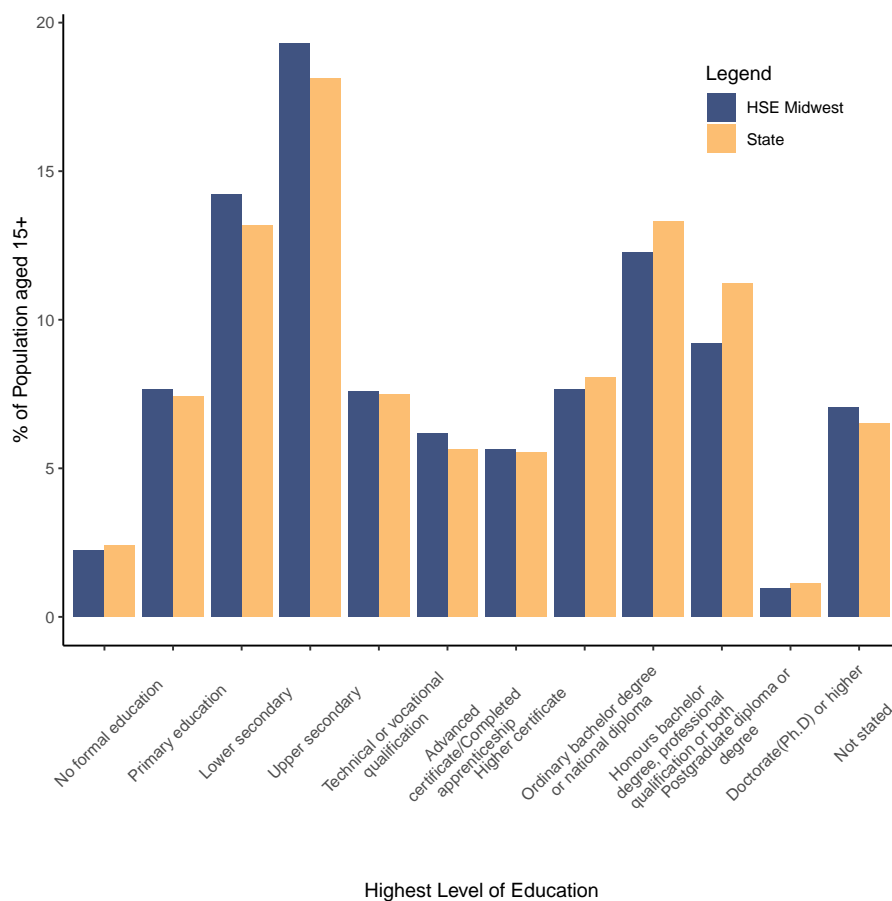


Figure 9: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Highest Level of Education Completed for HSE Midwest; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Highest Level of Education Completed	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
No formal education	6,115	2.2	2.4
Primary education	20,980	7.7	7.4
Lower secondary	38,879	14.2	13.2
Upper secondary	52,853	19.3	18.1
Technical or vocational qualification	20,762	7.6	7.5
Advanced certificate/Completed apprenticeship	16,917	6.2	5.6
Higher certificate	15,450	5.6	5.5
Ordinary bachelor degree or national diploma	20,968	7.7	8.1
Honours bachelor degree, professional qualification or both	33,597	12.3	13.3
Postgraduate diploma or degree	25,158	9.2	11.2
Doctorate(Ph.D) or higher	2,623	1.0	1.1
Not stated	19,320	7.1	6.5
Total	273,622	100.0	100.0

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

12 Families

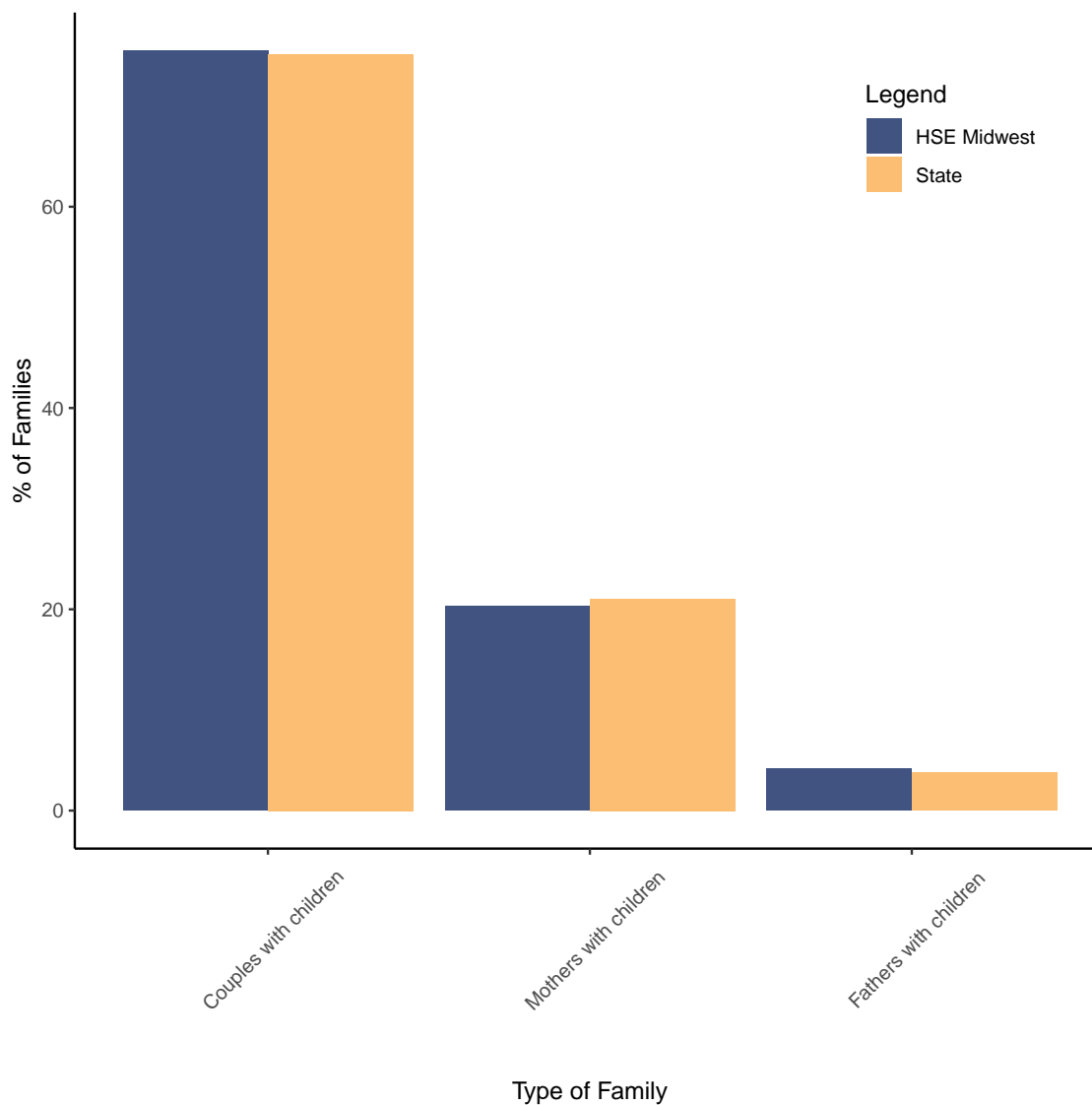


Figure 10: Percentage of Families with Children by Family Type for HSE Midwest; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Type of Family	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Families</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Couples with Children	52,831	75.5	75.2
Mothers with Children	14,227	20.3	21.1
Fathers with Children	2,898	4.1	3.8
All Families	69,956	100.0	100.0

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

13 Birthplace

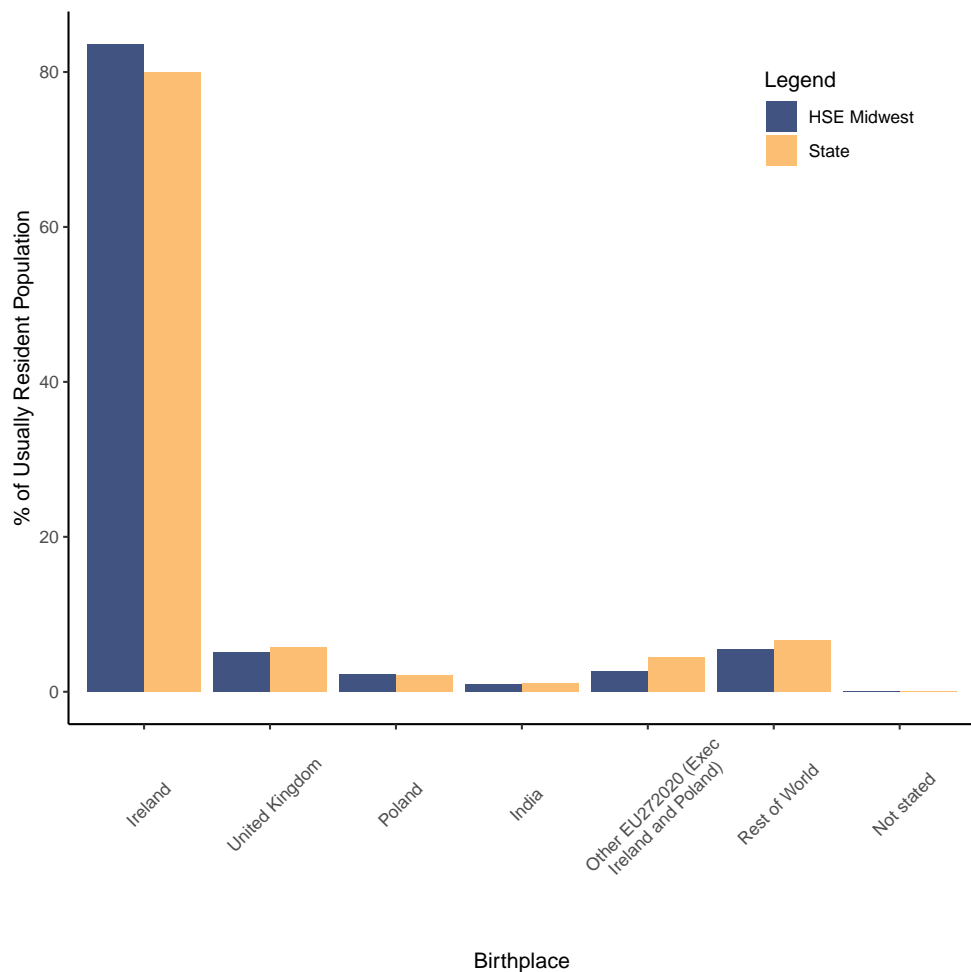


Figure 11: Percentage of Usually Resident Population by Birthplace for HSE Midwest; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Birthplace	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Ireland	341,439	83.6	80.0
United Kingdom	20,803	5.1	5.7
Poland	9,313	2.3	2.1
India	3,716	0.9	1.1
Other EU27/2020 (Exec Ireland and Poland)	10,681	2.6	4.4
Rest of World	22,339	5.5	6.7
Not stated	0	0.0	0.0
Total	408,291	100.0	100.0

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

14 Households - Type of Occupancy

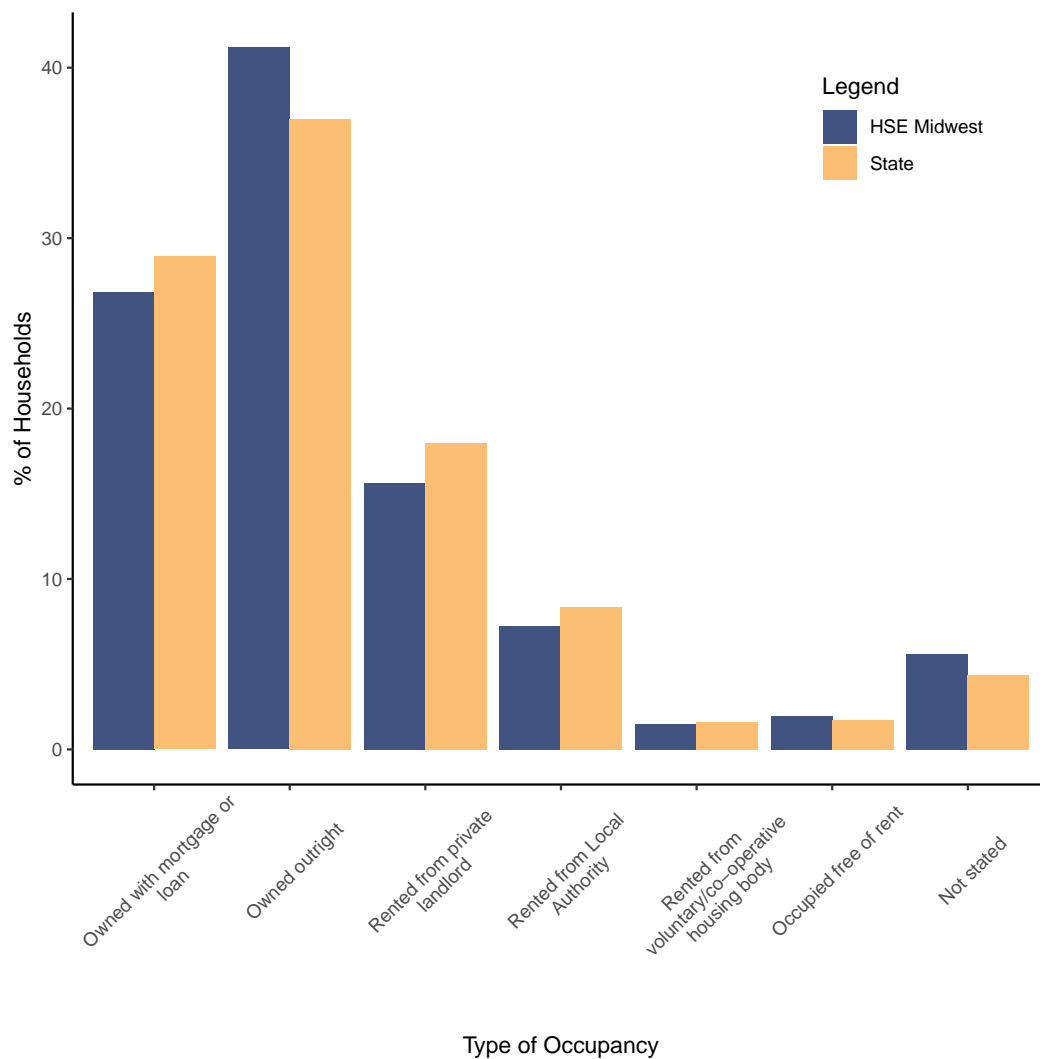


Figure 12: Percentage of Households by Type of Occupancy for HSE Midwest, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Type of Occupancy	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Households</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Owned with mortgage or loan	40,361	26.8	28.9
Owned outright	61,915	41.2	37.0
Rented from private landlord	23,504	15.6	18.0
Rented from Local Authority	10,921	7.3	8.3
Rented from voluntary/co-operative housing body	2,247	1.5	1.6
Occupied free of rent	2,929	1.9	1.7
Not stated	8,445	5.6	4.4
Total	150,322	100.0	100.0

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

15 Transport

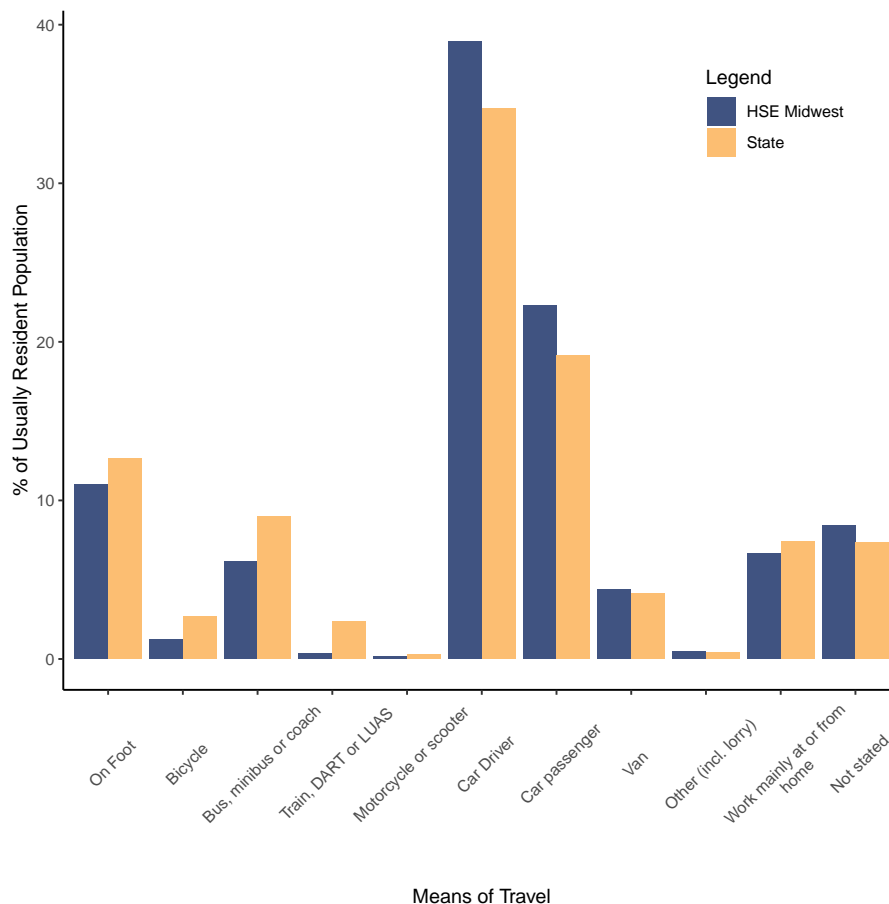


Figure 13: Percentage of Usually Resident Population by Means of Travel to Work, School, College or Childcare for HSE Midwest, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Means of travel	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
On Foot	31,336	11.0	12.6
Bicycle	3,552	1.2	2.7
Bus, minibus or coach	17,480	6.1	9.0
Train, DART or LUAS	915	0.3	2.4
Motorcycle or scooter	432	0.2	0.3
Car Driver	111,161	38.9	34.7
Car passenger	63,639	22.3	19.1
Van	12,504	4.4	4.1
Other (incl. lorry)	1,359	0.5	0.4
Work mainly at or from home	19,068	6.7	7.4
Not stated	24,047	8.4	7.4
Total	285,493	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 Midwest; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

16 Renewable Energy

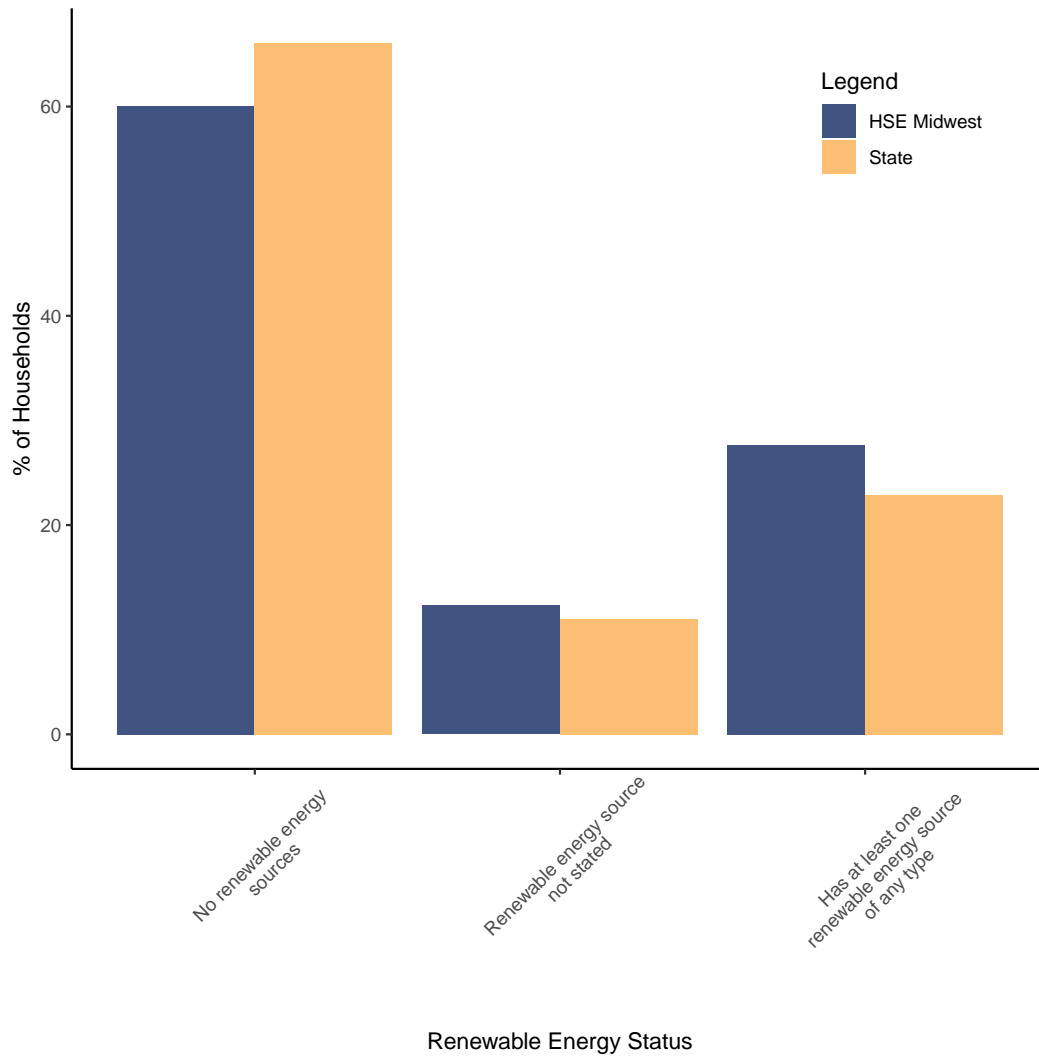


Figure 14: Percentage of Households by Renewable Energy Source for HSE Midwest, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Renewable Energy Source	HSE Midwest		State
	<i>Households</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
All households	150,322	100.0	100.0
No renewable energy sources	90,239	60.0	66.1
Renewable energy source not stated	18,503	12.3	11.0
Has at least one renewable energy source of any type	41,580	27.7	22.9

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Table 16: Percentage of Households by Renewable Energy Source for HSE Midwest; 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	2.2	2.4
Primary education	7.7	7.4
Lower secondary	14.2	13.2
Upper secondary	19.3	18.1
Technical or vocational qualification	7.6	7.5
Advanced certificate/Completed apprenticeship	6.2	5.6
Higher certificate	5.6	5.5
Ordinary bachelor degree or national diploma	7.7	8.1
Hns bach. degree, prof. qual. or both	12.3	13.3
Postgraduate diploma or degree	9.2	11.2
Doctorate(Ph.D) or higher	1.0	1.1
Employment (Percentage of those aged 15+)		
At work	54.0	56.1
Looking for first regular job	0.8	0.8
short Term Unemployed	1.6	1.7
Long Term Unemployed	2.5	2.6
Student	11.7	11.1
Looking after home/family	6.5	6.6
Retired	17.2	15.9
Unable to work - perm. sickness or disability	5.2	4.6
Employment (Percentage of those at work)		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5.3	3.5
Building and construction	5.4	5.8
Manufacturing industries	15.4	11.8
Commerce and trade	19.7	23.8
Transport and communications	7.3	9.2
Public administration	5.5	5.7
Professional services	25.2	24.5
Social Class (Percentage of population)		
Professional workers	8.8	9.3
Managerial and technical	29.1	30.7
Non-manual	15.8	16.2
Skilled manual	13.1	12.9
Semi-skilled	11.3	11.2
Unskilled	3.2	3.1

	HR	State
Families (Percentage of family units)		
Families without children	31.3	30.8
Families with 1 child	27.1	27.1
Families with 2 children	24.5	25.3
Families with 3 children	12.4	12.3
Families with 4 children	3.6	3.5
Families with 5 or more children	1.1	1.0
Couples with children	51.9	52.0
Lone parent (mother)	14.0	14.6
Lone parent (father)	2.8	2.6
Pre-family families	7.7	9.3
Empty nest families	10.3	9.4
Retired families	13.3	12.0
Per-school families	7.6	8.1
Early school families	9.4	9.9
Pre-adolescent families	11.6	11.9
Adolescent families	12.6	12.3
Adult families	51.9	27.0
Families with youngest child aged 0 - 4	23.2	23.9
Families with youngest child aged 5 - 9	17.4	18.1
Families with youngest child aged 10 - 14	16.8	16.9
Families with youngest child aged 15 - 19	14.0	13.6
Families with youngest child aged 20 and over	28.6	27.5
Health (Percentage of population)		
Very good general health	50.8	53.2
Good general health	30.5	29.7
Fair general health	9.2	8.6
Bad general health	1.5	1.4
Very bad general health	0.4	0.3
Persons who smoke	13.1	13.1
With a disability (to some or to a great extent)	22.2	21.5
Household composition (Percentage of Private Households)		
Married couple households	15.6	14.9
Cohabiting couple households	3.8	4.3
Married couple with children households	29.0	29.4
Cohabiting couple with children households	4.2	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	1.3	1.5
Two or more non-related persons households	5.5	5.4
1 person households	24.7	23.1
2 person households	29.1	29.0
3 person households	17.5	17.9
4 person households	15.8	16.9
5 person households	8.7	8.9
6 person households	2.9	3.0
7 person households	0.8	0.8
8 or more person households	0.4	0.4
Housing (Percentage of permanent dwellings)		
Occupied	86.6	87.4
Temporarily absent	1.5	1.6
Unoccupied holiday homes	3.5	3.2
Other vacant dwellings	8.4	7.7

	HR	State
Housing (Percentage of permanent private households)		
Owned with mortgage or loan	26.8	28.9
Owned outright	41.2	37.0
Rented from private landlord	15.6	18.0
Rented from Local Authority	7.3	8.3
Rented from voluntary/co-operative housing body	1.5	1.6
Occupied free of rent	1.9	1.7
1 room	0.3	0.5
2 rooms	2.7	3.9
3 rooms	6.8	8.0
4 rooms	9.9	11.0
5 rooms	22.6	23.8
6 rooms	21.0	19.9
7 rooms	15.7	14.0
8 or more rooms	17.6	15.8
No central heating	1.3	1.2
Public main water supply	71.6	80.1
Group scheme with public source water supply	7.2	4.3
Group scheme with private source water supply	6.4	3.4
Other private source water supply	12.3	9.9
No water supply	0.1	0.1
Housing (Percentage of private households)		
House/Bungalow	91.3	86.7
Flat/Apartment	8.4	13.0
Bed-Sit	0.1	0.1
Caravan/Mobile home	0.2	0.2
Built Pre 1919	8.8	8.4
Built 1919 - 1945	6.5	6.2
Built 1946 - 1960	6.9	7.2
Built 1961 - 1970	7.2	6.7
Built 1971 - 1980	12.3	12.2
Built 1981 - 1990	10.6	10.1
Built 1991 - 2000	15.2	14.5
Built 2001 - 2010	24.2	24.5
Built 2011 - 2015	2.5	2.7
Built 2016 or later	3.3	5.1
Marital Status (Percentage of population)		
Single	52.9	53.9
Married (incl. same sex civil partnership)	37.8	37.1
Separated	2.4	2.3
Divorced	2.5	2.6
Widowed	4.5	4.1
Migration and ethnicity (Percentage of population)		
Speak english not well	1.4	1.6
Speak english not at all	0.2	0.3
Occupation (Percentage of those at work or unemployed)		
Managers, directors and senior officials	6.8	7.7
Professional occupations	18.9	20.3
Associate professional and technical occupations	10.3	11.7
Administrative and secretarial occupations	8.8	9.2
Skilled trades occupations	14.8	12.6
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	7.7	7.4
Sales and customer service occupations	5.9	6.2
Process, plant and machine operatives	7.5	6.9
Elementary occupations	7.8	8.2

	HR	State
Migration and ethnicity (Percentage of usually resident population)		
Ireland - Birthplace	83.6	80.0
UK - Birthplace	5.1	5.7
Poland - Birthplace	2.3	2.1
India - Birthplace	0.9	1.1
Other EU28 - Birthplace	2.6	4.4
Rest of world - Birthplace	5.5	6.7
White Irish	79.5	76.6
White Irish Traveller	0.9	0.6
Other White	7.5	9.9
Black or Black Irish	1.0	1.5
Asian or Asian Irish	2.5	3.3
Other ethnic or cultural background	1.5	2.0
Usual residence 1 year before census day - Outside Ireland	1.4	1.8
Socio-economic group of ref. person (percentage of private households)		
A Employers and managers	10.5	12.9
B Higher professional	1.3	1.5
C Lower professional	5.7	6.3
D Non-manual	31.8	34.2
E Manual skilled	9.0	8.5
F Semi-skilled	8.2	7.7
G Unskilled	3.5	3.2
H Own account workers	4	4
I Farmers	4.9	3.1
J Agricultural workers	1.3	1.2
Z All others gainfully occupied and unknown	19.8	17.5
Transport (Percentage of population aged 5+)		
No motor car (percentage of households)	11.2	13.4
<i>Travel to work, school, College or childcare:</i>		
On Foot	11.0	12.6
By Bicycle	1.2	2.7
By Bus, minibus or coach	6.1	9.0
By Train, DART or LUAS	0.3	2.4
By Motorcycle or scooter	0.2	0.3
Car driver	38.9	34.7
Car passenger	22.3	19.1
By Van	4.4	4.1
By Other (incl. lorry)	0.5	0.4
Work mainly at or from home	6.7	7.4
Journey time to work, school or college is Under 15 mins	32.7	29.4
Journey time to work, school or college is 1/4 hour - under 1/2 hour	28.6	28.1
Journey time to work, school or college is 1/2 hour - under 3/4 hour	16.2	17.3
Journey time to work, school or college is 3/4 hour - under 1 hour	4.7	5.9
Journey time to work, school or college is 1 hour - under 1 1/2 hours	4.0	6.1
Journey time to work, school or college is 1 1/2 hours and over	2.0	2.5