

Health Region Profile - HSE West and North West

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1 Geographies

Table 1: IHAs in HSE West and North West

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HSE Donegal	
HSE Galway Roscommon	
HSE Mayo	
HSE Sligo Leitrim	

Table 2: CHNs in HSE West and North West

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Central Galway and East Galway City	
Donegal East	
Donegal North	
Donegal South and West	
East Galway and South Roscommon	
East Mayo	
Inishowen	
Leitrim and West Cavan	
North Mayo	
North Roscommon and North East Galway	
Sligo South Donegal	
Tuam, Athenry, and Loughrea	
West Galway	
West Galway City	
West Mayo	

2 Key Points

- The **Age Dependency Ratio** of this Health Region is **58.9**. 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 West and North West has a total of 759,652 **persons** and 189,490 **families** living in private households.
- There are a total of 148,863 **persons aged 0-14** in this Health Region and 132,588 **persons aged over 65**.
- There are a total of 165,757 persons **living with a disability** in this Health Region, representing **21.8 percent** of the population. This compares with 21.5 percent nationally
- 13,725 people in this Health Region have **bad or very bad general health**. This represents **1.8 percent** of the population. 1.7 percent of the population have bad or very bad general health nationally.
- There are a total of 48,523 **carers** in this Health Region, representing **6.4 percent** of the population. This compares with 5.8 percent of the population that are carers nationally.
- **12.5 percent** of this Health Region **smoke tobacco products**. 13.1 percent of people nationally smoke tobacco products
- There are 10,206 **short term unemployed** and 16,522 **long term unemployed** people in this Health Region. These represent 1.7 and 2.7 percent of the population respectively.
- **3.3 percent** of the population of HSE West and North West are **unskilled**. 3.1 percent of people in the state are unskilled.
- **25.4 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.
- **19.7 percent** of this Health Region were **born outside Ireland** (20 percent nationally).
- **Households rented from a Local Authority** comprise **6.3 percent** of households in this Health Region. This stands at 8.3 percent nationally

3 Population

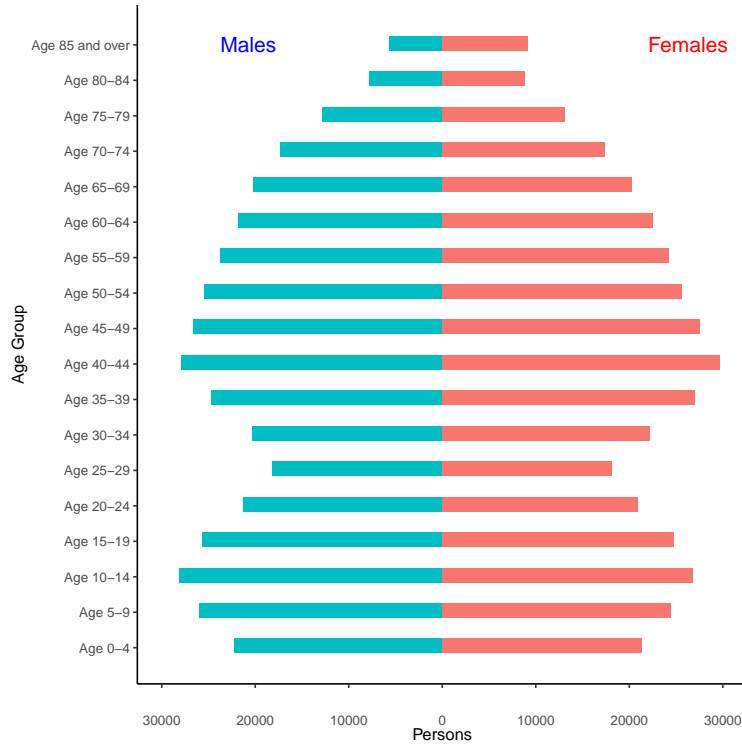


Figure 1: Persons by Age Group and Gender for HSE West and North West; Census 2022.

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	72,501	18.9	76,362	20.3	148,863	19.6	19.7
15-64	242,446	63.2	235,755	62.7	478,201	63.0	65.3
65+	68,670	17.9	63,918	17.0	132,588	17.5	15.1
Age 0-4	21,300	5.6	22,256	5.9	43,556	5.7	5.7
Age 5-9	24,435	6.4	25,948	6.9	50,383	6.6	6.7
Age 10-14	26,766	7.0	28,158	7.5	54,924	7.2	7.3
Age 15-19	24,706	6.4	25,688	6.8	50,394	6.6	6.6
Age 20-24	20,878	5.4	21,243	5.6	42,121	5.5	6.0
Age 25-29	18,146	4.7	18,233	4.8	36,379	4.8	5.7
Age 30-34	22,189	5.8	20,360	5.4	42,549	5.6	6.5
Age 35-39	27,036	7.0	24,658	6.6	51,694	6.8	7.4
Age 40-44	29,646	7.7	27,928	7.4	57,574	7.6	8.0
Age 45-49	27,534	7.2	26,671	7.1	54,205	7.1	7.3
Age 50-54	25,602	6.7	25,493	6.8	51,095	6.7	6.6
Age 55-59	24,188	6.3	23,703	6.3	47,891	6.3	6.0
Age 60-64	22,521	5.9	21,778	5.8	44,299	5.8	5.3
Age 65-69	20,314	5.3	20,232	5.4	40,546	5.3	4.6
Age 70-74	17,349	4.5	17,357	4.6	34,706	4.6	3.9
Age 75-79	13,122	3.4	12,890	3.4	26,012	3.4	3.0
Age 80-84	8,787	2.3	7,781	2.1	16,568	2.2	1.9
Age 85 and over	9,098	2.4	5,658	1.5	14,756	1.9	1.6
All Ages	383,617	100.0	376,035	100.0	759,652	100.0	100.0

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

4 Disability

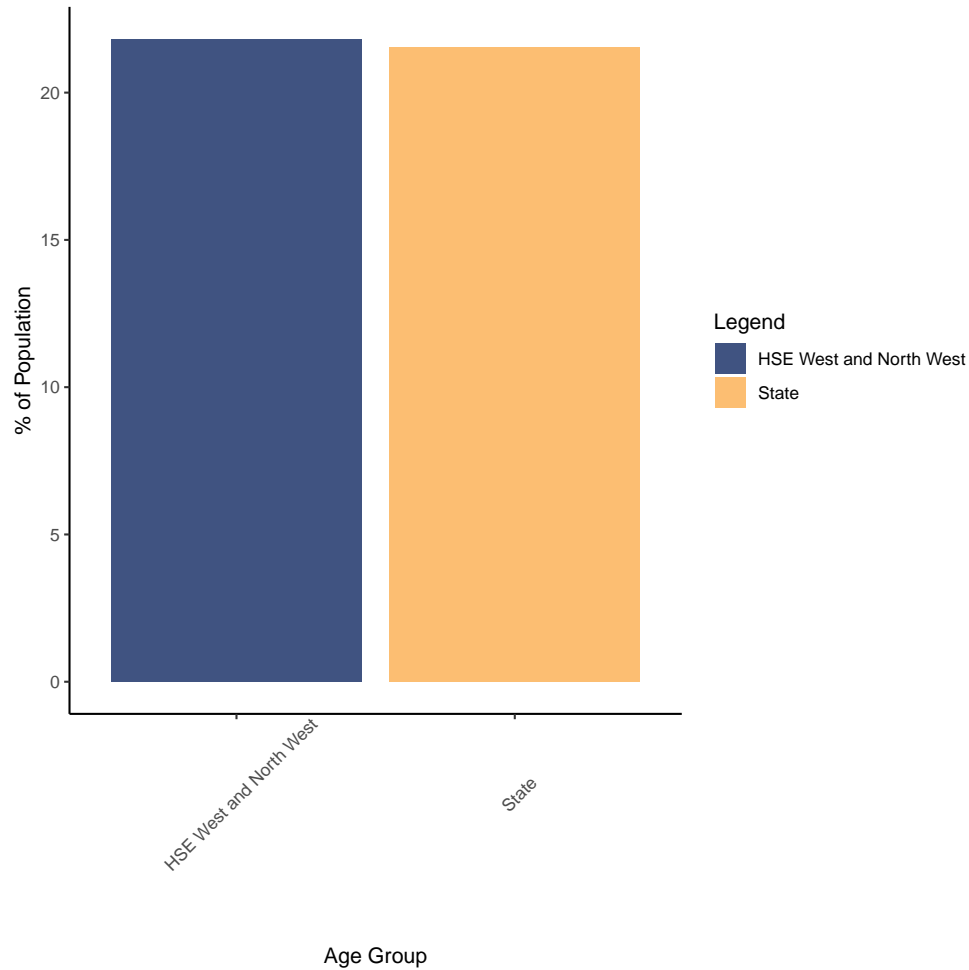


Figure 2: Percentage of Population with any Disability by Age Group for HSE West and North West, as well as State, Census 2022.

Sex	HSE West and North West			State
	Population	With a Disability		
		Persons	%	
Males	376,035	80,151	21.3	20.9
Females	383,617	85,606	22.3	22.2
Both Sexes	759,652	165,757	21.8	21.5

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

5 General Health

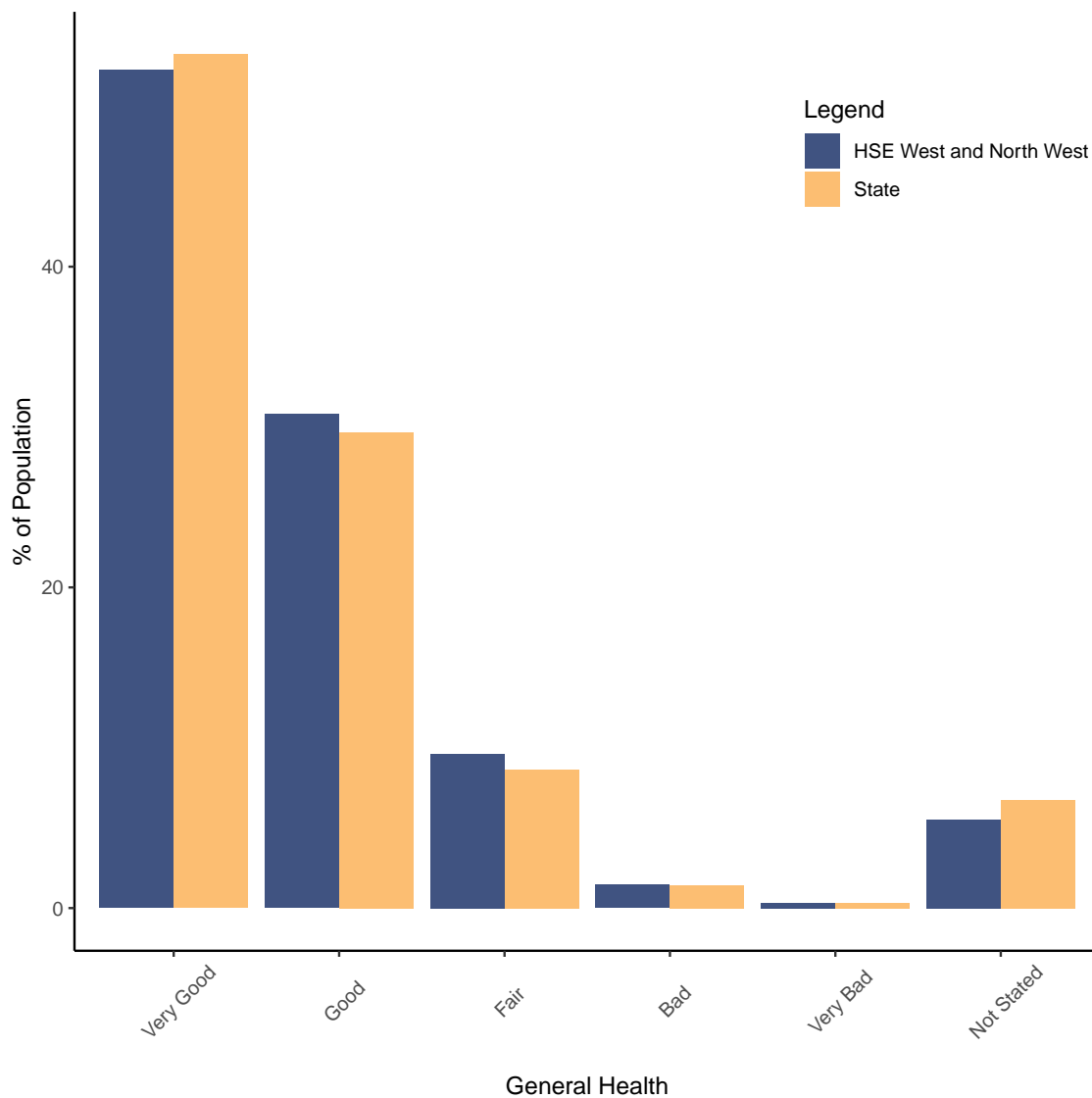


Figure 3: Population Breakdown (%) by General Health for HSE West and North West, as well as State, Census 2022.

General Health	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Very Good	397,044	52.3	53.2
Good	233,886	30.8	29.7
Fair	73,065	9.6	8.6
Bad	11,142	1.5	1.4
Very Bad	2,583	0.3	0.3
Not Stated	41,932	5.5	6.7
Total	759,652	100.0	100.0

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

6 Carers

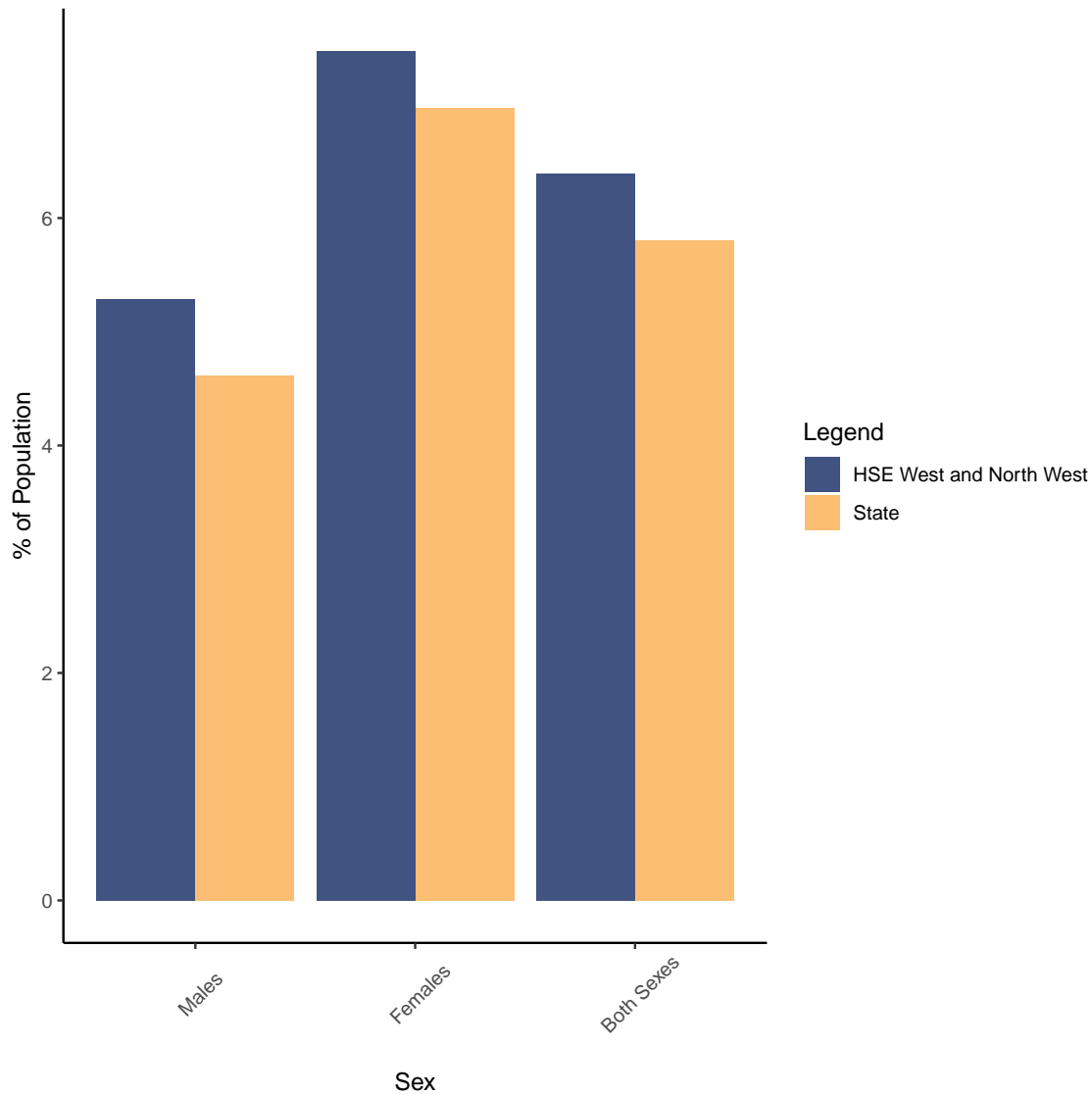


Figure 4: Carers as a Percentage of the Population of Males/Females/Both Sexes for HSE West and North West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Age Group	HSE West and North West			State
	Population	Carers		
		Persons	%	
Males	376,035	19,872	5.3	4.6
Females	383,617	28,651	7.5	7.0
Both Sexes	759,652	48,523	6.4	5.8

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

7 Volunteers

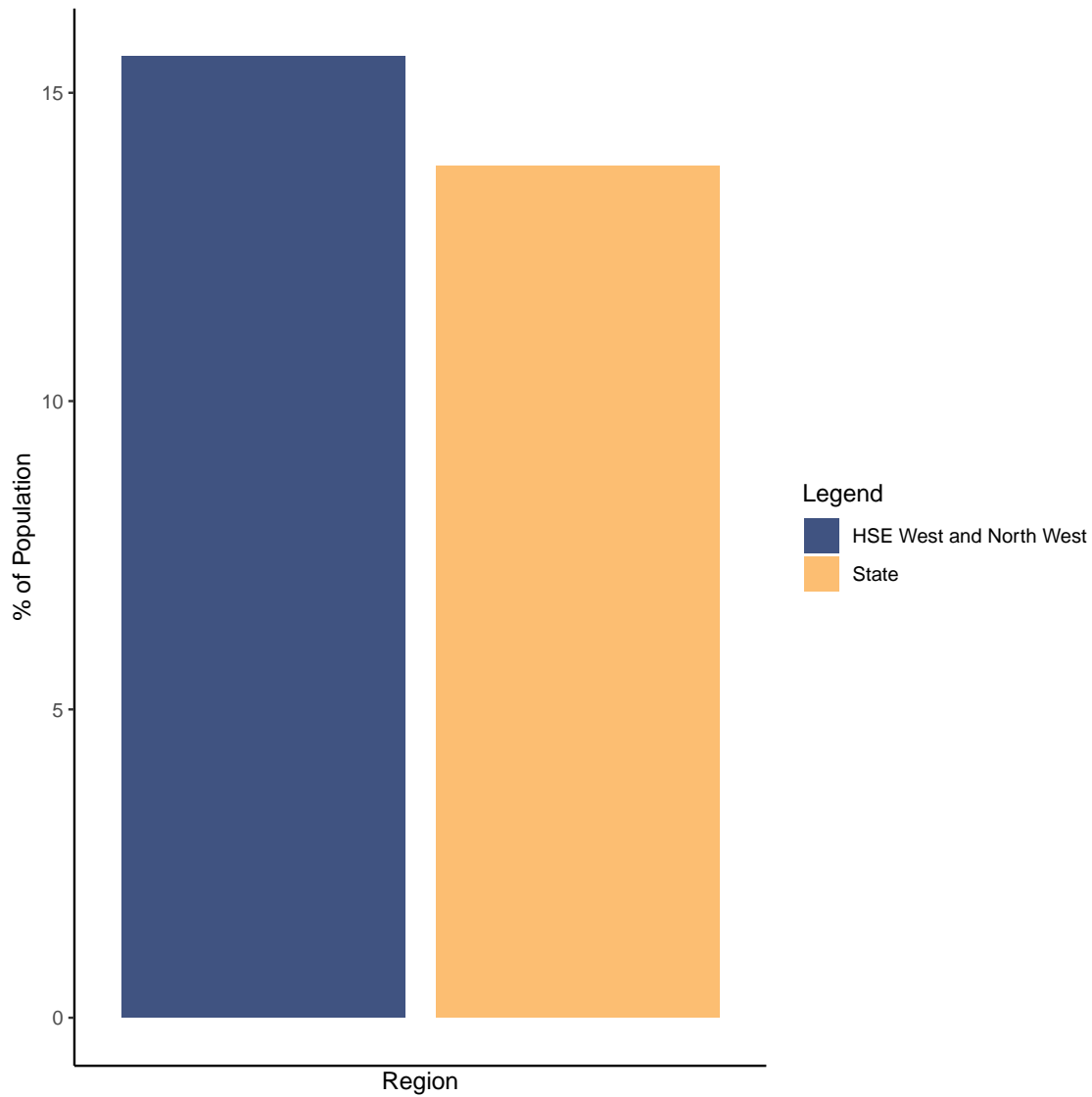


Figure 5: Volunteers as a Percentage of the Population for HSE West and North West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

HSE West and North West			State
Population		Volunteers	
<i>Persons</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
759,652	118,405	15.6	13.8

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

8 Smoking

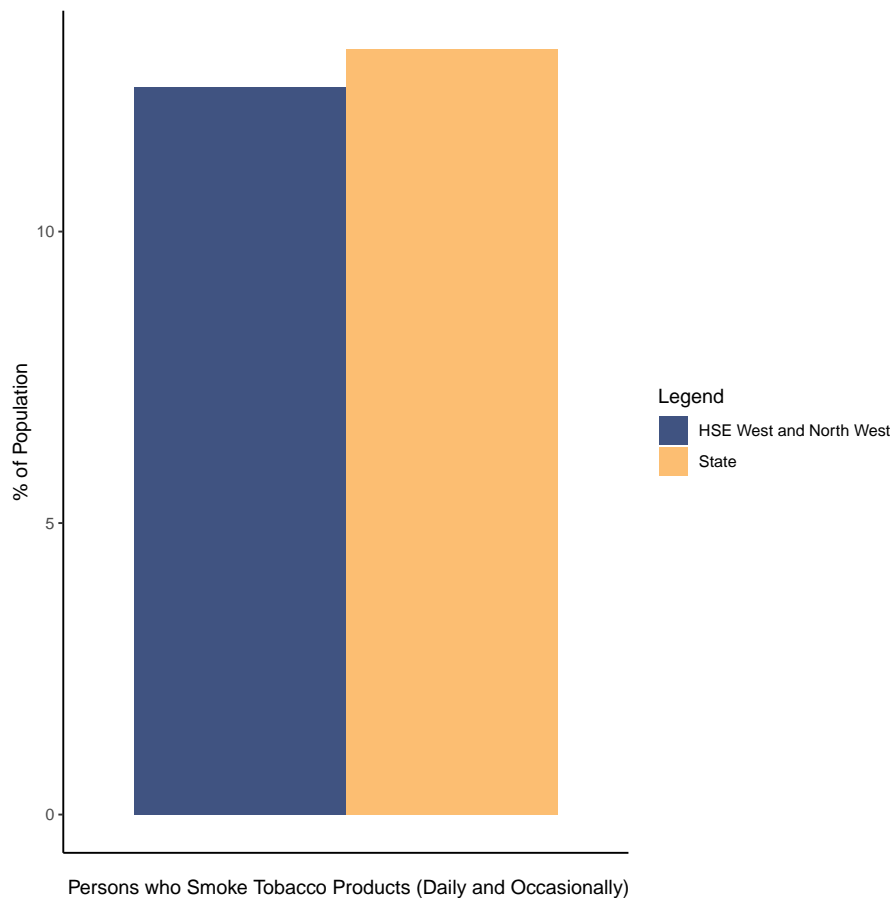


Figure 6: Percentage of the Population who Smoke Tobacco Products (Daily and Occasionally) for HSE West and North West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Smoking Status	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Smoke Tobacco Products (Daily and Occasionally)	94,736	12.5	13.1
Don't Smoke Tobacco Products (Never and have given up)	617,215	81.2	79.4
Smoking Status Not Stated	47,701	6.3	7.5
All Persons	759,652	100.0	100.0

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

9 Principal Economic Status

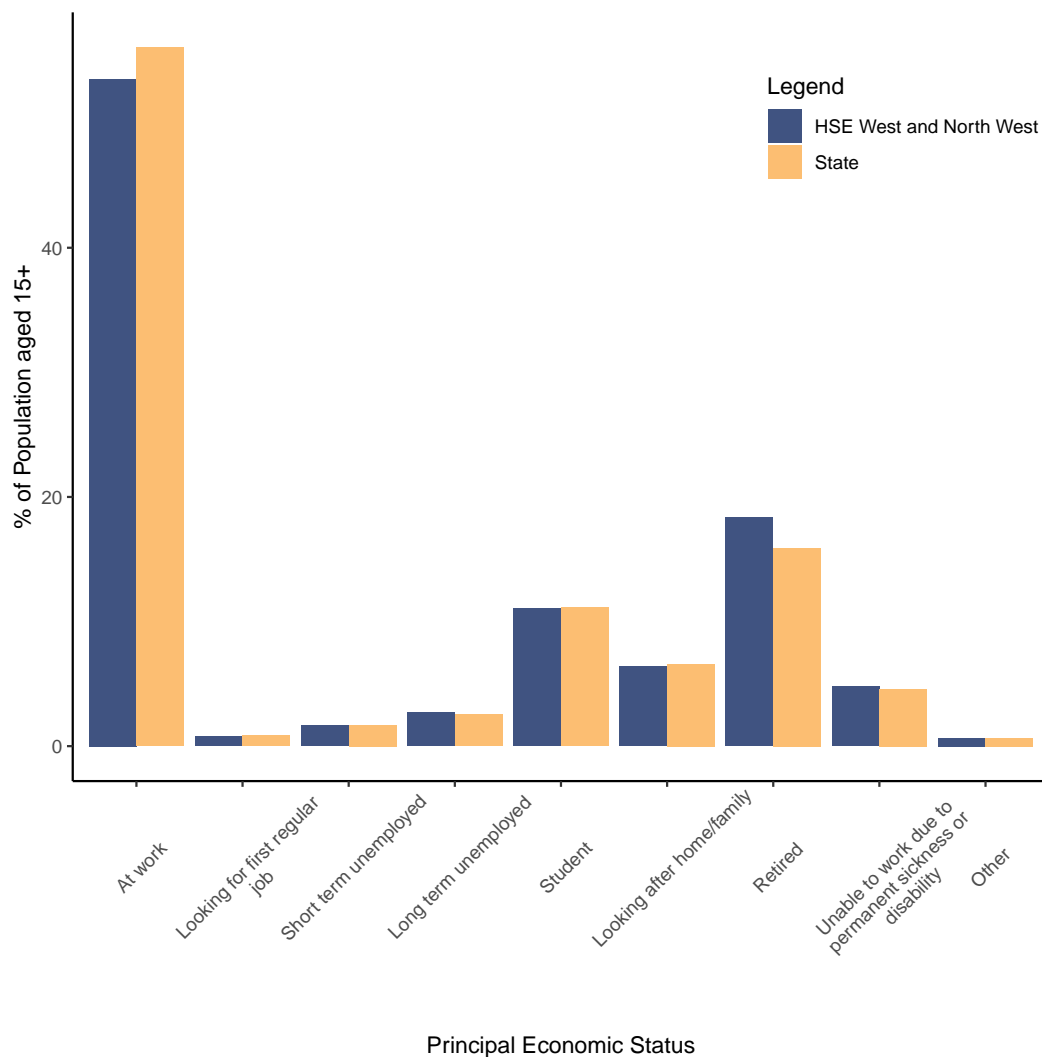


Figure 7: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Principal Economic Status for HSE West and North West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Principal Economic Status	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
At Work	327,100	53.6	56.1
Looking for first regular job	4,893	0.8	0.8
Short term unemployed	10,206	1.7	1.7
Long term unemployed	16,522	2.7	2.6
Student	67,620	11.1	11.1
Looking after home/family	39,090	6.4	6.6
Retired	112,107	18.4	15.9
Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability	29,195	4.8	4.6
Other	4,056	0.7	0.7
Total	610,789	100.0	100.0

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

10 Social Class

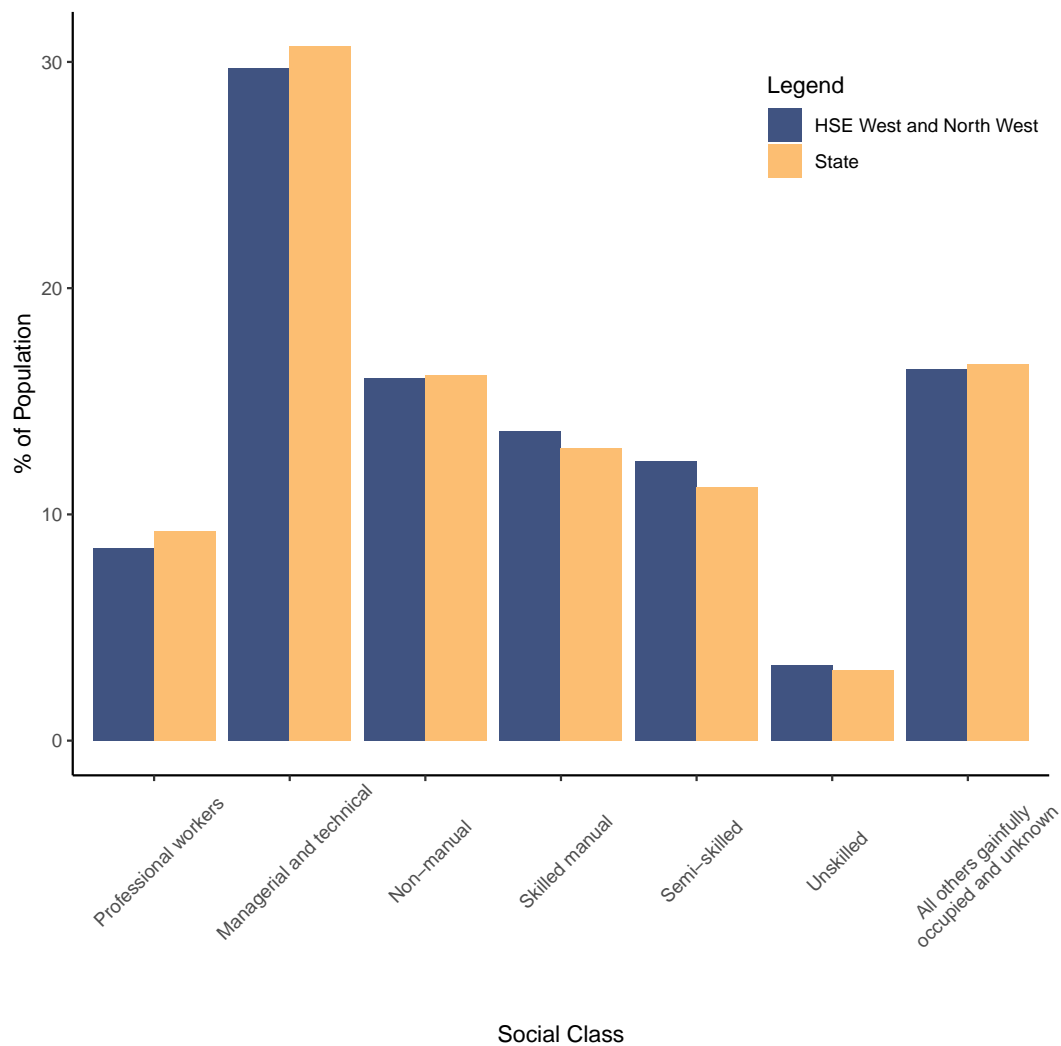


Figure 8: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Social Class for HSE West and North West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Social Class	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Professional workers	64,747	8.5	9.3
Managerial and technical	225,902	29.7	30.7
Non-manual	121,709	16.0	16.2
Skilled manual	103,808	13.7	12.9
Semi-skilled	93,685	12.3	11.2
Unskilled	25,204	3.3	3.1
All others gainfully occupied and unknown	124,597	16.4	16.6
Total	759,652	100.0	100.0

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

11 Education

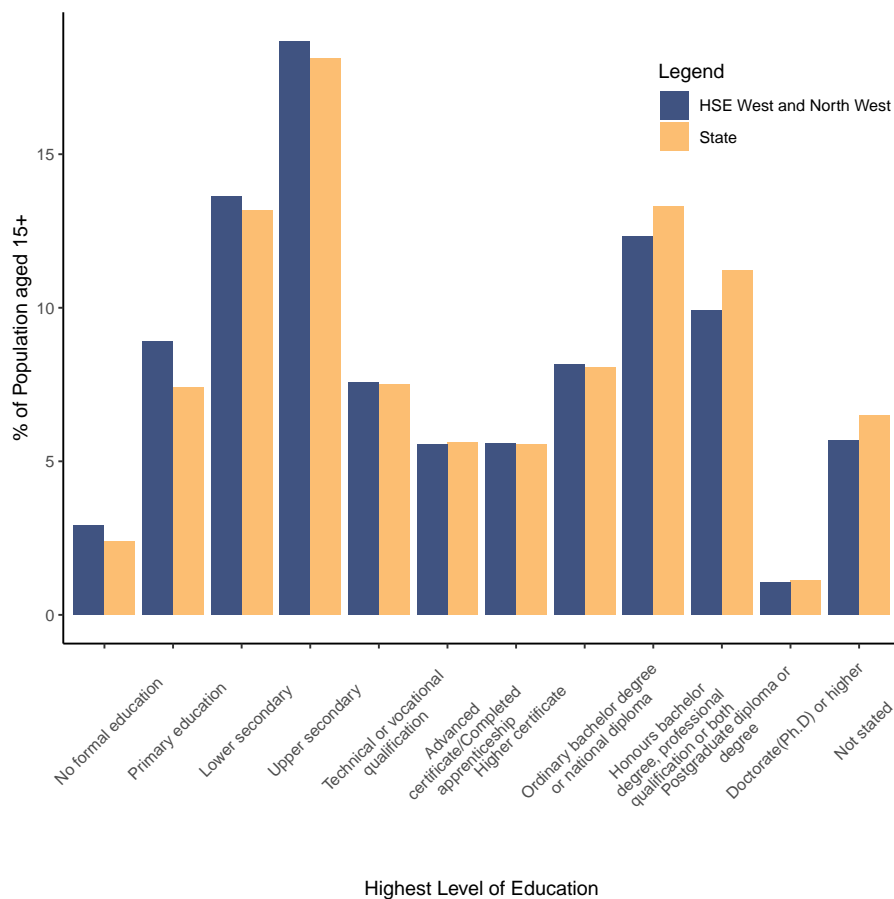


Figure 9: Percentage of Population Aged 15+ by Highest Level of Education Completed for HSE West and North West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Highest Level of Education Completed	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
No formal education	14,815	2.9	2.4
Primary education	45,153	8.9	7.4
Lower secondary	68,949	13.6	13.2
Upper secondary	94,617	18.7	18.1
Technical or vocational qualification	38,293	7.6	7.5
Advanced certificate/Completed apprenticeship	28,167	5.6	5.6
Higher certificate	28,348	5.6	5.5
Ordinary bachelor degree or national diploma	41,357	8.2	8.1
Honours bachelor degree, professional qualification or both	62,395	12.3	13.3
Postgraduate diploma or degree	50,180	9.9	11.2
Doctorate(Ph.D) or higher	5,286	1.0	1.1
Not stated	28,750	5.7	6.5
Total	506,310	100.0	100.0

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

12 Families

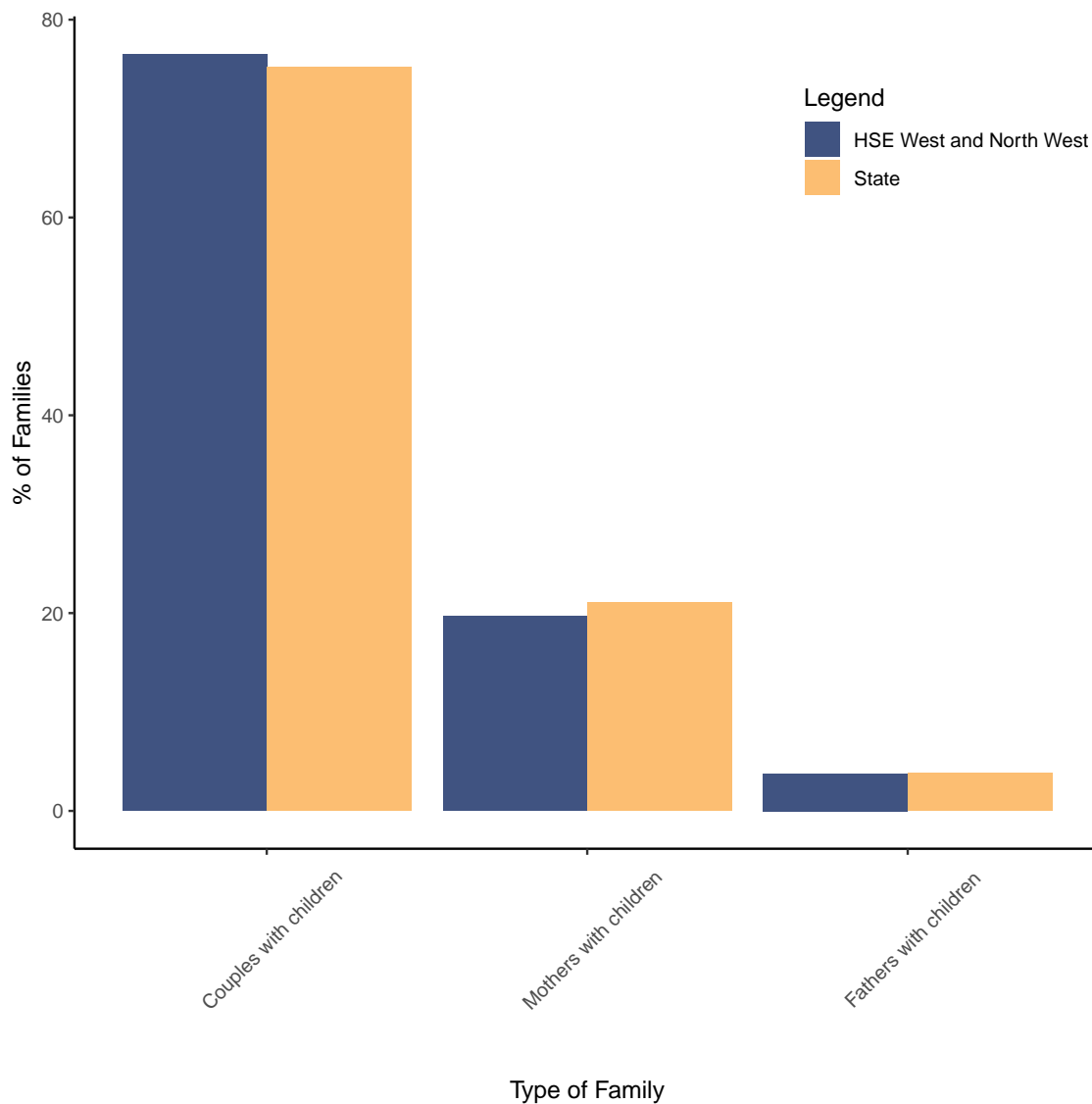


Figure 10: Percentage of Families with Children by Family Type for HSE West and North West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Type of Family	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Families</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Couples with Children	98,468	76.5	75.2
Mothers with Children	25,374	19.7	21.1
Fathers with Children	4,865	3.8	3.8
All Families	128,707	100.0	100.0

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

13 Birthplace

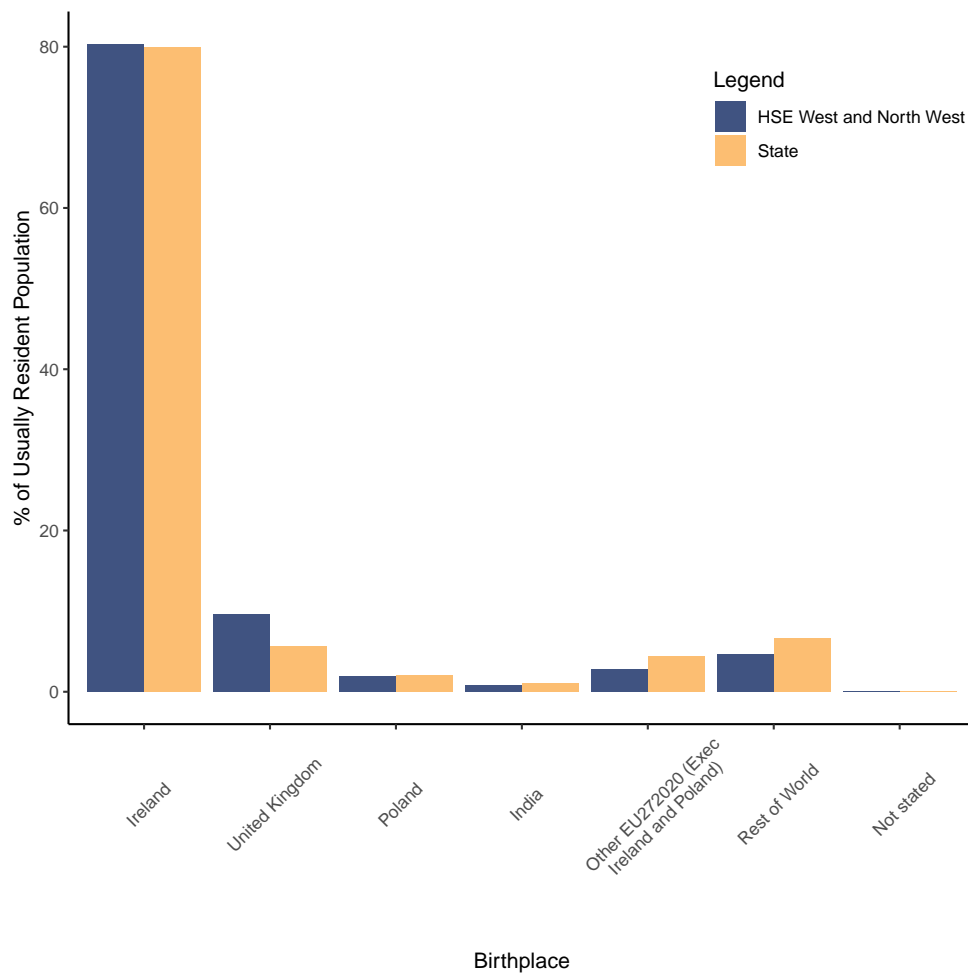


Figure 11: Percentage of Usually Resident Population by Birthplace for HSE West and North West; as well as the State; Census 2022.

Birthplace	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	%	%
Ireland	601,515	80.3	80.0
United Kingdom	71,655	9.6	5.7
Poland	13,989	1.9	2.1
India	5,818	0.8	1.1
Other EU272020 (Exec Ireland and Poland)	21,118	2.8	4.4
Rest of World	34,567	4.6	6.7
Not stated	0	0.0	0.0
Total	748,662	100.0	100.0

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

14 Households - Type of Occupancy

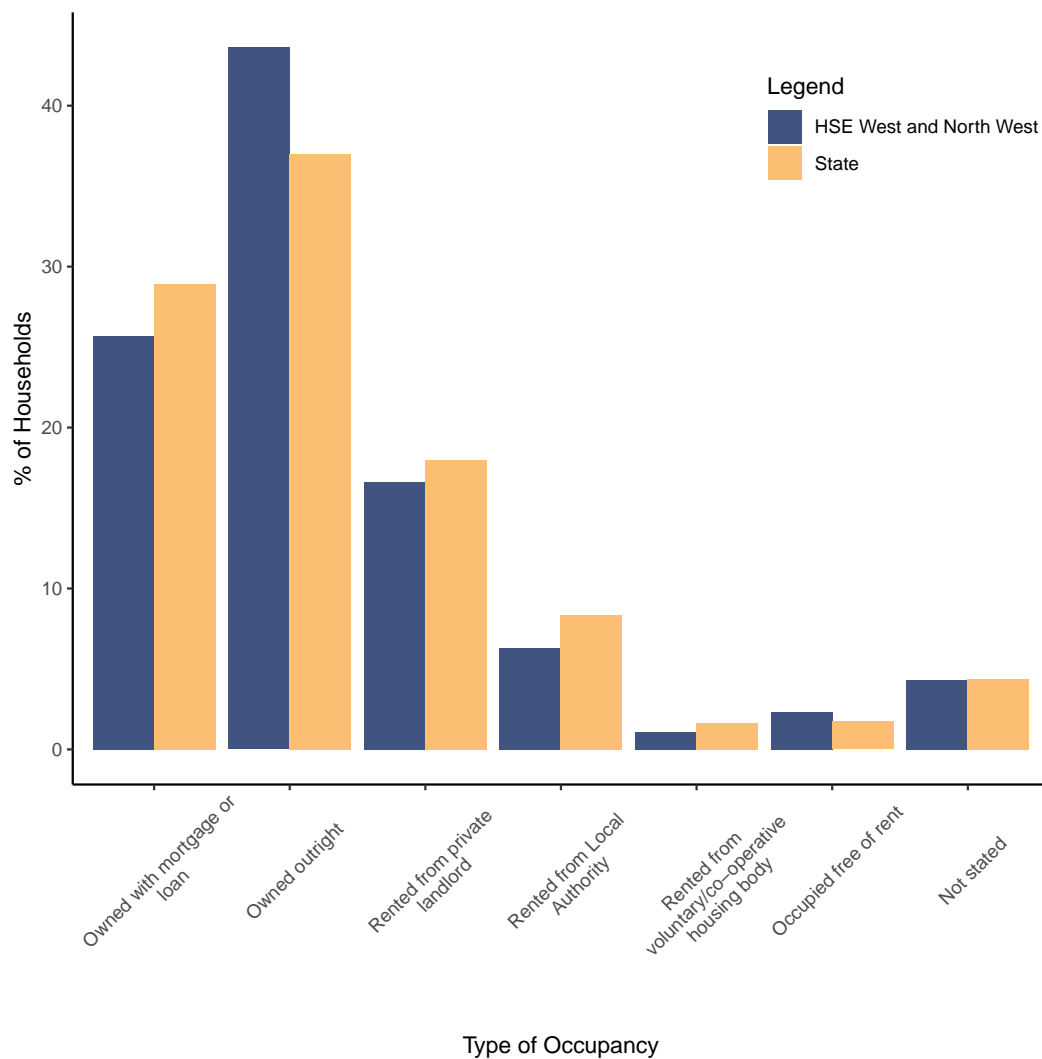


Figure 12: Percentage of Households by Type of Occupancy for HSE West and North West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Type of Occupancy	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Households</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Owned with mortgage or loan	71,629	25.7	28.9
Owned outright	121,705	43.6	37.0
Rented from private landlord	46,368	16.6	18.0
Rented from Local Authority	17,642	6.3	8.3
Rented from voluntary/co-operative housing body	3,093	1.1	1.6
Occupied free of rent	6,479	2.3	1.7
Not stated	12,106	4.3	4.4
Total	279,022	100.0	100.0

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

15 Transport

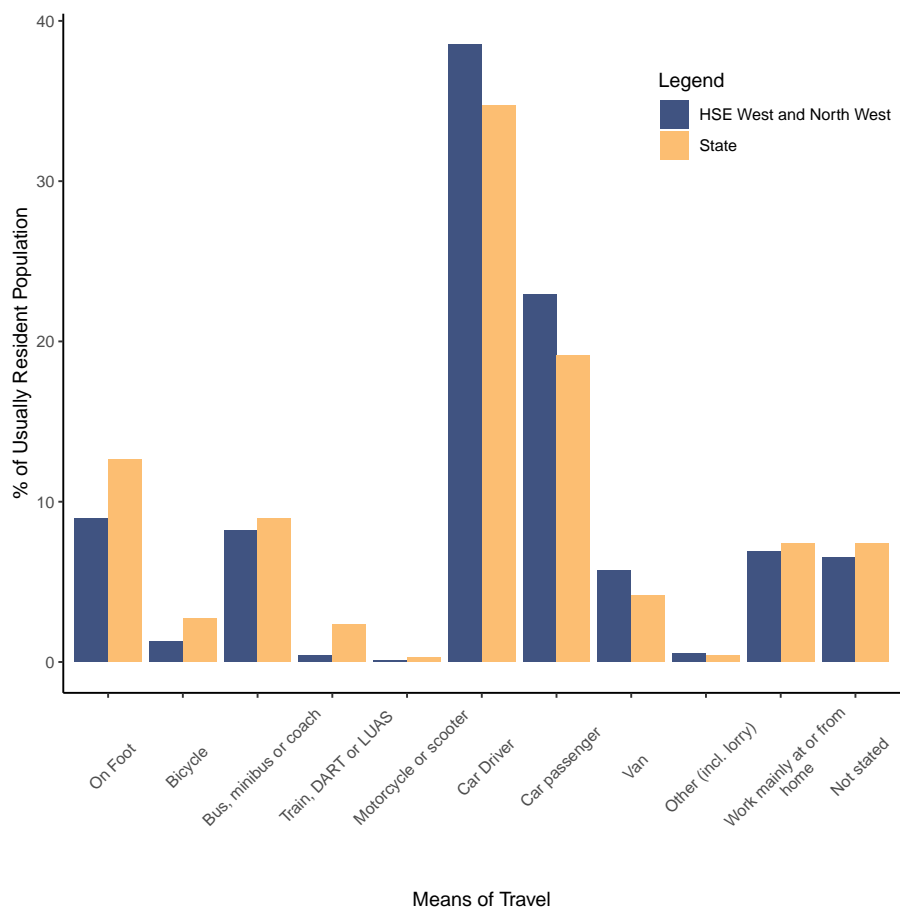


Figure 13: Percentage of Usually Resident Population by Means of Travel to Work, School, College or Childcare for HSE West and North West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Means of travel	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
On Foot	46,320	8.9	12.6
Bicycle	6,549	1.3	2.7
Bus, minibus or coach	42,470	8.2	9.0
Train, DART or LUAS	1,958	0.4	2.4
Motorcycle or scooter	557	0.1	0.3
Car Driver	199,481	38.5	34.7
Car passenger	118,653	22.9	19.1
Van	29,691	5.7	4.1
Other (incl. lorry)	2,805	0.5	0.4
Work mainly at or from home	35,659	6.9	7.4
Not stated	33,681	6.5	7.4
Total	517,824	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 West and North West; Census 2022. Percentage breakdowns for the State are also provided for comparison purposes.

16 Renewable Energy

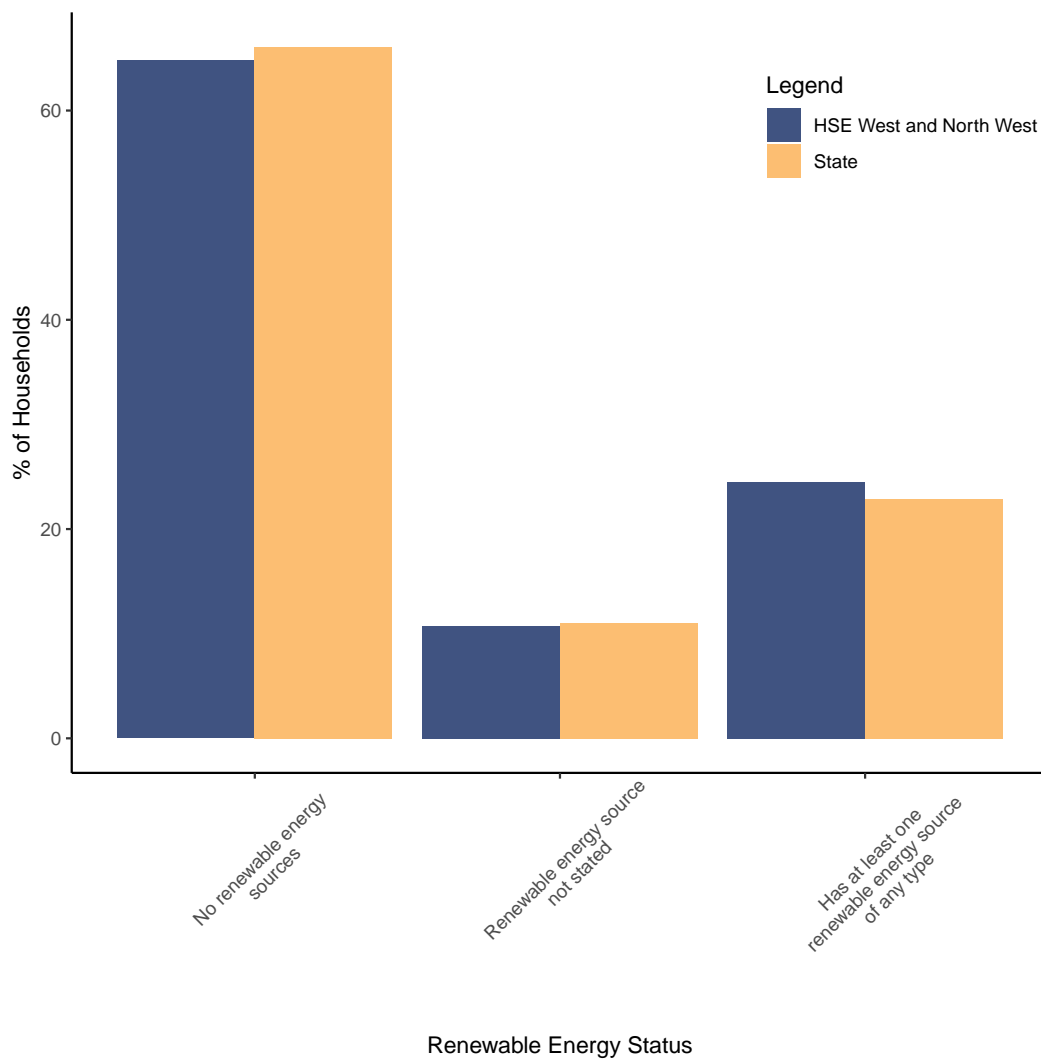


Figure 14: Percentage of Households by Renewable Energy Source for HSE West and North West, as well as the State; Census 2022.

Renewable Energy Source	HSE West and North West		State
	<i>Households</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
All households	279,022	100.0	100.0
No renewable energy sources	180,774	64.8	66.1
Renewable energy source not stated	29,930	10.7	11.0
Has at least one renewable energy source of any type	68,318	24.5	22.9

<https://data.cso.ie/table/SAP2022T6T10SA>

Table 16: Percentage of Households by Renewable Energy Source for HSE West and North 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	2.9	2.4
Primary education	8.9	7.4
Lower secondary	13.6	13.2
Upper secondary	18.7	18.1
Technical or vocational qualification	7.6	7.5
Advanced certificate/Completed apprenticeship	5.6	5.6
Higher certificate	5.6	5.5
Ordinary bachelor degree or national diploma	8.2	8.1
Hns bach. degree, prof. qual. or both	12.3	13.3
Postgraduate diploma or degree	9.9	11.2
Doctorate(Ph.D) or higher	1.0	1.1
Employment (Percentage of those aged 15+)		
At work	53.6	56.1
Looking for first regular job	0.8	0.8
short Term Unemployed	1.7	1.7
Long Term Unemployed	2.7	2.6
Student	11.1	11.1
Looking after home/family	6.4	6.6
Retired	18.4	15.9
Unable to work - perm. sickness or disability	4.8	4.6
Employment (Percentage of those at work)		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5.3	3.5
Building and construction	6.1	5.8
Manufacturing industries	14.1	11.8
Commerce and trade	19.8	23.8
Transport and communications	6.4	9.2
Public administration	6.5	5.7
Professional services	26.1	24.5
Social Class (Percentage of population)		
Professional workers	8.5	9.3
Managerial and technical	29.7	30.7
Non-manual	16.0	16.2
Skilled manual	13.7	12.9
Semi-skilled	12.3	11.2
Unskilled	3.3	3.1

	HR	State
Families (Percentage of family units)		
Families without children	32.1	30.8
Families with 1 child	26.2	27.1
Families with 2 children	23.8	25.3
Families with 3 children	12.7	12.3
Families with 4 children	4.0	3.5
Families with 5 or more children	1.3	1.0
Couples with children	52	52
Lone parent (mother)	13.4	14.6
Lone parent (father)	2.6	2.6
Pre-family families	7.6	9.3
Empty nest families	10.7	9.4
Retired families	13.8	12.0
Per-school families	7.8	8.1
Early school families	9.6	9.9
Pre-adolescent families	11.5	11.9
Adolescent families	12.6	12.3
Adult families	52	27.0
Families with youngest child aged 0 - 4	24.0	23.9
Families with youngest child aged 5 - 9	17.9	18.1
Families with youngest child aged 10 - 14	16.7	16.9
Families with youngest child aged 15 - 19	13.8	13.6
Families with youngest child aged 20 and over	27.7	27.5
Health (Percentage of population)		
Very good general health	52.3	53.2
Good general health	30.8	29.7
Fair general health	9.6	8.6
Bad general health	1.5	1.4
Very bad general health	0.3	0.3
Persons who smoke	12.5	13.1
With a disability (to some or to a great extent)	21.8	21.5
Household composition (Percentage of Private Households)		
Married couple households	16.4	14.9
Cohabiting couple households	3.7	4.3
Married couple with children households	29.6	29.4
Cohabiting couple with children households	3.8	4.3
One parent family (father) with children households	1.5	1.5
One parent family (mother) and children households	7.8	8.5
Couple and others households	1.1	1.5
Two or more non-related persons households	4.5	5.4
1 person households	26.1	23.1
2 person households	29	29
3 person households	16.6	17.9
4 person households	15.3	16.9
5 person households	8.7	8.9
6 person households	3.1	3.0
7 person households	0.8	0.8
8 or more person households	0.4	0.4
Housing (Percentage of permanent dwellings)		
Occupied	78.9	87.4
Temporarily absent	1.6	1.6
Unoccupied holiday homes	8.0	3.2
Other vacant dwellings	11.6	7.7

	HR	State
Housing (Percentage of permanent private households)		
Owned with mortgage or loan	25.7	28.9
Owned outright	43.6	37.0
Rented from private landlord	16.6	18.0
Rented from Local Authority	6.3	8.3
Rented from voluntary/co-operative housing body	1.1	1.6
Occupied free of rent	2.3	1.7
1 room	0.2	0.5
2 rooms	2.5	3.9
3 rooms	6.3	8.0
4 rooms	9.4	11.0
5 rooms	21.4	23.8
6 rooms	22.2	19.9
7 rooms	16.2	14.0
8 or more rooms	19.0	15.8
No central heating	1.1	1.2
Public main water supply	70.9	80.1
Group scheme with public source water supply	10.4	4.3
Group scheme with private source water supply	9.3	3.4
Other private source water supply	7.2	9.9
No water supply	0.2	0.1
Housing (Percentage of private households)		
House/Bungalow	92.5	86.7
Flat/Apartment	7.2	13.0
Bed-Sit	0.1	0.1
Caravan/Mobile home	0.3	0.2
Built Pre 1919	6.9	8.4
Built 1919 - 1945	5.9	6.2
Built 1946 - 1960	5.8	7.2
Built 1961 - 1970	5.0	6.7
Built 1971 - 1980	11.3	12.2
Built 1981 - 1990	11.5	10.1
Built 1991 - 2000	16.0	14.5
Built 2001 - 2010	29.0	24.5
Built 2011 - 2015	2.9	2.7
Built 2016 or later	3.4	5.1
Marital Status (Percentage of population)		
Single	52.1	53.9
Married (incl. same sex civil partnership)	38.6	37.1
Separated	2.3	2.3
Divorced	2.5	2.6
Widowed	4.5	4.1
Migration and ethnicity (Percentage of population)		
Speak english not well	1.2	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	19.8	20.3
Associate professional and technical occupations	10.2	11.7
Administrative and secretarial occupations	9.0	9.2
Skilled trades occupations	15.0	12.6
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	8.1	7.4
Sales and customer service occupations	5.9	6.2
Process, plant and machine operatives	8.4	6.9
Elementary occupations	8.0	8.2

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Migration and ethnicity (Percentage of usually resident population)		
Ireland - Birthplace	80.3	80.0
UK - Birthplace	9.6	5.7
Poland - Birthplace	1.9	2.1
India - Birthplace	0.8	1.1
Other EU28 - Birthplace	2.8	4.4
Rest of world - Birthplace	4.6	6.7
White Irish	81.3	76.6
White Irish Traveller	1.0	0.6
Other White	8.3	9.9
Black or Black Irish	0.9	1.5
Asian or Asian Irish	2.1	3.3
Other ethnic or cultural background	1.5	2.0
Usual residence 1 year before census day - Outside Ireland	1.5	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	5.6	6.3
D Non-manual	32.9	34.2
E Manual skilled	8.5	8.5
F Semi-skilled	8.4	7.7
G Unskilled	3.5	3.2
H Own account workers	4.5	4.0
I Farmers	5.0	3.1
J Agricultural workers	2.0	1.2
Z All others gainfully occupied and unknown	18.0	17.5
Transport (Percentage of population aged 5+)		
No motor car (percentage of households)	10.8	13.4
<i>Travel to work, school, College or childcare:</i>		
On Foot	8.9	12.6
By Bicycle	1.3	2.7
By Bus, minibus or coach	8.2	9.0
By Train, DART or LUAS	0.4	2.4
By Motorcycle or scooter	0.1	0.3
Car driver	38.5	34.7
Car passenger	22.9	19.1
By Van	5.7	4.1
By Other (incl. lorry)	0.5	0.4
Work mainly at or from home	6.9	7.4
Journey time to work, school or college is Under 15 mins	35.9	29.4
Journey time to work, school or college is 1/4 hour - under 1/2 hour	27.6	28.1
Journey time to work, school or college is 1/2 hour - under 3/4 hour	15.4	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	4.3	6.1
Journey time to work, school or college is 1 1/2 hours and over	2.2	2.5