

Variations in Irish Births, Marriages and Fertility over the Years

Years	Births Annual Average No	Birth Rate Average per 1000 population	Marriages Annual Average No	Rate/1000 Average Population	TFPR Average Fertility
1926-1936	58,000	19.6	14,000	4.6	3.50
1936-1946	60,000	20.3	16,000	5.4	3.33
1946-1951	66,000	22.3	12,000	5.5	3.14
1951-1956	63,000	21.3	16,000	5.4	2.80
1956-1961	61,000	21.2	15,000	5.4	3.56
1961-1966	63,000	21.9	16,000	5.7	3.97
1966-1971	63,000	21.3	19,000	6.5	3.88
1971-1979	69,000	21.6	21,000	6.8	3.52
1979-1981	73,000	21.5	21,000	6.3	3.17
1981-1986	67,000	19.1	19,000	5.5	2.72
1986-1991	56,000	15.7	18,000	5.1	2.16
1991-1996	50,000	14.0	17,000	4.6	1.94
1996-2002	54,000	14.3	18,000	4.8	1.94
2002-2006	61,000	15.4	21,000	5.1	1.95
2006	64,237	15.2	21,841	5.2	1.90
2007	70,620	16.3	22,544	5.2	2.03
2008	75,065	17.0	22,243	5.0	2.10
2009	74,278	16.7	21,541	4.8	2.07
2010	73,724	16.5	20,635	4.6	2.07
2011	74,650	16.3	19,879	4.3	2.04

Sources: Central Statistics Office

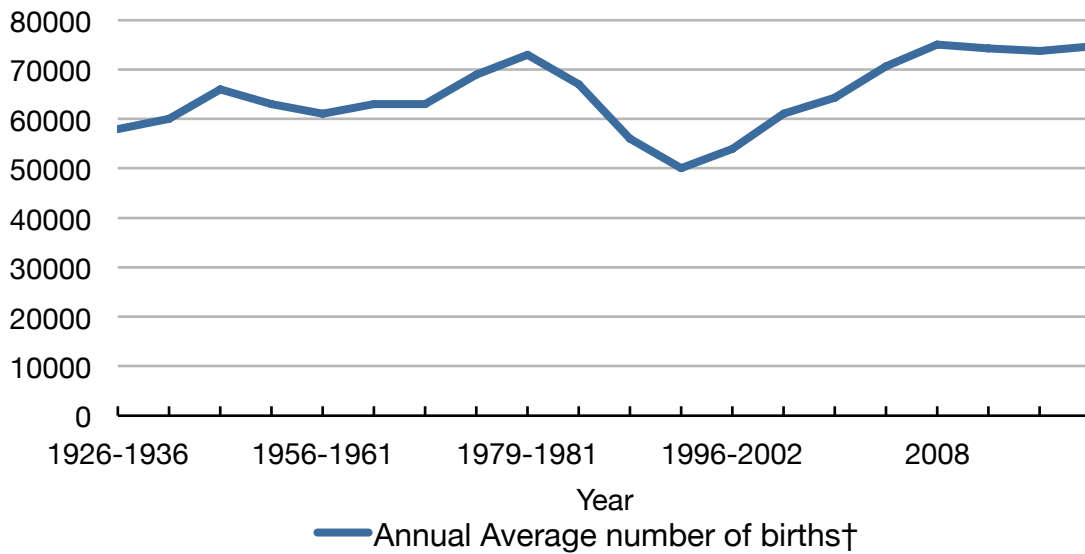
Note 1: "The Total Period Fertility Rate (TFPR) is derived from the age specific fertility rates in the current year. It represents the projected number of children a woman would have if she experienced present age-specific fertility rates while progressing from age 15 to 49 years. A value of 2.1 is generally considered the level at which the population would replace itself in the long run, ignoring migration". **Source: Department of Health Vital Statistics Year 2009.**

Note 2: Total births fell by 0.89% 1980-2010 but births within marriage fell by 28.76%..

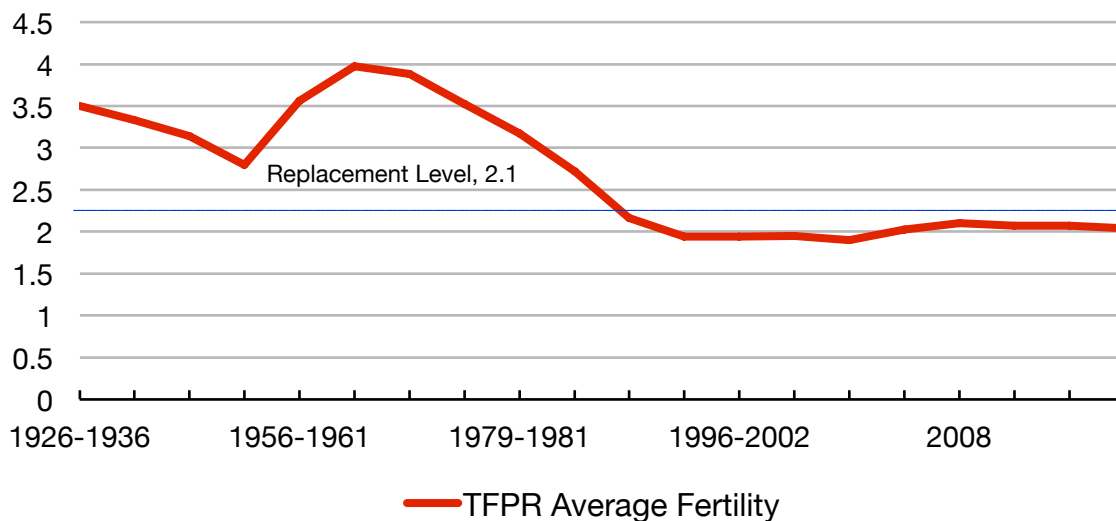
Year	Total Births Number	Unwed Births (%) of all births.	% Change All Births	Births in Marriage (%) of all births.	% Change
1980	74,388	3,691 (4.96%)	00.0%	70,697 (95.04%)	00.00%
2011	74,650	25,190 (33.74%)	+ 0.91%	49,460 (66.26%)	-28.79%

Overt the period, the fertility has dropped from 3 to 2 and fertility within marriage even more.
In April 2011, Census Population was 4,239,848.

Number of Births in Ireland 1926-2011



TPFR Average Fertility, 1926-2011



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Source, Department of Health Vital Statistics.

† Births increased by .91% 1980-2008 but births within marriage fell by 28.04%