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# LEO Catchment Profile (LCP) Key Data for Enterprise Strategy



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# About this Report

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) provides advice, information and support to you in starting up or growing your business. With 31 dedicated teams across the Local Authority network in Ireland, Local Enterprise Offices offer you a wide range of experience, skills and services. The Local Enterprise Office is for people interested in starting up a new business or already in business including entrepreneurs, early stage promoters, start-ups and small business looking to expand.

The LEO socio-economic catchment profile presented within this report will provide enterprises, both new and existing, with key datasets that can form an integral part of a market analysis for a new business plan, assist in benchmarking sales figures with a database of potential customers or provide insight into a preferential location for an expansion plan. The profiles are based on the selected urban settlement (Ennis, Tuam, Naas etc) and then two larger spatial catchments representing a 30 minute and one hour drivetime to the settlement - this provides vital information on the scale of the potential customer market within close proximity of the settlement.

The definition of a potential customer or market will depend on your type of business. For example, if you are opening up a new domestic alarm company your market will be the number of houses within your local and regional catchment or if you are opening up a new children's clothing shop you will need to know the number of young people living within the area. The profile provides easy access to this type of information and illustrates the results in a clear and digestible format using key figures and graphics.

By using a combination of individual profiles, say Ennis (Clare) and Nenagh (Tipperary), it is also possible to use the datasets within each to assist in identifying the correct location for a new enterprise, business or service.

How do you use the profiles?

- Each profile provides detailed information and indicators on a series of themes such as demographics, industry, housing and transport. Browse through the profile to get a better understanding of your local and regional market. Use the map on the opposite page to visualise the extent of each catchment.

- The profile also comes with a detailed database containing all of the source indicators. The data and accompanying graphics can be used as input to reports, presentations and other marketing material to assist in the development of a business growth strategy.

## Spatial Insight Solutions

This profile has been developed by Spatial Insight Solutions - a professional consultancy specialising in spatial analysis (GIS), geo-demographics, data analytics and custom map design. For more information on this report or to discuss other data related queries please contact the team:

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# Indicators and Catchments

## Indicators

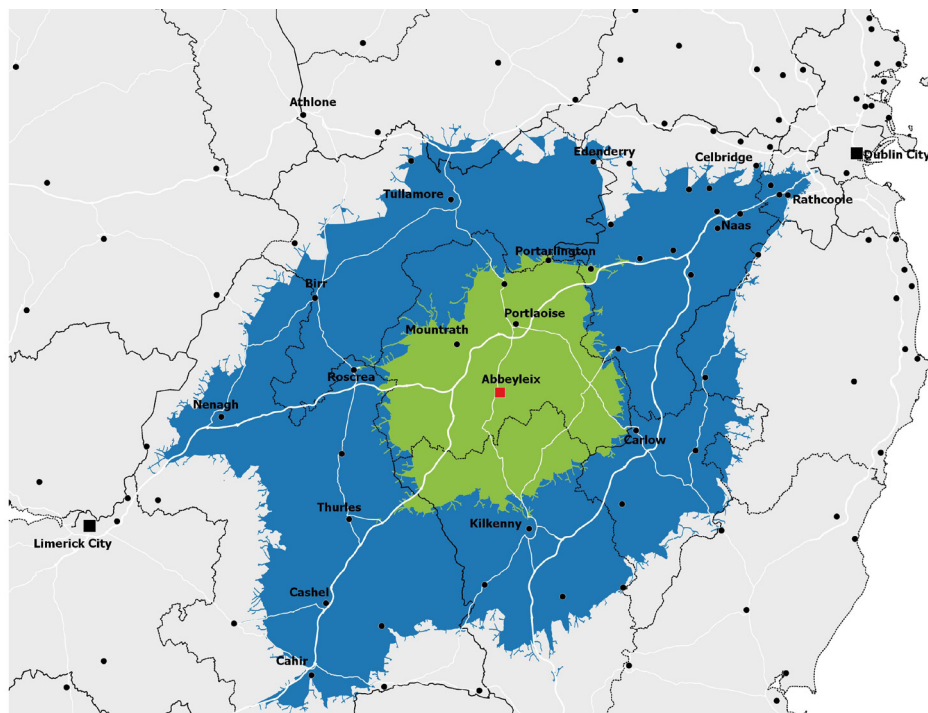
The socio-economic catchment profile is based on 8 key themes with a series of indicators representing each theme. All data is based on the latest available Census information (2016).

Each indicator page highlights the key points and provides three key graphics that illustrate the main data for either the hierarchy of geographies (settlement, 30 and 60 minutes catchment) or for the key indicators within the theme.



## Geography

The socio-economic catchment profile is based on two distinct geographies. Firstly, the official settlement boundary for the town (based on Central Statistics Office definition) and secondly, a drive-time isochrone or travel catchment to each settlement. Two isochrones are represented here - a 0-30 minute travel isochrone and a one-hour travel isochrone (see green and blue areas below).

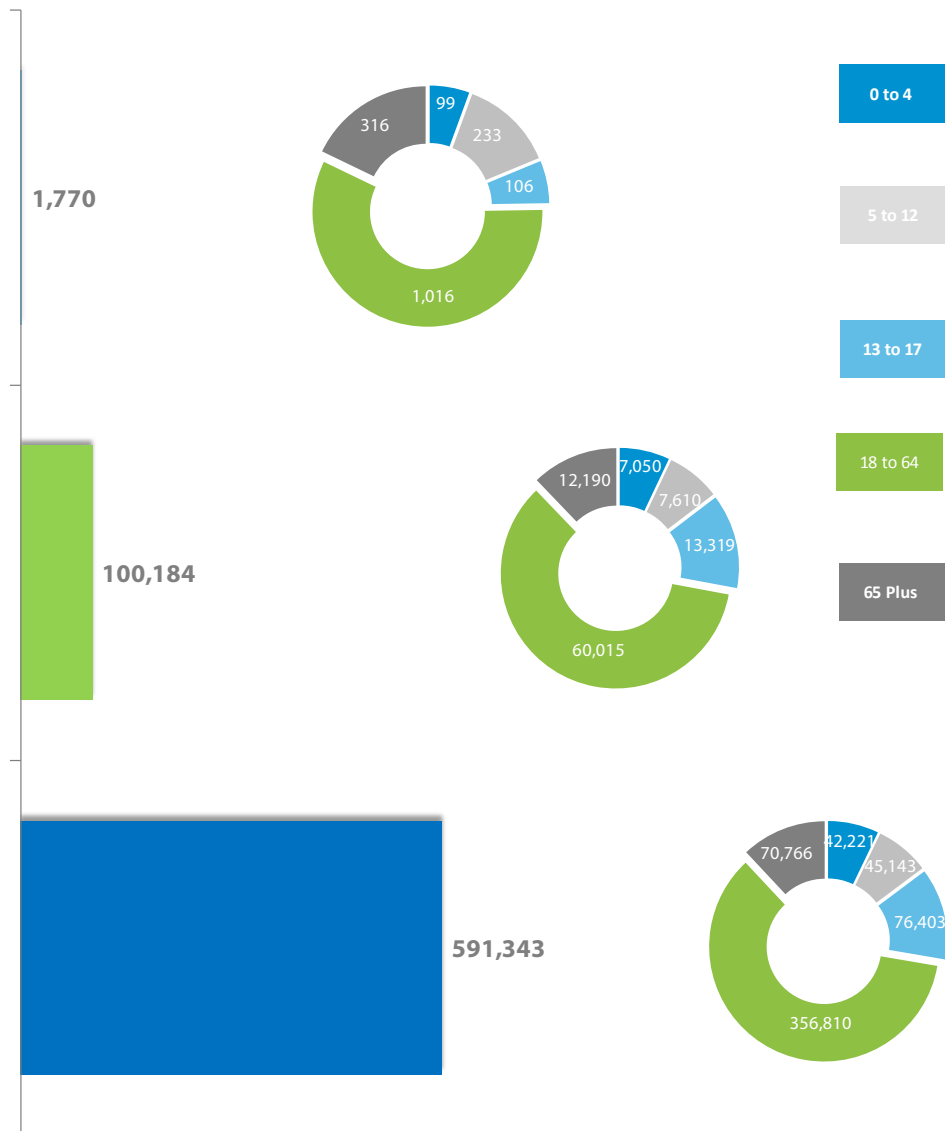


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# Demography

## Total Population





# Demography

## Social Classification (1 highest, 6 lowest)



**38,398**  
Social Class 1

Within a one-hour drivetime a total of 38,398 (6.5%) are classed as within the Social Class 1 grouping. Within a 30 minute drivetime this figure is 5,609 (5.6%) and 124 (7%) within the Settlement.



**159,738**  
Social Class 2

Within a one-hour drivetime a total of 159,738 (27%) are classed as within the Social Class 2 grouping. Within a 30 minute drivetime this figure is 26,317 (26.3%) and 498 (28.1%) within the Settlement.

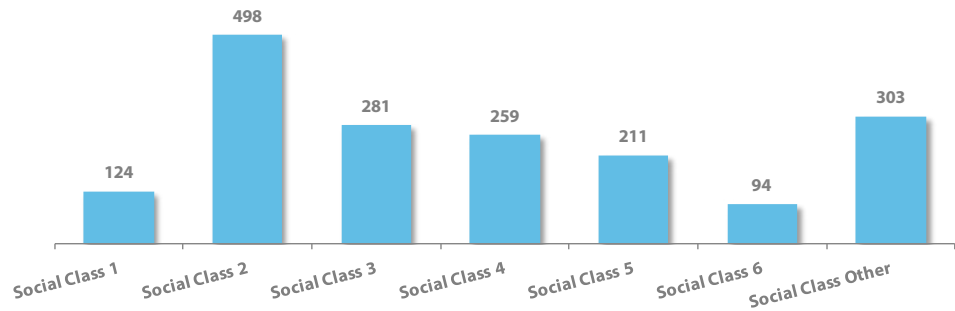


**24,410**  
Social Class 6

Within a one-hour drivetime a total of 24,410 (4.1%) are classed as within the Social Class 6 grouping. Within a 30 minute drivetime this figure is 4,153 (4.1%) and 94 (5.3%) within the Settlement.



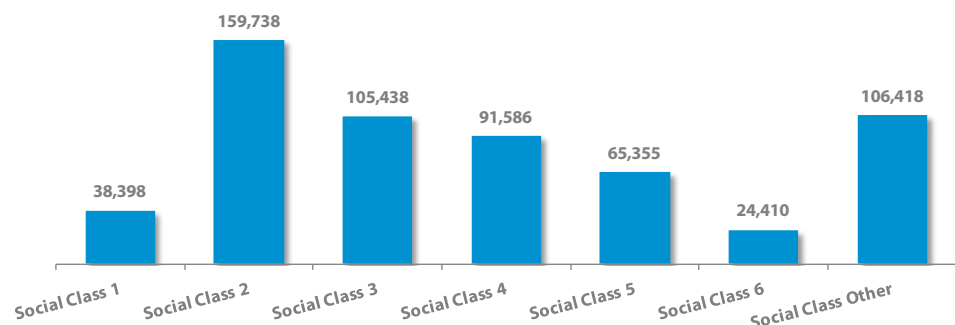
within the settlement



30  
minute drivetime



60  
minute drivetime





# Demography

## Non-native Language Speakers (not English or Irish)



140

Within the Settlement a population of 140 are non-native language speakers. This can be broken down into Polish 17 (12.1%), French 24 (17.1%), Lithuanian 4 (2.9%) and Other 95 (67.9%).



10,866

Within a 30 minute drivetime a population of 10,866 are non-native language speakers. This can be broken down into Polish 3,130 (28.8%), French 1,017 (9.4%), Lithuanian 671 (6.2%) and Other 6,048 (55.7%).

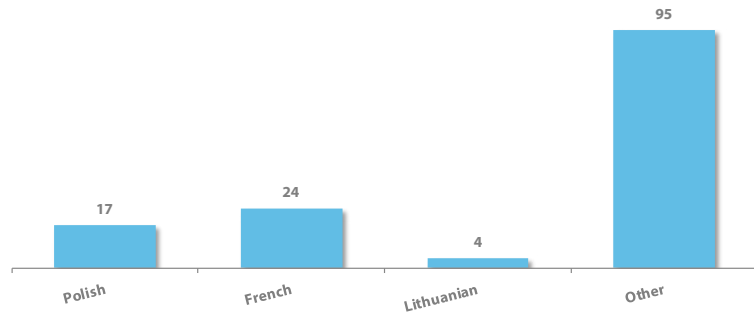


72,956

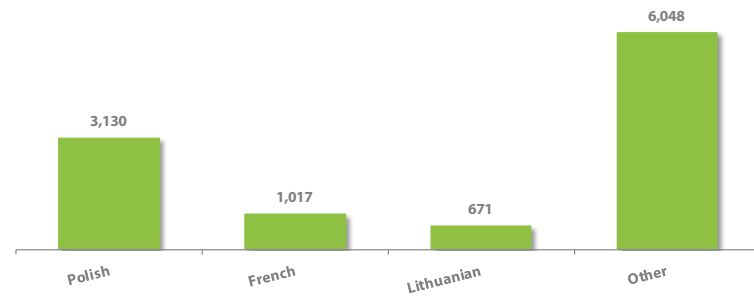
Within a 60 minute drivetime a population of 72,956 are non-native language speakers. This can be broken down into Polish 21,439 (29.4%), French 5,817 (8%), Lithuanian 5,054 (6.9%) and Other 40,646 (55.7%).



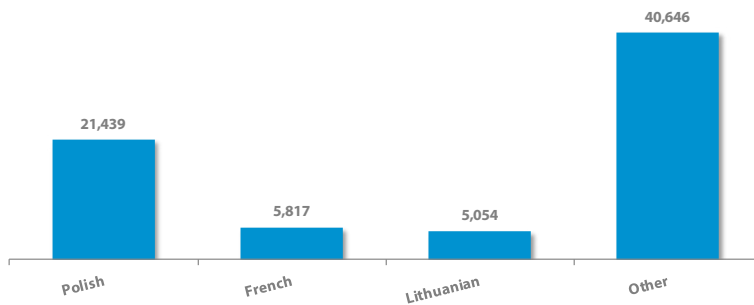
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30 minute drivetime



60 minute drivetime





# Demography Family Cycle



**15,555**  
Empty Nests

Within a one-hour drivetime a total of 15,555 (10%) Families are classed as Empty Nests. This figure is 2,710 (10.4%) within a 30 minute drive and 052 (10.7%) within the settlement.



**15,966**  
Pre-school

Within a one-hour drivetime a total of 15,966 (10.3%) Families are classed as Pre-School. This figure is 2,579 (9.9%) within a 30 minute drive and 025 (5.2%) within the settlement.

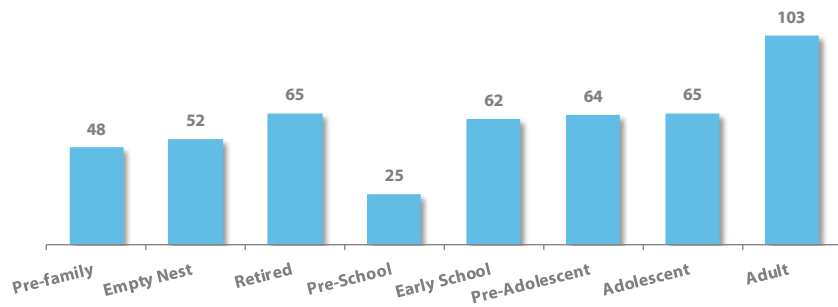


**12,025**  
Pre-family

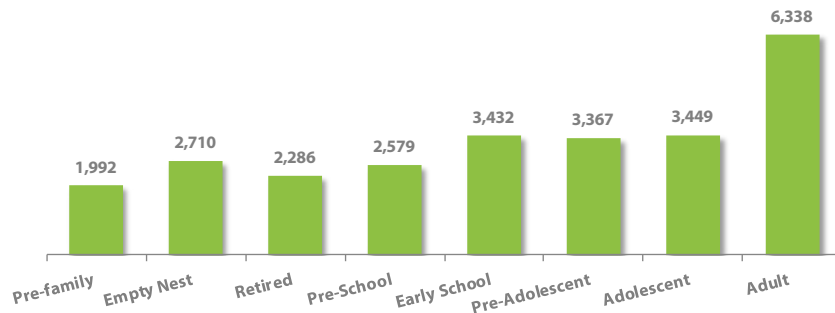
Within a one-hour drivetime a total of 12,025 (7.7%) Families are classed as Pre-Family. This figure is 1,992 (7.6%) within a 30 minute drive and 048 (9.9%) within the settlement.



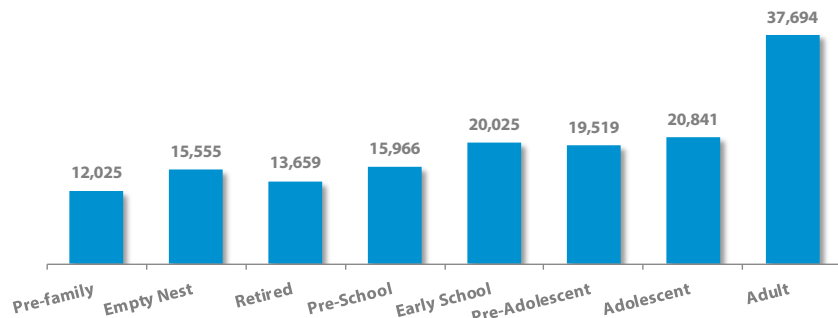
within the settlement



30  
minute drivetime



60  
minute drivetime





# Education Attainment Levels



**1,737  
PhDs**

Within a one hour drivetime from the settlement there are 1,737 graduates with a PhD, 211 reside within a half hour drive from the settlement.



**88,036  
3rd Level**

There are 88,036 graduates with a Third Level Degree residing within a one hour drive from the settlement. 29% have a PostGrad and 2% have a PhD

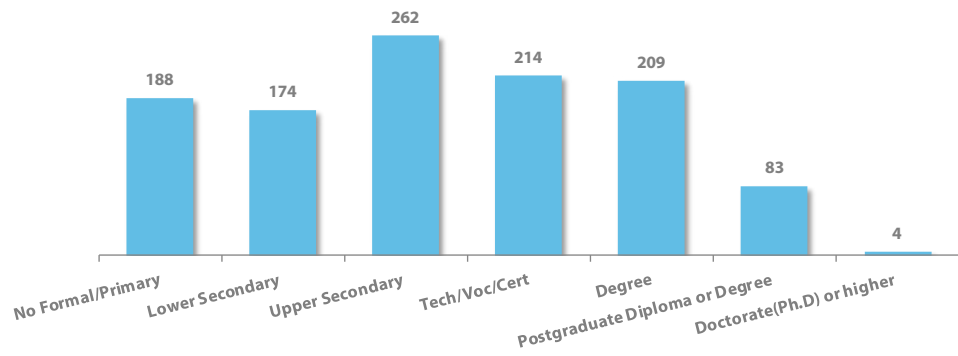


**81,327  
Trades**

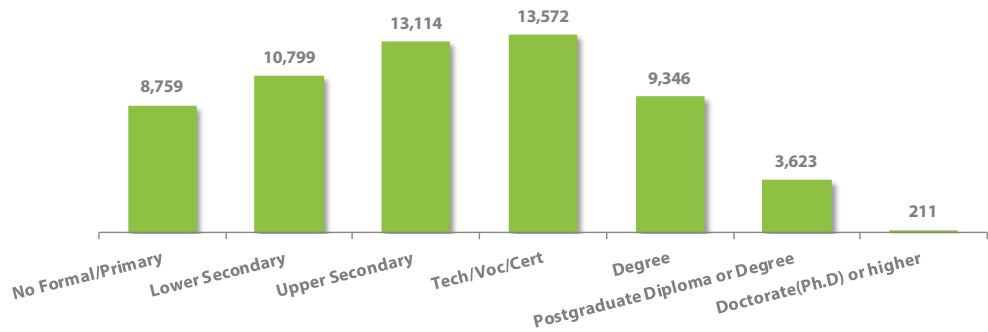
Abbeyleix has a high number of people with Apprenticeships, Technical and Vocational qualifications residing within a one hour drive from the settlement.



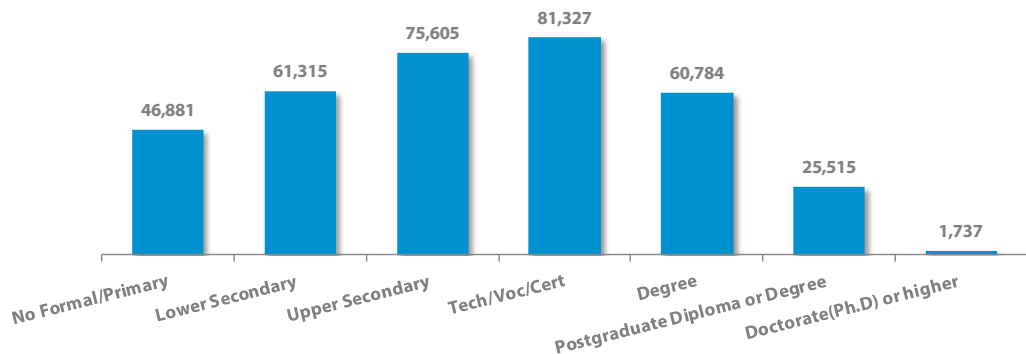
**within the  
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**30  
minute  
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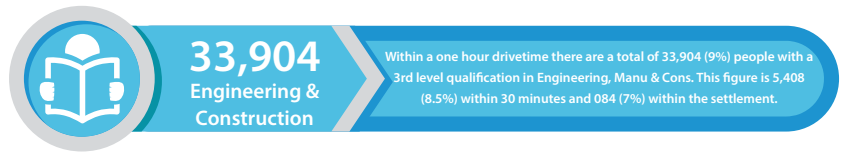
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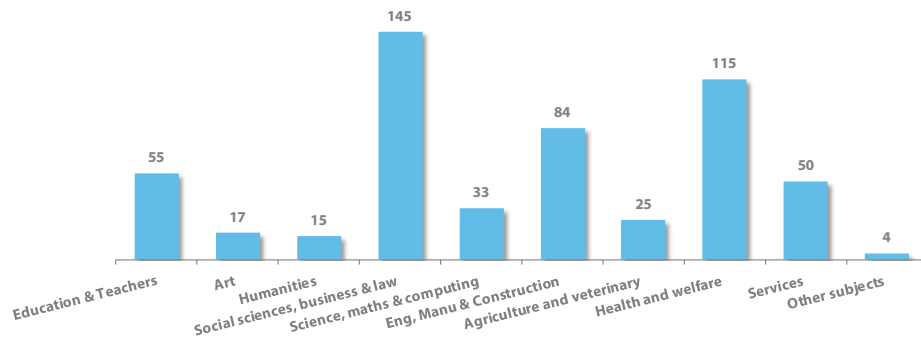




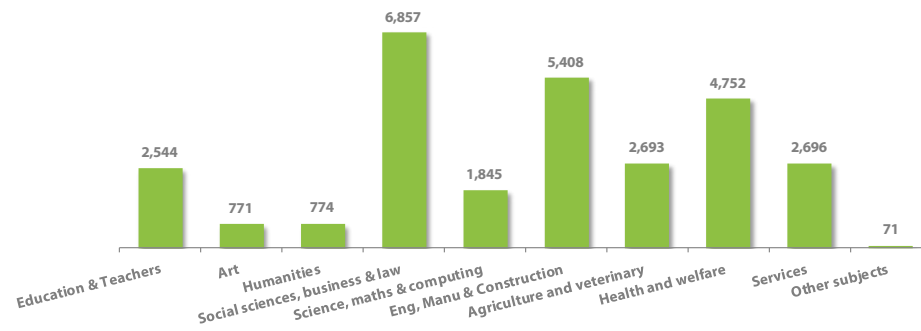
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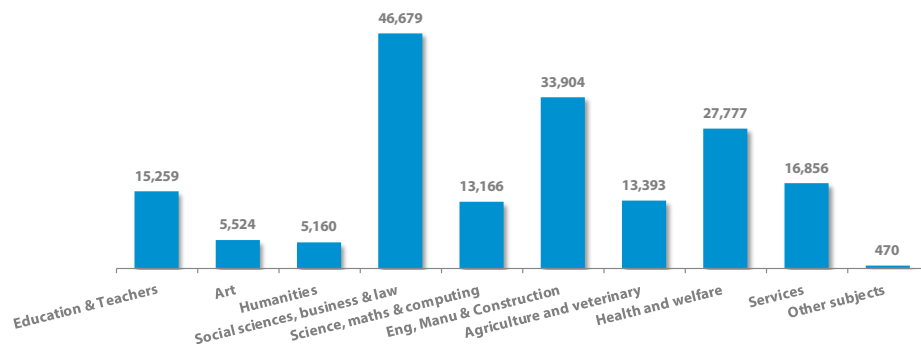
within the settlement



30  
minute drivetime



60  
minute drivetime





# Economy Status

## Labour Force & Non Labour Force



769

The total labour force within the settlement is 769 and represents approximately 1.9% of the labour force in the county (39,609) in 2016.



46,747

Within a thirty minute drivetime there is a labour force of 46,747. This figure represents approximately 2% of the labour force of Ireland (2.3M) in 2016.

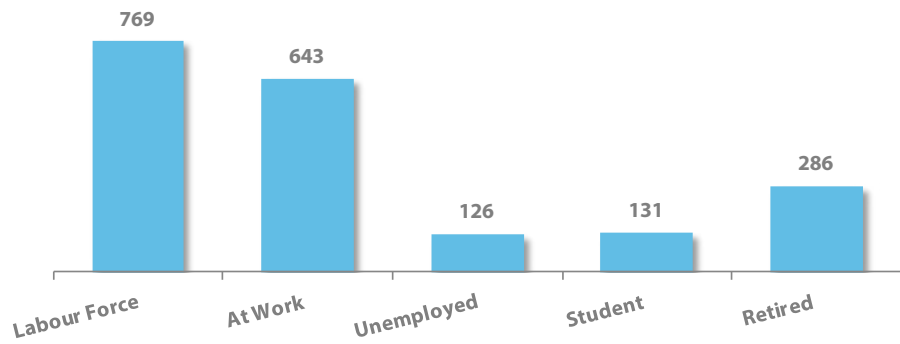


281,745

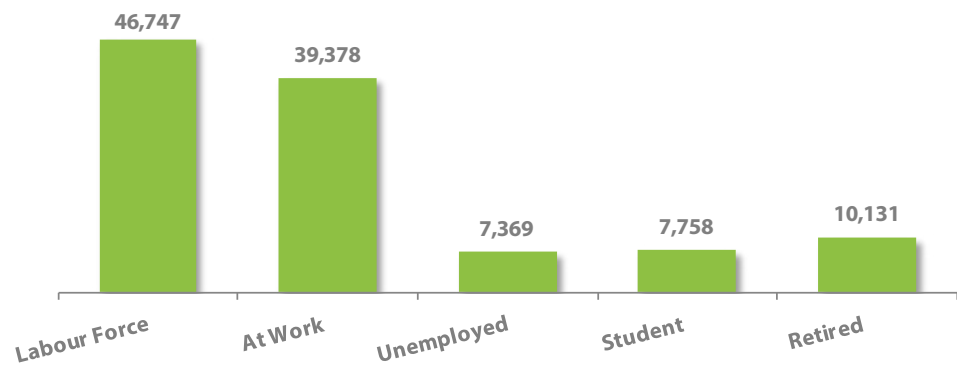
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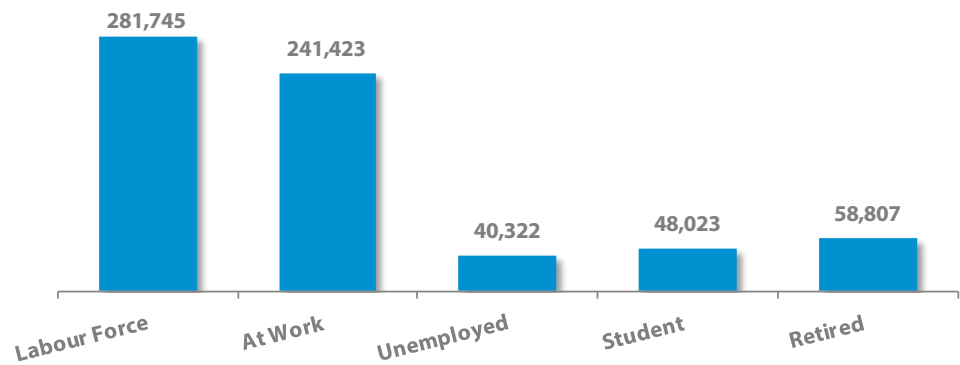
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30 minute drivetime



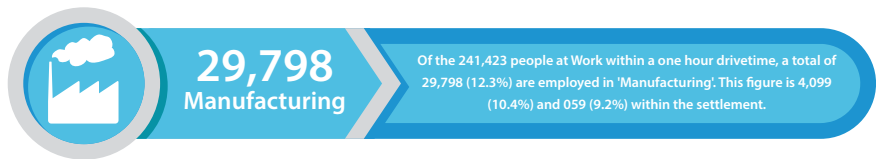
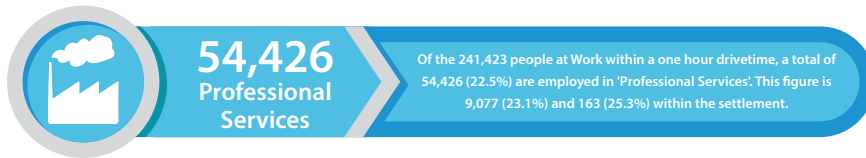
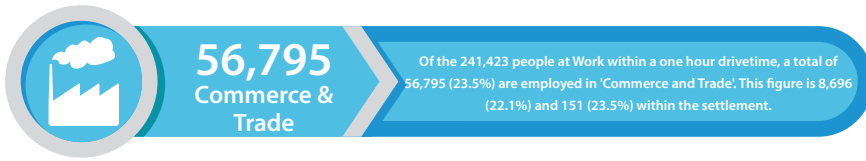
60 minute drivetime



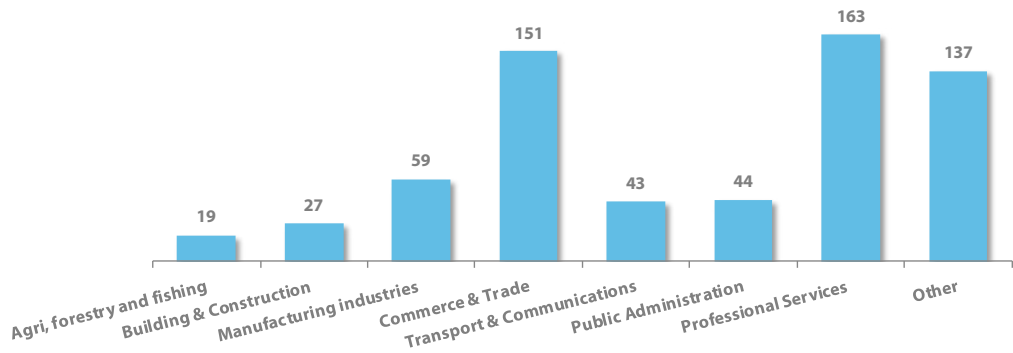


# Industry & Occupations

## Industry of Employment



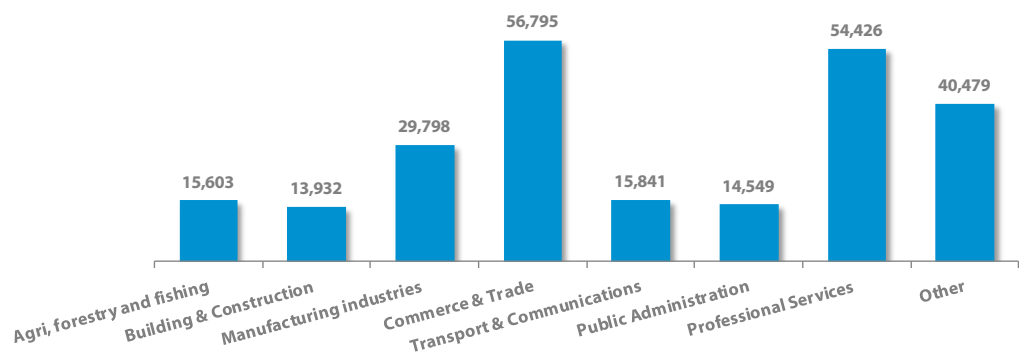
within the settlement



30  
minute drivetime



60  
minute drivetime





# Industry & Occupations

## Type of Occupation



**20,480**  
Senior Execs

A total of 20,480 (7.4%) persons classed as 'Managers, Directors and Senior Officials' are residing within a one hour drivetime, 3,082 (6.7%) within 30 minutes and 059 (7.7%) within the Settlement.



**39,228**  
Professionals

A total of 39,228 (14.1%) persons classed as 'Professionals' are residing within a one hour drivetime, 6,025 (13.1%) within 30 minutes and 131 (17.2%) within the Settlement.



**27,841**  
Prof & Technical

A total of 27,841 (10%) persons classed as 'Associate Professional and Technical' are residing within a one hour drivetime, 4,359 (9.5%) within 30 minutes and 064 (8.4%) within the Settlement.



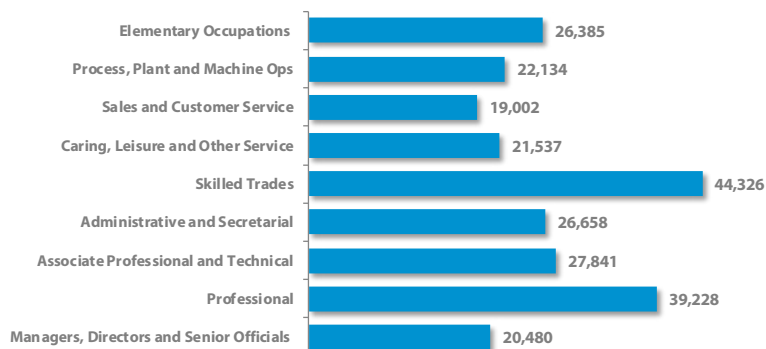
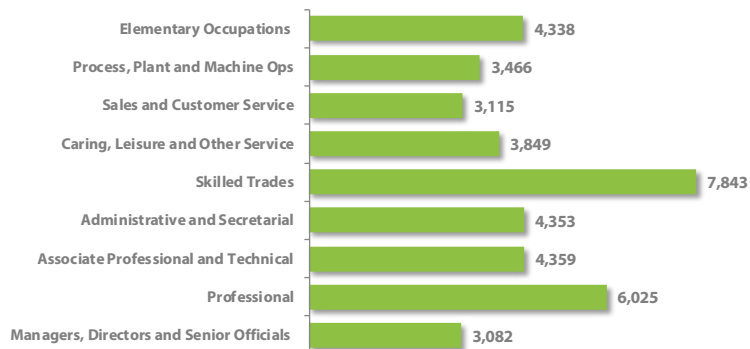
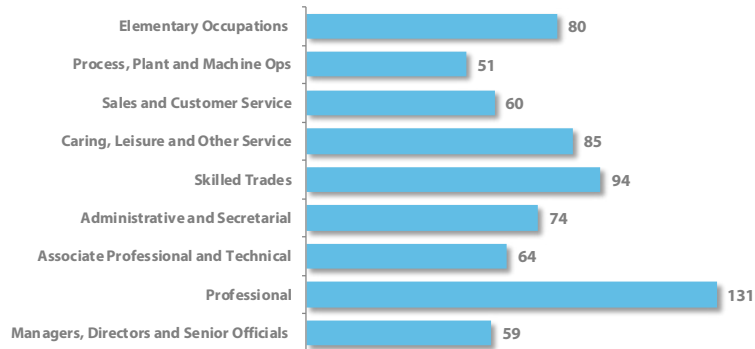
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30  
minute drivetime



60  
minute drivetime





# Housing

## Type of Property



712

The total number of households within the settlement is 712 and represents 2.4% of all households within the county in 2016.



34,727

Within a 30 minute drivetime there are 34,727 households. 93.4% are classed as Houses/Bungalows and 4.5% are classed as Flats/Apartments. This figure represents 2% of the total households in the State in 2016.

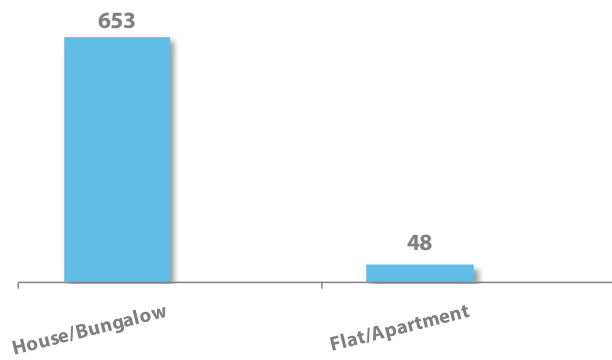


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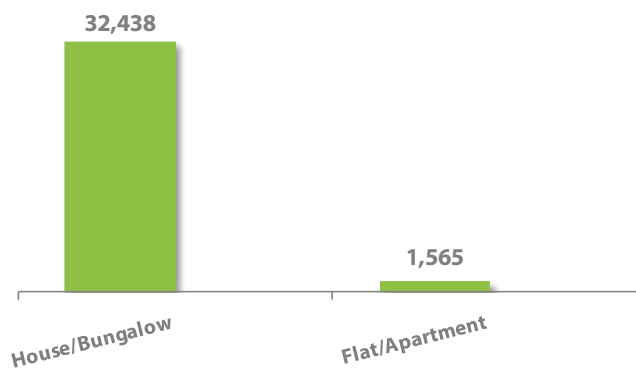
Within a one hour drive there are 204,525 households. 90.9% are House/Bungalows and 7.1% are Flat/Apartments. This figure represents 12% of the total households in the State in 2016.



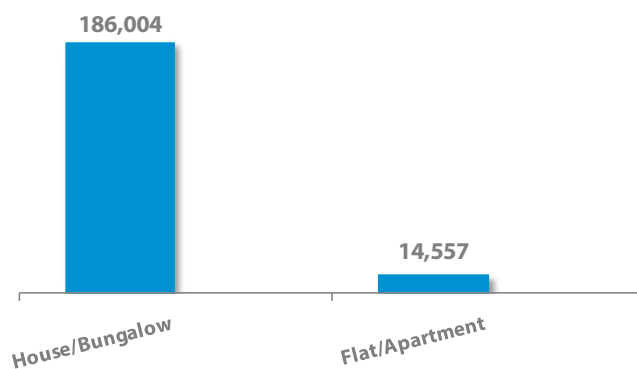
within the settlement



30 minute drivetime



60 minute drivetime





# Housing Tenure



**451**  
Owner Occupied

There are 451 (63.3%) Owner Occupied (OO) households within the Settlement, a total of 24,931 (72.1%) within a 30 minute drivetime and 141,988 (69.7%) within a one hour drivetime.



**107**  
Private Rented

There are 107 (15%) Private Rented (PR) households within the Settlement, a total of 4,694 (13.6%) within a 30 minute drivetime and 31,611 (15.5%) within a one hour drivetime.



**126**  
Social Rented

There are 126 (17.7%) Social Rented (SR) households within the Settlement, a total of 3,421 (9.9%) within a 30 minute drivetime and 21,377 (10.5%) within a one hour drivetime.



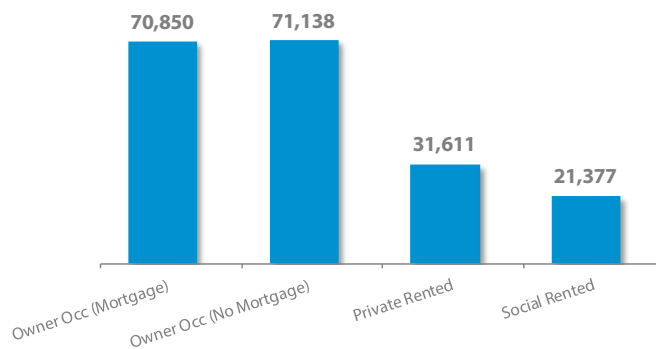
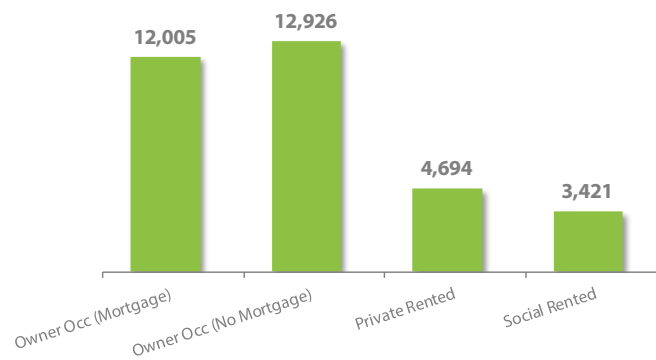
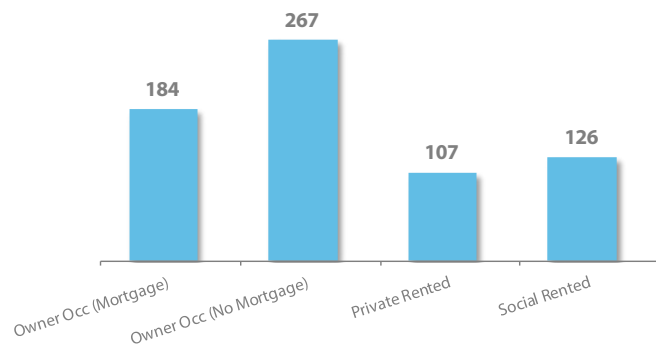
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30  
minute drivetime



60  
minute drivetime





# Housing

## Age of Properties



**4,361**  
Post 2011

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 4,361 (2.1%) households were built post 2011. This figure is 813 (2.4%) within 30 minutes and 005 (0.7%) within the Settlement.



**66,715**  
Post 2001

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 66,715 (32.7%) households were built post 2001. This figure is 12,726 (36.8%) within 30 minutes and 268 (37.6%) within the Settlement.

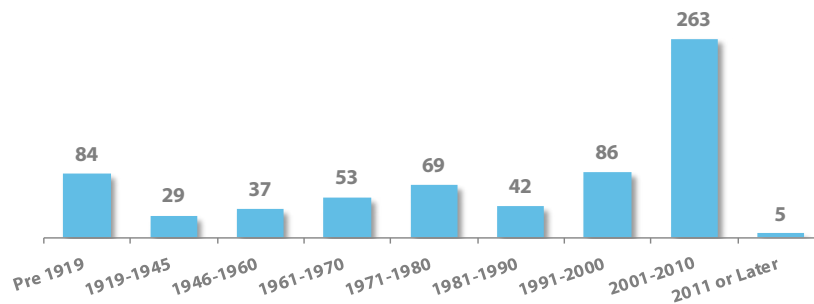


**125,187**  
Pre 2001

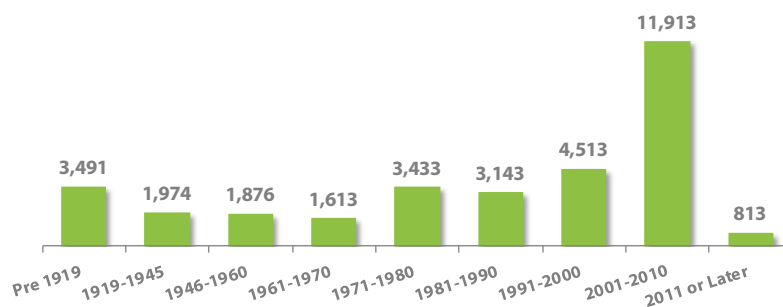
Within a one hour drivetime a total of 125,187 (61.5%) households were built pre 2001. This figure is 20,043 (57.9%) within 30 minutes and 400 (56.2%) within the Settlement.



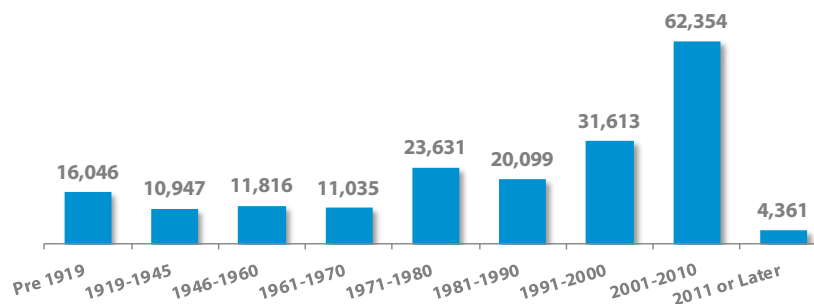
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30 minute drivetime



60 minute drivetime





# Housing

## Type of Central Heating



**94,662**  
Oil

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 94,662 (46.5%) households use Oil as the main fuel for central heating. This figure is 16,358 (47.3%) within a 30 minute drive time and 434 (61%) within the Settlement.



**53,804**  
Natural Gas

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 53,804 (26.4%) households use Natural Gas as the main fuel for central heating. This figure is 7,446 (21.5%) within a 30 minute drive time and 029 (4.1%) within the Settlement.



**11,078**  
Electricity

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 11,078 (5.4%) households use Electricity as the main fuel for central heating. This figure is 1,349 (3.9%) within a 30 minute drive time and 034 (4.8%) within the Settlement.



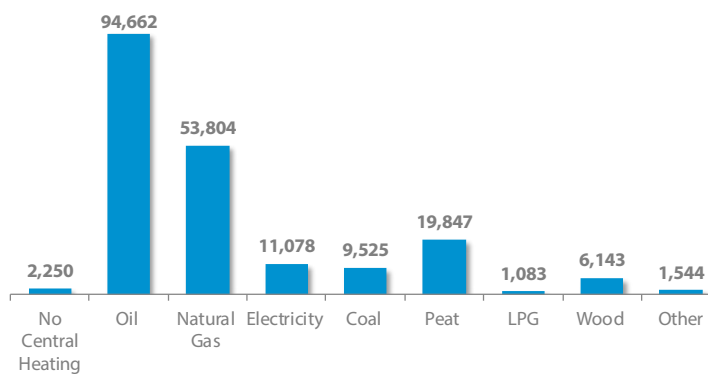
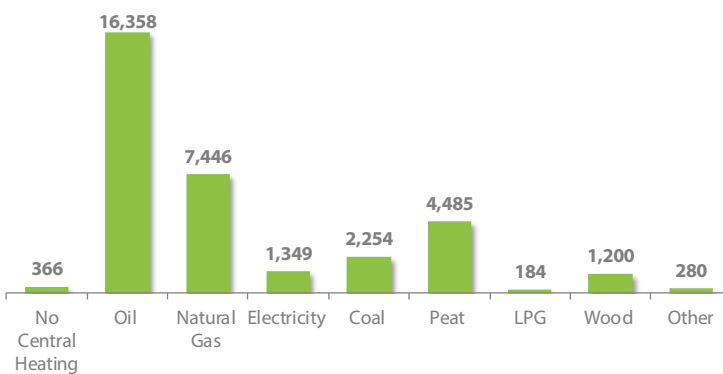
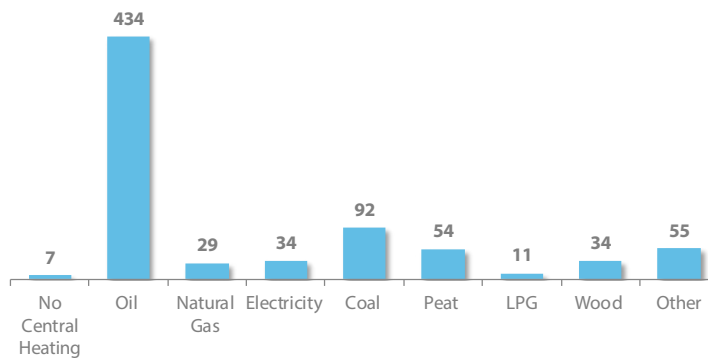
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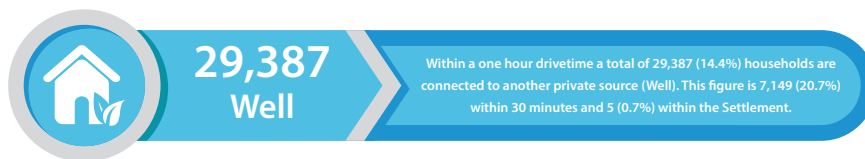
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# Housing Water System



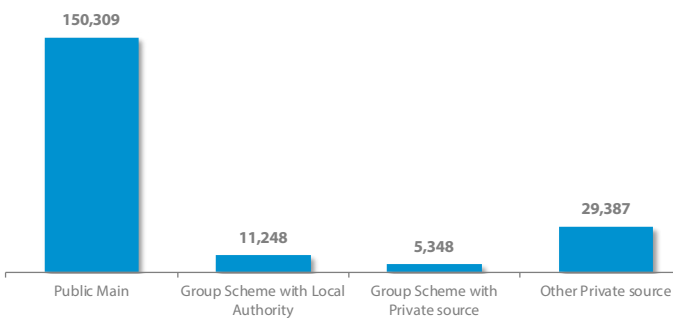
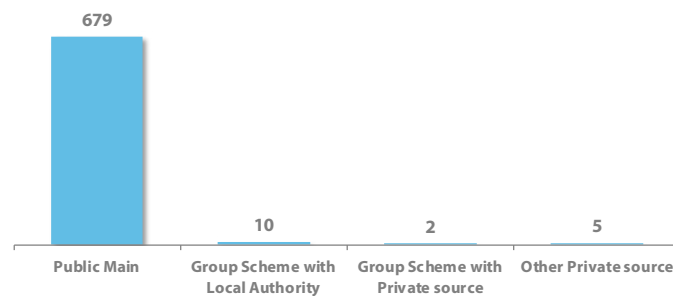
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30  
minute drivetime



60  
minute drivetime





# Housing Sewage System



**126,571**  
Pub Scheme

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 126,571 (62.1%) households are connected to a Public Scheme. This figure is 19,521 (56.4%) within 30 minutes and 678 (95.2%) within the Settlement.



**60,817**  
Septic Tank

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 60,817 (29.9%) households have individual Septic Tanks. This figure is 12,505 (36.2%) within 30 minutes and 013 (1.8%) within the Settlement.



**6,944**  
Other

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 6,944 (3.4%) households are connected to another individual treatment system. This figure is 980 (2.8%) within 30 minutes and 000 (0%) within the Settlement.



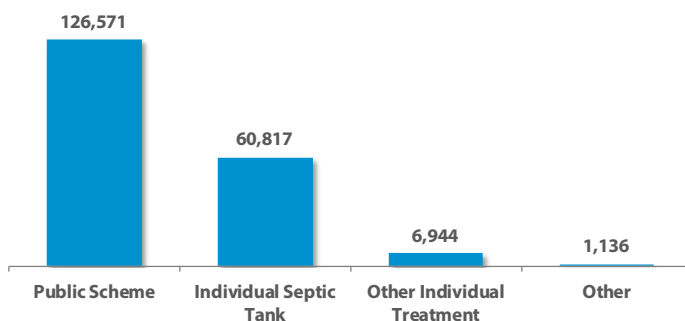
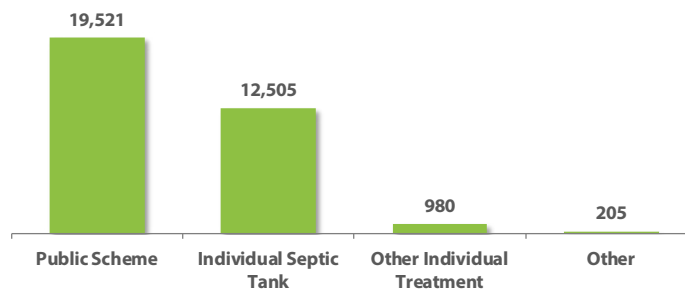
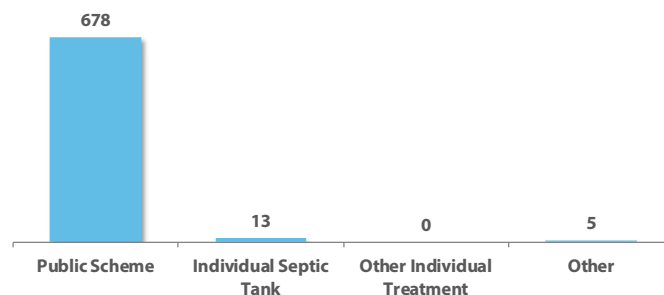
within the settlement



30 minute drivetime



60 minute drivetime





# Transport

## Mode of Transport to Work & School



696

A total of 696 (66.9%) use Private Transport as the mode to work or school every day in the settlement. This compares to 126 (12.1%) for Public Transport and 150 (14.4%) for Green Modes.



44,104

A total of 44,104 (69.9%) use Private Transport as the mode to work or school every day within a thirty minute drivetime. This compares to 6,449 (10.2%) for Public Transport and 6,604 (10.5%) for Green.

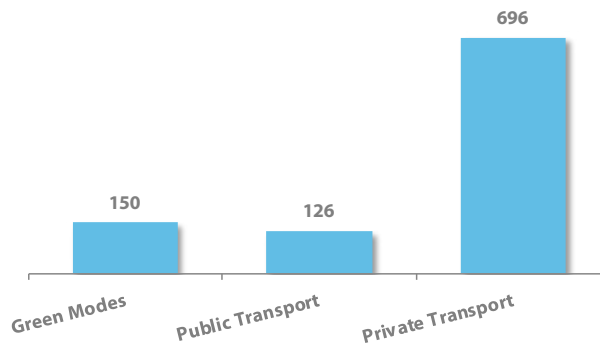


259,057

A total of 259,057 (68.2%) use Private Transport as the mode to work or school every day within a one hour drivetime. This compares to 38,346 (10.1%) for Public Transport and 51,284 (13.5%) for Green.



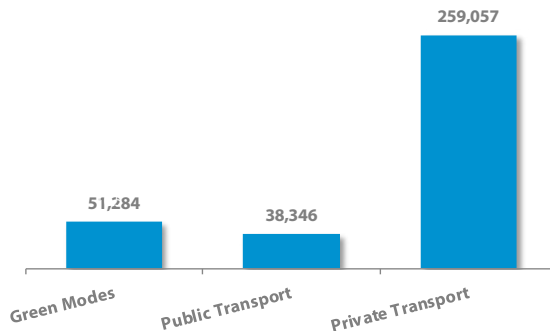
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30 minute drivetime



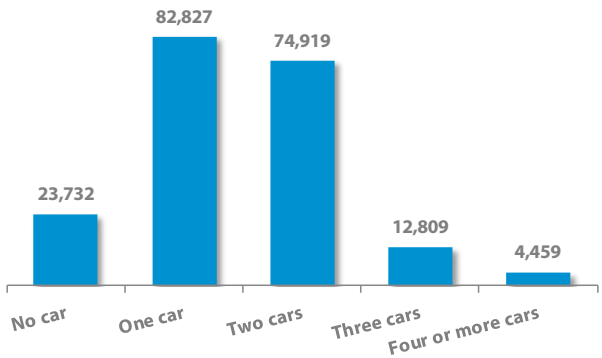
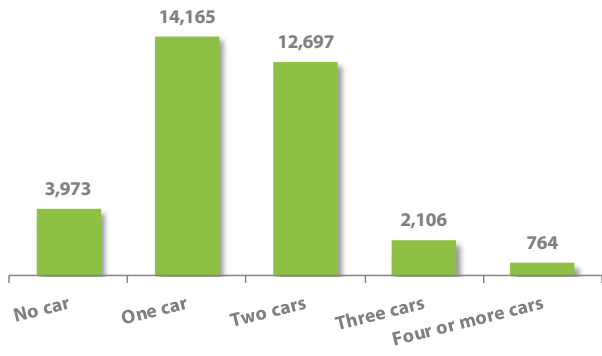
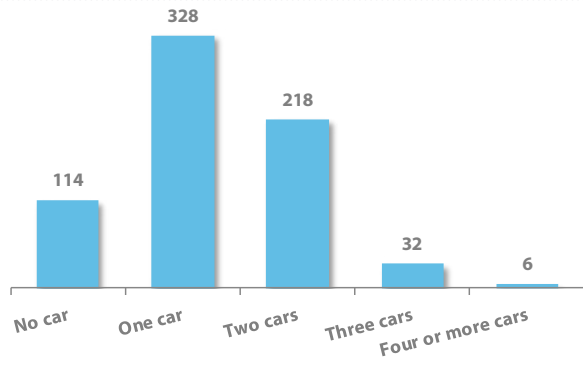
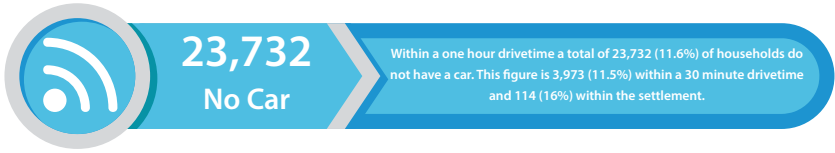
60 minute drivetime





# Connectivity

## Cars per Household





# Connectivity

## Broadband Access



**138,984**  
Broadband

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 138,984 (68.2%) of households have broadband access. This figure is 22,336 (64.6%) within a 30 minute drivetime and 466 (65.4%) within the settlement.



**19,326**  
Non-Broadband

Within a one hour drivetime a total of 19,326 (9.5%) of households have access to non-broadband internet. This figure is 3,764 (10.9%) within a 30 minute drivetime and 057 (8%) within the settlement.

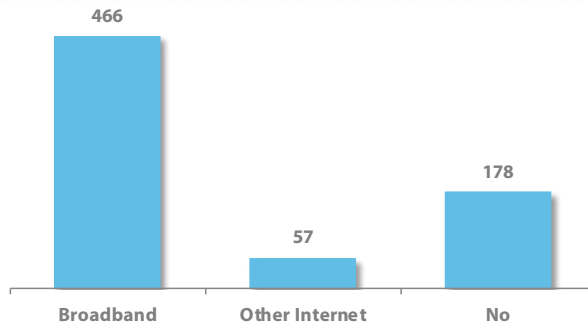


**40,023**  
No Internet

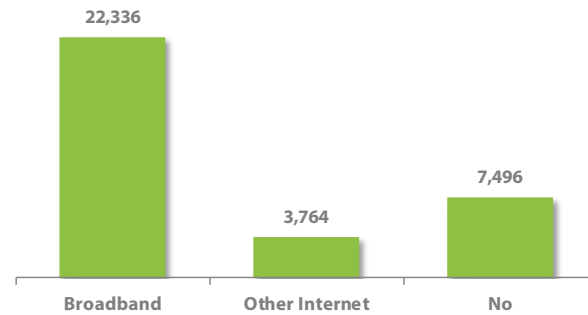
Within a one hour drivetime a total of 40,023 (19.6%) of households have no internet access. This figure is 7,496 (21.7%) within a 30 minute drivetime and 178 (25%) within the settlement.



within the settlement



30  
minute drivetime



60  
minute drivetime

