

Work then and now

Work here, then and now

Name _____

Date _____

Today's job

Chart the 1926 work figures for our county and compare them with work today. Then note what the figures cannot tell us.

Out of every 100 people with work in 1926

Area	Farming	Making things	Building	Transport	Shops and trade	Domestic servants	Everything else
Leinster	33	15	5	7	9	9	22
Carlow County	53	11	5	4	7	8	13
Dublin County Borough	1	27	5	13	13	8	33
Dublin County	13	14	5	8	12	15	34
Kildare County	45	7	5	5	5	8	25
Kilkenny County	58	10	4	3	5	7	13
Laoighis County	63	9	4	3	5	6	10
Longford County	73	5	3	2	4	5	9
Louth County	36	18	5	7	9	8	18
Meath County	60	8	5	4	5	8	10
Offaly County	61	11	4	2	5	5	11
Westmeath County	56	9	4	4	5	6	15
Wexford County	56	11	3	5	6	9	10
Wicklow County	48	9	6	7	7	10	13
Munster	51	11	4	5	7	7	14
Clare County	68	6	6	2	4	4	9
Cork County Borough	1	28	3	14	14	8	31
Cork County, East Riding	43	13	4	6	7	10	17
Cork County, West Riding	67	8	3	2	5	6	9
Kerry County	66	8	3	3	5	6	10
Limerick County Borough	2	28	6	14	13	8	30
Limerick County	62	7	5	3	5	9	9
Tipperary County, North Riding	61	8	5	3	5	7	12
Tipperary County, South Riding	53	10	5	4	7	9	12
Waterford County Borough	3	22	5	16	14	10	30
Waterford County	58	9	4	4	5	9	11
Connacht	77	5	2	2	3	3	8
Galway County	75	6	2	2	3	3	9
Leitrim County	81	4	2	1	3	3	6
Mayo County	80	4	1	2	3	3	7
Roscommon County	80	4	2	1	3	3	7
Sligo County	70	6	2	4	4	4	10
Ulster (3 counties)	71	7	2	2	5	5	8
Cavan County	75	5	2	2	5	5	7
Donegal County	71	9	2	2	4	5	8
Monaghan County	69	6	2	2	6	6	9
Saorstát Éireann	51	11	4	5	7	7	15

Out of every 100 people aged 12 and over with work, on census night, 18 April 1926. Rounded to the nearest whole number, so a row can add up to 99 or 101. Unpaid work at home is not counted.

In 1926, out of every 100 people with work, how many did each kind of work?. Central Statistics Office, Census of Population 1926, Volume II (Occupations), Table 4A. CC BY 4.0

Then and now in our place

Kind of work	In 1926 (out of 100)	Today in our area
Farming		
Making things		
Building		
Transport		
Shops and trade		
Domestic servants		
Everything else		

What has changed about work here? What has stayed the same?

What can these figures NOT tell us?

One place we pinned where people work today, and the kind of work

Key words

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