Men in the Middle
-What the census tells us

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Age profile

- 622,376 men in Ireland aged 40 to 59 in Census 2016
- Up 45,672 or 7.9% since 2011 compared to a 3.8% increase in general population
Change in males (%) aged 40–59 by county, 2011 – 2016
Marital Status

- 402,530 (65%) in first marriage, 1,096 in a same sex civil partnership
- 140,330 single men aged 40-59, up 21% since 2011
- 53,704 separated or divorced, 18,251 re-married
- 6,464 widowed
Household type

- 252,974 households where the head of household was a male aged 40-59
- One person households up 6%
- Cohabiting couples with children up 48%
- 13,495 one parent father households
- Non family households up 33%
## Employment

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<th>2011</th>
<th>2016</th>
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<tr>
<td>At work</td>
<td>412,292</td>
<td>487,622</td>
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<td>Unemployed</td>
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<td>67,668</td>
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<td>Student or pupil</td>
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<td>Looking after home/family</td>
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<td>Retired</td>
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<td>Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability</td>
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<td>Others not in labour force</td>
<td>1,801</td>
<td>2,423</td>
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Education

- 45,695 males aged 40-59 with primary education or no formal education only, down 29%
- 97,022 with a degree, up 29%
- 58,211 with a postgraduate qualification, up 38%
General Health

- 536,285 men (89%) reported their general health as “Very good” or “Good”
- 11,928 reported as “Bad” or “Very bad”
Disability rates by age
Disability types

- 40,291 men 40-59 reported having a chronic illness or condition or difficultly with pain or breathing
- 28,888 men reported having a condition that substantially limits basic physical activities
- 18,683 reported having a psychological or emotional condition, up 19%