

PEOPLE and PLACE

A Census Atlas of the Republic of Ireland

Edited by James A. Walsh

Using data from the 2002 and previous Censuses of Population this Census Atlas provides unique perspectives on the demographic and socio-economic profile of the Republic of Ireland at the dawn of the twenty first century. Statistical data for over 3,000 small areal units have been used to produce over 200 maps that display in colour key trends and patterns in an extensive range of topics that include population change, age profiles, family types, immigration and inter-county migration, male and female labour force participation rates, employment patterns by occupation and industry, the social class structure, educational attainment levels, access to the Internet, commuting distances and times, and cultural attributes such as frequency of speaking Irish, and religious affiliations.

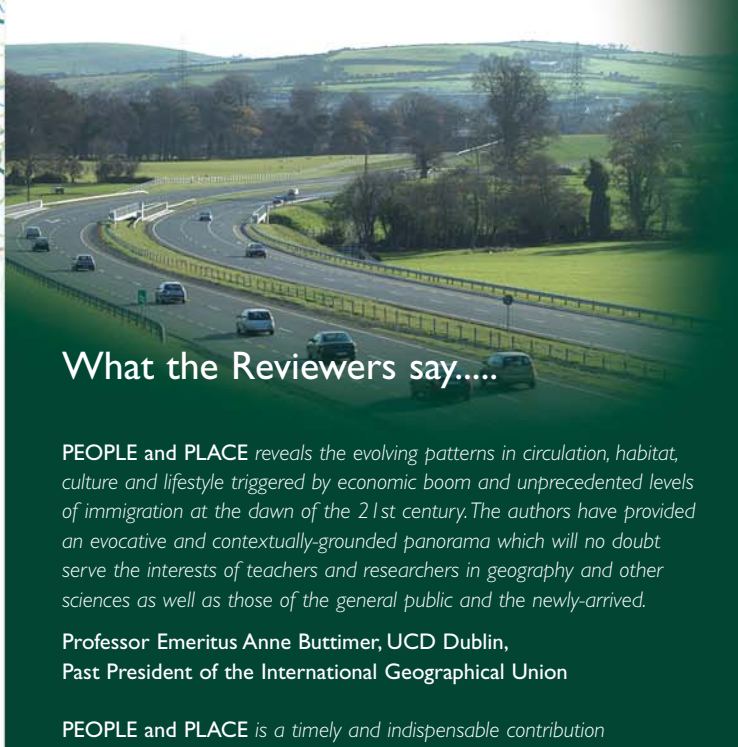
New classifications of rural areas and urban centres are also included. The maps are complemented by a narrative that describes the main features of the maps and also provides a contextual overview to aid the interpretation of patterns, many of which represent a significant break with long established geographical distributions. The maps and text together provide a representation of Irish society that will become the baseline for future studies throughout the twenty first century.



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What the Reviewers say....

PEOPLE and PLACE reveals the evolving patterns in circulation, habitat, culture and lifestyle triggered by economic boom and unprecedented levels of immigration at the dawn of the 21st century. The authors have provided an evocative and contextually-grounded panorama which will no doubt serve the interests of teachers and researchers in geography and other sciences as well as those of the general public and the newly-arrived.

**Professor Emeritus Anne Buttmer, UCD Dublin,
Past President of the International Geographical Union**

PEOPLE and PLACE is a timely and indispensable contribution to evidence-based spatial strategy making. The innovative methodologies and approach to contextualisation of spatial analyses will undoubtedly appeal to much wider spatial planning communities in Europe and beyond.

**Professor Simin Davoudi,
Newcastle University, Past President of the Association
of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)**

The cartographic presentation of the results of Census 2002 in PEOPLE and PLACE has huge capacity to facilitate a shared understanding of issues and policy changes arising across a highly diverse system of actors. It is a most welcome and valuable contribution to the understanding of Ireland in transition.

**Dermot McCarthy, Chairman
National Economic and Social Council**

This is a quite remarkable volume, which for the first time does justice to the extraordinary volume of data yielded by an Irish population census. The analysis is comprehensive, and the colourful mapping of so many features of our society and economy makes the data readily accessible to a wide audience. Key features of our demography positively leap from the maps making PEOPLE and PLACE a very valuable basis for future spatial planning.

**Dr. Garret FitzGerald, former Taoiseach,
Chancellor National University of Ireland**



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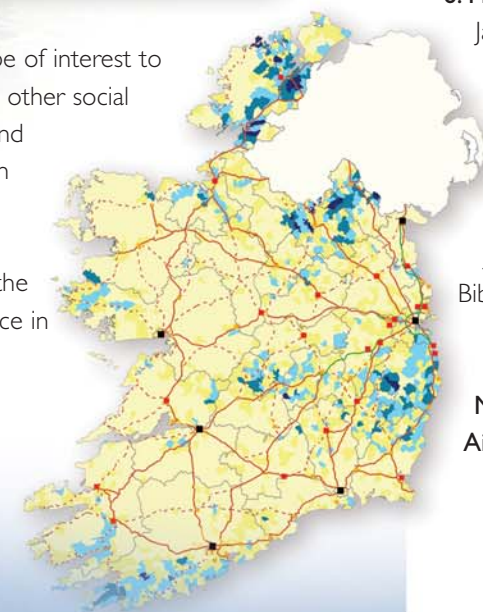
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PEOPLE and PLACE provides the first confirmation of the extent and geographical distribution of the demographic, social, economic and life style changes that have occurred in Ireland since the mid 1990s. New types of rural urban linkages have emerged, leading to concerns about environmental and social sustainability over the longer term. The maps demonstrate clearly the need for a coherent and consistent approach to spatial planning at all levels extending from the local to the national.



PEOPLE and PLACE will be of interest to students of geography and other social science disciplines, urban and regional planners, officials in government departments and state agencies, and all others with an interest in the changes that are taking place in Irish society.



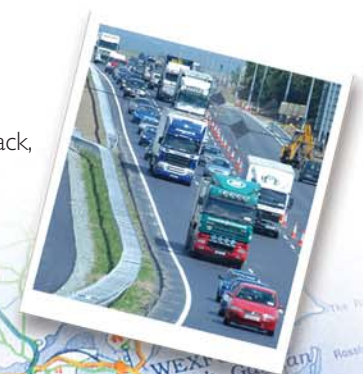
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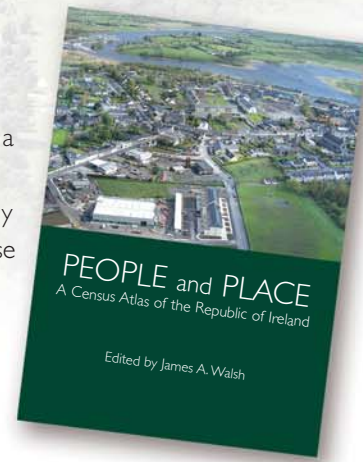
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