

REGISTRAR GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Births
24,215



Deaths
15,548



Cancer
4,361



Population
1,851,600



Stillbirths
76

Infant deaths
124

Marriages
8,355



Divorces
2,360



Civil
Partnerships
89



CP
Dissolutions
7



Adoptions
113



Re-registrations
1,011



Key Points

- The population of Northern Ireland rose by 11,100 in the year ending 30 June 2015, to exceed 1.85 million people for the first time.
- Of the 24,215 births (12,493 males and 11,722 females) registered, two out of every five (44 per cent) occurred outside of marriage.
- Births to teenage mothers reached a new record low of 760, whilst births to mothers aged 35 years and over continued to rise.
- 76 stillbirths were registered, 6.2 per cent fewer than in 2014 and the lowest number ever recorded in Northern Ireland.
- 15,548 deaths were registered – the highest number recorded since the flu epidemic of 1999 (15,663). Two out of every three of the 870 additional deaths in 2015 can be attributed to people aged 75 or over, 68 per cent of whom were male.
- At 28 per cent, Cancer continued to be the leading cause of death in 2015, with the number of such deaths among males increasing by 7 per cent and the number among females decreasing by 5 per cent.
- Almost 2 out of every 3 deaths were of people aged 75 or over.
- 8,355 marriages and 89 civil partnerships were registered, equivalent to roughly 1 every hour.
- August was the most popular month to get married although Saturday 5th September was the most popular day to tie the knot.
- 2,360 divorces and 7 civil partnership dissolutions were granted with non-cohabitation remaining the most frequently recorded reason for separation.