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Births to teenage mothers lowest number on record

During 2013 a total of 24,277 births were registered, 937 of which were to teenage mothers – the lowest number on record for Northern Ireland.

Cancer was the most common cause of death during 2013. Some 4,230 people died from cancer last year, the highest number on record, representing an increase of 35 per cent on the corresponding figure in 1983.

While the second most common cause of death in 2013 was from diseases of the circulatory system (3,917 deaths), the number of deaths from such diseases has fallen by 52 per cent since 1983.

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POPULATION & MIGRATION

- In the year to 30 June 2013, the resident population of Northern Ireland rose by 6,100 people (0.3 per cent) to 1,829,700. This was the lowest level of population growth since the 12 month period ending June 2001.
- The year to mid-2013 was the third consecutive year in which there has been an estimated net loss in population due to migration (i.e. the number of people who left Northern Ireland exceeded the number of people who came here to live). This is in contrast to the period mid 2005 to mid 2007 when net inward migration accounted for half of overall population growth.
- The age structure of Northern Ireland's population continues to get older due to continued increasing life expectancy and relatively low birth rates.
- The latest population projections for Northern Ireland (2012-based) show that the population is projected to continue to increase, exceeding 1.9 million people in 2020 and 2.0 million people in 2036.

BIRTHS

- In 2013 there were 24,277 births registered to Northern Ireland mothers, the lowest number since 2006.
- There were 937 births registered to teenage mothers last year - the lowest number on record. In contrast, just over half of all births were to mothers aged 30 or over (53 per cent or 12,956 births).

DEATHS

- In 2013 there were 14,968 deaths registered in Northern Ireland, 5.4 per cent more than the record low of 14,204 deaths in 2011.
- Cancer was the most common cause of death during 2013. Last year 4,230 people died from cancer, accounting for 28 per cent of all deaths. This is in contrast to the position 30 years ago when 3,138 people died from cancer.

- Diseases of the circulatory system were the second most common cause of death in 2013, accounting for 3,917 deaths (26 per cent of all deaths). By way of contrast, some 8,235 people died from such diseases 30 years ago.
- In 2013, 303 suicides were registered, representing the second highest number of suicides on record (313 suicides were registered in 2010).
- Girls born during 2013 are expected to live 4 years longer than boys (i.e. 82.3 years and 78.0 years respectively). These figures are approximately 6 and 8 years higher than was case for those born in 1983.
- Over the last 50 years the infant death rate has fallen from 27.0 deaths per 1,000 births in 1963 to 4.6 deaths per 1,000 births in 2013.

MARRIAGES/ DIVORCES

- In 2013 a total of 8,126 marriages, 2,403 divorces and 100 civil partnerships were recorded.
- Although declining (down from 82 per cent in 1993 to 69 percent in 2013), religious ceremonies continued to be the most popular type of ceremony - with civil ceremonies accounting for some 31 per cent of all marriages in 2013.
- Over the past two decades the average ages of brides and grooms have both increased by approximately 5 years to 31 and 34 years respectively.
- Saturday 17th August 2013 and Saturday 28th September 2013 were jointly the most popular days to get married last year, with 93 couples getting married on each of these days.
- The number of divorces granted in 2013 is comparable to the average number over the last 2 decades and notably lower than the peak of 2,913 divorces recorded in 2007.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. This is the 92nd Annual Report of the Registrar General for Northern Ireland. The report can be accessed on the NISRA website at:
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp22.htm>
2. The report includes commentary designed to bring out the key demographic trends and issues. Detailed statistical tables are available on CD and on the NISRA website at: <http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp.htm>
3. Corresponding information for England and Wales is published by the [Office for National Statistics](#) and for Scotland by the [National Records of Scotland](#). Similar figures for the Republic of Ireland are available from the [Central Statistics Office](#) Ireland.
4. This Annual Report provides statistics on a number of areas which have policy relevance. In particular, the number of births has implications for planning maternity services and schools, whereas the number of deaths has implications for hospital and palliative care strategies. Population estimates, projections and life expectancy statistics are all of policy interest because of their implications for pensions and the delivery of front line services for the population in areas such as housing, health care, education and transport.
5. Chapter 2 of the report provides further information on the history of genealogy and discusses the main objectives and outputs of genealogical research. In November 2013, the General Register Office launched a website enabling customers to apply online for certified copies of civil registration records. In addition, due to the increasing popularity of genealogy, a new online service for searching family history was introduced in spring 2014.
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