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AVERAGE AGE OF FIRST TIME BRIDES REACHES 30 FOR FIRST TIME

Statistics published today reveal the average age of first time brides in Northern Ireland reached 30 for the first time on record.

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency's "Annual Report of the Registrar General (2014)" also showed one marriage takes place every hour on average in Northern Ireland, with August being the most popular month for weddings.

The report details a range of population and vital statistics (births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships) that fall within the remit of the General Register Office.

The key statistics in the report include:

- 8,550 marriages were registered, equivalent to roughly 1 every hour of the year.
- 110 civil partnerships were registered (47 male partnerships and 63 female partnerships), 10 more than 2013.
- 2,455 divorces and 11 civil partnership dissolutions were granted with non-cohabitation remaining the most frequently recorded reason for separation.
- In the year to 30 June 2014, the resident population of Northern Ireland rose by 10,800 people to 1,840,500.
- Of the 24,394 births (12,543 males and 11,851 females) registered, 43 per cent occurred outside of marriage.
- Births to teenage mothers reached a new record low of 839, whilst births to mothers aged 35 years and over continued to rise.

- 81 stillbirths were registered, 26 per cent fewer than in 2013 and the lowest number ever recorded in Northern Ireland.
- Of the 14,678 deaths, the leading cause of death was cancer (29 per cent), followed by circulatory disease (25 per cent).
- Almost 2 out of every 3 deaths were of people aged 75 or over.

Alongside the statutory statistical information, the report includes commentary on a variety of key population trends. Detailed statistical tables are available as a supplement to the report on compact disc and also on the NISRA and NINIS websites. Copies of the Annual Report of the Registrar General (2014) will be laid in the Assembly and also placed in the House of Commons Library.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. This is the 93rd 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 describes how Northern Ireland is ageing and touches on some of the challenges that this ageing population will bring - most obviously perhaps in terms of health and social care, but also financially as it will impact on pensions, the economy, labour market and housing policy.

6. Infographics to accompany this release is available at:

www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/demography/publications/annual_reports/2014/BirthsInfo.png
www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/demography/publications/annual_reports/2014/DeathsInfo.png
www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/demography/publications/annual_reports/2014/MarriageInfo.png
www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/demography/publications/annual_reports/2014/DivorceInfo.png
www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/demography/publications/annual_reports/2014/StillbirthInfo.png
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www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/demography/publications/annual_reports/2014/CPInfo.png

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9. We welcome feedback from users on the content, format and relevance of this release. Please send feedback to the email address below.

10. Further information on the statistics provided in this publication can be obtained from NISRA Customer Services at:

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