

# 1(E) Education

## 1(E.1) Education Attainment

Table 14 (Table 15 of Kerry Atlas)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT PERCENTAGE BY LEA 1996				
LEA	Primary %	Lower Secondary %	Higher Secondary %	Third Level %
Dingle	30.7%	24.1%	28.9%	16.2%
Killarney Rural	28.2%	26.4%	30.2%	15.3%
Killarney Urban	16.2%	20.2%	39.7%	23.9%
Killorglin	30.3%	22.9%	30.3%	16.5%
Listowel Rural	32.3%	25.6%	29.5%	12.6%
Listowel Urban	19.0%	18.7%	39.7%	22.6%
Tralee Rural	24.2%	25.9%	32.4%	17.5%
Tralee Urban	19.7%	23.6%	34.7%	22.0%
<b>Co. Kerry</b>	<b>26.8%</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>

*Note 1: These percentage figures only relate to people who have completed their formal education and not those still in formal education so does not include people attending school or third level colleges.*

Source: Central Statistics Office. Website: www.cso.ie

Table 15 (Table 16 of Kerry Atlas)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT PERCENTAGE BY LEA 1996				
LEA	Primary	Lower Secondary	Higher Secondary	Third Level
Dingle	1,403	1,101	1,319	738
Killarney Rural	2,058	1,925	2,205	1,115
Killarney Urban	455	568	1,115	670
Killorglin	2,197	1,662	2,198	1,198
Listowel Rural	2,711	2,150	2,477	1,058
Listowel Urban	226	222	471	268
Tralee Rural	1,499	1,608	2,012	,1088
Tralee Urban	1,227	1,473	2,163	1,370
<b>Co. Kerry</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>10,709</b>	<b>13,960</b>	<b>7,505</b>

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An important barometer of the level of social and economic development of a region relates to the levels of education attained by the population. This is also of critical importance in determining the quality of the labour force.

In 1996, 26.8% of the population of Kerry had primary level education only.

At LEA level the urban LEA's of Tralee, Killarney and Listowel have values of less than 29% having primary education only, whereas the rural LEA (Killorglin, and Dingle had values in excess of 30% with the exception of Tralee rural where 24% of the population had primary education.

At low secondary level there is a less variation, however there is a higher percent of population with higher secondary level in the urban LEA's.

The difference having attained third level are even more striking: the urban LEA average at approx. 20% the rural LEA are below 18% except for Listowel which has a low level at 12.6%

KERRY 1996		
Males employed	Low education	47.71%
	High education	9.9%
Males unemployed	Low education	67.7%
	High education	2.3%
Females employed	Low education	25.0%
	High education	15.54%
Females unemployed	Low education	50.3%
	High education	4.49%

*(Low is defined as Junior Certificate and below)*

## 1 (E.2) Pre-School

### Notified Pre-School Services - Kerry, November, 2000

- 118 Childcare facilities in the county. These facilities range from those offering full day care to children from 3 months - 6 years and those offering sessional care. The different kinds of childcare facilities are identified in the table below.

TYPE OF FACILITY	DESCRIPTION
Creche	Caters for children under 3 years. May offer full time (over 3.5hrs) part-time or sessional (under 3.5hrs) or drop in places.
Pre-school	Caters for children over 3 years up to school age may be full-time or sessional.
Childminder	Provides care in the childminders own home.
After-School Care	Caters for children of primary school age before and after the end of the school day and in the school holidays.
Naíonra	Preschool through the Irish language.

It should be noted that many childcare facilities may offer a range of these services, for example a childcare centre may have a creche offering full-time care, a sessional preschool and an afterschool club all operating from the same premises under the same management.

### Childcare Places in Kerry

TYPE	PLACES
Sessional	1296
Full day care	238
Drop in	125
Childminder	6
4 year olds in School	834
5 year olds in School	1936
Source: Kerry County Childcare Committee September 2001	

### Keypoints

*This survey reveals issues, which are in line with the childcare picture nationally. Issues highlighted in report (National Childcare Census Report) are as follows:*

- *There is a predominance of sessional and small scale services spread unevenly across the county*
- *There is minimal employer involvement*
- *A lack of provision in particular in rural areas of the county*
- *Childcare provision is particularly poor for children under one year old and for children in the after school age groups.*
- *Broad diversity in the qualification of childcare workers in the area, 31.8% of staff had no formal qualifications*
- *Salary levels are low, an example given: 56.4% of the paid staff employed are on salaries below £5,000 per annum and 17.6% earn between £5,001-£10,000. This does not include Community Employment or Jobs Initiative. Only 6.7% staff members earn more than £22,000.*
- *High dependency on volunteers*
- *Written policies about particular childcare issues vary between childcare facilities in the county.*

*(Source: National Childcare Census Report 1999)*

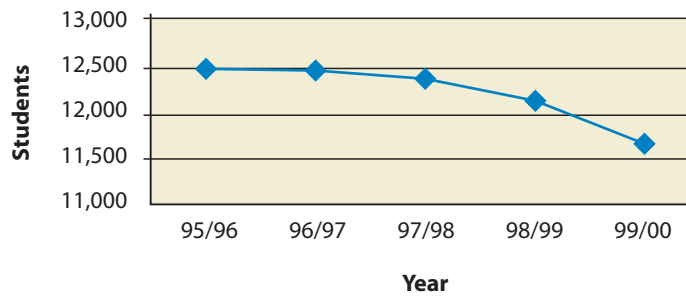
*A recent report by the County Childcare Committee states that 'there are over 1,000 children who do not have access to a pre-school place.'*

## 1 (E.3) Post Primary and Primary

- There are currently 29 post primary schools

POST PRIMARY STUDENTS IN KERRY					
County Kerry	Secondary	Vocational	Community	Comprehensive	Total
<b>No. of Schools</b>	18	9	1	1	29
<b>No. of Pupils</b>	7,301	3,253	470	660	11,684

**KERRY TRENDS POST PRIMARY ENROLMENT 1995 - 2000**



Source: Kerry Education Service

- There are 147 primary schools in County Kerry with 14,697 pupils. (*Kerry Education Service 2001*).

### Special Schools

- Nano Nagle, Ballybunion Road, Listowel,
- St Francis, Beaufort,
- St. Ita's and St. Joseph's, Balloonagh, Tralee

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL STATISTICS AND TRENDS

<b>KERRY - FOR TWELVE YEARS: 1988/89 to 1999/2000</b>	<b>1988 /89</b>	<b>1989 /90</b>	<b>1990 /91</b>	<b>1991 /92</b>	<b>1992 /93</b>	<b>1993 /94</b>	<b>1994 /95</b>	<b>1995 /96</b>	<b>1996 /97</b>	<b>1997 /98</b>	<b>1998 /99</b>	<b>1999 /2000</b>
No. of Ordinary National Schools	144	144	144	144	144	143	144	144	144	144	144	144
No. of Ordinary Classes	650	641	644	644	642	632	626	616	613	602	593	594
No. of Schools with Special Classes	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	8	10	11	12	12
No. of Special Schools	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>
No. of Pupils in Ordinary Classes	19,313	18,956	18,583	18,117	17,535	17,009	16,312	15,787	15,245	14,764	14,399	14,212
No. of Pupils in Special Classes	73	82	108	152	157	151	246	257	293	288	268	262
No. of Pupils in Special Schools	275	275	268	264	265	267	262	248	243	248	268	223
<b>Total Primary Pupils</b>	<b>19,661</b>	<b>19,304</b>	<b>18,959</b>	<b>18,533</b>	<b>17,957</b>	<b>17,427</b>	<b>16,814</b>	<b>16,282</b>	<b>15,781</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>14,906</b>	<b>14,697</b>
<b>Total Teachers</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>666</b>
Pupil per Teacher Ratio for Kerry	28	28	28	27	26	26	25	24	23	23	23	22
% in Special Classes	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	1.5%	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%
% in Special Schools	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	1.5%
Total % Special Education Provision	1.8%	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%	3.0%	3.1%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.3%

**Change in Pupil No.s = Reduction of 4964 25% = From 1988/89 - 1999/2000**  
**Change in Teacher No's = Loss of 24 3% = From 1988/89 - 1999/2000**

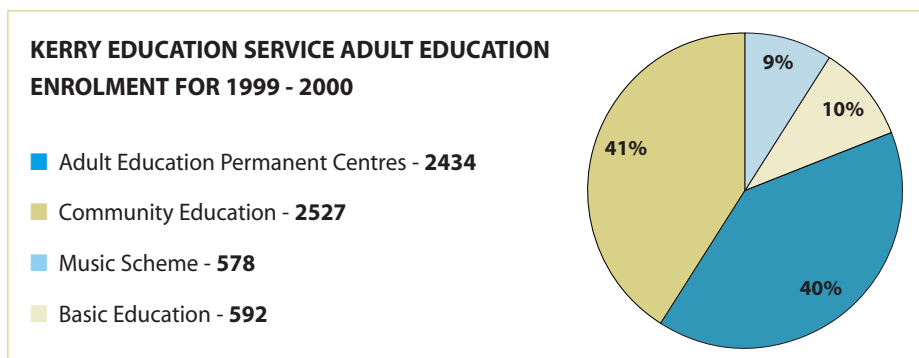
Source: Kerry Education Service 2001

## 1 (E.4) Adult Education

### KERRY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE (KES)

- The KES offer a vast range of part-time courses, throughout the county. In the academic year 1999/2000, 536 courses were held, in nine locations. In all 6,131 people participated.

(Source: Kerry Education Service 2001)



### VTOS

- There are 243 people currently studying under a VTO'S programme (Source: Kerry Education Service)
- KES provision for early school leavers - 108 places, 94 places taken up. (Source: KES)

### LEE BUSINESS INSTITUTE *(private)*

- 80 full time students. (Source: Lee Business Institute 2000)

### FÁS

- FÁS Training centre based in Tralee offers a wide range of courses, both adult education and apprenticeship courses.
- There were in excess of 300 trainees attending the centre in 2000.
- The throughput for the centre in a year is approx. 700 trainees with a further 200 on outside courses through contracted training. In the past five years the level of activity inside the centre has increased 15% - 20% and outside activity has increased by 30 - 40%.
- The most noticeable increase has been the number of apprenticeships. In 1995 there were approx. 96 apprentices in a year. In 2000 there were 312 apprentices trained. This increase is mainly due to the economic boom. (Source: FÁS, Tralee 2000)

### TUITION CENTRE - TRALEE *(private)*

- There are currently 70 full time students. (Source: Tuition Centre, Tralee 2000)

### ADULT TRAINING *(for people with disabilities)*

- Kerry Parents and Friends - Killarney and Listowel
- Brennan Enterprise - St. John of Gods
- Tralee Horizon Partnership
- NTPI
- Tralee Community Training Work Shop

## 1(E.5) Third Level

### NATIONALLY

- In 1998, 14,549 primary and 2,926 higher degrees were conferred on full time students by the Universities and the National Council for Educational Awards. This represents an increase of 1,012 (7.5%) on the primary degree awards in 1997 and an increase of 220 (8.1%) on higher degree awards over the same period.
- Of those who gained employment (17.9% overseas compared to 21.9% in 1997). Of these 82.1% gained employment in Ireland.
  - 0.8% gained employment in agriculture, forestry and fishing
  - 26.2% in manufacturing**
  - 19.4% public services
  - 52.1% private services**

**Of those who gained employment in Ireland 61% of primary degree and 67% of higher degree holders gained employment in the East of the country.**

In 1998, the National Council for Education Awards conferred 10,999 certificate and diploma awards.

(Source: First destination of awards recipients in Higher Education, 1998)

- Ireland had the second highest % increase of entrants to higher education 1980 - 1990 at 64%, Portugal 106% highest increase.

GRANT HOLDERS IN 1997		
	Higher Education Grant	ESF
IRELAND	24.3% (HEG)	26.9%
KERRY	35.1%	31.8%

- In the year 2000 there were a total of 1,103 students in receipt of a Higher Education Grant from Kerry County Council. This includes 280 new applicants and 823 renewals. (2000)

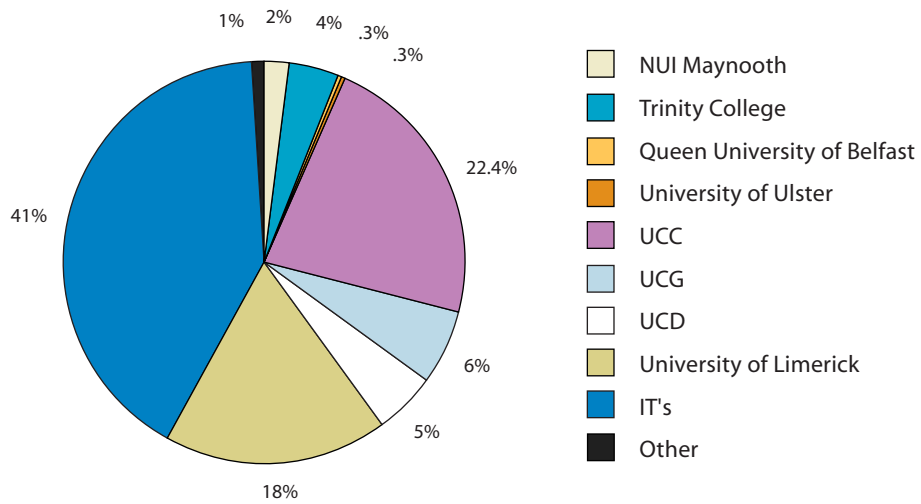
### WHERE DO KERRY STUDENTS GO?

- 48% UNIVERSITY, 47% INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY and 5% OTHER COLLEGES. Majority go to UCC, UL, UCD, and UCG.

(1992 Source - Clancy, Patrick 'Expanding Enrolments in Higher Education - some trends and implications'. This has been confirmed by primary research conducted by Kerry County Council. (pg. 26)

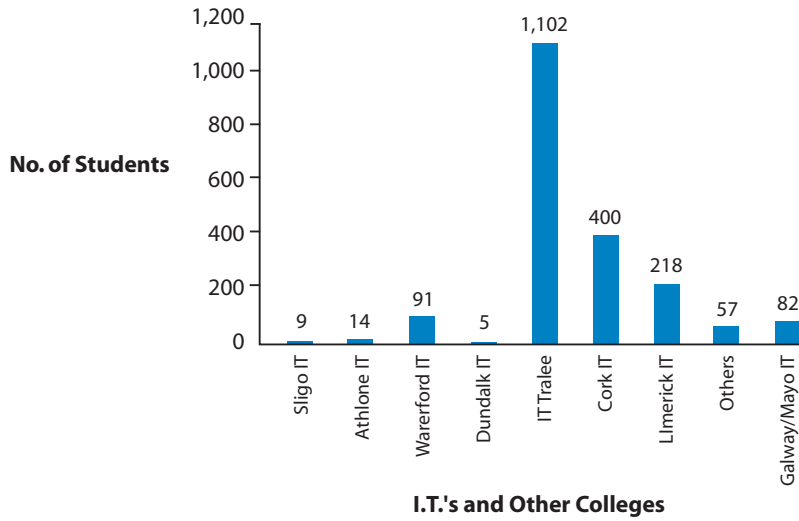
- Number of applicants from Kerry students through CAO in 2000 was 2,595, 1,382 males and 1,213 females.
- Offers were made to 2035, places were offered to 925 males and 1,110 females. 2000, source CAO
- There are 141 people in receipt of Back To Education allowance. (1999)

A survey of third level colleges was conducted in October, 2000, to ascertain how many Kerry students were attending third level institutions in Ireland, both North and South. The findings from the survey is presented below:

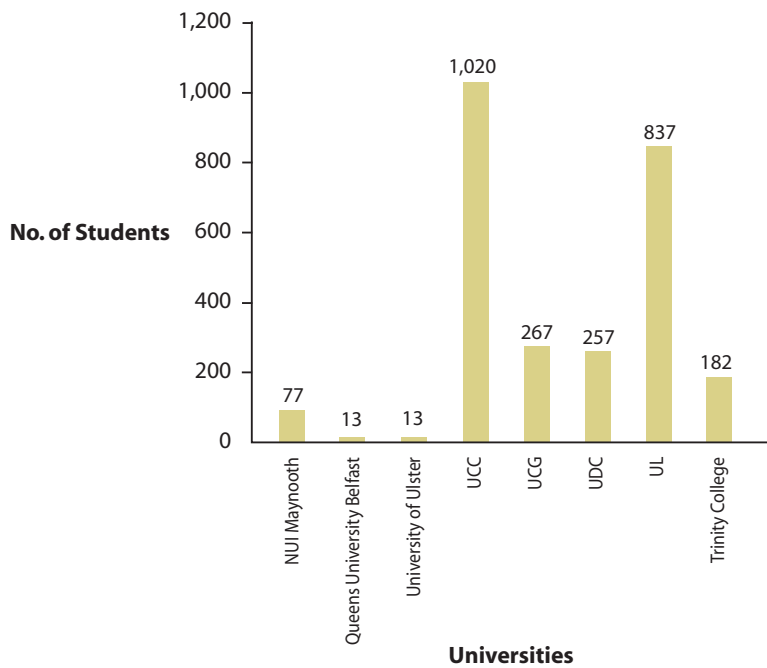


Source: Community and Enterprise, Kerry County Council.

**KERRY STUDENTS ATTENDING I.T.'S AND OTHER COLLEGES IN IRELAND (2000-2001)**



**NO. OF KERRY STUDENTS ATTENDING UNIVERSITIES IN IRELAND**



College	No. of students
St. Catherine's College of Education for Home Economics, Sion Hill, Blackrock.	8
NUI Maynooth	77 majority studying arts
Institute of Technology Sligo	9
Institute of Technology Athlone	14
Waterford Institute of Technology	91
St. Patrick's College Dublin	15
Mater DEI Institute of Education	9
The Queen's University of Belfast	13
University of Ulster	13
Dundalk Institute of Technology	5
St Angela's College, Sligo	5
Marino Institute of Education	7
CIT	400
Tralee Institute of Technology	1,102
UCC	926 Full Time 94 Part Time 1,020
UCG	267
UCD	257
University of Limerick	837
Limerick Institute of Technology	218
National College of Art and Design Dublin	5
Mary Immaculate College, Limerick	185
Letterkenny Institute of Technology	3
St. Patrick's College Carlow	4
St. Patrick's College Maynooth	5
Trinity College	182

#### ITT TRALEE

- Nearly half the 2,229 students attending the Institute of Technology Tralee come from Co. Kerry. 1999 - 2000 there were 1,102 students from Kerry. A further 812 come from the five other counties in Munster. (Source: Kerry Atlas)
- In the 2000/2002 academic year 3000 full time students registered at Institute of Technology, Tralee.

## Summary

- In 1996, 26.8% of the population had primary education only, 24.4% had lower secondary, 31.8% had higher secondary and 17.1% had third level education.
- 67.7% of unemployed males and 50% of unemployed females had primary education only.
- In the period 1980 - 1990 Ireland had the second highest increase in entrants into third level at 64%, Portugal was the highest increase at 105% increase.
- In 1998 61% of Primary degree holders and 67% of Higher degree holders gained employment in the east of the country.
- Ireland 24.3% received grant aid and 26.9% receive ESF funding. In Kerry 35.1% of students receive grant aid and 31.8% receive ESF Funding.
- In the period 1999 - 2000 1,102 students from Kerry attended the IT Tralee.
- Childcare provision is dominated by sessional and small scale services spread unevenly across the County.
- 187 children in the County are on waiting lists for childcare.