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Table 1
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Effective Base	722	332	391	73	106	165	165	141	119	181	243	143	171	52	423	311	206	129	263	133	187	204
The main reason the State supports marriage is to promote the happiness and well-being of the married couple	259 28%	124 28%	136 28%	55 42%	47 25%	38 23%	43 25%	29 21%	44 36%	37 25%	56 26%	58 25%	74 31%	33 36%	94 26%	133 28%	65 26%	59 31%	69 24%	67 34%	62 24%	63 27%
The main reason the State supports marriage is to help parents raise children	533 57%	260 59%	273 56%	55 43%	124 65%	95 59%	115 65%	85 62%	56 45%	85 57%	120 56%	147 63%	134 57%	46 49%	206 57%	281 60%	156 62%	102 53%	177 61%	95 49%	148 57%	141 61%
No difference	136 15%	60 14%	76 16%	19 15%	20 11%	29 18%	19 11%	24 18%	24 19%	28 19%	37 17%	29 13%	28 12%	14 15%	65 18%	57 12%	29 12%	31 16%	42 15%	33 17%	50 19%	26 11%

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The main reason the State supports marriage is to help parents raise children	533 57%	137 51%	107 62%
No difference	136 15%	42 16%	18 10%

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Table 2
Q.2 STATEMENTS ABOUT MARRIAGE : (SUMMARY TABLE)

Base: All Respondents

	Base (wt)	(5)Strongly Agree	(4)Agree	(3)Neither	(2)Disagree	(1)Strongly Disagree	Disagree	DK/NS	Mean	
In the absence of violence and extreme conflict, parents who have a difficult marriage should stay together until their children are grown	928	136 15%	105 11%	121 13%	214 23%	329 35%	241 26%	543 59%	23 3%	2.45
In most cases, the absence of a father from the home is likely to harm a child emotionally and developmentally.	928	288 31%	209 23%	142 15%	143 15%	128 14%	496 54%	271 29%	18 2%	3.42
The State should support policies that encourage mothers and fathers to stay together	928	292 31%	224 24%	145 16%	130 14%	117 13%	516 56%	248 27%	19 2%	3.49
I believe it is better if the parents of a child are married.	928	306 33%	175 19%	160 17%	141 15%	132 14%	481 52%	272 29%	14 2%	3.42
While all families should be given some support by the State, the State should nonetheless continue to support marriage over and above other family forms.	928	214 23%	206 22%	167 18%	169 18%	142 15%	420 45%	311 34%	30 3%	3.20
Marital and family breakdown are harmful to society	928	322 35%	215 23%	117 13%	141 15%	114 12%	537 58%	255 27%	19 2%	3.54

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Table 3
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(4)Agree	105 11%	69 16%	36 8%	15 12%	19 10%	22 13%	17 10%	13 10%	18 15%	23 15%	25 12%	31 13%	22 9%	4 5%	48 13%	53 11%	43 17%	26 13%	23 8%	13 7%	34 13%	18 8%	
(3)Neither	121 13%	68 15%	53 11%	21 17%	21 11%	26 16%	14 8%	19 14%	17 14%	18 12%	38 18%	30 13%	23 10%	12 13%	55 15%	53 11%	31 12%	35 18%	34 12%	18 9%	35 13%	25 11%	
(2)Disagree	214 23%	91 21%	123 25%	27 21%	55 29%	30 19%	44 25%	33 24%	20 17%	37 24%	50 23%	45 19%	56 24%	26 29%	87 24%	101 21%	57 23%	34 18%	71 25%	50 26%	52 20%	59 26%	
(1)Strongly Disagree	329 35%	116 26%	213 44%	43 33%	79 41%	62 38%	74 42%	47 34%	24 19%	47 31%	75 35%	98 42%	84 35%	25 27%	122 34%	182 39%	69 27%	47 25%	126 44%	88 45%	105 40%	75 32%	
Agree	241 26%	155 35%	86 18%	32 25%	34 18%	42 26%	43 24%	33 24%	55 44%	46 31%	49 23%	55 24%	67 28%	24 26%	95 26%	122 26%	87 35%	68 35%	54 19%	32 16%	60 23%	68 30%	
Disagree	543 59%	207 47%	336 69%	69 54%	134 70%	93 57%	118 67%	80 58%	44 36%	83 55%	125 59%	143 61%	139 59%	51 56%	209 57%	283 60%	125 50%	81 42%	197 68%	138 71%	157 60%	134 58%	
DK/NS	23 3%	14 3%	10 2%	6 5%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	5 4%	7 6%	3 2%	2 1%	6 3%	7 3%	5 5%	5 1%	13 3%	6 2%	8 4%	3 1%	7 3%	8 3%	3 1%	
Mean	2.45	2.81	2.13	2.48	2.14	2.43	2.29	2.45	3.20	2.59	2.40	2.29	2.51	2.62	2.47	2.40	2.75	2.90	2.16	2.07	2.30	2.60	
Std Dev	1.45	1.49	1.34	1.42	1.28	1.44	1.46	1.44	1.55	1.46	1.37	1.41	1.53	1.51	1.41	1.48	1.49	1.50	1.35	1.32	1.39	1.55	
Std Err	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.17	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.12	0.21	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.08	0.11	0.10	0.11	
Error Var	*	0.01	*	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	*	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	

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(1)Strongly Disagree	329 35%	91 34%	59 34%
Agree	241 26%	64 24%	49 29%
Disagree	543 59%	152 57%	100 59%
DK/NS	23 3%	7 3%	5 3%
Mean	2.45	2.42	2.52
Std Dev	1.45	1.37	1.51
Std Err	0.05	0.10	0.13
Error Var	*	0.01	0.02

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(4)Agree	209 23%	108 24%	101 21%	26 20%	44 23%	39 24%	34 19%	37 27%	29 24%	41 27%	56 26%	51 22%	36 15%	25 27%	97 27%	87 18%	67 27%	40 21%	60 21%	40 21%	61 24%	58 25%
(3)Neither	142 15%	63 14%	80 16%	20 16%	23 12%	30 19%	31 18%	23 16%	15 12%	24 16%	36 17%	34 15%	38 16%	9 10%	61 17%	72 15%	41 16%	22 11%	52 18%	27 14%	41 16%	36 16%
(2)Disagree	143 15%	45 10%	98 20%	22 17%	37 19%	26 16%	33 19%	14 10%	7 6%	19 12%	30 14%	36 15%	45 19%	13 14%	48 13%	81 17%	27 11%	18 9%	53 18%	45 23%	39 15%	32 14%
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Agree	496 54%	292 66%	205 42%	55 43%	100 52%	81 50%	86 48%	85 62%	88 71%	88 59%	110 52%	122 52%	119 50%	57 62%	198 54%	241 51%	164 66%	126 66%	123 43%	81 41%	137 53%	137 59%
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Mean	3.42	3.83	3.05	3.07	3.29	3.31	3.33	3.70	4.05	3.53	3.30	3.36	3.45	3.61	3.40	3.41	3.86	3.80	3.07	3.01	3.41	3.59
Std Dev	1.43	1.30	1.44	1.49	1.48	1.40	1.42	1.30	1.21	1.37	1.42	1.46	1.44	1.41	1.40	1.45	1.21	1.41	1.44	1.44	1.41	1.36
Std Err	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.17	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.20	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.10
Error Var	*	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.04	*	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01

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Agree	496 54%	137 51%	86 50%
Disagree	271 29%	81 30%	59 35%
DK/NS	18 2%	7 3%	2 1%
Mean	3.42	3.36	3.31
Std Dev	1.43	1.47	1.47
Std Err	0.05	0.10	0.12
Error Var	*	0.01	0.02

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Table 5
Q.2 The State should support policies that encourage mothers and fathers to stay together

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(4)Agree	224 24%	118 27%	106 22%	27 21%	52 27%	36 22%	47 27%	33 24%	28 23%	34 22%	56 26%	50 21%	52 22%	32 35%	89 25%	102 22%	71 29%	46 24%	66 23%	41 21%	67 26%	45 20%
(3)Neither	145 16%	55 12%	90 19%	28 22%	31 16%	27 17%	30 17%	19 14%	8 6%	21 14%	35 17%	41 17%	38 16%	9 10%	57 16%	79 17%	27 11%	27 14%	52 18%	39 20%	32 12%	37 16%
(2)Disagree	130 14%	44 10%	86 18%	20 15%	29 15%	27 17%	25 14%	18 13%	10 8%	16 11%	35 17%	38 16%	31 13%	10 11%	51 14%	69 15%	27 11%	17 9%	50 17%	36 19%	36 14%	35 15%
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Mean	3.49	3.71	3.28	3.31	3.27	3.41	3.50	3.62	3.94	3.50	3.45	3.35	3.52	3.80	3.47	3.44	3.75	3.65	3.39	3.10	3.39	3.58
Std Dev	1.40	1.37	1.39	1.37	1.42	1.41	1.35	1.39	1.37	1.48	1.35	1.42	1.41	1.25	1.41	1.42	1.33	1.42	1.38	1.39	1.46	1.40
Std Err	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.17	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.10
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Agree	516 56%	148 55%	93 54%
Disagree	248 27%	58 22%	52 30%
DK/NS	19 2%	9 3%	2 1%
Mean	3.49	3.55	3.40
Std Dev	1.40	1.30	1.45
Std Err	0.05	0.09	0.12
Error Var	*	0.01	0.02

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Table 6
Q.2 I believe it is better if the parents of a child are married.

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(4)Agree	175 19%	96 22%	79 16%	17 13%	33 17%	32 19%	38 22%	32 23%	22 18%	27 18%	34 16%	50 21%	42 18%	22 24%	61 17%	92 20%	58 23%	38 20%	45 16%	34 18%	44 17%	40 17%
(3)Neither	160 17%	80 18%	80 17%	23 18%	46 24%	30 18%	35 20%	14 10%	12 9%	25 16%	36 17%	53 22%	35 15%	12 13%	61 17%	87 19%	54 22%	26 13%	46 16%	33 17%	50 19%	40 17%
(2)Disagree	141 15%	49 11%	92 19%	23 18%	33 17%	30 18%	33 19%	15 11%	6 5%	23 15%	32 15%	43 18%	26 11%	17 19%	55 15%	69 15%	29 12%	20 11%	51 18%	40 21%	35 13%	36 16%
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Agree	481 52%	267 60%	214 44%	53 41%	83 43%	77 48%	82 47%	91 66%	92 74%	79 52%	103 48%	112 48%	135 57%	53 57%	181 50%	247 52%	147 59%	118 62%	133 46%	80 41%	129 50%	129 56%
Disagree	272 29%	92 21%	180 37%	49 38%	63 33%	54 33%	58 33%	30 22%	17 13%	46 30%	72 34%	66 28%	65 27%	24 26%	117 32%	131 28%	46 18%	46 24%	105 36%	76 39%	74 28%	59 26%
DK/NS	14 2%	5 1%	9 2%	4 3%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	3 2%	4 3%	2 1%	3 1%	4 2%	2 1%	4 4%	5 1%	6 1%	3 1%	2 1%	4 1%	5 3%	7 3%	2 1%
Mean	3.42	3.69	3.17	3.11	3.22	3.28	3.25	3.76	4.12	3.42	3.28	3.36	3.53	3.61	3.34	3.45	3.70	3.66	3.22	3.08	3.40	3.60
Std Dev	1.44	1.34	1.49	1.53	1.40	1.43	1.39	1.41	1.29	1.47	1.52	1.32	1.51	1.33	1.50	1.42	1.25	1.45	1.51	1.46	1.46	1.40
Std Err	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.18	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.19	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.09	0.13	0.11	0.10
Error Var	*	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01

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Table 6
Q.2 I believe it is better if the parents of a child are married.

Base: All Respondents

	REGION		
	Total	MUNSTER	CONN/ ULSTER
Base (nw)	950	236	201
Base (wt)	928	267	171
Effective Base	722	197	139
(5)Strongly Agree	306 33%	78 29%	52 31%
(4)Agree	175 19%	51 19%	40 23%
(3)Neither	160 17%	44 17%	27 16%
(2)Disagree	141 15%	45 17%	24 14%
(1)Strongly Disagree	132 14%	45 17%	24 14%
Agree	481 52%	130 49%	92 54%
Disagree	272 29%	91 34%	48 28%
DK/NS	14 2%	2 1%	4 2%
Mean	3.42	3.27	3.43
Std Dev	1.44	1.47	1.43
Std Err	0.05	0.11	0.12
Error Var	*	0.01	0.01

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Table 7
Q.2 While all families should be given some support by the State,the State should nonetheless continue to support marriage over and above other family forms.

Base: All Respondents

	GENDER			AGE							SOCIAL CLASS							MARITAL STATUS				REGION	
	Total	MALE	FEMALE	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	F	ABC1	C2DE	MALE MARRIED	MALE NOT MARRIED	FEMALE MARRIED	FEMALE NOT MARRIED	DUBLIN	R.O.L.	
Base (nw)	950	407	543	86	125	204	205	174	149	204	278	179	226	63	482	405	253	153	345	195	254	259	
Base (wt)	928	443	484	129	192	162	177	138	123	150	213	235	237	92	364	471	250	192	288	194	260	230	
Effective Base	722	332	391	73	106	165	165	141	119	181	243	143	171	52	423	311	206	129	263	133	187	204	
(5)Strongly Agree	214 23%	116 26%	97 20%	23 18%	20 11%	30 19%	43 24%	40 29%	56 45%	38 25%	46 21%	41 18%	61 26%	27 30%	84 23%	103 22%	61 24%	54 28%	61 21%	35 18%	52 20%	62 27%	
(4)Agree	206 22%	126 28%	80 16%	41 32%	39 20%	35 22%	37 21%	32 23%	21 17%	24 16%	43 20%	62 26%	59 25%	19 20%	66 18%	121 26%	67 27%	59 31%	50 17%	30 15%	53 21%	55 24%	
(3)Neither	167 18%	65 15%	102 21%	18 14%	43 22%	34 21%	30 17%	23 17%	15 12%	28 19%	46 21%	42 18%	38 16%	13 14%	73 20%	80 17%	44 18%	21 11%	59 21%	42 22%	50 19%	42 18%	
(2)Disagree	169 18%	59 13%	110 23%	25 20%	45 24%	25 15%	36 20%	20 15%	16 13%	29 19%	44 21%	41 17%	33 14%	22 23%	73 20%	74 16%	30 12%	29 15%	60 21%	49 25%	53 20%	37 16%	
(1)Strongly Disagree	142 15%	64 14%	78 16%	18 14%	38 20%	33 20%	28 16%	17 13%	7 6%	27 18%	32 15%	39 17%	34 14%	9 10%	60 16%	73 16%	35 14%	29 15%	49 17%	29 15%	41 16%	31 14%	
Agree	420 45%	243 55%	177 37%	64 49%	59 31%	66 40%	80 45%	72 52%	77 62%	62 41%	88 41%	103 44%	121 51%	46 50%	150 41%	224 48%	128 51%	113 59%	111 39%	65 34%	106 41%	118 51%	
Disagree	311 34%	123 28%	188 39%	44 34%	83 43%	58 36%	64 36%	37 27%	24 19%	56 38%	76 36%	80 34%	67 29%	31 33%	133 37%	148 31%	65 26%	58 30%	109 38%	79 40%	93 36%	68 30%	
DK/NS	30 3%	13 3%	17 4%	4 3%	6 3%	4 3%	3 2%	5 4%	8 6%	4 3%	3 2%	9 4%	10 4%	3 3%	8 2%	20 4%	13 5%	-	9 3%	8 4%	11 4%	3 1%	
Mean	3.20	3.40	3.02	3.20	2.77	3.03	3.17	3.43	3.88	3.11	3.12	3.11	3.36	3.37	3.12	3.23	3.38	3.42	3.05	2.96	3.10	3.35	
Std Dev	1.40	1.40	1.38	1.35	1.29	1.41	1.42	1.39	1.32	1.47	1.38	1.37	1.41	1.40	1.41	1.39	1.38	1.42	1.41	1.35	1.39	1.39	
Std Err	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.16	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.19	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.09	0.12	0.10	0.10	
Error Var	*	0.01	*	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	*	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	

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(2)Disagree	169 18%	50 19%	29 17%
(1)Strongly Disagree	142 15%	46 17%	25 15%
Agree	420 45%	122 46%	75 44%
Disagree	311 34%	96 36%	54 31%
DK/NS	30 3%	7 3%	9 5%
Mean	3.20	3.14	3.25
Std Dev	1.40	1.41	1.42
Std Err	0.05	0.10	0.12
Error Var	*	0.01	0.01

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Table 8
Q.2 Marital and family breakdown are harmful to society

Base: All Respondents

	GENDER		AGE							SOCIAL CLASS							MARITAL STATUS				REGION	
	Total	MALE	FEMALE	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	F	ABC1	C2DE	MALE		FEMALE		DUBLIN	R.O.L.
																	MARRIED	NOT MARRIED	MARRIED	NOT MARRIED		
Base (nw)	950	407	543	86	125	204	205	174	149	204	278	179	226	63	482	405	253	153	345	195	254	259
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(5)Strongly Agree	322 35%	182 41%	140 29%	35 27%	60 31%	49 30%	54 31%	54 39%	68 55%	65 43%	67 31%	71 30%	78 33%	41 44%	132 36%	149 32%	104 42%	77 40%	93 32%	46 24%	96 37%	80 35%
(4)Agree	215 23%	126 28%	90 19%	25 19%	43 23%	40 25%	45 25%	34 24%	25 20%	32 22%	50 23%	52 22%	59 25%	22 24%	83 23%	111 23%	69 28%	57 30%	49 17%	39 20%	63 24%	50 22%
(3)Neither	117 13%	38 9%	79 16%	21 16%	21 11%	25 16%	27 15%	15 11%	9 7%	18 12%	35 16%	23 10%	29 12%	12 13%	53 15%	52 11%	23 9%	15 8%	54 19%	25 13%	28 11%	27 12%
(2)Disagree	141 15%	44 10%	97 20%	26 20%	42 22%	22 14%	25 14%	17 12%	9 7%	20 13%	29 13%	52 22%	31 13%	10 11%	48 13%	83 18%	23 9%	21 11%	51 18%	46 24%	33 13%	44 19%
(1)Strongly Disagree	114 12%	47 11%	67 14%	18 14%	27 14%	23 14%	22 12%	15 11%	9 7%	14 10%	31 15%	27 12%	37 15%	4 4%	46 13%	64 14%	28 11%	18 10%	33 12%	34 17%	34 13%	28 12%
Agree	537 58%	308 69%	229 47%	60 47%	103 54%	89 55%	99 56%	87 64%	93 75%	98 65%	117 55%	123 52%	137 58%	63 68%	214 59%	260 55%	173 69%	134 70%	143 49%	85 44%	160 61%	129 56%
Disagree	255 27%	91 21%	164 34%	44 34%	68 36%	45 28%	47 26%	32 23%	18 15%	34 23%	60 28%	80 34%	67 29%	14 15%	94 26%	147 31%	51 20%	40 21%	84 29%	80 41%	67 26%	72 31%
DK/NS	19 2%	7 1%	12 2%	4 3%	- -	3 2%	4 3%	3 2%	4 3%	1 1%	2 1%	9 4%	3 1%	4 5%	2 1%	12 3%	3 1%	4 2%	8 3%	4 2%	6 2%	2 1%
Mean	3.54	3.81	3.29	3.27	3.35	3.44	3.49	3.70	4.12	3.76	3.44	3.38	3.48	3.97	3.57	3.43	3.80	3.81	3.42	3.09	3.61	3.48
Std Dev	1.42	1.36	1.44	1.44	1.46	1.42	1.39	1.40	1.27	1.38	1.43	1.44	1.46	1.20	1.42	1.45	1.37	1.34	1.41	1.46	1.43	1.44
Std Err	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.17	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.17	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.10
Error Var	*	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	*	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01

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Std Dev	1.42	1.41	1.37
Std Err	0.05	0.10	0.12
Error Var	*	0.01	0.01

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Table 9
Q.3 Which of these statements is closest to your point of view?

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	GENDER			AGE							SOCIAL CLASS							MARITAL STATUS				REGION	
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The tax system should tax people as individuals and take no account of whether they are married and/or have children	147 16%	82 18%	66 14%	34 26%	26 14%	22 14%	26 15%	24 17%	15 12%	26 17%	34 16%	37 16%	37 16%	14 15%	60 16%	73 16%	27 11%	55 29%	37 13%	29 15%	39 15%	35 15%	
Tax should be reduced for families with children in order to ease the financial burden on them	745 80%	346 78%	399 82%	86 67%	160 84%	136 84%	147 83%	110 80%	99 80%	120 80%	175 82%	190 81%	189 80%	72 77%	295 81%	378 80%	215 86%	128 67%	246 85%	152 78%	215 83%	190 83%	
DK/NS	35 4%	16 4%	19 4%	9 7%	5 3%	4 2%	3 2%	4 3%	9 8%	5 3%	4 2%	9 4%	11 5%	7 7%	9 2%	20 4%	7 3%	9 5%	6 2%	13 7%	6 2%	4 2%	

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	MALE	FEMALE	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	F	ABC1	C2DE	MALE MARRIED	MALE NOT MARRIED	FEMALE MARRIED	FEMALE NOT MARRIED	DUBLIN	R.O.L.	
	Total																					
Total	928	443	484	129	192	162	177	138	123	150	213	235	237	92	364	471	250	192	288	194	260	230
GENDER																						
MALE	443	443	-	62	90	80	88	65	57	74	85	122	112	50	159	234	250	192	-	-	119	110
	48%	100%	-	48%	47%	50%	50%	48%	46%	49%	40%	52%	47%	54%	44%	50%	100%	100%	-	-	46%	48%
FEMALE	484	-	484	67	101	82	89	72	67	76	129	113	124	42	205	237	-	-	288	194	141	120
	52%	-	100%	52%	53%	50%	50%	52%	54%	51%	60%	48%	53%	46%	56%	50%	-	-	100%	100%	54%	52%
AGE																						
18-24	129	62	67	129	-	-	-	-	-	15	39	41	24	10	54	64	1	60	8	59	43	30
	14%	14%	14%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	10%	18%	17%	10%	11%	15%	14%	*	32%	3%	31%	16%	13%
25-34	192	90	101	-	192	-	-	-	-	26	49	69	41	6	75	110	53	38	62	39	56	51
	21%	20%	21%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	18%	23%	29%	17%	7%	21%	23%	21%	20%	21%	20%	21%	22%
35-44	162	80	82	-	-	162	-	-	-	38	37	48	25	13	75	73	58	22	65	16	45	46
	17%	18%	17%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	26%	17%	21%	11%	14%	21%	16%	23%	12%	23%	8%	17%	20%
45-54	177	88	89	-	-	-	177	-	-	28	41	48	42	19	69	89	63	24	68	21	47	41
	19%	20%	18%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	18%	19%	20%	18%	20%	19%	19%	25%	13%	24%	11%	18%	18%
55-64	138	65	72	-	-	-	-	138	-	25	26	20	46	20	51	66	43	22	47	25	31	33
	15%	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	100%	-	16%	12%	9%	19%	22%	14%	14%	17%	12%	16%	13%	12%	14%
65+	123	57	67	-	-	-	-	-	123	16	20	8	56	24	36	64	31	24	35	31	39	28
	13%	13%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	11%	9%	4%	23%	26%	10%	14%	12%	13%	12%	16%	15%	12%
SOCIAL CLASS																						
AB	150	74	76	15	26	38	28	25	16	150	-	-	-	-	150	-	47	27	54	22	64	30
	16%	17%	16%	12%	14%	24%	16%	18%	13%	100%	-	-	-	-	41%	-	19%	14%	19%	11%	24%	13%
C1	213	85	129	39	49	37	41	26	20	-	213	-	-	-	213	-	57	28	69	59	68	60
	23%	19%	27%	31%	26%	23%	23%	19%	16%	-	100%	-	-	-	59%	-	23%	14%	24%	30%	26%	26%
C2	235	122	113	41	69	48	48	20	8	-	-	235	-	-	-	235	66	55	72	41	59	64
	25%	28%	23%	32%	36%	30%	27%	15%	7%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	50%	26%	28%	25%	21%	23%	28%
DE	237	112	124	24	41	25	42	46	56	-	-	-	237	-	-	237	58	54	60	64	70	51
	26%	25%	26%	18%	21%	15%	23%	33%	45%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	50%	23%	28%	21%	33%	27%	22%
F	92	50	42	10	6	13	19	20	24	-	-	-	-	92	-	-	22	28	33	9	-	26
	10%	11%	9%	8%	3%	8%	11%	15%	19%	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	9%	15%	12%	4%	-	11%

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	REGION		
	Total	MUNSTER	CONN/ ULSTER
Total	928	267	171
<u>GENDER</u>			
MALE	443 48%	130 49%	85 50%
FEMALE	484 52%	137 51%	86 50%
<u>AGE</u>			
18-24	129 14%	37 14%	19 11%
25-34	192 21%	52 19%	33 19%
35-44	162 17%	46 17%	26 15%
45-54	177 19%	54 20%	36 21%
55-64	138 15%	41 16%	33 19%
65+	123 13%	35 13%	21 13%
<u>SOCIAL CLASS</u>			
AB	150 16%	37 14%	20 12%
C1	213 23%	53 20%	32 19%
C2	235 25%	64 24%	49 28%
DE	237 26%	82 31%	34 20%
F	92 10%	31 11%	36 21%

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Total	928	443	484	129	192	162	177	138	123	150	213	235	237	92	364	471	250	192	288	194	260	230
ABC1	364	159	205	54	75	75	69	51	36	150	213	-	-	-	364	-	104	55	123	81	132	90
	39%	36%	42%	42%	39%	46%	39%	37%	29%	100%	100%	-	-	-	100%	-	42%	29%	43%	42%	51%	39%
C2DE	471	234	237	64	110	73	89	66	64	-	-	235	237	-	-	471	124	108	132	105	128	115
	51%	53%	49%	50%	57%	45%	51%	48%	52%	-	-	100%	100%	-	-	100%	50%	56%	46%	54%	49%	50%
MARITAL STATUS																						
MALE MARRIED	250	250	-	1	53	58	63	43	31	47	57	66	58	22	104	124	250	-	-	-	65	69
	27%	56%	-	1%	28%	36%	36%	31%	25%	31%	27%	28%	25%	24%	29%	26%	100%	-	-	-	25%	30%
MALE NOT MARRIED	192	192	-	60	38	22	24	22	24	27	28	55	54	28	55	108	-	192	-	-	53	41
	21%	43%	-	47%	20%	14%	14%	16%	20%	18%	13%	23%	23%	31%	15%	23%	-	100%	-	-	21%	18%
FEMALE MARRIED	288	-	288	8	62	65	68	47	35	54	69	72	60	33	123	132	-	-	288	-	72	77
	31%	-	59%	6%	32%	40%	39%	34%	28%	36%	32%	31%	25%	36%	34%	28%	-	-	100%	-	28%	33%
FEMALE NOT MARRIED	194	-	194	59	39	16	21	25	31	22	59	41	64	9	81	105	-	-	-	194	68	43
	21%	-	40%	46%	21%	10%	12%	18%	25%	15%	28%	17%	27%	9%	22%	22%	-	-	-	100%	26%	19%
REGION																						
DUBLIN	260	119	141	43	56	45	47	31	39	64	68	59	70	-	132	128	65	53	72	68	260	-
	28%	27%	29%	33%	29%	28%	26%	22%	31%	42%	32%	25%	29%	-	36%	27%	26%	28%	25%	35%	100%	-
R.O.L.	230	110	120	30	51	46	41	33	28	30	60	64	51	26	90	115	69	41	77	43	-	230
	25%	25%	25%	23%	27%	28%	23%	24%	23%	20%	28%	27%	21%	28%	25%	24%	28%	21%	27%	22%	-	100%
MUNSTER	267	130	137	37	52	46	54	41	35	37	53	64	82	31	90	146	72	56	80	55	-	-
	29%	29%	28%	29%	27%	28%	30%	30%	28%	24%	25%	27%	35%	33%	25%	31%	29%	29%	28%	29%	-	-
CONN/ ULSTER	171	85	86	19	33	26	36	33	21	20	32	49	34	36	52	83	43	42	58	27	-	-
	18%	19%	18%	15%	17%	16%	20%	24%	17%	14%	15%	21%	14%	39%	14%	18%	17%	22%	20%	14%	-	-

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	REGION		
	Total	MUNSTER	CONN/ ULSTER
Total	928	267	171
ABC1	364 39%	90 34%	52 31%
C2DE	471 51%	146 55%	83 48%
<u>MARITAL STATUS</u>			
MALE MARRIED	250 27%	72 27%	43 25%
MALE NOT MARRIED	192 21%	56 21%	42 24%
FEMALE MARRIED	288 31%	80 30%	58 34%
FEMALE NOT MARRIED	194 21%	55 21%	27 16%
<u>REGION</u>			
DUBLIN	260 28%	-	-
R.O.L.	230 25%	-	-
MUNSTER	267 29%	267 100%	-
CONN/ ULSTER	171 18%	-	171 100%

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