

ECONOMIC GROWTH

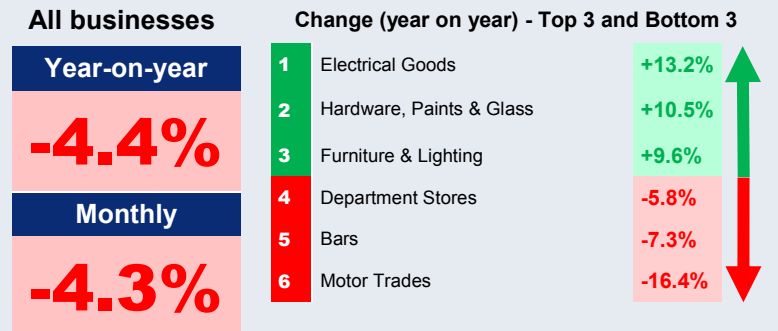
Overall / expenditure growth - seasonally adjusted at constant 2017 prices (Q1 2019)

	GDP	GNP	Expenditure category	Quarterly change (Q1 2019)	Annual change (Q1 2019)
Q1 2019	€83.6bn	€63.5bn	Personal Consumption	+0.9%	+3.3%
Quarterly change (compared to Q4 2018)	+2.4%	+3.0%	Govt. Expenditure	+€225m	+€851m
Full year 2018	€321.3bn	€250.0bn	Capital Investment	+0.5%	+3.9%
Annual change (compared to 2017)	+8.3%	+6.5%	Exports	+€42m	+€294m
	+€24.6bn	+€15.4bn	Imports	-24.9%	+5.4%
				-€5.4bn	+€843m
				+1.0%	+13.9%
				+€1.09bn	+€12.9bn
				-2.8%	+15.3%
				-€2.14bn	+€9.96bn

Source: CSO - National Accounts Q1 2019 (July 2019). See FAQs. Figures referenced above refer to real GDP and GNP (GDP/GNP at constant market prices) and are chain linked and referenced to 2017.

RETAIL SALES

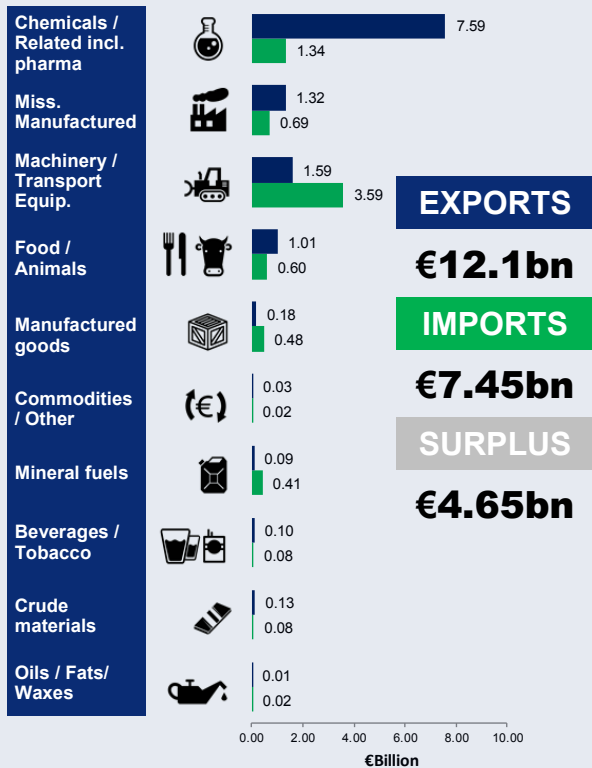
Volume of sales change (annual / monthly) - seasonally adjusted (July 2019, provisional)



Source: CSO - Retail Sales Index (August 2019)

GOODS TRADE

Composition of Irish trade (June 2019)



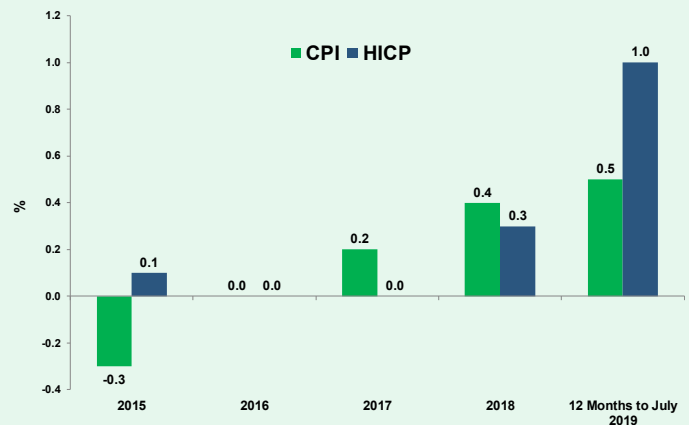
MAIN MARKETS

	Total EU (incl. UK)	United Kingdom	USA & Canada
EXP.	€5.9bn	€1.29bn	€3.65bn
	49%	11%	30%
IMP.	€4.5bn	€1.57bn	€1.1bn
	60%	21%	15%

Source: CSO - External Trade (August 2019)

CONSUMER PRICES

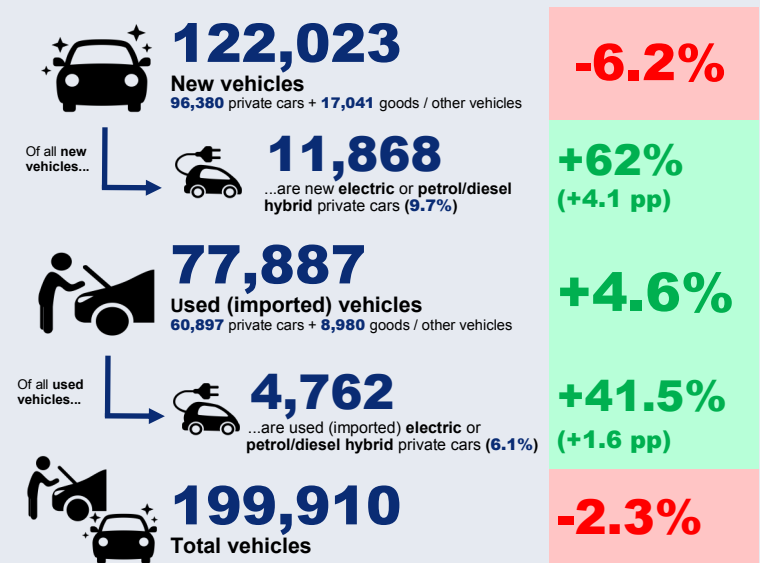
(July 2019)



Source: CSO - Consumer Price index (CPI) (August 2019)

VEHICLES LICENCED

Year-on-year change from same period last year (January-July)



Source: CSO - Vehicles Licenced for the First Time (August 2019)

UNEMPLOYMENT (July 2019)

4.6%

Monthly unemployment rate
Seasonally adjusted

▼ 1.2 percentage points
Compared to July 2018

111,400

Total persons unemployed
Seasonally adjusted

▼ 25,900
Compared to July 2018

♂ **62,000** (4.7%)
Males unemployed

♀ **49,400** (4.3%)
Females unemployed

🧑 **30,700** (10.3%)
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24)

40,800
Persons unemployed 1 year
or more, **31.3%** of all
unemployment (in Q2 2019, LFS)

1.7%
Long term unemployment rate
(in Q2 2019, LFS)

Source: CSO - Monthly Unemployment ([July 2019](#)) and Labour Force Survey, LFS ([Q2 2019](#))

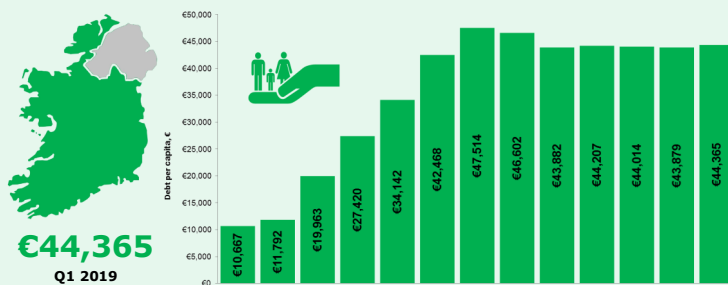
GOVERNMENT FINANCES (Q1 2019)

General Government (GG) Balance and Debt (face value)

	Q1 2016	Q1 2017	Q1 2018	Q1 2019
GG Balance	-€1.9bn	-€1.4bn	-€1.8bn	-€1.8bn
GG Balance % of Quarterly GDP	-2.9%	-2.0%	-2.3%	-2.2%
GG Debt (Gross)	€207.2bn	€208.6bn	€210.3bn	€215.5bn
GG Debt (Gross) % of Annualised GDP	78.3%	75.7%	68.5%	65.6%

Gross Debt per capita

At end-Q1 2019, debt per person in Ireland was **€44,365**, down from a peak of **€47,514** (Q1 2013). This compares to a pre-crisis level of **€10,667** (Q1 2007).



GG Revenue, expenditure and borrowing (summary)

Compared to Q1 2016, quarterly General Government revenue has increased by **+€2.28bn** while quarterly Government expenditure has increased by **+€2.17bn**.

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE	BORROWING
Q1 2019	€18.7bn	€20.5bn	€1.8bn
Q1 2018	€17.8bn	€19.6bn	€1.8bn
Q1 2017	€17.3bn	€18.9bn	€1.4bn
Q1 2016	€16.4bn	€18.3bn	€1.9bn

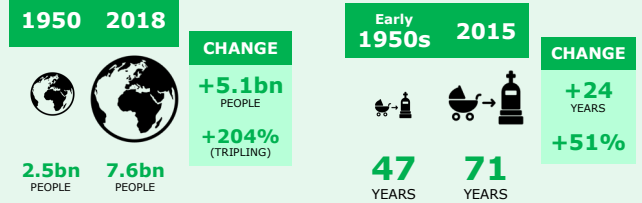
Source: CSO, Government Finance Statistics - Quarterly ([July 2019](#))

ENVIRONMENT (2019)

POPULATION AND LIFE EXPECTANCY

Global population is increasing...

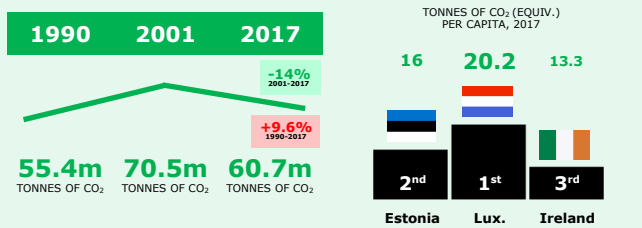
...and we are living longer



GREENHOUSE GASES

Ireland's emissions are reducing from the 2001 peak but remain above the 1990 level...

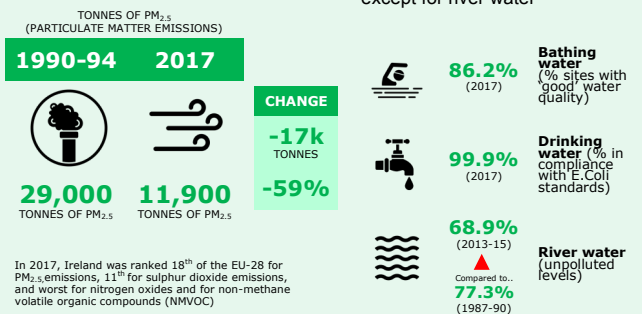
...but Ireland has the 3rd highest level of emissions in the EU



AIR & WATER

Air quality is improving (generally)...

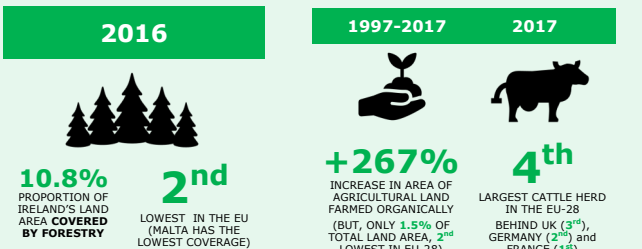
...water quality remains good, except for river water



LAND USE

Comparatively, Ireland has a lower forestry coverage than most other EU Member States...

In terms of agriculture, the area of land farmed organically has increased significantly. Ireland also has a substantial cattle herd relative to its land area.



Source: CSO - Environmental Indicators Ireland 2019 ([August 2019](#))