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## **GPN global labor market database: Ireland, 2000 third quarter**

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**Table 1: Unemployment Rates [Seasonally Adjusted]**

		Unemployment		
		Overall	Men	Women
April	1990	12.9	12.7	14
	1991	14.7	14.2	15.6
	1992	15.1	15	15.2
	1993	15.7	15.6	15.8
	1994	14.7	14.7	14.8
	1995	12.2	12.1	12.2
	1996	11.9	11.9	11.9
	1997	10.3	10.4	10.3
	1998	7.8	8.1	7.4
April	1999	5.7	5.9	5.5
	2000			
	Jan	4.6		
	Feb	4.5		
	Mar	4.3		
	April	4.3	4.3	4.2
	May	4.1		
	June	4		
	July	3.9		
	Aug	3.8		
	Sept	3.8		
	Oct.	3.7		
	Nov.	3.7		
Dec.	3.6			

Source: CSO Labour Force Survey & Quarterly National Household Budget Survey

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**Table 2: Long-Term Unemployment**

		Long term Unemployment Rate*	Long term Unemployment Rate**	
April	1990	8.3	n.a.	
	1991	8.8	n.a.	
	1992	8.5	n.a.	
	1993	8.9	n.a.	
	1994	9	n.a.	
	1995	7.1	n.a.	
	1996	6.9	n.a.	
	1997	5.6	n.a.	
	1998	3.9	n.a.	
	1999	2.5	n.a.	
	<b>2000</b>			
	Dec-Feb	1.7	n.a.	
	Mar-May	1.6	n.a.	
	Jun-Aug	1.4	n.a.	
Sept-Nov	1.4	n.a.		

\*Over 12 months of unemployment

\*\*Over 24 months of unemployment

Source: CSO Labour Force Survey & Quarterly National Household Survey

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**Table 3: Compensation**

	<b>Weekly Avg. Earnings* (Nominal Index)</b>	<b>Weekly Avg. Earnings* (Real Index)**</b>
1990	100	100
1991	104.5	101.2
1992	108.5	102
1993	114.6	106.2
1994	117.8	106.7
1995	120.2	106.2
1996	123.8	107.5
1997	127.1	108.8
1998	132.9	111.1
1999	143.1	117.8

\*Irish Currency

\*Gross Earnings for all industrial workers

\*\*Base year is 1990

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**Table 4: Output and Population Growth**

	<b>GDP* Change(%)</b>	<b>Population Growth Rate**</b>	<b>GDP* Growth per capita</b>
1990-1991	1.9	n.a.	1.4
1991-1992	3.3	n.a.	2.5
1992-1993	2.7	n.a.	2.1
1993-1994	5.8	0.3	5.4
1994-1995	9.7	0.4	9.3
1995-1996	7.7	0.7	7
1996-1997	10.7	1	9.7
1997-1998	8.6	1.2	7.3
1998-1999	9.8	1.1	8.7
1999-2000	n.a.	1.1	n.a.
1999 Q1 - 2000 Q1	11.4		
1999 Q2 - 2000Q2	12.2		

\*GDP growth is at constant 1995 Irish market prices

\*\*1997 to 1999 Population Growth Rates are preliminary

Source: CSO Statistical Releases

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**Table 5: Poverty Rates**

	Poverty Rate* (%)
1990	n.a
1991	n.a
1992	n.a
1993	n.a
1994	34.4
1995	n.a
1996	n.a
1997	36.4
1998	n.a

\*Percentage of households below the 60% relative income poverty line (based on income averaged across households).

Percentages are based on Equivalence Scale B (1/0.6/0.4) employed to equalise household income.

ESRI : 1994 & 1997 Living in Ireland Survey

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**Table 6: Income Distribution by Quintile**

**1994 income distribution**  
**Share of Income (%)**

<b>Quintile</b>	
Top	42.6
Fourth	23.3
Middle	15.9
Second	11
Lowest	7.2

1994 Gini-coefficient for Ireland: 35%  
Source: Eurostat, Statistics in Focus

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**Table 7: Unionisation Rates\***

	<b>Union Coverage</b> (% of workers in Labour Force)	<b>Union Coverage</b> (% of Labour Force)
1991	35.9	31.3
1992	35.1	29.8
1993	37.3	31.5
1994	35	29.9
1995	36.7	32.3
1996	34.7	30.5
1997	n.a.	n.a.
1998	n.a.	n.a.
1999	33	31

\*Percentages who are members of a registered Trade Union.

Source: CSO, Statistical Abstract

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**Table 8: Maximum legal working time**

1998	60 hrs/wk
1999	55hrs/wk
2000	48hrs/wk
2001	48hrs/wk

Source: Labour Relations Commission, Organisation of Working Time Act, 1997

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**Table 9: Minimum wage**

	Minimum wage**	
	<i>IRL£</i>	<i>USD\$</i>
2000	4.40 p/hr.	5.29 p/hr

\*Exchange rate for April 1st 2000: 1USD = 0.8320IRL

\*\*Adult rate (18 years and over)

Source: Labour Relations Commission