

**TOGHCHÁIN UACHTARÁIN**

**1938 – 2025**

**Presidential Elections**



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## **The Office of President**

The office of President of Ireland (Uachtarán na hÉireann) was established by the Constitution in 1937. The President takes precedence over all other persons in the State and exercises powers and functions conferred by the Constitution and by law. The functions include:

- appointment of the Taoiseach on the nomination of the Dáil;
- appointment of the other members of the Government on the nomination of the Taoiseach with the previous approval of the Dáil;
- acceptance of the resignation or termination of the appointment of a member of the Government on the advice of the Taoiseach;
- summoning or dissolution of the Dáil on the advice of the Taoiseach (but the President may refuse to dissolve the Dáil on the advice of a Taoiseach who has ceased to retain the support of a majority in the Dáil);
- signature of Bills passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas (but the President may, following consultation with the Council of State, refer a Bill to the Supreme Court for a ruling on its constitutionality).
- following a petition by a majority of the Seanad and at least one-third of the Dáil, and following consultation with the Council of State, the President may decline to sign a Bill until the will of the people on it has been ascertained by referendum or general election;
- the exercise of the supreme command of the Defence Forces;
- exercise of the right of pardon and power to remit punishment imposed by a court of criminal jurisdiction;

- following consultation with the Council of State, communicating with the Houses of the Oireachtas on a matter of national or public importance, or addressing a message to the people.

Under the Constitution, the functions of the President, with specified exceptions, are performable only on the advice of the Government.

In the performance of the functions of the office, the President is not answerable to either House of the Oireachtas or to any court. The Constitution, however, lays down a procedure under which the President may be impeached for stated misbehaviour.

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## **How the President is elected**

### **Who can vote**

Every citizen of Ireland who is at least 18 years of age and whose name is entered in the Register of Electors for a constituency is entitled to vote at a presidential election in that constituency. The Register of Electors is prepared by city/county/city and county councils.

### **Who can be a candidate**

Every citizen of Ireland who has reached the age of 35 years is eligible for election to the office of President. A person who holds or has held office as President is eligible for re-election once only.

### **Who can nominate**

A candidate must be nominated by either (a) not less than 20 members of the Dáil and/or Seanad or (b) at least four city/county/city and county councils. A member of the Oireachtas, or a county, city council or city and county council, may not nominate more than one candidate at the same election. A former or the retiring President may nominate themselves as a candidate. Nominations must be on a nomination paper prescribed by law and must be delivered to the Presidential Returning Officer by 12 noon on the last day for receiving nominations.

### **When must an election take place**

A presidential election must take place within the sixty days before the expiration of the term of office of the outgoing President. If a vacancy occurs before the completion of a normal term of office, the election takes place within 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. On, or as soon as convenient after, the sixtieth day before the expiration of the term of office of the outgoing President (or after the occurrence of a vacancy), the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage makes an order appointing the last day for receiving nominations and the day and hours of polling. The Minister also makes an order appointing a person to be the Presidential Returning Officer.

### **Ruling on nominations**

At 3.00 p.m. on the last day for receiving nominations, the Presidential Returning Officer rules on the validity of the nomination papers received. Every prospective candidate or his or her representative must attend at the ruling on nominations and is required to furnish all relevant information required by the Presidential Returning Officer or the judicial assessor, who is either the President of the High Court or some other judge of the High Court nominated by the President of the High Court. Any question arising at the ruling on nominations may be referred to the judicial assessor.

The function of the judicial assessor is to furnish an opinion on any matter referred to them. The Presidential Returning Officer is obliged to have regard to that opinion. A candidate or their authorised representative may appeal to the High Court against the ruling of the Presidential Returning Officer on the validity of a nomination or in relation to the qualification of a candidate.

### **Withdrawal of candidature**

A candidate may withdraw their candidature at any time before the completion of the ruling on nominations but not thereafter. A candidature is withdrawn by delivering a notice to this effect, signed by the candidate or his or her representative, to the Presidential Returning Officer. If no candidate stands nominated or if all candidates withdraw, the proceedings in relation to the election commence afresh. If only one candidate stands nominated, the Presidential Returning Officer declares that candidate elected. If two or more candidates stand nominated, a poll is taken.

### **The candidate's agents**

Each candidate is required to appoint an election agent for the purposes of accounting for expenditure incurred by or on behalf of the candidate at the election, and for making disclosure of substantial donations received by the candidate. The appointment of the election agent by the candidate, who may be the candidate themselves, must be made no later than the last day for receiving nominations and be notified to the Presidential Returning Officer. An election agent is required to furnish to the Standards in Public Office (SIPO), not later than the fifty-sixth day following polling day, a statement detailing all donations exceeding €600 received by or on behalf of



the candidate and a statement of expenses incurred in connection with the election. This must be supported by a statutory declaration.

The Electoral Act, 1997, as amended, provides for the limitation of expenditure at a presidential election to €750,000 per candidate, and for the recoupment of expenses of up to €250,000 in the case of candidates who exceed one quarter of the quota.

A candidate or the election agent may appoint one local agent for each Dáil constituency to assist the candidate in the constituency and to act as deputy in the constituency for the election agent. A candidate or the election agent or the local agent may appoint, for each polling district in a constituency, one deputy local agent to assist the candidate in the polling district and to act as deputy for the candidate's election agent and local agent in the polling district. An appointment of a local agent or deputy local agent must be notified in writing to the Local Returning Officer for the constituency, by the person making the appointment.

A candidate or the election agent or a local agent may appoint a personation agent to attend at each polling station in the constituency to assist in the detection of personation. A candidate, election agent or local agent may also appoint persons to attend at the issue of postal ballot papers, at the opening of the postal ballot boxes and at the counting of the votes in the constituency. Agents representing the candidates may also be present at the ascertainment of the result of the election by the Presidential Returning Officer.

### **Free postage for candidates**

Each candidate is entitled to send by post, free of charge, one election letter to each elector on the Register of Electors.

### **The poll**

Polling day is appointed by order of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and this order also fixes the period for voting. At least twelve hours within the period between 7.00 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. must be allowed for voting. Postal voting is available to members of An Garda Síochána (police force), Defence Forces and to civil servants (and their spouses or partners) attached to Irish diplomatic missions

abroad, as well as to electors living at home who are unable to vote at a polling station due to an illness or disability, and electors unable to vote at their polling station due to circumstances of their detention in a prison due to an order of the court. Postal voting is also available to electors whose occupations are likely to prevent them from voting at their local polling station (including full-time students registered at home who are living elsewhere while attending an educational institution in the State). Certain election staff employed at a polling station outside the constituency where they live are also entitled to request a postal vote. Persons who consider their safety, or the safety of a member of their household, would be at risk if their name and address were to be published, are also entitled to request a postal vote.

Special voting is available to electors living in hospitals, nursing homes or other care facilities who are unable to vote at a polling station due to an illness or disability. The ballot paper is brought to them in the facility. They vote in the presence of a Special Presiding Officer accompanied by a Garda.

For the purpose of a presidential election the country is generally divided into the same constituencies as those for a Dáil election. The person who is the Dáil Returning Officer for a constituency (i.e. the sheriff or county registrar) is the Local Returning Officer for the constituency at a presidential election. The Local Returning Officer is charged with the conduct of the election in the constituency. Electors vote at the same polling stations as for a Dáil election and each elector is sent a polling information card containing information on the elector's number on the Register of Electors, the date of the poll and the place where they are entitled to vote. Polling stations are usually located in schools or other public buildings. The Local Returning Officer appoints a Presiding Officer to preside at each polling station and a Poll Clerk to assist the Presiding Officer.

### **Voting system**

The President is elected by the direct vote of the people. Voting is by secret ballot by means of the single transferable vote. This system enables the elector to indicate their first and subsequent choices on the ballot paper. The form of ballot paper is prescribed by law. The names of candidates appear in alphabetical order on the ballot paper, which also contains brief instructions on the correct manner of voting. The

ballot paper does not disclose the political affiliation, if any, of the candidates. The ballot paper may also contain a photograph of the candidate in accordance with regulations made by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Each ballot paper is stamped with an official mark at the time of issue, to establish its authenticity, and a serial number is printed in small characters on the back of each paper. If a ballot paper does not bear the official mark or if anything is marked or written on it by which the voter could be identified, it will be declared invalid at the count and rejected.

### **Method of voting**

In the polling station the elector applies for a ballot paper by stating his or her name and address. The elector may be required to produce evidence of identity. Where the Presiding Officer is satisfied as to the elector's identity, a ballot paper is stamped with the official mark and the ballot paper is handed to the elector. The Presiding Officer places a mark opposite the name of the elector on the Register of Electors to show that the elector has received a ballot paper. The elector marks the ballot paper in secret in a voting compartment, folds the paper to conceal how the paper has been marked and places it in the ballot box. The Presiding Officer may order the arrest of any person suspected of committing electoral offences. Persons who are blind, incapacitated or illiterate and cannot vote without help may be assisted by the presiding officer or by a companion. Persons with a visual impairment may also use a Ballot Paper Template to cast their vote.

### **The counting of votes**

The counting of the votes is carried out entirely at Dáil constituency level. The Presidential Returning Officer ascertains and declares the result of the election on the basis of the reports furnished to him/her by the Local Returning Officers for the individual constituencies. The candidates may be present or represented at the ascertainment of the results by the Presidential Returning Officer and may require a complete re-examination and recount of all the votes cast at the election.

The first count is carried out by the Local Returning Officer in each constituency and the results notified to the Presidential Returning Officer who calculates the quota. If a candidate reaches the quota on the first count they will be declared elected; if not, the

Presidential Returning Officer directs the exclusion of the lowest candidate(s). The votes of the excluded candidate(s) are transferred by the Local Returning Officers and the results notified to the Presidential Returning Officer. The process of exclusion of candidates and transfer of their votes will continue until a candidate can be declared elected.

### **Presidential Election Petitions**

The result of an election may be questioned by way of petition to the High Court. A petition may only be presented with the leave of the Court on application made, not later than seven days after the declaration of the result of the election. Leave to present a petition may be sought by the Director of Public Prosecutions, a candidate or his/her election agent. The grounds of petition are limited to electoral offences, obstruction of the election, or mistake or other irregularity likely to have affected the result.

### **Taking up office**

The Presidential Returning Officer notifies the name and address of the President elect to the outgoing President, the Taoiseach, the Chief Justice, the Chairman of Dáil Éireann, the Chairman of Seanad Éireann and the Secretary to the President. The new President takes office on the day following the expiration of the term of office of the outgoing President and holds office for seven years from that date.

### **Presidential Law**

The law relating to the election of the President is contained in The Constitution of Ireland, the Presidential Elections Act, 1993, as amended, and the Electoral Act, 1997 (as amended).

## Holders of the Office of President

### Background

Since the establishment of the Office of President in 1937, there have been ten Presidents of Ireland. Seven men and three women have held office as President, over the course of fifteen elections since 1938.

Year	Election Contested / Uncontested	Reason	Candidates
1938	Uncontested	Only one person nominated	1
1945	Contested		3
1952	Uncontested	Incumbent only nominee	1
1959	Contested		2
1966	Contested		2
1973	Contested		2
1974	Uncontested	Death of incumbent; only one person nominated	1
1976	Uncontested	Resignation of incumbent; only one person nominated	1
1983	Uncontested	Only one nominated	1
1990	Contested		3
1997	Contested		5
2004	Uncontested	Incumbent only person nominated	1
2011	Contested		7
2018	Contested		6
2025	Contested		3

### Dr Dubhglas de Híde (Dr Douglas Hyde)

(1860-1949)

#### President of Ireland (1938-45)

Born in Sligo, he was reared in Frenchpark, County Roscommon. Educated Trinity College, Dublin. A renowned Gaelic scholar, he played a leading role in the revival of the Irish language; he was co-founder of the Gaelic League in 1893. He was a distinguished author, playwright and poet, publishing works in English and in Irish, the latter under the name "An Craoibhín Aoibhinn". Professor of Modern Irish at the National University (1909-32) and Dean of the Faculty of Celtic Studies. Member of

the Senate of the National University of Ireland (1909-19). Chairman of the Irish Folklore Institute (1930-34). Member of Seanad Éireann (1925-38). First President to hold office with a disability due to a stroke in 1940. Oldest person elected as President.

**Seán T O'Kelly (Seán T Ó Ceallaigh)**

**(1882-1966)**

**President of Ireland (1945-59)**

Born in Dublin. Educated O'Connell Schools, Dublin. Joined Gaelic League in 1898. Member Dublin Corporation (1906-24). Founder member of Sinn Féin and the Irish Volunteers. Staff-Captain in the GPO during the Easter Rising of 1916 and interned. Elected for Dublin to the first Dáil Éireann (1918). Elected Ceann Comhairle (Chairman of the Dáil) on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1919. Member of Dáil (1918-45). Rejected the Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921. Founder member of Fianna Fáil. Vice-President of Executive Council (Government) (1932-38), Minister for Local Government and Public Health (1932-39), Tánaiste (1937-45) and Minister for Finance (1939-45).

**Eamon de Valera**

**(1882-1975)**

**President of Ireland (1959-73)**

Born in New York and reared in Bruree, County Limerick. Educated Christian Brothers Schools, Rathluirc, County Cork; Blackrock College, Dublin and Royal University of Ireland. Teacher and university lecturer. Joined the Gaelic League in 1908. Commandant of the Irish Volunteers at Bolands Mills during the Easter Rising of 1916. Sentenced to death for his part in insurrection; sentence commuted to penal servitude for life; released June 1917. In 1917, elected MP for East Clare. Represented Clare in Dáil Éireann (1918-1959). Chosen as President of Dáil Éireann 1919. Rejected Articles of Agreement for Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921. Rejected oath of allegiance required for admission to Dáil and pursued abstentionist policy up to 1927. Founded Fianna Fáil (the Republican Party) in 1926; with his colleagues in Fianna Fáil took his Dáil

seat after the general election of June 1927. Following the general election of 1932, with the support of the Labour Party, he formed his first Government and was President of the Executive Council (term later changes to Taoiseach) until 1937. Introduced new Constitution of Ireland ("Bunreacht na hÉireann") which was approved by plebiscite in 1937. Taoiseach and Minister for External Affairs (1937-48), Minister of Education (1937-40) and Taoiseach (1951-54 and 1957-59). First President to hold office with strong visual impairment and later first blind President.

### **Erskine Childers**

**(1905-1974)**

**President of Ireland (1973-74). Died in office on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1974**

Born in London; educated at Norfolk and at Trinity College, Cambridge. Worked in Paris (1928-31); advertising manager of the "Irish Press" (1932-36). Secretary of the Federation of Irish Manufacturers (1936-44). Elected to the Dáil 1938 and represented the constituencies of Athlone-Longford (1938-44), Longford-Westmeath (1948-57) and Monaghan (1961-73). Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (1944-47); Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government (1947-48). Minister for Posts and Telegraphs (1951-54); Minister for Lands (1957-59); Minister for Transport and Power (1959-66); Minister for Transport and Power and Minister for Posts and Telegraphs (1966-69) and Tánaiste and Minister for Health (1969-73). First President to die in office.

### **Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh**

**(1911-1978)**

**President of Ireland (1974-76). Resigned from office on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1976**

Born in Bray, County Wicklow. Educated at Scoil na Leanbh, An Rinn, County Waterford; Synge Street Christian Brothers School, Dublin; University College, Dublin and Kings Inns. Irish language editor of the "Irish Press" (1931-40). Called to the Bar in 1934 and to the Inner Bar in 1945. Attorney-General (1946-48 and 1951-53). Appointed Judge of the Supreme Court in 1953 and Chief Justice (1961-73).

Following Ireland's accession to the European Community, became Judge at the European Court of Justice 1973; appointed President of the First Chamber of the Court in 1974. First President to resign from office.

**Dr Patrick Hillery (Pádraig S. Ó Hirighile)**

**(1923- 2008)**

**President of Ireland (1976-90)**

Born in Miltown Malbay, County Clare in 1923. Educated Rockwell College and University College, Dublin. Qualified as medical doctor. Member of Dáil for Clare (1951-73). Minister for Education (1959-65); Minister for Industry and Commerce (1965-66); Minister for Labour (1966-69) and Minister for External Affairs (1969-72). While Minister for External Affairs he was responsible for the conduct of the negotiations for Ireland's entry into the European Community in 1973. Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities with special responsibility for Social Affairs (1973-76). Indirectly responsible for introduction of Equal Pay legislation in Ireland in late 1970s as Commissioner for Social Affairs.

**Mary Robinson (Máire Mhic Róibín)**

**(1944- )**

**President of Ireland (1990-97). Resigned from office on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1997.**

Born (Mary Bourke) in Ballina, County Mayo in 1944. Educated at Trinity College, Dublin, King's Inns, Dublin and Harvard University. Senior Counsel, member of English Bar, Reid Professor of Constitutional and Criminal Law, Trinity College, Dublin (1969-75). Lecturer in European Community law, Trinity College (1975-90). Member of Seanad Éireann for the University of Dublin (1969-89). Member of Dublin Corporation (1979-83). Member of International Commission of Jurists (1987-90). Founded Irish Centre for European Law (1988). Published works on aspects of Irish Law and Government and campaigned for family law reform and protection of human rights. Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002) and currently



member of the 'Elders Foundation' supporting global projects that build peace and tackle major humanitarian issues. First woman to hold office as President.

### **Mary McAleese (Máire Mhic Chiolla Íosa)**

**(1951- )**

**President of Ireland (1997- 2011)**

Born (Mary Leneghan) in Belfast in 1951. Educated St Dominic's High School (1962-69); The Queen's University, Belfast (1969-73); The Inn of Court of Northern Ireland (1973-74) and The Institute of Linguists (1991-94). Appointed Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology in Trinity College, Dublin, 1975-79 and 1981-87. Joined RTÉ (Irish National Television) as current affairs journalist and presenter 1979-81; continued as part-time presenter until 1985. Director of the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at the Queen's University of Belfast 1987-97. Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Queen's University of Belfast 1994-97. Membership of the European Bar Association; the International Bar Association (Northern Ireland Rapporteur); the Inn of Court, Northern Ireland; and the King's Inns, Dublin. First President from Northern Ireland.

### **Michael D. Higgins**

**(1941- )**

**President of Ireland (2011- 2025)**

Born in Limerick City in 1941 and was raised in County Clare. Educated at University College Galway (later known as National University of Ireland, Galway), the University of Manchester and the University of Indiana. Lecturer in political science and sociology in National University of Ireland, Galway, and in the United States. First President to have served in both Houses of the Oireachtas. Member of the Dáil from 1981 to 2011. Ireland's first Minister for the Arts 1993-97. Campaigned for human rights and in 1992 was the first recipient of the Seán McBride Peace Prize from the International Peace Bureau in Helsinki. A writer and poet, contributed to many books covering diverse aspects of Irish politics, sociology, history and culture.

**Catherine Connolly****(1957- )****President of Ireland (2025- )**

Born on 12 July 1957 in Shantalla, Galway City. Earned a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Leeds in 1981 and a Law degree from the University of Galway in 1989. She began her career as a clinical psychologist. In 1991, she became a Barrister-in-Law.

Political career began with election to Galway City Council in 1999. Served as Mayor of Galway from 2004 to 2005. In 2016, elected an independent T.D. for the Galway West constituency, a role in which she championed equality, accountability and the Irish language. In July 2020, elected to the position of Leas-Cheann Comhairle, the first woman to hold the post.

## **Presidential elections 1938-2025**

## Presidential Election 1938

Only one candidate, Dr Dubhghlas de hÍde was nominated at the presidential election of 1938. He was accordingly declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1938.

## Presidential Election 1945

The presidential election of 1945 was contested by three candidates. The candidates were Patrick McCartan, Seán MacEoin and Seán T O'Kelly.

Voting took place on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1945, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	1,803,463	Total Valid Poll:	1,086,338
Percentage poll:	63.0%	Invalid votes:	50,287
Total poll:	1,136,625	Quota:	543,170

First Count		Second Count	
		Transfer of McCartan's Votes	Result
McCartan, Patrick	212,834	-212,834	-
MacEoin, Seán	335,539	+117,886	453,425
O'Kelly, Seán T	537,965	+27,200	565,165
<b>Non-transferable papers</b>		67,748	

Mr O'Kelly was declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1945.

The poll was conducted on the basis of county and county boroughs (known as City Councils since 2001) to facilitate the holding of local elections on the same day. The following are details of the voting in each county and county borough:

# Presidential Election 1945

## First Count

Constituency	Total Poll	Number of votes for			Spoilt Votes (included in Figure in Column 2)
		McCartan	MacEoin	O'Kelly	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<b>County Boroughs</b>					
Cork	28,546	4,714	9,025	13,875	932
Dublin	158,142	44,027	39,273	70,777	4,065
Limerick	17,302	2,538	4,731	9,318	715
Waterford	11,581	2,135	3,267	5,898	281
<b>Counties</b>					
Carlow	13,993	1,838	5,197	6,178	780
Cavan	31,341	3,032	11,883	14,500	1,926
Clare	40,968	5,979	10,796	22,910	1,283
Cork	119,684	24,163	38,911	49,737	6,873
Donegal	50,023	7,834	13,137	24,999	4,053
Dublin	38,155	9,815	11,665	16,206	469
Galway	59,734	11,153	12,713	32,496	3,372
Kerry	36,758	8,500	7,180	20,589	489
Kildare	22,126	2,958	6,731	11,426	1,011
Kilkenny	26,162	3,476	8,158	13,437	1,091
Laoighis	20,482	4,884	5,683	8,946	969
Leitrim	21,574	2,995	9,344	8,064	1,171
Limerick	42,816	4,758	13,183	22,725	2,150
Longford	16,975	646	10,170	5,848	311
Louth	28,803	4,668	9,395	13,685	1,055
Mayo	57,670	12,505	14,672	27,260	3,233
Meath	25,027	3,406	6,784	14,083	754
Monaghan	25,873	4,062	6,878	13,042	1,891
Offaly	20,891	4,136	5,199	10,580	976
Roscommon	33,929	5,140	11,747	15,354	1,688
Sligo	27,283	3,590	12,026	10,288	1,379
Tipperary North Riding	25,497	3,946	7,530	12,477	1,544
Tipperary South Riding	33,124	5,155	10,499	15,940	1,530
Waterford	19,284	2,481	5,198	10,980	625
Westmeath	22,395	1,636	9,741	10,303	715
Wexford	36,977	8,488	10,082	16,380	2,027
Wicklow	23,510	8,176	4,741	9,664	929
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,136,625</b>	<b>212,834</b>	<b>335,539</b>	<b>537,965</b>	<b>50,287</b>

## Presidential Election 1945

### Second Count (Distribution of McCartan's votes)

Constituency	MacEoin		O'Kelly		Non-transferable
<b>County Boroughs</b>					
Cork	(+2,602)	11,627	(+629)	14,504	1,483
Dublin	(+28,674)	67,947	(+5,342)	76,119	10,011
Limerick	See County Limerick				
Waterford	(+1,266)	4,533	(+317)	6,215	552
<b>Counties</b>					
Carlow	(+810)	6,007	(+437)	6,615	591
Cavan	(+1,523)	13,406	(+510)	15,010	999
Clare	(+3,106)	13,902	(+758)	23,668	2,115
Cork	(+13,777)	52,688	(+2,613)	52,350	7,773
Donegal	(+3,107)	16,244	(+882)	25,881	3,845
Dublin	(+6,881)	18,546	(+1,111)	17,317	1,823
Galway	(+5,075)	17,788	(+1,157)	33,653	4,921
Kerry	(+4,419)	11,599	(+1,038)	21,627	3,043
Kildare	(+1,645)	8,376	(+443)	11,869	870
Kilkenny	(+1,982)	10,140	(+484)	13,921	1,010
Laoighis	(+2,254)	7,937	(+594)	9,540	2,036
Leitrim	(+1,282)	10,626	(+433)	8,497	1,280
Limerick (including County Borough)	(+3,914)	21,828	(+1,084)	33,127	2,298
Longford	(+316)	10,486	(+126)	5,974	204
Louth	(+2,592)	11,987	(+627)	14,312	1,449
Mayo	(+6,023)	20,695	(+1,158)	28,418	5,324
Meath	(+1,896)	8,680	(+572)	14,655	938
Monaghan	(+1,549)	8,427	(+629)	13,671	1,884
Offaly	(+1,745)	6,944	(+1,092)	11,672	1,299
Roscommon	(+2,760)	14,507	(+499)	15,853	1,881
Sligo	(+1,650)	13,676	(+569)	10,857	1,371
Tipperary North Riding	(+2,130)	9,660	(+605)	13,082	1,211
Tipperary South Riding	(+3,032)	13,531	(+756)	16,696	1,367
Waterford	(+1,460)	6,658	(+271)	11,251	750
Westmeath	(+807)	10,548	(+317)	10,620	512
Wexford	(+4,983)	15,065	(+829)	17,209	2,676
Wicklow	(+4,626)	9,367	(+1,318)	10,982	2,232
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(+117,886)</b>	<b>453,425</b>	<b>(+27,200)</b>	<b>565,165</b>	<b>67,748</b>

## Presidential Election 1952

Only one candidate, the outgoing President Mr Seán T O'Kelly, was nominated at the presidential election of 1952. He was, accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1952.

## Presidential Election 1959

The election was contested by two candidates, Eamon de Valera and Seán MacEoin.

Voting took place on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1959, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. and the result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	1,678,450	Total Valid Poll:	955,539
Percentage poll:	58.4%	Invalid votes:	24,089
Total poll:	979,628	Quota:	477,770

First Count	
de Valera, Eamon	538,003
MacEoin, Seán	417,536

Mr. de Valera was declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1959. The following are details of the voting in each constituency:



## Presidential Election 1959

Constituency	Elect orate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for		Spoilt Votes (included in Figure in Column 3)
				de Valera	MacEoin	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
<b>Borough Constituencies</b>						
Cork	62,647	35,454	56.6	19,390	15,340	724
Dublin North (East)	62,241	34,539	55.5	16,417	17,446	676
Dublin North (Central)	24,940	13,093	52.5	6,133	6,682	278
Dublin North (West)	31,441	17,012	54.1	7,707	8,941	364
Dublin South (East)	35,845	20,790	58.0	10,363	10,034	393
Dublin South (Central)	50,045	24,335	48.6	11,819	12,010	506
Dublin South (West)	61,631	32,372	52.5	16,195	15,551	626
<b>County Constituencies</b>						
Carlow-Kilkenny	56,117	35,078	62.5	20,023	14,521	534
Cavan	36,762	24,904	67.7	13,912	10,669	323
Clare	47,227	29,809	63.1	19,095	10,270	444
Cork North	33,805	23,869	70.6	12,754	10,793	322
Cork South	35,238	22,993	65.2	11,909	10,367	717
Cork East	35,193	21,743	61.8	12,117	9,295	331
Cork West	32,290	21,368	66.2	10,235	10,861	272
East Donegal	40,863	22,789	55.8	15,521	6,934	334
West Donegal	30,850	15,501	50.2	9,616	5,700	185
Dublin	74,084	37,713	50.9	19,449	17,292	972
Dún Laoghaire and Rathdown	61,716	32,631	52.9	16,911	14,982	738
North Galway	28,588	14,720	51.5	9,037	5,368	315
South Galway	28,318	17,798	62.8	11,710	5,868	220
West Galway	29,882	14,933	50.0	10,134	4,548	251
North Kerry	43,718	22,030	50.4	12,361	7,680	1,989
South Kerry	30,631	13,242	43.2	7,472	5,481	289
Kildare	36,552	22,543	61.7	10,794	9,791	1,958
Laoighis-Offaly	56,583	34,513	61.0	20,059	14,045	409
East Limerick	45,980	29,223	63.6	15,942	11,007	2,274
West Limerick	31,999	21,933	68.5	12,918	7,799	1,216
Longford-Westmeath	49,243	34,312	69.7	16,234	17,534	544
Louth	40,209	25,059	62.3	13,646	11,076	337
North Mayo	32,358	16,180	50.0	9,219	5,651	1,310
South Mayo	46,460	23,864	51.4	12,925	10,538	401
Meath	37,686	23,951	63.5	13,940	9,710	301
Monaghan	29,370	18,852	64.2	11,028	7,361	463
Roscommon	38,658	23,087	59.8	12,188	10,599	300
Sligo-Leitrim	57,271	31,289	54.6	16,081	14,449	759
North Tipperary	32,467	20,669	63.7	12,253	8,104	312
South Tipperary	41,196	29,042	70.5	16,568	11,900	574
Waterford	42,777	25,746	60.2	15,679	9,715	352
Wexford	50,150	31,493	62.8	17,290	13,667	536
Wicklow	35,419	19,156	54.1	10,959	7,957	240
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,678,450</b>	<b>979,628</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>538,003</b>	<b>417,536</b>	<b>24,089</b>

## Presidential Election 1966

The 1966 presidential election was contested by two candidates, Eamon de Valera and Thomas F O'Higgins.

Voting took place on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1966, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. and the result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	1,709,161	Total Valid Poll:	1,107,005
Percentage poll:	65.3%	Invalid votes:	9,910
Total poll:	1,116,915	Quota:	553,503

First Count	
de Valera, Eamon	558,861
O'Higgins, Thomas F.	548,144

Mr de Valera was declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1966. The following are details of the voting in each constituency:

## Presidential Election 1966

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for		Spoilt votes (included in Figure in Column (3))
				de Valera	O'Higgins	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Carlow-Kilkenny	58,319	40,643	69.7	21,332	18,725	586
Cavan	34,360	25,126	73.1	12,542	12,431	153
Clare	48,138	31,272	65.0	19,992	11,132	148
Cork Borough	58,751	37,657	64.1	18,129	19,281	247
Mid-Cork	51,337	36,844	71.8	17,532	19,015	297
North-East Cork	59,196	41,794	70.6	21,204	20,175	415
South-West Cork	34,929	24,841	71.1	11,590	13,131	120
North-East Donegal	34,813	22,849	65.6	13,540	8,967	342
South-West Donegal	36,035	23,886	66.3	12,781	10,804	301
Dublin North-Central	38,903	22,017	56.6	9,842	12,016	159
Dublin North-East	75,960	49,337	65.0	20,300	28,676	361
Dublin North-West	41,006	24,367	59.4	10,202	13,995	170
Dublin South-Central	54,328	31,354	57.7	13,954	17,149	251
Dublin South-East	40,981	26,529	64.7	10,554	15,841	134
Dublin South-West	57,612	34,782	60.4	14,764	19,692	326
Dublin County	71,601	44,429	62.0	19,656	24,554	219
Dún Laoghaire and Rathdown	60,009	37,190	62.0	13,869	22,945	376
East Galway	54,409	36,862	67.7	20,621	15,951	290
West Galway	33,787	19,648	58.2	11,793	7,674	181
North Kerry	35,318	20,501	58.0	11,334	9,016	151
South Kerry	35,832	20,038	55.9	11,083	8,759	196
Kildare	45,485	31,130	68.4	16,022	14,705	403
Laoighis-Offaly	56,074	39,581	70.6	19,046	20,075	460
East Limerick	46,501	32,262	69.4	17,002	14,822	438
West Limerick	33,121	24,195	73.0	13,719	10,262	214
Longford-Westmeath	44,337	30,051	67.8	14,951	14,740	360
Louth	37,126	25,205	67.9	13,519	11,523	163
North Mayo	31,634	18,081	57.2	9,878	8,096	107
South Mayo	42,535	26,082	61.3	12,598	13,161	323
Meath	35,615	23,410	65.7	13,368	9,891	151
Monaghan	32,813	23,311	71.0	11,700	11,408	203
Roscommon	44,287	30,575	69.0	15,655	14,646	274
Sligo-Leitrim	43,210	26,548	61.4	13,251	12,918	379
North Tipperary	34,287	23,094	67.4	12,589	10,209	296
South Tipperary	46,057	33,437	72.6	19,300	13,745	392
Waterford	36,986	24,343	65.8	13,334	10,913	96
Wexford	47,359	30,623	64.7	15,268	15,203	152
Wicklow	36,110	23,021	63.8	11,047	11,898	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,709,161</b>	<b>1,116,915</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>558,861</b>	<b>548,144</b>	<b>9,910</b>

## Presidential Election 1973

Two candidates contested the presidential election held in 1973. They were Erskine Childers and Tom O'Higgins. Mr O'Higgins had previously contested the 1966 election.

Voting took place on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1973, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. and the result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	1,977,817	Total Valid Poll:	1,223,638
Percentage poll:	62.2%	Invalid votes:	6,946
Total poll:	1,230,584	Quota:	611,820

First Count	
Childers, Erskine	635,867
O'Higgins, Tom	587,771

Mr Childers was declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1973. The following are details of the voting in each constituency:

## Presidential Election 1973

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for		Spoilt votes (included in Figure in Column (3))
				Childers	O'Higgins	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Carlow-Kilkenny	64,997	45,005	69.2	23,231	21,458	316
Cavan	40,553	27,558	68.0	14,001	13,399	158
Clare	43,589	26,826	61.5	16,412	10,335	79
Clare-South Galway	37,961	25,490	67.1	14,470	10,946	74
Cork City (North West)	40,146	24,938	62.1	15,589	9,196	153
Cork City (South East)	40,404	26,744	66.2	15,918	10,625	201
Mid-Cork	54,713	40,812	74.6	21,603	19,011	198
North-East Cork	54,674	38,370	70.2	20,887	17,253	230
South-West Cork	40,985	29,016	70.8	13,745	15,102	169
North-East Donegal	41,518	21,759	52.4	12,253	9,329	177
Donegal-Leitrim	41,760	26,156	62.6	14,326	11,689	141
North County Dublin	68,947	37,855	54.9	18,625	18,993	237
South County Dublin	53,102	32,374	61.0	15,561	16,586	227
Dún Laoghaire and Rathdown	62,302	37,859	60.8	18,037	19,655	167
Dublin Central	50,263	25,653	51.0	12,081	13,385	187
Dublin North-Central	52,450	29,413	56.1	14,012	15,162	239
Dublin North-East	63,809	34,988	54.8	16,613	18,081	294
Dublin North-West	50,396	25,341	50.3	12,102	12,981	258
Dublin South-Central	56,307	30,760	54.6	15,117	15,399	244
Dublin South-East	41,759	23,438	56.1	11,540	11,698	200
Dublin South-West	46,764	23,734	50.8	10,924	12,641	169
North-East Galway	36,886	23,864	64.7	12,005	11,756	103
West Galway	42,115	23,499	55.8	12,920	10,458	121
North Kerry	40,534	23,372	57.7	12,206	11,038	128
South Kerry	39,517	23,494	59.5	12,280	11,071	143
Kildare	46,626	28,980	62.2	15,689	13,291	-
Laoighis-Offaly	61,339	41,994	68.5	21,078	20,740	176
East Limerick	53,307	35,009	65.7	17,897	16,952	160
West Limerick	40,579	28,901	71.2	16,013	12,772	116
Longford-Westmeath	51,677	33,524	64.9	17,324	16,050	150
Louth	44,210	26,358	59.6	14,556	11,575	227
East Mayo	37,970	23,501	61.9	11,290	12,141	70
West Mayo	37,530	22,641	60.3	10,983	11,558	100
Meath	44,150	27,253	61.7	14,542	12,534	177
Monaghan	39,647	26,119	65.9	13,706	12,261	152
Roscommon-Leitrim	40,632	27,124	66.8	12,884	14,127	113
Sligo-Leitrim	41,171	25,799	62.7	12,832	12,829	138
North Tipperary	38,494	27,595	71.7	14,723	12,748	124
South Tipperary	50,694	36,554	72.1	20,002	16,339	203
Waterford	43,876	29,034	66.2	15,785	13,116	133
Wexford	55,078	35,289	64.1	16,279	18,878	132
Wicklow	44,386	26,601	59.9	13,826	12,613	162
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,977,817</b>	<b>1,230,584</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>635,867</b>	<b>587,771</b>	<b>6,946</b>

## **Presidential Election 1974**

Only one candidate, Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh was nominated at the presidential election resulting from the death, on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1974 of Mr Erskine Childers. Mr Ó Dálaigh was, accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1974.

## **Presidential Election 1976**

President Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh resigned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1976. The only person nominated at the resulting presidential election was Dr Patrick Hillery. Dr Hillery was, accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1976.

## **Presidential Election 1983**

Only one candidate, the outgoing President, Dr Patrick Hillery, was nominated at the presidential election of 1983. He was, accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1983.

## Presidential Election 1990

The presidential election of 1990 was contested by three candidates. The candidates were Austin Currie, Brian Lenihan and Mary Robinson.

Voting took place on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1990, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	2,471,308	Total Valid Poll:	1,574,651
Percentage poll:	64.1%	Invalid votes:	9,444
Total poll:	1,584,095	Quota:	787,326

First Count		Second Count	
		Transfer of Currie's Votes	Result
Currie, Austin	267,902	-267,902	-
Lenihan, Brian	694,484	+36,789	731,273
Robinson, Mary	612,265	+205,565	817,830
<b>Non-transferable papers</b>		25,548	

Mary Robinson was, accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1990. The following are the details of the voting in each constituency:

# Presidential Election 1990

## First Count

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for			Spoilt votes (included in Figure in Column (3))
				Currie	Lenihan	Robinson	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Carlow-Kilkenny	79,921	53,138	66.5	9,941	23,808	19,054	335
Cavan-Monaghan	76,800	47,670	62.0	10,049	25,365	11,923	333
Clare	64,802	43,603	67.3	7,956	21,669	13,745	233
Cork-East	56,601	38,260	67.6	7,048	16,928	14,124	160
Cork North-Central	63,121	39,155	62.0	6,038	15,020	17,832	265
Cork North-West	41,146	30,569	74.3	8,414	13,843	8,162	150
Cork South-Central	79,302	53,926	68.0	9,254	18,176	26,226	270
Cork South-West	42,917	29,750	69.3	8,623	11,957	9,034	136
Donegal North-East	45,583	23,348	51.2	3,958	12,834	6,397	159
Donegal South-West	47,579	25,363	53.3	4,794	13,344	7,058	167
Dublin Central	64,765	38,614	59.6	4,711	17,855	15,683	365
Dublin North	52,372	34,586	66.0	3,931	14,812	15,637	206
Dublin North-Central	55,566	37,763	68.0	4,752	16,658	16,064	289
Dublin North-East	53,598	33,941	63.3	3,690	13,939	16,082	230
Dublin North-West	48,008	27,973	58.3	2,795	11,611	13,240	327
Dublin South	84,423	56,979	67.5	9,646	17,948	29,103	282
Dublin South-Central	71,725	43,152	60.1	5,578	16,847	20,394	333
Dublin South-East	56,869	33,579	59.0	5,528	10,573	17,262	216
Dublin South-West	66,618	37,115	55.7	3,661	15,340	17,826	288
Dublin West	79,041	48,482	61.3	6,439	21,987	19,772	284
Dún Laoghaire	81,410	52,944	65.0	8,957	14,974	28,815	198
Galway East	42,435	27,644	65.1	5,629	13,883	8,043	89
Galway West	77,999	46,217	59.3	8,094	18,885	18,978	260
Kerry North	47,585	30,461	64.0	5,192	13,896	11,155	218
Kerry South	42,943	28,608	66.6	4,891	14,230	9,336	151
Kildare	80,619	50,889	63.1	7,701	21,388	21,638	162
Laoighis-Offaly	75,270	51,153	68.0	8,690	25,635	16,571	257
Limerick East	67,546	42,818	63.4	7,498	14,583	20,527	210
Limerick West	43,829	30,958	70.6	5,955	16,055	8,766	182
Longford-Westmeath	62,413	41,551	66.6	7,716	21,860	11,741	234
Louth	63,585	39,975	62.9	5,588	20,134	13,894	359
Mayo East	39,828	26,985	67.7	5,023	11,838	9,947	177
Mayo West	39,712	25,823	65.0	4,706	12,114	8,905	98
Meath	77,946	49,265	63.2	8,174	23,960	16,818	313
Roscommon	40,575	28,297	69.7	6,482	14,454	7,223	138
Sligo-Leitrim	58,899	38,608	65.6	7,794	18,917	11,660	237
Tipperary North	41,731	29,309	70.2	5,822	14,373	8,926	188
Tipperary South	55,262	37,528	67.9	7,227	17,317	12,751	233
Waterford	61,142	38,918	63.6	6,160	17,236	15,359	163
Wexford	72,314	47,192	65.2	7,906	21,790	17,201	295
Wicklow	67,508	41,986	62.2	5,891	16,448	19,393	254
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,471,308</b>	<b>1,584,095</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>267,902</b>	<b>694,484</b>	<b>612,265</b>	<b>9,444</b>



**Presidential Election 1990**  
**Second Count (Distribution of Currie's Votes)**

Constituency	Lenihan	Total	Robinson	Total	Non-transferable
Carlow-Kilkenny	+1,295	25,103	+7,679	26,733	967
Cavan-Monaghan	+1,431	26,796	+7,741	19,664	877
Clare	+1,046	22,715	+6,259	20,004	651
Cork-East	+908	17,836	+5,314	19,438	826
Cork North-Central	+914	15,934	+4,514	22,346	610
Cork North-West	+1,053	14,896	+6,549	14,711	812
Cork South-Central	+1,240	19,416	+7,075	33,301	939
Cork South-West	+1,127	13,084	+6,606	15,640	890
Donegal North-East	+550	13,384	+2,765	9,162	643
Donegal South-West	+571	13,915	+3,672	10,730	551
Dublin Central	+793	18,648	+3,359	19,042	559
Dublin North	+646	15,458	+2,926	18,563	359
Dublin North-Central	+736	17,394	+3,521	19,585	495
Dublin North-East	+598	14,537	+2,690	18,772	402
Dublin North-West	+448	12,059	+2,041	15,281	306
Dublin South	+1,382	19,330	+7,370	36,473	894
Dublin South-Central	+896	17,743	+4,123	24,517	559
Dublin South-East	+785	11,358	+4,156	21,418	587
Dublin South-West	+554	15,894	+2,747	20,573	360
Dublin West	+972	22,959	+4,896	24,668	571
Dún Laoghaire	+1,319	16,293	+6,712	35,527	926
Galway East	+603	14,486	+4,608	12,651	418
Galway West	+990	19,875	+6,494	25,472	610
Kerry North	+773	14,669	+3,941	15,096	478
Kerry South	+582	14,812	+3,902	13,238	407
Kildare	+1,105	22,493	+5,829	27,467	767
Laoighis-Offaly	+1,105	26,740	+6,826	23,397	759
Limerick East	+1,006	15,589	+5,708	26,235	784
Limerick West	+779	16,834	+4,614	13,380	562
Longford-Westmeath	+1,021	22,881	+6,054	17,795	641
Louth	+936	21,070	+4,159	18,053	493
Mayo East	+524	12,362	+4,215	14,162	284
Mayo West	+452	12,566	+3,940	12,845	314
Meath	+1,162	25,122	+6,219	23,037	793
Roscommon	+731	15,185	+5,272	12,495	479
Sligo-Leitrim	+989	19,906	+6,222	17,882	583
Tipperary North	+746	15,119	+4,557	13,483	519
Tipperary South	+982	18,299	+5,463	18,214	782
Waterford	+934	18,170	+4,521	19,880	705
Wexford	+1,200	22,990	+5,857	23,058	849
Wicklow	+905	17,353	+4,449	23,842	537
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+36,789</b>	<b>731,273</b>	<b>+205,565</b>	<b>817,830</b>	<b>25,548</b>

## Presidential Election 1997

The presidential election of 1997 was contested by five candidates. The candidates were Mary Banotti, Mary McAleese, Derek Nally, Adi Roche, and Dana Rosemary Scallon.

Voting took place on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1997, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	2,739,529	Total Valid Poll:	1,269,836
Percentage poll:	46.7%	Invalid votes:	9,852
Total poll:	1,279,688	Quota:	634,919

First Count		Second Count	
		Transfer of Nally's, Roche's and Scallon's Votes	Result
Banotti, Mary	372,002	+125,514	497,516
McAleese, Mary	574,424	+131,835	706,259
Nally, Derek	59,529	-59,529	-
Roche, Adi	88,423	-88,423	-
Scallon, Dana Rosemary	175,458	-175,458	-
<b>Non-transferable papers</b>		66,061	-

Mary McAleese was accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1997. The following are the details of the voting in each constituency:

# Presidential Election 1997

## First Count

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for					Spoilt votes (included in Figure in Column (3))
				Banotti Mary	McAleese Mary	Nally Derek	Roche Adi	Scallion Dana, Rosemary	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Carlow-Kilkenny	85,696	43,422	50.67	11,962	19,949	3,040	2,936	5,177	358
Cavan-Monaghan	83,185	40,198	48.32	9,299	21,749	1,122	1,373	6,346	309
Clare	71,113	35,184	49.48	8,353	17,970	1,637	1,889	5,095	240
Cork East	63,489	33,622	52.96	8,859	15,598	1,063	3,444	4,450	208
Cork North-Central	71,865	32,674	45.47	8,348	14,322	1,194	4,808	3,742	260
Cork North-West	46,884	28,136	60.01	8,214	13,086	776	2,291	3,567	202
Cork South-Central	84,458	44,126	52.25	12,609	19,410	1,894	5,434	4,461	318
Cork South-West	47,966	27,710	57.77	8,808	12,616	825	2,208	3,016	237
Donegal North-East	52,723	20,970	39.77	3,313	11,008	575	748	5,136	190
Donegal South-West	51,661	21,599	41.81	3,958	11,060	545	826	5,025	185
Dublin Central	63,899	22,024	34.47	6,864	9,226	1,175	1,605	2,920	234
Dublin North	63,916	29,541	46.22	10,161	12,599	1,291	1,918	3,364	208
Dublin North-Central	66,431	31,348	47.19	10,789	12,949	1,342	1,946	4,044	278
Dublin North-East	59,258	24,817	41.88	8,728	10,132	1,114	1,770	2,890	183
Dublin North-West	60,172	23,910	39.74	7,806	9,910	1,180	1,769	3,037	208
Dublin South	89,955	45,021	50.05	18,766	16,053	1,990	2,589	5,360	263
Dublin South-Central	67,985	28,737	42.27	10,900	10,636	1,375	1,909	3,636	281
Dublin South-East	63,476	28,632	45.11	12,692	9,338	1,056	1,885	3,403	258
Dublin South-West	75,760	26,198	34.58	8,879	10,366	1,539	1,833	3,384	197
Dublin West	66,462	26,351	39.65	8,965	10,678	1,504	1,675	3,363	166
Dún Laoghaire	87,091	42,217	48.47	18,415	14,310	1,632	2,696	4,882	282
Galway East	61,331	30,984	50.52	7,352	15,979	1,076	1,285	5,044	248
Galway West	78,266	35,238	45.02	9,495	16,707	1,437	2,012	5,320	267
Kerry North	51,190	23,295	45.51	5,266	10,753	689	3,039	3,367	181
Kerry South	47,420	23,180	48.88	5,384	11,586	778	2,075	3,162	195
Kildare North	52,290	23,124	44.22	7,657	9,496	1,242	1,483	3,101	145
Kildare South	47,880	20,205	42.20	6,052	9,204	1,039	1,426	2,372	112
Laoighis-Offaly	84,815	41,588	49.03	10,878	20,398	1,739	2,090	6,188	295
Limerick East	77,122	35,779	46.39	11,529	15,080	1,714	2,235	4,998	223
Limerick West	47,974	24,849	51.80	6,999	11,823	886	1,201	3,722	218
Longford-Roscommon	64,002	32,922	51.44	8,212	15,654	1,456	1,159	6,175	266
Louth	71,215	31,477	44.20	7,322	16,356	1,228	1,983	4,337	251
Mayo	88,031	42,106	47.83	10,923	21,174	1,348	1,666	6,601	394
Meath	90,336	39,709	43.96	11,338	18,584	1,487	2,123	5,898	279
Sligo-Leitrim	64,738	32,349	49.97	7,909	16,162	1,044	1,670	5,290	274
Tipperary North	54,135	28,583	52.80	7,547	13,316	1,550	2,158	3,802	210
Tipperary South	51,618	27,081	52.46	6,928	11,865	832	4,187	3,092	177
Waterford	70,571	31,789	45.05	8,243	15,769	1,406	2,229	3,887	255
Westmeath	49,104	23,256	47.36	5,969	10,653	1,160	1,561	3,770	143
Wexford	83,900	39,760	47.39	8,779	16,713	7,405	2,415	4,061	387
Wicklow	80,146	35,977	44.89	11,532	14,187	2,144	2,874	4,973	267
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,739,529</b>	<b>1,279,688</b>	<b>46.71</b>	<b>372,002</b>	<b>574,424</b>	<b>59,529</b>	<b>88,423</b>	<b>175,458</b>	<b>9,852</b>

## Presidential Election 1997

### Second Count (Distribution of Nally, Roche and Scallon's Votes)

Constituency	Banotti	Total	McAleese	Total	Non-transferable
Carlow-Kilkenny	4,512	16,474	4,346	24,295	2,295
Cavan-Monaghan	2,860	12,159	4,266	26,015	1,715
Clare	3,189	11,542	3,796	21,766	1,636
Cork East	3,346	12,205	3,620	19,218	1,991
Cork North-Central	3,853	12,201	3,817	18,139	2,074
Cork North-West	2,473	10,687	2,739	15,825	1,422
Cork South-Central	4,412	17,021	5,027	24,437	2,350
Cork South-West	2,518	11,326	2,440	15,056	1,091
Donegal North-East	1,531	4,844	3,105	14,113	1,823
Donegal South-West	1,615	5,573	3,000	14,060	1,781
Dublin Central	2,276	9,140	2,123	11,349	1,301
Dublin North	2,852	13,013	2,550	15,149	1,171
Dublin North-Central	3,114	13,903	2,894	15,843	1,324
Dublin North-East	2,386	11,114	2,242	12,374	1,146
Dublin North-West	2,531	10,337	2,270	12,180	1,185
Dublin South	4,670	23,436	3,726	19,779	1,543
Dublin South-Central	2,987	13,887	2,546	13,182	1,387
Dublin South-East	3,011	15,703	2,230	11,568	1,103
Dublin South-West	2,855	11,734	2,554	12,920	1,347
Dublin West	2,883	11,848	2,521	13,199	1,138
Dún Laoghaire	4,330	22,745	3,368	17,678	1,512
Galway East	2,651	10,003	3,339	19,318	1,415
Galway West	3,479	12,974	3,711	20,418	1,579
Kerry North	2,676	7,942	2,793	13,546	1,626
Kerry South	2,247	7,631	2,523	14,109	1,245
Kildare North	2,552	10,209	2,245	11,741	1,029
Kildare South	1,924	7,976	1,835	11,039	1,078
Laoighis-Offaly	3,607	14,485	4,363	24,761	2,047
Limerick East	3,679	15,208	3,413	18,493	1,855
Limerick West	2,083	9,082	2,454	14,277	1,272
Longford-Roscommon	3,004	11,216	3,901	19,555	1,885
Louth	2,693	10,015	3,171	19,527	1,684
Mayo	3,420	14,343	4,377	25,551	1,818
Meath	3,688	15,026	3,846	22,430	1,974
Sligo-Leitrim	2,820	10,729	3,750	19,912	1,434
Tipperary North	2,828	10,375	3,057	16,373	1,625
Tipperary South	3,201	10,129	3,200	15,065	1,710
Waterford	2,827	11,070	2,991	18,760	1,704
Westmeath	2,393	8,362	2,694	13,347	1,404
Wexford	5,364	14,143	5,351	22,064	3,166
Wicklow	4,174	15,706	3,641	17,828	2,176
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,5514</b>	<b>497,516</b>	<b>131,835</b>	<b>706,259</b>	<b>66,061</b>

## **Presidential Election 2004**

Only one candidate, the outgoing President, Dr Mary McAleese, was nominated at the presidential election of 2004. She was, accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2004.

## Presidential Election 2011

The presidential election of 2011 was contested by seven candidates. The candidates were Mary Davis, Seán Gallagher, Michael D. Higgins, Martin McGuinness, Gay Mitchell, David Norris, and Dana Rosemary Scallon.

Voting took place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. The result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	3,191,157	Total Valid Poll:	1,771,762
Percentage poll:	56.11%	Invalid votes:	18,676
Total poll:	1,790,438	Quota:	885,882

Name of candidate	First Count	Second Count		Third Count		Fourth Count	
	Votes	Transfer of Davis' and Scallon's votes	Result	Transfer of Norris' votes	Result	Transfer of Mitchell's and McGuinness' votes	Result
Davis, Mary	48,657	- 48,657	-	-	-	-	-
Gallagher, Seán	504,964	+ 24,437	529,401	+ 18,972	548,373	+ 79,741	628,114
Higgins, Michael D.	701,101	+ 29,379	730,480	+ 62,648	793,128	+ 213,976	1,007,104
McGuinness, Martin	243,030	+ 9,581	252,611	+ 12,585	265,196	- 265,196	-
Mitchell, Gay	113,321	+ 14,036	127,357	+ 8,952	136,309	- 136,309	-
Norris, David	109,469	+ 7,057	116,526	- 116,526	-	-	-
Scallon, Dana Rosemary	51,220	- 51,220	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-transferable papers not effective</b>	-	+ 15,387	15,387	+ 13,369	28,756	+ 107,788	136,544

Michael D. Higgins was, accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The following are the details of the voting in each constituency:

# Presidential Election 2011

## First Count

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for							Invalid Ballot Papers (included in Figure in Column 3)
				Davis Mary	Gallagher Seán	Higgins Michael D.	McGuinness Martin	Mitchell Gay	Norris David	Scallon Dana Rosemary	
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]
Carlow-Kilkenny	106,810	59,328	55.55	1,143	19,846	21,574	7,257	4,511	2,792	1,614	591
Cavan-Monaghan	98,952	58,518	59.14	1,071	26,150	11,471	11,940	4,109	1,636	1,587	554
Clare	81,419	47,417	58.24	890	14,779	20,828	4,950	2,545	1,707	1,313	405
Cork East	82,731	45,462	54.95	923	15,455	16,435	6,193	2,678	1,921	1,348	509
Cork North-Central	75,622	41,602	55.01	693	11,526	15,427	8,201	1,911	2,090	1,178	576
Cork North-West	62,113	37,784	60.83	561	14,362	12,836	4,329	2,836	1,380	1,109	371
Cork South-Central	91,716	53,710	58.56	1,080	13,224	23,861	7,496	2,488	3,423	1,476	662
Cork South-West	60,248	35,941	59.66	770	12,449	12,047	4,608	3,035	1,534	1,128	370
Donegal North-East	58,579	28,582	48.79	598	7,978	6,516	9,085	1,384	788	1,905	328
Donegal South-West	64,158	31,068	48.42	660	9,912	7,093	8,738	1,620	916	1,777	352
Dublin Central	54,500	28,236	51.81	820	4,577	12,267	4,485	1,392	3,588	756	351
Dublin Mid-West	64,370	34,113	53.00	1,039	7,436	13,594	5,374	2,176	3,428	670	396
Dublin North	69,347	39,731	57.29	1,253	10,014	17,630	4,097	1,742	3,868	726	401
Dublin North-Central	51,929	33,239	64.01	1,148	6,603	15,230	3,678	1,953	3,434	812	381
Dublin North-East	57,627	34,462	59.80	1,491	7,138	14,956	4,484	1,727	3,512	754	400
Dublin North-West	50,410	25,361	50.31	915	5,069	9,709	4,985	1,111	2,638	576	358
Dublin South	104,145	64,492	61.93	2,100	12,814	32,673	4,146	4,684	6,265	1,296	514
Dublin South-Central	77,688	41,604	53.55	1,116	6,154	16,391	6,803	4,971	4,703	937	529
Dublin South-East	55,533	30,780	55.43	975	4,179	16,315	2,289	2,486	3,574	667	295
Dublin South-West	69,977	36,669	52.40	1,127	7,947	14,530	6,006	2,345	3,482	758	474
Dublin West	61,583	36,319	58.98	1,174	8,677	15,539	4,278	1,916	3,632	733	370
Dún Laoghaire	82,033	49,191	59.96	1,711	8,626	25,616	3,355	3,424	4,973	1,058	428

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for							Invalid Ballot Papers (included in Figure in Column 3)
				Davis Mary	Gallagher Seán	Higgins Michael D.	McGuinness Martin	Mitchell Gay	Norris David	Scallon Dana Rosemary	
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]
Galway East	81,896	47,092	57.50	1,053	13,473	21,554	4,849	2,905	1,177	1,670	411
Galway West	94,700	50,688	53.52	900	9,281	28,970	5,392	2,326	1,660	1,745	414
Kerry North-West Limerick	63,068	34,525	54.74	757	9,909	12,947	5,739	2,221	1,301	1,260	391
Kerry South	57,776	31,969	55.33	838	9,668	11,604	4,723	2,302	1,246	1,232	356
Kildare North	76,623	43,463	56.72	1,198	11,615	19,775	3,796	2,364	3,490	896	329
Kildare South	57,933	31,295	54.02	937	9,733	12,447	3,553	1,681	1,966	645	333
Laoighis-Offaly	107,023	59,365	55.47	1,181	22,115	18,686	7,663	3,891	3,547	1,765	517
Limerick	66,345	36,876	55.58	819	12,238	14,134	3,854	2,864	1,369	1,239	359
Limerick City	66,421	34,725	52.28	648	7,643	16,935	4,150	1,917	2,065	1,004	363
Longford-Westmeath	85,911	45,543	53.01	945	15,166	15,987	5,885	3,372	2,154	1,550	484
Louth	102,941	58,126	56.47	1,316	17,027	20,844	11,499	2,359	3,141	1,267	673
Mayo	97,714	53,627	54.88	4,981	13,370	20,329	6,300	4,878	1,483	1,719	567
Meath East	65,477	35,453	54.15	995	11,300	13,397	4,095	2,199	2,340	818	309
Meath West	63,111	33,071	52.40	831	10,972	11,280	4,865	1,982	1,928	889	324
Roscommon-South Leitrim	60,416	36,486	60.39	1,070	13,011	11,480	5,286	2,334	1,322	1,589	394
Sligo-North Leitrim	62,152	34,251	55.11	1,112	9,943	12,363	5,464	2,360	1,349	1,299	361
Tipperary North	62,603	38,381	61.31	890	13,491	13,197	4,459	3,121	1,385	1,399	439
Tipperary South	56,295	32,618	57.94	761	11,003	11,411	4,188	2,517	1,415	975	348
Waterford	78,960	42,731	54.12	918	13,107	16,340	5,737	2,489	2,451	1,218	471
Wexford	108,490	58,629	54.04	1,462	19,685	21,010	8,112	3,459	2,797	1,477	627
Wicklow	93,812	57,915	61.74	1,787	16,299	23,873	6,644	2,736	4,599	1,386	591
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,191,157</b>	<b>1,790,438</b>	<b>56.11</b>	<b>48,657</b>	<b>504,964</b>	<b>701,101</b>	<b>243,030</b>	<b>113,321</b>	<b>109,469</b>	<b>51,220</b>	<b>18,676</b>



# Presidential Election 2011

## Second Count

### (Distribution of Davis' and Scallion's Votes)

Constituency	Gallagher	Total	Higgins	Total	McGuinness	Total	Mitchell	Total	Norris	Total	Non-transferable
Carlow-Kilkenny	685	20,531	808	22,382	240	7,497	404	4,915	183	2,975	437
Cavan-Monaghan	822	26,972	614	12,085	335	12,275	363	4,472	164	1,800	360
Clare	560	15,339	745	21,573	202	5,152	265	2,810	151	1,858	280
Cork East	608	16,063	596	17,031	200	6,393	344	3,022	138	2,059	385
Cork North-Central	447	11,973	472	15,899	206	8,407	274	2,185	145	2,235	327
Cork North-West	432	14,794	441	13,277	141	4,470	266	3,102	110	1,490	280
Cork South-Central	605	13,829	740	24,601	196	7,692	394	2,882	202	3,625	419
Cork South-West	481	12,930	512	12,559	168	4,776	318	3,353	100	1,634	319
Donegal North-East	661	8,639	519	7,035	541	9,626	245	1,629	123	911	414
Donegal South-West	683	10,595	542	7,635	420	9,158	246	1,866	119	1,035	427
Dublin Central	306	4,883	447	12,714	146	4,631	249	1,641	174	3,762	254
Dublin Mid-West	370	7,806	502	14,096	155	5,529	239	2,415	162	3,590	281
Dublin North	440	10,454	614	18,244	160	4,257	252	1,994	205	4,073	308
Dublin North-Central	423	7,026	542	15,772	187	3,865	317	2,270	163	3,597	328
Dublin North-East	526	7,664	688	15,644	196	4,680	280	2,007	218	3,730	337
Dublin North-West	339	5,408	414	10,123	157	5,142	222	1,333	127	2,765	232
Dublin South	723	13,537	1,169	33,842	196	4,342	596	5,280	295	6,560	417
Dublin South-Central	393	6,547	524	16,915	213	7,016	412	5,383	195	4,898	316
Dublin South-East	318	4,497	571	16,886	113	2,402	269	2,755	164	3,738	207
Dublin South-West	423	8,370	526	15,056	151	6,157	286	2,631	171	3,653	328
Dublin West	446	9,123	543	16,082	141	4,419	260	2,176	189	3,821	328
Dún Laoghaire	599	9,225	901	26,517	182	3,537	510	3,934	265	5,238	312

Constituency	Gallagher	Total	Higgins	Total	McGuinness	Total	Mitchell	Total	Norris	Total	Non-transferable
Galway East	665	14,138	906	22,460	259	5,108	337	3,242	139	1,316	417
Galway West	558	9,839	910	29,880	273	5,665	398	2,724	148	1,808	358
Kerry North-West Limerick	510	10,419	574	13,521	215	5,954	254	2,475	116	1,417	348
Kerry South	500	10,168	649	12,253	199	4,922	249	2,551	117	1,363	356
Kildare North	522	12,137	648	20,423	161	3,957	287	2,651	169	3,659	307
Kildare South	409	10,142	492	12,939	134	3,687	195	1,876	123	2,089	229
Laoighis-Offaly	810	22,925	752	19,438	279	7,942	370	4,261	236	3,783	499
Limerick	515	12,753	566	14,700	184	4,038	302	3,166	125	1,494	366
Limerick City	355	7,998	504	17,439	138	4,288	253	2,170	137	2,202	265
Longford-Westmeath	646	15,812	661	16,648	281	6,166	351	3,723	153	2,307	403
Louth	582	17,609	771	21,615	302	11,801	307	2,666	215	3,356	406
Mayo	1,755	15,125	2,503	22,832	611	6,911	866	5,744	228	1,711	737
Meath East	439	11,739	537	13,934	134	4,229	259	2,458	146	2,486	298
Meath West	430	11,402	477	11,757	149	5,014	251	2,233	141	2,069	272
Roscommon-South Leitrim	688	13,699	710	12,190	303	5,589	331	2,665	185	1,507	442
Sligo-North Leitrim	654	10,597	766	13,129	268	5,732	300	2,660	106	1,455	317
Tipperary North	597	14,088	627	13,824	180	4,639	359	3,480	126	1,511	400
Tipperary South	438	11,441	523	11,934	156	4,344	230	2,747	118	1,533	271
Waterford	478	13,585	629	16,969	191	5,928	278	2,767	159	2,610	401
Wexford	804	20,489	759	21,769	242	8,354	402	3,861	195	2,992	537
Wicklow	792	17,091	985	24,858	276	6,920	446	3,182	212	4,811	462
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,437</b>	<b>529,401</b>	<b>29,379</b>	<b>730,480</b>	<b>9,581</b>	<b>252,611</b>	<b>14,036</b>	<b>127,357</b>	<b>7,057</b>	<b>116,526</b>	<b>15,387</b>

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## Third Count

### (Distribution of Norris' votes)

Constituency	Gallagher	Total	Higgins	Total	McGuinness	Total	Mitchell	Total	Non-transferable
Carlow-Kilkenny	558	21,089	1,537	23,919	386	7,883	180	5,095	751
Cavan-Monaghan	407	27,379	750	12,835	234	12,509	216	4,688	553
Clare	364	15,703	977	22,550	213	5,365	125	2,935	459
Cork East	359	16,422	1,097	18,128	222	6,615	124	3,146	642
Cork North-Central	363	12,336	1,199	17,098	298	8,705	128	2,313	574
Cork North-West	335	15,129	750	14,027	168	4,638	82	3,184	435
Cork South-Central	574	14,403	2,010	26,611	377	8,069	243	3,125	840
Cork South-West	274	13,204	912	13,471	167	4,943	120	3,473	480
Donegal North-East	183	8,822	401	7,436	123	9,749	73	1,702	545
Donegal South-West	181	10,776	467	8,102	141	9,299	93	1,959	580
Dublin Central	409	5,292	2,269	14,983	417	5,048	237	1,878	684
Dublin Mid-West	559	8,365	1,810	15,906	466	5,995	313	2,728	723
Dublin North	729	11,183	2,154	20,398	421	4,678	283	2,277	794
Dublin North-Central	491	7,517	2,020	17,792	373	4,238	280	2,550	761
Dublin North-East	589	8,253	1,973	17,617	391	5,071	283	2,290	831
Dublin North-West	433	5,841	1,363	11,486	386	5,528	204	1,537	611
Dublin South	940	14,477	3,975	37,817	437	4,779	552	5,832	1073
Dublin South-Central	565	7,112	2,698	19,613	578	7,594	516	5,899	857
Dublin South-East	374	4,871	2,476	19,362	264	2,666	298	3,053	533
Dublin South-West	588	8,958	1,813	16,869	452	6,609	336	2,967	792
Dublin West	618	9,741	1,992	18,074	407	4,826	263	2,439	869
Dún Laoghaire	688	9,913	3,264	29,781	317	3,854	444	4,378	837

Constituency	Gallagher	Total	Higgins	Total	McGuinness	Total	Mitchell	Total	Non-transferable
Galway East	198	14,336	678	23,138	187	5,295	100	3,342	570
Galway West	268	10,107	1,068	30,948	210	5,875	116	2,840	504
Kerry North-West Limerick	270	10,689	695	14,216	194	6,148	101	2,576	505
Kerry South	222	10,390	755	13,008	155	5,077	84	2,635	503
Kildare North	644	12,781	2,016	22,439	319	4,276	268	2,919	719
Kildare South	400	10,542	1,055	13,994	207	3,894	172	2,048	484
Laoighis-Offaly	804	23,729	1,775	21,213	438	8,380	308	4,569	957
Limerick	302	13,055	801	15,501	153	4,191	100	3,266	504
Limerick City	338	8,336	1,270	18,709	221	4,509	143	2,313	495
Longford-Westmeath	362	16,174	1,180	17,828	294	6,460	183	3,906	691
Louth	543	18,152	1,784	23,399	434	12,235	225	2,891	776
Mayo	269	15,394	887	23,719	197	7,108	144	5,888	951
Meath East	475	12,214	1,292	15,226	250	4,479	196	2,654	571
Meath West	373	11,775	1,031	12,788	227	5,241	182	2,415	528
Roscommon-South Leitrim	291	13,990	721	12,911	218	5,807	94	2,759	625
Sligo-North Leitrim	229	10,826	808	13,937	179	5,911	108	2,768	448
Tipperary North	280	14,368	768	14,592	155	4,794	130	3,610	578
Tipperary South	292	11,733	710	12,644	185	4,529	126	2,873	491
Waterford	473	14,058	1,310	18,279	341	6,269	179	2,946	708
Wexford	567	21,056	1,474	23,243	329	8,683	240	4,101	919
Wicklow	791	17,882	2,663	27,521	454	7,374	360	3,542	1,005
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,972</b>	<b>548,373</b>	<b>62,648</b>	<b>793,128</b>	<b>12,585</b>	<b>265,196</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>136,309</b>	<b>28,756</b>

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## Fourth Count

(Distribution of Mitchell's and McGuinness' votes)

Constituency	Gallagher	Total	Higgins	Total	Non-transferable
Carlow-Kilkenny	2,616	23,705	7,217	31,136	3,896
Cavan-Monaghan	5,041	32,420	7,474	20,309	5,235
Clare	1,468	17,171	5,169	27,719	2,122
Cork East	2,001	18,423	5,067	23,195	3,335
Cork North-Central	2,015	14,351	5,462	22,560	4,115
Cork North-West	1,568	16,697	4,486	18,513	2,203
Cork South-Central	1,995	16,398	6,026	32,637	4,013
Cork South-West	1,844	15,048	4,553	18,024	2,499
Donegal North-East	2,644	11,466	4,159	11,595	5,193
Donegal South-West	2,619	13,395	4,256	12,358	4,963
Dublin Central	1,171	6,463	3,558	18,541	2,881
Dublin Mid-West	1,590	9,955	4,623	20,529	3,233
Dublin North	1,336	12,519	3,881	24,279	2,532
Dublin North-Central	1,157	8,674	3,864	21,656	2,528
Dublin North-East	1,341	9,594	4,006	21,623	2,845
Dublin North-West	1,370	7,211	3,397	14,883	2,909
Dublin South	1,823	16,300	6,816	44,633	3,045
Dublin South-Central	2,329	9,441	7,360	26,973	4,661
Dublin South-East	899	5,770	3,582	22,944	1,771
Dublin South-West	1,919	10,877	4,861	21,730	3,588
Dublin West	1,390	11,131	3,839	21,913	2,905

Constituency	Gallagher	Total	Higgins	Total	Non-transferable
Dún Laoghaire	1,409	11,322	5,090	34,871	2,570
Galway East	1,517	15,853	5,184	28,322	2,506
Galway West	1,448	11,555	5,332	36,280	2,439
Kerry North-West Limerick	1,525	12,214	4,489	18,705	3,215
Kerry South	1,428	11,818	4,299	17,307	2,488
Kildare North	1,345	14,126	4,237	26,676	2,332
Kildare South	1,243	11,785	3,153	17,147	2,030
Laoighis-Offaly	2,877	26,606	6,608	27,821	4,421
Limerick	1,413	14,468	4,352	19,853	2,196
Limerick City	1,090	9,426	4,011	22,720	2,216
Longford-Westmeath	2,101	18,275	5,616	23,444	3,340
Louth	3,154	21,306	7,250	30,649	5,498
Mayo	2,170	17,564	8,024	31,743	3,753
Meath East	1,414	13,628	4,000	19,226	2,290
Meath West	1,583	13,358	3,981	16,769	2,620
Roscommon-South Leitrim	1,947	15,937	4,372	17,283	2,872
Sligo-North Leitrim	1,817	12,643	4,594	18,531	2,716
Tipperary North	1,778	16,146	4,672	19,264	2,532
Tipperary South	1,454	13,187	4,041	16,685	2,398
Waterford	1,845	15,903	4,781	23,060	3,297
Wexford	2,777	23,833	6,514	29,757	4,412
Wicklow	2,270	20,152	5,720	33,241	3,931
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79,741</b>	<b>628,114</b>	<b>213,976</b>	<b>1,007,104</b>	<b>136,544</b>



## Presidential Election 2018

The presidential election of 2018 was contested by six candidates. The candidates were Peter Joseph Casey, Gavin Duffy, Joan Freeman, Seán Gallagher, Michael D. Higgins and Liadh Ní Riada.

Voting took place on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, between the hours of 7a.m and 10 p.m. The result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	3,401,681	Total Valid Poll:	1,473,900
Percentage poll:	43.87%	Invalid votes:	18,438
Total poll:	1,492,338	Quota:	736,951

First Count	
Casey, Peter Joseph	342,727
Duffy, Gavin	32,198
Freeman, Joan	87,908
Gallagher, Seán	94,514
Higgins, Michael D.	822,566
Ní Riada, Liadh	93,987
<b>Non-transferable papers not effective</b>	-

Michael D. Higgins was, accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The following are details of the voting in each constituency:



## Presidential Election 2018

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for						Spoilt Votes (included in Figure in Column 3)
				Casey, Peter Joseph	Duffy, Gavin	Freeman, Joan	Gallagher, Seán	Higgins, Michael D.	Ní Riada Liadh	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Carlow-Kilkenny	108,863	50,060	45.98	13,929	1,265	2,636	3,506	25,717	2,419	588
Cavan-Monaghan	91,692	38,376	41.85	7,023	1,000	2,063	6,771	16,749	4,167	603
Clare	83,044	41,871	50.42	11,722	617	1,969	2,289	22,639	2,186	449
Cork East	86,180	38,448	44.61	9,340	716	2,283	2,625	20,388	2,705	391
Cork North-Central	84,919	35,361	41.64	8,382	545	2,010	1,977	18,851	3,112	484
Cork North-West	68,820	34,592	50.26	8,092	630	1,855	3,199	17,638	2,824	354
Cork South-Central	88,074	40,474	45.95	7,323	642	2,554	2,164	24,161	3,072	558
Cork South-West	63,897	30,966	48.46	6,582	680	1,635	2,374	16,860	2,489	346
Donegal	119,318	40,256	33.74	12,952	747	2,563	3,684	15,052	4,524	734
Dublin Bay North	114,626	51,132	44.61	8,009	1,010	3,372	2,500	32,198	3,315	728
Dublin Bay South	80,146	29,452	36.75	3,433	626	1,884	1,116	20,765	1,221	407
Dublin Central	48,588	15,442	31.78	1,692	203	868	529	10,094	1,749	307
Dublin Fingal	96,612	43,293	44.81	7,505	986	2,643	2,369	27,039	2,290	461
Dublin Mid-West	72,006	29,399	40.83	5,128	526	2,734	1,433	17,196	1,978	404
Dublin North-West	62,726	23,875	38.06	3,737	451	1,546	1,121	14,728	1,932	360
Dublin Rathdown	65,918	31,962	48.49	4,385	711	2,177	1,487	21,704	1,141	357
Dublin South-Central	73,567	28,058	38.14	3,794	441	2,039	1,105	17,930	2,282	467
Dublin South-West	107,134	45,774	42.73	8,324	929	3,011	2,237	28,151	2,584	538
Dublin West	67,625	28,640	42.35	4,887	514	2,053	1,430	17,545	1,842	369
Dún Laoghaire	96,825	45,433	46.92	5,872	1,000	2,866	2,044	31,513	1,596	542
Galway East	70,302	34,078	48.47	11,227	516	1,545	1,379	18,011	1,029	371
Galway West	109,523	48,057	43.88	10,821	660	2,445	1,783	29,612	2,161	575
Kerry	111,777	50,643	45.31	13,752	1,037	3,102	2,856	25,078	4,253	565
Kildare North	86,305	38,133	44.18	7,210	844	2,751	2,258	23,103	1,523	444

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for						Spoilt Votes (included in Figure in Column 3)
				Casey, Peter Joseph	Duffy, Gavin	Freeman, Joan	Gallagher, Seán	Higgins, Michael D.	Ní Riada Liadh	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Kildare South	63,929	26,280	41.11	5,819	633	1,619	1,829	14,766	1,307	307
Laois	64,139	27,921	43.53	8,419	718	1,464	1,845	13,754	1,443	278
Limerick City	79,647	33,183	41.66	7,845	578	1,917	1,557	18,904	1,964	418
Limerick County	68,740	32,055	46.63	10,865	658	1,762	1,756	15,262	1,438	314
Longford-Westmeath	92,354	38,385	41.56	12,005	829	2,122	2,873	18,024	2,089	443
Louth	110,256	45,584	41.34	7,223	2,101	2,291	2,934	26,291	4,175	569
Mayo	91,412	42,027	45.98	12,850	937	2,663	2,235	20,642	2,107	593
Meath East	68,591	29,872	43.55	6,064	1,142	1,883	2,060	16,754	1,654	315
Meath West	66,848	27,173	40.65	5,917	904	1,727	1,943	14,522	1,847	313
Offaly	66,208	30,064	45.41	9,253	673	1,691	2,672	13,977	1,444	354
Roscommon-Galway	64,857	31,994	49.33	10,918	713	1,850	2,270	14,246	1,617	380
Sligo-Leitrim	96,653	42,573	44.05	11,132	859	2,475	3,749	20,601	3,172	585
Tipperary	114,433	55,376	48.39	20,149	1,106	2,723	3,077	24,917	2,827	577
Waterford	83,359	36,137	43.35	8,822	847	2,025	2,530	18,609	2,837	467
Wexford	111,897	49,290	44.05	11,818	1,161	2,272	3,499	27,020	2,939	581
Wicklow	99,871	50,649	50.71	8,507	1,043	2,820	3,449	31,555	2,733	542
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,401,681</b>	<b>1,492,338</b>	<b>43.87</b>	<b>342,727</b>	<b>32,198</b>	<b>87,908</b>	<b>94,514</b>	<b>822,566</b>	<b>93,987</b>	<b>18,438</b>

## Presidential Election 2025

The presidential election of 2025 was contested by three candidates. The candidates were Catherine Martina Ann Connolly T.D., Jim Gavin and Heather Humphreys.

Voting took place on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. The result of the voting was as follows:

Electorate:	3,614,450	Total Valid Poll:	1,442,698
Percentage poll:	45.83%	Invalid votes:	213,738
Total poll:	1,656,436	Quota:	721,350

First Count	
Connolly, Catherine Martina Ann	914,143
Gavin, Jim	103,568
Humphreys, Heather	424,987

Catherine Connolly was accordingly, declared elected, and was inaugurated as President on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. The following are the details of the voting in each constituency:

## Presidential Election 2025

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	% Poll	Number of votes for			Invalid Votes (included in Figure in Column 3)
				Connolly, Catherine Martina Ann	Gavin, Jim	Humphreys, Heather	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Carlow-Kilkenny	116,732	51,909	44.47	27,697	3,362	14,357	6,493
Cavan-Monaghan	107,048	59,317	55.41	20,273	1,546	31,075	6,423
Clare	94,054	44,911	47.75	24,372	5,047	10,726	4,766
Cork East	82,499	35,543	43.08	20,123	2,031	8,717	4,672
Cork North-Central	102,072	43,686	42.80	25,402	2,391	9,678	6,215
Cork North-West	66,805	31,597	47.30	15,610	2,445	9,565	3,977
Cork South-Central	103,337	47,840	46.30	27,750	3,044	12,111	4,935
Cork South-West	71,354	34,328	48.11	18,350	2,296	10,120	3,562
Donegal	127,789	50,810	39.76	33,286	1,774	9,316	6,434
Dublin Bay North	105,627	51,231	48.50	28,501	3,815	11,815	7,100
Dublin Bay South	75,857	31,757	41.86	15,810	2,098	11,259	2,590
Dublin Central	59,051	25,062	42.44	15,848	1,284	4,176	3,754
Dublin Fingal East	61,216	28,979	47.34	15,851	2,606	7,424	3,098
Dublin Fingal West	50,512	23,504	46.53	13,853	1,873	4,659	3,119
Dublin Mid-West	85,112	36,106	42.42	20,412	2,683	5,724	7,287
Dublin North-West	55,840	24,609	44.07	14,351	1,530	3,695	5,033
Dublin Rathdown	79,835	39,152	49.04	18,523	3,359	14,619	2,651
Dublin South-Central	71,384	29,324	41.08	18,750	1,266	3,723	5,585
Dublin South-West	113,193	52,075	46.01	28,079	4,084	12,375	7,537
Dublin West	77,068	33,398	43.34	18,528	2,676	7,756	4,438
Dún Laoghaire	93,083	44,289	47.58	21,138	3,325	16,358	3,468
Galway East	86,497	41,855	48.39	26,631	2,116	7,858	5,250
Galway West	103,170	50,544	48.99	35,441	2,208	8,475	4,420
Kerry	117,875	52,840	44.83	28,807	3,364	13,568	7,101
Kildare North	94,741	46,012	48.57	25,748	3,516	11,840	4,908
Kildare South	73,868	32,359	43.81	18,048	2,141	7,266	4,904
Laois	64,816	28,439	43.88	15,814	1,694	6,775	4,156
Limerick City	75,889	31,038	40.90	17,659	1,533	7,797	4,049
Limerick County	73,273	32,812	44.78	16,520	2,022	9,987	4,283
Longford-Westmeath	103,609	45,394	43.81	22,656	2,766	13,162	6,810
Louth	103,143	48,577	47.10	28,006	2,078	10,711	7,782
Mayo	107,496	48,903	45.49	28,039	2,596	11,957	6,311
Meath East	83,326	38,678	46.42	20,772	2,498	9,896	5,512
Meath West	64,923	28,736	44.26	15,477	1,684	7,015	4,560
Offaly	61,882	27,632	44.65	14,240	1,929	6,593	4,870
Roscommon-Galway	60,278	30,892	51.25	17,258	1,760	8,129	3,745
Sligo-Leitrim	87,743	43,168	49.20	24,331	1,985	12,024	4,828
Tipperary North	68,163	32,026	46.98	16,259	2,551	9,217	3,999
Tipperary South	65,957	29,128	44.16	15,563	1,883	7,793	3,889
Waterford	90,411	39,486	43.67	23,191	2,109	9,358	4,828
Wexford	84,392	37,052	43.90	21,667	2,081	8,733	4,571
Wicklow	82,799	42,767	51.65	23,701	2,727	10,658	5,681
Wicklow-Wexford	60,731	28,671	47.21	15,808	1,792	6,927	4,144
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,614,450</b>	<b>1,656,436</b>	<b>45.83</b>	<b>914,143</b>	<b>103,568</b>	<b>424,987</b>	<b>213,738</b>

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## Invalid Ballot Papers

An invalid ballot paper is one that cannot be included in the vote count because it fails to meet the formal requirements of the Proportional Representation–Single Transferable Vote (PR-STV) system.

A ballot is classified as invalid when the voter’s preference cannot be clearly determined. This generally occurs in the following situations:

- No valid first preference is indicated (i.e., the number “1” is missing).
- More than one first preference is recorded, making it unclear which candidate was intended to receive the initial vote.
- Ambiguous or inconsistent numbering, such as skipped or repeated numbers, or the use of ticks, crosses, or other marks that do not clearly indicate an order of preference.
- Presence of identifying marks, including names, initials, or any writing that could compromise ballot secrecy.
- Damage or alteration to the ballot paper that obscures the markings or affects its integrity.
- Ballot papers without official stamp from a presiding officer.

As prescribed in section 48 of the Presidential Elections Act, 1993, the Local Returning Officers shall endorse the word “rejected” on any ballot paper that is not counted. The Local Returning Officer shall also prepare a statement, in such form as may be directed by the Minister, showing the number of ballot papers rejected under each of the following headings:

1. Want of official mark
2. First preference not clearly indicated, including unmarked ballot papers
3. First preference clearly indicated for more than one candidate
4. Writing or mark by which voter could be identified

The adjudication of invalid ballot papers is, ultimately, a matter for the judgment of the Returning Officer.

The following table contains an analysis of invalid ballot papers, by Dáil constituency, at the Presidential Election 2025.

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Valid Poll	Invalid Ballot Papers	Want of Official Mark	First Preference not clearly indicated, including unmarked ballot papers	First Preference indicated for more than one candidate	Writing or mark calculated to identify the voter
Carlow-Kilkenny	116,732	45,416	6,493	34	1,733	277	4,449
Cavan-Monaghan	107,048	52,894	6,423	41	1,666	0	4,716
Clare	94,054	40,145	4,766	30	802	741	3,193
Cork East	82,499	30,871	4,672	4	1,350	21	3,297
Cork North-Central	102,072	37,471	6,215	15	6,043	33	124
Cork North-West	66,805	27,620	3,977	12	1,236	43	2,686
Cork South-Central	103,337	42,905	4,935	17	2,583	17	2,318
Cork South-West	71,354	30,766	3,562	9	1,861	1,347	345
Donegal	127,789	44,376	6,434	46	962	995	4,431
Dublin Bay North	105,627	44,131	7,100	13	756	1,017	5,314
Dublin Bay South	75,857	29,167	2,590	20	233	509	1,828
Dublin Central	59,051	21,308	3,754	11	1,056	34	2,653
Dublin Fingal East	61,216	25,881	3,098	6	770	87	2,235
Dublin Fingal West	50,512	20,385	3,119	7	187	610	2,315
Dublin Mid-West	85,112	28,819	7,287	10	21	1,107	6,149
Dublin North-West	55,840	19,576	5,033	5	25	1,052	3,951
Dublin Rathdown	79,835	36,501	2,651	5	356	46	2,244
Dublin South-Central	71,384	23,739	5,585	9	201	1,137	4,238
Dublin South-West	113,193	44,538	7,537	26	1,560	9	5,942
Dublin West	77,068	28,960	4,438	7	64	4,342	25
Dún Laoghaire	93,083	40,821	3,468	6	188	611	2,663
Galway East	86,497	36,605	5,250	17	407	1,455	3,371
Galway West	103,170	46,124	4,420	37	986	38	3,359
Kerry	117,875	45,739	7,101	9	131	1,361	5,600
Kildare North	94,741	41,104	4,908	44	1,275	0	3,589
Kildare South	73,868	27,455	4,904	48	1,478	48	3,330
Laois	64,816	24,283	4,156	12	3,922	0	222
Limerick City	75,889	26,989	4,049	19	1,909	431	1,690
Limerick County	73,273	28,529	4,283	12	738	670	2,863
Longford-Westmeath	103,609	38,584	6,810	19	1,168	51	5,572
Louth	103,143	40,795	7,782	22	6	1,458	6,296
Mayo	107,496	42,592	6,311	15	2,918	3,371	7
Meath East	83,326	33,166	5,512	15	805	34	4,658
Meath West	64,923	24,176	4,560	7	790	35	3,728
Offaly	61,882	22,762	4,870	15	1,529	21	3,305
Roscommon-Galway	60,278	27,147	3,745	5	1,611	42	2,087
Sligo-Leitrim	87,743	38,340	4,828	21	486	397	3,924
Tipperary North	68,163	28,027	3,999	36	3,888	59	16
Tipperary South	65,957	25,239	3,889	17	2,286	1,574	12
Waterford	90,411	34,658	4,828	40	1,275	42	3,471
Wexford	84,392	32,481	4,571	20	506	871	3,174
Wicklow	82,799	37,086	5,681	31	1,333	4,000	317
Wicklow-Wexford	60,731	24,527	4,144	22	2,439	1,658	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,614,450</b>	<b>1,442,698</b>	<b>213,738</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>55,539</b>	<b>31,651</b>	<b>125,732</b>

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