

**Census of Ireland 1911  
Comparison of:**



**Bandon Town - Bantry Urban - Clonakilty Urban  
& Skibbereen Urban**

**Under various headings**

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## Introduction

From the Census of Ireland for 1911 as published in The National Archives of Ireland website we will examine the data in under various criteria for four towns in West Cork, in the District Electoral Divisions (DED) of Bandon Town, Bantry Urban, Clonakilty Urban and Skibbereen Urban.



Location map

The data is from the National Archives of Ireland and from the said census I have shown in Table 1 the number of Females, Males and those where no data for sex has been recorded as N/R (No Record). In each town we observe that the females outnumber the males. Interesting also is the relatively close figures of the total population in each location.

Numbers of people recorded in each town / urban DED:

	<b>Bandon</b>	<b>Bantry</b>	<b>Clonakilty</b>	<b>Skibbereen</b>
<b>Females</b>	1,629	1,638	1,588	1,616
<b>Males</b>	1,503	1,530	1,363	1,408
<b>N/R</b>	1	8	3	6
<b>Total</b>	3,133	3,176	2,954	3,030

Table 1

## Population in Each Street in Each Town

This section provides us with the population in each street or urban part of townlands in the DED. It may be an exercise for people to see how many streets with the old names below they can identify. I have found that not all streets / townlands within the town / urban boundaries are included in the published data, examples being Fox's Street in Bandon, Slip in Bantry, Seymour Street in Clonakilty and Mill Road in Skibbereen. Therefore we do not get the actual total of the census for each town.

## Bandon Town

Street Name	Number	Street Name	Number
North Main Street	485	Higgins Lane	36
Shannon Street	385	Church Street	33
South Main Street	355	Castle Street	28
Boyle Street	226	New Road (part of)	22
Kilbrogan Street	220	Cavendish Row	21
Watergate Street	212	Church Lane	17
Barrett's Hill	197	New Road	16
Cork Road	154	Hill Street	15
Cavendish Quay	116	Wesley Quay	12
Castle Road	102	Weir Street	10
Stanton's Lane	88	Gas House Lane	10
Devonshire Square	80	Mill Place	9
Bridge Street	62	Brady's Lane	9
Market Street	61	Sealy's Lane	8
Bridge Lane	53	Hospital Lane	7
Chapel Street	44	Smith's Lane	2
Warner's Lane	38	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,133</b>

Some streets were renamed in years post the census and the current names are shown below:

- Boyle Street = Connolly Street
- Castle Road = O'Mahony Avenue
- Castle Street = Pearse Street
- Cavendish Quay = Saint Patrick's Quay
- Cavendish Row = Emmet Row
- Higgin's Lane = Heading North off Watergate Street
- Hospital Lane = Heading NW from West end of South Main



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- Sealy's Lane = Heading NW off Ballymodan Place
- Shannon Street = Oliver Plunkett Street
- Smith's Lane = off St. Patrick's Quay, a few houses to the SW of Harte's car park.
- Stanton's Lane = Saint Patrick's Hill
- Wesley Quay = St. Finbarr's Place

Note: Fox's Street (now Parnell Street) is not included. It is in 1901 census as Foxes Street.

## Bantry Urban

Street Name	Number	Street Name	Number
Glengarriff Road	373	Blackrock Terrace	37
Market Street	216	William Street	37
Blackrock Road	212	Church Road	27
Chapel Street	188	Market Lane	23
Wolfe Tone Square	187	Tower Lane	22
Main Street	174	Townlots	21
Scart Road	157	Farmers Lane	20
New Street	118	Cappanalooha East	19
Barrack Road (Bantry Town)	114	Ardnageehy More	19
Carrignagat	110	Caherdaniel East	16
Knocknamuck	104	Caherdaniel West	15
Marino Street	95	Beach, part of	15
High Street	82	Georges Lane	14
Newtown	78	Reenrou West	14
Seafield	75	Blackrock Hill	12
Barrack Street	73	Lahadane	10
Bride Street	69	Marino Townlots	10
Marino Lane	54	Tower Hill	10
Tower Street	53	Union Hill	10
Harbour View	53	Dromleigh North	6
Sheskin	49	Reenrou East	5
Marino Terrace	45	Milleenoola	4
Dromleigh South	45	Dunmanway Road	4
Donovan's Lane	41	Clashduff	3
Orchard Lane	38	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,176</b>

Street names were not changed in Bantry.

Note: we find that Abbey and Slip townlands are not included in either 1901 or 1911 returns.

We note from the Minutes of Bantry Town Commissioners that in August 1920, James Clarke gave notices of motion to be considered at September meeting to change existing street names as below or as otherwise agreed by the Commissioners:

<u>Present Name</u>	<u>Proposed Name</u>	<u>Present Name</u>	<u>Proposed Name</u>
Barrack St	McCurtain St	Scart Rd	McDonagh Rd
Main St	Pearse St	Glengarriff Rd	DeValera Rd
New St	Connolly St	Barrack Rd	Crowleys Rd
William St	Plunkett St	Bridge St	McNeill St
High St	O'Rahilly St	Marino St	Thomas Ashe St
Chapel St	Kent St	Church Rd	McDermott Road
Market St	Larkin St	Tower St	Clarke St
Blackrock Rd	Skeffington Road		

It is not recorded if the motion was discussed with but street names did not change in Bantry.

## Clonakilty Urban

Street Name	Number	Street Name	Number
Scartagh	388	School Street	42
Sovereign Street	287	Bank Street	40
Patrick Street	231	Mill Lane	40
Strand Road	200	Tawnies Upper	37
Barrack Street	189	Jermyn Street	36
Fax Bridge	149	Western Road	27
Chapel Lane Old	146	Tawnies Lower	22
Lamb Street	141	Crowleys Row	19
Mill Street	136	Desert	17
Barrack Hill	135	Boyle Street	17
Chapel Street	119	The Quay	8
Main Street	104	Pound Lane	8
George's Street	101	Clogheen	7
Shannon Square	100	Miles	6
Lamb Street Upper	80	Youghals	3
Oliver Street	71	Bog Road	3
Clogheen Cross	45	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,954</b>

And again many streets were renamed as listed below:

- Bank Street (Square Street on Ordnance Sheet) = Kent Street
- Barrack Hill = McCurtin Hill
- Boyle Street = Astna Street
- Chapel Street = Oliver Plunkett Street
- Crowley's Row = Westwards from Clarke Street facing Northwards onto the Fealge River
- George's Street = Connolly Street
- Jermyn Street = part of Clarke Street
- Main Street = Rossa Street
- Mill Lane = part of Clarke Street
- Mill Street = Ashe Street
- Oliver Street = Casement Street
- Pound Lane =
- School Street = O'Rahilly Street
- Shannon Square = Emmet Square
- Sovereign Street = Pearse Street
- Strand Road = Wolfe Tone Street

Note: Results for Seymour Street are not published

## Skibbereen Urban

Street Name	Number	Street Name	Number
North Street	354	Cork Road	116
Townsend Street	348	Coronea, part of	86
Bridge Street	338	98 Street	78
High Street	313	Carrigfadda, part of	53
Upper Bridge Street	305	Gortnacloghy	50
Mardyke Street	261	Glen Street	36
Chapel Lane	208	Warners Lane	35
Market Street	164	Clarkes Lane	18
Main Street	127	Marsh	14
Windmill	126	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,030</b>

Little change of name in Skibbereen since 1911.

- 98 Street = Ninety Eight Street
- Clarkes Lane = ?
- Glen Street = a misspelling of Ilen Street
- Warners Lane = Warners Lane (SW off Market Street)
- Windmill = Windmill Lane, (Eastwards off North Street)

Note: Levis' Quay, Mill Road, Coppinger's Lane (off Townsend Street) and The Still Mill are not included in published data.

## Religion

We now look at the responses under the *Religion* heading for each selected town: The Table below gives us a comparison of the numbers of Catholic, Church of Ireland and Methodist in each town. This table is followed by a more detailed set of figures for each of the towns.

Religion	Bandon	Bantry	Clonakilty	Skibbereen
Catholic	2,441	2,857	2,644	2,635
Church of Ireland	428	205	199	222
Methodist	109	56	66	89

## Bandon

	Number	%
Catholic	2,441	77.91
Church of Ireland	428	13.66
Methodist	109	3.48
Church of England	62	1.98
Presbyterian	37	1.18
Brethren	15	0.48
Wesleyan	13	0.41
Christian	11	0.35
Episcopalian	7	0.22
N/R	5	0.16
Protestant	2	0.06
Unitarian	1	0.03
Atheist	1	0.03
Congregationalist	1	0.03
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>100</b>

I grew up in Bandon and of course was aware of the saying that claimed it was where “the pigs are Protestants”. I had many “Protestant” neighbours and friends and a person’s religion was not a factor at all as far as I was concerned.

Summarising the numbers from the 1911 census I was somewhat surprised that the total number of “non Catholics” as much smaller than I had expected. A figure in my head from my youth is that we had 13 different religions in Bandon but one can hardly say from the Census that “the pigs were Protestants”.

## Bantry

	Number	%
Roman Catholic	2,857	89.96
Church of Ireland	205	6.45
Methodist	56	1.76
N/R	28	0.88
Church of England	12	0.38
Presbyterian	8	0.25
Episcopalean	4	0.13
Plymoth Brethren	4	0.13
United Five Church of Scotland	1	0.03
Wesleyan	1	0.03
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>100</b>

When I came to live and work in Bantry I did realise that non-Catholic population was small relative to Bandon. We can see from the summary opposite that there were a few hundred more Catholics in Bantry than Bandon and Church of Ireland and Methodists were much lower in numbers than Bandon. From the table we see 28 had No Record in the Religious column of the census form.



## Clonakilty

	Number	%
Roman Catholic	2,644	89.51
Church of Ireland	199	6.74
Methodist	66	2.23
N/R	18	0.61
Presbyterian	15	0.51
Church of England	7	0.24
Religion	1	0.03
Non-Conformist	1	0.03
Brethern	1	0.03
Church of Scotland	1	0.03
Episcopalian	1	0.03
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>100</b>

The number of Catholics in Clonakilty and Skibbereen is almost identical. Both of these towns have fewer Catholics than Bantry but more than Bandon.

Clonakilty is the only town out of the four selected in which the total population is below the 3,000 mark. Similarly Clonakilty is the only one of the towns where the number of Church of Ireland religious is below 200 (although it is at 199). It is the only town with a response in Religion as “Non Conformist”.

## Skibbereen

	Number	%
Roman Catholic	2,635	86.96
Church of Ireland	222	7.33
Methodist	89	2.94
N/R	44	1.45
Presbyterian	8	0.26
Brethren	7	0.23
Protestant C of E	6	0.20
Weslyum Methodist	5	0.17
Episcopalian	5	0.17
Episcotal Church of Ireland	4	0.13
Islam	2	0.07
Agnostic	1	0.03
Epscoplian Church of Scotland	1	0.03
Protestant No Particular Denomination	1	0.03
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>100</b>

Skibbereen has 44 returns where the Religion column in the Census return form was left blank – the highest number in our survey of the four towns.

Again unique in our survey Skibbereen is the only town where Islam is the religion of the respondents.

The numbers of Methodists is higher than Clonakilty or Bantry and Church of Ireland is comparable in all towns except Bandon.

The number recorded as ‘Church of Ireland’ is larger than Bantry or Clonakilty but expectedly less than Bandon.

## Most frequently found Surnames

From an analysis of the surnames in 1911 in all of Ireland we find that the most frequently occurring names were:

Surname	Number	Surname	Number	Surname	Number
Murphy	55,673	Fitzgerald	12,733	Kavanagh	8,660
Kelly	45,741	Farrell	12,543	Donnelly	8,632
Walsh	34,336	Dunne	12,307	MacDonnell	8,551
Ryan	30,594	Nolan	11,836	McKenna	8,486
Sullivan	28,873	Connolly	11,742	Robinson	8,481
Byrne	28,604	Duffy	11,718	Whelan	8,263
O'Brien	24,518	Hughes	11,649	Hamilton	8,240
Doyle	20,363	Thompson	11,630	Shea	7,977
Reilly	19,551	Brown	11,583	Mahon	7,883
Gallagher	19,039	McGrath	11,130	McLaughlin	7,817
McCarthy	18,515	Neill	10,917	Higgins	7,680
Oneill	18,389	Power	10,729	Maher	7,680
Murray	18,326	Boyle	10,726	Scott	7,679
Doherty	17,779	Brady	10,724	Mahony	7,660
Lynch	17,598	Moran	10,562	Lyons	7,522
Kennedy	17,562	Healy	10,485	Griffin	7,519
Connor	16,543	White	9,786	King	7,438
Smyth	16,477	Hayes	9,773	Bell	7,365
Quinn	15,906	Fitzpatrick	9,617	Hogan	7,328
Smith	15,400	Maguire	9,455	Browne	7,297
Moore	15,397	Sweeney	9,386	O'Connell	7,286
Brennan	14,571	Barry	9,343	Curran	7,223
Burke	14,251	Connell	9,277	Cullen	7,211
Campbell	14,227	Keane	9,234	MacDonald	7,176
Wilson	14,127	O'Sullivan	9,167	McCann	7,164
Daly	14,097	Casey	9,139	Reid	7,164
Clarke	14,069	Ward	9,100	Burns	7,095
Carroll	13,788	McMahon	9,052	Egan	7,051
Martin	13,587	Cunningham	8,942	McDermott	6,900
Flynn	13,561	Kenny	8,941	Anderson	6,774
O'Donnell	13,513	Stewart	8,890	Conway	6,748
Collins	13,109	Donovan	8,822	Buckley	6,724
Johnston	12,973	Graham	8,730		
Brien	12,818	Foley	8,725		

Tabulated below are the Most Popular Surnames found in each town. Of course there were many spelling variations of some surnames e.g. Sullivan and OSullivan or Mc Carthy and McCarthy as we see for Bandon below. Bandon did have Murphy as the most commonly occurring but we will see below that in the three other towns that Murphy was well down from the top spot.

## Bandon

Surname	Number	Surname	Number	Surname	Number
Murphy	159	Cahill	25	Phelan	18
Crowley	61	Nagle	24	Foley	17
Mc Carthy	57	Sweeney	24	Galvin	17
Collins	52	White	23	Payne	17
Desmond	44	Burke	22	Smith	17
McCarthy	40	Obrien	22	Griffin	15
Walsh	40	Quinlan	22	Johnston	15
Mahony	38	Baldwin	20	Kelly	15
Callaghan	31	Buckley	20	O Driscoll	15
Jones	31	Gabriel	20	Wood	15
Hayes	29	Lane	20	Blanchfield	14
Lynch	29	Long	20	Duggan	14
Sheehan	28	Reen	20	Good	14
Donovan	26	Lyons	19	Harrington	14
Hurley	26	Regan	19	Leary	14
Ryan	26	Murray	18	O Regan	14

Clearly the surname Murphy is far more popular than the other names in the above list. However, these names are as entered on returns and so typed. There will be found examples like Mc Carthy and McCarthy above where we see 57 Mc Carthy names and 40 McCarthy names. In reality that would bring that surname total to 97, but well short of Murphy at 159.

## Bantry

Surname	Number	Surname	Number	Surname	Number
Sullivan	196	Connolly	33	Downey	22
Mc Carthy	183	Flynn	33	Kingston	22
Harrington	80	Donovan	30	Driscoll	21
Hurley	76	Foley	30	Ryan	21
Lynch	59	Spillane	27	ODriscoll	20
Murphy	53	Leary	26	Dennehy	19
Cronin	49	O Driscoll	26	Roycroft	19
Keohane	49	Collins	24	Keane	18
Cotter	45	S	24	Barrett	17
O Sullivan	41	Cremin	23	Clifford	17
Walsh	41	Daly	23	Dennis	17
Kelly	40	Hazel	23	Holland	17
McCarthy	39	Minihane	23	O'Donovan	17
Brien	34	Sheehan	23	Nagle	16
Crowley	34	Wiseman	23	Clarke	15
OSullivan	34	Connor	22	Donoghue	15

Sullivan tops the list in Bantry at 196 but we could add to that those who are recorded as O Sullivan and OSullivan. McCarthy is similar to Bandon with the use of Mc Carthy also.

## Clonakilty

Surname	Number	Surname	Number	Surname	Number
Donovan	147	Keohane	29	Kingston	18
Sullivan	102	OBrien	29	Regan	18
Driscoll	92	Cullinane	28	Fitzgerald	16
Hayes	77	Holland	28	Leary	16
Collins	75	ORegan	28	S	16
Mc Carthy	72	White	28	Bennett	15
Hurley	69	C	26	Chiddick	15
Crowley	55	Santry	26	Kelly	15
McCarthy	51	Bateman	25	O'Donovan	15
Murphy	42	Mahony	25	Daly	14
Deasy	40	Sutton	23	M	14
OSullivan	39	Bernard	21	Nyhan	14
Brien	35	Fitzpatrick	21	ONEill	14
D	30	Harte	21	Kennedy	13
Nagle	30	Fleming	20	Tupper	13
Barry	29	Connolly	19	Whelton	13

Donovan tops the Clonakilty surnames with a further 15 recorded as O'Donovan. The "O" was generally not used in 1901 Census but was featuring in 1911 and surnames which may use the "O" like Donovan may be found as O Donovan, ODonovan and O'Donovan.

## Skibbereen

Surname	Number	Surname	Number	Surname	Number
McCarthy	126	Hayes	31	OCallaghan	19
Donovan	114	Salter	28	Wolfe	18
Driscoll	103	Bohane	28	Ryan	17
Sullivan	102	OSullivan	28	Cotter	17
Collins	98	Burke	25	OShea	17
Mc Carthy	87	Harrington	25	Connell	16
Daly	52	Neill	25	Duggan	16
Walsh	40	Regan	24	Hickey	16
Crowley	39	Brien	23	O Brien	16
Hurley	39	Carey	23	Keohane	16
Minihane	37	ODriscoll	22	O Shea	15
Connolly	36	Geaney	22	Caverly	15
Casey	36	Leonard	21	O Driscoll	15
Mahony	33	Lynch	21	Power	14
Murphy	32	Leahy	20	Cronin	14
Barry	31	Kingston	19	Hegarty	14

Adding the McCarthy and Mc Carthy numbers in Skibbereen we get over 200 of the surname and well ahead of Donovan, Driscoll, etc. in Skibbereen.

Interesting that the top surnames are not the same in each of the selected towns.

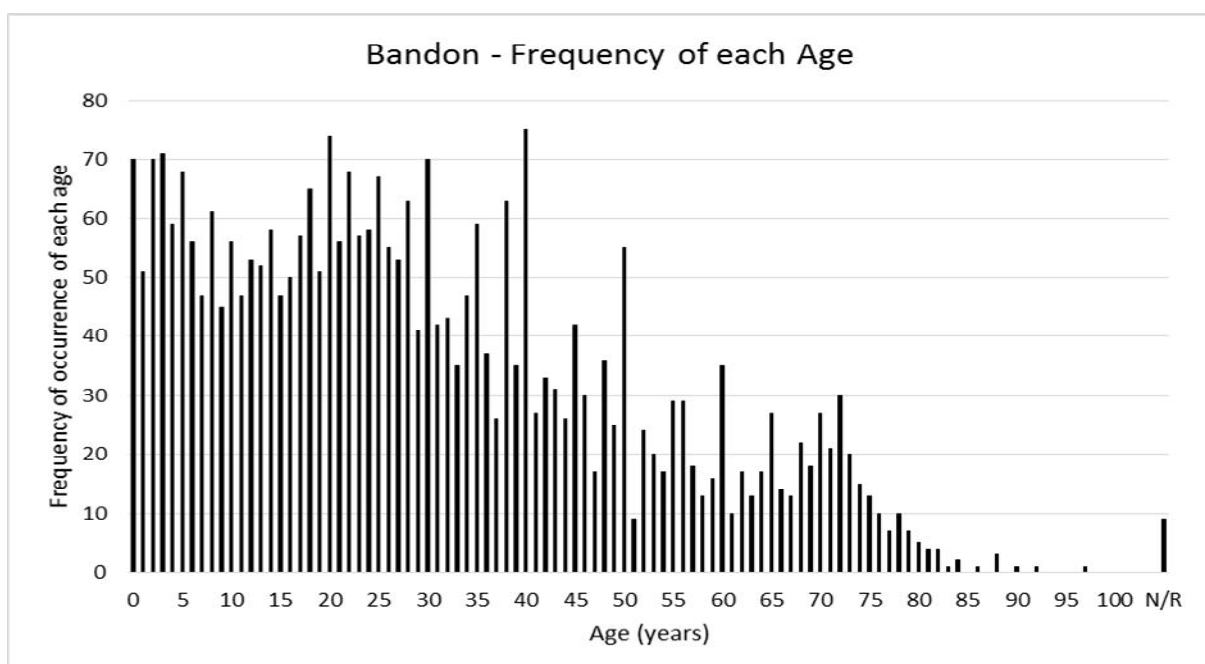
## Frequency of Different Ages of People

We have tabulated in the following pages the numbers of people recorded under each year of age for example in Bandon 70 people were recorded as 0 years and 51 people at aged 1 year.

### **Bandon**

Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number
0	70	27	53	54	17	81	4
1	51	28	63	55	29	82	4
2	70	29	41	56	29	83	1
3	71	30	70	57	18	84	2
4	59	31	42	58	13	85	0
5	68	32	43	59	16	86	1
6	56	33	35	60	35	87	0
7	47	34	47	61	10	88	3
8	61	35	59	62	17	89	0
9	45	36	37	63	13	90	1
10	56	37	26	64	17	91	0
11	47	38	63	65	27	92	1
12	53	39	35	66	14	93	0
13	52	40	75	67	13	94	0
14	58	41	27	68	22	95	0
15	47	42	33	69	18	96	0
16	50	43	31	70	27	97	1
17	57	44	26	71	21	98	0
18	65	45	42	72	30	99	0
19	51	46	30	73	20	100	0
20	74	47	17	74	15	101	0
21	56	48	36	75	13	102	0
22	68	49	25	76	10	103	0
23	57	50	55	77	7	104	0
24	58	51	9	78	10	N/R	9
25	67	52	24	79	7	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,133</b>
26	55	53	20	80	5		

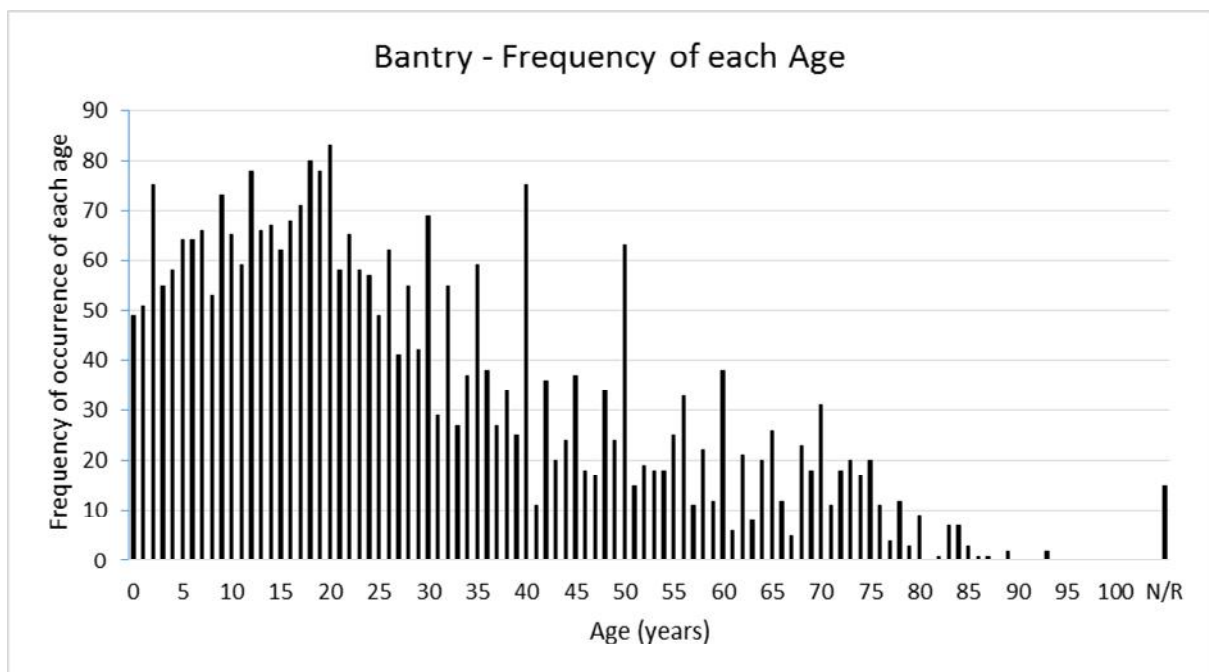
The data on the above Table may be viewed on the Chart



## Bantry

Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number
0	49	27	41	54	18	81	0
1	51	28	55	55	25	82	1
2	75	29	42	56	33	83	7
3	55	30	69	57	11	84	7
4	58	31	29	58	22	85	3
5	64	32	55	59	12	86	1
6	64	33	27	60	38	87	1
7	66	34	37	61	6	88	0
8	53	35	59	62	21	89	2
9	73	36	38	63	8	90	0
10	65	37	27	64	20	91	0
11	59	38	34	65	26	92	0
12	78	39	25	66	12	93	2
13	66	40	75	67	5	94	0
14	67	41	11	68	23	95	0
15	62	42	36	69	18	96	0
16	68	43	20	70	31	97	0
17	71	44	24	71	11	98	0
18	80	45	37	72	18	99	0
19	78	46	18	73	20	100	0
20	83	47	17	74	17	101	0
21	58	48	34	75	20	102	0
22	65	49	24	76	11	103	0
23	58	50	63	77	4	104	0
24	57	51	15	78	12	N/R	15
25	49	52	19	79	3	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,176</b>
26	62	53	18	80	9		

This data is graphically represented on Chart

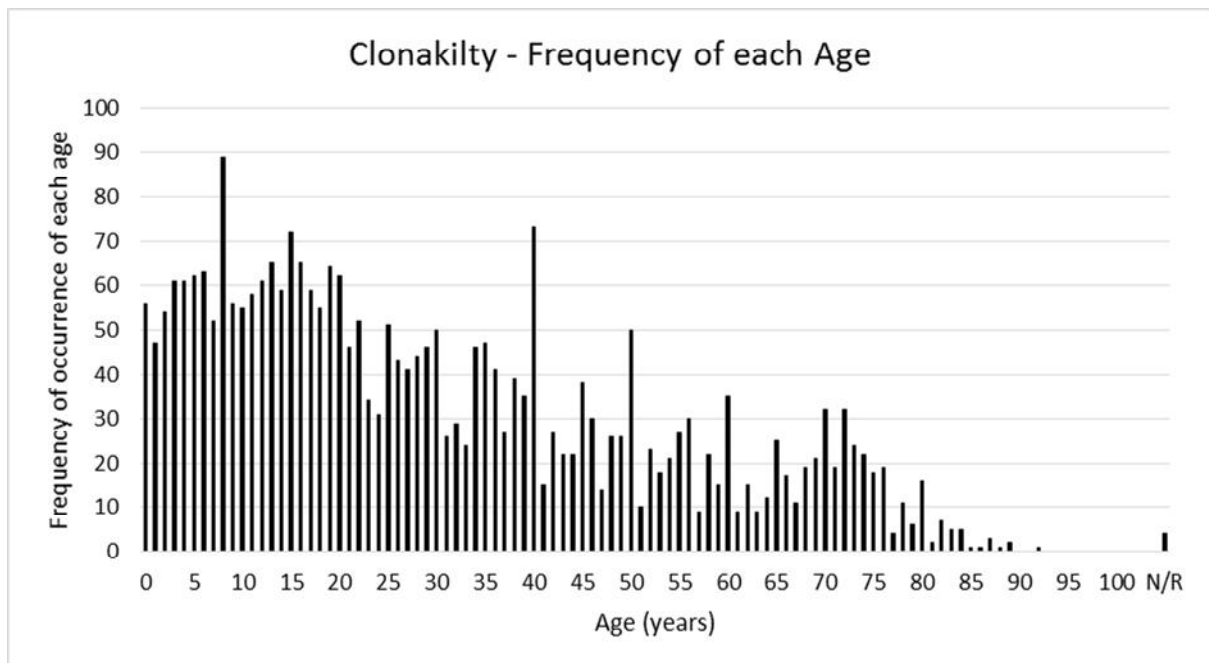


Like Bandon the ages of 40 and 50 are particularly high as is the case with the decade ages in all cases.

## Clonakilty

Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number
0	56	27	41	54	21	81	2
1	47	28	44	55	27	82	7
2	54	29	46	56	30	83	5
3	61	30	50	57	9	84	5
4	61	31	26	58	22	85	1
5	62	32	29	59	15	86	1
6	63	33	24	60	35	87	3
7	52	34	46	61	9	88	1
8	89	35	47	62	15	89	2
9	56	36	41	63	9	90	0
10	55	37	27	64	12	91	0
11	58	38	39	65	25	92	1
12	61	39	35	66	17	93	0
13	65	40	73	67	11	94	0
14	59	41	15	68	19	95	0
15	72	42	27	69	21	96	0
16	65	43	22	70	32	97	0
17	59	44	22	71	19	98	0
18	55	45	38	72	32	99	0
19	64	46	30	73	24	100	0
20	62	47	14	74	22	101	0
21	46	48	26	75	18	102	0
22	52	49	26	76	19	103	0
23	34	50	50	77	4	104	0
24	31	51	10	78	11	N/R	4
25	51	52	23	79	6	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,954</b>
26	43	53	18	80	16		

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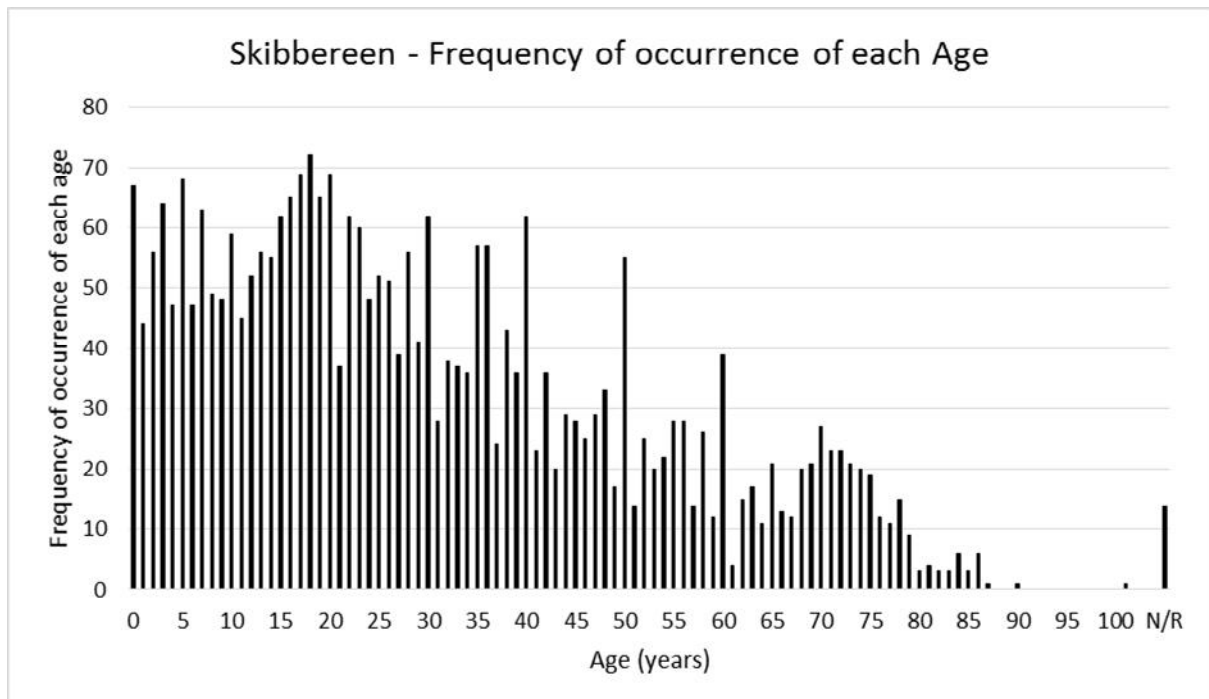


Noting here that age 8 is especially high relative to its nearby ages and like Bandon and Bantry already seen we have the decades being much higher than the other ages nearby.

## Skibbereen

Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number
0	67	27	39	54	22	81	4
1	44	28	56	55	28	82	3
2	56	29	41	56	28	83	3
3	64	30	62	57	14	84	6
4	47	31	28	58	26	85	3
5	68	32	38	59	12	86	6
6	47	33	37	60	39	87	1
7	63	34	36	61	4	88	0
8	49	35	57	62	15	89	0
9	48	36	57	63	17	90	1
10	59	37	24	64	11	91	0
11	45	38	43	65	21	92	0
12	52	39	36	66	13	93	0
13	56	40	62	67	12	94	0
14	55	41	23	68	20	95	0
15	62	42	36	69	21	96	0
16	65	43	20	70	27	97	0
17	69	44	29	71	23	98	0
18	72	45	28	72	23	99	0
19	65	46	25	73	21	100	0
20	69	47	29	74	20	101	1
21	37	48	33	75	19	102	0
22	62	49	17	76	12	103	0
23	60	50	55	77	11	104	0
24	48	51	14	78	15	N/R	14
25	52	52	25	79	9	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,030</b>
26	51	53	20	80	3		

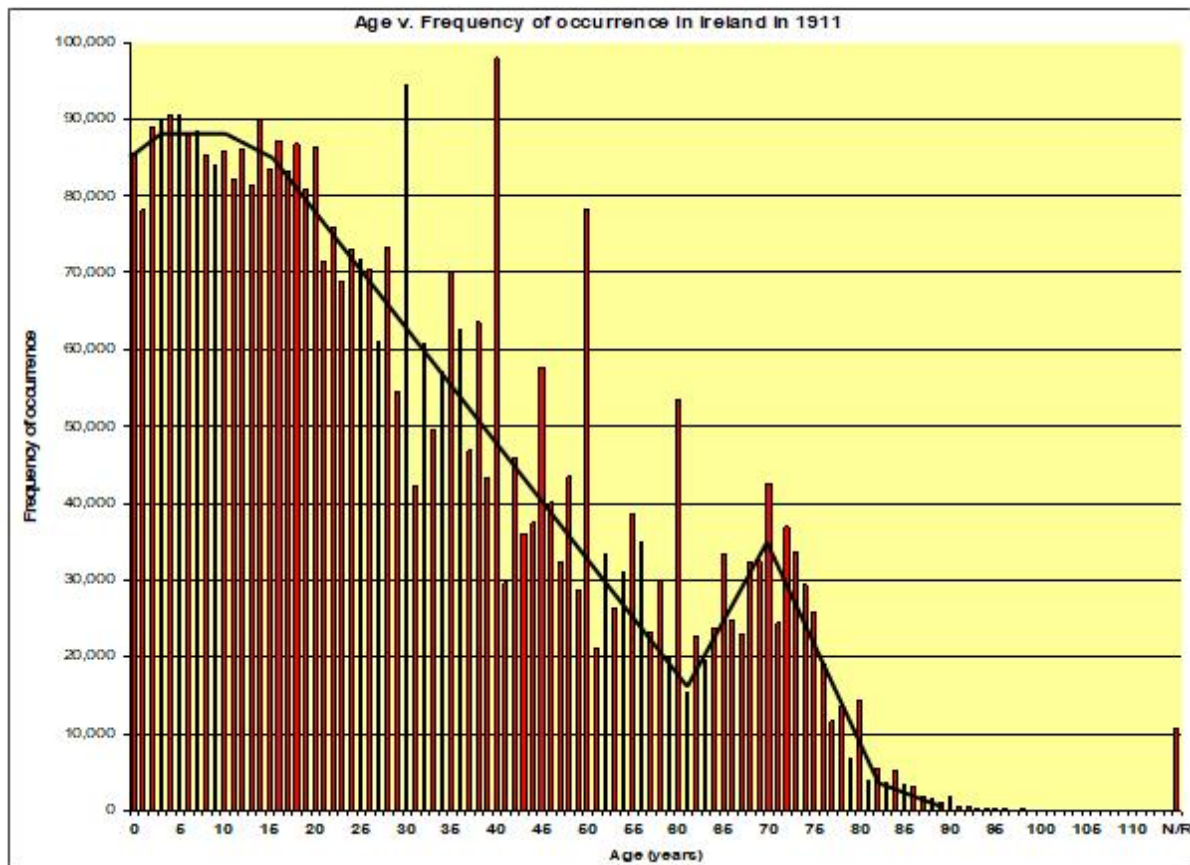
This data is graphically represented on Chart



Skibbereen displays similar peaks to the other towns for the decades and also ages 35 and 36.



We have looked at the charts for the selected towns and a common trend is the rise in the number of people in the mid 60's to mid 70's ages bracket. This peak is not to be found in charts of the 1901 Census. Indeed this peak is also found on a chart for the National figures in 1911 as hereunder, which is taken from my article entitled "*Estimated Population of Ireland in the 19th Century*".



One could speculate that it is related to the pension being introduced in 1908 and people “got a little older quickly !!”

On the above charts we do observe the particularly large numbers who have their ages as 30, 40, 50, 60 or indeed 70 years.

To a lesser extent there are peaks with ages ending in 5, e.g. 35, 45, 55.

It would seem that ages were often rounded, or maybe estimated!

The decreasing trend of *numbers living* versus *age* changed to increasing ages from the aged about 60 to aged 72 and decreasing again to aged 80 to meet the earlier decreasing trendline. This is the heavy black line and this does clearly show the jump in the numbers of people living at aged 70 plus / minus about 9 years. In this I did ignore the spikes for aged 30, 40, 50 and 60 years.

The Bantry chart is the least noticeable increase in ages in the 60 to 72 bracket compared with its neighbours and as displayed nationally.

## Most Senior or Oldest people recorded

Oldest people on Census in each of the selected towns. Skibbereen may boast that it had the oldest resident as Johanna Donovan was 101 years, next oldest was Margaret Chambers in Bandon.

### **Bandon:**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Religion</b>
Chambers	Margaret	Bridge Lane	97	Domestic Servent	R C
Doyle	John	Kilbrogan Street	92	Retired Farmer	Roman Catholic
Topham	Robert	North Main Street	90	Retired Boot Maker	Church of Ireland
Scott	Sarah	South Main Street	88	Teacher	Methodist
Murphy	Mary	North Main Street	88		Catholic Roman
Kehily	Catherine	Church Lane	88		Roman Catholic
Scott	Emily	South Main Street	86	Teacher	Methodist
Lane	Patrick	Watergate Street	84	Shoe Maker	Roman Catholic
Mc Swiney	Mary	Shannon Street	84		Catholic
Murphy	Daniel	Barrett's Hill	83	Retired Millar	Roman Catholic
Mc Swiney	Morgan	Shannon Street	82	Cooper	Catholic
Barrett	John	Shannon Street	82	Boot Maker	Roman Catholic

From the 12 names above in the Occupation column we find 3 shoe/ boot makers, 2 teachers, a cooper, a miller, a domestic servant, a farmer and 3 with no record.

### **Bantry**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Religion</b>
Hurley	Julia	Glengarriff Road	93		Roman Catholic
Stanley	Mary	Scart Road	93		Roman Catholic
S	E	Carrignagat	89	General Domestic Servant	Roman Catholic
Sullivan	Denis	Market Street	89	Old Age Pensioner	Roman Catholic
L	J	Carrignagat	87	General Labourer	Roman Catholic
Dillon	Timothy	Glengarriff Road	86		Roman Catholic
Collins	Margaret	Scart Road	85		Roman Catholic
Horihan	Mary	Tower Hill	85		Roman Catholic
McGrath	John Sullivan	Newtown	85	Retired Farmer	Roman Catholic
Coakley	Julia	Main Street	84	Publican	Roman Catholic
Crean	Judith	Knocknamuck	84	Religious Institute Sur of Mercy	Roman Catholic
Cronin	John	Lahadane	84		Roman Catholic

From the 12 oldest we note that 6 did not enter an Occupation and there are no duplicated in the other 6 who did enter an Occupation

## Clonakilty

Surname	Forename	Address	Age	Occupation	Religion
Hurley	James	School Street	92	Army Pensioner	Roman Catholic
Driscoll	Jeremiah	Lamb Street Upper	89	Bank Porter	Catholic
Gilbert	Mary	Main Street	89	Old age Pensioner	Presbyterian Church
Sullivan	Florence	School Street	88	Tailor	Roman Catholic
Wright	John N	Sovereign Street	87	Shopkeeper	Church of Ireland
O Sullivan	Margaret	Sovereign Street	87		Roman Catholic
Wheeler	Sarah	Sovereign Street	87		N/R
Bateman	Anne	Mill Street	86		Church of Ireland
Whelon	Mary	Lamb Street	85	Old Age Pensioner	Roman Catholic
McTavich	Henry	Main Street	84	R I C Head Constable	Church of Ireland
K	P D	Scartagh	84	Ex Publican Unable	Roman Catholic
M	J	Scartagh	84	Labourer	Roman Catholic
Regan	Johanna	Bog Road	84	Old Age Pensioner	Roman Catholic
S	M	Scartagh	84	Farmers Widow	Roman Catholic

Of the top 14 in Clonakilty we see 3 did not enter an Occupation we see 4 pensioners and no further duplicates.

## Skibbereen

Surname	Forename	Address	Age	Occupation	Religion
Donovan	Johanna	Upper Bridge Street	101		Roman Catholic
Sullivan	Hannah	Chapel Lane	90		R Catholic
Murphy	Mary	High Street	87		Roman Catholic
Carey	Mary	High Street	86		Roman Catholic
Crowley	May	Mardyke Street	86		Roman Catholic
Daly	Ellen	Clarkes Lane	86	Reciever of the Old Age Pensioner	Roman Catholic
Driscoll	Ellen	Mardyke Street	86		Roman Catholic
Mc Carthy	Eugene	Townsend Street	86	Fish Merchant	Roman Catholic
McCarthy	Owen	Market Street	86	Retired Miller	Roman Catholic
Donovan	Ann	Mardyke Street	85		Roman Catholic
Murray	Mary	Townsend Street	85		Roman Catholic
Crowley	Jeremiah	Main Street	85	General Merchant	Roman Catholic
Bohane	Hanora	Market Street	84		Roman Catholic
Geaney	Bridget	High Street	84		Roman Catholic

Of the top 14 in Skibbereen we note that 10 of them had not entered an Occupation, then 2 merchants, a miller and a pensioner.

## Numbers of Children born and alive in 1911

When we browse the Census we do observe that there may be a significant lower number of children living in 1911 than the number of children born in that family. The Table below summarised this data for each town and the surprising fact is that almost one quarter of the children had died. Bandon has 22.2% mortality and Clonakilty has the highest at 25.1%.

Town	Bandon	Bantry	Clonakilty	Skibbereen
Number born	3,082	3,689	2,800	2,617
Number living	2,397	2,784	2,096	1,968
Number who died	685	905	704	649
% who died	22.2	24.5	25.1	24.8
Number of families	614	644	517	465

## Summary of the entries in “Marital Status” Column

The Table below summarises the entries made under “Marital Status”. Examining the paper returns I see that the return as “son” and “daughter” are entries written in the wrong column.

Marital Status	Bandon	Bantry	Clonakilty	Skibbereen
Single	2,046	2,022	1,792	1,829
Married	841	804	721	771
Not Married	2	1	9	4
Widow	151	176	158	195
Widower	65	75	70	77
Unmarried			2	2
Scholar			2	1
Legitimate			16	
Illegitimate			5	
N/R	28	92	179	151
Daughter		2		
Son		4		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>3,030</b>

### Observations:

Bandon and Bantry are very close on numbers of “Single” people at just over 2,000 each. Then Clonakilty and Skibbereen are also close but at about 200 people less than Bandon and Bantry.

Again we see a similar pattern in the numbers of “married” people.

The number of widows is approximately 230% of the number of widowers other than in Skibbereen where the figure is just over 250%.

## Number of years married

The following tables display those who are 50 years or more married as per their census entry for that column. There are some entries which do tend to puzzle the reader and a typical example is the first person in the Bandon list. We see John Moloney at age 74 years and years married also shows 74 years. If one examines the original paper record one can see that the 74 under “Years married” is crossed out but likely typed in error.

### Bandon

Surname	Forename	Townland/Street	Age	Occupation	Years Married	Children Born	Children Living
Moloney	John	Shannon Street	74	Shoe Maker	74		
Kehily	Catherine	Church Lane North Main	88		64	7	1
Murphy	Mary	Street	88		63	9	2
Mc Swiney	Mary	Shannon Street	84		57	5	2
Mc Swiney	Morgan	Shannon Street North Main	82	Cooper Private	57	5	2
Webb	Annie J	Street	80	Lady	55	11	6
White	Anne	Cork Road North Main	75	Fish Dealer	52		1
Stafford	Ellen	Street	72		52	5	2
Tobin	M Anne	Shannon Street	70		50	9	5
Collins	John	Warner's Lane South Main	70	Fishmonger	50	6	2
Payne	M	Street	79		50	6	6
Maugh	Anne	Stanton's Lane	71		50		
Moynihán	Ellen	Kilbrogan Street North Main	72		50	8	4
Kearney	Mary F	Street	71	Vintener	50	8	6
Turpin	Thomas	Cork Road	73	Shoemaker Old Age	50	11	2
Mc Carthy	Margaret	Sealy's Lane	79	Pensioner	50	1	1

The greatest number of years married is 64 years followed by one at 63 years and two at 57 years.

For each of the towns other data is included for reference: –

- address
- occupation
- number of children born
- number of children living in 1911 at the time of the census.

## Bantry

Surname	Forename	Townland/Street	Age	Occupation	Years Married	Children Born	Children Living
Boland	Charles	Marino Terrace	74	Pensioner From Royal Irish Constby	74		
Walsh	John	Scart Road	80		55		
Walsh	Margaret	Scart Road	73		55	7	5
Leary	Mary	Glengarriff Road	73		55	11	1
McCarthy	Julia	Knocknamuck	83		54	6	5
Dillon	Timothy	Glengarriff Road	86		54	11	8
S	M	Carrignagat	83	Fisherman's Widow Housekeeper	53		
Lynch	Honora	Glengarriff Road	80		52	4	
Goggin	Ellen	Chapel Street	75		52	5	5
Kingston	Henry	Market Lane	75	Old Age Pensioner	50	4	
Kingston	Kate	Market Lane	80	Old Age Pensioner	50	4	
Lyons	James	New Street	77	Merchant Meal and Vintner ? Old Age	50		
Cronen	Honorina	Glengarriff Road	74	Pensioner	50	6	3
Flynn	Kate	Caherdaniel East	74	Farmer	50	12	11
Lynch	Kate	Harbour View	74		50	9	6
Lyons	Mary	New Street	75		50	8	4
Hurley	John	Barrack Road (Bantry Town)	73		50	1	1
Sullivan	Julia	Blackrock Road	75		50	9	2
Hurley	Norah	Knocknamuck	69		50		
Sullivan	Julia	Market Street	72		50	11	6

Like we saw with John Moloney in Bandon we strangely enough find that the first entry in the Bantry list is another 74 year old, Charles Boland. He is aged 74 years and years married also shows 74 years. If one examines the original paper record one can see that the 74 under "Years married" is crossed out but like Bandon was probably typed in error.

The greatest number of years married is 55 years which was recorded on three occasions

## Clonakilty

Surname	Forename	Townland/Street	Age	Occupation	Years Married	Children Born	Children Living
O Sullivan	Margaret	Sovereign Street	87		63	8	2
Donovan	Catherine	Sovereign Street	76		61	16	
				Grocer and Bakery			
OBrien	Ellen	Main Street	79	Owner	58	4	1
				Domestic Chimney			
Hayes	Anne	Chapel Street	56	Servant	56		
Hayes	James	Crowleys Row	65	Cleaner	55		
Hurley	Catherine	Patrick Street	76		55	10	5
Callaghan	Johannah	Lamb Street	75		53	11	11
Morton	William	Jermyn Street	46	Machinist	53	12	7
Burns	Patrick	Jermyn Street	78	Groom	53	12	7
Bernard	Mary	Barrack Street	73		52	9	5
Good							
Child	James	Patrick Street	76	Shoemaker	52		
Good							
Child	Mary Ann	Patrick Street	72		52	9	9
Mullins	Kate	Lamb Street	73	Nail Maker	52	9	2
				Old Age			
Donovan	Hannah	Tawnies Lower	78	Pensioner	52		
Connolly	Hannah	Oliver Street	70		50	7	3
				Old age			
Canty	Nancy	Chapel Lane Old	78	Pensioner	50	7	4
Connolly	Mary	Lamb Street	69	Trader	50	2	2
Leary	Mary	Barrack Hill	74		50	9	4
McCarthy	Mary	Strand Road	73		50	8	8
				Old age			
ORegan	Norah	Chapel Lane Old	71	Pensioner	50	5	4

Looking at the Clonakilty selection of those who are married 50 years and over we observe a few entries which need further checking. These are:

- Anne Hayes, aged 56 years and married 56 years. Like previously seen in Bandon and Bantry the 56 under “years married” is crossed out but typed in error.
- James Hayes is aged 65 and married 55 years. Again checking the original paper record the 55 is crossed out. He is a widower.
- William Morton is aged 46 and on the original return the years married, number of children born and number of children living are all crossed out.

The greatest number of years married is 63 years.

## Skibbereen

Surname	Forename	Townland/Street	Age	Occupation	Years Married	Children Born	Children Living
Crowley	May	Mardyke Street	86		59	4	4
Carey	Mary	High Street	86		57	6	3
				General			
Dempsey	John	Chapel Lane	84	Labourer	56	8	3
McLean	Catherine	North Street	78		56	8	5
Donovan	Catherine	Chapel Lane	76		55	7	5
Walsh	Kate	Townsend Street	77		54	9	7
Sexton	Mary	Windmill	79		54	10	5
		Upper Bridge					
Gainey	Margaret	Street	77		51	10	6
				Merchant			
Gill	Michael	Townsend Street	74	Tailor	51	12	3
Caverly	Anne	High Street	75		51	11	10
Barnane	Anne	Mardyke Street	80		50	7	7
O'Mahony	Annie	Townsend Street	69		50	12	9
Barnane	Patrick	Mardyke Street	82	Labourer	50	7	4
Browne	Kate	Townsend Street	74		50	1	
Savage	Mary	Coronea, part of	77		50	5	4
Hourihane	Margaret	Coronea, part of	72		50	13	7
Sullivan	Hannah	Chapel Lane	90		50	5	3
Niell	Mary	High Street	71		50	8	6
Evans	Mary	Windmill	76		50		
Connolly	Kate	High Street	69		50	13	4
Niell	John	High Street	73	Stone Mason	50	8	6
Sullivan	Sarah	Mardyke Street	71	Green Grocer	50	9	6

Nothing in particular under age and years married seemed strange in the Skibbereen listing of those married 50 years and over.

The greatest number of years married is 59 years. Bantry was the other town where the greatest number of years married was under 60 years.

Hopefully from the above summarised data from the 1911 Census of Ireland that readers will get an overview of the selected four West Cork towns.