

ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

November 2024

Kilkenny



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Kilkenny County Council

LABOUR MARKET



46,196	Total Labour Force
2,190	Live Register Kilkenny, October 2024 Source: CSO.ie
169,000	Seasonally Adjusted National Live Register October 2024, up by 0.4% from September
4.2%	Adjusted Unemployment Rate Down from 4.5% October 2023 Source: CSO.ie October 2024



POPULATION

Total Population Ireland

5,149,139

up 8% since Census 2016

Total Population Kilkenny County

104,160

up 5% since Census 2016



INDUSTRY ACTIVITY

300,583	Employed in IDA companies 15,301 in the South East (Source: IDA 2023)
225,495	Employed in EI companies Nationally in 2023, with positive net jobs of 5,011 nationally
+2%	Employment growth in EI companies in the South East in 2023 Source: EI 2023 Y/E
1,077	Employed in 182 Local Enterprise businesses in Kilkenny
6,159	Active Enterprises in Kilkenny, 9 > 250 employees (Source: CSO.ie)

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND PLANNING



Properties For Rent



274

Houses for Sale in Kilkenny

(85 in Kilkenny City) (Source: Daft.ie Nov 2024)



€1,576	Average monthly rent Kilkenny, up 11.7% y-o-y
19%	Lower than national average
35%	Lower than Dublin City
€308,431	Average house asking price Kilkenny,
€344,828	National average asking price
€438,462	Average house asking price Dublin City Source Daft.ie, Q3 2024

National Rents

7.2% y-on-y change in average listed rents nationally (approx. half the rate of inflation in mid-2022) 43% higher than pre-Covid levels

Source: Daft.ie Q3 2024

Housing Stock Growth Kilkenny

5.2% since census 2016 versus state average of 6%
Source: CSO.ie

THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION



(Source: HEA)

- 4,570 students from Kilkenny were enrolled in a third level institution in 2023/2024
- 31% of all Kilkenny students enrolled in third level are attending SETU. The number of Kilkenny students enrolled in SETU is more than double the number enrolled in any other third level institution. The institution with the second highest enrollment from Kilkenny students is UCC at 12%.

Source: HEA.ie, October 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Over 68,000 visitors visited Kilkenny as the city came alive once again for the Savour Festival at the end of October - one of Ireland's best-established and longest-running food festivals
- Kilkenny's Medieval Mile featured in a National article and video in October outlining the fantastic retail offering in Kilkenny as part of the shopkilkenny campaign
- As part of the Kilkenny Going Green campaign, four case study videos were launched on 24th October through the LEO and made available on KCC channels
- Kilkenny County Council's first Digital Strategy is currently being drafted with the first implementation period beginning at the start of 2025
- A Kilkenny photobook was launched in December, featuring local photography and poetry celebrating the city and county, it will be online soon.

Planning/Multi-Unit Developments October 2024

123 multi-unit housing developments with planning permission secured in County Kilkenny/ **55** of these within Kilkenny City, **33** of these in larger County Towns. **3,366** units within the **123** schemes in the County & City. **60 housing schemes active in County Kilkenny with valid commencement notices for 1,633 units/ 12** housing schemes active within Kilkenny City with valid commencement notices for **79** units

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