

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Yearly Change (Full year 2015 v 2016) Seasonally adjusted

GDP / GNP

+5.2% / +9.0%

+€12.7bn / +€17.4bn

PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	+2.9%	▲
GOVT. EXPENDITURE	+5.3%	▲
CAPITAL INVESTMENT	+37.6%	▲
EXPORTS	+2.4%	▲

Source: CSO - quarterly national accounts ([March 2017](#))

GOODS TRADE

(May 2016 — April 2017)



MAIN MARKETS %



Source: CSO - external trade ([June 2017](#))

RETAIL SALES

(May 2017)

Seasonally adjusted - volume of sales change

ALL BUSINESSES

Year-on-year

+3.3%

Monthly

+0.8%

Main % changes —annual

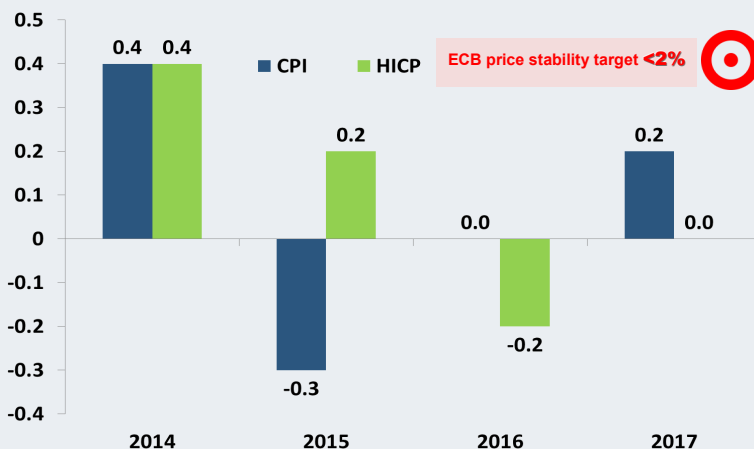
Furniture & Lighting	+16.2	Hardware, Paints & Glasses	+9.3
Other Retail Sales	+12.4	Clothing, Footwear & Textiles	+8.4
Electrical Goods	+12.0	Pharmaceuticals Medical & Cosmetics	+6.8

Source: CSO - retail sales index ([June 2017](#))

CONSUMER PRICES

(May 2017)

Year-on-year change



Source: CSO - consumer price index (CPI) ([June 2017](#))

VEHICLES LICENCED

(May 2017)

Change from same period last year



102,764

New vehicles (Jan. – May 2017)

-10.1%



48,672

Used vehicles (Jan. – May 2017)

+50.7%



151,436

Total vehicles (Jan. – May 2017)

+3.3%

Source: CSO - vehicles licenced for the first time ([June 2017](#))



UNEMPLOYMENT (May 2017)

6.4%

Monthly unemployment rate
(Seasonally adjusted)

Down **2.0** percentage points
since May 2016

140,700

Total persons unemployed

Down **42,800** people since May
2016

78,700

Persons unemployed 1 year
or more (Q1 2017)

3.6%

Long term unemployment
rate (Q1 2017)



85,900 (7.1%)
Males unemployed



54,800 (5.5%)
Females unemployed

Source: CSO monthly unemployment ([May 2017](#)) and QNHS ([Q1 2017](#))

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS*, 1986-2016

(April 2016)

- ⇒ **13.7%** male unemployment rate
- ⇒ **103,397** decrease in men unemployed between 2011 and 2016
- ⇒ **12.0%** female unemployment rate
- ⇒ **24,050** decrease in women unemployed between 2011 and 2016



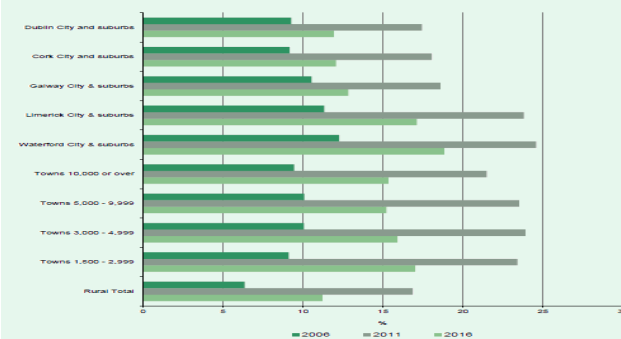
UNEMPLOYMENT - TOWNS AND CITIES

Cities

- ⇒ **18.8%** Waterford had highest unemployment rate
- ⇒ **11.9%** Dublin had the lowest unemployment rate

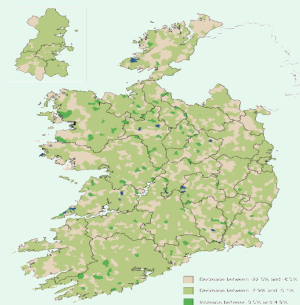
Large Towns (Pop > 10,000)

- ⇒ **30.6%** Longford had highest unemployment rate
- ⇒ **5.4%** Malahide had lowest unemployment rate



UNEMPLOYMENT BY ELECTORAL DIVISION, 2011-2016

- Decrease between -22.5% and -8.0%
- Decrease between -7.9% and -0.1%
- Increase between 0.0% and 4.9%
- Increase 5.0% and over



* Note that the information derived from the Census and QNHS for same year may show appreciable differences (see [Appendix 3](#) for details).

Source: CSO [census 2016 summary results - part 2](#)

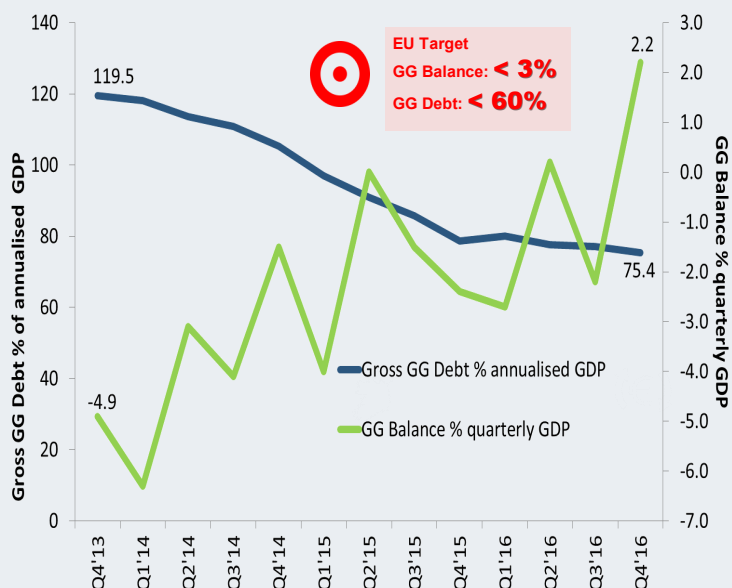
GOVERNMENT FINANCES

(Q4 2016)

General Govt. Balance and Gross Debt

€billions	Q4 2012	Q4 2013	Q4 2014	Q4 2015	Q4 2016
GG balance	-2.4	-2.2	-0.8	-1.6	+1.6
GG Debt	210.0	215.3	203.4	201.4	200.6

GG Balance and Debt (% of GDP), Q4 2013- Q4 2016



Source: CSO government finance statistics ([April 2017](#))