

ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Q2 2025

Kilkenny



Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
Kilkenny County Council



POPULATION

Total Population Ireland

5,149,139

up 8% since Census 2016

Total Population Kilkenny County

104,160

up 5% since Census 2016

LABOUR MARKET



54,000

Total Labour Force Kilkenny

2,491

Live Register Kilkenny, July 2025

Slight increase from last quarter

168,500

Seasonally Adjusted National Live Register

Down 2000 *since March 2025*

4%

Monthly Unemployment Rate

Down from 4.1% in March 2025

Source: CSO.ie June 2025

INDUSTRY ACTIVITY



302,566

Employed in over 1,800 IDA companies

15,500 in the South East (Source: IDA 2024)

234,454

Employed in EI companies Nationally in 2024, 7,100

jobs created in 2024, 7% increase on 2023.

12%

Of the workforce employed in IDA supported

companies

Source: EI 2024 Y/E

1,100

Employed in 185 Local Enterprise small

businesses in Kilkenny

6,200

Active Enterprises in Kilkenny, 8 >250 employees

(Source: CSO.ie)

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND PLANNING



Rental Market

National Rents

6.9% year-on-year increase in average listed rents at the end of Q2 2025

Evidence of uptick in inflation in early 2025 - **the National average Monthly Rent has now exceeded €2,000 standing at €2,055 at the end of Q2**

Kilkenny rents remain below €2,000 however the number of properties to rent remains <20 in the County

Rental availability nationwide was down by 15% on last year.

Source: daft.ie

Properties listed for sale

239

(70 in Kilkenny City) (Source: Daft.ie Aug 2025)

€330,683

Average asking price Kilkenny Q2 2025, up 14% y-o-y

€357,851

National average asking price Q2 2025, up 12.3% y-o-y

At the start of 2025, there were just 2,800 homes for sale in Ireland - up from Q1 but down 10% since one year ago
Source Daft.ie Q2 2025

National Vacancy Rate

3.7%

The National Vacancy Rate fell to a low of 3.7%

3%

Vacant property rate in Kilkenny is 3%, .7% lower than the national average in Q4 2024.

THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION



(Source: HEA)

- 4,620 students from Kilkenny were enrolled in a third level institution in 2023/2024
- 32% 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 13%.

Source: HEA.ie, Q4 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- A new affordable housing scheme has been launched for Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny. A total of thirteen 3-bedroom homes will be made available for purchase with support of the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme. These A-rated homes are available for purchase by successful applicants at a price lower than its market value.
- Kilkenny has been selected to receive funding as part of Fáilte Ireland's Home of Halloween pilot scheme. The initiative aims to position Ireland as the global home of Halloween, with €2.1 million invested across seven locations through to 2028, boosting tourism and local heritage with events taking place throughout the month of October and into November

Planning/Multi-Unit Developments April 2025

91 multi-unit housing developments with planning permission secured in County Kilkenny/ **41** of these within Kilkenny city, **27** of these in larger county towns. **2,968** units within the **91** schemes in the county & city. **53** housing schemes active or built out in County Kilkenny with valid commencements notices for **1,780** units/ **21** housing schemes active or built out within Kilkenny city with valid commencement notices for **1,185** units. An additional **18** multi-unit development applications are in the the planning system currently.

*commencement notices only - not indicative of numbers currently under construction

