

# 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



**46,500**

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

