

# ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Q3 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

**2,168**

Live Register Kilkenny, Sept 2025

Slight decrease of 353 from last quarter

**169,300**

Seasonally Adjusted National Live Register

Up 800 since June 2025

**4.7%**

Monthly Unemployment Rate

Up from 4% in June 2025

Source: CSO.ie Sept 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

4.3% year-on-year increase in average listed rents at the end of Q3 2025.

Average national rent is around €2,080

Kilkenny rents currently average around €1,450 and the number of properties to rent remains <20 in the county

Rental availability nationwide was down by 21% on Q3 last year.

Source: daft.ie

#### Properties listed for sale

**215**

(52 in Kilkenny City) (Source: Daft.ie Oct 2025)

**€375,000**

Median asking price Kilkenny Q3 2025

**€435,000**

National median asking price Q3 2025

**+7%**

The gap between listed price and transaction price reached a new all-time high in Q3, at 7%

**3.7%**

#### National Vacancy Rate

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

**Ambassador Book Launched:** Kilkenny County Council launched a new book celebrating the stories and achievements of a selection of well-known and successful Kilkenny based people, highlighting and showcasing what makes Kilkenny a great place to live and work.

**Kilkenny, the "Home of Halloween":** This October Kilkenny transformed into a spellbinding celebration of all things spooky and spectacular! This magical festival is proudly coordinated by Kilkenny County Council, in partnership with local artists, businesses, and community groups, all supported by Fáilte Ireland's Home of Halloween Pilot Scheme.

## Planning/Multi-Unit Developments October 2025

79 multi-unit housing developments with planning permission secured in County Kilkenny/ 34 of these within Kilkenny city, 27 of these in larger county towns. 2,796 units within the 91 schemes in the county & city. 562 units built in total in County Kilkenny with 451 units under construction. Of these there are 437 units built within Kilkenny city with 183 units under construction. An additional 20 multi-unit development applications are in the the planning system currently.



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