



The old country: Get ready for an ageing Ireland.



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Question 2 - 2024 Q4

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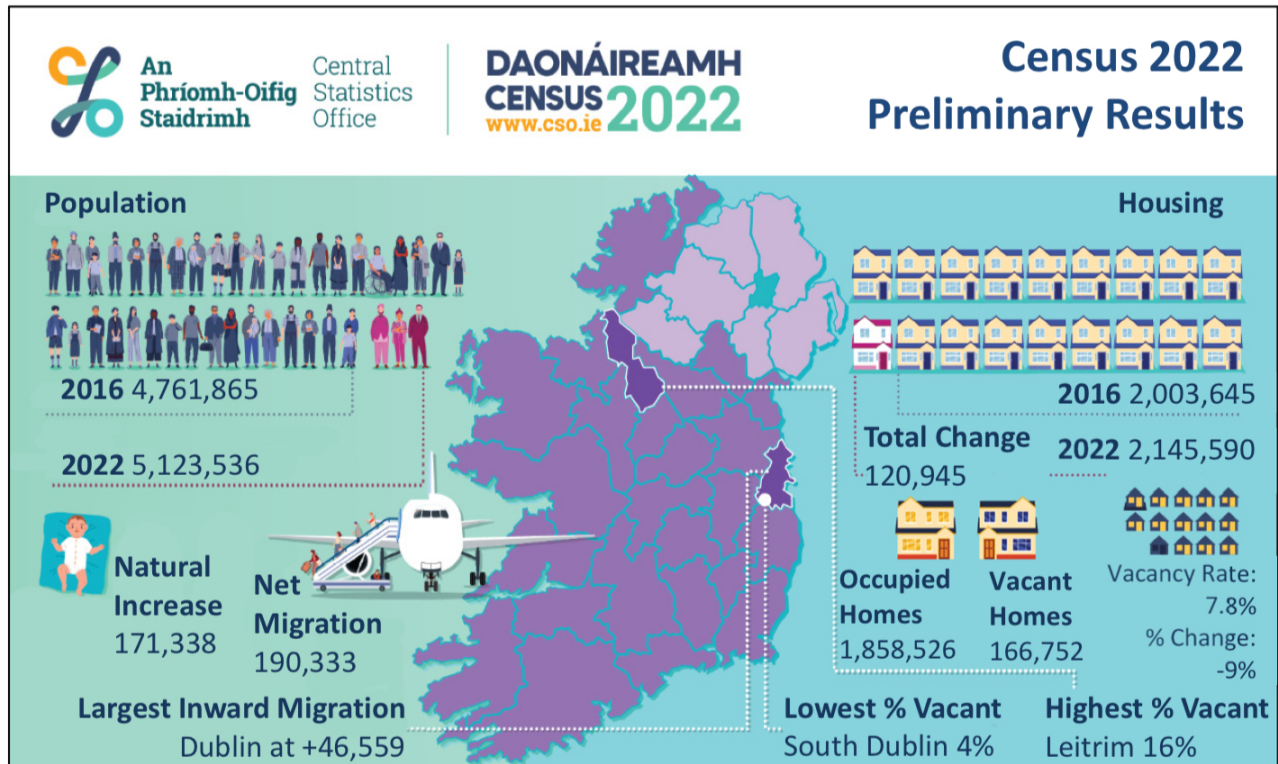
Adapted from www.citizensinformation.ie

Outline **two** reasons why, in your opinion, the government gave all households a €450 electricity credit.

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Question 13



- (i) According to the infographic above, what is the population of Ireland in 2022?

- (ii) Explain **one** impact that an increase in population might have on Irish society.



Question 4 - 2026 Q16 (a) (i)

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Re-turn celebrates environmental milestone with 1.6 billion returns



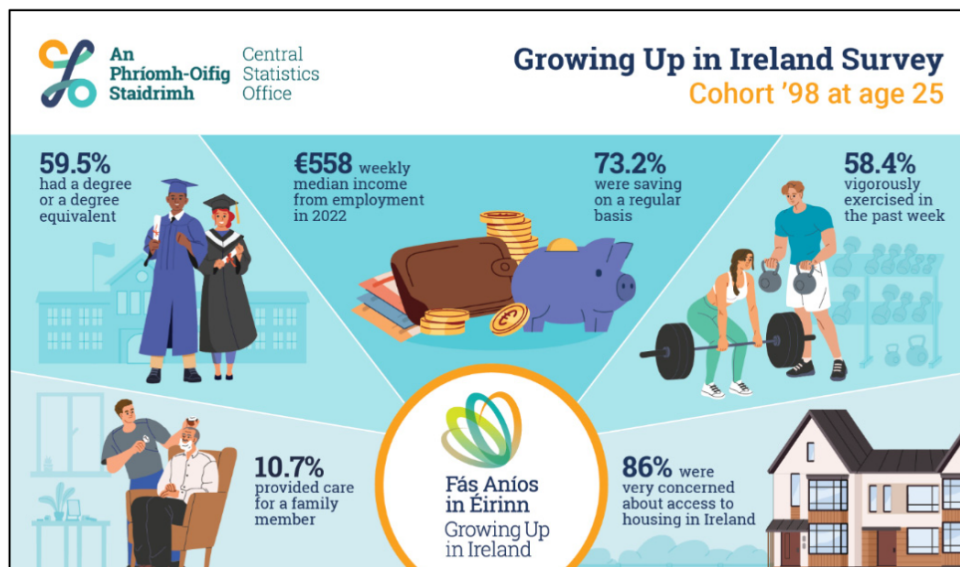
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(i) Ireland introduced a Deposit Return Scheme on 1 February 2024. A small refundable deposit is added to the price of any drink sold in a container featuring the Re-turn logo.

Outline **two** impacts the Re-turn scheme has on a consumer.

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- (i) According to the infographic above, what percentage of people were very concerned about access to housing in Ireland?

Answer:

- (ii) Outline **one** impact of a shortage of housing on Irish society.

Question 6 - 2026 Q9 (ii)

Marks: 3

- (ii) In recent years, there has been a shortage of construction workers in Ireland.
Outline **one** way the Government could encourage construction workers to return home to Ireland.



Solution Question 1 - 2022 Q15

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Department of Health/Department of Social Protection/ Department of Finance/Department of Transport/Department of Education/Department of Public Expenditure & Reform/Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

- (ii) Explain **two** ways this change in age profile will increase Government expenditure.

The Government will have to invest more in hospitals and medical equipment due to the greater demand on services.

There will be a greater demand for pensions on the Government as people retire there will be an entitled to a state pension either contributory or non-contributory.

Everyone over the age of 66 is entitled to the Free travel scheme. This will mean the Government will have to invest more in Bus Éireann / Irish Rail to cope with extra passengers.

A GP visit card is available to everyone over the age of 70, this will mean the Government will have to increase funding for GPs to meet the demand of an ageing population.

Solution Question 2 - 2024 Q4

Domestic electricity customers will get €450 credit.

Outline **two** reasons why, in your opinion, the government gave all households a €450 electricity credit.

To ease the financial pressure on households across the country in the midst of high energy prices in order to help pay other household bills/ To give all households a reduction in the price of their energy bill in order to spend on other goods and services.

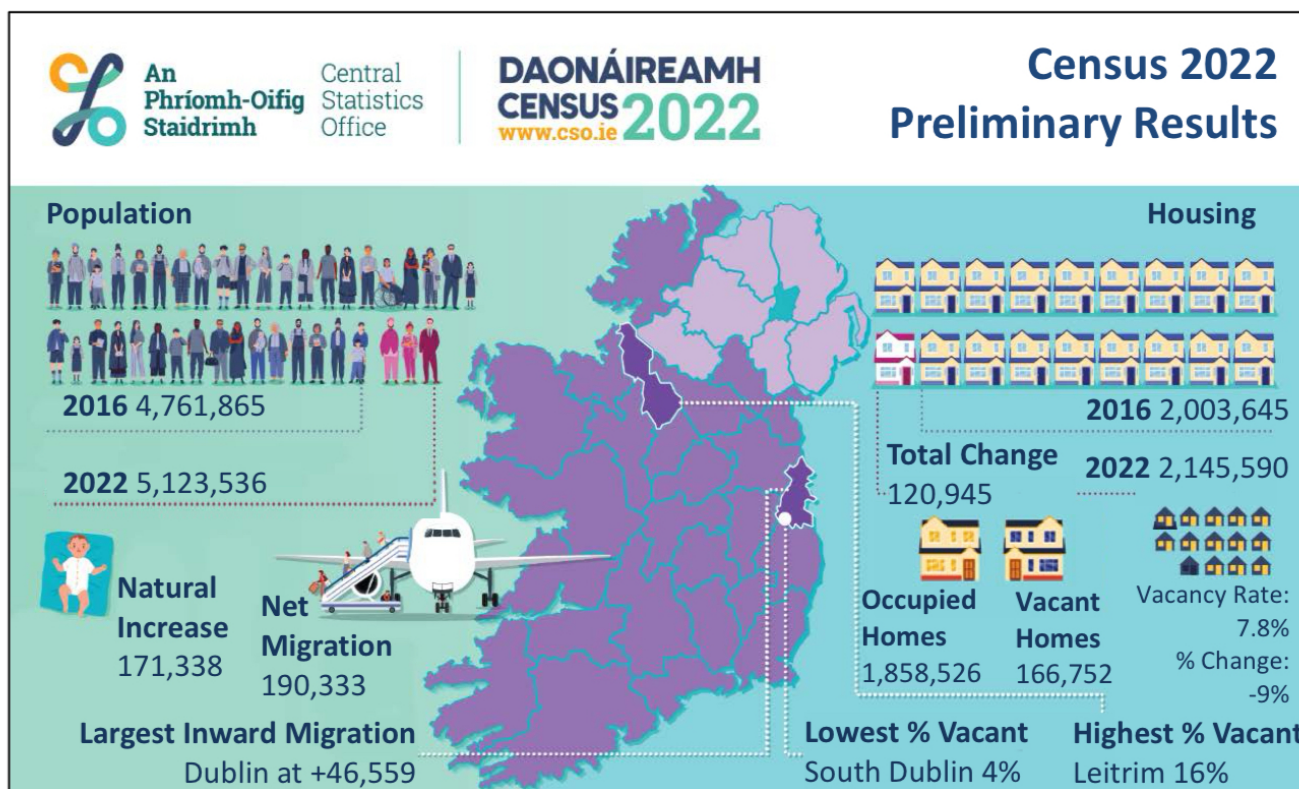
To ease the impact of inflation and cost of living hikes on households, so they have more income to spend on discretionary expenditure.

To prevent fuel poverty, particularly in low-income households, so everyone can heat their homes.

The government had a surplus in their budget and decided to use some of the surplus to reduce the cost of energy increases for households.

Public Relations which would boost government ratings with the electorate.





Adapted from www.cso.ie

- (i) According to the infographic above, what is the population of Ireland in 2022?

5,123, 536

- (ii) Explain **one** impact that an increase in population might have on Irish society.

There will be greater demand for goods and services so businesses in Ireland will make more profit or be able to employ more workers.

There will be a greater demand for public services such as health / schools transport, this will put a strain on government services.

There will be a greater demand for housing (private and social). The government must provide more social housing and allow more planning permission for private houses.

There will be more traffic and pollution which would lead to added personal stress/ reduce quality of life.

