



IANPHI 5th Annual Meeting

**Monitoring the social
determinants of health**

Ireland

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Purpose of monitoring

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The Island of Ireland



	NI	ROI
Population	1.8m	4.4m
GDP per capita	\$25,366	\$51,356
Life Expectancy:		
males	76.3	76.8
females	81.3	81.6
Infant Mortality	5.1	5.0
Unemployment	7%	14%
Population >75yrs	6.4%	5.0%

Institute of Public Health in Ireland

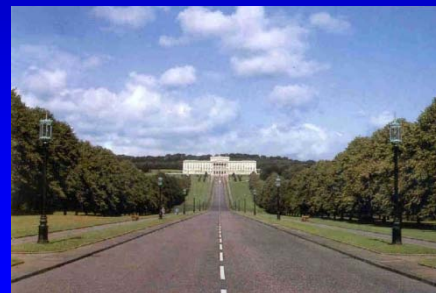
Promotes cooperation between Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland

- providing public health information and surveillance;
- strengthening public health capacity;
- advising on policy

Tackling inequalities in health is the focus for all our work



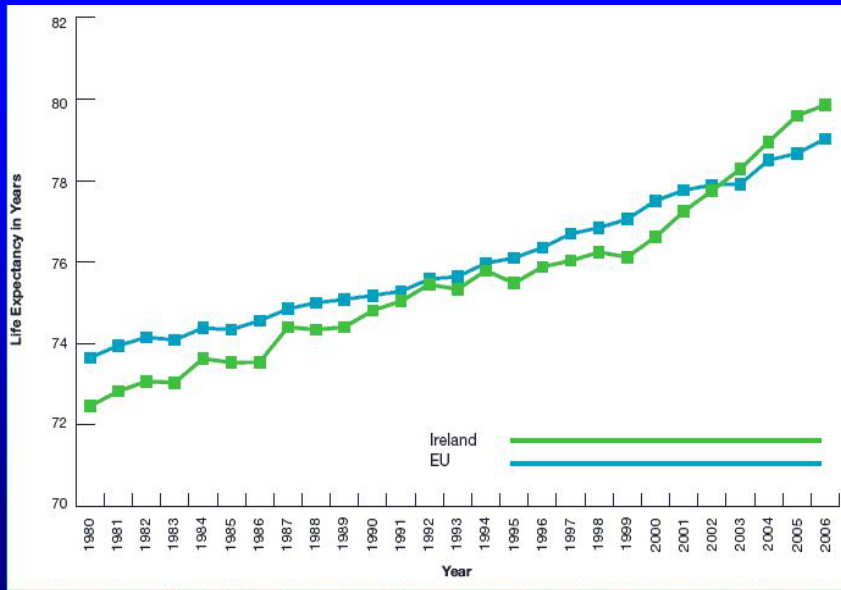
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“All diseases have two causes, one pathological, the other political.”

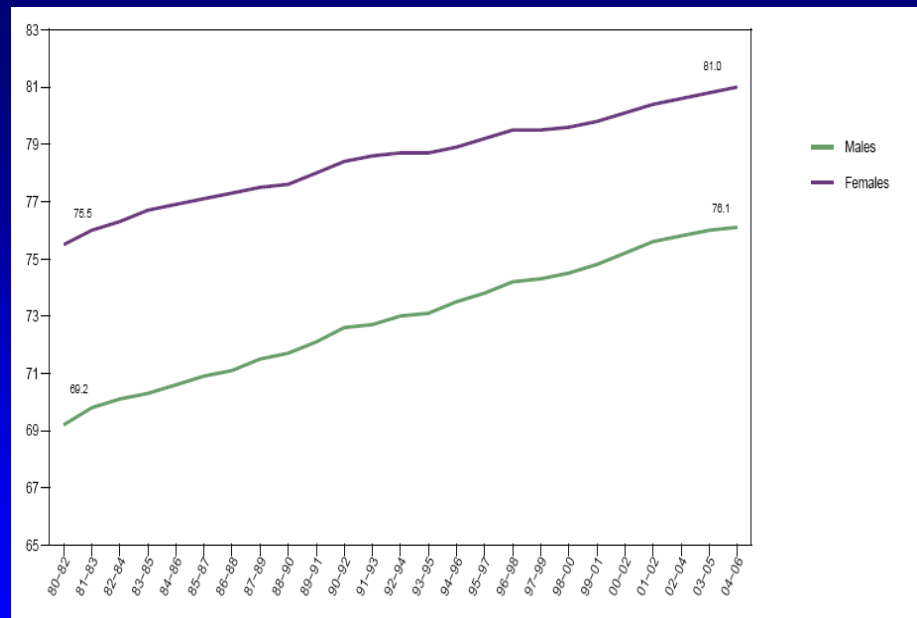
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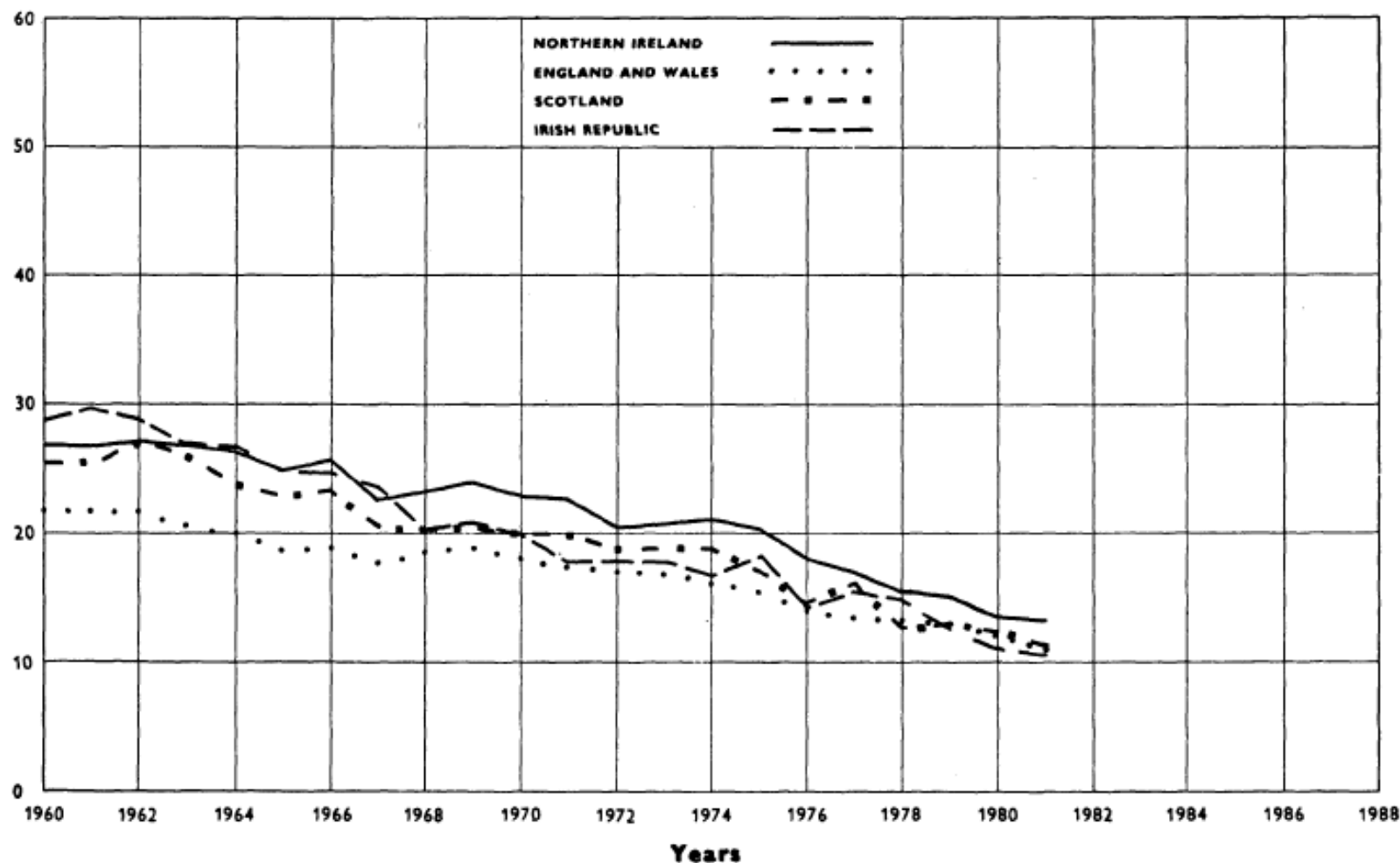
Source: European Health for All Database, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark

Life expectancy ROI 1980 - 2006

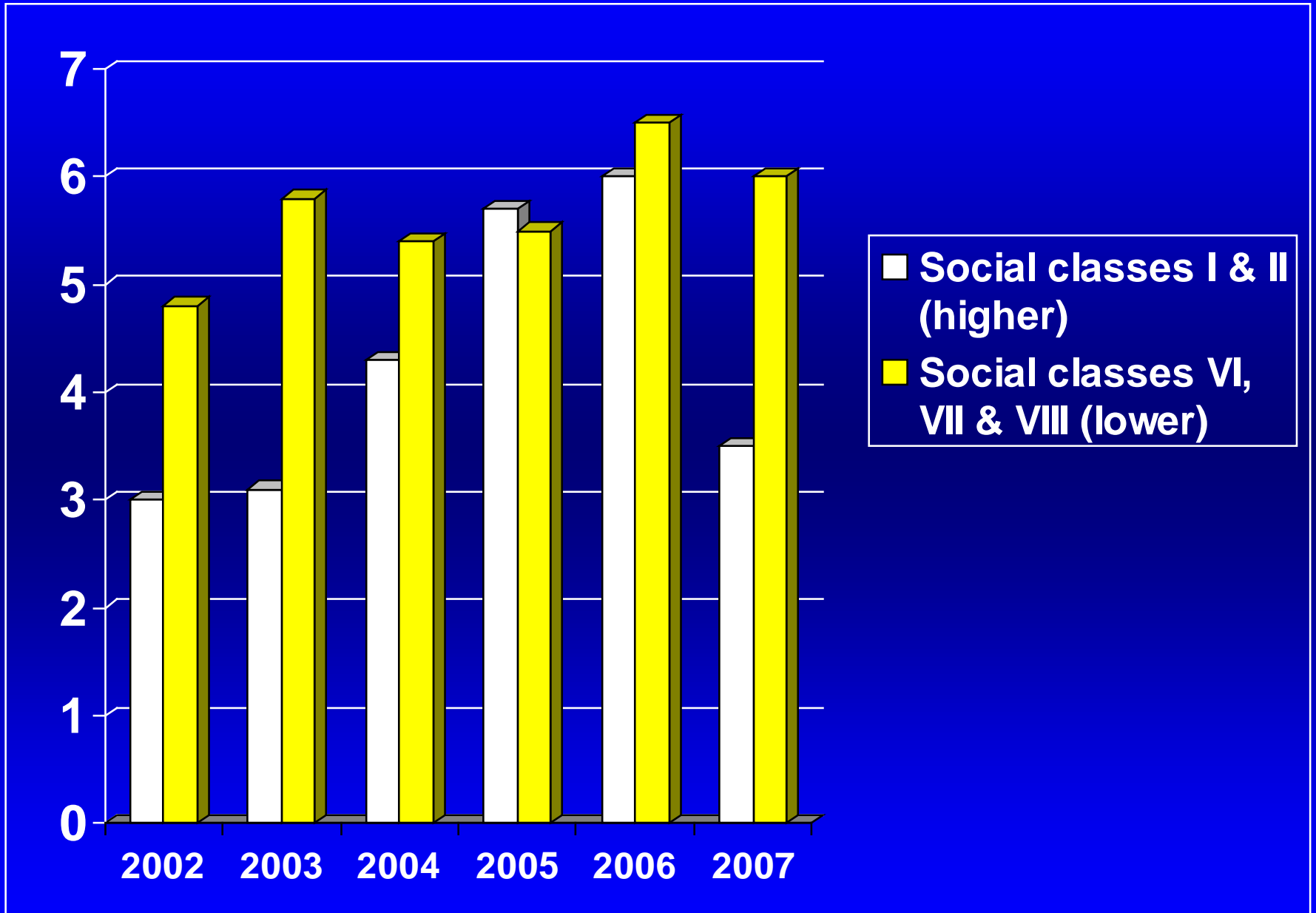
Life expectancy NI 1980 - 2006



Infant mortality rates (crude) in Northern Ireland, England and Wales, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland, 1960 – 1981. Rate per 1,000 live births



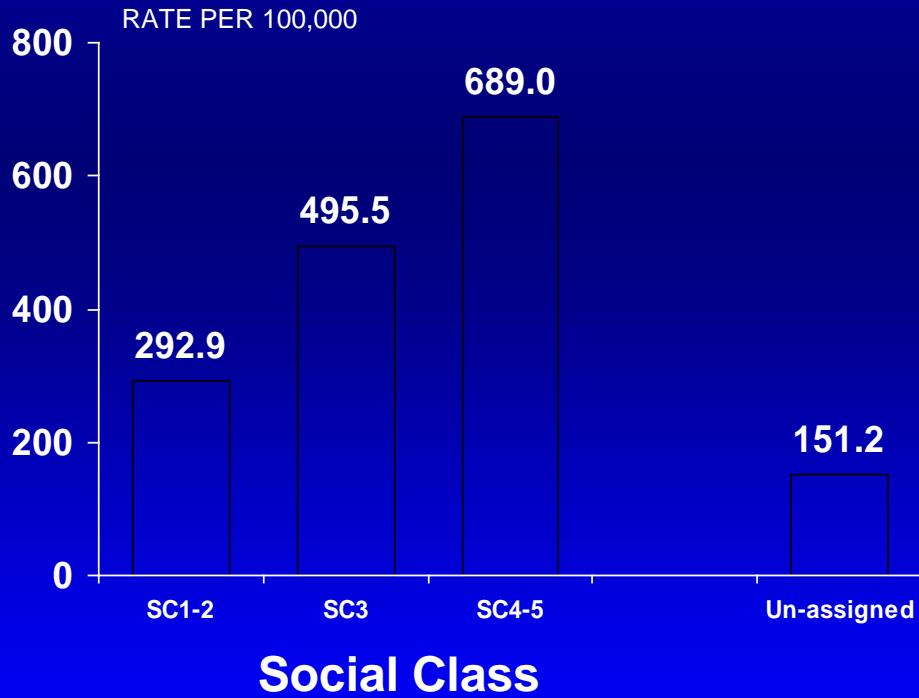
Infant deaths per 1,000 live births by social class



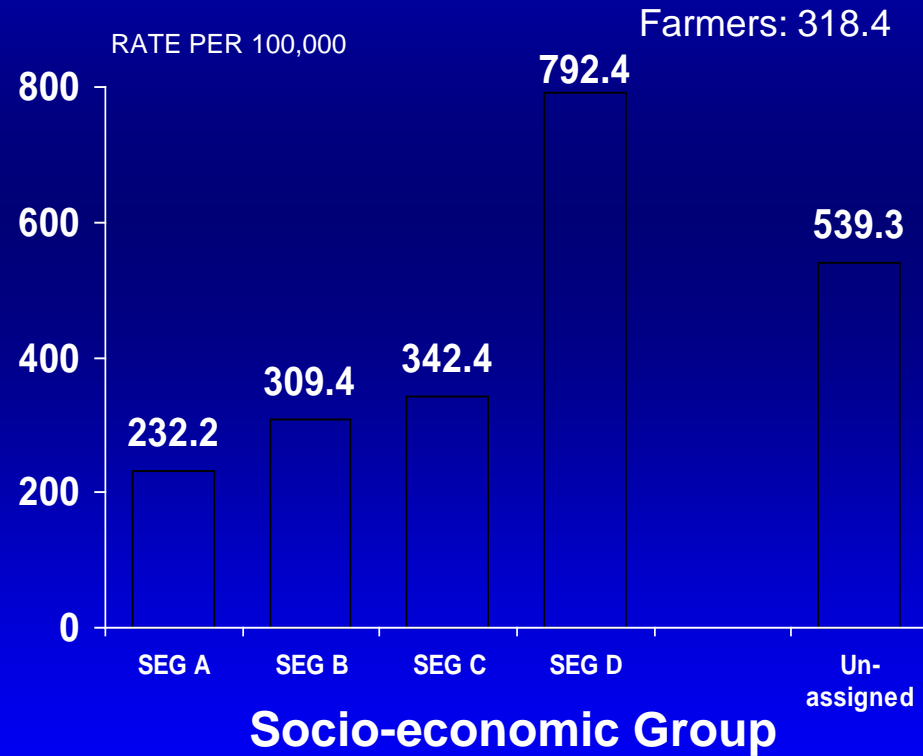
All causes of Death

Table 1 Annual directly standardised mortality rates (per 100,000) for working age males, by occupational class

Northern Ireland



Republic of Ireland





World Health
Organization



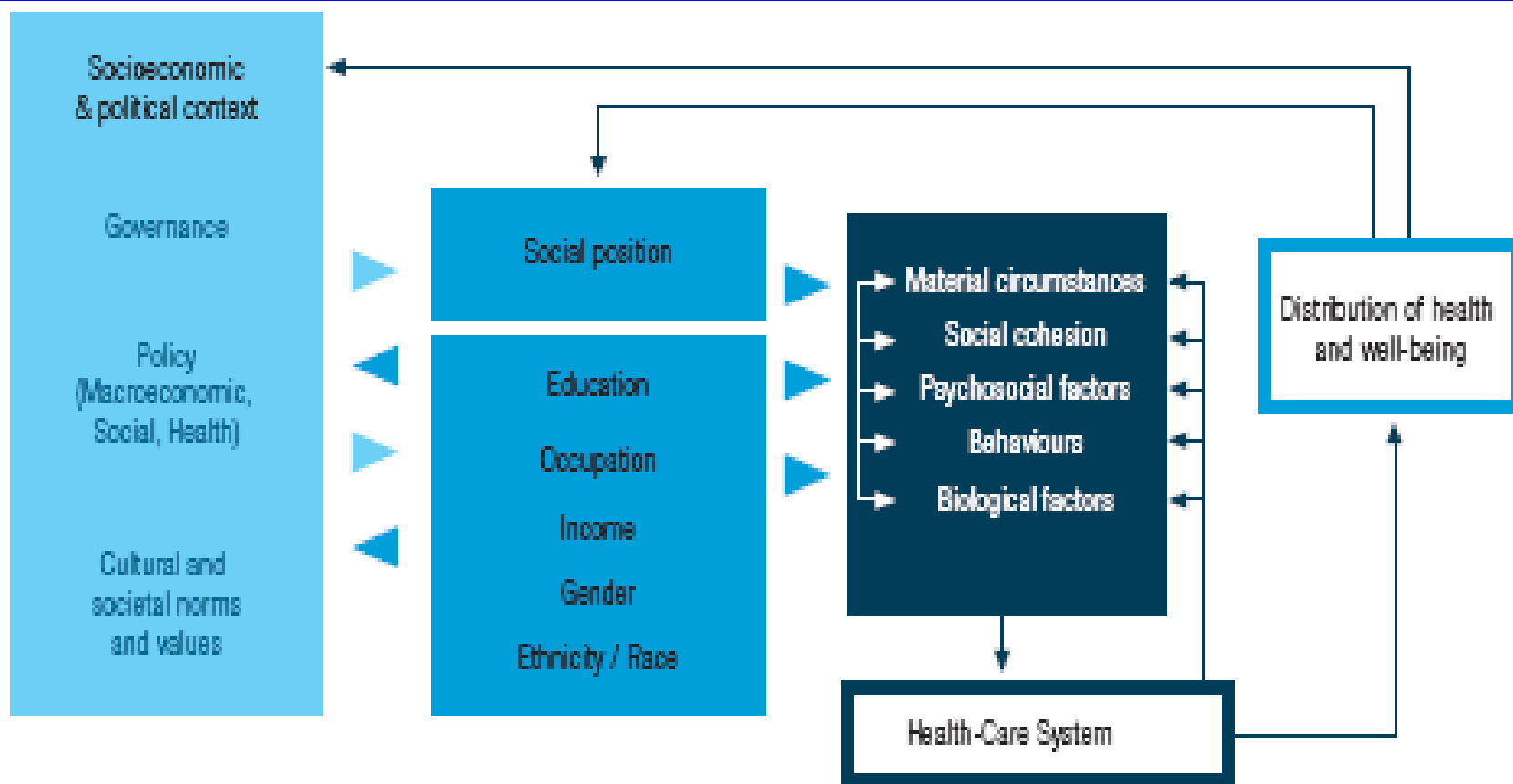
Commission on
Social Determinants of Health

Closing the gap in a generation

Health equity through action on
the social determinants of health



- **Improve daily living conditions.**
- **Tackle the inequitable distribution of power, money and resources.**
- **Measure and understand the problem and assess impact of action focusing on research, monitoring and evaluation.**



SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND HEALTH INEQUITIES



Source: Amended from Solar & Irwin, 2007

Conditions for Health

- Poverty
- Justice
- Employment
- Housing
- Transport
- Education
- Environment
- Food
- Alcohol
- Social Support
- Leisure
- Culture



Conditions for Health



	West Tyrone	North Belfast	North Down	North Antrim	Northern Ireland
Adults aged 16 to 74 unemployed	5.1%	6.0%	3.2%	3.5%	4.1%
Households in relative poverty (2004-2005)	29.5%	42%	29.4%	28.5%	30%
School leavers with 5 or more GCSEs at grade C or above (2007)	68.7%	54%	72.5%	66.2%	65%



Conditions for Health

	County Galway	County Dublin	County Monaghan	County Cork	Republic of Ireland
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 births)	4.4	5.2	5.1	4.6	4.9
Admission for alcohol abuse (per 100,000 European standard population)	297.9	319.1	560.6	305.4	341.9
Suicide (per 100,000)	10.7	9.6	12.8	17.3	12.4

SLÁN²⁰⁰⁷

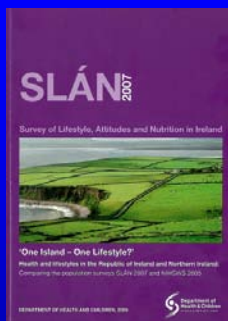
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Health and lifestyles in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland:
Comparing the population surveys SLÁN 2007 and NIHSWS 2005

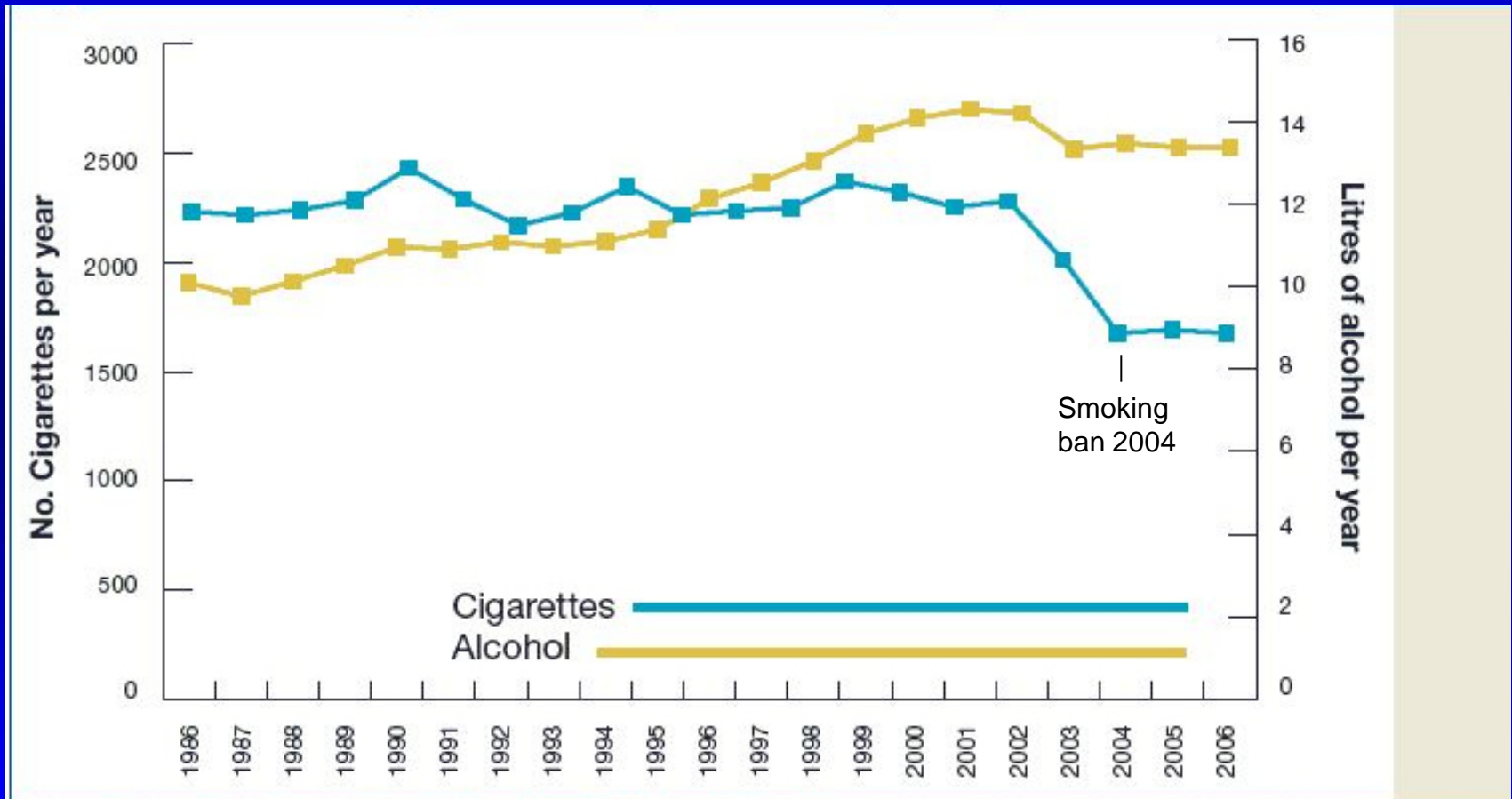


One Island – One Lifestyle?

Survey of Lifestyle, Attitudes and Nutrition in Ireland

	SLAN (ROI)	HSWS (NI)
Quality of life 'very good' or 'good'	88%	75%
Current smokers	29%	26%
No alcohol	19%	22%
Above 'limit' alcohol	10	19
Obesity	24%	25%

Cigarette and alcohol consumption ROI 1986 - 2006



Source: Revenue Commissioners Statistical Report 2007, CSO (population data)

Note:

- (i) Alcohol is measured in terms of pure alcohol consumed, based on sales of beer, cider, wine and spirits.
- (ii) Smoking ban in workplaces was introduced in March 2004.



Making Chronic Conditions Count:

Hypertension
Stroke
Coronary Heart Disease
Diabetes



A systematic approach to estimating and forecasting
population prevalence on the island of Ireland



Dramatic rise from 2007 to 2020 across the island of Ireland

Estimates:

**High blood pressure –
1,247,200 to 1,674,300 (increase of
427,100 people)**

**CHD –
205,900 to 292,500 (increase of 86,600
people)**

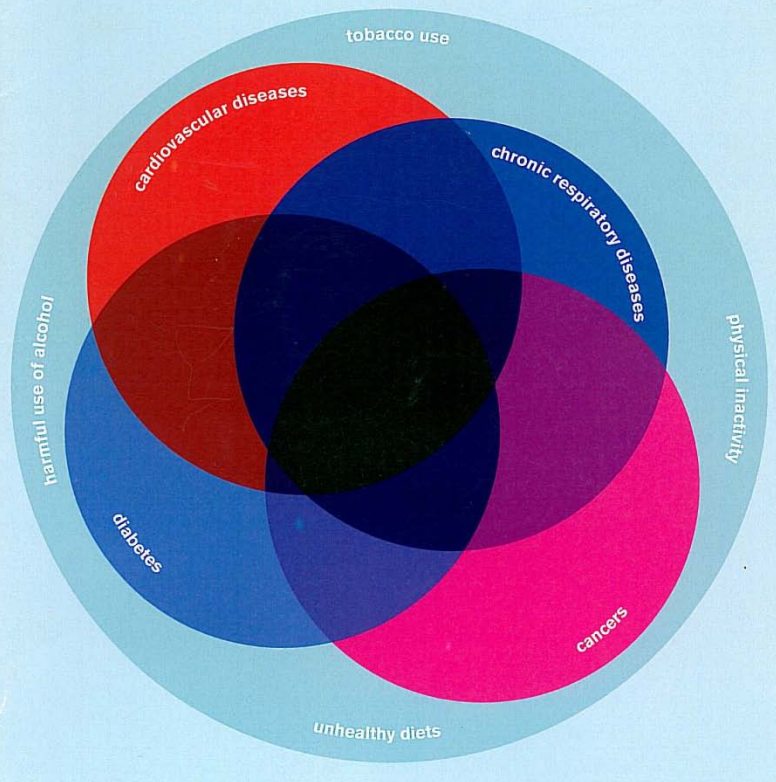
**Stroke –
91,700 to 129,300 (increase of 37,600
people)**

**Diabetes –
210,900 to 326,900 (increase of 116,000
people)**

Working in partnership to prevent and control the 4 noncommunicable diseases – cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancers and chronic respiratory diseases and the 4 shared risk factors – tobacco use, physical inactivity, unhealthy diets and the harmful use of alcohol.



2008-2013 Action Plan for the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases



Rapid rise of NCD's represents major health challenge to global development

**Generating a local information base
for action.**

Assess and monitor NCD mortality.

Level of exposure to risk factors.

And their determinants.

**Aim is to contribute to policy-
making, advocacy and evaluation of
healthcare.**

The Use of Monitoring

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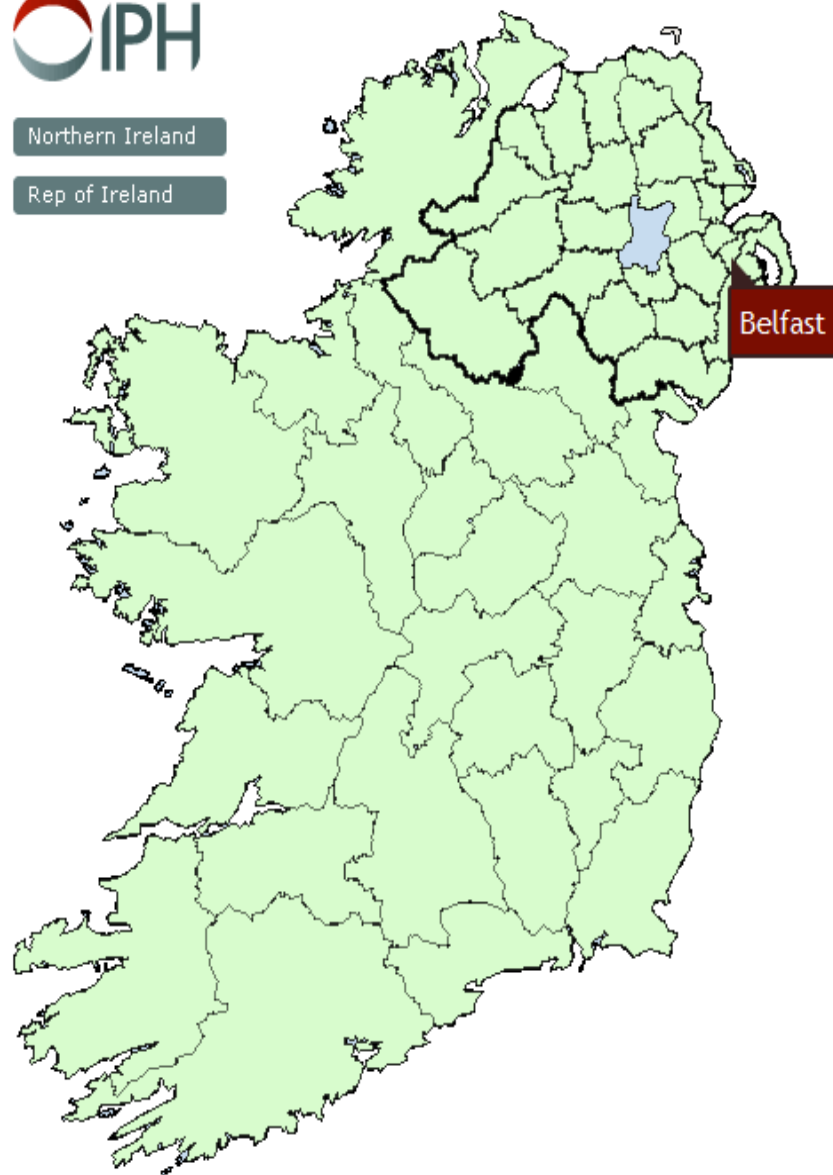
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Northern Ireland

Rep of Ireland



Click on an area of the map

Percentage of people who believe that people in their area can be trusted, Rol 2002, NI 2005/2006

The percentage of people who currently smoke cigarettes, Rol 2002, NI 2004/05

Directly age and gender standardised rate per 100,000 European Standard Population of admissions to hospital for alcohol related conditions, Rol 2005, NI 2006/2007

Percentage of children who have been vaccinated at two years of age, Rol 2007, NI 2005/06

Number of suicides occurring per 100,000 population, 2001-2004

Number of admissions to hospital for anxiety or depression per 1,000 people, Rol 2005, NI 2005

Directly age and gender standardised rate of years of life lost up to age 75 years age through premature mortality of people aged less than 75 years per 1,000 European standard population

Male life expectancy at birth is the average number of years a newborn can expect to live if age-specific mortality rates remain constant, 2002-2004

Female life expectancy at birth is the average number of years a newborn can expect to live if age-specific mortality rates remain constant, 2002-2004

The number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Infant deaths refer to all deaths within the first year of life, 2001-2005

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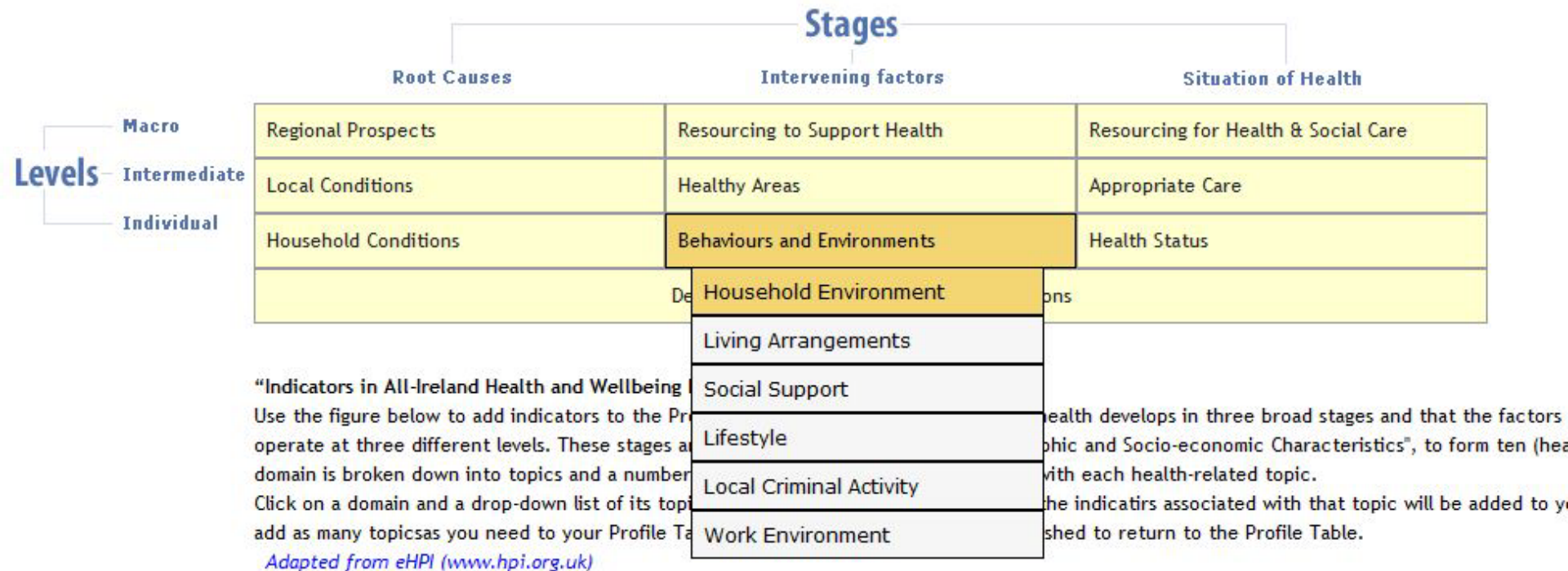
This data has been taken from the All Ireland Health and Wellbeing Dataset. *To access the full All Ireland Health and Wellbeing dataset please click here.*

Some areas stated are based on either small populations or sample sizes, and need to be interpreted cautiously.

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How does your area compare?

Categorisation of Indicators, NI and ROI



How does your area compare? – social determinants of health, NI and ROI

Profile Table

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	Dublin	Belfast	Rep. Ireland	Northern Ireland	Data details	Related resources	
Can people be trusted?	63.1	53.0	67.8	62.0			
Smoking Prevalence	26.0	25.2	25.2	26.3			
Admissions for alcohol abuse	319.1	1303.8	341.9	736.1			
Suicide	9.6	10.2	12.4	8.4			
Admissions for anxiety and depression	2.7	1.9	2.5	1.9			
Years of life lost	58.5	70.9	56.8	55.4			
Male life expectancy at birth	75.6	73.5	75.5	75.9			
Female life expectancy at birth	80.5	79.4	80.6	80.6			
Infant mortality rates	5.2	7.1	4.9	5.6			

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Engaging outside the realms of journals and conferences



Tackling Health Inequalities



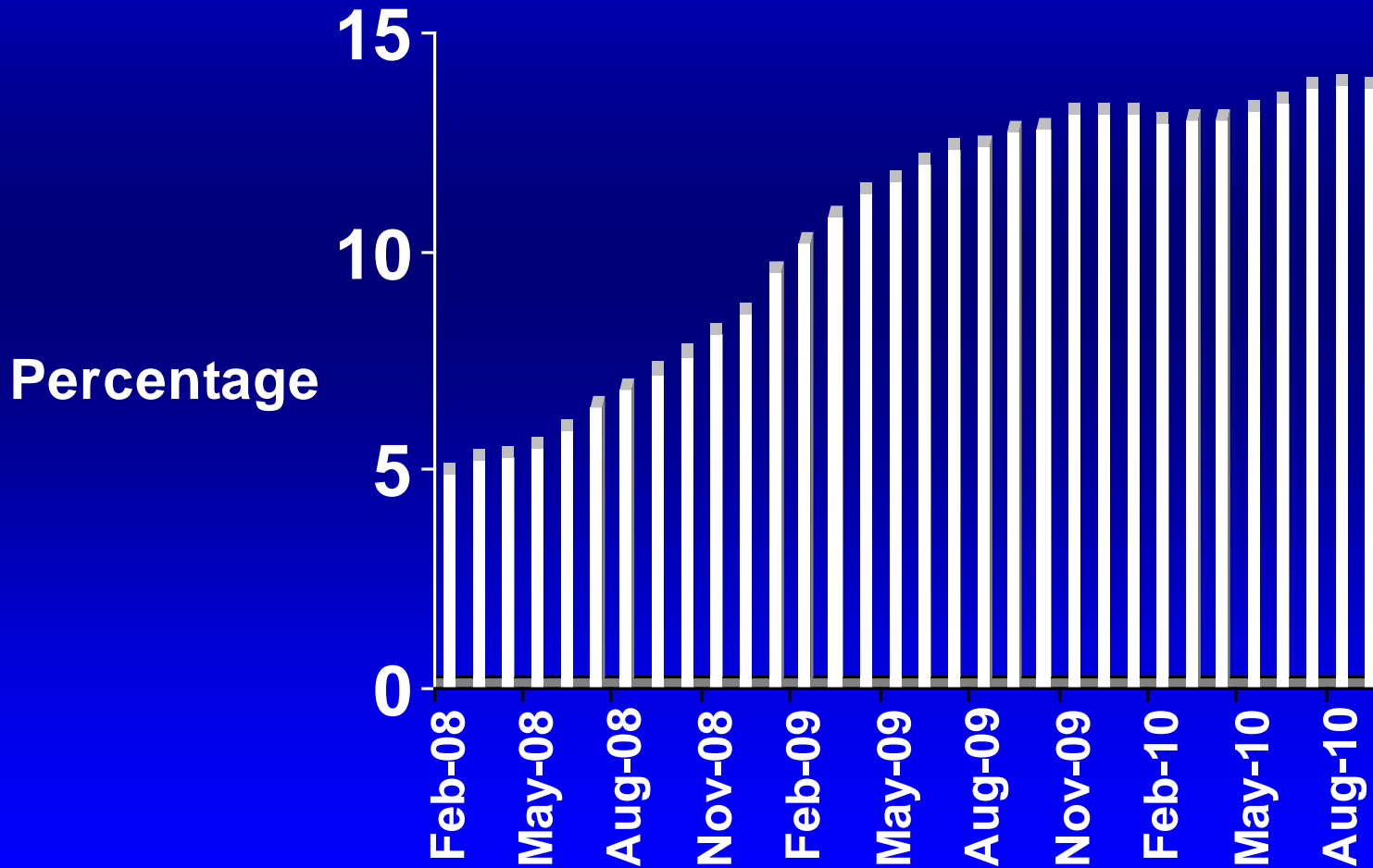
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Challenges in Ireland

- Make optimal use of data we have
- Analyse and present it in user friendly way
- Strengthen social determinants data and debate in public health and policy making
- Improve health information systems
- Agree what sort of data really matters
- Identify and seek resolution on controversies
- Link to international debates and developments



Unemployment Republic of Ireland 2008 - 2010





The Health Well

The *Health Well* is an all-island (covering Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland) health information website that promotes health and wellbeing by improving decision-making for health.

It is being built by the Institute of Public Health in Ireland with the [co-operation of key organisations throughout the island](#).

[RSS feed](#)[Download the installer](#)

Health related information resources ?

- › Contacts
 - › Agencies
 - › Committees
 - › Other groups
 - › People
- › Data
 - › Primary data sources
 - › Secondary data sources - Indicator sets
 - › Secondary data sources - Other
- › Interventions
- › Knowledge translation
 - › Advocacy
 - › Health Impact Assessment
 - › Other tools
- › Policy and guidance
 - › NICE & other guidance
 - › Service frameworks & standards
 - › Policies, strategies & action plans
- › Research and evaluation
 - › Research and evaluation reports
 - › Key all-island projects
 - › Methods
 - › Systematic reviews

Health topics	Chronic Conditions	Fuel Poverty	Obesity
Data	Community profiles	PHIS tables	Data Catalogue
Tools	Advocacy	HIA	Partnership
			Webgroups
Networks	C.H.A.I.N.	Health Analysts' Special Interest Group	
Support and training	Analytical support		

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