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Over 2,600 people enter into civil partnerships across every county in Ireland to the end of 2013

Civil Partnerships have proven to be a huge success in Ireland with figures up to the end of 2013 showing that over 2,600 people have entered into a civil partnership. The figures also show that civil partnerships have been truly national with couples in every single county entering into a civil partnership..

“Civil Partnerships are a resounding success. Lesbian and gay couples in every county in Ireland have celebrated their love and commitment to each other in front of family, friends and neighbours. In doing so, these couples have contributed enormously to the remarkable progress towards marriage and full constitutional equality for lesbian and gay couples and families” said Tiernan Brady, Policy director with GLEN

Many hundreds more lesbian and gay couples have celebrated their commitment by entering civil partnerships or getting married abroad. These couples’ foreign legal relationships are recognised in Ireland as civil partnerships.

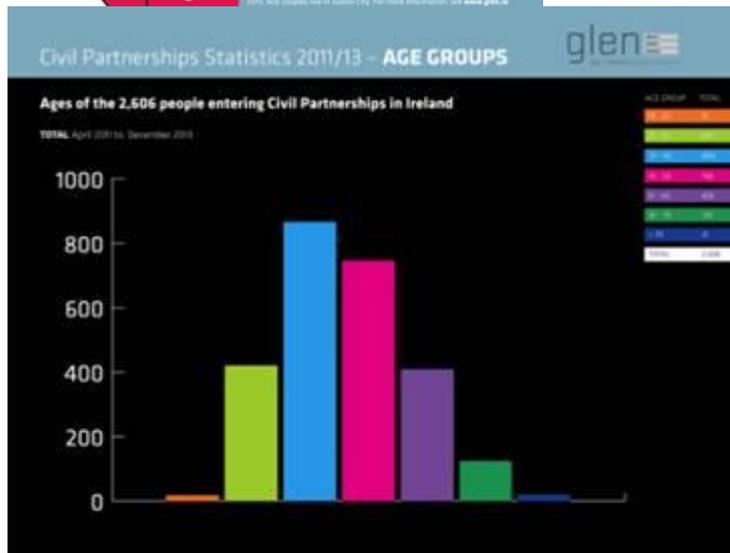
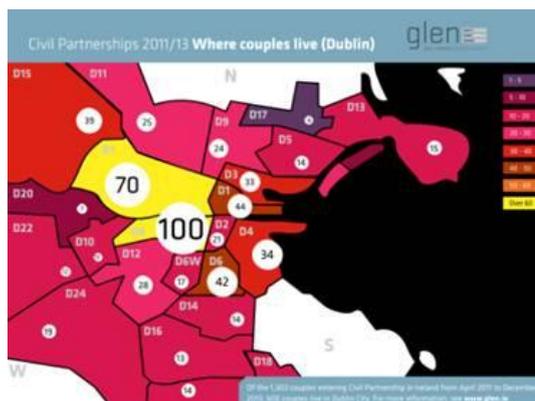
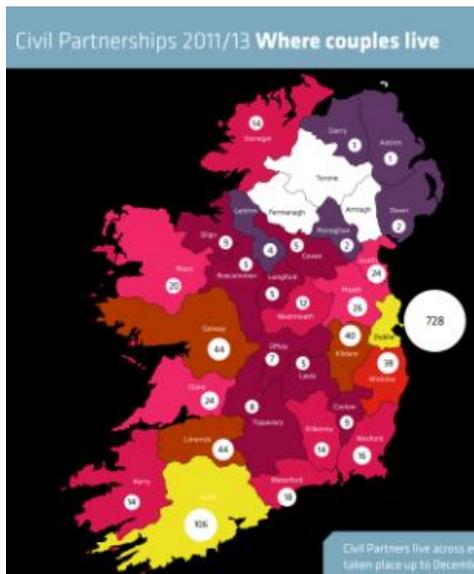
The Civil Partnership Act passed through the Oireachtas in July 2010 and the first public civil partnership was celebrated in April 2011. Civil Partnership provides almost all the legal rights and obligations that apply to civil marriage.

So, where are there most lesbian and gay civil partners across the country?

- Dublin 8 is the most popular metropolitan area, with 100 couples from there having civil partnerships followed by Dublin 7 with 70 couples. There were 728 civil partnerships in total for lesbian and gay couples living in Dublin city and county
- Cork is the most popular area in Munster, with 106 couples celebrating civil partnerships: 41 from Cork city and 65 from the rest of the county
- In Connaught, it’s Galway, with 44 couples, 23 from the city of Galway and 21 from across the county
- After County Dublin, Co. Kildare is the most popular in Leinster, with 40 couples from there having civil partnerships, and
- Ulsters’ Donegal is the most popular with 12 couples.

“The huge welcome for civil partnerships throughout the country shows that Ireland is ready to take the next step to provide for civil marriage for lesbian and gay couples” said Brady.

“We warmly welcome the government commitment to hold a referendum on equal access to civil marriage in early 2015. We firmly believe that the people of Ireland will continue their warm welcome of lesbian and gay couples and families and that a yes vote will be carried in a referendum that would provide access to civil marriage and full constitutional equality” concluded Brady.



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Editors Note:

1. The figures are compiled from data supplied by the General Registrars Office and reflect civil partnerships that have taken place up to the end of 2013.

2. Details of the breakdown of the 1,303 couples by age, gender, nationality, place of ceremony and places where the couples live are available at the GLEN website [here](#).

3. Graphs and maps of the Civil Partnerships statistics are available at the GLEN website [here](#) including:

- county by county distribution of civil partnership,
- the Dublin postal district distribution
- Age and Nationality distribution.

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