

Ageing and Public Health

An overview of key statistics in Ireland and Northern Ireland

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Overview

Demographics of ageing in Ireland
and Northern Ireland

Chronic conditions and ageing

Socio-economic inequalities in ageing
in Ireland and Northern Ireland

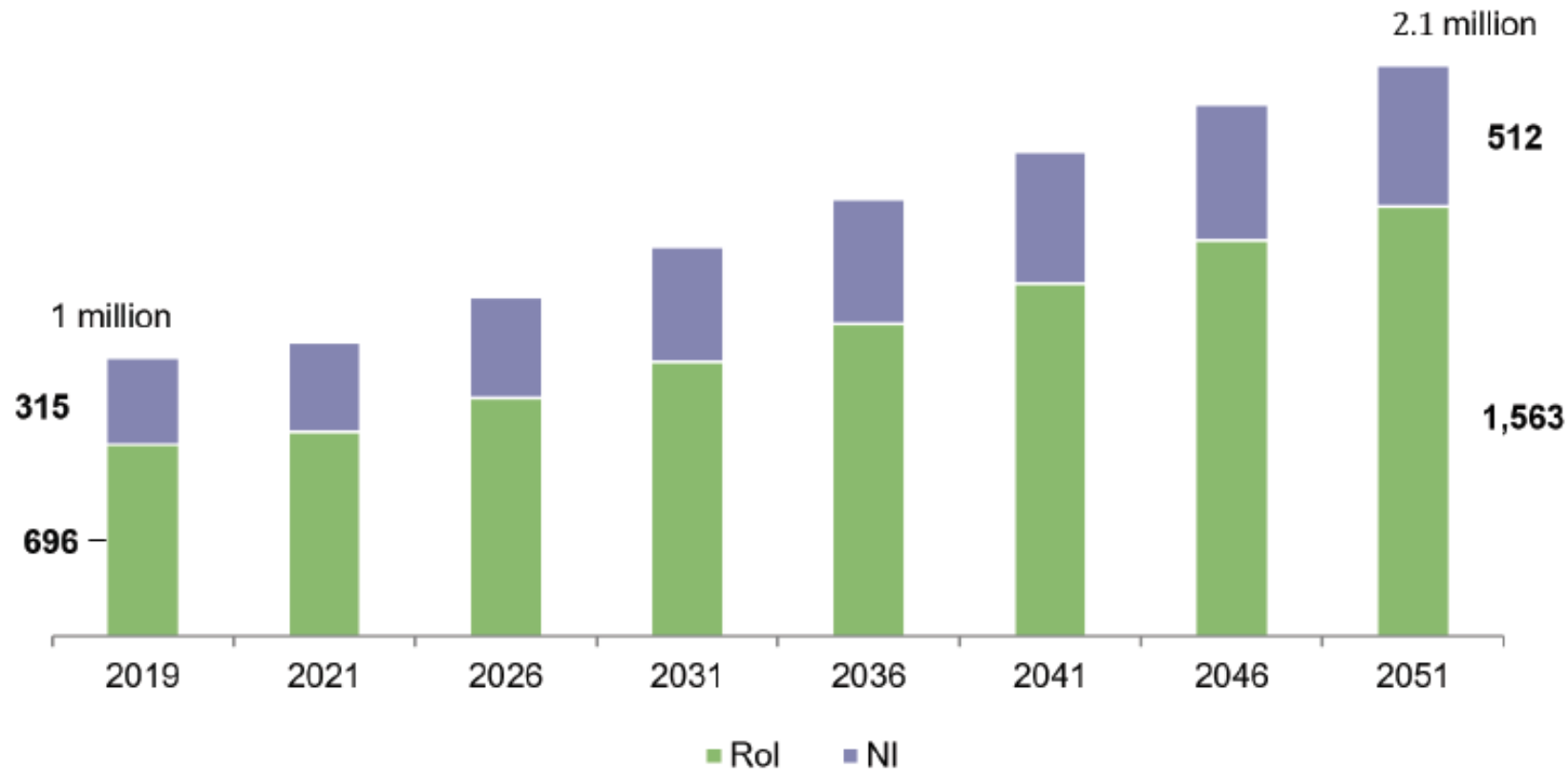
Key Data Sources

Ireland	Northern Ireland
CSO	NISRA
Eurostat	Office of National Statistics
Healthy Ireland	Health Survey Northern Ireland
TILDA	NICOLA
HAPAI	Disease Registers
Academic literature	Academic Literature
Department of Health	Department of Health Northern Ireland
NB. Comparisons between data from Ireland and Northern Ireland must be treated with caution due to different methodologies, survey questions, sample sizes	



Population ROI and NI, 2019-51

Figure 1: Projected number of people aged 65+, thousands, 2019-2051

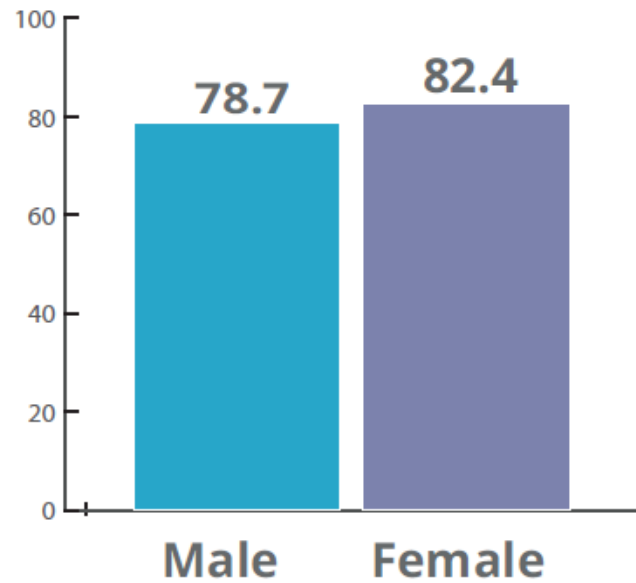


Source: CSO, 2018; CSO, 2019a¹; NISRA, 2019

Life Expectancy at birth

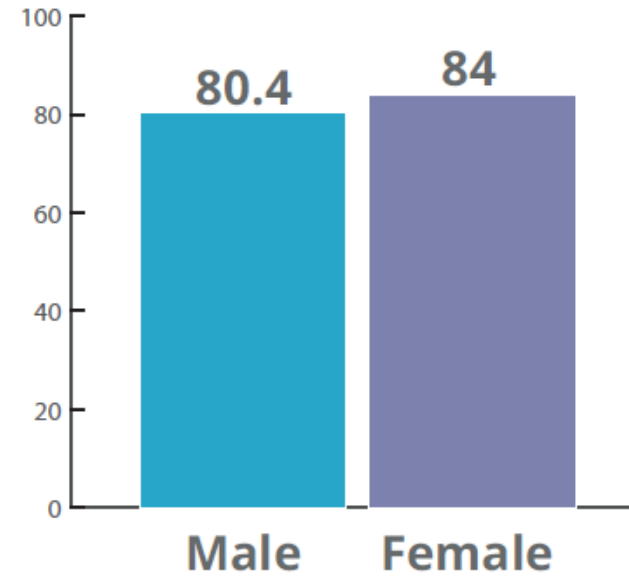


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Source: DOH NI, 2019a

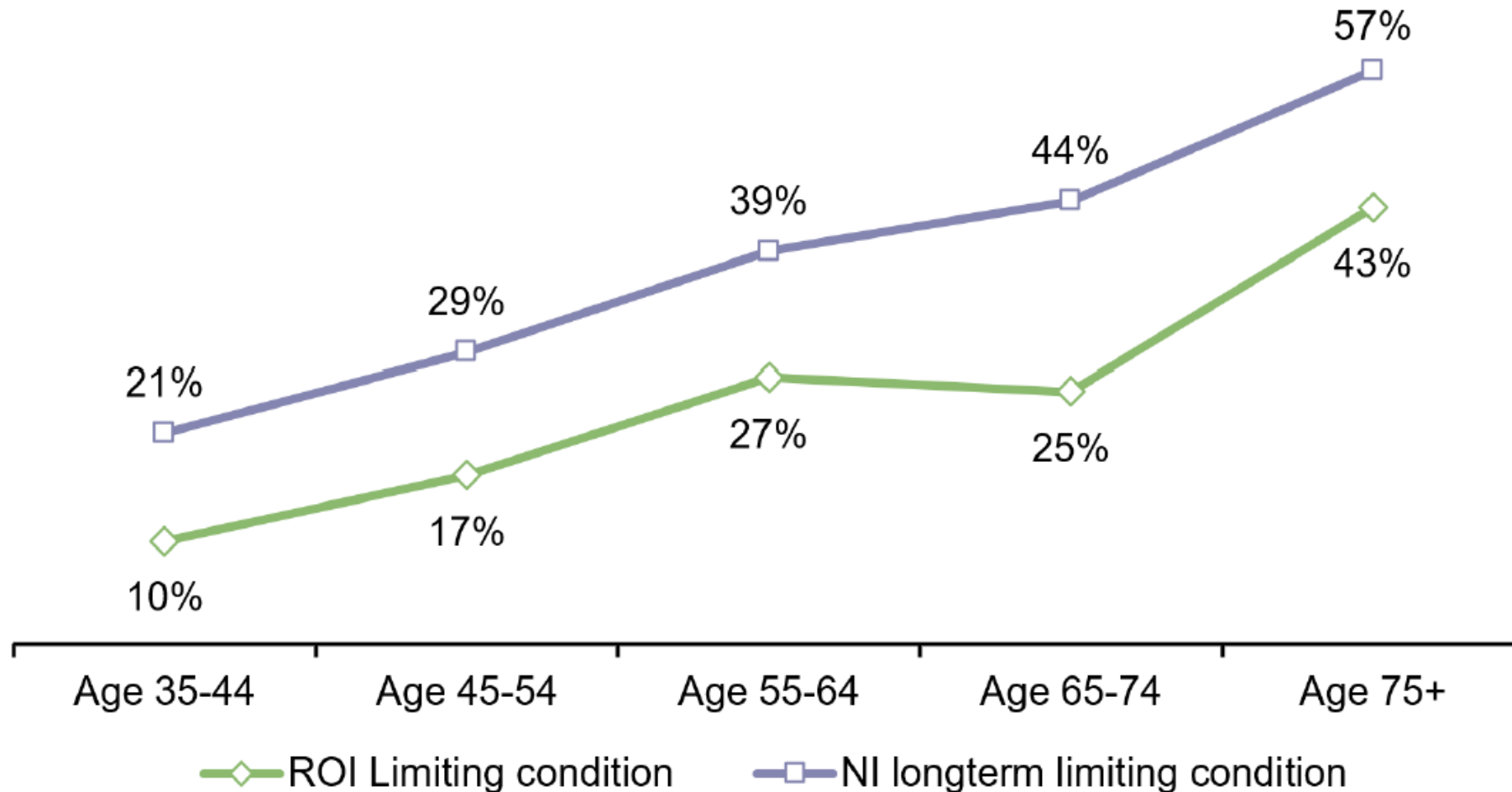
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Source: Eurostat, 2017a

LIFE EXPECTANCY

Longterm limiting conditions by age, ROI and NI, %



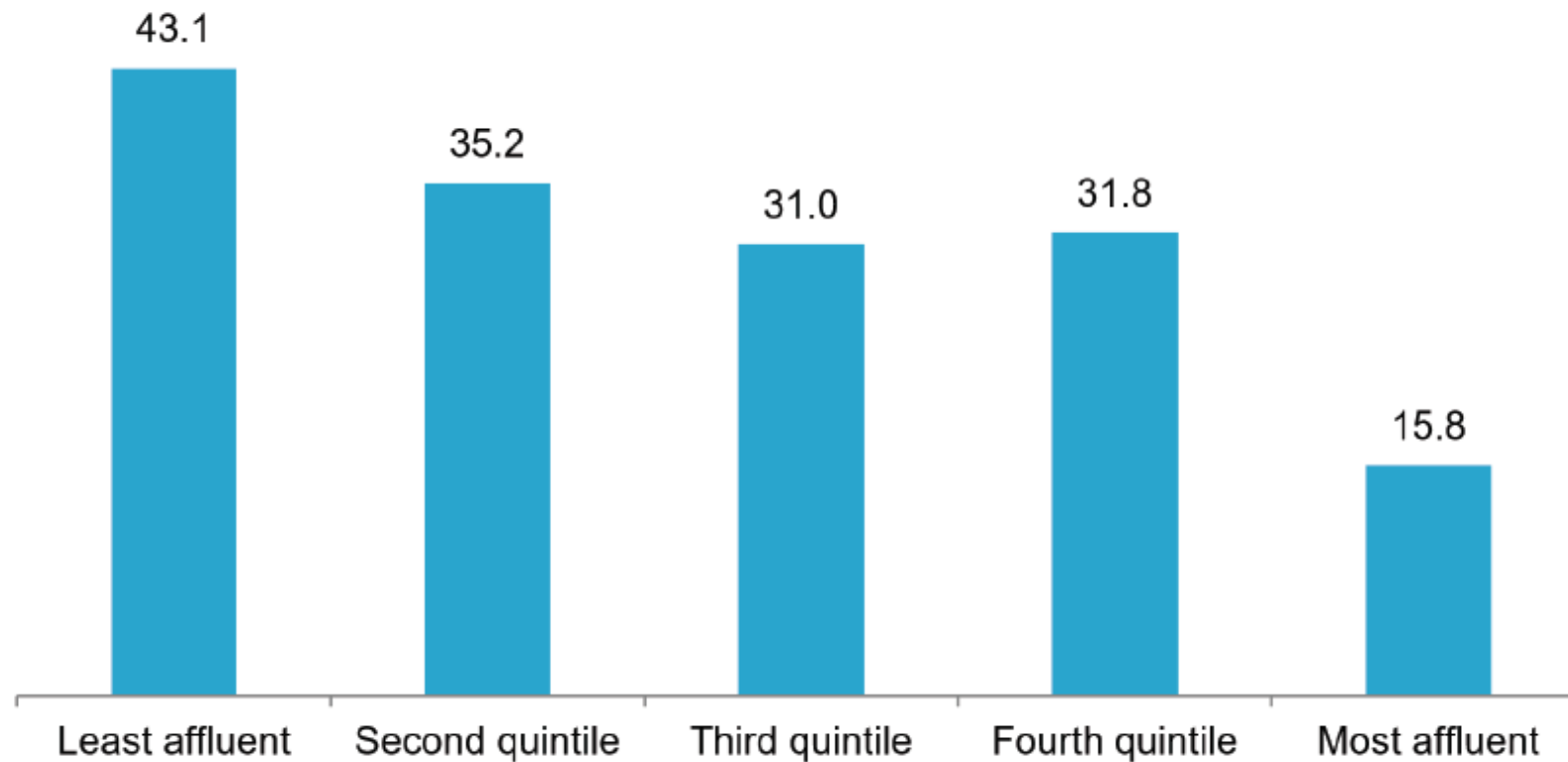
Inequalities and health, ROI

- In ROI 43% of people aged 65+ in the lowest income group have a health-related limitation compared with 16% of those in the most affluent group. (EU SILC 2017)
- In ROI 27% of professionals aged 65+ have a disability compared with 42% of unskilled workers (CSO Census 2016)

Longterm health-related limitations by income, ROI



Figure 8. Long-term health limitations by income quintile for people aged 65+, ROI 2017, (%)



Source Eurostat EU SILC, 2017

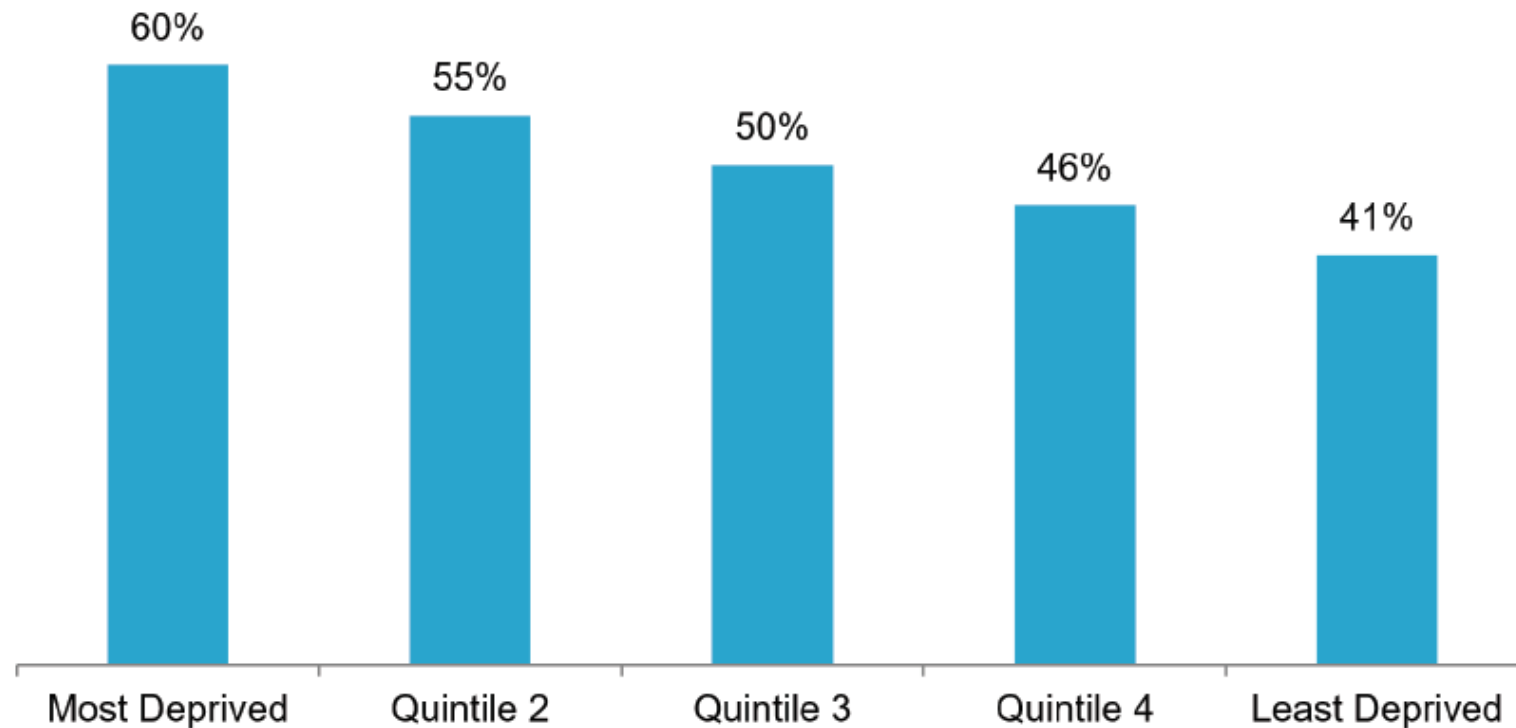
Inequalities and health, NI

- In NI, 60% of those aged 65+ in the most deprived areas have a longterm limiting condition compared with 41% in the least deprived areas. (DOH NI, 2020)
- In NI, 23.5% of those aged 50+ in most deprived areas have a limitation in activities of daily living (ADLs, eg washing, dressing) compared to 10.8% in least deprived areas (NICOLA, 2017)

Northern Ireland – long-term health limitation by deprivation quintile



Figure 10: NI people aged 65+ with a long-term health limitation by deprivation quintile, 2018/19, (%)



Source: Department of Health NI, 2020a¹³

Life expectancy gap between most and least deprived areas NI 2016-18



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M

7.1
years

F

4.4
years

Source: DOH NI, 2020b

Life Expectancy gap between most and least deprived areas ROI (CSO 2016-17)



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5
years



4.5
years

Gap in disability free life expectancy between most and least deprived areas NI, 2016-18.



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Male

14.5 Years

**GAP IN
DISABILITY
FREE LIFE
EXPECTANCY**

Female

13.9 Years

Source: DOH NI, 2020b

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