

GP Data Sources

The following is a listing of links to freely available, useful reports, news stories, articles and websites on GP Data sources for reference purposes. It may be useful for researchers looking to compile statistics on general practice.

IRISH COLLEGE OF GPs

Irish College of GPs Press Release - GP workforce. Date: Friday 23 August 2024

<https://www.irishcollegeofgps.ie/News/press-release-gp-workforce>

FORUM ARTICLES

<https://www.irishcollegeofgps.ie/Forum/>

Forum March 2025 Irish General Practice under the microscope: Mike O'Callaghan, Fintan Stanley and Paul Nolan, using key data, look at the state of general practice, and reveal major issues which need to be addressed

Forum May 2023 GP Workforce: Mike O'Callaghan says using data to promote the development of general practice has never been more important

Forum April 2023 Membership Survey: Helen McVeigh reviews the results of the recent College membership survey

Forum March 2022 Insight: Claire Collins examines the findings from the latest ICGP member survey

Forum June 2021 Research: Claire Collins presents the latest profile of the Irish GP workforce

Forum January/February 2020 Feature: A key challenge in the next three years will be finding ways of training an extra 300 GPs annually, writes Claire Collins

REPORTS

[Terms of Reference for a Strategic Review of General Practice](#) (Department of Health, April 2023)

[Shaping the Future: a discussion paper on the workforce & workload crisis in General Practice in Ireland](#) (ICGP Working Group on Workforce Planning, 2022)

[Structure of General Practice in Ireland 1982 – 2015](#) (TCD & ICGP, 2016)

Previous Reports: Structure of General Practice in Ireland 1982-2005 (TCD & ICGP, 2006)
 Changes in the structure of Irish General Practice over the past decade: 1982-1992 (ICGP, 1994)

[Health Service Capacity Review 2018: Review of Health Demand and Capacity Requirements in Ireland to 2031](#) (Department of Health, 2018)

[Slaintecare Report](#) (Committee on the Future of Healthcare, May 2017)

[Medical workforce planning: Future Demand for GPs 2015 - 2025](#) (HSE, 2015)

[Competition in Professional Services: General Medical Practitioners](#) (The Competition Authority, 2010)

[National Survey of General Practice: Final Report](#) (ICGP, 2000)

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Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Programme:

[First Report of the Structured Chronic Disease Management Programme in General Practice](#) (HSE, March 2022)

[The Second Report of the Structured Chronic Disease Management Treatment Programme in General Practice](#) (HSE, March 2023)

GP Training:

[Annual Medical Retention Report](#) (NDTP, 2024)

[Medical Student to General Practitioner: An urgent call to action - From the Association of University Departments of General Practice in Ireland and Irish College of General Practitioners](#) (AUDGPI/ICGP, 2023)

[A National Census of Irish General Practice Training Programme Graduates 1997 – 2003](#) (TCD & ICGP, 2008)

ESRI:

[Projections of national demand and workforce requirements for general practice in Ireland, 2023–2040: Based on the Hippocrates model](#) (ESRI Research Series, June 2025)

[Current and projected demand for nurses working in general practice in Ireland](#) (ESRI Research Series, April 2024)

[Extending eligibility for general practitioner care in Ireland: cost implications](#) (ESRI Research Series, Jan 2023)

[An Analysis of the Primary Care Systems of Ireland and Northern Ireland](#) (ESRI, Connolly et al. March 2022)

[Projections of Expenditure for Primary, Community and Long-term Care in Ireland, 2019-2035, based on the Hippocrates Model](#) (ESRI, Walsh et al. July 2021)

[Geographic Profile of Healthcare Needs and Non-acute Healthcare Supply in Ireland](#) (ESRI, Smith et al. July 2019)

[Projections of Demand for Healthcare in Ireland, 2015-2030: First Report from the Hippocrates Model](#) (ESRI, Wren et al. October 2017)

Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service (IGEES):

[Spending Review 2022: An Analysis of Medical Workforce Supply](#) (Research Services & Policy Unit, Department of Health; Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service, March 2023)

[Staff Paper 2016: Primary Care](#) (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, July 2016)

[Staff Paper 2015: Medical Workforce Analysis: Ireland and the European Union compared](#) (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, 2015)

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[GP shortages and increased workloads lead many to refuse new patients | Newstalk](#) (NewsTalk, 11th Jan 2025)

[Revealed: Here are the counties with the least GPs per person | Newstalk](#) (NewsTalk, 23rd August 2024)

['It's getting worse': Heavy workloads see GPs close lists](#) (RTE News, 2nd May 2024)

[Call to get more doctors to work in general practice](#) (RTE News, 4th Mar 2023)

[Doctors call for urgent action to tackle GP shortages](#) (Irish Examiner, 4th Mar 2023)

[Thousands more GPs needed in Ireland to deal with 'workforce crisis'](#) (Dublin Live, 13th Jan 2023)

WEBSITES

[eHealth Ireland](#) - Ireland's Health Data at your fingertips

[CSO Statistics Health](#)

[Data.Gov](#)

Department of Health – [Health Research & Statistics](#)

Department of Health – [Health in Ireland: Key Trends 2023](#)

Department of Health – [Healthy Ireland Survey](#)

HSE Research - [Data Sources](#)

HSE [Primary Care Reimbursement Service \(PCRS\) – Annual Reports & Reporting](#)

HSE - [National Doctors and Training Unit \(NDTP\) - Medical Workforce Planning](#)

[HPSC \(Health Protection Surveillance Centre\) – Disease Data](#)

HRB (Health Research Board – [National Drug Treatment Reporting System \(NDTRS\) Data](#)

[Irish Social Science Data Archive](#) (ISSDA)

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