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## INTRODUCTION

This report presents preliminary results from an Interim Census of the Isle of Man population that was conducted on 14th April 1996. Interim censuses have been held on the Isle of Man in-between full censuses every ten years since 1966 and provide valuable information about the changing structure of the Island's population. However, interim censuses are typically smaller affairs than full censuses, the last of which was held in 1991. Therefore, although this report and its successors will provide coverage on a host of demographic details for 1996, such as age, gender, employment and area of residence, it provides no coverage on issues such as period of residency, the ownership of motor vehicles, household amenities and the prevalence of Manx Gaelic. These latter areas have been covered in previous full censuses, the next of which will be in 2001.

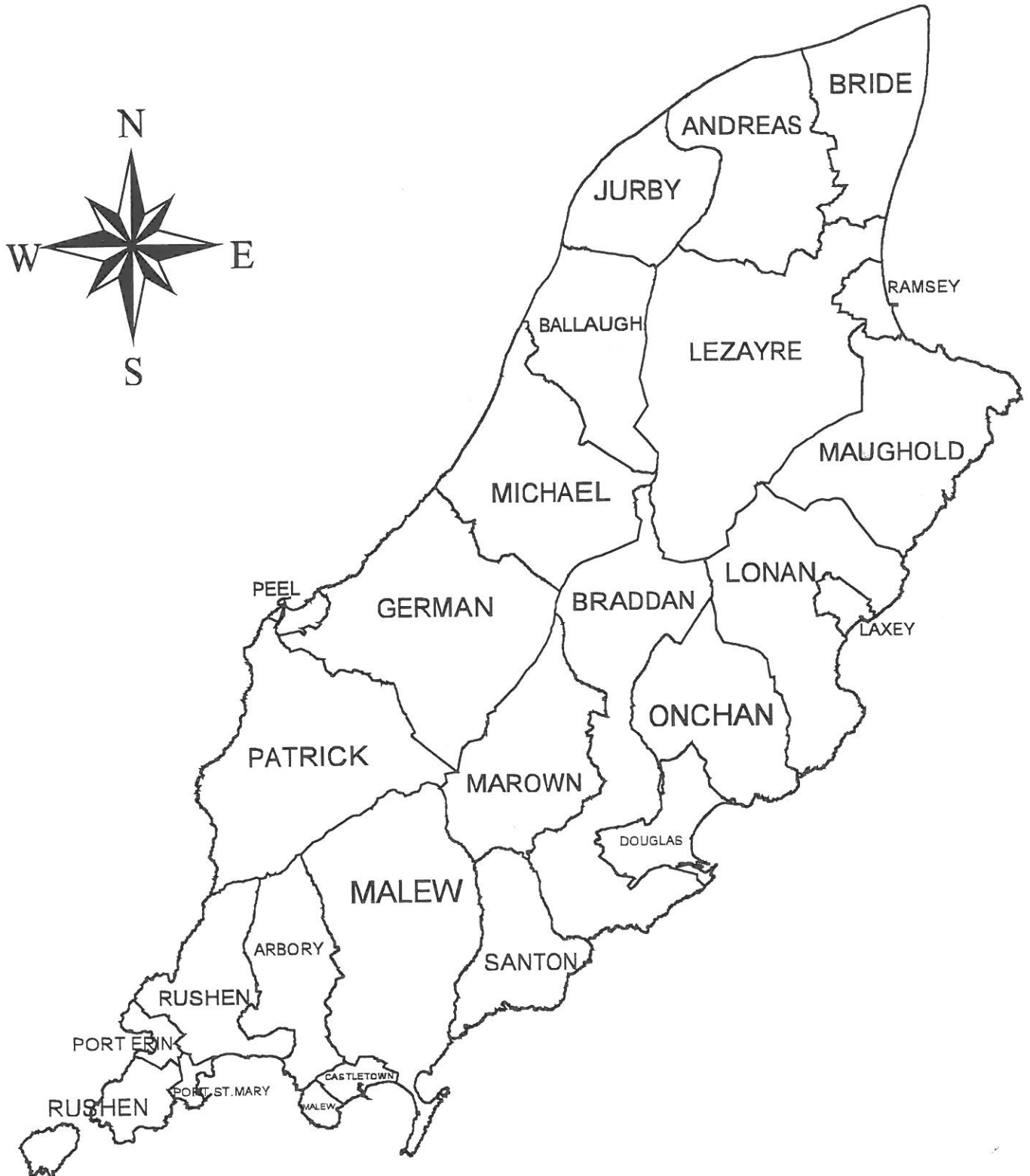
The purpose of this report will be to provide the basic demographic information obtained from an analysis of the 1996 Census database and will cover the salient areas on which information is most frequently requested. A more comprehensive report containing all the census results, with detailed cross-referencing, analyses of demographic trends and illustrative material, is planned for early 1997. It may also be possible for the Economic Affairs Division to undertake specific analysis of the census database on request.

The 1996 (Interim) Census was undertaken under the authority of the Census Act 1929 and is the second interim census to be undertaken by the Economic Affairs Division of the Treasury.

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# CENSUS DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Isle of Man resident population in the April 1996 (Interim) Census was 71,714. This represents a net increase in the resident population of 1,926 (2.8%) since the last census in 1991.
2. The Isle of Man census population (residents and visitors) in April 1996 was 74,680, an increase of 3,413 (4.8%) on the 1991 figure.
3. The populations of the two major towns, Douglas and Ramsey, grew steadily at just under 6% each, but the increase in Ramsey was at least partly due to boundary changes. Of the two other towns, the population of Peel was largely unchanged, whereas Castletown declined to under 3,000. A total of 51.8% of the resident population now live in the towns, an increase of 0.7% on 1991. The populations of the four Island villages all increased, with the largest increases in the southern villages of Port Erin and Port St. Mary. Onchan remains the largest of the village districts. Onchan combined with neighbouring Douglas accounts for 44.8% of the Island population. The parishes all showed modest changes in population levels, with the exceptions of Braddan and Lezayre. Recent residential development in Braddan saw its population increase by nearly one-quarter on 1991 and boundary changes took a substantial part of Lezayre's 1991 population into Ramsey.
4. The rate of increase in the number of households has outstripped that of the growth in the household population. As a result, the average household size has fallen from 2.49 persons per household in 1991 to 2.38 in 1996.
5. The broad age structure of the population has changed as follows:

Age Group	1991		1996	
Children (0-15 years)	12,904	(18.5%)	13,483	(18.8%)
Working Age (Males: 16-64 years Females: 16-59 years)	41,459	(59.4%)	43,278	(60.3%)
Retired (Males: 65+ years Females 60+ years)	15,425	(22.1%)	14,953	(20.9%)
Total	69,788	(100%)	71,714	(100%)

In the last five years, there have been modest increases in the number of children and in the working age part of the population, but a significant fall in the number of those of retirement age. This has had the effect of reducing the Island's dependency ratio (the number of children and the retired as a percentage of those of working age) from 68.3% in 1991 to 65.7%.

6. A noticeable reversal of a long-term trend was an increase in those born in the Isle of Man as a percentage of the total population. As a proportion of the total population, the number of Manx-born now stands at 49.9%, an increase of 0.3% on 1991 and the first time since 1961 that the proportion of Manx-born on the Island has increased.
7. The number of residents on the Island in employment now stands at a record 33,577.
8. The traditional industries of agriculture, forestry and fishing and tourist accommodation have continued to decline in terms of number of employees, but the manufacturing sector showed a slight increase on 1991. This increase and the decline in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector was partly due to a reclassification of some employment between the two sectors. Most growth has occurred in the financial services sector, which experienced a net increase of 1,589 employees and now accounts for 17.7% of total employment on the Isle of Man. The largest sector remains professional services, with 18.1% of all Manx employees. Of those working in professional services, 56% work in the public sector and 44% are in the private sector. The numbers in public administration has stayed almost constant in the last five years.

## PRELIMINARY RESULTS

TABLE 1

### ISLE OF MAN RESIDENT POPULATION 1951-96

Date of Census	Resident Population	Intercensal Percentage Change
1951 - 8-9 April	54,024	
1961 - 23-24 April	47,166	- 12.7
1966 - 24-25 April	49,312	+ 4.5
1971 - 25-26 April	53,228	+ 7.9
1976 - 4-5 April	60,496	+13.7
1981 - 5-6 April	64,679	+ 6.9
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1991 - 14-15 April	69,788	+ 8.6
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TABLE 2A

## ISLE OF MAN RESIDENT POPULATION BY AREA OF RESIDENCE 1996

Area	Resident Population	Percentage Change on 1991
<b>Towns:</b>		
Douglas	23,487	+ 5.7
Ramsey	6,874	+ 5.8 *
Peel	3,819	- 0.3
Castletown	2,958	- 6.2
<b>Villages:</b>		
Onchan	8,656	+ 2.0
Port Erin	3,218	+ 6.4
Port St. Mary	1,874	+ 6.4
Laxey	1,433	+ 4.8
<b>Parishes:</b>		
Braddan	2,527	+ 23.5
Malew	2,140	- 3.4
Arbory	1,622	- 2.3
Marown	1,564	+ 0.7
Rushen	1,441	- 0.3
Lonan	1,292	+ 4.9
Michael	1,261	+ 1.4
Patrick	1,198	+ 0.5
Andreas	1,144	- 1.0
Lezayre	1,047	- 30.3 *
German	1,038	+ 1.3
Maughold	858	+ 3.5
Ballaugh	812	+ 1.2
Jurby	624	- 8.5
Santon	422	- 7.7
Bride	405	- 3.1
<b>ISLE OF MAN</b>	<b>71,714</b>	<b>+ 2.8</b>

\* Boundary changes since 1991

TABLE 2B

## ISLE OF MAN HOUSEHOLDS BY AREA OF RESIDENCE 1996

Area	Number of Households	Percentage Change on 1991	Average Household Size +
<b>Towns:</b>			
Douglas	9,512	+ 12.6	2.38
Ramsey	3,054	+ 11.5	2.19 *
Peel	1,529	+ 4.6	2.44
Castletown	1,225	- 1.0	2.39
<b>Villages:</b>			
Onchan	3,532	+ 5.5	2.44
Port Erin	1,369	+ 10.4	2.25
Port St. Mary	788	+ 11.0	2.26
Laxey	614	+ 5.1	2.31
<b>Parishes:</b>			
Braddan	896	+ 30.4	2.58
Malew	863	+ 1.3	2.44
Arbory	685	+ 0.1	2.37
Marown	630	+ 5.0	2.48
Rushen	599	+ 1.9	2.41
Lonan	532	+ 6.0	2.43
Michael	470	+ 3.5	2.68
Patrick	458	+ 3.2	2.62
Andreas	482	+ 5.9	2.37
Lezayre	439	- 29.4	2.36 *
German	417	+ 4.8	2.49
Maughold	361	+ 3.4	2.37
Ballaugh	362	+ 4.6	2.24
Jurby	229	- 2.1	2.72
Santon	166	+ 2.5	2.54
Bride	165	- 2.9	2.45
<b>ISLE OF MAN</b>	<b>29,377</b>	<b>+ 7.5</b>	<b>2.38</b>

\* Boundary changes since 1991

+ Excludes resident population not resident in households

TABLE 3

## ISLE OF MAN RESIDENT POPULATION BY SEX 1991-96

Gender	1991		1996	
Male	33,693	(48.3%)	34,797	(48.5%)
Female	36,095	(51.7%)	36,917	(51.5%)
Total	69,788	(100%)	71,714	(100%)

TABLE 4 (Continued)

## ISLE OF MAN RESIDENT POPULATION BY SEX AND AGE 1996

Age Last Birthday	Male	Female	Total
0	412	354	766
1	406	450	856
2	412	431	843
3	452	377	829
4	449	403	852
0-4	2,131	2,015	4,146
5	458	406	864
6	442	423	865
7	413	428	841
8	440	432	872
9	427	409	836
5-9	2,180	2,098	4,278
10	426	424	850
11	415	395	810
12	409	426	835
13	406	410	816
14	476	413	889
10-14	2,132	2,068	4,200
15	435	424	859
16	477	419	896
17	432	413	845
18	400	364	764
19	427	388	815
15-19	2,171	2,008	4,179
20	406	398	804
21	458	397	855
22	442	490	932
23	478	474	952
24	467	505	972
20-24	2,251	2,264	4,515
25	512	483	995
26	490	476	966
27	489	459	948
28	489	523	1,012
29	472	505	977
25-29	2,452	2,446	4,898
30	520	465	985
31	528	532	1,060
32	539	547	1,086
33	517	529	1,046
34	550	525	1,075
30-34	2,654	2,598	5,252



TABLE 4 (Continued)

Age Last Birthday	Male	Female	Total
35	497	522	1,019
36	500	470	970
37	472	522	994
38	504	500	1,004
39	444	514	958
<b>35-39</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>4,945</b>
40	426	457	883
41	479	470	949
42	466	440	906
43	497	452	949
44	445	480	925
<b>40-44</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>4,612</b>
45	522	540	1,062
46	528	540	1,068
47	524	526	1,050
48	572	546	1,118
49	599	564	1,163
<b>45-49</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>5,461</b>
50	506	464	970
51	471	447	918
52	456	474	930
53	419	461	880
54	407	427	834
<b>50-54</b>	<b>2,259</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>4,532</b>
55	387	373	760
56	424	396	820
57	419	423	842
58	381	401	782
59	412	399	811
<b>55-59</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>4,015</b>
60	368	360	728
61	365	360	725
62	355	345	700
63	314	360	674
64	326	363	689
<b>60-64</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>3,516</b>
65	328	392	720
66	314	373	687
67	318	370	688
68	289	350	639
69	290	385	675
<b>65-69</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>3,409</b>

TABLE 4 (Continued)

Age Last Birthday	Male	Female	Total
70	303	382	685
71	302	370	672
72	286	369	655
73	304	385	689
74	285	391	676
<b>70-74</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>3,377</b>
75	265	393	658
76	264	383	647
77	177	269	446
78	154	244	398
79	180	283	463
<b>75-79</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>2,612</b>
80	187	277	464
81	159	281	440
82	176	280	456
83	153	216	369
84	111	253	364
<b>80-84</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>2,093</b>
85	88	215	303
86	93	189	282
87	76	152	228
88	70	131	201
89	52	123	175
<b>85-89</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,189</b>
90	32	104	136
91	24	84	108
92	23	50	73
93	11	48	59
94	11	24	35
<b>90-94</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>411</b>
95	4	11	15
96	8	13	21
97	1	13	14
98	1	5	6
99	2	7	9
<b>95-99</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>65</b>
100+	0	9	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,797</b>	<b>36,917</b>	<b>71,714</b>

TABLE 5

## ISLE OF MAN RESIDENT POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH 1996

Place of Birth	Total	Percentage of Total Resident Population
Isle of Man	35,811	49.9
England	26,896	37.5
Scotland	2,383	3.3
Wales	818	1.1
Northern Ireland	1,503	2.1
Eire	1,749	2.4
Other EU Countries	555	0.8
Channel Islands	155	0.2
Rest of Europe	171	0.2
Rest of the World	1,618	2.3
Unknown	55	0.1
Total Resident Population	71,714	100.0

TABLE 6

## ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ISLE OF MAN RESIDENT POPULATION 1996

Employment Status	Male	Female	Total
Works for an employer full-time	13,596	9,127	22,723
Works for an employer part-time	571	4,041	4,612
Works for more than one employer part-time	78	469	547
Self-employed	4,427	1,268	5,695
Total in Work	18,672	14,905	33,577
Unemployed, seeking work	836	398	1,234
Total Economically Active	19,508	15,303	34,811

TABLE 7

## INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYED RESIDENT POPULATION 1996

Sector	Number Employed	Percentage of Total Employed
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHING	938	2.8
Manufacturing: Food & Drink	711	2.1
Manufacturing: Engineering	1,511	4.5
Manufacturing: Textiles, Clothing & Footwear	256	0.8
Manufacturing: Miscellaneous	1,084	3.2
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	3,562	10.6
CONSTRUCTION	3,372	10.0
ELECTRICITY, GAS & WATER	462	1.4
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS	2,688	8.0
WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION	781	2.3
RETAIL DISTRIBUTION	2,911	8.7
Insurance	1,657	4.9
Banking	1,781	5.3
Other Financial Institutions	1,229	3.7
Property Owning & Management	536	1.6
Other Business Services	739	2.2
TOTAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	5,942	17.7

TABLE 7 (Continued)

Sector	Number Employed	Percentage of Total Employed
Legal Services	426	1.3
Accountancy Services	740	2.2
Education	1,968	5.9
Medical & Health Services	2,305	6.9
Other Professional & Technical Services	642	1.9
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	6,081	18.1
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION	765	2.3
ENTERTAINMENT & CATERING	1,156	3.4
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	2,768	8.2
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	2,146	6.4
Unknown	5	0.0
TOTAL	33,577	100.0

**Note:** Classifications based on main source of employment. Secondary employment is excluded from this analysis.



Another volume of census results, providing more detailed and comparative information is scheduled for early 1997.

Further information regarding the 1996 (Interim) Census and any other topics related to population issues can be obtained from:

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