

## **IRELAND 1982 Election Study**

### *Methodology:*

Each national survey was conducted by a professional polling agency. Representative samples of the total population of age fifteen years and older were drawn in each country. The sampling designs were either multi-stage national probability samples or national stratified quota samples. In the administration of the Euro-Barometers, samples of Great Britain and of Northern Ireland are drawn independently of each other. Thus, a weighting factor for the United Kingdom is necessary to maintain the representativeness of the United Kingdom sample. In all, Eurobarometer 24 interviewed 9,689 citizens of the 10 countries in the European Community. Respondents were aged 15 and over.

Total Sample: 1007.

*Variables:*

Variable Name:	Question Asked:	Coded As:
Voteint	If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?  20 Labour Party 30 Fine Gael 60 Fianna Fail 90 Other Party 96 No Party Preference 99 DK; NA	Recoded such that:  20 labor (category 20) 30 fg (category 30) 60 ff (category 60) 95 abstain (categories 95 and 98) 96 nopref (category 96)  'Other', 'DK', and 'NA' responses are recoded as missing.
male	Sex of respondent 1. Male 2. Female	Recoded such that:  0 Female 1 Male
Age	Can you tell me your date of birth please?	Exact age in years is coded.
Income	Family income in quartiles:  1 Lowest quartile 2 3 4 Highest quartile 0 NA	Recoded such that:  1 Lowest quartile 2 Second quartile 3 Third quartile 4 High quartile
Urban	Would you say you live in a:  1 Rural area or village 2 Small or middle size town 3 Big town  0 DK; NA	
eduagerc	How old were you when you finished your full-time education?  01 Up to 14 years 02 15 years 03 16 years 04 17 years 05 18 years 06 19 years	This variable is constructed by making use of education and age variables. Recoded such that:  01 Up to 14 years 02 15 years 03 16 years 04 17 years 05 18 years 06 19 years

	07 20 years	07 20 years
	08 21 years	08 21 years
	09 22 years	09 22 years
	10 Still studying	
	00 DK; NA	For category 10, 'still studying', the age of the respondent is coded in.
Edulevel	edulevel=eduagerc	Recoded such that:
		1 no HS (category 1)
		2 some HS (categories 2 and 3)
		3 HS (categories 4 and 5)
		4 college (categories 6, 7 and 8)
		5 post college or grad (category 9)
notrelig (v53)	Independently of whether you go to church or not, would you say you are	
	1 A religious person	
	2 Not a religious person	
	3 A convinced atheist	
	0 DK; NA	
Occrec (var80)	Occupation of Head of Household	Recoded such that:
	01 Farmers, fishermen (Skippers)	1 manual
	02 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.	2 nonmanual
	03 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors	3 inactive
	04 Manual worker	
	05 White collar – office worker	
	06 Executive, top management, director	
	07 Retired	
	08 Housewife, not otherwise employed	
	09 Student, military service	
	10 Unemployed	
Occrec1		Coded such that
		0 Other professions
		1 Farmer or Fisherman

Occrec2

Coded such that

- 0 Other professions
- 1 Professional- lawyers, accountants, etc.

Occrec3

Coded such that

- 0 Other professions
- 1 Business –owners of shops, craftsmen, proprietors

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How do you think the general economic situation has changed over the last twelve months

This variable is recoded so that there are three dummy variables representing:

- 1 Got a lot better
- 2 Got a little better
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Got a little worse
- 5 Got a lot worse
- 0 DK; NA

- \_Iretnat\_1 – Got better
- \_Iretnat\_2 – Stayed the same
- \_Iretnat\_3 – Got worse

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How does the financial situation of your household now compare with what it was 12 months ago?

- 1 Got a lot better
- 2 Got a little better
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Got a little worse
- 5 Got a lot worse
- 0 DK; NA

Lrself

In political matters, people talk of “the Left” and “the Right”. How would you place your views on this scale?

- 01 Left
- 02
- 03
- 04
- 05
- 06
- 07
- 08
- 09
- 10 Right
- 00 DK; NA

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On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works (in your country)?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Fairly satisfied
- 3 Not very satisfied
- 4 Not at all satisfied
- 0 DK; NA

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