

# Ireland



# Location

**Ireland is an island in the North Atlantic to the west of Great Britain.**

**It is the third-largest island in Europe and the twentieth-largest island on Earth.**



# Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

Politically, Ireland is divided between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, a part of the United Kingdom, which is located in the north-east of the island.



# Population

The population of Ireland is about 6.4 million. Just under 4.6 million (2013) live in the Republic of Ireland and just over 1.8 million (2011) live in Northern Ireland.



# The island's geography

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The island's geography comprises relatively low-lying mountains surrounding a central plain, with several navigable rivers extending inland.



# Form of Government

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The Republic of Ireland is a parliamentary democracy based on the Westminster model with a written constitution and a popularly elected president who has mostly ceremonial powers.



**Leinster House, Dublin (Meeting place)**

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The Government is headed by a prime minister, the Taoiseach, who is appointed by the President on the nomination of the lower house of parliament, the Dáil.

Members of the government are chosen from both the Dáil and the upper house of parliament, the Seanad.

# Capital

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Its capital is Dublin.





## One of the wealthiest countries

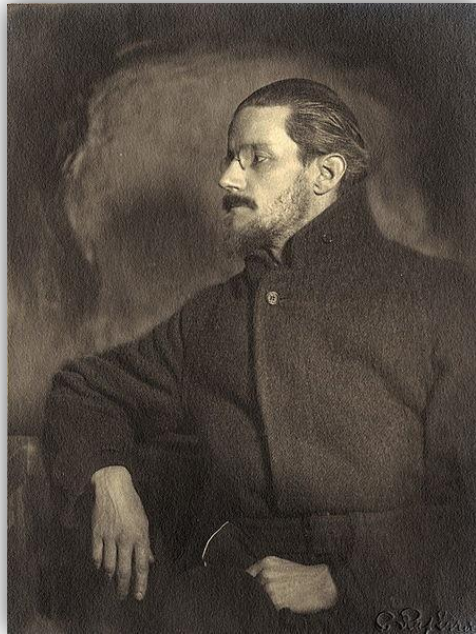
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Ireland today ranks amongst the wealthiest countries in the world in terms of GDP per capita and in 2012 was ranked the seventh most developed nation in the world by the United Nations' Human Development Index.



# Culture

Irish culture has had a significant influence on other cultures, especially in the fields of literature and, to a lesser degree, science and education.



James Joyce is one of the most significant writers of the 20th century



Robert Boyle formulated Boyle's Law

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The culture of the island has also many features shared with Great Britain, including the English language, and sports such as association football, rugby, horse racing and golf.



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