In Ireland

Population: 4.9 million
One library per 14,759 inhabitants

Libraries in Ireland

There are 17 million library visits in Ireland per year.
The majority of them offer internet and WiFi access.

There are 1.2 million registered users in public libraries.

There are 16.9 million book loans in Ireland each year.

Skills in Ireland

Ireland ranks 7 on the EU’s Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI).

12.5% of Irish adults participate in life-long learning activities.
32% of Irish employers encounter difficulties in finding employees with the right skills.

% Adults with low literacy skills

Europe: 20%
Ireland: 17%

% Adults with low numeracy skills

Europe: 24%
Ireland: 25%

Did You Know?

50% of eligible voters in Ireland voted in the 2019 European Parliament elections.

Information drawn from: The EU Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2016; European Commission Education and Training Monitor 2019; OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC); 2019 European Parliament election results; European Commission Skills data and the Local Government Management Authority (LGMA).