

**SWIM
IRELAND**


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of swimmers

Swimming Facilities Gap Analysis Report - County by County Analysis

December 2025



Galway City

 **85,910**
Population



11 Pools



63%
of pools are hotel pools (7)

4

offer PAYG (36%)

10 pools offer lessons

60% have waiting lists (6)

1973

The oldest pool was built in 1973 and is the only publicly owned pool

4

Clubs have access to only 4 of the pools (36%)

27%

of pools have hoists (3)

76km

Average distance to nearest 50m pool is 76km

The National Picture Republic of Ireland

57%

of pools are in hotels

48%

of pools have hoists

28%

of pools are available for club use

76%

of non-hotel pools have hoists compared to just 27% of hotel pools

50.5%

of pools offer PAYG

67%

of pools have waiting lists for lessons

31.3% vs 76.3%

Only 31.3% of hotel pools offer PAYG compared to 76.3% of non-hotel pools

Average year of construction **1996**

Note: All statistics are based on self-reported information from facilities

Co. Galway

 **191,827**
Population



13 Pools



69%
of pools are hotel pools (9)

4

offer PAYG
(30.7%)

10 pools offer lessons

60% ↓
have waiting lists (6)

1974

The oldest pool was built in 1974 (Kilcornan, managed by volunteers, Brothers of Charity)

1

Clubs have access to only 1 of the pools

61%

of pools have hoists

82km

Average distance to nearest 50m pool is 82km

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Co. Leitrim

 **35,199**
Population



2 Pools



1 is a hotel pool (50%)

50%

offer PAYG (1)

2 pools offer lessons

100% have waiting lists

1

Clubs have access to only 1 of the pools

1

of pools has a hoist

107km

Average distance to nearest 50m pool is 107km

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Co. Mayo

 **137,970**
Population



15 Pools



11 of pools are hotel pools (73%)

7

offer PAYG (64%)

12 pools offer lessons

50% have waiting lists (6)

1984

The oldest pool was built in 1984 (Ballina) and is not wheelchair accessible, nor does it have any accessible changing rooms

3

Clubs have access to only 3 of the pools

27%

of pools have hoists

142km

Average distance to nearest 50m pool is 142km

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Co. Roscommon

 **69,995**
Population



5 Pools



4 of pools are hotel pools (80%)

55%

offer PAYG

5 pools offer lessons

100% have waiting lists

1

Clubs have access to only 1 of the pools

20%

of pools have hoists (1)

113km

Average distance to nearest 50m pool is 113km

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Co. Sligo

 **70,198**
Population



9 Pools



5 of pools are hotel pools (55.5%)

55%

offer PAYG

8 pools offer lessons

75% have waiting lists (6)

1980 The oldest pool was built in 1980 (Sligo Sports Complex)

1

Clubs have access to only 1 of the pools

78%

of pools have hoists (7)

119km

Average distance to nearest 50m pool is 119km

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Co. Carlow

 **61,968**
Population



3 Pools



2 of pools are hotel pools

2

offer PAYG

2 pools offer lessons

100% have waiting lists (2)

1 Clubs have access to only 1 of the pools

2 of pools have hoists

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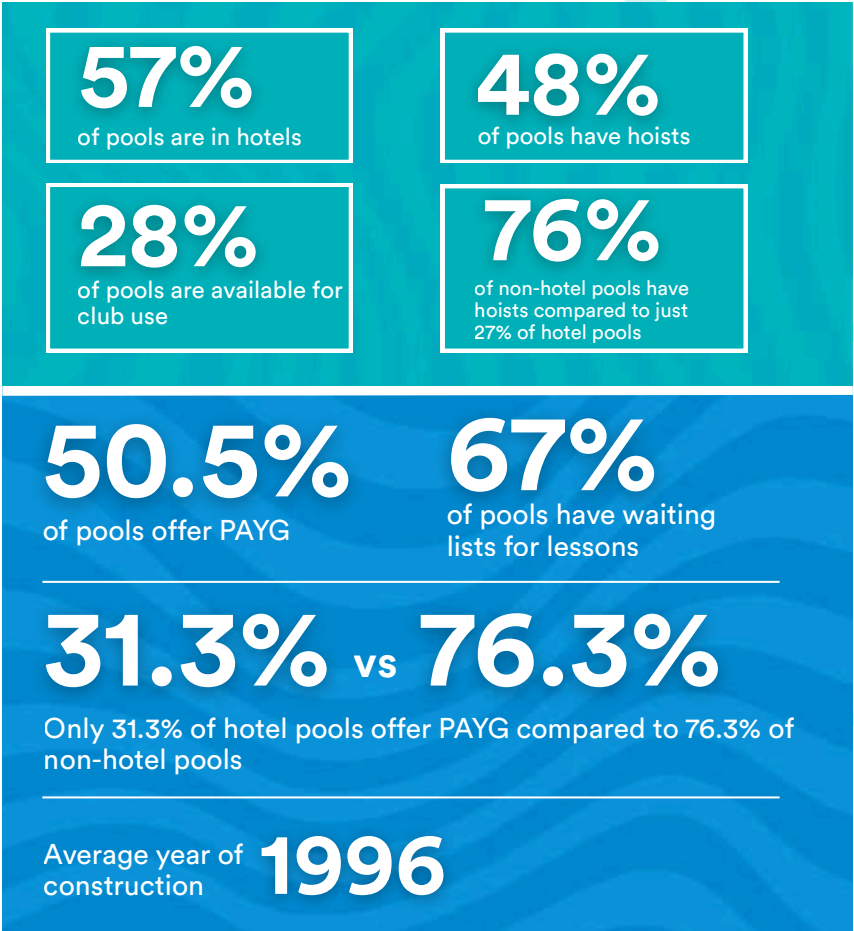
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Dublin City

 **592,713**
Population



The National Picture Republic of Ireland



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Fingal

 **330,506**
Population



12 Pools



4 of pools are hotel pools (33%)

0

Local Authority Pools (due to open one in 2027)

16 pools offer lessons

100% have waiting lists

4

of the non-hotel pools are owned by Educational Institutes or sports clubs (includes the National Aquatic Centre)

8 offer PAYG (67%)

5

Clubs have access to only 5 of the pools

7

of pools have hoists (58%)

1965

Oldest pool is ALSAA

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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown



233,860
Population



16 Pools



4 of pools are hotel pools (25%)

8

offer PAYG (50%)

14 pools offer lessons

43% have waiting lists (6)

4

Clubs have access to only 4 of the pools (25%)

9

of pools have hoists (56%)
Some did not answer the question

1970

The oldest pool was built in 1970 (DLR Monkstown)

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South County Dublin

 **301,075**
Population



9 Pools



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6

offer PAYG (67%)

8 pools offer lessons

75% have waiting lists (6)

4

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7

of pools have hoists (78%)

1970

The oldest pool was built in 1970 (Templeogue College Pool)

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Co. Kildare



247,774
Population



13 Pools



8 of pools are hotel pools (61.5%)

8

offer PAYG (61.5%)

7 pools offer lessons

43% have waiting lists (3)

3

Clubs have access to only 3 of the pools

6

of pools have hoists (46%)

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Co. Kilkenny

 **104,160**
Population



6 Pools



5 of pools are hotel pools (83%)

3

offer PAYG (50%)

6 pools offer lessons

50% have waiting lists (3)

2 Clubs have access to only 2 of the pools

2 of pools have hoists (33%)

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Co. Laois

 **91,877**
Population



7 Pools



5 of pools are hotel pools (71.4%)

3

offer PAYG (43%)

6 pools offer lessons

50% have waiting lists (3)

1 Clubs have access to only 1 of the pools

2 of pools have hoists (28.5%)

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Co. Longford

 **46,751**
Population



3 Pools



1 of pools are hotel pools (33%)

1 offer PAYG (33%)

2 pools offer lessons
50% have waiting lists (1)

1 Clubs have access to only 1 of the pools

1 of pools have hoists (33%)

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Co. Louth



139,703
Population



10 Pools



4 of pools are hotel pools (40%)

3

offer PAYG (30%)

8 pools offer lessons

3 have waiting lists (37%)

(3 said no, 2 did not answer)

3

Clubs have access to only 3 of the pools

2

of pools have hoists (20%)

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Co. Meath



220,826
Population



8 Pools



3 of pools are hotel pools (37.5%)

5

offer PAYG (62%)

8 pools offer lessons

100% have waiting lists

2 Clubs have access to only 2 of the pools

5 of pools have hoists (62%)

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Co. Offaly



83,150
Population



6 Pools



3 of pools are hotel pools (50%)

5

offer PAYG (83%)

6 pools offer lessons

100% have waiting lists

2

Clubs have access to only 2 of the pools

3

of pools have hoists (50%)

1973

Oldest pool is in Clara

The National Picture Republic of Ireland

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of pools have hoists

28%

of pools are available for club use

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Co. Westmeath

 **95,840**
Population



6 Pools



4 of pools are hotel pools (67%)

5

offer PAYG (50%)

6 pools offer lessons

50% have waiting lists (3)

3

Clubs have access to only 3 of the pools

4

of pools have hoists (67%)

1960

Oldest pool is Mullingar Swimming Pool

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48%

of pools have hoists

28%

of pools are available for club use

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Co. Wexford



163,919
Population



11 Pools



6 of pools are hotel pools (54.5%)

6

offer PAYG (54.5%)

11 pools offer lessons

73% have waiting lists (8)

4

Clubs have access to only 4 of the pools

5

of pools have hoists (45%)

1970

Oldest pool is Wexford Swimming Pool (Ferry carrig)

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Co. Wicklow

 **155,851**
Population



8 Pools



4 of pools are hotel pools (50%)

5

offer PAYG (62.5%)

7 pools offer lessons

57% have waiting lists (4)

4 Clubs have access to only 4 of the pools

6 of pools have hoists (86%)

The National Picture Republic of Ireland

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48%

of pools have hoists

28%

of pools are available for club use

76%

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67%

of pools have waiting lists for lessons

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Co. Clare

 **127,938**
Population

 **10** Pools

 **6** of pools are hotel pools (60%)

5
offer PAYG (50%)

8 pools offer lessons
75% have waiting lists (6)

2

Clubs have access to only 2 of the pools

4

of pools have hoists (50%)

1960

Oldest pool is Lahinch Leisure Club

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Co. Cork

 **360,152**
Population



23 Pools



16 of pools are hotel pools (69.5%)

11

offer PAYG (48%)

21 pools offer lessons

86% have waiting lists (18)

6

Clubs have access to only 6 of the pools

15

of pools have hoists (65%)

1972

Oldest pool was built in Fermoy

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48%

of pools have hoists

28%

of pools are available for club use

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Cork City



224,004
Population



18 Pools



10 of pools are hotel pools (56%)

7

offer PAYG (39%)

12 pools offer lessons

10 have waiting lists (83%)

50m There is no 50m pool in Cork

5

Clubs have access to only 5 of the pools

9

of pools have hoists (50%)

1973

Oldest pool was built in Mayfield

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48%

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Co. Kerry



156,458
Population



24 Pools



19 of pools are hotel pools (79%)

15

offer PAYG (62.5%)

18 pools offer lessons

14 have waiting lists (78%)

3

Clubs have access to only 3 of the pools

37%

of pools have hoists (9)

1977

The oldest council Tralee Sports & Leisure Club

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48%

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28%

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Limerick City & County



209,536
Population



14 Pools



8 of pools are hotel pools (57%)

5

offer PAYG (36%)

13 pools offer lessons

69% have waiting lists (9)

6 Clubs have access to only 6 of the pools

8 of pools have hoists (57%)

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Co. Tipperary

 **167,895**
Population



13 Pools



9 of pools are hotel pools (69%)

6

offer PAYG (46%)

10 pools offer lessons

100% have waiting lists (10)

2

Clubs have access to only 2 of the pools

46%

of pools have hoists (6)

1970

Oldest pool Sean Tracey Memorial Pool (Tipperary Town)

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Co. Waterford

 **127,363**
Population



10 Pools



8 of pools are hotel pools (80%)

6

offer PAYG (60%)

9 pools offer lessons

67%

have waiting lists (6)

5 Clubs have access to only 5 of the pools

30% of pools have hoists (3)

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Co. Cavan



81,704
Population



4 Pools



2 of pools are hotel pools (50%)

3

offer PAYG (75%)

4 pools offer lessons

50% have waiting lists (2)

2 Clubs have access to only 2 of the pools

50% of pools have hoists (2)

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Co. Donegal



167,084
Population



20 Pools



16 of pools are hotel pools (80%)

9

offer PAYG (45%)

17 pools offer lessons

59% have waiting lists (10)

2 Clubs have access to only 2 of the pools

35% of pools have hoists (7)

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Co. Monaghan

 **65,288**
Population



4 Pools



3 of pools are hotel pools (75%)

3

offer PAYG (75%)

4 pools offer lessons

50%

have waiting lists (2)

1 Clubs have access to only 1 of the pools

75% of pools have hoists (3)

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