

Ireland

Ethnicity in Ireland

Group selection

The majority of the Irish population is Roman-Catholic and a minority of 3% is Anglican. However, neither of these groups is mobilized around their ethnicity politically. “Whereas at the beginning of the twentieth century southern Protestants were a national minority with their own ethnic symbols, myth of history and political program, today they are essentially a denominational minority, distinguished from the majority mainly in terms of religious practice and belief” (²⁶³¹, 59). Further, in 1997, “surveys continued to convey the impression of Irish tolerance of ethnic [and religious] minorities” (ibid: 46). Irish Travellers are neither politically relevant (²⁶³², ²⁶³³).

²⁶³¹ [Coakley & Gallagher, 2010]

²⁶³² [U.S. Department of State, 2015]

²⁶³³ [U.S. Department of State, 2016]

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Political status of ethnic groups in Ireland

From 1946 until 2021

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Irish	1.0	IRRELEVANT



Figure 516: Political status of ethnic groups in Ireland during 1946-2021.