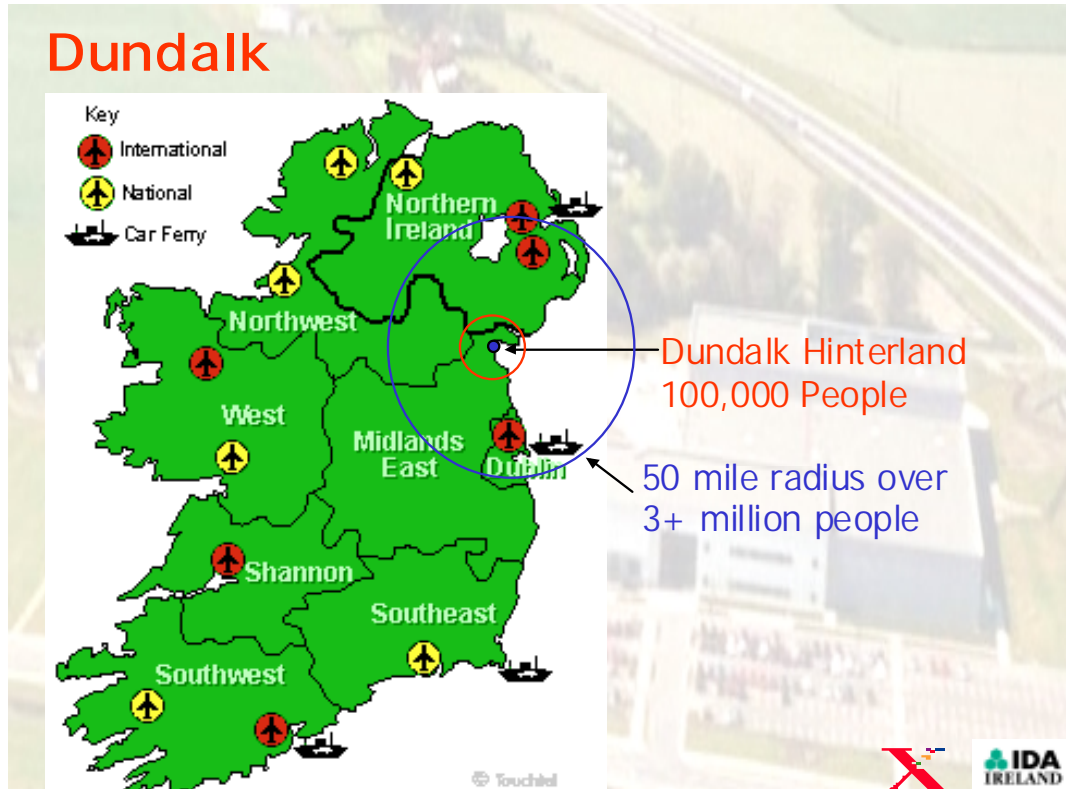


Profile

Introducing Dundalk-East Coast Gateway to the North and South



Dundalk is the principal centre in the middle of the East Coast. Within a 30 mile radius there is a population of 428,000. A 50 mile radius brings in Ireland's two main cities, Dublin and Belfast, increasing the catchment to in excess of 3 million. Dundalk is located on the M1/N1 National Primary Route equidistant between the two cities. It is also served by an excellent inter-city rail network. Dundalk is very advantageously positioned in relation to international airports, which are located to the north of Dublin and the south of Belfast.

Dundalk is 40 minutes commuting distance of Dublin International Airport.

Dundalk is one of the largest urban centres in Ireland and primed to become Ireland's first new city of the 21st Century.

Dundalk Key Points

- **Designated City Status** - Dundalk has been selected as a **Gateway Centre for Development** under the Irish Government's National Spatial Strategy. This will position Dundalk as a primary centre of growth, alongside the four cities of Ireland outside Dublin.
- Dundalk has an excellent infrastructure (roads, rail, telecoms, power, water, waste management) to support industry with significant recent investment.
- It is a major hub for Government Services, Shopping, Industry, Education and Transport.
- Dundalk is strategically located midway on the busiest economic corridor in Ireland – the M1/N1 road linking Belfast and Dublin. The road network (upgraded to motor way standard), is supported by an excellent high-speed rail network.
- The Dundalk area has an abundance of skilled labour and a pool of well-educated and eager young people. 10,000 persons from the region are in full time third level education within the Rep of Ireland alone.
- Over 5,500 people from the Dundalk region commute on a daily basis to work in Dublin. Access improvements (road/rail) have facilitated a growing pool of highly skilled workers to live in the area and travel to work in Dublin, many of whom would be predisposed to working in Dundalk.
- The Dundalk area has considerable technological expertise, apart from its centre of excellence based around DKIT (Dundalk Institute of Technology), the region plays host to world leading companies such as Xerox, ABB, Coca Cola, Littelfuse (GE), DIAGEO, Quantum and Heinz.

Dundalk - Population

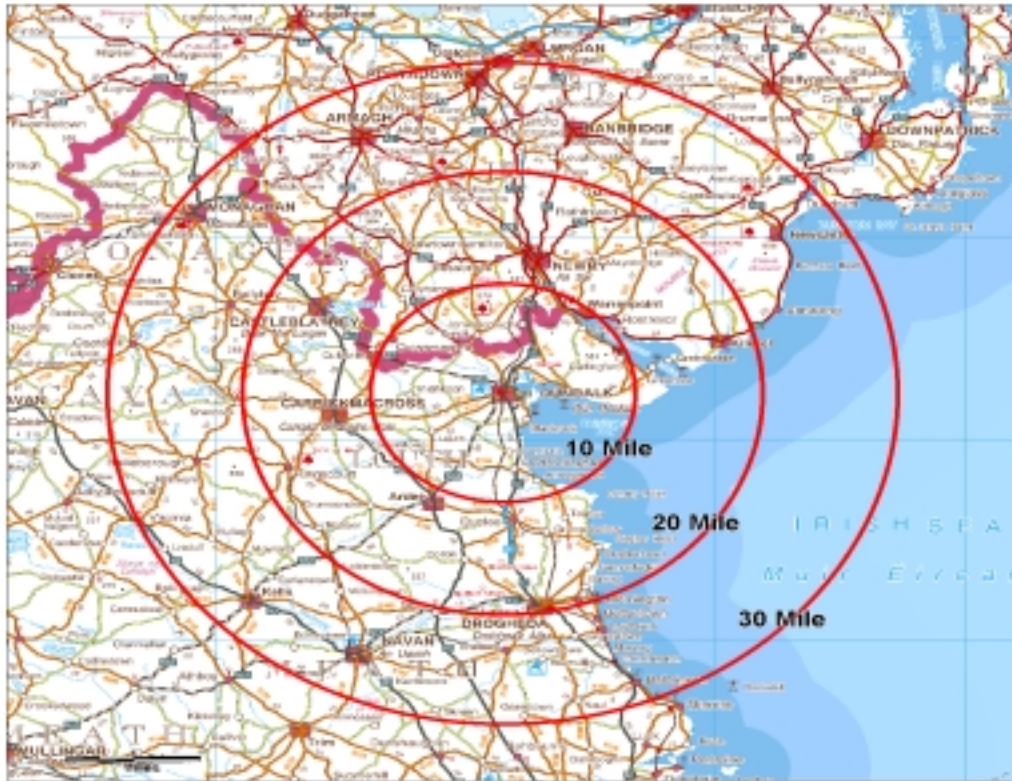
- 70% of the island of Ireland's population within 2 hours driving time- a population equivalent to the entire Republic of Ireland (c. 3.9 million).
- Over 1.35 million labour force within 90 minutes driving time.

Population of Dundalk

	Immediate Area	Within 10 mile radius	Within 20 mile radius	Within 30 mile radius
Under 25	12,732	28,526	93,095	180,604
25 – 45	8,378	13,590	46,438	89,230
45 – 65	5,747	17,559	56,830	111,537
65 +	3,338	7,602	24,766	47,618
Total	30,195	67,277	221,129	428,989

Source : Demographics Ireland 2000; Census of Population 1996; Northern Ireland Census 2001

Dundalk Catchment Areas



Demographics Ireland 2000

Heritage

The Town

Dundalk takes its name from Dun Dealgan, Dalga's fort home closely associated with the famous mythical warrior Cuchulainn and was granted its charter in 1189AD. It is sited on the lowest bridging point of the Castletown River.

The Locality

Dundalk is situated in one of the most historic scenic and historical parts of Ireland, the Boyne valley is only 15 minutes drive away. Its coastline on the Irish Sea and the amenities of Carlingford Lough are complimented by outstanding hill and rural topography which attract both local and visitors interest.

Today's Dundalk retains the linear characteristics of a medieval town, although there is evidence of pre-historic and early Christian settlements. The town is now the sixth largest conurbation in Ireland in population and is strategically located on the East Coast half-way between Dublin and Belfast, the two largest cities on the island, linked to them by high-speed rail and soon to both, by motorway.

Retail and Amenities

High Street and Centres

Distinct street precincts (Bridge, Church, Clanbrassil, Earl, Jocelyn, Market Sq, Park) offering over 2000 individual outlets with leading brands across the value

range, operating alongside a raft of service outlets and providers. Local produce (from bakeries, butchers, fishmongers, vegetable outlets) is readily available.

3 shopping centres (Carroll Village, Dundalk, Longwalk) bring most of the national food retailers and theme outlets and a further major 230,000sf retail development on the Ramparts is soon to begin construction.

A new 21C retail park offering large goods outlets

Car parking on-street and centre located (spaces)

Café, Fast-Food and Restaurants in the central precinct, with 27 pubs, many serving excellent pub food, as well as 5 hotels (Ballymascanlon, Carrickdale, Derryhale, Fairways and Imperial).

Amenities

Public Swimming Pool, Library, Museum, Town Hall Venue and Parks (Stephenstown Pond, Agnes Burns Cottage, Patrick Kavanagh Centre, Ice House Hill, The Marshes, The Navy Bank, Cuchulainn's Stone, The Tain Trail)

Multi-Screen (7) Cinema complex.

Race Track for greyhound racing and horse trotting, and, a new Bowling Alley.

Dundalk is located near Carlingford Lough, which has excellent water activities.

Leisure facilities in the area include golf (15 courses), horse riding & racing, tennis, rugby, soccer and GAA. Indoor facilities include gyms, indoor swimming pools, badminton, snooker, indoor soccer, drama & musical societies.

Education and Training

Second Level Education/ School Leavers

Each year c.2,000 students (in the age cohort 17-19) graduate from 2nd level schools.

Third Level Education

The number of full time 3rd level students **from the Dundalk Region** (30 mile radius) during the academic year 2000/2001 was c.**10,000**.

Source: Higher Education Authority (HEA)

This level excludes those from the region in full time education in Northern Ireland. Nevertheless this level represents over 8% of the 3rd level student population of the Rep of Ireland.

Institute of Technology, Dundalk

www.dkit.ie

Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT) has established a reputation as an innovative and regionally focused Higher Education Institute. It has a student population of c.3,200 full-time and 2,000 part-time pursuing third level programmes at National Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post Graduate levels in Engineering, Science, Computing, Business, Accounting, Nursing Studies, Hospitality Studies and Humanities.

Access to Universities

Dundalk is located 50 miles (45 mins – 1.5 hours travel time) from six of Ireland's leading Universities, which together have a student population of 66,000 full-time and 23,000 part time.

Access to other Institutes of Technology

Four other Institutes of Technology are approx 45 minutes to 1 hour travel time from Dundalk - Student population of 13,651 full time and 7,553 part time.

Training

FAS (Ireland's Employment and Training Authority) www.fas.ie

FÁS operates a National Network of training centres. Dundalk, the North East Regional Centre, offers a wide range of training and educational courses.

Transportation & Access

Air

Dundalk is **40 minutes** from **Dublin International Airport**. (Direct flights to USA)
Belfast International and Belfast City Airports are a 1 hour drive, and have frequent daily flights to the UK and Europe.

Rail

Dundalk is located midway on the Dublin – Belfast Intercity line, serviced by the ‘Enterprise’, a high speed rail network which provides access to **Dublin City Centre in 55 minutes**. Travel time to Belfast is 1 hour.

A key national rail freight depot is also located in Dundalk.

Road

Dundalk is strategically located on the M1/N1, **45 minutes from Dublin by Motorway**.

Travel time to Belfast is 60 minutes.

A dual carriage-way Port Tunnel is being constructed in North Dublin which will allow freight cargo to travel directly from Dundalk to Dublin Port in 1 hour.

Sea Ports

The Dundalk area has unique access to a wide variety of Ports with state of the art cargo handling and storage facilities readily available including Ro-Ro, container services/ Lo-Lo, liquid, dry and break bulk services. There are frequent scheduled shipments from the region to the UK (Stranraer, Lancashire, Holyhead, Liverpool), Continental Europe (Rotterdam, Zeebrugge, Radicatel, Le Harve) and Scandanivia.

Dundalk area ports include: Dundalk (immediate), Greenore (Deep sea port, 15 mins), Drogheda (20 minutes), Warrenpoint (25 mins), Dublin (60 mins), Belfast (70 mins) and Larne (80 mins).

Existing Companies – Dundalk

Dundalk and the surrounding area has a broad base of manufacturing and international service companies and household names already operating in the region, these range from new arrivals such as Xerox to long established companies such as Littelfuse (General Electric) and ABB alongside a number of home-grown names.

	Company	Origin	Activity	
	Atlantic Industries (Coca-Cola)	US	Soft Drink concentrate - European Shared Service activities	
	Xerox Corporation	US	Document Publishing Systems - pan-European logistics activity	
	Irish Life	Irish	Financial Services - Customer Service Centre	
	National Pen	US	Customised Pens – Direct Marketing Centre	
	Vodafone	UK	Telecoms Network – National Customer Service Centre	
	Quantum Peripheral Products	US	Disk and Tape Drives - Technical Support Centre	
	Littelfuse (GE Group)	US	Electronic Components - Research & Development Team	
	RyuSyō Industrial (Brother)	Japan	Electronic Sub Assemblies	
	A.B.B.	Switzerland	Measuring and Control Devices	
	Becton Dickinson	US	Medical Devices	
	Abbott Laboratories	US	Infant Food Formula	
	Bose Products	US	Sound Systems	



	Bitech(Glen Dimplex)	Irl	Heaters
	Heinz	US	Baby foods/Ready to eat meals
	Moffetts	US	Engineered Lifting Products
	Harp Lager	Irl	Drinks
	Boyle Sports	Irl	Bookmakers
	Irish Life	Irl	Pensions
	Cooley Distillers	Irl	Whiskey distillers
	Fyffes	Irl	Fruit Importers
A	Anglo Irish Beef	Irl	Meat processors

Local Industries

The area is home to many SME's with focus on ITC, Software, Transport Logistics and Food sectors.

Those employing 50 or more employees includes :

Ardmac	Internal Construction Facilities
Bellurgan	Precision Engineers
Horseware	Horse Blankets and related products
Louth Transport	Bus/Coach refurbishment
Riverside Manufacturing	Special Purpose Workware
Suretank	Tank Fabricators
Truform	Laser Dies
United Beverages	Canners
Trend&Cuchulainn	Crystal glassware
Ovelle	Pharmaceuticals
Standard Brands	Firelighers

The IT sector includes Anord Electric Controls, Aptech Software, Digiweb, Keytronic, Measuresoft Development, Rapt Electronics and Iqon.

The Food and Drink sector includes Bellingham Blue Cheese, Coastguard Seafoods, Dundalk Bay Sea Foods, Foodlink R&D Europe, German Salami, Martin Food Equipment, McCreesh Bros, Red Sail Frozen Foods.

The strong Transport sector includes Hanlon/Panpak, Keenan, Portway, Continental Perishables, it is estimated that 25% of national transport capacity is located in the North-East.

Utility Infrastructure

Telecommunications

Dundalk has broadband telecommunications infrastructure in the form of 2.5Gbit and 155 Mbit Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) technology. The location has primary rate Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) and Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) switching capability. Access to the national broadband network is available at ≥ 34 Mbits.

Dundalk has secured approval under the National Broadband Programme, which will involve metropolitan area fibre optic networks being built to link up with the existing backbone network in the country.

Power

The Electricity Supply Board (ESB) supplies electricity in Ireland through the National Grid System to which all generating stations in the country are connected. Dundalk has access to a 220kV power line and two 110kV lines. A tiered system of costs is available with reduced rates for off-peak usage.

Environmental Services

Dundalk has a **surplus in its water supply [10,000 m³ a day** (ie. 10 million litres/ 2.2 million gallons)] and its water treatment plant.

Water is available through mains supply.

A mains drainage programme is complete in Dundalk and a modern secondary wastewater treatment facility is in operation. An abundance of capacity is available for industry and will meet a projected population expansion of 100%.

A state of the art domestic recycling plant

Gas

Natural Gas is available in Dundalk. Bord Gais will discuss future extensions to any industrial user.

Useful Links

Chambers of Commerce of Ireland

Chambers of Commerce of Ireland	www.chambersireland.ie
Nothern Ireland Chamber of Commerce	www.nicci.co.uk
Athlone Chamber of Commerce	www.athlonechamber.ie
Newry Dundalk Joint Chamber Forum	www.newrydundalkforum.com
Cork Chamber of Commerce	www.corkchamber.ie
Drogheda Chamber of Commerce	www.droghedachamber.com
Dublin Chamber of Commerce	www.dubchamber.ie
Galway Chamber of Commerce	www.galwaychamber.com
Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce	www.letterkennychamber.com
Mullingar Chamber of Commerce	www.mullingar-chamber.ie

Navan Chamber of Commerce	www.navanchamber.com
Sligo Chamber of Commerce	www.sligochamber.ie
Ballina Chamber of Commerce	www.ballinachamber.com
Ballyhaunis Chamber of Commerce	www.eastmayo.com
Boyle Chamber of Commerce	www.iol.ie/~boylecoc/
Bray Chamber of Commerce	www.braychamber.com
Carlow Chamber of Commerce	www.carlowchamber.ie
Clonmel Chamber of Commerce	www.clonmel.ie
Cobh and Harbour Chamber of Commerce	www.cobhharbourchamber.ie
Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce	www.dungarvanchamber.com
Dun Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce	www.dirchamber.ie
Ennis Chamber of Commerce	www.iol.ie/~enniscc
Killarney Chamber of Commerce	www.killarney-chamber.com
Limerick Chamber of Commerce	www.limchamber.ie
Longford Chamber of Commerce	www.longford-chamber.com
Nenagh Chamber of Commerce	www.nenagh.net
New Ross Chamber of Commerce	www.newrosschamber.ie
Newbridge Chamber of Commerce	www.newbridgechamber.ie
Sligo Chamber of Commerce	www.sligochamber.ie
South Dublin Chamber of Commerce	www.southdublinchamber.com
Swords & District Chamber of Commerce	www.swordschamber.ie
Waterford Chamber of Commerce	www.waterfordchamber.ie
Westport Chamber of Commerce	www.westportireland.com

Wexford Chamber of Commerce	www.wexchamber.ie
Tullamore Chamber of Commerce	www.tullamorechamber.com
Youghal Chamber of Commerce	www.homepage.tinet.ie/~youghal

Government and State Agencies

Governemnt of Ireland	www.irlgov.ie
Dept of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	www.detini.gov.uk
Dept Trade & Enterprise	www.entemp.ie
Dept Finance	www.irlgov.ie/finance
Department Health and Children	www.doh.ie
Office of Public Works	www.opw.ie
Dept Environment & Local Government	www.environ.ie
Dept Defence	www.irlgov.ie/defence
Dept Arts, Sport & Tourism	www.ealga.ie
Revenue Commissioners	www.revenue.ie
Dept Social & Family Affairs	www.dscfa.ie
Dept Transport	www.transport.ie
Northern Ireland Government	www.nics.gov.uk
N.I. Assembly	www.ni-assembly.gov.uk
The Northern Ireland Office	www.nio.gov.uk
Dept of Finance NI	www2.dfpni.gov.uk
Northern Ireland Executive	www.northernireland.gov.uk

Local Councils

Louth County Council	www.louthcoco.ie
Newry & Mourne District Council	www.newryandmourne.gov.uk
Dundalk Town Council	www.dundalktown.ie

Implementation Bodies

North / South Ministerial Council	www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org
The Loughs Agency	www.loughs-agency.com
The Ulster Scots Agency	www.ulsterscotsagency.org.uk
Foras Na Gaeilge	www.forasnagaeilge.ie
Special European Union Programmes Body	www.seupb.com
Intertradeireland	www.intertradeireland.com
Waterways Ireland	www.waterwaysireland.org
Foyle, Carlingford & Irish Lights Commission	www.loughs-agency.org
Bord Iascaigh Mhara	www.bim.ie
Plato Ireland	www.plato.ie
The European Union	europa.eu.int/nd
International Fund for Ireland	www.internationalfundforireland.com
Tradenet Ireland	www.tradenetireland.com
Centre for Cross Border Studies	www.crossborder.ie

Business Support & Development Agencies

Enterprise Ireland	www.enterprise-ireland.com
IDA	www.idaireland.ie
Invest NI	www.investni.com
Forfas	www.forfas.ie
FAS Training and Employment Authority	www.fas.ie
Industrial Development Agency	www.idaireland.com
Intertradeireland	www.intertradeireland.com
Louth County Enterprise Agency	www.lceb.ie

Newspapers

Irish Times	www.ireland.com
Irish News	www.irishnews.com
Argus	www.argus.ie

Purchasing and Procurement

Government Purchasing Agency NI	www.cpdni.gov.uk
Go-Source Procurement Directory	www.go-source.com
CSARSS	www.csarss.net
Irish Tenders Direct	www.bipcontracts.com
ETenders	www.e-tenders.gov.ie
Tenders Ireland	www.tendersireland.com
European Union	europa.eu.int/index_en.htm
SIMAP	simap.eu.int
Public Source	www.publicsource.co.uk
Xtenders	www.xtender.com

Tourism	
Tourism Ireland	www.tourismireland.com
Louth Holidays	www.louthholidays.com
Boyne Valley Hotel	www.boyne-valley-hotel.ie
Ballymascanlon Hotel	www.ballymascanlon.com
Fairways Hotel	www.fairways.ie
Carlingford Tourism	www.carlingford.ie
Tain Adventure Centre	www.tainvillage.com

Summary

- Dundalk is the commercial and industrial centre of the North East/ North Dublin Region with direct access to Dublin and Belfast Air and Seaports.
- The educational infrastructure is very attractive:
 - Institute of Technology (Dundalk), with current enrolment of 5,000 students;
 - 6 Universities and 4 other Institutes of Technology 1 hour from Region
 - 10,000 from region in full time third level education in Rep of Ireland
 - Regional FAS Training Centre where 3,000 people are trained annually;
 - Large population of second level school graduates in the catchment area.
- The existing national/international companies such as Xerox, Quantum, Littlefuse (GE), Becton Dickinson, ABB, Irish Life, Atlantic Industries (Coca Cola), Boxmore Plastics, Pauwels Trafo, Virgin Cola, Kerry Group (Rye Valley Foods) and HJ Heinz evidence the success of Dundalk as a business location.

Over 5,500 commuters from the region who travel to work (along M1/N2/Rail corridor) into Dublin each day.

- Telecommunications Infrastructure.
- Expanding diverse and Retail Facilities.
- Professional Accounting, Legal and Banking support services
- Competitive Commercial Property Solution
- Competitive cost of living/ quality housing.
- Tradition of vibrant music, theatre, and visual arts interests

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