

Life Expectancy in Nineteenth Century Ireland (1 of 2)

Occupation	Rural Ireland (age in years)	Urban (age in years)
Professional classes (For example: doctors, solicitors)	50	35
Tradesmen, farmers	48	22
Working class (For example: labourers, factory workers)	33	18

(National Bureau of Economic Research)

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John and Elizabeth have spoken Ulster-Scots since childhood. They live near the village of Ballyclare, and have five children, three girls aged 12, 10 and 4 and two boys, aged 11 and 9. They rent their cottage and two acres of land from a local landlord. They keep a cow, a pig and some hens and grow their own potatoes but are finding it difficult to pay the rent and feed their family. People in the village are moving to the local towns to work in the mills.