

Northern Irish Civil Registration Records

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OVERVIEW

Civil registration started in Ireland in 1845, but only for non-Catholic marriages. In 1864, the system was extended to ALL births, ALL marriages, and ALL deaths.

Until the partition of Ireland in 1922, registration of these events in counties Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone was administered by the General Register Office of Ireland — GROI — in Dublin. Since 1922, registration has been administered by the General Register Office of Northern Ireland — GRONI — in Belfast.

Both offices hold the historical registration records for the six counties up to and including 1921. Only GRONI holds records of registrations since 1922.

Below is a summary of the main options for researchers looking for birth, marriage death records in Northern Ireland.

GRONI Online

Births	1864 — 1919*
Marriages	1845 — 1944*
Deaths	1864 — 1970*

*Rolling weekly updates



Need to register, set up an account and maintain a balance of at least £0.50 before you can search. Three options: Free basic search; Enhanced index search (50p); Full registration data or image (£2.50). Database is known as GENI. [Details](#).

Public Search Room's Database

Births	1864 — present
Marriages	1845 — present
Deaths	1864 — present
Adoptions	1931 — present
Civil Partnerships	2005 — present



Available to personal visitors in GRONI or PRONI public search rooms. Need Visitor Pass if using PRONI. Need appointment if using GRONI. Both require GRONI account. [Details](#) (scroll to Public Search Room). Prices as for GRONI online above.

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Births	1864 — 1918*
Marriages	1864 — 1921
Deaths	1864 — 1921

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The IrishGenealogy.ie Civil Records database is free to search and view. Each Index entry should include a download link to a pdf image of the corresponding register entry. See [Tips for using IrishGenealogy.ie](#).

This visual shows a simplification of the process to access civil registration records in the 6 counties of what is now Northern Ireland. For more information, tips, troubleshooting, advice and options see www.Irish-Genealogy-Toolkit.com/Northern-Ireland-civil-registration.html.