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THE DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSES 2005 TO 2025

A Drinks Industry Group of Ireland Report

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FOREWORD

The Irish pub has long stood as an irreplaceable pillar of our hospitality sector and a world-renowned emblem of our national identity. Public houses form the social backbone of many communities, offering spaces for community, shared cultural heritage and genuine human connection.

Regrettably, this institution faces unprecedented pressures. The past two decades have witnessed a sustained and compounding erosion of the sector, hitting rural communities particularly hard.

Official license data reveals that between 2005 and 2025, Ireland lost 2,205 public houses, representing a net reduction of 25.6%. Essentially, one out of every four pubs operating twenty years ago has permanently shuttered, falling at a steady pace of 110 closures on average per year.

The crisis is worst outside our capital. Nine individual counties have endured severe losses exceeding 30%, led by Limerick with a staggering 40.2% drop, followed by Offaly (34.1%), Monaghan (33.9%), Tipperary (33.5%), and Cork (32.8%).

Without targeted intervention, economic modelling indicates that between 600 and 1,000 additional pubs are projected to close over the coming decade under the weight of penal taxes, escalating overheads, broader economic volatility, and shifting consumer habits.

The true cost of these losses is felt most acutely within local communities. In many rural areas, the local pub serves as the primary "third place", serving as an essential venue outside home and work where social networks are maintained, local traditions are sustained, and community life unfolds.

New evaluation models indicate that the social connection facilitated by Irish pubs generates between €1.75 billion and €3.5 billion annually in national wellbeing value. Losing these community hubs, many held within families for generations, accelerates rural isolation and fractures regional social infrastructure.

This decline also presents a challenge for Ireland's tourism offering by eroding regional amenities.

Crucially, this sector-wide contraction is not driven by general macroeconomic weakness; national employment, domestic consumption, and population figures have all expanded over the same timeframe.

Instead, publicans are squeezed by unsustainable cost increases, dropping per-adult consumption, and one of the most aggressive tax regimes in Europe. Ireland currently levies the second-highest composite alcohol excise rate across the entire EU and UK, severely eroding the commercial viability of on-trade venues.

Addressing the decline of essential rural services is a growing policy priority across Europe. Countries such as France have taken proactive steps, establishing dedicated funding pools of up to €80,000 to incentivise new rural hospitality ventures in underserved areas.

A passive policy response from Government is no longer viable. The general public recognises that neighbourhood pubs and family-run hospitality businesses are operating on razor-thin margins, and that excise taxation remains a major operational headwind. Strategic tax reform, which recognises Ireland's relationship with alcohol has changed fundamentally, is urgently required to stabilise the trade. While VAT9 provides significant support to food businesses, it does not address the severe commercial pressures facing traditional, pubs that don't serve food, - businesses that are at the heart of communities right across the country.

Our call to action for Budget 2026 is clear: the Government must begin modernising our alcohol taxation framework by delivering an immediate 10% reduction in excise duty. This measure would deliver vital cash-flow relief to small operators and signal clear State support for the future of the sector.

This report, authored by economist Anthony Foley, provides a comprehensive empirical breakdown of public house licence trends from 2005 through 2025 across every county. It serves as a stark warning of the trajectory ahead if policy remains static. Once a local pub closes its doors permanently, it almost never returns. We must act decisively to protect this crucial part of Irish life before further ground is lost.



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CEO - The Licenced Vintners Association (LVA).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS: SUMMARY

The objective of this report, which was commissioned by the Drinks Industry Group of Ireland (DIGI), is to identify and examine the long-term decline in the number of public houses in Ireland over the period of 2005 to 2025, at both a national and a county-wide level. This report updates previous reports on the topic published by DIGI.

The data source is the database/register of alcohol licenses compiled by the Revenue Commissioners. This individual register has been analysed for several years by the Vintners Federation of Ireland (VFI) to identify the county and national trends for public house licenses.

In 2025 the number of public houses in Ireland decreased, extending a continuous decline in the number of operating publicans since 2005. Between 2005 and 2025, the number of publican licenses dropped from 8,617 to 6,412, an overall decrease of 2,205 (25.6%). This indicates that one in four active pubs in 2005 ceased to exist in 2025.

The decline in the number of pubs by 2,205 between 2005 and 2025 is an average loss of 110 per year. The average annual decline of pubs between the period of 2005 and 2010 was 200 per annum. This average decreased to 87 between 2010 and 2015, and again to an average of 11 losses from 2015 and 2019. However, from 2019 to 2025 the average number of closures annually rose to 121.

If the full period is divided into two, 2005 to 2015 (ten annual changes) and 2015 to 2025 (ten annual changes) we see that in the first period the total closures were 1,435 or an average annual decline of 144 public houses. In the second period the total decline was 770 or an annual average decline of 77 public houses. The first half of the period had a larger rate of decline than the second half of the period.

Data shows that in 2025, 86 pubs closed nationally. The total decrease in public houses in Ireland in 2025 is greater than in 2024, however it is lower than in previous recent years. This can be seen through the 102 closures in 2021, 108 in 2022, 117 in 2023, 65 in 2024 and 86 in 2025. This is relative to the very large figure of 247 closures in 2020.

The acceleration of closures between 2024 and 2025, rising from 65 to 86, indicates that the decline in the number of public houses in Ireland remains an active and ongoing issue. From 2005 to 2025 the number of public houses in Dublin declined by 9 (1.1%), while the rest of the country experienced a total decline of 2,196 (28%). Between 2005 and 2025, regional Ireland accounted for 99.6% of the decline in the number of public of houses while Dublin accounted for the remaining 0.4%.

All 26 counties experienced declines in public house numbers over the 2005 to 2025 period. The decreases ranged between 40.2% (Limerick) and 1.1% (Dublin). Eight counties experienced decreases between 30% and 34.9%. The second ranked county in terms of decline was Offaly at 34.1%. The other seven counties with a decrease between 30% to 34.9%, were Cork (32.8%), Monaghan (33.9%), Clare (30.8%), Roscommon (32.7%), Tipperary (33.5%), Laois (31.2%) and Longford (31.0%). Dublin recorded the smallest decrease at 1.1%, followed by Wicklow (9.5%) and Meath (11.4%), while every other county experienced declines of 13% or higher. Between 2019 and 2025, all counties registered statistically significant decreases.

In 2025, four counties saw no change in their number of public houses (Cavan, Kildare, Leitrim and Offaly) while five counties experienced an increase in their total number of pubs (Dublin, Louth, Sligo, Westmeath and Wicklow). The remaining seventeen counties saw a continued decline in their number of public houses, further threatening the community life in small towns and villages across the country.

Despite significant economic challenges such as the post-2008 economic collapse and Covid, the economy grew substantially across the total period of 2005 to 2025. This includes significant employment, consumer consumption and adult population increases, which, all things being equal, should have supported the alcohol and public house sectors. In actuality, alcohol consumption declined and pub sales volume dropped substantially. Additionally, the high level of alcohol taxation in Ireland reduced the commercial viability of public houses.

The closure of public houses across the country is likely to continue if current policies remain unchanged. Even without additional or significant economic shocks, an optimistic scenario would see an additional 600 pub closure in the next decade from 2024. At the other end of the spectrum, Ireland could bear witness of 1,000 closures.

It is clear that at a time when public houses are experiencing significant challenges to their financial viability, a 10% reduction in excise as suggested by DIGI, would be of significant assistance.



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PERCENTAGE DECREASE IN NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSES

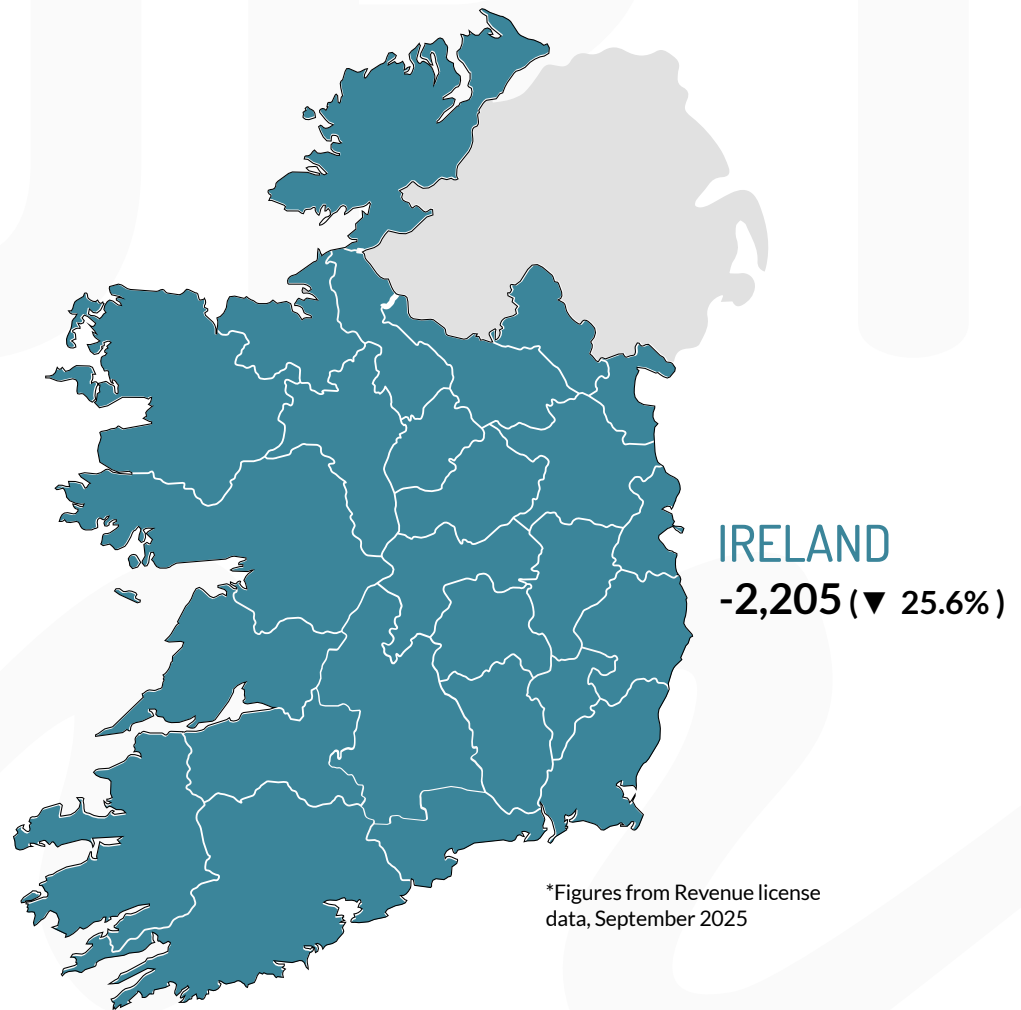
Percentage decrease in number of public houses between 2005 to 2025 by county, in order of magnitude of percentage decrease:

Rank in order of magnitude of % decline 2005-2025	County in order of % decrease in number of public houses 2005-2025	Percentage decrease
1	Limerick	-40.2
2	Offaly	-34.1
3	Monaghan	-33.9
4	Tipperary	-33.5
5	Cork	-32.8
6	Roscommon	-32.7
7	Laois	-31.2
8	Longford	-31
9	Clare	-30.8
10	Mayo	-29.8
11	Westmeath	-29.1
12	Waterford	-28.8
13	Kilkenny	-28.8
14	Leitrim	-28.6
15	Donegal	-28.5
16	Galway	-25.8
17	Louth	-25.1
18	Sligo	-24.6
19	Cavan	-21.3
20	Kerry	-21.1
21	Wexford	-18.5
22	Carlow	-16.0
23	Kildare	-13.6
24	Meath	-11.4
25	Wicklow	-9.5
26	Dublin	-1.1

Source: VFI database

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND

Decline in the number of pubs in Ireland since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

2,205 fewer pubs in Ireland
(a 25.6% decline)

25.6%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	8,617 pubs in Ireland
2025	6,412 pubs in Ireland

2019-2025

725 fewer pubs in Ireland
(a 10% decline)

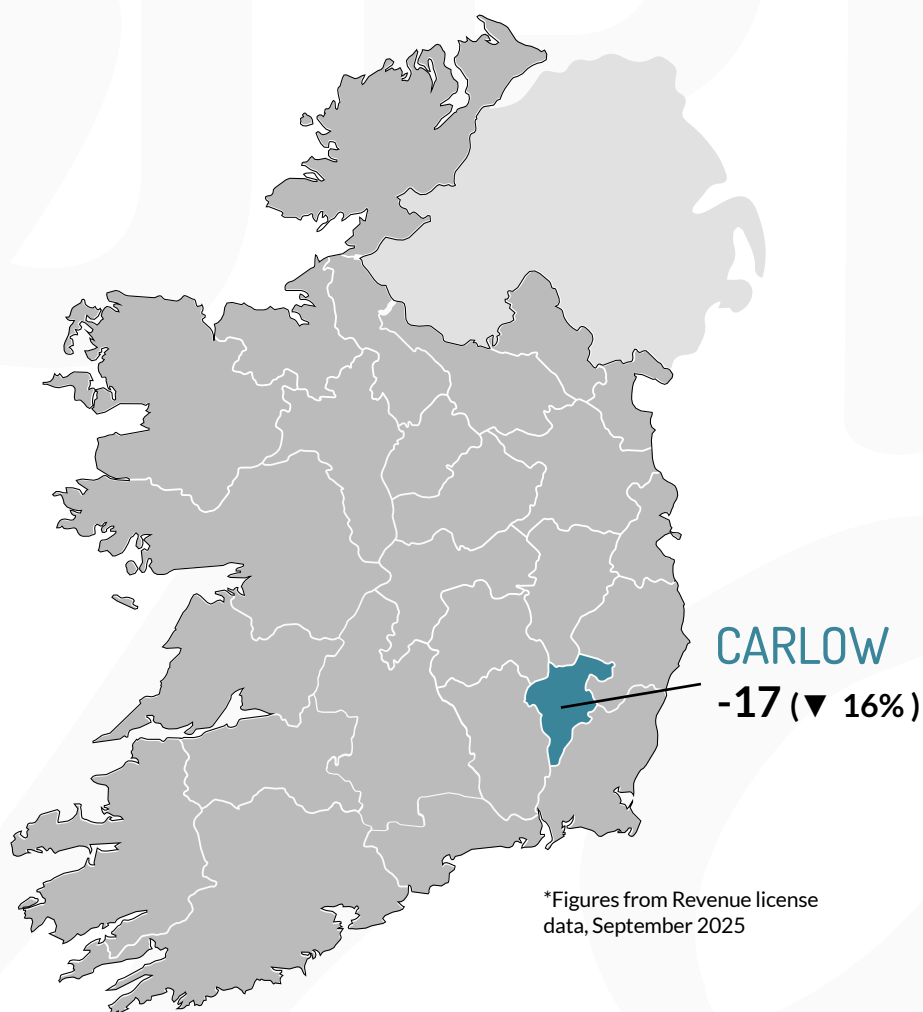
10%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	7,137 pubs in Ireland
2020	6,890 pubs in Ireland
2021	6,788 pubs in Ireland
2022	6,680 pubs in Ireland
2023	6,563 pubs in Ireland
2024	6,498 pubs in Ireland
2025	6,412 pubs in Ireland

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: CARLOW

Decline in the number of pubs in Carlow since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

17 fewer pubs in Carlow
(a 16% decline)

16%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	106 pubs in Carlow
2025	89 pubs in Carlow

2019-2025

8 fewer pubs in Carlow
(a 8.2% decline)

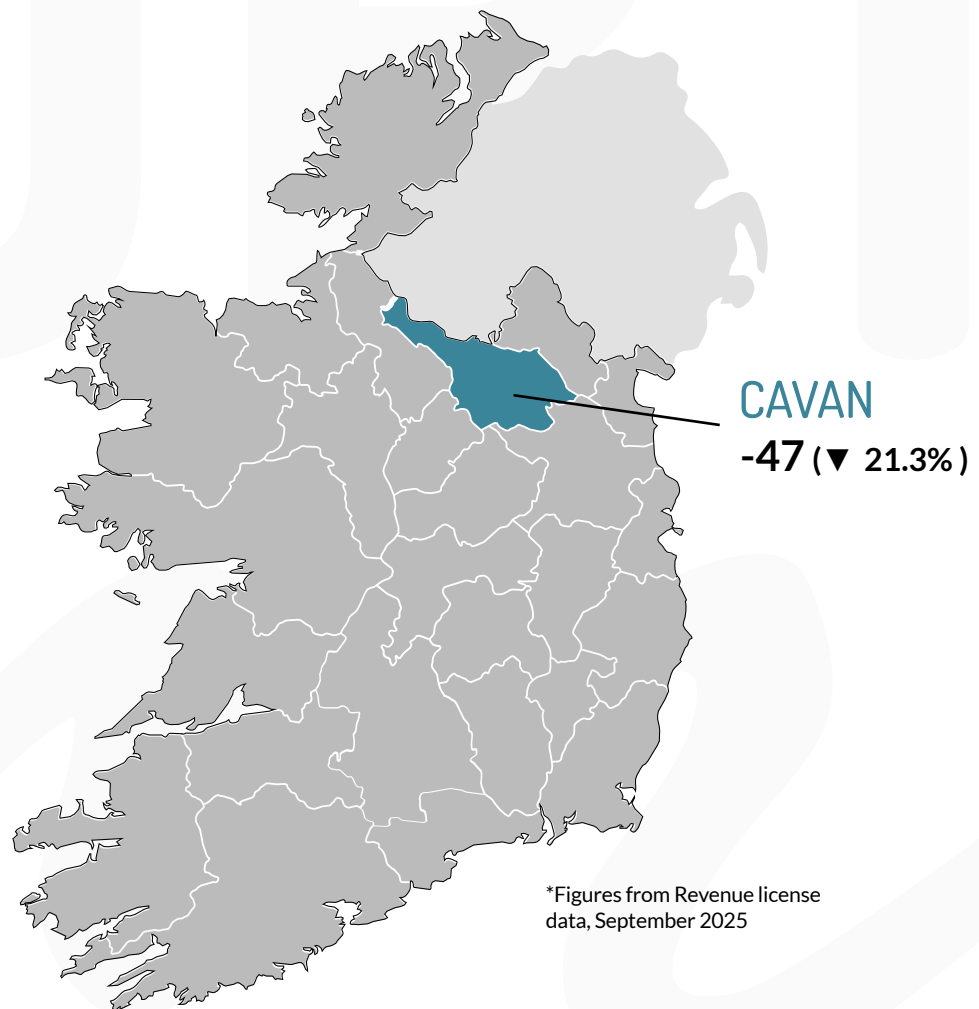
8.2%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	97 pubs in Carlow
2020	95 pubs in Carlow
2021	95 pubs in Carlow
2022	91 pubs in Carlow
2023	91 pubs in Carlow
2024	91 pubs in Carlow
2025	89 pubs in Carlow

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: CAVAN

Decline in the number of pubs in Cavan since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

47 fewer pubs in Cavan
(a 21.3% decline)

21.3%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	221 pubs in Cavan
2025	174 pubs in Cavan

2019-2025

20 fewer pubs in Cavan
(a 10.3% decline)

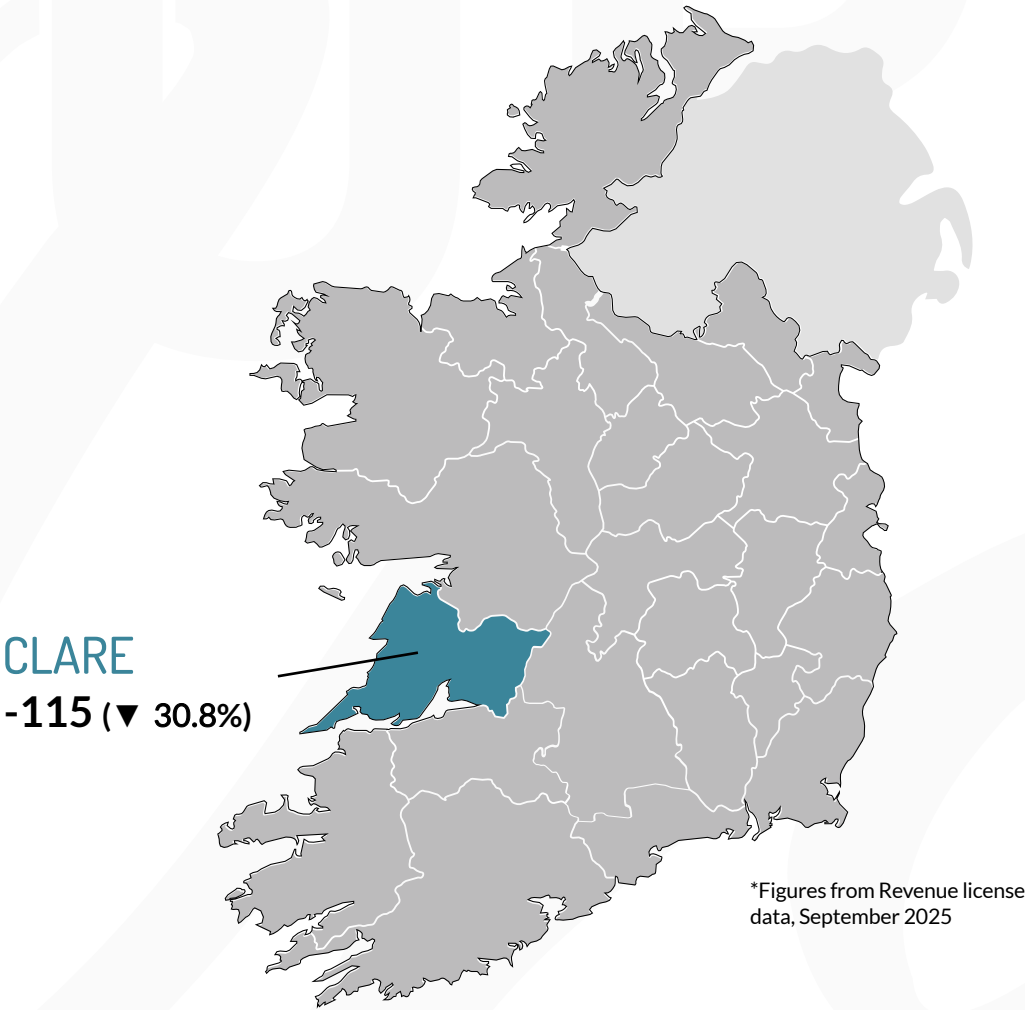
10.3%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	194 pubs in Cavan
2020	189 pubs in Cavan
2021	183 pubs in Cavan
2022	183 pubs in Cavan
2023	176 pubs in Cavan
2024	174 pubs in Cavan
2025	174 pubs in Cavan

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: CLARE

Decline in the number of pubs in Clare since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

115 fewer pubs in Clare (a 30.8% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	373 pubs in Clare
2025	258 pubs in Clare

2019-2025

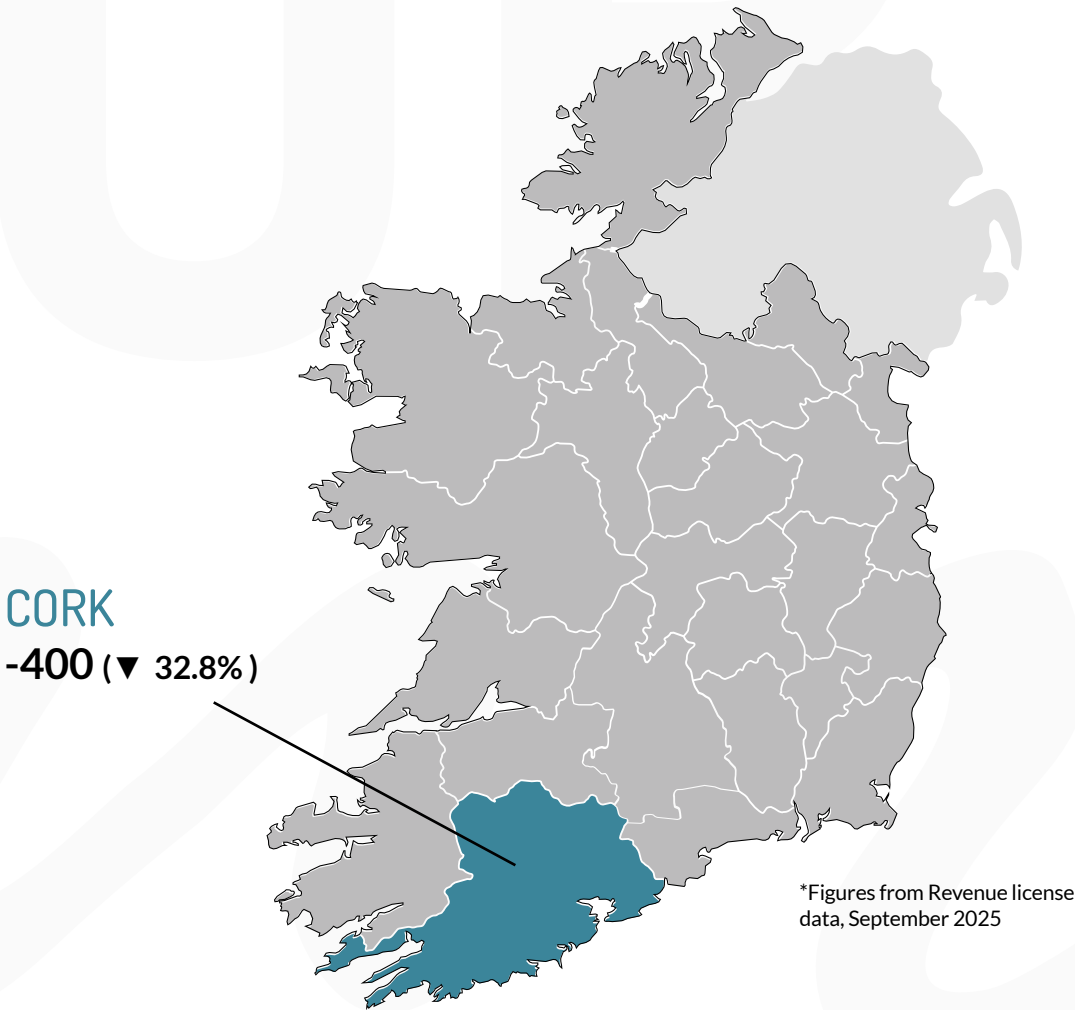
33 fewer pubs in Clare (a 11.3% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	291 pubs in Clare
2020	284 pubs in Clare
2021	281 pubs in Clare
2022	277pubs in Clare
2023	176 pubs in Clare
2024	265 pubs in Clare
2025	258 pubs in Clare

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: CORK

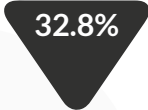
Decline in the number of pubs in Cork since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

400 fewer pubs in Cork
(a 32.8% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	1,221 pubs in Cork
2025	821 pubs in Cork

2019-2025

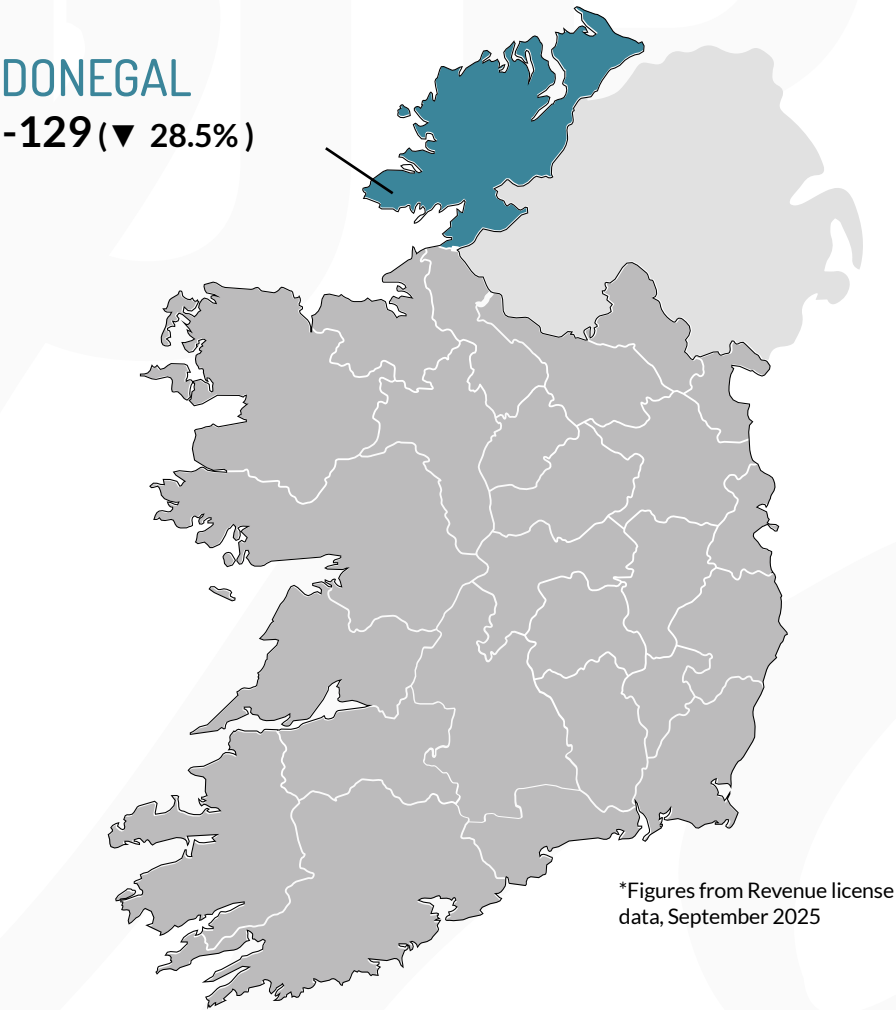
89 fewer pubs in Cork
(a 9.8% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	910 pubs in Cork
2020	892 pubs in Cork
2021	873 pubs in Cork
2022	856 pubs in Cork
2023	838 pubs in Cork
2024	822 pubs in Cork
2025	821 pubs in Cork

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: DONEGAL

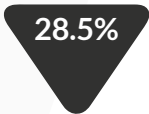
Decline in the number of pubs in Donegal since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

129 fewer pubs in Donegal
(a 28.5% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	453 pubs in Donegal
2025	324 pubs in Donegal

2019-2025

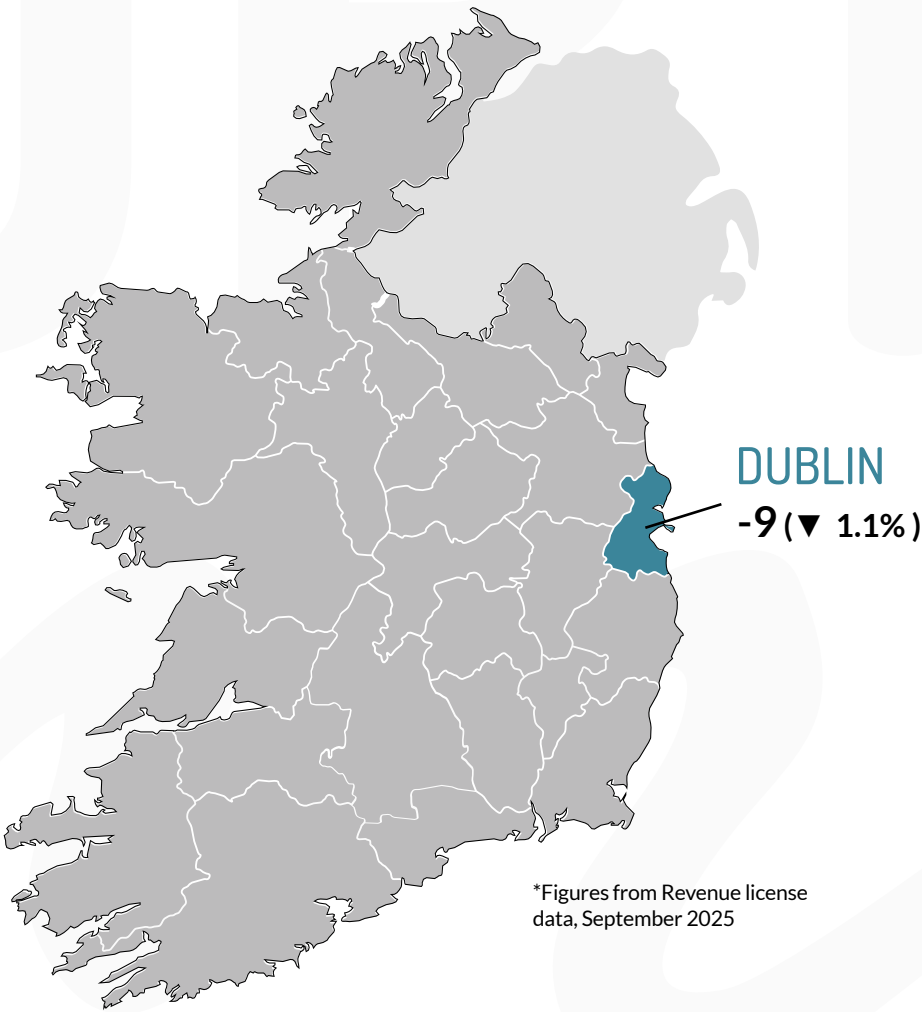
43 fewer pubs in Donegal
(a 11.7% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	367 pubs in Donegal
2020	332 pubs in Donegal
2021	334 pubs in Donegal
2022	334 pubs in Donegal
2023	331 pubs in Donegal
2024	334 pubs in Donegal
2025	324 pubs in Donegal

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: DUBLIN

Decline in the number of pubs in Dublin since 2005

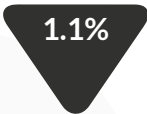


*Figures from Revenue license data, September 2025

The Numbers

2005-2025

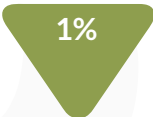
9 fewer pubs in Dublin
(a 1.1% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	786 pubs in Dublin
2025	777 pubs in Dublin

2019-2025

8 fewer pubs in Dublin
(a 1% decline)

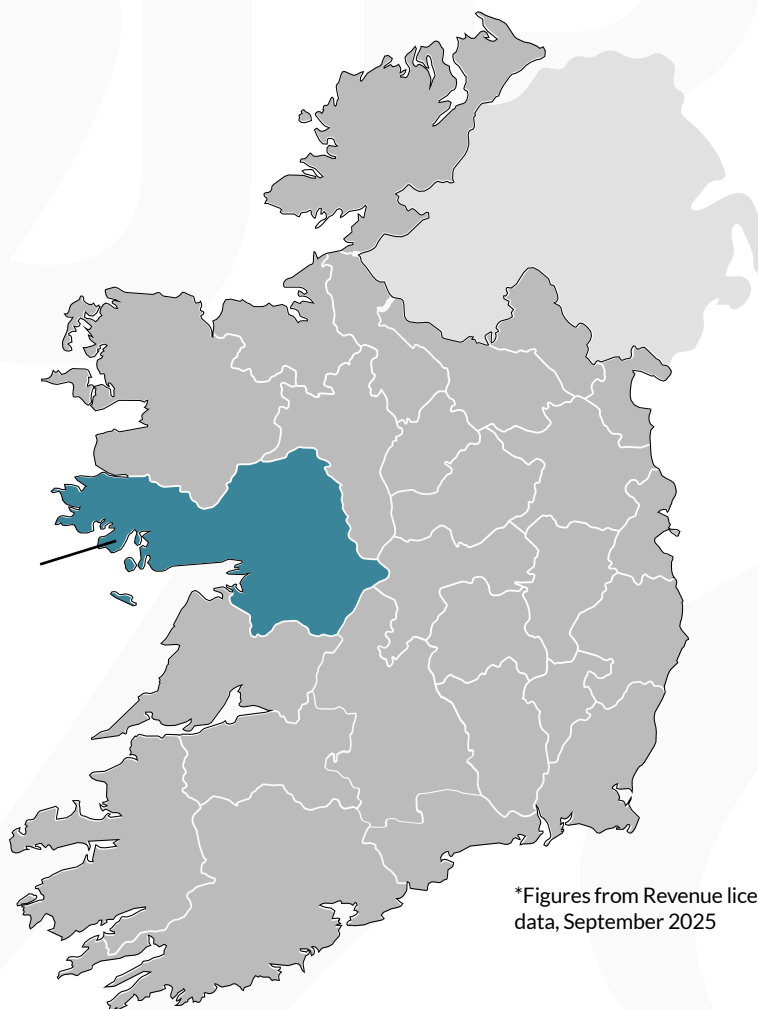


PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	785 pubs in Dublin
2020	754 pubs in Dublin
2021	752 pubs in Dublin
2022	759 pubs in Dublin
2023	764 pubs in Dublin
2024	773 pubs in Dublin
2025	777 pubs in Dublin

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: GALWAY

Decline in the number of pubs in Galway since 2005

GALWAY
-148 (▼ 25.8%)



*Figures from Revenue license data, September 2025

The Numbers

2005-2025

148 fewer pubs in Galway
(a 25.8% decline)

25.8%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	574 pubs in Galway
2025	426 pubs in Galway

2019-2025

46 fewer pubs in Galway
(a 9.7% decline)

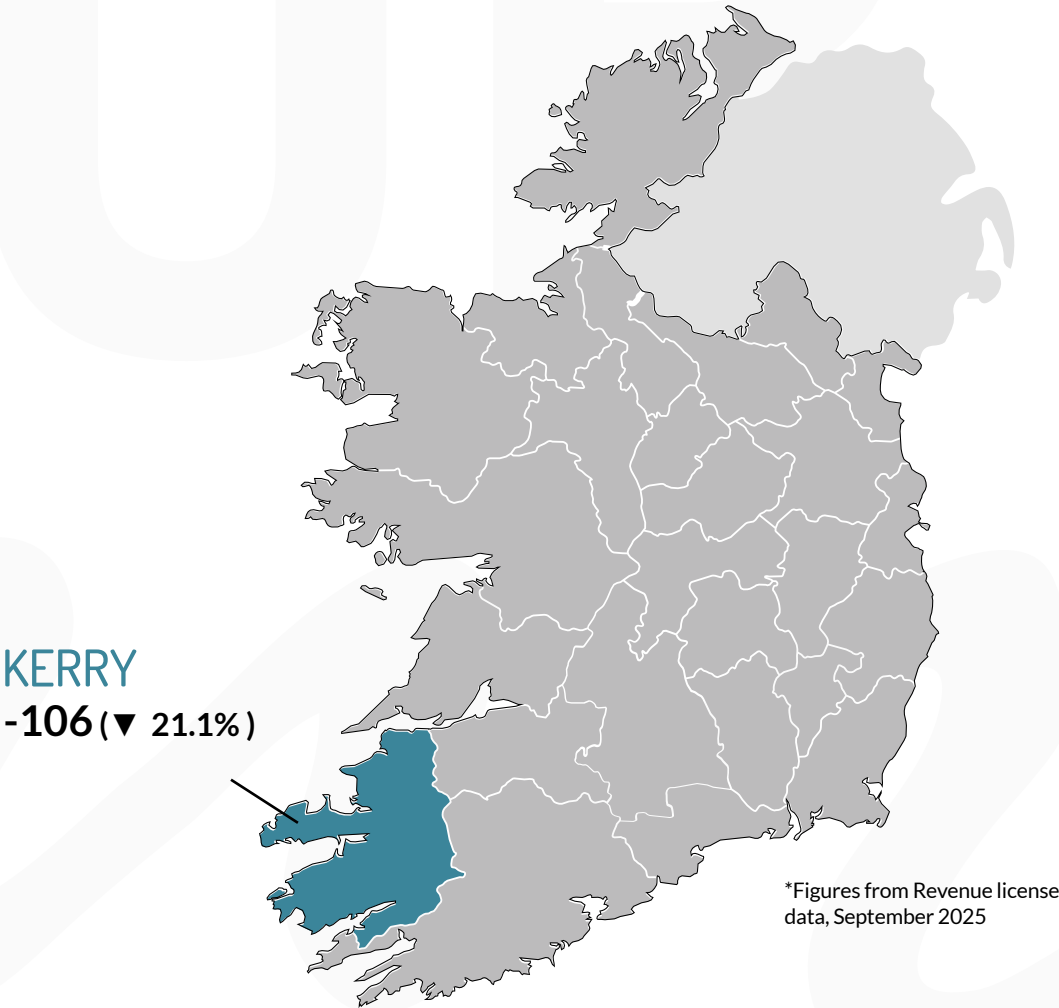
9.7%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	472 pubs in Galway
2020	460 pubs in Galway
2021	456 pubs in Galway
2022	452 pubs in Galway
2023	450 pubs in Galway
2024	445 pubs in Galway
2025	426 pubs in Galway

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: KERRY

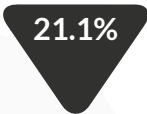
Decline in the number of pubs in Kerry since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

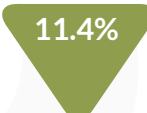
106 fewer pubs in Kerry
(a 21.1% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	503 pubs in Kerry
2025	397 pubs in Kerry

2019-2025

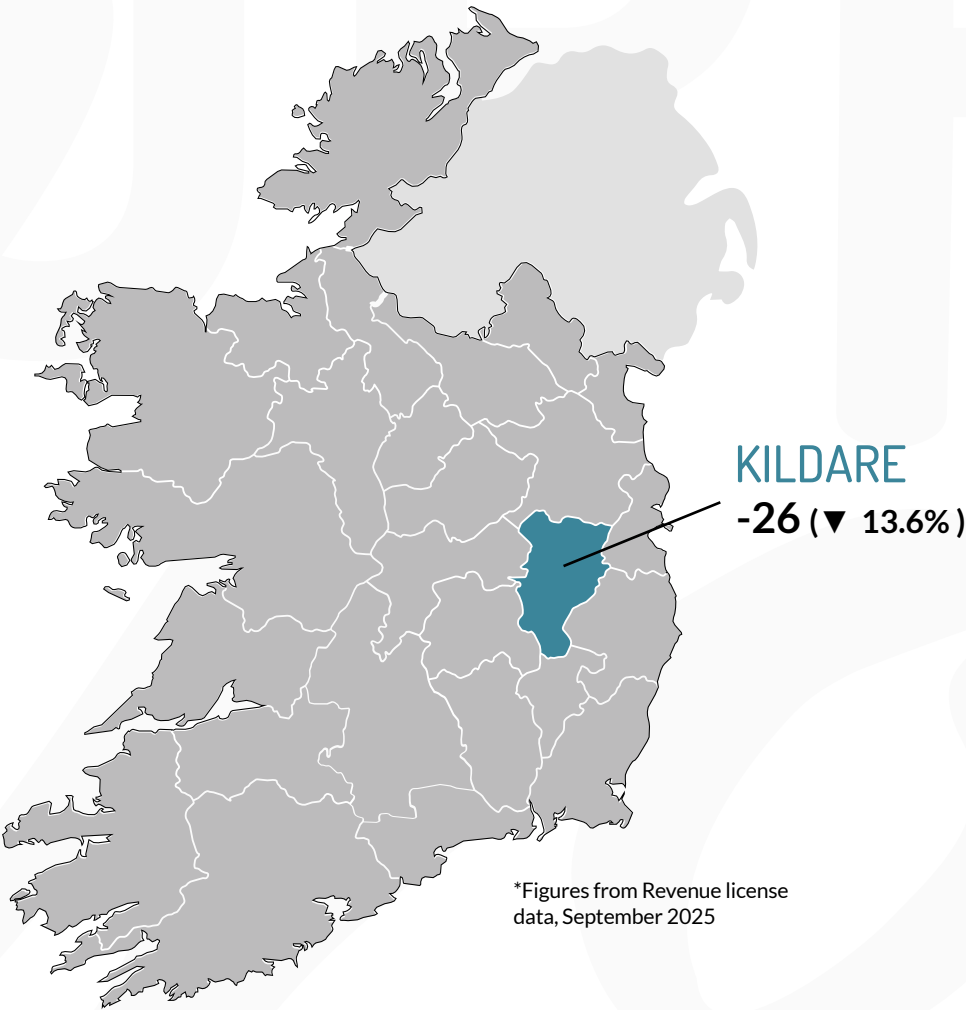
51 fewer pubs in Kerry
(a 11.4% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	448 pubs in Kerry
2020	434 pubs in Kerry
2021	426 pubs in Kerry
2022	413 pubs in Kerry
2023	410 pubs in Kerry
2024	404 pubs in Kerry
2025	397 pubs in Kerry

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: KILDARE

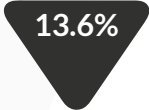
Decline in the number of pubs in Kildare since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

26 fewer pubs in Kildare
(a 13.6% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	191 pubs in Kildare
2025	165 pubs in Kildare

2019-2025

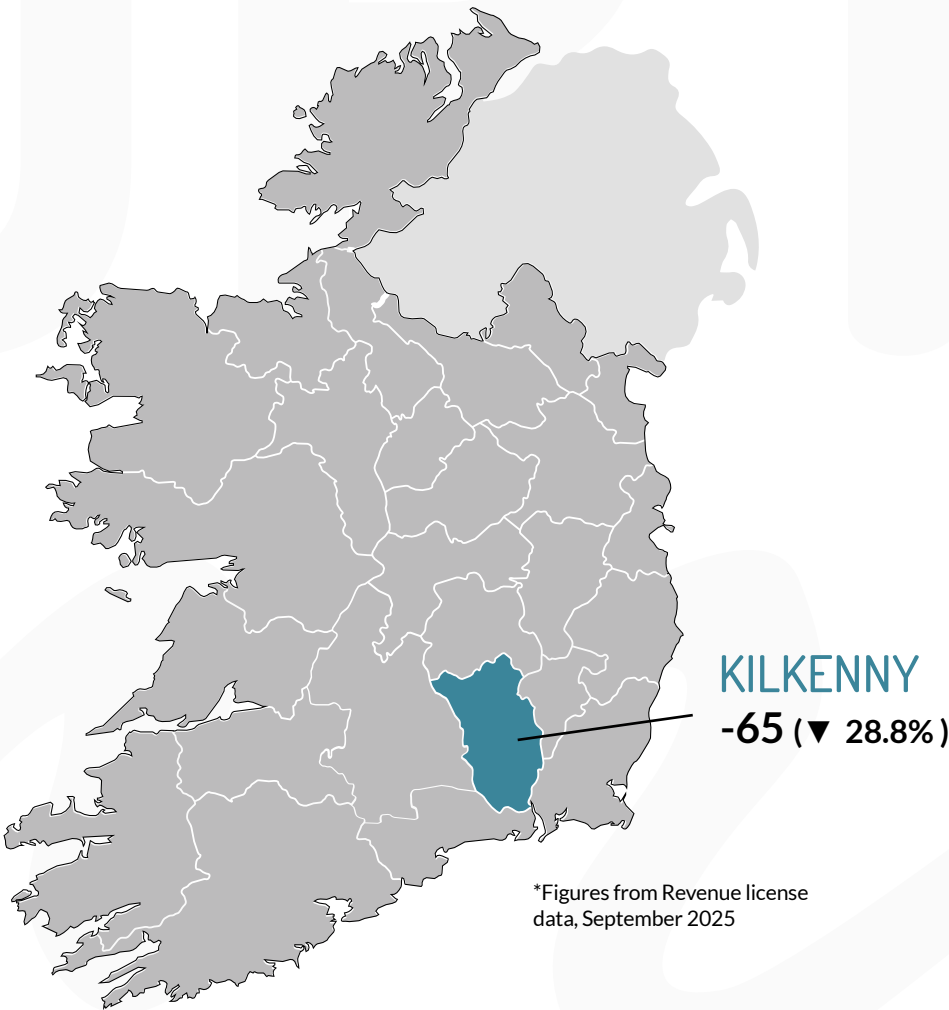
6 fewer pubs in Kildare
(a 3.5% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	171 pubs in Kildare
2020	167 pubs in Kildare
2021	165pubs in Kildare
2022	169 pubs in Kildare
2023	168 pubs in Kildare
2024	165 pubs in Kildare
2025	165 pubs in Kildare

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: KILKENNY

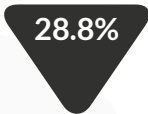
Decline in the number of pubs in Kilkenny since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

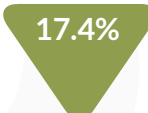
65 fewer pubs in Kilkenny
(a 28.8% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	226 pubs in Kilkenny
2025	161 pubs in Kilkenny

2019-2025

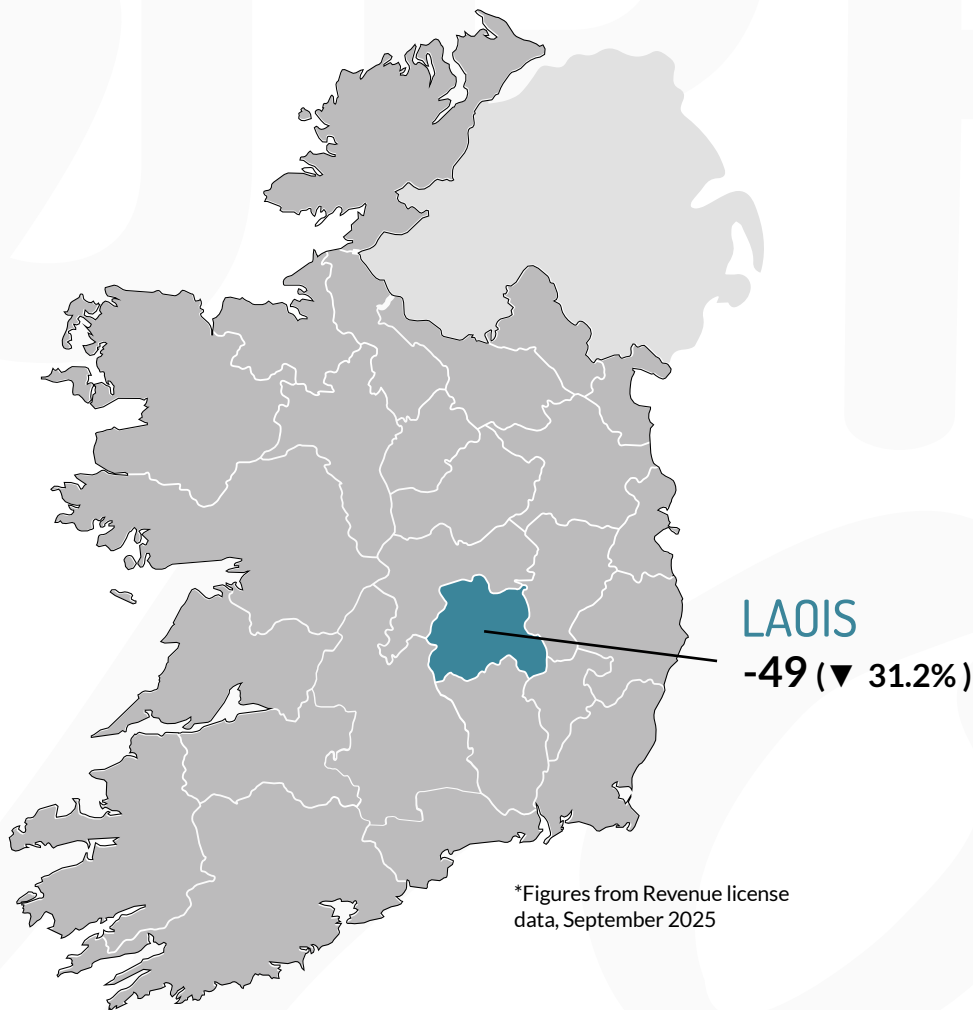
34 fewer pubs in Kilkenny
(a 17.4% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	195pubs in Kilkenny
2020	191 pubs in Kilkenny
2021	185 pubs in Kilkenny
2022	177 pubs in Kilkenny
2023	177 pubs in Kilkenny
2024	169 pubs in Kilkenny
2025	161 pubs in Kilkenny

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: LAOIS

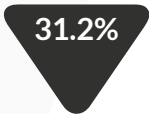
Decline in the number of pubs in Laois since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

49 fewer pubs in Laois
(a 31.2% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	157 pubs in Laois
2025	108 pubs in Laois

2019-2025

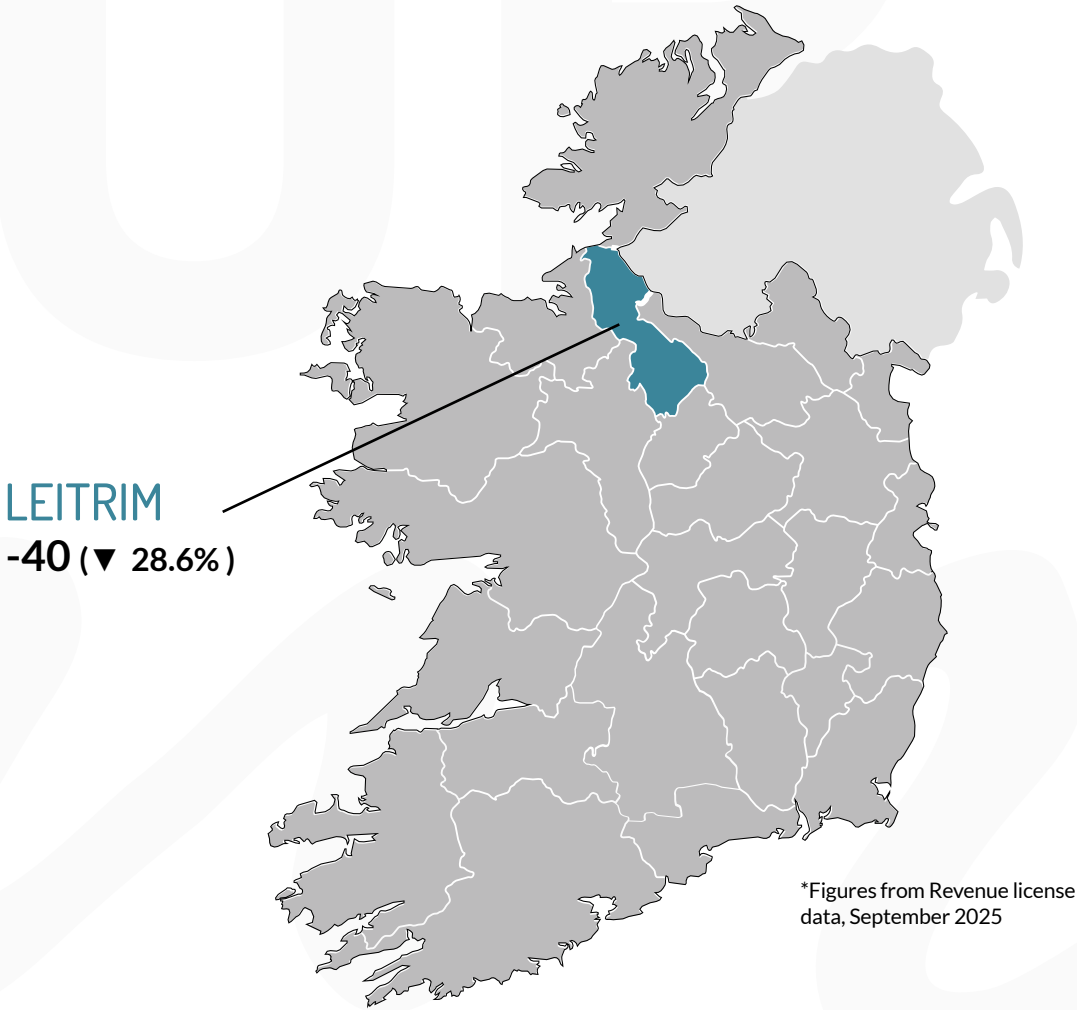
14 fewer pubs in Laois
(a 11.5% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	122 pubs in Laois
2020	118 pubs in Laois
2021	109 pubs in Laois
2022	110 pubs in Laois
2023	109 pubs in Laois
2024	109 pubs in Laois
2025	108 pubs in Laois

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: LEITRIM

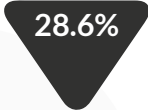
Decline in the number of pubs in Leitrim since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

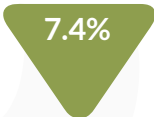
40 fewer pubs in Leitrim
(a 28.6% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	140 pubs in Leitrim
2025	100 pubs in Leitrim

2019-2025

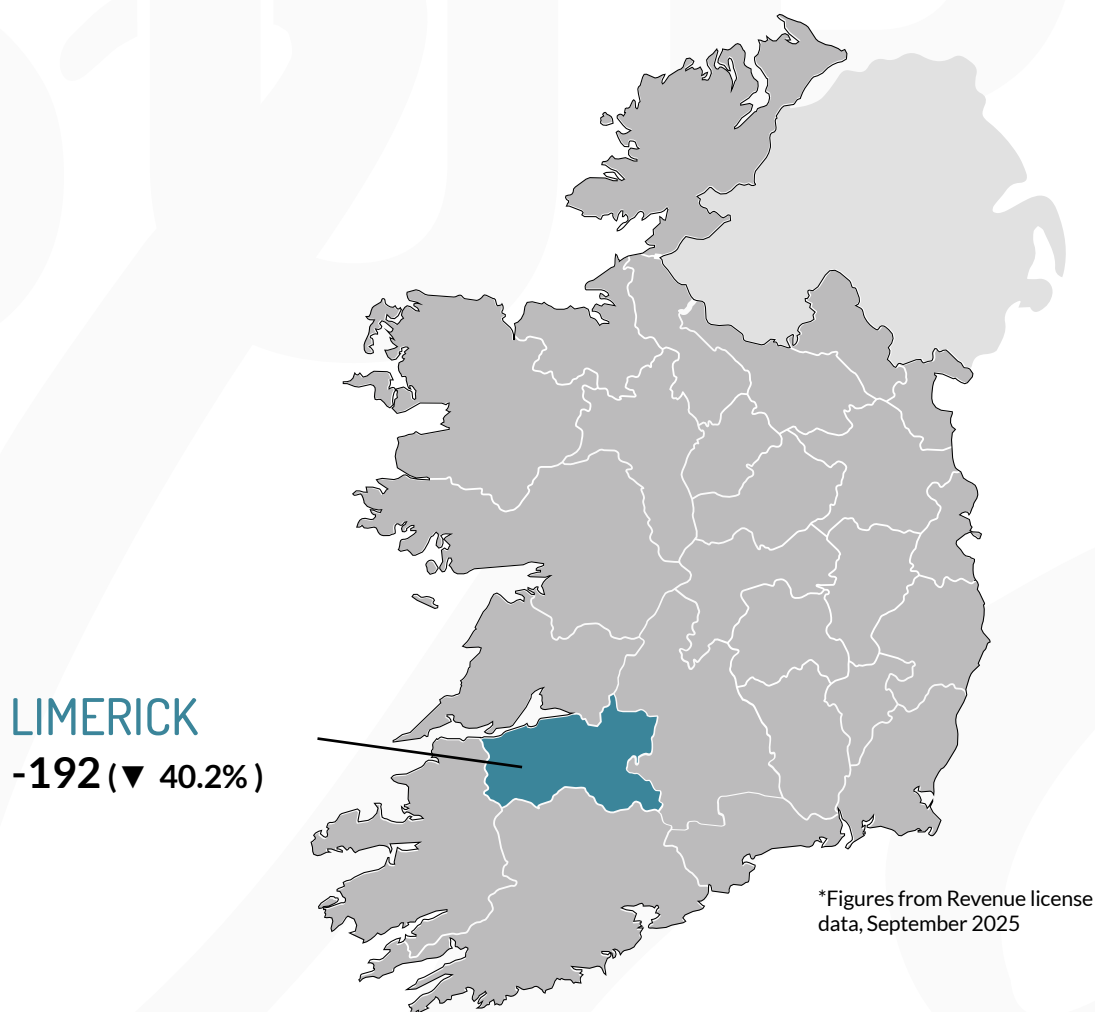
8 fewer pubs in Leitrim
(a 7.4% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	108 pubs in Leitrim
2020	104 pubs in Leitrim
2021	103 pubs in Leitrim
2022	101 pubs in Leitrim
2023	101 pubs in Leitrim
2024	100 pubs in Leitrim
2025	100 pubs in Leitrim

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: LIMERICK

Decline in the number of pubs in Limerick since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

192 fewer pubs in Limerick
(a 40.2% decline)

40.2%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	478 pubs in Limerick
2025	286 pubs in Limerick

2019-2025

72 fewer pubs in Limerick
(a 20.1% decline)

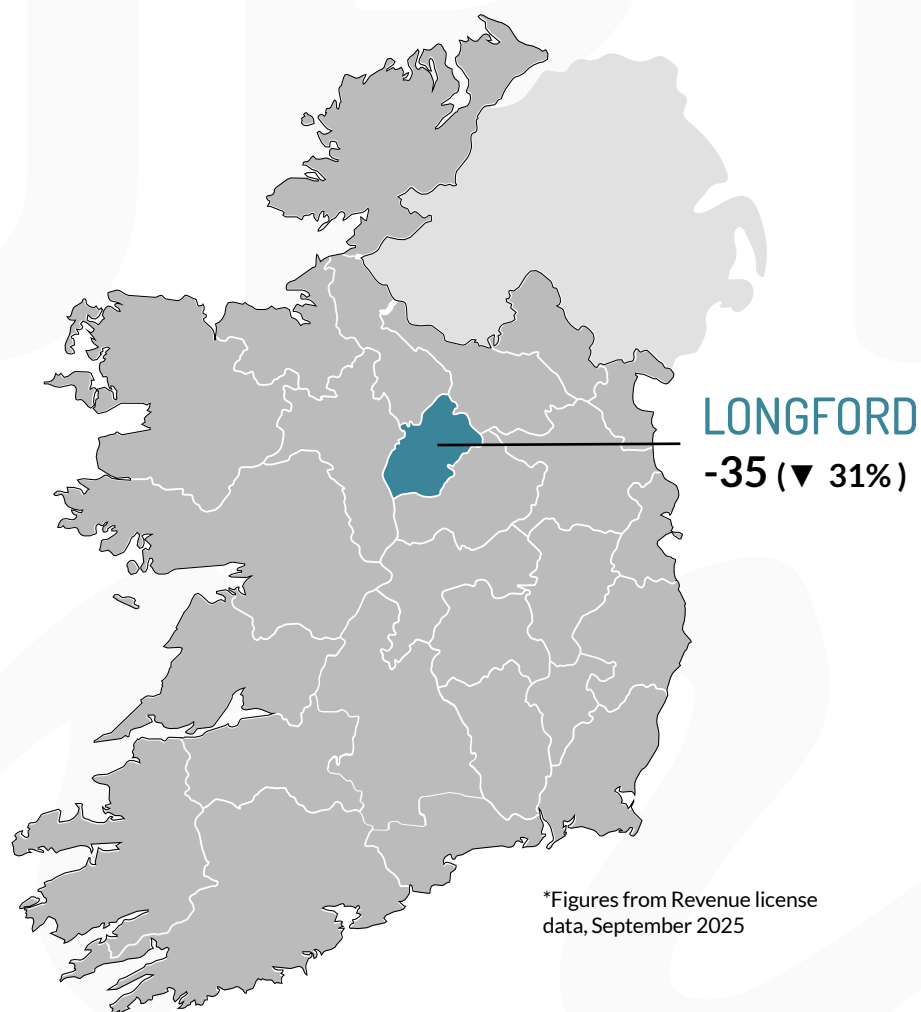
20.1%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	358 pubs in Limerick
2020	344 pubs in Limerick
2021	339 pubs in Limerick
2022	325 pubs in Limerick
2023	308 pubs in Limerick
2024	300 pubs in Limerick
2025	286 pubs in Limerick

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: LONGFORD

Decline in the number of pubs in Longford since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

35 fewer pubs in Longford
(a 31% decline)

31%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE

2005	113 pubs in Longford
2025	78 pubs in Longford

2019-2025

13 fewer pubs in Longford
(a 14.3% decline)

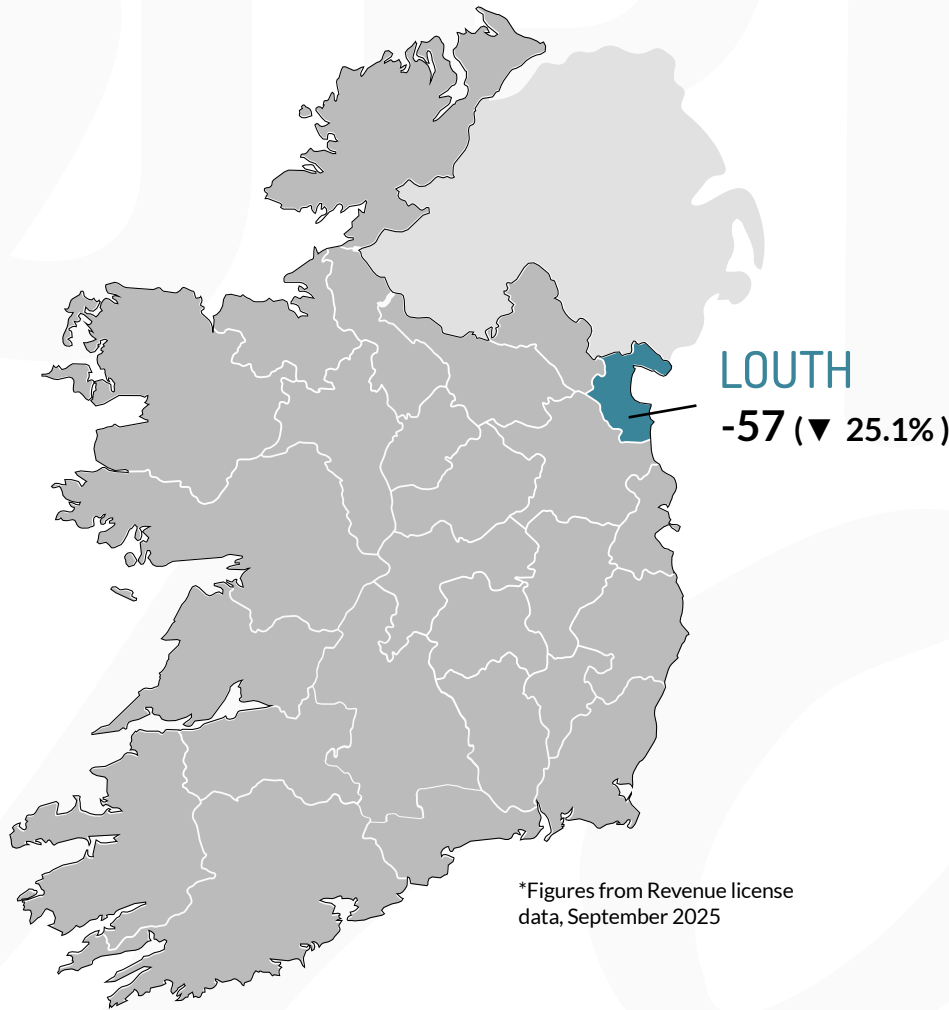
14.3%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	91 pubs in Longford
2020	85 pubs in Longford
2021	84 pubs in Longford
2022	83 pubs in Longford
2023	82 pubs in Longford
2024	79 pubs in Longford
2025	78 pubs in Longford

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: LOUTH

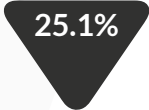
Decline in the number of pubs in Louth since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

57 fewer pubs in Louth
(a 25.1% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	227 pubs in Louth
2025	170 pubs in Louth

2019-2025

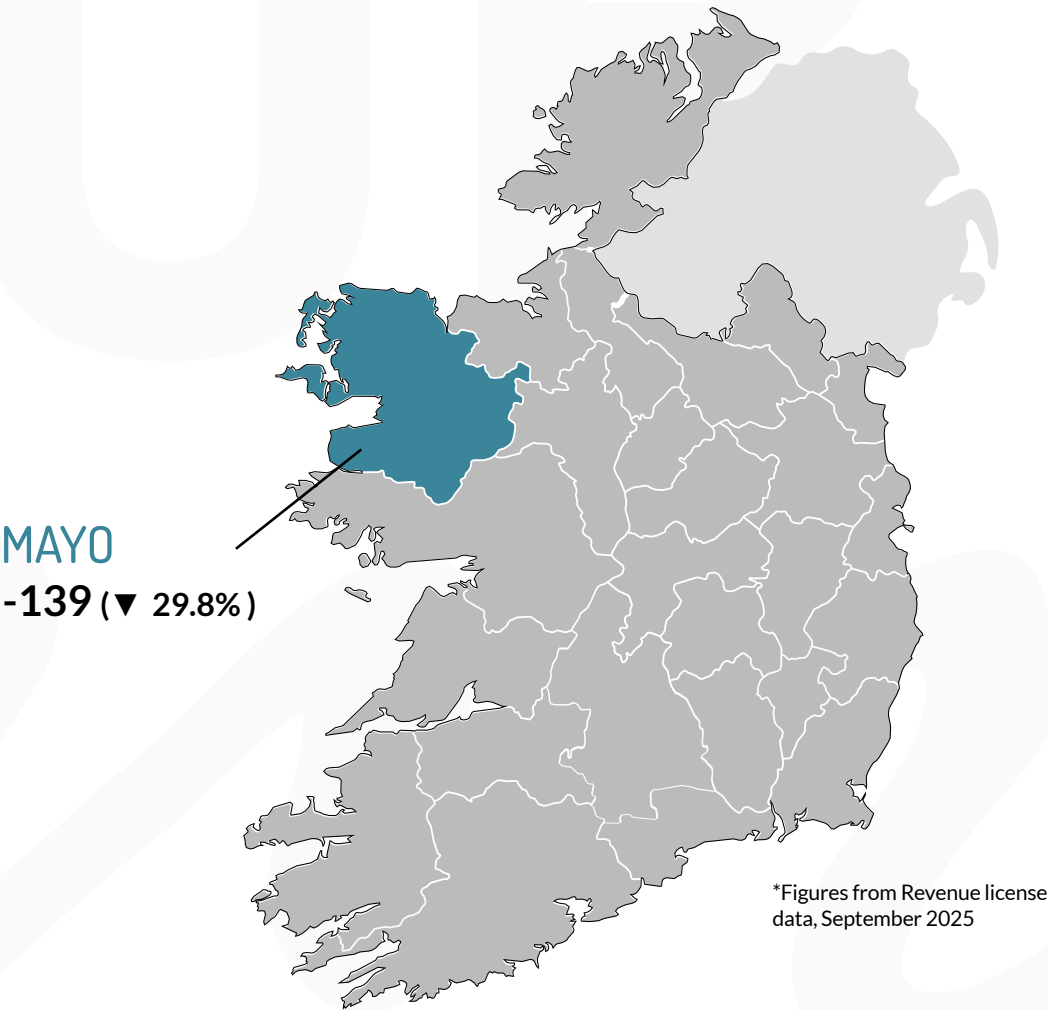
18 fewer pubs in Louth
(a 9.6% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	188 pubs in Louth
2020	179 pubs in Louth
2021	181 pubs in Louth
2022	176 pubs in Louth
2023	178 pubs in Louth
2024	169 pubs in Louth
2025	170 pubs in Louth

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: MAYO

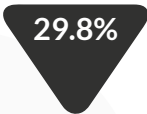
Decline in the number of pubs in Mayo since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

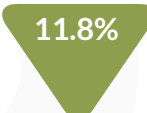
139 fewer pubs in Mayo
(a 29.8% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	467 pubs in Mayo
2025	328 pubs in Mayo

2019-2025

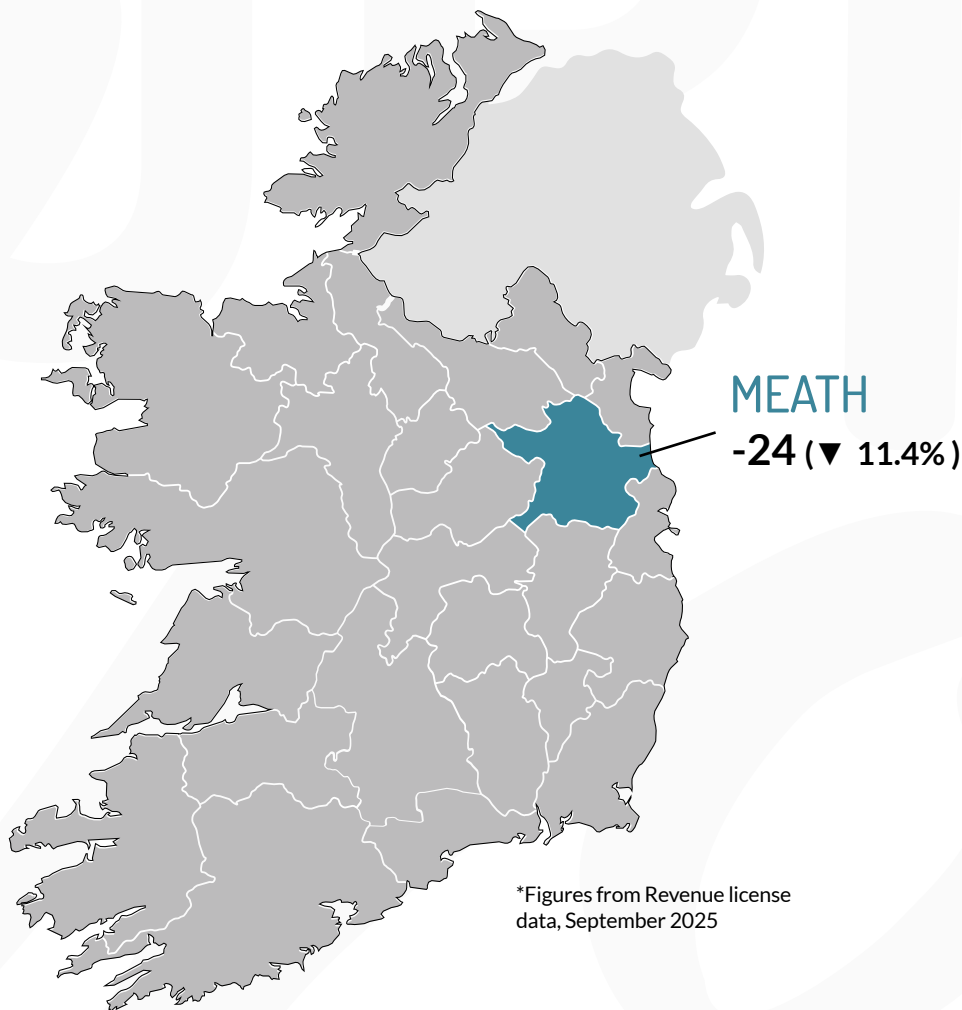
44 fewer pubs in Mayo
(a 11.8% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	372 pubs in Mayo
2020	365 pubs in Mayo
2021	350 pubs in Mayo
2022	337 pubs in Mayo
2023	332 pubs in Mayo
2024	332 pubs in Mayo
2025	328 pubs in Mayo

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: MEATH

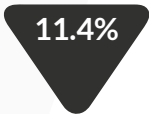
Decline in the number of pubs in Meath since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

24 fewer pubs in Meath
(a 11.4% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	210 pubs in Meath
2025	186 pubs in Meath

2019-2025

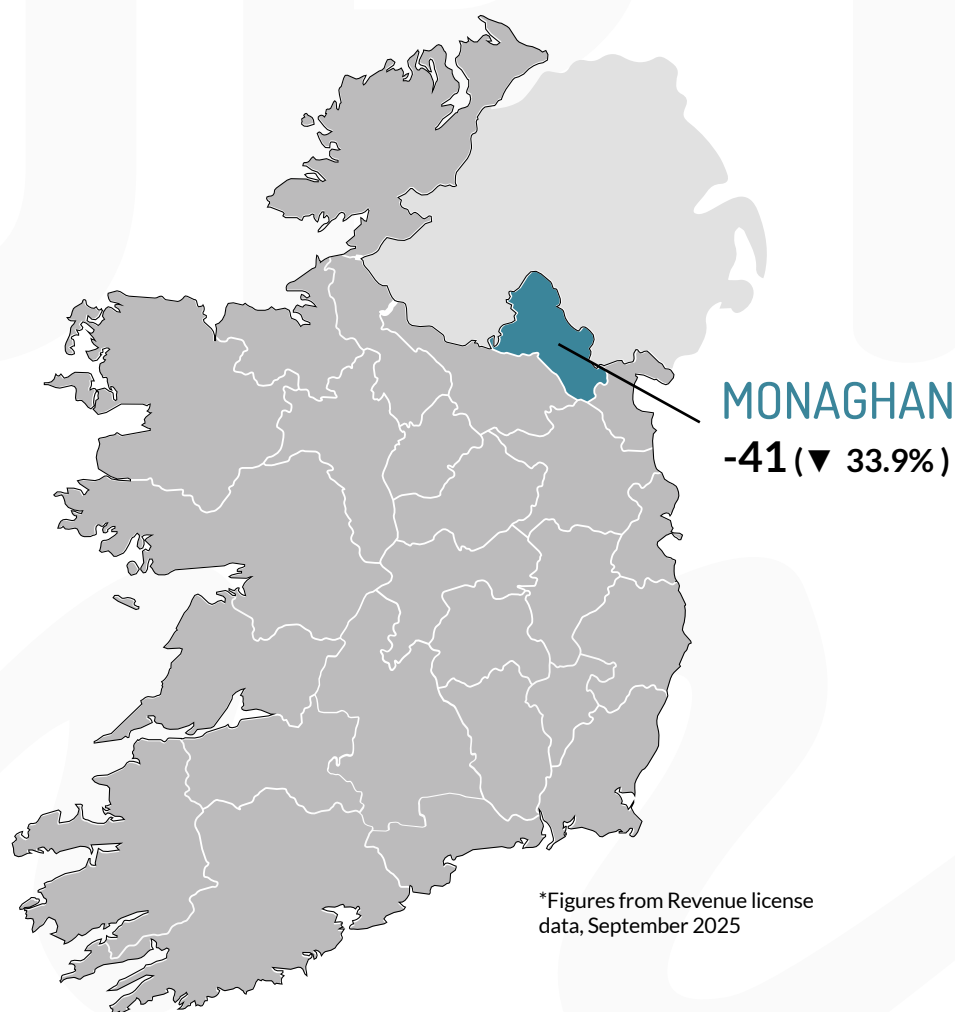
18 fewer pubs in Meath
(a 8.8% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	204 pubs in Meath
2020	204 pubs in Meath
2021	207 pubs in Meath
2022	201 pubs in Meath
2023	196 pubs in Meath
2024	190 pubs in Meath
2025	186 pubs in Meath

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: MONAGHAN

Decline in the number of pubs in Monaghan since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

41 fewer pubs in Monaghan
(a 33.9% decline)

33.9%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	121 pubs in Monaghan
2025	80 pubs in Monaghan

2019-2025

19 fewer pubs in Monaghan
(a 19.2% decline)

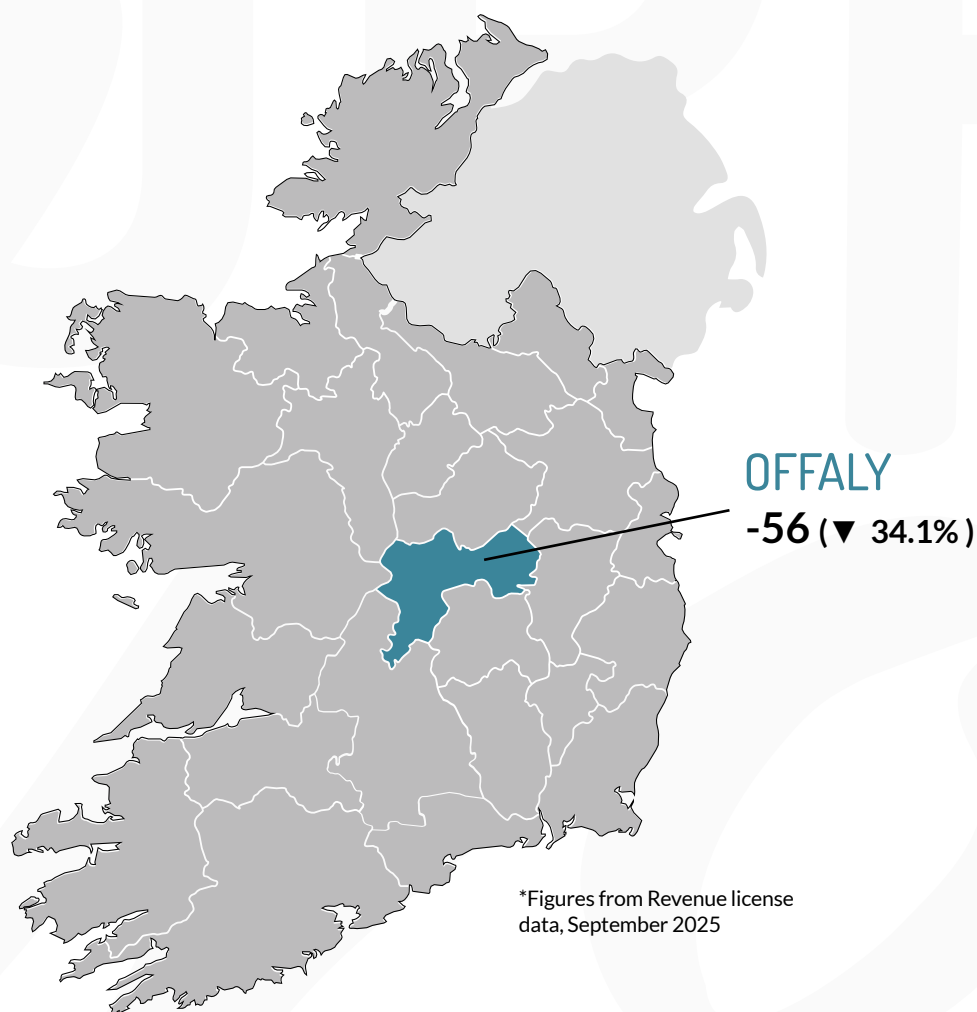
19.2%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	99 pubs in Monaghan
2020	96 pubs in Monaghan
2021	97 pubs in Monaghan
2022	92 pubs in Monaghan
2023	91 pubs in Monaghan
2024	85 pubs in Monaghan
2025	80 pubs in Monaghan

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: OFFALY

Decline in the number of pubs in Offaly since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

56 fewer pubs in Offaly
(a 34.1% decline)

34.1%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	164 pubs in Offaly
2025	109 pubs in Offaly

2019-2025

20 fewer pubs in Offaly
(a 15.6% decline)

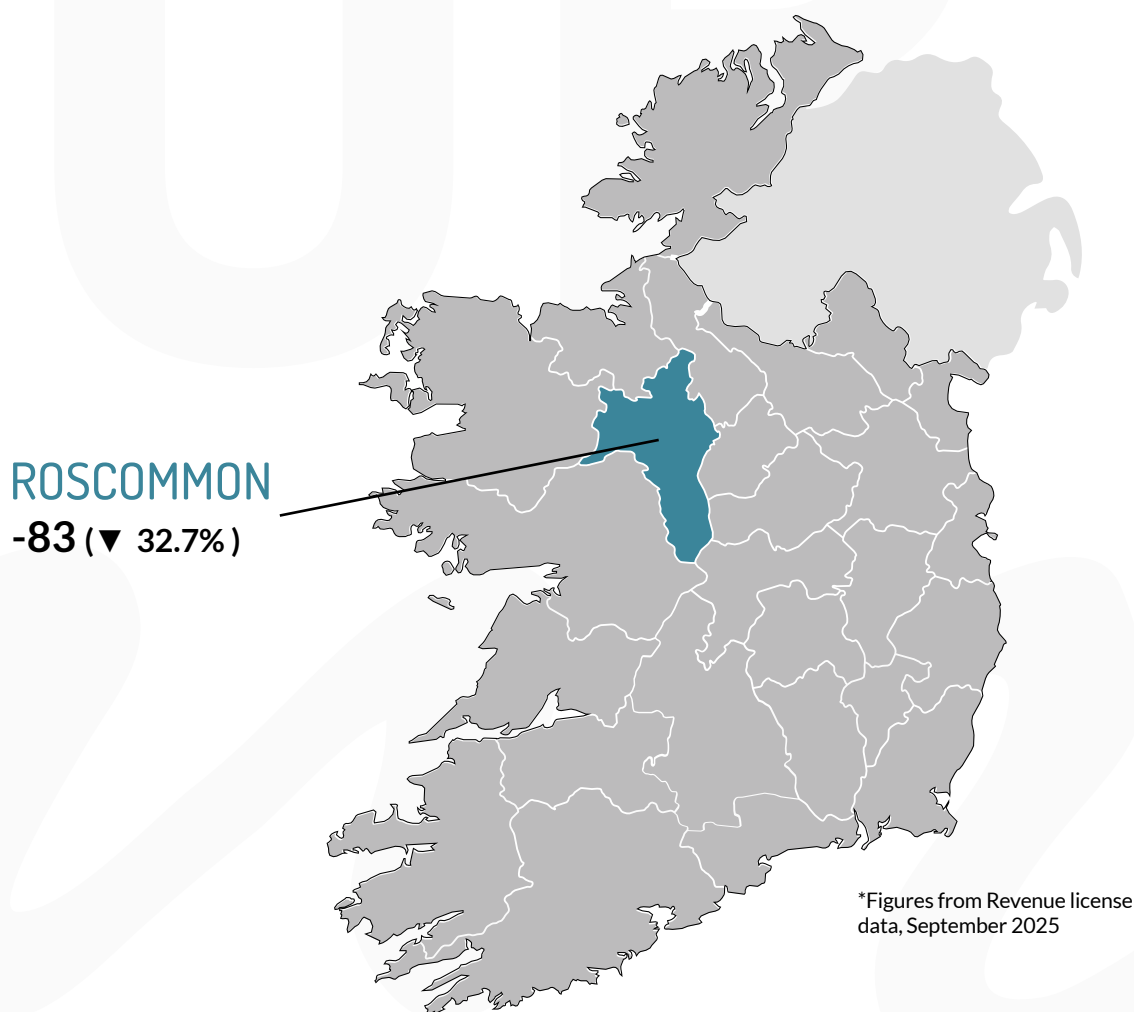
15.6%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	128 pubs in Offaly
2020	119 pubs in Offaly
2021	115 pubs in Offaly
2022	117 pubs in Offaly
2023	118 pubs in Offaly
2024	108 pubs in Offaly
2025	108 pubs in Offaly

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: ROSCOMMON

Decline in the number of pubs in Roscommon since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

83 fewer pubs in Roscommon
(a 32.7% decline)

32.7

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	254 pubs in Roscommon
2025	171 pubs in Roscommon

2019-2025

27 fewer pubs in Roscommon
(a 13.6% decline)

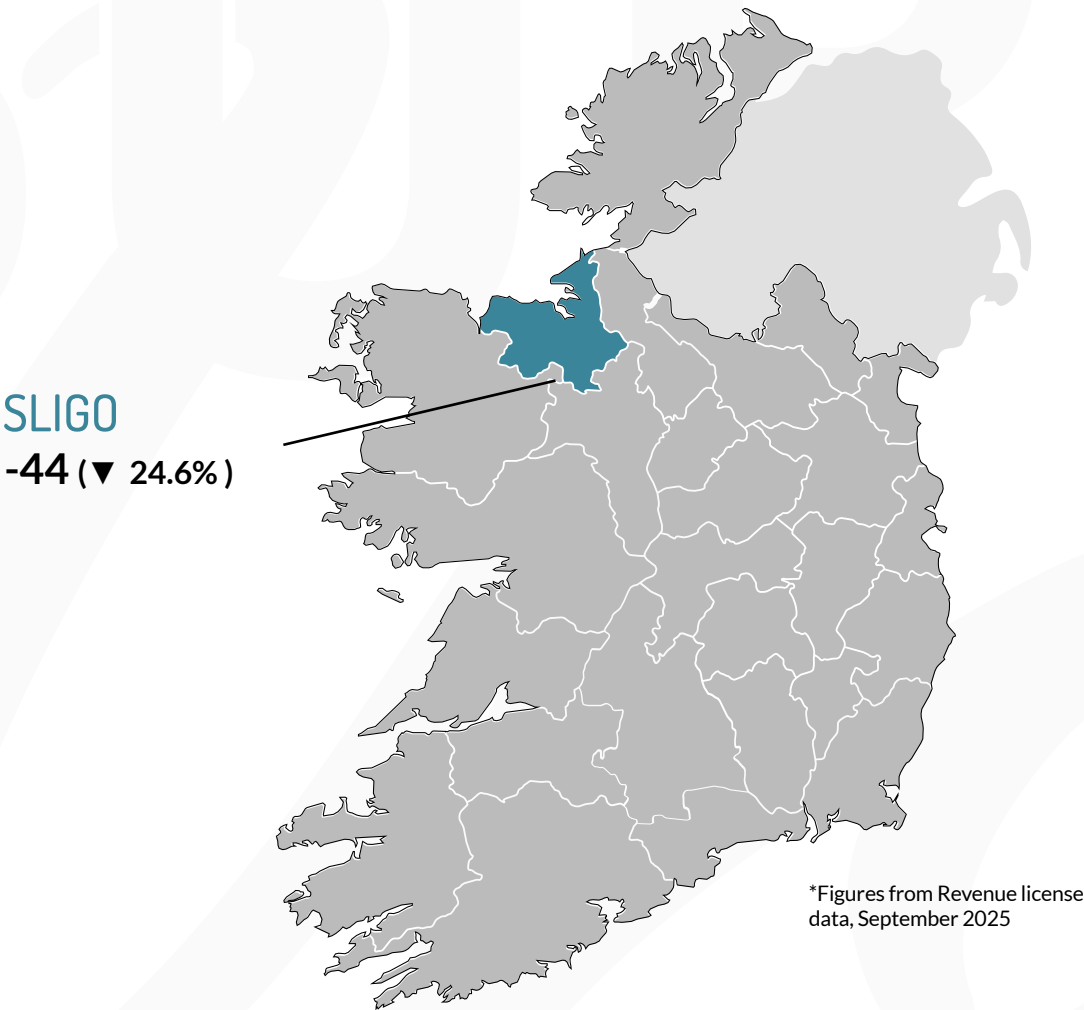
13.6%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	198 pubs in Roscommon
2020	189 pubs in Roscommon
2021	182 pubs in Roscommon
2022	177 pubs in Roscommon
2023	173 pubs in Roscommon
2024	172 pubs in Roscommon
2025	171 pubs in Roscommon

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: SLIGO

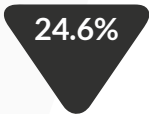
Decline in the number of pubs in Sligo since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

44 fewer pubs in Sligo
(a 24.6% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	179 pubs in Sligo
2025	135 pubs in Sligo

2019-2025

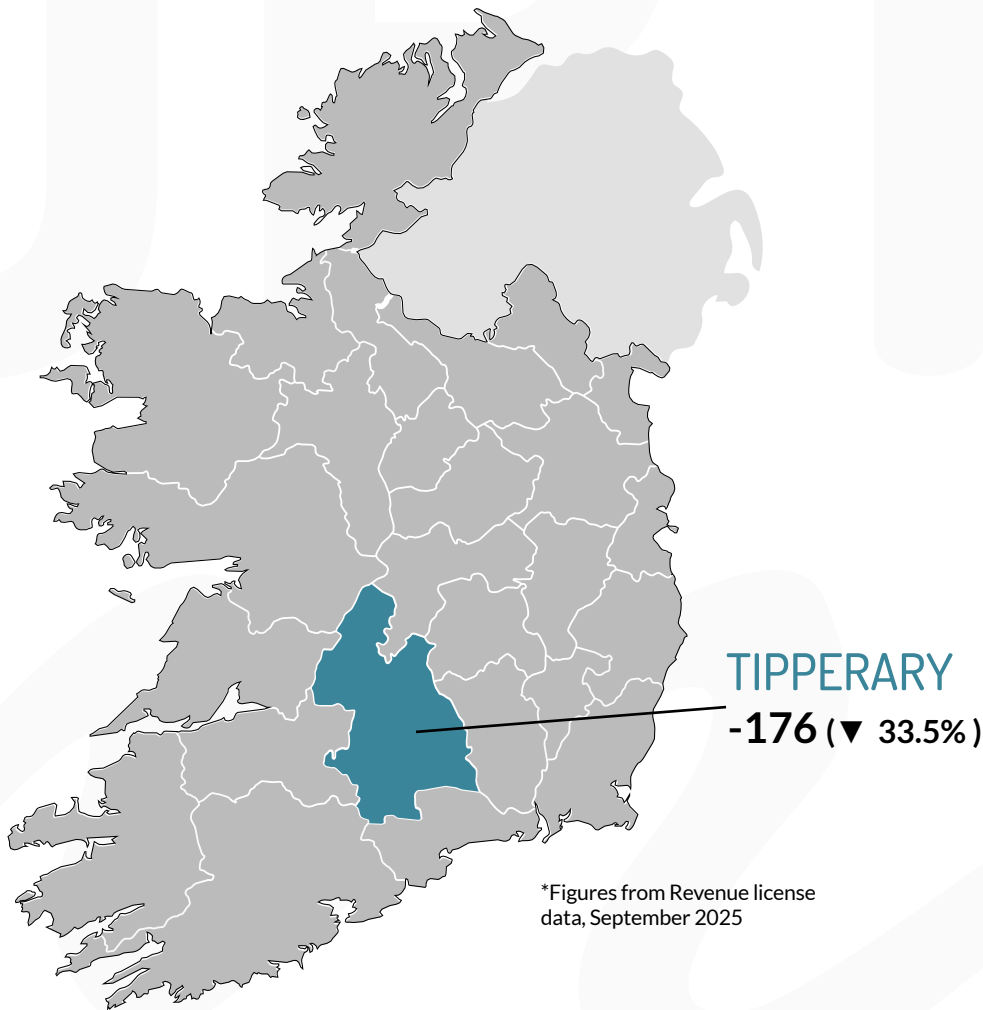
5 fewer pubs in Sligo
(a 3.6% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	140 pubs in Sligo
2020	137 pubs in Sligo
2021	136 pubs in Sligo
2022	135 pubs in Sligo
2023	134 pubs in Sligo
2024	134 pubs in Sligo
2025	135 pubs in Sligo

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: TIPPERARY

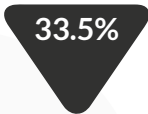
Decline in the number of pubs in Tipperary since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

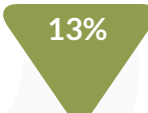
176 fewer pubs in Tipperary
(a 33.5% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	525 pubs in Tipperary
2025	349 pubs in Tipperary

2019-2025

52 fewer pubs in Tipperary
(a 13% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	401 pubs in Tipperary
2020	397 pubs in Tipperary
2021	387 pubs in Tipperary
2022	387 pubs in Tipperary
2023	361 pubs in Tipperary
2024	357 pubs in Tipperary
2025	349 pubs in Tipperary

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: WATERFORD

Decline in the number of pubs in Waterford since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

64 fewer pubs in Waterford
(a 28.8% decline)

28.8%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	260 pubs in Waterford
2025	185 pubs in Waterford

2019-2025

31 fewer pubs in Waterford
(a 14.4% decline)

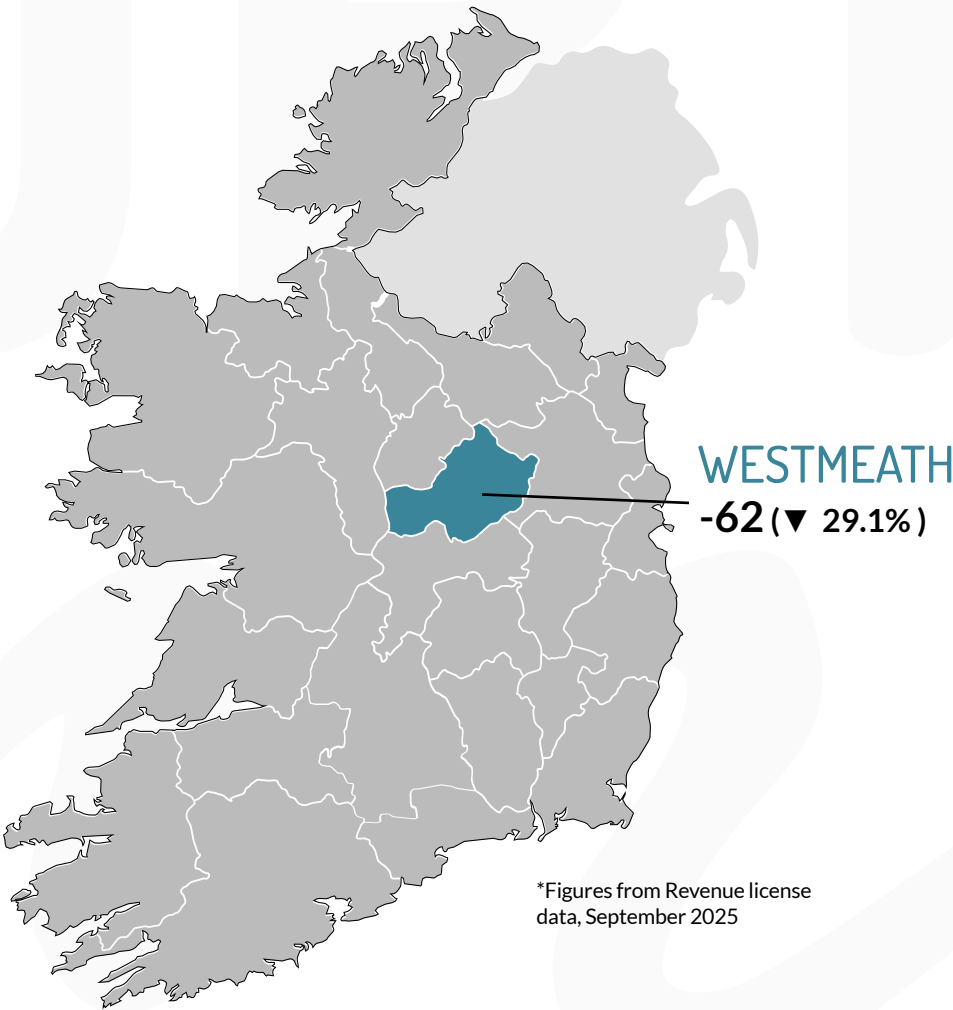
14.4%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	216 pubs in Waterford
2020	205 pubs in Waterford
2021	199 pubs in Waterford
2022	194 pubs in Waterford
2023	194 pubs in Waterford
2024	186 pubs in Waterford
2025	185 pubs in Waterford

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: WESTMEATH

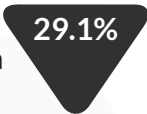
Decline in the number of pubs in Westmeath since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

64 fewer pubs in Westmeath
(a 29.1% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	213 pubs in Westmeath
2025	151 pubs in Westmeath

2019-2025

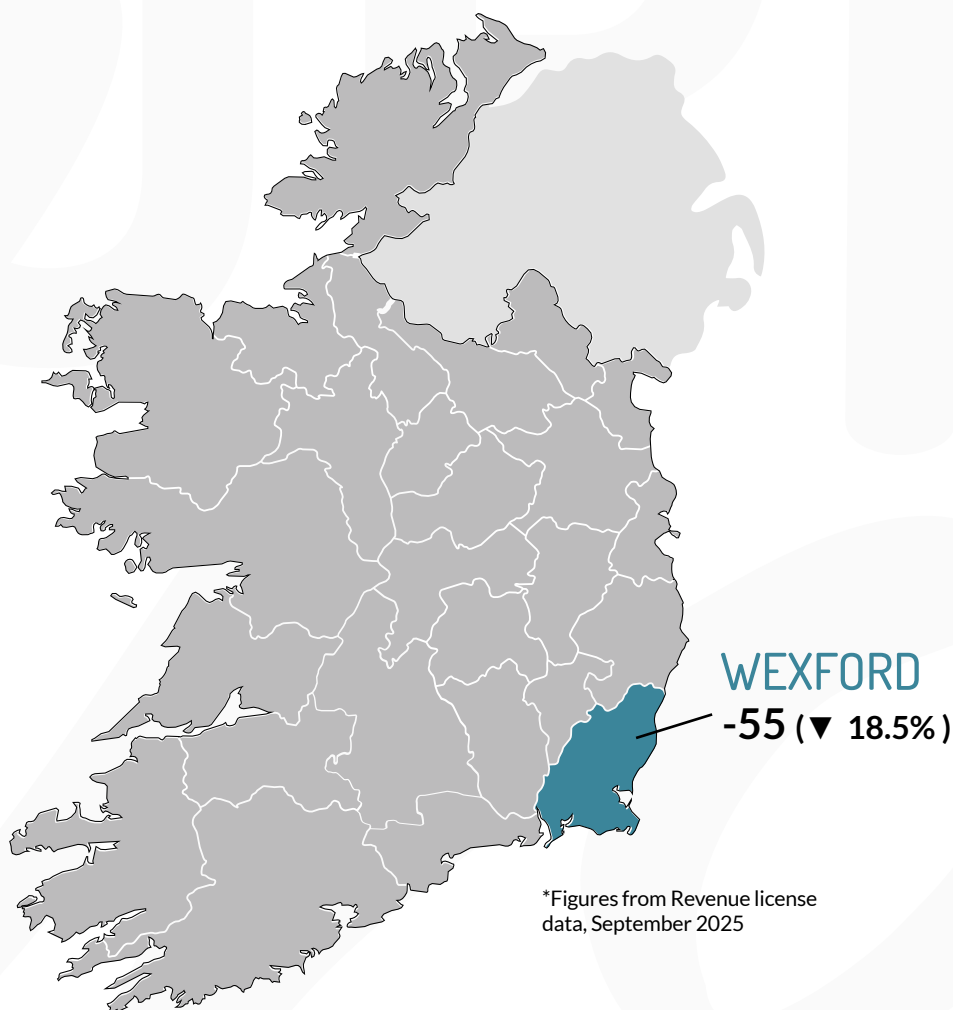
16 fewer pubs in Westmeath
(a 9.6% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	167 pubs in Westmeath
2020	159 pubs in Westmeath
2021	161 pubs in Westmeath
2022	160 pubs in Westmeath
2023	149 pubs in Westmeath
2024	149 pubs in Westmeath
2025	151 pubs in Westmeath

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: WEXFORD

Decline in the number of pubs in Wexford since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

55 fewer pubs in Wexford
(a 18.5% decline)

18.5%

20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	297 pubs in Wexford
2025	242 pubs in Wexford

2019-2025

19 fewer pubs in Wexford
(a 7.3% decline)

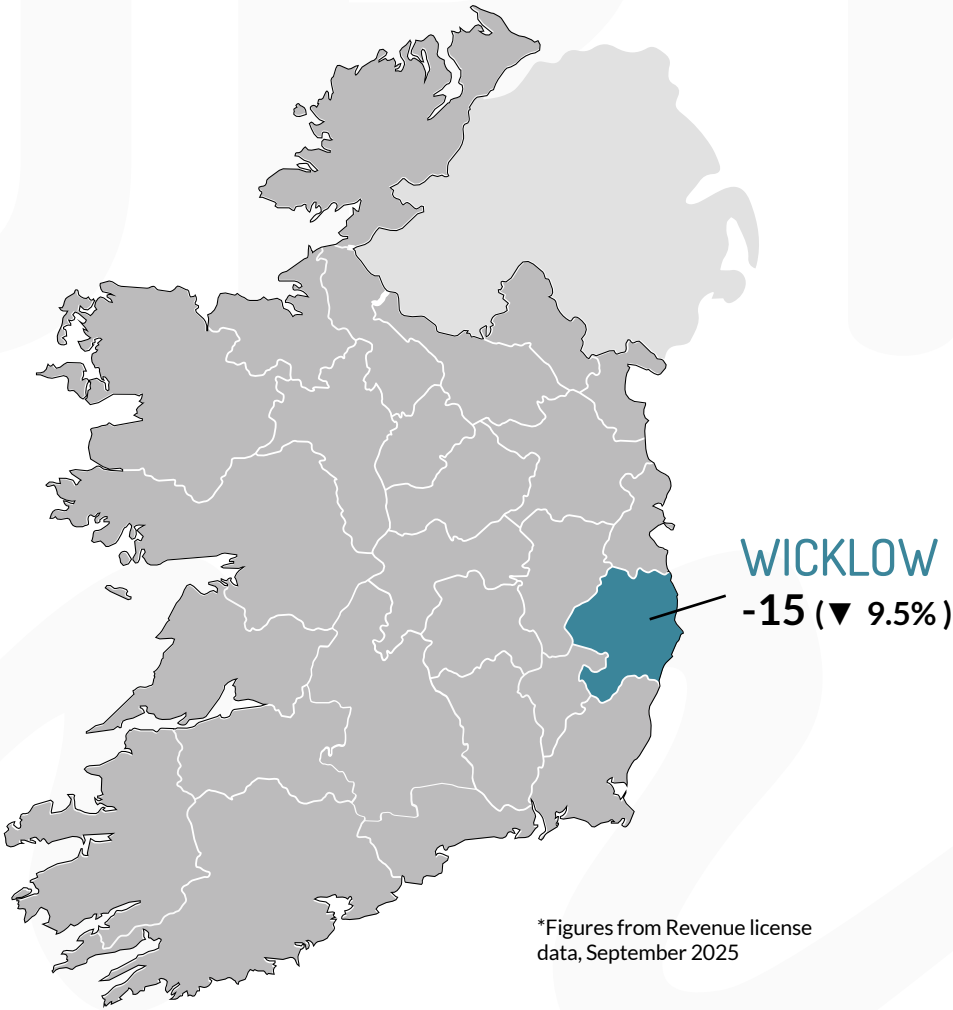
7.3%

PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE

2019	261 pubs in Wexford
2020	254 pubs in Wexford
2021	246 pubs in Wexford
2022	242 pubs in Wexford
2023	229 pubs in Wexford
2024	245 pubs in Wexford
2025	242 pubs in Wexford

PUB CLOSURES IN IRELAND: WICKLOW

Decline in the number of pubs in Wicklow since 2005



The Numbers

2005-2025

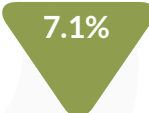
15 fewer pubs in Wicklow
(a 9.5% decline)



20-YEAR TOTAL DECLINE	
2005	158 pubs in Wicklow
2025	143 pubs in Wicklow

2019-2025

11 fewer pubs in Wicklow
(a 7.1% decline)



PRE→POST PANDEMIC DECLINE	
2019	154 pubs in Wicklow
2020	147 pubs in Wicklow
2021	142 pubs in Wicklow
2022	145 pubs in Wicklow
2023	144 pubs in Wicklow
2024	141 pubs in Wicklow
2025	143 pubs in Wicklow

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