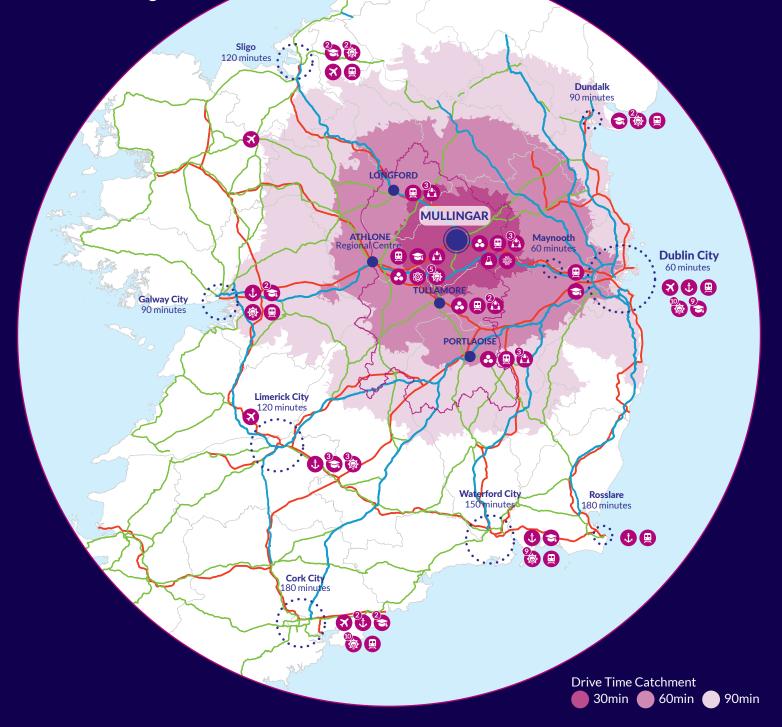
Mullingar Co. Westmeath,

Midlands Region





Who's within reach*	% Increase 30 mins (2016-2022)	Census 2022		
		30 mins	60 mins	90 mins
Population	+10.0%	467,064	2,316,658	4,055,174
Labour Force	+12.7%	222,677	1,160,118	2,010,295
Student	+11.8%	38,325	203,971	364,939
3rd Level or Postgraduate	+36.4%	81,721	490,744	908,331

Legend

Mullingar Key town Motorways National Roads Railroad Ω **Midlands Region Railway Station** $\mathbf{\overline{S}}$ International Airport International Sea Port **3rd Level Institutions** Midlands Network Co-Working Hubs Irish Manufacturing Research

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- **Research & Innovation Centres** 9
- IDA Business & Technology Park
 - National Science Park

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1 Enterprise Ireland Technology Gateway

* Based on Resident Population of underlying Census 2022 Electoral Division data and assessed travel-time catchments by car from Mullingar settlement.

Mullingar - Music To Your Ears

Mullingar, the administrative capital of Westmeath, is well known for its rich musical heritage and scenic lakes. The town serves as a central hub for the surrounding areas and has been a key driver of economic and population growth in the region. Its central location places it within just 60 minutes of Dublin Airport, within 90 minutes of Galway City, and within 2 hours of Kilkenny and Limerick. Located on the Dublin to Sligo rail line and the M4 motorway, Mullingar is well connected.

Mullingar is also the fastest growing urban area in the Midlands, with a population of 22,667 and multiple thriving industrial clusters in particular related to advanced manufacturing, engineering and science. The town itself offers all the amenities associated with a larger city with much more to come. These include two shopping centres, two cinemas, sports facilities, three golf courses, theatres, art galleries, a skate park, and a bowling alley. The town also boasts a vibrant evening and night-time economy, recognised with the Purple Flag bi-annually since 2015, showcasing a diverse mix of dining, entertainment, and culture.

A key town in the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy, Mullingar is prioritised for investment, and primed for residential and economic growth. The Canal Avenue Masterplan is poised to be at the heart of this transformation. The Masterplan envisions a vibrant urban neighbourhood featuring various housing options set alongside enhanced public spaces, with landmark entrances near the Royal Canal and a new riverside park to improve connections to the town centre.

Mullingar - Town Amenities



Business Activity & Clustering

Key Clusters - Advanced Manufacturing, Life Sciences, ICT.

Mullingar has key clusters in sectors including advanced manufacturing, life sciences, robotics, and ICT. Advanced manufacturing is the largest cluster in Mullingar, with industry leaders and research centres focusing on automation and robotics, medical technologies and pharmaceuticals. Major employers include Decotek, Mergon, TEG, Trend Technologies and Patterson Pumps.

The National Science Park is a 20 acre life science and manufacturing campus. It has a modern manufacturing and R&D campus (c. 15,000m² building area) with high quality office suites, R&D facilities and high standard Class 7 and 8 cleanrooms. The campus currently hosts Irish Manufacturing Research; SteriPack Ireland; Ashland Specialities Ireland; and LA Pacific. The ICT sector continues to grow in Mullingar, with key employers including Ardonagh Analytics and Zoosh Group.

The Local Enterprise Office and Mullingar Chamber of Commerce are engaged and committed to supporting local business development. The IDA Business and Technology Park (c. 27 hectares) has space for innovation and technology, with development sites available, along with a 4,800sq.m. Advanced Building Solution state-of-the-art building. GI am delighted to announce the launch of the Ardonagh Global Data and Risk Management Centre and am particularly pleased it will be located in what is such a special place for me. Having grown up in this area I am deeply aware of the quality of the talent pool in the Midlands, and I believe this initiative will make it one of the key areas globally for research into risk.

David Ross, CEO of The Ardonagh Group

(IMR strives for this today by driving research that is making a real difference to succeed with delivering sustainable jobs for Irish employees, doing as much as we can in our control to improve climate change, and provide a positive working environment for our teams where they enjoy coming to work.))

Barry Kennedy, CEO of Irish Manufacturing Research

I am delighted that SteriPack Ireland and its fantastic team are now joining the Sterimed adventure, with great ambitions in the Irish medical and pharma markets, as well as abroad. I warmly welcome them all.

Thibaut Hyvernat, CEO Sterimed



INVEST – Discover a connected region to build your business

- Youthful Population:
- 42.3 % of people within 30 mins are under 35.
- Labour Expansion: Managerial Boost:
- 12.7% increase in Labour Force within 30 mins from 2016 to 2022.
- 18.1% increase in Professional and Managerial population within 30 mins from 2016 to 2022.
- **Skill Surge:**
- 8.1% increase in Skilled Workforce within 30 mins from 2016 to 2022. Educational Excellence: 33.0% (25-64 yrs) within 30 mins hold a Degree or Postgraduate qualification.
 - 58.0% (25-64 yrs) within 30 mins hold a Postsecondary gualification. Qualification Strength:
- **R&D** Clusters: In advanced manufacturing, science and engineering, robotics and ICT.

STUDY – Discover your future, wherever you want to go

•	Graduate Growth:	11.8% increase in student population within 30 minutes from 2016 to 2022, ahead of national average.
•	University Access:	3 Universities within 60 mins – TUS, Maynooth and DCU, with a further 7 within 90 mins – UCD, TUD, ATU, SETU, DKIT, IADT, and Trinity College Dublin.
•	Specialised Studies:	Leading in advanced manufacturing through Irish Manufacturing Research. Home to the upcoming LWETB National E-mobility Centre of Excellence.

LIVE – Discover a new pace & more space

- 9.1% increase in walking and cycling commutes from 2016 to 2022. Green Commutes:
- Healthy Living: 84.7% of people within 30 mins are in 'good or very good health', above the national average. 60 Primary Schools and 9 Secondary Schools within 30 mins.
- Schools:
- Activity Options: Over 60 recreation and sports facilities (including gyms, swimming, golf clubs) within 30 mins. Over 30 childcare facilities within 30 mins. Family First:
- Over 400 retail options within 30 mins for every product and service. **Retail Range:**
- Quick access to the M6 and M4 motorways, linking to Dublin, Sligo, Galway City and Dublin Airport. **Express Access:**
- On the Move: 42 daily train connections daily, a numerous bus connections - travel made easy.

VISIT – Discover open spaces & thrilling activities

- Tracks and Trails: Discover scenic routes from the Royal Canal Greenway to Dublin, cycle from Mullingar to Athlone, and explore the historic Mullingar Cathedral and Belvedere House and Gardens.
- Stay in Style: 15 hotels within 30 mins offer a warm welcome.
- Over 50 Failte Ireland attractions within 30 mins invite you to discover walks, wildlife, and tours. **Explore More:**
- Taste the Town: Savour the local flavour with restaurants, bars, hotels, and a thriving night-time economy with Purple Flag status.

WORK – Discover opportunities to grow & develop

- Speed Unleashed: Blazing 2 Gbps connectivity for all business, commercial and residential.
 - Hub Network: A thriving ecosystem of 9 co-working spaces within 30 mins.
- **Commute Advantage:** 55.6% of people enjoy a sub-30-minute commutes.
- **Remote Work Rise:** 95.9% increase in remote working between 2016 and 2022.

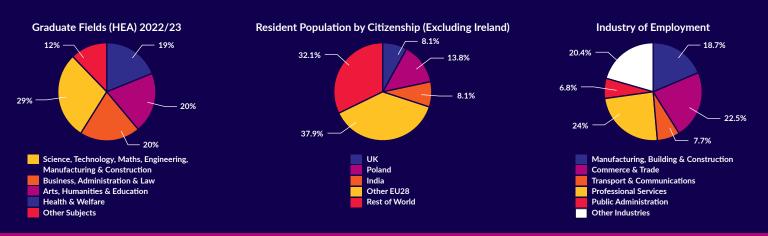
Quality of Life

Mullingar is a town rich with outdoor recreation in Ireland's Lakelands, with many historical and musical attractions. It is located on the Royal Canal Greenway, the Old Rail Trail, and has many beautiful and accessible lakes for outdoor activities, with significant investments in active travel and outdoor recreation in recent years, taking advantage of the rich natural amenities surrounding the town. It also has a cathedral and many nearby places of interest including the ancient Hill of Uisneach, Fore Abbey, and Belvedere House and Gardens.

With a rich musical heritage, Mullingar has hosted Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, a festival of Irish culture that draws over 500,000 visitors from across the globe in recent times. The town's Purple Flag accreditation celebrates its appeal as a vibrant place to live and as a tourism and entertainment destination. It also offers a wide variety of enchanting venues for the traditional arts, such as Áras an Mhuilinn and the Mullingar Arts Centre, as well as galleries for local and visiting artists, such as the Chimera Gallery and the Atrium.

Sustainable Energy Community Mullingar

The Mullingar Sustainable Energy Community (MSEC) was established in 2018 with the support of the Mullingar Chamber of Commerce. Currently, it is actively engaged in the development of a 5MW community-owned solar farm. The MSEC have been shortlisted for a national sustainable energy award in 2023, acknowledging its pivotal role in guiding Mullingar towards achieving net zero emissions by 2050. Earlier that year the group released the first Energy Master Plan for Mullingar which sets out a roadmap to help the town reach its ambitious target of zero carbon.



Education, Training & Skills

The main education, training and skills offerings in Mullingar include the two Longford & Westmeath Education and Training Board (LWETB) FET campuses, the Mullingar Community Training Centre, Irish Manufacturing Research and the upcoming E-mobility Centre of Excellence.

The strategic location of Mullingar offers convenient access to several third-level institutions including TUS Athlone, Maynooth University, and DCU, all within 60-minutes. This unrivalled diverse educational accessibility enhances the status of the town as an educational hub, facilitating both lifelong learning opportunities and career advancement for its residents.

Irish Manufacturing Research (IMR) in Mullingar offers specialised accredited learning courses in a range of modules, including – innovation through robotics, artificial intelligence & machine learning for manufacturing, geometric dimensioning & tolerancing, and many more. Plans for a National eMobility Capability Centre (NeMCC) were announced by Taoiseach Simon Harris (November 2023). This national centre will be based in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. The training centre will be a hub for innovation, research, further education and training (FET) for motor mechanics and EV technicians to attain the necessary skills, knowledge and competence in electrical modes of transportation. The centre will be pivotal in driving forward the adoption of sustainable transportation and technological advances in the region hosted by the LWETB.

The LWETB is dedicated to supporting individuals entering the labour market, transitioning careers, or expanding their skill sets. However, they are now placing an increasing emphasis on enterprise support and upskilling in futureready skills such as advanced manufacturing, sustainability, and digitalisation. The LWETB operates two FETC campuses in Mullingar, as well as the Mullingar Community Training Centre. These campuses offer a diverse array of courses, including Level 5 and Level 6 QQI courses covering disciplines such as Engineering, Health Care, Business, IT, and Applied Social Studies.









