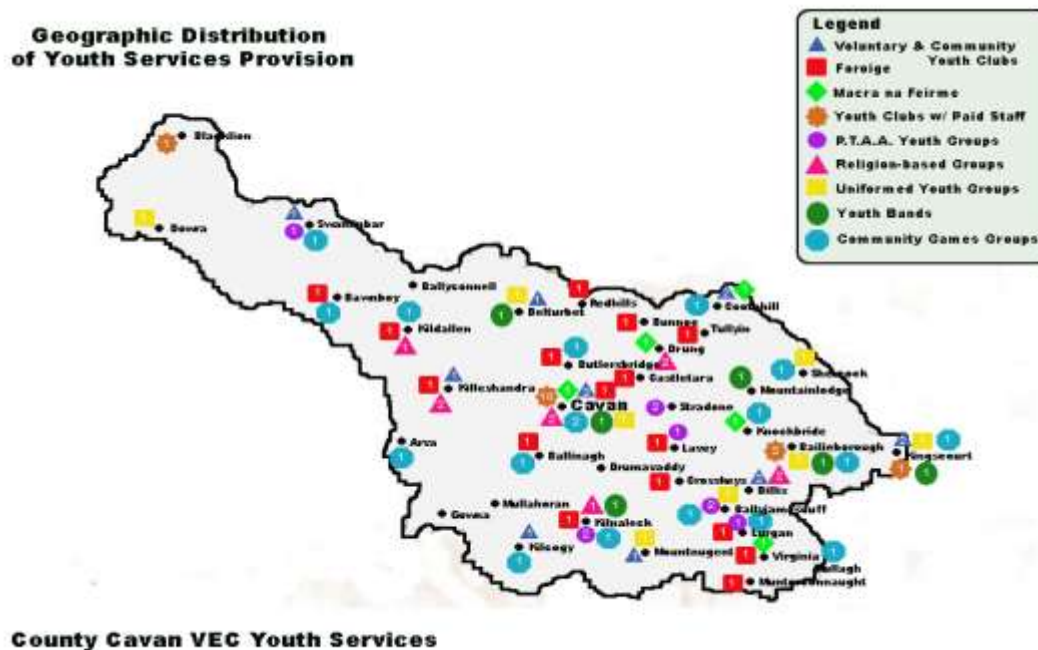


TAB - Profile of Youth Provision in County Cavan

A complete Profile of Youth Service Provision is available within [Co. Cavan VEC Youth Service Audit](#) but a brief summary account is given below;

Geographic Distribution of Youth Service Provision

Throughout Co Cavan, clear correlation exists between the population density of an area and the opportunities available there for young people in terms of youth service provision. By virtue of the county's main town Cavan having the largest cohort of young people it also has the largest number of youth clubs and groups in operation. Contrasting this quickly with the county's rural parts of West Cavan, one can see that the youth population is on an onwards decline and a great lack of youth service provision exist.



Youth Population

According to figures released by the CSO's 2006 census, the population of young people from 0-24 years stands on average across the county at 36%, whilst 13,338 young people or one fifth of the population are aged between 10 and 24 years.

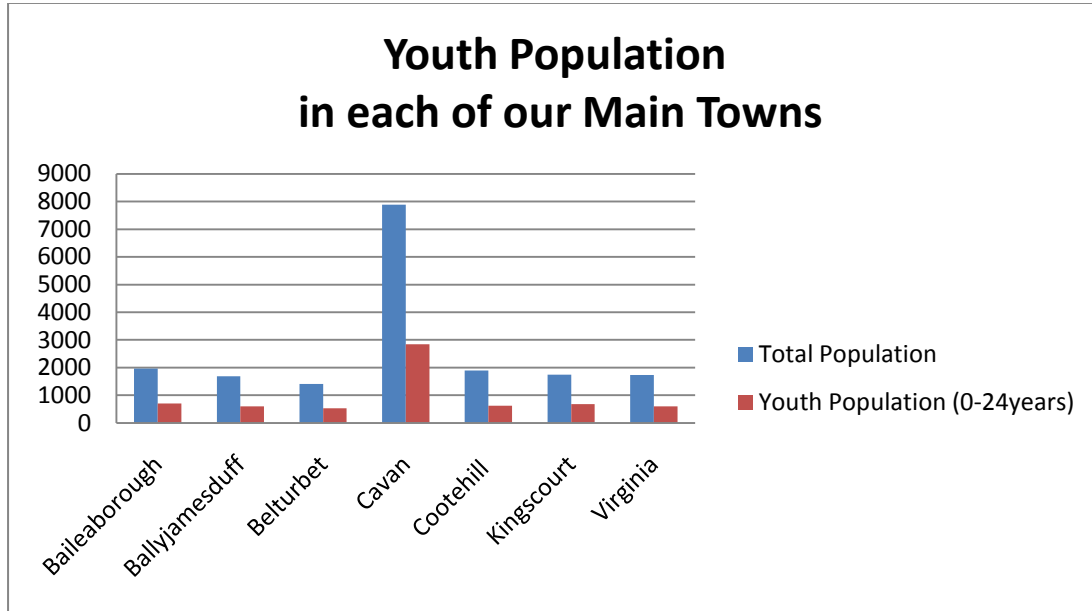
Youth Population in Co. Cavan and in the State as a whole

Age Group in years	Cavan		Ireland	
	Number	% of countywide population	Number	% of countywide population
10-24	13,338	20.8%	786,045	20%

0-24	22,995	35.9%	1,497,181	35.3%
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(Based on Census 2006)

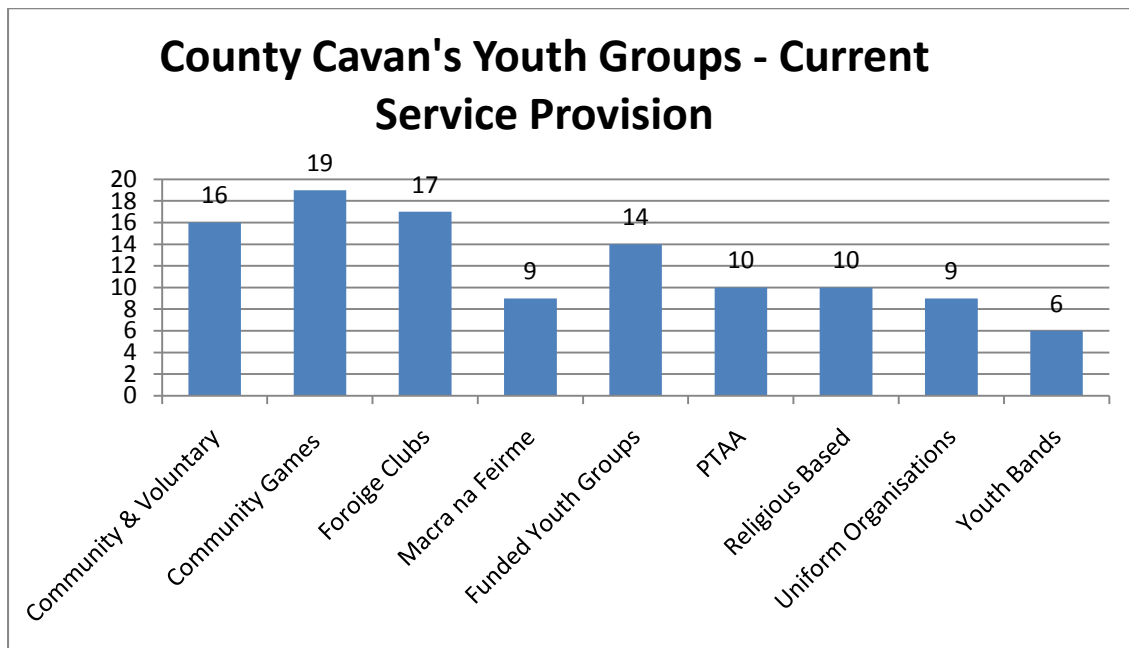
Youth Population in each of our main towns



Overview of Current Youth Service Provided

102 non formal and active youth groups are in existence throughout the county. A percentage breakdown of County Cavan’s youth groups overall service provision is provided in the chart below:

Current Service Provision



Youth work groups throughout County Cavan can be distinguished into categories due to their individual aims, values, programmes or activities. A short account for each of these groups is given below.

1. Community and Independent Youth Groups

Community and Independent youth groups are not linked to, or affiliated with, any local or national organisations. Each group has its own voluntary management committee, constitution, financial procedures and each plan their own programme of activities on a regular basis. They usually operate in one specific community area and are run by volunteers who have an interest in youth service provision.

2. Community Games

Cavan Community Games is divided up into 19 areas throughout the county. Young people enter and compete in numerous sporting and youth events at Area, County, Regional and National Level every year. Each area has its own voluntary committee usually made up of people who offer their time freely and give their support to the organisation.

3. Foróige

Foróige is a national voluntary youth organisation engaged in youth development and education for 12 to 18 year olds. In Cavan Foróige provide a range of intensive specialised services to include the management and operation of the Monaghan Cavan Drugs Education Initiative, the Cavan 365 Garda Youth Diversion Project in partnership with the local community and An Garda Síochána. Foróige's voluntary youth clubs are assisted by a regional youth officer and they consist of young people and adult volunteer leaders. They are usually groups of 30 members and meet one night per week in a local community venue. Foróige lends its ethos, constitution and policies to community and voluntary based youth groups, where young people elect their own youth committee, whilst managing and operating their own youth club in co-operation with their adult leaders.

4. Macra na Feirme

Macra na Feirme is a national youth development organisation for young people aged between 17-35 years. A voluntary led youth group, this organisation's popularity lies predominantly in rural communities. Macra's activities centre on their seven key aims of travel, sport, performing arts, public speaking and farming.

5. Paid Staff Youth Clubs or Groups

Paid staff youth clubs or groups are usually co-funded or mainstream funded youth projects that have dedicated youth personnel who work with young people from special target groups on informal programmes of activities. Normally, these projects are issued based in nature and can regularly be found in areas of disadvantage.

6. Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA) Youth Groups

The Pioneer Movement was founded by Fr. James Cullen in 1898 to address the problem of alcohol abuse which was rampant in Irish society at that time. Today, pioneer youth groups are voluntary run social outlets for young people who are members of the Kilmore Diocese PTAA and members commit to abstaining from alcohol and illegal substances. The Kilmore Diocese covers most of County Cavan, but excludes Mounthugh, Ballymachugh, Kingscourt and Mullahoran.

7. Religious Based Youth Groups:

Religious based youth groups are voluntary run and they offer young people the opportunity to be part of a group which empowers and supports their spiritual and religious development.

The Boys' Brigade seek to advance Christ's kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

The Girls' Friendly Society is a Christian international and interdenominational organisation, seeking to develop girls spiritually, physically and educationally. A comprehensive programme is organised under these three headings.

8. Uniform Youth Organisations:

Uniform youth organisations are so called because participants wear a uniform whilst participating in activities. The uniform identifies the wearer with their own particular age group and the range of activities that they can participate in.

Scouting Ireland is a voluntary, non-formal educational movement. The aim of this organisation is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and, as responsible citizens, improve society. County Cavan is amalgamated with county Monaghan when speaking about our own local Scout County. The 'Cavan Monaghan' Scout County does not run with the traditional boundaries of both geographic counties. Whilst it does incorporate most of counties Monaghan & Cavan, Dowra in West Cavan belongs to the Leitrim Scout County and Glangevlin belongs to the Fermanagh Scout County.

The Girl Guides is a voluntary, non-formal group that enable girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.

9. Youth Bands

Youth Bands offer young people the opportunity to learn how to play musical instruments and read music. Young people can discover their musical talents, developing performance skills and avail of the opportunity to participate in public performances with their peers. They encourage group work, promote good citizenship and respect for music and others.