

# A Sustainable Mobility Index for Rural Towns in Ireland's Western Region

## Loughrea, Co. Galway

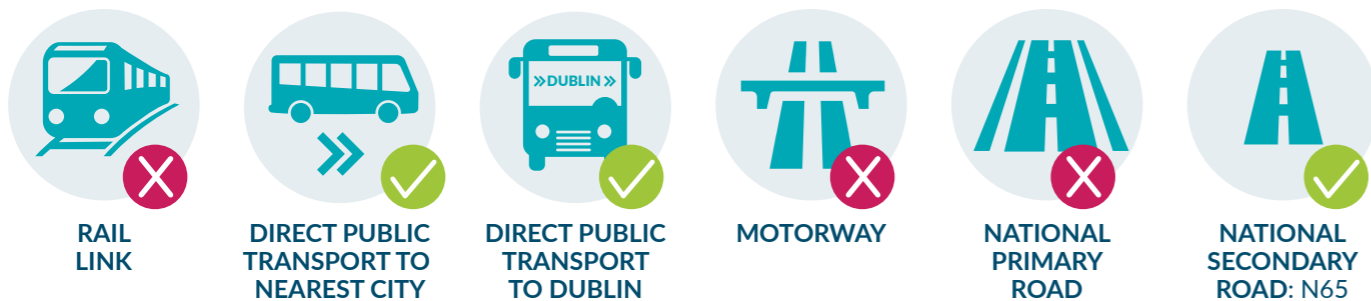


TOWN POPULATION:  
**5,556**  
POPULATION CHANGE 1996-2016:  
**+66.6%\***



**14%** POPULATION OVER 65

**26%** POPULATION UNDER 18



**18%** % households without a car



**42.5 KM** Avg. commuting distance by car for town residents



**122%** Daytime/nighttime working population



**42%** At work as % of total population



**2** RETAIL/SUPERMARKET



**1** HEALTH PRIMARY CARE CENTRE



**0** CINEMA



**0** THEATRE/ARTS CENTRE



**2** BANK (EXCL CREDIT UNION AND AN POST)



**0** REMOTE WORKING HUB (IN CONNECTED HUBS NETWORK)

Median household gross income:  
**€36,101**



\*Changes made to boundary of town for Census 2016 so not directly comparable with 1996 population'



### WDC Mobility Index

Readiness for Low Carbon Transition

Access to Services and Social Facilities

Access to Employment and Economic Opportunities

RANK

SCORE

**11**

**160**

14

47

15

45

8

68

### Readiness for Low Carbon Transition

- Use of active travel & public transport to secondary school (%)
- Use of active travel & public transport to 3rd level education (%)
- Lowest car ownership per household
- Car share for work (car passenger/driver ratio)
- Charging points for electric vehicles
- Transport plan and active town strategy
- Cycle parking at public transport and in town
- Cycle paths or marked cycle lanes
- Walkability
- Public realm investment and pedestrian or low traffic area

RANK

SCORE

14

6

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12

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### Access to Services and Social Facilities

- Car travel time to hospital with outpatient services
- Car travel time to international airport
- Car travel time to cinema and theatre
- Public transport travel time to hospital with outpatient services
- Single public transport fare to 10k town
- Evening public transport service to and from 10k town
- Public transport travel time to international airport
- Use of active travel and public transport to primary school (%)
- No. of publicly provided disabled parking spaces
- Best universal design score for bus stop in town

13

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18

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### Access to Employment and Economic Opportunities

- Public transport to 10k town by 9am
- Public transport level of service to 10k town
- Public transport level of service to any town (morning)
- Public transport to 50k city by 9am
- Towns in 30k radius reachable by public transport (%)
- Ratio public transport/car journey time to 10k town
- Ratio public transport/car journey time 50k city
- Car travel time to university
- Public transport travel time to university
- Use of active travel & public transport to work (%)

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