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OUR VISION

An active Ireland
where everyone can enjoy the lifelong benefits
of sport and physical activity.

Our Work



€40m+

in funding to 62
NGBs



1.5m+

Registered NGB
members



€20m+

in funding to 29
LSPs



800,000

LSP Programme
Participants



2.8m

weekly participants

1.6m

club members

0.8m

weekly spectators

0.5m

weekly volunteers

The Value of Sport



€3.3bn

Spent by people in Ireland on sport-related goods and services in 2018.



€3.7bn

(GVA) Total value of sport to the Irish economy in 2018.



The sport economy is driven by the participation elements of sport.

EMPLOYMENT

64,080

people were employed in sport in Ireland in 2018.

Sport-related jobs account for 2.8% of all Irish employment, up from 2.1% in 2008.



VOLUNTEERING

€1.5bn

Estimated economic value of volunteering in sport and physical activity in Ireland in 2018.



HEALTH

97,000

Cases of disease in Ireland in 2019 were prevented by participation in sport and physical activity.

The net value of health care and wider costs savings achieved was €0.4bn in 2019.



Sports Facility Planning

The Planning and Development Regulations 2025 lists Sport Ireland as:

- *Prescribed body for purposes of Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies*
- *Prescribed body for purposes of County Development Plans*

And where the chief executive of the planning authority considers appropriate:

- *Prescribed body for purposes of Strategic Urban Area Plans*
 - *Prescribed body for purposes of Priority Area Plans*
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Demand for Sport



Historic Population and Sports Participation

Legend

2025

Population

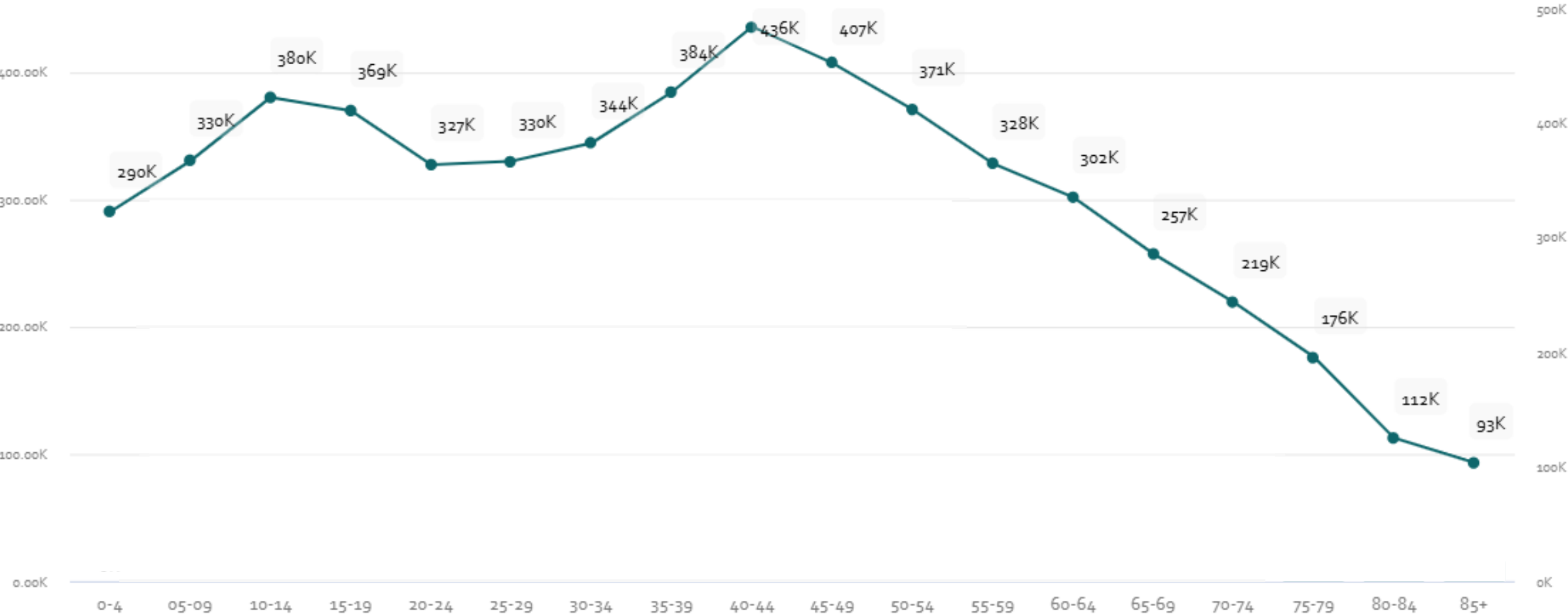
5,455,780

Participants

2,790,284

Participation Rate

51%



Historic Population and Sports Participation

Legend

2015

Population

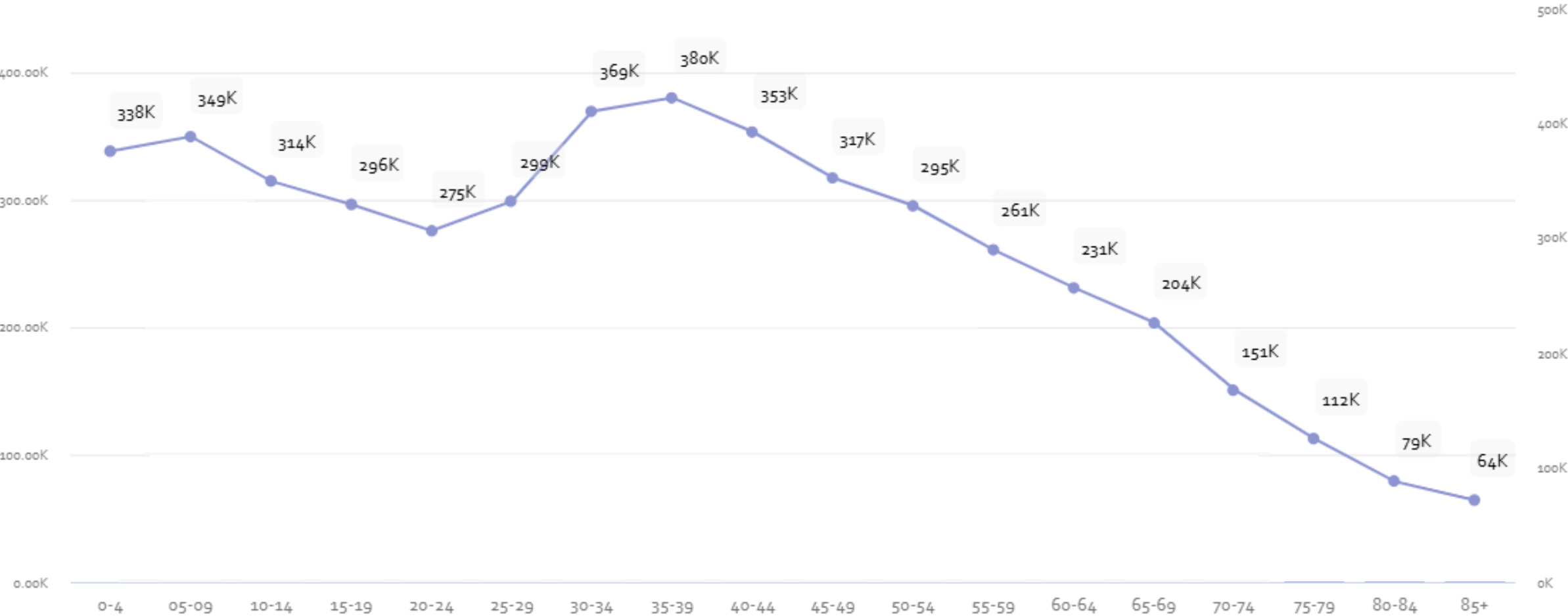
4,686,869

Participants

2,228,343

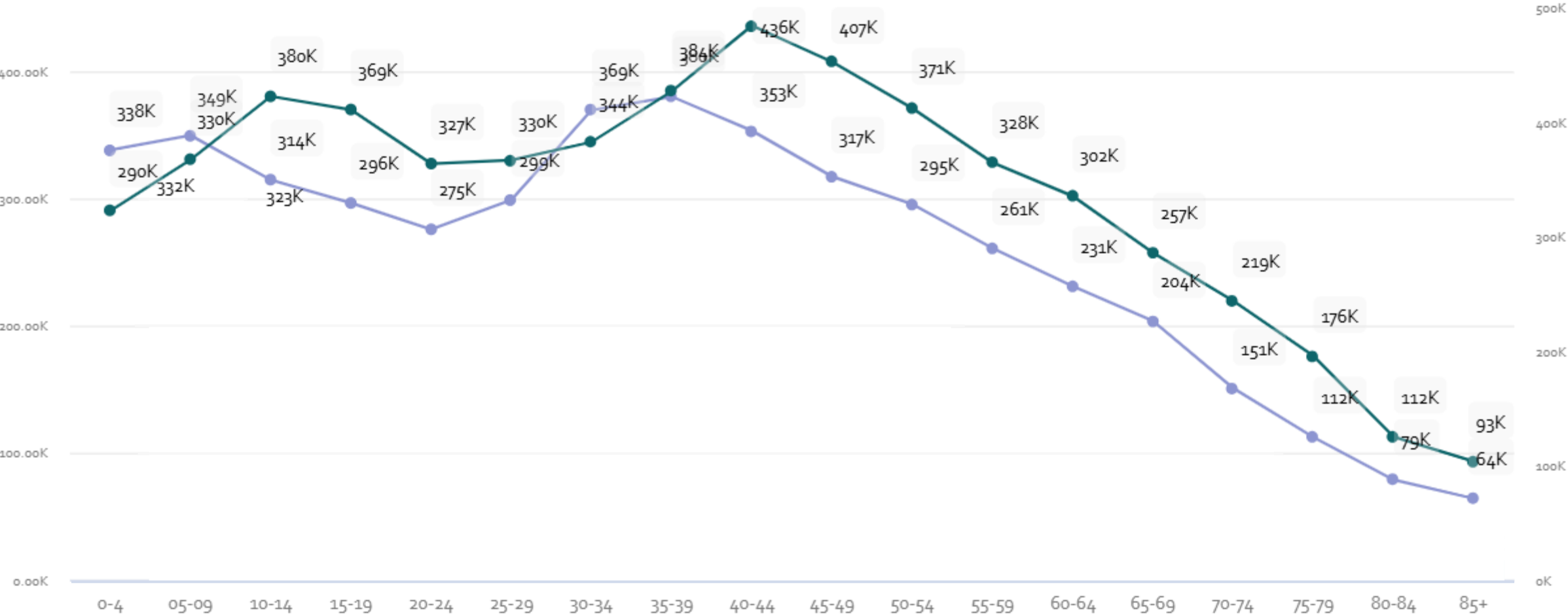
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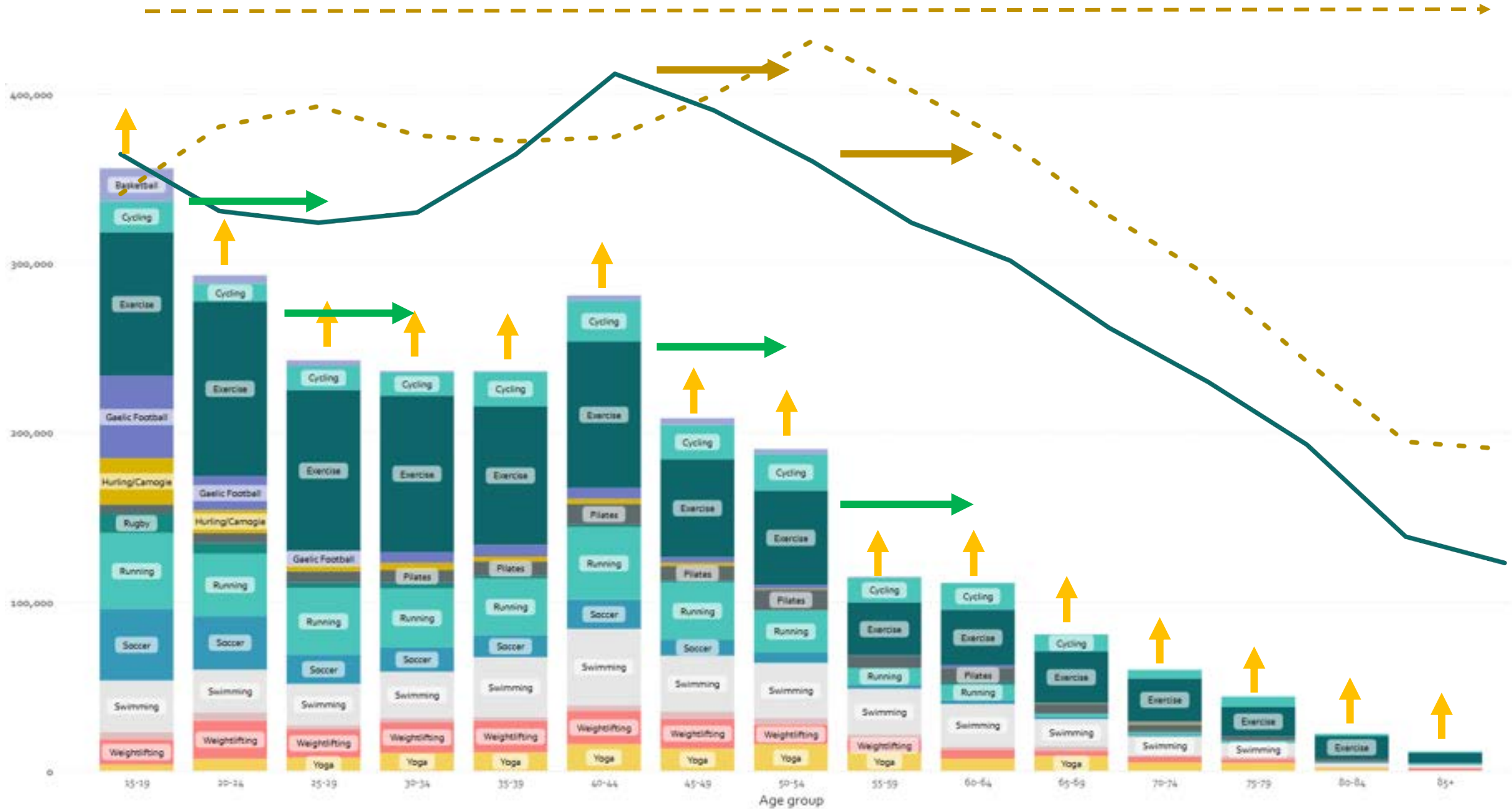
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Historic Population and Sports Participation

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2015 2025





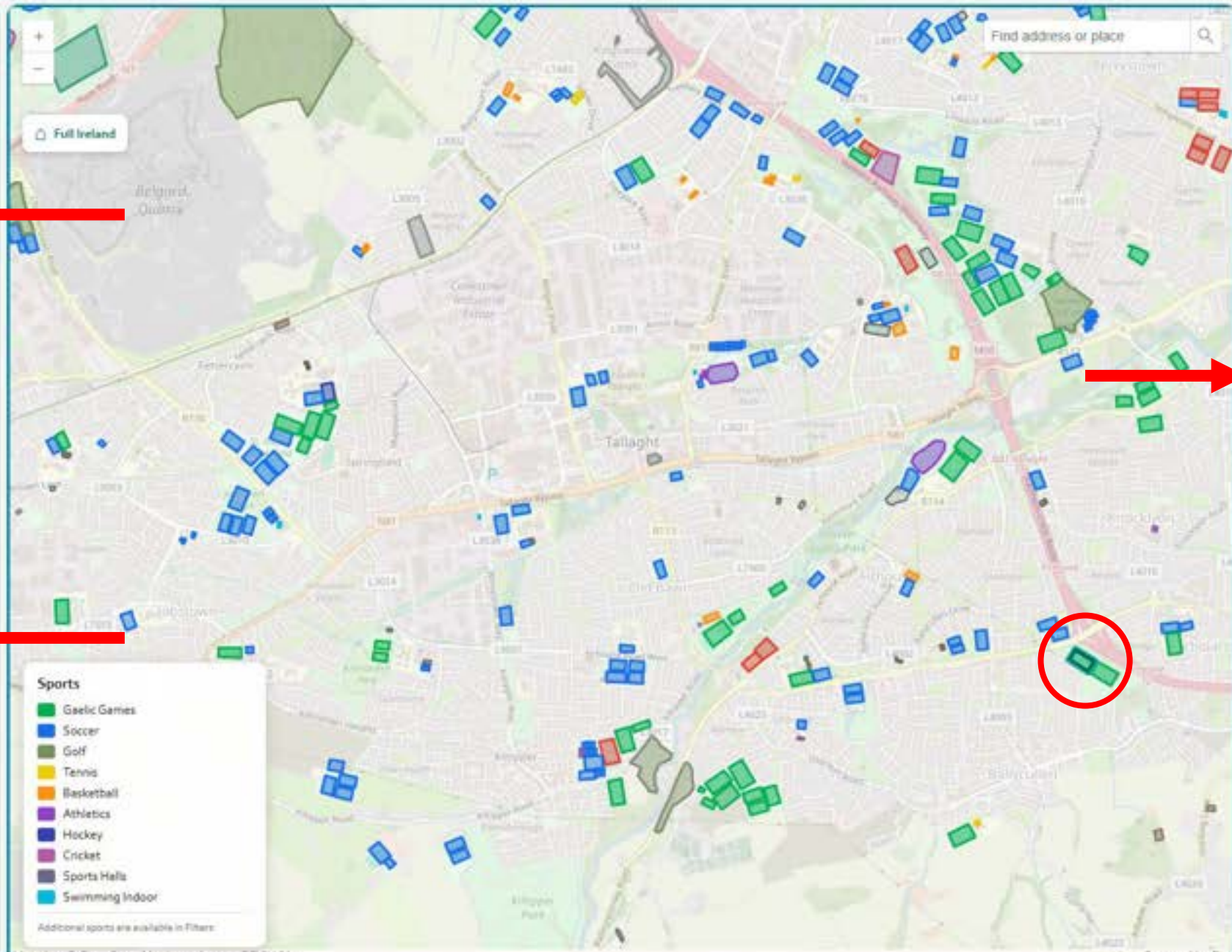
Sport Facility Provision



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- [More sports](#)

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Facility details ×

Knocklyon Park

[Gaelic Games](#) [Pitch](#)

Sport	Gaelic Games
Facility type	Pitch
Surface	Grass
Floodlights	No
Ownership type	Public Park
Owner	Knocklyon Park
Size	Full
Quality	Excellent
Usage	Single Sport Usage
Local Authority	South Dublin County Council
LEA	Firhouse-Bohemabreena
Area	1.08 ha

[Zoom to facility](#)

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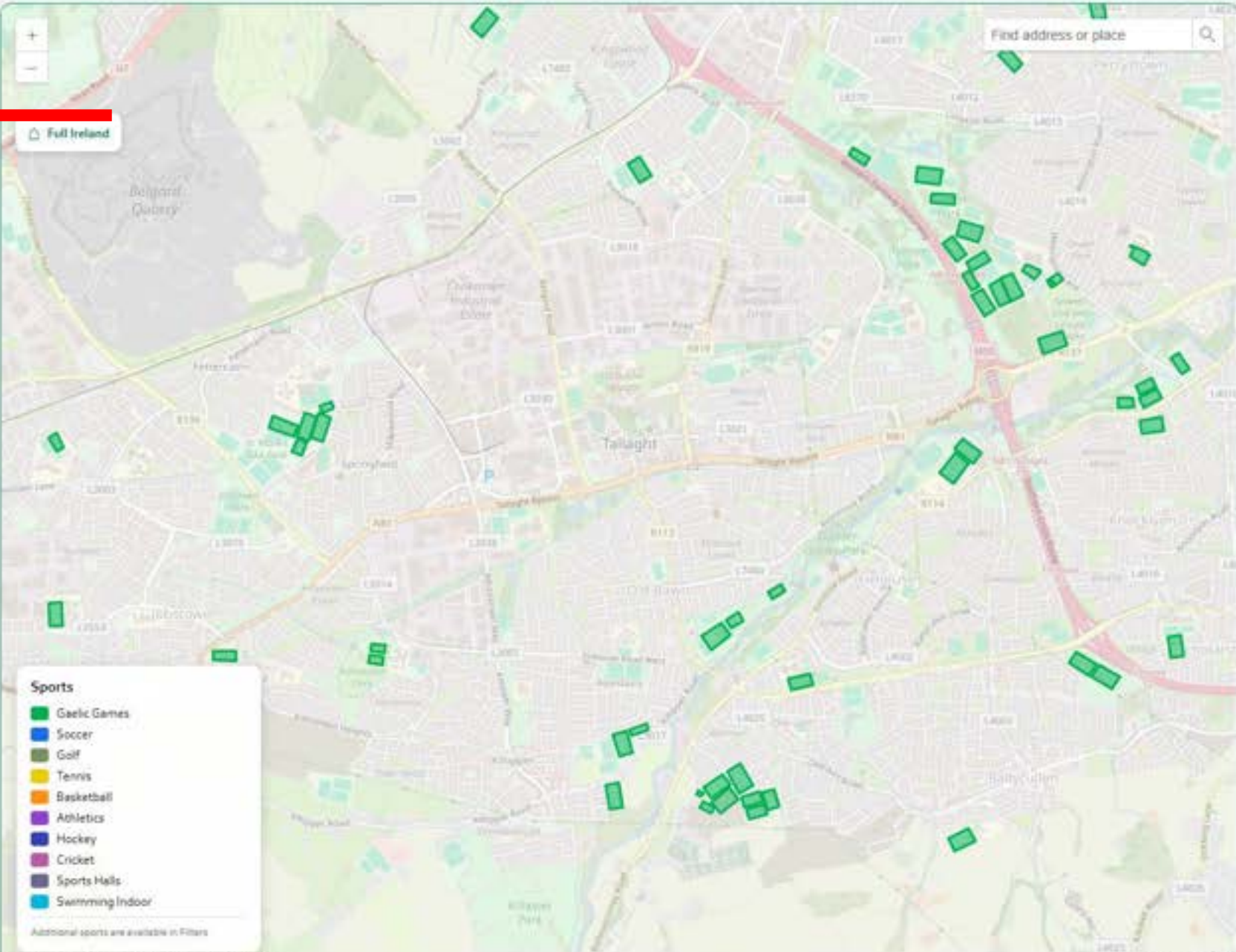
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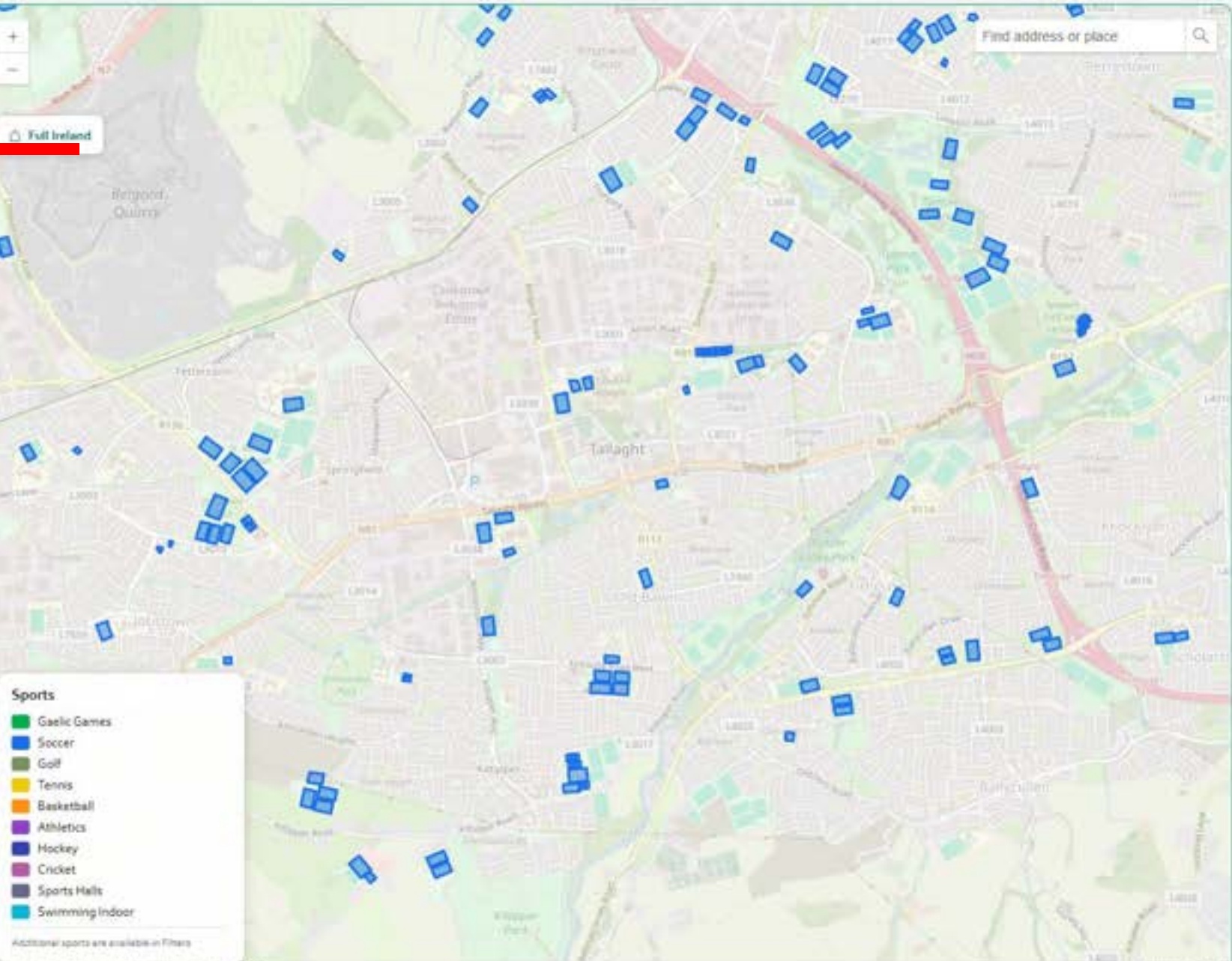
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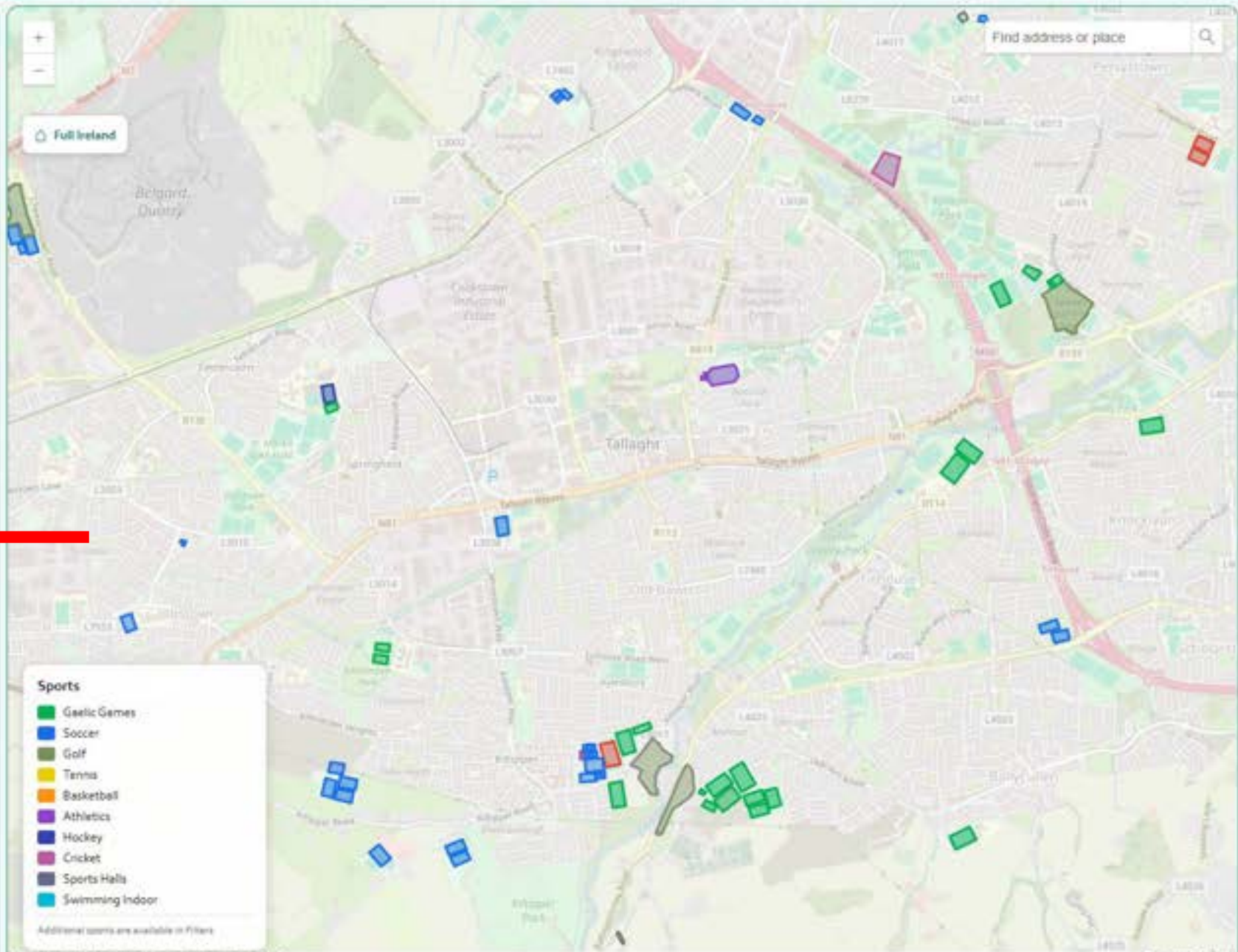
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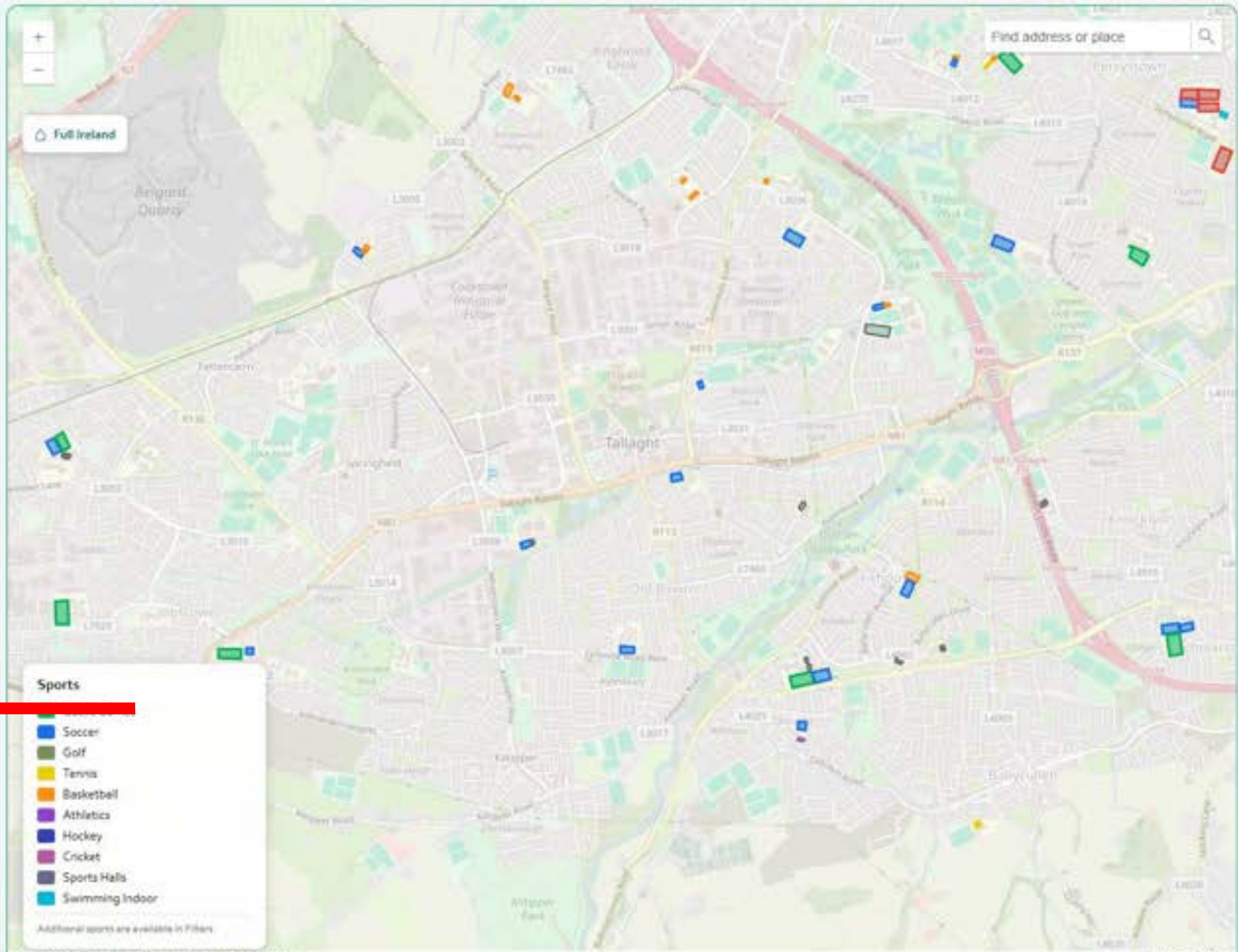
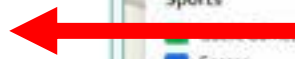
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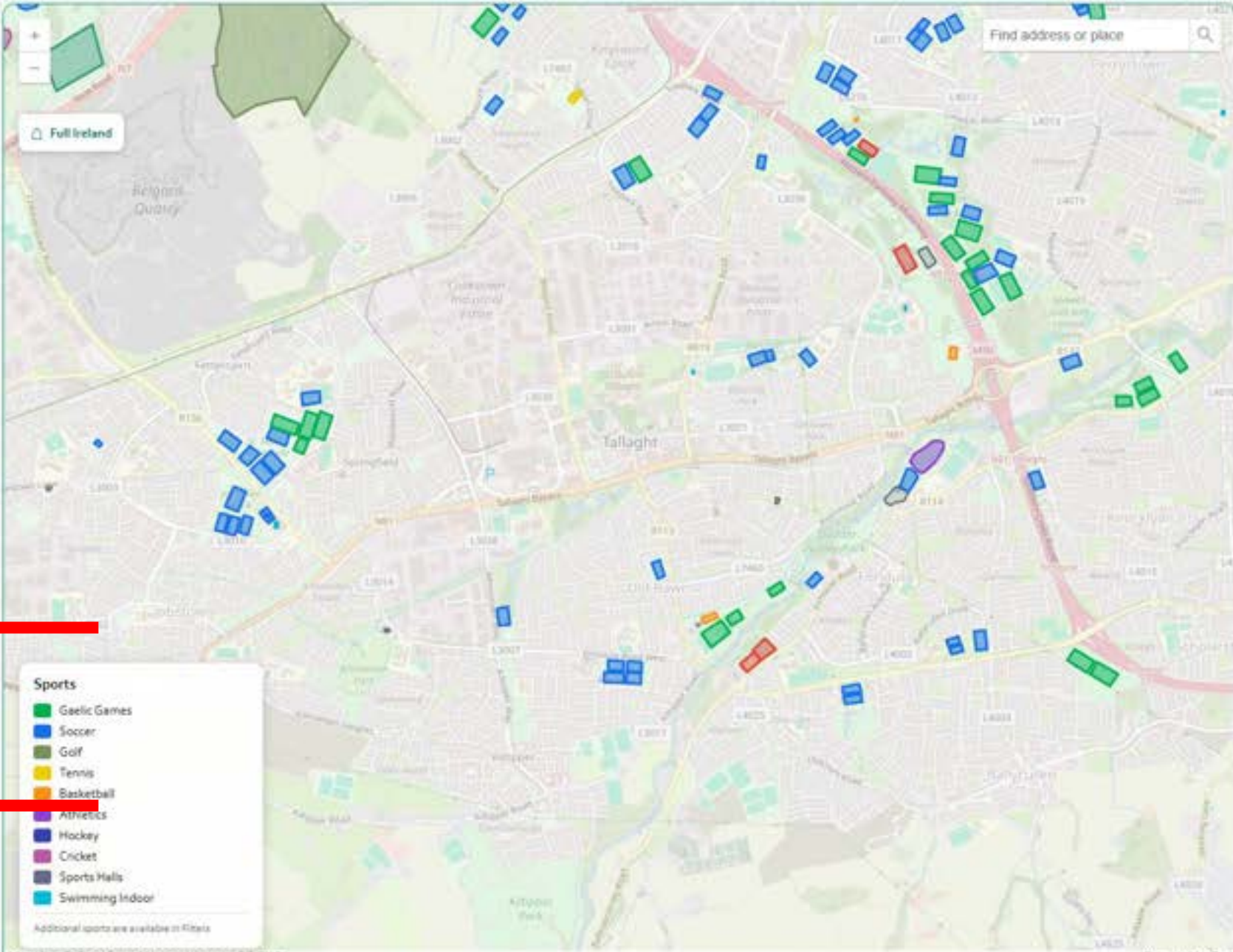
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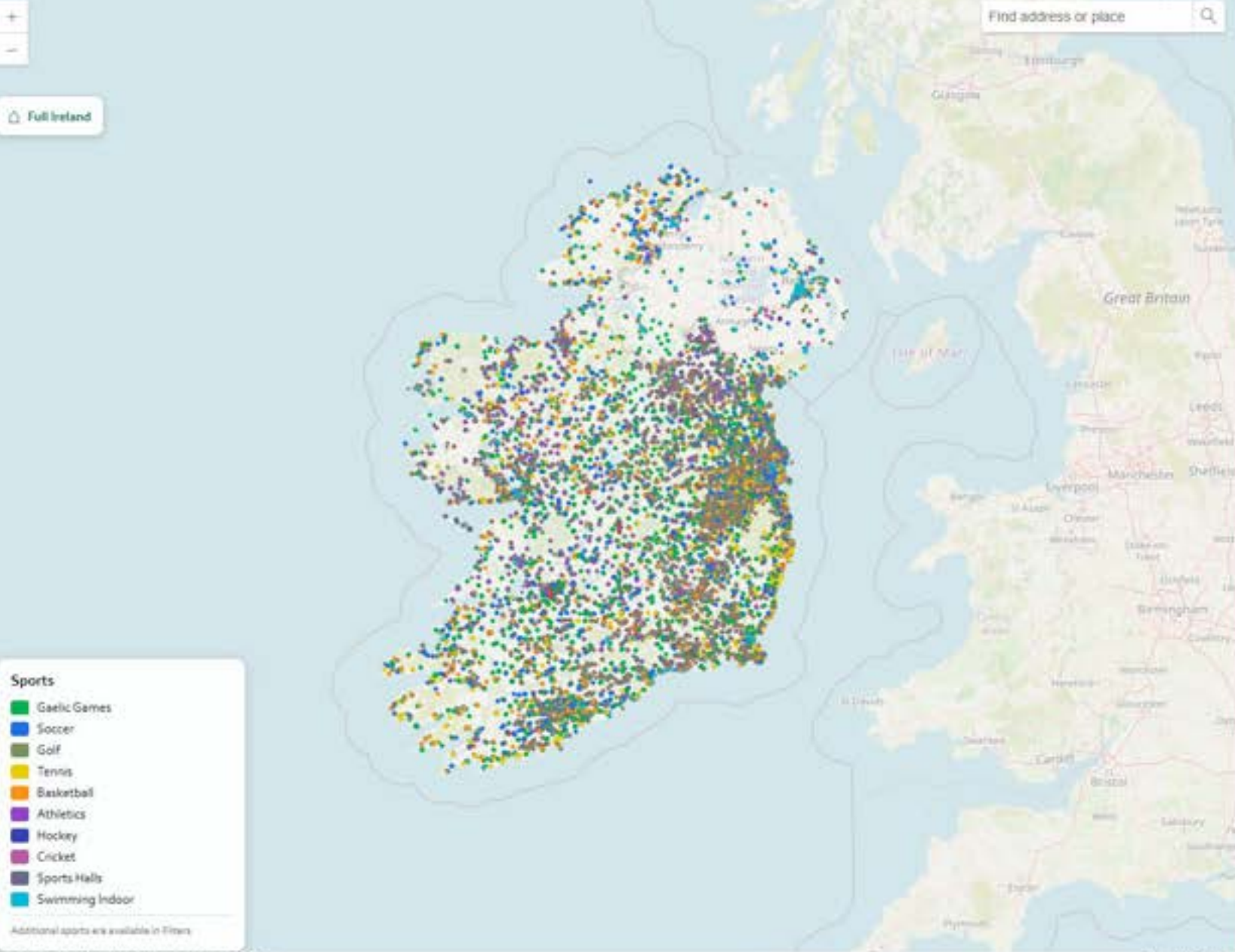
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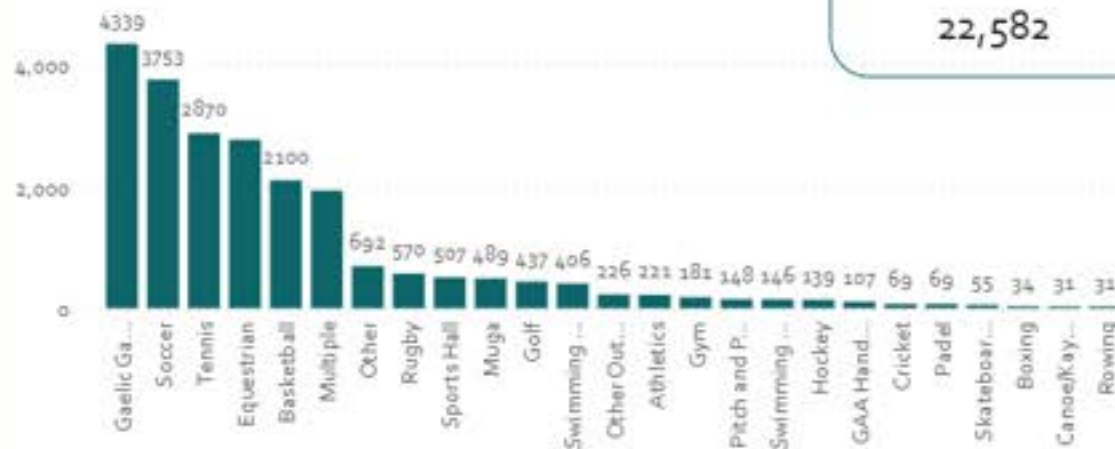
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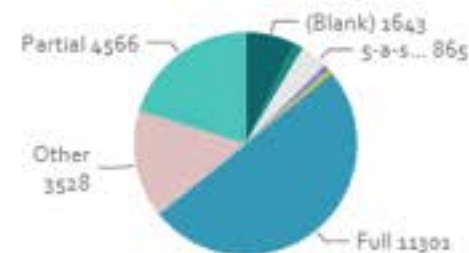
Facilities



Total Facilities

22,582

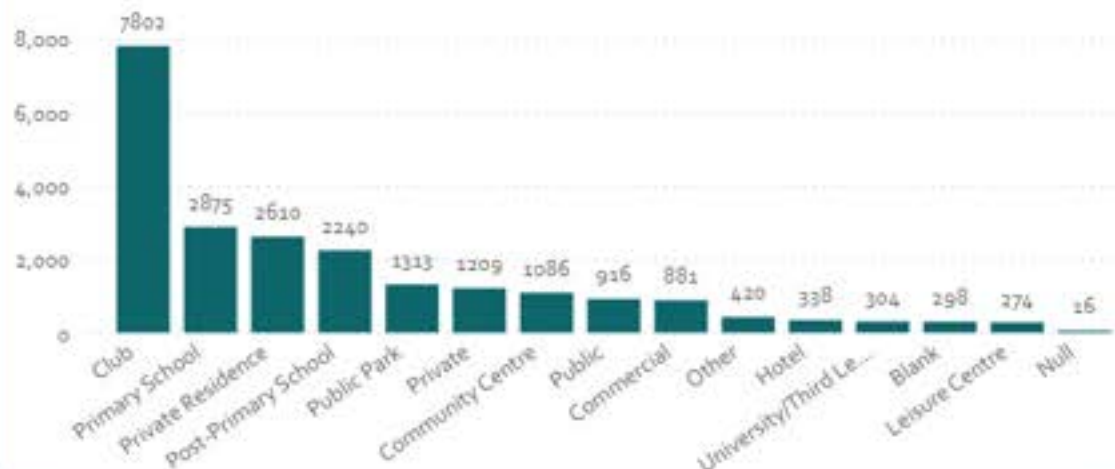
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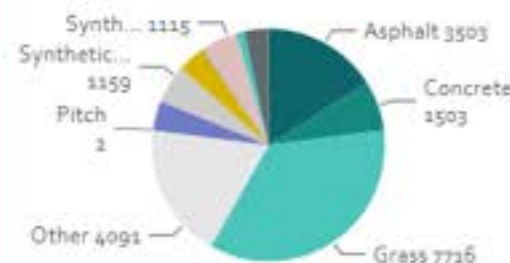
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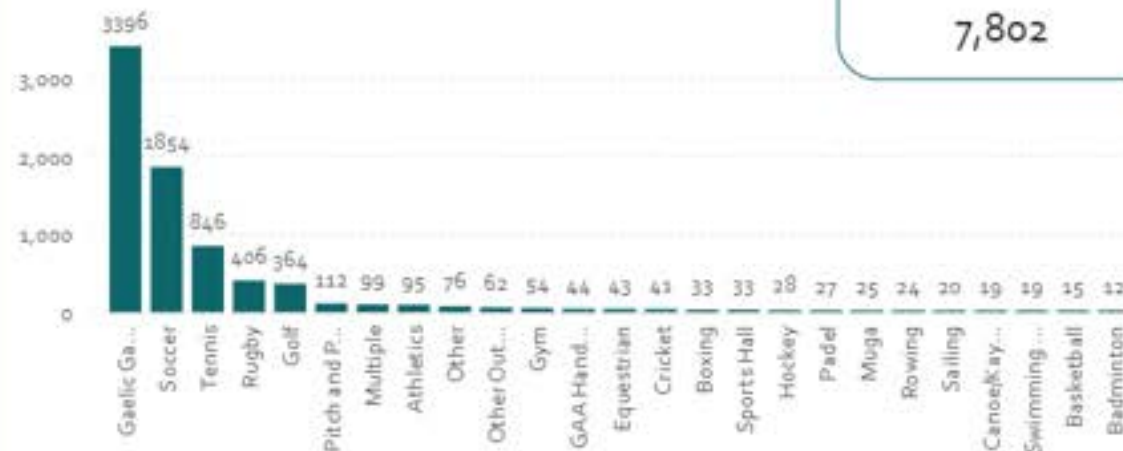
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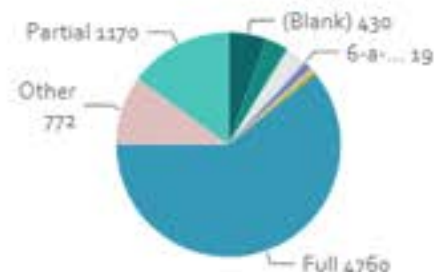
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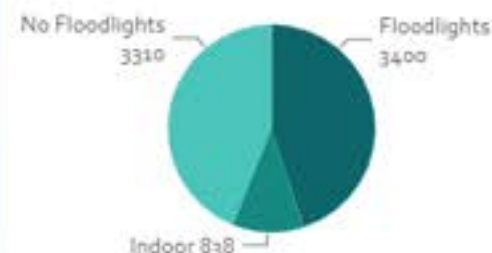
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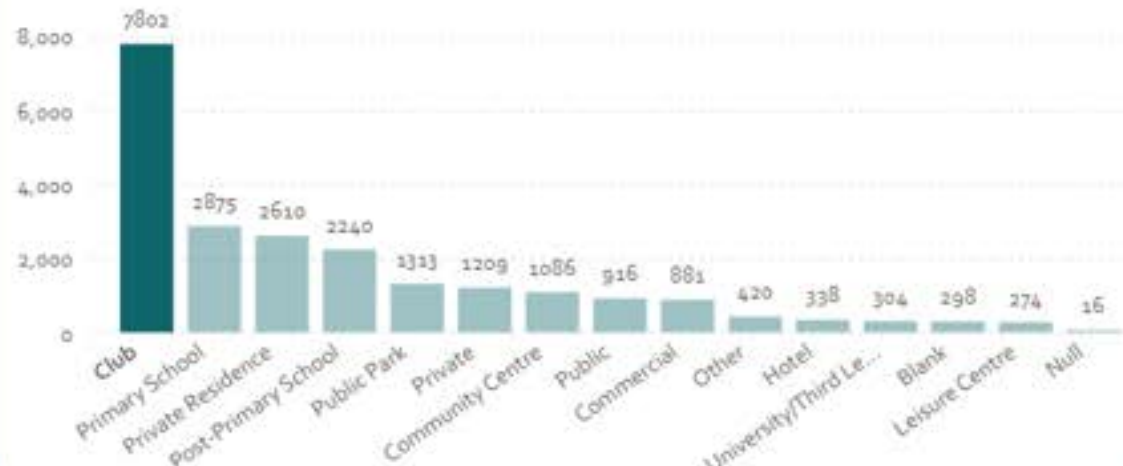
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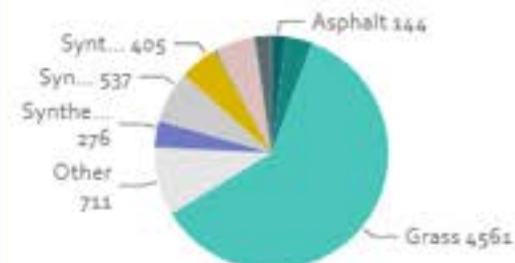
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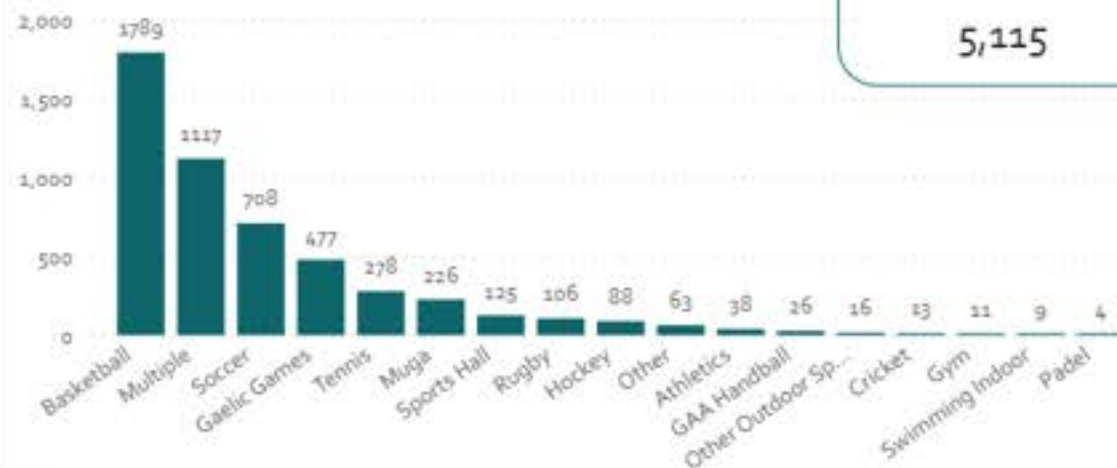
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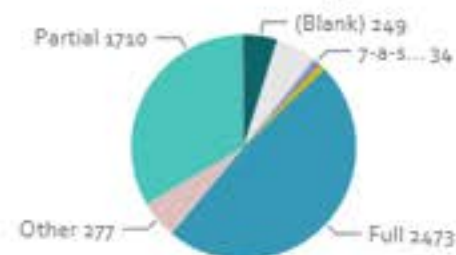
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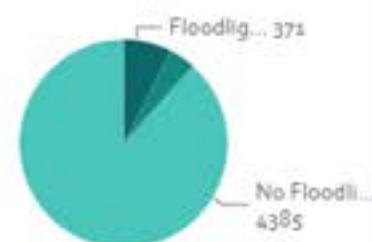
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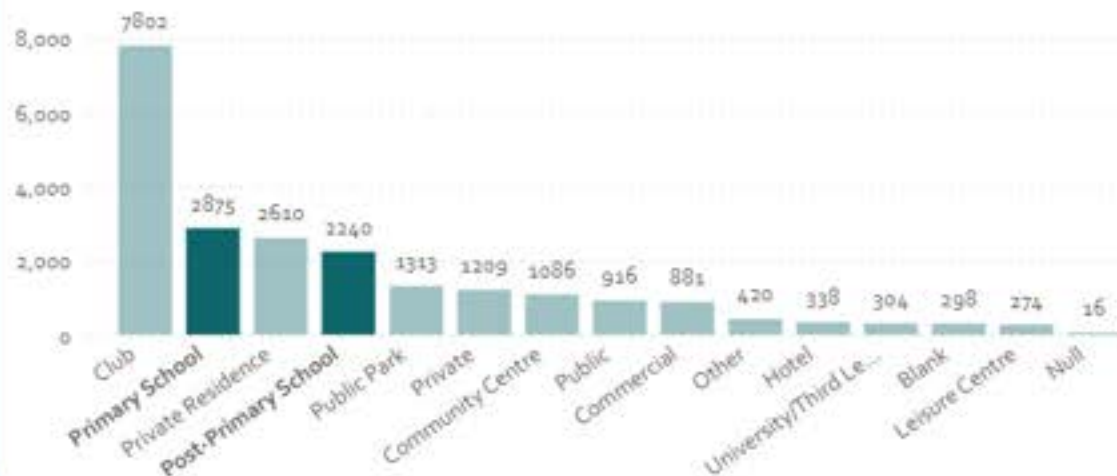
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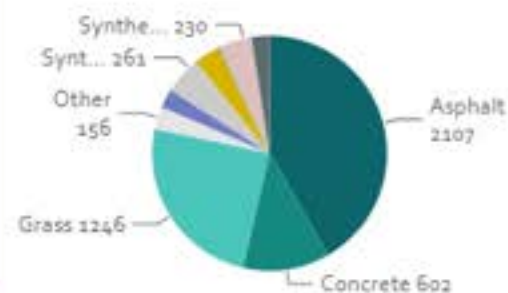
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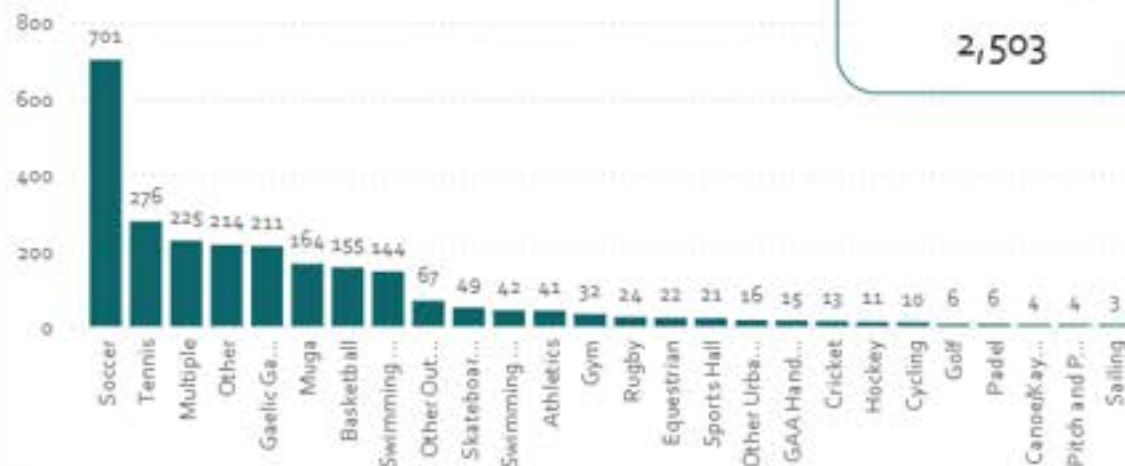
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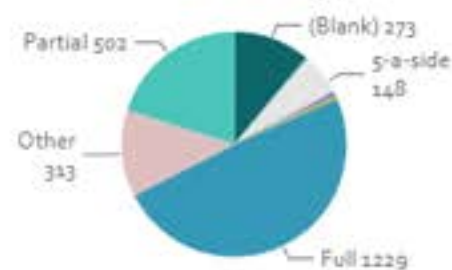
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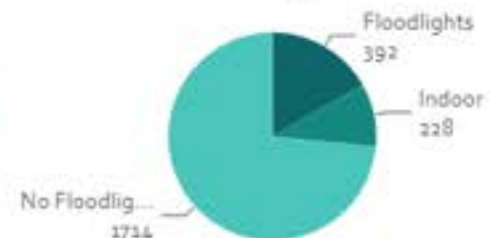
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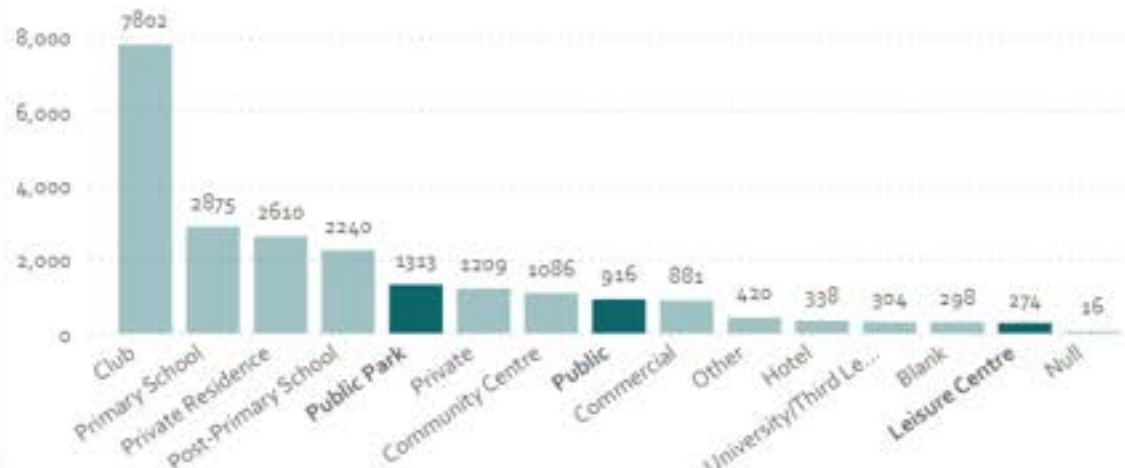
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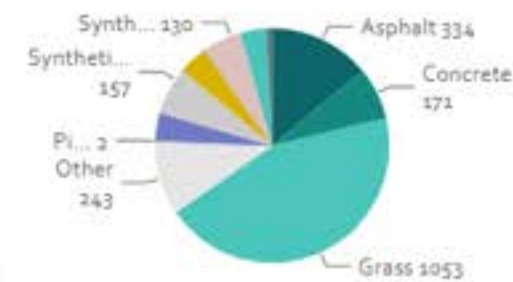
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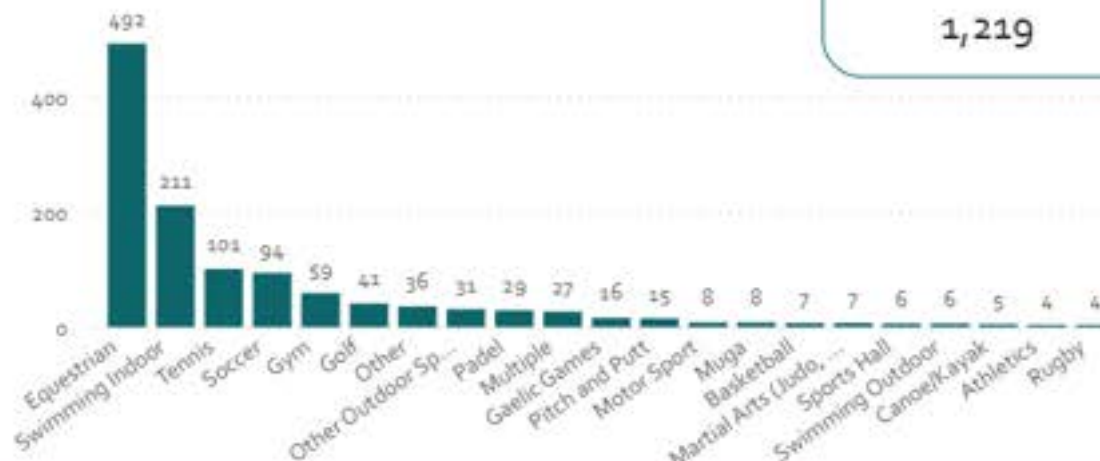
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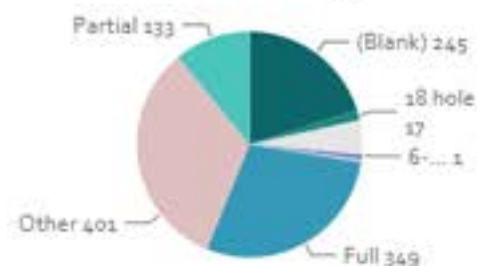
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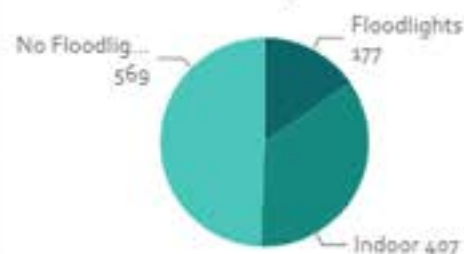
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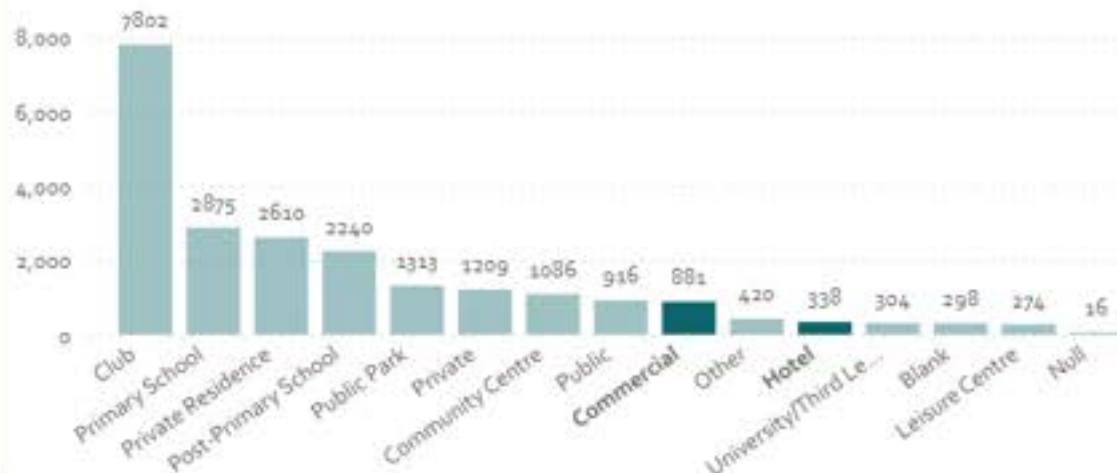
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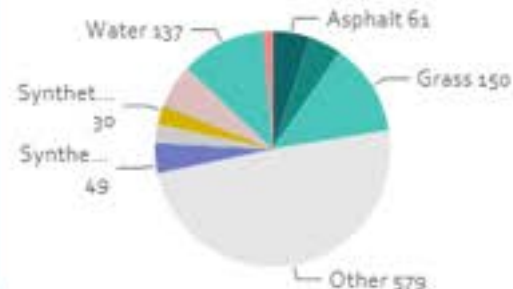
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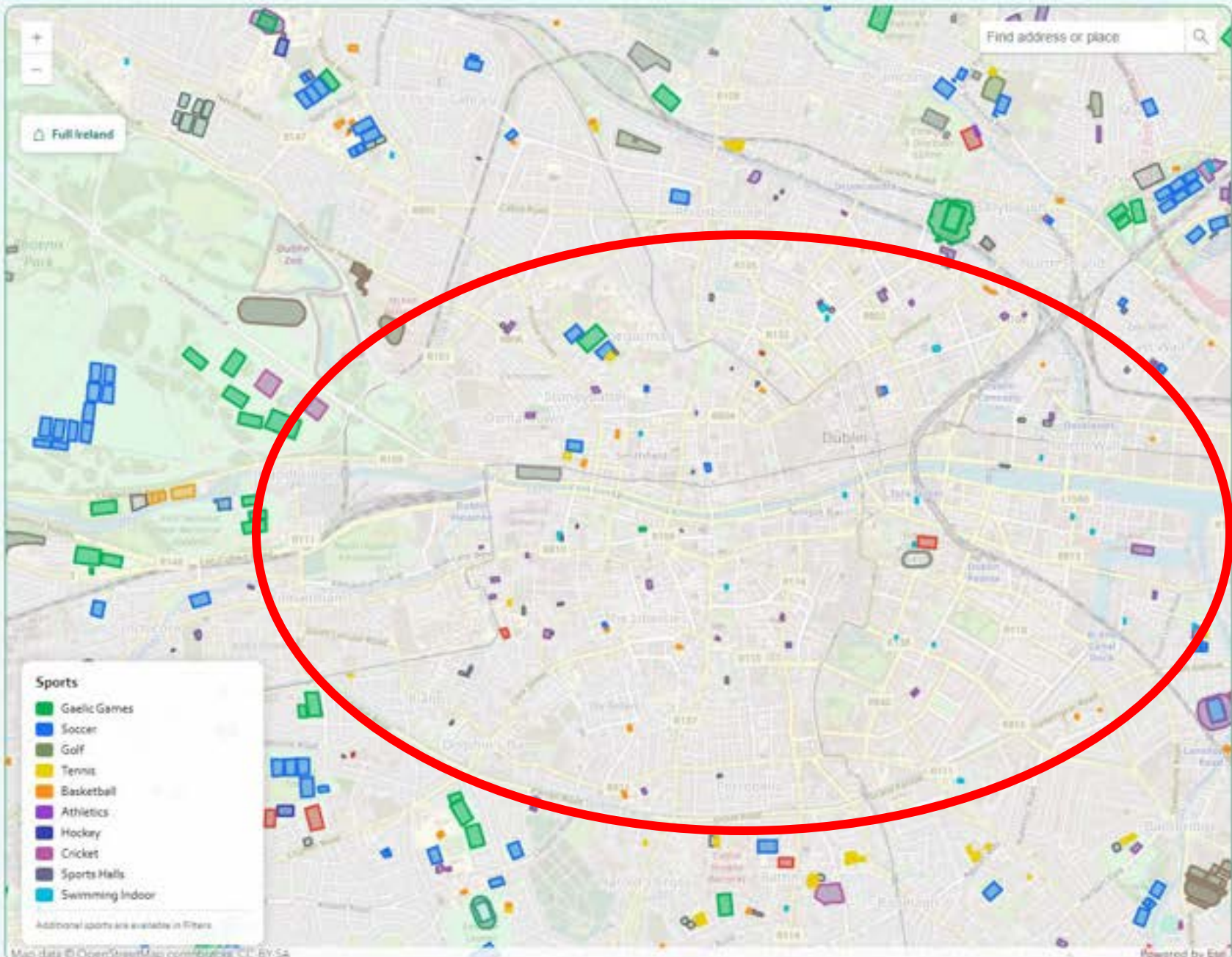
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- Sport**
- ☒ Gaelic Games
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- More sports**

- Ownership type**
- ☒ Club
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Facility details ×

Select a facility

Click a facility on the map to view its details.

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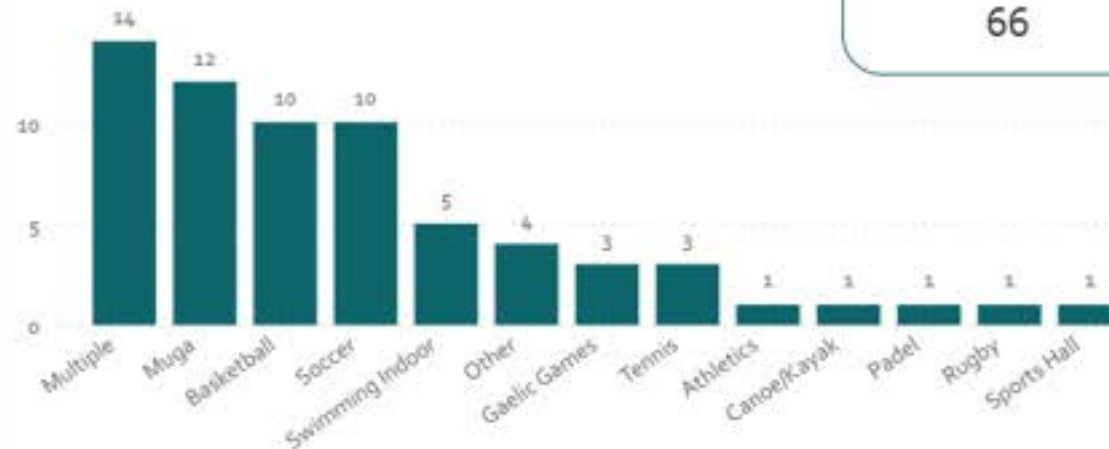
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- ☐ CARLOW
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- ☒ Select all
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 - ☐ BALLYFERMOT-DR...
 - ☐ BALLYMUN-FINGL...
 - ☐ CABRA-GLASNEVIN
 - ☐ CLONTARF
 - ☐ DONAGHMEDE
 - ☐ KIMMAGE-RATHMI...
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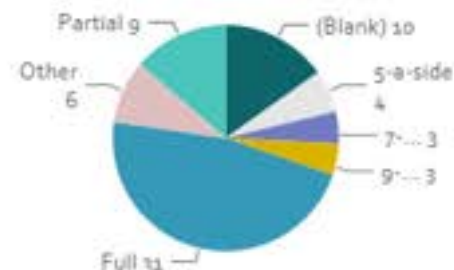
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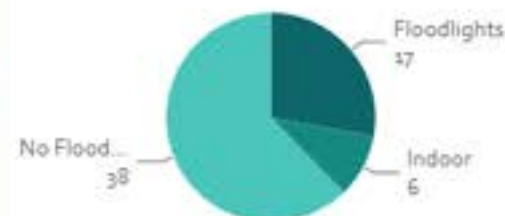
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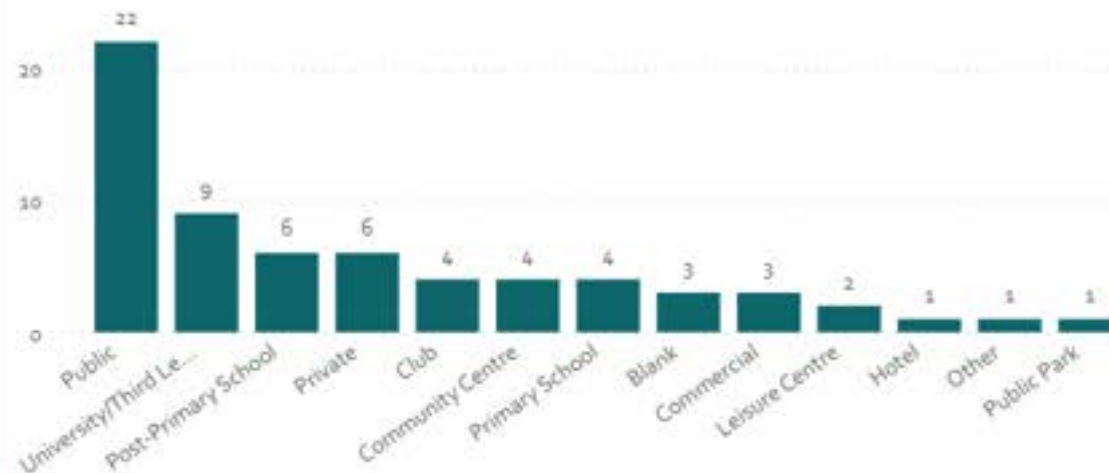
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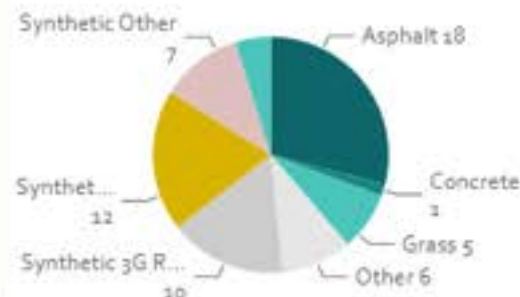
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Government agrees to progress amendments to Draft Revision of National Planning Framework & ambitious new housing targets

From: [Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage](#)

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- new target of an average of 50,500 homes per year – scaling up to 60,000 homes in 2030 and that level maintained thereafter
- revision of National Planning Framework now proceeding to finalisation of environmental assessments ahead of final approval stages

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114,692

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Sport

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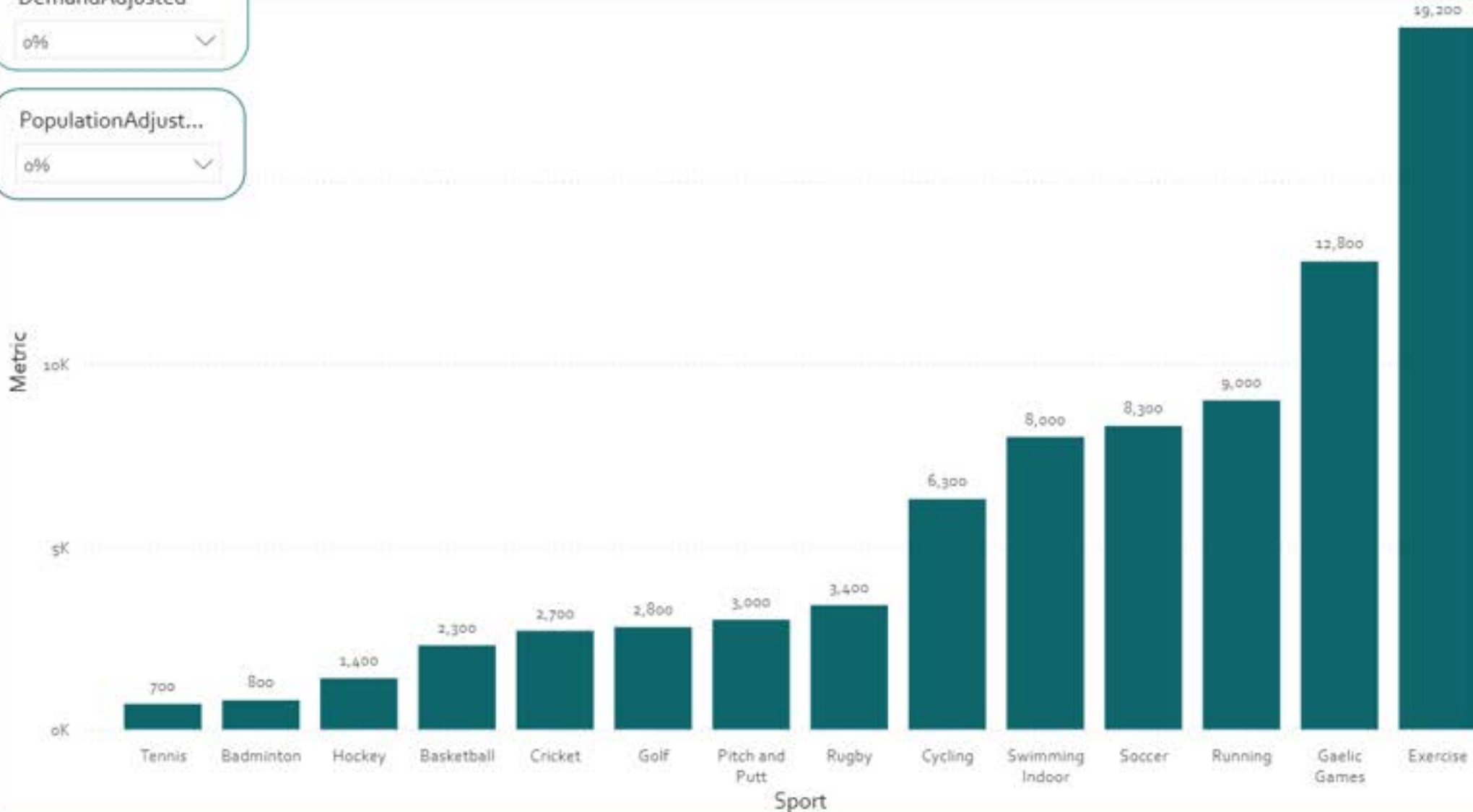
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- ☐ CAPPAMORE-KIL...
- ☒ LIMERICK CITY E...
- ☒ LIMERICK CITY N...
- ☒ LIMERICK CITY W...
- ☐ NEWCASTLE WEST

Metric

Unique Users



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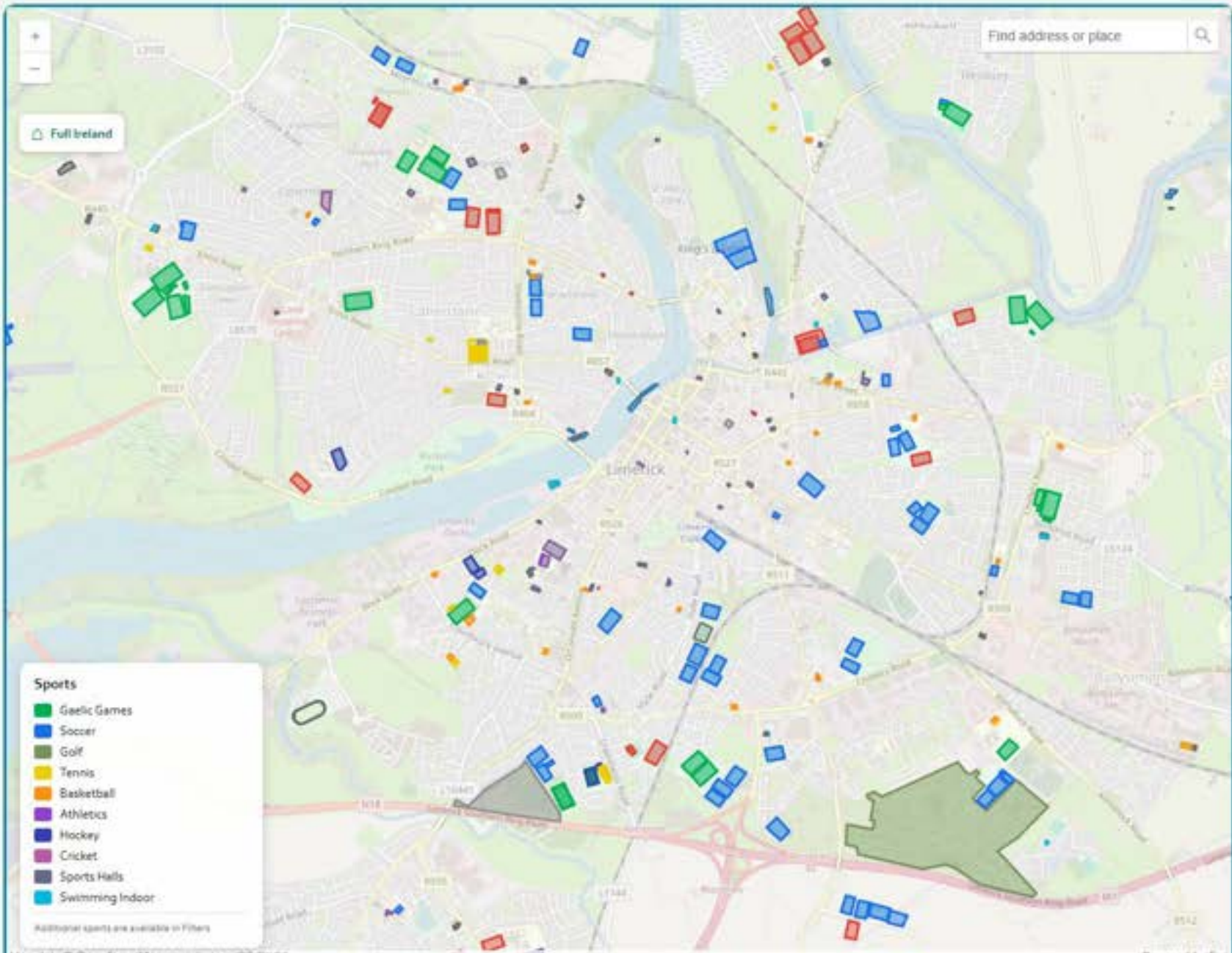
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Additional sports are available in Filters



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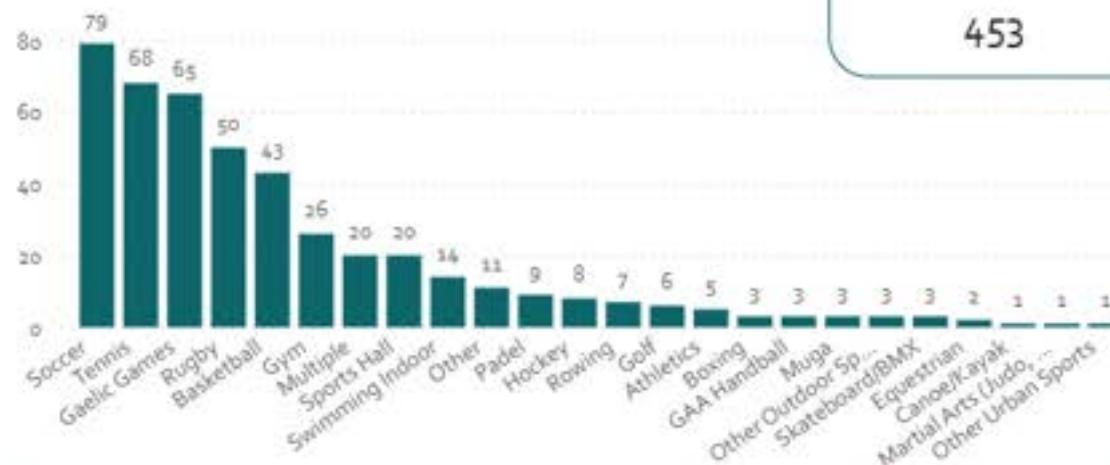
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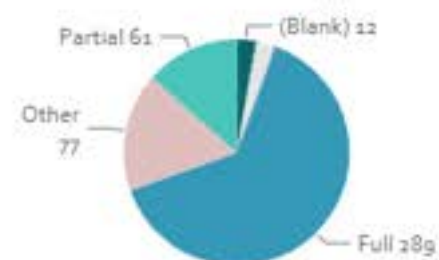
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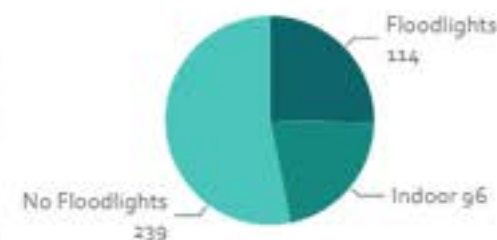
Total Facilities

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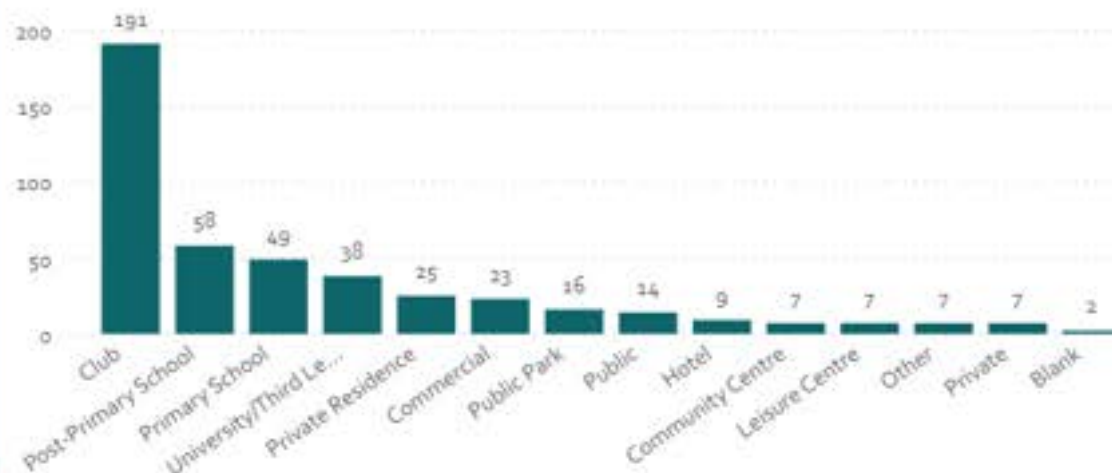
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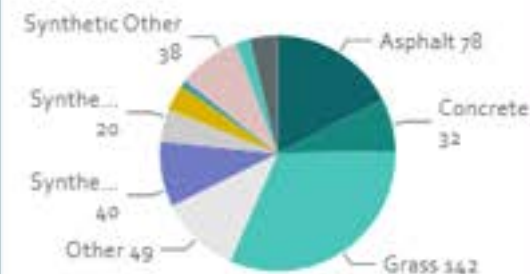
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Sport Ireland Insights Portal

The Research, Evaluation and Innovation Unit presents the Sport Ireland Insights Portal. The Insights Portal will provide trends at national, sport-specific and county level across all of our key target groups: athletes, teenagers, older adults, women, men, people with a disability, socio-economic disadvantage and ethnic minorities as well as many other interesting characteristics such as parenthood, youth sports participation and inter-generational effects. The Insights Portal will also allow users to explore and understand active and social sports participation rates of people aged 16 years and older in Ireland.



National Insights

Presents the national trends on sports and physical activity participation of different demographics



Local Insights

Presents the trends on sports and physical activity participation of different demographics by the local authority area



Sport Insights

Presents trends in participation for the various demographics by sport



Evaluation Insights

Presents insights on physical activity programmes for different demographics



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