

Title	Museums, Collections & Archives in Ireland 2015
Alternative Title	MCA 2015
Abstract	This dataset contains a list of all publicly accessible collections housed in museums, collections, archives and visitor centres of historic/cultural/heritage interest, on the island of Ireland, as of February 2015. Their classification as museum, collection or archive is generally based on self-declaration of their facility type and not on any conventions as laid down by the Heritage Council.
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Theme	Social Aspects, Research, Tourism, Military Aspects
Topic	Society, Archaeology, Anthropology, Museums, Religion, Architecture, Railways, Geology, Agriculture,
Online Resource	http://heritagemaps.biodiversityireland.ie/#/Map
Data Quality	Desktop survey based on information and direct contact with institutions where possible. High quality but subject to change as some institutions close seasonally, upgrade contact details regularly and some local authority amenities are currently amalgamating.
Projection system used	ITM
Country	IE
County	All Counties
Body Commissioning Survey	An Chomhairle Oidhreachta / The Heritage Council
Original Survey carried out by	Pat Reid for the Heritage Council
Survey start	03:11:2014
Survey finish	27:02:2015
Updates required	Annually

Resource purpose	To raise standards of care across Irish museums, collections and galleries, and to promote these facilities amongst the tourism and education sectors, and heritage and local authority professionals.
Survey method	Desktop survey and directly contact with facilities where possible.
Survey limitations	Requires annual updates, very subject to change.
Resource -potential uses	Research, Tourism, Planning, Education.