The map shows the percentage of the population in each Electoral Division commuting more than 45 minutes to work, school or college. Internationally, commutes of less than 45 minutes are considered 'bearable' whilst those in excess of this threshold are viewed as socially unsustainable over the longer term, i.e. these people will, if possible, change job or residential location.

These data are collected and published as part of the Census of Population. The analysis covers all EDs, i.e. rural and urban.

The average percentage of population of an ED traveling more than 45 minutes, in 2016, was 13.8% with a maximum of 39.7%. As is evident from the map, there is substantial geographic variation in the distribution of people traveling more than 45 minutes. The larger towns and cities have clear catchments. Outside of these the role of smaller towns is evident, particularly in remote or inaccessible places.