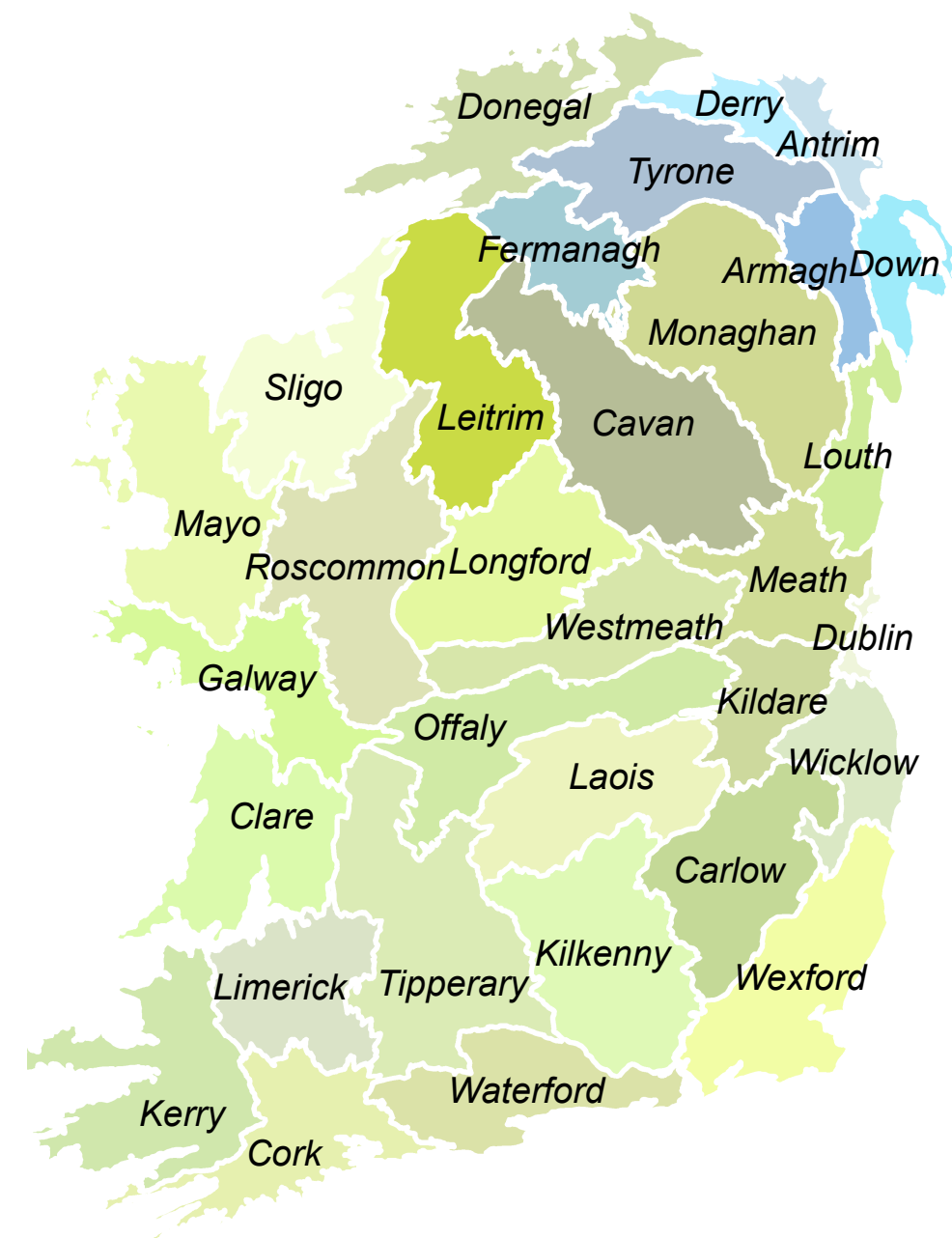


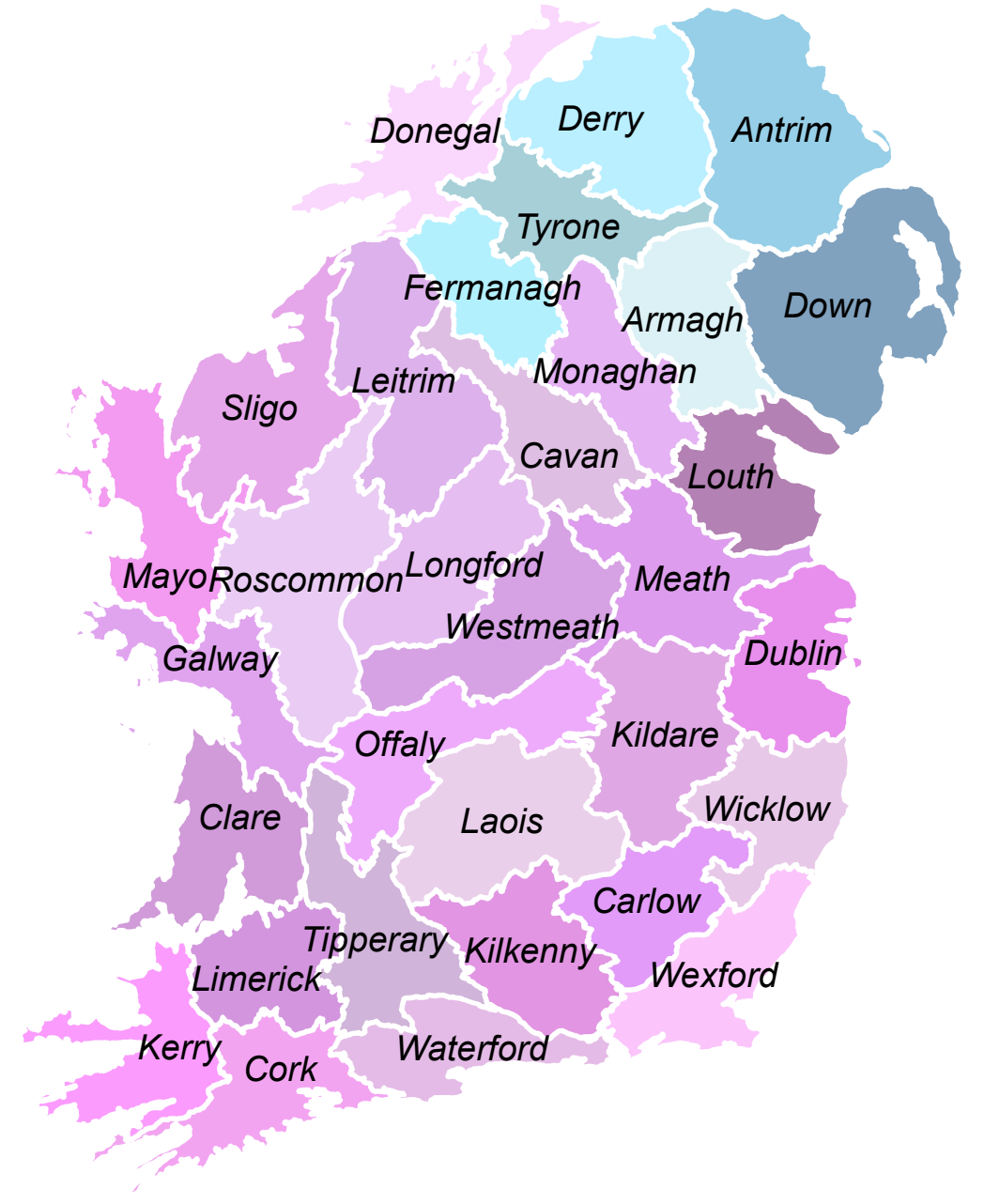
The importance of agriculture as an employer by County.



Counties of Ireland



% Full time Agriculture employment by County



% Full time Public Admin employment by County



Above, on the left in grey, is a simple map of the counties of Ireland. Beside it are two cartograms based on the map and census employment data. A Cartogram is a way of showing geographic information that highlights a particular statistic that has a geographic basis. The cartogram process distorts the size and shape of geographic elements (counties in this case) relative to the statistic we want to show. On the cartogram in the middle we highlight the relative size of the farming employment as a fraction all people employed in the county- On the cartogram at the right, in pink we show the relative size of people employed in public admin as a fraction all people employed in the county.

Some clear features stand out - Dublin more or less disappears on the farming cartogram but doubles in size with relative importance of public admin jobs in the county (the effect is as large in Louth). But for the ROI border counties we can see the huge importance of farming in Leitrim, Cavan and Monaghan as they are inflated to 3 or 4 times their real size.