

Connect with Clare



County Clare is a proven location for international companies and a gateway to global markets. It combines a low risk, high reward, stable and supportive business environment with an excellent standard of living.

Shannon and Ennis have the most advanced business and industrial activities, while the smaller urban centres of Ennistymon, Kilrush, Scarriff and Killaloe all have developed economic activity due to continual advances in telecommunications, infrastructure and the availability of land and property. Significant potential for further development exists for investors and entrepreneurs.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AGENCIES

Ireland benefits from a low tax regime with a corporate tax rate of 12.5%. It has two-way taxation agreements in place with 44 countries.

Financial assistance, incentives, advice and support in establishing your business in Clare is available towards employment, research and development, training, capital costs, market development and property. Detailed information is available from: www.clarecoco.ie/business



www.enterprise-ireland.com



www.shannondevelopment.ie



www.idaireland.ie

Demographics and Human Resources

A young population:

Clare has an overall population of 110,950 with 35% under the age of 25. The greatest proportion of the population is of working age. There is considerable scope for the population to grow thanks to the availability of land for housing and economic development, and active policies are in place to achieve this.

A well-educated and skilled workforce:

16.4% of the population have 3rd

level education - this is continually increasing. The county has an extensive and experienced knowledge-based pool of human resources.

Nearby universities, third-level colleges and cutting-edge research institutes guarantee that graduates skills are industry relevant.

Full socio-economic data, demographic trends, population density, age profiles, socio-economic status, education, location and size of businesses, industrial production and foreign direct investment are available on www.clarecoco.ie/business.

KEY SECTORS

- Medical Technologies and Healthcare
- Aerospace
- Engineering & Electronics
- International Services
- Pharmaceuticals
- ICT
- Software
- Research & Development

Many international businesses have already chosen Clare.

Just some include:

Intel	Lufthansa Technik
Zimmer	Roche Ireland
GE Capital	Schwarz Pharma
GECAS	Magellan Aviation
Avocent	Digital River
Element Six	Molex

PROGRESSIVE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

The needs of business are facilitated in County Clare's planning and development policies. Ongoing consultation with public and private interests ensures that careful consideration is given to balancing the protection of the county's environment, the quality of life of its communities and economic development. Sufficient, suitable and affordable land has been zoned in all areas of the county to allow for economic activity.

Details on land use and zoning, planning policies as well as advice and guidelines are available on www.clarecoco.ie/planning



Clare's Strategic Assets Ongoing Development

Clare has a wealth of natural resources, geographic advantages and infrastructural pluses which distinguish it from its competitors and enhances the competitiveness of Ireland's greater mid-west region.

Considerable scope for further development of its strategic assets exists and Clare County Council is working with many public and private organisations to make progress in a number of priority areas.

Areas for development include:

- Transportation and logistics
- Aviation
- Creative industries
- Maritime activities
- Green energy
- Life sciences

Green Energy

Due to its coastal and estuarine location, Clare has been to the forefront of energy generation for the whole of Ireland for decades through the Moneypoint coal and Arnacrusha hydroelectric power stations delivering electricity through 110, 220 and 400KVA power lines.

Significant potential for further development in wind, wave, tidal and biomass energy exists in Clare and the county is emerging as a leader to deliver on Regional, National and European Climate Change targets to achieve a low carbon economy and energy security. Plans are underway to develop a low carbon business location and to become a net supplier of green energy as well as to attract more wide-ranging green industries.

A recently developed Wind Energy Strategy will help facilitate this in County Clare specifically. A number of exciting alliances, such as the Shannon Energy Valley, have developed between private sector, university and public interests to progress the economic opportunities offered by the unique



SHANNON ESTUARY

Ireland's largest estuary and premier deepwater port covering a distance of 100km of navigable waters, and water depths of up to 37m, allows the Shannon Estuary to cater for ships up to 200,000 dwt. An onward onshore road, rail and air network offers further potential for enhanced bulk cargo business. Potential for the Shannon Estuary to develop its capacity further has been investigated and public-private collaboration to progress this is underway.

It is an objective of Clare County Council to facilitate sustainable economic activity along the estuary. A number of key opportunity sites for industrial development have been identified to progress these priorities.

*Shannon Foynes Port Company
www.sfpc.ie*

resources of Clare and Ireland's western region.

- **Wind** speeds in County Clare are excellent by international standards. Onshore wind speeds of up to 9.5m/s - onshore and 11m/s offshore on 75m turbines and up to 11m/s onshore and 13m/s offshore on 100m turbine.
- **Ocean** Wave technology resources have been identified as over 25,000 MW of which 12,000 MW could be harnessed and brought ashore and Clare was identified as one of the best locations for future test sites.

SHANNON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Shannon Airport has undergone a €58 million expansion programme. It is the only airport in Ireland open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Operating direct services to a number of US, UK and European cities including New York, London and Paris, the airport offers frequent access to world markets.

Shannon is the first airport in the world outside of America to offer full US Pre-clearance allowing hassle-free clearing of US emigration and customs in Shannon.

The presence of the airport in Clare has furthered the development of a number of aviation-related industries and the aerospace sector continues to be actively pursued.

Plans are also in motion to develop the airport further as an international freight logistics centre. Such a facility would allow for improved services for many businesses such as life sciences and enhance existing industry clusters. Opportunities exist for further engagement of water and air freight linkages between the Shannon Airport and the Shannon Estuary for multi-modal transportation.

www.shannonairport.com

- One of Ireland's best **Tidal Energy** resources is located in the Shannon Estuary - the resource potential is 110 GWh per annum over three locations in the estuary.
- **Biomass:** Clare is the 2nd most afforested county in Ireland, with resources considerably above the national average.

www.shannonenergyvalley.com
www.spiritofireland.org
www.icea.ie



Clare offers your business



Telecommunications

Continually improving high quality broadband services in Clare has supported the viability and competitiveness of the economy and improved the quality of life and connectivity for local communities. Broadband in Clare is available through optical fibre networks, DSL, Wireless, Satellite and Mobile as well as a MAN (Metropolitan Area Network) in Kilrush. www.shannonbroadband.com www.broadband.gov.ie/

Clare Business Listings

For information and contacts on local businesses and services, banks, business property, solicitors and professional advisors. www.clarecoco.ie/business

Serviced Land and Development Sites

Serviced sites and zoned land are available. Clare Local Authorities Development Plans ensure an adequate supply of appropriately zoned lands in strategic locations. Full details can be viewed on www.clarecoco.ie/planning

Hotel & Conference Facilities

As an established business and tourism base, Clare has a wide variety of 3, 4 and 5 star hotels across all towns in the county offering international standard accommodation and conference facilities. www.clare.ie

Key Features

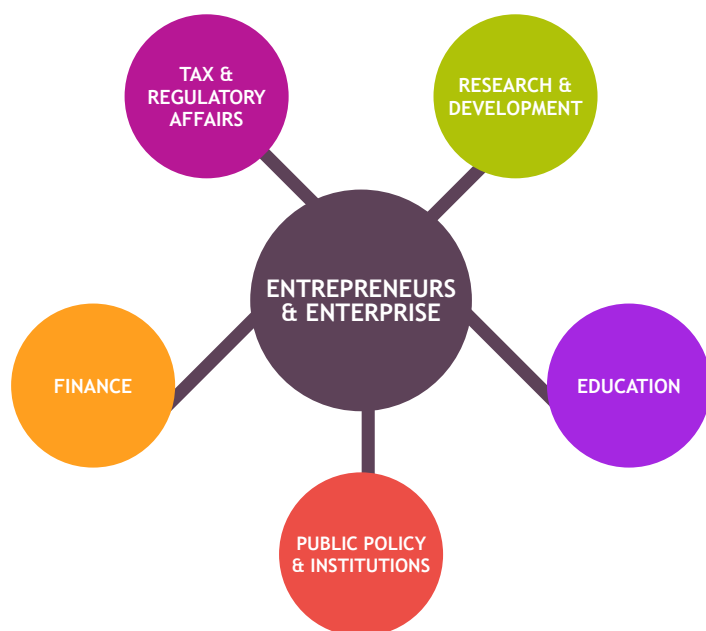
A unique location combining vibrant business activity with award-winning tourist attractions and unsurpassed quality of life.

- Low Corporation Tax
- International Airport with US Customs & Border preclearance
- Direct access to US, UK and European markets
- World-class business space and development sites
- 100km Deep Water Estuary
- Wealth of Renewable Energy Resources
- Advanced energy and telecommunications infrastructure
- Unrivalled skills and education base
- Internationally Recognised Business Location
- Attractive incentives for business
- Stable Business Environment
- Existing Clusters & Networks
- Pro business Planning & Development policies
- EU member and English-speaking
- Ease of business entry and start up
- High level of Foreign Direct Investment and multi-national activity
- Effective Public Private Partnerships and Collaboration
- Forward thinking local government
- Low cost of living
- Variety of high quality amenities, housing and schools

“Choosing the Mid-West Region of Ireland as our International base has been a sound and profitable business decision. Access to the highest technological developments, together with our highly skilled and committed workforce, gives us a leading edge in today’s competitive marketplace”

John O’Brien,
VP European Operations, IPD Molex, Shannon, Co. Clare
www.molex.com

Clare's Innovation Partnership



Connect with Clare...

**Think your business can't have it all?
Well, think again - in Clare you can**

Clare County Council welcomes your business to an internationally renowned business location with direct and frequent access to US, UK and European markets, prized natural resources and a continually emerging green economy all set against a backdrop of some of the most breathtaking scenery, rich culture, history and heritage in the world.

Clare County Council has regulatory authority for planning, development, land use, water, environment and fire safety as well as helping to create vibrant communities in one of the most beautiful places in the world to live work and do business.

We work closely with the many business support organisations and chambers of commerce in order to ensure that services and infrastructure meet the changing needs of business.

Contact us if you're thinking of setting up or expanding a business. We offer the ideal location for your business - from a rich culture and heritage, wonderful festivals, world-class golf courses and marine activities to forward thinking local government with planning and development policies that seek to facilitate your business. Add to this a warm and a welcoming atmosphere - County Clare is the place for doing business and an unsurpassed quality of life.



An unrivalled quality of life

Clare has a long-standing reputation as an international business hub with the added bonus of being a genuinely special place to live. An exceptional quality of life is guaranteed, offering safe and vibrant communities, spacious and affordable homes and high-quality and inclusive schools.

A wide choice of sports, leisure, cultural facilities and theatres, world-famous championship golf courses, marinas and indoor and outdoor activities is available in the county and the wider region.

Clare has an award-winning, developed tourist industry thanks to the natural beauty of its coastline and landscape and its cultural, musical and sporting heritage and the genuine welcome of its people.

www.clare.ie



Ennis

Vibrant Business Hub
www.ennistowncouncil.ie



The capital town of County Clare, Ennis is a first class business base strategically located between the western cities of Galway and Limerick. It is one of the fastest growing and progressive hub towns under the Irish Government's National Spatial Strategy for regional economic development. Its strategic attraction is centred around a large and growing population base, excellent telecommunications, nearby Shannon International Airport and connectivity to national road and rail networks.

With its medieval streetscape, Ennis is located in the centre of one of Western Europe's most scenic environments with a mixture of mountain, land and seascapes providing a breathtaking backdrop for a host of outdoor pursuits and annual festivals and events. The town is within easy reach of a number of internationally-renowned golf courses. Ennis is also home to Glór, the multi-functional arts, music, entertainment and conference venue right in the town centre.

Access

Road

Ennis is served by the N18 National Primary route which links the town to Galway in the north and Limerick in the south. Ennis is linked to Shannon International Airport and Limerick by motorway. The Ennis by-pass has resulted in improved traffic flow in and around Ennis and the N85 south western by-pass has removed through traffic between the N18 and West Clare from the town centre.

The Gort/Crusheen bypass on the N18 will reduce the journey time to Galway and improve connectivity to the Western Road Corridor.

Journey length by road to major cities and International Airport

	Limerick	Galway	Dublin	Cork	Shannon International Airport
Minutes	20	50	180	110	15
Kilometres	36	67	230	132	19

Air

Ennis is located within 19km of Shannon International Airport which operates direct services to a number of US, UK and European cities including New York, London and Paris, the airport offers frequent access to world markets.

Rail

Ennis bus and railway station is a modern public transport hub linking to the national bus and rail networks as well as delivering local services throughout Clare. Daily, frequent rail commuter services operate to Limerick and Galway with onward connections to Dublin and Cork.

Telecommunications

Ennis has a high-capacity optical fibre telecommunications infrastructure with full broadband connectivity linked to the national backbone. The telecommunications infrastructure in Ireland is fully de-regulated.



Business Space

The Information Age Park Ennis (IAPE) is part of the Shannon Development Knowledge Network developed specifically to support the growth and development of knowledge driven enterprise. The Park offers a unique managed environment for tenants: excellent standards in accommodation are combined with high levels of accessibility, telecommunications and security.

The Park is a premier location combining world-class business services and connectivity with thriving town centre facilities and a wealth of outstanding natural amenities.

www.ShannonDevelopment.ie

There are also a number of business parks in the town. Industrial, retail and commercial facilities are available in the Gort Road, Quin Road and Ballymaley parks in addition to facilities in prime town centre locations.

Energy

Ennis is served by 400kV, 220kV and 110kV lines. Ennis is linked to the national gas grid via the western gas pipeline.

Water Supply and Waste Management

Ennis and its environs has ample provision for water supply and treatment provided by a new €9.8m treatment plant which incorporates the largest membrane filtration system in a public water scheme in Ireland. There are 2 sewage treatment plants (primary and secondary) with a combined capacity of 23,000 PE. In terms of waste disposal, Ennis has access to an EPA-licensed engineered landfill facility nearby with an annual capacity of 59,000 tonnes of waste. A recycling centre in Ennis is also operational.



Education and Skills

High quality education is available with pre-school, primary and second-level schools available to meet the needs of families relocating to the area.

In addition, the University of Limerick and Limerick Institute of Technology are within 0.5 hrs drive of Ennis. The University of Galway and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology are within 1 hrs drive. Selected courses are also delivered in Ennis Regional Learning Centre by the universities and institutes of technology.

Population

With a population of 22,051 (including environs) Ennis is Ireland's 10th largest population centre.



Ennistymon

Bustling Market Town



The administrative centre of North Clare, Ennistymon has a long tradition as a market town and is the commercial centre for North Clare. It is the gateway to the world-renowned tourist destinations of North Clare including the surfing and golfing resort of Lahinch, iconic Cliffs of Moher and the dramatic limestone region of the Burren. Ennistymon has had the benefit of a Town Renewal Scheme and this has provided for the enhancement of the urban fabric and increase in business activity in the town. There is an excellent base of hotel and conference facilities in the area. The main industrial employer is Data Display, an award-winning leading supplier of electronic display solutions to wide-ranging, cross-sectoral, global customers. The town has considerable potential to grow and develop its enterprise base thanks to improvements in broadband and business space.

Population

Ennistymon's populations according to the 2006 Census was 881.

Education

High quality education is available with pre-school, primary and second-level schools available to meet the needs of families relocating to the area.

Ennistymon is within an hour's drive of the University of Limerick, Limerick Institute of Technology, University of Galway and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology.

Access

Road

The town is situated at the junction of the N67 and N85 routes, which provides a good link to the N18 National Primary Route from Galway to Limerick and excellent access to Ennis and the rest of the county.

Journey length by road to major cities and International Airport

	Limerick	Galway	Dublin	Cork	Shannon International Airport
Minutes	60	60	3 hrs 45 mins	2 hrs 45 mins	45
Kilometres	70	70	272	166	50

Air

Ennistymon is located within 50km of Shannon International Airport which operates direct services to a number of US, UK and European cities including New York, London and Paris.



Rail

Bus Services are available to Ennis with rail services from Ennis to Limerick and Galway and onwards to Dublin.

Business Space

Ennistymon Enterprise Centre comprises 600 sq ft and 1200 sq ft shell & core units which include three phase power, and prime office space ideal for existing businesses looking to relocate or for starting a new business. With excellent facilities, advice and mentoring and a unique location, the centre benefits from a full-time manager onsite making it an ideal incubator environment. Ample parking and meeting rooms are available.

www.projectennistymon.com

Telecommunications

Broadband in Ennistymon and surrounding areas is available through DSL, Wireless, Satellite and Mobile.

Water Supply and Waste Management

Water supply has recently been upgraded in the area, the network being fed from a new reservoir near Lisdoonvarna.

The town is served by a wastewater treatment scheme and has access to an EPA-licensed engineered landfill facility nearby with an annual capacity of 59,000 tonnes of waste.

Killaloe

*Accessible
lakeside destination*



Situated in the scenic waterside setting of Lough Derg on the River Shannon, Killaloe is the most important boating and fishing centre within the three counties of Clare, Limerick and Tipperary. The area is recognised internationally for its beauty and the variety and quality of its tourism activities, amenities and restaurants.

It offers a tranquil environment for those who live there, being far enough from the 'hustle and bustle' of city life yet within easy commuting distance of just 19 kilometres from Limerick city and the town of Nenagh. Killaloe in County Clare and Ballina in County Tipperary, are physically linked by the historic bridge across the river Shannon at the southern tip of Lough Derg.

Tourism is an important wealth creator and employer in Killaloe and its designation as a Heritage town has enhanced the tourism potential of the area with further sustainable development currently underway for Lough Derg. The town has also, in recent times, diversified into increased professional, administrative and commercial sectors.

The University of Limerick operates an Outdoor Activity Centre five kilometres from Killaloe offering a variety of outdoor water-based pursuits and caters for corporate, team-building and leisure activities.

Access

Road

Killaloe is situated five kilometres off the main Dublin-Limerick Road, N7, and is easily accessible by road from Shannon, Limerick, Nenagh and Ennis. Located just five kilometres from the N7, the major cities of Dublin, Cork and Limerick are very accessible to Killaloe.

Journey length by road to major cities and International Airport

	Limerick	Galway	Dublin	Cork	Shannon International Airport
Minutes	35	90	150	120	50
Kilometres	19	196	192	120	40

Air

Shannon International Airport which operates direct services to a number of US, UK and European cities is within 40 kilometres of Killaloe.

Rail

The nearest railway stations are located at Sixmilebridge and Birdhill, five minutes drive from Killaloe.

Business Space

Land-use policies and proposals for the area are designed to facilitate expansion in the adjoining towns of Killaloe and Ballina.

Killaloe has industrial, commercial and enterprise space available as well as development sites which offer scope for further development.

www.ShannonDevelopment.ie

Telecommunications

Killaloe is connected to the national broadband network with a range of providers offering services.

Water Supply and Waste Management

Killaloe's water supply source is being increased from 60,000 gallons per day to 260,000 gallons per day. Killaloe/Ballina have one tertiary sewerage treatment plant, which has the capacity for a population equivalent of 3,000 people. However, the capacity of this facility can be doubled in the future. The town has access to a recycling and transfer centre at Scarriff, 15 kilometres away.

Population

Killaloe's population according to the 2006 Census was 1,174.



Education

High quality education is available with pre-school, primary and second-level schools available to meet the needs of families relocating to the area. Killaloe is located about 16km from the University of Limerick and Limerick Institute of Technology and within commutable distance of Tipperary Institute.

Kilrush

Maritime and Energy Centre
www.kilrush.ie



Kilrush is the primary business town for the West Clare peninsula and has all the essential ingredients of an attractive bustling business location built on solid industrial, commercial and educational foundations.

There is a mix of business activity including energy and electricity generation, manufacturing and services. The area has a wealth of strategic resources which drive economic development and offer considerable scope for further development including wind and wave energy, maritime resources and tourist attractions.

Situated on the Shannon Estuary, the area forms part of one of the premium tourist routes along the West Coast of Ireland offering spectacular scenic drives and walks along Loop Head, sandy beaches of Kilkee seaside town, world class golf facilities at Doonbeg, dolphin watching, marina facilities and a fantastic array of festivals and events.

Population

Kilrush's population according to the 2006 Census was 2,699.

Education

High quality education is available with pre-school, primary and second-level schools available to meet the needs of families relocating to the area. Kilrush is within commuting distance of the University of Limerick and Limerick Institute of Technology.

Access

Road

There is a good road network connecting Kilrush to the N18 to Ennis, Limerick, Shannon and Galway and the N7 to Dublin.

Journey length by road to major cities and International Airport

	Limerick	Galway	Dublin	Cork	Shannon International Airport
Minutes	65	100	240	165	55
Kilometres	76	107	270	90 Via Ferry	62

Air

Kilrush is located within an hour's drive of Shannon International Airport which operates direct services to a number of US, UK and European cities including New York, London and Paris.

Rail

Bus services are available to Ennis with rail services from Ennis to Limerick and Galway and onwards to Dublin.

Sea

Kilrush is adjacent to the Killimer/Tarbert Car Ferry bringing Listowel, Tralee and the entire North Kerry area within 30 minutes of Kilrush. The Ferry operates 7 days a week throughout the year.

Telecommunications

Kilrush has a Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) consisting of 5.2 kms of primarily 4-way ducting. The network also consists of a number of drop connections to facilitate future customer connections consisting of 2-way ducting, sub-ducting and 12-pair optical fibre cable. DSL, Wireless, Satellite and Mobile broadband is available in surrounding areas.

Business Space

There is a wide range of enterprise, industrial and commercial facilities available in the town and surrounding areas of West Clare in addition to facilities in prime town centre locations. The new Merchant's Quay Business Quarter, located in the historic setting of restored mills offers versatile, contemporary space in the centre of town overlooking the marina and Estuary.

www.merchantsquaykilrush.com

The town is well served by development sites, business parks and enterprise centres in a number of locations.
www.ShannonDevelopment.ie



Water Supply and Waste Management

Water is supplied to Kilrush from the West Clare Regional Water Scheme which has a daily capacity of 3m gallons. A wastewater treatment plant is in place. A recycling centre and transfer station is in operation nearby in Lisdeen.

Scarriff

Developing diverse
market town



Scarriff is a market town and the administrative centre of east Clare and ideally situated at the very centre of a world-renowned area of great natural beauty. It is ideally located at the centre of the Shannon area, close to both cities of Galway and Limerick. With a large pool of highly educated and skilled people Scarriff is a very interesting location for start-up or relocating businesses.

East Clare is well known for its music, arts, heritage and culture and is a landmark for a number of highly popular festivals and events.

Golfing, equestrian pursuits and walking are all well catered for in the unspoilt, quiet countryside of East Clare. For serious hill walkers to those seeking a leisurely pursuit, the East Clare Way is a 112 mile Walking Trail through some of East Clare's most beautiful countryside.

The area is also ideally located as an angling base within easy access of a number of well-stocked lakes.

There is a varied range of industrial and commercial activity in the town. Finsa Forest Products is long established and the largest employer in the town. Waterways Ireland, a cross-border body, with responsibility for the management, maintenance, development and restoration of Ireland's inland navigations is headquartered in Scarriff.

The Tuamgraney Business Park has a good mix of business activity including A.J. Precision Components, a contract manufacturing company specialising in plastic injection moulding, ultrasonic welding, value added assembly and blow moulding. Wilde Irish Chocolates is an award-winning local business also located in the Business Park.

Access

Road

Scarriff is easily accessible from all major centres, 32 kilometres from Limerick and Ennis, 64 kilometres from Galway. The major cities of Cork and Dublin are about a two hour drive.

Journey length by road to major cities and International Airport

	Limerick	Galway	Dublin	Cork	Shannon International Airport
Minutes	35	70	150	120	40
Kilometres	32	64	140	130	48

Air

Shannon International Airport operates direct services to a number of US, UK and European cities is within 40 minutes drive of Scarriff.

Rail

Railway stations are located at Sixmilebridge and Birdhill, 25 minutes from Scarriff and at Limerick and Ennis, both 35 minutes from Scarriff.

There is a regular bus service between Scarriff and Limerick.

Business Space

Clare County Council has a one-stop shop in Scarriff, this enables private individuals and businesses easy access to a wide range of County Council services locally. Versatile business space is available in the Tuamgraney Business Park comprising units ranging in size from 1000 to 2000 square foot.

www.ShannonDevelopment.ie

Telecommunications

Scarriff and surrounding areas are connected to the national broadband network with a range of providers offering services.

Water Supply and Waste Management

A new sewerage system for Scarriff/Tuamgraney is in place since 2010. A new recycling centre and transfer station is in operation in the town.

Education:

High quality education is available with pre-school, primary and second-level schools available to meet the needs of families relocating to the area.

Scarriff is located within easy commuting distance of the University of Limerick and Limerick Institute of Technology.

Population:

Scarriff's population according to the 2006 Census was 807.



Shannon

International Gateway
to world markets
www.shannon.ie



Shannon has been chosen by leading international businesses across a wide range of sectors including Aerospace, Internationally-traded services, ICT, Manufacturing, and Electronics. The Shannon region is home to the largest industrial base outside of Dublin area.

It is the international access point for the western region of Ireland. Shannon/Limerick has been designated a gateway under the Government's National Spatial Strategy for regional economic development for the period 2002 to 2020.

Shannon is a relatively new town established in the 1960's which has built up a unique community spirit. Community facilities are excellent with numerous sporting complexes, library, leisure complex, children's playground, town park, river walks and golf courses, and a rich natural environment consisting of impressive landscapes and natural open spaces. A major shopping /retail complex, Skycourt Shannon, is located in the town centre.

Shannon is the ideal tourist location point within easy access of the famous tourist destinations of Bunratty, Kilkee, Lahinch, Killaloe and the spectacular Cliffs of Moher.

Access

Road

Shannon town is located just off the N18 National Primary Route from Ennis to Limerick. The N18 is an integral part of the western road network, which connects all of the major towns along the west coast from Derry in the North to Cork in the South.

Shannon is linked to Ennis and Limerick by motorway. The Limerick-Shannon tunnel project will provide uninterrupted connectivity to the major cities of Dublin and Cork.

Journey length by road to major cities and International Airport

	Limerick	Galway	Dublin	Cork	Shannon International Airport
Minutes	15	70	150	90	2
Kilometres	19	86	211	115	1

Air

Shannon International Airport operates direct services to a number of US, UK and European cities including New York, London and Paris, the airport offers frequent access to world markets.

Shannon Airport offers full US Pre-clearance allowing hassle-free clearing of US emigration and customs in Shannon.

Rail

Rail services are accessible minutes away in Sixmilebridge which provides rail connectivity between Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Ennis and Galway. Main rail stations are located at Limerick and Ennis, both 15 minutes from Shannon Airport, and the route has been safeguarded for a potential rail link in the future from Shannon to the national mainline service.

Sea

The Shannon Estuary provides strategic seaport facilities providing dry and liquid bulk handling capabilities.

Telecommunications

Shannon has cutting-edge telecommunications infrastructure with full broadband connectivity linked to the national backbone. The telecommunications infrastructure in Ireland is fully de-regulated.



Business Space

Shannon Free Zone (SFZ)

Ireland's leading multi-sectoral business park for over 50 years covering 240 hectares and home to over 100 companies, employing 7,000 people and generating exports of over €3.3 billion per annum. It offers a professionally managed, inviting base adjacent to Shannon International Airport. As a customs free zone, it operates a deferral system whereby duty payable on imports from non-EU countries is deferred until goods leave Shannon for another EU location. Shannon Free Zone is also zero rated for VAT (Value Added Tax). Flexible options for office, distribution, manufacturing and specialist activity are available. A masterplan to guide the sustainable development of the SFZ over the next 30 years is in place.
www.shannonireland.com

Westpark Shannon

Is a high-tech €200m 40-acre flagship business campus comprising seven blocks of 92,000sq. metres of premium commercial space in a parkland setting. The campus is designed to meet the needs of multinational business with multiple international Tier-1 telecommunications networks and high standards of mechanical, electrical, technology and security management infrastructure.
www.westparkshannon.com

A wide range of other modern industrial, office, retail and commercial space is available throughout the town.

Education

High quality education is available with pre-school, primary and second-level schools available to meet the needs of families relocating to the area. In addition, the University of Limerick and Limerick Institute of Technology are within 15 minutes drive of Shannon. The University of Galway and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology are within 1.2 hrs drive. Shannon College of Hotel Management offers degree courses in business and hotel management.

Energy

Shannon is served by 110KV and 38KV power lines. The town is linked to the national gas grid via the western gas pipeline.

Water Supply and Waste Management

Currently Shannon's water supply has storage capacity of 34,000m³ with production capacity of 20,000m³ daily. Its waste water treatment system is divided into separate domestic and industrial streams and upgrading for additional capacity is planned. In terms of waste disposal, Shannon has access to an EPA-licensed engineered landfill facility with an annual capacity of 59,000 tonnes of waste. A recycling centre in Shannon is also operational.

Population

Shannon's population (including environs) according to the 2006 Census was 8,561.

