The origin of Irish towns


- **Anglo-Norman towns**
- **Towns of the Tudor-Stuart plantation period**
- **Estate towns**
- **New towns (seaside resorts, garrison towns and railway junction towns)**
- **New towns and satellite towns**

Legend:
- **Proto towns (9th–15th cent.)**
  - Gaelic ecclesiastical sites
  - Viking sea ports
  - Presumed Viking sea ports
- **12th–15th cent.**
  - Anglo-Norman towns
  - Anglo-Norman boroughs with doubtful settlement continuity and manorial centres
  - Gaelic market towns
  - Gaelic castles
- **16th–17th cent.**
  - Towns of the Tudor-Stuart plantation period
- **18th cent.**
  - Estate towns
- **19th cent.**
  - New towns (seaside resorts, garrison towns and railway junction towns)
- **20th cent.**
  - New towns and satellite towns

Town examples:
- **Buncrana**
- **Portrush**
- **Ballycastle**
- **Portstewart**
- **Coleraine**
- **Ballymoney**
- **Limavady**
- **Londonderry**