

The following settlements are classified as rural in line with Bandings devised by Northern Ireland Statistical Research Agency.

Settlements with population 2250 – 4500 (2001 Census)

Ahoghill
Ballygowan
Broughshane
Castledearg
Castlewellan
Crimlin
Cullybackey
Dungiven
Eglinton
Hillsborough
Keady
Killyleagh
Lisnaskea
Maghera
Moirá
Portaferry
Richhill
Rostrevor
Saintfield
Tandragee
Waringstown
Whitehead

Settlements with population 1000 – 2250

Annahilt	Doagh	Kircubbin
Annalong	Dollingstown	Lisbellaw
Ardglass	Draperstown	Magheraberry
Ballinamallard	Dromore (Omagh)	Magheralin
Ballykelly	Drumaness	Markethill
Ballywalter	Dundrum	Millisle
Bellaghy	Dunloy	Moneymore
Bushmills	Fintona	Moy
Carnlough	Fivemiletown	Newtownstewart
Castledawson	Garvagh	Portavogie
Castlerock	Gilford	Portglenone
Claudy	Glenavy	Rathfriland
Cloughmills	Greyabbey	Sion Mills
Cogry/Kilbride	Greysteele	Templepatrick
Crossgar	Irvinestown	
Crossmaglen	Kells/Connor	
Cushendall	Kilrea	

The remaining rural settlements are those with a population of fewer than 1000 and include smaller settlements and open countryside.