

Bertie Ahern

Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of Ireland

Bertie Ahern was born in Dublin on September 12, 1951. He studied at Rathmines College of Commerce in Dublin and at University College Dublin.

Prior to entering politics Mr. Ahern worked as an accountant.

Mr. Ahern entered the Dáil (Lower House) in 1977. Before becoming leader of the Fianna Fáil Party in 1994, he held the positions of Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister); Minister for Finance; Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht (Irish speaking areas of Ireland); Minister for Industry and Commerce; Minister for Labour; and party spokesperson on labour.

Mr. Ahern became Taoiseach (Prime Minister) in June 1997 and was re-elected in the June 2002 general election.

Mr. Ahern has two children.