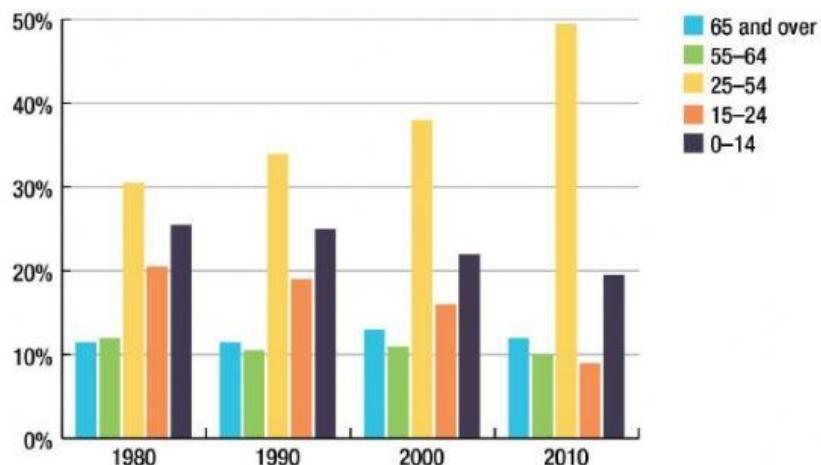


EXERCISE 7

Choose the correct prepositions to complete the student's report.

The age of the population of Ireland between 1980 and 2010



The bar chart compares the different ages of people living in Ireland between 1980 and 2010.

All in all, the size of the 25–54 age group increased the most about/over the period while the size of the two younger age groups decreased a little bit. The number of people in/to the two older age groups stayed about the same.

The 25–54 age group grew from/over approximately a third of the population in 1980 to nearly half of the population in 2010. By contrast, the 0–14 age group fell from/in just over 25% in 1980 from/to just under 20% in 2010. Similarly, the 15–24 age group dropped from just over 20% of the population in 1980 to just over/under 10% of the population in 2010.

The older two age groups did not increase or decrease much. The size of the 65 and over age group remained at/in about 12%, whereas the size of the 55–64 age group only fell from/under about 12% at/to about 10% of the population.