

# FACT SHEET



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## ONLINE JOB POSTING TRENDS

### KEY MESSAGES

While recognising that the data from this source can vary from month to month and readers should avoid drawing conclusions on the basis of one month's figures, the latest data shows that:

- ▶ Online job postings in Northern Ireland increased by **27%** from the previous month, with approximately **14,700 new job postings** recorded in June 2026. This was the highest monthly total of job postings recorded since June 2023.
- ▶ UK job postings **increased by 29%** compared to the previous month. Annual figures also **increased with a 10% rise** from June 2025.
- ▶ Job postings for Managers and Directors in Retail and Wholesale **increased by 54%** from the previous month moving it into the top three occupations. Sales, Communication and Customer Service were the top common skills listed in these job postings.

\*Figures correct as at 06/07/2026



### PART-TIME

**1,400 online job postings had the following term in their advertisement: Part-time.**

Part-time job postings increased by **20%** from the previous month and were more than double the level recorded in June 2025.

The top posted occupations for Part-time jobs included Cleaners, Sales Related Occupations and Kitchen Assistants.



### TOP OCCUPATIONS

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/careers>

#### SALES RELATED OCCUPATIONS N.E.C.

Approx. 600 jobs

4% of job postings

##### POPULAR JOB TITLES:

- ▶ Sales Assistants
- ▶ Sales Advisors
- ▶ Sales Executives
- ▶ Customer Advisors

##### SKILLS:

- ▶ Customer Relationship Management
- ▶ Selling Techniques
- ▶ Key Performance Indicators
- ▶ Product Knowledge

#### MANAGERS AND DIRECTORS IN RETAIL AND WHOLESALE

Approx. 450 jobs

3% of job postings

##### POPULAR JOB TITLES:

- ▶ Store Managers
- ▶ Business Development Managers
- ▶ Assistant Managers
- ▶ Business Development Executives

##### SKILLS:

- ▶ Business Development
- ▶ Key Performance Indicators
- ▶ Customer Relationship Management
- ▶ Marketing

#### PROGRAMMERS AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS

Approx. 400 jobs

3% of job postings

##### POPULAR JOB TITLES:

- ▶ Software Engineers
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence Engineers
- ▶ Developers
- ▶ Software Developers

##### SKILLS:

- ▶ Scalability
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence
- ▶ Software Engineering
- ▶ Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery

\*Figures are subject to revision by Lightcast

# ONLINE JOB POSTINGS



Jobs reported to the Northern Ireland Employment Service can be found on [JobApplyNI](#).  
If you wish to chat online with a careers adviser for advice and guidance on your careers options see [Nidirect careers](#).

## SALES RELATED OCCUPATIONS N.E.C.

Job title	Employer	Location
<a href="#">Sales Assistant</a>	Superdrug	Bangor
<a href="#">Retail Customer Advisor</a>	Vodafone Three	Belfast
<a href="#">Sales Assistant</a>	Gordons Chemist	Belfast
<a href="#">Sales Advisor</a>	Argento	Lisburn
<a href="#">Sales Representative</a>	Evolve Network	Craigavon
<a href="#">Sales Assistant</a>	Sports Direct	Bangor
<a href="#">Retail Sales Assistant</a>	Crawfords	Maghera
<a href="#">Sales Assistant</a>	Tesco	Dunmurry

## MANAGERS AND DIRECTORS IN RETAIL AND WHOLESALE

Job title	Employer	Location
<a href="#">Shift Manager</a>	Iceland	Magherafelt
<a href="#">Store Manager</a>	Costa Coffee	Ballymena
<a href="#">Store Manager</a>	Specsavers	Downpatrick
<a href="#">Store Manager</a>	Next	Omagh
<a href="#">Cinema Experience Manager</a>	ODEON	Belfast
<a href="#">Store Manager</a>	Trespass	Lisburn
<a href="#">Store Manager</a>	H&M	Newry
<a href="#">Assistant Retail Manager</a>	Marie Curie	Newry

## PROGRAMMERS AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS

Job title	Employer	Location
<a href="#">Technical Support Engineer</a>	Delinea	Belfast
<a href="#">Data/AI Engineer</a>	Deloitte	Belfast
<a href="#">Software Engineer</a>	EPAM	Newry
<a href="#">Software Engineer</a>	TP ICAP	Belfast
<a href="#">Data Analyst</a>	CME Group	Belfast
<a href="#">Business Intelligence Developer</a>	Dunbia	Dungannon
<a href="#">AV Programming Associate</a>	EOS	Banbridge
<a href="#">Software Engineer</a>	Bright Software Group	Belfast

# DEPARTMENT FOR THE ECONOMY SKILLS PROGRAMMES

## Skills programmes for individuals



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### Assured Skills Academies

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If you're unemployed, under-employed, or want to change career, then [ASSURED SKILLS ACADEMIES](#) pre-employment training can help you.

Assured Skills Academies help individuals gain the skills they need to compete for guaranteed job vacancies, with both new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) companies and expanding locally based businesses. In the last 2 years over 280 people have secured employment through academies.



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### Apprenticeships

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An [APPRENTICESHIP](#) can give you the training and qualifications you need to help you get ahead in your chosen career. There are currently two framework levels to choose from, Level 2 and 3. It usually takes up to two years to complete one level and up to four years to finish the two levels depending on their complexity and your ability.

#### Higher Level Apprenticeship

If you've completed A Levels or equivalent, you may be interested in a [HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP](#), which offers the opportunity to gain quality training and a recognised higher education qualification at level 4 to 7 (Foundation Degree to Masters) while in paid employment. By taking part in a Higher Level Apprenticeship, you can gain the skills that employers need and that are relevant to the local economy, therefore improving your prospects of good earnings and sustained employment.



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### Skill Up

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If you're aged 18 and over and eligible to work in Northern Ireland, a range of free accredited courses are available to help you re-train and re-skill, through [SKILL UP – the flexible skills programme](#). The Department for the Economy is supporting free short courses, delivered by the local further and higher education providers.

## Skills programmes for businesses



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### InnovateUs

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[INNOVATEUS](#) is fully funded by DfE. It helps businesses with fewer than 50 employees gain skills to engage in innovation activities. Delivered by the six local Further Education colleges, up to 60 hours of tailored training is provided during each InnovateUs project, either in the workplace, college, or via online learning. The programme provides an important first step for those small businesses who wish to upskill and innovate. Projects help develop ideas for new products, processes, or services and training is tailored to meet the needs of each individual business.



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### Skills Focus

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[SKILLS FOCUS](#) aims to support, promote, and facilitate collaborative working between business and colleges by providing tailored skills provision to small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) with fewer than 250 employees. It meets business needs by increasing the skills levels and employability of the existing workforce to qualifications at level 2 and above, up to and including Level 7 (Master's degree level). The programme is currently 90% funded by DfE with a 10% contribution from participating businesses.