



## LABOUR MARKET FACT SHEET - BELFAST METROPOLITAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FORUM (WDF) JUNE 2012

This fact sheet provides an overview of the labour market for the Belfast Metropolitan WDF in Northern Ireland. Belfast Metropolitan WDF comprises Belfast City Council and Castlereagh Borough Council.

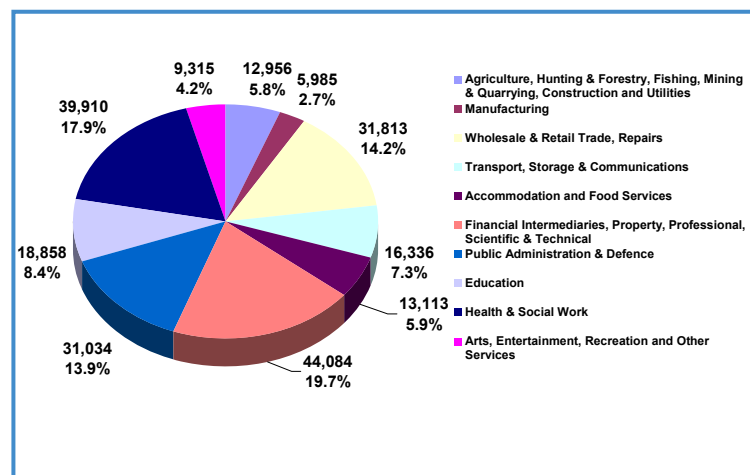
### OVERVIEW

In 2010 there were 142,000 people employed in the Belfast Metropolitan WDF. The working age employment rate was 66.6%, the working age economic activity rate was 71.7% and the working age economic inactivity rate was 28.3%.<sup>1</sup> In 2011 the claimant count rate was 6.2%.<sup>2</sup>

In 2010 the population of the Belfast Metropolitan WDF was 335,774 with 48.0% being males (161,064) and 52.0% being females (174,710). The working age population was 210,225.<sup>3</sup>

### EMPLOYEE JOBS<sup>3</sup>

- There were 223,403 employee jobs in the Belfast Metropolitan WDF in 2009. This represented a decrease of 1,087 (0.5%) since 2007.
- In 2009, 19.7% of jobs were in Financial Intermediaries, Property, Professional, Scientific & Technical jobs followed by 14.2% of jobs in Wholesale & Retail Trade, Repairs.
- There were 5,985 jobs in Manufacturing which accounted for 2.7% of jobs.



<sup>1</sup> Labour Force Survey Local Area Database, Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)

<sup>2</sup> Claimant Count, DFP

<sup>3</sup> Census of Employment, DFP

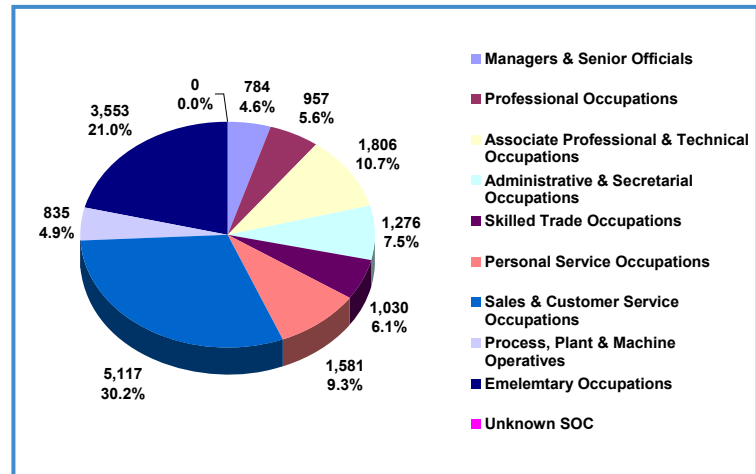
## FURTHER EDUCATION<sup>4</sup>

In 2010/11, 12.7% of enrolments were in Languages, Literature and Culture courses whilst 15.6% of enrolments were in Education and Training courses at Belfast Metropolitan College.

Only 1.3% of enrolments were in History, Philosophy and Theology courses. Less than 1% of enrolments were in Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care courses (0.4%).

## VACANCIES<sup>5</sup>

- In 2010, over a quarter (30.2%) of all notified vacancies were in Sales and Customer Service Occupations, whilst over a fifth (21%) were in Elementary Occupations.
- The smallest number of vacancies was in Managers & Senior Officials accounting for 4.6% of all vacancies.



## DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE BELFAST METROPOLITAN WDF...

- in 2009, females made up 52.5% of all employees<sup>3</sup>.
- over two thirds (69%) of jobs were full-time in 2009<sup>3</sup>.
- in 2001, 19.8% of the population in 2001 had qualification Levels 4 and 5 (First degree and higher). 40.6% had no qualifications.<sup>6</sup>
- in 2011 there were 753 confirmed redundancies. This equates to 41.7% of the total number of redundancies in Northern Ireland in 2011.<sup>7</sup>
- in 2011 there were a total of 9,750 VAT registered businesses. Of these 16.6% were in Professional, scientific and technical whilst 11.5% were in Retail.<sup>8</sup>

## USEFUL LINKS

JobCentre Online	Contains vacancies currently notified to Jobs and Benefits offices: <a href="http://www.jobcentreonline.com">www.jobcentreonline.com</a>
Careers Service Northern Ireland	Provides an impartial all age careers information, advice and guidance service: to <a href="http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers">http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers</a>
Office for National Statistics	Official Labour Market Statistics for UK: <a href="http://www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp">www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp</a>
Eures	The European Mobility Portal: <a href="http://www.europa.eu.int/eures/home.jsp">www.europa.eu.int/eures/home.jsp</a>
Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment	Economic and Labour Market statistics for NI: <a href="http://www.detini.gov.uk/cgi-bin/gethome">www.detini.gov.uk/cgi-bin/gethome</a>

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<sup>4</sup> FESR

<sup>5</sup> Client Management System, DEL

<sup>6</sup> Census 2001

<sup>7</sup> Redundancies, DFP

<sup>8</sup> UK Business: Activity, Size and Location 2011

