

LABOUR MARKET FACT SHEET - NORTH WEST REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FORUM (WDF) JUNE 2012

This fact sheet provides an overview of the labour market for the North West Regional WDF in Northern Ireland. The North West Regional WDF comprises Derry City Council, Limavady Borough Council and Strabane District Council.

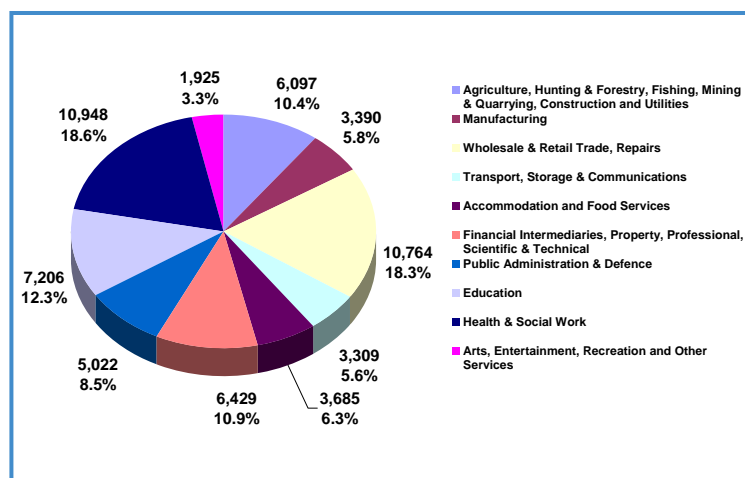
OVERVIEW

In 2010 there was 66,000 people working in the North West Regional WDF. The working age employment rate was 55.6%, the working age economic activity rate was 67.4% and the working age economic inactivity rate was 32.6%.¹ In 2011 the claimant count rate was 7.6%.²

In 2010, the population of the North West Regional WDF was 183,489, with 49.4% being males (90,700) and 50.6% being females (92,789). The working age population was 114,485.³

EMPLOYEE JOBS³

- There were 58,774 employee jobs in the North West Regional WDF in 2009. This represented a decrease of 2,413 (3.9%) since 2007.
- Almost one fifth of jobs were in Health and Social Work (18.6%), followed by 18.3% of jobs in Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repairs.
- In 2009, there were 1,925 jobs in Arts, Entertainment, Recreation and Other Services (3.3%).



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

² Claimant Count, DFP

³ Census of Employment, DFP

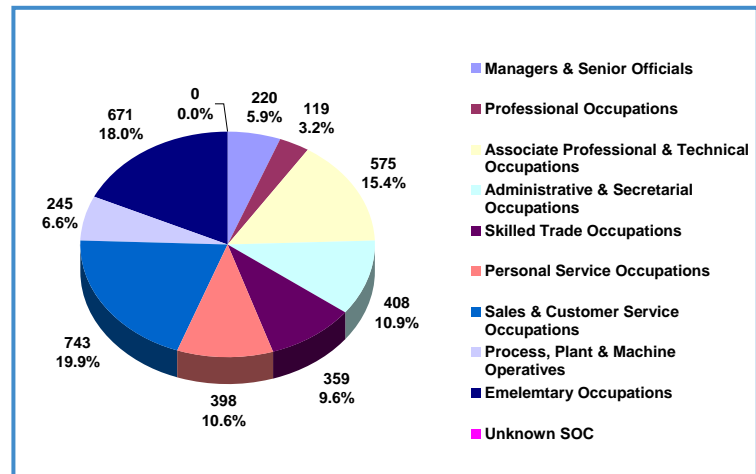
FURTHER EDUCATION⁴

In 2010/11, 24.4% of enrolments were in Education and Training courses and 15.6% of enrolments were in Health, Public Services & Care courses.

Only 0.5% of enrolments were in Social Sciences courses. There were no enrolments on History, Philosophy and Theology courses.

VACANCIES⁵

- Just over a quarter of all notified (19.9%) vacancies in 2010 in the North West Regional WDF were in Sales and Customer Service Occupations. This was followed by 18% in Elementary Occupations.
- The smallest number of vacancies was for Professional Occupations accounting for 3.2% of all vacancies.



DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL WDF...

- in 2009, females made up 54.4% of all employees³.
- almost two thirds (64.4%) of jobs were full-time in 2009³.
- in 2001, 13.0% of the population in 2001 had qualification Levels 4 and 5 (First degree and higher). 46.5% had no qualifications.⁶
- in 2011 there were 180 confirmed redundancies. This equates to 10% of the total number of redundancies in Northern Ireland.⁷
- in 2011 there were a total of 5,885 VAT registered businesses. Of these 26% were in Agriculture while just under a fifth were in Construction (18.4%).⁸

USEFUL LINKS

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

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⁴ FESR

⁵ Client Management System, DEL

⁶ Census 2001

⁷ Redundancies, DFP

⁸ UK Business: Activity, Size and Location 2011

