

## LABOUR MARKET FACT SHEET - NORTHERN IRELAND JUNE 2012

This fact sheet provides an overview of the labour market for Northern Ireland.

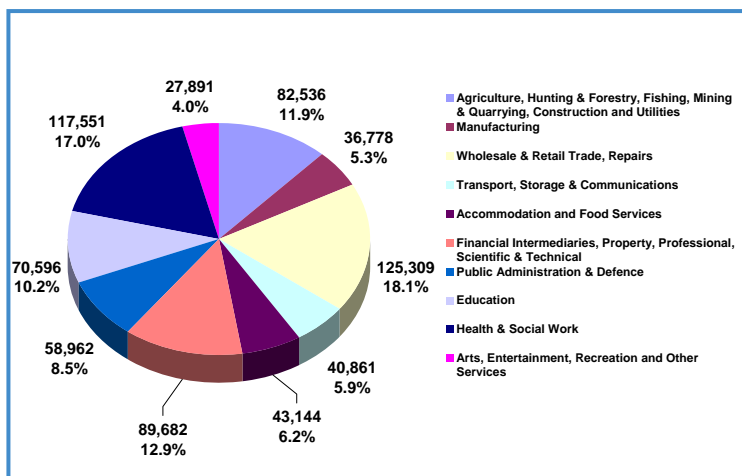
### OVERVIEW

In 2011 there were 755,000 people in employment in Northern Ireland. The working age employment rate was 65.8%, the working age economic activity rate was 70.9% and the working age economic inactivity rate was 29.1%.<sup>3</sup> The claimant count rate was 5.1%.<sup>4</sup>

In 2010, the population of Northern Ireland was 1,799,397, with 49% being males (884,396) and 51% being females (915,001). The working age population in Northern Ireland was 1,109,055.

### EMPLOYEE JOBS<sup>5</sup>

- In 2009, there were 693,308 employee jobs in Northern Ireland. This represented an decrease of 17,330 (2.5%) since 2007.
- In 2009 almost one fifth of jobs were in Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repairs (18.1%), followed by 17% of jobs in Health and Social Work.
- There were 27,891 employee jobs in Arts, Entertainment, Recreation and Other Services accounting for 4% of all employee jobs in Northern Ireland.



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

In 2010/11, the highest number of enrolments in Northern Ireland Further Education Colleges was in Education and Training courses (22.8%). There were less than 1% of enrolments in Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care courses (0.8%) and History, Philosophy and Theology courses (0.4%).

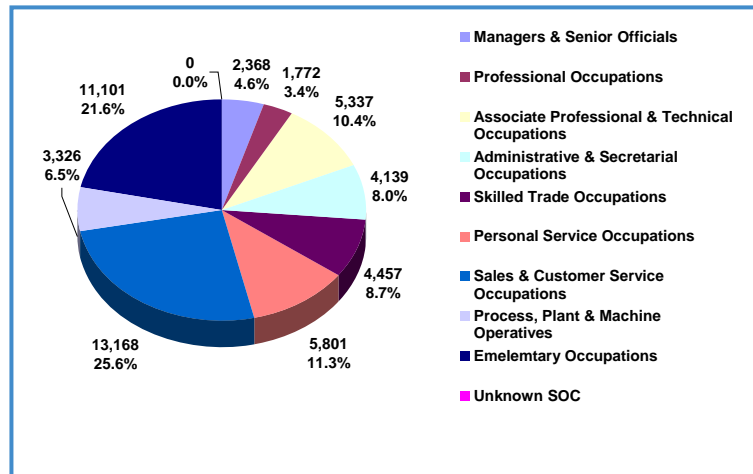
### HIGHER EDUCATION<sup>5</sup>

In 2010/2011, 15.1% of Northern Ireland domiciled students enrolled at Northern Ireland Higher Education Institutions were enrolled in Subjects allied to Medicine, whilst 14.4% were enrolled in Business and Administrative Studies. The lowest number of enrolments was in Combined (0.1%).

1. Labour Force Survey Local Area Database, Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)  
2. Claimant Count, DFP  
3. Census of Employment, DFP  
4. FESR  
5. HESA

## VACANCIES<sup>6</sup>

- In 2010, just over a quarter (25.6%) of all notified vacancies in Northern Ireland were in Sales and Customer Service Occupations while over a fifth (21.6%) were in Elementary Occupations.
- The smallest number of vacancies (3.4%) were in Professional Occupations.



## DID YOU KNOW THAT IN NORTHERN IRELAND...

- in 2009, females made up 53% of all employees<sup>3</sup>.
- Almost two thirds (65.1%) of jobs were full-time in 2009<sup>3</sup>.
- in 2001, 15.8% of the population in 2001 had qualification Levels 4 and 5 (First degree and higher). 41.6% had no qualifications.<sup>7</sup>
- in 2011 there were 1,804 confirmed redundancies, a decrease of 13.9% from 2010.<sup>8</sup>
- in 2011 there were a total of 67,955 VAT registered businesses. Of these 24% were in Agriculture followed by 16.1% in Construction.<sup>9</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>6</sup> Client Management System, DEL

<sup>7</sup> Census 2001

<sup>8</sup> Redundancies, DFP

<sup>9</sup> UK Business: Activity, Size and Location 2011