

LABOUR MARKET FACT SHEET - SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FORUM (WDF) JANUARY 2011

This factsheet provides an overview of the labour market for the South Eastern Regional WDF in Northern Ireland. South Eastern Regional WDF comprises Lisburn City Council, North Down Borough Council, Ards Borough Council and Down District Council.

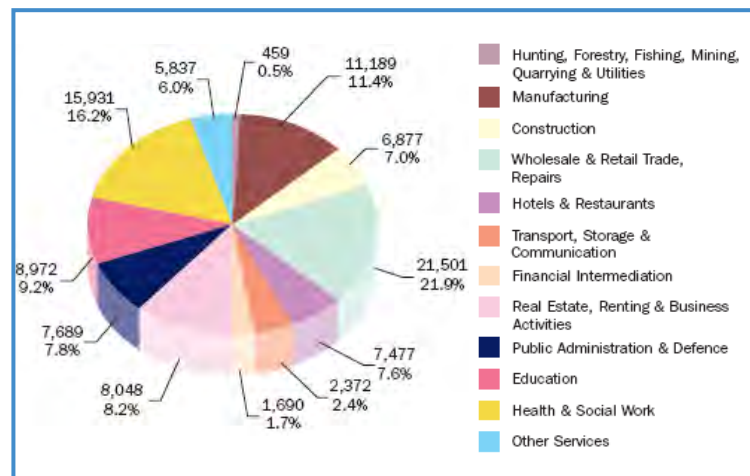
OVERVIEW

There are currently 151,000 people working in the South Eastern Regional WDF. The working age employment rate is 68.4%, the working age economic activity rate is 72.5% and the working age economic inactivity rate is 27.5%.¹ The claimant count rate is currently 5.6%.²

In 2008, the population of the South Eastern Regional WDF was 341,085, with 49.0% being males (166,973) and 51.0% being females (174,112). The working age population in the South Eastern Regional WDF was 209,098.³

EMPLOYEE JOBS³

- There were 98,042 employee jobs in the South Eastern Regional WDF in 2007. This represented an increase of 3,044 (3.2%) since 2005.
- Over one fifth of jobs were in Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repairs (21.9%), followed by 16.2% of jobs in Health and Social Work.
- Financial Intermediation accounted for only 1,690 jobs in the South Eastern Regional WDF (1.7%).



ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DEMAND FOR OCCUPATIONS⁴

Annual development demand for occupations includes both expansion demand (growth) and replacement demand caused by permanent retirements, leavers to another occupation, leavers to unemployment/inactivity and leavers to migration. The key occupations that are expected to grow in the South Eastern Regional WDF to 2015 include Sales (1,700 jobs per year), Elementary Administration and Service (1,550 jobs per year) and Administrative (1,550 jobs per year). Occupations with lower levels of demand include Protective Service, Health Professionals and Customer Service.

¹ Labour Force Survey Local Area Database 2009, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)

² Claimant Count, DETI

³ Census of Employment, 2007, DETI

⁴ Information supplied by Nick Rogers of the Economic Development Policy Unit of North Down Borough Council.

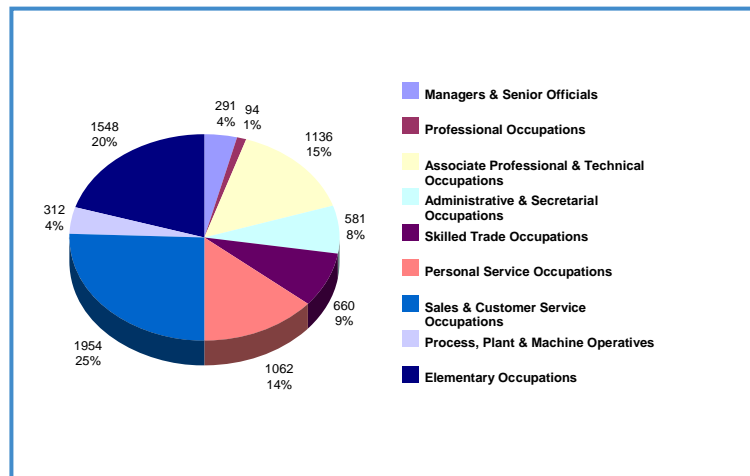
FURTHER EDUCATION⁵

In 2008/09, 18.5% of enrolments were in Education and Training courses and 13.7% of enrolments were in Information & Communication Technology courses.

Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care courses and Social Sciences courses each accounted for 3.2% of enrolments. Only 0.3% of enrolments were in History, Philosophy and Theology courses.

VACANCIES⁶

- Over a quarter of all notified vacancies in 2009 in the South Eastern Regional WDF were in Sales and Customer Service Occupations (25.6%), whilst 20.3% were in Elementary Occupations.
- The smallest number of vacancies in 2009 was in Professional Occupations accounting for 1.2% of all vacancies.



DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL WDF...

- in 2007, females made up 53.2% of all employees³.
- almost two thirds (62.7%) of jobs were full-time in 2007³.
- in 2001, 17.5% of the working age population in 2001 had qualification Levels 4 and 5 (First degree and higher). 36.4% had no qualifications.⁷
- in 2009 there were 325 confirmed redundancies. This equates to 7.1% of the total number of redundancies in Northern Ireland in 2009.⁸
- in 2009 there were a total of 11,610 VAT registered businesses. Of these under a fifth (18.6%) were in the Construction and 15.9% were in Agriculture.⁹

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: www.careersserviceni.com
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

Information provided by the Department for Employment and Learning. Last Updated: January 2011

⁵ FESR

⁶ Client Management System, DEL

⁷ Census 2001

⁸ Redundancies, DETI

⁹ Inter-departmental Business Register, DETI