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# Labour Market

# 1

Seasonally adjusted Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates for Northern Ireland for the period June to August 2011 recorded a fall over the quarter in the number of employed persons, while there was an increase in the number of unemployed and economically inactive persons. The seasonally adjusted claimant count in September 2011 increased by 500 over the month to 60,900. 70 proposed redundancies were notified in the latest reference period and 65 confirmed redundancies in September 2011.

## Employment

The number of persons in employment in the period June - August 2011 was estimated at 799,000. This estimate was down 3,000 over the quarter, but was up 21,000 over the year. The employment rate for those aged 16-64 was estimated at 67.3%, down 0.7 percentage points over the quarter, but up 1.0 percentage points over the year. NI's employment rate remained below the UK average (70.4%) and was the joint second lowest rate among the twelve UK regions.

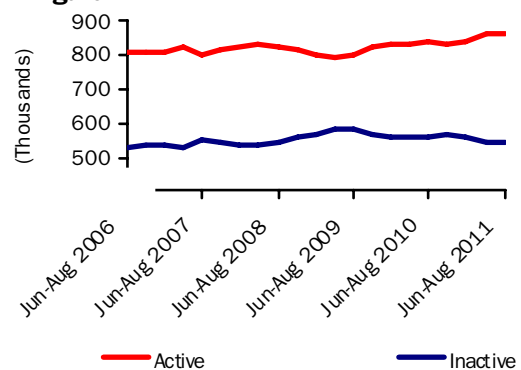
## Unemployment

The unemployment rate for the period June - August 2011 was estimated at 7.6%, up 0.5 percentage points over the quarter and 0.6 percentage points over the year. The number of unemployed persons was estimated at 65,000, up 4,000 over the quarter and up 7,000 over the year.

Unadjusted figures show that 45.1% of the unemployed have been unemployed for 1 year or more – up 2.4 percentage points over the year. They also estimate the unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds at 18.1% – down 0.8 percentage points over the year.

## Seasonally Adjusted Labour Market Summary for Northern Ireland (16+)

Figure 1



## Economically Inactive

The seasonally adjusted number of economically inactive persons in the period June - August 2011 was estimated at 542,000. This figure has increased by 2,000 over the quarter, but was down 16,000 over the year.

The NI economic inactivity rate for those aged 16-64 stands at 27.0%. This is significantly higher than the UK average rate (23.3%) and is the highest of the twelve UK regions. Unadjusted figures estimate that 32% of the economically inactive, aged 16-64, in NI are sick/disabled, 29% are students, 21% are looking after the family/home, 11% are retired and 6% are 'other' reason.

Unadjusted figures also show that while 91% of the inactive do not want work, the remaining 9% (51,000) want employment but do not satisfy the full ILO job search criteria (by actively seeking work and being available to start a job).

Estimates from the LFS have an associated

## Northern Ireland Labour Market Summary (seasonally adjusted)

Table 1

	Period	Estimate	Sampling Variability of estimate	Change over year	Sampling Variability of change
Employment	Jun-Aug 2011	799,000	+/-23,000	21,000	+/-30,000
Unemployment	Jun-Aug 2011	65,000	+/-11,000	7,000	+/-15,000
Economically inactive	Jun-Aug 2011	542,000	+/-21,000	-16,000	+/-27,000
Unemployment rate	Jun-Aug 2011	7.6%	+/-1.3pps	0.6pps	+/-1.8pps
Employment rate <sup>1</sup>	Jun-Aug 2011	67.3%	+/-1.8pps	1.0pps	+/-2.3pps
Economic inactivity rate <sup>1</sup>	Jun-Aug 2011	27.0%	+/-1.7pps	-1.6pps	+/-2.2pps
Claimant Count	September 2011	60,900		3,000	

Note: pps = percentage points, <sup>1</sup>Rates based on 16-64 population - see Section 9 for details.

degree of statistical error as they are based on a sample of the population. The annual changes for the main LFS categories of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity were tested for statistical significance. The results showed that none of the annual changes in the estimates were statistically significant i.e. the recorded change did not exceed the variability expected from a sample survey of this size (see table 1 and Section 9 for details).

### Unemployment Regional Comparison

The latest NI seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (7.6%) was lower than the overall UK average rate (8.1%) and was the fourth lowest rate among the twelve UK regions. The NI rate was also below the European Union (9.5%) and Republic of Ireland (14.5%) rates for July 2011. Comparable figures for the three months to July 2011 estimate the NI unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds at 18.3%, compared to a UK average rate of 19.2%.

### Claimant Count

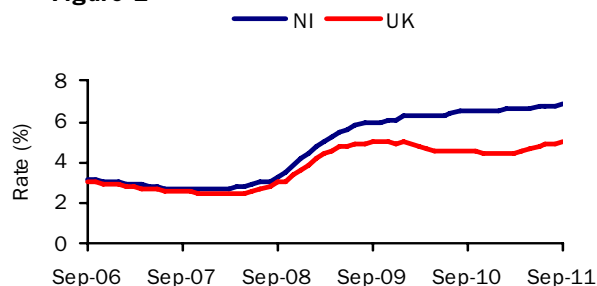
The more recent seasonally adjusted claimant count increased by 500 (0.8%) from last month. It now stands at 60,900 (6.9% of the workforce) in September 2011. The latest monthly increase was higher than the increase of 100 for the previous monthly period. Over the year the Claimant Count in NI has increased by 3,000 (5.2%) and the workforce unemployment rate has increased by 0.4 percentage points.

### Claimant Count Regional Comparison

The seasonally adjusted claimant count rate in NI (6.9%) was higher than the UK average rate (5.0%) and was the second highest rate among the twelve UK regions. However, the monthly increase in NI claimants (0.8%) was lower than the UK average increase (1.1%) over the same period. In addition, the annual increase in NI claimants (5.2%) was the lowest among the UK regions (the annual increase in the UK was 8.8%).

### Seasonally Adjusted Claimant Count Monthly Rates

Figure 2



### Claimant count rates for District Council Areas

Figure 3 (unadjusted numbers as a percentage of the resident working age population) show that the highest rates at September 2011 were in Derry (8.4%), Belfast (7.2%), Limavady (7.2%) and Strabane (7.2%). Those that showed the highest percentage increase in levels over the year to September 2011 were Ballymoney (10.0%), North Down (9.5%) and Derry (9.2%). For further District Council data please see section 3 of the Labour Market Report.

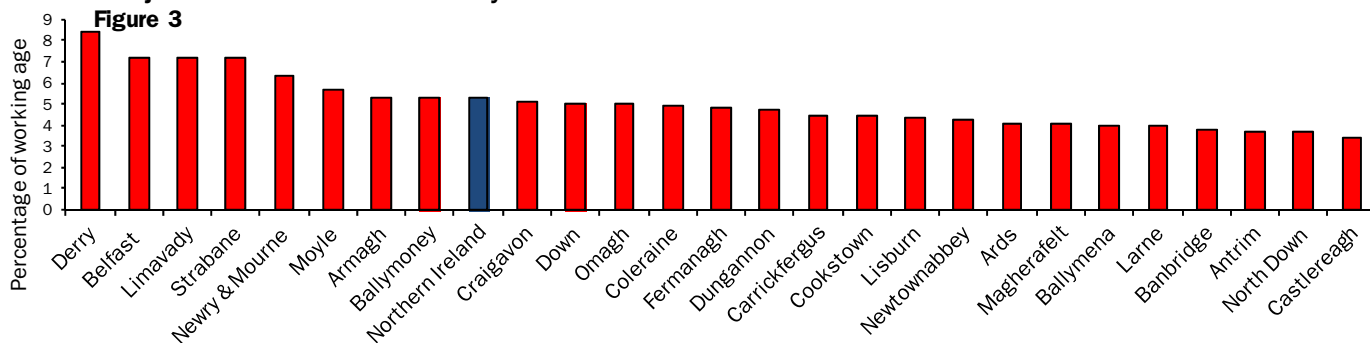
### Employment and Training Measures

The Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) provides a number of services and programmes to help jobseekers find work. In September 2008 Steps to Work, the Department's new flexible approach to helping people to find work, was introduced in Northern Ireland and subsumes the main New Deal programmes. Overall, there has been an increase of 7.1% (883 persons) to 13,330 over the year to September 2011 in the number of those claimants who are eligible for mandatory participation on Steps to Work. However, anyone over 18 years old (or lone parents aged 16 years old or over) who is not working (or working less than 16 hours each week) is eligible. Steps to Work and New Deal statistics are currently accessible via the DEL web link below:

[Steps to Work / New Deal statistics](#)

### Unadjusted Claimant Count Rates By District Council Area

Figure 3



**Redundancies**

There were 70 proposed redundancies notified during the period mid September 2011 to mid October 2011. This compares to 44 proposed redundancies that were notified in the previous monthly period.

There were 65 confirmed redundancies in the month of September (Figure 5). Over the latest twelve monthly period there were a total of 1,756 confirmed redundancies, a decrease of 34% from the previous year (2,653). The highest number of confirmed redundancies took place in the Belfast District Council area which had 36.4% (640) of all redundancies over the year.

Over the latest twelve month period there were a total of 2,184 proposed redundancies, a decrease of 29% from the previous year (3,063). Currently there are 757 outstanding redundancies (that is, proposed but not confirmed), which is 12% lower than this time last year (860).

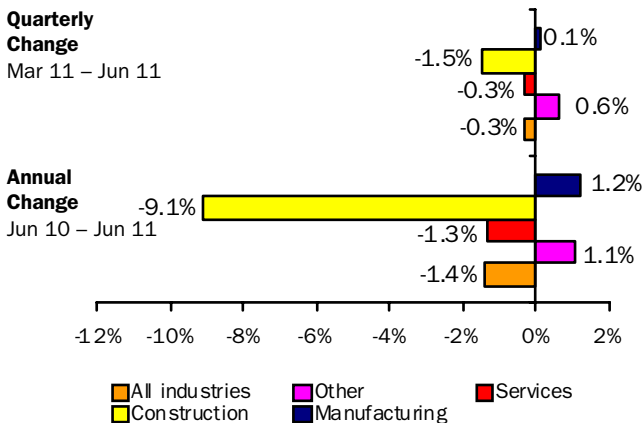
Note that since all proposed redundancies do not actually take place, the confirmed total provides a better indication of real job losses.

**Quarterly Employment Survey**

The QES provides an estimate of the number of jobs (rather than persons in employment) and is the preferred measure of change in employee jobs. The estimated seasonally adjusted employee jobs total in Northern Ireland at June 2011 was 699,650. This represents a decrease of 1,830 from the revised figure for the previous quarter and a decrease of 9,890 over the year (see Section 9 for details of QES revisions).

**Annual and Quarterly changes in employee jobs (seasonally adjusted\*)**

**Figure 4**



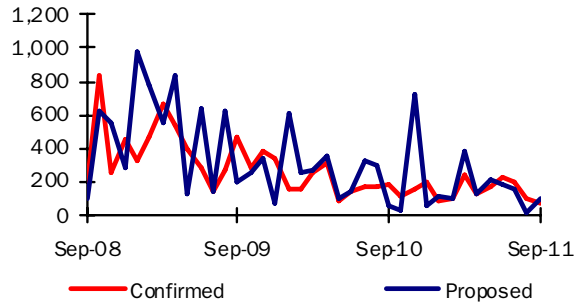
\*Please see QES further info (Section 9)

The seasonally adjusted quarterly change consisted of decreases in Construction (-500) and Services (-1,520). Manufacturing (+70) and Other industries (+110) both experienced increases over the quarter.

**Confirmed and Proposed Redundancies**

September 08 - September 11

**Figure 5**

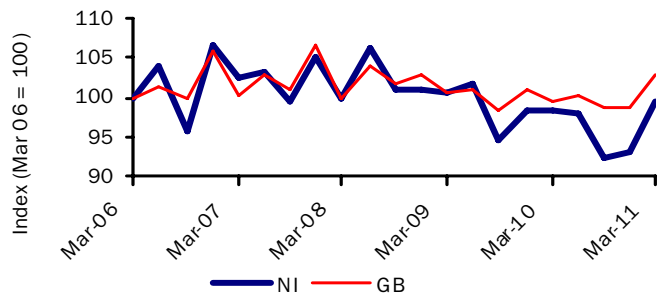


**Hours Worked**

The total workforce hours worked per week in Northern Ireland in March 2011 was estimated at 25.9 million hours, representing an increase of 1.2% over the year (compared with an increase of 3.2% in GB). Between March 2006 and March 2011, NI's total workforce hours worked per week decreased by 0.4%, compared with an increase of 2.9% in GB (Figure 6). In the three months to July 2011, the average actual weekly hours worked in NI was 32.2 hours – similar to the UK average (32.1) for the period.

**Index of total workforce hours worked per week, NI & GB**

**Figure 6**



Source: Employment, Earnings and Productivity Division, ONS

**Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE)**

Earnings results for April 2010, which were released on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010, show that yearly growth in median gross weekly earnings for all employees (i.e. both full- and part-time) in NI was 0.6% (to £356.6) compared to 1.8% in the UK (to £404.3). NI full-time employees' gross weekly earnings at April 2010 were £440.8, which was approximately 88% of the figure in the UK (£498.8). NI full-time earnings increased by 0.8% over the period, compared with an increase of 2.1% in the UK.

Full-time weekly private sector earnings increased by 0.6% to £383.4 and part-time earnings fell by 7.1% to £120.0 over the year in NI. This resulted in a further widening of the NI/UK private sector pay gap to 81.0% of the UK figure.

# Labour Force Survey

## 2

### Background

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a sample survey carried out by interviewing individuals about their personal circumstances and work. It provides a rich source of information on the labour force using internationally agreed definitions. However, the estimates from it are subject to sampling error and care should be taken when making inferences from them (see section 9 for details).

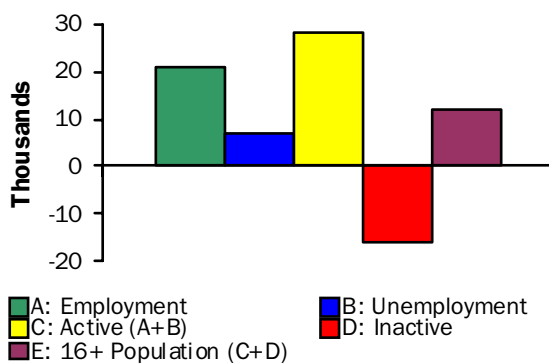
### Labour Market Summary (seasonally adjusted)

The latest seasonally adjusted Labour Force Survey estimates for June - August 2011 (see Table 2) record the unemployment rate at 7.6% (65,000 persons), up 0.5 percentage points from the previous quarter. Employment was estimated to have decreased by 3,000 (0.4%) over the quarter to 799,000.

### Labour Market change over the year

In the year to June - August 2011 (see Figure 7), LFS figures show increases of 21,000 in total employment and 7,000 in unemployment, leading to a rise of 28,000 in the economically active population (figures may not sum due to rounding). The number economically inactive fell by 16,000 over the year.

**Labour Market Structure  
Change over the year**  
Figure 7



### Employment

Latest seasonally adjusted estimates show that there were 799,000 persons in employment, which represents a rise of 2.7% (21,000 persons) over the year. Of the total, 52% (418,000) were male and 48% (381,000) were female.

There was an annual increase of 0.3% in the estimate for male employment and an increase of 5.5% in female employment over the year.

### Economic Inactivity

The number of economically inactive persons in the period June - August 2011 was estimated at 542,000. This figure includes those people that are past retirement age and are unlikely to re-engage with the labour market. Therefore it is the economically inactive of working age (i.e. those aged 16 – 64) that are of most interest to labour market analysts. At June - August 2011, there were an estimated 312,000 economically inactive people aged 16-64 in NI. Of the total, 40% (124,000) were male and 60% (188,000) were female.

**To provide a more detailed analysis, the results below are unadjusted for seasonality, unless otherwise stated.**

Unadjusted figures show that 84% of the economically inactive of working age do not want a job, while the remaining 16% want work, but are not actively seeking or available to start work.

**Economically Inactive, aged 16-64  
Reason for not wanting work**  
Figure 8

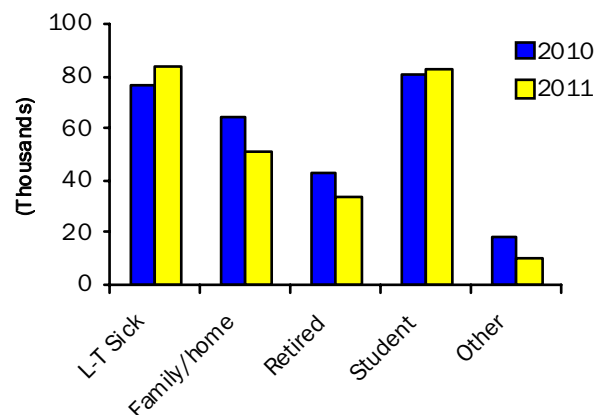


Figure 8 shows the reason given by these people for not wanting work. The largest categories were the long-term sick (84,000), students (83,000) and those looking after family/home (51,000). Among these categories, the largest change over the year occurred with those who were looking after family/home (-14,000 or -21%).

**Labour Market Structure – Seasonally adjusted**  
**Table 2**

(Thousands/Percentage)

	Total aged 16 and over	Total persons of working age 16-64	All aged 16+					All working age 16-64	
			Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Unemployment rate (%)	Activity rate 16-64 (%)	Employment rate (%) 16-64
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
Jun-Aug 2008	1,370	1,135	823	788	35	547	4.2	71.3	68.2
Jun-Aug 2009	1,383	1,142	804	748	56	579	6.9	68.8	64.0
Jun-Aug 2010	1,395	1,149	837	778	59	558	7.0	71.4	66.3
Sep-Nov 2010	1,398	1,150	833	768	65	565	7.8	71.0	65.3
Dec-Feb 2011	1,401	1,152	842	781	61	559	7.3	71.9	66.6
Mar-May 2011	1,404	1,153	864	803	61	540	7.1	73.3	68.0
Jun-Aug 2011	1,407	1,155	865	799	65	542	7.6	73.0	67.3
<b>Change on Quarter</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Change on Year</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MALES</b>									
Jun-Aug 2008	664	562	451	428	23	214	5.1	78.6	74.5
Jun-Aug 2009	671	566	442	400	42	230	9.4	75.9	68.6
Jun-Aug 2010	678	569	458	417	41	219	9.0	78.6	71.4
Sep-Nov 2010	679	570	458	413	46	221	9.9	78.4	70.4
Dec-Feb 2011	681	570	458	417	41	223	9.0	78.9	71.7
Mar-May 2011	682	571	466	426	40	217	8.6	79.9	73.0
Jun-Aug 2011	684	572	461	418	43	223	9.2	78.3	70.8
<b>WOMEN</b>									
Jun-Aug 2008	706	573	372	361	12	333	3.1	64.1	62.1
Jun-Aug 2009	711	576	362	348	14	349	3.9	61.9	59.5
Jun-Aug 2010	717	580	379	361	17	339	4.6	64.3	61.3
Sep-Nov 2010	719	581	375	355	20	344	5.3	63.7	60.3
Dec-Feb 2011	720	581	384	364	20	336	5.3	65.0	61.5
Mar-May 2011	721	582	398	377	21	323	5.3	66.9	63.2
Jun-Aug 2011	723	582	404	381	23	319	5.6	67.8	63.9

Relationship between columns: A=C+F; C=D+E; G=E/C, H=economically active of working age/total population of working age, I=in employment of working age/total population of working age, \* **A and B are underlying population estimates and are therefore not seasonally adjusted.**

The estimates above have been revised to incorporate latest population figures - see note on revisions policy in Section 9.

Working age rates based on 16-64 population for both males and females - see Section 9 for details.

Figures may not sum due to rounding.

## Labour Market Structure – Sample of data available on website

Table 3

Table Name	Description	File Size
2.1a	<u>Labour Market Structure - Seasonally Adjusted</u>	22KB
2.1b	<u>Labour Market Structure</u>	20KB
2.2	<u>Economic Activity by Age</u>	19KB
2.3	<u>Economic Activity Rates by Age</u>	19KB
2.4a	<u>Economically Inactive Who Want Work</u>	20KB
2.4b	<u>Economically Inactive Who Do Not Want Work</u>	18KB
2.5	<u>Economic Inactivity by Age</u>	18KB
2.6	<u>Employment by Category</u>	18KB
2.7	<u>Actual Weekly Hours of Work</u>	17KB
2.8	<u>Employment by Age</u>	18KB
2.9	<u>Unemployment by Age</u>	17KB
2.10	<u>Unemployment by Duration</u>	18KB
2.11	<u>International Comparisons of Employment and Unemployment</u>	23KB
2.12	<u>Comparisons of Working Age Rates</u>	
	<u>Notes and Definitions</u>	16KB

## Other Labour Force Survey Publications available on website

Table 4

Publication title	File Size
LFS Labour Market Statistics (June - August 2011)	98 KB
LFS Quarterly Supplement (April - June 2011)	341 KB
LFS Key Data Historical Series 1992 - 2011 (please enable macros)	1,161 KB
LFS Historical Data 1984 - 1991	76 KB
Women in Northern Ireland Publication September 2011	270 KB
*** All data below this do not yet incorporate the latest Mid-Year Population revisions. A programme of work to update these bulletins using the latest population estimates is currently underway. ***	**
Labour Force Survey (LFS) Local Area Database 2009	659KB
LFS Archive data	**

# Claimant Count

# 3

## Unadjusted Claimant Count

The claimant count in NI at September 2011 was 61,412 (6.9% of the workforce), a decrease of 0.6% (393) over the previous month. There was an increase of 5.0% (2,917) over the year and the rate increased by 0.3 percentage points. Five years ago the total was 28,420 (3.2%). (The seasonally adjusted claimant count increased by 500 from the previous month's revised figure.)

## Youth Claimants

19,551 under 25's (31.8% of all claimants) were claiming benefits in September 2011, an increase of 0.3% (51 claimants) over the month and an increase of 1.6% (316) over the year. Youth claimants represent 2.2% of the workforce.

## Long-term Claimants

At September 2011, 14,780 (24.1% of all claimants) were claiming benefit for a year or more, an increase of 1.3% (184 claimants) over the month and an increase of 0.5% (70) over the year. Long-term claimants represent 1.7% of the workforce.

## Flows out from Job Seekers Allowance

The success rate of job seekers leaving the count to obtain employment in September 2011 increased by 0.5 percentage points since the same time last year. Of the 9,735 flows from the count in September 2011, 3,590 (36.9%) found employment compared to 3,485 (36.4%) of the 9,575 claimants who left the count in September 2010. This compares to 34.2% three months ago and 34.3% six months ago.

In the period from September 2010 to September 2011 the highest proportion (41.3%) of persons leaving JSA to find employment was in December 2010, while in July 2011 the proportion finding employment was at its lowest (30.2%). The highest proportion (16.5%) of persons leaving JSA to enter education or training occurred in October 2010. Those who left JSA to claim other benefits varied between 2.8% and 4.4% in the period. Those who left JSA because they failed to sign peaked at 36.0% in January 2011.

## Flows on to Job Seekers Allowance

Of the 9,420 claimants who joined the count in September 2011, 46.6% were under 25, 24.4% were aged between 25-34 years, 13.3% were aged between 35-44 years, 10.9% were aged between 45-54 years and 4.8% were 55 and over. In September 2011, 6,015 males joined the count (63.9%) compared to 3,405 females (36.1%).

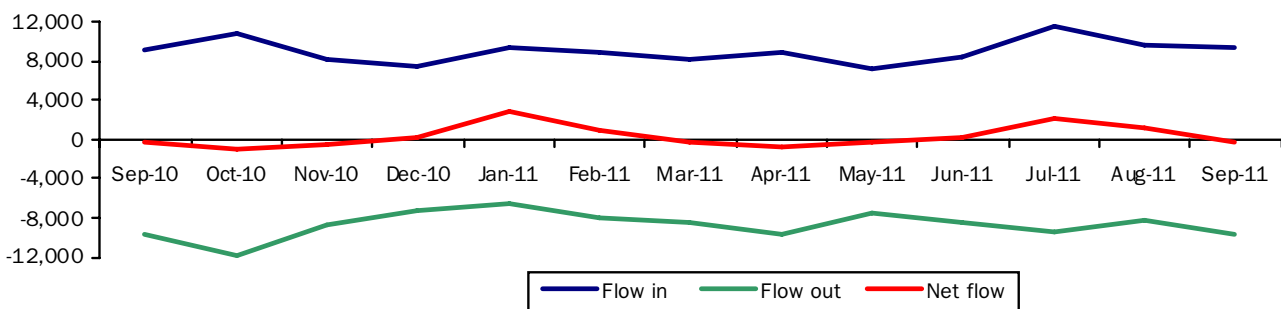
## Net Flow

There was a net flow of persons out from Job Seekers for 7 months and a net flow onto Job Seekers for 6 months between September 2010 and September 2011. Net flows off Jobseekers peaked in October 2010 with a net off-flow of 895 persons, while net flows onto Jobseekers peaked in January 2011 with a net on-flow of 2,915.

Further information on flows data is available in section 9.

## Flows in and out from JSA

Figure 9



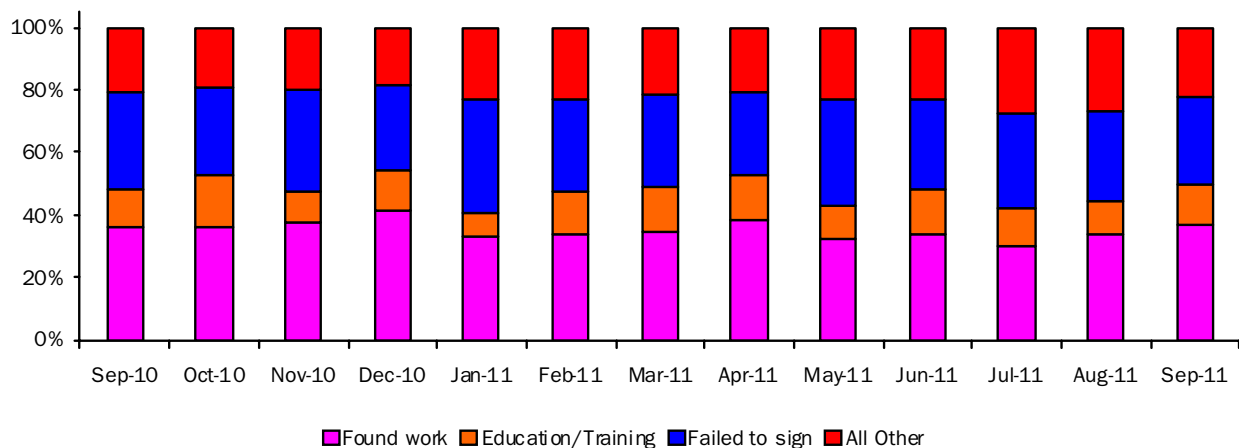
**Claimant Count by District Council Area – September 2011**  
**Number, Rate and % change over month and year (including jobs density indicator at 2009\*)**  
**Table 5**

District	Number of Claimants			% Of Working Age			Change over month		Change over Year		Jobs Density
	Males	Females	All	Males	Females	All	Number	%	Number	%	Indicator*
Antrim	892	397	1,289	5.1	2.3	3.7	-45	-3.4	10	0.8	0.89
Ards	1,440	615	2,055	5.8	2.4	4.1	-34	-1.6	161	8.5	0.41
Armagh	1,340	622	1,962	7.2	3.3	5.3	-15	-0.8	115	6.2	0.66
Ballymena	1,079	510	1,589	5.4	2.5	4.0	-22	-1.4	132	9.1	0.89
Ballymoney	743	293	1,036	7.5	3.0	5.3	14	1.4	94	10.0	0.46
Banbridge	830	330	1,160	5.3	2.2	3.8	-7	-0.6	59	5.4	0.46
Belfast	9,209	3,480	12,689	10.7	3.9	7.2	-68	-0.5	676	5.6	1.29
Carrickfergus	750	390	1,140	5.8	3.0	4.4	1	0.1	32	2.9	0.38
Castlereagh	1,008	413	1,421	4.9	1.9	3.4	10	0.7	54	4.0	0.73
Coleraine	1,241	510	1,751	7.1	2.8	4.9	22	1.3	3	0.2	0.71
Cookstown	688	366	1,054	5.7	3.1	4.4	-49	-4.4	10	1.0	0.62
Craigavon	2,145	943	3,088	7.0	3.1	5.1	-109	-3.4	169	5.8	0.72
Derry	4,195	1,807	6,002	11.9	5.0	8.4	113	1.9	508	9.2	0.69
Down	1,660	614	2,274	7.2	2.7	5.0	17	0.8	142	6.7	0.51
Dungannon	1,117	626	1,743	5.8	3.5	4.7	3	0.2	-25	-1.4	0.69
Fermanagh	1,376	557	1,933	6.6	2.8	4.8	13	0.7	109	6.0	0.68
Larne	591	221	812	5.8	2.2	4.0	3	0.4	34	4.4	0.51
Limavady	1,135	462	1,597	10.1	4.3	7.2	34	2.2	21	1.3	0.45
Lisburn	2,241	1,038	3,279	6.1	2.7	4.3	-52	-1.6	113	3.6	0.64
Magherafelt	795	398	1,193	5.4	2.8	4.1	-33	-2.7	-11	-0.9	0.60
Moyle	446	166	612	8.3	3.1	5.7	-2	-0.3	39	6.8	0.44
Newry & Mourne	2,870	1,177	4,047	9.0	3.7	6.3	-201	-4.7	148	3.8	0.62
Newtownabbey	1,572	653	2,225	6.0	2.4	4.2	5	0.2	166	8.1	0.65
North Down	1,289	614	1,903	5.1	2.4	3.7	-16	-0.8	165	9.5	0.52
Omagh	1,168	556	1,724	6.8	3.2	5.0	-31	-1.8	-66	-3.7	0.67
Strabane	1,255	579	1,834	9.8	4.6	7.2	56	3.1	59	3.3	0.48
<b>NI TOTAL</b>	<b>43,075</b>	<b>18,337</b>	<b>61,412</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-393</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>2,917</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.73</b>

\* Data relates to 2009. Jobs Density = total number of jobs in an area divided by the resident population of working age in the area

## Claimant spells ended by destination

Figure 10



## Occupation Data

At September 2011, 30.3% (18,480) of all claimants defined their usual (or previous) occupation as an Elementary Occupation. Elementary Occupations includes elementary agricultural, construction, process plant, goods storage, administrative, personal services, cleaning, security and sales occupations. A further 16.0% (9,750) gave their usual occupation as working in Sales and Customer Service Occupations. These two groups account for approximately one half of all claimants in September 2011. The smallest occupation group, with 1.8% (1,125) of all claimants, was Managers and Senior Officials.

Overall the NI claimant count (computerised claims only) decreased by 0.7% over the month to September 2011. Six of the nine occupational groups showed a decrease in levels with the largest decreases occurring in Professional Occupations, which increased by 315 (13.0%) followed by Administrative and Secretarial Occupations, which decreased by 75 (1.4%). The two groups showing the only increase in levels were Sales and Customer Service Occupations, which increased by 155 (1.6%) and Elementary Occupation, which increased by 5 (0.03%).

## Claimant Count (unadjusted) by Usual Occupation – September 2011 (Computerised claims only)

Table 6

Occupational Groups (Usual Occupation)	September 2011		Change over month	
	Number of Claimants	% of Claimants	Number of claimants	% change
Managers and Senior Officials	1,125	1.8	-50	-4.3
Professional Occupations	2,105	3.5	-315	-13.0
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	3,050	5.0	0	0.0
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	5,395	8.8	-75	-1.4
Skilled Trade Occupations	9,110	14.9	-45	-0.5
Personal Service Occupations	3,995	6.5	-40	-1.0
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	9,750	16.0	155	1.6
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	7,930	13.0	-30	-0.4
Elementary Occupations	18,480	30.3	5	0.0
Not Known	55	0.1	-15	-21.4
<b>NI Total</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-405</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

**Claimant Count -Sample of data available on website:  
Table 7**

<b>Table Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>File Size</b>
Table 3.1	<b><u>Seasonally Adjusted Claimant Count</u></b>	17.5KB
Table 3.2	<b><u>Total Claimant Count</u></b>	16.0KB
Table 3.3	<b><u>Claimant Count Trends – Seasonally Adjusted Claimant Count</u></b>	18.0KB
Table 3.4	<b><u>Claimant Count Trends – Total Claimant Count</u></b>	17.0KB
Table 3.5	<b><u>Claimant Count Trends – Long-Term Claimant Count</u></b>	16.0KB
Table 3.6	<b><u>Claimant Count Trends- Youth Claimant Count</u></b>	14.5KB
Table 3.7	<b><u>Claimant Count by Travel-to-Work-Area</u></b>	19.5KB
Table 3.8	<b><u>Claimant Count by District Council Area</u></b>	21.0KB
Table 3.9	<b><u>Claimant Count by Parliamentary Constituency Area</u></b>	20.0KB
Table 3.10	<b><u>Claimant Count by NUTSiii Area</u></b>	18.5KB
Table 3.11	<b><u>Claimant Count by Usual Occupation</u></b>	17.0KB
Table 3.12	<b><u>Outflows by Destination (including percentage recycled)</u></b>	21.5KB
Table 3.13	<b><u>Total Annual Outflows by Destination</u></b>	20.0KB
Table 3.14	<b><u>Total On Flows by District Council Area and Age</u></b>	19.0KB
Table 3.15	<b><u>Claimant Count by Ward</u></b>	81.0KB

# Redundancies

## 4

There were 1,756 confirmed redundancies over the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011, a decrease of 34% compared to the same period in the previous year (2,653). Of these, 65 confirmed redundancies took place during the calendar month of September 2011 and 93 in the previous month of August 2011. This compares to 191 in September 2010 (one year ago).

Table 8 shows the distribution of these confirmed redundancies by District Council area.

The largest number of redundancies occurred in Belfast (640), Newry and Mourne (147) and Derry (135) District Council areas.

### Confirmed redundancies by District Council in year to 30 September 2011

Table 8

District Council Area	Total
Antrim	26
Ards	36
Armagh	26
Ballymena	30
Ballymoney	86
Banbridge	12
Belfast	640
Carrickfergus	9
Castlereagh	60
Coleraine	59
Cookstown	33
Craigavon	87
Derry	135
Down	0
Dungannon	8
Fermanagh	50
Larne	3
Limavady	0
Lisburn	47
Magherafelt	57
Moyle	0
Newry & Mourne	147
Newtownabbey	130
North Down	75
Omagh	0
Strabane	0
N. Ireland	1,756

Of these 1,756 confirmed redundancies, 442 or 25% were in the Manufacturing sector, with 228 redundancies (13% of all redundancies) occurring in the Manufacture of food products. A further 204 redundancies (12% of all redundancies) occurred in the Construction sector.

Altogether there are 757 outstanding redundancies that have been notified, but have yet to take place. This compares with 860 this time one year ago – a decrease of 12%.

### Redundancies – Sample of Data Available on Website

Table 9

Regional Redundancy data	File size
<a href="#">District Council (Jan 2000 - date)</a>	33.0KB
<a href="#">Parliamentary Constituency (Jan 2000 - date)</a>	29.0KB
<a href="#">Travel-to-Work Area (Jan 2000 - date)</a>	29.0KB

Industrial Sector	File size
<a href="#">Standard Industrial Classification (Jan 2000 - date)</a>	70.0KB

### Redundancy Legal Requirements

Under the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (Amended 8 October 2006) employers are only legally required to notify of impending redundancies of 20 or more employees. Employers who propose less than 20 redundancies are not included in the statistics.

# Quarterly Employment Survey

## 5

**Important Notice : Due to revisions in the QES sampling methodology, a discontinuity in the jobs series exists for all estimates from Q3 2009 onwards. For more details please follow link: <http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-stats-index/stats-surveys/stats-qes/stats-qes-discontinuity-notice.htm>**

### Seasonally Adjusted

The June 2011 seasonally adjusted employee jobs figure stands at 699,650.

This represents a seasonally adjusted decrease of 0.3% (or 1,830 jobs) from the revised March 2011 estimate of 701,490.

Over the quarter seasonally adjusted employee jobs decreased in the Service Sector by 0.3% (1,520 jobs) and also in the Construction Sector by 1.5% (500 jobs). The Manufacturing sector increased over the quarter by 0.1% (70 jobs). "Other Industries" also increased over the quarter by 0.6% (110 jobs).

### Unadjusted

The June 2011 seasonally unadjusted figure stands at 698,890.

This represents a decrease of 0.3% (or 1,980 jobs) from March 2011 and a decrease of 1.4% (9,860 jobs) in the past year.

Over the year, June 2010 to June 2011, the unadjusted employee jobs figure for Construction decreased by 9.1% (3,310 jobs), Service Sector employee jobs decreased by 1.3% (7,670 jobs) and Manufacturing employee jobs increased by 1.2% (900 jobs).

### Manufacturing Employee Jobs

The level of jobs in the Manufacturing sector in both NI and GB has declined significantly over the past 10 years.

NI manufacturing jobs recorded a marked decline between 2001 and 2005, with the figure for 2005 falling to 85% of the 2001 figure. Manufacturing employee jobs in NI were fairly stable between 2005 and 2008, with the 2008 figure at 84% of the 2001 level. However manufacturing jobs have fallen again between 2008 and 2010 reaching 74% of their 2001 level. Manufacturing jobs in 2011 have increased slightly and now stand at 75% of the 2001 level.

Manufacturing jobs in GB have been in sharp decline from 2001 and the 2011 estimate stands at 65% of the 2001 level.

### Changes in the Structure of Manufacturing Jobs (NI)

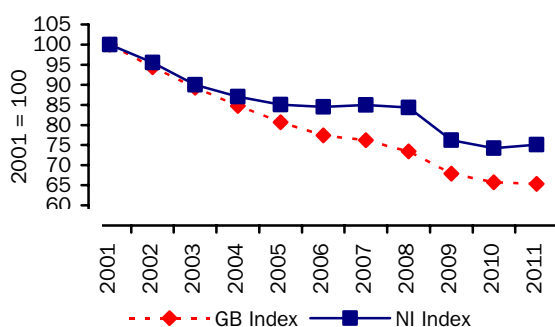
Over the period 2001-2011, Manufacturing jobs in NI decreased by 24,610, with 17 of the 23 manufacturing divisions recording a decrease. The largest decrease occurred in the Manufacture of wearing apparel, which recorded 6,320 fewer jobs. There were 5,240 fewer jobs in the Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products, 4,460 fewer in the Manufacture of textiles, 1,930 fewer in the Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers and 1,810 fewer in the Manufacture of other transport equipment.

However, these decreases were partially offset by increases in the Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment (980), in the Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations (690), in the Repair and installation of machinery and equipment (320) and also in Manufacture of basic metals (80).

The large decline in the Manufacture of Textiles and Wearing Apparel sectors has impacted on the structure of Northern Ireland Manufacturing jobs. In 2001 13.5% of Manufacturing jobs were located in the Textiles and Wearing Apparel sectors; by 2011 this had fallen to 3.5%.

### Manufacturing jobs for NI & GB indexed (June of each year)

Figure 11



**Quarterly Employment Survey**  
**Northern Ireland Seasonally Adjusted Employee Jobs\* June 2011**  
**Table 10**

				% change in total	
	Males	Females	All persons	since last quarter	since last year
Manufacturing	58,140	16,120	74,260	0.1	1.2
Construction <sup>1</sup>	28,740	4,170	32,910	-1.5	-9.1
Services	230,490	342,230	572,720	-0.3	-1.3
Other <sup>2</sup>	16,920	2,840	19,760	0.6	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>334,290</b>	<b>365,370</b>	<b>699,650</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Figures for females in the construction industry are not seasonally adjusted

<sup>2</sup> Covers Industry Sections A, B, D and E which have not been seasonally adjusted

\* Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum due to rounding

**Northern Ireland Employee Jobs\* - Seasonally Adjusted Series**  
**Table 11**

		Manufacturing	Construction <sup>1</sup>	Services	Other Industries <sup>2</sup>	All Industries	Public <sup>3</sup>	Private <sup>3</sup>
2005	March	85,290	37,770	551,210	22,430	696,690	218,630	477,910
	June	84,150	38,750	551,870	21,130	695,890	219,700	476,190
	September	84,190	39,310	553,750	21,310	698,570	220,970	478,040
	December	83,780	41,150	557,360	21,390	703,670	221,040	482,310
2006	March	84,060	41,790	559,290	21,390	706,530	220,570	485,750
	June	83,600	42,300	560,110	20,830	706,850	220,670	486,340
	September	83,870	42,690	562,670	20,910	710,150	221,080	489,520
	December	84,020	43,140	564,600	20,990	712,740	220,470	491,810
2007	March	83,830	43,460	567,050	21,050	715,390	220,180	495,010
	June	84,100	44,710	571,120	20,890	720,820	220,730	500,370
	September	83,930	45,320	575,260	21,070	725,580	219,450	506,640
	December	83,510	46,820	578,810	20,170	729,320	219,780	508,830
2008	March	83,680	45,860	582,730	20,150	732,410	219,790	512,530
	June	83,390	44,860	584,550	20,370	733,160	218,440	515,080
	September	82,210	43,500	581,580	20,440	727,730	216,210	512,010
	December	80,180	41,670	579,410	20,040	721,290	224,070	496,530
2009	March	78,130	39,420	577,370	19,960	714,890	224,360	490,440
	June	75,340	38,210	577,150	19,910	710,610	225,040	485,820
	September	73,990	36,780	578,020	19,800	708,590	225,530	483,530
<b>DISCONTINUITY IN SERIES – PLEASE SEE NOTE AT BEGINNING OF SECTION 5</b>								
	December <sup>^</sup>	73,490	37,190	581,870	19,800	712,360	224,500	487,220
2010	March	73,190	37,000	580,870	19,800	710,860	223,490	487,310
	June	73,370	36,220	580,410	19,540	709,540	221,980	487,790
	September	73,300	35,870	578,110	19,680	706,950	219,690	487,740
	December	74,470	33,660	574,630	19,670	702,430	220,200	481,600
2011	March	74,190	33,410	574,240	19,650	701,490	219,070	482,330
	June	74,260	32,910	572,720	19,760	699,650	218,000	481,910

<sup>1</sup> Figures for females in the construction industry are not seasonally adjusted

<sup>2</sup> Covers Industry Sections A, B, D and E which have not been seasonally adjusted

<sup>3</sup> Public and Private splits may not sum to total.

\* Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum due to rounding

## Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) – Sample of data available on website

### The Northern Ireland Quarterly Employment Survey Table 12

Table Name	Description	File Size
5.1	<a href="#">NI Employee Jobs - Seasonally Adjusted June 2011</a>	15.5 KB
5.2	<a href="#">NI Employee Jobs - Seasonally Adjusted 1998 – 2011</a>	15.5 KB
5.3	<a href="#">NI Employee Jobs - Unadjusted 1998 – 2011</a>	15.5 KB
5.4	<a href="#">NI Employee Jobs (Unadjusted) by Industry Section – June 2011</a>	15.5 KB
5.5	<a href="#">NI Public Sector Jobs (Unadjusted) – June 2011</a>	13.5 KB
5.6	<a href="#">NI Employee Jobs by Industry Section (Unadjusted) June 2010, March 2011 and June 2011</a>	15.5 KB
5.7	<a href="#">Self Employment Jobs in NI by Broad Industry Group (June of Each Year)</a>	15.0 KB
5.8	<a href="#">Workforce in Employment 1983 – 2011</a>	15.0 KB
5.9	<a href="#">NI Employee Jobs by 2-digit SIC07 Class – June 2011</a>	31.5 KB

### Other Quarterly Employment Survey Publications available on website Table 13

Publication title	File Size
<a href="#">Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) Supplement – June 2011</a>	493 KB

# Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings

## 6

The Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) provides information on employees' hourly, weekly and annual earnings by gender and working pattern. It has been designed by the Office for National Statistics and is carried out in Northern Ireland by NISRA statisticians. Both median and mean results are reported by ASHE, where the mean is the arithmetic average while the median is the value below which 50 per cent of employees fall. The median is often preferred for earnings data as it is influenced less by extreme values and because of the skewed distribution of earnings data.

The median gross weekly earnings for all (i.e. both full- and part-time) employees in NI in 2010 was £356.6, some 12% lower than the UK (£404.3). This represented a growth in NI median earnings for all employees of 0.6% over the year to April 2010, compared to growth in the UK of 1.8%.

NI full-time employees' median gross weekly earnings at April 2010 were £440.8, which was approximately 88% of the figure in the UK (£498.8). NI full-time earnings increased by 0.8% over the period, compared to an increase of 2.1% in the UK. The median gross weekly part-time earnings in NI at April 2010 was £149.5, down 6.0% over the year compared with an increase of 0.7% in the UK (to £153.7).

Median gross weekly earnings for full-time employees in the NI private sector increased at a slower rate (0.6% to £383.4) than in the UK, where growth was 2.0% over the year (to £473.1). This represented a widening of the NI/UK private sector pay gap, from 82.1% of the UK figure at April 2009 to 81.0% at April 2010.

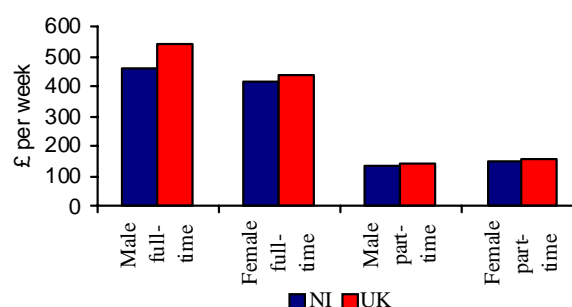
There has been a narrowing of the gender pay gap for all employees in NI over the period 2009-2010. Female median hourly earnings excluding overtime were 89.9% of male earnings at April 2010, compared to 87.6% a year earlier. The NI gender pay gap remains less marked than in the UK, where the equivalent female to male earnings ratio was 80.2% at April 2010. It should also be noted that gender pay differences continue to exist for various occupational and industry groupings in NI, as evidenced by weekly and annual earnings trends.

Please note, changes in NI earnings over the year and relative to the UK can be influenced by a range of factors including the timing of pay settlements,

the extent of overtime, and differences in the composition of the workforce. As ASHE is a sample survey, results are also subject to an associated level of sampling variability. Further information is available in section 12 of the ASHE publication: [Background notes for ASHE](#)

### Median gross weekly earnings by full-/part-time and gender, April 2010

Figure 12



### Median and mean gross weekly earnings 2006-10

Table 14

£ per week	Median			Mean		
	Full-time	Part-time	All	Full-time	Part-time	All
April 2010						
Men	460.0	132.1	414.2	539.3	191.2	489.3
Women	412.2	152.6	298.0	471.8	180.3	348.6
All	440.8	149.5	356.6	511.6	183.0	417.9
April 2009						
Men	460.0	150.0	416.6	543.6	190.1	498.5
Women	402.6	161.4	297.2	460.6	187.7	350.4
All	437.1	159.1	354.6	509.1	188.3	422.9
% Change 09 - 10						
Men	0.0	-11.9	-0.6	-0.8	0.6	-1.8
Women	2.4	-5.5	0.3	2.4	-3.9	-0.5
All	0.8	-6.0	0.6	0.5	-2.8	-1.2
April 2008						
Men	439.8	139.9	404.3	520.7	214.3	479.2
Women	385.2	152.6	287.0	438.4	188.8	335.0
All	417.7	150.0	345.0	487.0	195.0	406.4
April 2007						
Men	421.7	126.9	394.2	501.4	178.6	463.7
Women	367.7	145.3	272.6	427.9	173.8	321.1
All	400.3	140.8	329.9	471.7	174.8	391.3
April 2006						
Men	421.6	122.3	390.7	500.9	169.7	456.9
Women	374.2	132.5	260.2	423.3	162.7	307.5
All	402.5	130.8	322.7	469.4	164.2	379.9

## Average full-time earnings by occupation, April 2010

Table 15

	Count (thousands)	Median gross weekly pay (£)	Mean gross weekly pay (£)	Median total weekly hours	Mean total weekly hours
Managers and Senior Officials	72	598.7	674.5	38.0	38.8
Professional Occupations	86	686.6	735.1	37.0	36.7
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	82	564.6	584.7	37.6	39.7
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	65	348.5	373.8	37.5	38.4
Skilled Trades Occupations	58	409.3	434.3	40.0	41.5
Personal Service Occupations	30	316.0	331.2	37.5	39.2
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	19	260.9	288.5	38.3	39.2
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	54	370.0	396.3	40.2	43.5
Elementary Occupations	41	299.9	325.6	40.0	41.0

## Average full-time earnings by industry, April 2010 (based on the 2007 UK Standard Industrial Classification)

Table 16

	Count (thousands)	Median gross weekly pay (£)	Mean gross weekly pay (£)	Median total weekly hours	Mean total weekly hours
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	x	307.0	350.5	41.6	43.7
Mining and quarrying	x	x	508.5	39.6	43.6
Manufacturing	77	409.8	466.5	40.0	41.6
Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply	5	571.8	683.6	37.0	37.4
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	5	512.1	520.4	41.9	44.5
Construction	30	436.4	513.8	40.0	42.1
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	67	350.6	421.7	39.2	39.8
Transportation and storage	18	409.8	474.8	40.0	43.4
Accommodation and food services activities	16	260.0	310.9	38.2	39.9
Information and communication	15	502.1	549.9	37.6	38.2
Financial and insurance activities	11	537.2	612.7	35.0	35.8
Real estate activities	6	434.3	469.5	37.1	38.1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	17	449.4	523.9	37.5	37.9
Administrative and support service activities	16	321.5	380.5	40.0	41.2
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	63	536.8	585.8	42.0	42.0
Education	60	674.1	637.3	33.5	34.6
Human health and social work activities	80	475.6	539.2	37.5	38.1
Arts, entertainment and recreation	9	365.6	417.1	37.5	38.7
Other service activities	6	x	484.6	37.6	38.9
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services-producing activities of households for own use	x	339.9	359.8	37.4	42.0

x Coefficient of Variation too large to provide a reliable estimate

Please note that the figures in the above two tables relating to numbers employed relate to PAYE employees as defined by ASHE and should not be considered an accurate estimate of employee job counts.

## Sample of ASHE data available on website

Table 17

Table name	Description	File size
6.1	<a href="#">ASHE 2002 Headline Data for Key Variables</a>	78 KB
6.2	<a href="#">ASHE 2003 Headline Data for Key Variables</a>	163 KB
6.3	<a href="#">ASHE 2004 Headline Data for Key Variables excluding supplementary information</a>	51 KB
6.4	<a href="#">ASHE 2004 Headline Data for Key Variables</a>	52 KB
6.5	<a href="#">ASHE 2005 Headline Data for Key Variables</a>	52 KB
6.6	<a href="#">ASHE 2006 Headline Data for Key Variables excluding methodological changes</a>	168 KB
6.7	<a href="#">ASHE 2006 Headline Data for Key Variables</a>	176 KB
6.8	<a href="#">ASHE 2007 Headline Data for Key Variables</a>	165 KB
6.9	<a href="#">ASHE 2008 Headline Data for Key Variables</a>	165 KB
6.10	<a href="#">ASHE 2009 Headline Data for Key Variables - revised</a>	52 KB
6.11	<a href="#">ASHE 2010 Headline Data for Key Variables</a>	52 KB

# Vacancy Statistics and Employment & Training

## 7

**Vacancy Statistics and Employment & Training Measures**  
**Participation in the Department for Employment and Learning Schemes to August 2011**  
**Table 18**

	Steps to Work (2)	New Deal (2, 3)	Future Managers	Employment Support	Training for Success (4, 5)	Jobskills (4, 5)
<u>2009</u>	-					
August	6,600	900	150	750	11,850	1,950
<u>2010</u>	-					
August	10,250	1,300	200	700	14,350	300
September	11,400	1,300	200	700	17,800	250
October	11,600	1,300	200	700	18,200	200
November	12,100	1,300	250	700	18,400	150
December	12,250	1,300	200	700	18,400	150
<u>2011</u>						
January	12,950	1,250	200	700	18,100	150
February	13,650	1,400	200	700	17,950	100
March	15,000	1,400	200	700	18,400	100
April	15,200	1,400	200	650	18,750	50
May	15,650	1,450	200	650	18,300	50
June	16,000	1,400	200	650	17,900	50
July	15,850	1,000	200	650	17,450	50
August	-	850	200	650	16,250	0

**Figures in the above table are not National Statistics.**

(1) Figures are rounded to the nearest fifty.

(2) On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008, Steps to Work was widely introduced in NI and subsumed the main New Deal programmes. However, Steps to Work was not introduced in the Foyle and Lisnagelvin office areas until 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Steps to Work figures relate to the last Friday of each month and are revised on a monthly basis. Steps to Work figures are only available until July 2011. Figures for August 2011 will be published in November 2011.

(3) Includes New Deal 18-24 and 25+. New Deal figures relate to the last Sunday of each month and are revised on a monthly basis.

(4) Training for Success (TfS), was introduced in September 2007, and will ultimately replace Jobskills. In September 2008, TfS was re-structured into two separate provisions, TfS and ApprenticeshipsNI. The reported TfS figures include both provisions. In response to the economic downturn an intervention measure, Programme-Led Apprenticeships, was introduced on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009, and the figures for this programme are now included under the TfS heading.

(5) August 2011 Jobskills and TfS figures are as at the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

## Vacancies data

Headline figures are presented for vacancies which have been notified to JobCentres / Jobs & Benefits offices (J&Bo) of the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL). The statistics do not represent the total unsatisfied demand for staff by employers within Northern Ireland, but are only those vacant positions notified by employers to DEL. Vacancy inflow and outflow figures are shown on a standardised basis, where values are converted to a standard 4 1/3 week period.

### Standardised Vacancies notified (Inflow)

There were 3,457 vacancies notified in the period ending 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011. This was 12% lower than the number of vacancies notified in August 2010 (3,910) and a decrease of 15% on the number of vacancies notified in August 2009 (4,091).

### Standardised Vacancies filled and cancelled (Outflows)

The number of placed and cancelled vacancies in the period ending 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011 was 3,559. This was a decrease of 15% from August 2010 (4,195) and a decrease of 11% from the same period two years previously (3,990).

### Unfilled Vacancies

A total of 4,832 vacancies remained unfilled on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011, a decrease of 6% on the unfilled total in August 2010 (5,150) and a decrease of 16% on the amount unfilled in August 2009 (5,746). Of the 4,832 unfilled vacancies, 1,743 were available to jobseekers, 9% fewer than in August 2010 (1,925).

## Vacancies Notified, Outflow and Vacancies Unfilled: August 2009 to August 2011<sup>(1)</sup>

Table 19

Report Period Ending		Vacancies notified (Inflows) (2)			Vacancies Filled and Cancelled (Outflows) (3)			Unfilled Vacancies (4)			
		Level Unadjusted (5)	Level (standardised) (6)	Change on same month in previous year (7)	Level unadjusted (5)	Level (standardised) (6)	Change on same month in previous year (7)	Level Unadjusted	Change on same month in previous year	Of which live	Change on same month in previous year
2009	07-Aug	4,720	4,091	-36%	4,604	3,990	-37%	5,746	-43%	-	-
2010	06-Aug	4,511	3,910	-4%	4,840	4,195	5%	5,150	-10%	1,925	-
	03-Sep	4,764	5,161	-3%	3,104	3,363	-15%	6,810	-3%	2,385	-
	08-Oct	5,489	4,757	-29%	5,520	4,784	-21%	6,779	-12%	2,079	-
	05-Nov	4,221	4,573	-11%	4,619	5,004	-13%	6,381	-9%	1,988	-
	03-Dec	3,257	3,528	-21%	4,557	4,937	-5%	5,081	-20%	1,506	-
2011	07-Jan	2,320	2,011	-30%	4,123	3,573	-22%	3,278	-24%	1,190	-
	04-Feb	3,502	3,794	-17%	2,537	2,748	-9%	4,243	-26%	1,712	-
	04-Mar	3,503	3,795	-23%	2,708	2,934	-29%	5,038	-21%	1,807	-
	08-Apr	4,720	4,091	-11%	4,349	3,769	-21%	5,409	-13%	1,866	-
	06-May	2,857	3,095	-32%	3,376	3,657	-22%	4,890	-20%	1,445	-30%
	03-Jun	3,594	3,894	-25%	3,620	3,922	-18%	4,864	-24%	1,653	-31%
	08-Jul	4,040	3,501	-10%	3,978	3,448	-30%	4,926	-10%	1,512	-9%
	05-Aug	3,191	3,457	-12%	3,285	3,559	-15%	4,832	-6%	1,743	-9%

Figures in the above table are not National Statistics.

(1) From August 2010 publication onwards, vacancy statistics are subject to revision each month to take account of amendments to the live system.

(2) Vacancies notified (inflow) are all vacancy positions notified and added to JobCentres / J&Bos of DEL.

(3) Outflows are those vacancies that have been notified to JobCentres / J&Bos of DEL and have been placed or cancelled. This includes vacancies filled by JobCentres / J&Bos or other recruitment channels and vacancies that have been withdrawn.

(4) Vacancies unfilled are those vacancies notified to JobCentres / J&Bos of DEL remaining unfilled on the count date (the first Friday after the first Thursday of every month). Unfilled vacancies can be split into live and pended. Live vacancies are those for which job seekers can apply. Vacancies are pended while DEL staff await feedback from employers. Live vacancies are only available from May 2010, and therefore change on same month in previous year is only available from May 2011.

(5) Monthly flow data is collected for a 4 or 5 week period between count dates. Unadjusted levels reflect either a 4 or 5 week period.

(6) Standardised levels convert volumes to a standard 4 1/3 week month. Figures are not seasonally adjusted.

(7) Percentage change calculated using non-rounded standardised figures.

For further details of Vacancy Statistics and Employment and Training Measures visit the DEL website at the following link:

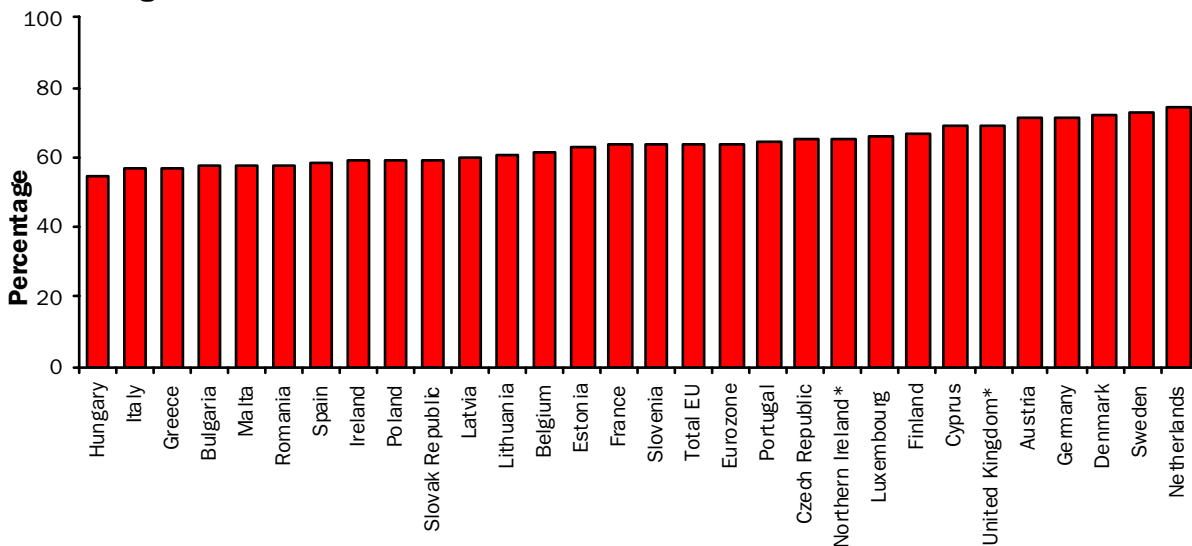
<http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/statsandresearch.htm> or alternatively contact the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) by telephoning (028) 9025 7714.

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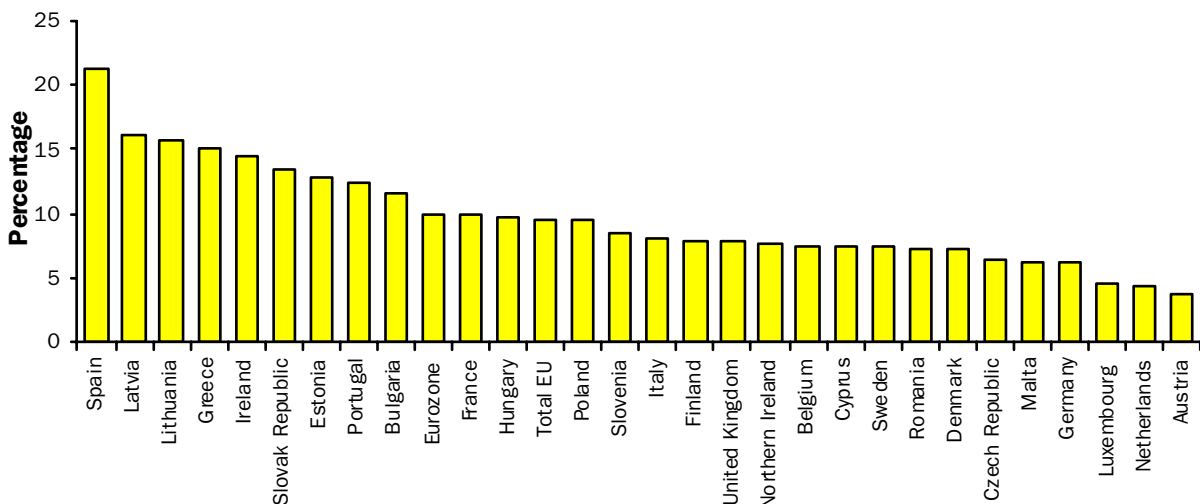


## International Comparisons of ILO Employment and Unemployment

**ILO Employment Rates (%) - Unadjusted**  
**Figure 13**



**Unemployment Rates (%) - Seasonally Adjusted**  
**Figure 14**



**Source: Eurostat**

\* A NI employment rate comparable to the EUROSTAT figures has been produced from the Calendar Quarter 1 2011 LFS dataset. It is based on the population aged 15-64 and differs from the working age rates published elsewhere in this publication, which take account of both the school-leaving and state pension age. The employment rate for the UK as published by EUROSTAT differs from the working age rate (16-64) published by ONS for the same reason. Figures behind the charts and further information can be found at; [International Comparisons of Employment](#)

**Seasonally Adjusted Regional Summary, June - August 2011**
**Table 20**

	Labour Force Survey (LFS) <sup>1</sup>						Employee Jobs <sup>3</sup>	Claimant count rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	Claimant count level Percentage Change over the year	Claimant count level Percentage Change over the month	Jobs Density Indicator <sup>5</sup>
	Employment		Unemployment		Economically Inactive						
	Rate	Annual Change <sup>2</sup>	Rate	Annual Change <sup>2</sup>	Rate	Annual Change <sup>2</sup>					
North East	65.1	-2.8	11.3	2.2	26.5	1.4	1,007	7.3	11.0	1.7	0.66
North West	69.1	-0.2	8.2	0.2	24.6	0.1	2,923	5.7	10.4	1.8	0.75
Yorkshire & the Humber	68.1	-0.6	9.7	0.4	24.4	0.4	2,131	6.1	10.6	1.4	0.73
East Midlands	72.1	1.0	7.9	0.3	21.7	-1.3	1,852	4.9	9.6	1.0	0.74
West Midlands	67.9	-2.0	8.9	0.7	25.4	1.5	2,246	6.3	6.9	0.3	0.75
East	74.5	0.8	6.7	0.0	20.0	-0.9	2,369	4.0	7.3	1.4	0.76
London	67.8	-0.6	10.0	1.0	24.5	-0.1	4,138	4.8	9.5	0.7	0.88
South East	74.5	-0.4	5.8	-0.5	20.8	0.8	3,684	3.3	6.5	1.5	0.80
South West	73.3	-1.1	6.6	0.8	21.4	0.5	2,109	3.3	10.8	2.6	0.82
England	70.6	-0.5	8.1	0.4	23.1	0.2	22,459	4.8	9.1	1.3	0.78
Wales	67.3	0.1	9.0	0.9	25.9	-0.7	1,145	5.6	9.1	1.0	0.71
Scotland	71.2	0.8	7.9	-0.7	22.6	-0.3	2,292	5.4	7.6	-0.1	0.78
Great Britain	70.5	-0.4	8.1	0.3	23.2	0.1	25,896	4.9	8.9	1.1	0.78
N Ireland	67.3	1.0	7.6	0.6	27.0	-1.6	700	6.9	5.2	0.8	0.73
United Kingdom	70.4	-0.3	8.1	0.3	23.3	0.1	26,596	5.0	8.8	1.1	0.77

<sup>1</sup> Employment and economic inactivity rates are based on working age population (16-64); Unemployment rates are based on 16+ population.

<sup>2</sup> Data refer to percentage point change of respective rate.

<sup>3</sup> As at June 2011 (thousands).

<sup>4</sup> As at September 2011: percentage of the workforce.

<sup>5</sup> Not seasonally adjusted – data relates to 2009. Jobs Density – total number of jobs in an area divided by the resident population of working age in that area.

# Further Information

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### DEFINITIONS

#### Unemployment

The definition of unemployment used in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) is in accordance with that promulgated by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The ILO unemployed include those without a job who were able to start work in the two weeks following their LFS interview and had either looked for work in the four weeks prior to interview or were waiting to start a job they had already obtained.

Unemployment rate - the percentage of economically active people who are unemployed. Please note that it is possible for the number of unemployed to increase and the unemployment rate to fall during the same period, as the latter measure is a ratio e.g. if the number of economically active has increased at a faster rate than the number unemployed the unemployment rate will fall.

#### Employment

The definition of ILO employed applies to anyone (aged 16 or over) who has done at least one hour's paid work in the week prior to interview, or has a job they are temporarily away from (e.g. on holiday). Also included are people who do unpaid work in a family business and people on Government-supported employment training schemes.

The ILO measures are particularly useful for examining short term and long term trends over time and key LFS time series data are available both seasonally adjusted and unadjusted.

#### Sampling variability

The LFS is a sample survey, and as such, estimates obtained from it are subject to sampling variability. If we drew many samples each would give a different result. The ranges shown for the LFS data in table 1 represent 95% confidence intervals i.e. we would expect that in 95% of samples the range would contain the true value. These confidence intervals have been calculated using data that is unadjusted for seasonality, with the relevant sampling errors produced applied to the seasonally adjusted data.

If the 'annual change' for an estimate has increased or decreased by more than the 'sampling variability of the change', this change would be statistically significant. The annual changes for the main LFS categories of employment,

unemployment and economic inactivity were tested for statistical significance. The results showed that none of the annual changes in the estimates for June - August 2011 were statistically significant at the 95% level.

Please see attached link for further LFS notes and definitions:

[Labour Force Survey Notes and Definitions](#)

#### LFS revisions

LFS data from the period June to August 2001 onwards have recently been revised to incorporate the latest population estimates. The magnitude of the revisions are relatively small, with the revisions to the unemployment rate falling within +/- 0.1 percentage points and the working age employment rate within +/- 0.2 percentage points. The procedures being applied to the NI LFS results are consistent with those applied by the Office for National Statistics to other UK regions

More information on the revision policy concerning labour market statistics can be found through the link below:

[Labour market statistics revisions policy](#)

#### Definition of 'working age'

The 'working age' definition, used in the calculation of employment and economic inactivity rates, was changed in August 2010 to include those aged from 16 to 64 for both men and women. Previously these rates were based on upper age limits of 59 for women and 64 for men, reflecting the state pension ages in the UK. However, between 2010 and 2020, the state pension age for women is increasing (by one month every two months) from 60 to 65, thereby making a change to the definition necessary.

The change in definition follows a UK wide public consultation on the issue and the approach being applied to Northern Ireland labour market statistics mirrors the approach that the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are applying to other UK regions. A consistent time series for the new headline rates has been produced and all future reference to working age rates will be based on the 16 to 64 definition.

Please see link for further details:

[Change in female state pension age](#)

For a limited period, employment and economic inactivity rates based on the old working age definition (i.e. 16-59/64) will be available on the DETI website at:

[Comparison of working age rates.](#)

Please note that there are no implications for the headline unemployment rate, which will continue to be based on the economically active population aged 16 and over.

### **Claimant Count definition**

Claimant Count figures are derived from records of claimants held at Social Security Offices. The term 'claimants' in the claimant count is used to include those who claim Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits. The figures include severely disabled claimants, but exclude students seeking vacation work and the temporarily stopped. The Claimant Count is a very up-to-date measure of those eligible to claim a specific unemployment related benefit and data are available for a range of geographical sub-regions (e.g. District Council Areas, Parliamentary Constituency Areas, Travel-to-Work Areas and Wards). It also provides seasonally adjusted and unadjusted data and as a result is a useful measure for examining both short-term and long-term trends.

Seasonally Adjusted claimant count figures are provisional when published and subject to revision, mainly the following month and are only available at Northern Ireland level. Seasonally Adjusted totals are subject to an annual update (usually April) to take account of latest assessment trends.

The 'Flows' data contained in section three is sourced to the Office of National Statistics (via the NOMIS website). Claimants appear as flows if they have either joined or left the count in the reference period or if they joined the count in a previous period, but were only processed during the reference period.

### **Notes on the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings**

Please note, changes in NI earnings over the year and relative to the UK can be influenced by a range of factors including the timing of pay settlements, the extent of overtime, and differences in the composition of the workforce. As ASHE is a sample survey, results are also subject to an associated level of sampling variability. Further information is available at:

[ASHE statistical bulletin](#)

[Definitions for the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings ASHE](#)

### **Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) Revisions**

QES estimates are revised quarterly to reflect the latest information provided to the Department by employers. Estimates can be revised back to the last Census of Employment reference period (September 2009). The March 2011 estimate first published in June 2011 has subsequently been revised down (0.3%). For further details of QES revisions please see link below.

At the latest review, Construction and Other industries showed no seasonality.

[Background notes to the Quarterly Employment Survey \(QES\)](#)

### **Government Targets**

Data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) are used in the measurement of targets set in the Northern Ireland Executive's Programme for Government (PSA targets) See [Programme for Government](#) for further details. The LFS and QES data feed into productivity estimates for NI and are therefore indirectly used to measure progress towards PSA 1: Productivity growth. In addition, LFS data is used to measure the proportion of the working age population qualified to Skill levels 2 and 3. This data therefore feeds into the measurement of PSA 2: Skills for prosperity.

Details of progress towards these targets can be found at:

[Programme for Government Delivery Report](#)

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