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- The QES is a business survey that has been carried out in Northern Ireland since 1978. The QES has a sample size of approximately 5,500 and covers all employers with at least 25 employees, all public sector employers and a representative sample of smaller firms.
- The June 2011 seasonally adjusted employee jobs figure stands at 699,650, a decrease of 0.3% (or 1,830 jobs) from the revised March 2011 estimate.
- Over the quarter seasonally adjusted employee jobs decreased in the Service Sector by 0.3% (1,520 jobs), in the Construction Sector by 1.5% (500 jobs). The Manufacturing sector increased by 0.1% (70 jobs).. "Other Industries" also increased over the quarter by 0.6% (110 jobs).
- The June 2011 seasonally unadjusted figure stands at 698,890, a decrease of 0.3% (1,980 jobs) since 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), while employee jobs in the Service Sector decreased by 1.3% (7,670 jobs). Manufacturing employee jobs increased by 1.2% (900 jobs) over the year, while "Other" Industries also increased by 1.1% (220 jobs).
- The net quarterly decrease in employee jobs (1,980) is comprised of a decrease in the number of full-time employee jobs (-1,100) and also a decrease in the number of part-time employee jobs (-880).
- The June 2011 seasonally adjusted Public Sector employee jobs figure stands at 218,000.
- This represents a decrease of 0.5% (1,070 jobs) since March 2011 and a decrease of 1.8% (3,990 jobs) over the past year.

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Executive Summary

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Introduction
This bulletin presents data from the Northern Ireland Quarterly Employment Survey (QES), which is conducted by Statistics Research Branch of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI).

The QES provides short-term employee jobs estimates for Northern Ireland, which are then used by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to feed into the calculation of the quarterly workforce jobs estimates for the United Kingdom as a whole.

The QES covers all public sector bodies, all private sector firms with 25 or more employees and a sample of the remainder. The sample size is such that estimates of total employee jobs should be accurate to within +/- 1% of the Census of Employment total. The survey collects information on the number of males/females in full-time and part-time employment by business activity. The results are then collated into industry classes using the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC07).

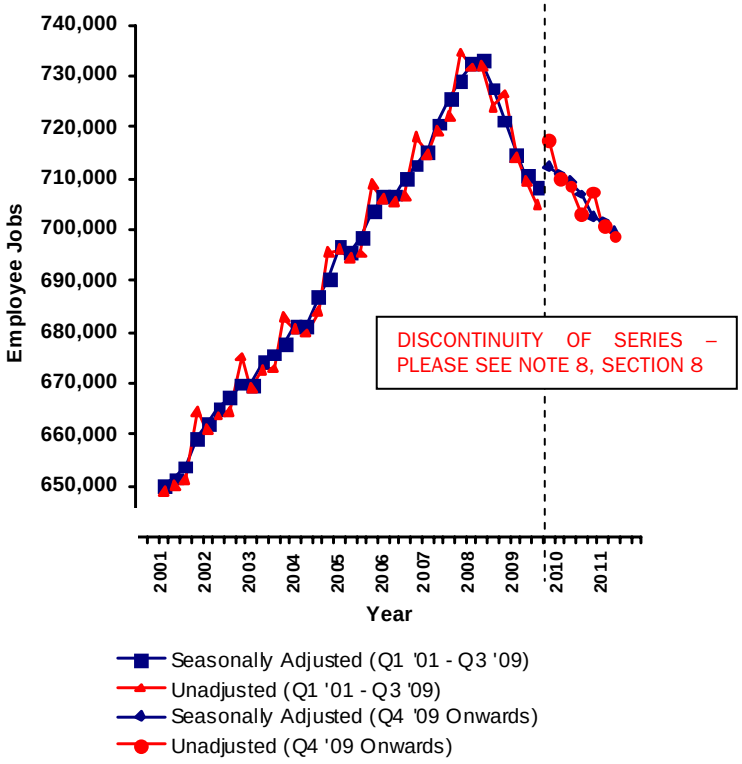
It should be noted that the survey counts the number of jobs rather than the number of persons with jobs. For example, a person holding both a full-time job and part-time job, or someone with two part-time jobs, will be counted twice.

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). Seasonally adjusted employee jobs increased in the Manufacturing sector by 0.1% (70 jobs) and also in "Other" Industries by 0.6% (110 jobs).

Fig 1.1 Employee Jobs Seasonally Adjusted / Unadjusted 2001 - 2011



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

This represents a decrease of 0.3% (1,980 jobs) since 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), while employee jobs in the Service Sector decreased by 1.3% (7,670 jobs). Manufacturing employee jobs increased by 1.2% (900 jobs) over the year, while, "Other" industries increased by 0.6% (220 jobs).

Date of Next Publication
Quarterly Employment Survey results for Quarter 3 2011 will be published on Wednesday 14th December 2011.

NI Employee Jobs

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Data are NOT adjusted for seasonality unless otherwise stated

Employee Jobs from the Quarterly Employment Survey
Table 1.1 below provides a summary of the latest results from the Quarterly Employment Survey. It shows that in June 2011 there were an estimated 698,890 employee jobs in Northern Ireland.

Table 1.1 NI Employee Jobs, Full-time/Part-time Split, June 2011

	Male		Female			% change in total	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Total	Since last quarter	Since last year
Manufacturing	56,560	1,640	12,900	3,190	74,300	0.6%	1.2%
Construction	27,580	1,160	2,610	1,560	32,910	-1.5%	-9.1%
Services	175,090	54,840	166,630	175,360	571,920	-0.4%	-1.3%
Other[1]	9,620	7,290	1,520	1,320	19,760	0.6%	1.1%
Total	**268,850**	**64,940**	**183,660**	**181,430**	**698,890**	**-0.3%**	**-1.4%**

[1] Covers Industry Sections A, B, C and E
* Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum due to rounding

Fig 1.2 shows the Male/Female, Full-time/Part-time breakdown of employee jobs in Northern Ireland, as at June 2011. Female employee jobs account for just over half of all employee jobs in NI (365,090 female employee jobs, compared to 333,790 males). There is, however, a significant difference in the working patterns of male and female employees. Just over half (49.7%) of female employee jobs are part-time, whereas only 19.5% of male employees work on a part-time basis.

Fig 1.2 Composition of Employee Jobs, June 2011

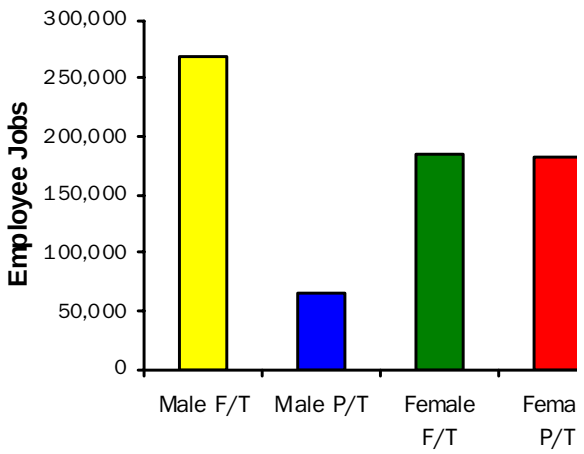

Fig 1.3 shows the annual and quarterly changes in employee jobs. Between March 2011 and June 2011 the number of employee jobs in NI fell by 0.3% (-1,980 jobs). This consisted of a decrease in the Service Sector (-2,060), and in the Construction Sector (-500). There was an increase in the Manufacturing Sector (470).

Between June 2010 and June 2011 the number of employee jobs decreased by 1.4% (9,860). This consisted of decreases in the Construction (-3,310) and Service Sectors (-7,670). The Manufacturing Sector (900) and Other industries (220) increased over the year.

Fig 1.3 Annual and Quarterly Changes in Employee Jobs

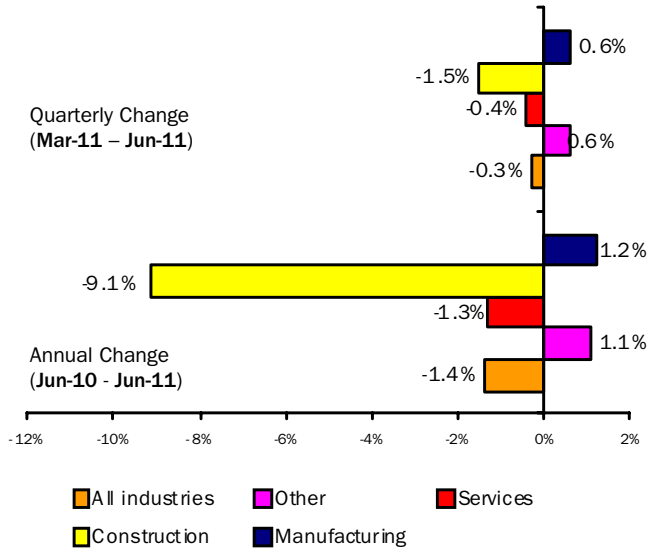

FIG 1.4 Employee Jobs, Male/Female, Full-Time/Part-Time Split, December 2010

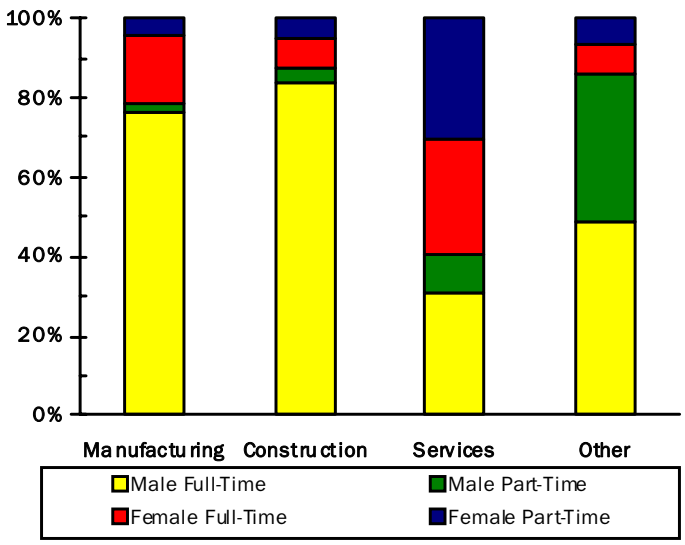

Fig 1.4 shows the male/female, full-time/part-time split for each broad industry sector within Northern Ireland. It highlights the large proportion of employee jobs in the Manufacturing and Construction Sectors that are occupied by male full-time employees (76.1% for Manufacturing, 83.8% for Construction). In contrast, females occupy 59.8% of the 571,920 employee jobs within the Service Sector. These female jobs within Services are in turn divided fairly evenly between full-time (48.7%) and part-time (51.3%) workers.

Table 1.2 on page 4 shows Employee Jobs by Industry Section for June 2011. Comparative figures for the previous quarter (March 2011) and for the previous year (June 2010) are also included.

Table 1.2 N.I. Employee Jobs by Industry Section

	SIC 07 Sections	June 2010 (Revised)			March 2011 (Revised)			June 2011 (Provisional)		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	A	10,300	1,610	11,920	10,240	1,600	11,840	10,230	1,600	11,840
Mining and quarrying	B	1,510	200	1,700	1,440	190	1,630	1,390	200	1,590
Manufacturing	C	57,320	16,070	73,400	57,850	15,980	73,830	58,200	16,100	74,300
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	D	940	410	1,350	920	440	1,360	940	460	1,410
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	E	4,080	490	4,580	4,280	540	4,820	4,350	580	4,930
Construction	F	31,640	4,580	36,220	29,150	4,260	33,410	28,740	4,170	32,910
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	G	59,910	69,280	129,190	58,540	67,670	126,210	58,060	67,260	125,320
Transportation and storage	H	19,930	5,230	25,170	20,050	5,470	25,530	19,880	5,460	25,350
Accommodation and food service activities	I	19,200	24,500	43,700	18,220	23,360	41,580	18,300	23,380	41,680
Information and communication	J	10,070	4,840	14,900	10,480	4,960	15,440	10,430	5,010	15,430
Financial and insurance activities	K	7,000	12,080	19,090	7,260	12,110	19,380	7,220	12,020	19,240
Real estate activities	L	2,950	3,600	6,550	2,990	3,640	6,630	3,000	3,650	6,650
Professional, scientific and technical activities	M	10,900	13,210	24,100	10,650	12,920	23,570	10,650	12,860	23,510
Administrative and support service activities	N	23,250	18,040	41,290	24,690	18,090	42,780	24,730	17,590	42,320
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	O	30,720	28,370	59,090	29,710	27,620	57,330	29,310	27,560	56,870
Education	P	17,020	54,520	71,540	16,930	54,200	71,130	17,100	54,220	71,320
Human health and social work activities	Q	19,030	97,380	116,400	18,970	97,160	116,130	19,080	96,790	115,870
Arts, entertainment and recreation	R	7,220	7,090	14,300	7,250	7,090	14,350	7,350	7,260	14,610
Other service activities	S	4,900	9,370	14,270	4,830	9,100	13,930	4,810	8,930	13,740
TOTAL	**A-S**	**337,890**	**370,860**	**708,750**	**334,450**	**366,410**	**700,870**	**333,790**	**365,090**	**698,890**

* Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum due to rounding
Full-time/Part-time estimates available on request

2-Digit Breakdown

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Table 1.3 N.I. Employee Jobs by 2-digit SIC07 Class June 2011

		Male			Female			
Standard Industrial Classification 2007	**Class**	**Full Time**	**Part Time**	**All Males**	**Full Time**	**Part Time**	**All Females**	**All Persons**
Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	01	2,780	7,090	9,880	500	1,030	1,530	11,410
Forestry and logging	02	220	10	230	20	20	30	260
Fishing and aquaculture	03	110	20	130	10	20	40	170
Mining of coal and lignite	05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas	06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining of metal ores	07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other mining and quarrying	08	1,350	40	1,390	150	50	200	1,580
Mining support service activities	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacture of food products	10	10,730	640	11,370	4,240	1,160	5,400	16,770
Manufacture of beverages and tobacco products	11/12	1,380	10	1,390	490	50	540	1,930
Manufacture of textiles	13	1,160	40	1,200	410	130	540	1,730
Manufacture of wearing apparel	14	290	30	320	420	140	550	870
Manufacture of leather and related products	15	10	20	20	20	20	30	60
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	16	2,050	100	2,150	220	90	320	2,470
Manufacture of paper and paper products	17	1,270	10	1,280	260	40	300	1,570
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	18	1,020	30	1,060	340	130	470	1,530
Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	19	20	0	20	10	0	10	30
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	20	1,260	20	1,280	380	60	440	1,720
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	21	1,110	0	1,110	670	20	690	1,800
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	22	4,560	60	4,620	720	200	920	5,540
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	23	3,400	120	3,520	530	130	650	4,170
Manufacture of basic metals	24	440	10	450	30	10	50	500
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	25	6,430	200	6,630	600	360	960	7,590
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	26	2,770	40	2,810	770	80	850	3,660
Manufacture of electrical equipment	27	3,160	20	3,180	570	90	650	3,830
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	28	4,410	80	4,490	490	150	640	5,130
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	29	2,550	20	2,570	180	40	210	2,780
Manufacture of other transport equipment	30	5,720	10	5,730	880	60	940	6,670
Manufacture of furniture	31	1,690	80	1,780	320	100	420	2,190
Other manufacturing	32	660	50	710	310	120	420	1,140
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	33	470	50	520	60	30	90	610
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	35	940	10	940	390	70	460	1,410
Water collection, treatment and supply	36	570	0	570	0	0	10	580
Sewerage	37	220	0	220	30	10	40	260
Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery	38	3,430	110	3,540	420	110	530	4,070
Remediation activities and other waste management services	39	10	0	10	0	0	0	20
Construction of buildings	41	6,750	380	7,130	800	520	1,320	8,450
Civil engineering	42	7,360	150	7,510	640	200	840	8,350
Specialised construction activities	43	13,470	630	14,100	1,180	830	2,010	16,110
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45	8,490	750	9,240	1,290	800	2,100	11,340

		Male			Female			
Standard Industrial Classification 2007	**Class**	**Full Time**	**Part Time**	**All Males**	**Full Time**	**Part Time**	**All Females**	**All Persons**
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46	14,780	1,110	15,890	4,480	1,790	6,280	22,170
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	47	17,120	15,800	32,930	18,460	40,430	58,890	91,810
Land transport and transport via pipelines	49	10,190	1,440	11,620	1,150	1,090	2,240	13,870
Water transport	50	340	0	340	120	30	150	490
Air transport	51	290	20	310	310	150	450	760
Warehousing and support activities for transportation	52	3,170	510	3,680	1,020	500	1,520	5,200
Postal and courier activities	53	3,040	890	3,930	510	590	1,090	5,020
Accommodation	55	2,420	2,030	4,450	2,290	2,930	5,230	9,670
Food and beverage service activities	56	6,340	7,510	13,860	5,350	12,800	18,150	32,000
Publishing activities	58	900	50	950	590	240	830	1,780
Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities	59	280	300	590	200	330	530	1,120
Programming and broadcasting activities	60	530	50	580	390	90	480	1,060
Telecommunications	61	2,250	140	2,390	700	280	980	3,370
Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	62	5,690	160	5,840	1,740	390	2,130	7,970
Information service activities	63	50	30	70	20	40	60	140
Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding	64	4,940	220	5,160	5,650	2,870	8,520	13,680
Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security	65	560	20	580	730	230	950	1,540
Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities	66	1,380	110	1,480	1,850	690	2,540	4,020
Real estate activities	68	2,700	300	3,000	2,500	1,150	3,650	6,650
Legal and accounting activities	69	2,260	220	2,480	4,890	2,090	6,980	9,460
Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities	70	1,190	180	1,370	1,060	460	1,530	2,900
Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	71	3,560	240	3,800	1,000	490	1,480	5,280
Scientific research and development	72	1,020	50	1,070	590	130	710	1,780
Advertising and market research	73	290	230	510	230	420	650	1,170
Other professional, scientific and technical activities	74	780	60	840	480	220	700	1,540
Veterinary activities	75	530	40	570	530	270	800	1,380
Rental and leasing activities	77	1,210	210	1,420	310	280	590	2,010
Employment activities	78	6,420	1,790	8,210	3,450	2,540	5,990	14,200
Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities	79	240	30	270	730	400	1,130	1,400
Security and investigation activities	80	3,100	1,190	4,280	340	500	840	5,130
Services to buildings and landscape activities	81	3,870	1,800	5,670	1,190	4,400	5,590	11,260
Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	82	4,020	860	4,870	2,300	1,140	3,450	8,320
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	84	26,650	2,670	29,310	20,020	7,530	27,560	56,870
Education	85	12,500	4,600	17,100	24,420	29,800	54,220	71,320
Human health activities	86	10,260	2,610	12,870	32,020	27,280	59,300	72,170
Residential care activities	87	1,450	580	2,030	5,070	5,100	10,170	12,200
Social work activities without accommodation	88	2,990	1,190	4,180	11,830	15,490	27,310	31,500
Creative, arts and entertainment activities	90	250	170	420	220	320	540	960
Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities	91	530	270	790	750	930	1,680	2,480
Gambling and betting activities	92	660	320	980	720	480	1,210	2,190
Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities	93	2,730	2,430	5,160	1,230	2,600	3,830	8,990
Activities of membership organisations	94	2,320	1,400	3,730	1,790	2,690	4,480	8,210
Repair of computers and personal and household goods	95	210	20	230	50	50	90	320
Other personal service activities	96	600	250	850	2,070	2,280	4,360	5,210
Total		**268,850**	**64,940**	**333,790**	**183,660**	**181,430**	**365,090**	**698,890**

* Figures may not sum due to rounding

[1] See Notes to Editors, No.4

Table 1.4 N.I. Tourism and Leisure Employee Jobs^ **June 2011**

	SIC	Male	Female	Total
Accommodation	55	4,450	5,230	9,670
Food and beverage service activities	56*	12,880	16,090	28,970
Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities	79	270	1,130	1,400
Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities	91	790	1,680	2,480
Gambling and betting activities	92	980	1,210	2,190
Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities	93	5,160	3,830	8,990
Total		**24,530**	**29,170**	**53,700**

^ Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum due to rounding
* Excluding event catering and other food service activities

Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Series
By Sector

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Data are NOT adjusted for seasonality unless otherwise stated

Table 1.5 N.I. Employee Jobs* by Broad Industry Sector

Unadjusted & Seasonally Adjusted 1996 – 2011

		Unadjusted					Seasonally Adjusted[1]				
		Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All
1996	Mar	101,850	23,580	426,610	25,850	577,880	102,300	23,580	427,290	25,850	579,010
	Jun	101,490	23,180	427,730	25,250	577,640	101,820	23,180	428,950	25,250	579,200
	Sep	102,470	23,390	429,870	25,290	581,020	102,130	23,390	431,970	25,290	582,780
	Dec	103,630	23,570	439,380	25,240	591,810	103,180	23,570	435,230	25,240	587,230
1997	Mar	103,380	23,380	436,190	25,110	588,050	103,850	23,380	436,940	25,110	589,270
	Jun	104,730	27,850	438,500	25,020	596,100	105,040	27,850	439,850	25,020	597,760
	Sep	105,330	28,510	442,170	25,090	601,090	104,980	28,510	444,320	25,090	602,900
	Dec	105,050	29,090	452,830	24,350	611,330	104,630	29,090	448,480	24,350	606,540
1998	Mar	104,050	29,500	451,270	24,280	609,110	104,530	29,500	452,070	24,280	610,380
	Jun	104,120	29,940	453,530	23,950	611,530	104,380	29,940	454,990	23,950	613,250
	Sep	105,270	30,390	455,720	23,880	615,270	104,940	30,390	457,900	23,880	617,120
	Dec	104,660	30,730	464,860	23,740	623,990	104,250	30,730	460,380	23,740	619,100
1999	Mar	102,680	30,960	463,510	23,710	620,870	103,150	30,960	464,330	23,710	622,160
	Jun	102,540	31,700	466,440	23,320	624,000	102,770	31,700	467,910	23,320	625,700
	Sep	103,080	33,510	470,270	23,270	630,120	102,770	33,510	472,580	23,270	632,130
	Dec	103,070	34,360	480,250	23,390	641,070	102,700	34,360	475,590	23,390	636,030
2000	Mar	101,880	34,540	477,710	23,350	637,480	102,330	34,540	478,610	23,350	638,820
	Jun	100,910	34,940	480,910	23,620	640,390	101,110	34,940	482,290	23,620	641,960
	Sep	101,140	35,690	482,340	23,580	642,750	100,840	35,690	484,860	23,580	644,970
	Dec	101,210	35,950	491,970	23,370	652,500	100,910	35,950	487,160	23,370	647,380
2001	Mar	99,990	36,250	489,520	23,140	648,900	100,400	36,250	490,410	23,140	650,200
	Jun	98,900	36,250	492,610	22,270	650,030	99,080	36,250	493,930	22,270	651,530
	Sep	97,360	36,530	495,230	22,310	651,420	97,060	36,530	497,960	22,310	653,860
	Dec	96,250	37,150	508,880	22,390	664,660	96,000	37,150	503,930	22,390	659,460
2002	Mar	94,860	36,990	506,920	22,270	661,040	95,230	36,990	507,730	22,270	662,220
	Jun	94,510	36,740	510,490	21,890	663,630	94,660	36,740	511,810	21,890	665,100
	Sep	93,620	36,720	512,350	21,920	664,600	93,320	36,720	515,330	21,920	667,290
	Dec	92,590	36,310	524,490	21,870	675,260	92,410	36,310	519,420	21,870	670,010
2003	Mar	90,560	35,860	520,610	21,900	668,930	90,890	35,860	521,240	21,900	669,880
	Jun	88,990	36,360	524,810	22,440	672,610	89,120	36,360	526,210	22,440	674,140
	Sep	88,970	36,440	525,110	22,380	672,910	88,670	36,440	528,270	22,380	675,760
	Dec	87,940	36,750	535,520	22,640	682,850	87,810	36,750	530,410	22,640	677,610
2004	Mar	87,110	37,100	533,700	22,610	680,530	87,440	37,100	534,140	22,610	681,290
	Jun	86,080	37,180	534,340	22,290	679,900	86,170	37,180	535,790	22,290	681,430
	Sep	86,230	37,270	537,950	22,480	683,930	85,920	37,270	541,270	22,480	686,940
	Dec	85,580	37,550	549,750	22,770	695,660	85,500	37,550	544,610	22,770	690,430
2005	Mar	84,970	37,770	550,930	22,430	696,090	85,290	37,770	551,210	22,430	696,690
	Jun	84,080	38,750	550,400	21,130	694,350	84,150	38,750	551,870	21,130	695,890
	Sep	84,520	39,310	550,270	21,310	695,420	84,190	39,310	553,750	21,310	698,570
	Dec	83,830	41,150	562,530	21,390	708,890	83,780	41,150	557,360	21,390	703,670

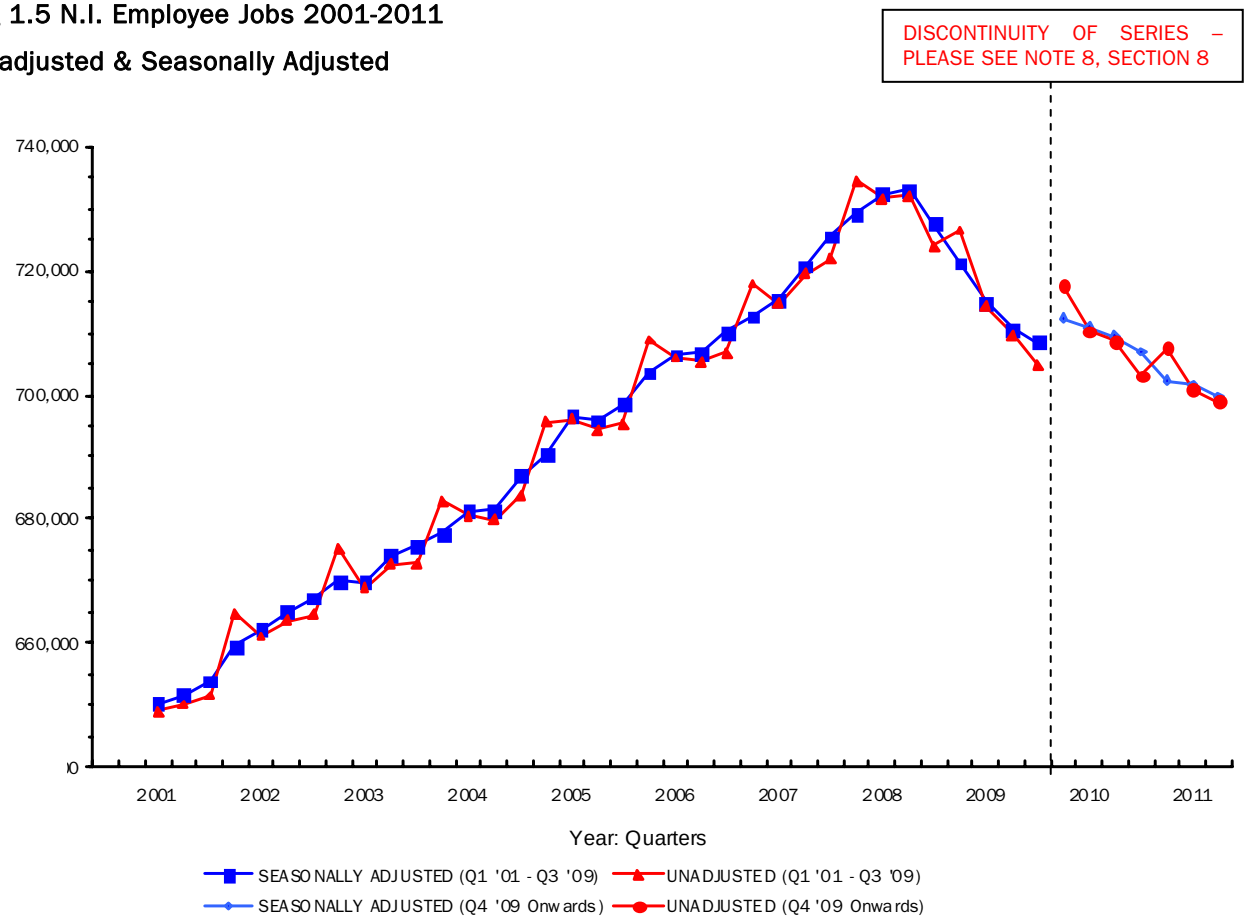
[1] Construction and "Other" Industries are not seasonally adjusted – Please see Note 5.

		Unadjusted					Seasonally Adjusted[2]				
		Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All
2006	Mar	83,730	41,790	559,080	21,390	705,990	84,060	41,790	559,290	21,390	706,530
	Jun	83,550	42,300	558,750	20,830	705,440	83,600	42,300	560,110	20,830	706,850
	Sep	84,210	42,690	559,000	20,910	706,820	83,870	42,690	562,670	20,910	710,150
	Dec	84,040	43,140	569,820	20,990	717,990	84,020	43,140	564,600	20,990	712,740
2007	Mar	83,490	43,460	566,810	21,050	714,820	83,830	43,460	567,050	21,050	715,390
	Jun	84,070	44,710	569,910	20,890	719,590	84,100	44,710	571,120	20,890	720,820
	Sep	84,280	45,320	571,390	21,070	722,060	83,930	45,320	575,260	21,070	725,580
	Dec	83,520	46,820	584,150	20,170	734,670	83,510	46,820	578,810	20,170	729,320
2008	Mar	83,330	45,860	582,410	20,150	731,740	83,680	45,860	582,730	20,150	732,410
	Jun	83,390	44,860	583,520	20,370	732,140	83,390	44,860	584,550	20,370	733,160
	Sep	82,550	43,500	577,570	20,440	724,050	82,210	43,500	581,580	20,440	727,730
	Dec	80,200	41,670	584,690	20,040	726,590	80,180	41,670	579,410	20,040	721,290
2009	Mar	77,790	39,420	577,030	19,960	714,210	78,130	39,420	577,370	19,960	714,890
	Jun	75,360	38,210	576,280	19,910	709,760	75,340	38,210	577,150	19,910	710,610
	Sep	74,280	36,780	573,990	19,800	704,850	73,990	36,780	578,020	19,800	708,590
DISCONTINUITY IN SERIES – PLEASE SEE NOTE 8 IN SECTION 8[^]											
	Dec (R)	73,520	37,190	587,090	19,800	717,610	73,490	37,190	581,870	19,800	712,360
2010	Mar (R)	72,850	37,000	580,570	19,800	710,220	73,190	37,000	580,870	19,800	710,860
	Jun (R)	73,400	36,220	579,590	19,540	708,750	73,370	36,220	580,410	19,540	709,540
	Sep (R)	73,570	35,870	574,060	19,680	703,170	73,300	35,870	578,110	19,680	706,950
	Dec (R)	74,510	33,660	579,740	19,670	707,590	74,470	33,660	574,630	19,670	702,430
2011	Mar (R)	73,830	33,410	573,970	19,650	700,870	74,190	33,410	574,240	19,650	701,490
	Jun (P)	74,300	32,910	571,920	19,760	698,890	74,260	32,910	572,720	19,760	699,650

*Figures may not sum due to rounding

Fig 1.5 N.I. Employee Jobs 2001-2011

Unadjusted & Seasonally Adjusted



[2] Construction and Other Industries are not seasonally adjusted – please see Note 5.

[^] Please not that there are a number of factors influencing the figure for December 2009: a) Discontinuity in series; b) Re-Allocation of sample; c) A real effect; d) For the Seasonally adjusted figure, each of the previous factors will have an impact on the Seasonal Adjustment software. For more information on any of these, please refer to Section 8.

Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Series

Public / Private

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Table 1.6 N.I. Employee Jobs^ by Public and Private Sector

Unadjusted & Seasonally Adjusted 2001 – 2011

			Unadjusted		Seasonally* Adjusted	
			Public	Private	Public	Private
2002	Mar		205,110	455,930	204,400	457,790
	Jun		205,090	458,540	204,940	460,250
	Sep		205,910	458,690	207,130	460,360
	Dec		209,320	465,940	209,000	460,810
2003	Mar		210,850	458,080	210,100	459,740
	Jun		211,390	461,220	211,190	462,870
	Sep		211,910	461,000	213,220	462,930
	Dec		214,320	468,530	214,010	463,370
2004	Mar		216,270	464,250	215,460	465,730
	Jun		213,940	465,960	213,700	467,670
	Sep		216,330	467,600	217,720	469,660
	Dec		218,270	477,390	217,990	472,190
2005	Mar		219,530	476,560	218,630	477,910
	Jun		219,970	474,380	219,700	476,190
	Sep		219,490	475,930	220,970	478,040
	Dec		221,290	487,610	221,040	482,310
2006	Mar		221,540	484,450	220,570	485,750
	Jun		220,980	484,460	220,670	486,340
	Sep		219,520	487,290	221,080	489,520
	Dec		220,680	497,310	220,470	491,810
2007	Mar		221,210	493,610	220,180	495,010
	Jun		221,100	498,490	220,730	500,370
	Sep		217,790	504,270	219,450	506,640
	Dec		220,000	514,670	219,780	508,830
2008	Mar		220,860	510,870	219,790	512,530
	Jun		218,890	513,250	218,440	515,080
	Sep		214,440	509,610	216,210	512,010
	Dec		224,320	502,280	224,070	496,530
2009	Mar		225,500	488,710	224,360	490,440
	Jun		225,560	484,200	225,040	485,820
	Sep		223,580	481,270	225,530	483,530
DISCONTINUITY IN SERIES – PLEASE SEE NOTE 8 IN SECTION 8						
	Dec	(R)	224,760	492,850	224,500	487,220
2010	Mar	(R)	224,670	485,550	223,490	487,310
	Jun	(R)	222,540	486,210	221,980	487,790
	Sep	(R)	217,680	485,490	219,690	487,740
	Dec	(R)	220,470	487,120	220,200	481,600
2011	Mar	(R)	220,260	480,610	219,070	482,330
	Jun	(P)	218,580	480,310	218,000	481,910

Seasonally Adjusted Data*

The NI Public sector seasonally adjusted employee jobs estimate currently stands at 218,000. This represents a decrease of 0.5% (1,070 jobs) over the quarter between March 2011 and June 2011 and a decrease since June 2010 of 1.8% (3,990 jobs).

The private sector employee jobs estimate at June 2011 was 481,910. This is down slightly on the previous quarter estimate by 0.1% (420 jobs) and also down on the previous year by 1.2% (5,880 jobs).

Unadjusted Data

Further analysis of the Public Sector can be obtained by looking at the seasonally unadjusted data. The NI public sector unadjusted employee jobs estimate for June 2011 stands at 218,580. This represents a decrease of 0.8% (1,680 jobs) over the quarter and a decrease of 1.8% (3,960 jobs) over the year from June 2010.

Table 1.7 shows the largest decrease over the quarter (-1,210 jobs) came from the NI Central Government section of the public sector with the majority of that increase coming from within the NHS Trusts (-1,040 jobs).

In the 5 years to June 2011, the NI public sector decreased by 1.1% (2,400 jobs), while the private sector decreased over the same period by 0.9% (4,150 jobs).

*Seasonally Adjusted Public and Private split may not sum to the Seasonally Adjusted total reported in Section 4. Also, rounding may have an effect on the sum.

Figure 1.5 – Public Sector Employee Jobs Seasonally Adjusted & Unadjusted 2001 – 2011

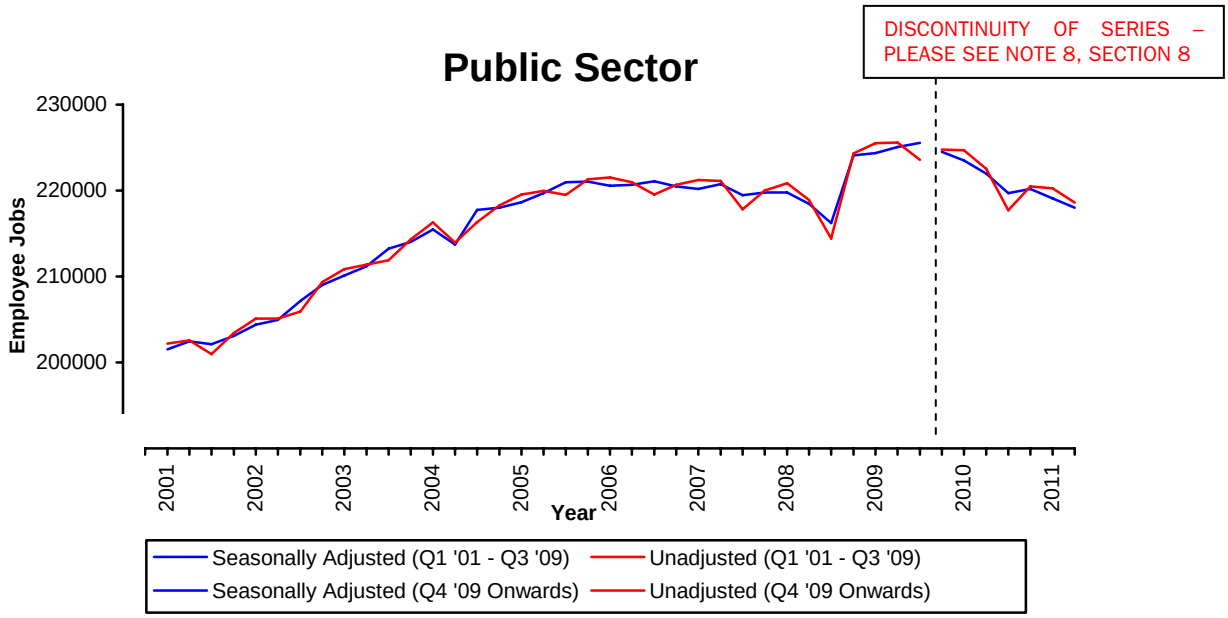


Figure 1.6 – Private Sector Employee Jobs Seasonally Adjusted & Unadjusted 2001 – 2011

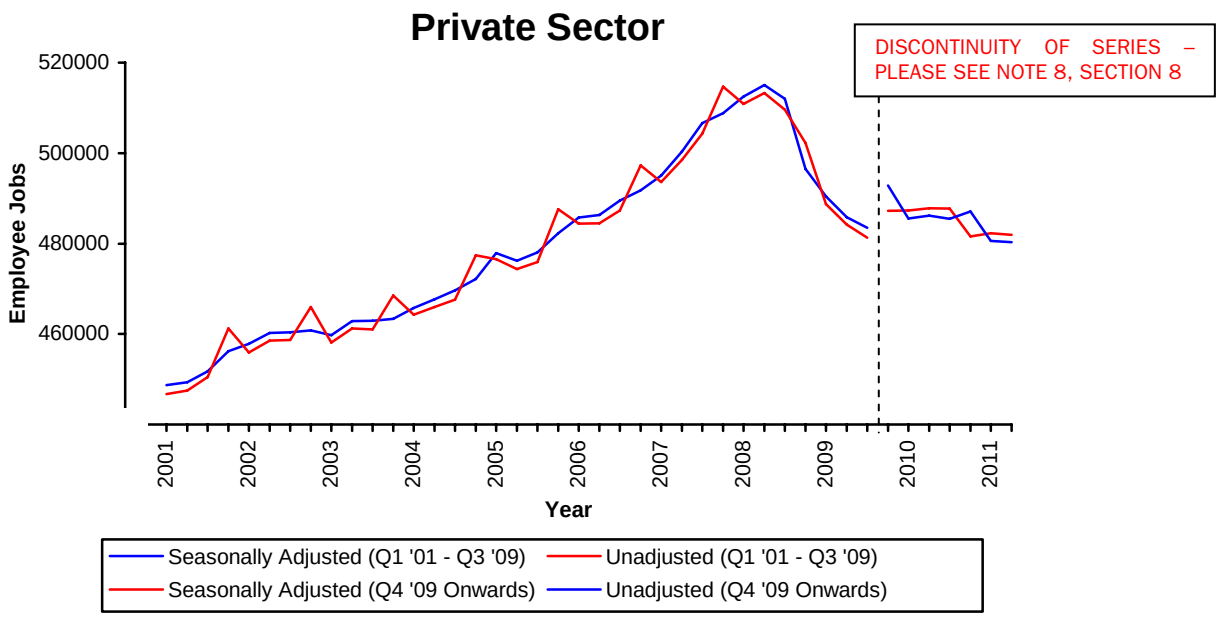
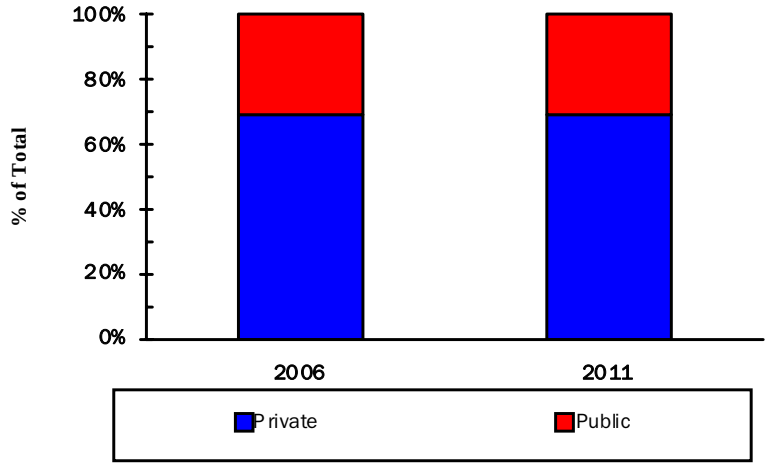


FIG 1.7 Seasonally Adjusted Employee Jobs, Public / Private Split, June 2006 & June 2011



Public Sector Data
By Section Department

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Table 1.7 N.I. Public Sector Employee Jobs by Section March 2011 & June 2011

	March 2011 (Revised)			June 2011 (Provisional)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
NI CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	**37,280**	**75,340**	**112,620**	**36,980**	**74,430**	**111,410**
Office of the First and Deputy First Minister	170	210	380	170	210	380
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)	2,370	1,480	3,850	2,360	1,480	3,840
Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL)	140	130	270	150	130	270
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)	290	320	620	280	300	580
Department of Education (DE)	230	390	620	230	390	610
Department of Environment (DOE)	1,400	1,310	2,710	1,400	1,280	2,680
Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)	1,840	1,690	3,530	1,860	1,730	3,590
Department for Employment and Learning (DEL)	690	1,410	2,100	700	1,410	2,110
Department of Regional Development (DRD)	1,840	580	2,420	1,840	580	2,410
Department for Social Development (DSD)	3,080	4,420	7,500	3,060	4,400	7,460
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)	370	380	740	360	370	730
Department of Justice (DOJ)	640	970	1,610	640	990	1,630
Public Prosecution Service	220	350	570	220	360	580
Total of 12 Government Departments (Northern Ireland Civil Service)	**13,280**	**13,640**	**26,920**	**13,250**	**13,630**	**26,890**
Fire Service	2,020	230	2,250	2,000	230	2,230
NI Audit Office	70	80	150	70	80	150
Northern Ireland Assembly	330	190	520	330	190	520
Northern Ireland Office [3]	90	110	190	90	100	190
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration & Complaints	10	20	30	10	20	30
Prison Service	1,410	420	1,840	1,390	400	1,800
Police Service of Northern Ireland	6,860	3,750	10,610	6,760	3,780	10,540
NHS Trusts	12,750	56,550	69,310	12,630	55,640	68,260
British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)	400	330	730	400	330	730
Assets Recovery Agency	40	30	70	40	30	70
BODIES UNDER AEGIS OF NI CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	**19,970**	**58,010**	**77,980**	**20,070**	**57,570**	**77,640**
Office of the First and Deputy First Minister	90	150	240	90	140	230
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)	20	10	40	10	10	20
Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL)	340	450	790	340	450	790
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)	420	570	990	430	560	990
Department of Education (DE)	190	310	510	290	400	690
Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)	210	250	450	210	240	450
Department for Employment and Learning (DEL)	320	270	590	320	270	590
Department of Regional Development (DRD)	1,110	250	1,360	1,090	250	1,340
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)	750	1,350	2,090	760	1,370	2,140
Department for Social Development (DSD)	1,600	1,630	3,230	1,580	1,620	3,200
Department of Justice (DoJ)	260	580	840	260	570	830
Northern Ireland Office	310	580	890	310	570	870
Teaching Staff; Non-Teaching Staff & Education and Library Boards	14,350	51,600	65,950	14,400	51,120	65,510
UK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	**2,340**	**2,320**	**4,670**	**2,320**	**2,310**	**4,620**
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (District Councils)	**7,000**	**5,090**	**12,080**	**7,050**	**5,080**	**12,130**
PUBLIC CORPORATIONS	**8,900**	**4,020**	**12,910**	**8,800**	**3,970**	**12,770**
NI Based	5,450	3,400	8,850	5,440	3,370	8,800
UK Based	3,450	610	4,070	3,360	610	3,970
TOTAL	**75,480**	**144,770**	**220,260**	**75,220**	**143,360**	**218,580**

[3] The Northern Ireland Prison Service (Administration Only) and the Northern Ireland Courts & Tribunals Service employees are now counted within the Department of Justice. From Q1 2011, these employees are classed as civil servants.

Special Feature

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Employee jobs in the Public Sector

Table 1.8 shows public sector jobs in Northern Ireland for June 1996 and June 2011. During this period, the overall number of public sector jobs increased by 20,450 (10.3%). There has been contrasting changes in the number of male and female public sector jobs since 1996. Male public sector jobs decreased by -3,180 during the period, whereas female jobs increased by 23,630. This has resulted in females now accounting for 65.6% of all public sector jobs.

Fig 1.8 NI Employee Jobs in the Public and Private Sectors

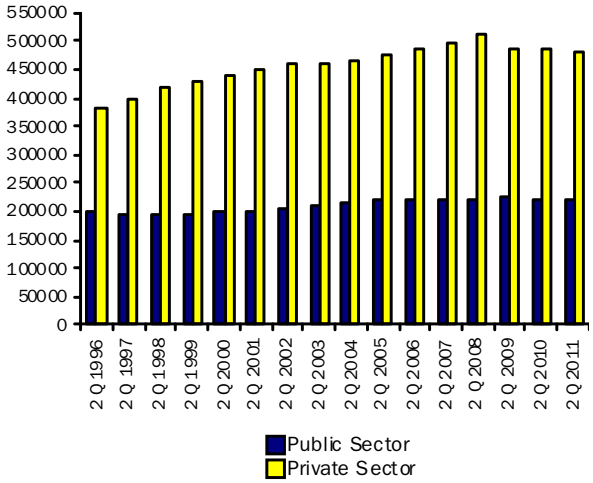


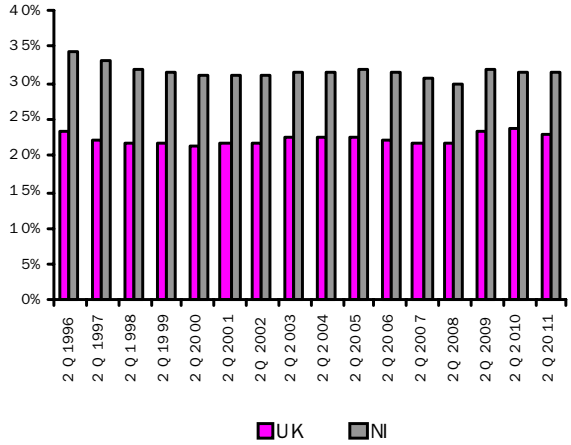
Fig 1.8 shows the total number of employee jobs in Northern Ireland split into Public and Private Sectors. It illustrates that the level of public sector jobs has increased gradually from 198,130 in June 1996 to 218,580 at June 2011. The level of private sector jobs has also increased steadily. Between June 1996 and June 2011, the number of private sector jobs has increased by 100,790 (26.6%), whereas public sector jobs have increased by 20,450 (10.3%). This has resulted in the proportion of public sector jobs to all employee jobs falling slightly from 34% in 1996, to 31% in 2011.

Table 1.8 NI Public Sector Jobs, June 1996 & June 2011

	Male	Female	Total
June 1996	78,400	119,720	198,130
June 2011	75,220	143,360	218,580
Difference	-3,180	23,630	20,450
% Difference	-4.1	19.7	10.3

While the proportion of public sector jobs to all jobs has fallen steadily in Northern Ireland, a higher than average concentration of jobs in the public sector still remains. Fig 1.9 compares the proportion of public sector jobs in Northern Ireland with figures for the United Kingdom (in GB, public sector data is now collected on a headcount basis and proportions are calculated by dividing by LFS total employment). Despite the proportion in N.I. falling from 34% in 1996 to 31% in 2011, it is still well above the average for the U.K. (23% in 1996 and remaining at 23% in 2011).

Fig 1.9 Public Sector Jobs as a Percentage of all Employee Jobs, NI & UK*



* UK figure for 2011 is at Q1

Notes to Editors

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Note 1 – Background
Estimates of the number of employee jobs are obtained from the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES). The QES covers all public sector bodies, all private sector firms with 25 or more employees and a sample of the remainder. The sample size is such that estimates of total employee jobs should be accurate to within +/- 1% of the Census of Employment total. The survey collects information on numbers of persons in full-time and part-time employment. It should be noted that the survey counts the number of jobs rather than the number of persons with jobs. For example, a person holding both a full-time job and a part-time job, or someone with two part-time jobs, will be counted twice.

The QES is a voluntary survey of employers in Northern Ireland and results from it are collated into industry classes using the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC07). As a result, there is no breach of confidentiality.

Note 2 – Revisions Policy
It is normal practice for Quarterly Employment Survey estimates to be revised. All quarters back to the latest published Census of Employment (currently Q4 2009 onwards) are provisional and subject to revision in light of (a) late responses to surveys and administrative sources, (b) where cross survey congruence checks provide more accurate data and (c) there are revisions to seasonal adjustment factors which are re-estimated every quarter. A common pitfall in interpreting series is that expectations of accuracy and reliability in early estimates are often too high. Revisions are an inevitable consequence of the trade off between timelines and accuracy. Early estimates are based on incomplete data.

Very few statistical revisions arise as a result of 'errors' in the popular sense of the word. All estimates, by definition, are subject to statistical 'error' but in this context the word refers to the uncertainty inherent in any process or calculation that uses sampling, estimation or modelling. Most revisions reflect either the adoption of new statistical techniques, or the incorporation of new information, which allows the statistical error of previous statements to be reduced. Only rarely are there avoidable 'errors' such as human or system failures, and such mistakes are made quite clear when they do occur.

A QES Revisions policy and tables including summary information on the size and direction of revisions for the Quarterly Employment Survey are available under the following link:
http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-stats-index/stats-surveys/stats-qes/revisions_to_qes_estimates.htm

Note 3 – Coverage
The quarterly survey covers all Industrial Sections apart from Agriculture. Overall employment (i.e. employees and the self-employed) estimates for the agricultural sector are provided, on an annual basis, from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's (DARD) Farm Census. Self-employed agriculture workers are defined as including full-time farmers and partners on all agricultural businesses. Agriculture employees include all workers on agricultural businesses other than (a) part-time farmers and partners and (b) farmers' spouses. They include full-time, part-time and casual workers, both paid and unpaid.

For further information on the Quarterly Employment Survey, please see the link below to the background notes and methodology guide.
http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-stats-index/stats-surveys/stats-qes/stats-background-to-qes.htm

Note 4 – Public Sector
Public sector jobs comprise Central Government (including Bodies under the aegis of Central Government), Local Government and Public Corporations. An announcement in April 1993 transferred National Health Service Trusts from 'Bodies under the aegis of Central Government' to 'Public Corporations'. A subsequent announcement by the Public Sector Classification Committee (PSCC) in July 2003 stated that all NHS Trusts should retrospectively be reclassified to Central Government. In addition, following advice from PSCC, Northern Ireland Housing Executive employees were reclassified from SIC 75 to SIC 70 in December 2006. This change applies to each quarter from Quarter 1 2004 onwards. From 1st April 2007, The Water Service became a Government owned company known as "Northern Ireland Water". As a result its employees have been transferred from "NI Central Government" to "Bodies under the Aegis of NI Central Government".

Note 5 – Seasonal Adjustment
A seasonally adjusted employment series provides a better indication of underlying trends in employment. This series is available on a consistent basis from June 1978 onwards and figures by main industrial sector from 1995 onwards are shown in Table 1.5. At the latest review of our seasonal adjustment process, it was found that there was no seasonality in the Construction Sector and also in Other Industries.

Note 6 – Census of Employment
Information on employee jobs at a sub Northern Ireland level (e.g. District Council Area (DCA), Parliamentary Constituency Area (PCA), Ward Level) and at the 5-digit SIC03 level are available from the Northern Ireland Census of Employment. Details of the Census of Employment results are available from Statistics Research Branch Tel: (028) 9052 9379 or on our Internet website http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-stats-index.htm

Note 7 – NI Programme for Government
QES employee jobs estimates feed into UK wide workforce jobs figures. These in turn are used as the denominator for regional productivity measures. As part of the NI programme for government, a public sector agreement (PSA) target has been set for Northern Ireland to halve the private sector productivity gap with the UK (excluding the Greater South East) by 2015. See following link:
http://www.pfgbudgetni.gov.uk/finalpfg.pdf (p10).

Details of progress towards this target can be found at:
www.pfgbudgetni.gov.uk/pfg_delivery_report_q4_08_09_-final_-__pdf_version-5.pdf

Note 8 – Discontinuity
Users of QES data should be aware that the sample coverage used to derive employee jobs estimates in NI has been extended. This change has been introduced to provide more comprehensive estimates of employee jobs and also to ensure a consistency of methodology between the 3 main sources of this information namely the NI QES, the NI Census of Employment and the new NI Business Register Employment Survey (BRES). The extension in sample coverage has resulted in a discontinuity in the employee jobs series from the reference period Q3 2009 onwards. A more detailed note on these changes and their impact are available at the following link: http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-stats-index/stats-surveys/stats-qes/stats-qes-discontinuity-notice.htm