



## Northern Ireland

# Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) Supplement

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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 5,400 and covers all employers with at least 25 employees, all public sector employers and a representative sample of smaller firms.
- The June 2009 seasonally adjusted employee jobs figure stands at 709,040.
- This represents a seasonally adjusted decrease of 0.8% (or 5,470 jobs) from the revised March 2009 estimate of 714,510.
- Over the quarter seasonally adjusted employee jobs decreased in the Manufacturing Sector by 2.8% (2,190 jobs), in the Service Sector by 0.3% (1,600 jobs), while Construction employee jobs decreased by 4.0% (-1,580 jobs). Jobs in "Other Industries" also decreased by 0.5% (-100 Jobs) over the quarter.
- The June 2009 seasonally unadjusted figure stands at 707,750.
- This represents a seasonally unadjusted decrease of 0.9% (-6,140 jobs) since March 2009 and a decrease of 3.5% (-25,340 jobs) in the past year.
- Over the year, June 2008 to June 2009, the unadjusted employee jobs figure for the Service Sector decreased by 1.9% (-11,010 jobs), Manufacturing employee jobs decreased by 8.6% (-7,160 jobs), while Construction employee jobs decreased by 14.9% (-6,580 jobs).
- The net annual decrease in employee jobs (-25,340) is comprised of decreases in both the number of full-time employee jobs (-24,200) and part-time employee jobs (-1,140).



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# Executive Summary

# 1

## 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).

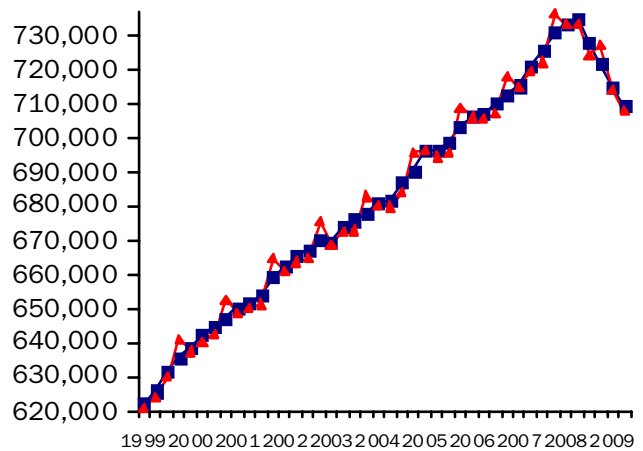
It should be noted that the survey counts the number of jobs rather than the number of persons with jobs. For example, a person holding both a full-time job and part-time job, or someone with two part-time jobs, will be counted twice.

## Seasonally Adjusted

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■ Seasonally Adjusted ▲ Unadjusted

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Over the year, June 2008 to June 2009, the unadjusted employee jobs figure for the Service Sector decreased by 1.9% (-11,010 jobs), Manufacturing employee jobs decreased by 8.6% (-7,160 jobs), while Construction employee jobs decreased by 14.9% (-6,580 jobs).

## Date of Next Publication

Quarterly Employment Survey results for Quarter 3 2009 will be published on Wednesday 16th December 2009.

# 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 2009 there were an estimated 707,750 employee jobs in Northern Ireland.

**Table 1.1 NI Employee Jobs, Full-time/Part-time Split, June 2009**

	Male		Female		Total	% change in total	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time		Since last quarter	Since last year
Manufacturing	57,880	1,590	13,540	3,050	76,070	-2.8%	-8.6%
Construction	31,860	1,240	2,990	1,660	37,750	-3.7%	-14.9%
Services	173,140	54,370	169,480	175,990	572,990	-0.4%	-1.9%
Other <sup>1</sup>	10,390	7,730	1,550	1,280	20,940	-0.5%	-2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>273,270</b>	<b>64,940</b>	<b>187,560</b>	<b>181,990</b>	<b>707,750</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Covers Industry Sections A, B, D and E

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

Fig 1.1 shows the Male/Female, Full-time/Part-time breakdown of employee jobs in Northern Ireland, as at June 2009. Female employee jobs account for just over half of all employee jobs in NI (369,540 female employee jobs, compared to 338,210 males). There is, however, a significant difference in the working patterns of male and female employees. Just under half (49.2%) of female employee jobs are part-time, whereas only 19.2% of male employees work on a part-time basis.

**Fig 1.1 Composition of Employee Jobs, June 2009**

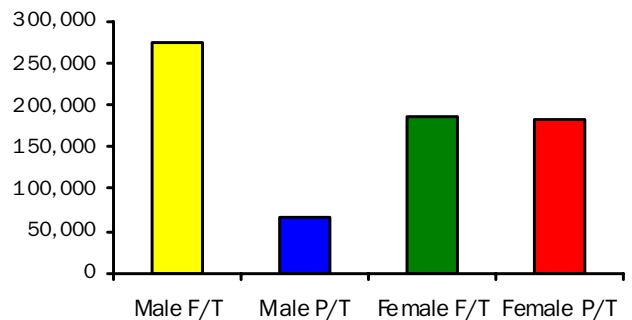
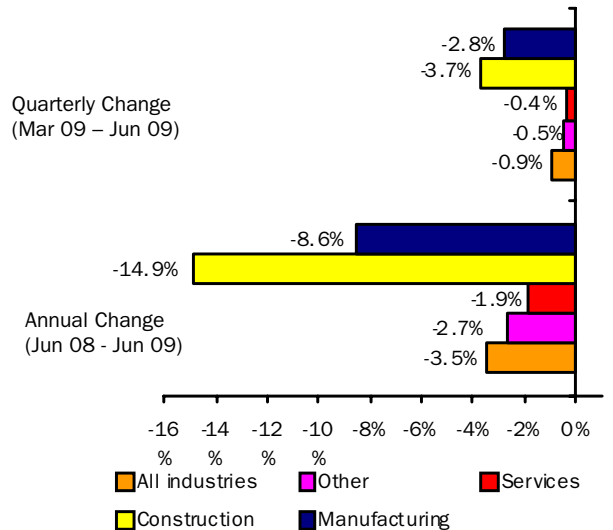


Fig 1.2 shows the annual and quarterly changes in employee jobs. Between March 2009 and June 2009 the number of employee jobs in NI decreased by 6,140. This consisted of a decrease in Services (-2,420), Manufacturing (-2,160), Construction (-1,460) and Other Industries (-100).

Between June 2008 and June 2009 the number of employee jobs decreased by 25,340. There were decreases in the Service Sector (-11,010), in Manufacturing (-7,160), and in Construction (-6,580) while employee jobs in Other Industries fell by 590.

**Fig 1.2 Annual and Quarterly Changes in Employee Jobs**



**FIG 1.3 Employee Jobs, Male/Female, Full-Time/Part-Time Split, June 2009**

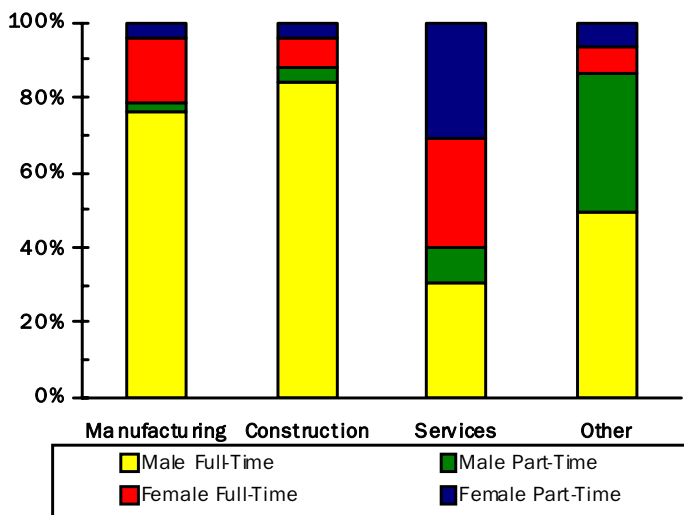


Fig 1.3 shows the male/female, full-time/part-time split for each broad industry sector within Northern Ireland. It highlights the large proportion of employee jobs in the Manufacturing and Construction Sectors that are occupied by male full-time employees (76.1% for Manufacturing, 84.4% for Construction). In contrast, females occupy 60.3% of the 572,990 employee jobs within the Service Sector. These female jobs within Services are in turn divided fairly evenly between full-time (49.1%) and part-time (50.9%) workers.

Table 1.2 on page 4 shows Employee Jobs by Industry Section for June 2009. Comparative figures for the previous quarter (March 2009) and for the previous year (June 2008) are also included.

**Table 1.2 N.I. Employee Jobs by Industry Section**

	SIC 07 Sections	June 2008 (Revised)			March 2009 (Revised)			June 2009 (Provisional)		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	A	10,790	1,720	12,510	10,710	1,700	12,410	10,710	1,700	12,410
Mining and quarrying	B	1,880	250	2,130	1,710	230	1,940	1,670	220	1,900
Manufacturing	C	65,540	17,690	83,230	61,320	16,900	78,220	59,480	16,590	76,070
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	D	1,680	400	2,080	1,750	440	2,180	1,690	440	2,120
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	E	4,280	540	4,820	4,060	460	4,520	4,050	470	4,510
Construction	F	39,250	5,080	44,330	34,380	4,820	39,200	33,100	4,650	37,750
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	G	60,410	70,660	131,070	58,900	68,880	127,780	58,470	68,090	126,570
Transportation and storage	H	20,510	5,390	25,890	20,020	5,260	25,270	19,830	5,210	25,030
Accommodation and food service activities	I	18,670	24,590	43,260	17,870	23,170	41,030	17,900	23,230	41,140
Information and communication	J	11,280	5,620	16,910	10,850	5,470	16,320	10,430	5,310	15,740
Financial and insurance activities	K	6,560	12,310	18,870	6,510	12,090	18,590	6,460	12,070	18,530
Real estate activities	L	3,090	3,600	6,690	2,960	3,430	6,400	2,920	3,400	6,320
Professional, scientific and technical activities	M	11,280	13,570	24,860	10,800	13,170	23,960	10,660	12,990	23,650
Administrative and support service activities	N	23,050	19,530	42,590	21,270	18,800	40,070	21,090	18,220	39,310
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	O	30,770	27,280	58,050	31,330	27,160	58,490	31,120	27,140	58,270
Education	P	17,230	55,210	72,440	17,580	56,780	74,370	17,390	56,720	74,110
Human health and social work activities	Q	19,080	96,700	115,780	19,150	96,960	116,110	19,390	97,400	116,790
Arts, entertainment and recreation	R	7,070	6,930	13,990	6,880	6,740	13,620	7,150	7,090	14,240
Other service activities	S	4,730	8,890	13,610	4,730	8,670	13,410	4,700	8,610	13,310
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>A-S</b>	<b>357,140</b>	<b>375,950</b>	<b>733,090</b>	<b>342,770</b>	<b>371,120</b>	<b>713,890</b>	<b>338,210</b>	<b>369,540</b>	<b>707,750</b>

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 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 2009**

Standard Industrial Classification 2007	Class	Male			Female			All Persons
		Full Time	Part Time	All Males	Full Time	Part Time	All Females	
Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	01	2,780	7,560	10,340	550	1,060	1,600	11,950
Forestry and logging	02	250	10	260	40	40	80	340
Fishing and aquaculture	03	80	20	110	20	10	30	130
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	1,650	30	1,670	180	40	220	1,900
Mining support service activities	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacture of food products	10	10,790	710	11,500	4,450	1,210	5,660	17,160
Manufacture of beverages and tobacco products	11/12	1,250	20	1,270	480	50	530	1,820
Manufacture of textiles	13	1,000	30	1,020	310	100	410	1,430
Manufacture of wearing apparel	14	270	30	300	450	110	560	860
Manufacture of leather and related products	15	10	20	30	20	30	40	70
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	16	2,630	100	2,730	310	110	420	3,150
Manufacture of paper and paper products	17	1,370	10	1,380	290	40	330	1,710
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	18	1,060	30	1,080	410	120	530	1,610
Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	19	30	0	30	10	0	10	30
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	20	1,230	30	1,260	330	50	390	1,650
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	21	910	0	910	560	30	590	1,510
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	22	4,910	60	4,970	870	200	1,070	6,030
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	23	3,930	100	4,030	680	120	800	4,830
Manufacture of basic metals	24	340	0	340	30	10	40	380
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	25	5,980	140	6,120	570	260	830	6,950
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	26	3,320	20	3,350	1,010	90	1,100	4,450
Manufacture of electrical equipment	27	2,990	20	3,020	580	70	650	3,670
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	28	4,020	60	4,080	460	130	590	4,670
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	29	2,620	30	2,650	170	30	200	2,850
Manufacture of other transport equipment	30	6,140	10	6,150	870	50	920	7,070
Manufacture of furniture	31	2,220	120	2,340	350	130	480	2,820
Other manufacturing	32	540	30	570	300	90	390	960
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	33	330	20	350	30	20	50	400
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	35	1,680	10	1,690	410	30	440	2,120
Water collection, treatment and supply	36	620	0	620	0	0	0	620
Sewerage	37	230	0	230	30	10	50	280
Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery	38	3,100	100	3,200	320	90	420	3,620
Remediation activities and other waste management services	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction of buildings	41	8,710	480	9,190	970	630	1,590	10,790
Civil engineering	42	6,790	160	6,950	780	250	1,030	7,980
Specialised construction activities	43	16,360	600	16,960	1,240	790	2,020	18,980
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	45	8,900	700	9,590	1,350	720	2,070	11,660

Standard Industrial Classification 2007	Class	Male			Female			All Persons
		Full Time	Part Time	All Males	Full Time	Part Time	All Females	
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	46	15,660	1,050	16,710	4,650	1,810	6,450	23,160
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	47	16,670	15,510	32,180	19,260	40,320	59,580	91,750
Land transport and transport via pipelines	49	10,290	1,360	11,650	1,120	1,000	2,120	13,770
Water transport	50	380	0	390	170	20	190	580
Air transport	51	290	20	310	280	130	410	720
Warehousing and support activities for transportation	52	3,030	370	3,400	940	390	1,330	4,730
Postal and courier activities	53	3,110	970	4,080	570	590	1,160	5,240
Accommodation	55	2,330	2,010	4,340	2,370	2,700	5,070	9,410
Food and beverage service activities	56	6,150	7,420	13,560	5,390	12,780	18,160	31,730
Publishing activities	58	1,130	80	1,210	750	240	990	2,200
Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities	59	260	280	540	160	340	500	1,030
Programming and broadcasting activities	60	580	60	630	410	100	510	1,140
Telecommunications	61	2,210	190	2,400	680	390	1,080	3,480
Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	62	5,440	150	5,600	1,790	410	2,190	7,790
Information service activities	63	50	10	60	30	20	50	110
Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding	64	4,090	220	4,300	5,410	2,850	8,260	12,560
Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security	65	740	40	780	940	320	1,250	2,040
Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities	66	1,290	90	1,380	1,860	700	2,560	3,940
Real estate activities	68	2,690	230	2,920	2,490	910	3,400	6,320
Legal and accounting activities	69	2,330	170	2,500	5,200	1,780	6,980	9,480
Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities	70	1,110	200	1,310	1,070	530	1,600	2,910
Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	71	3,710	190	3,900	1,190	450	1,640	5,540
Scientific research and development	72	1,060	30	1,090	630	110	740	1,830
Advertising and market research	73	340	120	460	290	250	550	1,000
Other professional, scientific and technical activities	74	780	50	830	430	200	630	1,450
Veterinary activities	75	520	60	580	560	300	860	1,440
Rental and leasing activities	77	1,280	230	1,510	350	280	630	2,140
Employment activities	78	5,310	2,180	7,480	3,790	2,630	6,420	13,910
Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities	79	210	20	230	690	340	1,030	1,270
Security and investigation activities	80	3,330	1,120	4,440	350	330	680	5,120
Services to buildings and landscape activities	81	2,260	1,900	4,150	1,210	5,590	6,790	10,940
Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	82	2,800	480	3,280	1,910	760	2,670	5,950
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	84	28,410	2,710	31,120	20,620	6,530	27,140	58,270
Education	85	12,660	4,720	17,390	25,450	31,270	56,720	74,110
Human health activities	86	9,480	3,100	12,580	30,680	29,440	60,120	72,690
Residential care activities	87	1,660	590	2,250	4,730	5,760	10,490	12,740
Social work activities without accommodation	88	3,440	1,120	4,560	12,910	13,880	26,790	31,350
Creative, arts and entertainment activities	90	230	120	350	210	260	460	810
Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities	91	570	180	750	800	830	1,630	2,370
Gambling and betting activities	92	730	340	1,070	820	590	1,400	2,470
Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities	93	2,660	2,320	4,980	1,170	2,430	3,600	8,580
Activities of membership organisations	94	2,250	1,450	3,700	1,670	2,750	4,420	8,120
Repair of computers and personal and household goods	95	220	20	240	50	50	90	330
Other personal service activities	96	550	220	770	2,130	1,970	4,090	4,860
<b>Total</b>		<b>273,270</b>	<b>64,940</b>	<b>338,210</b>	<b>187,560</b>	<b>181,990</b>	<b>369,540</b>	<b>707,750</b>

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**Table 1.4 N.I. Tourism and Leisure Employee Jobs^ June 2009**

	<b>SIC</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accommodation	55	4,340	5,070	9,410
Food and beverage service activities	56*	12,670	16,180	28,850
Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities	79	230	1,030	1,270
Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities	91	750	1,630	2,370
Gambling and betting activities	92	1,070	1,400	2,470
Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities	93	4,980	3,600	8,580
<b>Total</b>		<b>24,040</b>	<b>28,910</b>	<b>52,950</b>

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\* Excluding event catering and other food service activities

# Public Sector Data

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Table 1.5 N.I. Public Sector Employee Jobs June 2009

	Male	Female	Total
<b>NI CENTRAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>38,929</b>	<b>77,285</b>	<b>116,214</b>
Office of the First and Deputy First Minister	176	229	405
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)	2,437	1,527	3,964
Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL)	125	135	260
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)	323	349	672
Department of Education (DE)	268	413	681
Department of Environment (DOE)	1,522	1,481	3,003
Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)	1,999	1,753	3,752
Department for Employment and Learning (DEL)	624	1,307	1,931
Department of Regional Development (DRD)	1,986	638	2,624
Department for Social Development (DSD)	3,205	4,670	7,875
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)	430	452	882
<b>Total of 11 Government Departments (Northern Ireland Civil Service)</b>	<b>13,095</b>	<b>12,954</b>	<b>26,049</b>
Fire Service	2,010	233	2,243
NI Audit Office	74	67	141
Northern Ireland Assembly	258	177	435
Northern Ireland Office	809	1,384	2,193
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration & Complaints	8	16	24
Prison Service	1,545	447	1,992
Police Service of Northern Ireland	7,355	3,694	11,049
NHS Trusts	13,312	57,938	71,250
British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)	427	344	771
Assets Recovery Agency	36	31	67
<b>BODIES UNDER AEGIS OF NI CENTRAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>18,958</b>	<b>56,952</b>	<b>79,801</b>
Office of the First and Deputy First Minister	103	168	271
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)	33	43	76
Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL)	346	397	743
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)	358	523	881
Department of Education (DE)	264	413	677
Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)	19	38	57
Department for Employment and Learning (DEL)	419	408	827
Department of Regional Development (DRD)	1,198	242	1,440
Department of Health & Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)	660	1,233	1,893
Department for Social Development (DSD)	1,752	1,660	3,412
Northern Ireland Office	348	520	868
Education & Library Boards (Non-Teaching)	8,550	35,432	43,982
Teaching Staff in All Schools	6,242	18,432	24,674
<b>UK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>5,674</b>
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT (District Councils)</b>	<b>6,946</b>	<b>4,828</b>	<b>11,774</b>
<b>PUBLIC CORPORATIONS</b>	<b>8,497</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>11,572</b>
NI Based	4,899	2,397	7,296
UK Based	3,598	678	4,276
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,029</b>	<b>145,115</b>	<b>225,035</b>

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# Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Series

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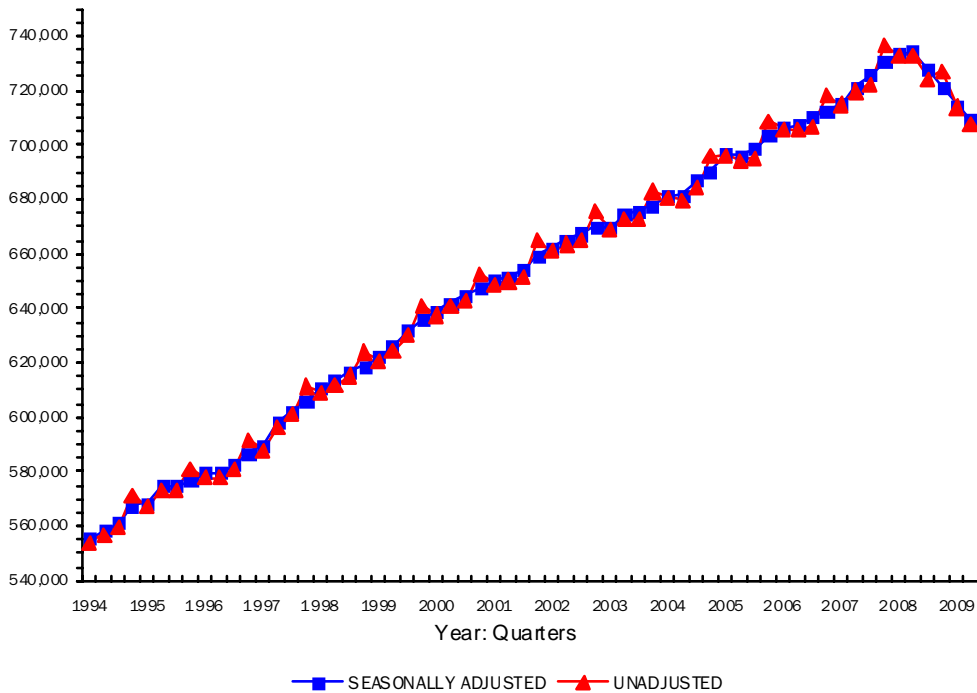
**Table 1.6 N.I. Employee Jobs by Broad Industry Sector**  
**Unadjusted & Seasonally Adjusted 1994 – 2009**

	Unadjusted					Seasonally Adjusted				
	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All
<b>1994 Mar</b>	97,520	24,270	405,450	26,890	554,130	97,940	24,330	406,560	26,890	555,720
<b>Jun</b>	98,420	24,140	408,100	26,280	556,940	98,750	24,130	409,180	26,280	558,340
<b>Sep</b>	99,810	24,480	409,320	26,280	559,890	99,460	24,270	411,730	26,280	561,730
<b>Dec</b>	100,320	24,350	420,720	26,130	571,530	99,910	24,490	416,140	26,130	566,680
<b>1995 Mar</b>	99,550	24,360	417,120	26,090	567,110	100,000	24,450	418,150	26,090	568,680
<b>Jun</b>	101,220	24,230	421,640	26,340	573,420	101,530	24,210	422,840	26,340	574,930
<b>Sep</b>	101,600	24,120	421,170	26,460	573,340	101,240	23,910	423,520	26,460	575,130
<b>Dec</b>	101,960	23,770	429,270	25,990	580,990	101,540	23,880	424,690	25,990	576,090
<b>1996 Mar</b>	101,850	23,580	426,610	25,850	577,880	102,400	23,770	427,540	25,850	579,560
<b>Jun</b>	101,490	23,180	427,730	25,250	577,640	101,780	23,270	429,380	25,250	579,680
<b>Sep</b>	102,470	23,390	429,870	25,290	581,020	102,080	23,140	431,920	25,290	582,430
<b>Dec</b>	103,630	23,570	439,380	25,240	591,810	103,180	23,530	434,750	25,240	586,690
<b>1997 Mar</b>	103,380	23,380	436,190	25,110	588,050	103,930	23,560	437,120	25,110	589,720
<b>Jun</b>	104,730	27,850	438,500	25,020	596,100	105,020	27,950	440,120	25,020	598,120
<b>Sep</b>	105,330	28,510	442,170	25,090	601,090	104,950	28,260	444,250	25,090	602,560
<b>Dec</b>	105,050	29,090	452,830	24,350	611,330	104,610	29,040	448,210	24,350	606,210
<b>1998 Mar</b>	104,050	29,500	451,270	24,280	609,110	104,580	29,670	452,190	24,280	610,720
<b>Jun</b>	104,120	29,940	453,530	23,950	611,530	104,390	30,060	455,100	23,950	613,490
<b>Sep</b>	105,270	30,390	455,720	23,880	615,270	104,930	30,180	457,900	23,880	616,890
<b>Dec</b>	104,660	30,730	464,860	23,740	623,990	104,220	30,660	460,210	23,740	618,820
<b>1999 Mar</b>	102,680	30,960	463,510	23,710	620,870	103,160	31,110	464,420	23,710	622,410
<b>Jun</b>	102,540	31,700	466,440	23,320	624,000	102,800	31,840	467,920	23,320	625,870
<b>Sep</b>	103,080	33,510	470,270	23,270	630,120	102,800	33,320	472,620	23,270	632,010
<b>Dec</b>	103,070	34,360	480,250	23,390	641,070	102,640	34,260	475,510	23,390	635,800
<b>2000 Mar</b>	101,880	34,540	477,710	23,350	637,480	102,320	34,660	478,630	23,350	638,960
<b>Jun</b>	100,910	34,940	480,910	23,620	640,390	101,140	35,080	482,270	23,620	642,100
<b>Sep</b>	101,140	35,690	482,340	23,580	642,750	100,900	35,560	484,920	23,580	644,960
<b>Dec</b>	101,210	35,950	491,970	23,370	652,500	100,830	35,830	487,120	23,370	647,150
<b>2001 Mar</b>	99,990	36,250	489,520	23,140	648,900	100,350	36,350	490,410	23,140	650,260
<b>Jun</b>	98,900	36,250	492,610	22,270	650,030	99,130	36,370	493,890	22,270	651,650
<b>Sep</b>	97,360	36,530	495,230	22,310	651,420	97,150	36,450	498,020	22,310	653,920
<b>Dec</b>	96,250	37,150	508,880	22,390	664,660	95,920	37,030	503,980	22,390	659,320
<b>2002 Mar</b>	94,860	36,990	506,920	22,270	661,040	95,150	37,070	507,640	22,270	662,140
<b>Jun</b>	94,510	36,740	510,490	21,890	663,630	94,740	36,830	511,770	21,890	665,220
<b>Sep</b>	93,620	36,720	512,350	21,920	664,600	93,400	36,680	515,400	21,920	667,400
<b>Dec</b>	92,590	36,310	524,490	21,870	675,260	92,350	36,200	519,530	21,870	669,950

	Unadjusted					Seasonally Adjusted					
	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All	
2003	Mar	90,560	35,860	520,610	21,900	668,930	90,780	35,940	521,070	21,900	669,680
	Jun	88,990	36,360	524,810	22,440	672,610	89,240	36,410	526,200	22,440	674,300
	Sep	88,970	36,440	525,110	22,380	672,910	88,710	36,430	528,360	22,380	675,880
	Dec	87,940	36,750	535,520	22,640	682,850	87,770	36,630	530,520	22,640	677,560
2004	Mar	87,110	37,100	533,700	22,610	680,530	87,300	37,190	533,920	22,610	681,020
	Jun	86,080	37,180	534,340	22,290	679,900	86,340	37,200	535,790	22,290	681,630
	Sep	86,230	37,270	537,950	22,480	683,930	85,910	37,290	541,400	22,480	687,080
	Dec	85,580	37,550	549,750	22,770	695,660	85,490	37,410	544,700	22,770	690,370
2005	Mar	84,970	37,770	550,930	22,430	696,090	85,130	37,860	550,970	22,430	696,400
	Jun	84,080	38,750	550,400	21,130	694,350	84,330	38,760	551,900	21,130	696,110
	Sep	84,520	39,310	550,270	21,310	695,420	84,170	39,340	553,860	21,310	698,690
	Dec	83,830	41,150	562,530	21,390	708,890	83,770	40,980	557,470	21,390	703,600
2006	Mar	83,730	41,790	559,080	21,390	705,990	83,910	41,910	559,030	21,390	706,250
	Jun	83,550	42,300	558,750	20,830	705,440	83,780	42,320	560,190	20,830	707,120
	Sep	84,210	42,690	559,000	20,910	706,820	83,850	42,740	562,750	20,910	710,250
	Dec	84,040	43,140	569,820	20,990	717,990	84,000	42,930	564,690	20,990	712,610
2007	Mar	83,490	43,460	566,810	21,050	714,820	83,680	43,610	566,800	21,050	715,140
	Jun	84,070	44,710	569,910	20,890	719,590	84,270	44,750	571,250	20,890	721,160
	Sep	84,280	45,320	571,390	21,070	722,060	83,940	45,360	575,210	21,070	725,580
	Dec	(R) 83,450	46,160	585,170	21,430	736,210	83,390	45,910	580,000	21,430	730,730
2008	Mar	(R) 83,200	45,280	583,220	21,350	733,050	83,420	45,450	583,340	21,350	733,560
	Jun	(R) 83,230	44,330	584,000	21,530	733,090	83,410	44,380	585,160	21,530	734,490
	Sep	(R) 82,360	43,030	577,210	21,610	724,200	82,030	43,050	581,090	21,610	727,780
	Dec	(R) 80,700	41,390	583,640	21,250	726,980	80,630	41,110	578,470	21,250	721,450
2009	Mar	(R) 78,220	39,200	575,410	21,050	713,890	78,440	39,400	575,620	21,050	714,510
	Jun	(P) 76,070	37,750	572,990	20,940	707,750	76,250	37,820	574,020	20,940	709,040

Fig 1.4 N.I. Employee Jobs 1994-2009

Unadjusted & Seasonally Adjusted



# Special Feature

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**Data are NOT adjusted for seasonality unless otherwise stated**

### Employee jobs in the Public Sector

Table 1.7 shows public sector jobs in Northern Ireland for June 1994 and June 2009. During this period the overall number of public sector jobs, increased by 30,253 (15.5%). There has been contrasting changes in the number of male and female public sector jobs since 1994. Male public sector jobs decreased by 3,920 during the period, whereas female jobs increased by 30,282. This has resulted in females now accounting for 64.5% of all public sector jobs.

**Fig 1.5 NI Employee Jobs in the Public and Private Sectors**

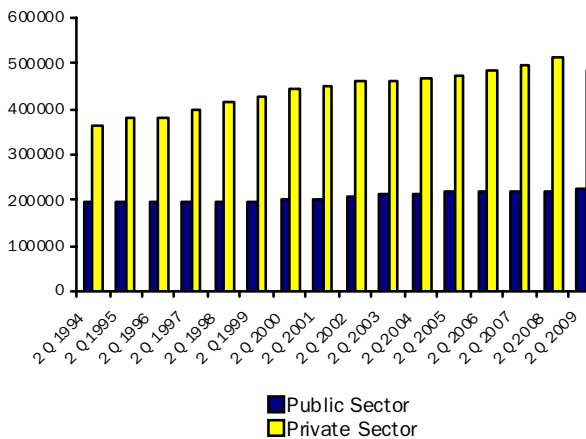


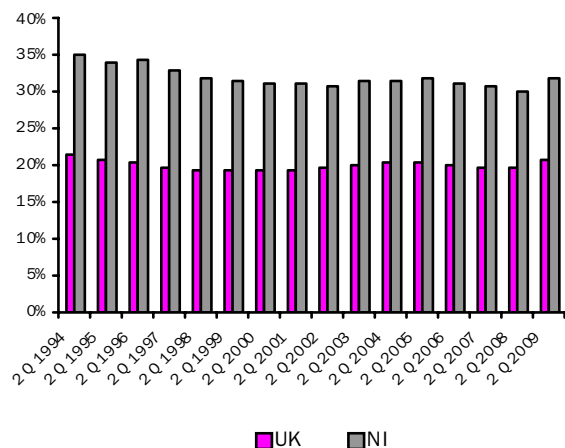
Fig 1.5 shows the total number of employee jobs in Northern Ireland split into Public and Private Sectors. It illustrates that the level of public sector jobs has increased gradually from 194,782 in June 1994 to 225,035 at June 2009. The level of private sector jobs has increased steadily. Between June 1994 and June 2009, the number of private sector jobs has increased by 120,555 (33.3%), whereas public sector jobs have increased by 30,253 (15.5%). This has resulted in the proportion of public sector jobs to all employee jobs falling from 35% in 1994, to 32% in 2009.

**Table 1.7 NI Public Sector Jobs, June 1994 & June 2009**

	Male	Female	Total
June 1994	79,949	114,833	194,782
June 2009	76,029	145,115	225,035
Difference	-3,920	30,282	30,253
% Difference	-4.9	26.4	15.5

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 1.6 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 35% in 1994 to 32% in 2009, it is still well above the average for the U.K. (21% in 1994 and remaining at 21% in 2009).

**Fig 1.6 Public Sector Jobs as a Percentage of all Employee Jobs, NI & UK**



# Notes To Editors

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### **Note 1**

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**

It is normal practice for Quarterly Employment Survey estimates to be revised. All quarters back to the latest published Census of Employment (currently Q4 2007 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](http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-stats-index/stats-surveys/stats-qes/revisions_to_qes_estimates.htm)

### **Note 3**

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.

### **Note 4**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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 1994 onwards are shown in Table 1.6.

### **Note 6**

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>