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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.
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- This represents a seasonally adjusted increase of 0.2% (or 1,380 jobs) from the revised December 2007 estimate of 720,750.
- Over the quarter seasonally adjusted employee jobs increased in the Service Sector by 0.3% (1,570 jobs) and in the Manufacturing Sector by 0.1% (70 jobs), while Construction employee jobs decreased by 0.5% (-230 jobs). Jobs in "Other Industries" also decreased by 0.2% (-40 Jobs) over the quarter.
- The March 2008 seasonally unadjusted figure stands at 721,720, the highest March figure on record.
- This represents a seasonally unadjusted decrease of 0.6% (4,040 jobs) since December 2007 and an increase of 1.5% (10,550 jobs) in the past year.
- Over the year, March 2007 to March 2008, the unadjusted employee jobs figure for the Service Sector increased by 1.5% (8,640 jobs) and Construction employee jobs increased by 3.3% (1,400 jobs), while Manufacturing employee jobs increased by 0.8% (730 jobs).
- The net annual increase in employee jobs (+10,550) is comprised of increases in both the number of full-time employee jobs (+5,380) and part-time employee jobs (+5,180).



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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 2003 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC03).

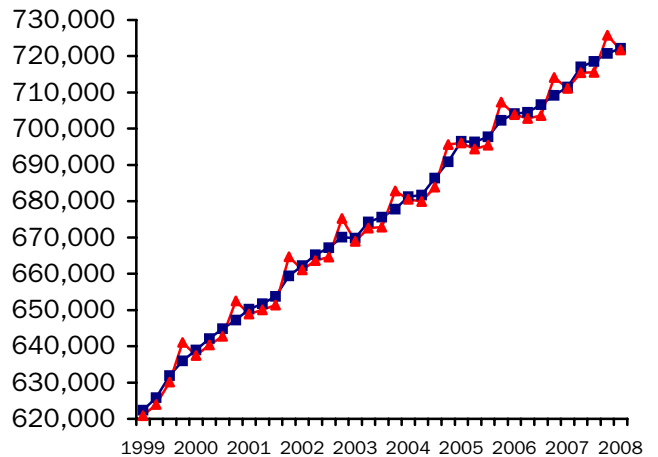
It should be noted that the survey counts the number of jobs rather than the number of persons with jobs. For example, a person holding both a full-time job and part-time job, or someone with two part-time jobs, will be counted twice.

Seasonally Adjusted

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Date of Next Publication

Quarterly Employment Survey results for Quarter 2 2008 will be published on Wednesday 17th September 2008.

NI Employee Jobs

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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 March 2008 there were an estimated 721,720 employee jobs in Northern Ireland, the highest March figure on record.

Table 1.1 NI Employee Jobs, Full-time/Part-time Split, March 2008

	Male		Female		Total	% change in total	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time		Since last quarter	Since last year
Manufacturing	66,620	2,030	15,850	3,660	88,160	-0.3%	0.8%
Construction	37,880	1,600	3,080	1,690	44,240	-1.2%	3.3%
Services	176,650	52,150	167,280	176,320	572,390	-0.6%	1.5%
Other ¹	7,190	7,640	1,060	1,030	16,920	-0.2%	-1.2%
Total	288,330	63,410	187,270	182,700	721,720	-0.6%	1.5%

¹ Covers Industry Sections A, B, C and E

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

Fig 1.1 shows the Male/Female, Full-time/Part-time breakdown of employee jobs in Northern Ireland, as at March 2008. Female employee jobs account for just over half of all employee jobs in NI (369,980 female employee jobs, compared to 351,740 males). There is, however, a significant difference in the working patterns of male and female employees. Just under half (49.4%) of female employee jobs are part-time, whereas only 18.0% of male employees work on a part-time basis.

Fig 1.1 Composition of Employee Jobs, March 2008

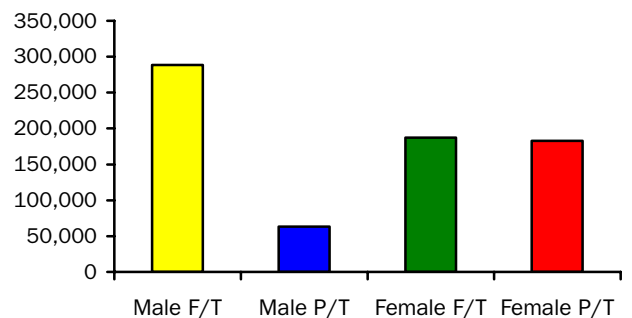


Fig 1.2 shows the annual and quarterly changes in employee jobs. Between December 2007 and March 2008 the number of employee jobs in NI decreased by 4,040. This consisted of a decrease in the Service Sector (-3,220), in Construction (-550) and in Manufacturing (-220).

Between March 2007 and March 2008 the number of employee jobs increased by 10,550. There were increases in the Service Sector (+8,640), in Construction (+1,400), and in Manufacturing (-730) while employee jobs in Other Industries fell by 210.

Fig 1.2 Annual and Quarterly Changes in Employee Jobs

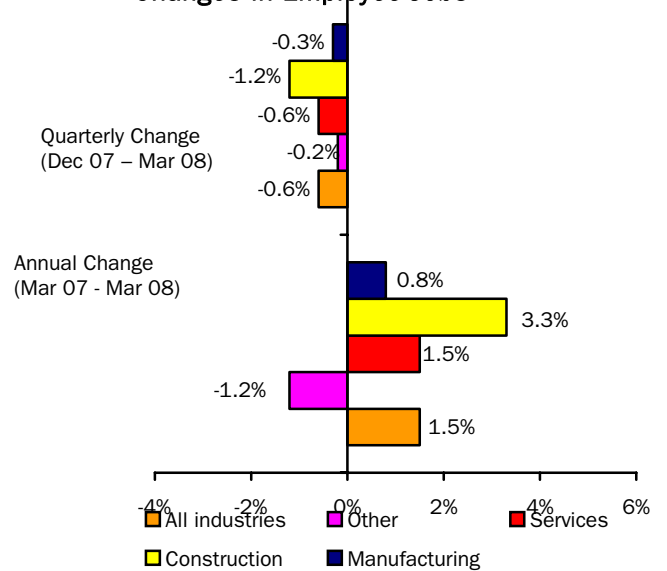


FIG 1.3 Employee Jobs, Male/Female, Full-Time/Part-Time Split, March 2008

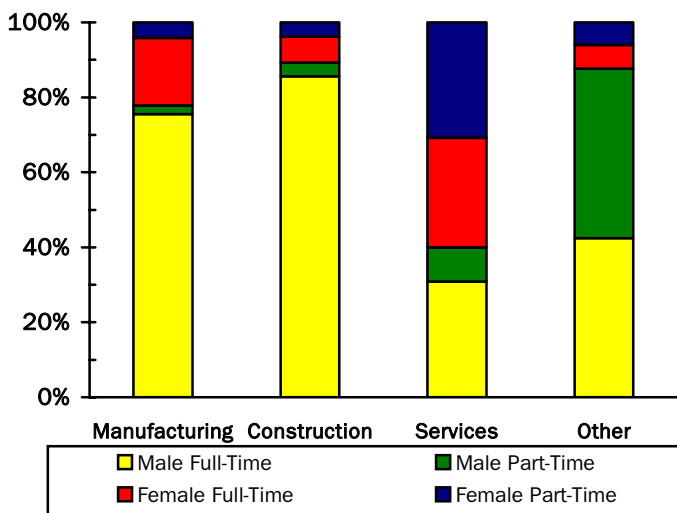


Fig 1.3 shows the male/female, full-time/part-time split for each broad industry sector within Northern Ireland. It highlights the large proportion of employee jobs in the Manufacturing and Construction Sectors that are occupied by male full-time employees (75.6% for Manufacturing, 85.6% for Construction). In contrast, females occupy 60.0% of the 572,390 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 March 2008. Comparative figures for the previous quarter (December 2007) and for the previous year (March 2007) are also included.

Table 1.2 N.I. Employee Jobs by Industry Section

	SIC 03 Sections	March 2007 (Revised)			December 2007 (Revised)			March 2008 (Provisional)		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Agriculture, Hunting & Forestry & Fishing	A/B	10,720	1,500	12,220	10,500	1,440	11,940	10,480	1,440	11,920
Mining & Quarrying	C	1,870	250	2,130	1,870	260	2,130	1,870	260	2,120
Manufacturing	D	68,130	19,300	87,430	68,780	19,600	88,390	68,650	19,510	88,160
Electricity, Gas & Water supply	E	2,420	370	2,790	2,490	400	2,890	2,480	400	2,880
Construction	F	38,310	4,540	42,850	39,970	4,830	44,800	39,480	4,770	44,240
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repairs	G	57,090	65,520	122,610	59,170	69,700	128,870	57,750	67,290	125,040
Hotels & Restaurants	H	18,200	24,250	42,460	18,550	24,430	42,980	18,070	24,030	42,100
Transport, Storage & Communication	I	22,170	7,250	29,430	23,190	7,820	31,010	23,160	7,770	30,930
Financial Intermediation	J	6,310	12,290	18,600	6,330	12,230	18,560	6,420	12,290	18,710
Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities	K	38,700	33,940	72,630	40,660	35,890	76,550	40,580	35,930	76,510
Public Administration and Defence	L	31,430	27,700	59,140	31,030	27,650	58,680	31,120	27,580	58,700
Education	M	17,660	54,730	72,400	17,060	54,660	71,710	17,020	55,310	72,330
Health & Social work	N	19,150	95,300	114,450	19,290	95,700	114,990	19,550	96,130	115,670
Other Service Activities	O	15,190	16,850	32,040	15,080	17,170	32,250	15,120	17,280	32,400
Services	G-O	225,920	337,840	563,760	230,370	345,250	575,620	228,790	343,600	572,390
Total	A-O	347,370	363,800	711,170	353,980	371,780	725,760	351,740	369,980	721,720

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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 SIC03 Class March 2008

Standard Industrial Classification 2003	Class	Male			Female			All Persons
		Full Time	Part Time	All Males	Full Time	Part Time	All Females	
Agriculture, Hunting & Related Activities	1	2,510	7,580	10,090	440	900	1,340	11,430
Forestry, logging and related activities	2	270	10	280	40	30	70	340
Fishing, operation of fish hatcheries	5	100	10	120	20	10	30	150
Mining of coal and lignite: extraction of peat	10	200	10	210	50	0	50	260
Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas: service activities incidental to oil & gas extraction excl surveying	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining of uranium and thorium ores	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining of metal ores	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other mining and quarrying	14	1,630	30	1,660	160	50	210	1,870
Manufacture of food products; beverages and tobacco	15/16	11,720	660	12,390	4,820	1,210	6,030	18,410
Manufacture of textiles	17	1,170	30	1,200	470	130	600	1,800
Manufacture of wearing apparel	18	300	20	330	580	130	710	1,030
Manufacture of leather and leather products	19	40	0	40	30	10	40	80
Manufacture of wood and wood products	20	3,540	140	3,680	410	170	580	4,260
Manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products	21	1,240	10	1,250	280	40	320	1,570
Publishing, printing and production of recorded media	22	2,410	120	2,530	1,300	410	1,700	4,240
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuels	23	30	0	30	10	0	10	30
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	24	2,340	30	2,370	970	90	1,070	3,440
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	25	5,510	330	5,830	1,010	230	1,230	7,070
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	26	4,970	120	5,090	770	170	940	6,030
Manufacture of basic metals	27	480	20	490	30	20	50	550
Manufacture of fabricated metal products except machinery	28	6,550	170	6,710	570	270	850	7,560
Manufacture of machinery and equipment not elsewhere classified	29	6,210	110	6,310	730	210	940	7,250
Manufacture of office machinery and equipment	30	1,830	10	1,840	360	40	400	2,240
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus not elsewhere classified	31	3,140	30	3,170	590	60	650	3,820
Manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment	32	1,290	10	1,290	760	60	810	2,110
Manufacture of medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks	33	750	30	770	310	80	380	1,150
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	34	3,000	20	3,020	180	40	210	3,240
Manufacture of other transport equipment	35	5,570	10	5,580	610	50	660	6,230
Manufacture of furniture; manufacture not elsewhere classified	36	3,480	130	3,600	790	190	980	4,590
Recycling	37	1,070	40	1,110	300	60	350	1,460
Electricity, gas, steam and hot water supply	40	1,620	0	1,620	360	40	390	2,010
Collection, purification and distribution of water	41	860	0	860	0	0	0	870
Construction	45	37,880	1,600	39,480	3,080	1,690	4,770	44,240
Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles; retail of automotive fuel	50	9,880	1,730	11,610	2,450	2,810	5,270	16,880
Wholesale trade and commission trade	51	15,730	1,000	16,730	4,530	1,810	6,340	23,070
Retail trade	52	15,440	13,970	29,410	17,420	38,270	55,690	85,100
Hotels and restaurants	55	8,480	9,590	18,070	8,100	15,930	24,030	42,100
Land transport, transport via pipelines	60	10,470	1,390	11,860	1,170	1,050	2,220	14,080
Water transport	61	400	10	410	180	20	200	610
Air transport	62	250	20	260	300	120	420	690

Standard Industrial Classification 2003	Class	Male			Female			All Persons
		Full Time	Part Time	All Males	Full Time	Part Time	All Females	
Supporting and auxiliary transport activities; travel agents	63	3,120	370	3,490	1,670	630	2,300	5,790
Post and telecommunications	64	5,700	1,450	7,140	1,430	1,200	2,630	9,770
Financial intermediation except insurance and pension funding	65	3,900	200	4,100	5,430	2,690	8,120	12,220
Insurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security	66	930	70	1,000	1,220	400	1,620	2,620
Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation	67	1,230	90	1,320	1,840	700	2,540	3,870
Real estate activities ¹	70	3,800	390	4,190	2,880	1,090	3,970	8,170
Renting of equipment and machinery without operator	71	1,420	240	1,660	360	340	700	2,350
Computer and related activities	72	5,430	170	5,600	1,850	370	2,220	7,820
Research and development	73	1,080	30	1,110	580	130	710	1,820
Other business activities	74	22,410	5,610	28,020	15,720	12,600	28,320	56,340
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security ¹	75	28,600	2,520	31,120	20,870	6,700	27,580	58,700
Education	80	12,950	4,080	17,020	24,450	30,860	55,310	72,330
Health and social work	85	15,100	4,450	19,550	46,880	49,250	96,130	115,670
Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	90	2,510	90	2,600	350	190	540	3,130
Activities of membership organisations not elsewhere classified	91	2,250	1,430	3,670	1,740	2,880	4,620	8,290
Recreational, cultural and sporting activities	92	4,950	3,020	7,970	3,450	4,250	7,700	15,670
Other service activities	93	640	250	890	2,390	2,030	4,420	5,310
Total		288,330	63,410	351,740	187,270	182,700	369,980	721,720

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¹ See Notes to Editors, No.4

Table 1.4 N.I. Tourism and Leisure Employee Jobs* March 2008

	SIC	Male	Female	Total
Hotels	551	4,310	4,840	9,150
Camping Sites and Other Provision of Short-Stay Accommodation	552	220	350	560
Restaurants	553	7,000	11,530	18,530
Bars	554	5,530	4,570	10,100
Activities of Travel Agencies and Tour Operators; Tourist Assistance Activities not Elsewhere Classified	633	260	1,070	1,330
Libraries, Archives, Museums and Other Cultural Activities	925	730	1,500	2,220
Sporting Activities	926	4,150	3,240	7,390
Other Recreational Activities	927	1,400	1,430	2,820
Total		23,590	28,510	52,100

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Public Sector Data

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Table 1.5 N.I. Public Sector Employee Jobs March 2008

	Male	Female	Total
NI CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	39,192	77,168	116,360
Office of the First and Deputy First Minister	184	232	416
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)	2,492	1,496	3,988
Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL)	249	179	428
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)	328	366	694
Department of Education (DE)	272	406	678
Department of Environment (DOE)	1,487	1,418	2,905
Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)	1,737	1,604	3,341
Department for Employment and Learning (DEL)	610	1,233	1,843
Department of Regional Development (DRD)	1,987	655	2,642
Department for Social Development (DSD)	3,071	4,664	7,735
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)	479	461	940
Total of 11 Government Departments (Northern Ireland Civil Service)	12,896	12,714	25,610
Fire Service	1,961	211	2,172
NI Audit Office	78	68	146
Northern Ireland Assembly	240	149	389
Northern Ireland Office	804	1,325	2,129
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration & Complaints	9	13	22
Prison Service	1,519	364	1,883
Police Service of Northern Ireland	7,832	3,722	11,554
NHS Trusts	13,398	58,228	71,626
British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)	426	345	771
Assets Recovery Agency	29	29	58
BODIES UNDER AEGIS OF NI CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	20,514	58,341	78,855
Office of the First and Deputy First Minister	77	121	198
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)	27	21	48
Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL)	342	400	742
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)	364	518	882
Department of Education (DE)	192	298	490
Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)	20	26	46
Department for Employment and Learning (DEL)	425	393	818
Department of Regional Development (DRD)	1,426	245	1,671
Department of Health & Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)	659	1,121	1,780
Department for Social Development (DSD)	1,805	1,737	3,542
Northern Ireland Office	331	490	821
Education & Library Boards (Non-Teaching)	7,249	33,114	40,363
Teaching Staff in All Schools	7,597	19,857	27,454
UK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	3,109	3,268	6,377
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (District Councils)	6,813	4,853	11,666
PUBLIC CORPORATIONS	7,901	1,366	9,267
NI Based	4,023	601	4,624
UK Based	3,878	765	4,643
Total	77,529	144,996	222,525

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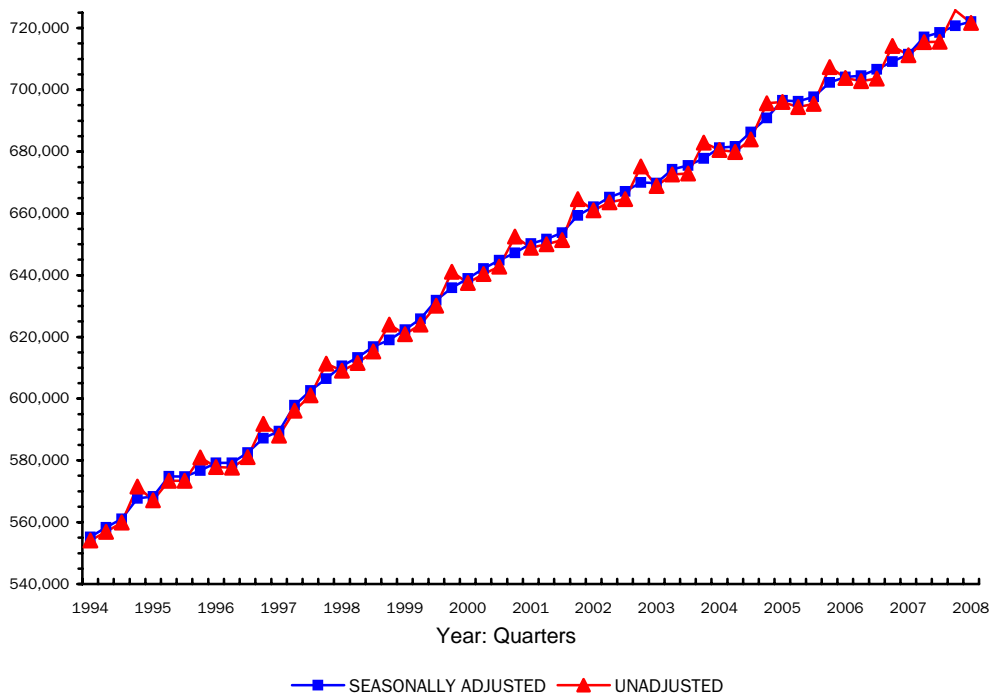
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**Table 1.6 N.I. Employee Jobs by Broad Industry Sector
Unadjusted & Seasonally Adjusted 1994 – 2008**

	Unadjusted					Seasonally Adjusted				
	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All
1994										
Mar	99,800	23,940	405,940	24,440	554,120	100,270	24,000	406,540	24,440	555,260
Jun	100,730	23,790	408,600	23,820	556,940	101,120	23,810	409,580	23,820	558,320
Sep	102,140	24,130	409,880	23,730	559,880	101,770	23,910	411,640	23,730	561,060
Dec	102,610	23,990	421,320	23,610	571,530	102,140	24,120	417,840	23,610	567,710
1995										
Mar	101,810	24,000	417,770	23,530	567,110	102,290	24,090	418,400	23,530	568,310
Jun	103,590	23,850	421,980	24,000	573,420	103,930	23,850	423,110	24,000	574,890
Sep	103,970	23,740	421,690	23,940	573,340	103,600	23,520	423,650	23,940	574,710
Dec	104,340	23,450	429,480	23,730	581,000	103,890	23,540	425,600	23,730	576,750
1996										
Mar	104,280	23,240	426,730	23,630	577,880	104,790	23,380	427,420	23,630	579,230
Jun	103,880	22,830	427,930	22,990	577,640	104,180	22,830	429,220	22,990	579,220
Sep	104,880	23,030	430,180	22,920	581,020	104,510	22,820	432,260	22,920	582,520
Dec	106,110	23,210	439,540	22,960	591,820	105,660	23,250	435,330	22,960	587,200
1997										
Mar	105,930	22,980	436,320	22,830	588,050	106,450	23,140	437,100	22,830	589,510
Jun	107,300	27,490	438,570	22,750	596,100	107,610	27,510	439,970	22,750	597,840
Sep	107,920	28,140	442,300	22,740	601,100	107,550	27,930	444,420	22,740	602,630
Dec	107,590	28,760	452,860	22,110	611,330	107,140	28,750	448,460	22,110	606,470
1998										
Mar	106,580	29,160	451,350	22,020	609,110	107,090	29,330	452,190	22,020	610,620
Jun	106,680	29,600	453,640	21,590	611,510	106,980	29,670	455,120	21,590	613,360
Sep	107,840	30,050	455,890	21,490	615,260	107,490	29,850	458,020	21,490	616,860
Dec	107,270	30,350	464,960	21,400	623,980	106,830	30,290	460,460	21,400	618,980
1999										
Mar	105,310	30,560	463,640	21,360	620,870	105,790	30,700	464,510	21,360	622,360
Jun	105,170	31,290	466,650	20,890	624,000	105,460	31,410	468,100	20,890	625,850
Sep	105,810	33,100	470,420	20,800	630,130	105,510	32,930	472,680	20,800	631,910
Dec	105,750	33,930	480,410	20,980	641,060	105,300	33,840	475,800	20,980	635,920
2000										
Mar	104,550	34,090	477,900	20,930	637,470	105,000	34,210	478,810	20,930	638,950
Jun	103,590	34,470	481,200	21,120	640,380	103,850	34,610	482,540	21,120	642,120
Sep	103,870	35,240	482,620	21,030	642,750	103,630	35,110	485,070	21,030	644,830
Dec	104,080	35,500	492,060	20,870	652,500	103,670	35,380	487,350	20,870	647,270
2001										
Mar	102,790	35,790	489,710	20,610	648,900	103,160	35,880	490,590	20,610	650,250
Jun	101,710	35,810	492,860	19,650	650,030	101,950	35,950	494,140	19,650	651,690
Sep	100,190	36,090	495,520	19,630	651,420	99,990	35,990	498,160	19,630	653,770
Dec	99,120	36,680	509,260	19,590	664,660	98,760	36,570	504,480	19,590	659,400
2002										
Mar	97,740	36,560	507,210	19,520	661,040	98,040	36,630	508,000	19,520	662,200
Jun	97,440	36,300	510,790	19,090	663,630	97,680	36,410	512,070	19,090	665,260
Sep	96,570	36,280	512,680	19,070	664,600	96,390	36,220	515,480	19,070	667,160
Dec	95,540	35,870	524,720	19,120	675,250	95,240	35,760	519,910	19,120	670,040

	Unadjusted					Seasonally Adjusted					
	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All	Manuf.	Const.	Serv.	Other	All	
2003	Mar	93,520	35,400	520,890	19,100	668,930	93,750	35,460	521,520	19,100	669,840
	Jun	91,890	35,930	525,270	19,510	672,610	92,140	36,020	526,620	19,510	674,290
	Sep	91,880	36,010	525,530	19,480	672,910	91,690	35,970	528,430	19,480	675,580
	Dec	90,850	36,320	536,120	19,550	682,850	90,660	36,220	531,410	19,550	677,850
2004	Mar	90,000	36,200	534,800	19,530	680,530	90,180	36,330	535,180	19,530	681,220
	Jun	88,990	33,820	535,530	21,550	679,900	89,310	33,850	536,980	21,550	681,690
	Sep	89,210	36,320	539,250	19,150	683,930	88,880	36,240	542,080	19,150	686,350
	Dec	88,610	36,590	551,010	19,450	695,650	88,480	36,500	546,460	19,450	690,880
2005	Mar	88,110	36,820	552,050	19,120	696,090	88,230	36,970	552,220	19,120	696,540
	Jun	87,220	37,800	551,610	17,730	694,360	87,560	37,830	553,170	17,730	696,290
	Sep	87,700	38,340	551,620	17,760	695,410	87,340	38,240	554,420	17,760	697,770
	Dec	(R) 87,540	40,170	561,930	17,730	707,370	87,380	40,070	557,170	17,730	702,350
2006	Mar	(R) 87,450	40,930	557,750	17,740	703,870	87,550	41,110	557,780	17,740	704,190
	Jun	(R) 87,350	41,550	556,880	17,040	702,820	87,660	41,510	558,330	17,040	704,540
	Sep	(R) 88,040	41,990	556,560	17,060	703,650	87,780	41,940	559,860	17,060	706,640
	Dec	(R) 88,000	42,500	566,590	17,090	714,170	87,850	42,400	561,840	17,090	709,170
2007	Mar	(R) 87,430	42,850	563,760	17,130	711,170	87,540	43,060	563,750	17,130	711,490
	Jun	(R) 88,170	44,150	566,210	16,890	715,410	88,450	44,100	567,640	16,890	717,070
	Sep	(R) 88,290	44,690	565,670	16,890	715,540	88,060	44,620	569,000	16,890	718,560
	Dec	(R) 88,390	44,800	575,620	16,960	725,760	88,220	44,710	570,860	16,960	720,750
2008	Mar	(R) 88,160	44,240	572,390	16,920	721,720	88,290	44,480	572,430	16,920	722,120

Fig 1.4 N.I. Employee Jobs 1994-2008
Unadjusted & Seasonally Adjusted



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Data are NOT adjusted for seasonality unless otherwise stated

Between March 1998 and March 2008 the total number of employee jobs in NI has risen by 112,620 (18.5%). Fig 1.5 illustrates the change in employee job levels over the past 10 years in each of the main industry sectors. It is noticeable that the changes in Manufacturing (-18,410), Construction (+15,090) and Other Industries (-5,090) are relatively small compared to the large increase in Service Sector jobs (+121,040). Indeed, the increase in Services alone accounts for the total increase in employee jobs during the period.

Fig 1.5 Employee jobs by Main Industry Sector, March 1998 & March 2008

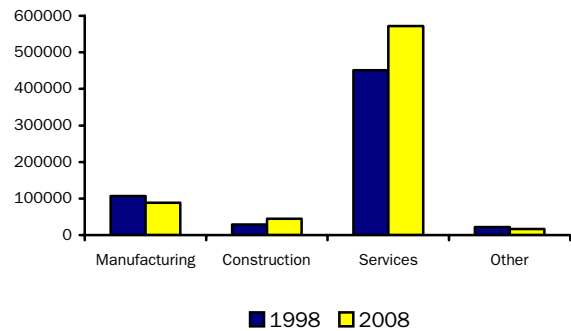
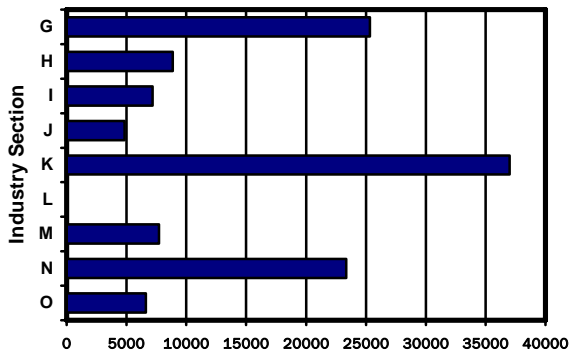


FIG 1.6 - CHANGES IN SERVICE SECTOR JOBS MARCH 1998 - MARCH 2008*



G	Wholesale & Retail Trade; Repairs
H	Hotels & Restaurants
I	Transport, Storage & Communication
J	Financial Intermediation
K	Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities
L	Public Administration and Defence
M	Education
N	Health & Social Work
O	Other Service Activities

Fig 1.6 shows the change in Service Sector jobs in more detail. It indicates that the largest increases have occurred in Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities (+36,990), Wholesale & Retail Trade; Repairs (+25,330); Health & Social Work (+23,360) and Hotels and Restaurants (+8,880). The rise in these four industry sections accounts for over four fifths (84.0%) of the total increase in employee jobs during the last ten years.

The majority of the increase in Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities was largely due to an increase of 25,750 in Other Business Activities. This increase included large employment rises in a number of firms involved in Labour Recruitment and Provision of Personnel. There was also a large increase in Real Estate Activities (+5,420) and Computer & Related Activities (+4,820).

The increase in Wholesale & Retail Trade; Repairs has occurred in Retail Trade (+21,350) with smaller increases in this industry section occurring in the Sale, Maintenance & Repair of Motor Vehicles (+3,150) and in Wholesale Trade (+840).

* Please note, the reclassification of the Housing Executive will have had an effect on the changes seen in Industry Sections K and L – see Note to Editors 4 for further details.

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 2003 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC03). As a result, there is no breach of confidentiality.

Note 2

It is normal practice for Quarterly Employment Survey estimates to be revised, based on employer returns. The revisions are made to each quarter, back as far as the latest published Census of Employment estimate (currently September 2005). The revisions made this quarter reflect additional work that has been carried out to compare completed forms from the 2007 Census of Employment with respondents' returns to the Quarterly Employment Survey.

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 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

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 www.statistics.detini.gov.uk