

# Background to NI Census of Employment

The Census of Employment is a two yearly survey of all employers in Northern Ireland which must be completed by law.

## Overview

This survey is carried out under the Statistics of Trade and Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 1988.

Results are available according to sex, full or part-time working and industrial activity based on standard industrial classification and location, subject to confidentiality constraints.

## What is excluded?

The Census of Employment covers employee jobs only. It excludes:

- agriculture (but includes animal husbandry service activities and hunting, trapping and game propagation)
- self employed
- HM Armed Forces
- private domestic servants
- homeworkers
- Jobskills trainees without a contract of employment (non-employed status)

Figures for the number of employees in Agriculture are available separately from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's (DARD) Farm Census.

Persons working 30 hours or less per week are regarded as being in part-time employment.

The Census of Employment counts the number of jobs rather than the number of persons with jobs. Therefore a person holding both a full-time and a part-time job, or someone with two part-time jobs, will be counted twice.

## Standard Industrial Classification

Employees are classified to the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC07) from the main business description for each employment unit.

When using the Census of Employment results it is important to be aware that not all sub-activities of a business are coded individually. For example Information Technology (IT) jobs will not be coded to 'Computer and Related Activities' if the employer's main business is not computer related for example IT jobs within a large bank would be coded to 'Financial Intermediation' and not to 'Computer and Related Activities'.

More details from the Census of Employment including District Council Area (DCA's), Parliamentary Constituency Area (PCA's) and Ward level data are available, subject to confidentiality constraints, from: