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| **Indicator:** | **Proportion of the workforce in employment qualified to level 1 and above, level 2 and above, level 3 and above, and level 4 and above****Outcome 6: We have more people working in better jobs.** |

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| **Responsible Statistician:**  | Gerard Colgan, Department of Finance |
| **Web Link to Statistical Publication:** | <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/labour-force-survey-annual-report-2018>Page 12 |
| **Frequency of update:** | Annual |
| **Time lag:** | 6 months  |
| **Data Source:** | Labour Force Survey (LFS) |
| **National Statistics Status** | National Statistics |
| **Quality Report:** | [ONS Quality and Methodology Information](https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/qmis/labourforcesurveylfsqmi) |
| **Historic Data available from:** | January – December 2006 |
| **Time-series trend:**  | **Proportion of the workforce in employment qualified to level 1 and above, level 2 and above, level 3 and above, and level 4 and above**

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|   | **Level 4+** | **Level 3+** | **Level 2+** | **Level 1+** |
| 2006 | 29.2% | 53.0% | 70.5% | 83.2% |
| 2007 | 30.7% | 53.9% | 71.4% | 84.0% |
| 2008 | 33.0% | 55.5% | 71.2% | 83.5% |
| 2009 | 33.4% | 56.0% | 71.7% | 84.9% |
| 2010 | 34.6% | 57.5% | 74.0% | 86.4% |
| 2011 | 33.7% | 55.9% | 71.8% | 85.7% |
| 2012 | 36.0% | 58.8% | 74.2% | 87.9% |
| 2013 | 35.8% | 58.1% | 74.1% | 87.6% |
| 2014 | 37.4% | 59.7% | 75.8% | 88.1% |
| 2015 | 37.2% | 59.0% | 75.3% | 88.6% |
| 2016 | 37.7% | 60.7% | 76.9% | 88.8% |
| 2017 | 40.1% | 62.0% | 76.7% | 88.5% |
| 2018 | 42.4% | 63.7% | 79.2% | 90.4% |

Please note in February 2019 annual LFS datasets 2012-2017 were revised due to reweighting using the latest population estimates therefore data from 2012 onwards has changed from previous submissions. |
| **For Survey Data** **Sample size and confidence interval for the latest available year:** |

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|  2018 | **Level 4+** | **Level 3+** | **Level 2+** | **Level 1+** |
| **Sample Size** | 3,411 | 3,411 | 3,411 | 3,411 |
| **Confidence Interval** | +/-1.7pps | +/-1.6pps | +/-1.4pps | +/-1.0pps |

pps = percentage points |
| **UK/RoI/International comparisons:** | UK: Yes UK Regional: YesRoI: NoInternational (please specify countries): No  |
| **Issues in relation to this data, e.g. data limitations, future data availability, changes to methodology**  | * Figures taken from the LFS are subject to sampling error that decreases as the sample size increases.

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| Numbers for 2018: | **L4+** | **L3+** | **L2+** | **L1+** |
| 2018 | 353,000 | 530,000 | 659,000 | 751,000 |

As well as a range of other qualifications, the levels include:Level 1 - O-level, GCSE grade A\*-C or equivalent - less than 5Level 2 - O-level, GCSE grade A\*-C or equivalent - 5 or moreLevel 3 - A-level or equivalent - more than 1Level 4+ - First degree/foundation degree and higher degrees- In February 2019 annual LFS datasets 2012-2017 were revised due to reweighting using the latest population estimates. Indicator data from 2015 has changed. Additionally, estimates from the 2018 dataset include a boost to the Northern Ireland Labour Force Survey sample (see [Impact of LFS Revisions](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/labour-force-survey-background-information) for more information). |
| **Is this measure being used to monitor performance against your current/latest Departmental/ Agency Plan** | No |
| **If yes, please specify any particular baseline point/year for the measure which is being for performance monitoring purposes** | N/A |

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| **Technical Assessment Panel** |  |
| **Baseline Year** | 2015 |
| **Criteria for reporting change from the baseline** | A statistically significant change |

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| **Available groupings\*** | **Yes/No** | **Notes** |
|  **NI Level** | Yes |  |
| **Parliamentary Constituency level** | Yes |  |
| **Local Government District (2014) level** | Yes |  |
| **Deprivation Quintile** | Yes |  |
| **NISRA Geography Urban/Rural Measure**  | Yes |  |
| **Gender** | Yes |  |
| **Age** | Yes |  |
| **Marital Status** | Yes |  |
| **Religion** | Yes |  |
| **Political Opinion** | No |  |
| **Disability** | Yes |  |
| **Dependants** | Yes |  |
| **Sexual Orientation** | Yes |  |
| **Racial Group** | Yes |  |
| **Lowest level geography at which the measure is available:** | Parliamentary Constituency Level |

\* Due to confidentiality constraints and reliability of estimates, in some instances breakdowns may not be available due to small numbers