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| **Indicator 34:** | **Employment rate by council area****Outcomes 1: We prosper through a strong, competitive, regionally balanced economy****Outcome 3: We have a more equal society****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 6 |
| **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 2009 |
| **Time-series trend:**  | **Employment rate (16-64) by Local Government District****\*** 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.

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|  | **2009** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| **Antrim and Newtownabbey** | 71.9% | 70.6% | 75.4% | 74.3% | 72.1% | 71.5% | 70.8% | 74.6% | 76.0% | 77.7% |
| **Ards and North Down** | 69.8% | 66.4% | 69.5% | 68.8% | 69.8% | 73.8% | 74.3% | 74.1% | 76.0% | 72.9% |
| **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | 67.2% | 70.2% | 70.9% | 68.2% | 68.4% | 71.0% | 69.4% | 70.8% | 73.3% | 73.9% |
| **Belfast** | 58.3% | 65.3% | 61.9% | 60.8% | 67.4% | 64.4% | 66.5% | 69.1% | 65.2% | 64.7% |
| **Causeway Coast and Glens** | 61.6% | 64.5% | 65.6% | 62.1% | 59.6% | 66.0% | 62.4% | 56.8% | 61.1% | 66.8% |
| **Derry City and Strabane** | 57.4% | 55.0% | 60.2% | 61.2% | 55.8% | 56.6% | 59.6% | 54.8% | 56.9% | 61.6% |
| **Fermanagh and Omagh** | 64.8% | 62.6% | 63.3% | 67.2% | 64.0% | 64.3% | 73.8% | 66.1% | 67.6% | 68.8% |
| **Lisburn and Castlereagh** | 69.3% | 72.0% | 76.5% | 73.8% | 71.2% | 70.4% | 72.2% | 75.5% | 76.0% | 76.8% |
| **Mid and East Antrim** | 72.2% | 66.8% | 69.1% | 75.0% | 69.4% | 68.7% | 73.9% | 73.8% | 70.6% | 71.2% |
| **Mid Ulster** | 68.9% | 63.6% | 65.2% | 68.8% | 70.6% | 69.4% | 68.7% | 73.0% | 74.8% | 74.2% |
| **Newry, Mourne and Down** | 64.6% | 66.5% | 66.5% | 66.0% | 69.0% | 72.1% | 66.2% | 72.6% | 65.6% | 67.1% |
| **Total** | 65.1% | 65.8% | 67.0% | 67.0% | 67.1% | 67.7% | 68.4% | 69.4% | 69.1% | 70.0% |

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| **For Survey Data** **Sample size and confidence interval for the latest available year:** |

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| **Local Government District** | **Sample size** | **Confidence Interval** | **Grossed Figures for 2018** |
| **(pps)** | **Number** |
| **Antrim and Newtownabbey** | 282 | 4.9% | +/-4,000 | 70,000 |
| **Ards and North Down** | 392 | 4.4% | +/-4,000 | 72,000 |
| **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | 581 | 3.6% | +/-5,000 | 101,000 |
| **Belfast** | 906 | 3.1% | +/-7,000 | 143,000 |
| **Causeway Coast and Glens** | 342 | 5.0% | +/-4,000 | 54,000 |
| **Derry City and Strabane** | 461 | 4.4% | +/-4,000 | 59,000 |
| **Fermanagh and Omagh** | 384 | 4.6% | +/-4,000 | 52,000 |
| **Lisburn and Castlereagh** | 354 | 4.4% | +/-4,000 | 66,000 |
| **Mid and East Antrim** | 274 | 5.4% | +/-4,000 | 59,000 |
| **Mid Ulster** | 368 | 4.5% | +/-4,000 | 68,000 |
| **Newry, Mourne and Down** | 455 | 4.3% | +/-5,000 | 73,000 |
| **Total** | 4799 | 1.3% | +/-15,000 | 817,000 |

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| **UK/RoI/International comparisons:** | UK: Yes. UK Regional: YesROI: YesInternational (please specify countries):  |
| **Issues in relation to this data, e.g. data limitations, future data availability, changes to methodology** | The definition of ILO employed applies to anyone (aged 16 or over) who has carried out at least one hour’s paid work in the week prior to interview, or has a job they are temporarily away from (e.g. on holiday). Also included are people who do unpaid work in a family business and people on Government- supported employment training schemes. The employment rate refers to those aged 16-64.Figures taken from the LFS are subject to sampling error that decreases as the sample size increases.LFS is a household survey so records the employment in the LGD that the person lives, not necessarily where they work.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 ([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** |  |

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| **Technical Assessment Panel** |  |
| **Baseline Year** | N/A-ongoing |
| **Criteria for reporting change from the baseline** | (a) A statistically significant change in the gap between the weighted average employment rate of the top 2 and bottom 2 Local Government Districts, and(b) The overall Northern Ireland employment rate must not reduce significantly (i.e. must be maintained within a margin of error or increase). |

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| **Available groupings\*** | **Yes/No** | **Notes** |
|  **NI Level** | Yes |  |
| **Parliamentary Constituency level** | Yes |  |
| **Local Government District (2014) level** | Yes | Covered by population level output |
| **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** | No |  |
| **Racial Group** | No |  |
| **Lowest level geography at which the measure is available:** | Parliamentary Constituency Area |

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