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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-2019> | |
| **Frequency of update:** | Annual | |
| **Time lag:** | 10 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**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **2009** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | | **Antrim and Newtownabbey** | 71.9% | 70.6% | 75.4% | 74.3% | 72.1% | 71.5% | 70.8% | 74.6% | 76.0% | 77.7% | 77.3% | | **Ards and North Down** | 69.8% | 66.4% | 69.5% | 68.8% | 69.8% | 73.8% | 74.3% | 74.1% | 76.0% | 72.9% | 73.1% | | **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% | 72.3% | | **Belfast** | 58.3% | 65.3% | 61.9% | 60.8% | 67.4% | 64.4% | 66.5% | 69.1% | 65.2% | 64.7% | 67.6% | | **Causeway Coast and Glens** | 61.6% | 64.5% | 65.6% | 62.1% | 59.6% | 66.0% | 62.4% | 56.8% | 61.1% | 66.8% | 67.6% | | **Derry City and Strabane** | 57.4% | 55.0% | 60.2% | 61.2% | 55.8% | 56.6% | 59.6% | 54.8% | 56.9% | 61.6% | 68.0% | | **Fermanagh and Omagh** | 64.8% | 62.6% | 63.3% | 67.2% | 64.0% | 64.3% | 73.8% | 66.1% | 67.6% | 68.8% | 65.0% | | **Lisburn and Castlereagh** | 69.3% | 72.0% | 76.5% | 73.8% | 71.2% | 70.4% | 72.2% | 75.5% | 76.0% | 76.8% | 81.1% | | **Mid and East Antrim** | 72.2% | 66.8% | 69.1% | 75.0% | 69.4% | 68.7% | 73.9% | 73.8% | 70.6% | 71.2% | 74.2% | | **Mid Ulster** | 68.9% | 63.6% | 65.2% | 68.8% | 70.6% | 69.4% | 68.7% | 73.0% | 74.8% | 74.2% | 75.3% | | **Newry, Mourne and Down** | 64.6% | 66.5% | 66.5% | 66.0% | 69.0% | 72.1% | 66.2% | 72.6% | 65.6% | 67.1% | 73.6% | | **Total** | 65.1% | 65.8% | 67.0% | 67.0% | 67.1% | 67.7% | 68.4% | 69.4% | 69.1% | 70.0% | 71.9% | | |
| **For Survey Data**  **Sample size and confidence interval for the latest available year:** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Local Government District** | **Sample size** | **Confidence Interval** | | **Grossed Figures for 2019** | | **(pps)** | **Number** | | **Antrim and Newtownabbey** | 417 | 4.0% | +/-4,000 | 71,000 | | **Ards and North Down** | 585 | 3.6% | +/-4,000 | 72,000 | | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | 729 | 3.2% | +/-4,000 | 96,000 | | **Belfast** | 1,172 | 2.7% | +/-6,000 | 148,000 | | **Causeway Coast and Glens** | 500 | 4.1% | +/-3,000 | 55,000 | | **Derry City and Strabane** | 592 | 3.8% | +/-4,000 | 65,000 | | **Fermanagh and Omagh** | 430 | 4.5% | +/-3,000 | 47,000 | | **Lisburn and Castlereagh** | 527 | 3.3% | +/-3,000 | 73,000 | | **Mid and East Antrim** | 444 | 4.1% | +/-3,000 | 62,000 | | **Mid Ulster** | 547 | 3.6% | +/-3000 | 71,000 | | **Newry, Mourne and Down** | 651 | 3.4% | +/-4,000 | 81,000 | | **Total** | 6,595 | 1.1% | +/-13,000 | 839,000 | | |
| **UK/RoI/International comparisons:** | UK: Yes. UK Regional: Yes  ROI: Yes  International (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. The LFS is a household survey therefore 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. These changes were reflected in last year’s measurement annex and proforma. Additionally, estimates from the 2018 and 2019 dataset include a boost to the Northern Ireland Labour Force Survey sample (see [Impact of LFS Revisions](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/background-information-lfs)). Last year’s measurement annex and proforma reflected the boost to the 2018 sample. | |
| **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** | 2015 |
| **Criteria for reporting change from the baseline** | (a) A statistically significant change in the gap between the weighted average employment rate of the highest two and lowest two 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 | Also covered in PfG32 |
| **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