NI: IN PROFILE

Key statistics on Northern Ireland

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(Based on data available at the end of December 2017)
NI: IN PROFILE is a resource pack of key statistics covering a range of areas of life in Northern Ireland. The pack brings together a range of data into a single place and will be of interest to a broad audience, including policy makers in the public and private sector, students and academics, schools and the general public.

Statistics have primarily been sourced from across the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency, however where official statistics are not available we have included statistics from other sources. The pack is intended to provide a high-level statistical summary of life in Northern Ireland and you will note that it does not include detailed commentary. If you wish to delve further into the detail of a particular statistic, you are encouraged to follow the links provided at the end of the pack.

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**POPULATION**  *Population growing – currently stands at 1.86 million.*

- Population will continue to grow, but at a slower rate than previously.
- Growth mainly due to natural change (births - deaths). Net migration is a small factor.
- Population is ageing; the 1960s baby-boom will drive faster ageing in the next decade.
- In the next decade we are projected to have more older people (65+) than children.

![Total Population Graph](image)

**Older People (65+) and Children (0-15) per 100 People aged 16-64**

- 1971: 54
- 2016: 33
- 2066 projection: 50

- 1971: 19
- 2016: 25
- 2066 projection: 32

**People aged 85 and over**

- 1971: 9,000
- 2016: 36,500
- 2066 Projection: 140,400

**Projected Population Pyramid: 2066**

- 1,862,100 people
- 2,015,200 people

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- Births: 24,400
- Deaths: 15,300
- In Migration: 23,800
- Out Migration: 22,300
### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

*One in five people have a disability or limiting illness.*

- One in three households have a dependent child.
- Since the last census, growing number of people identify as ‘no religion’ or ‘religion not stated’.
- Three in five people live in an urban area.
- One in nine people provide unpaid care to someone with a health problem, disability, or problems due to old age.

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Source: 2011 Census, % pop. unless otherwise stated

### Population - Local Govt. District, 2016

- Belfast
- Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon
- Newry, Mourne & Down
- Ards & North Down
- Down & Strabane
- Mid Ulster
- Causeway Coast & Glens
- Lisburn & Castlereagh
- Antrim & Newtownabbey
- Mid & East Antrim
- Fermanagh & Omagh

Source: 2016 Mid-year Population Estimates for NI

### Population Change (16+) by Religion, 2010/11-2014/15, Thousands

Catholic: +16
Protestant/Other Christian: -26
Other Religion: 4
No Religion/Not Stated: 37
NI Total (16+): 32

Source: NI Pooled Household Survey
**HOUSEHOLDS**  
*Number of households continues to increase (703,000 in 2011).*

- Households predominantly occupied by one or two people.
- Two in three households owner occupied (outright or with a mortgage).
- Private renting accounts for one in seven of all households.
- 80,000 older people live on their own.

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**Total Households – Average Household Size**

- **1961 Total Households**: 372,800
- **1961 Average Size**: 3.70
- **2011 Total Households**: 703,300
- **2011 Average Size**: 2.54
- **2037 projected total**: 813,000
- **2037 projected average size**: 2.43

Source: 2011 Census, 2012-based Household projections

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**Household Composition from Census, 2011**

- **No Children**: 92,800, 13%
- **Dependent Children**: 219,100, 31%
- **All non-dependent children**: 96,300, 14%
- **All 65+**: 46,800, 7%
- **One Person One Family**: 118,300, 17%
- **Other**: 51,800, 7%

Source: 2011 Census

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**Average* Weekly Household Income**

- **2002/03 - 2015/16**
  - Median Income (BHC): £393
  - Median Income (AHC): £436

Source: Family Resources Survey - HBAI

*Median equivalised income. (B/AHC: Before/ After Housing Costs)
HOUSING Impact of property crash seen in most indicators.

- Private new builds increased in each of the last 3 years.
- House prices continue upward trend, having bottomed out in 2013.
- Number of households on the social housing waiting list in ‘housing stress’ continues to rise.
- Apartments are around one in ten of our housing stock.
LABOUR MARKET: Employment has returned to pre-recession levels.

- Unemployment at lowest level since 2008.
- Economic inactivity has remained high over the long-term.
- The average full-time employee earns just over £12 per hour.
- The proportion of jobs paying at or near minimum wage has doubled since 1999.

**Employment Rate (16-64)**

[Graph showing employment rates by gender and region over time]

**Workforce jobs by industry, March 2017, Thousands**

[Bar graph showing distribution of jobs by industry]

**Median Gross Hourly Earnings (Full-time employees)**

[Graph showing median earnings by year]

**Gross Hourly Earnings Distribution, 1999 – 2017**

[Graph showing earnings distribution with 1999 and 2017 minimum wages highlighted]

Source: ONS Regional Labour Market Statistics
ECONOMY  Economic output growing, but still below pre-recession levels.

- Sales by local companies worth £69 billion, £24 billion to customers outside NI.
- Manufacturing industry the largest contributor to Gross Value Added (GVA).
- Vast majority of local businesses have fewer than 10 employees.
- Half of all employees work in a business with 250 or more staff.

NI Composite Economic Index

Source: NI Composite Economic Index

Sales of Goods and Services by destination, £ billion

Source: NI Broad Economy Sales and Exports Statistics

VAT/PAYE Businesses by Employment Size, 2015 (Base: 68,000)

Employees by Business Employment Size, 2015 (Base: 717,000)

Source: Inter Departmental Business Register

Source: Business Register & Employment Survey

Gross Value Added (GVA) (Balanced Approach) £ billion

Source: ONS Regional GVA (Balanced approach)

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**WELFARE** The number of adults claiming a benefit has increased over the last decade.

- The number of pensioners continue to grow due to the ageing population.
- The reduction in working age claimants is driven by fewer Job Seekers Allowance claimants.
- Housing benefit claimants level off after rise following property crash.
- One in nine claim Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payment.

In-work families receiving Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit, 2015/16

- With Children: WTC & CTC: 58,000
- With Children: CTC only: 29,000
- No Children - WTC only: 20,000

Source: HMRC - Child and Working Tax Credits Statistics

Housing Benefits Claimants*

- 2016: 122,983
- 2017: 161,610

Source: NINIS

*Snapshot at June

Claimants by Type of Disability Benefit

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA): 192,700*
- Attendance Allowance: 220,950
- Carer's Allowance: 73,450
- DLA + PIP*: 54,930

*PIP replaced DLA June 2016

Source: DfC Benefits Statistics Summary

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Employment and Support Allowance & Incapacity Benefit

- Job Seeker
- Carer
- Lone Parent
- Disabled

Working Age Claimants

- Total: 245,130

Pension Age Claimants

- Total: 312,230
- State Pension only (Not Disabled)
- State Pension & Pension Credit (Not Disabled)
- State Pension & Pension Credit (Disabled)
- State Pension only (Disabled)

Source: DfC Benefits Statistics Summary

[Graphs and charts for Working Age and Pension Age Claimants, with data points for various benefit categories over the years.]
**EDUCATION**

*Educational attainment of school leavers continues to increase.*

- Two in three children leave school with 5 or more GCSEs (A*-C) including English and Maths.
- Two in five children leave school with 3 or more A levels (A*-C).
- One in four working age adults have a degree, while one in six have no formal qualifications.
- Number of primary school pupils up 12% on 6 years ago.
- Proportion of pupils at grammar schools increased over the last 25 years.

**Qualifications of School Leavers**

- **At least 5 GCSEs A*-C inc English and maths**: 67.7%
- **3+ A-levels A*-C**: 38.4%
- **28.5%**
- **20.0%**
- **16.0%**
- **8.0%**
- **6.0%**
- **No Qualifications**: 16%
- **Degree or higher**: 24%
- **Other qualifications**: 6%
- **GCSE A-C or equivalent**: 21%
- **A level or equivalent**: 25%

**Source:** Labour Force Survey

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**Highest Level of Qualifications, 16-64 Jul-Sep 2017**

- **Degree or higher**: 24%
- **Other qualifications**: 6%
- **No Qualifications**: 16%
- **GCSE A-C or equivalent**: 21%
- **A level or equivalent**: 25%

**NI domiciled students enrolled at UK Higher Education Institutions**

- **Total**: 63,600
- **Full-time**: 46,700
- **Part-time**: 16,900

**Source:** DfE, Enrolments at UK Higher Education Institutions

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**Primary School Enrolments**

- **2005/06**: 184,600
- **2010/11**: 173,700

**Post-Primary School Enrolments**

- **Total**: 140,600
- **Non-grammar**: 87,500, 61%
- **Grammar**: 77,700, 55%
- **55,800, 39%**
- **62,800, 45%**

**Source:** DE, School Enrolments

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**Enrolments* - NI Further Education Colleges**

- **2016/17**: Total 153,100
- **2015/16**: Total 199,600
- **2013/14**: Total 169,800
- **2009/10**: Total 127,300
- **2006/07**: Total 10,000

*Note that students may be enrolled on more than one course and may, therefore, be counted as 2+ enrolments. Includes ROI domiciled students.

**Source:** DfE, Further Education Activity

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TRAVEL & TRANSPORT  Use of public transport shows a mixed picture.
- Decline in Ulsterbus journeys partly offset by increased rail and Metro travel.
- Proportion of households with 2 or more cars/vans has quadrupled over the last 45 years.
- People killed or seriously injured on our roads fallen by 70% since the 1970s.
- Air passenger traffic has tripled in the last 25 years.
Health Demand for the health service continues to increase.

- 41 million prescription items issued (average 22 prescription items for every person).
- Life expectancy for men and women continues to rise, with gender gap closing.
- Deaths from heart disease have fallen substantially, while deaths from cancer have increased.
- Around 300 suicides each year (three in four suicides are of men).
- One in six adults have a possible mental health problem.

**Life Expectancy at Birth**

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**Number of Prescription Items, Millions**

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**Admissions of Inpatients and Day Cases & Average Inpatient Length of Stay**

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CRIME & JUSTICE *Crime levels falling.*
- Robbery, burglary and theft offences have fallen over the long-term.
- Violent, sexual and drug offences have increased.
- Sectarian crimes have fallen considerably over the last decade.
- Prison population has fallen recently following a prolonged increase.

Households / adults victims of crime once or more

Cases resulting in conviction at court or out of court disposal

Reoffending Rates

Average daily prison population

Police Recorded Crime

Police Recorded Hate Crime

Source: DoJ NI Crime Survey

Source: DoJ Adult and Youth Reoffending

Source: DoJ Court Prosecutions, Convictions and Out of Court Disposals

Source: DoJ NI Crime Survey

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Source: DoJ Prison Population Statistics

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AGRICULTURE Number of farms has fallen substantially over the last few decades. • Most farms are very small and unlikely to provide adequate income from farming. • Four in every five farms are cattle & sheep farms. • A small proportion of farms depend mainly on cropping (4%). • Dairy accounts for one in ten farms but contributes 26% of agricultural output.
**ENVIRONMENT**  *Greenhouse gas emissions have fallen over the long-term.*
- Two-thirds of emissions are from agriculture, transport and energy sectors.
- More than a quarter of our electricity consumption is from renewable sources.
- Household recycling has risen steadily over the last decade.
- Nitrogen Dioxide levels in the air at monitored sites are falling and below UK & EU limit.

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**Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector, 2015**

- Agriculture 28.6%
- Energy Supply 18.5%
- Transport 20.7%
- Business 12.5%
- Public: 0.9%
- Residential 11.8%
- Land Use Change: 3.3%
- Waste Management 2.6%
- Industrial Process: 1.1%

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**% Electricity consumption from renewable sources**

- 2001/02: 1.5%
- 2006/07: 5%
- 2011/12: 27.1%
- 2016/17: 44.4%

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**Household waste recycling rate**

- 2005/06: 24.5%
- 2011/12: 44.4%
- 2016/17: 50%

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**Mean annual min. & max. temperatures**

- Ten year average temperature (°C)
- 1844: 6.1
- 1864: 6.1
- 1884: 7
- 1904: 7.6
- 1924: 8.5
- 1944: 10.2
- 1964: 11.7
- 1984: 13.7
- 2004: 14.8
- 2015: 13.7

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**Air Quality: Annual mean nitrogen dioxide concentration at monitored urban roadside locations**

- 2011: 37.6 µg/m³
- 2015: 33.1 µg/m³

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**Source:** DAERA Northern Ireland greenhouse gas inventory

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**Source:** Ricardo Energy & Environment via DAERA

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**Source:** Armagh Observatory via DAERA Environmental Statistics

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**Source:** NIEA via DAERA Environmental Statistics

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**Source:** NIEA via DAERA Environmental Statistics
**TECHNOLOGY** We are a more ‘online’ society.

- Four in five households have broadband access.
- Adoption of broadband technology has been relatively rapid (three-fold increase in ten years).
- Three in five households have a tablet computer, and three in four adults have a smartphone.
- However still 15% of adults have never used the internet.
- Internet use declines markedly with age – only 39% for those aged 70 and over.
PUBLIC EXPENDITURE Public sector spend has fallen in real terms since 2009/10.

- Spend per head is higher here than in rest of the UK (20% more than the UK average).
- Social Protection (welfare and state pension) accounts for over 40% of all spend.

Identifiable Expenditure Per Capita: 2015/16

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Source: HMT Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses

Percentage change in Identifiable Expenditure (Real terms): 2004/05-2015/16

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Percentage change in Identifiable Expenditure (Real terms): 2009/10-2015/16

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**EU EXIT** Number of people from outside UK & Ireland has increased markedly.
- Sales to GB, Ireland, Rest of EU and Rest of the World all increased in the last year.
- Majority of external sales are from manufacturing sector.
- 60,000 vehicles cross the border on the main routes in both directions every day.

Total NI External Sales and Exports by Destination, 2016, £ billion

- **Great Britain**: £14.6bn
- **Rest of World**: £4.8bn
- **Rest of EU**: £2.6bn
- **Ireland**: £4.0bn

**Northern Ireland’s Largest Export Sectors by Destination 2016:**
- **Rest of World**: Machinery & Transport Equipment £1.5 billion
- **Ireland**: Food & Live Animals £0.7 billion
- **Rest of EU**: Machinery & Transport Equipment £0.7 billion

Source: Regional Trade Statistics, HMRC

**Estimated Population by Country of Birth - Non-UK/Ireland only**


**European Co-funded Programmes: 2014-2020**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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*Joint NI & ROI allocation. ** Joint NI, ROI & Scotland allocation. Source: European Commission*
POLITICAL Marked increase in voter turnout since EU referendum. • Two largest parties gained 56% of the first preference votes in the 2017 NI Assembly election. • In 1998, the two largest parties attracted 43% of the first preference votes. • Increase since 1998 in people identifying as neither unionist or nationalist.

Voter turnout

Do you think of yourself as a unionist, a nationalist or neither?

Number of People on the Electoral Register

Trust in institutions, 2016

Source: The Electoral Office of Northern Ireland, CAIN (UU)

Source: ARK Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey

Source: NISRA Omnibus Survey 2016

Source: CAIN (UU)
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