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Census of Employment 1997 - Results

1. Results from the 1997 Census of Employment for Northern Ireland are now available and a summary of these is presented in this Press Notice. The Census covered enterprises in all industrial sectors, apart from agriculture (but including animal husbandry service activities and hunting, trapping and game propagation) and information was collected on the number of employee jobs at 12 September 1997. Estimates of the number of employee jobs in agriculture are based on the June 1997 Agricultural Census conducted by the Department of Agriculture (NI).

2. EMPLOYEE JOBS - SEPTEMBER 1997

At September 1997 the total number of employee jobs in Northern Ireland was 601,097. This figure is 3,639 (0.6%) higher than the previously published estimate for September 1997 and is comprised of 252,076 male and 161,548 female full-time employee jobs and 47,292 male and 140,181 female part-time employee jobs.

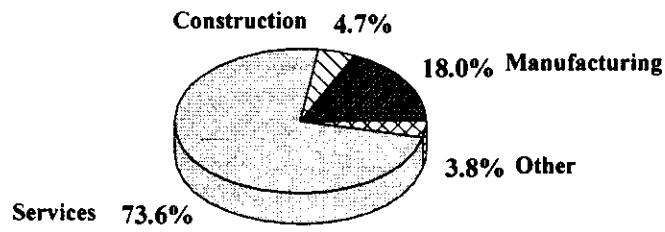
TABLE 1 : EMPLOYEE JOBS : SEPTEMBER 1997

	SIC92 Section	Male Full-time	Male Part-time ¹	Female Full-time	Female Part-time ¹	Total
MANUFACTURING	D	72,167	2,018	28,980	4,759	107,924
CONSTRUCTION	F	24,673	716	1,802	947	28,138
SERVICES	G-O	146,359	33,445	129,791	132,704	442,299
OTHER ²	A, B, C & E	8,877	11,113	975	1,771	22,736
ALL INDUSTRIES	A-O	252,076	47,292	161,548	140,181	601,097

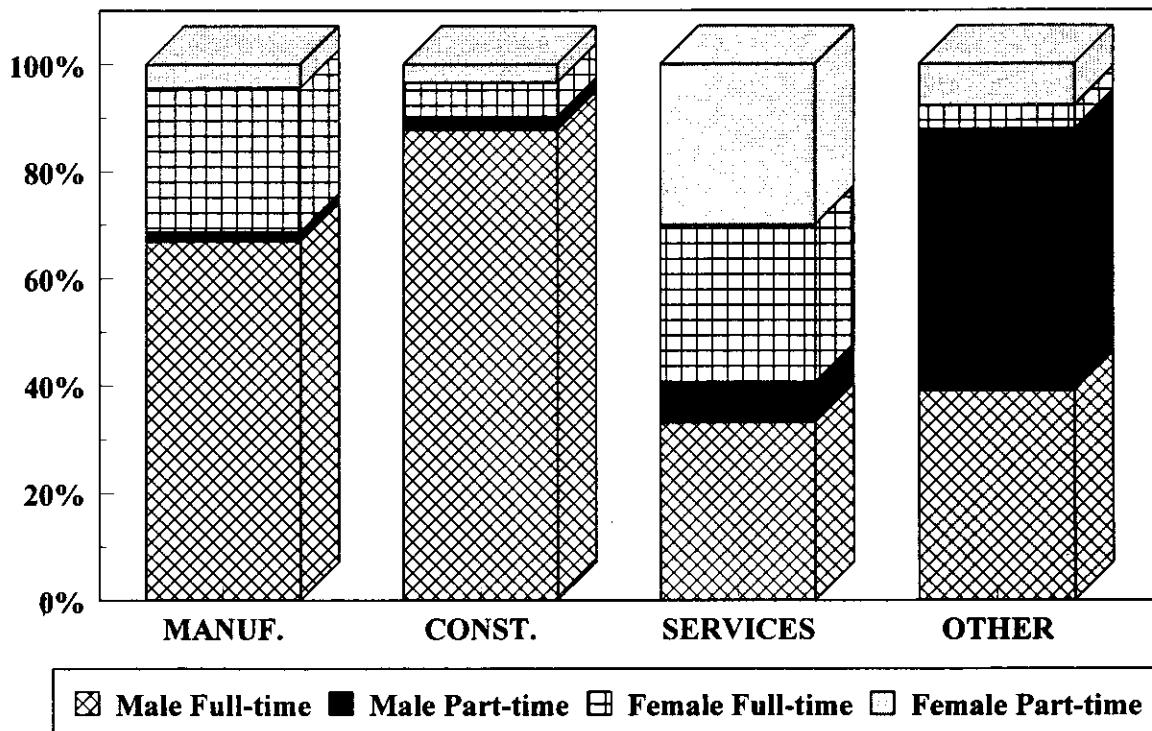
¹ Persons working 30 hours or less per week are normally regarded as in part-time employment.

² Covers Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry & Fishing, Mining & Quarrying, Electricity, Gas & Water supply.

**FIGURE 1.1
EMPLOYEE JOBS BY BROAD INDUSTRY
AT SEPTEMBER 1997**



**FIGURE 1.2
EMPLOYEE JOBS MALE/FEMALE,
FULL-TIME /PART-TIME SPLIT, SEPTEMBER 1997**



3. COMPARISON WITH RESULTS OF THE 1995 CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT

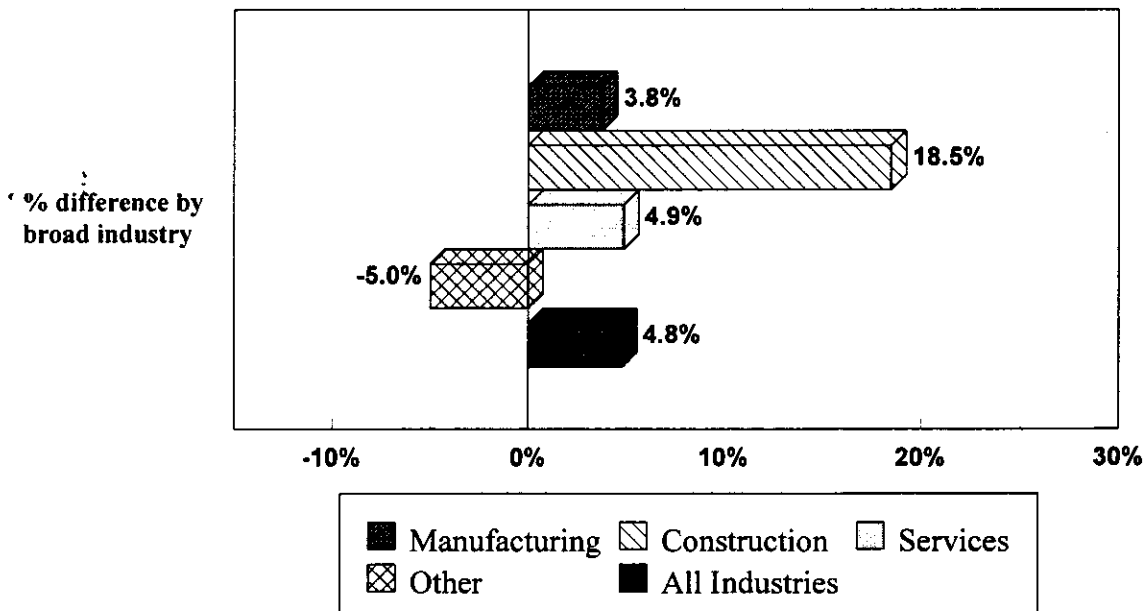
In 1997 the Census of Employment covered some 48,000 workplaces (43,900 in 1995). Between the previous census in September 1995 and September 1997, the number of employee jobs increased by 27,759 (+4.8%).

**TABLE 2
EMPLOYEE JOBS AT SEPTEMBER 1995 AND 1997**

	SIC92 Section	Census September 1995	Census September 1997	Change	%Change
MANUFACTURING	D	103,968	107,924	+3,956	+3.8
CONSTRUCTION	F	23,743	28,138	+4,395	+18.5
SERVICES	G-O	421,685	442,299	+20,614	+4.9
OTHER ¹	A, B, C & E	23,942	22,736	-1,206	-5.0
ALL INDUSTRIES	A-O	573,338	601,097	+27,759	+4.8

¹ Covers Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry & Fishing, Mining & Quarrying, Electricity, Gas & Water supply.

**FIGURE 2
CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE JOBS BY BROAD INDUSTRY BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER 1995 AND 1997**



4. CHANGES IN FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Table 3 details the results from the Census on a full-time and part-time basis.

**TABLE 3
EMPLOYEE JOBS - FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME**

		Census September 1995	Census September 1997	Change	% Change
MALE:	FULL-TIME	243,522	252,076	+8,554	+3.5
	PART-TIME	42,118	47,292	+5,174	+12.3
	TOTAL	285,640	299,368	+13,728	+4.8
FEMALE:	FULL-TIME	159,037	161,548	+2,511	+1.6
	PART-TIME	128,661	140,181	+11,520	+9.0
	TOTAL	287,698	301,729	+14,031	+4.9

**FIGURE 3
CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE JOBS BY
FULL-TIME/PART-TIME SPLIT
BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1995 AND 1997**

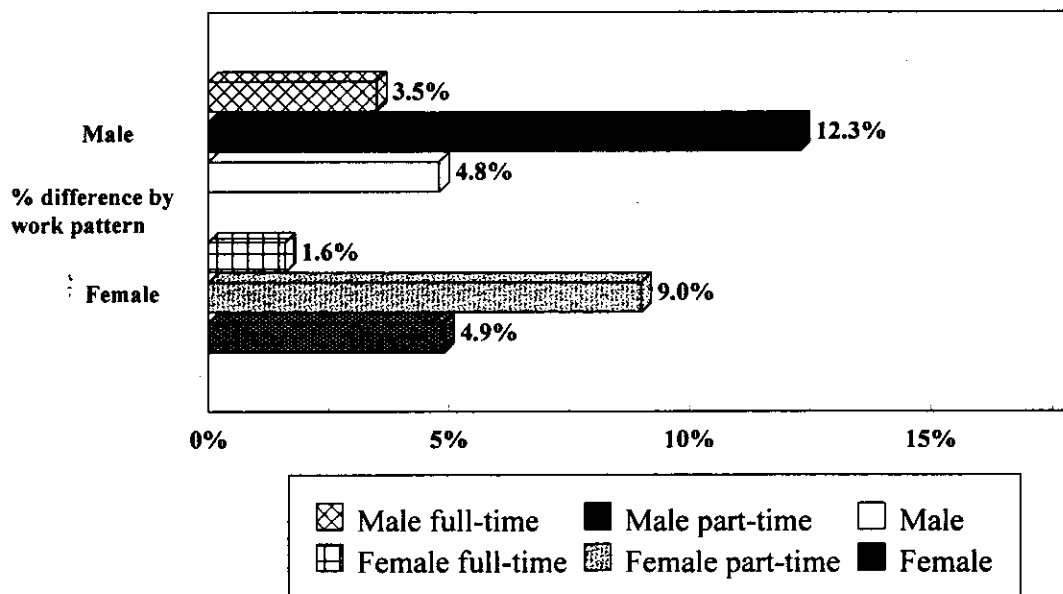


TABLE 4
NORTHERN IRELAND EMPLOYEE JOBS
BY SIC92 SECTIONS AT SEPTEMBER 1997

	SIC92 Sections	Male Full Time	Male Part Time	Male	Female Full Time	Female Part Time	Female	Total
AGRICULTURE, HUNTING, FORESTRY AND FISHING	A/B	3,264	11,089	14,353	415	1,679	2,094	16,447
MINING AND QUARRYING	C	1,743	23	1,766	138	34	172	1,938
MANUFACTURING	D	72,167	2,018	74,185	28,980	4,759	33,739	107,924
ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER SUPPLY	E	3,870	1*	3,871	422	58	480	4,351
CONSTRUCTION	F	24,673	716	25,389	1,802	947	2,749	28,138
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE; REPAIRS	G	35,807	9,624	45,431	20,534	29,474	50,008	95,439
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS	H	5,909	5,874	11,783	6,276	12,215	18,491	30,274
TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION	I	15,960	1,928	17,888	4,090	1,918	6,008	23,896
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION	J	5,066	129	5,195	6,673	2,009	8,682	13,877
REAL ESTATE, RENTING & BUSINESS ACTIVITIES	K	14,503	2,601	17,104	10,896	8,898	19,794	36,898
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE	L	32,452	2,738	35,190	19,321	4,775	24,096	59,286
EDUCATION	M	14,223	3,034	17,257	21,456	23,412	44,868	62,125
HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK	N	12,905	2,953	15,858	34,362	42,806	77,168	93,026
OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES	O	9,534	4,564	14,098	6,183	7,197	13,380	27,478
SERVICES	G-O	146,359	33,445	179,804	129,791	132,704	262,495	442,299
TOTAL	A-O	252,076	47,292	299,368	161,548	140,181	301,729	601,097

* See Notes to Editors, No.7.

5. **REVISED QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES**

TABLE 5
REVISED QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

	SIC92 Section	Previously published quarterly estimate for September 1997	Census September 1997	Difference	% Difference
MANUFACTURING	D	106,253	107,924	+1,671	+1.6
CONSTRUCTION	F	28,090	28,138	+48	+0.2
SERVICES	G-O	440,558	442,299	+1,741	+0.4
OTHER ¹	A, B, C & E	22,557	22,736	+179	+0.8
ALL INDUSTRIES	A-O	597,458	601,097	+3,639	+0.6

¹ Covers Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry & Fishing, Mining & Quarrying, Electricity, Gas & Water supply.

6. The quarterly estimates for the period December 1995 to September 1997 and December 1997 to December 1998 will be revised in light of Census results and the new estimates will be published in the Labour Market Statistics (LMS) publication on Wednesday 17 March 1999 and Wednesday 16 June 1999 respectively.
7. More details of the 1997 Census of Employment results, including information on District Council Areas (DCA's), Parliamentary Constituency Areas (PCA's), disaggregated Standard Industrial Classification (SIC92) data and Travel To Work Areas (TTWA's) are available, subject to confidentiality constraints, from:

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. A Census of Employment was conducted annually between 1971 and 1978. However, in order to reduce costs and the form filling burden on businesses, a Census is now only carried out every 2 years.
2. The Census of Employment is conducted by means of a postal enquiry and a full response is sought in order to obtain an accurate count of the number of employee jobs at the census date. Census forms are sent to the addresses where employers hold their pay records and employers are asked to return the numbers of employees and the business activity for each address where they have employees. The latest Census of Employment relates to September 1997.
3. - For the September 1997 Census, the units to be surveyed were drawn from the IDBR (Inter Departmental Business Register), which is a register held by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), combining information from the VAT based business register and the Inland Revenue's computerised PAYE system. All units considered to be live at September 1997 were selected and the effective response rate for actual live units was 98%. Employment for non-respondents was estimated on the basis of previous returns and/or information from the Inland Revenue's PAYE system.
4. Quarterly employment estimates for sectors other than agriculture are based on the Quarterly Employment Survey which is also a postal survey. From December 1992, the survey has been extended to cover smaller firms and the sample size has been chosen in order that estimates of total employment should be accurate to within +/- 1% of the Census total.
5. Overall employment (i.e. employee and self employment) estimates for the agricultural sector are provided, on an annual basis, from the Department of Agriculture's (DANI) farm census. DANI advised that methodological and definitional changes to the 1997 farm census made it necessary to revise the employment estimates from 1971 onwards in order to maintain a consistent series. These revisions have been fully incorporated in the quarterly employee jobs and self-employment jobs series published by DED during September 1998. The overall effect is a reduction of approximately 2,000 (per quarter) in the number of employee jobs in agriculture and an increase of approximately 3,000 in self-employment jobs. This provides an explanation for the revision of -2,258 employee jobs to the agriculture sector of the 1995 Census of Employment.
6. Both the Census of Employment and the Quarterly Employment Survey record jobs rather than the number of people in these jobs. Thus an employee who has a full-time and a part-time job with different employers will be recorded under both.
7. Permission has been obtained from the appropriate businesses for the publication of this figure. As a result there is no breach of confidence.

