

## 2 Earnings by Occupation & Industry

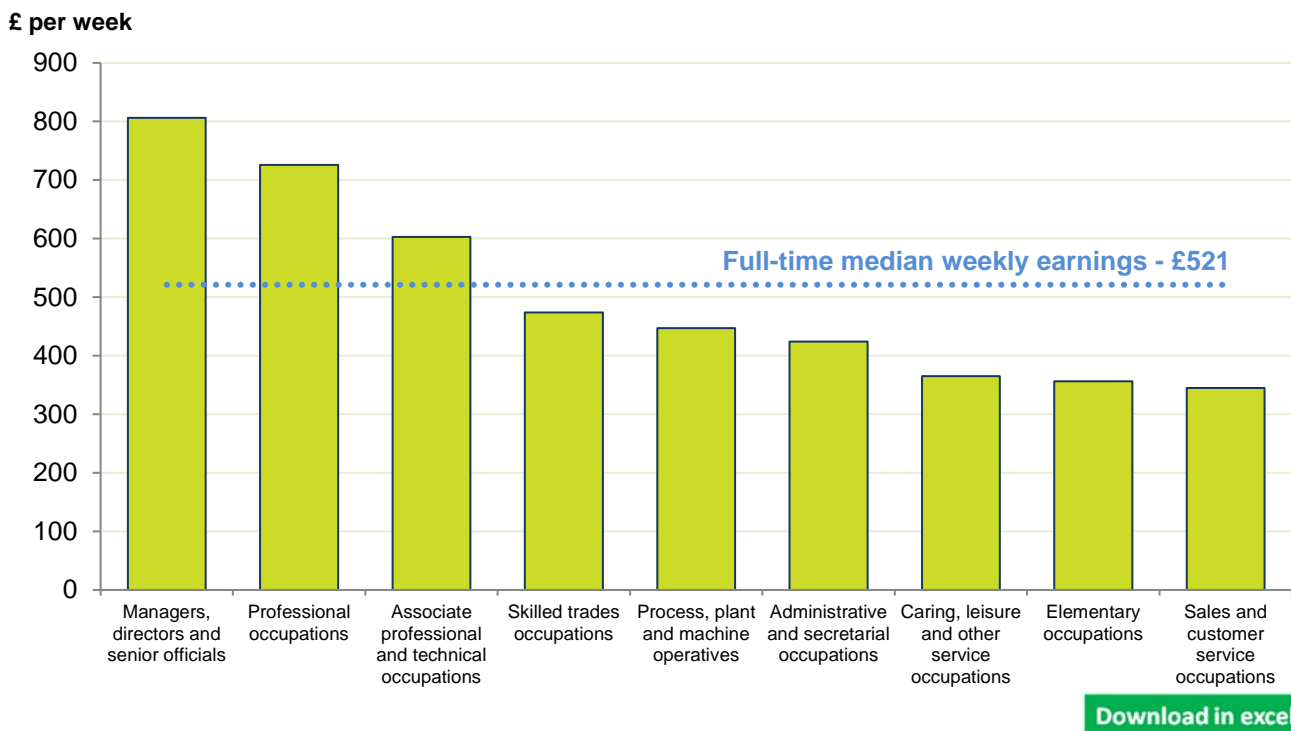
### 2.1 Earnings by occupation

**Occupation:** Results are collated using the 2010 Standard Occupation Classification (SOC10). The major group structure is a set of broad occupational categories which are designed to be useful in bringing together unit groups which are similar in terms of the qualifications, training, skills and experience commonly associated with the competent performance of work tasks.

#### Key findings

- **Managers, directors and senior officials had the highest full-time median weekly earnings**
- **Sales and customer service occupations had the lowest full-time median weekly earnings**
- **Process, plant and machine operatives showed the largest increase for full-time employees in median gross weekly earnings**

**Figure 8: Median gross weekly earnings for full-time employees in NI by occupation, April 2018**



Analysis of median full-time gross weekly earnings by occupation groups shows:

- Sales and customer service occupations (£345) remained the lowest paid full-time occupational group, while Managers, directors and senior officials (£806) remained the highest
- All nine occupational groups increased over the year
- Process, plant and machine operatives (£447) experienced the largest increase (8.9%) in earnings between April 2017 and April 2018, followed by Caring, leisure and other service occupations (7.5% to £365).
- The smallest increase occurred in Professional occupations (£726), which increased by 1.0%, followed by Administrative and secretarial occupations (£424), which increased by 1.4%

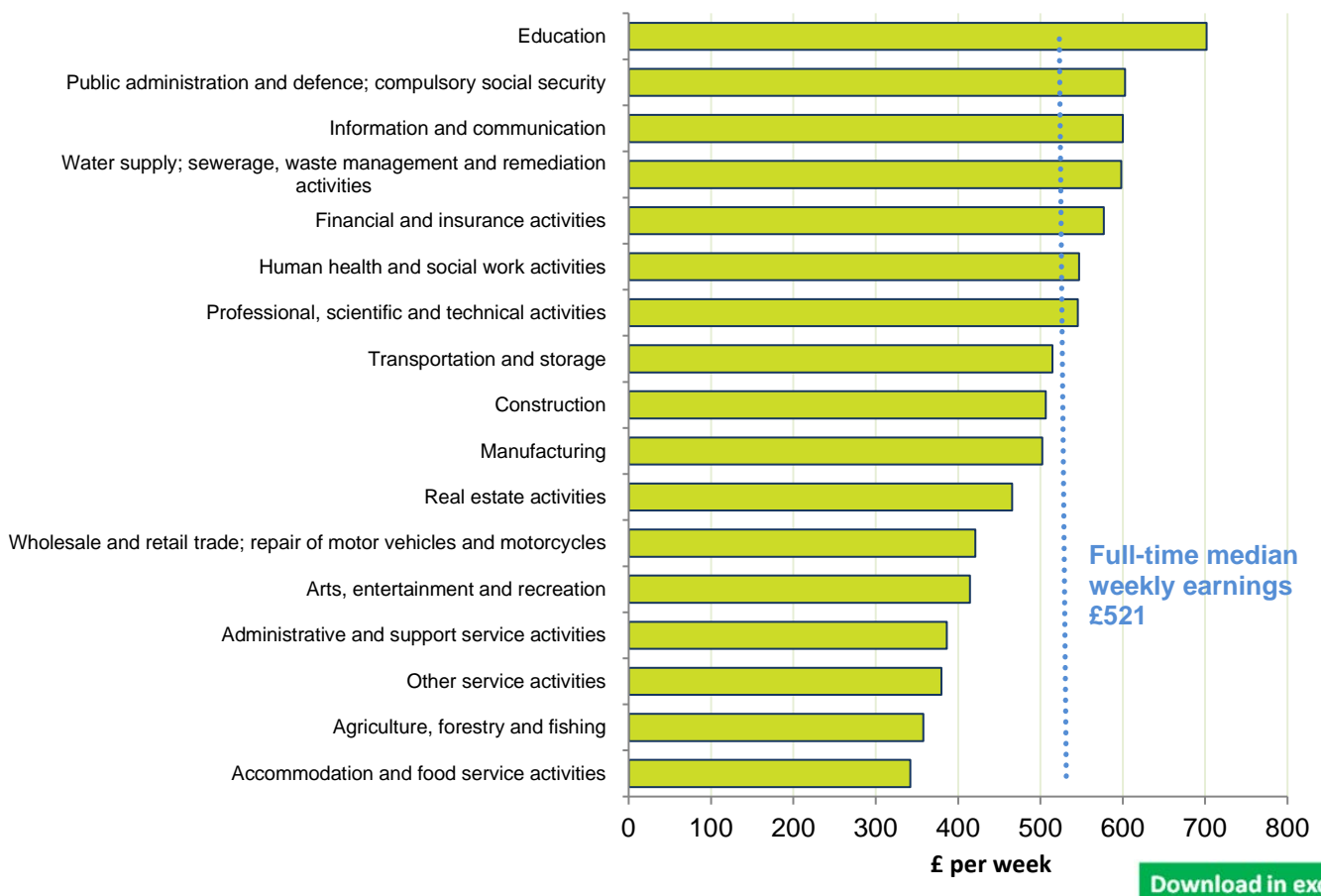
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**Industry:** Results are collated using the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC07).

### Key findings

- **Education industry had the highest full-time weekly earnings**
- **Accommodation and food services activities had the lowest weekly earnings for full-time employees**
- **Increases in full-time earnings were reported in the majority of industry sectors over the year (11 out of the 17 reported in the survey in both years<sup>1</sup>)**

**Figure 9: Median gross weekly earnings for full-time employees in NI by industry, April 2018**



In NI, the median gross weekly earnings for full-time employees at April 2018:

- were highest in the Education industry (£702) and lowest in Accommodation and food service activities (£342)
- increased in 11 of the 17 sectors that were reported for full-time employees<sup>1</sup>.
- saw the largest increase (8.7%) in Arts, entertainment and recreation (£414), followed by Accommodation and food service activities (8.4% to £342).
- saw the largest decrease (17.6%) in Other service activities (£380), followed by Information and communication (9.1% to £600).

For information on the output of different NI industries, users may be interested in referring to results from the [Index of Production](#) and the [Index of Services](#) on the NISRA website.

<sup>1</sup> Full-time estimates were not published for 4 of the 21 industry sectors due to small sample sizes in those sectors.