



## LABOUR MARKET FACT SHEET - NORTH WEST REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FORUM (WDF)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the labour market for the North West Regional WDF in Northern Ireland. The North West Regional WDF comprises Derry City Council, Limavady Borough Council and Strabane District Council.

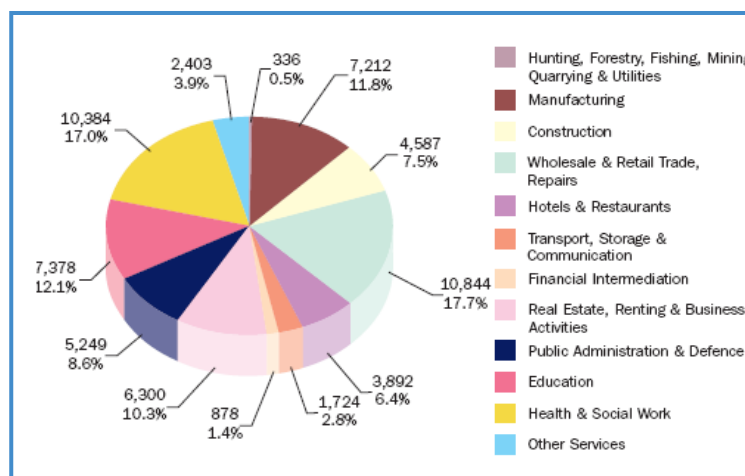
### OVERVIEW

There are currently 71,000 people working in the North West Regional WDF. The working age employment rate is 60.6%, the working age economic activity rate is 65.6% and the working age economic inactivity rate is 34.4%.<sup>1</sup> The claimant count rate is currently 6.1%.<sup>2</sup>

In 2007, the population of the North West Regional WDF was 182,393, with 49.7% being males (90,588) and 50.3% being females (91,805). The working age population in the North West Regional WDF was 114,594.<sup>3</sup>

### EMPLOYEE JOBS<sup>3</sup>

- There were 61,187 employee jobs in the North West Regional WDF in 2007. This represented an increase of 2,382 (4.1%) since 2005.
- Almost one fifth of jobs were in Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repairs (17.7%), followed by 17.0% of jobs in Health and Social Work.
- In 2007, there were only 878 jobs in Financial Intermediation in the North West Regional WDF (1.4%).



### ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DEMAND FOR OCCUPATIONS<sup>4</sup>

Annual development demand for occupations includes both expansion demand (growth) and replacement demand caused by permanent retirements, leavers to another occupation, leavers to unemployment/inactivity and leavers to migration. The key occupations that are expected to grow in the North West Regional WDF to 2015 include Sales (750 jobs per year), Elementary Administration and Service (750 jobs per year) and Administrative (550 jobs per year). Occupations with lower levels of demand include Protective Service, Culture, Media and Sports, Health Professionals and Customer Service.

<sup>1</sup> Labour Force Survey Local Area Database 2007, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

<sup>2</sup> Claimant Count, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

<sup>3</sup> Census of Employment 2007. Figures for employee jobs do not include those who are self-employed.

<sup>4</sup> Information supplied by Nick Rogers of the Economic Development Policy Unit of North Down Borough Council.

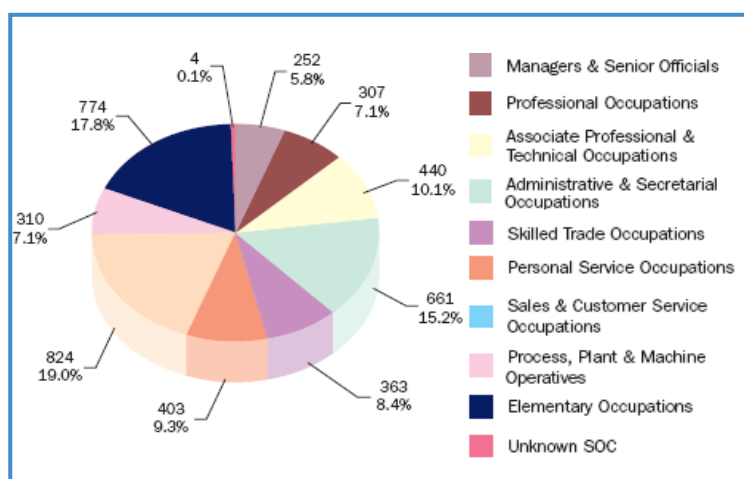
## FURTHER EDUCATION<sup>5</sup>

In 2007/08, 16.3% of enrolments were in Education and Training courses and 12.6% of enrolments were in Retail and Commercial Enterprise courses.

Only 0.4% of enrolments were in Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care courses. There were no enrolments on History, Philosophy and Theology courses.

## VACANCIES<sup>6</sup>

- Just under a fifth of all notified (19.0%) vacancies in 2008 in the North West Regional WDF were in Sales and Customer Service Occupations. This was followed by 17.8% in Elementary Occupations.
- The smallest number of vacancies in 2008 was for Managers and Senior Officials accounting for 5.8% of all vacancies.



## DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL WDF...

- in 2007, females made up 52.2% of all employees<sup>3</sup>.
- almost two thirds (66.2%) of jobs were full-time in 2007<sup>3</sup>.
- in 2001, 13.0% of the population in 2001 had qualification Levels 4 and 5 (First degree and higher). 46.5% had no qualifications.<sup>7</sup>
- in 2008 there were 1,090 confirmed redundancies. This equates to 39.3% of the total number of redundancies in Northern Ireland in 2008.<sup>8</sup>
- in 2007 there were a total of 5,165 VAT registered businesses. Of these 30.1% were in Agriculture while just under a fifth were in Construction (19.6%).<sup>9</sup>

## USEFUL LINKS

JobCentre Online	Contains vacancies currently notified to Jobs and Benefits offices: <a href="http://www.jobcentreonline.com">www.jobcentreonline.com</a>
Careers Service Northern Ireland	Provides an impartial all age careers information, advice and guidance service: <a href="http://www.careersserviceni.com">www.careersserviceni.com</a>
Office for National Statistics	Official Labour Market Statistics for UK: <a href="http://www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp">www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp</a>
Eures	The European Mobility Portal: <a href="http://www.europa.eu.int/eures/home.jsp">www.europa.eu.int/eures/home.jsp</a>
Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment	Economic and Labour Market statistics for NI: <a href="http://www.detini.gov.uk/cgi-bin/gethome">www.detini.gov.uk/cgi-bin/gethome</a>

Information provided by the Department for Employment and Learning. Last Updated: April 2009.

<sup>5</sup> FESR

<sup>6</sup> Client Management System, Department for Employment and Learning

<sup>7</sup> Census 2001

<sup>8</sup> Redundancies, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

<sup>9</sup> Inter-departmental Business Register, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment