



LABOUR MARKET FACT SHEET - SOUTH WEST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FORUM (WDF)

This factsheet provides an overview of the labour market for the South West WDF in Northern Ireland. South West WDF comprises Fermanagh District Council, Omagh District Council, Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council and Cookstown District Council.

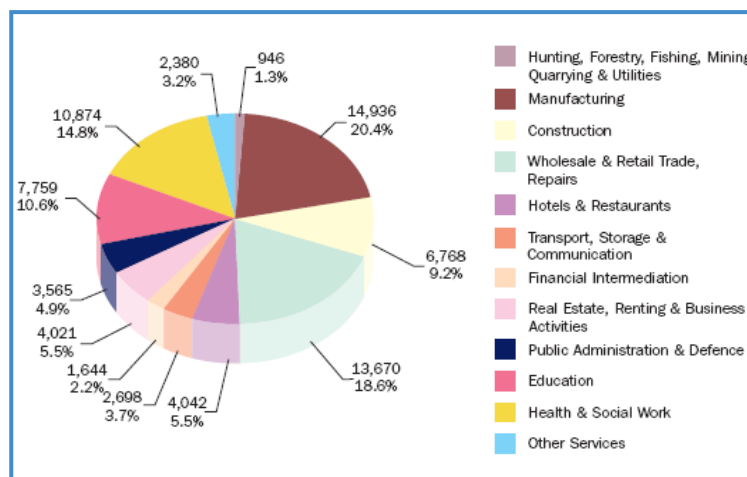
OVERVIEW

There are currently 85,000 people working in the South West WDF. The working age employment rate is 68.0%, the working age economic activity rate is 70.9% and the working age economic inactivity rate is 29.1%.¹ The claimant count rate is currently 4.0%.²

In 2007, the population of the South West WDF was 202,534, with 50.2% being males (101,614) and 49.8% being females (100,920). The working age population in the South West WDF was 126,387.³

EMPLOYEE JOBS³

- There were 73,303 employee jobs in the South West WDF in 2007. This represented an increase of 5,591 (8.3%) since 2005.
- One fifth of jobs were in Manufacturing (20.4%), followed by 18.6% of jobs in Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repairs.
- In 2007, Financial Intermediation accounted for only 1,644 jobs in the South West (2.2%).



ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DEMAND FOR OCCUPATIONS⁴

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 South West WDF to 2015 include Sales (750 jobs per year), Elementary Administration and Service (750 jobs per year) and Caring Personal Service (600 jobs per year). Occupations with lower levels of demand include Protective Service, Health Professionals, Science and Technology Associate Professionals, Customer Service and Culture, Media and Sports.

¹ Labour Force Survey Local Area Database 2007, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

² Claimant Count, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

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

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

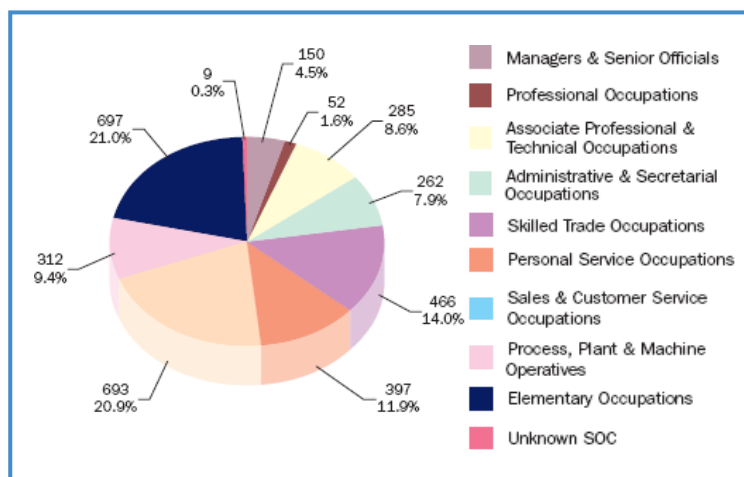
FURTHER EDUCATION⁵

In 2007/08, 15.2% of enrolments were in Construction, Planning and the Built Environment courses and 13.5% of enrolments were in Education and Training courses.

Only 0.8% of enrolments were in Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care courses and 0.6% of enrolments were in Social Sciences courses. There were no enrolments on History, Philosophy and Theology courses.

VACANCIES⁶

- Just over a fifth of all notified (21.0%) vacancies in 2008 in the South West WDF were in Elementary Occupations. This was closely followed by 20.9% in Sales and Customer Service Occupations.
- The smallest number of vacancies in 2008 was for Professional Occupations accounting for 1.6% of all vacancies.



DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE SOUTH WEST WDF...

- in 2007, females made up 49.8% of all employees³.
- over two thirds (68.7%) of jobs were full-time in 2007³.
- in 2001, 13.4% of the population in 2001 had qualification Levels 4 and 5 (First degree and higher). 45.0% had no qualifications.⁷
- in 2008 there were 192 confirmed redundancies. This equates to 6.9% of the total number of redundancies in Northern Ireland in 2008.⁸
- in 2007 there were a total of 11,520 VAT registered businesses. Of these 46.8% were in the Agriculture industry and 14.3% were in Construction.⁹

USEFUL LINKS

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

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

⁵ FESR

⁶ Client Management System, Department for Employment and Learning

⁷ Census 2001

⁸ Redundancies, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

⁹ Inter-departmental Business Register, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment