

Employment

The Border Region accounts for 8% of employment in Ireland (200,000 persons)

Top 5 Sectors	Total employed Q3 2022	Q3 2019 - Q3 2022
Health & social work	29,500	+25% ▲
Industry	29,300	+1% ▲
Wholesale & retail	25,100	+6% ▲
Education	17,800	+40% ▲
Construction	15,700	+30% ▲



Occupational group*	Border	Q3 2019 - Q3 2022
Skilled trades	34,700	-5% ▼
Professionals	30,700	+15% ▲
Elementary	23,300	+12% ▲
Associate professionals	21,500	+39% ▲
Administrative	19,900	+16% ▲
Caring & personal services	18,500	+5% ▲
Managers	18,500	+89% ▲
Operatives	17,600	+1% ▲
Sales	13,900	-5% ▼

* Excludes not stated

Companies with recent job announcements in the Border region

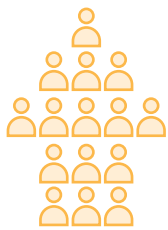
Company	No. of Jobs
FinTru	300
Kaseya	250
Hanley Energy	225
Activ8	200
TCS	170
Ultra Clean	100
Arrotek	100



Key Labour Market Trends

(Q3 2019 – Q3 2022)

Employment



↑ 13%

Employment in the Border region increased by **23,600 persons (13%)**.

Participation rate



62%

At 62.0% in Q3 2022, the participation rate in the Border region was the third lowest in the country and below the rate for the State (64.8%); nonetheless, it grew by four percentage points when compared to Q3 2019.

Gender



Employment increased for males and females, with the rise being twice as high for females (19% or 14,900 persons) compared to males (9% or 8,700 persons).

Occupation



Employment grew in all occupations, except sales and skilled trades; the fall in skilled trades occupations was mostly due to a 13% decline in the number of farmers (-3,100 persons). Managers had the largest increase, with employment levels rising by 89%, or 8,700 extra workers.

Administrative & support



Public administration & defence



- Health and social work employed the highest number of persons in the Border region (29,500), which was closely followed by industry (29,300).
- Agriculture and the administrative & support sector were the only two sectors where employment declined (-11% and -21% respectively).
- Health & social work had the greatest increase in persons employed (5,800 or +25%) while the highest % increase was in public administration/defence (+58% or 4,900 persons).

Selected employers



Business Demography (2020)¹

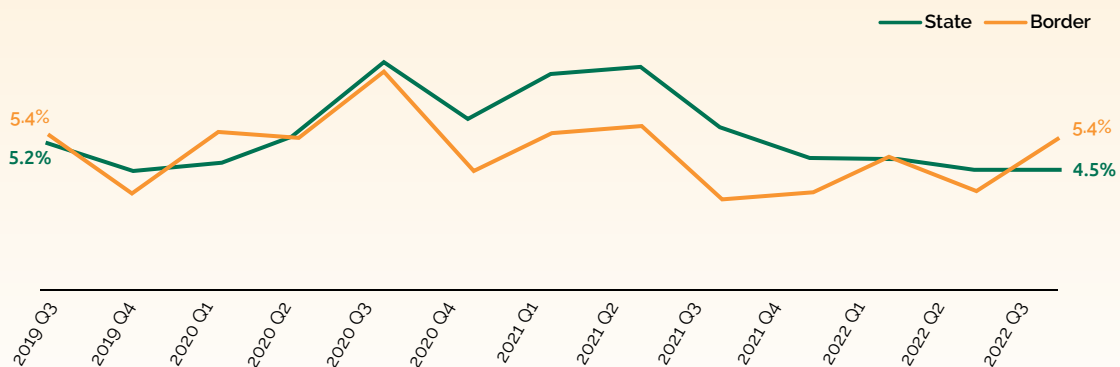
There were approximately 88,500 persons engaged in the business economy in the Border region in 2020.

Persons engaged by firm size	Leitrim	Sligo	Cavan	Donegal	Monaghan	Total
<50 persons (small)	4,181	9,180	11,471	24,673	8,400	57,905
	85%	54%	65%	74%	53%	65%
50-249 persons (medium)	736	2,550	4,222	5,955	4,438	17,901
	15%	15%	24%	18%	28%	20%
>250 persons (large)	*	5,128	1,931	2,510	*	9,569
	*	30%	11%	9%	*	11%
Total	4,917	16,858	17,624	33,138	15,931	88,468
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

* Data has been suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individual enterprises. As a result, not all columns add to 100%.

Unemployment

Unemployment rate % Q3 2019 – Q3 2022



Numbers unemployed
Q3 2022



11,400

Change from
Q3 2019 - Q3 2022



Increase of
1,300
persons

UE Rate Q3 2022

5.4%

Which is above
the national
average (4.5%)

Change from
Q3 2019 - Q3 2022
UE Rate



Unchanged

¹ Business economy includes NACE Rev 2 sectors B - N excluding K6420 (the activities of holding companies); sectors such as agriculture, education, health/welfare and public administration and defence are excluded.

Education attainment & lifelong learning in the Border region

(Q2 2022)



	Border	State
Share of adults (20 yrs+) with FET (NFQ 4-6) qualifications	12%	13%
Share of adults (20 yrs+) with 3rd level (NFQ 6-10) qualifications	38%	44%
Lifelong learning rate (previous 4 weeks)	12.3%	13%

Overall comments

- Between Q3 2019 and Q3 2022, employment growth in the Border region was particularly strong for those engaged in the public sector (education, health and public admin/defence) which, combined, added nearly 16,000 workers, accounting for two thirds of total employment growth in the region. Outside of the public sector, employment growth was also relatively strong for construction and for professional services.
- Nonetheless, at 62%, labour force participation in the Border region was lower than the national average (64.8%), while its unemployment rate was higher than any other region at 5.4%.
- The Border region was the only region where the number of persons employed in skilled trades occupations outnumbered those working as professionals.
- Together with the Midlands region, the Border had the lowest share of adults who had attained a third level qualification.