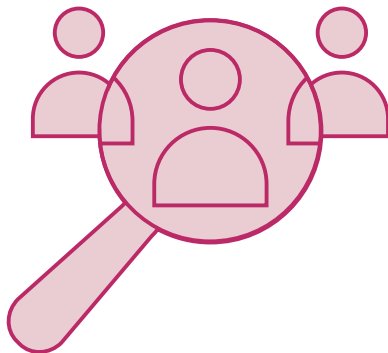


## Employment

Mid-East Region accounts for 15% of employment in Ireland (374,300 persons)

Top 5 Sectors	Total employed Q3 2022	Q3 2019 - Q3 2022
Wholesale & retail	50,400	+7% ▲
Industry	46,400	+18% ▲
Health & social work	44,300	+15% ▲
Education	31,800	+25% ▲
Construction	26,300	-15% ▼



Occupational group*	Mid-East	Q3 2019 - Q3 2022
Professionals	76,900	+10% ▲
Associate professionals	52,700	+27% ▲
Skilled trades	44,700	-10% ▼
Managers	38,300	+53% ▲
Administrative	37,000	+5% ▲
Caring & personal services	33,500	+10% ▲
Elementary	32,000	-19% ▼
Sales	29,200	+15% ▲
Operatives	27,800	+9% ▲

\* Excludes not stated

## Companies with recent job announcements in the Mid-East region

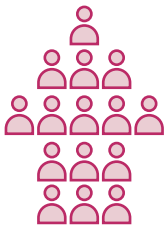
Company	No. of Jobs
Silver Stream care	500
EnerMech	170
Xocean	100
MGS manufacturing	100
Automatic Plastics (APL)	80
Nikon	40



# Key Labour Market Trends

(Q3 2019 – Q3 2022)

## Employment



↑ 9%

Employment in the Mid-East region increased by **31,900 persons (9%)**.

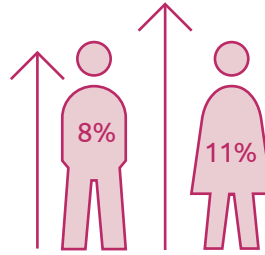
## Participation rate



65.5%

At 65.5% in Q3 2022, the participation rate in the Mid-East region was the second highest after Dublin and above the rate for the State (64.8%). When compared to Q3 2019, the rate rose slightly (from 64.8%).

## Gender



Employment increased for males and females with a higher increase for females (11% or 17,100 persons) compared to males (8% or 14,700 persons).

## Occupation



Employment grew across all occupations except elementary occupations (-7,400 persons, or -19%) and skilled trades (-4,800 persons, or -10%). The largest increase was for managers, where employment grew by 53% (adding 13,300 workers – the largest number of additional managers employed across all regions).

### Accommodation & food



-19%

### Agriculture



-17%



ICT  
+34%

- Wholesale and retail employed the highest number of persons in the Mid-East region (50,400). Accommodation and food had the greatest decline (-19% or 4,500 persons).
- Similarly, there was a decrease in employment in the agriculture (-17%), transport (-16%), and construction (-15%) sectors.
- Industry had the greatest absolute increase in employment (7,200 persons) while the highest % increase was in the ICT sector (+34% or 5,100 persons).

## Selected employers



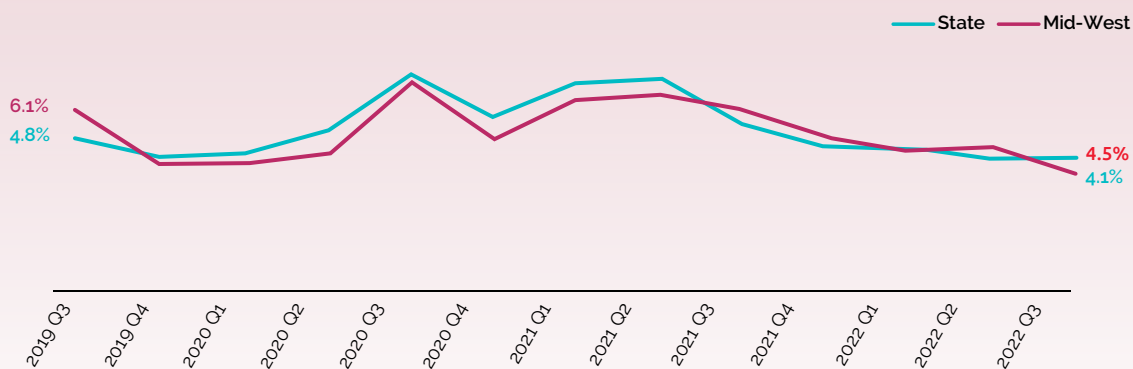
# Business Demography (2020)<sup>1</sup>

There were approximately 166,600 persons engaged in the business economy in the Mid-East region in 2020.

Persons engaged by firm size	Kildare	Louth	Meath	Wicklow	Total
<50 persons (small)	31,306	20,097	29,368	21,296	102,067
	55%	51%	68%	76%	61%
50-249 persons (medium)	9,477	6,743	8,307	4,188	28,715
	17%	17%	19%	15%	17%
>250 persons (large)	15,741	12,301	5,346	2,388	35,776
	28%	31%	12%	9%	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,524</b>	<b>39,141</b>	<b>43,021</b>	<b>27,872</b>	<b>166,558</b>
	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Unemployment

Unemployment rate % Q3 2019 – Q3 2022



Numbers unemployed Q3 2022



**15,900**

Change from Q3 2019 - Q3 2022



Decrease of **6,200** persons

UE Rate Q3 2022

**4.1%**

Which is below the national average (4.5%)

Change from Q3 2019 - Q3 2022 UE Rate



Decrease of **2** percentage points

<sup>1</sup> 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 Mid-East region

(Q2 2022)



	Mid-East	State
Share of adults (20 yrs+) with FET (NFQ 4-6) qualifications	13%	13%
Share of adults (20 yrs+) with 3rd level (NFQ 6-10) qualifications	42%	44%
Lifelong learning rate (previous 4 weeks)	11.1%	13%

## Overall comments

- After Dublin, the Mid-East region had the second highest participation rate in Q3 2022.
- While, in relative terms, the Mid-East's employment growth between Q3 2019 and Q3 2022 was below the national average, the number of additional persons in employment, at 31,900, was the third highest (after Dublin and the South West) nationally. This region also had the second largest decline in unemployment numbers after Dublin in the period Q3 2021-Q3 2022.
- Nearly a fifth of all persons working in the finance/insurance sector in Ireland were located in the Mid-East region, the second highest share after Dublin.