

## Employment

The West accounts for 9% of employment in Ireland (237,200 persons)

Top 5 Sectors	Total employed Q3 2022	Q3 2019 - Q3 2022
Industry	39,500	+11% ▲
Health & social work	36,000	+11% ▲
Wholesale & retail	30,600	+1% ▲
Education	18,500	+10% ▲
Accommodation & food	17,300	-10% ▼



Occupational group*	West	Q3 2019 - Q3 2022
Professionals	49,700	+11% ▲
Skilled trades	35,900	+21% ▲
Operatives	26,500	+30% ▲
Administrative	22,200	+12% ▲
Associate professionals	22,000	+12% ▲
Elementary	20,600	-12% ▼
Caring & personal services	20,400	+4% ▲
Sales	19,500	+6% ▲
Managers	17,800	-21% ▼

\* Excludes not stated

## Companies with recent job announcements in the West region

Company	No. of Jobs
Boston Scientific	300
Medtronic	200
Fidelity investments	200
Globalization Partners	160
Signify Health	125
Planet	100



**Boston Scientific**

**Medtronic**



**GLOBALIZATION PARTNERS**

**signifyhealth.**



# Key Labour Market Trends

(Q3 2019 – Q3 2022)

## Employment



↑ 8%

Employment in the West region increased by **17,800 persons (or 8%)**.

## Participation rate



63.4%

At 63.4%, in Q3 2022, the participation rate in the West region was below the participation rate for the State (64.8%), although the rate increased by 1.1 percentage points between Q3 2019 and Q3 2022.

## Gender



Employment increased for both females and males (at or close to 9,000 each); the percentage increase for females was 9% compared to 7% for males.

## Occupation



Employment grew in all occupations, except elementary and manager occupations, which fell by 12% and 21% respectively. The largest absolute increase was for skilled trades occupations, with 6,300 extra workers, although operatives had the largest % increase (30%, or 6,100 extra workers).

### Public administration & defence



+58%

### Accommodation & food service activities



-10%

- Industry employed the highest number of persons in the West region (39,500 persons).
- Between Q3 2019 and Q3 2022, public administration & defence (PAD) had the largest absolute and % increase in employment (4,800 more persons, or +58%).
- Accommodation & food had the largest absolute and % decline in persons employed (2,000 fewer persons, or a 10% decrease).

## Selected employers



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

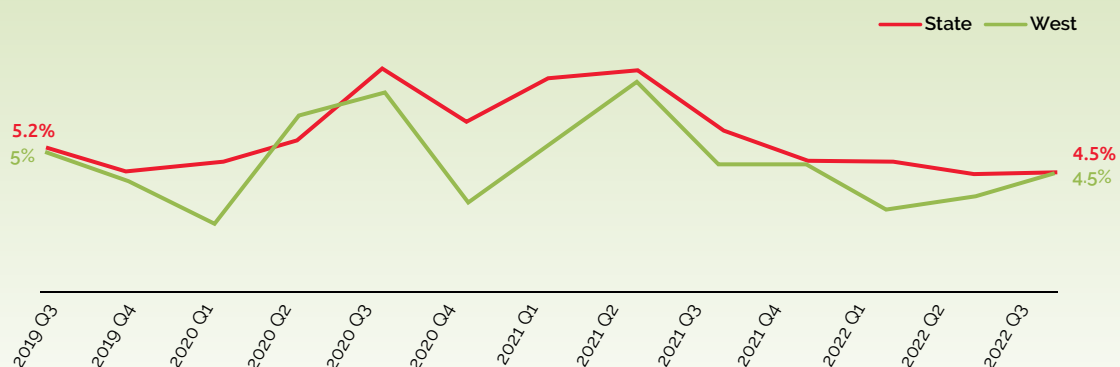
There were approximately 113,500 persons engaged in the business economy in the West region in 2020.

Persons engaged by firm size	Galway	Mayo	Roscommon	Total
<50 persons (small)	39,034	19,700	6,511	65,245
	54%	64%	61%	58%
50-249 persons (medium)	15,215	5,619	2,546	23,380
	21%	18%	24%	21%
>250 persons (large)	17,894	5,255	*	23,149
	25%	17%	*	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,143</b>	<b>30,574</b>	<b>10,752</b>	<b>113,469</b>
	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* 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



**11,000**

Change from  
Q3 2019 - Q3 2022



Decrease of  
**400**  
persons

UE Rate Q3 2022

**4.5%**

Which is on a  
par with the national  
average (4.5%)

Change from  
Q3 2019 - Q3 2022  
UE Rate



Decrease of  
**0.5**  
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 West region

(Q2 2022)



	<b>West</b>	<b>State</b>
Share of adults (20 yrs+) with FET (NFQ 4-6) qualifications	11%	13%
Share of adults (20 yrs+) with 3rd level (NFQ 6-10) qualifications	41%	44%
Lifelong learning rate (previous 4 weeks)	14.7%	13%

## Overall comments

- Although the number of persons employed in the West region rose between Q3 2019 and Q3 2022, the growth rate, at 8%, was below the national average (10%), and was the second lowest across all regions (after Dublin, at 7%).
- Approximately 70% of employment growth in the West region was in public administration & defence, industry or health & social work (adding 12,400 persons, to the workforce).
- The West region accounted for nearly three quarters of the additional operatives employed in Ireland over the period Q3 2019-Q3 2022.
- Over one half (58%) of persons engaged in the region's business economy worked in small firms, one of the smallest shares nationally.
- In Q3 2022, at 4.5%, the unemployment rate in the West was on par with the national average rate, while its participation rate (at 63.4%) was below the national average rate (64.8%).
- At nearly 15%, the West had the second highest lifelong learning participation rate (after Dublin).