



Facts & Figures

Essential facts and figures about our economy

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Population



18.3%

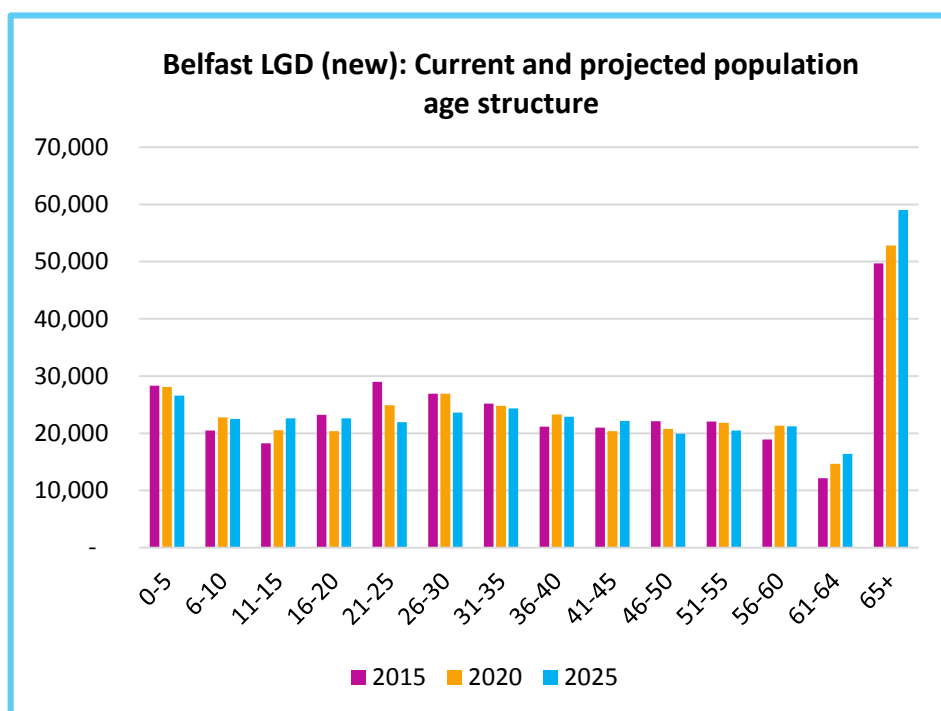
In 2015 under one fifth of the **NI population** live in Belfast

Population Projections			
	2015	2020	2025
Belfast LGD (new)	338,376	343,374	346,257
NI	1,851,573	1,900,393	1,942,704
Belfast as % NI	18.3%	18.1%	17.8%
Belfast - males	163,430	166,345	168,073
Belfast - females	174,946	177,029	178,184
Belfast male: female ratio	48:52	48:52	49:51
Belfast 0-15 year olds %	19.8%	20.8%	20.7%
Belfast 16-25 year olds %	15.4%	13.2%	12.9%
Belfast working age 16-64 %	65.5%	63.8%	62.3%
Belfast 65+ %	14.7%	15.4%	17.0%

Source: NISRA

12.9%

The proportion of **16-25 year olds** in Belfast will drop from 15.4% in 2015 to 12.9% in 2025



Source: NISRA

Ethnicity

Ethnic Group (%)		
	Belfast LGD (new)	Northern Ireland
All usual residents	333,871	1,810,863
White	96.7%	98.2%
Chinese	0.7%	0.4%
Irish Traveller	0.1%	0.1%
Indian	0.7%	0.3%
Pakistani	0.1%	0.1%
Bangladeshi	0.1%	0.0%
Other Asian	0.6%	0.3%
Black Caribbean	0.0%	0.0%
Black African	0.3%	0.1%
Black other	0.1%	0.1%
Mixed	0.5%	0.3%
Other	0.2%	0.1%

Source: Census of Population 2011



3.3%

Belfast is the most
ethnically diverse district
in NI

Disability



Long term health problem or disability		
	Belfast LGD (new)	Northern Ireland
All usual residents	333,871	1,810,863
% all residents with a limiting long term health problem or disability	23.5%	20.7%
% all residents (aged 16-64 years) with a limiting long term health problem or disability	19.2%	16.9%

Source: Census of Population 2011

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19.2% of Belfast's working age residents have a **limiting long term health problem or disability**. This is the 2nd highest in NI after Derry & Strabane LGD.

Deprivation

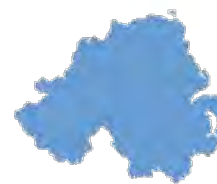
NI Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010

Indicator	Belfast Value	Belfast Rank*	NI value
Extent**	45%	1	18%
Number of people income deprived	109,900	1	
Percentage of population income deprived	34%	2	25%
Number of people employment deprived	30,600	1	
Percentage of working age population employment deprived	16%	2	13%

Source: NISRA

* Where 1 (out of 11) is the most deprived Local Government District (new boundaries)

** 'Extent' measures the percentage of the Local Government District living within the 30% most deprived Super Output Areas



34%

Belfast is defined as the **most deprived District** in Northern Ireland with over a third of its population defined as income deprived

Education

45.2%

Just under half of pupils who live in Belfast leave school **not having attained at least five GCSEs A*-C including English and Maths**

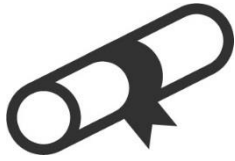


Qualifications of School Leavers 2012/13

Area	At least 5 GCSEs A*-C	At least 5 GCSEs A*-C inc. English and Maths	<u>Not</u> attaining at least 5 GCSEs A*-C inc. English and Maths	No formal qualifications
ALL NI school leavers	78.5%	62.2%	37.8%	1.4%
Schools in Belfast Education and Library Board (BELB) area	82.1%	67.3%	32.7%	1.8%
Pupil Residence in BELB area	74.0%	54.8%	45.2%	2.9%

Source: DENI

Qualifications



35.1%

Over one third of
Belfast's working age
population has achieved
NVQ Level 4 and above

Qualifications of 16-64 year olds

	2011	2012	2013
Belfast LGD (old)			
Achieved NVQ Level 4 and above	33.4%	32.0%	35.1%
Achieved below NVQ Level 4	45.9%	50.4%	50.1%
No qualifications	20.7%	17.7%	14.8%
Northern Ireland			
Achieved NVQ Level 4 and above	26.1%	27.9%	28.5%
Achieved below NVQ Level 4	52.2%	53.5%	54.1%
No qualifications	21.7%	18.6%	17.4%

Source: Labour Force Survey

Qualifications (Jan 2014 - Dec 2014)	Northern Ireland (Level)	Northern Ireland (%)	United Kingdom (Level)	United Kingdom (%)
Individual levels				
NVQ4 and above	339,400	29.3%	14,513,000	35.8%
NVQ3	173,100	15.0%	6,982,000	17.2%
Trade Apprenticeships	72,900	6.3%	1,406,700	3.5%
NVQ2	206,500	17.9%	6,723,000	16.6%
NVQ1	118,400	10.2%	4,735,300	11.7%
Other qualifications	47,500	4.1%	2,495,700	6.2%
No qualifications	199,100	17.2%	3,643,000	9.0%
Composite levels				
NVQ4 and above	339,400	29.3%	14,513,000	35.8%
NVQ3 and above	585,400	50.6%	22,901,700	56.5%
NVQ2 and above	792,000	68.5%	29,624,700	73.1%
NVQ1 and above	910,300	78.7%	34,360,000	84.8%

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey

17.2%

In NI almost one in six of the working age population has **no qualifications** compared to one in 11 (9%) in the UK

Employment

Employee Jobs 2013

Sector/ Type	Belfast LGD (new)		NI	
	No.	%	No.	%
Construction	4,860	2.3%	29,382	4.2%
Manufacturing	9,890	4.7%	75,031	10.9%
Services	193,488	92.0%	577,389	83.5%
Other	2,185	1.0%	9,699	1.4%
Full Time: Male	84,621	40.2%	267,176	38.6%
Part Time: Male	17,326	8.2%	62,292	9.0%
All Male	101,947	48.4%	329,468	47.6%
Full Time: Female	61,092	29.0%	183,843	26.6%
Part Time: Female	47,385	22.5%	178,190	25.8%
All Female	108,477	51.6%	362,033	52.4%
All	210,424	100%	691,501	100%

Source: Census of Employment

92%

More than 9 out of 10 employee jobs in Belfast are in the **service sector** and 1/3 of NI's service sector jobs are in Belfast

Occupations



6.7%

Managers, Directors and Senior Officials account for **6.7% of occupations in NI** compared to just over 10% in the UK

Employment by Occupation 2014

Sector/ Type	Northern Ireland		UK	
	No.	%	No.	%
1 Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	54,600	6.7%	3,088,900	10.1%
2 Professional Occupations	161,400	19.9%	6,014,800	19.8%
3 Associate Professional & Technical	75,400	9.3%	4,242,600	13.9%
4 Administrative & Secretarial	97,400	12.0%	3,261,100	10.7%
5 Skilled Trade Occupations	121,400	15.0%	3,286,700	10.8%
6 Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	81,300	10.0%	2,797,500	9.2%
7 Sales and Customer Service Occupations	60,900	7.5%	2,377,200	7.8%
8 Process Plant and Machine Operatives	60,200	7.4%	1,919,300	6.3%
9 Elementary Occupations	89,900	11.1%	3,281,500	10.8%
All	802,500	100%	30,269,600	100%

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey

Earnings



17.4%

Belfast employees **earned 17.4% or £3,768 more than** all NI employees on average

Gross Annual pay (£) for all employees - 2014

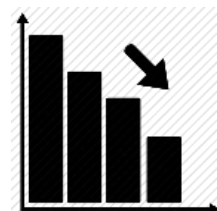
	Belfast LGD (new)	NI
Description	Average (£s)	Average (£s)
All	25,384	21,616
Male	30,420	25,686
Female	19,866	17,786
All Full-time	30,813	27,535
Male Full time	32,961	28,963
Female Full time	27,056	25,352
All Part-time	11,493	10,133
Male Part time	12,643	10,485
Female Part time	11,145	10,014

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, Office for National Statistics.

Unemployment

25%

Belfast accounts for a quarter of the **claimant count** in NI



Unemployment claimant count* - April 2015

Area	Number of claimants			Unemployment rate (% Of working age)			Change over month		Change over year	
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Number	%	Number	%
Belfast LGD (new)	8,206	3,038	11,244	7.6%	2.7%	5.1%	-447	-3.8%	-3,132	-21.8%
NI TOTAL	30,984	13,188	44,172	5.4%	2.2%	3.8%	-1,713	-3.7%	-11,875	-21.2%

Source: NISRA

* Claimant count – the number of people claiming unemployment related benefits

Belfast's **unemployment rate** was the second highest by LGD in NI in April 2015, behind Derry and Strabane (7.1%)

5.1%

Lowest unemployment rates by Belfast ward - April 2015

Area	Unemployment rate		
	Males	Females	Total
Stranmillis	1.3%	0.4%	0.8%
Malone	2.0%	1.0%	1.5%
Stormont	1.9%	1.2%	1.5%
Belmont	2.4%	0.9%	1.6%
Finaghy	2.4%	1.3%	1.8%

Source: NISRA

Stranmillis

The unemployment rate in Stranmillis ward is 0.8%, making it the **lowest in Belfast**

Water Works

Water Works ward has the **highest unemployment rate in Belfast** at 12%

Highest unemployment rates by Belfast ward - April 2015

Area	Unemployment rate		
	Males	Females	Total
Water Works	16.6%	6.7%	12.0%
Woodvale	17.0%	6.1%	11.5%
New Lodge	17.0%	5.8%	11.4%
Ardoyne	16.6%	4.3%	9.8%
Shankill	15.7%	3.9%	9.3%

Source: NISRA

NI unemployment claimants - April 2015

Claimant category	Number of claimants			% of all claimants			% of the workforce		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Long-term claimants (+ one year)	11,863	4,536	16,399	36.7%	33.5%	35.7%	2.5%	1.1%	1.8%
Youth claimants (under 25 years)	8,228	3,575	11,803	25.4%	26.4%	25.7%	1.7%	0.9%	1.3%

Source: NISRA

36%

Over a third all claimants in NI have been unemployed for **more than a year**

26%

Over a quarter of all unemployment claimants in NI are **under 25 years old**

Business

VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses by Broad Industry Group 2014

Industry Group	Belfast LGD (new)		NI	
	No.	%	No.	%
All Industries	9,005	100%	67,710	100%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	40	0.4%	16,955	25.0%
Production	425	4.7%	4,310	6.4%
Construction	840	9.3%	9,170	13.5%
Motor trades	180	2.0%	2,355	3.5%
Wholesale	445	4.9%	3,295	4.9%
Retail	1,000	11.1%	6,205	9.2%
Transport & storage (inc. postal)	225	2.5%	2,190	3.2%
Accommodation & food services	765	8.5%	3,635	5.4%
Information & communication	505	5.6%	1,525	2.3%
Finance & insurance	315	3.5%	1,040	1.5%
Property	520	5.8%	1,935	2.9%
Professional, scientific & technical	1,555	17.3%	5,040	7.4%
Business admin. and support services	390	4.3%	2,325	3.4%
Public administration and defence	25	0.3%	55	0.1%
Education	145	1.6%	575	0.8%
Health	745	8.3%	2,835	4.2%
Arts, entertainment, recreation and other services	890	9.9%	4,255	6.3%

Source: IDBR



17%

Businesses in the **Professional, Scientific & Technical sector** in Belfast account for 17.3% of all businesses compared to 7.4% for NI as a whole

VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses by employment size band 2014

Employment size band	Belfast LGD (new)		NI	
	No.	%	No.	%
All	9,005	100%	67,710	100%
0	85	0.9%	225	0.3%
1-4	5,665	62.9%	51,200	75.6%
5-9	1,515	16.8%	8,410	12.4%
10-19	850	9.4%	4,140	6.1%
20-49	515	5.7%	2,235	3.3%
50-99	185	2.1%	775	1.1%
100-249	110	1.2%	435	0.6%
250-499	45	0.5%	155	0.2%
500+	30	0.3%	135	0.2%

Source: IDBR

2%

Registered businesses in Belfast **employing 100 people or more**, account for 2% of all businesses in the District and a quarter of all 100+ employers in NI

Economy

Economic Indicators	NI	England	Scotland	Wales
Gross Value Added* per head (2013)	£17,948	£24,091	£21,982	£16,893
Labour Productivity (GVA per hour worked in 2012, UK=100)	82.8	101.5	97.4	85.2
Share of UK's exported goods - Q1 2014 (12.6% not allocated)	2.0%	74.1%	6.3%	4.9%
Share of UK's imported goods - Q1 2014 (9.8% not allocated)	1.4%	83.4%	3.7%	1.8%

Source: ONS

* **Gross Value Added (GVA)**: is a measure in economics of the **value** of goods and services produced in an area, industry or sector of an economy.

76%

NI GVA per head of population is £17,948 - 76% of the UK figure

Gross Value Added (2013)	
GVA by region	£ million
UK	1,525,304
Northern Ireland	32,841
- Belfast	10,298
- Outer Belfast	5,590
- East of NI	6,814
- North of NI	4,031
- West & South of NI	6,107

Source: ONS

48.4%

Just under half of NI's
GVA is generated in the
Greater Belfast area

