

Mid Ulster District Council

Council Area Profile

September 2019

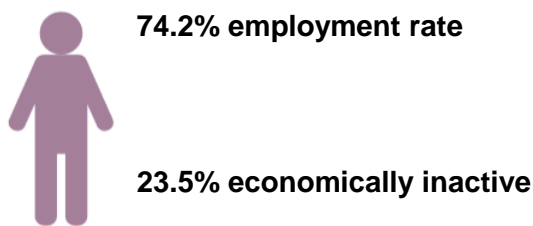
GVA

GVA in Mid Ulster in 2017 was £2.5bn. This represented 6.2% of the NI total¹.

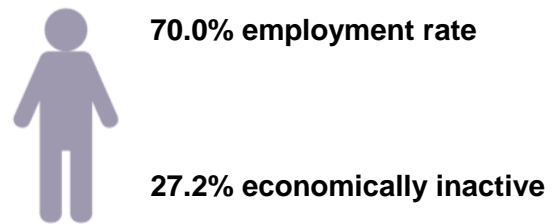
Labour Market Structure

In 2018, the employment rate for NI was 70.0% and the economic inactivity rate was 27.2%. The employment rate for Mid Ulster (74.2%) was above the NI rate while the inactivity rate (23.5%) was below that of NI.

Mid Ulster

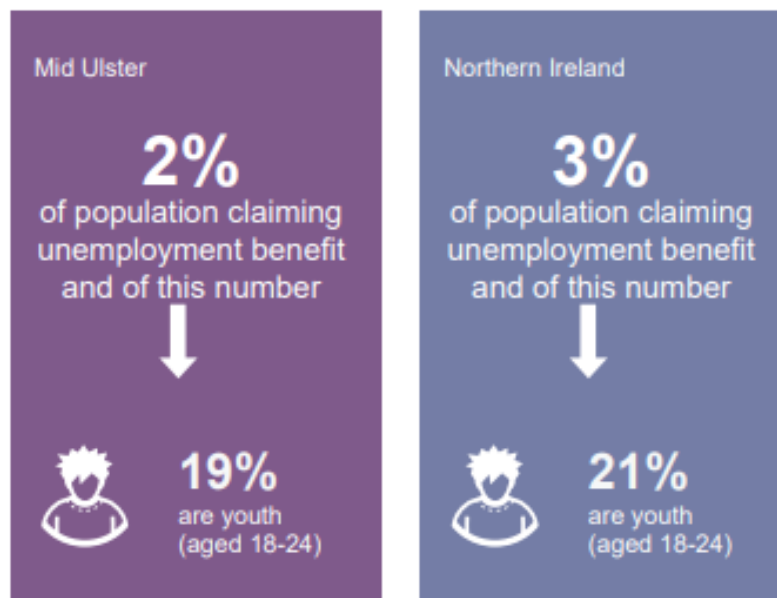


Northern Ireland



In 2017 the self-employment rate for Mid Ulster was 19% which was above the NI average of 16%.²

In 2018, 2% of the population in Mid Ulster were claiming unemployment benefit which was below the NI rate of 3%. Just under one-fifth of those in receipt of claiming benefits were young people (aged 18-24).³



¹ Office for National Statistics (ONS)

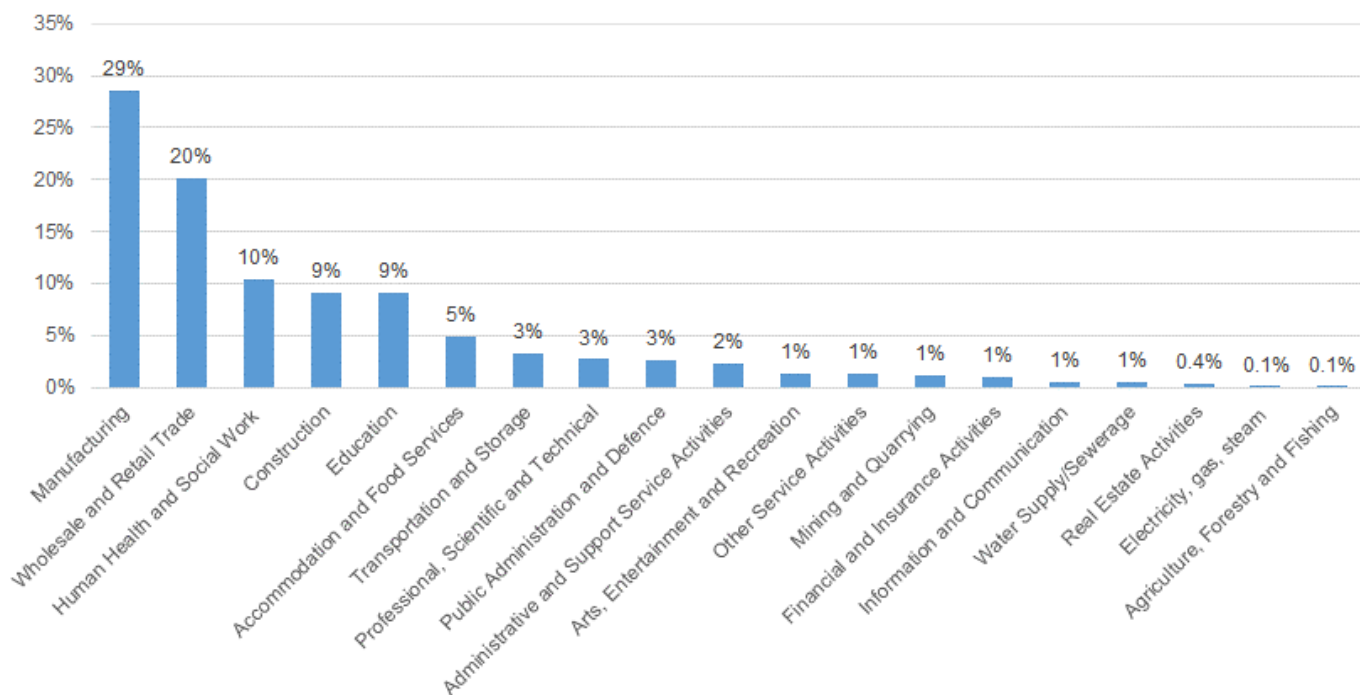
² Labour Force Survey, January-December 2018

³ Claimant Count, NISRA

Employee Jobs

In 2018, there were 56,963 jobs within Mid Ulster representing 8% of the NI total. Manufacturing (29%) is Mid Ulster's largest sector followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (20%) and Human Health and Social work activities (10%).⁴

Figure 1: Employee Jobs by Industry, 2017



The private sector accounted for 82% of all employee jobs in Mid Ulster in 2018 compared to the NI average of 73%.⁵

Table 1: Public / Private Sector, 2018

District Council	Totals	Public Sector %	Private Sector %
Mid Ulster	56,963	18%	82%
Total	759,358	27%	73%

⁴ Industry statistics refer to 2017 data. Data for employee jobs by industry is published every 2 years.

⁵ NI Business Register and Employment Survey

Redundancies

In 2018 there were 2,498 redundancies across NI. A total of 144 redundancies were in Mid Ulster (6% of NI total)⁶.

Earnings

In 2018 annual median earnings by place of residence (£20,930) and by place of work (£20,259) for Mid Ulster were both lower than the median annual earnings figure for NI (£21,923).⁷



Agriculture⁸

In total there are 4,162 farms in Mid Ulster which represents 17% of total NI farms. Of those, the majority of farm businesses in Mid Ulster are classified as very small (78%).

Table 2: Number of farms by farm business size⁹ and by District council in Northern Ireland, June 2018

District Council	Average SO/farm (€ '000)	Number of farms					Total
		V. Small	Small	Medium	Large		
Mid Ulster	89.1	3,254	457	215	236	4,162	
NI Total	77.6	19,188	2,824	1,190	1,693	24,895	

⁶ NISRA, Council Area Statistics

⁷ Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA

⁸ DAERA June Agricultural Census, June 2018

⁹ Note: Farm business size classification is calculated from Standard Labour Requirements (SLR). The total SLR for each farm is calculated by multiplying its crop areas and livestock numbers by the appropriate SLR coefficients and then summing the results for all enterprises on the farm. A standard labour unit is equivalent to 1,900 hours of work per year.

Cattle and sheep farms constitute 79% of farms in Mid Ulster.

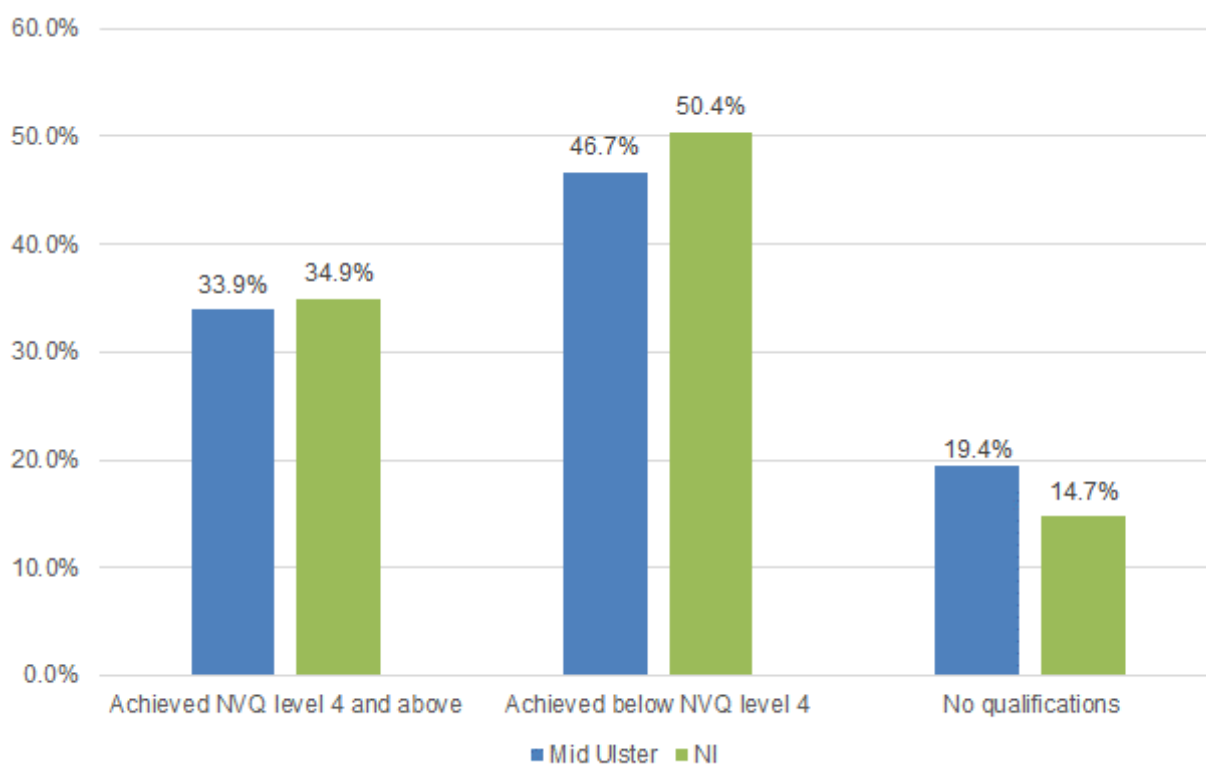
Table 3: Top 3 farm types by number of farms by District council in Northern Ireland, June 2018

District Council	Poultry	Dairy	Cattle & Sheep		Total number of farms
			LFA ¹⁰	Lowland	
Mid Ulster	205	409	2,316	957	4,162
NI Total	639	2,545	14,700	5,109	24,895

Qualifications

In 2018, 33.9% of those aged 16-64 years in were qualified to NVQ level 4 and above¹¹ in Mid Ulster compared to 34.9% for NI as a whole. Mid Ulster had the second highest rate of 16-64 year olds who had no qualifications amongst all the councils at 19.4%.¹²

Figure 2: Qualifications based on working age population (16-64), 2018



¹⁰ Less Favoured Area

¹¹ This relates to those at degree level and above which includes foundation degrees, higher degrees, teaching and nursing degrees.

¹² NISRA, [Labour Force Survey 2018](#)

Cross Border Movements

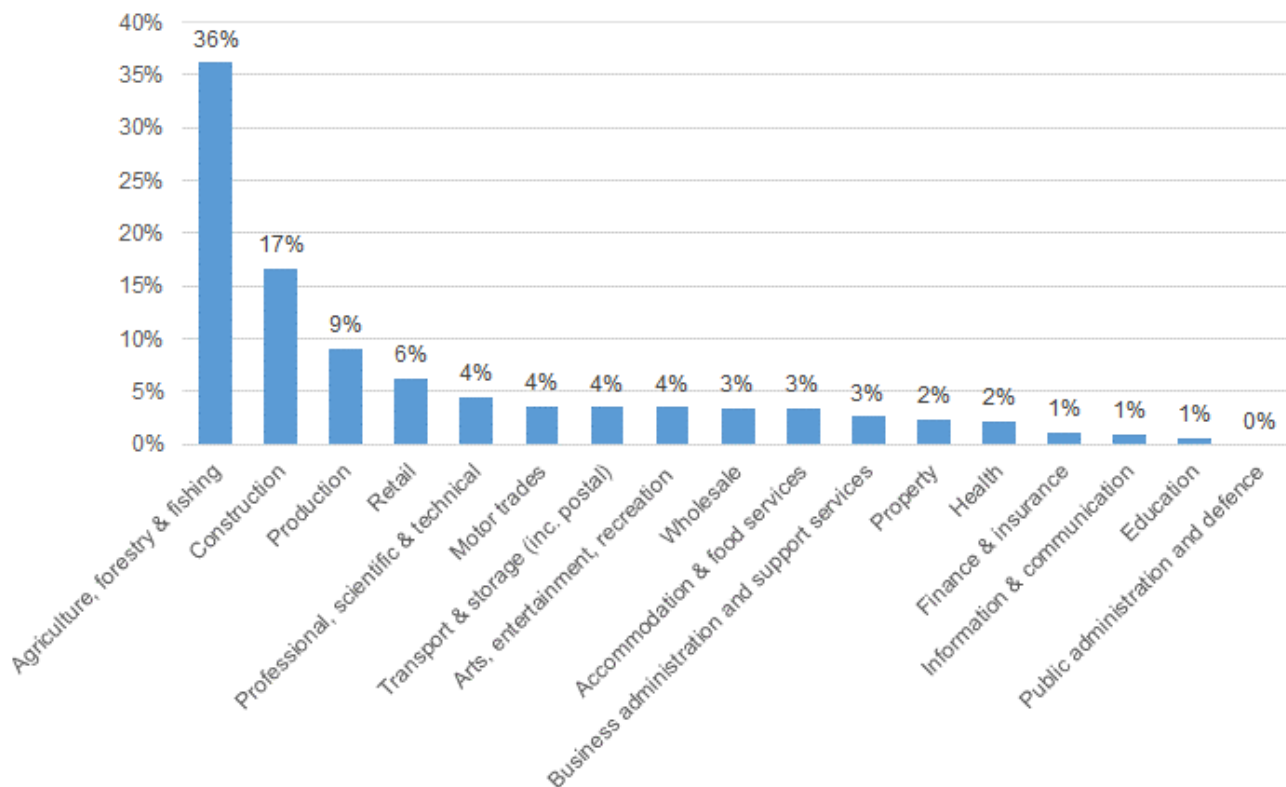
Analysis of Mobile Network Operator (MNO) information¹³ indicates that around 8% of cross border trips from NI to ROI by NI residents started in Mid Ulster District Council. Around 8% of trips from ROI to NI by ROI residents ended in Mid Ulster.

On average residents made around 1 cross border trip per week. 30% of cross border travel was for work purposes and 70% was for social/leisure purposes.

Business Profile

In 2019 there were 9,050 businesses located within Mid Ulster representing 12% of the NI population. The vast majority (92%) are classified as micro (0-9 employees). The top 3 sectors in Mid Ulster are: Agriculture, forestry & fishing (36%), Construction (17%) and Production (9%)¹⁴.

Figure 3: Number of VAT and/or PAYE Registered Businesses Operating in Mid Ulster by Broad Industry Group, 2019



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

According to Invest NI's Mid Ulster Council Briefing¹⁵, over the period 2014/15 to 2018/19, 13 externally owned businesses were offered support that contributed towards investment commitments of £27m and assisted 229 jobs in the area.

¹³ DfE (2018) [Cross Border Movements: The movement of people across the NI-Rol border](#)

¹⁴ NISRA, Inter-Departmental Business Register

¹⁵ <https://secure.investni.com/static/library/invest-ni/documents/investni-support-council-area-mid-ulster-2019.pdf>

Web-links to useful data sources

[Labour Force Survey](#)

[Claimant Count](#)

[Regional analysis and trends](#)

[Quarterly Employment Survey](#)

[Business Register and Employment Survey](#)

[Annual Business Inquiry](#)

[Redundancies](#)

[Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings](#)

[Regional Gross Value Added \(Balanced\)](#)

[NI Composite Economic Index](#)

[Broad Economy Sales and Exports Statistics](#)

[Inter Departmental Business Register](#)

[Agricultural Census 2018](#)

[Local Government Tourism Statistics](#)

[Invest NI Regional Profiles](#)

- [Eastern](#)
- [North Eastern](#)
- [North Western](#)
- [Southern](#)
- [Western](#)

[Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey 2018](#)

[Northern Ireland Trade and Investment Under 'No Deal'](#)

[The movement of people across the Northern Ireland - Republic of Ireland border](#)

[An analysis of migrant workers from the NI census](#)