## Release dates for Workforce Statistics & Analysis publications for the next 12 months

Statistical Report	Publication Frequency	National Statistics/Official Statistics	5 Star Open Data Rating	Dec-24	Jan- 25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr - 25	May- 25	Jun-25	Jul- 25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct- 25	Nov-25
Employment in the Northern Ireland Civil Service	Quarterly	Official Statistics	3 stars	-	-	Figures at 1 January 25	-	-	Figures at 1 April 25	-	-	Figures at 1 July 25	-	-	Figures at 1 October 25
Equality Statistics for the Northern Ireland Civil Service	Annually	Official Statistics	3 stars	-	-	-	Figures at 1 January 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pay Statistics for the Northern Ireland Civil Service	Annually	Accredited Official Statistics	3 stars	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Figures at year ending March 25	-	-
Personnel Statistics for the NICS	Annually	Official Statistics	3 stars	-	-	-	-	-	-	Figures at 1 April 2025	-	-	-	-	-
Sickness Absence in the Northern Ireland Civil Service	Annually	Accredited Official Statistics	3 stars	-	-	-	-	-	-	Report for 24/25	-	-	-	-	-
Quarterly Sickness Absence in the NICS	Quarterly	Accredited Official Statistics	3 stars	Figures for July – Sept 24 published on 3 December	-	-	Figures for Oct– Dec 24	-	-	Figures for Apr– March 25	-	-	Figures for Apr– June 25	-	Figures for Apr– June 25
Analysis of NICS Recruitment Competitions	Annually	Official Statistics	3 stars	-	-	-	Figures for 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Publication dates should be considered as provisional until 4 weeks prior to publication

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