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Text alternative for Census 2021 labour market infographic for Northern Ireland

Population aged 16 and over

In Northern Ireland the usual resident population aged 16 and over on census day 2021 was 1,514,700.

Highest level of qualification

For the Census 2021 usual resident population aged 16 years and over:

- 23.8% recorded having no qualifications
- 5.9% indicated that their highest level of qualification was at Level 1, for example, 1 to 4 GCSEs any grade
- 13.6% indicated that their highest level of qualification was at Level 2, for example, 5 or more GCSEs A* to C
- 6.4% indicated that their highest level of qualification was an Apprenticeship
- 16.0% indicated that their highest level of qualification was at Level 3, for example, 2 or more A Levels
- 32.1% indicated that their highest level of qualification was at Level 4 and above, for example, Degree
- 2.2% indicated that their highest level of qualification was Other qualifications

Economic activity

For the Census 2021 usual resident population aged 16 years and over:

- 56.1% were in employment
- 2.8% were unemployed
- 41.2% were economically inactive

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Population aged 16 and over in employment

In Northern Ireland the population aged 16 and over in employment on census day 2021 was 849,100.

Hours worked

For the Census 2021 usual resident population aged 16 years and over in employment:

- 10.2% worked 15 hours or less a week
- 20.7% worked 16 to 30 hours a week
- 59.8% worked 31 to 48 hours a week
- 9.2% worked 49 hours or more a week

Occupation

For the Census 2021 usual resident population aged 16 years and over in employment:

- 9.0% were employed as managers, directors and senior officials
- 20.3% were employed in professional occupations
- 9.6% were employed in associate professional and technical occupations
- 11.1% were employed in administrative and secretarial occupations
- 12.8% were employed in skilled trades occupations
- 10.4% were employed in caring, leisure and other service occupations
- 9.3% were employed in sales and customer service occupations
- 7.6% were employed as process, plant and machine operatives
- 9.9% were employed in elementary occupations