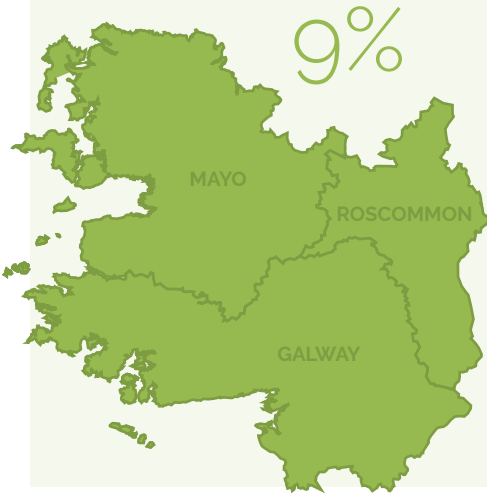


Employment

The West accounts for 9% of employment in Ireland (231,600 persons)



Top 5 Sectors	Total Employed	Q3 2019- Q3 2021
Industry	36,900	4% ▲
Health & social work	35,300	9% ▲
Wholesale & retail	29,300	-3% ▼
Education	20,100	20% ▲
Accommodation & food	20,000	4% ▲

Key Labour Market Trends

(Q3 2019 - Q3 2021)

Employment



↑ 6%

Employment increased by 12,200 (6%).

Gender



Employment increased for both females and males; however the increase observed for females (7,600 persons or an 8% increase) was almost double when compared to the increase observed for males (4,600 persons or a 4% increase).

Participation rate

63.8%



At 63.8%, the West region had the third lowest labour force participation rate when compared to all other regions, observing an increase of 1.5 percentage points between q3 2019 and q3 2021.

Sector



Agriculture

Agriculture saw the largest absolute increase in employment (5,200 persons or a 43% increase) with total employment in quarter 3 2021 at 17,200.

Selected employers in this region

Ashford Castle Chanelle Group Thermo King
 Western Brand SuperValu Cisco Systems
 Elverys Penn Engineering Fastening Technologies
 Supermacs Kepak Boston Scientific Corrib Oil
 Barna Recycling C&FTooling Coffey Water
 Dawn Meats Ward & Burke Construction

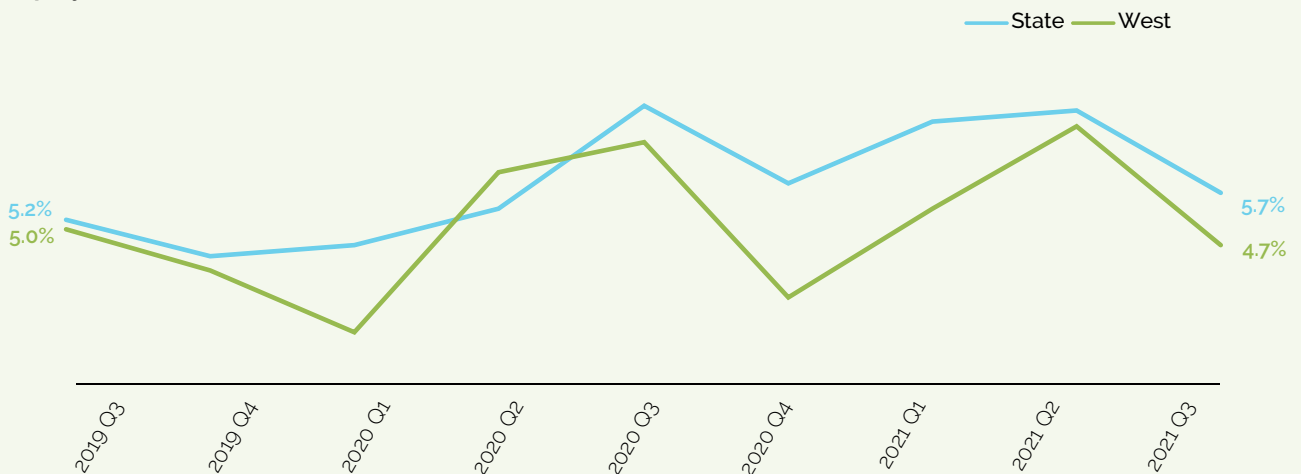
Business Demography (2019)

There were 24,053 active enterprises in the West region in 2019 with Galway accounting for the highest share at 58%.

	Galway	Mayo	Roscommon
Active Enterprise	14,055	6,939	3,059
Persons Engaged	77,520	33,228	11,905

Unemployment

Unemployment rate %



Note: Employment and unemployment numbers relate to those aged 15 years and over; unemployment rates refer to those aged 15-74 years; the number of persons engaged in the Business Demography data refers to the private business economy only.

Numbers unemployed Q3 2021



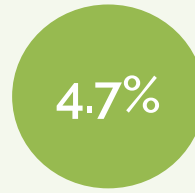
persons unemployed

Change from Q3 2019-Q3 2021 UE Numbers



Overall unemployment numbers remained unchanged.

UE Rate Q3 2021



Change from Q3 2019-Q3 2021 UE Rate



Decrease of 0.3 percentage points

Pandemic Unemployment Payments



In November 2021, there were 4,357 people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the West region representing 1.9% of persons in the labour force (based on Q3 2021).

Overall Comments

- The West region saw an increase in employment over the two-year period, particularly relating to the agriculture and education sectors. Unemployment levels were below the national average with the region observing the second lowest unemployment rate when compared to all other regions in quarter 3 2021. New opportunities were arising across a variety of sectors as seen in the job announcements.

Companies with recent job announcements in the West region

Company	No. of Jobs
Poly	200
HID Global	150
Genesys	100
Xerotech	70
Chanelle Pharma	60

