Regional Skills
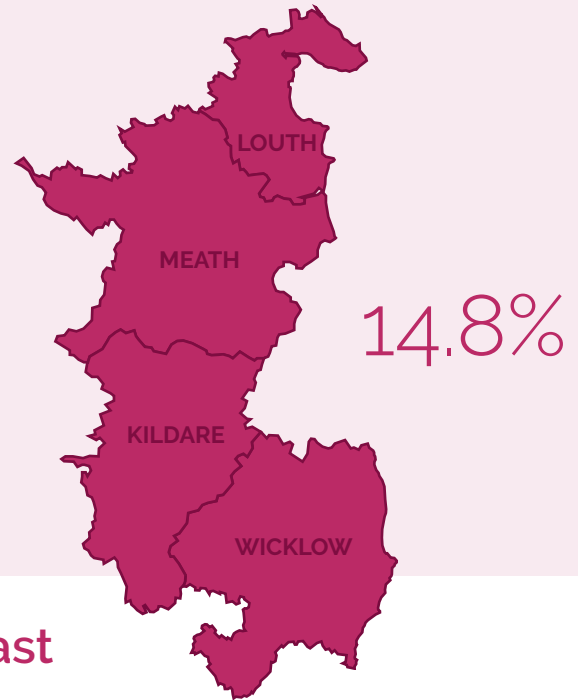## MID-EAST
Partnerships for Skills

SOLAS learning works

Employment

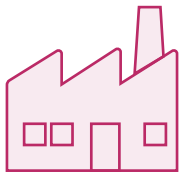The Mid-East accounts for **14.8% of employment in Ireland (338,800 persons)**

Top 5 Sectors	Total employed	Q1-Q3 2020	
Industry	45,900	+15%	▲
Wholesale & retail	44,800	-9%	▼
Health	42,100	+7%	▲
Education	31,800	+3%	▲
Construction	25,900	+2%	▲

LOUTH

MEATH

KILDARE

WICKLOW

14.8%

Impact of COVID-19 on the Mid-East
(from Q1 2020 to Q3 2020)

Employment

↓ 0.5%

Employment fell by **1,700 persons (0.5%)**

0.3% ↑   1.5% ↓

Females experienced a fall in employment of 2,300 persons (1.5%); the number of males in employment remained almost unchanged (increase of 0.3%)

Work Force

↑ 63.7%

The labour force participation rate increased from 62.6% in Q1 **to 63.7% in Q3**

Wholesale & Retail Sector

↓ 9%

The wholesale & retail sector saw the largest absolute decline in employment (**4,200 persons or a 9% decrease**) whereas employment in industry increased by 5,900 persons

Sector Focus
Selected top manufacturing companies in the Mid-East region

Manor Farm
Procter & Gamble
Kildare Chilling Company
National Pen
International Meat Ingredients (IMI)
Natures Best
Irish Country Meats
Kerry Foods
Kepak O'Brien Fine Foods
Boyne Valley
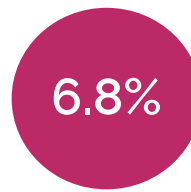**Dawn Farm Foods**

Unemployment

Unemployment rate %

Legend: State — Mid East

15.8%
14.9%

7.1%
6.8%

2012 Q1, Q3, 2013 Q1, Q3, 2014 Q1, Q3, 2015 Q1, Q3, 2016 Q1, Q3, 2017 Q1, Q3, 2018 Q1, Q3, 2019 Q1, Q3, 2020 Q1, Q3

Numbers unemployed Q3 2020

24,500

Change from Q1-Q3 2020 UE Number

⬆

Increase of 9,200 persons unemployed

UE Rate Q3 2020

6.8%

Change from Q1-Q3 2020 UE Rate

⬆

Increase of 2.5 percentage points

Region rates – Overall comments

Mid-East region has **a lower UE rate than the national average**

Mid-East observed the **third highest increase** in their UE rate between Q1 2020 – Q3 2020 behind Dublin and West region

Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Week 44

Persons receiving Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the **Mid-East** region:

- **46,900 persons,** compared to 87,700 in May 2020 (Week 18)

- Accounting for **13.8% of the labour force*** in the region (14.4% overall in the State)

- 26.4% (or 12,400 persons) **aged under 25 years** (25.3% for the State)

- **51.1% female** (50.4% for the State)

* based on Quarter 3 2020

Companies with recent job announcements in the Mid-East region

Company	No. of Jobs
SSE	80
Overhaul	50
Dr Pepper	50
Pfizer	300
Roche	700