

Employment

The West accounts for 9.6% of employment in Ireland (220,400 persons)



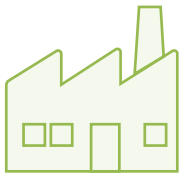
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Top 5 Sectors	Total employed	Q1-Q3 2020
Industry	36,400	+1% ▲
Wholesale & retail	35,200	+6% ▲
Health	28,200	-12% ▼
Education	15,700	-8% ▼
Agriculture	15,000	-4% ▼

Impact of COVID-19 on the West region

(from Q1 2020 to Q3 2020)

Employment



↓ 1.4%
Employment fell by 3,100 persons (1.4%)



Male employment fell by 2,000 persons (1.6%) while female employment declined by 1,200 persons (1.2%)

Work Force



62.3%
The labour force participation rate increased from 61.5% in Q1 to 62.3% in Q3

Health Sector



↓ 12%
The health sector saw the largest absolute decline in employment (3,900 persons or a 12% decrease)

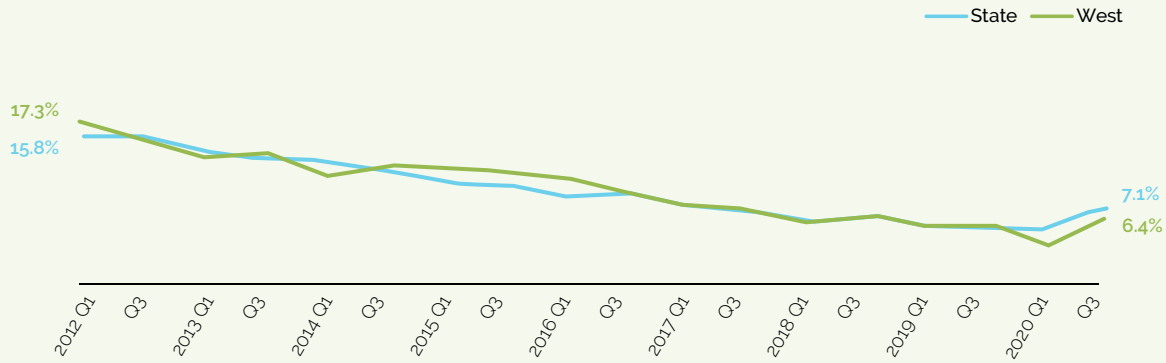
Sector Focus

Selected top manufacturing companies in the West region

Caragh Provision
Oliver Carty **Ballina Beverages** **Chanelle**
 Penn Engineering Fastening Technologies West Bake
 McHale Engineering C&F Tooling Kepak
 Kepak (Athleague) **Thermo King**
Dawn Meats

Unemployment

Unemployment rate %



Numbers unemployed Q3 2020

14,900

Change from Q1-Q3 2020 UE Number



Increase of 8,000 persons unemployed

UE Rate Q3 2020

6.4%

Change from Q1-Q3 2020 UE Rate



Increase of 3.4 percentage points

Region rates – Overall comments



After Dublin, the West region observed **the greatest increase** in UE rate between Q1 2020 – Q3 2020

Despite this, the West region had **the second lowest UE rate** in Q3 2020

Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Week 44

Persons receiving Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the **West** region:

- **30,100 persons**, compared to 52,600 in May 2020 (Week 18)
- Accounting for **13.7% of the labour force*** in the region (14.4% overall in the State)
- 27.7% (or 8,300 persons) **aged under 25 years** (25.3% for the State)
- **51.5% female** (50.4% for the State)

* based on Quarter 3 2020

Companies with recent job announcements in the West region

Company	No. of Jobs
Medtronic	300
Fidelity	100
triggerfish	60
CitySwift	50
Diligent	200

