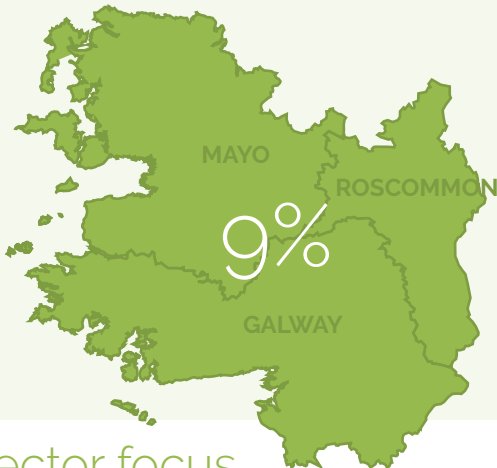


## Regional Profile – Q3 2018

The West region accounts for 9% of employment in Ireland (209,000 persons)



Industry is the biggest employer in the West accounting for 38,100 persons



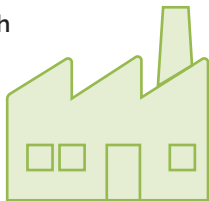
With 37,700 persons employed, professionals were the largest occupational group, followed by skilled trades (33,300) and elementary occupations (25,400)



Almost two thirds of permits issued for the region were in the health sector, compared to a share of 30% nationally.

## Sector focus

Growth

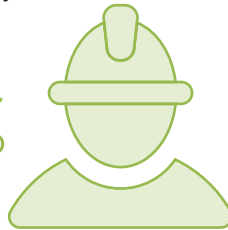


+ 6,500 jobs

In absolute terms industry added the highest number of jobs since 2013

5 year employment growth

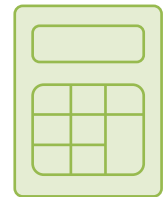
66%



In relative terms, growth was strongest in construction (66%) and accommodation & food (43%)

Finance & professional activities

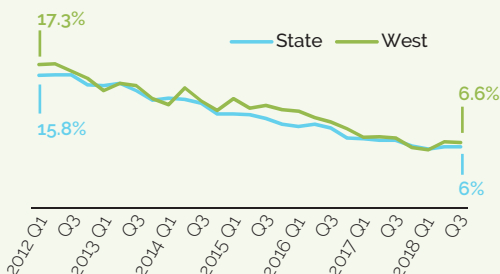
5.8%



The employment share in finance & professional activities (5.8%) was significantly below the national level (10.5%)

## Unemployment

Unemployment rate



6.6%  
(14,500 persons)

The unemployment rate in Q3 2018 was 6.6%, down from 17.3% in Q1 2012

54%



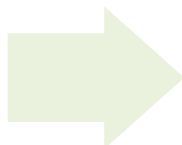
Of those unemployed in the West region, 54% had a Leaving Certificate qualification or less, significantly above the national level of 36%

55%



55% of those unemployed in the Mid-West were male

Companies with recent job announcements in the West region



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