

Employment

The Midland region accounts for 6% of employment in Ireland (142,600 persons)

Top 5 Sectors	Total Employed	Q3 2019- Q3 2021
Industry	20,300	-5% ▼
Wholesale & retail	20,300	4% ▲
Health & social work	16,800	-2% ▼
Education	13,400	40% ▲
Agriculture	9,500	-0.1% ▼

6%



Key Labour Market Trends

(Q3 2019 - Q3 2021)

Employment



↑ +9%

Employment increased by 11,200 persons (9%)

Gender



Employment increased for both males and females; however, the increase observed for females (8,600 persons or a 15% increase) was three times greater than that of their male counterparts (2,600 persons or a 4% increase).

Participation rate

63.4%



At 63.4%, the Midland region observed the greatest increase in labour force participation rates between Q3 2019 and Q3 2021 when compared to all other regions (4.7 percentage points).

Sector

The education sector observed the greatest absolute increase in terms of persons employed (3,800 persons or a 40% increase) followed by public administration (3,700 persons or a 70% increase). Construction observed the greatest decrease (-5%).

↑ +40%



Education

↑ +70%



Public administration

↓ -5%



Construction

Selected employers in this region

Dunnes Stores Heatmerchants **Kepak**
 SuperValu **Alkermes** Carroll Cuisine **Pat The Baker**
Grant Engineering Cameron **Medtronic**
AbbottDiagnostics Division Finesse Medical
 C&D foods **C&F Auto Motive** **Boston Scientific**
Banagher Pre-Cast Concrete Campion Insurances
Mergon RBK Rosderral Irish Meats

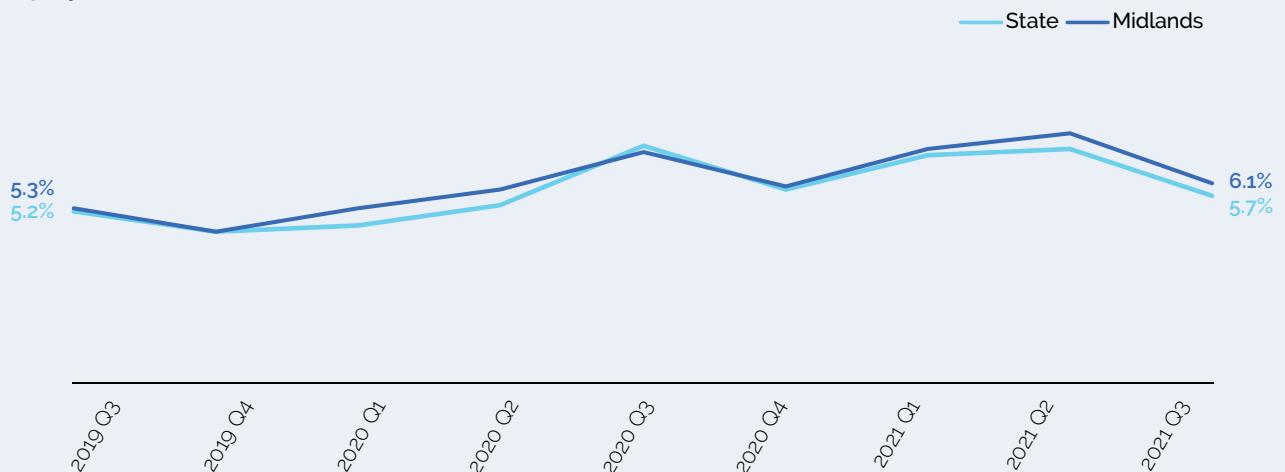
Business Demography (2019)

There were 12,871 active enterprises in the Midland region in 2019 with Westmeath accounting for the highest share at 35%.

	Longford	Westmeath	Offaly	Laois
Active Enterprise	1,961	4,509	3,290	3,111
Persons Engaged	8,720	21,373	15,223	13,097

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



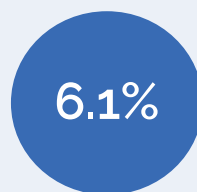
unemployed persons

Change from Q3
2019-Q3 2021 UE
Numbers



Decrease of
2,000 persons

UE Rate Q3 2021



Change from Q3
2019-Q3 2021 UE
Rate



Decrease of 0.8
percentage points

Pandemic Unemployment Payments



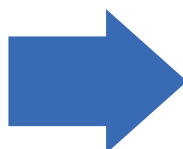
In November 2021, there were 2,620 people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the Midland region representing 1.8% of persons in the labour force (based on Q3 2021).

Overall Comments

- The Midland region saw a significant increase in employment over the two-year period, particularly relating to the education and PAD sectors. Employment growth in the Midland region was third highest when compared to all other regions. Despite this, unemployment rates were above the national average. New opportunities were arising across a variety of sectors as seen in the job announcements.

Companies with recent job announcements in the Midlands region

Company	No. of Jobs
Bord Na Mona	850
Centre Parcs	250
Zoetis	100
Sidero	75
Ardonagh Global And Risk	60



**Bord
na Móna**



sidero

