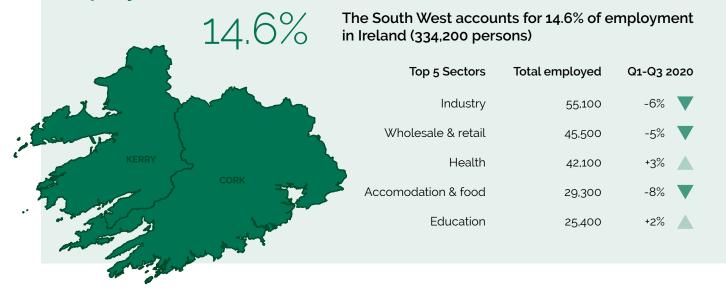




Employment



Impact of COVID-19 on the South West region

(from Q1 2020 to Q3 2020)

Employment



, 3.0%

Employment fell by 10,200 persons (3.0%)

Work Force



61.6%

The labour force participation rate decreased from 62.9% in Q1 to **61.6% in Q3** Industry

The fall in employment was greatest for females, at 6,200 persons (or 3.9%), compared to 4,000 persons (or 2.2%) for males.

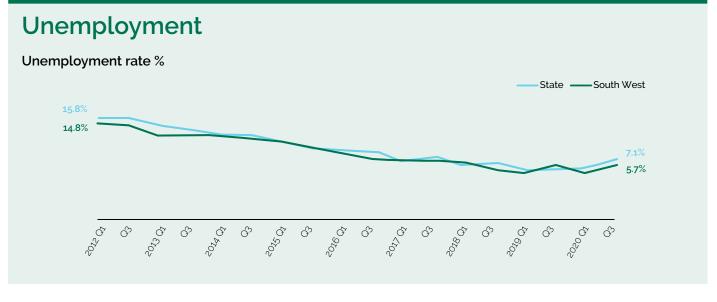
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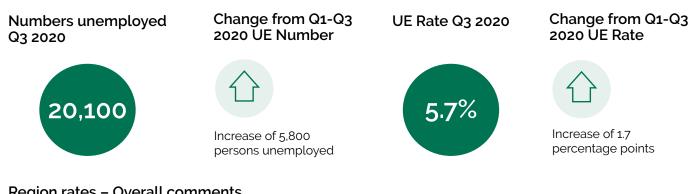
Industry saw the largest absolute decline in employment (3,600 persons or a **6% decrease**)

Sector Focus

Selected top manufacturing companies in the South West region

Eli Lilly Stryker Orthopaedics Novartis Concentrate Maufacturing Company Pfizer Pharmaceuticals De Puy Kepak Merek Millipore Blarney Woolen Mills





Region rates – Overall comments



South West region had the lowest UE Rate in Q3 2020

Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Week 44

Persons receiving Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the South West region:

- 46,000 persons, compared to 84,600 in May 2020 (Week 18)
- Accounting for 13.8% of the labour force* in the region (14.4% overall in the State)
- 27.2% (or 12,500 persons) aged under 25 years (25.3% for the State)
- 53.9% female (50.4% for the State)
- * based on Quarter 3 2020

