

2.39 million

people employed in Ireland in 2021
(aged 15+) (annual average)



+102,000 full-time
+127,200 part-time

(between quarter 4 2020 and quarter 4 2021)

157,000 unemployed in 2021

(annual average)

Quarter 1 2021: **170,500**
Quarter 4 2021: **127,400**

Employment gains mainly in high skilled occupations

(between quarter 4 2019 and quarter 4 2021)

- +19%** Associate professionals
- +16%** Managers
- +15%** Professionals

Sectors of employment

37% of all employment in health, industry and wholesale & retail sectors combined

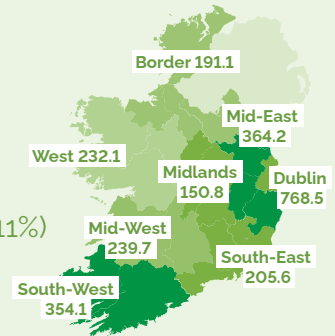
- +31%** ICT
- +23%** Professional activities
- 10%** Accommodation & food
- 15%** Administrative services

(between quarter 4 2019 and quarter 4 2021)

Regional Employment (000s)

45% of total national employment in Dublin/Mid-East

↑ Employment increased in all regions. Largest increases in Midland (+13%) and Mid-West (+11%)



(between quarter 4 2020 and quarter 4 2021)

14,000 new employment permits issued in 2021

- 36%** Health sector
- 31%** ICT sector
- 8%** Financial activities

2 million labour market transitions in 2021

Increase in transitions

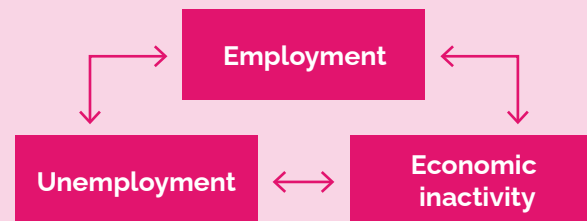
- within employment (changes in employer and/or occupation)
- from unemployment to employment

Decreases in transitions

- from employment to inactivity

0.5 million recent job hires in 2021 (started with employer in previous 3 months)

+50% compared to 2020 (increases particularly in accommodation & food and wholesale & retail)



Over **500,000 online job vacancy adverts** for Ireland in Cedefop's OVATE data

+26% compared to 2020

Most frequently mentioned skills: adapt to change, work in teams, teamworking skills, use a computer, use Microsoft Office, and communication skills.

Occupational group	Job titles	Type of shortage
Science & Engineering	Analytical/process and medical scientists	Skill shortage
	Quality control/assurance, process, and design engineer	Skill shortage
	Mechanical, electrical, automation and validation engineers	Skill shortage
	Maintenance/lab technicians	Skill shortage
ICT	IT project managers	Skill shortage
	Software developers/engineers	Skill shortage
	IT analysts/engineers	Skill shortage
	IT technicians with foreign languages	Skill shortage
Health & Social Care	Medical practitioners	Skill shortage
	Nurses	Skill shortage
	Healthcare assistants	Skill shortage
	Care workers	Potential labour shortage
Construction	Quantity surveyors	Skill shortage
	Civil engineers & construction project managers	Potential shortage
	Plumbers	Potential shortage
	Carpenters	Potential shortage
Other Craft	CNC programmers	Skill shortage
	Welders	Potential shortage
	Electricians	Potential shortage
Hospitality	Chefs	Skill shortage
Transport & Logistics	HGV drivers	Potential shortage
	Taxi drivers	Labour shortage