



### Regional Profile - Q3 2018



#### Over 333,000 persons employed



Employment growth was strongest in construction (56%) over the past 5 years, adding an extra **7,800** persons.



Industry is the biggest employer in the South West, accounting for **50,600** persons.

# Sector focus - Industry



15.2%

Industry accounted for **15.2%** of all employment in the South West region. This is higher than the national level of **12.6%**.



21,500

21,500 were employed in medium-high tech manufacturing in the South West in Q3 2018.

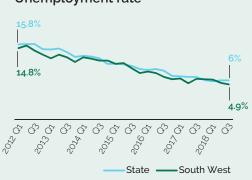


24,300

Medium-low tech & low tech manufacturing employed 24,300 persons.

# Unemployment

#### Unemployment rate



4.9% (17,300 persons)

The unemployment rate for the South West was **4.9**%, below the national level



**40%** of those unemployed in the South West were **under 35** 



Of those unemployed in the South West, 42% had a **third level qualification**, significantly above the national level of 32%

The largest number of job announcements in 2018 was in the ICT sector

Recent job announcements in the media:









