

**SECTION 6g -
CRITICAL ECONOMY
SECTOR: PUBLIC
SECTOR**

<http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/2010-11-pay-and-workforce-technical-annex.pdf> Report on NI Public Sector

http://www.detini.gov.uk/dca_section-2.xls NI Census of Employment 2009 & 2011

6g.1 Significance of Public Sector - Existing Scale and Potential

It is not straightforward to get data on the scale and extent of the public sector in RoI and NI, particularly to LGD level. However, the public sector has been - and remains a very important source of employment and income to the economies of all the LGDs of the Central Border Region.

Other issues are that the public sector jobs offer relatively long-term stability to an area, the jobs are relatively flexible and they offer more equality of pay and opportunities for women in the workforce. There have been government initiatives over the past decade to encourage 'de-centralisation' of government departments 'to the regions', including to towns in the Central Border Region. Though the RoI initiative has now been largely dropped, towns such as Tubbercurry, Cavan and Monaghan were all earmarked for departmental offices. In NI, the government undertook a similar Review which evaluated the suitability of most main towns to accommodate public jobs, the NI Community Safety College is to be built at Cookstown (as is DARD Rivers Agency HQ), whilst most of the main towns including Omagh, Cookstown and Enniskillen were amongst those vying to host the re-location of the new HQ for the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.

The main categorisation is the RoI (EU) NACE Codes and the equivalent NI Standard Industrial Classification (SIC Codes) but it does not distinguish explicitly between public and private sectors and some categories such as 'Gas, Water & Electricity' would include both sectors. The first challenge is to define 'public sector' especially when there are many blurred divisions e.g. there are many 'professional & technical staff' in the public sector, there are semi-state corporations, there are 'grey areas' such as university / college staff, there are sub-contracted / outsourced services and many jobs are not specific to one LGD or indeed are recorded at the organisation's HQ - often in Dublin or Belfast. The Census figures record the employment sectors of residents of a particular LGD, but those jobs are not necessarily located there.

6g.2 Public Sector Organisations, Main Areas

The main public sector employers are in health, education, Central Government Departments (and their agencies) and the county / district councils. There are differences in the functions of government in the Rol and NI, but the county towns of Cavan, Monaghan, Carrick-on-Shannon and Sligo (plus Sligo IT and main hospital) have particularly strong public sectors (Donegal town also has a Public Service Centre). Similarly, towns such as Omagh are recognised for their strength of public sector employment - with many large schools, the South West College, health administration and several central government departments located there.

6g.3 Number Employed in Public Sector

Table 53: Employment in the Public Sector for Central Border Region 2001- 2011

Area	2001 / 2002 Public Sector*		2006 Public Sector*		2011 Public Sector*	
	No.	%	No.	%	Public No.	Public %
Cavan	4,830	21.5%	6,247	22.1%	7,777	28.5%
Donegal	13,118	27.1%	16,816	29.7%	19,012	35.7%
Leitrim	2,742	27.4%	3,715	29.3%	4,205	35.1%
Monaghan	4,749	22.5%	5,951	23.4%	6,504	28.3%
Sligo	7,716	32.2%	8,966	32.8%	9,318	36.6%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough	24,438	33.0%	N/a	N/a	26,650	29.6%
Fermanagh & Omagh	12,793	30.9%	N/A	N/A	14,473	29.4%
Mid Ulster	12,330	26.1%	N/A	N/A	16,197	26.3%
ICBAN Region	82,716	28.60%	N/A	N/A	104,136	30.50%
Rep of Ireland	411,900	25.1%	500,317	25.9%	565,293	31.3%
Northern Ireland	212,017	30.9%	N/A	N/A	250,986	31.6%

Source: Rol Census - CSO & NI Census - NISRA

<http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/Statire/SelectVarVal/Define.asp?maintable=CD319&Planguage=0>
 Rol 2011 Census (& 2006) Profile 3, Table CD319, Broad Ind. Groups

<http://census.cso.ie/Census/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=1485> Rol 2002 Census, Interactive Tables, Volume 5, Table 13

http://www.nisra.gov.uk/Census/key_stats_bulletin_2011.pdf 2011 NI Click on p 31 link to Table KS605NI (Persons) (or KS607NI (Males), KS608NI (Females))

<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/Census/2001%20Census%20Results/Key%20Statistics/KeyStatisticstoOutputAreaLevel.html> 2001 NI Scroll down to Table KS11a.

*In this Table, the following categories are considered as 'Public Sector': Public Administration, Education, Health/Social Work and Other community, social... services.

% refers to the number employed in those sectors as a % of all people employed

<http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/2010-11-pay-and-workforce-technical-annex.pdf> NI Report, define 'public'

Table 54: Employment Breakdown of Public Sector in Central Border Region - Census 2011

Area	Public Administration, Defence, Social Security, etc.	Education	Health & Social Work	Other Community, Social & Personal Services (RoI)	Total Number Employed
Cavan	1,632	2,172	3,000	973	7,777
Donegal	3,877	5,811	6,783	2,541	19,012
Leitrim	1,029	1,093	1,603	480	4,205
Monaghan	1,306	1,985	2,417	796	6,504
Sligo	2,061	2,360	3,846	1,051	9,318
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough	6,335	7,835	12,480	N/A	26,650
Fermanagh & Omagh	2,672	4,788	7,013	N/A	14,473
Mid Ulster	2,934	5,771	7,492	N/A	16,197
ICBAN Region	21,846	31,815	44,634	N/A	104,136
Rep of Ireland	113,521	163,728	203,379	84,665	565,293
Northern Ireland	63,422	74,569	112,995	N/A	250,986

Source: RoI Census - CSO & NI Census - NISRA

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RoI 2011 Census (& 2006) Profile 3, Table CD319, Broad Ind. Groups

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* Note the categories that are considered as 'Public Sector' and 'Private Sector'

<http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/2010-11-pay-and-workforce-technical-annex.pdf> NI Report, define 'public'

6g.4 Public Sector Data Sources regarding the Central Border Region

<http://www.lisney.com/About-Lisney/News-And-Research/Office-Update-2012-Northern-Ireland.aspx> NI Office Vacancy levels 2012

http://www.detini.gov.uk/dca_section-2.xls NI Census of Employment 2009 & 2011

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