

Key Labour Market Indicators ¹ Q2 2025	Dublin	State
Population (0+ years)	1,568,000	5,458,200
Population by education level (25-64 years)		
FET (NFQ 4-6)	8%	13%
Third level	67%	57%
Working age population (15-64 years)	1,070,600	3,597,400
Labour force participation rate (15 years +)	68.8%	66.4%
Males	73.7%	71.6%
Females	64.2%	61.3%
Employment (15 years +)	842,400	2,818,100
% Total national employment	30%	100%
Employment growth (Q2 2024-Q2 2025)	0.9%	2.3%
Males	1.4%	3.0%
Females	0.4%	1.5%
Employment change (Q2 2024-Q2 2025)	7,800	63,900
Males	6,100	43,700
Females	1,700	20,200
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.8%
Share of workforce working from home (sometimes or usually)	46.1%	35.9%

Source: SLMRU analysis of CSO (LFS) data

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Employment by occupation in the Dublin Region

More than one half (58%) of employment in Dublin was in higher skilled occupations in Q2 2025; just 13% was in lower skilled occupations.

Figure 1. Employment (000s) by occupation and skill level (Q2 2024-Q2 2025)



Source: SLMRU analysis of CSO (LFS) data; excludes not stated

Table 1 Employment change by occupation (Q2 2024-Q2 2025)

Occupation skill level	Occupation	Dublin		State
		Change	% Change	% Change
High	Managers	7,200	9%	4%
	Professionals	20,000	8%	5%
	Assoc. prof	100	0%	-2%
	Total	27,300	6%	3%
Medium	Admin	-10,900	-11%	2%
	Caring services	-3,300	-6%	3%
	Skilled trades	1,300	2%	4%
	Sales	no change	0%	1%
	Total	-12,900	-5%	3%
Lower	Operative	-2,400	-7%	1%
	Elementary	-1,500	-2%	1%
	Total	-3,900	-4%	1%

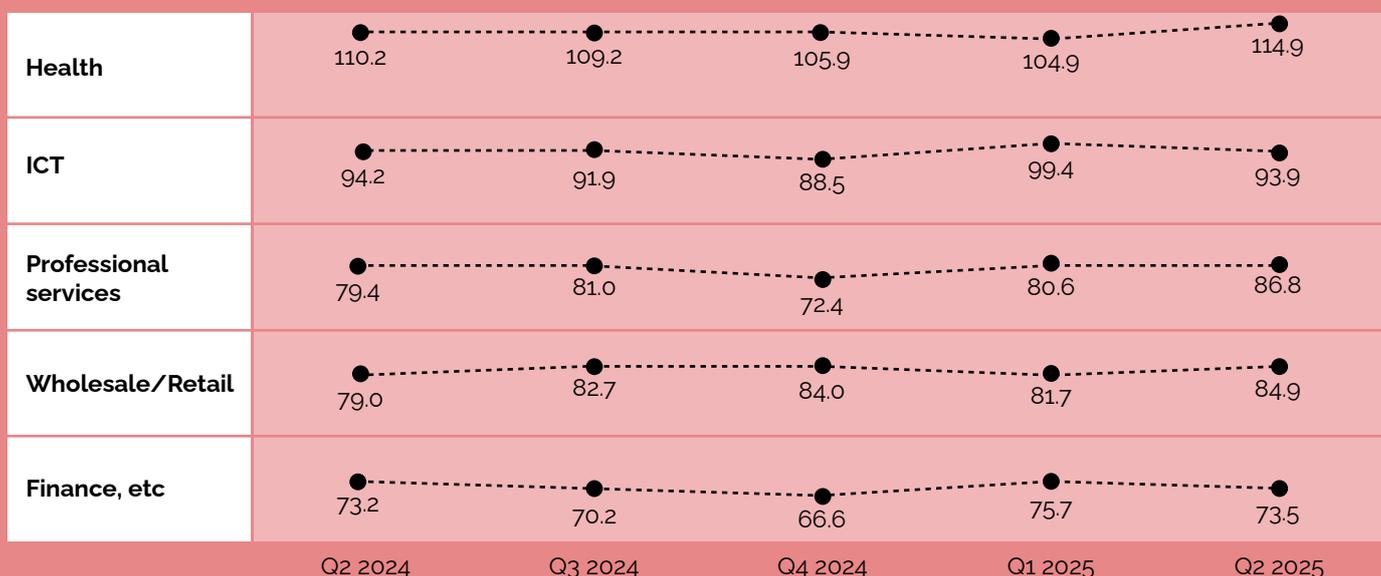
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- The share of regional employment in high skilled occupations was well above the national average (46%). At 486,600 persons in Q2 2025, **employment in high skilled** was 6% higher (27,300 extra workers) than in Q2 2024. As a result, the share of high skilled workers in total regional employment grew from 55% to 58%.
- Employment growth in the Dublin region was almost exclusively in **high skilled occupations** (+27,300), with declines in most other occupational groups except skilled trades (+1,300) and sales (unchanged).
- Medium skilled occupations accounted for 29% of employment in Dublin, well below the national average of 37%.
- At 13%, the share of workers in lower skilled occupations was well below the national average (16%)

Sectoral Employment in the Dublin Region

Just over a half of employment in Dublin in Q2 2025 was in the top five sectors. Dublin is the only region where ICT and finance are amongst the top 5 sectors.

Figure 2. Top 5 sectors of employment (000s), Q2 2024-Q2 2025



Source: SLMRU analysis of CSO (LFS) data

Table 2. Employment change by sector: top 5 sectors (Q2 2024-Q2 2025)

Top 5 Sectors	Dublin	%	State	%
Health	4,700	4%		4%
ICT	-300	0%		-4%
Professional services	7,400	9%		3%
Wholesale/retail	5,900	7%		2%
Finance, etc	300	0%		5%

Source: SLMRU analysis of CSO (LFS) data
*Excludes agriculture

Outside the Top 5 Sectors

The only other sectors* where increases occurred were :

▲ Construction (9,000) ▲ Transport (900)

The largest absolute falls were for

▼ Public admin/defence (-4,400) ▼ Admin/support (-4,100)

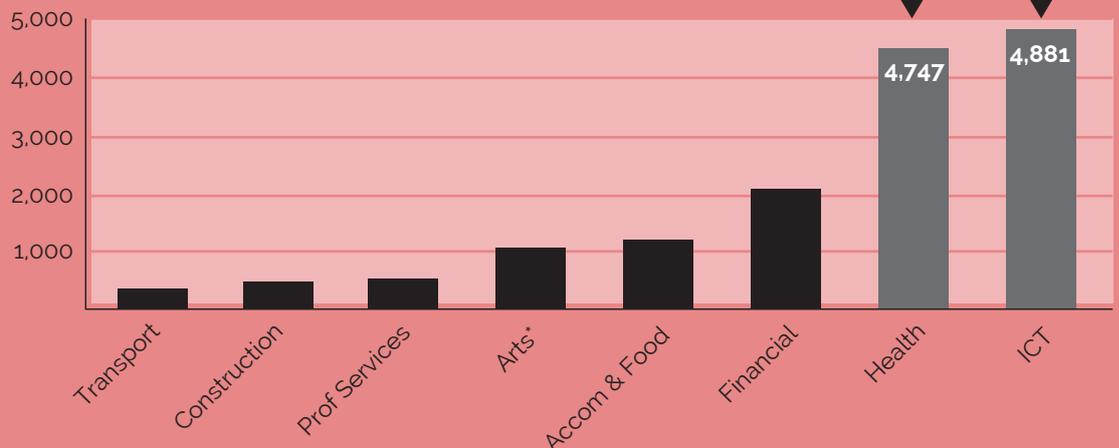
▼ Education (-4,000)

Employment Permits in the Dublin Region

With **17,252**

new employment permits issued, Dublin accounted for **over half (52%)** of the total nationally in 2024

Figure 3. Top 8 sectors for new employment permits, Dublin (2024)



*Arts comprises arts, entertainment and recreation and other services

The top **5 occupations*** accounted for **51%** of new permits (Dublin 2024)



3,629

ICT professionals
(e.g. software developers)



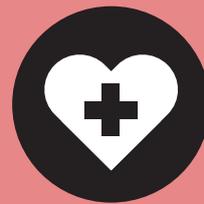
2,551

Nurses



1,071

Chefs



956

Healthcare assistants



687

Accountants

Source: DETE

*Other job titles included data analysts, engineers (civil/structural, electrical, mechanical), meat processing operatives, drivers (HGV, bus).

Companies with recent job announcements in the region (2024)

Numbers of jobs announced	
West Pharmaceutical services	330
Fenergo	300
Workday	200
SiriusXM	200
Squarespace	120
SIE	100
Klaviyo	100
FIS	100
EGIS	100
Crusoe	100



IDA job creation pipeline in the Dublin Region

5,599

jobs announced in 2024*, representing 41% of the total; two thirds were in the ICT or financial sectors.

Table 3. IDA jobs announced in the Dublin region, 2024

Occupation	Jobs announced
Professionals, of which	2,994
IT professionals	1,663
Business (financial & business analysts (inc risk), legal)	502
Business (project mgrs, researchers, accounting, etc)	199
Engineers (electronic, process, QC/QA, electrical, mechanical)	303
Other engineers (research, environmental, ctrl systems, etc.)	327
Associate professionals, of which	1,469
Business sales & sales accounts execs	711
Other business (advertising, data analysts, legal, financial)	603
IT & engineering	155
Managers	392
Admin & secretarial	282
Sales	232
Other (Operative, elementary & skilled trades)	230
Total	5,599

Source: IDA
*Jobs committed by client companies over the next 3-5 years

Unemployment* in the Dublin Region

Figure 4. Unemployment rate (%) – Q2 2019-Q2 2025



Numbers unemployed Q2 2025

44,800

Change from Q2 2024

4,000 unemployed persons

UE rate Q2 2025

5.1%

Change in UE rate from Q2 2024

0.4 percentage points

Source: SLMRU analysis of CSO (LFS) data
*Refers to persons aged 15-74 years

Live Register – Dublin Region, October 2025

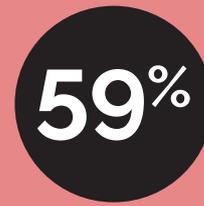
Of the 46,127 persons on the Live Register in the Dublin region in October 2025,



had been on the register for a year or longer

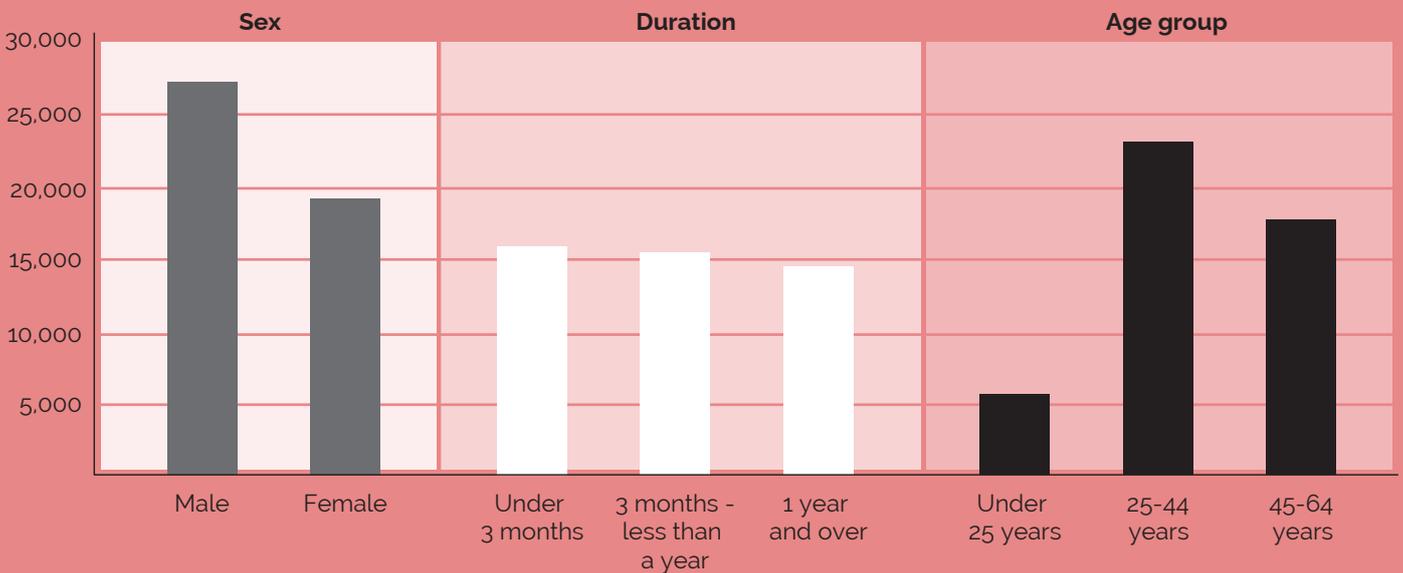


were aged 25-44 years



at 27,037 males outnumbered females

Figure 5. Number of persons on Live Register (Oct 2025), Dublin region



Source: SLMRU analysis of CSO (Live Register) data

Overall Comments: Dublin Region

- With 842,400 persons employed, **Dublin is Ireland's largest regional workforce**, making up 30% of total national employment in Q2 2025.
- At nearly 67% in Q2 2025, over two thirds of Dublin's adult population held **third level qualifications** (well above the average of nearly 57%).
- Dublin accounted for 52% of total national employment in the **ICT and financial sectors** in Q2 2025.
- More than **two fifths (46%) of workers in the Dublin region work from home**, the highest share observed across all regions, and well above the national average of nearly 36%.