



The All-Island Economy

Utilising sub-regional labour market intelligence

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Introduction

UUEPC, in partnership with Dublin City University (DCU), have developed sub-regional labour market intelligence, comparable across the island of Ireland. Using the Labour Force Survey, a consistent time series of labour market intelligence is now available dating back to 2012.

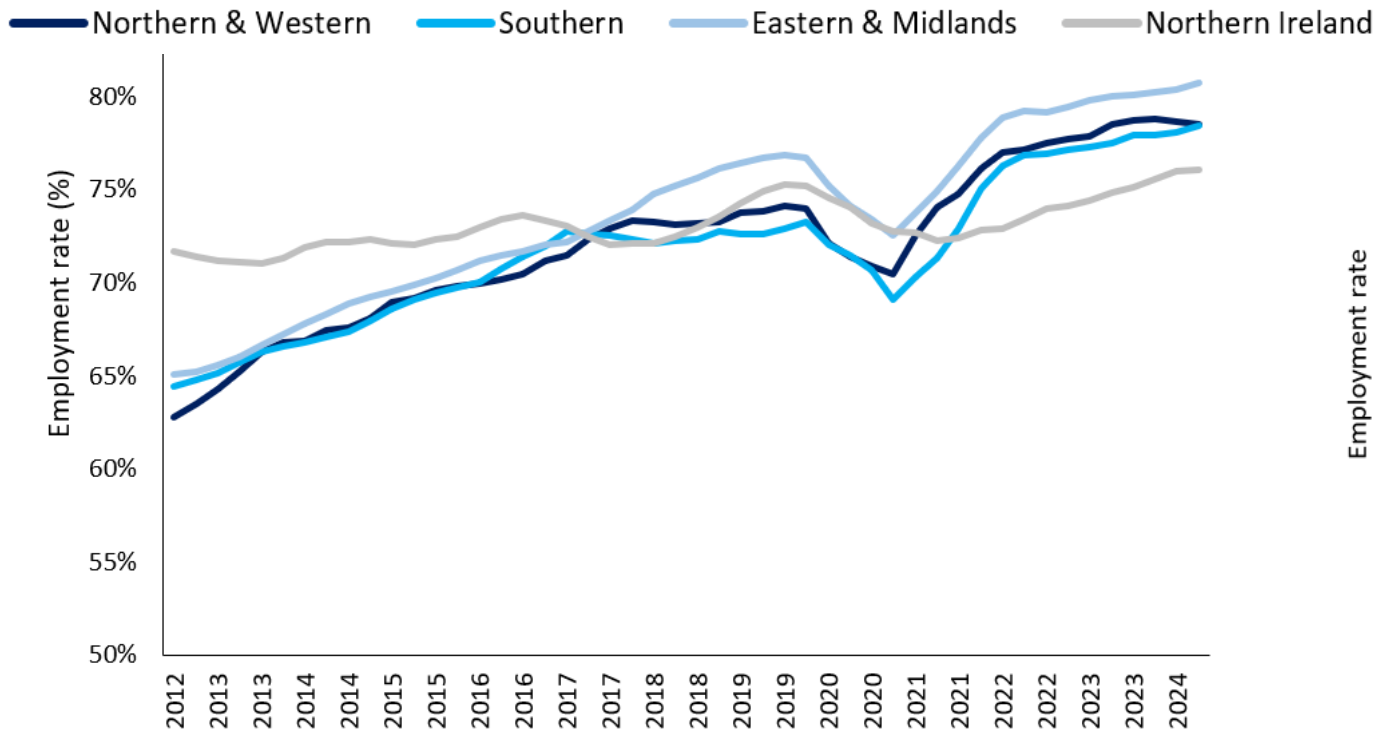
Sub-regional focus includes four main regions (Northern & Western, Southern, Eastern & Midland and Northern Ireland).

New data will be available and published on a quarterly basis.

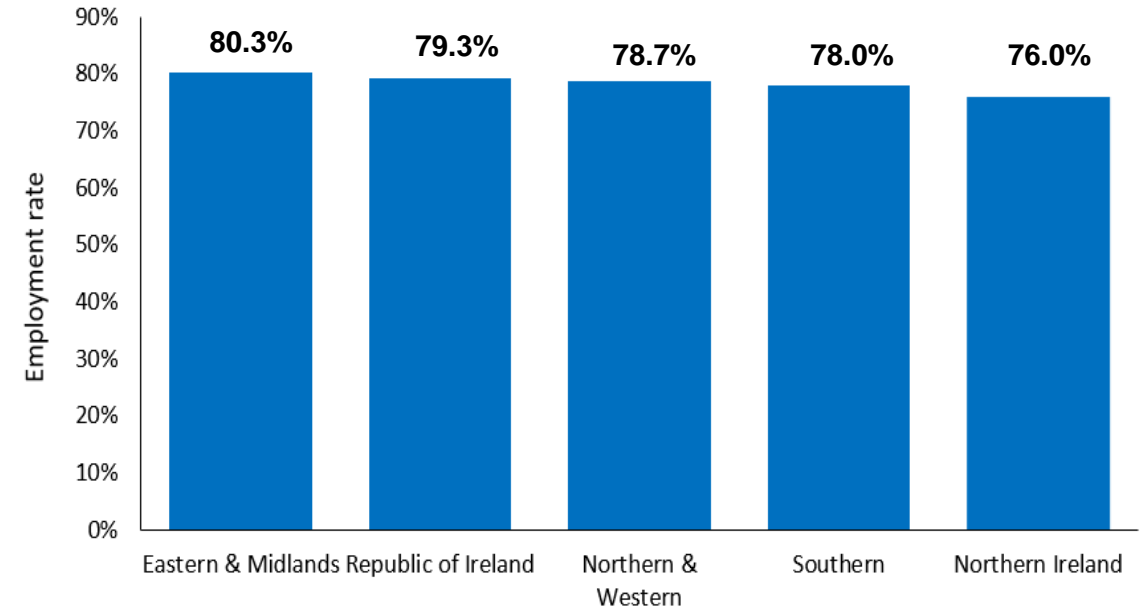


Employment – a differing post pandemic picture

Employment rate (aged 20-64), ROI NUTS 2 regions & NI, Q1 2012 – Q3 2024



Employment rate (aged 20-64), ROI NUTS 2 regions & NI, Q3 2024

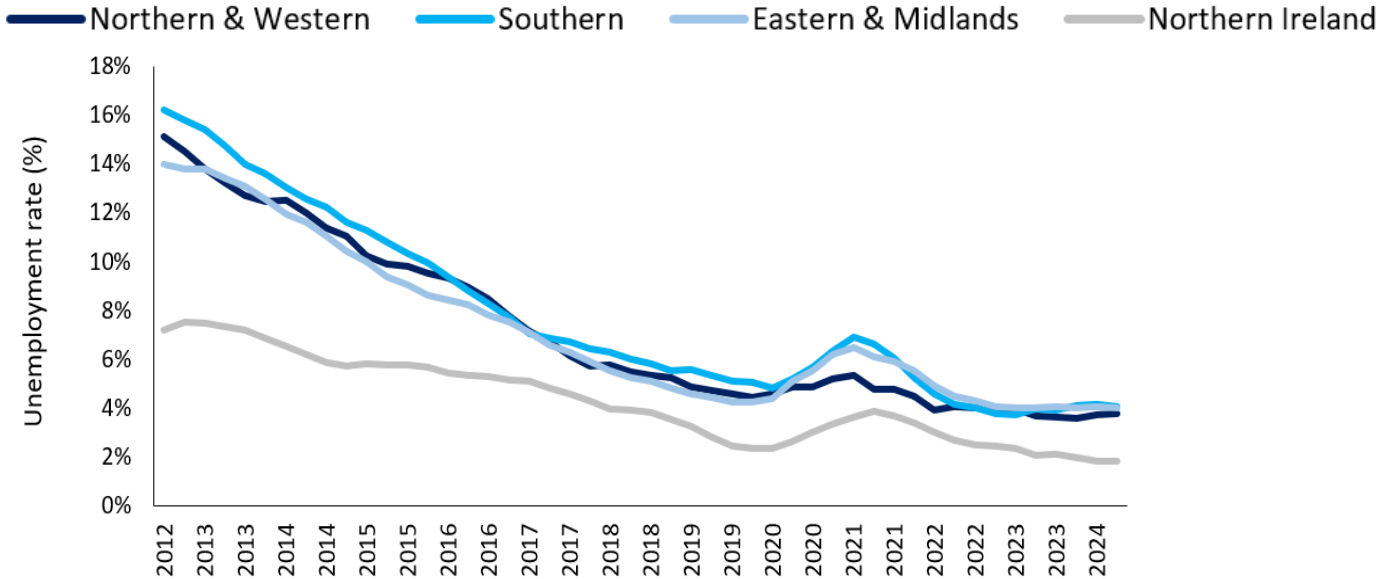


Source: Labour Force Survey

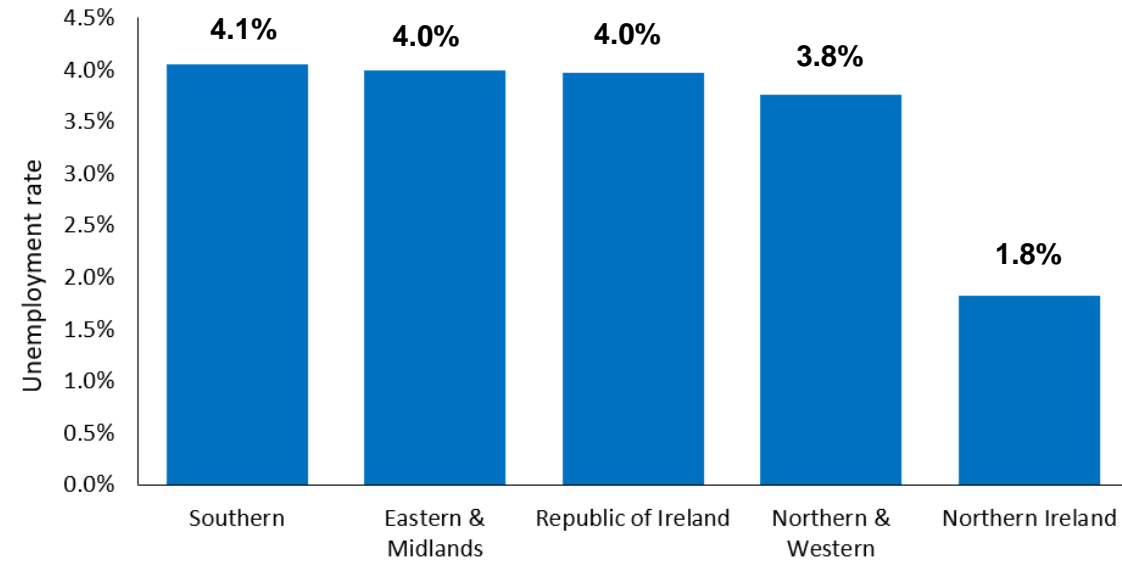
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Unemployment rates

Unemployment rate (aged 20-64), ROI NUTS 2 regions & NI, Q1 2012 – Q3 2024



Unemployment rate (aged 20-64) by ROI NUTS 2 regions, ROI & NI, Q3 2024



ILO unemployed refers to individuals who are out of work but have been actively seeking work in the last two weeks and are available to start work in the next two weeks.

Northern & Western

16k

Unemployed

Southern

34k

Unemployed

Eastern & Midlands

53k

Unemployed

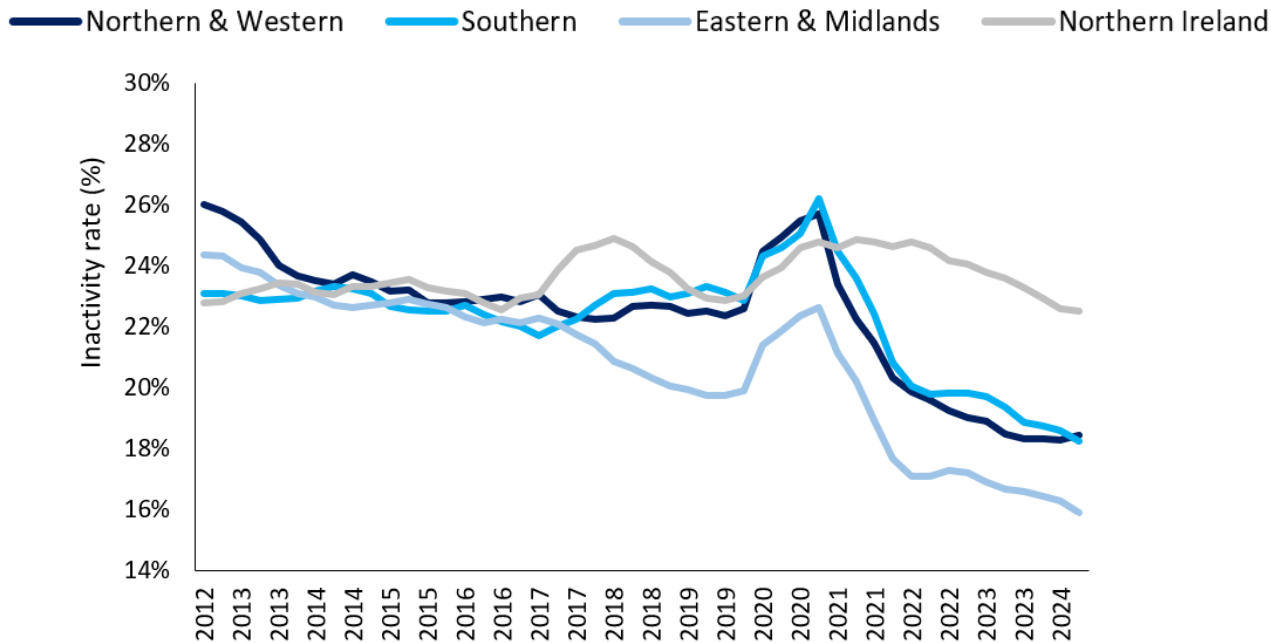
Northern Ireland

15k

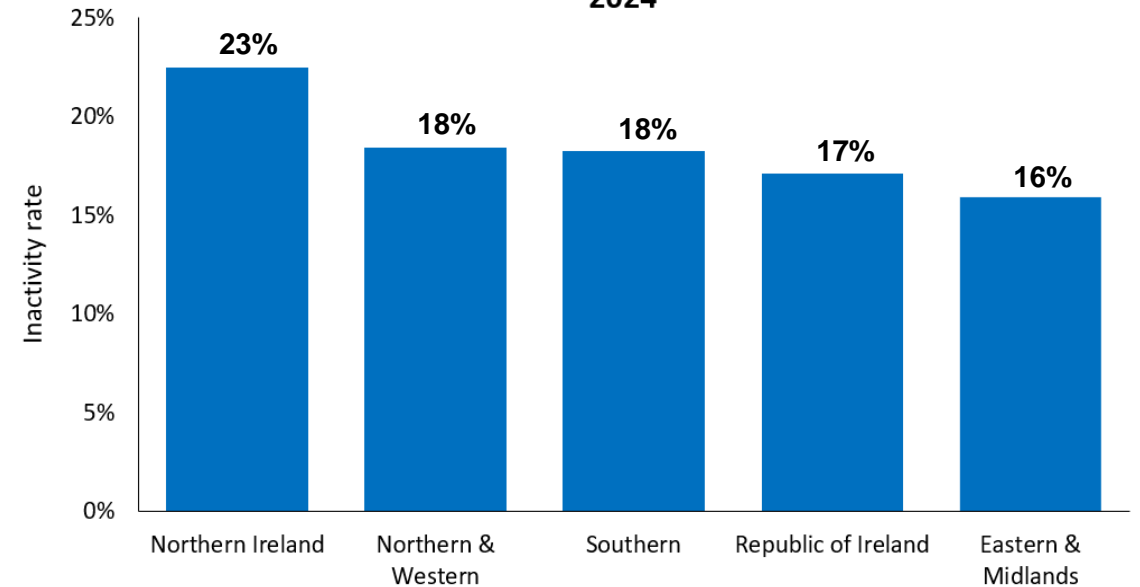
Unemployed

Economic inactivity – a lingering problem for NI

Inactivity rate (aged 20-64), ROI NUTS 2 regions & NI, Q1 2012 – Q3 2024



Inactivity rate (aged 20-64) by ROI NUTS 2 regions, ROI & NI, Q3 2024



Economically inactive refers to individuals not in employment, who have **not been seeking work within the last four weeks and/or are unable to start work within the next two weeks**



Source: Labour Force Survey

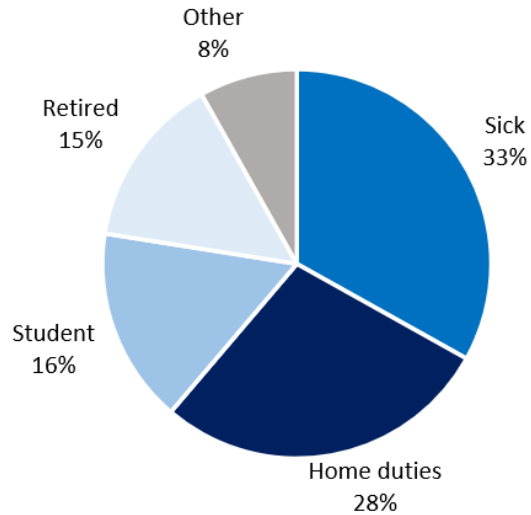
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Reason for economic inactivity

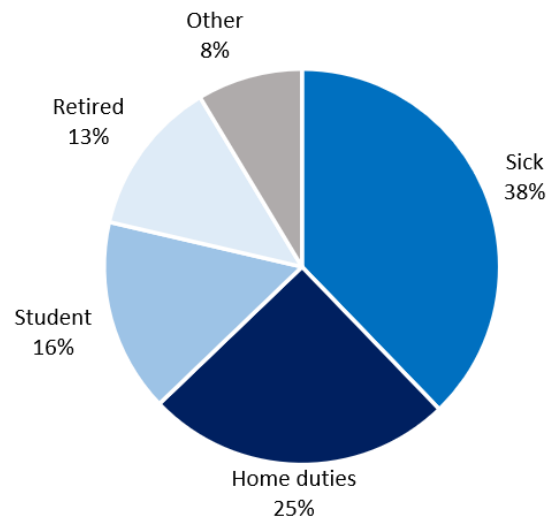
Inactivity by reason and region, Q3 2024

■ Sick ■ Home duties ■ Student ■ Retired ■ Other

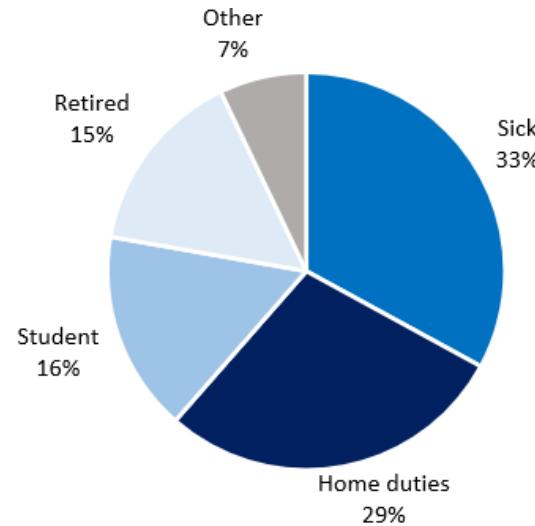
Northern & Western



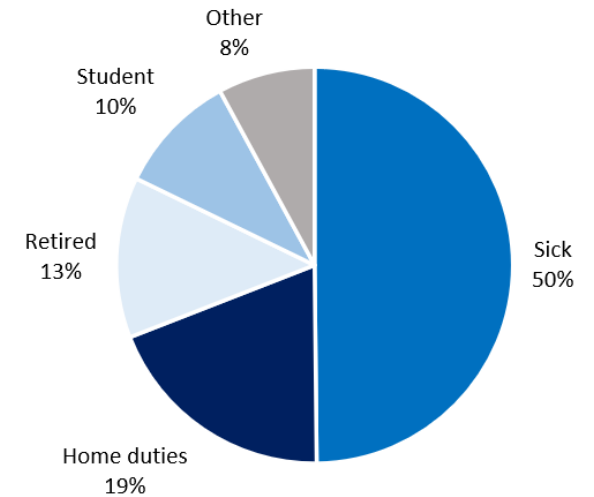
Southern



Eastern & Midlands



Northern Ireland

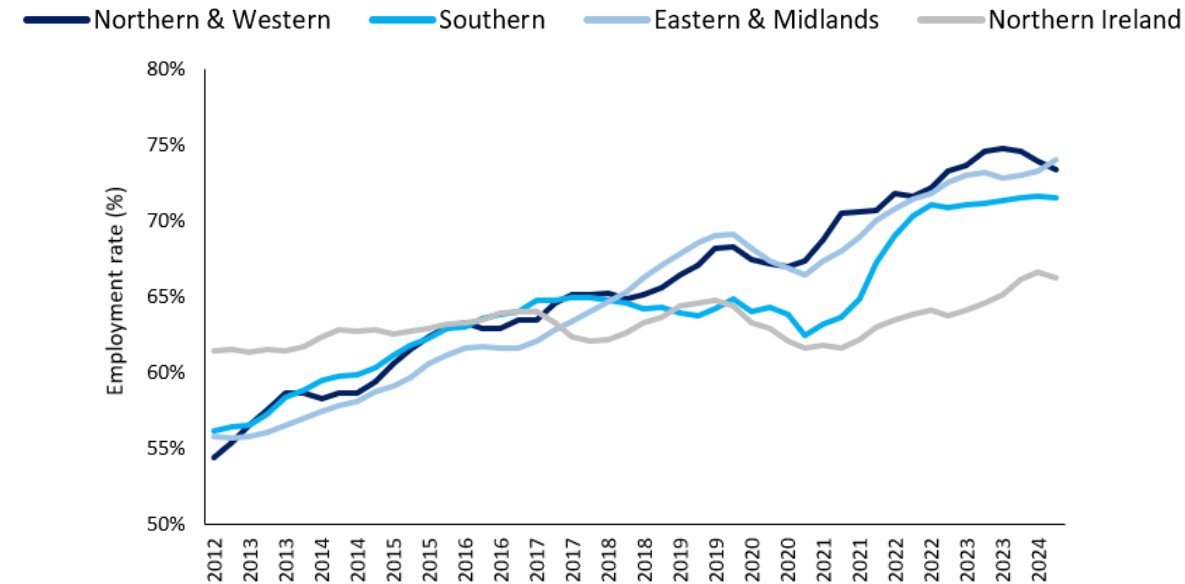


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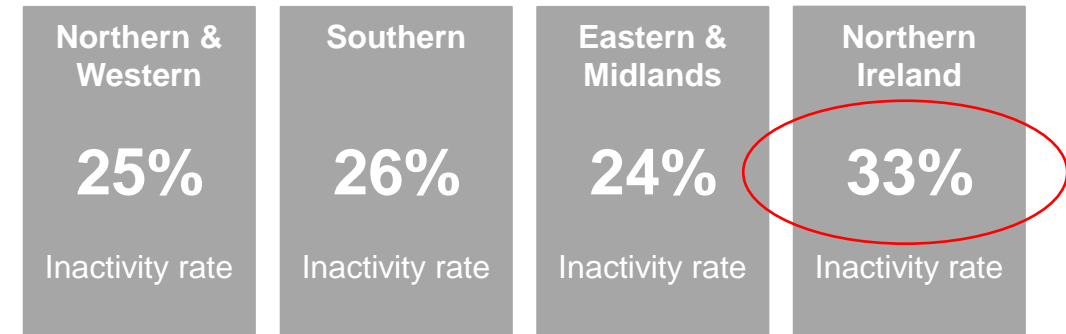
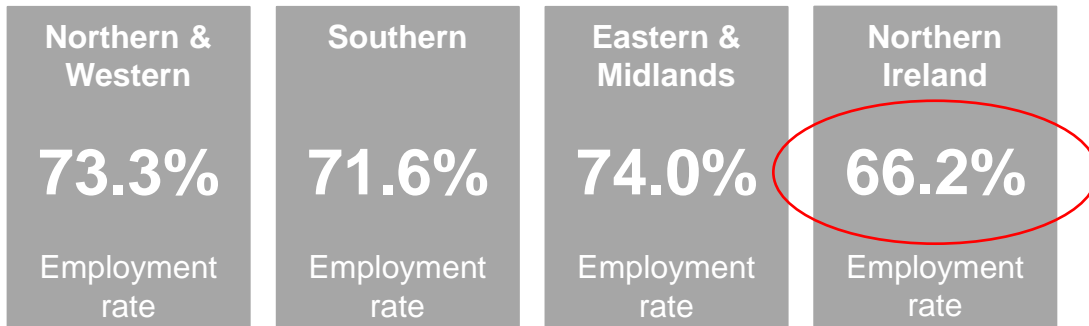
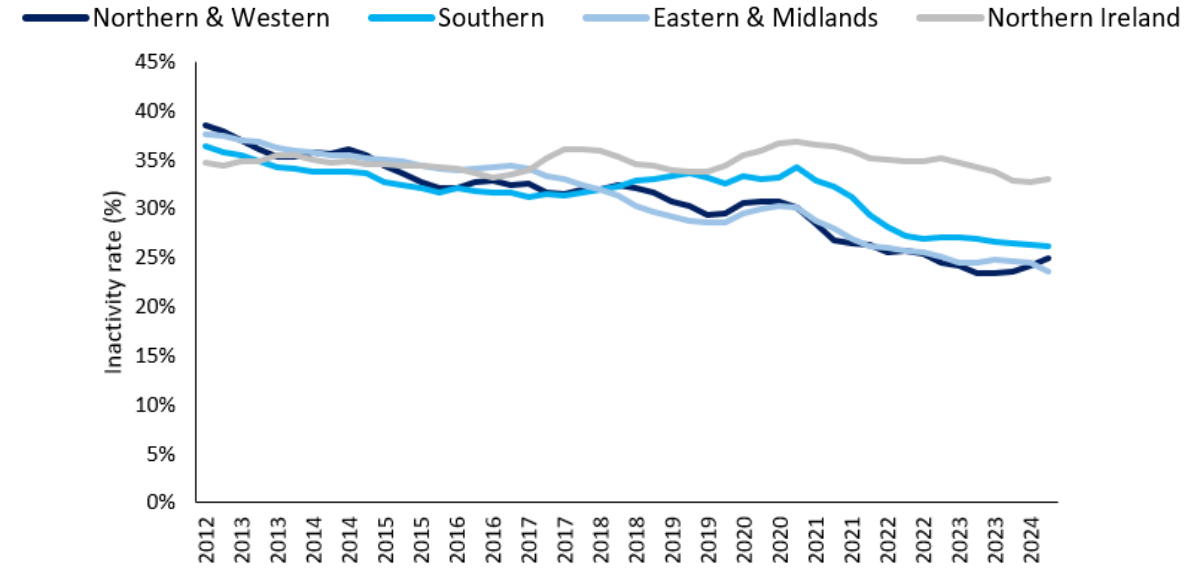
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Strong 50+ workforce engagement in ROI

Employment rate (aged 50-64), ROI NUTS 2 regions & NI, Q1 2012 – Q3 2024



Inactivity rate (aged 50-64), ROI NUTS 2 regions & NI, Q1 2012 – Q3 2024

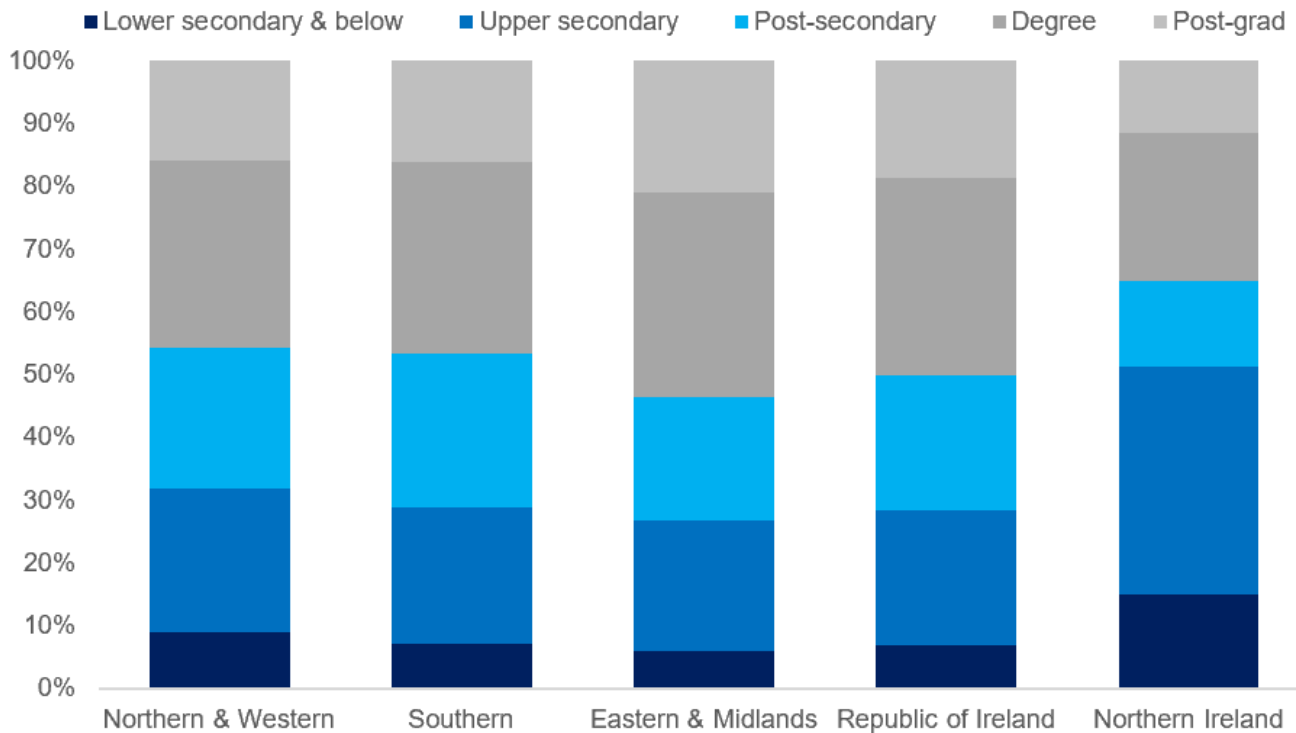


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A different graduate profile across the border

Employed population qualification profile (aged 20-64),
ROI NUTS 2 regions & NI, Q3 2024



35% graduate level + in NI
compared to 50% in ROI

Source: Labour Force Survey

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