

Setting the scene: Current and future labour market trends in Newry, Mourne & Down

Labour market structure



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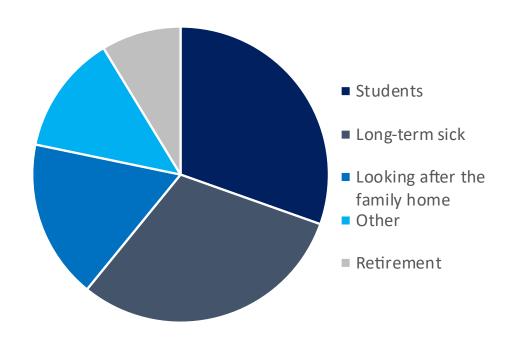
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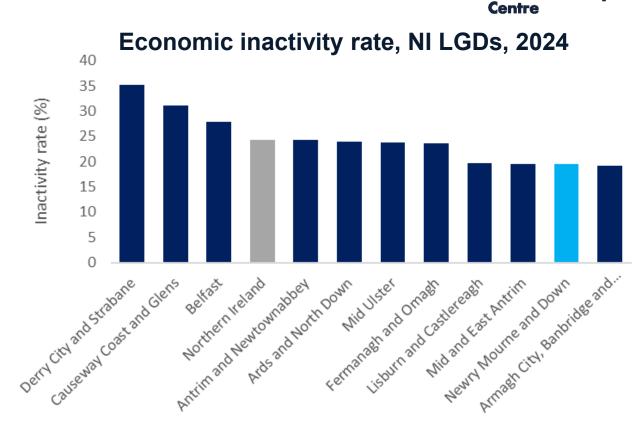
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Economic inactivity by reason, NMD, 2024





Readiness to (re)enter labour market? – Skills, work experience?

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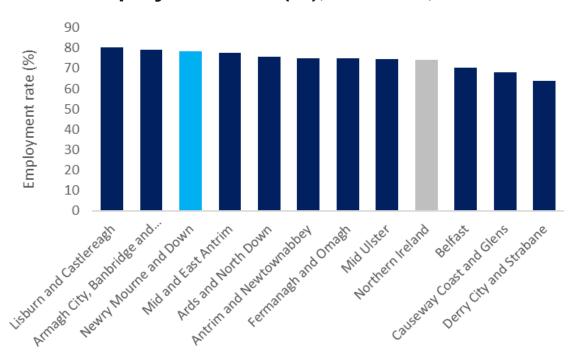
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Other 3%





Employment rate (%), NI LGDs, 2024



Challenges for this cohort:

- Underemployment skills and hours
- Support to remain in the workforce – mental/health care, flexible working, employer engagement
- Creating "good jobs" alongside employers
- Sustaining job growth in the future?

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Key Sectors in NMD

Top sectors in NMD













Retail 13,000 jobs

Health & Social Work 12,000 jobs

Manufacturing 10,000 jobs

Construction 8,000 jobs

Education 8,000 jobs

Growth sectors in NMD



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Scale









Construction

Manufacturing

Accommodation & food

Professional & Scientific

Growth rate



ICT



Professional & Scientific



Construction



Accommodation & food



Challenges within the labour market

