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This Statistical Factsheet, which is published three times a year (along with a more detailed annual bulletin), presents key information on employment vacancies which have been notified to the Department for Communities (DfC) JobCentres / Jobs & Benefits Offices (JCs and J&BOs). The statistics presented here do not relate to the total unsatisfied demand for staff by employers, but to only those vacant positions that have been notified by employers to DfC.

In the second quarter (July to September) of the 2019/20 financial year there were 20,061 vacancies notified to JCs and JC & JBOs, an increase of 1,209 (6%) from the previous Quarter.

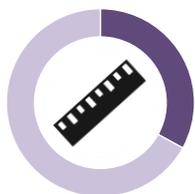


Standard Occupational Classification

25% of Vacancies are for 'Personal Service Occupation positions e.g. Care Assistants, Hairdressers, etc.

Standard Industrial Classification

25% of Vacancies are for 'Administrative and Support Service' e.g. reception, financial planning etc.

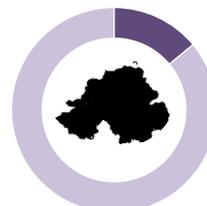


Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure

33% of Vacancies are in the most deprived areas of Northern Ireland.

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Shaftesbury Square J&BO had the highest number of notified vacancies, accounting for **14%** of the Northern Ireland total.



Comparison with Previous Quarter

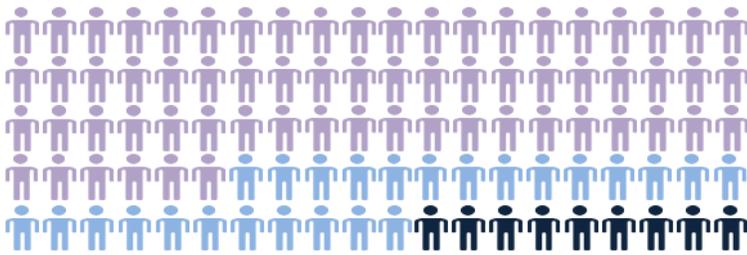
Quarter 1 2019/20 18,852 Vacancies

Quarter 2 2019/20 20,061 Vacancies



Type of Vacancy

Of the 20,061 vacancies notified to DfC in quarter two (July – September) 2019/20:



13,210 are full-time vacancies (66%)

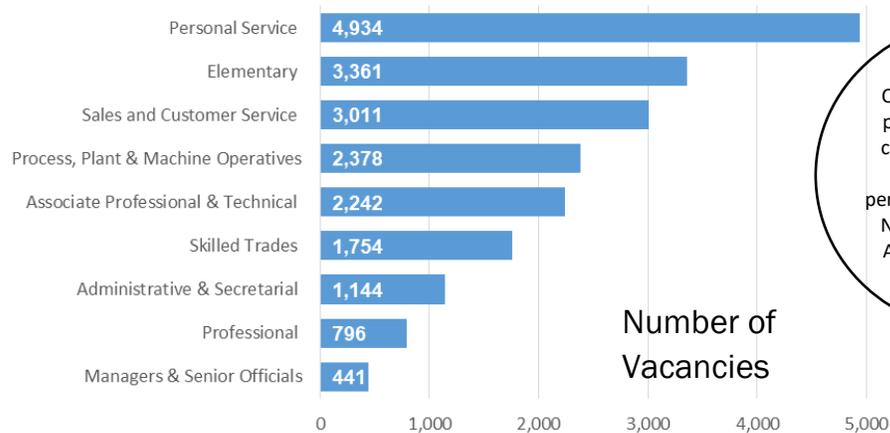
5,093 are part-time vacancies (25%)

1,758 are casual vacancies (9%)

The distribution of full-time/part-time/casual vacancies has remained consistent with the previous quarter. Some two-thirds (66%) of vacancies are for full-time positions, a quarter (25%) relate to part-time with 9% being casual vacancies.

Standard Occupational Classification

The chart opposite presents the Standard Occupational Classification 2000 (SOC 2000), used to organise vacancies notified to the JCs and J&BOs into job groups according to skill level and skill specialisation. Further information, including definitions, relating to the Standard Occupational Classification (2000) can be found in the Notes to Readers.

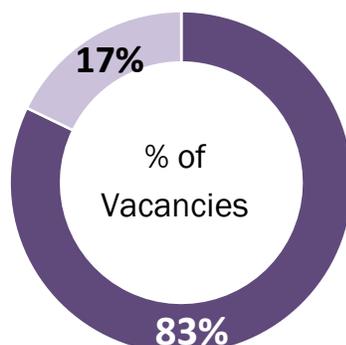


Personal Service Occupations involve the provision of a service to customers, whether in a public protective or personal care capacity. (E.g. Nursing Auxiliary's, Care Assistants or Veterinary Assistants)

Standard Industrial Classification

In this section the Standard Industrial Classification 2007 (SIC 2007) is used to organise vacancies notified to the J&BOs by the type of economic activity in which they are engaged into twenty one categories. Vacancies are assigned the SIC 2007 code of the employer that notified them. Further information, including definitions, relating to the SIC 2007 can be found in the Notes to Readers.

The top 5 industrial classifications make up 83% (16,609) of the total number of vacancies notified in this quarter.



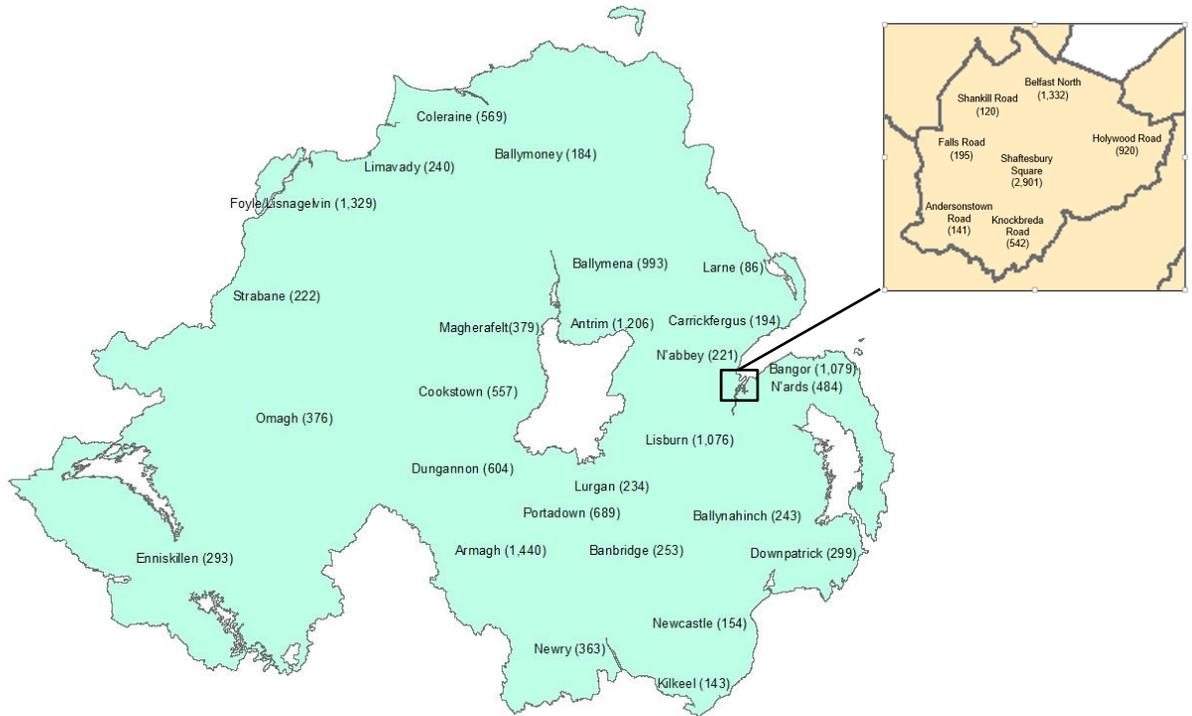
Top 5 Categories

Administration/Support Services - 5,079
 Other Services - 4,875
 Human Health/Social Work - 2,715
 Wholesale/Retail Trade - 2,028
 Accommodation/Food Services - 1,912

Administrative and Support Service Activities includes a variety of activities that support general business such as reception, financial planning, billing and record keeping

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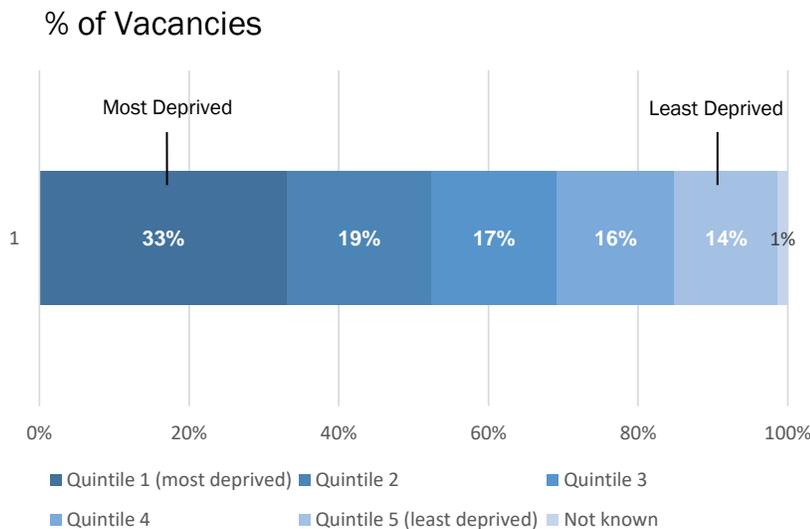
Notified vacancies (in brackets) are presented here by JC and J&BO. The purpose is not to rank JCs and J&BOs by the number of notified vacancies, but rather to gain an understanding of the spread of notified vacancies at a local level. Vacancies notified to Lisnagelvin J&BO are coded under Foyle J&BO on Client Management System (CMS); they are therefore grouped together in this publication.



- In the second quarter of 2019/20 the JCs and J&BOs with the largest numbers of vacancies were; Shaftesbury Square with 2,901 (14%), Armagh with 1,440 (7%), Belfast North with 1,332 (7%), Foyle/Lisnagelvin with 1,329 (7%) and Antrim with 1,206 (6%).
- Of the 35 JCs and J&BOs, 21 have recorded an increase in the number of vacancies notified to them in quarter two 2019/20 when compared with quarter one 2019/20. The number of vacancies reported to Bangor J&BO increased from 745 to 1,079 (45%).

Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure

The NI Deprivation Measure (2017) divides Northern Ireland into 890 super output areas. Each area is assigned a rank according to its level of deprivation, 1 being the most deprived and 890 the least. Further information on the Deprivation Measures can be found in the Notes to Readers.



In the second quarter of the 2019/20 financial year the data suggests the greatest proportions of vacancies occurred in the most deprived areas of Northern Ireland. Some 33% of vacancies were listed in the 20% most deprived areas compared to 14% of vacancies for the 20% least deprived areas.