

NI: IN PROFILE

Key statistics on Northern Ireland

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(Based on data available at the end of December 2017)

NI: IN PROFILE is a resource pack of key statistics covering a range of areas of life in Northern Ireland.

The pack brings together a range of data into a single place and will be of interest to a broad audience, including policy makers in the public and private sector, students and academics, schools and the general public.

Statistics have primarily been sourced from across the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency, however where official statistics are not available we have included statistics from other sources. The pack is intended to provide a high-level statistical summary of life in Northern Ireland and you will note that it does not include detailed commentary. If you wish to delve further into the detail of a particular statistic, you are encouraged to follow the links provided at the end of the pack.

Thanks are due to those NISRA statisticians who advised on the most appropriate statistics to include under their own area of expertise. The pack is available from the NISRA website. If you would like a PowerPoint version of the pack, please contact Niall.O'Neill@nisra.gov.uk. As this is the first time that NISRA has produced NI: IN PROFILE we would appreciate any comments you may have. Please e-mail your comments to the address above.

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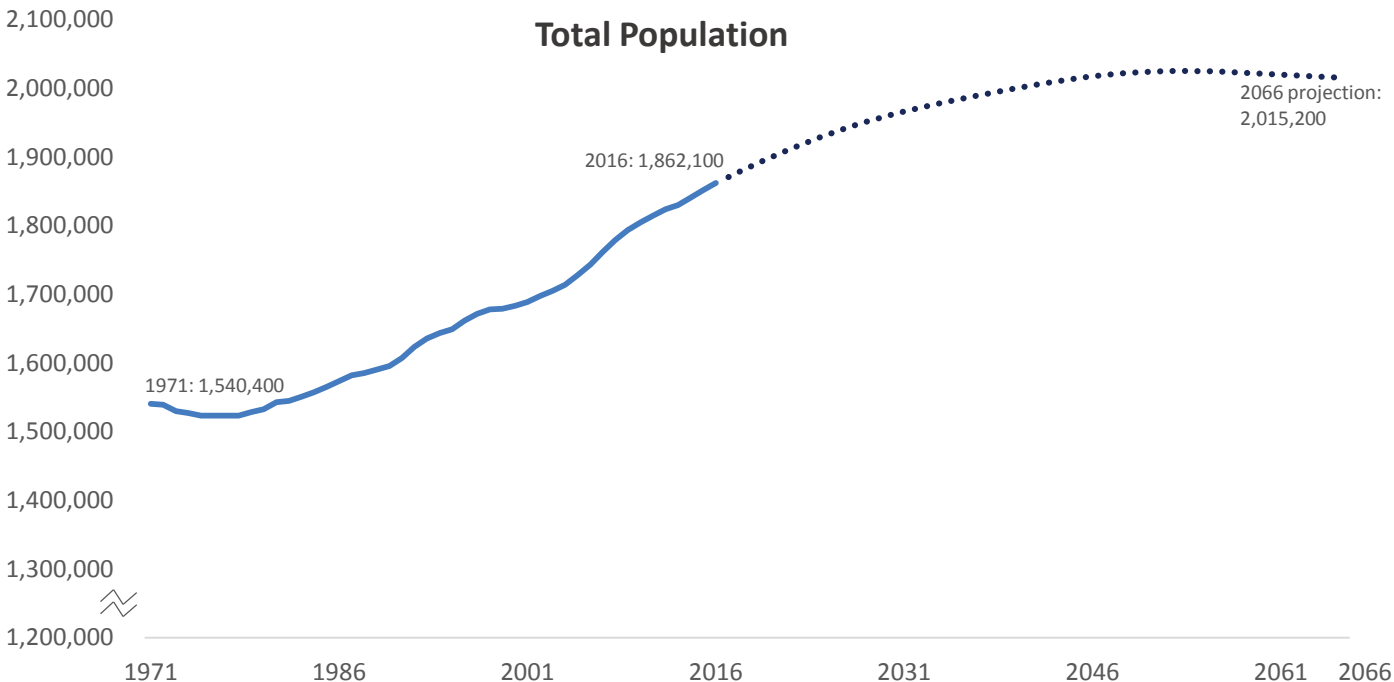
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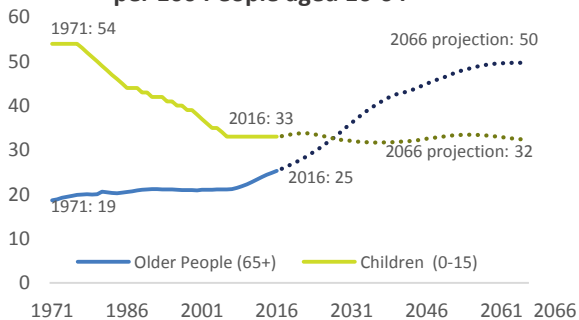
POPULATION *Population growing – currently stands at 1.86 million.*

- Population will continue to grow, but at slower rate than previously.
- Growth mainly due to natural change (births - deaths). Net migration is a small factor.
- Population is ageing; the 1960s baby-boom will drive faster ageing in the next decade.
- In the next decade we are projected to have more older people (65+) than children.



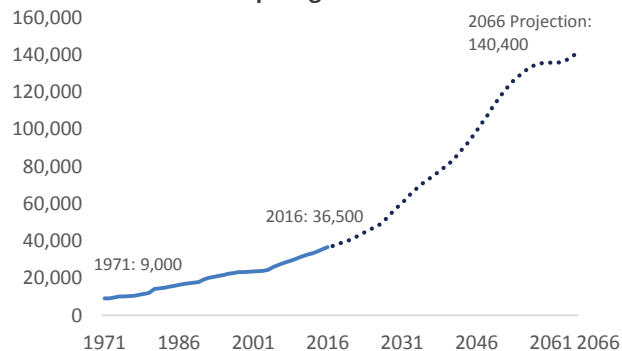
Source: 2016 Mid-year Population Estimates for NI, 2016-based Population projections

Older People (65+) and Children (0-15) per 100 People aged 16-64



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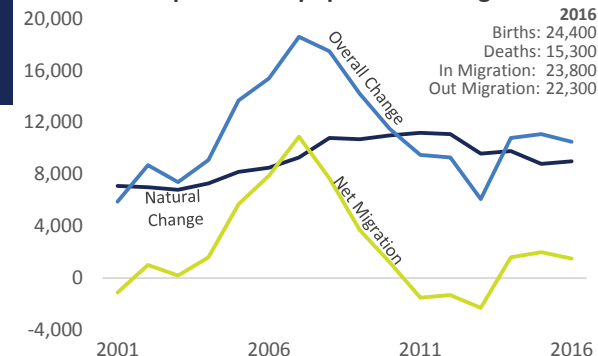
People aged 85 and over



Source: 2016 Mid-year Population Estimates for NI, 2016-based Population projections

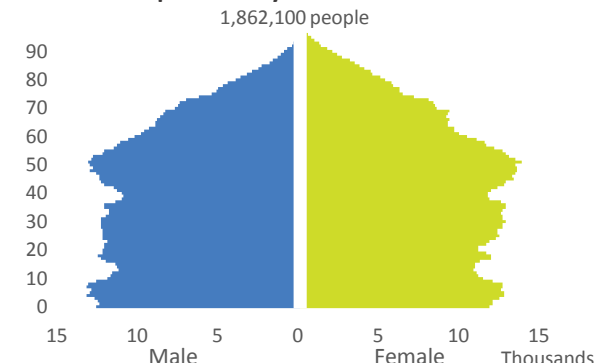
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Components of population change



Source: 2016 Mid-year Population Estimates for NI

Population Pyramid: 2016



Source: 2016 Mid-year Population Estimates for NI

Projected Population Pyramid: 2066



Source: 2016-based Population projections

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS *One in five people have a disability or limiting illness.*

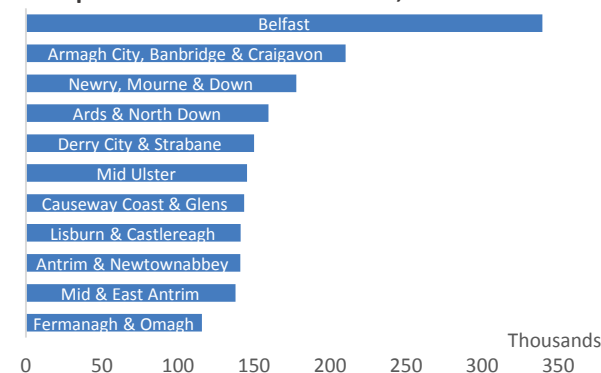
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- One in three households have a dependent child.
- Since the last census, growing number of people identify as 'no religion' or 'religion not stated'.
- Three in five people live in an urban area.
- One in nine people provide unpaid care to someone with a health problem, disability, or problems due to old age.

Age	0-15, 21%	16-24, 13%	25-34, 13%	35-44, 14%	45-54, 14%	55-64, 11%	65+, 15%
Sex	Female, 51%			Male, 49%			
Marital Status	Married, 48%			Single, 36%		Separated/Divorced/Widowed, 16%	
Religion/ Religion brought up in	Protestant or Other Christian, 48%			Catholic, 45%			None, 6% 1%
Ethnic Group	White, 98%						2%
National Identity	British only, 40%		Irish only, 25%		Northern Irish only, 21%		Other, 14%
Disability / limiting long-term illness	Yes, 21%		No, 79%				
Dependent Children (% households)	Yes, 34%			No, 66%			
Provision of unpaid care	Yes, 12%		No, 88%				

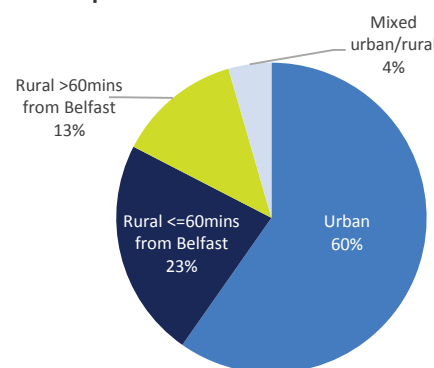
Source: 2011 Census, % pop. unless otherwise stated

Population - Local Govt. District, 2016



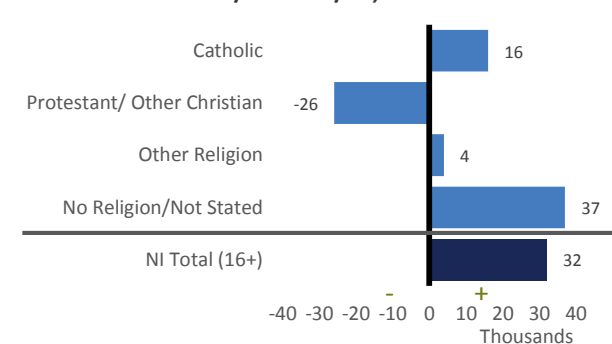
Source: 2016 Mid-year Population Estimates for NI

Population - Urban and Rural Areas, 2016



Source: 2016 Mid-year Population Estimates for Small Areas

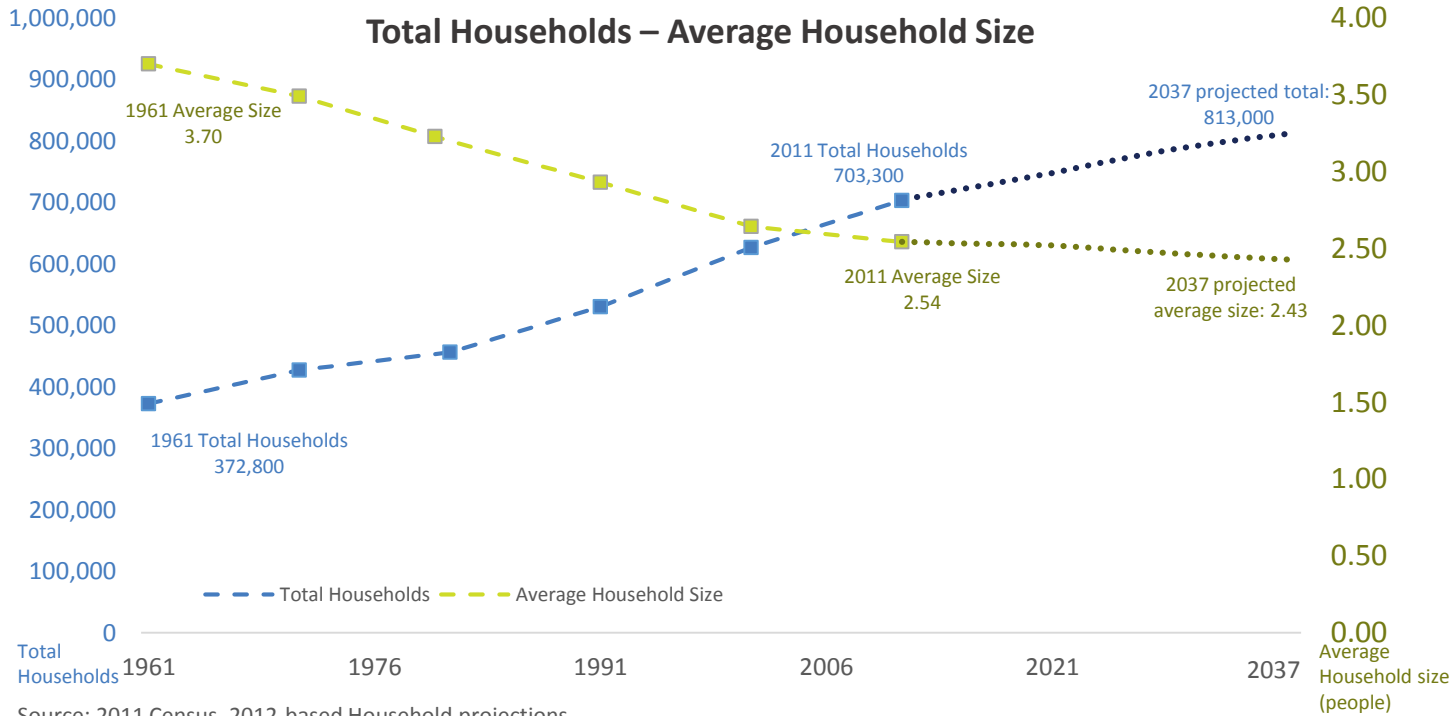
Population Change (16+) by Religion, 2010/11-2014/15, Thousands



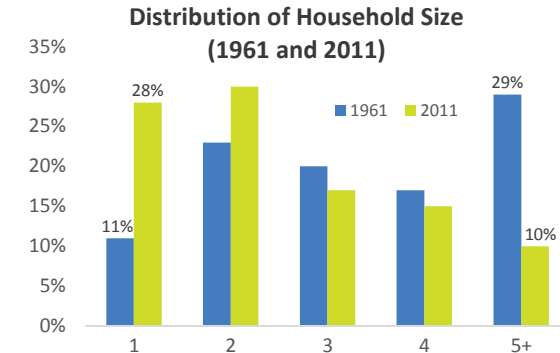
Source: NI Pooled Household Survey

HOUSEHOLDS *Number of households continues to increase (703,000 in 2011).*

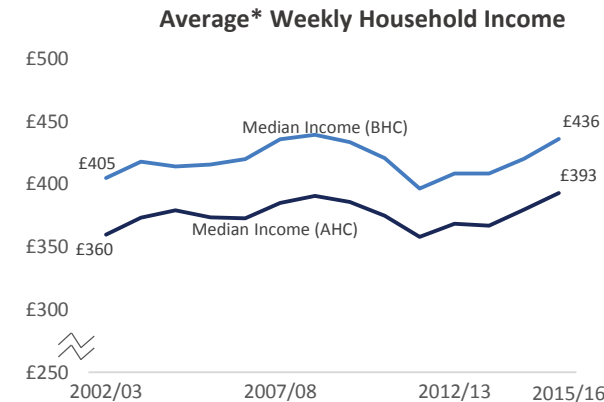
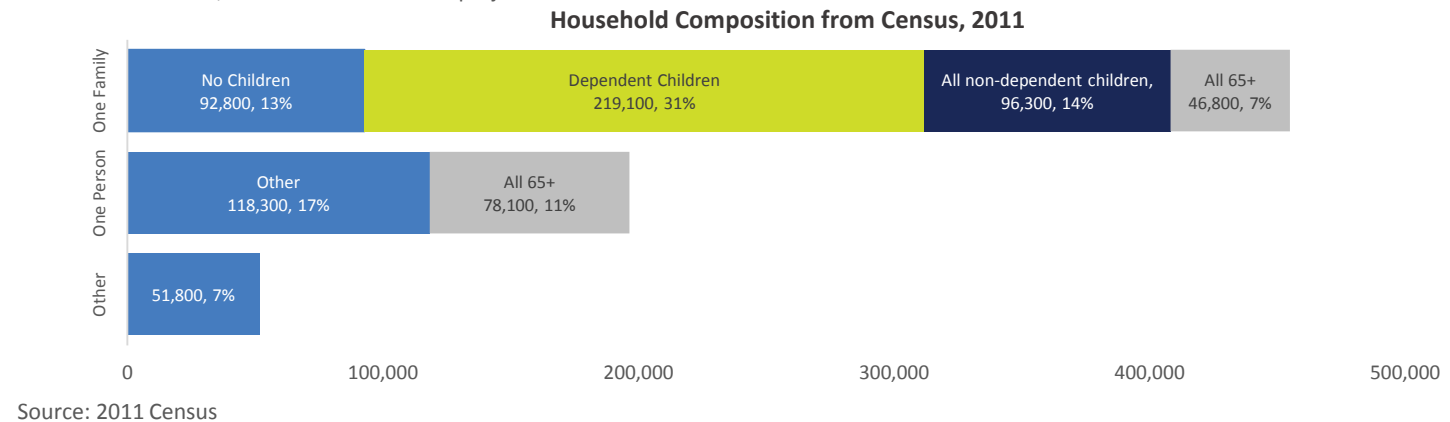
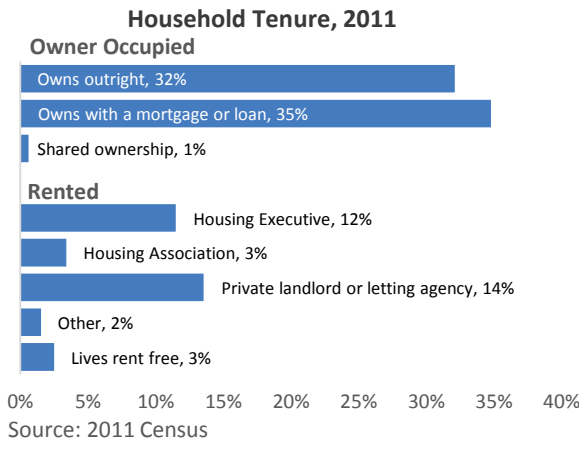
- Households predominantly occupied by one or two people.
- Two in three households owner occupied (outright or with a mortgage).
- Private renting accounts for one in seven of all households.
- 80,000 older people live on their own.



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Source: NI Census

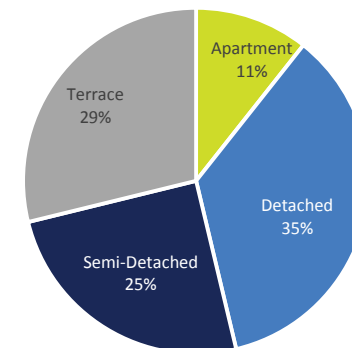


HOUSING *Impact of property crash seen in most indicators.*

- Private new builds increased in each of the last 3 years.
- House prices continue upward trend, having bottomed out in 2013.
- Number of households on the social housing waiting list in 'housing stress' continues to rise.
- Apartments are around one in ten of our housing stock.

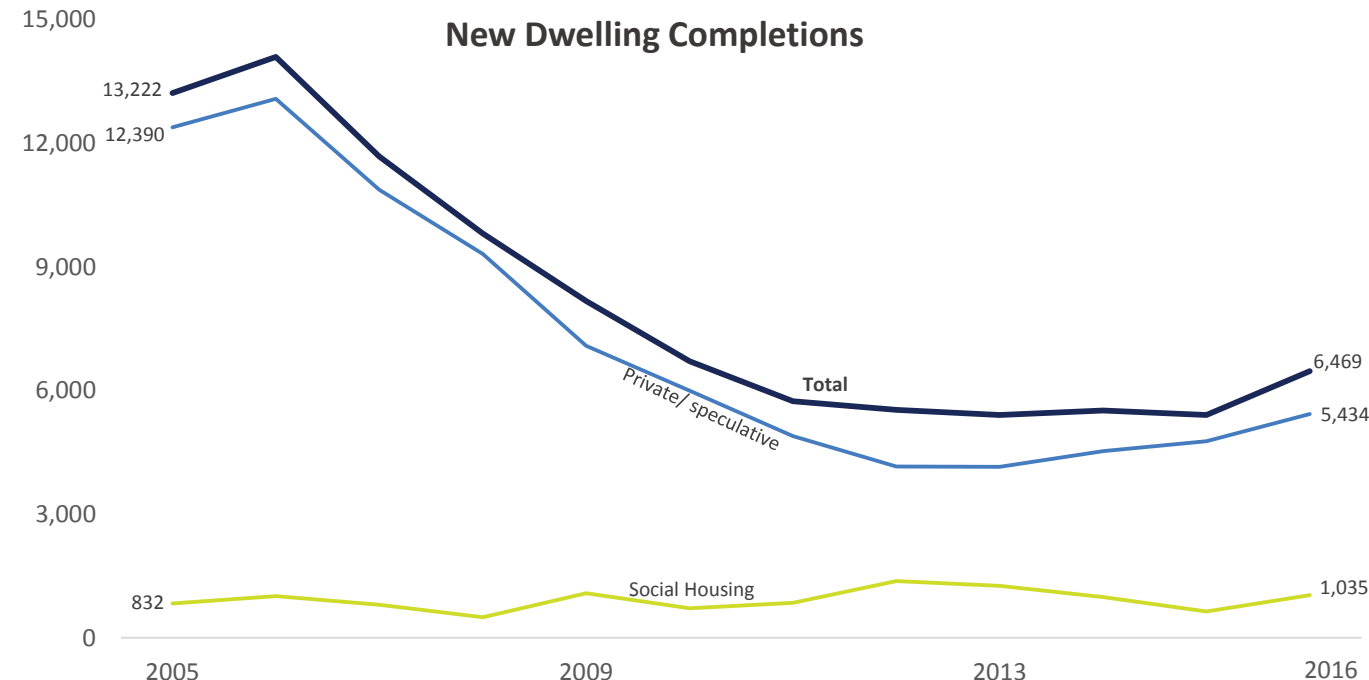
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Housing Stock Dwelling Type: 2017



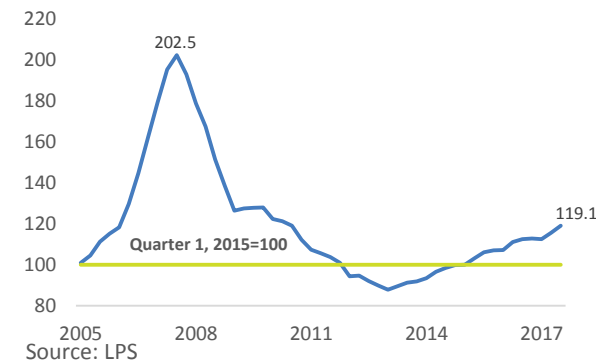
Source: LPS Annual Housing Stock Statistics

New Dwelling Completions



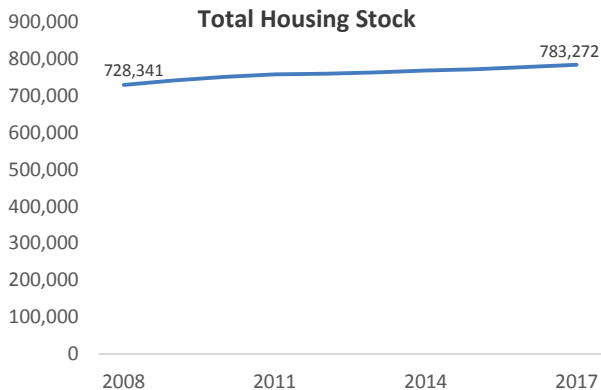
Source: District Council Building Control

House Price Index



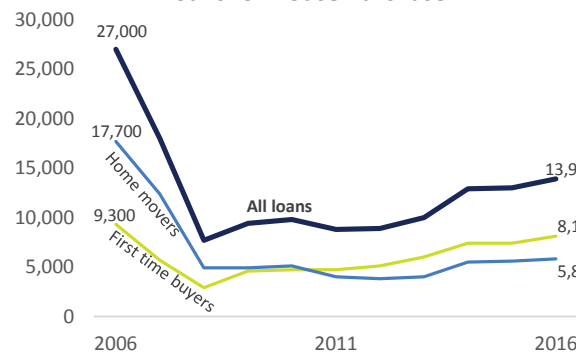
Source: LPS

Total Housing Stock



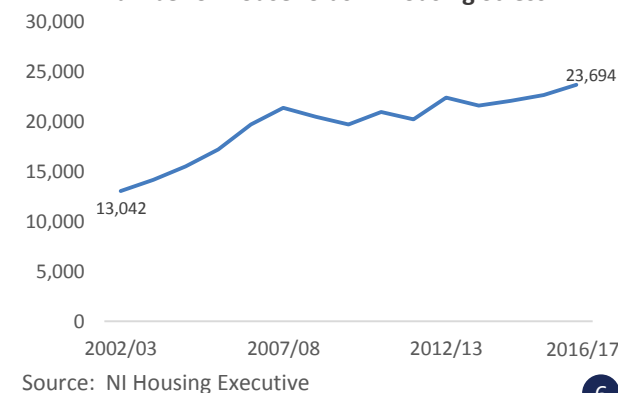
Source: LPS

Loans for House Purchase



Source: CML Regulated Mortgage Survey (April 2005 onwards), via DFC Housing Statistics, 2015-16

Number of Households in Housing Stress

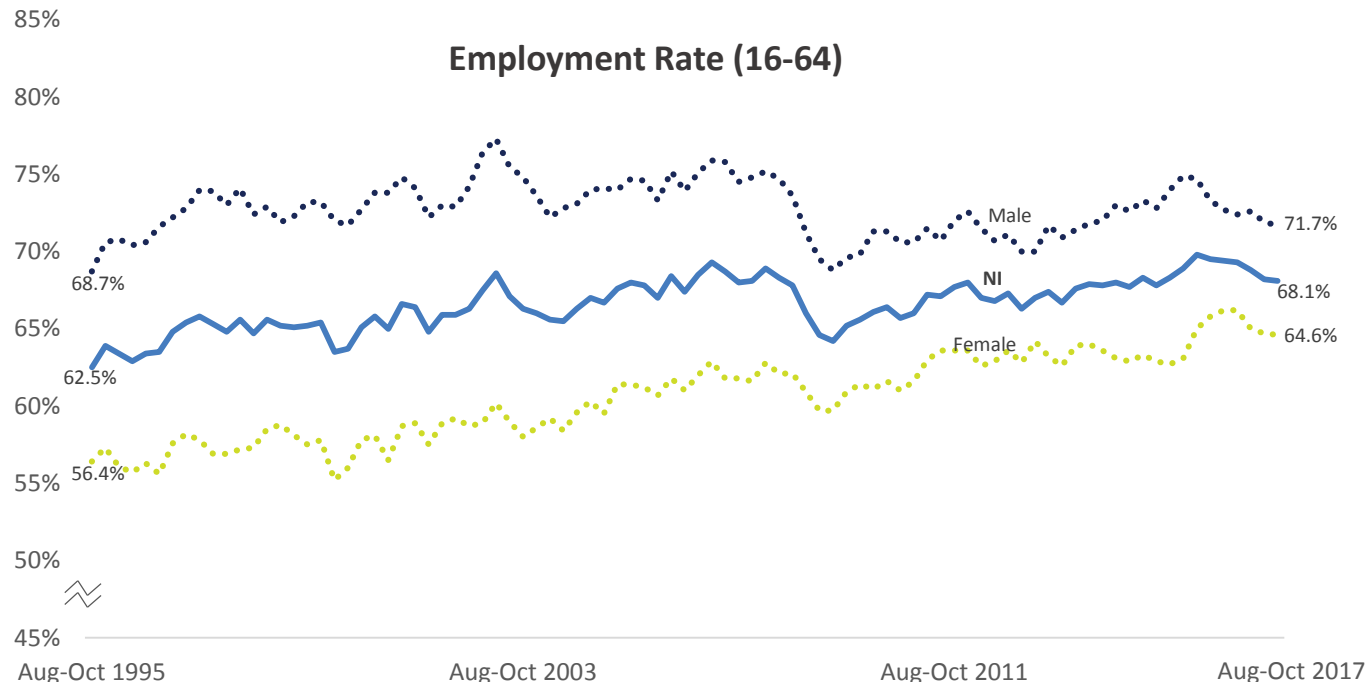


Source: NI Housing Executive

LABOUR MARKET *Employment has returned to pre-recession levels.*

- Unemployment at lowest level since 2008.
- Economic inactivity has remained high over the long-term.
- The average full-time employee earns just over £12 per hour.
- The proportion of jobs paying at or near minimum wage has doubled since 1999.

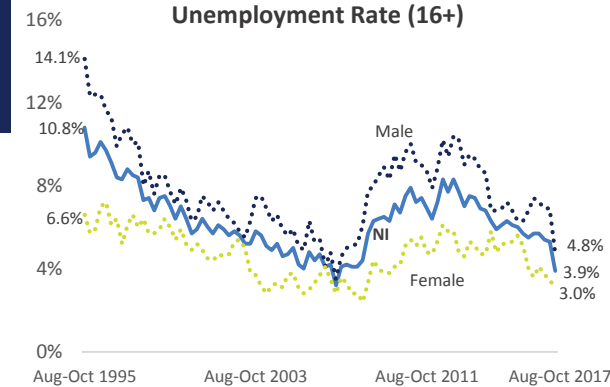
Employment Rate (16-64)



Source: NI Labour Market Report

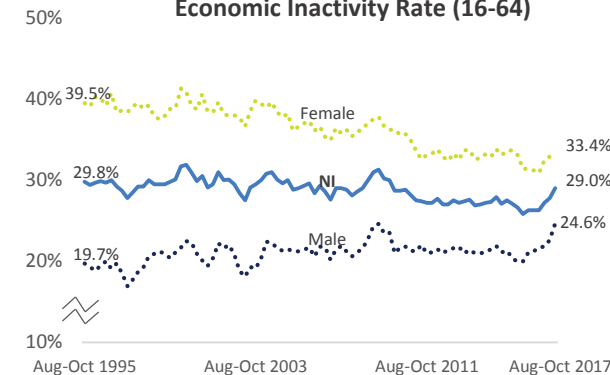
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Unemployment Rate (16+)



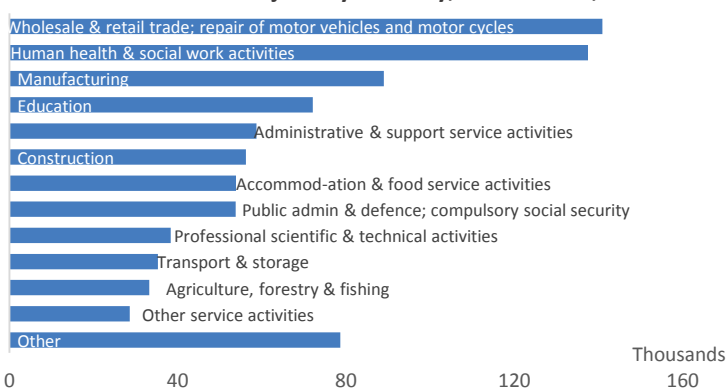
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Economic Inactivity Rate (16-64)



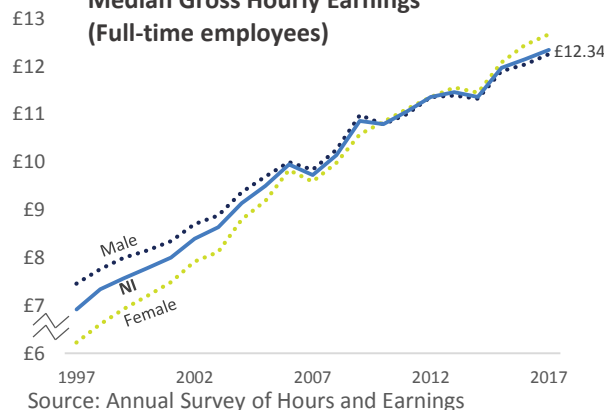
Source: NI Labour Market Report

Workforce jobs by industry, March 2017, Thousands



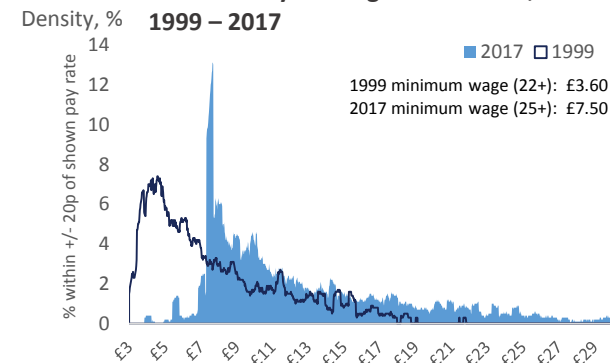
Source: ONS Regional Labour Market Statistics

Median Gross Hourly Earnings (Full-time employees)



Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings

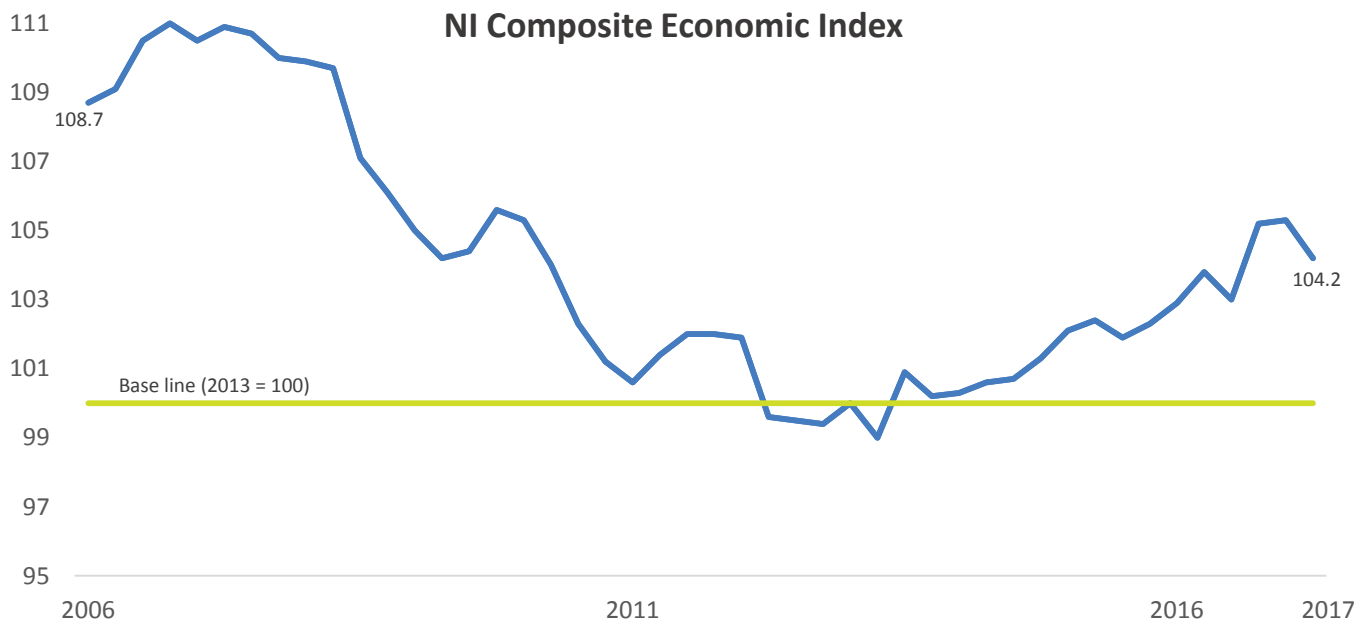
Gross Hourly Earnings Distribution, 1999 – 2017



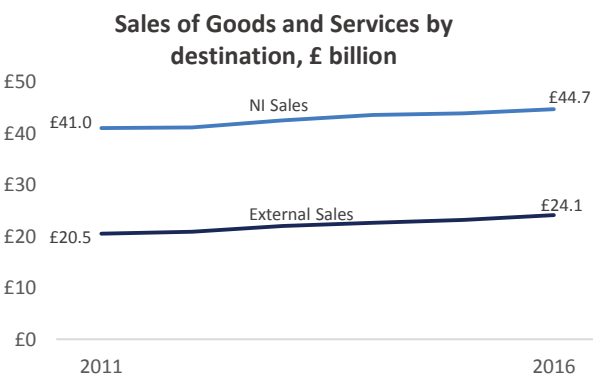
Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings

ECONOMY *Economic output growing, but still below pre-recession levels.*

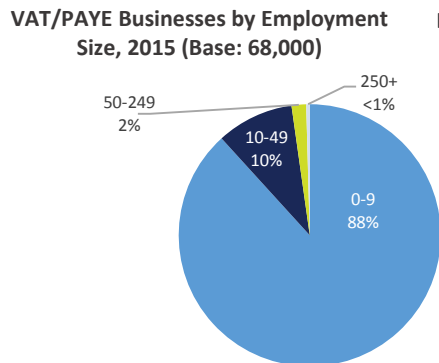
- Sales by local companies worth £69 billion, £24 billion to customers outside NI.
- Manufacturing industry the largest contributor to Gross Value Added (GVA).
- Vast majority of local businesses have fewer than 10 employees.
- Half of all employees work in a business with 250 or more staff.



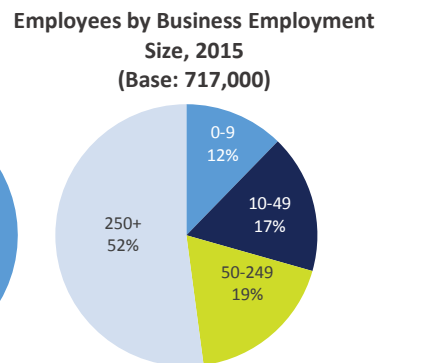
Source: NI Composite Economic Index



Source: NI Broad Economy Sales and Exports Statistics

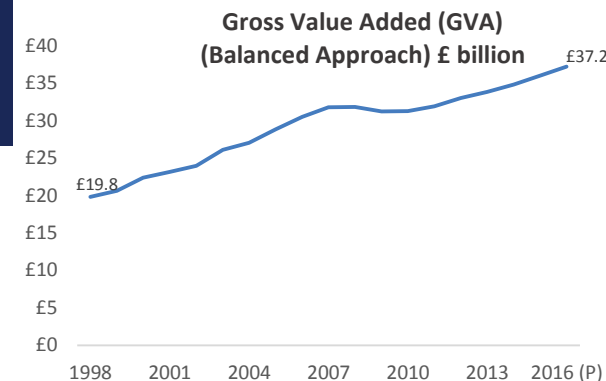


Source: Inter Departmental Business Register

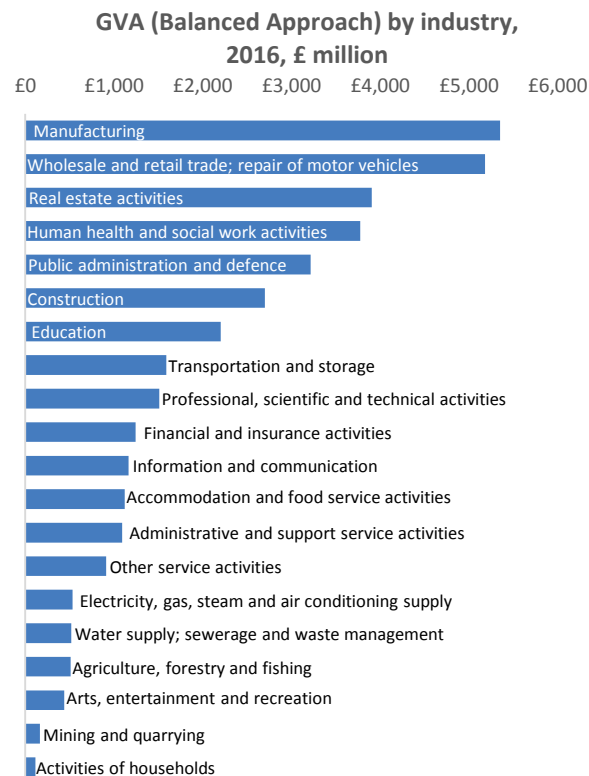


Source: Business Register & Employment Survey

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Source: ONS Regional GVA (Balanced approach) current basic prices

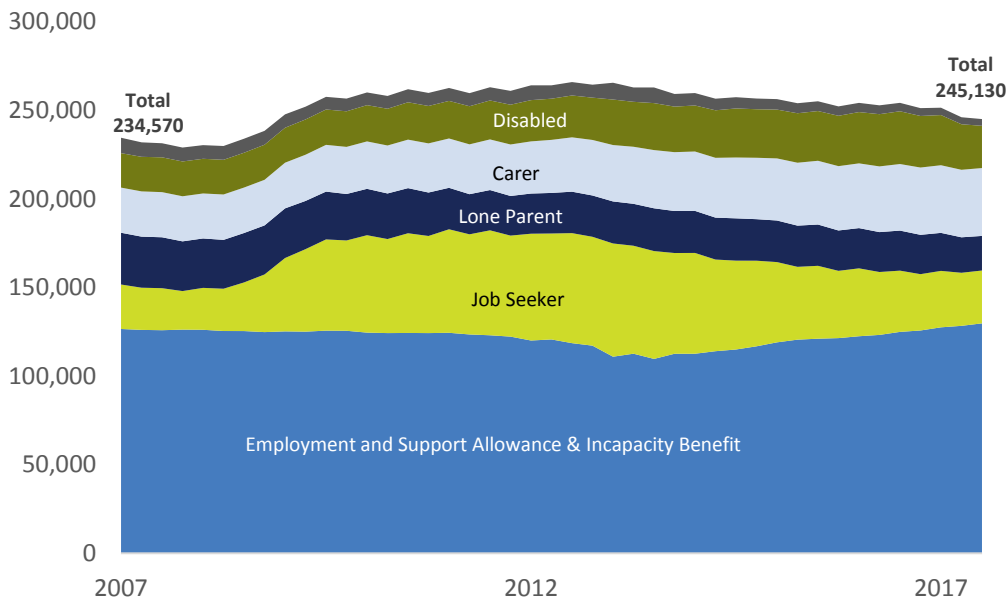


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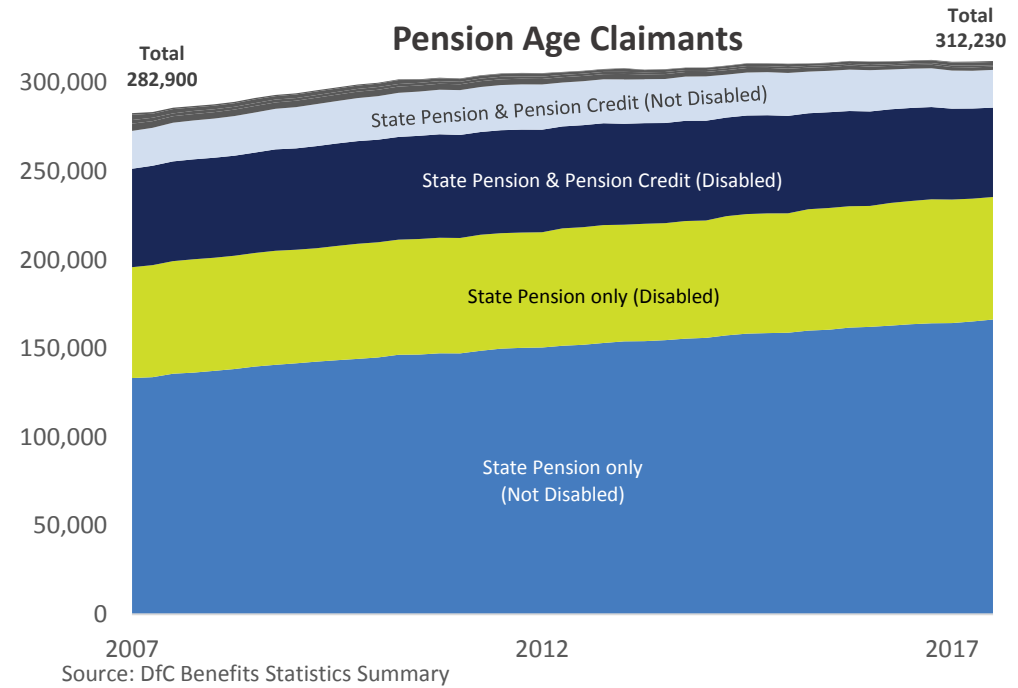
WELFARE *The number of adults claiming a benefit has increased over the last decade.*

- The number of pensioners continue to grow due to the ageing population.
- The reduction in working age claimants is driven by fewer Job Seekers Allowance claimants.
- Housing benefit claimants level off after rise following property crash.
- One in nine claim Disability Living Allowance/ Personal Independence Payment.

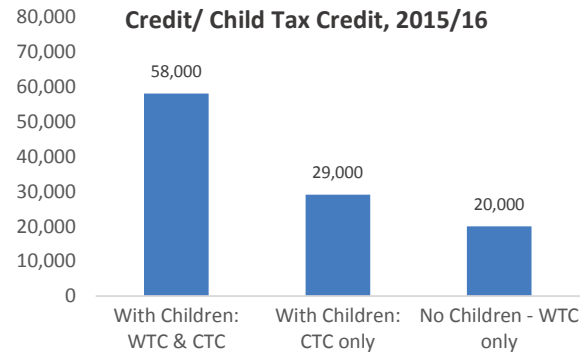
Working Age Claimants



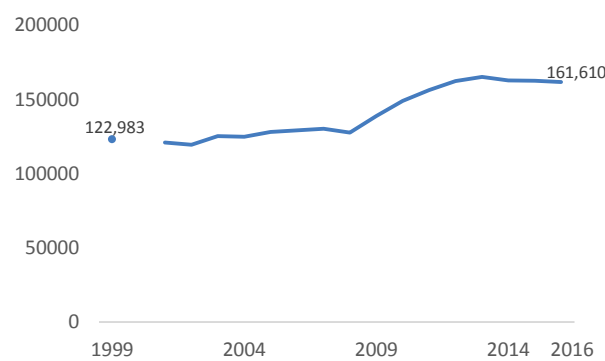
Pension Age Claimants



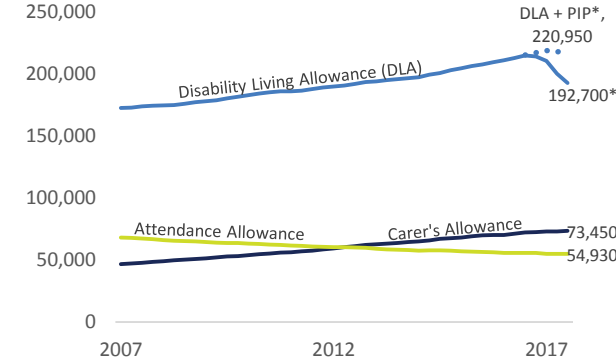
In-work families receiving Working Tax Credit/ Child Tax Credit, 2015/16



Housing Benefits Claimants*

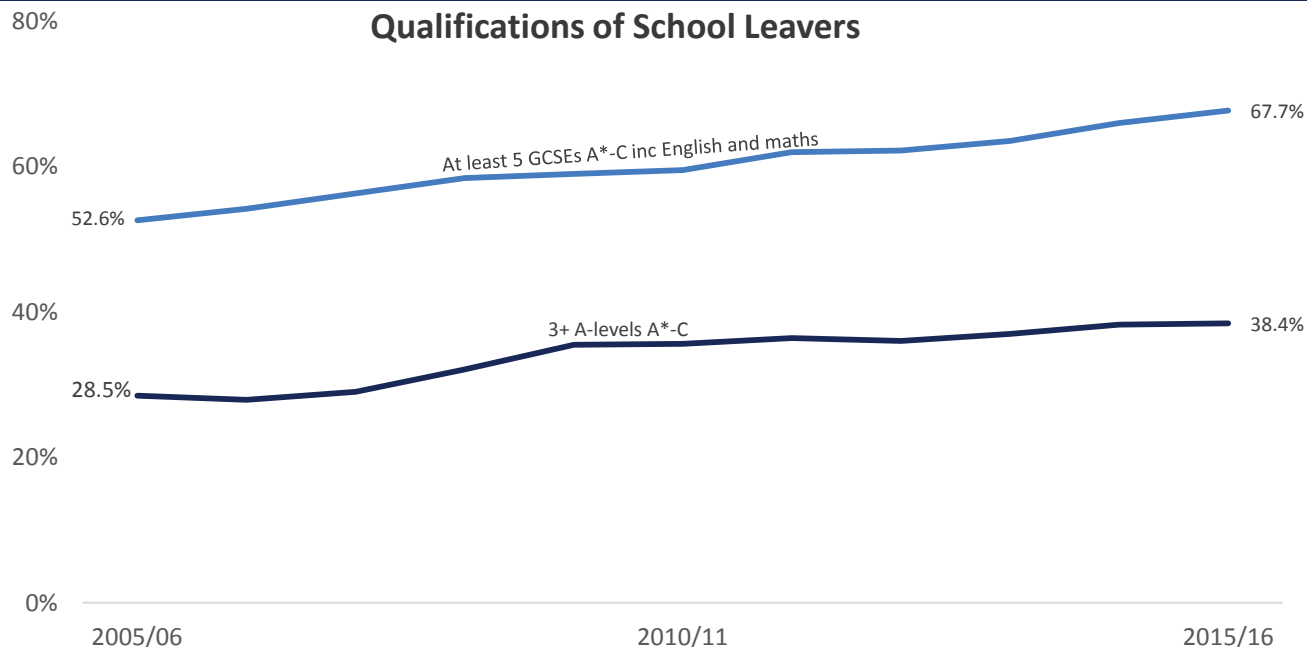


Claimants by Type of Disability Benefit



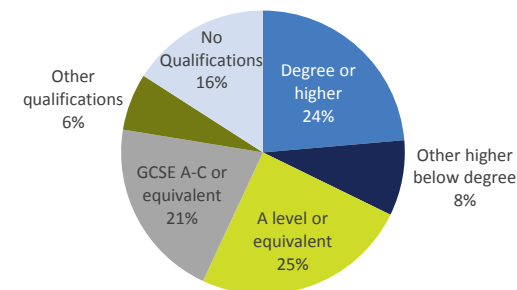
EDUCATION *Educational attainment of school leavers continues to increase.*

- Two in three children leave school with 5 or more GCSEs (A*-C) including English and Maths.
- Two in five children leave school with 3 or more A levels (A*-C).
- One in four working age adults have a degree, while one in six have no formal qualifications.
- Number of primary school pupils up 12% on 6 years ago.
- Proportion of pupils at grammar schools increased over the last 25 years.



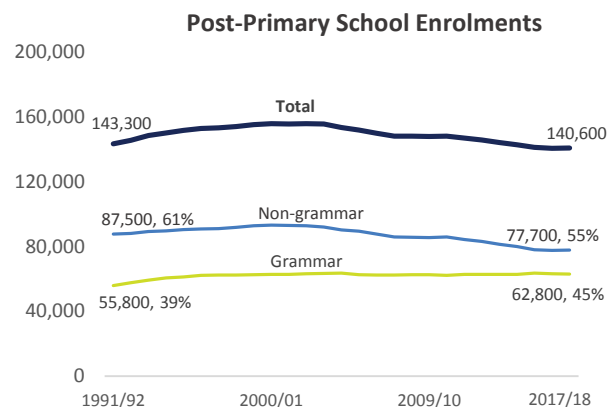
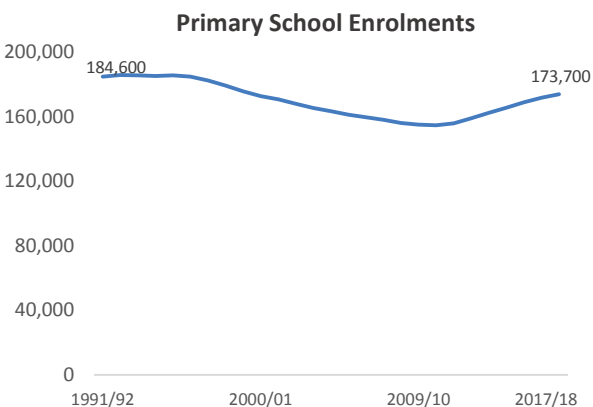
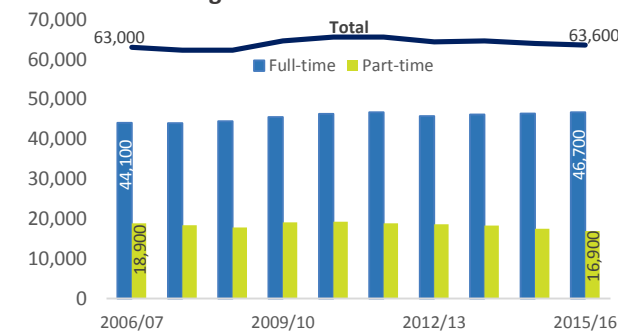
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Highest Level of Qualifications, 16-64
Jul-Sep 2017

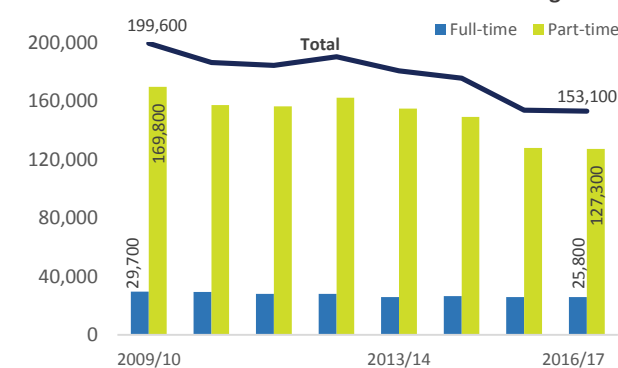


Source: Labour Force Survey

NI domiciled students enrolled at UK
Higher Education Institutions



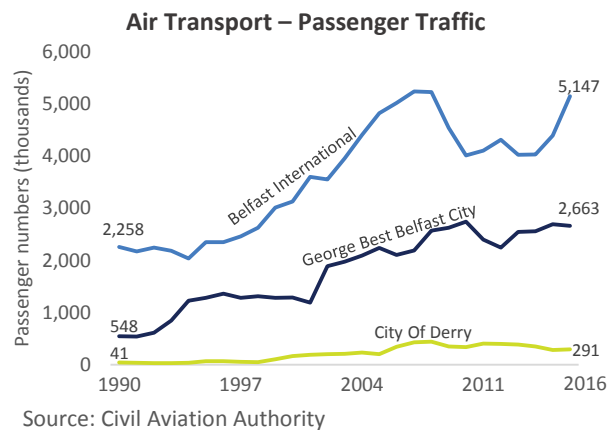
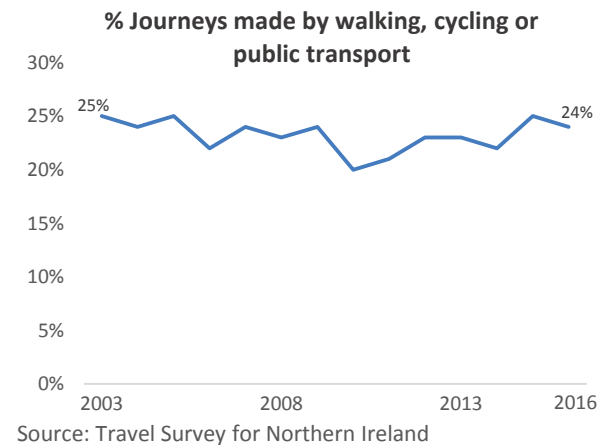
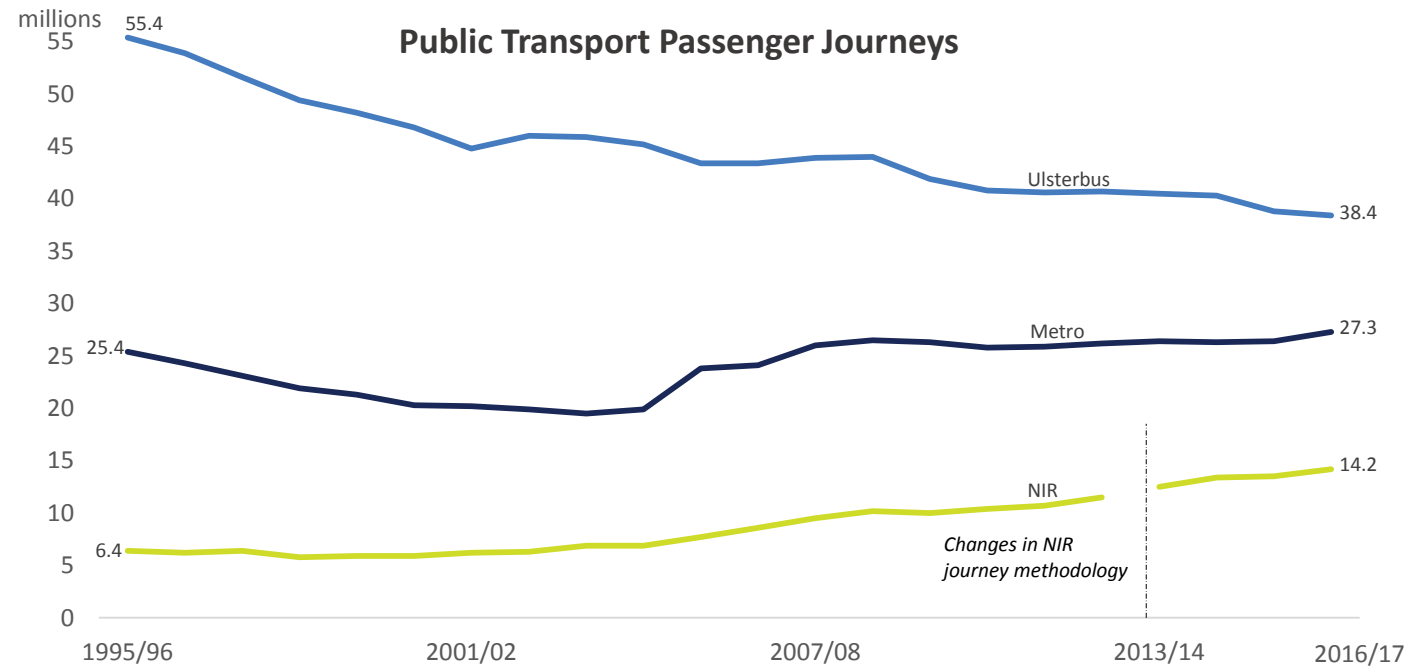
Enrolments* - NI Further Education Colleges



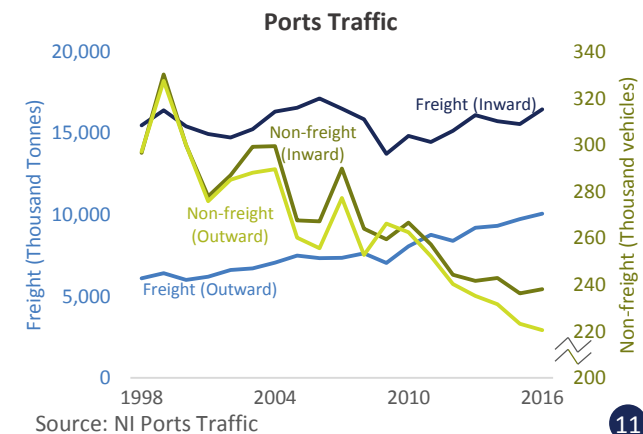
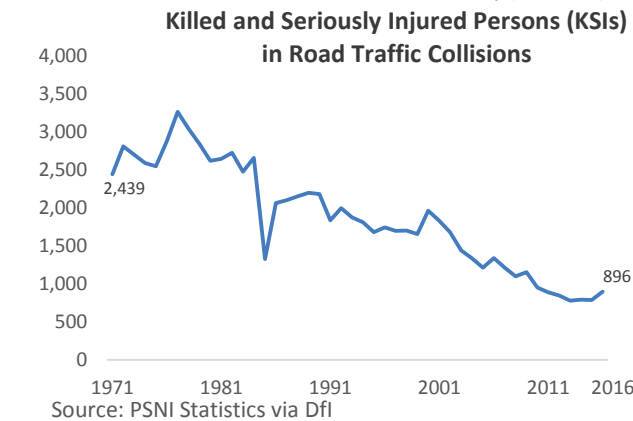
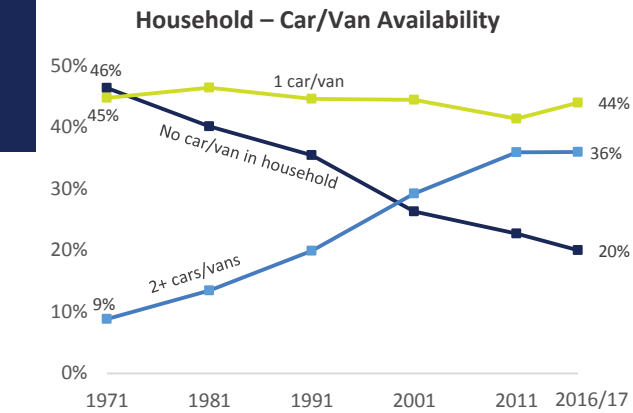
*Note that students may be enrolled on more than one course and may, therefore, be counted as 2+ enrolments. Includes ROI domiciled students.

TRAVEL & TRANSPORT *Use of public transport shows a mixed picture.*

- Decline in Ulsterbus journeys partly offset by increased rail and Metro travel.
- Proportion of households with 2 or more cars/vans has quadrupled over the last 45 years.
- People killed or seriously injured on our roads fallen by 70% since the 1970s.
- Air passenger traffic has tripled in the last 25 years.

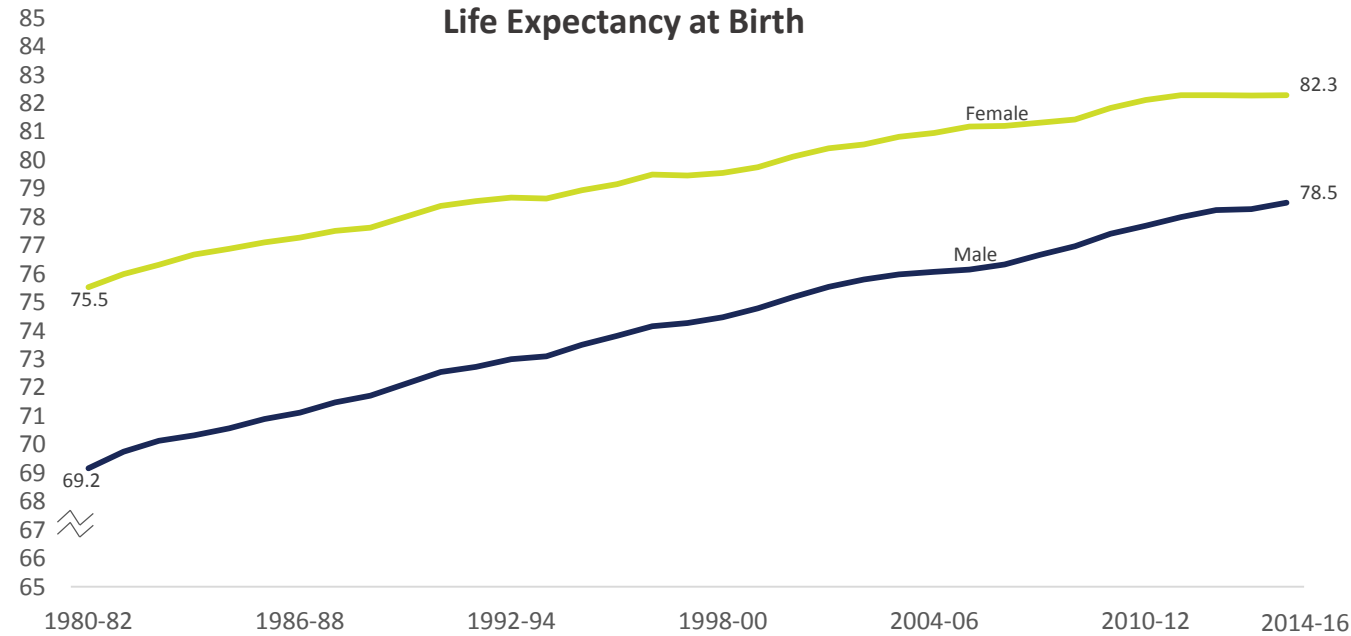


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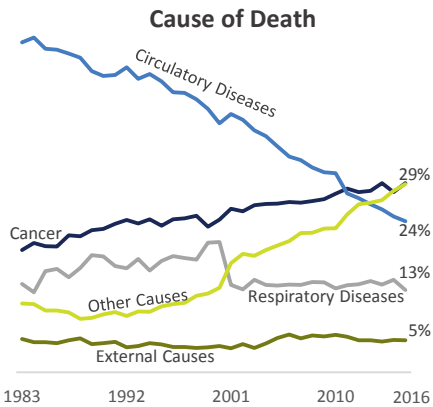


HEALTH Demand for the health service continues to increase.

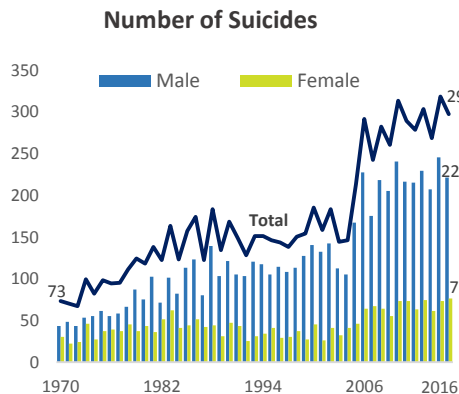
- 41 million prescription items issued (average 22 prescription items for every person).
- Life expectancy for men and women continues to rise, with gender gap closing.
- Deaths from heart disease have fallen substantially, while deaths from cancer have increased.
- Around 300 suicides each year (three in four suicides are of men).
- One in six adults have a possible mental health problem.



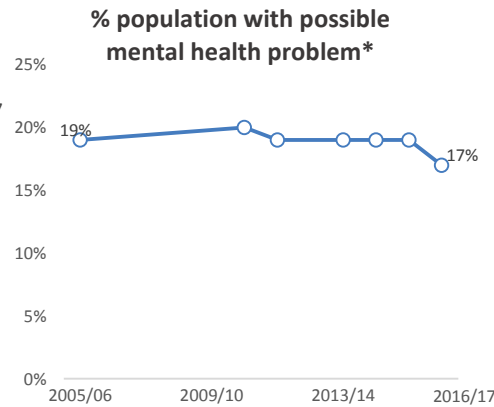
Source: ONS National life tables



Source: Registrar General Annual Report

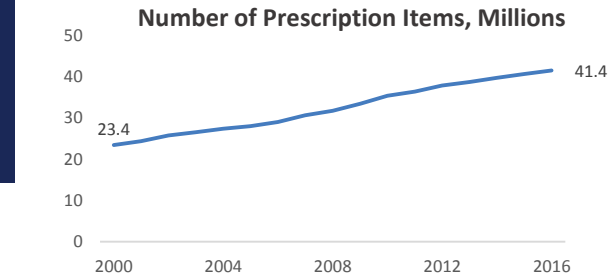


Source: NISRA Demographic Statistics

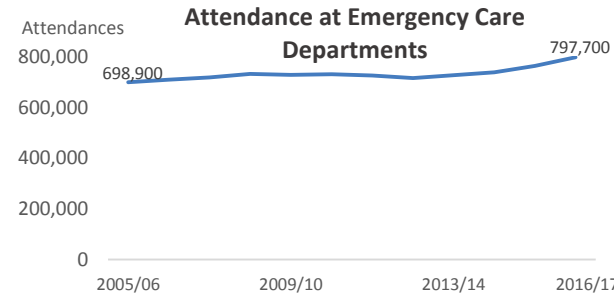


*GHQ12 score >=4.
Source: Health Survey Northern Ireland

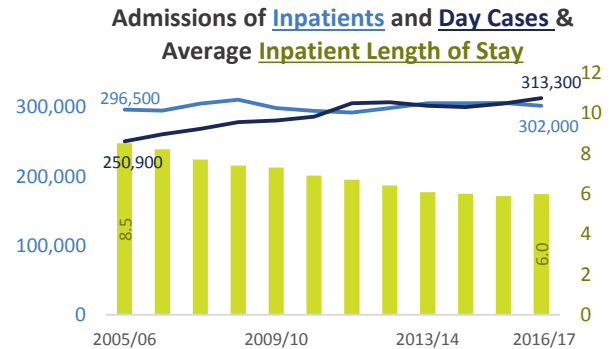
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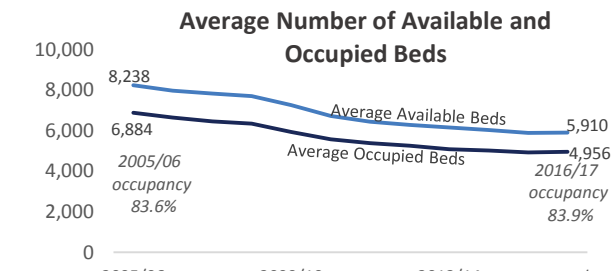
Source: BSO Pharmaceutical Statistics



Source: DoH Hospital Statistics



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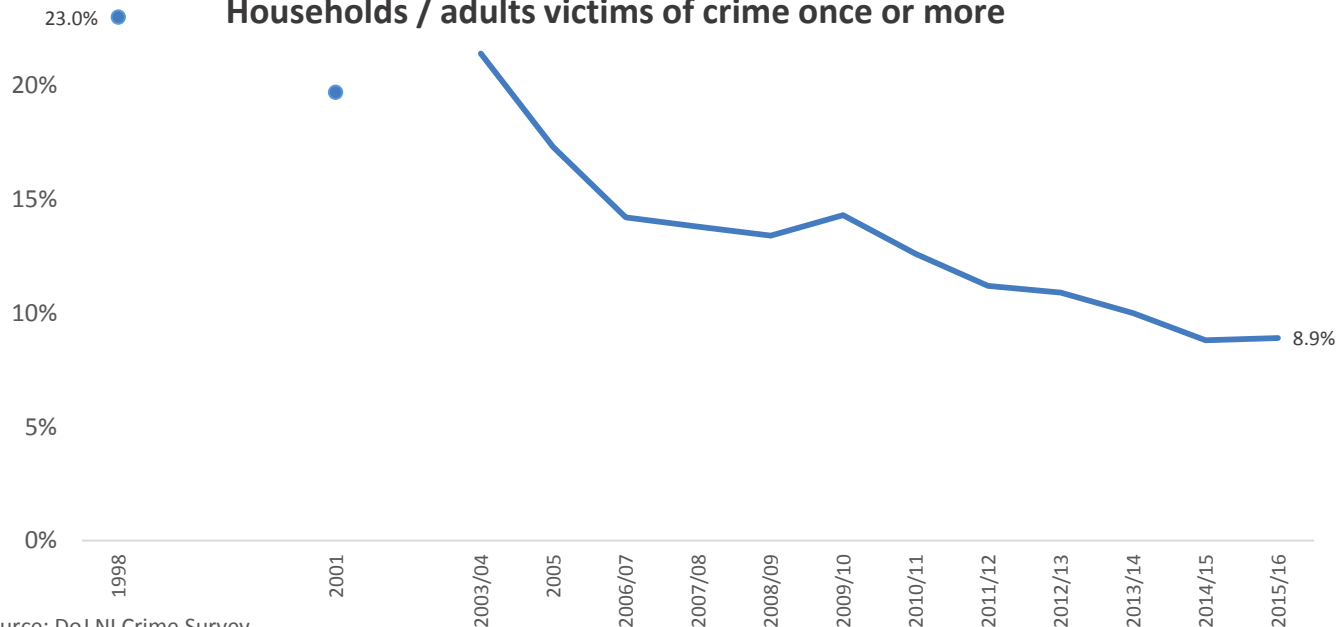


Source: DoH Hospital Statistics

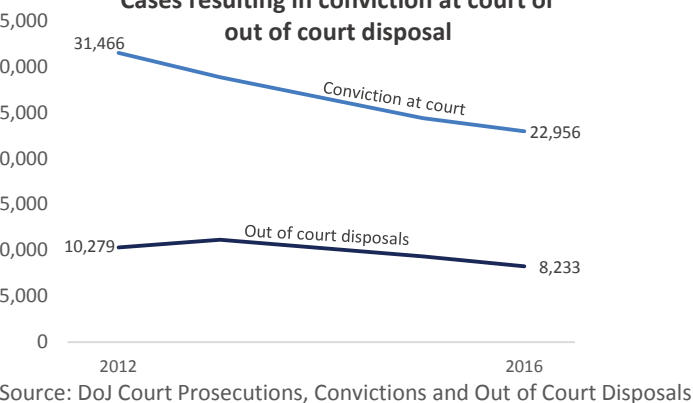
CRIME & JUSTICE *Crime levels falling.*

- Robbery, burglary and theft offences have fallen over the long-term.
- Violent, sexual and drug offences have increased.
- Sectarian crimes have fallen considerably over the last decade.
- Prison population has fallen recently following a prolonged increase.

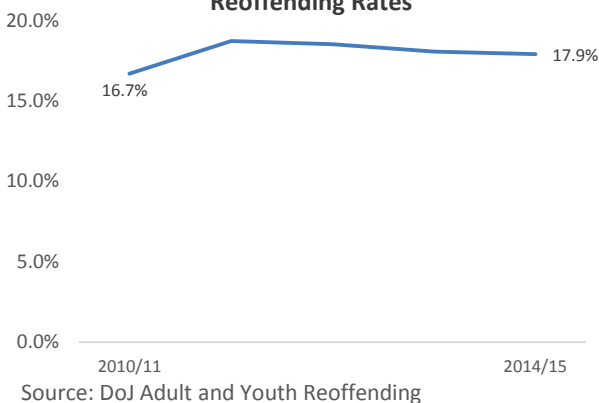
Households / adults victims of crime once or more



Cases resulting in conviction at court or out of court disposal

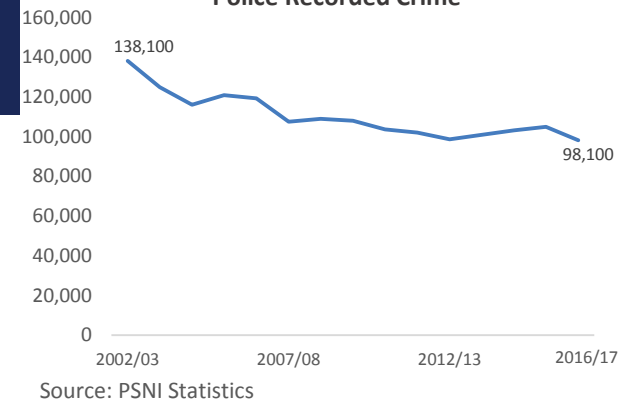


Reoffending Rates

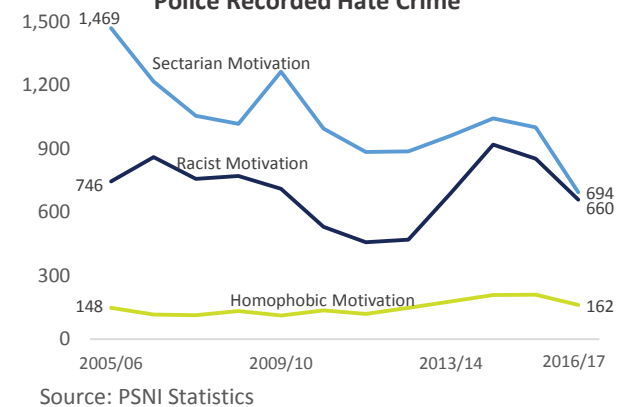


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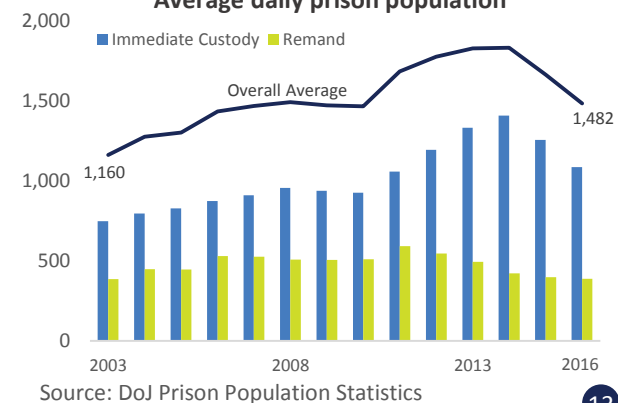
Police Recorded Crime



Police Recorded Hate Crime

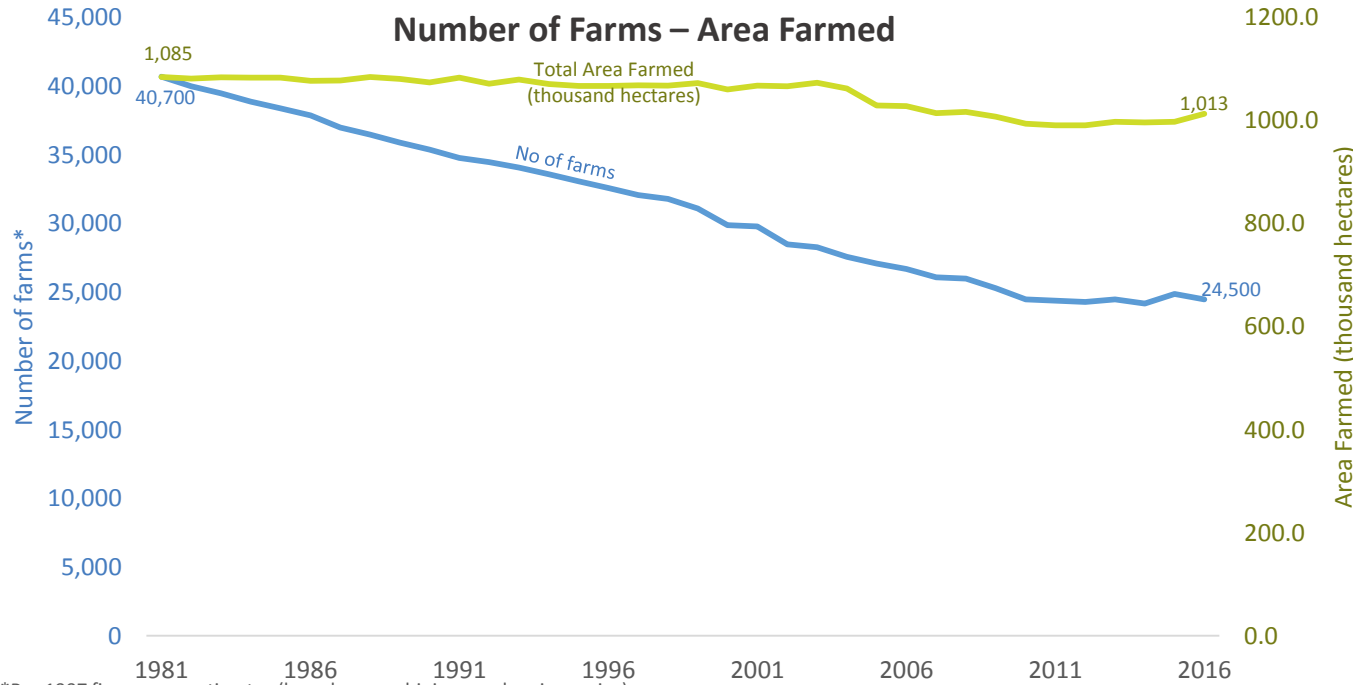


Average daily prison population



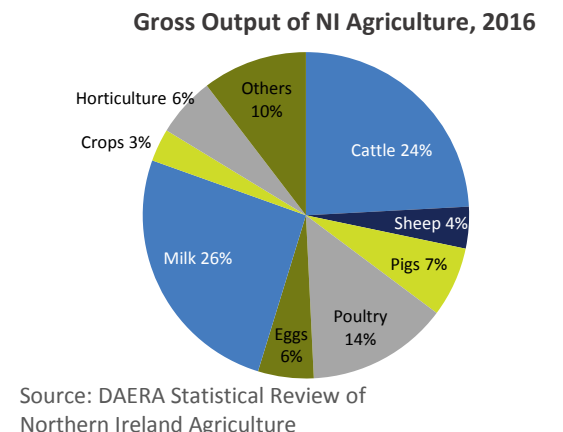
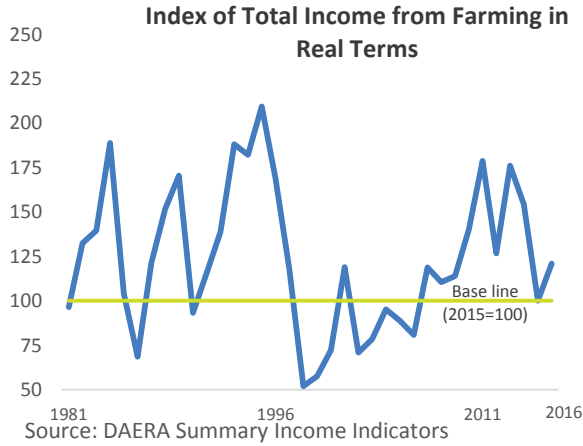
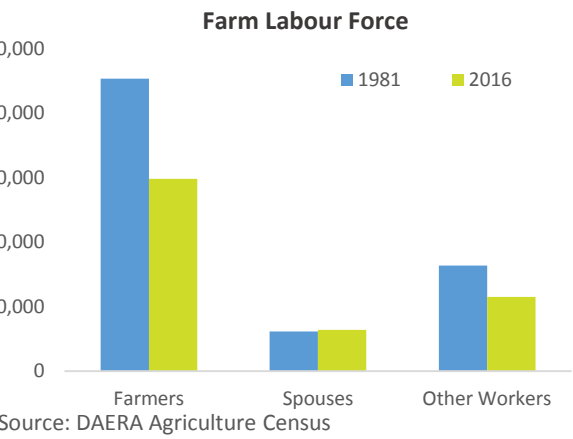
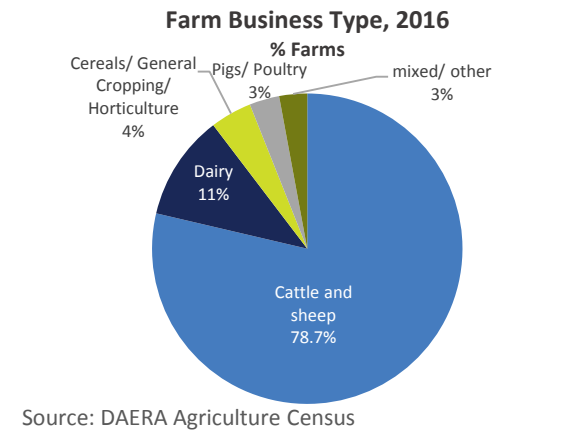
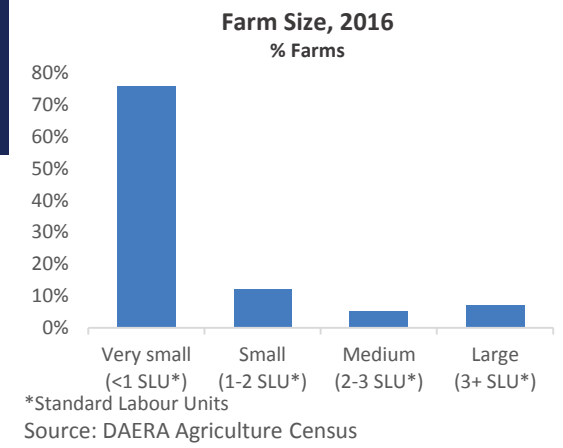
AGRICULTURE *Number of farms has fallen substantially over the last few decades.*

- Most farms are very small and unlikely to provide adequate income from farming.
- Four in every five farms are cattle & sheep farms.
- A small proportion of farms depend mainly on cropping (4%).
- Dairy accounts for one in ten farms but contributes 26% of agricultural output.



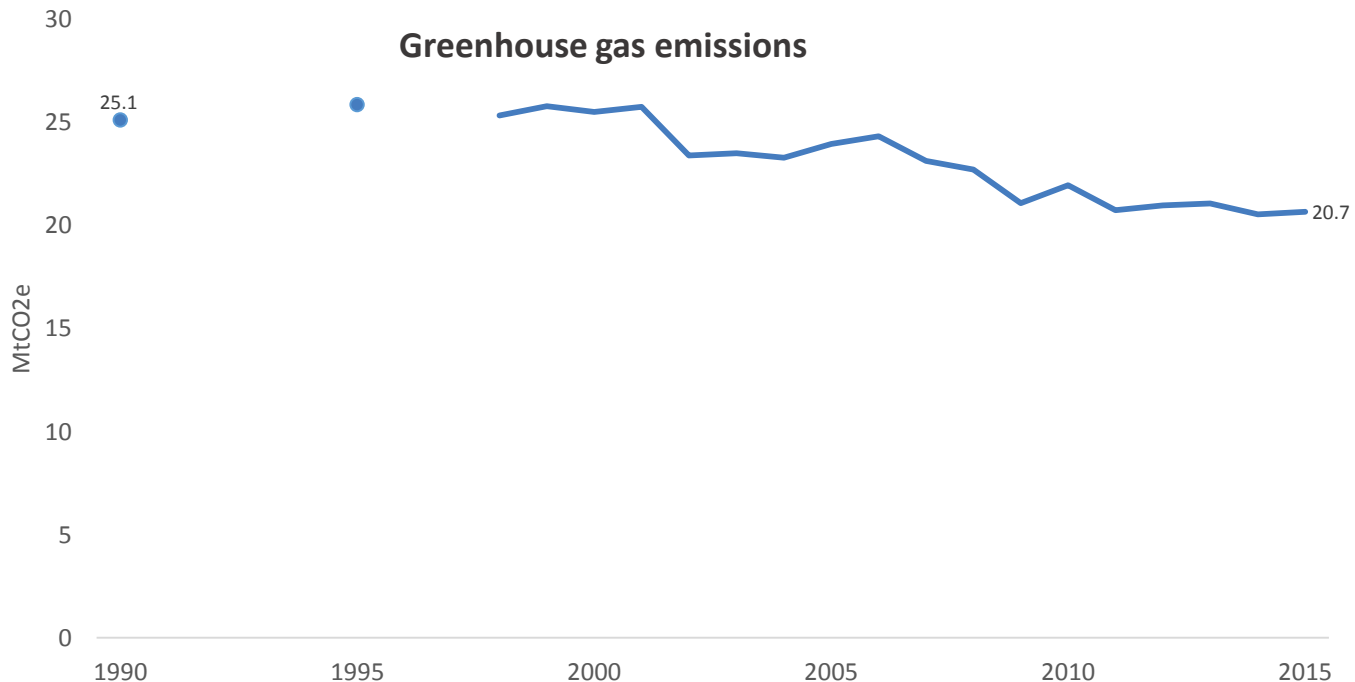
*Pre 1997 figures are estimates (based on combining overlapping series)
Source: DAERA Agriculture Census

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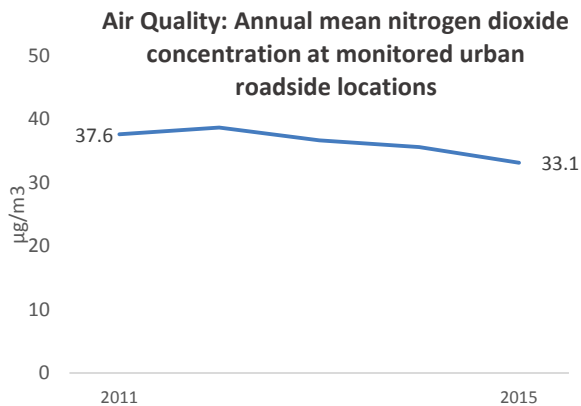


ENVIRONMENT *Greenhouse gas emissions have fallen over the long-term.*

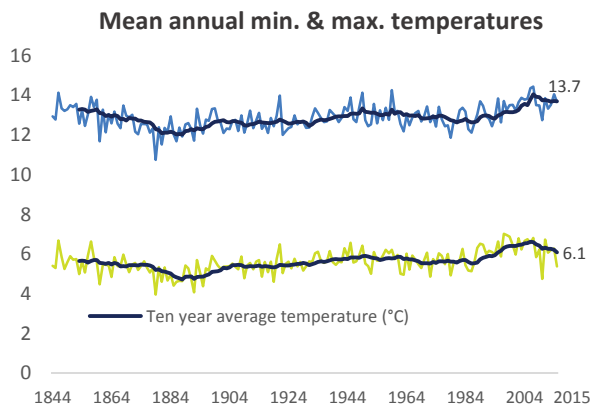
- Two-thirds of emissions are from agriculture, transport and energy sectors.
- More than a quarter of our electricity consumption is from renewable sources.
- Household recycling has risen steadily over the last decade.
- Nitrogen Dioxide levels in the air at monitored sites are falling and below UK & EU limit.



Source: DAERA Northern Ireland greenhouse gas inventory



Source: Ricardo Energy & Environment via DAERA

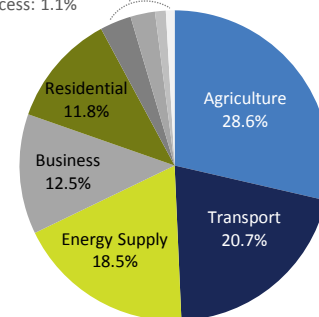


Source: Armagh Observatory via DAERA Environmental Statistics

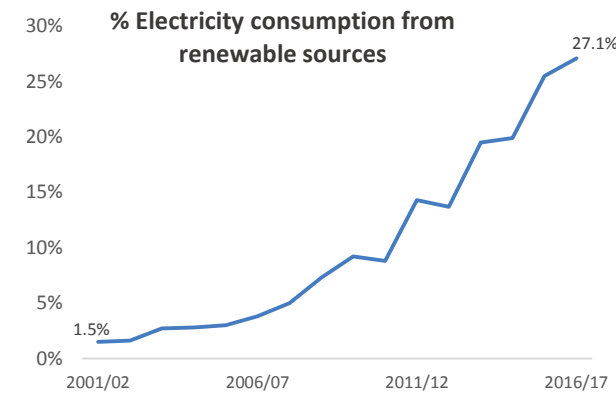
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Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector, 2015

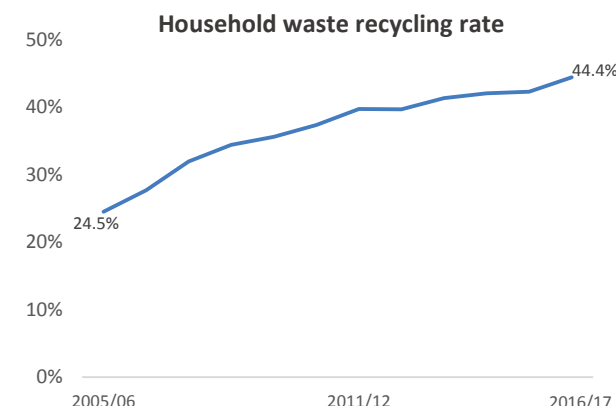
Land Use Change: 3.3%
Waste Management: 2.6%
Industrial Process: 1.1%
Public: 0.9%



Source: DAERA Northern Ireland greenhouse gas inventory



Source: DAERA Environmental Statistics

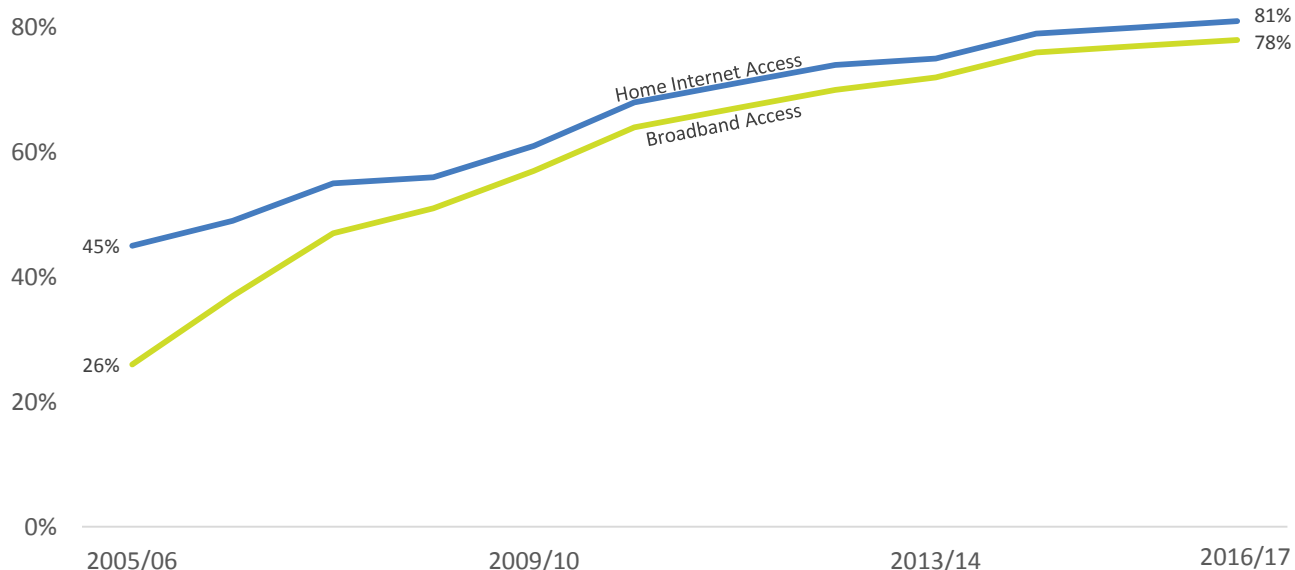


Source: NIEA via DAERA Environmental Statistics

TECHNOLOGY *We are a more 'online' society.*

- Four in five households have broadband access.
- Adoption of broadband technology has been relatively rapid (three-fold increase in ten years).
- Three in five households have a tablet computer, and three in four adults have a smartphone.
- However still 15% of adults have never used the internet.
- Internet use declines markedly with age – only 39% for those aged 70 and over.

Households (Internet & Broadband Access)



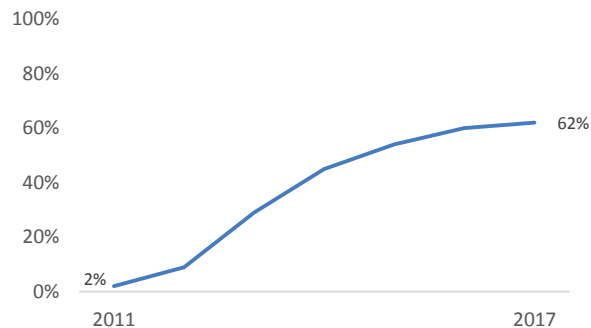
Source: Continuous Household Survey

Smartphone Use, 16+



Source: OFCOM Technology Tracker

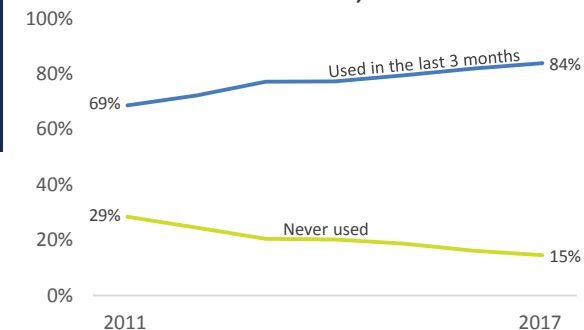
Tablet Computer Ownership, Households



Source: OFCOM Technology Tracker

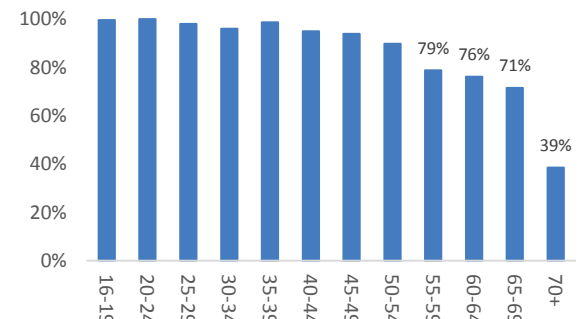
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Internet Users, 16+



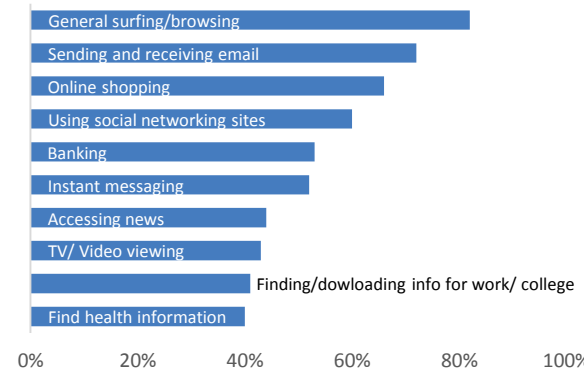
Source: ONS, Internet users in the UK

Internet Users (last 3 months) by Age, 2017



Source: Labour Force Survey

Top 10 Internet Activities, 2017



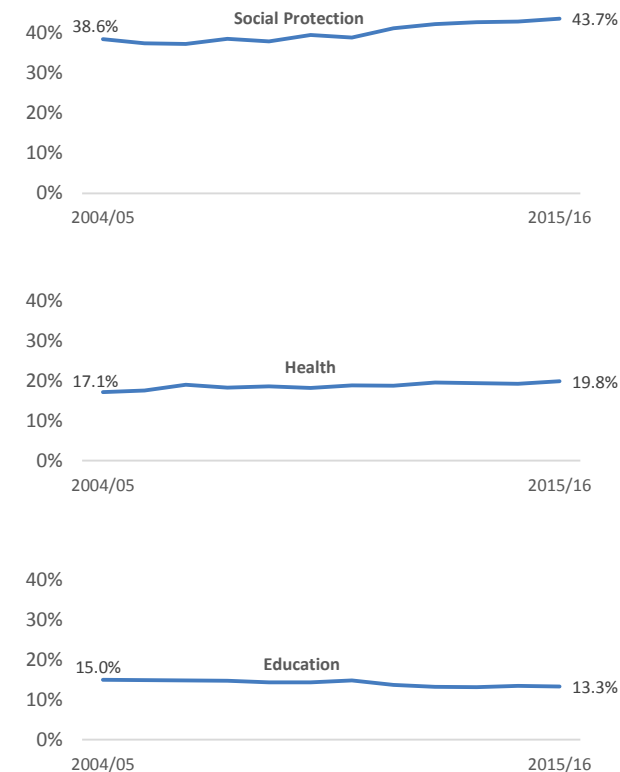
Source: OFCOM Technology Tracker

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE *Public sector spend has fallen in real terms since 2009/10.*

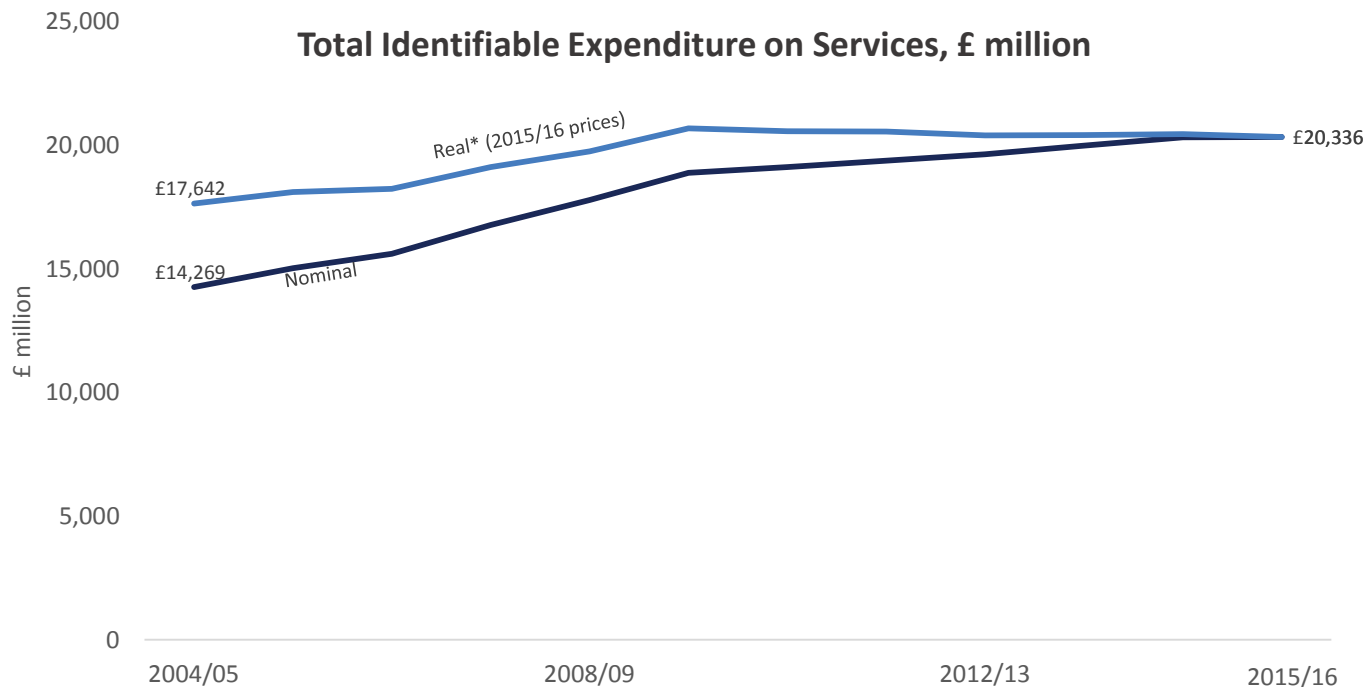
- Spend per head is higher here than in rest of the UK (20% more than the UK average).
- Social Protection (welfare and state pension) accounts for over 40% of all spend.

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% Expenditure by Main Function

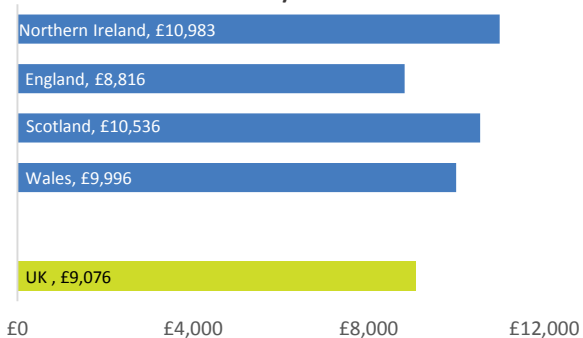


Total Identifiable Expenditure on Services, £ million

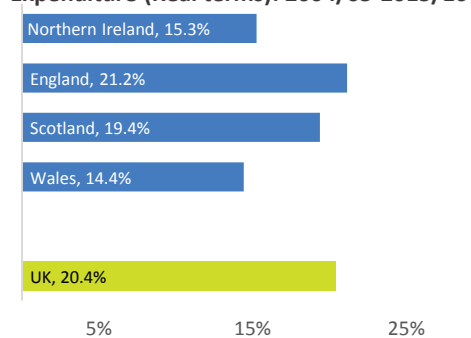


*Nominal adjusted to 2015/16 prices using GDP deflator

Identifiable Expenditure Per Capita: 2015/16



Percentage change in Identifiable Expenditure (Real terms): 2004/05-2015/16



Percentage change in Identifiable Expenditure (Real terms): 2009/10-2015/16

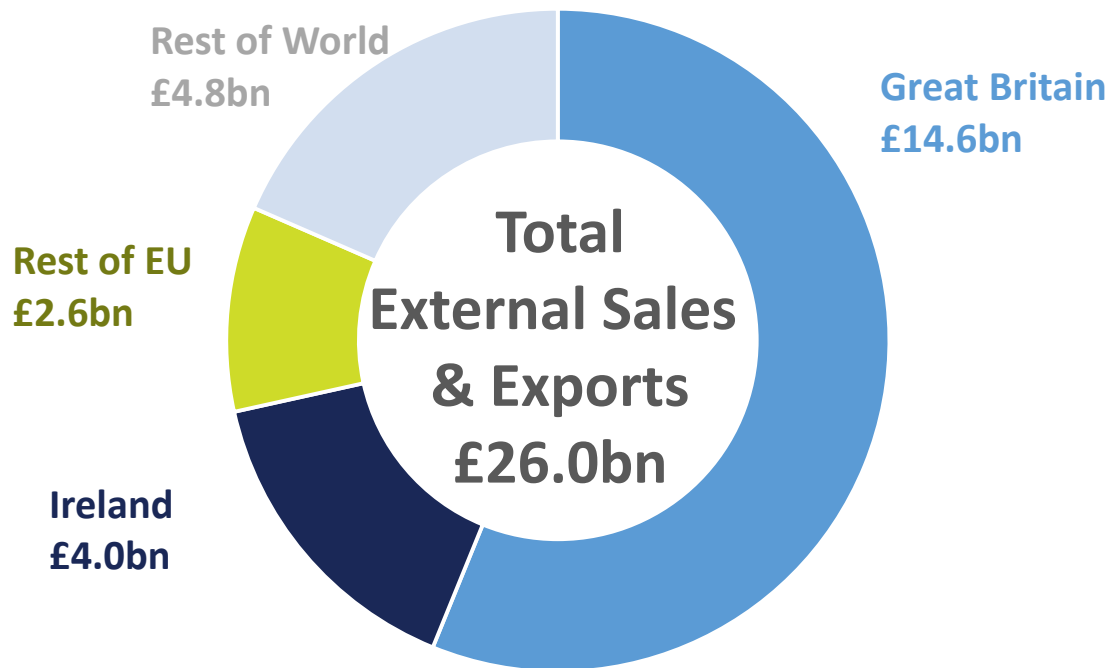


Source: HMT Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses

EU EXIT *Number of people from outside UK & Ireland has increased markedly.*

- Sales to GB, Ireland, Rest of EU and Rest of the World all increased in the last year.
- Majority of external sales are from manufacturing sector.
- 60,000 vehicles cross the border on the main routes in both directions every day.

Total NI External Sales and Exports by Destination, 2016, £ billion



Source: Broad External Sales and Export Statistics – supplementary tables – includes transport and farming

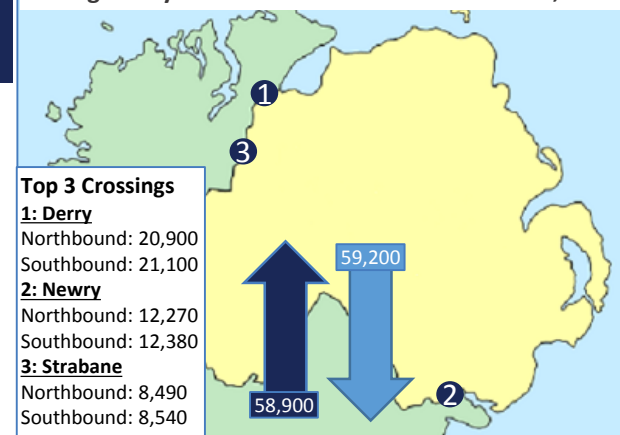
Northern Ireland's Largest Export Sectors by Destination 2016:

- **Rest of World:** Machinery & Transport Equipment £1.5 billion
- **Ireland:** Food & Live Animals £0.7 billion
- **Rest of EU:** Machinery & Transport Equipment £0.7 billion

Source: Regional Trade Statistics, HMRC

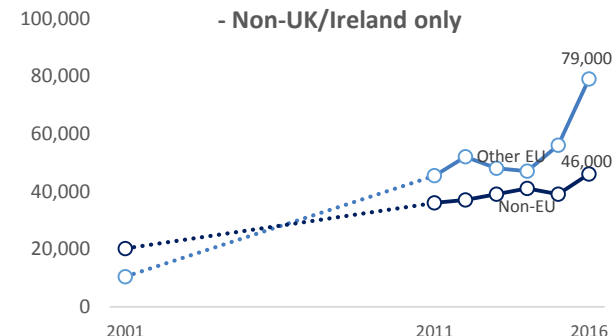
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Average Daily Cross Border Vehicle Traffic Flows, 2015



Source: Department for Infrastructure

Estimated Population by Country of Birth - Non-UK/Ireland only



Source: NI Census, Labour Force Survey, Oct-Dec (2007-2016)

European Co-funded Programmes: 2014-2020

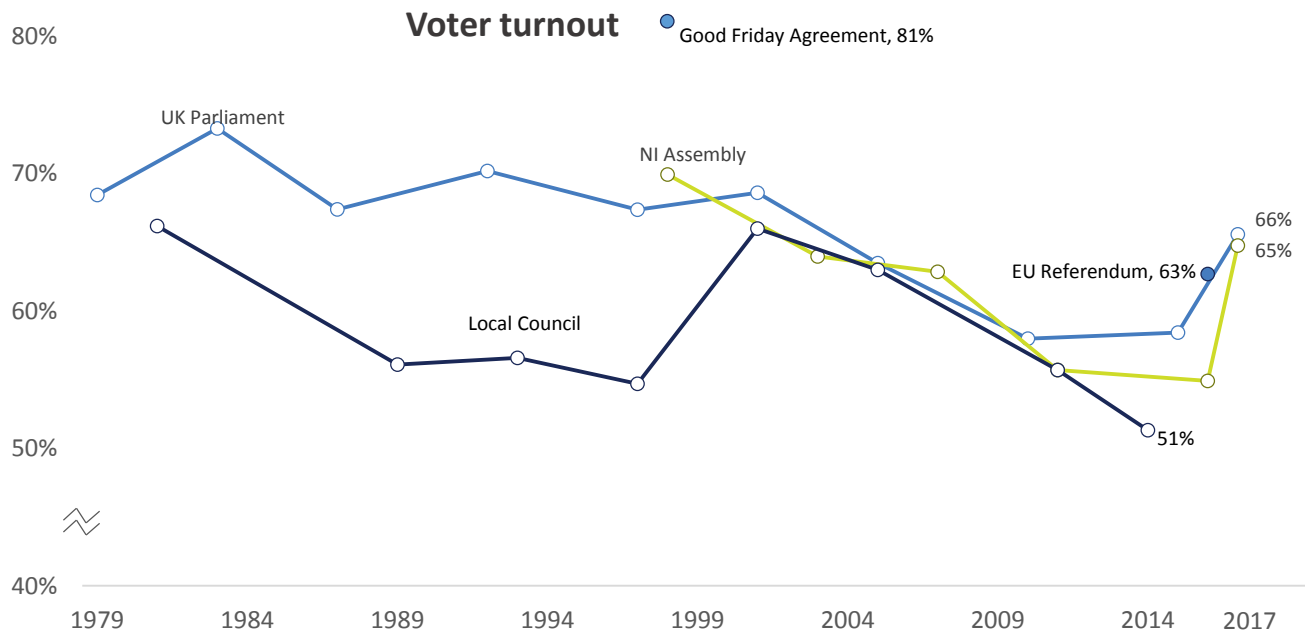
Programme	EU allocation (€m)
CAP: Direct Payments	€ 2,299
CAP: Rural Development	€ 228
Investment for Growth and Jobs	€ 308
INTERREG **	€ 240
PEACE *	€ 229
European Social Fund	€ 205
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund	€ 24
Total	€ 3,533

*Joint NI & ROI allocation. ** Joint NI, ROI & Scotland allocation

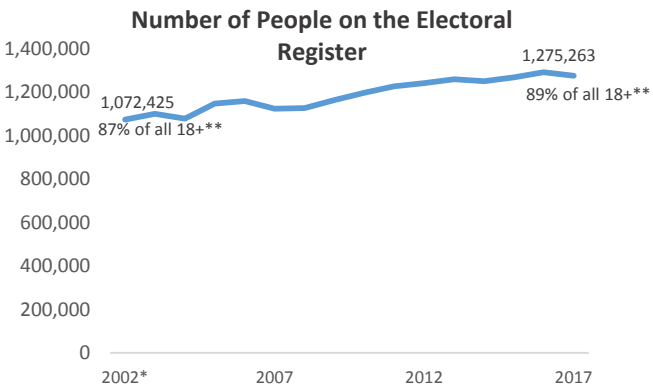
Source: European Commission

POLITICAL *Marked increase in voter turnout since EU referendum.*

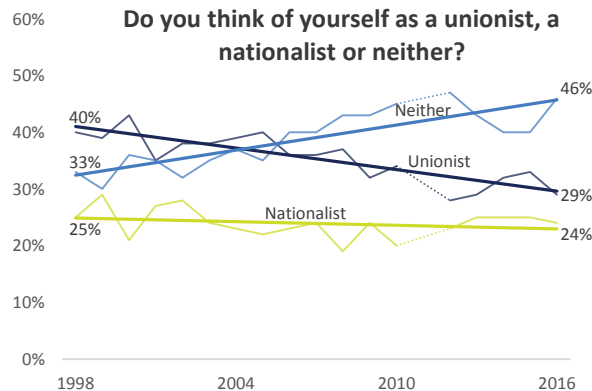
- Two largest parties gained 56% of the first preference votes in the 2017 NI Assembly election.
- In 1998, the two largest parties attracted 43% of the first preference votes.
- Increase since 1998 in people identifying as neither unionist or nationalist.



Source: The Electoral Office of Northern Ireland, CAIN (UU)

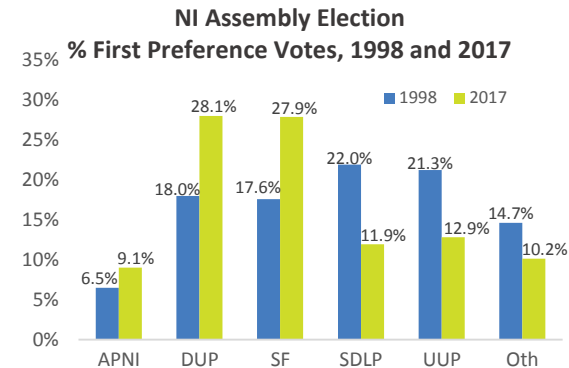


*at December, all other years as at July. Based on NISRA mid-year population estimates. Source: The Electoral Office of Northern Ireland

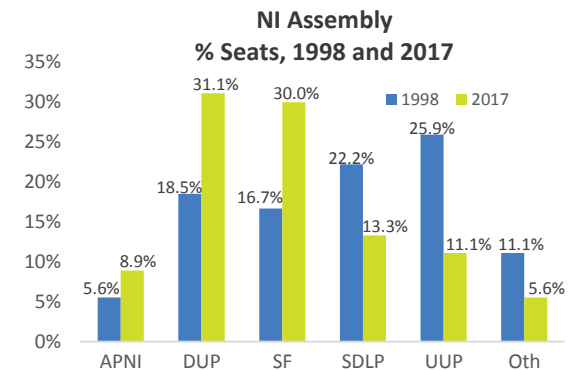


*The survey was not conducted in 2011. Source: ARK Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey

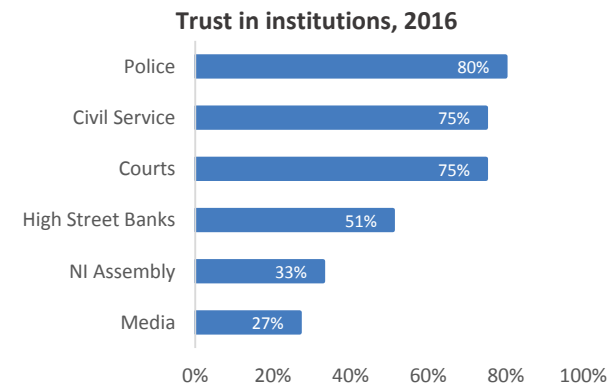
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Source: NISRA Omnibus Survey 2016

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HOUSEHOLDS	NISRA - Census NISRA - Demography NISRA - Department for Communities (DfC)
HOUSING	NISRA - Land & Property Services NISRA - DfC
LABOUR MARKET	NISRA - Economic & Labour Market Statistics (ELMS) Office for National Statistics (ONS)
ECONOMY	NISRA - ELMS (Economic Output) NISRA - ELMS (Business Surveys) ONS
WELFARE	NISRA - DfC HMRC NISRA - NINIS
EDUCATION	NISRA - Department of Education NISRA - ELMS NISRA - Department for the Economy
TRAVEL & TRANSPORT	NISRA - Department for Infrastructure (DfI) NISRA - PSNI NISRA - ELMS NISRA - Census NISRA - CSU
HEALTH	NISRA - Department of Health NISRA – Business Services Organisation NISRA - Demography ONS
CRIME & JUSTICE	NISRA – Department of Justice NISRA - PSNI
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