

Christmas Facts & Figures

Christmas is an annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ and a widely observed holiday, celebrated generally on 25 December by people around the world. Christmas is a civil holiday in many of the world's nations and is also increasingly celebrated by non-Christians.

Christmas Births & Marriages

45

The number of babies born on Christmas Day in Northern Ireland in 2014. 57 babies were born on New Year's Day 2014.

Source: Demography & Methodology Branch, NISRA
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp2.htm>

45 babies were born
on Christmas day in 2014.



Holly (also spelt Hollie) was the most popular name for girls registered in December 2014.

Eve and **Robyn** were seasonal names for baby girls registered during December 2014 and were ranked 13th and 28th respectively that month.

Source: Demography & Methodology Branch, NISRA
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp2.htm>



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December 2014.

556

The number of marriages and civil partnerships which took place in Northern Ireland in December 2014. December was the most popular winter month (between November and March) for these celebrations. There were 4 marriages/civil partnerships on Christmas Eve and none on Christmas Day in 2014. Nine marriages/civil partnerships took place on New Year's Day 2014.

Source: Demography & Methodology Branch, NISRA
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<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp11.htm>

Marriages and Civil Partnerships in 2014...



Happy New Year!

1,856,900

The projected population of Northern Ireland when we ring in the New Year in 2016.

(This figure is an approximation based on the average of population projections at mid-2015 and mid-2016)

Sources: 2014-based Population Projections

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<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp20.htm>

Festive Food & Foliage

180,095

The number of turkeys on Northern Ireland farms in June 2015, a 13% decrease from last year.

Source: DARD

www.dardni.gov.uk/agricultural-census-ni

2,319

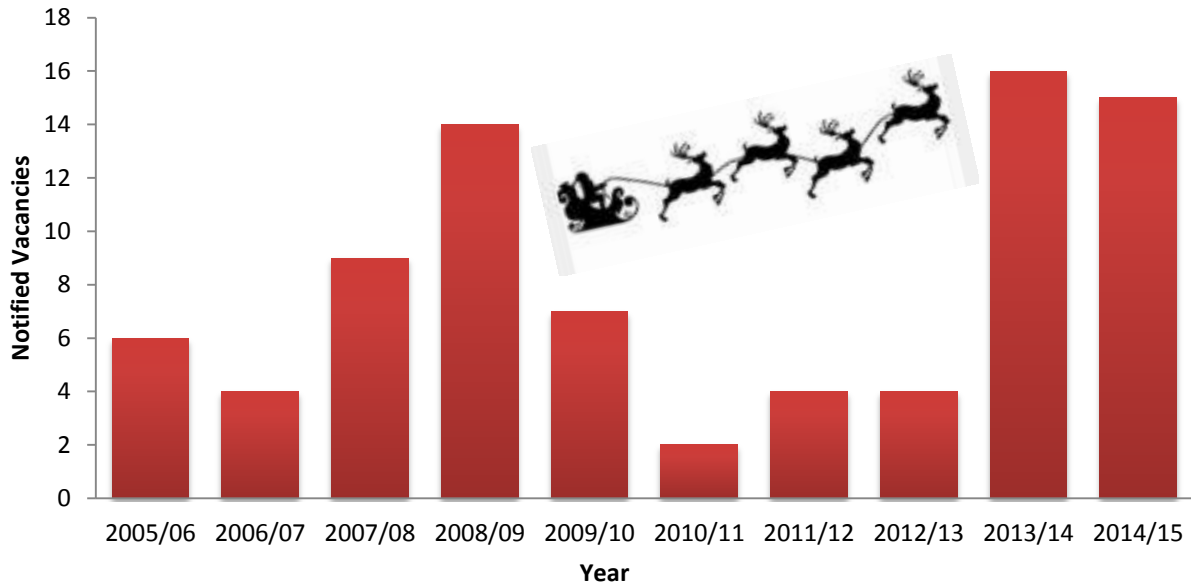
The number of farmed deer in Northern Ireland in June 2015, an 11% decrease from last year.

Source: DARD

Ho! Ho! Ho!

There were 15 vacancies notified to DEL for a 'Santa Claus' in 2014/15. The total number of vacancies over the last 10 years was 81, peaking at 16 in 2013/14; rising from a low of just 2 vacancies in 2010/11.*

Number of Notified Vacancies for Santa



*All statistics are derived from data extracted from the Department for Employment and Learning Client Management System (CMS). Notified vacancies (inflow) are all vacancy positions that were notified and added to Job Centres / J&BOs of DEL during the financial year specified. A new time series was developed in 2014.

Source: Department for Employment & Learning
<http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/statsandresearch.htm>