**Employment**

It is estimated that over 100,000 people in the borough were in employment in 2018. The majority of those in employment were working full-time (75.0% of those aged 16+ and 76.2% of those aged 16 to 64). The number of males and females in employment are broadly similar.

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|  | **In Employment (16+)** | **In Employment (16 – 64)** |
| **All** | 104,000 | 101,000 |
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| **Male** | 53,000 | 51,000 |
| **Female** | 51,000 | 50,000 |
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| **Full-time** | 78,000 | 77,000 |
| **Part-time** | 25,000 | 24,000 |

*Table 1: Number of people in employment in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough in 2018. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA. Please note figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand so may not sum.*

The employment rate for the borough in 2018 was 61.8% for those aged 16+ and 73.9% for those aged 16 to 64. The employment rate for both age groups are higher in the borough than Northern Ireland overall. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 has been higher in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough than Northern Ireland for each of the last ten years.

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|  | **Employment Rate (16+)** | | **Employment Rate (16 – 64)** | |
| **ABC** | **NI** | **ABC** | **NI** |
| **2009** | 58.4% | 55.0% | 67.2% | 65.1% |
| **2010** | 61.4% | 55.3% | 70.2% | 65.8% |
| **2011** | 60.3% | 56.4% | 70.9% | 67.0% |
| **2012** | 54.2% | 56.0% | 68.2% | 67.0% |
| **2013** | 56.5% | 56.2% | 68.4% | 67.1% |
| **2014** | 58.0% | 56.3% | 71.0% | 67.7% |
| **2015** | 57.1% | 57.0% | 69.4% | 68.4% |
| **2016** | 58.7% | 57.5% | 70.8% | 69.4% |
| **2017** | 60.6% | 57.2% | 73.3% | 69.1% |
| **2018** | 61.8% | 58.0% | 73.9% | 70.0% |

*Table 2: Employment rate for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2018. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

*Figure 1: Employment rate (16+) for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2018. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

*Figure 2: Employment rate (16-64) for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2018. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

In Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough in 2018, 37.4% of the workforce aged 16+ in employment were qualified to level 4 and above while 8.7% had no qualifications. This compared to Northern Ireland where 42.4% were qualified to level 4 and above and 9.6% had no qualifications.

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|  | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **Northern Ireland** |
| **Level 4+** | 37.4% | 42.4% |
| **Level 3+** | 60.3% | 63.7% |
| **Level 2+** | 78.0% | 79.2% |
| **Level 1+** | 91.3% | 90.4% |
| **No Qualifications** | 8.7% | 9.6% |

*Table 3: Percentage of workforce in employment aged 16+ qualified to level 1 and above, level 2 and above, level 3 and above, level 4 and above and without qualifications in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland in 2018. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

The number of self-employed people in the borough in 2018 aged 16+ was estimated to be 12,000. This gives a self-employed rate of 11.5% (self-employed rate is the number of self-employed aged 16+ as a percentage of the total number of employed aged 16+). This rate is below the Northern Ireland rate of 14.9%.

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|  | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **Northern Ireland** |
| **Self-Employed** | 12,000 | 127,000 |
| **Self-Employed Rate** | 11.5% | 14.9% |

*Table 4: Number of self-employed and self-employment rate in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland in 2018. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA. Please note figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand.*

Further information on employment can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/labour-market-and-social-welfare/labour-force-survey>