**Qualifications**

The 2011 Census asked about qualification levels of residents ranging from no qualifications to level 4 and above. The type of qualification at each level is shown below.

* *No qualifications*: No academic or professional qualifications.
* *Level 1*: 1-4 O Levels/CSE/GCSEs (any grades), Entry Level, Foundation Diploma, NVQ Level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic/Essential Skills.
* *Level 2*: 5+ O Level (Passes)/CSEs (Grade 1)/GCSEs (Grades A\*-C), School Certificate, 1 A Level/2-3 AS Levels/VCEs, Intermediate/Higher Diploma, NVQ Level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First/General Diploma, RSA Diploma.
* *Level 3*: 2+ A Levels/VCEs, 4+ AS Levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression/Advanced Diploma, NVQ Level 3, Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma.
* *Level 4+*: Degree (for example BA, BSc), Higher Degree (for example MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ Level 4-5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher Level, Foundation Degree, Professional Qualifications (for example teaching, nursing, accountancy).
* *Other*: Vocational/Work-related Qualifications, Qualifications gained outside the UK (Not stated/level unknown).

In Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough the percentage of residents aged 16 to 64 with no qualifications (21.8%) was slightly higher than Northern Ireland overall (21.3%). Level 1 qualifications and apprenticeships showed similar proportions in both the borough and Northern Ireland. Those with qualifications at level 4 and above was lower in the borough (24.2%) than Northern Ireland (25.8%).

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|  | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** | **Northern Ireland** | **%** |
| **No qualifications** | 27,874 | 21.8% | 248,897 | 21.3% |
| **Level 1** | 17,048 | 13.3% | 154,406 | 13.2% |
| **Level 2** | 22,709 | 17.8% | 198,547 | 17.0% |
| **Apprenticeship** | 5,303 | 4.1% | 48,250 | 4.1% |
| **Level 3** | 17,582 | 13.8% | 168,175 | 14.4% |
| **Level 4 and above** | 31,004 | 24.2% | 301,726 | 25.8% |
| **Other** | 6,340 | 5.0% | 47,819 | 4.1% |
| **Total** | 127,860 | 100.0% | 1,167,820 | 100.0% |

*Table 1: Highest level of qualifications of all usual residents aged 16 to 64 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland. Source: Highest Level of Qualification by Age – CT0104NI, Census 2011, NISRA.*

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In Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough the qualification level of residents aged 16 to 64 (excluding students) in employment and currently working in the area shows some larger differences in proportions to Northern Ireland than for the working age population as a whole. Those with no qualifications is 15.0% in the borough compared with 12.8% in Northern Ireland overall. In Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough those aged 16 to 64 (excluding students) in employment with a level 4 and above qualification was 29.8%, compared to 34.1% for Northern Ireland.

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|  | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** | **Northern Ireland** | **%** |
| **No qualifications** | 10,487 | 15.0% | 90,506 | 12.8% |
| **Level 1** | 9,158 | 13.1% | 90,049 | 12.7% |
| **Level 2** | 11,689 | 16.7% | 114,214 | 16.2% |
| **Level 3** | 10,067 | 14.4% | 104,333 | 14.8% |
| **Level 4 and above** | 20,856 | 29.8% | 241,140 | 34.1% |
| **Other** | 7,725 | 11.0% | 66,892 | 9.5% |
| **Total** | 69,982 |  | 707,134 |  |

*Table 2: Highest level of qualifications of all usual residents aged 16 to 64 (excluding students) in employment and currently working in the area in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland. Source: Highest Level of Qualification by Age by Sex (Workplace Population) – CT0411NI, Census 2011, NISRA.*

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Further information on Census 2011 can be found via the following links:

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/census/2011-census>

<https://www.ninis2.nisra.gov.uk/public/census2011analysis/index.aspx>