**Employment**

It is estimated that 98,000 people in the borough were in employment in 2020. The majority of those in employment were working full-time (78.6% of those aged 16+ and 79.8% of those aged 16 to 64). Males accounted for approximately 55% of the total in employment.

|  | In Employment (16+) | In Employment (16 – 64) |
| --- | --- | --- |
| All | 98,000 | 94,000 |
|  |  |  |
| Male | 54,000 | 52,000 |
| Female | 43,000 | 42,000 |
|  |  |  |
| Full-time | 77,000 | 75,000 |
| Part-time | 21,000 | 19,000 |

*Table 1: Number of people in employment in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough in 2020. 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 2020 was 59.7% for those aged 16+ and 72.3% for those aged 16 to 64. The employment rate for both age groups is higher in the borough than Northern Ireland overall. For those aged 16 to 64, the employment rate has been higher in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough than Northern Ireland for each of the last twelve years. The employment rate for both age groups in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough fell slightly in 2019 and while it has remained unchanged for those age 16-64 in 2020, it has increased slightly for those aged 16+.

|  | 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% |
| 2019 | 59.3% | 59.3% | 72.3% | 71.9% |
| 2020 | 59.7% | 58.3% | 72.3% | 70.9% |

*Table 2: Employment rate for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2020. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

*Figure 1: Employment rate (16+) for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2020. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

*Figure 2: Employment rate (16-64) for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2020. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

In Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough in 2020, 36.3% of the working age population were qualified to Degree level and above while 12.9% had no qualifications. This compared to Northern Ireland where 38.4% were qualified to degree level and above and 12.7% had no qualifications.

|  | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Degree Level and above | 36.3% | 38.4% |
| Below Degree Level | 50.8% | 48.9% |
| No Qualifications | 12.9% | 12.7% |

*Table 3: Percentage of Persons aged 16 to 64 by qualification level in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland in 2020. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

The number of self-employed people, aged 16-64, in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough in 2020 was estimated to be 14,000. This gives a self-employed rate of 14.6% (self-employed rate is the number of self-employed aged 16-64 as a percentage of the total number of employed aged 16-64). This rate is above the Northern Ireland rate of 13.6%. The self-employed rate in the borough has increased from 10.8% in 2018 to 14.6% in 2020 while for Northern Ireland overall, the rate has fallen between 2019 and 2020.

|  | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Self-Employed | 14,000 | 113,000 |
| Self-Employed Rate | 14.6% | 13.6% |

*Table 4: Number of self-employed and self-employment rate (age 16-64) in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland in 2020. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA. Please note figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand.*

|  | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2018 | 10.8% | 13.9% |
| 2019 | 14.4% | 14.6% |
| 2020 | 14.6% | 13.6% |

*Table 5: Self-employed as a percentage of those in employment in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland, aged 16-64, 2018- 2020. 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>