**Employment**

It is estimated that 97,000 people in the borough were in employment in 2021. The majority of those in employment were working full-time (79% of those aged 16+).

|  | In Employment (16+) |
| --- | --- |
| All | 97,000 |
|  |  |
| Full-time | 77,000 |
| Part-time | 21,000 |

*Table 1: Number of people aged 16+ in employment in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough in 2021. 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 2021 was 58.1% for those aged 16+ and 70.9% 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 thirteen years. The employment rate for both age groups in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough has been in decline since 2018. In NI overall, there was a slight drop in 2020 but it increased again slightly for both age groups in 2021.

|  | 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 | 58.6% | 57.3% | 71.3% | 69.8% |
| 2021 | 58.1% | 57.4% | 70.9% | 70.2% |

*Table 2: Employment rate for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2021. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

*Figure 1: Employment rate (16+) for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2021. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

*Figure 2: Employment rate (16-64) for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2021. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

In Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough in 2021, 39.6% of the working age population were qualified to NVQ level 4 and above while 13% had no qualifications. This compared to Northern Ireland where 42.1% were qualified to NVQ level 4 and above and 11.9% had no qualifications.

|  | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| NVQ Level 4 and above | 39.6% | 42.1% |
| Below NVQ Level 4 | 47.4% | 45.9% |
| No Qualifications | 13% | 11.9% |

*Table 3: Percentage of Persons aged 16 to 64 by qualification level in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland in 2021. Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA.*

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>