**Earnings**

The Annual Survey for Hours and Earnings (ASHE) is carried out in April of each year and provides information on employee earnings in the UK. The tables contain estimates of earnings for employees by gender and full-time or part-time status. Further breakdowns include by region / local government district (LGD), occupation, industry, age group and public or private sector.

The median, which is the value below which 50% of jobs fall, is NISRA's preferred measure of average earnings as it is less affected by a relatively small number of very high earners and the skewed distribution of earnings and therefore gives a better indication of typical pay than the mean[[1]](#footnote-1).

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|  | **Resident of ABC (£)** | **Working in ABC (£)** | **Northern Ireland (£)** |
| **All** | 25,138 | 24,230 | 25,293 |
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| **Male** | 27,648 | 27,076 | 28,648 |
| **Female** | 22,991 | 22,422 | 22,095 |
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| **Full-time** | 29,749 | 29,236 | 30,000 |
| **Part-time** | 11,970 | 11,971 | 11,958 |
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| **Male Full-time** | 30,581 | 29,694 | 31,253 |
| **Female Full-time** | 28,766 | 28,270 | 28,052 |
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| **Male Part-time** | (u) | (u) | 11,320 |
| **Female Part-time** | 12,286 | 12,310 | 12,000 |

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*Table 1: Median gross annual pay in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland in 2022 by gender and employment type. Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA. Note: The colour coding within the tables indicates the quality of each estimate based on the coefficient of variation (CV) of that estimate. The reliability of these estimates is illustrated in the Key.*

In 2022, residents of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon earned more overall annually (£25,138) than those working in the borough (£24,230). The median gross annual pay for residents of the borough was just slightly less than the Northern Ireland average (£25,293). For residents of the borough working full-time, their median gross annual full-time pay (£29,749) is just over £500 more than for those working in the borough but slightly lower than the Northern Ireland average (£30,000). Interestingly, residents of the borough earn more than those working in the borough in every category except part-time working.

Males living in the borough earn more annually (£27,648) than males who work in the borough (£27,076) but less than males in Northern Ireland overall (£28,648). Females living in the borough earn approximately £22,991 which is more than females working in the borough (£22,422). The median gross annual pay of females living and / or working in the borough is higher than that for females in Northern Ireland overall (£22,095). It should be noted that all 2022 figures are provisional and will be revised next year.

*Figure 1: Median gross annual pay in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland in 2022 by gender and employment type. Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA.*

In 2022 residents of the borough working full-time had the third highest median gross annual pay of the eleven council areas and for those working full-time in the borough, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon was the second highest of the eleven council areas.

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| **District Council Area** | **Residents of (£)** | **Working in (£)** |
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 29,709 | 28,805 |
| Ards and North Down | 28,675 | 27,733 |
| Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | 29,749 | 29,236 |
| Belfast | 29,954 | 33,008 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 28,733 | 26,940 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 25,989 | 26,560 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 27,896 | 27,923 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 33,116 | 29,142 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 28,487 | 26,089 |
| Mid Ulster | 28,797 | 28,273 |
| Newry, Mourne and Down | 27,984 | 27,276 |
| **Northern Ireland** | 30,000 | |

*Table 2: Median gross annual full-time pay in Northern Ireland by Council in 2022. Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA. Note: The colour coding within the tables indicates the quality of each estimate based on the coefficient of variation (CV) of that estimate. The reliability of these estimates is illustrated in the Key.*

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*Figure 2: Median gross annual full-time pay in Northern Ireland by Council in 2022. Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA.*

The headline measure of earnings from the ASHE is median gross weekly earnings for full-time employees.

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| **District Council Area** | **Residents of (£)** | **Working in (£)** |
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 582.0 | 560.0 |
| Ards and North Down | 569.4 | 514.1 |
| Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | 590.5 | 591.3 |
| Belfast | 594.1 | 638.4 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 556.0 | 507.1 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 547.9 | 562.1 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 581.8 | 560.2 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 671.1 | 585.1 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 569.1 | 546.1 |
| Mid Ulster | 558.1 | 574.9 |
| Newry, Mourne and Down | 594.9 | 563.4 |
| **Northern Ireland** | 591.6 | |

*Table 3: Median gross weekly pay - full-time employees in Northern Ireland by Council in 2022. Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA. Note: The colour coding within the tables indicates the quality of each estimate based on the coefficient of variation (CV) of that estimate. The reliability of these estimates is illustrated in the Key.*

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As presented in Table 3, residents of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon earn approximately £590.50 per week which is the fourth highest of the eleven council areas in Northern Ireland and just below the NI average of £591.60. For those working in the borough, the gross weekly pay is £591.30 and is the second highest after Belfast.

The median gross weekly full-time pay over time for those living and working in the borough is presented in Table 4 with the average for Northern Ireland overall. As we can see, between 2014 and 2022, gross weekly full-time pay increased every year except in 2020 for residents of the borough, those working in the borough and for Northern Ireland overall. Between 2014 and 2019, the median gross weekly earnings for full time employees both living and working in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough increased by approximately £19 each year. The average increase in Northern Ireland in this same time was approximately £15 each year.

The gross weekly earnings of full-time employees working in the borough have always been lower than the earnings of full-time employees living in the borough with a difference of £25.80 recorded in 2016. However, in 2022, the gross weekly earnings of full-time employees working in the borough was higher than the gross weekly earnings of residents, albeit only marginally.

Between 2014 and 2022, the gross median weekly earnings of full-time residents of the borough has increased by 32% while the earnings for those working in the borough has increased by almost 38%. These increases are both higher than the overall Northern Ireland increase of 28.6% across the same time period.

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|  | **Resident of ABC (£)** | **Working in ABC (£)** | **Northern Ireland (£)** |
| **2014** | 447.1 | 429.7 | 460.0 |
| **2015** | 460.1 | 442.9 | 484.7 |
| **2016** | 493.2 | 467.4 | 493.6 |
| **2017** | 503.2 | 482.7 | 500.0 |
| **2018** | 518.0 | 503.5 | 517.8 |
| **2019** | 541.5 | 524.2 | 534.5 |
| **2020** | 525.7 | 508.1 | 528.7 |
| **2021** | 574.8 | 562.8 | 574.9 |
| **2022** | 590.5 | 591.3 | 591.6 |

*Table 4: Median gross weekly full-time pay in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland between 2014 and 2022. Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA. Note: The colour coding within the tables indicates the quality of each estimate based on the coefficient of variation (CV) of that estimate. The reliability of these estimates is illustrated in the Key.*

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

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

1. [Employee earnings in Northern Ireland (nisra.gov.uk)](https://datavis.nisra.gov.uk/economy-and-labour-market/employee-earnings-NI-2022.html) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)