

# IRELAND

**Table 4. Population and employment (persons) and employment (hours worked) by industry**  
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|  | 2004           | 2005           | 2006           | 2007           | 2008           | 2009           | 2010           | 2011 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| <b>POPULATION, THOUSAND PERSONS, NATIONAL CONCEPT</b>              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |      |
| <b>1 Total population</b>  | <b>4 067.3</b> | <b>4 160.0</b> | <b>4 261.1</b> | <b>4 365.4</b> | <b>4 443.0</b> | <b>4 468.0</b> | <b>4 475.7</b> | ..   |
| 2 Economically active population                                   | 1 958.1        | 2 052.0        | 2 143.2        | 2 224.0        | 2 241.5        | 2 188.0        | 2 139.7        | ..   |
| 3 Unemployed persons   | 87.7           | 89.7           | 95.3           | 101.4          | 141.3          | 258.7          | 291.7          | ..   |
| 4 Total employment   | 1 870.4        | 1 962.3        | 2 048.0        | 2 122.6        | 2 100.2        | 1 929.4        | 1 848.0        | ..   |
| 5 Employees  | 1 540.2        | 1 629.8        | 1 714.1        | 1 761.8        | 1 730.3        | 1 585.0        | 1 531.0        | ..   |
| 6 Self-employed  | 330.2          | 332.5          | 333.8          | 360.8          | 369.9          | 344.3          | 317.0          | ..   |
| <b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, THOUSAND PERSONS, DOMESTIC CONCEPT</b>        |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |      |
| 7 Agriculture, forestry and fishing                                | 113.8          | 111.2          | 111.2          | 110.9          | 115.0          | 96.3           | 85.2           | ..   |
| 8 Industry, including energy                                       | 298.1          | 295.9          | 298.4          | 299.1          | 287.3          | 257.4          | 242.8          | ..   |
| 9 Manufacturing  | 270.3          | 264.6          | 263.8          | 263.3          | 251.6          | 225.9          | 212.0          | ..   |
| 10 Construction  | 203.8          | 234.3          | 260.7          | 268.7          | 237.0          | 156.8          | 120.5          | ..   |
| 11 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accomod., food serv. activ.   | 468.4          | 490.0          | 503.8          | 532.7          | 526.8          | 493.4          | 484.6          | ..   |
| 12 Information and communication                                   | 62.1           | 67.3           | 68.9           | 68.8           | 71.1           | 73.5           | 73.3           | ..   |
| 13 Financial and insurance activities                              | 82.9           | 85.6           | 87.6           | 92.0           | 95.4           | 98.5           | 92.5           | ..   |
| 14 Real estate activities  | 5.7            | 7.7            | 9.5            | 11.0           | 10.9           | 9.5            | 9.4            | ..   |
| 15 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 154.6          | 167.7          | 176.2          | 191.1          | 189.3          | 169.6          | 160.3          | ..   |
| 16 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 389.3          | 411.5          | 436.7          | 452.6          | 467.8          | 479.0          | 486.7          | ..   |
| 17 Other service activities  | 91.9           | 91.2           | 94.9           | 95.7           | 99.6           | 95.3           | 92.8           | ..   |
| <b>18 Total employment</b>   | <b>1 870.4</b> | <b>1 962.3</b> | <b>2 048.0</b> | <b>2 122.6</b> | <b>2 100.2</b> | <b>1 929.4</b> | <b>1 848.0</b> | ..   |
| <b>EMPLOYEES, THOUSAND PERSONS, DOMESTIC CONCEPT</b>               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |      |
| 19 Agriculture, forestry and fishing                               | 21.7           | 20.8           | 23.5           | 20.5           | 21.1           | 16.3           | 16.0           | ..   |
| 20 Industry, including energy                                      | 275.6          | 274.2          | 275.1          | 273.7          | 260.6          | 230.8          | 221.3          | ..   |
| 21 Manufacturing   | 249.6          | 244.7          | 242.4          | 240.5          | 227.6          | 201.8          | 192.3          | ..   |
| 22 Construction  | 148.6          | 175.7          | 194.9          | 195.6          | 161.7          | 97.7           | 72.1           | ..   |
| 23 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accomod., food serv. activ.   | 389.3          | 410.6          | 429.0          | 453.3          | 448.4          | 414.3          | 406.2          | ..   |
| 24 Information and communication                                   | 54.6           | 59.6           | 61.5           | 60.4           | 62.7           | 64.8           | 63.5           | ..   |
| 25 Financial and insurance activities                              | 79.1           | 81.7           | 83.7           | 87.6           | 91.4           | 94.4           | 88.3           | ..   |
| 26 Real estate activities  | 3.8            | 5.3            | 6.9            | 7.8            | 7.6            | 6.2            | 6.3            | ..   |
| 27 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 122.9          | 134.1          | 143.1          | 153.3          | 149.6          | 129.7          | 122.5          | ..   |
| 28 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 372.5          | 395.2          | 420.4          | 434.9          | 449.8          | 457.6          | 464.5          | ..   |
| 29 Other service activities  | 72.1           | 72.7           | 76.2           | 74.7           | 77.4           | 73.3           | 70.3           | ..   |
| <b>30 Total employees</b>  | <b>1 540.2</b> | <b>1 629.8</b> | <b>1 714.1</b> | <b>1 761.8</b> | <b>1 730.3</b> | <b>1 585.0</b> | <b>1 531.0</b> | ..   |
| <b>SELF-EMPLOYED, THOUSAND PERSONS, DOMESTIC CONCEPT</b>           |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |      |
| 31 Agriculture, forestry and fishing                               | 92.1           | 90.4           | 87.8           | 90.3           | 94.0           | 80.0           | 69.2           | ..   |
| 32 Industry, including energy                                      | 22.5           | 21.7           | 23.4           | 25.5           | 26.7           | 26.6           | 21.4           | ..   |
| 33 Manufacturing   | 20.7           | 19.9           | 21.4           | 22.8           | 24.0           | 24.2           | 19.7           | ..   |
| 34 Construction  | 55.3           | 58.6           | 65.7           | 73.1           | 75.3           | 59.1           | 48.4           | ..   |
| 35 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accomod., food serv. activ.   | 79.1           | 79.4           | 74.9           | 79.4           | 78.3           | 79.1           | 78.4           | ..   |
| 36 Information and communication                                   | 7.5            | 7.7            | 7.4            | 8.4            | 8.4            | 8.7            | 9.8            | ..   |
| 37 Financial and insurance activities                              | 3.8            | 4.0            | 4.0            | 4.3            | 4.0            | 4.1            | 4.2            | ..   |
| 38 Real estate activities  | 1.9            | 2.4            | 2.5            | 3.2            | 3.3            | 3.4            | 3.1            | ..   |
| 39 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 31.7           | 33.5           | 33.2           | 37.8           | 39.7           | 39.9           | 37.7           | ..   |
| 40 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 16.7           | 16.3           | 16.3           | 17.7           | 18.0           | 21.3           | 22.2           | ..   |
| 41 Other service activities  | 19.7           | 18.5           | 18.7           | 21.1           | 22.2           | 22.1           | 22.5           | ..   |
| <b>42 Total self-employed</b>                                      | <b>330.2</b>   | <b>332.5</b>   | <b>333.8</b>   | <b>360.8</b>   | <b>369.9</b>   | <b>344.3</b>   | <b>317.0</b>   | ..   |
| <b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, MILLION HOURS, DOMESTIC CONCEPT</b>           |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |      |
| 43 Industry, including energy                                      | 585.5          | 586.8          | 588.3          | 592.4          | 565.4          | 495.0          | 470.6          | ..   |
| 44 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accomod., food serv. activ.   | 856.9          | 899.3          | 923.5          | 967.5          | 946.4          | 866.8          | 846.6          | ..   |
| 45 Financial and insurance activities                              | 156.7          | 162.1          | 167.0          | 173.8          | 179.4          | 184.9          | 177.1          | ..   |
| 46 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 304.9          | 328.6          | 347.7          | 373.2          | 370.1          | 328.5          | 315.1          | ..   |
| 47 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 648.0          | 693.7          | 732.7          | 754.9          | 775.2          | 792.3          | 806.1          | ..   |
| <b>48 Total employment</b>   | <b>3 507.5</b> | <b>3 695.4</b> | <b>3 848.0</b> | <b>3 958.4</b> | <b>3 873.0</b> | <b>3 488.0</b> | <b>3 333.4</b> | ..   |
| <b>EMPLOYEES, MILLION HOURS, DOMESTIC CONCEPT</b>                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |      |
| 49 Industry, including energy                                      | 538.4          | 540.5          | 538.6          | 538.3          | 509.5          | 440.5          | 427.2          | ..   |
| 50 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accomod., food serv. activ.   | 685.6          | 727.6          | 759.8          | 797.4          | 782.2          | 701.4          | 681.3          | ..   |
| 51 Financial and insurance activities                              | 148.9          | 154.3          | 158.7          | 164.9          | 171.7          | 177.2          | 168.9          | ..   |
| 52 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 239.9          | 259.5          | 278.4          | 294.8          | 289.1          | 249.5          | 239.1          | ..   |
| 53 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 619.9          | 665.9          | 705.3          | 726.4          | 747.0          | 757.3          | 771.0          | ..   |
| <b>54 Total employees</b>  | <b>2 797.9</b> | <b>2 980.6</b> | <b>3 127.3</b> | <b>3 190.3</b> | <b>3 104.8</b> | <b>2 788.6</b> | <b>2 691.1</b> | ..   |
| <b>SELF-EMPLOYED, MILLION HOURS, DOMESTIC CONCEPT</b>              |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |      |
| 55 Industry, including energy                                      | 47.2           | 46.3           | 49.7           | 54.1           | 55.9           | 54.5           | 43.4           | ..   |
| 56 Distrib. trade, repairs; transp.; accomod., food serv. activ.   | 171.3          | 171.6          | 163.7          | 170.1          | 164.2          | 165.4          | 165.4          | ..   |
| 57 Financial and insurance activities                              | 7.8            | 7.7            | 8.3            | 8.9            | 7.7            | 7.7            | 8.2            | ..   |
| 58 Prof., scientif., techn. activ.; admin., support service activ. | 64.9           | 69.1           | 69.4           | 78.4           | 80.9           | 79.0           | 75.9           | ..   |
| 59 Public admin.; compulsory s.s.; education; human health         | 28.1           | 27.8           | 27.4           | 28.5           | 28.2           | 34.9           | 35.1           | ..   |
| <b>60 Total self-employed</b>                                      | <b>709.7</b>   | <b>714.7</b>   | <b>720.7</b>   | <b>768.2</b>   | <b>768.1</b>   | <b>699.4</b>   | <b>642.3</b>   | ..   |

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