

Economic Inactivity

Table 1: Economic inactivity, DCSDC and NI, 2018

Age group	DCSDC		NI	
	Number	%	Number	%
16+	50,000	43.6%	583,000	39.8%
16-64	33,000	34.1%	318,000	27.2%

Source: NISRA, Labour Force Survey

- Estimates from the 2018 Labour Force Survey (LFS) indicate that 43.6% (50,000 people) of all those aged 16 and over, in DCSDC, were economically inactive, i.e. people who are neither in employment nor unemployed as per the International Labour Organisation (ILO) measure. This was higher than the rate for NI (39.8%).
- The 16-64 rate of inactivity was somewhat lower as it does not include the majority of those who are retired. This rate of inactivity stood at 34.1% (33,000 people) within DCSDC compared with an NI average of 27.2%.

Table 2(a): Reasons for economic inactivity by age (16-64), DCSDC, 2011

Age Group	Economically Inactive - Reason					
	Retired	Student	Looking after family / home	Long-term sick or disabled	Other	Total
16-64	4,300	7,800	6,000	10,700	3,800	32,700
16-24	0	7,000	500	400	600	8,400
25-44	100	700	3,300	3,600	1,600	9,300
45-64	4,300	100	2,200	6,800	1,600	14,900

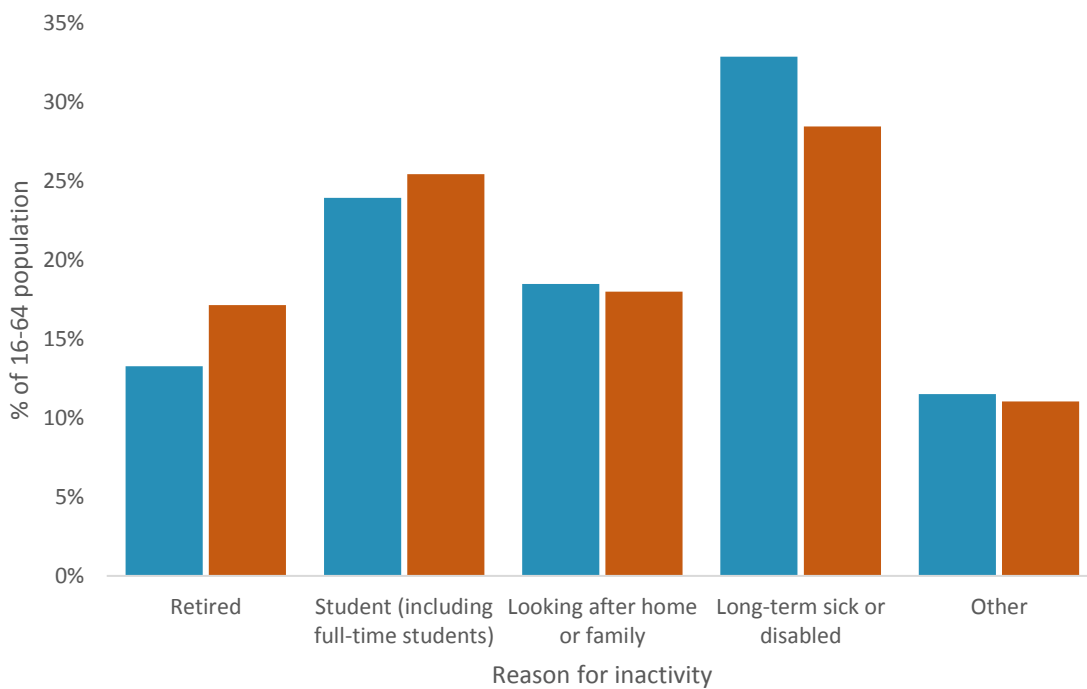
Source: Census of Population, 2011

Table 2(b): Reasons for economic inactivity by age (%) (16-64), DCSDC, 2011

Age Group	Economically Inactive - Reason					
	Retired	Student	Looking after family / home	Long-term sick or disabled	Other	Total
16-64	13.3%	23.9%	18.5%	32.9%	11.5%	34.0%
16-24	0.1%	82.5%	5.8%	4.6%	7.0%	43.1%
25-44	0.7%	8.0%	35.8%	38.6%	17.0%	22.7%
45-64	28.5%	0.8%	14.8%	45.2%	10.6%	42.0%

Source: Census of Population, 2011

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The LFS does not allow for an examination of the reasons of economic inactivity within council areas due to the sampling robustness of local estimates. Table 2 previously has, however, provided a breakdown of the reason for economic inactivity as recorded in the 2011 Census of Population.

- In 2011, 32.9 % of those aged 16-64 were economically inactive due to 'long-term sickness or disabled'.
- Nearly a quarter (23.9%) of those aged 16-64 within DCSDC were inactive as they were students.
- Rates of inactivity due to 'long-term sick or disabled' increased with age.
- Rates of inactivity due to 'looking after family / home' were most prevalent for those aged 25-44 (35.8%).