

Business Statistics

Table 1: VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses operating in Northern Ireland, 2019

Region	Number	% of NI
Antrim and Newtownabbey	4,175	5.5%
Ards and North Down	4,755	6.3%
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	8,715	11.5%
Belfast	10,705	14.2%
Causeway Coast and Glens	6,075	8.0%
Derry and Strabane	5,260	7.0%
Fermanagh and Omagh	8,200	10.9%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	4,855	6.4%
Mid and East Antrim	4,950	6.6%
Mid Ulster	9,050	12.0%
Newry, Mourne and Down	8,745	11.6%
Northern Ireland	75,490	100%

Source: NISRA, Inter-Departmental Business Register

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5

- In 2018, there were 5,260 businesses, registered for VAT and/or PAYE, operating within the DCSDC area. This made up 7.0% of all such businesses within NI.

Table 2: VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses operating in DCSDC, 2013 - 2019¹

Region	DCSDC	% of NI
2013	4,500	6.6%
2014	4,580	6.8%
2015	4,630	6.8%
2016	4,830	6.9%
2017	4,945	6.9%
2018	5,120	6.9%
2019	5,260	7.0%

Source: NISRA, Inter-Departmental Business Register. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5

- In line with the trend experienced across NI, the number of VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses within DCSDC has shown an upward trend from 2015. The number of businesses in operating within DCSDC increased by 630 from

¹ In 2016 an exercise was carried out by NISRA to allocate those businesses with inaccurate or missing postcode data to the appropriate Council area. This has been applied to data from 2015 onwards.

2015 to 2019, an increase of 13.6%. Within NI, the number of businesses increased by 10.9% over the same period.

Table 3: VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses operating in DCSDC by employment size band, 2019

Size band	DCSDC		NI
	Number	%	%
0 ¹	1,590	30.2%	32.5%
1 - 9	3,110	59.1%	56.7%
10 - 19	305	5.8%	5.3%
20 - 49	160	3.0%	3.3%
50 - 99	50	1.0%	1.1%
100 - 199	20	0.4%	0.6%
200 - 249	*	-	0.1%
250+	25	0.5%	0.4%
Total	5,260	100%	100.0%

Source: NISRA, Inter-Departmental Business Register

¹This sizeband includes holding companies and those companies not yet trading, for example, if a factory is under construction

*Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 and counts between 1 and 4 have been suppressed, thus may not sum to totals

- Both DCSDC and NI have similar proportions of their business within those size bands employing less than 10 people (89.3% and 89.2% respectively).

Table 4: VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses operating in DCSDC by turnover size band, 2019

Turnover size band (000's)	DCSDC		NI
	Number	%	%
0 - 49	1,340	25.5%	25.9%
50 - 99	965	18.3%	18.0%
100 - 249	1,405	26.7%	25.9%
250 - 499	630	12.0%	11.9%
500 - 999	430	8.2%	7.7%
1,000 - 4,999	380	7.2%	8.0%
5,000 +	115	2.2%	2.6%
Total	5,260	100%	100%

Source: NISRA, Inter-Departmental Business Register

- Similarly, both DCSDC and NI have similar proportions of their business within those size bands where turnover was less than £100,000 (43.8% and 43.9% respectively).

Table 5: VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses operating in DCSDC and NI by broad industry group, 2019

Region	DCSDC		NI	DCSDC	NI
	Number	%	%	% (exc agri)	% (exc agri)
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,265	24.0%	24.5%	-	-
Production	365	6.9%	6.9%	9.1%	9.2%
Construction	840	16.0%	13.9%	21.0%	18.5%
Motor Trades	195	3.7%	3.5%	4.9%	4.7%
Wholesale	195	3.7%	4.3%	4.9%	5.7%
Retail	455	8.7%	8.0%	11.4%	10.6%
Transport and Storage (Inc. Postal)	175	3.3%	3.3%	4.4%	4.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	300	5.7%	5.5%	7.5%	7.3%
Information and Communication	115	2.2%	2.7%	2.9%	3.6%
Finance and Insurance	65	1.3%	1.7%	1.6%	2.2%
Property	165	3.1%	3.2%	4.1%	4.2%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	350	6.7%	8.0%	8.8%	10.6%
Business Administration and Support Services	170	3.2%	3.6%	4.3%	4.8%
Public Administration and Defence	*	*	0.1%	*	0.1%
Education	40	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.2%
Health	235	4.5%	3.7%	5.9%	4.9%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation and Other Services	335	6.4%	6.1%	8.4%	8.1%
Total	5,260	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: NISRA, Inter-Departmental Business Register

- Not applicable

* Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 and counts under 5 have been suppressed

- The largest industry group in DCSDC and NI is Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, accounting for just under a quarter (24.0% and 24.5% respectively) of all VAT and/or PAYE registered businesses.
- Outside of Agriculture, the largest industry group in DCSDC is Construction (16.0%) and then Retail (8.7%).
- DCSDC has a higher proportion of its industry in these three groups compared to NI. DCSDC also has a higher reliance on the Health Industry.
- However, it then has a lower dependence on those industries allied to professional services (IT, Professional /Scientific, Business support).

Table 6: Structure of farm businesses, DCSDC and NI, 2018

Category	DCSDC		NI	
	Number	%	Number	%
Farms	1,771	100%	24,895	100%
Of which:				
LFA farms	1,453	82.0%	17,298	69.5%
Non LFA farms	318	18.0%	7,597	30.5%
V. Small farms	1,324	74.8%	19,188	77.1%
Small farms	230	13.0%	2,824	11.3%
Medium farms	89	5.0%	1,190	4.8%
Large farms	128	7.2%	1,693	6.8%
Area farmed in hectares	97,080	-	1,022,395	-
Farmers and partners	2,642	-	37,227	-
Other workers	868	-	12,021	-
Agricultural labour	3,510	-	49,248	-

Source: DAERA, Agricultural Census

- In 2018, there were a total of 1,771 farm businesses in DCSDC.
- 1,453 (82.0%) of farms were operating in Less Favoured Areas (LFA) compared to 69.5% of all farms in NI.
- DCSDC had a higher proportion of large farms² with 7.2% (128) of all farms falling into this category compared with 6.8% in NI.

² Farm business size is determined by calculating each farm's total Standard Labour Requirement (SLR). Large farms require 3 or more SLR.

Table 7: Non-financial business economy¹, DCSDC, 2011 - 2015

Estimate	Year				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Turnover	3,084.4	3,377.2	3,595.2	3,690.7	3,720.5
Purchases	1,994.2	2,186.0	2,497.7	2,594.0	2,520.9
GVA	1,093.9	1,199.8	1,123.8	1,214.8	1,234.7

Source: NISRA, Annual business Inquiry

1. At basic prices of the non-financial business economy, excluding farming and financial services.

- In 2015, the income generated by businesses in DCSDC, less the cost of goods and services used to create this income was estimated to be £1,234.7 million. This amount represents the approximate Gross Value Added (aGVA) at basic prices of the NI non-financial business economy, excluding farming and financial services.