



Key Facts

Mid and East Antrim

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**Mid & East
Antrim**
Borough Council

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Mid and East Antrim is well connected by road, rail, sea and air.



Excellent Road Infrastructure



20 trains to Belfast per day



Home of Port of Larne
(14-20 sailings daily)



Belfast International Airport - 20mins
Belfast City Airport - 30mins

MID AND EAST ANTRIM



Our Location

Mid & East Antrim forms part of the wider metropolitan area of Belfast. We offer a range of investment opportunities as a regional hub location to support companies seeking a hybrid approach to flexible working.

Telecoms infrastructure providers such as the BT Group and Virgin Media have invested heavily in recent years to improve the infrastructure across Northern Ireland. For example, £150m has been invested by Virgin since 2016 meaning their network of nearly 400,000 mostly urban-based homes and businesses (including Ballymena and Carrickfergus) can benefit from average download speeds of 1,140Mbps.



No.1 in Northern Ireland for processing planning applications. On average 7 weeks processing time rather than NI target of 15 weeks



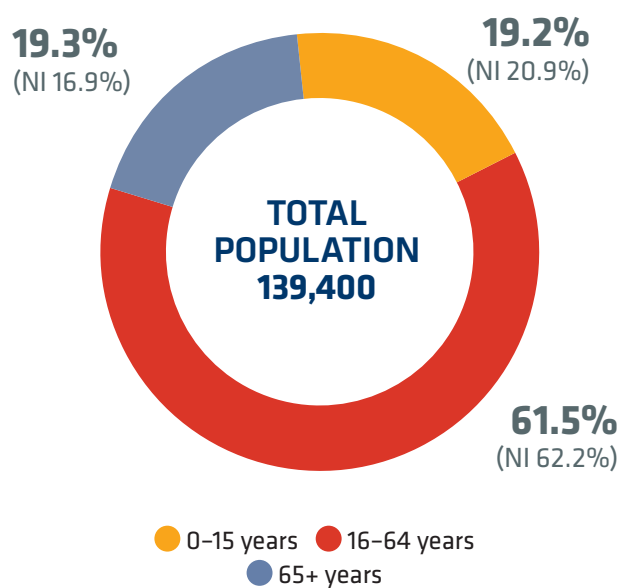
Manufacturing Task Force (MTF) supporting the manufacturing, production, construction and agri-food sectors locally and across NI.



Additional FDI funding support of up to 5k per job for external investors from Michelin Development Fund.

Our People

Population by Age (2020)



Labour Market Structure (2019)

76.1%

a Active
(NI 73.8%)

23.9%

Economically
Inactive
(NI 26.2%)

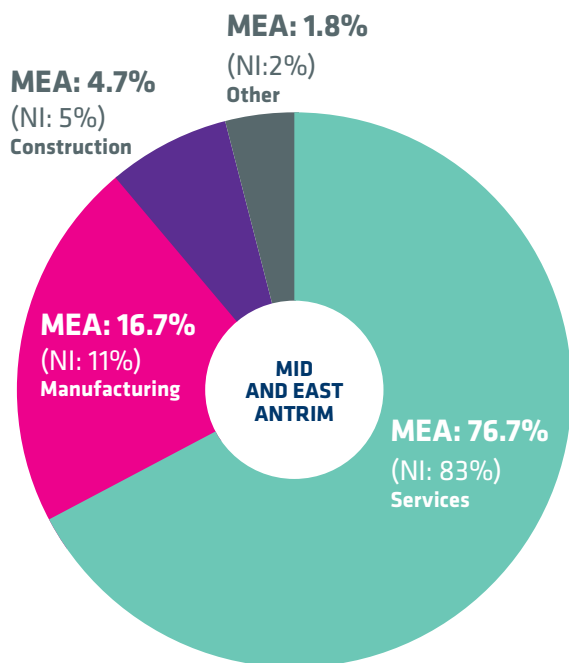
2.6%

Unemployment Rate
(NI 2.6%)

74.2%

Employment
Rate
(NI 71.9%)

Employment by Industry Sector (2019)



Overall Gross Value Added in Mid and East Antrim is £3.3bn in 2018



Mid & East Antrim

£71,490

per head



Northern Ireland

£53,304

per head

We have a highly productive workforce with work based productivity well above the Northern Ireland average.

GVA per Sector in Mid & East Antrim (2018)



Manufacturing
£1.4bn



Construction
£138m



Wholesale
£359m



Services
£1.6b



Agri Food
£126m

Total Sales in Mid & East Antrim (2019)

Total
Domestic Sales

£3.1bn



Total
Exports

£1.4bn



Total
Sales

£4.5bn



Sales by Sector



Advanced Engineering
& Manufacturing - **£2.6bn**



Agri-Food - **£744m**



Construction - **£628m**



Health & Life Sciences - **£263m**



Professional & Financial
Services - **£107m**

Sales by Destination



Northern Ireland - **£673m**



Great Britain - **£1.5bn**



Rest of the European
Union - **£1.0bn**



Rest of World - **£1.2bn**

Business Space Availability



100,000 sq.ft. of
office space available



820,000 sq.ft. of
industrial space available

Competitive Rental Costs

£4 - £10 per sq. ft.



50%

lower than
Belfast

60%

lower than
Dublin



Education

Key Facts

84.5%

of school leavers progress to higher education, further education or other training.

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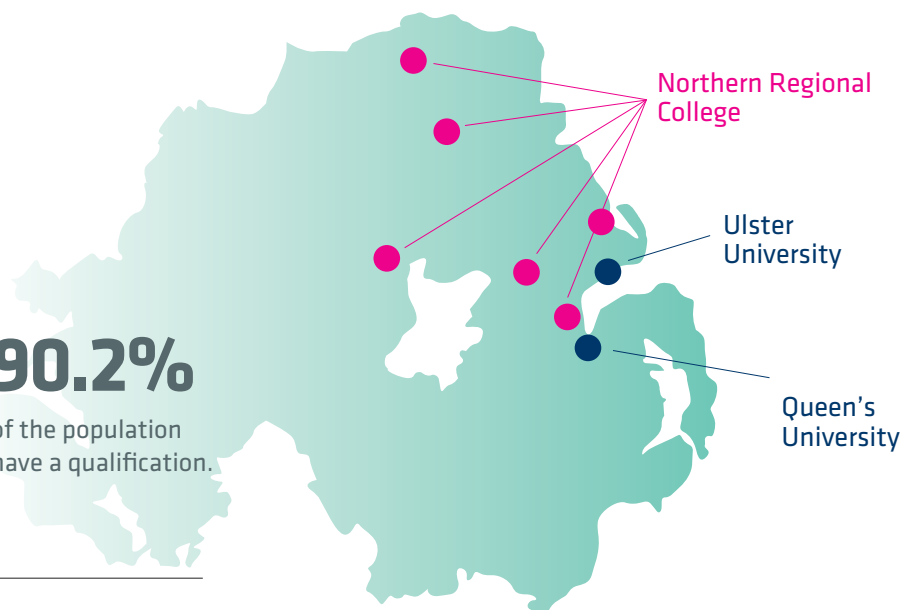
Home to St Louis Grammar School ranked number 1 for the last 3 years in Northern Ireland for GCSE and A-Level results.

90.2%

of the population have a qualification.

12,000

Students at Northern Regional College specialising in industrial robotics, electronics, mechatronics and embedded systems design.



Mid & East Antrim has world class education infrastructure provided through three institutions:

- **Northern Regional College** with 6 campuses across the area.
- **Ulster University**, the second largest university on the island of Ireland.
- **Queen's University**, which is in the top 5 UK universities for revenue generated from research commercialisation.

Quality of Life



Avg. House Prices Q1 2021

£158,186
(2nd lowest in NI)



Life Satisfaction Score

Mid and East Antrim second happiest area in Northern Ireland.



Top 10

Foodie Destinations of 2018.



4,955 businesses in Mid and East Antrim representing 7% of all Northern Ireland businesses.

Businesses by Sector

Mid and East Antrim has a diverse business demography with traditional strengths in AgriTech and Advanced Manufacturing as well as growing expertise in Digital and Creative Industries, CleanTech and FinTech.



Agri Food - **1,405**



Accommodation & Tourism - **625**



Professional, Scientific and Technical - **330**



Construction & Manufacturing - **1,025**



Transport & Storage - **145**



FinTech - **60**



Digital and Creative Industries - **85**

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