

**Table 18 Persons aged 15 years and over, classified by socio-economic group and age at which full-time education ceased, distinguishing those in the labour force and not in the labour force**

| Socio-economic Group                         | Total     | Age at which full-time education ceased    |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | Total whose full-time education not ceased | Economic status                   |         |                   |            |         |
|--|-----------|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|------------|---------|
|  |           | Total whose full-time education has ceased |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  | Total at school, university, etc. | Other   |                   |            |         |
|  |           | Under 15 years                             | 15 years | 16 years | 17 years | 18 years | 19 years | 20 years | 21 years | 22 years | 23 years | 24 years |  |                                   |         | 25 years and over | Not stated |         |
| Total  |           |  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  | 73,612                            | 59,966  | 13,646            |            |         |
| A. Employers and managers                    | 458,866   | 20,442                                     | 20,023   | 42,747   | 46,372   | 74,205   | 23,643   | 21,823   | 28,742   | 25,299   | 14,764   | 9,315    | 21,298                                     | 36,581                            | 73,612  | 59,966            | 13,646     |         |
| B. Higher professional                       | 185,470   | 855  | 1,554    | 3,690    | 5,386    | 10,218   | 4,383    | 7,454    | 19,237   | 21,473   | 18,417   | 14,695   | 37,848                                     | 11,926                            | 28,334  | 18,193            | 10,141     |         |
| C. Lower professional                        | 354,676   | 7,312                                      | 5,979    | 14,123   | 19,605   | 35,207   | 13,588   | 22,764   | 43,767   | 36,929   | 21,978   | 13,961   | 39,145                                     | 26,636                            | 53,682  | 36,612            | 17,070     |         |
| D. Non-manual                                | 650,248   | 33,501                                     | 28,241   | 61,060   | 76,175   | 124,649  | 46,857   | 32,444   | 26,869   | 22,192   | 13,362   | 8,840    | 20,767                                     | 58,082                            | 97,707  | 57,781            | 39,926     |         |
| E. Manual skilled                            | 363,020   | 320,154                                    | 42,028   | 29,744   | 57,699   | 42,759   | 55,768   | 14,890   | 10,451   | 8,434    | 6,538    | 3,525    | 5,000                                      | 40,955                            | 42,866  | 22,133            | 20,733     |         |
| F. Semi-skilled                              | 299,008   | 260,427                                    | 40,349   | 24,450   | 41,460   | 31,699   | 43,719   | 13,071   | 8,567    | 6,844    | 5,235    | 3,351    | 2,628                                      | 6,492                             | 32,562  | 38,581            | 18,118     |         |
| G. Unskilled                                 | 138,302   | 121,122                                    | 32,050   | 13,976   | 19,376   | 11,080   | 14,073   | 4,169    | 2,683    | 1,723    | 1,282    | 760      | 633  | 1,601                             | 17,716  | 17,180            | 9,381      |         |
| H. Own account workers                       | 148,453   | 133,586                                    | 16,435   | 13,621   | 24,864   | 16,893   | 21,562   | 5,806    | 4,462    | 3,441    | 1,998    | 1,385    | 4,007                                      | 14,494                            | 14,867  | 10,911            | 3,956      |         |
| I. Farmers                                   | 147,555   | 134,826                                    | 37,344   | 14,554   | 20,722   | 12,240   | 16,867   | 5,684    | 3,626    | 2,627    | 1,805    | 884      | 1,403                                      | 16,587                            | 12,729  | 10,075            | 2,654      |         |
| J. Agricultural workers                      | 24,896    | 22,406                                     | 6,000    | 2,073    | 3,121    | 1,926    | 2,819    | 982      | 697      | 512      | 405      | 228      | 356  | 3,163                             | 2,490   | 1,028             | 1,462      |         |
| Z. All others gainfully occupied and unknown | 604,905   | 86,029                                     | 35,807   | 51,384   | 31,865   | 43,094   | 11,707   | 8,468    | 7,569    | 6,647    | 4,331    | 3,315    | 11,369                                     | 160,302                           | 143,018 | 104,635           | 38,383     |         |
| Total  | 3,375,399 | 2,850,333                                  | 322,345  | 190,022  | 340,246  | 296,000  | 442,181  | 144,780  | 123,595  | 150,786  | 131,246  | 83,598   | 57,742                                     | 148,788                           | 419,004 | 525,066           | 349,596    | 175,470 |
| In labour force                              |           |  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  | 11,584                            | -       | 11,584            |            |         |
| A. Employers and managers                    | 299,565   | 287,981                                    | 9,895    | 13,164   | 28,969   | 33,805   | 54,025   | 18,343   | 18,212   | 24,970   | 22,380   | 13,084   | 8,200                                      | 17,431                            | 25,503  | 11,584            | -          | 11,584  |
| B. Higher professional                       | 136,284   | 127,101                                    | 47       | 619      | 1,732    | 3,222    | 5,985    | 2,953    | 6,014    | 16,973   | 19,134   | 16,450   | 12,995                                     | 32,203                            | 8,774   | 9,183             | -          | 9,183   |
| C. Lower professional                        | 255,243   | 239,397                                    | 2,614    | 3,143    | 8,489    | 14,400   | 26,520   | 10,646   | 18,719   | 38,740   | 32,880   | 19,743   | 12,317                                     | 32,265                            | 15,846  | 15,846            | -          | 15,846  |
| D. Non-manual                                | 493,626   | 456,027                                    | 15,313   | 19,091   | 45,342   | 64,472   | 107,627  | 42,806   | 30,259   | 25,521   | 21,242   | 12,840   | 8,471                                      | 18,233                            | 44,810  | 37,599            | -          | 37,599  |
| E. Manual skilled                            | 250,088   | 231,933                                    | 17,256   | 19,250   | 42,354   | 34,269   | 46,267   | 12,454   | 9,111    | 7,512    | 5,902    | 3,232    | 2,142                                      | 4,067                             | 28,117  | 18,155            | -          | 18,155  |
| F. Semi-skilled                              | 214,273   | 197,984                                    | 19,575   | 16,778   | 31,639   | 26,484   | 37,833   | 11,578   | 7,849    | 6,331    | 4,914    | 3,151    | 2,452                                      | 5,813                             | 23,587  | 16,289            | -          | 16,289  |
| G. Unskilled                                 | 88,476    | 80,389                                     | 13,815   | 9,163    | 14,131   | 8,825    | 11,586   | 3,577    | 2,440    | 1,568    | 1,175    | 694      | 593  | 1,389                             | 11,433  | 8,087             | -          | 8,087   |
| H. Own account workers                       | 100,277   | 97,188                                     | 9,272    | 9,662    | 18,457   | 12,412   | 15,955   | 4,382    | 3,840    | 3,814    | 2,972    | 1,741    | 1,221                                      | 3,376                             | 10,084  | 3,089             | -          | 3,089   |
| I. Farmers                                   | 72,652    | 70,978                                     | 15,691   | 7,784    | 12,143   | 6,976    | 9,512    | 3,742    | 2,591    | 1,823    | 1,237    | 611      | 340  | 871                               | 7,657   | 1,674             | -          | 1,674   |
| J. Agricultural workers                      | 14,708    | 13,454                                     | 1,924    | 1,147    | 2,084    | 1,425    | 2,225    | 842      | 614      | 441      | 341      | 201      | 107  | 312                               | 1,791   | 1,254             | -          | 1,254   |
| Z. All others gainfully occupied and unknown | 184,306   | 161,418                                    | 13,529   | 9,298    | 16,122   | 12,199   | 17,791   | 5,783    | 4,484    | 4,233    | 3,983    | 2,714    | 2,008                                      | 5,489                             | 63,785  | 22,888            | -          | 22,888  |
| Total  | 2,109,498 | 1,963,850                                  | 118,931  | 109,099  | 221,462  | 218,489  | 335,326  | 117,106  | 104,133  | 131,926  | 116,160  | 74,461   | 50,846                                     | 121,449                           | 244,462 | 145,648           | -          | 145,648 |
| Not in labour force                          |           |  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  | 62,028                            | 59,966  | 2,062             |            |         |
| A. Employers and managers                    | 159,301   | 97,273                                     | 10,547   | 6,859    | 13,778   | 12,567   | 20,180   | 5,300    | 3,611    | 3,772    | 2,919    | 1,680    | 1,115                                      | 3,867                             | 11,078  | 62,028            | 59,966     | 2,062   |
| B. Higher professional                       | 49,186    | 30,035                                     | 808      | 935      | 1,958    | 2,164    | 4,233    | 1,430    | 1,440    | 2,264    | 2,339    | 1,967    | 1,700                                      | 3,152                             | 19,151  | 18,193            | 958        | 958     |
| C. Lower professional                        | 99,433    | 61,597                                     | 4,698    | 2,836    | 5,634    | 5,205    | 8,687    | 2,942    | 4,045    | 5,027    | 4,049    | 2,235    | 1,644                                      | 6,880                             | 7,715   | 37,836            | 36,612     | 1,224   |
| D. Non-manual                                | 156,622   | 96,514                                     | 18,188   | 9,150    | 15,718   | 11,703   | 17,022   | 4,051    | 2,185    | 1,348    | 950      | 522      | 369  | 2,036                             | 13,272  | 60,108            | 57,781     | 2,327   |
| E. Manual skilled                            | 112,932   | 86,221                                     | 24,772   | 10,494   | 15,345   | 8,490    | 9,501    | 2,436    | 1,340    | 922      | 636      | 293      | 221  | 933                               | 12,838  | 24,711            | 22,133     | 2,578   |
| F. Semi-skilled                              | 84,735    | 62,443                                     | 20,774   | 7,672    | 9,821    | 5,215    | 5,886    | 1,493    | 718      | 513      | 321      | 200      | 176  | 679                               | 8,975   | 22,292            | 20,463     | 1,829   |
| G. Unskilled                                 | 49,826    | 40,733                                     | 18,235   | 4,813    | 5,245    | 2,255    | 2,487    | 592      | 243      | 155      | 107      | 66       | 40   | 212                               | 6,283   | 9,093             | 7,799      | 1,294   |
| H. Own account workers                       | 48,176    | 36,398                                     | 7,163    | 3,959    | 6,407    | 4,481    | 5,607    | 1,424    | 778      | 648      | 469      | 257      | 164  | 631                               | 4,410   | 11,778            | 10,911     | 867     |
| I. Farmers                                   | 74,903    | 63,848                                     | 21,653   | 6,770    | 8,579    | 5,264    | 7,355    | 1,942    | 1,035    | 804      | 568      | 273      | 143  | 532                               | 8,930   | 11,055            | 10,075     | 980     |
| J. Agricultural workers                      | 10,188    | 8,952                                      | 4,076    | 926      | 1,037    | 501      | 594      | 140      | 83       | 71       | 64       | 27       | 17   | 44                                | 1,372   | 1,236             | 1,028      | 208     |
| Z. All others gainfully occupied and unknown | 420,599   | 300,469                                    | 72,500   | 26,509   | 35,262   | 19,666   | 25,303   | 5,924    | 3,984    | 3,336    | 2,664    | 1,617    | 1,307                                      | 5,880                             | 96,517  | 120,130           | 104,635    | 15,495  |
| Total  | 1,265,901 | 886,483                                    | 203,414  | 80,923   | 118,784  | 77,511   | 106,855  | 27,674   | 19,462   | 18,860   | 15,086   | 9,137    | 6,896                                      | 27,339                            | 174,542 | 379,418           | 349,596    | 29,822  |

**Table 19 Persons aged 15 years and over, classified by social class and age at which full-time education ceased, distinguishing those in the labour force and not in the labour force**

| Social Class                                 | Total            | Age at which full-time education ceased    |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                | Total whose full-time education not ceased | Economic status                   |                |                |                   |                |                |
|--|------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
|  |                  | Total whose full-time education has ceased |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |  | Total at school, university, etc. | Other          |                |                   |                |                |
|  |                  | Under 15 years                             | 15 years       | 16 years       | 17 years       | 18 years       | 19 years       | 20 years       | 21 years       | 22 years       | 23 years       |  |                                   |                | 24 years       | 25 years and over | Not stated     |                |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |                  |  |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |  |                                   |                |                |                   |                |                |
| 1. Professional workers                      | 202,218          | 169,253                                    | 2,504          | 2,459          | 5,344          | 6,683          | 12,238         | 5,250          | 8,059          | 19,755         | 21,957         | 18,675                                     | 14,851                            | 38,254         | 13,224         | 32,965            | 22,495         | 10,470         |
| 2. Managerial and technical                  | 851,219          | 725,995                                    | 47,458         | 29,579         | 59,295         | 66,578         | 111,697        | 38,413         | 45,161         | 73,395         | 62,855         | 37,317                                     | 23,714                            | 62,340         | 68,193         | 125,224           | 94,393         | 30,831         |
| 3. Non-manual                                | 572,151          | 491,365                                    | 30,874         | 25,133         | 54,461         | 68,795         | 113,195        | 41,614         | 27,982         | 23,847         | 19,866         | 11,723                                     | 7,399                             | 17,215         | 49,261         | 80,786            | 53,456         | 27,330         |
| 4. Skilled manual                            | 594,256          | 519,584                                    | 67,246         | 49,645         | 93,675         | 67,772         | 87,904         | 24,819         | 18,597         | 14,620         | 10,911         | 5,867                                      | 3,986                             | 9,199          | 65,343         | 74,672            | 43,199         | 31,473         |
| 5. Semi-skilled                              | 397,465          | 346,062                                    | 52,294         | 32,024         | 54,579         | 41,869         | 57,868         | 17,953         | 12,089         | 9,503          | 7,426          | 4,762                                      | 3,771                             | 8,596          | 43,328         | 51,403            | 24,797         | 26,606         |
| 6. Unskilled                                 | 157,500          | 138,709                                    | 36,821         | 15,657         | 21,914         | 12,566         | 16,246         | 4,925          | 3,198          | 2,066          | 1,556          | 912  | 711                               | 1,809          | 20,328         | 18,791            | 8,155          | 10,636         |
| 7. All others gainfully occupied and unknown | 600,590          | 459,365                                    | 85,148         | 35,525         | 50,978         | 31,737         | 43,033         | 11,806         | 8,509          | 7,600          | 6,675          | 4,342                                      | 3,310                             | 11,375         | 159,327        | 141,225           | 103,101        | 38,124         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>3,375,399</b> | <b>2,850,333</b>                           | <b>322,345</b> | <b>190,022</b> | <b>340,246</b> | <b>296,000</b> | <b>442,181</b> | <b>144,780</b> | <b>123,595</b> | <b>150,786</b> | <b>131,246</b> | <b>83,598</b>                              | <b>57,742</b>                     | <b>148,788</b> | <b>419,004</b> | <b>525,066</b>    | <b>349,596</b> | <b>175,470</b> |
| <b>In labour force</b>                       |                  |  |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |  |                                   |                |                |                   |                |                |
| 1. Professional workers                      | 145,181          | 135,753                                    | 1,309          | 1,342          | 2,977          | 4,078          | 7,299          | 3,580          | 6,458          | 17,336         | 19,478         | 16,636                                     | 13,116                            | 32,482         | 9,662          | 9,428             | -              | 9,428          |
| 2. Managerial and technical                  | 555,040          | 527,755                                    | 14,393         | 15,241         | 35,184         | 46,900         | 80,179         | 29,605         | 37,144         | 64,361         | 55,720         | 33,339                                     | 20,883                            | 51,355         | 43,451         | 27,285            | -              | 27,285         |
| 3. Non-manual                                | 424,482          | 399,097                                    | 16,296         | 16,918         | 39,468         | 56,781         | 95,231         | 37,262         | 25,689         | 22,311         | 18,759         | 11,133                                     | 7,026                             | 15,205         | 37,018         | 25,385            | -              | 25,385         |
| 4. Skilled manual                            | 409,345          | 382,038                                    | 31,526         | 33,734         | 69,767         | 53,625         | 71,389         | 20,616         | 16,320         | 13,038         | 9,868          | 5,317                                      | 3,601                             | 7,605          | 45,632         | 27,307            | -              | 27,307         |
| 5. Semi-skilled                              | 289,031          | 264,872                                    | 26,071         | 22,261         | 41,844         | 34,832         | 49,888         | 15,919         | 11,074         | 8,735          | 6,902          | 4,477                                      | 3,546                             | 7,712          | 31,611         | 24,159            | -              | 24,159         |
| 6. Unskilled                                 | 100,037          | 90,872                                     | 15,343         | 10,070         | 15,805         | 9,939          | 13,315         | 4,232          | 2,906          | 1,875          | 1,419          | 831  | 665                               | 1,577          | 12,895         | 9,165             | -              | 9,165          |
| 7. All others gainfully occupied and unknown | 186,382          | 163,463                                    | 13,993         | 9,533          | 16,417         | 12,334         | 18,025         | 5,892          | 4,542          | 4,270          | 4,014          | 2,728                                      | 2,009                             | 5,513          | 64,193         | 22,919            | -              | 22,919         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>2,109,498</b> | <b>1,963,850</b>                           | <b>118,931</b> | <b>109,099</b> | <b>221,462</b> | <b>218,489</b> | <b>335,326</b> | <b>117,106</b> | <b>104,133</b> | <b>131,926</b> | <b>116,160</b> | <b>74,461</b>                              | <b>50,846</b>                     | <b>121,449</b> | <b>244,462</b> | <b>145,648</b>    | <b>-</b>       | <b>145,648</b> |
| <b>Not in labour force</b>                   |                  |  |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |  |                                   |                |                |                   |                |                |
| 1. Professional workers                      | 57,037           | 33,500                                     | 1,195          | 1,117          | 2,367          | 2,605          | 4,939          | 1,670          | 1,601          | 2,419          | 2,479          | 2,039                                      | 1,735                             | 5,772          | 3,562          | 23,537            | 22,495         | 1,042          |
| 2. Managerial and technical                  | 296,179          | 198,240                                    | 33,065         | 14,338         | 24,111         | 19,678         | 31,518         | 8,808          | 8,017          | 9,034          | 7,135          | 3,978                                      | 2,831                             | 10,985         | 24,742         | 97,939            | 94,393         | 3,546          |
| 3. Non-manual                                | 147,669          | 92,268                                     | 14,578         | 8,215          | 14,993         | 12,014         | 17,964         | 4,352          | 2,293          | 1,536          | 1,107          | 590  | 373                               | 2,010          | 12,243         | 55,401            | 53,456         | 1,945          |
| 4. Skilled manual                            | 184,911          | 137,546                                    | 35,720         | 15,911         | 23,908         | 14,147         | 16,515         | 4,203          | 2,277          | 1,582          | 1,043          | 550  | 385                               | 1,594          | 19,711         | 47,365            | 43,199         | 4,166          |
| 5. Semi-skilled                              | 108,434          | 81,190                                     | 26,223         | 9,763          | 12,735         | 7,037          | 7,980          | 2,034          | 1,015          | 768            | 524            | 285  | 225                               | 884            | 11,717         | 27,244            | 24,797         | 2,447          |
| 6. Unskilled                                 | 57,463           | 47,837                                     | 21,478         | 5,587          | 6,109          | 2,627          | 2,931          | 693            | 292            | 191            | 137            | 81   | 46                                | 232            | 7,433          | 9,626             | 8,155          | 1,471          |
| 7. All others gainfully occupied and unknown | 414,208          | 295,902                                    | 71,155         | 25,992         | 34,561         | 19,403         | 25,008         | 5,914          | 3,967          | 3,330          | 2,661          | 1,614                                      | 1,301                             | 5,862          | 95,134         | 118,306           | 103,101        | 15,205         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>1,265,901</b> | <b>886,483</b>                             | <b>203,414</b> | <b>80,923</b>  | <b>118,784</b> | <b>77,511</b>  | <b>106,855</b> | <b>27,674</b>  | <b>19,462</b>  | <b>18,860</b>  | <b>15,086</b>  | <b>9,137</b>                               | <b>6,896</b>                      | <b>27,339</b>  | <b>174,542</b> | <b>379,418</b>    | <b>349,596</b> | <b>29,822</b>  |

**Table 20 Persons, males and females aged 15 years and over with a third level qualification attained after completing 2 or more years of study, classified by main subject area, distinguishing those with degree or higher and non-degree qualifications**

| Subject or Branch  | Total   | Degree or higher | Non-degree | Not Stated |
|--|---------|------------------|------------|------------|
| Persons  |         |                  |            |            |
| Education  | 61,218  | 47,867           | 9,032      | 4,319      |
| Humanities and Arts  | 82,014  | 66,250           | 12,012     | 3,752      |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 172,519 | 128,829          | 36,588     | 7,102      |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 42,016  | 34,984           | 6,087      | 945        |
| Computing  | 54,901  | 27,975           | 17,292     | 9,634      |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 100,959 | 56,631           | 31,644     | 12,684     |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 21,104  | 10,206           | 7,184      | 3,714      |
| Health   | 99,597  | 56,219           | 31,810     | 11,568     |
| Social Services  | 26,069  | 10,289           | 9,771      | 6,009      |
| Services   | 50,021  | 16,037           | 22,605     | 11,379     |
| Not stated   | 10,286  | 3,153            | 2,066      | 5,067      |
| Multiple subjects  | 100,056 | 80,055           | 14,249     | 5,752      |
| Total persons  | 820,760 | 538,495          | 200,340    | 81,925     |
| Males  |         |                  |            |            |
| Education  | 15,740  | 11,747           | 2,216      | 1,777      |
| Humanities and Arts  | 29,972  | 24,290           | 4,326      | 1,356      |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 80,671  | 63,737           | 14,030     | 2,904      |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 20,814  | 17,407           | 2,890      | 517        |
| Computing  | 32,046  | 19,409           | 9,253      | 3,384      |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 90,248  | 48,928           | 29,154     | 12,166     |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 16,368  | 7,608            | 5,631      | 3,129      |
| Health   | 17,980  | 14,262           | 2,514      | 1,204      |
| Social Services  | 3,107   | 1,673            | 944        | 490        |
| Services   | 23,244  | 7,573            | 9,673      | 5,998      |
| Not stated   | 4,866   | 1,468            | 836        | 2,562      |
| Multiple subjects  | 42,718  | 34,768           | 5,657      | 2,293      |
| Total persons  | 377,774 | 252,870          | 87,124     | 37,780     |
| Females  |         |                  |            |            |
| Education  | 45,478  | 36,120           | 6,816      | 2,542      |
| Humanities and Arts  | 52,042  | 41,960           | 7,686      | 2,396      |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 91,848  | 65,092           | 22,558     | 4,198      |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 21,202  | 17,577           | 3,197      | 428        |
| Computing  | 22,855  | 8,566            | 8,039      | 6,250      |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 10,711  | 7,703            | 2,490      | 518        |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 4,736   | 2,598            | 1,553      | 585        |
| Health   | 81,617  | 41,957           | 29,296     | 10,364     |
| Social Services  | 22,962  | 8,616            | 8,827      | 5,519      |
| Services   | 26,777  | 8,464            | 12,932     | 5,381      |
| Not stated   | 5,420   | 1,685            | 1,230      | 2,505      |
| Multiple subjects  | 57,338  | 45,287           | 8,592      | 3,459      |
| Total persons  | 442,986 | 285,625          | 113,216    | 44,145     |

**Table 21 Persons, males and females aged 15 years and over with a third level qualification attained after completing 2 or more years of study, classified by main subject area, distinguishing those in the labour force and not in the labour force**

| Subject or Branch  | Total   | In labour force | Not in labour force |
|--|---------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Persons  |         |                 |                     |
| Education  | 61,218  | 45,502          | 15,716              |
| Humanities and Arts  | 82,014  | 61,867          | 20,147              |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 172,519 | 146,079         | 26,440              |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 42,016  | 33,450          | 8,566               |
| Computing  | 54,901  | 46,484          | 8,417               |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 100,959 | 88,881          | 12,078              |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 21,104  | 17,795          | 3,309               |
| Health   | 99,597  | 75,053          | 24,544              |
| Social Services  | 26,069  | 20,223          | 5,846               |
| Services   | 50,021  | 42,114          | 7,907               |
| Not stated   | 10,286  | 7,266           | 3,020               |
| Multiple subjects  | 100,056 | 82,044          | 18,012              |
| Total persons  | 820,760 | 666,758         | 154,002             |
| Males  |         |                 |                     |
| Education  | 15,740  | 12,047          | 3,693               |
| Humanities and Arts  | 29,972  | 24,109          | 5,863               |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 80,671  | 70,634          | 10,037              |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 20,814  | 17,212          | 3,602               |
| Computing  | 32,046  | 28,282          | 3,764               |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 90,248  | 80,066          | 10,182              |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 16,368  | 14,186          | 2,182               |
| Health   | 17,980  | 15,000          | 2,980               |
| Social Services  | 3,107   | 2,578           | 529                 |
| Services   | 23,244  | 20,840          | 2,404               |
| Not stated   | 4,866   | 3,809           | 1,057               |
| Multiple subjects  | 42,718  | 36,260          | 6,458               |
| Total persons  | 377,774 | 325,023         | 52,751              |
| Females  |         |                 |                     |
| Education  | 45,478  | 33,455          | 12,023              |
| Humanities and Arts  | 52,042  | 37,758          | 14,284              |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 91,848  | 75,445          | 16,403              |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 21,202  | 16,238          | 4,964               |
| Computing  | 22,855  | 18,202          | 4,653               |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 10,711  | 8,815           | 1,896               |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 4,736   | 3,609           | 1,127               |
| Health   | 81,617  | 60,053          | 21,564              |
| Social Services  | 22,962  | 17,645          | 5,317               |
| Services   | 26,777  | 21,274          | 5,503               |
| Not stated   | 5,420   | 3,457           | 1,963               |
| Multiple subjects  | 57,338  | 45,784          | 11,554              |
| Total persons  | 442,986 | 341,735         | 101,251             |

**Table 22 Persons, males and females aged 15 years and over with a third level qualification attained after completing 2 or more years of study, classified by main subject area and by age group**

| Subject or Branch  | Total          | Age group      |                |                |                |               |                   |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
|  |                | 15-24 years    | 25-34 years    | 35-44 years    | 45-54 years    | 55-64 years   | 65 years and over |
| Persons  |                |                |                |                |                |               |                   |
| Education  | 61,218         | 6,385          | 14,182         | 12,202         | 12,205         | 8,491         | 7,753             |
| Humanities and Arts  | 82,014         | 11,842         | 30,087         | 16,476         | 11,143         | 7,395         | 5,071             |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 172,519        | 25,231         | 70,335         | 41,514         | 20,426         | 9,539         | 5,474             |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 42,016         | 5,444          | 17,976         | 9,307          | 5,089          | 2,669         | 1,531             |
| Computing  | 54,901         | 9,761          | 25,209         | 12,169         | 5,154          | 1,935         | 673               |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 100,959        | 12,240         | 39,758         | 25,406         | 13,022         | 6,223         | 4,310             |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 21,104         | 2,015          | 7,158          | 5,140          | 3,039          | 2,007         | 1,745             |
| Health   | 99,597         | 5,948          | 27,667         | 22,879         | 18,455         | 12,330        | 12,318            |
| Social Services  | 26,069         | 4,201          | 8,394          | 5,939          | 4,410          | 2,114         | 1,011             |
| Services   | 50,021         | 7,636          | 21,715         | 11,358         | 5,020          | 2,542         | 1,750             |
| Not stated   | 10,286         | 1,851          | 2,919          | 2,022          | 1,420          | 938           | 1,136             |
| Multiple subjects  | 100,056        | 7,812          | 35,044         | 24,358         | 16,625         | 9,929         | 6,288             |
| <b>Total persons</b>                                       | <b>820,760</b> | <b>100,366</b> | <b>300,444</b> | <b>188,770</b> | <b>116,008</b> | <b>66,112</b> | <b>49,060</b>     |
| Males  |                |                |                |                |                |               |                   |
| Education  | 15,740         | 1,454          | 3,187          | 2,831          | 3,440          | 2,781         | 2,047             |
| Humanities and Arts  | 29,972         | 3,757          | 10,107         | 6,012          | 4,343          | 3,326         | 2,427             |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 80,671         | 9,310          | 28,584         | 19,986         | 12,326         | 6,493         | 3,972             |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 20,814         | 2,152          | 7,760          | 4,810          | 3,087          | 1,963         | 1,042             |
| Computing  | 32,046         | 5,750          | 15,037         | 7,325          | 2,827          | 826           | 281               |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 90,248         | 10,621         | 34,207         | 22,882         | 12,285         | 6,044         | 4,209             |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 16,368         | 1,412          | 5,139          | 4,008          | 2,470          | 1,788         | 1,551             |
| Health   | 17,980         | 713            | 4,842          | 4,565          | 3,415          | 2,282         | 2,163             |
| Social Services  | 3,107          | 219            | 706            | 830            | 745            | 374           | 233               |
| Services   | 23,244         | 2,981          | 9,576          | 5,545          | 2,714          | 1,482         | 946               |
| Not stated   | 4,866          | 832            | 1,386          | 980            | 721            | 449           | 498               |
| Multiple subjects  | 42,718         | 2,788          | 13,560         | 10,710         | 7,449          | 4,926         | 3,285             |
| <b>Total persons</b>                                       | <b>377,774</b> | <b>41,989</b>  | <b>134,091</b> | <b>90,484</b>  | <b>55,822</b>  | <b>32,734</b> | <b>22,654</b>     |
| Females  |                |                |                |                |                |               |                   |
| Education  | 45,478         | 4,931          | 10,995         | 9,371          | 8,765          | 5,710         | 5,706             |
| Humanities and Arts  | 52,042         | 8,085          | 19,980         | 10,464         | 6,800          | 4,069         | 2,644             |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 91,848         | 15,921         | 41,751         | 21,528         | 8,100          | 3,046         | 1,502             |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 21,202         | 3,292          | 10,216         | 4,497          | 2,002          | 706           | 489               |
| Computing  | 22,855         | 4,011          | 10,172         | 4,844          | 2,327          | 1,109         | 392               |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 10,711         | 1,619          | 5,551          | 2,524          | 737            | 179           | 101               |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 4,736          | 603            | 2,019          | 1,132          | 569            | 219           | 194               |
| Health   | 81,617         | 5,235          | 22,825         | 18,314         | 15,040         | 10,048        | 10,155            |
| Social Services  | 22,962         | 3,982          | 7,688          | 5,109          | 3,665          | 1,740         | 778               |
| Services   | 26,777         | 4,655          | 12,139         | 5,813          | 2,306          | 1,060         | 804               |
| Not stated   | 5,420          | 1,019          | 1,533          | 1,042          | 699            | 489           | 638               |
| Multiple subjects  | 57,338         | 5,024          | 21,484         | 13,648         | 9,176          | 5,003         | 3,003             |
| <b>Total persons</b>                                       | <b>442,986</b> | <b>58,377</b>  | <b>166,353</b> | <b>98,286</b>  | <b>60,186</b>  | <b>33,378</b> | <b>26,406</b>     |

**Table 23 Persons, males and females aged 15 years and over in the labour force with a third level qualification attained after completing 2 or more years of study, classified by main subject area and by employment status**

| Subject or Branch  | Total          | Labour force     |   |                |                       |  |
|--|----------------|------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------|--|
|  |                | At work          |   |                |                       | Unemployed<br>(including first<br>time job<br>seekers) |
|  |                | Total at<br>work | Employer or<br>own<br>account<br>worker | Employee       | Assisting<br>relative |  |
| Persons  |                |                  |   |                |                       |  |
| Education  | 45,502         | 44,023           | 2,021                                   | 41,941         | 61                    | 1,479  |
| Humanities and Arts  | 61,867         | 58,039           | 8,750                                   | 49,174         | 115                   | 3,828  |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 146,079        | 140,803          | 17,562                                  | 123,090        | 151                   | 5,276  |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 33,450         | 32,067           | 2,581                                   | 29,446         | 40                    | 1,383  |
| Computing  | 46,484         | 43,590           | 3,544                                   | 39,981         | 65                    | 2,894  |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 88,881         | 85,738           | 15,206                                  | 70,429         | 103                   | 3,143  |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 17,795         | 17,183           | 6,146                                   | 10,887         | 150                   | 612  |
| Health   | 75,053         | 73,363           | 8,385                                   | 64,832         | 146                   | 1,690  |
| Social Services  | 20,223         | 19,103           | 1,415                                   | 17,645         | 43                    | 1,120  |
| Services   | 42,114         | 40,104           | 4,395                                   | 35,612         | 97                    | 2,010  |
| Not stated   | 7,266          | 6,593            | 950                                     | 5,630          | 13                    | 673  |
| Multiple subjects  | 82,044         | 78,859           | 8,295                                   | 70,431         | 133                   | 3,185  |
| <b>Total persons</b>                                       | <b>666,758</b> | <b>639,465</b>   | <b>79,250</b>                           | <b>559,098</b> | <b>1,117</b>          | <b>27,293</b>  |
| Males  |                |                  |   |                |                       |  |
| Education  | 12,047         | 11,514           | 979                                     | 10,523         | 12                    | 533  |
| Humanities and Arts  | 24,109         | 22,392           | 4,666                                   | 17,694         | 32                    | 1,717  |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 70,634         | 68,145           | 12,897                                  | 55,186         | 62                    | 2,489  |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 17,212         | 16,478           | 1,828                                   | 14,638         | 12                    | 734  |
| Computing  | 28,282         | 26,599           | 2,775                                   | 23,790         | 34                    | 1,683  |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 80,066         | 77,297           | 14,509                                  | 62,703         | 85                    | 2,769  |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 14,186         | 13,815           | 5,530                                   | 8,162          | 123                   | 371  |
| Health   | 15,000         | 14,588           | 3,784                                   | 10,791         | 13                    | 412  |
| Social Services  | 2,578          | 2,441            | 302                                     | 2,134          | 5                     | 137  |
| Services   | 20,840         | 19,845           | 2,842                                   | 16,974         | 29                    | 995  |
| Not stated   | 3,809          | 3,451            | 711                                     | 2,734          | 6                     | 358  |
| Multiple subjects  | 36,260         | 34,796           | 5,189                                   | 29,556         | 51                    | 1,464  |
| <b>Total persons</b>                                       | <b>325,023</b> | <b>311,361</b>   | <b>56,012</b>                           | <b>254,885</b> | <b>464</b>            | <b>13,662</b>  |
| Females  |                |                  |   |                |                       |  |
| Education  | 33,455         | 32,509           | 1,042                                   | 31,418         | 49                    | 946  |
| Humanities and Arts  | 37,758         | 35,647           | 4,084                                   | 31,480         | 83                    | 2,111  |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 75,445         | 72,658           | 4,665                                   | 67,904         | 89                    | 2,787  |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 16,238         | 15,589           | 753                                     | 14,808         | 28                    | 649  |
| Computing  | 18,202         | 16,991           | 769                                     | 16,191         | 31                    | 1,211  |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 8,815          | 8,441            | 697                                     | 7,726          | 18                    | 374  |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 3,609          | 3,368            | 616                                     | 2,725          | 27                    | 241  |
| Health   | 60,053         | 58,775           | 4,601                                   | 54,041         | 133                   | 1,278  |
| Social Services  | 17,645         | 16,662           | 1,113                                   | 15,511         | 38                    | 983  |
| Services   | 21,274         | 20,259           | 1,553                                   | 18,638         | 68                    | 1,015  |
| Not stated   | 3,457          | 3,142            | 239                                     | 2,896          | 7                     | 315  |
| Multiple subjects  | 45,784         | 44,063           | 3,106                                   | 40,875         | 82                    | 1,721  |
| <b>Total persons</b>                                       | <b>341,735</b> | <b>328,104</b>   | <b>23,238</b>                           | <b>304,213</b> | <b>653</b>            | <b>13,631</b>  |

**Table 24 Persons, males and females aged 15 years and over with a third level qualification attained after completing 2 or more years of study in each Regional Authority Area, classified by main subject area**

| Subject or Branch  | Regional Authority Area |        |         |          |         |          |            |            |        |
|--|-------------------------|--------|---------|----------|---------|----------|------------|------------|--------|
|  | State                   | Border | Dublin  | Mid-East | Midland | Mid-West | South-East | South-West | West   |
| Persons  |                         |        |         |          |         |          |            |            |        |
| Education  | 61,218                  | 6,927  | 16,547  | 6,488    | 3,471   | 5,730    | 6,252      | 9,136      | 6,667  |
| Humanities and Arts  | 82,014                  | 5,655  | 35,882  | 8,572    | 2,643   | 5,592    | 5,580      | 10,670     | 7,420  |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 172,519                 | 11,989 | 77,077  | 19,053   | 6,284   | 11,115   | 12,068     | 21,852     | 13,081 |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 42,016                  | 2,910  | 15,159  | 4,728    | 1,639   | 2,873    | 3,053      | 7,395      | 4,259  |
| Computing  | 54,901                  | 5,391  | 21,490  | 5,963    | 2,250   | 4,483    | 4,259      | 6,831      | 4,234  |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 100,959                 | 9,000  | 31,540  | 12,485   | 4,920   | 8,877    | 8,662      | 15,944     | 9,531  |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 21,104                  | 2,412  | 3,058   | 3,022    | 1,571   | 1,938    | 3,473      | 3,551      | 2,079  |
| Health   | 99,597                  | 10,867 | 29,515  | 9,878    | 5,441   | 7,787    | 10,205     | 15,089     | 10,815 |
| Social Services  | 26,069                  | 3,099  | 7,290   | 2,899    | 1,529   | 1,877    | 2,837      | 4,048      | 2,490  |
| Services   | 50,021                  | 5,349  | 14,089  | 6,134    | 2,704   | 3,956    | 4,727      | 8,016      | 5,046  |
| Not stated   | 10,286                  | 920    | 2,972   | 1,073    | 540     | 756      | 924        | 1,803      | 1,298  |
| Multiple subjects  | 100,056                 | 8,421  | 36,378  | 11,503   | 4,505   | 7,456    | 7,870      | 14,387     | 9,536  |
| Total persons  | 820,760                 | 72,940 | 290,997 | 91,798   | 37,497  | 62,440   | 69,910     | 118,722    | 76,456 |
| Males  |                         |        |         |          |         |          |            |            |        |
| Education  | 15,740                  | 1,741  | 4,358   | 1,612    | 838     | 1,481    | 1,562      | 2,357      | 1,791  |
| Humanities and Arts  | 29,972                  | 2,116  | 13,590  | 3,082    | 978     | 1,932    | 2,043      | 3,618      | 2,613  |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 80,671                  | 4,755  | 39,272  | 8,916    | 2,525   | 5,049    | 5,100      | 9,627      | 5,427  |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 20,814                  | 1,320  | 7,808   | 2,369    | 742     | 1,369    | 1,458      | 3,718      | 2,030  |
| Computing  | 32,046                  | 2,543  | 14,473  | 3,639    | 1,122   | 2,356    | 2,101      | 3,662      | 2,150  |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 90,248                  | 8,223  | 27,362  | 11,325   | 4,482   | 8,050    | 7,864      | 14,396     | 8,546  |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 16,368                  | 1,947  | 2,087   | 2,224    | 1,264   | 1,539    | 2,818      | 2,822      | 1,667  |
| Health   | 17,980                  | 1,762  | 6,557   | 1,409    | 876     | 1,171    | 1,727      | 2,562      | 1,916  |
| Social Services  | 3,107                   | 326    | 1,013   | 323      | 135     | 221      | 319        | 488        | 282    |
| Services   | 23,244                  | 2,157  | 7,109   | 2,948    | 1,200   | 1,848    | 2,109      | 3,613      | 2,260  |
| Not stated   | 4,866                   | 425    | 1,413   | 540      | 269     | 380      | 438        | 854        | 547    |
| Multiple subjects  | 42,718                  | 3,302  | 16,572  | 5,060    | 1,755   | 3,150    | 3,167      | 5,910      | 3,802  |
| Total persons  | 377,774                 | 30,617 | 141,614 | 43,447   | 16,186  | 28,546   | 30,706     | 53,627     | 33,031 |
| Females  |                         |        |         |          |         |          |            |            |        |
| Education  | 45,478                  | 5,186  | 12,189  | 4,876    | 2,633   | 4,249    | 4,690      | 6,779      | 4,876  |
| Humanities and Arts  | 52,042                  | 3,539  | 22,292  | 5,490    | 1,665   | 3,660    | 3,537      | 7,052      | 4,807  |
| Social Sciences, Business, Law                             | 91,848                  | 7,234  | 37,805  | 10,137   | 3,759   | 6,066    | 6,968      | 12,225     | 7,654  |
| Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Statistics | 21,202                  | 1,590  | 7,351   | 2,359    | 897     | 1,504    | 1,595      | 3,677      | 2,229  |
| Computing  | 22,855                  | 2,848  | 7,017   | 2,324    | 1,128   | 2,127    | 2,158      | 3,169      | 2,084  |
| Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction                | 10,711                  | 777    | 4,178   | 1,160    | 438     | 827      | 798        | 1,548      | 985    |
| Agriculture and Veterinary                                 | 4,736                   | 465    | 971     | 798      | 307     | 399      | 655        | 729        | 412    |
| Health   | 81,617                  | 9,105  | 22,958  | 8,469    | 4,565   | 6,616    | 8,478      | 12,527     | 8,899  |
| Social Services  | 22,962                  | 2,773  | 6,277   | 2,576    | 1,394   | 1,656    | 2,518      | 3,560      | 2,208  |
| Services   | 26,777                  | 3,192  | 6,980   | 3,186    | 1,504   | 2,108    | 2,618      | 4,403      | 2,786  |
| Not stated   | 5,420                   | 495    | 1,559   | 533      | 271     | 376      | 486        | 949        | 751    |
| Multiple subjects  | 57,338                  | 5,119  | 19,806  | 6,443    | 2,750   | 4,306    | 4,703      | 8,477      | 5,734  |
| Total persons  | 442,986                 | 42,323 | 149,383 | 48,351   | 21,311  | 33,894   | 39,204     | 65,095     | 43,425 |