

Census 2016 recorded 9,336 people who crossed the border for work and school, a decrease of 2.1 per cent on the 2011 figure of 9,536. Workers made up three quarters, 7,037 of commuters, up 10%, while students accounted for the remainder (2,299 down 26%). Donegal accounted for the largest number of cross border commuters, with 5,600 commuters, 76 per cent of whom travelled to Co. Derry.

As expected the counties of Monaghan (1,112), Louth (926) and Cavan (493) also had substantial numbers who crossed the border to work and school.

The most frequent destination of commuters across the border was Co. Derry with over 4,320 commuters who stated this as their commuting destination. Just over 1,200 commuters travelled to County Tyrone, with just over a 1,000 travelling to County Armagh.

The breakdown by age is as follows:

Cross border commuters to Northern Ireland, 2016

Age and status	Persons
Children at school aged between 5 and 12 years	693
Students at school or college ages between 13 and 18 years	707
Students at school or college ages 19 years and over	899
Population aged 15 years and over at work	7,037
Total	9,336

The breakdown by origin and destination is as follows:

Origin and destinations of cross border workers and students, 2016

County	Armagh	Antrim	Down	Derry	Fermanagh	Tyrone	Total
Donegal	21	252	33	4,256	131	915	5,608
Monaghan	533	97	89	21	154	218	1,112
Louth	410	128	350	15	2	21	926
Cavan	33	19	12	9	396	24	493
Dublin City	23	81	37	15	2	19	177
Leitrim	3	10	1	4	113	17	148
All other counties	123	345	153	87	79	85	872
Total	1,146	932	675	4,407	877	1,299	9,336

In addition to this a total of 3,531 people stated on the 2016 Census form that their place of work was outside the island of Ireland. The most popular overseas working destination was Great Britain; 2,144 persons commuted to England, Scotland and Wales with a further 1,387 commuting elsewhere in the world.