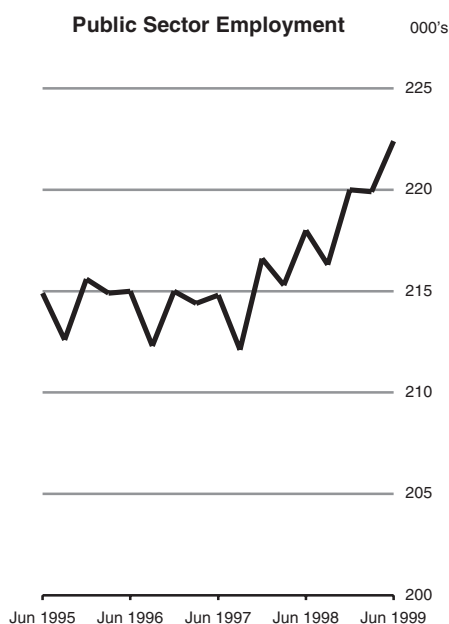




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## Public Sector Employment June 1999

	Total employment*
June 1998	218,000
March 1999	219,900
June 1999	222,400
Quarterly change	+2,500
Annual change	+4,400

\*Excluding the Health Sector

### Public sector employment up by 4,400

222,400 people were employed in the public sector (excluding health) in June 1999 an increase of 4,400 when compared with the figure for June 1998. The figures for this period show that (see main table):

- ◆ Employment in the Semi-State sector increased by 1,700.
- ◆ Education sector employment rose by 1,600.
- ◆ Employment in the Civil Service sector rose by 1,000.
- ◆ Employment in the Regional Bodies sector increased by 800.
- ◆ Employment in the Defence Sector fell by 600.

Employment increased by 2,500 in June 1999 when compared with the figure for March 1999. In assessing changes within a year, it should be noted that employment in some sectors tends to be seasonal.

All figures are estimates and are rounded to the nearest hundred.

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## Public Sector employment (000's)

Sectors	1995				1996				1997
	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar
<b>Civil Service</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>32.1</b>
Prison Officers	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4
Administrative Civil Servants	26.1	26.6	26.7	27.0	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.7
Industrial Civil Servants	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.1
Others in the Civil Service	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.9
<b>Defence</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.2</b>
<b>Garda Síochána</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>66.8</b>
Primary	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.4	21.7	21.7
Secondary (excl. VEC & IT's)	17.4	17.4	17.3	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.6	18.0	18.0
Third Level (excl. VEC & IT's)	7.7	7.4	7.7	9.0	8.5	8.1	7.7	9.4	9.0
VEC and Institutes of Technology	17.1	15.7	14.3	17.7	17.7	16.6	14.2	18.2	18.1
<b>Regional Bodies</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>30.0</b>
Local Authorities	28.6	29.0	29.3	28.6	28.6	29.2	29.6	28.7	28.5
Other	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.5
<b>Semi-state Companies</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>61.6</b>
Commercial	55.5	57.4	56.3	55.0	54.7	55.3	55.7	54.0	53.6
Non-commercial	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
<b>Total (excl. Health)</b>	<b>213.5</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>212.6</b>	<b>215.6</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>215.0</b>	<b>212.3</b>	<b>215.0</b>	<b>214.4</b>
<b>Health</b>				<b>65.2</b>				<b>65.8</b>	
Health Boards				41.8				42.0	
Voluntary Hospitals and Mental Handicap Homes				23.4				23.7	
<b>Total Public Sector</b>				<b>280.8</b>				280.8	

## Public Sector Employment (000's)

1997			1998				1999		Sectors
Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	
<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>Civil Service</b>
2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	Prison Officers
26.5	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	27.1	Administrative Civil Servants
2.2	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.0	Industrial Civil Servants
0.9	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	Others in the Civil Service
<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>Defence</b>
<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>Garda Síochána</b>
<b>64.3</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>Education</b>
21.7	21.4	21.7	21.7	21.8	21.5	21.9	22.0	22.1	Primary
18.0	17.6	18.1	18.1	18.1	17.4	18.1	18.0	18.0	Secondary (excl. VEC & IT's)
8.4	8.4	9.8	9.2	8.8	8.8	10.2	9.6	9.0	Third Level (excl. VEC & IT's)
16.1	14.6	18.7	18.5	17.1	16.3	19.1	19.3	18.2	VEC and Institutes of Technology
<b>31.3</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>Regional Bodies</b>
29.6	29.8	29.4	29.3	30.3	30.5	29.8	29.7	31.1	Local Authorities
1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.8	Other
<b>63.4</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>Semi-state Companies</b>
55.2	54.7	53.7	53.8	55.6	55.7	55.3	55.4	57.3	Commercial
8.1	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.6	Non-commercial
<b>214.8</b>	<b>212.1</b>	<b>216.6</b>	<b>215.3</b>	<b>218.0</b>	<b>216.3</b>	<b>220.0</b>	<b>219.9</b>	<b>222.4</b>	<b>Total (excl. Health)</b>
		<b>67.9</b>				<b>69.7</b>			<b>Health</b>
		44.3				46.1			Health Boards
		23.5				23.6			Voluntary Hospitals and Mental Handicap Homes
		<b>284.5</b>				<b>289.7</b>			<b>Total Public Sector</b>

## Background Notes

**General Definition** The employment series covers all persons engaged by public bodies in the state including:

- full-time employees (permanent and temporary);
- part-time employees;
- persons on holidays, on maternity leave or temporarily absent due to illness.

The following persons are not covered:

- persons on long-term absence without pay (e.g. career breaks, secondments);
- certain categories of part-time employee paid on a fee basis for occasional duties.

In principle the series shows the total number of persons engaged. However, in a number of instances, it is necessary to use the full-time equivalents of part-time employees because this is the basis on which the organisations concerned can readily report employment and earnings.

**Sources** Data is extracted directly, where feasible, from administrative sources (primarily government payroll systems); otherwise it is supplied on questionnaires completed by the organisations concerned. Estimates for non-respondents are included based on trends in employment for respondents in similar sectors.

**Civil Service (Administrative)** The employment details are taken from the Civil Service Staff Information System maintained by the Department of Finance. This primarily covers non-industrial civil servants and differs from the standard definition used for the series in the following respects:

- Full-time equivalents are used for part-time employees (e.g. two job sharers = one employee);
- Department of Foreign Affairs staff working abroad are included;
- Civil Servants working in other parts of the public sector are included.

Special advisors, etc. in Ministers' Offices are included.

**Civil Service (Industrial)** Persons are included in this category on the basis of their conditions of service. They are primarily employed by the Office of Public Works and the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands

**Civil Service (Others)** Includes certain categories of persons who are not strictly civil servants.

**Primary Education** Secretarial staff and caretakers are included if paid directly by Department of Education. Substitute teachers are excluded.

**Secondary Education (excluding VEC & IT's)** Part-time teachers paid through the standard Department of Education payment system are included while other part-time and substitute teachers are not. Non-teaching staff are included when paid directly by the Department.

**Third Level Education (excluding VEC & IT's)** In this sector there are some exceptions to the standard definition because some organisations could provide details on a full-time equivalent basis only.

**Regional Bodies** The Local Authorities includes Corporations, County Councils, Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners. Included in the residual category are Regional Fisheries and Tourism Organisations, together with Traffic Wardens. Harbour Authorities are also assigned to this category including those which have become State commercial companies.

**Health** The employment details for this sector are obtained from the annual census conducted by the Department of Health and are recorded on a full-time equivalent basis.

**Semi-state Bodies** The definition of the Public Sector used for the compilation of the series excludes subsidiaries of Semi-state Bodies. However, employees of subsidiaries are included if they cannot be readily distinguished by their parent organisation. The main operating companies (Iarnród Éireann, Bus Éireann and Bus Átha Cliath) within CIE have been included in the series.