

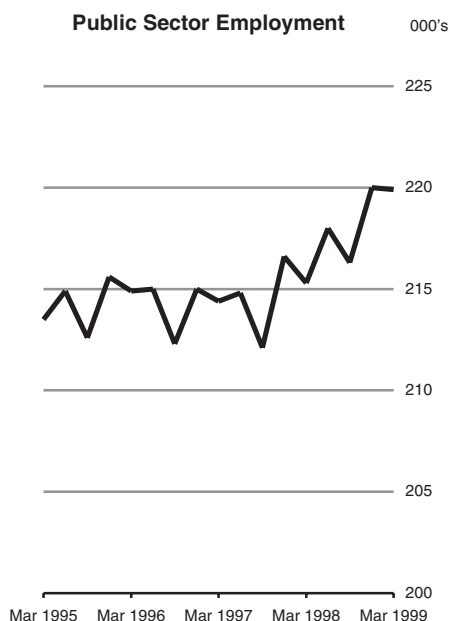


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Public Sector Employment March 1999



Total employment*

March 1998	215,300
December 1998	220,000
March 1999	219,900
Quarterly change	-100
Annual change	+4,600

*Excluding the Health Sector

Public sector employment up by 4,600

219,900 people were employed in the public sector (excluding health) in March 1999 an increase of 4,600 when compared with the figure for March 1998. The figures for this period show that (*see main table*):

- ◆ Employment in the Semi-State sector increased by 1,900.
- ◆ Education sector employment rose by 1,400.
- ◆ Employment in the Civil Service sector rose by 900.

Employment decreased by 100 in March 1999 when compared with the figure for December 1998. 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	1994	1995				1996			
	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Civil Service	31.1	31.3	32.1	32.0	32.0	32.1	32.2	32.1	31.6
Prison Officers	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Administrative Civil Servants	26.0	26.1	26.6	26.7	27.0	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.8
Industrial Civil Servants	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.9
Others in the Civil Service	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
Defence	14.3	14.2	14.1	14.0	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.5	13.1
Garda Síochána	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7
Education	63.6	63.6	62.0	60.7	65.9	65.5	64.0	60.9	67.2
Primary	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.4	21.7
Secondary (excl. VEC & IT's)	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.3	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.6	18.0
Third Level (excl. VEC & IT's)	8.1	7.7	7.4	7.7	9.0	8.5	8.1	7.7	9.4
VEC and Institutes of Technology	16.7	17.1	15.7	14.3	17.7	17.7	16.6	14.2	18.2
Regional Bodies	30.4	30.1	30.7	31.0	30.1	30.0	31.0	31.4	30.2
Local Authorities	28.9	28.6	29.0	29.3	28.6	28.6	29.2	29.6	28.7
Other	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.6
Semi-state Companies	63.4	63.6	65.4	64.2	63.0	62.7	63.4	63.8	62.1
Commercial	55.6	55.5	57.4	56.3	55.0	54.7	55.3	55.7	54.0
Non-commercial	7.9	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Total (excl. Health)	213.6	213.5	214.9	212.6	215.6	214.9	215.0	212.3	215.0
Health	63.9				65.2				65.8
Health Boards	40.8				41.8				42.0
Voluntary Hospitals and Mental Handicap Homes	23.2				23.4				23.7
Total Public Sector	277.5				280.8				280.8

Public Sector Employment (000's)

1997				1998				1999	Sectors
Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	
32.1	32.0	32.2	31.8	31.5	32.1	32.2	32.2	32.4	Civil Service
2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	Prison Officers
26.7	26.5	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	Administrative Civil Servants
2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	Industrial Civil Servants
0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	Others in the Civil Service
13.2	13.1	12.6	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.7	12.5	12.3	Defence
10.7	10.7	10.7	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.0	11.0	11.1	Garda Síochána
66.8	64.3	62.1	68.2	67.5	65.7	64.0	69.2	68.9	Education
21.7	21.7	21.4	21.7	21.7	21.8	21.5	21.9	22.0	Primary
18.0	18.0	17.6	18.1	18.1	18.1	17.4	18.1	18.0	Secondary (excl. VEC & IT's)
9.0	8.4	8.4	9.8	9.2	8.8	8.8	10.2	9.6	Third Level (excl. VEC & IT's)
18.1	16.1	14.6	18.7	18.5	17.1	16.3	19.1	19.3	VEC and Institutes of Technology
30.0	31.3	31.5	30.9	30.8	32.0	32.1	31.3	31.3	Regional Bodies
28.5	29.6	29.8	29.4	29.3	30.3	30.5	29.8	29.7	Local Authorities
1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	Other
61.6	63.4	63.1	62.0	62.0	64.2	64.3	63.7	63.9	Semi-state Companies
53.6	55.2	54.7	53.7	53.8	55.6	55.7	55.3	55.4	Commercial
8.1	8.1	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.5	Non-commercial
214.4	214.8	212.1	216.6	215.3	218.0	216.3	220.0	219.9	Total (excl. Health)
			67.9					n.a. ¹	Health
			44.3						Health Boards
									Voluntary Hospitals and
			23.5					n.a. ¹	Mental Handicap Homes
			284.5						Total Public Sector

¹ Not available at time of publication.

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.