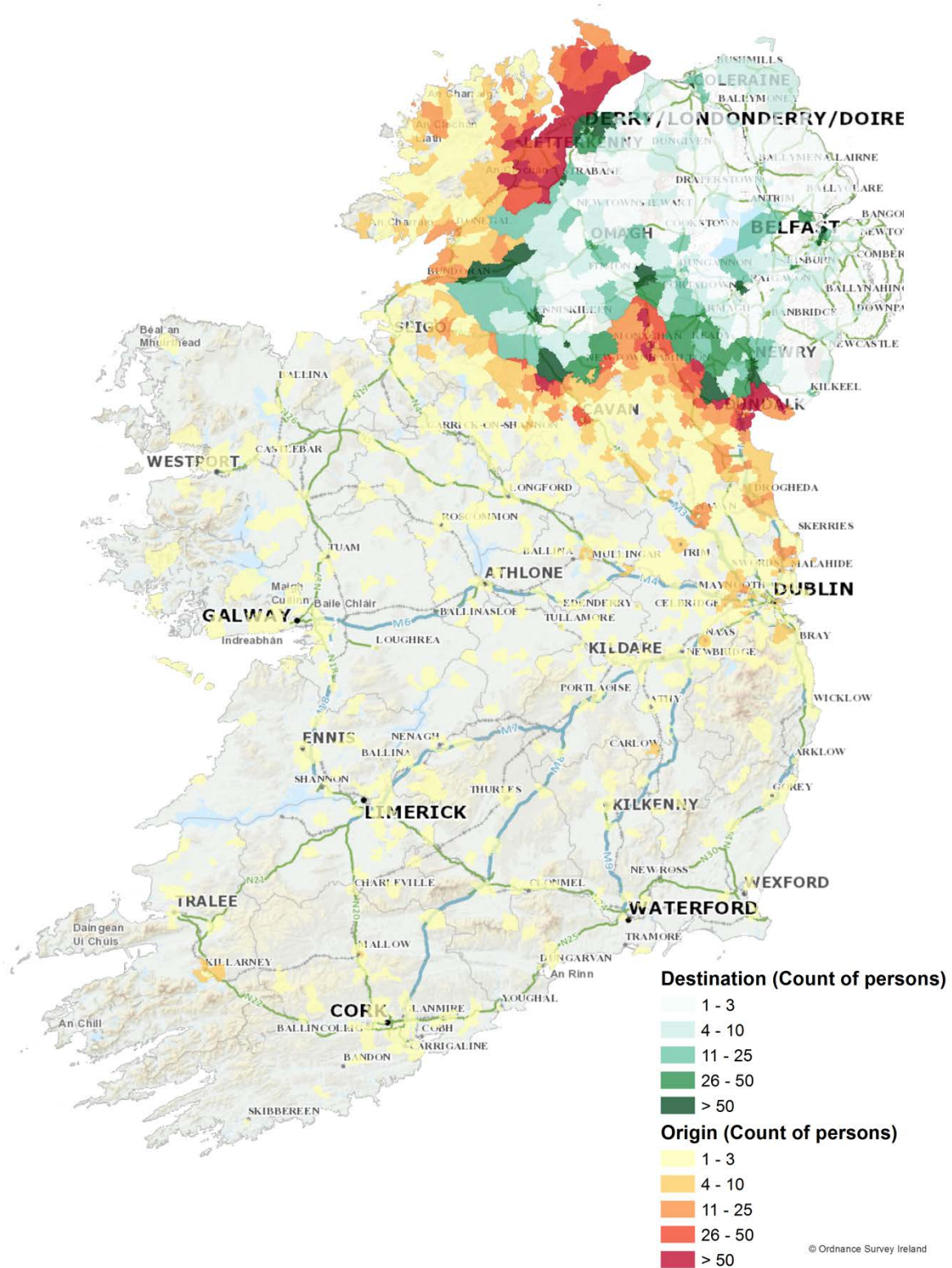


Cross Border Commuters 2016

Map - Persons commuting from Ireland to Northern Ireland to work or study by electoral division/ward, 2016



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:

Table 1 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:

Table 2 Origin and destinations of cross border workers and students, 2016

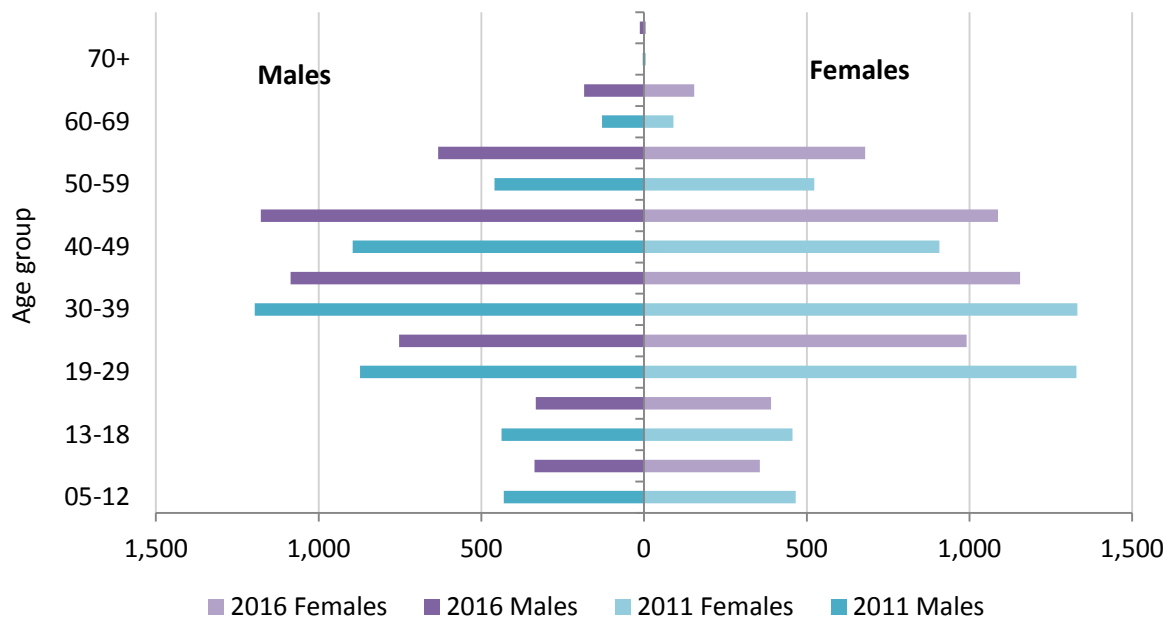
County	Armagh	Antrim	Down	Derry	Fermanagh	Tyrone	Total
Donegal	21	252	33	4,256	131	915	5,608
Monaghan	533	97	89	21	154	218	1,112
Louth	410	128	350	15	2	21	926
Cavan	33	19	12	9	396	24	493
Dublin City	23	81	37	15	2	19	177
Leitrim	3	10	1	4	113	17	148
All other counties	123	345	153	87	79	85	872
Total	1,146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

The following figures and tables compare some characteristics of the cross-border commuters recorded in Census 2016 with those recorded in the 2011 census.

Age and sex

Figure 1 Cross-border commuters (work or study), 2016



The figure above shows the age and sex profile of cross-border commuters. While the majority of commuters for both 2011 and 2016 are female (54 per cent and 52 per cent respectively), 2016 saw a 2 per cent increase in the number of male commuters.

The 2016 census showed an increase in all groups aged 40 and above commuting to Northern Ireland, suggesting more people commute across the border for work. Conversely, there was approximately a 20 per cent reduction in people aged between 5 and 19 years.

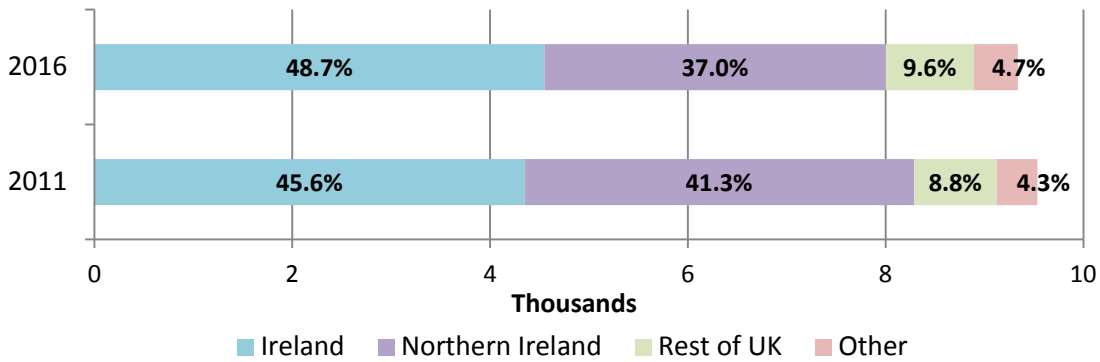
Religion

Table 3 Religion of cross-border commuters (work or study), 2016

	2011		2016	
	No.	%	No.	%
Catholic	7,974	83.3	7,459	79.9
Church of Ireland incl. Protestant	359	3.8	345	3.7
Presbyterian	461	4.8	461	4.9
Other	240	2.5	315	3.4
No religion/ not stated	502	5.3	756	8.1
Total	9,536		9,336	

Place of birth

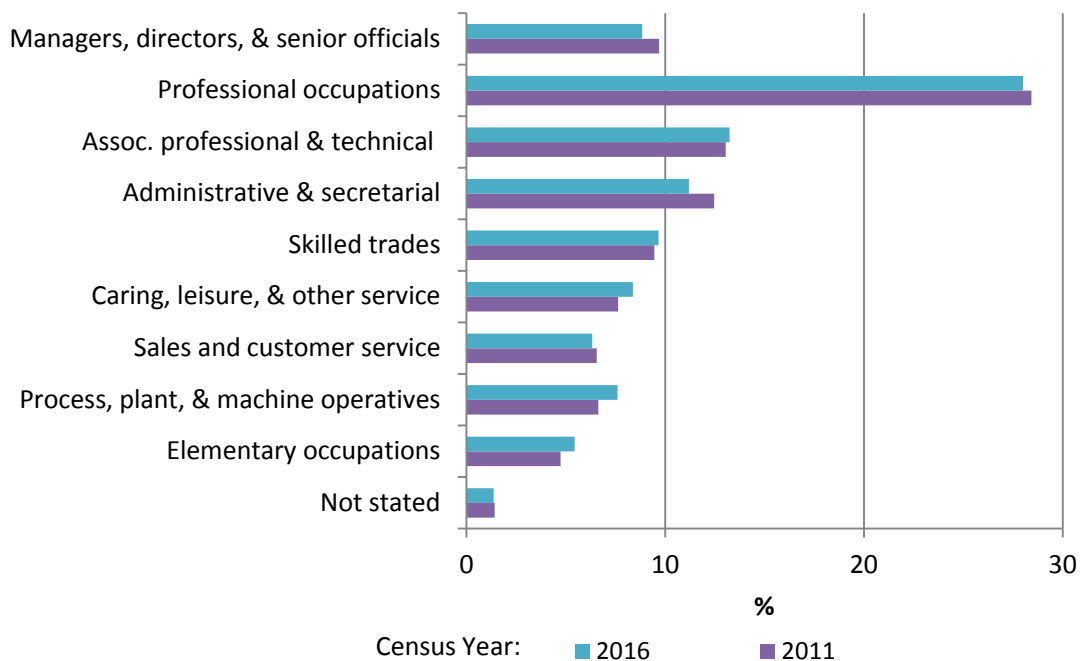
Figure 2 Birthplace of cross-border commuters (work or study), 2016



Although overall the number of cross-border commuters has fallen since 2011 the proportion of commuters born in Ireland (48.7 per cent) has increased since 2011 (45.6 per cent). However, the number of people born in Northern Ireland and commuting from Ireland for work or study decreased by almost 500 people, from 3,940 to 3,451.

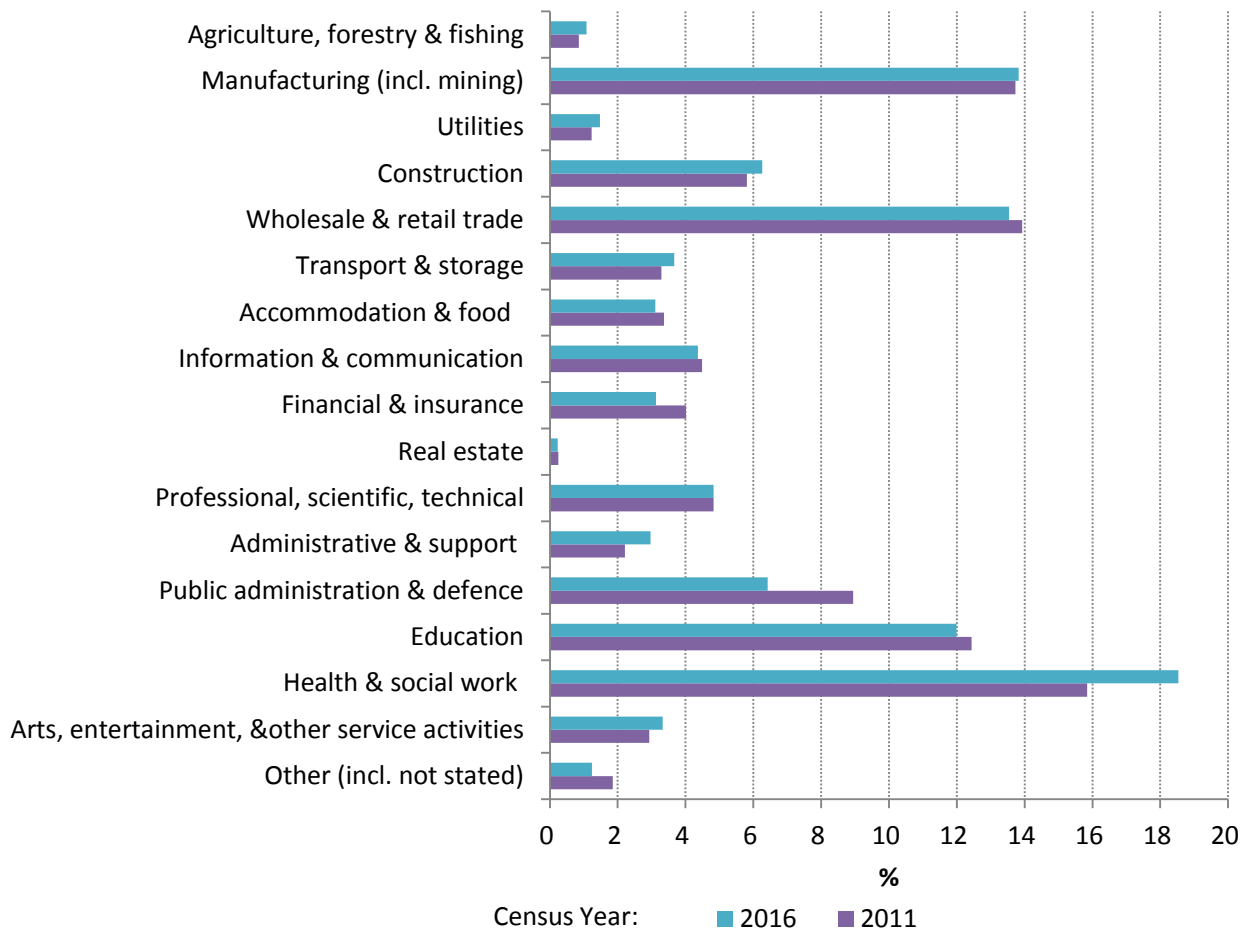
Occupation

Figure 3 Occupation of cross-border workers aged 15 and above, 2011 & 2016



Industry

Figure 4 Industry of cross-border workers aged 15 and above, 2011 & 2016



Transport and travel

Table 4 Method of travel to work, school or college, 2016

	Car	Public Transport	Other	Total
Children at school aged between 5 and 12 years	626	44	23	693
Students at school or college ages between 13 and 18 years	465	213	29	707
Students at school or college ages 19 years and over	488	317	94	899
Population aged 15 years and over at work	6,093	224	720	7,037
Total	7,672	798	866	9,336
Total as a % of population	82.2	8.5	9.3	

Level of education

The figure below shows the highest level of education obtained by both those aged 15 and above, who have ceased, and not yet ceased full time education.

Table 5 Level of education, of those aged 15 and above, by county of usual residence, 2016

