


Spring Skills Bulletin 2023

Young people's contribution to the Irish labour force
(Q3 2019 - Q3 2022)

Q3 2022

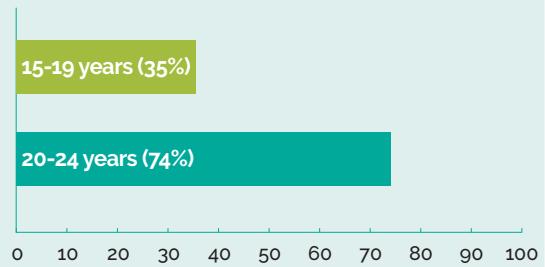


311,900
young people aged 15-24
years were employed



13%
(354,400 persons)
of the total labour force*
were aged 15-24 years
*Labour force = employed + unemployed

Labour force participation rates:

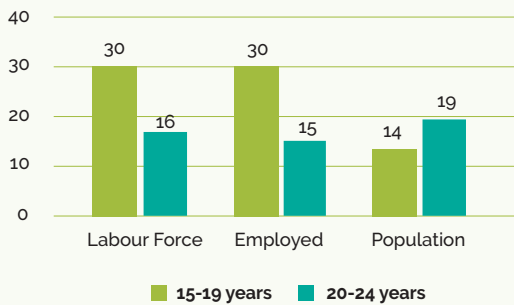


Q3 2019 - Q3 2022

The number of
employed young
people (15-24 years)
increased by:

+45,300
(or **+17%** compared to +10% for all ages)

Change (000s) in labour force,
employment & population (15-24 years)



15-19
year olds


Increases in the labour
force and employed
exceeded
population growth

20-24
year olds


Increases in the labour
force and employed
were **less than**
the population growth

Socio-economic characteristics of employed 15-24 year olds

Q3 2022



Males
53%




Females
47%

Education level in Q3 2022*
Junior Cert or less **51,500**
Leaving Cert/FET **186,600**
Third level **70,800**


*excludes not stated

Q3 2019 - Q3 2022

Larger increase in
male employment



+25,000



+20,300

Largest increases
in employment
for those with a
Junior Cert or less
(+65%) and Leaving
Cert/FET **(+14%)**

Key aspects of youth employment in Q3 2022

Part-time employment

47%

of employed 15-24 year olds worked part-time (higher in Ireland than EU 27 average of 31%)

Q3 2019 - Q3 2022

This increased from 116,500 to

145,800

(+29,300 or +25%)



68%

(99,300 persons) of part-time employed 15-24 year olds reported their **Principal Economic Status as Student**

National Minimum Wage (NMW)

65%

of all workers earning the NMW or less were aged 15-24 years, with the largest share for those aged 15-19 years (64%)

33%

of the increase in employed 15-24 year olds (Q3 2019 - Q3 2022, +45,300) earning the NMW or less (+14,900)

Temporary contracts

52%

of all persons employed on temporary contracts were aged 15-24 years



Trends in youth employment by economic sector and occupation

Q3 2022

Top five sectors based on numbers employed (000s)

15-24 year olds

Wholesale & retail	73,200
Accom & food	68,200
Manufacturing	27,700
Construction	23,700
Health & social work	21,100

45%

of employed 15-24 year olds in two sectors: **wholesale & retail** and **accommodation & food**



56%

of employed 15-24 year olds in two occupational groups:



Service & sales



Elementary

Q3 2019 - Q3 2022



largest increase in **wholesale & retail**
+12,900
(total +14,400 for all ages)



2nd largest increase in **accommodation & food**
+8,700
compared to a decrease for 25+ year olds (-15,800)

Young people provide an **important source of flexible (part-time) employment** to the Irish economy especially for particular sectors and occupations