

ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 1981 DETAILING THE ECONOMIC
ACTIVITY OF RESIDENTS IN THE GREATER LONDON AREA WHO WERE BORN
IN THE IRISH REPUBLIC.

1. The majority of the economically active Irish still work in manual employment (52%) with 41% being white collar and only a small percentage (7%) being self employed.
2. In manual employment just over one third (37%) are skilled workers with the majority of the remainder (42%) being semi-skilled.
Just under one quarter (21%) were recorded as being unskilled labour.
3. In white collar employment the vast majority are in clerical/junior positions (72%) with the remainder being employers, managers or professional staffs.
4. The Construction industry still accounts for nearly one quarter (23%) of Irish employment with the majority being skilled in manual work (33%) or self-employed (30%). Less than one quarter (20%) work in a managerial or professional capacity.
5. Just under one third (32%) work in manufacturing, retail distribution, the National Health Service or 'other' services. Only 7% of those work in a managerial capacity while 44% occupy clerical/junior positions.
6. Although 18,250 Irish work in one of the following industries, not one is employed in a managerial or professional capacity: Energy and water industries, Vehicle/metal goods manufacture, British Rail, Post Office/communication and the Education Authority.
7. In total across London, only 11% of the economically active Irish employers, managers or professionals. The vast majority are either in clerical/junior positions (30%) or semi-skilled manual positions (22%).
8. Only 4% of the economically active Irish work in Local Government. Of these, the majority are either in clerical/junior positions (42%) or in semi-skilled manual positions.
Only 15% are in managerial or professional positions.

ECONOMIC MOBILITY OF RESIDENTS IN GREATER LONDON OF IRISH REPUBLIC NATIONALITY 1981

Source: Labour Force Survey 1981

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Groups

Socio Economic Groups

	Employers, managers and professionals	Clerical or junior non manual	Skilled manual	Semi skilled manual	Unskilled manual	Own account (self employed)	TOTAL
ENERGY & WATER SUPPLY	0	1000	0	600	300	0	1900
MINERALS, METAL MANUFACTURE, CHEMICALS	250 (3)	0	300	0	550	0	1100
METAL GOODS, ENGINEERING, VEHICLES	0	450	1400	1950	0	0	3400
OTHER MANUFACTURING	700 (7)	1350	2350	1350	550	0	6300
CONSTRUCTION	3800 (39)	200	6300	800	2400	5800	19,300
HOTELS & CATERING	1450 (45)	250	300	1850	300	0	4150
RETAIL DISTRIBUTION	550 (6)	3900	200	850	0	0	5500
OTHER DISTRIBUTION	550 (6)	1600	1000	0	0	300	3450
RAILWAYS	0	500	1150	600	300	0	2550
OTHER TRANSPORT, COMM- UNICATION, POST OFFICE	0	2350	1250	1700	1000	0	6300
BANKING, FINANCE, INSUR- ANCE, BUSINESS SERVICES	850 (4)	2900	550	500	800	0	5600
MEDICAL & HEALTH SERVICES	550 (6)	4800	0	2200	0	0	7550
EDUCATION	0	2100	0	1700	300	0	4100
OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES	550 (6)	1500	0	1550	0	0	3600
OTHER SERVICES	300 (3)	1900	1350	2750	2500	0	8800
TOTAL	9550	24800	16150	18000	9000	6100	83,600
%	11	30	19	22	11	7	100

Note: The table only includes people who are economically active, ie in the 'job market'

The table is based on data from a sample survey which is why the figures have been rounded up. The data is not really very reliable for areas smaller than London as a whole.