

WORKSHEET 3B: EXAMINING THE LABOUR FORCE

Instructions to students: Download the most recent copy of the Central Statistics Office QNHS and attempt to answer the following:

1. List the main employment sectors in the Irish economy starting with the sectors with the highest employment.

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2. What employment sectors are growing and which are declining?

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3. Why do you think this is so?

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4. What sectors do you think will grow in the future?

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5. What impact will this have on society in terms of:

↳ education;

↳ subject choices; and

↳ employment opportunities for a) school leavers
b) students.

**6. Which sector employs more
a) males b) females c) older workers
d) younger workers?**

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7. What do you think accounts for the differences?

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8. What is the average industrial wage?

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**9. What occupations earn on average a)
above this figure b) below this figure?**

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10. Why do you think this is so?

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11. According to the QNHS for Quarter 1 2009, there was a decline in employment among younger people. What does this mean and what might be the effects for a) young people b) school leavers c) college students?

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12. What do you think might be the causes of this?

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13. What options do you think young people might have in this type of climate?

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14. What have you learned from this exercise?

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15. In light of this information, has this changed your mind for your future career? Why?

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