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Employment change by LEA 1991 - 1996

Table 7 (Table 20 of Kerry Atlas)			
EMPLOYMENT CHANGE BY LEA 1991-1996			
LEA	1991	1996	% Increase
Dingle	4,046	4,528	11.9%
Killarney Rural	6,603	7,487	13.4%
Killarney Urban	2,557	3,046	19.1%
Killorglin	6,342	7,200	13.5%
Listowel Rural	6,897	7,210	4.5%
Listowel Urban	967	1,142	18.1%
Tralee Rural	5,329	5,969	12.0%
Tralee Urban	5,118	6,327	23.6%
Co. Kerry	37,859	42,909	13.3%

Source: Central Statistics Office. Website: www.cso.ie

In 1991 there were 37,859 employed, by 1996 this had increased by 13.3% to 42,909.

Most of Co. Kerry at DED level was experiencing employment growth over the period 1991 - 1996 it is most likely that most of this gain was in the period 1995 - 1996 which was the start of the economic boom.

However 1991 would have been a very low base year due to high unemployment and a stagnant economy. All LEAs showed employment growth over this period and this is particularly true of the Tralee urban with a 23.6% growth in employment numbers and also Killarney urban and Listowel urban. The remaining rural LEA experienced over a 10% growth with the exception of Listowel rural which has employment growth of less than 5%, indicating this area's poor performance in comparison with the rest of the county which as aforementioned has an average increase of 13.3%.

1(C.2) Labour participation of population of working age by gender by LEA 1996

Table 8 (Table 21 of Kerry Atlas)				
LABOUR PARTICIPATION OF POPULATION OF WORKING AGE BY SEX BY LEA 1996				
LEA	Male Participation Rate	Female Participation Rate	Overall Participation Rate	
Dingle	69.1%	38.4%	54.8%	
Killarney Rural	70.4%	42.3%	58.6%	
Killarney Urban	64.8%	52.6%	58.4%	
Killorglin	65.7%	51.4%	58.9%	
Listowel Rural	61.5%	32.5%	53.2%	
Listowel Urban	62.8%	43.9%	48.0%	
Tralee Rural	65.1%	39.5%	50.4%	
Tralee Urban	57.0%	32.3%	37.2%	
Co. Kerry	64.5%	40.3%	53.0%	

Source: Central Statistics Office. Website: www.cso.ie

Overall participation rate was 53%, 64.5% males and 40.3% females.

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Employment dependency numbers and ratio by LEA 1996

Table 9 (Table 22 of Kerry Atlas)				
DEPENDENCY NUMBERS AND RATIO BY LEA 1996				
LEA	Numbers employed	Total Population	Dependency Ratio	
Dingle	4,528	12,940	1:2.86	
Killarney Rural	7,487	20,452	1:2.73	
Killarney Urban	3,046	8,689	1:2.85	
Killorglin	7,200	21,025	1:2.92	
Listowel Rural	7,210	23,161	1:3.21	
Listowel Urban	1,142	3,393	1:2.97	
Tralee Rural	5,969	17,414	1:2.92	
Tralee Urban	6,327	19,056	1:3.01	
Co. Kerry	42,909	126,130	1:2.94	

Source: Central Statistics Office. Website: www.cso.ie

Employment dependency ratio is the number of economically active people in the population (employed) compared to the total population. The ratio is commonly used to indicate the degree of economic capacity of an area.

At DED level there is much variation in the dependency ratio across the county. Very high levels of dependency occur in North West Kerry, parts of the Dingle peninsula and the Iveragh peninsula.

There is little variation at the LEA level. The LEA's of Listowel rural and Tralee urban are the only two which exceed a ratio of 1:3 where for every one person working there are 3 people dependent on the income on average.

1(C.4) Employment by Sector

Table 10 (Table 34 of Kerry Atlas)

PERCENTAGE EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR BY LEA 1996									
LEA	Percentage agriculture and mining	Percentage building and construction	Percentage electricity and gas	Percentage commerce	Percentage transport	Percentage public administration	Percentage professional services	Percentage manufacturing	Percentage other
Dingle	28.3%	9.2%	0.4%	16.6%	3.2%	3.1%	14.8%	10.2%	14.2%
Killarney Rural	20.3%	8.3%	0.7%	15.3%	4.3%	3.5%	15.3%	16.8%	15.5%
Killarney Urban	1.2%	5.0%	0.7%	21.7%	5.2%	5.1%	17.5%	10.0%	33.6%
Killorglin	24.8%	8.1%	0.6%	16.9%	3.3%	3.5%	13.5%	11.8%	17.6%
Listowel Rural	30.2%	6.5%	2.6%	15.1%	2.7%	3.6%	13.1%	16.9%	9.2%
Listowel Urban	3.2%	5.7%	3.6%	24.9%	3.1%	4.3%	18.8%	23.2%	13.1%
Tralee Rural	20.6%	6.8%	0.9%	19.9%	4.9%	5.6%	16.6%	15.1%	9.8%
Tralee Urban	1.5%	6.1%	1.0%	23.0%	5.3%	6.6%	22.0%	17.9%	16.7%
Co. Kerry	19.0%	7.2%	1.1%	18.2%	4.0%	4.3%	16.0%	14.9%	15.3%

Source: Central Statistics Office. Website: www.cso.ie

Table 11 (Table 35 of Kerry Atlas)

NUMBERS EMPLOYED BY SECTOR BY LEA 1996									
LEA	Agriculture and mining	Building and construction	Electricity and gas	Commerce	Transport	Public administration	Professional services	Manufacturing	Other
Dingle	1,283	416	20	751	145	140	670	462	641
Killarney Rural	1,522	620	54	1,148	322	260	1,144	1,255	1,162
Killarney Urban	37	151	22	660	159	156	533	305	1,023
Killorglin	1,781	581	46	1,216	236	249	972	853	1,266
Listowel Rural	2,177	470	187	1,092	197	259	946	1,217	665
Listowel Urban	37	65	41	284	35	49	215	265	151
Tralee Rural	1,227	404	53	1,188	292	332	988	903	582
Tralee Urban	91	384	66	1,455	334	416	1,393	1,131	1,054
Co. Kerry	8,155	3,091	489	7,794	1,720	1,861	6,861	6,391	6,544

Source: Central Statistics Office. Website: www.cso.ie

Summary

- Employment growth increased by 13.3% in the period 1991-1996.
- Employment participation rate in 1996 was 53%.
- Employment dependency averaged at 1:1.294 in 1996.
- Listowel rural has employment growth of less than 5%, indicating this area's poor performance in comparison with the rest of the county which had an average increase of 13.3%.