NI BUSINESS BASE

2025

Source: Business Population Estimates for the UK and Regions, Department for Business and Trade (2025)



and

73%

of

turnover

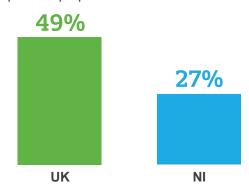
There were **138,735** private sector businesses in Northern Ireland at the start of 2025, employing **579,000** and generating turnover of **£92bn**

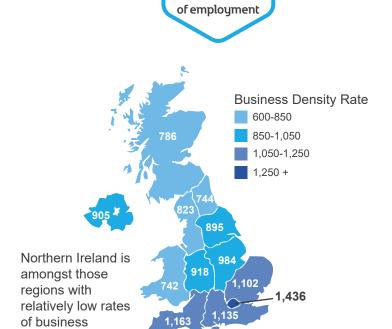




99,715 non-employing businesses

Large businesses (employing 250+) in the UK account for 49% of turnover, whereas in Northern Ireland the comparative proportion is 27%





accounting

for

77%

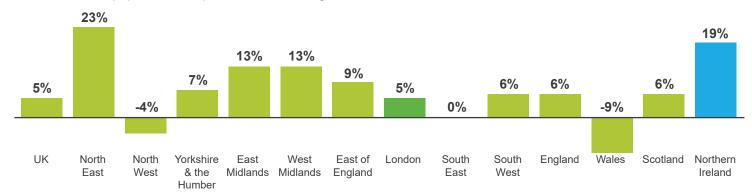
99.9%

of private

sector businesses

were SMEs

From 2015-2025 Northern Ireland, experienced the largest expansion of their business population compared to all other regions.



density

NOTE: This data provides an estimate of the total number of private sector businesses in the UK at the start of each year. It is produced by the Department for Business and Trade and covers a wider range of businesses than ONS/NISRA outputs, which report on VAT traders and PAYE employers.

