

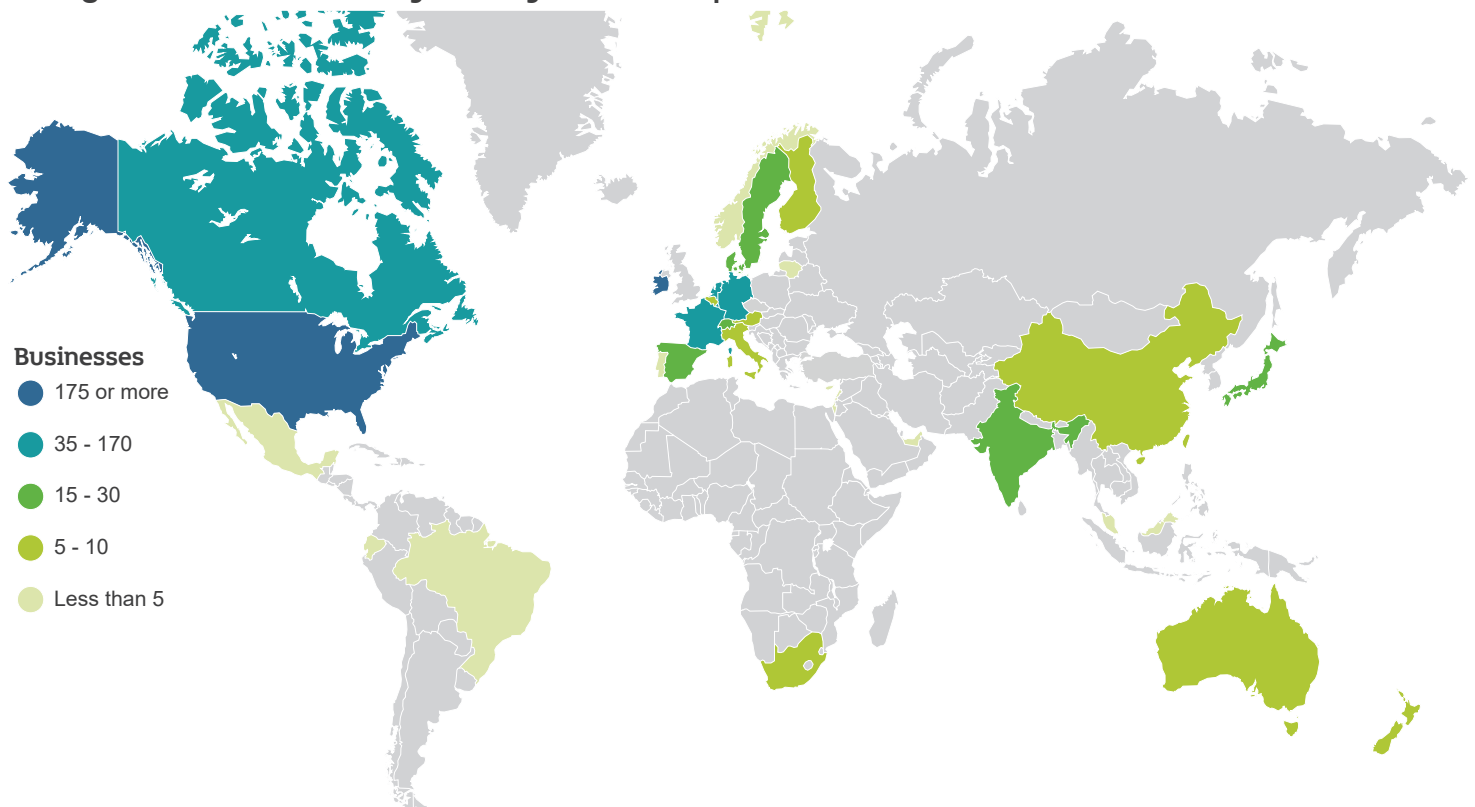
# FOREIGN OWNED BUSINESSES IN NI

## 2021 - 2025

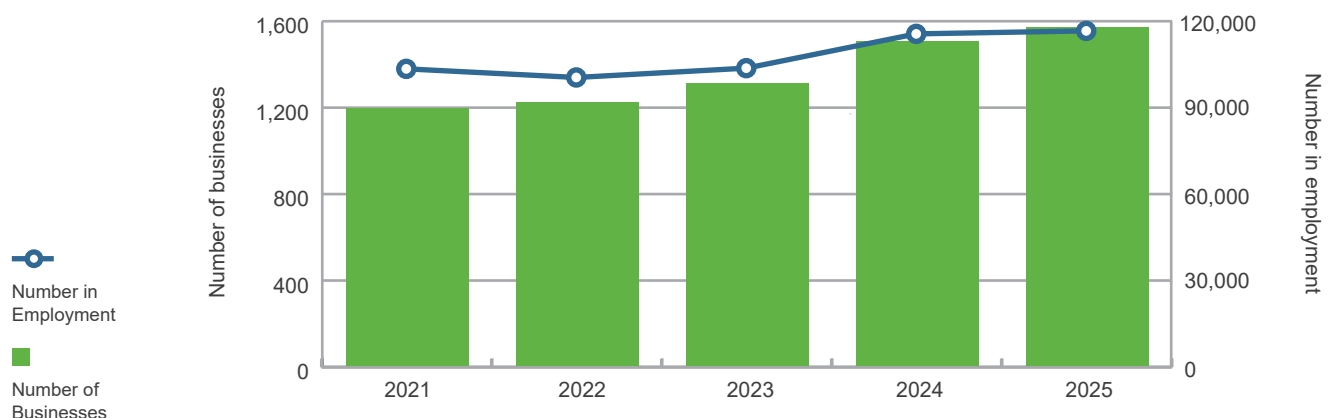
Source: Inter Departmental Business Register, NISRA (June 2025)

- In 2025 there were 1,570 foreign owned businesses operating in Northern Ireland (defined as non-UK) which represents a 31% increase over the last five years.
- Almost half of all foreign owned businesses (45%) were from the Irish Republic (=420) and the United States (=285).
- Other key countries of ownership are Luxembourg (=65), France (=55), and the Germany (=40).

### Foreign Owned Businesses by Country of Ownership 2025



### Numbers of Employees by Foreign Owned Businesses Operating in Northern Ireland



	2021		2024		2025				2024-25	2021-25
Country	Bus	Emp	Bus	Emp	Bus	Emp	% Total Bus	% Total Emp	% Change Bus	% Change Bus
Ireland	375	14,265	405	16,155	420	15,370	26.8	13.2	3.7	12.0
United States of America	225	30,715	285	31,915	285	32,235	18.2	27.6	-	26.7
Isle of Man	95	9,625	170	12,480	190	13,785	12.1	11.8	11.8	100.0
Jersey	35	3,815	105	8,165	125	10,145	8.0	8.7	19.0	257.1
Luxembourg	55	5,290	60	5,430	65	4,880	4.1	4.2	8.3	18.2
France	45	5,300	55	5,030	55	5,535	3.5	4.7	-	22.2
Germany	45	2,345	45	2,475	50	2,830	3.2	2.4	11.1	11.1
Canada	20	4,295	35	3,415	40	3,245	2.5	2.8	14.3	100.0
Guernsey	20	1,020	40	1,625	35	1,585	2.2	1.4	-12.5	75.0
Netherlands	40	2,725	35	3,260	35	2,960	2.2	2.5	-	-12.5
Cayman Islands	20	1,085	30	2,395	25	2,185	1.6	1.9	-16.7	25.0
Japan	25	2,065	25	1,875	25	2,120	1.6	1.8	-	-
Sweden	15	1,430	20	1,640	25	1,480	1.6	1.3	25.0	66.7
Denmark	15	2,075	20	2,645	20	2,675	1.3	2.3	-	33.3
Spain	15	2,405	15	2,145	20	2,100	1.3	1.8	33.3	33.3
Switzerland	15	970	15	770	15	800	1.0	0.7	-	-
India	15	2,225	15	2,265	15	1,640	1.0	1.4	-	-
Australia	15	480	15	490	10	340	0.6	0.3	-33.3	-33.3
South Africa	5	465	15	1,925	10	1,165	0.6	1.0	-33.3	100.0
Italy	15	135	10	95	10	280	0.6	0.2	-	-33.3
Belgium	10	1,395	10	305	10	290	0.6	0.2	-	-
British Virgin Islands	*	*	10	455	10	590	0.6	0.5	-	-
Finland	5	*	5	1,215	10	1,200	0.6	1.0	100.0	100.0
Hong Kong	10	*	5	*	5	*	0.3	-	-	-50.0
China	10	640	5	50	5	55	0.3	0.0	-	-50.0
Austria	5	*	5	*	5	*	0.3	-	-	-
New Zealand	*	*	5	70	5	55	0.3	0.0	-	-
Brazil	*	*	5	*	*	*	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	5	115	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-
Bermuda	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	5	430	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-
Total	1,195	103,615	1,505	115,755	1,570	116,785	100.0	100.0	4.3	31.4

**NOTE:**

Employee estimates have been suppressed where there is (a) a small number of employees, (b) a small number of businesses or (c) the numbers are dominated by a small number of businesses. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 and counts between 1 and 4 have been suppressed, thus may not sum to totals.