

Growing Opportunities for Co-operation

**Refreshing the National Spatial
Strategy**

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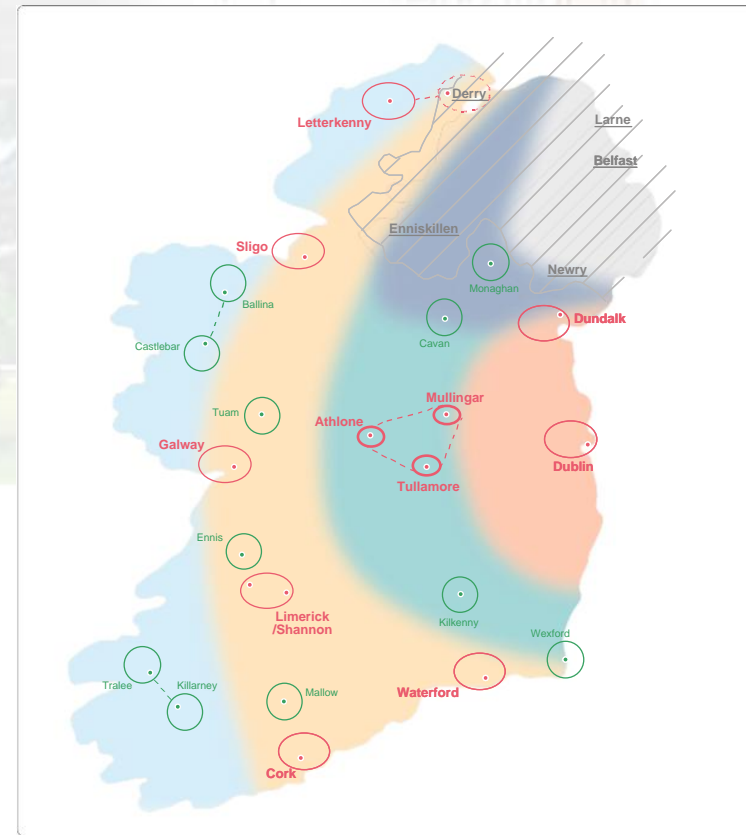
The Framework for Collaboration



Comhshaol, Oidhreachta agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Purpose of this Presentation

- Demonstrate benefits of spatial planning...
- Highlight current challenges...
- Illustrate how policy will respond...
- Encourage your participation...



National Spatial Strategy: Achievements since 2002

- **Government's strategic spatial planning framework...**
- **Is aligning national, regional and local planning ...
Minister's action on LA Development Plans**
- **Shaped Transport 21 + NDP 2007-2013, despite
Gateway Fund setback...**
- **Ireland's 1st Regional Planning Guidelines in place
2004 and to be reviewed by mid 2010...**
- **All-island planning/prioritisation agreed with NI
executive...**
- **Real progress visible on the ground...**

Population

Regional Population Trends

	1991	1996	2002	2006
Border	402,987	407,295	432,534	468,375
Dublin	1,025,304	1,058,264	1,122,821	1,187,176
Mid East	325,291	347,407	412,625	475,360
Midland	202,984	205,542	225,363	251,664
Mid West	310,728	317,069	339,591	361,028
South East	383,188	391,517	423,616	460,838
South West	532,263	546,640	580,356	621,130
West	342,974	352,353	380,297	414,277
State	3,525,719	3,626,087	3,917,203	4,239,848

Regional Population Growth Rates (% pa)

	1991-96	1996-02	2002-06
Border	0.2	1.0	2.0
Dublin	0.6	1.0	1.4
Mid East	1.3	2.9	3.6
Midland	0.3	1.5	2.8
Mid West	0.4	1.2	1.5
South East	0.4	1.3	2.1
South West	0.5	1.0	1.7
West	0.5	1.3	2.2
State	0.6	1.3	2.0

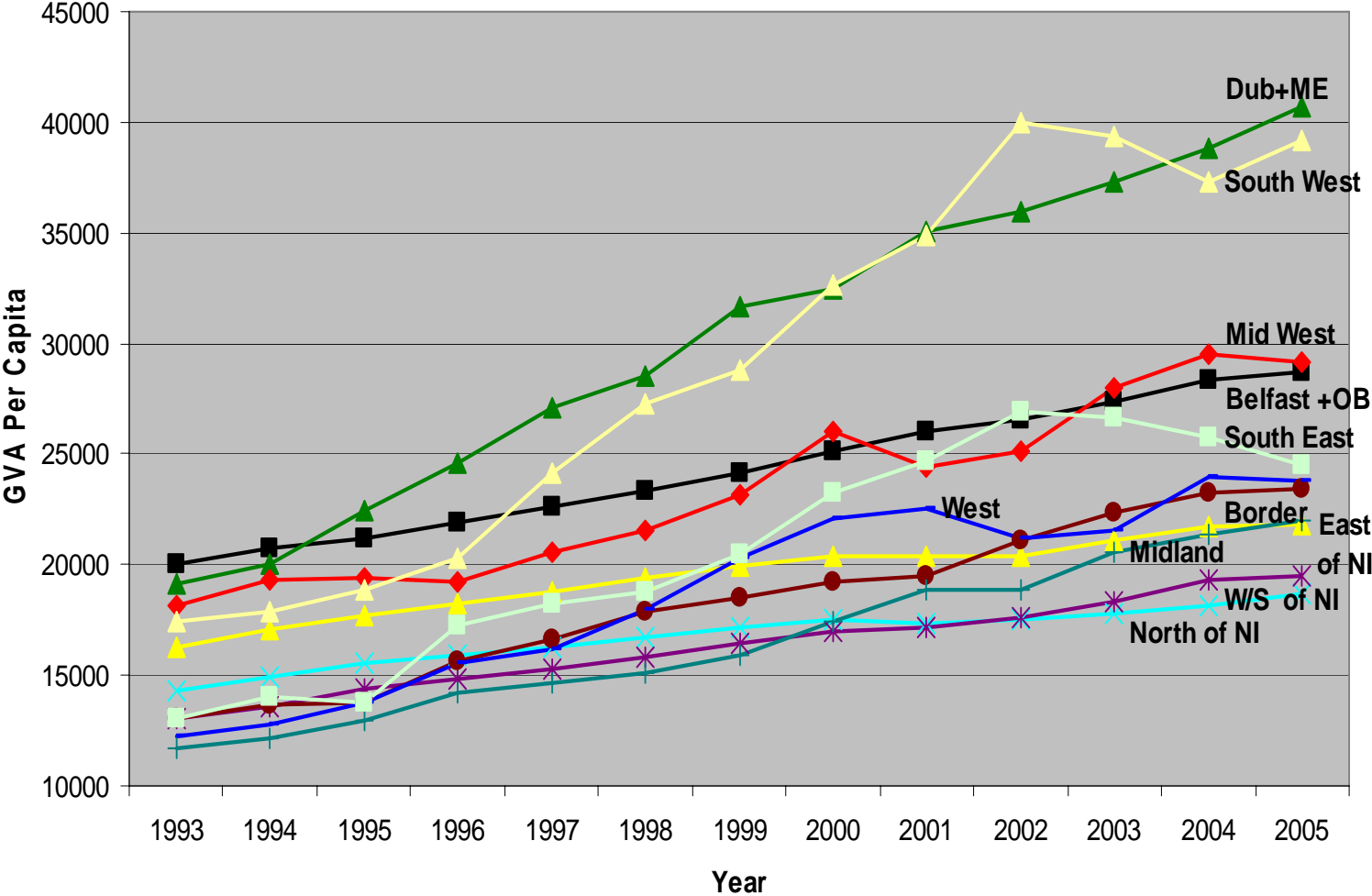
Population

Regional Population Targets 2016+

Region	2008	2010	2016	2022 (low / high range)
Border	492,500	511,000	552,700	595,000 - 611,400
Dublin	1,217,800	1,256,900	1,361,200	1,464,200 - 1,504,500
Mid-east	514,500	540,000	594,600	639,700 - 657,200
Midland	266,800	275,600	297,300	317,100 - 325,800
Mid-west	371,900	383,800	427,200	462,300 - 475,000
South-east	487,800	507,900	542,200	580,500 - 596,500
South-west	644,600	667,500	737,100	795,000 - 816,900
West	426,100	442,200	484,700	521,400 - 535,700
State	4,422,000	4,584,900	4,997,000	5,375,200 - 5,523,000

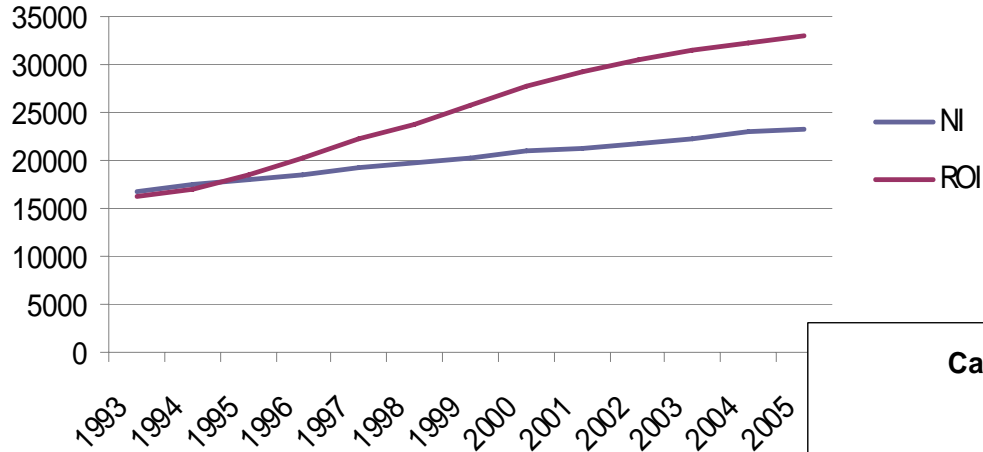
Economy

GVA per capita for Irish regions 1993-2005

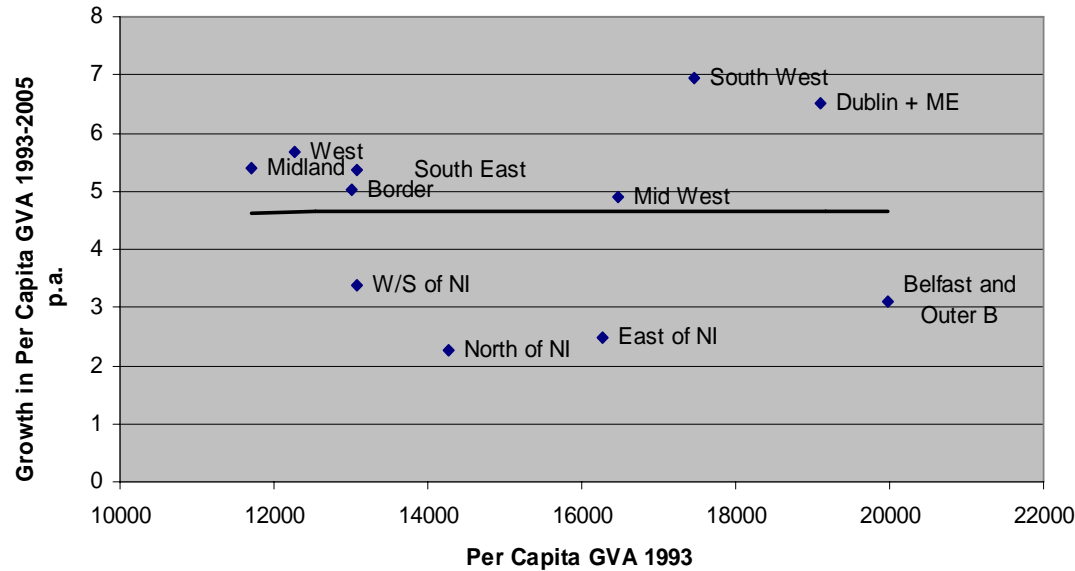


Economy

Figure 1: GVA per Capita in Republic and North: 1993 - 2005 (constant 2003 basic prices)



Catch-Up of Regional GVA per Capita on the Island of Ireland 1993-2005



Progress in Infrastructure

- All Major Inter-Urban Motorways complete by 2010
- Atlantic Road Corridor – key elements in place & underway/in planning
- €458m commitment to A5 route



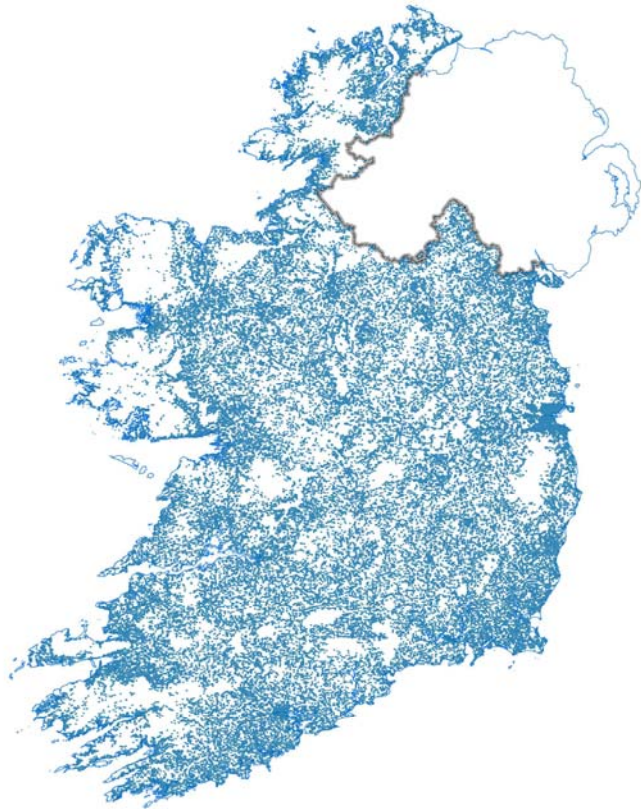


- **Western Rail Corridor**
- **50 km new track – 6 stations**
- **7 trains each way each day**
- **€100+m investment on schedule**
- **Services start early 2009!**

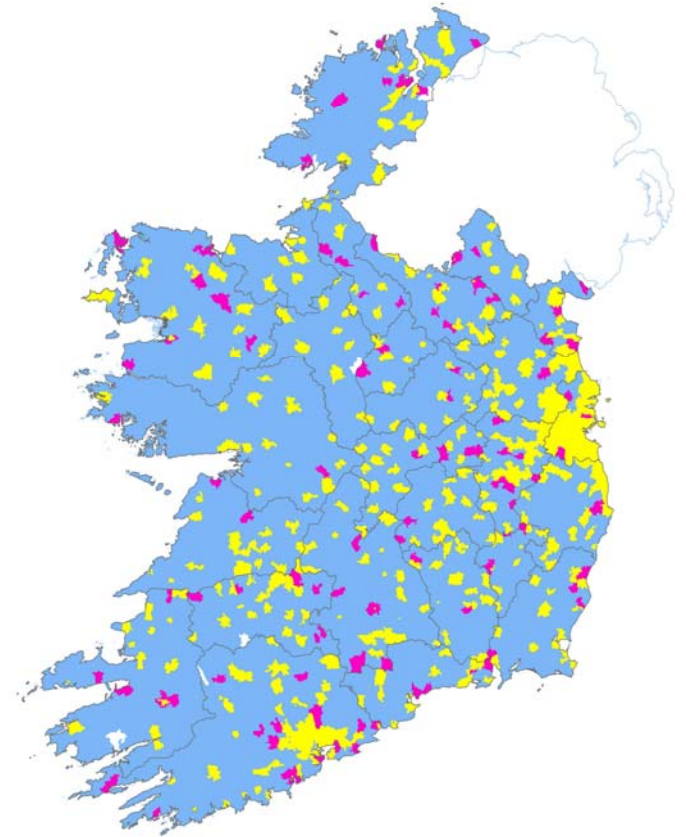
NSS: Changes in Wider Context since 2002






- **Global, European and Irish economic downturn: demonstrate real value of focusing on (spatial and investment) priorities...**
- **Are we getting enough growth in strategic places? Probably not – causes:**
 - **Uncertainty about what will be economic drivers of the future as economic restructuring continues?**
 - **Challenges in delivering a strategic approach across administrative and political boundaries;**
 - **Emerging importance of focusing on “softer” issues such as innovation and training, public realm, regeneration and inclusion, building on “hard” infrastructure progress ...**
- **Critical role in improving environmental conditions (groundwater / drinking water quality, habitats) taking account of EU Directives...**

Environment: Development and Services

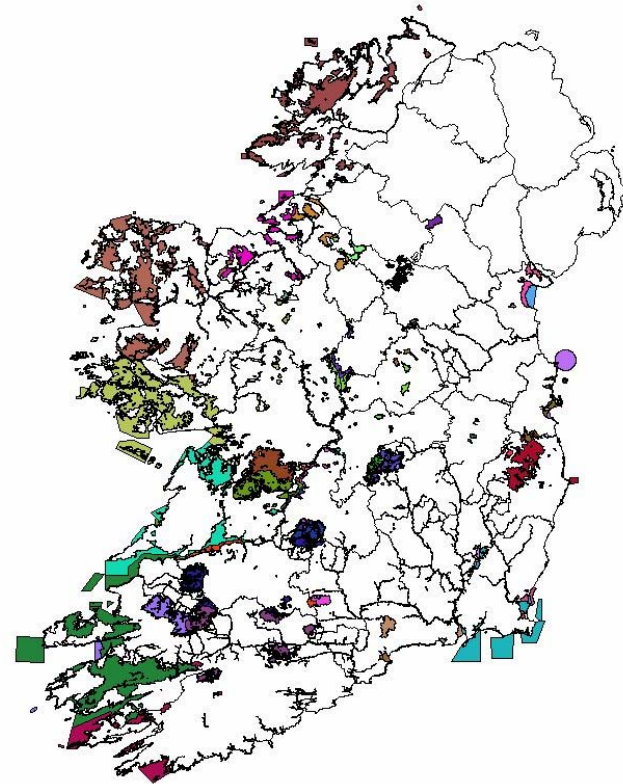
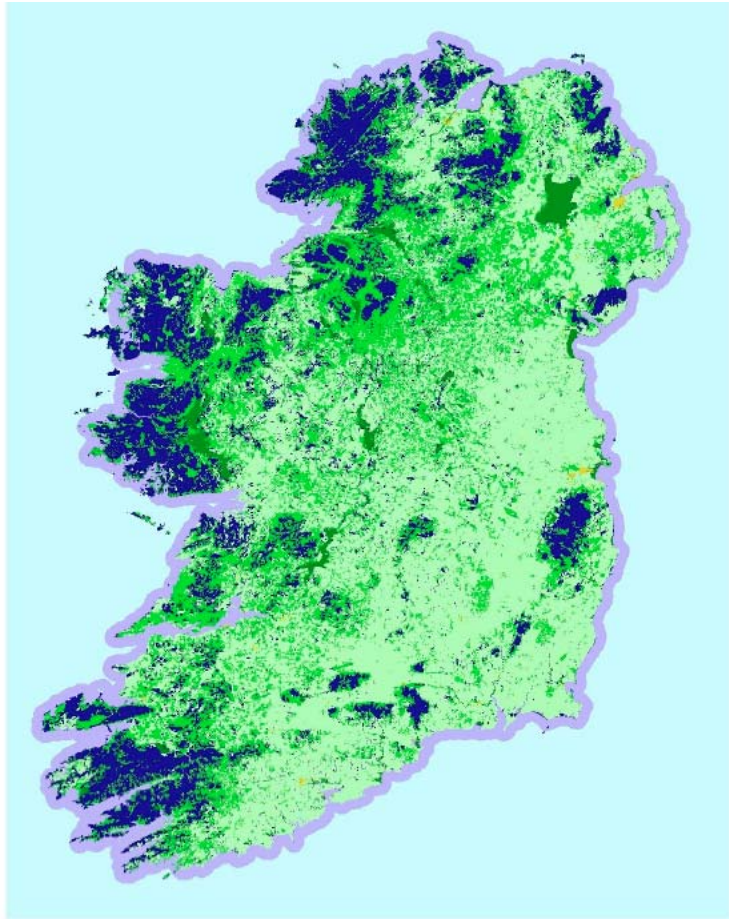


0 20 40 80 120 160 Km



-  CountyBoundaries
-  Predominantly public sewerage system usage
-  Predominantly septic tank usage
-  No dominant sewerage system
-  Coastline

Environment: Biodiversity and Habitats



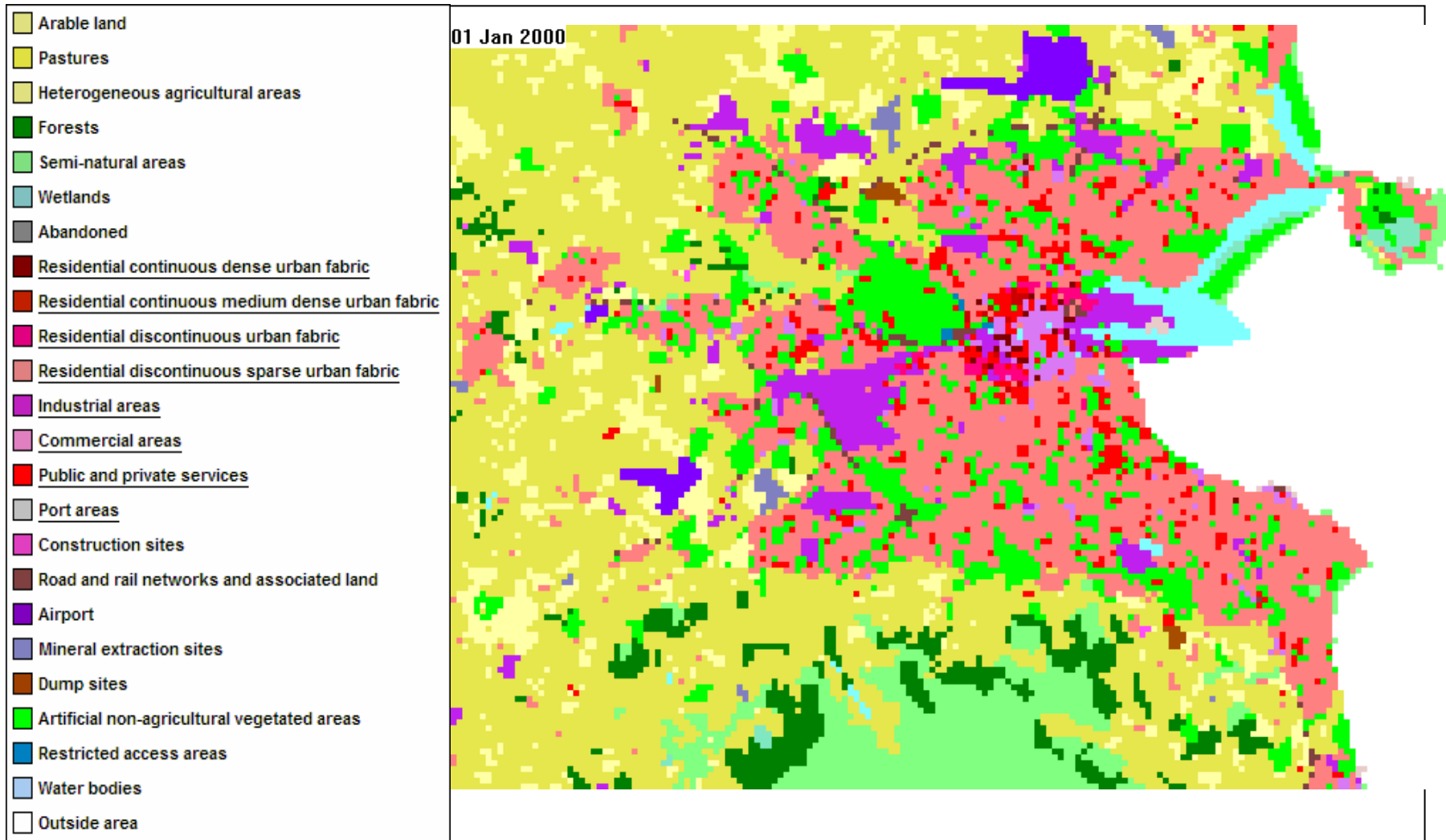
Econet Classes

- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3
- Class 4
- Class 5
- Nearshore

50 0 50 100 Kilometers



Sustainable Development of Cities



Central Issues

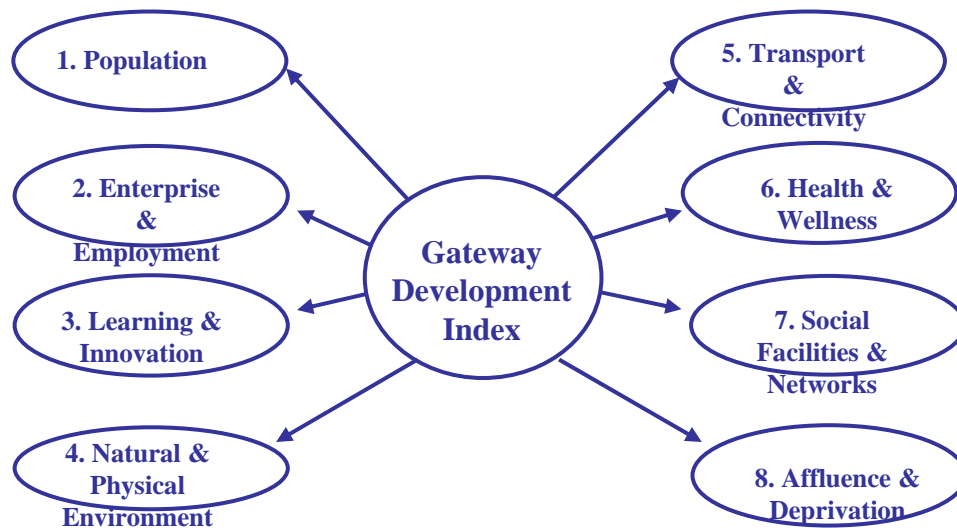
- (1) The importance of competitive city-regions to economic recovery and wider long-term sustainable development and the opportunities in an island of Ireland context.**
- (2) The effectiveness of NSS implementation mechanisms.**
 - **Legislative reform (2009 Planning Bill) to ensure local authorities are at the forefront of a strategically oriented planning system;**
 - **Reforming local government structures to give greater leadership and cohesion (2009 White Paper);**
 - **Delivering better focus and co-ordination of public investment (2009 Developing Areas Initiative); and**
 - **Any other reforms/initiatives needed?**
- (3) The future of rural areas working in partnership with larger cities and towns and how to deliver more sustainable forms of development looking at past trends.**

NSS Update and Refresh: Methodology

- **Focussed review – not starting from scratch!**
- **Assessing what has worked, learning from best practice, identifying challenges at different levels (gateway, hub, towns/villages and rural), and setting new actions/priorities**
- **Work underway now;**
 - **Focused research building on existing work...**
 - **Targeted stakeholder consultation (including local government system)...**
 - **Aim to produce a short paper by end-March 2009...**
 - **About remaining priorities, not a review!**

Research completed to help us on our way...

- Collaborative Framework and RDS Review
- Building Ireland's Smart Economy
- Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022
- Gateway Development Index
- State of the Regions
- Atlantic Gateways Corridor Frameworks
- Developing Areas Initiative Report
- Annual Competitiveness Report ...



NSS & RDS: Co-operation in Action...

- A great opportunity approaches...
- Objective: common approach to spatial planning policies at the level of the island of Ireland...
- Building on existing spatial planning co-operation...
- Taking account of investment commitments...
- Both documents to include a “Common Chapter”
- Potential from improving databases...



And now over to Mike

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Review of the Regional Development Strategy

ICLRD Conference

Letterkenny

23 January 2009



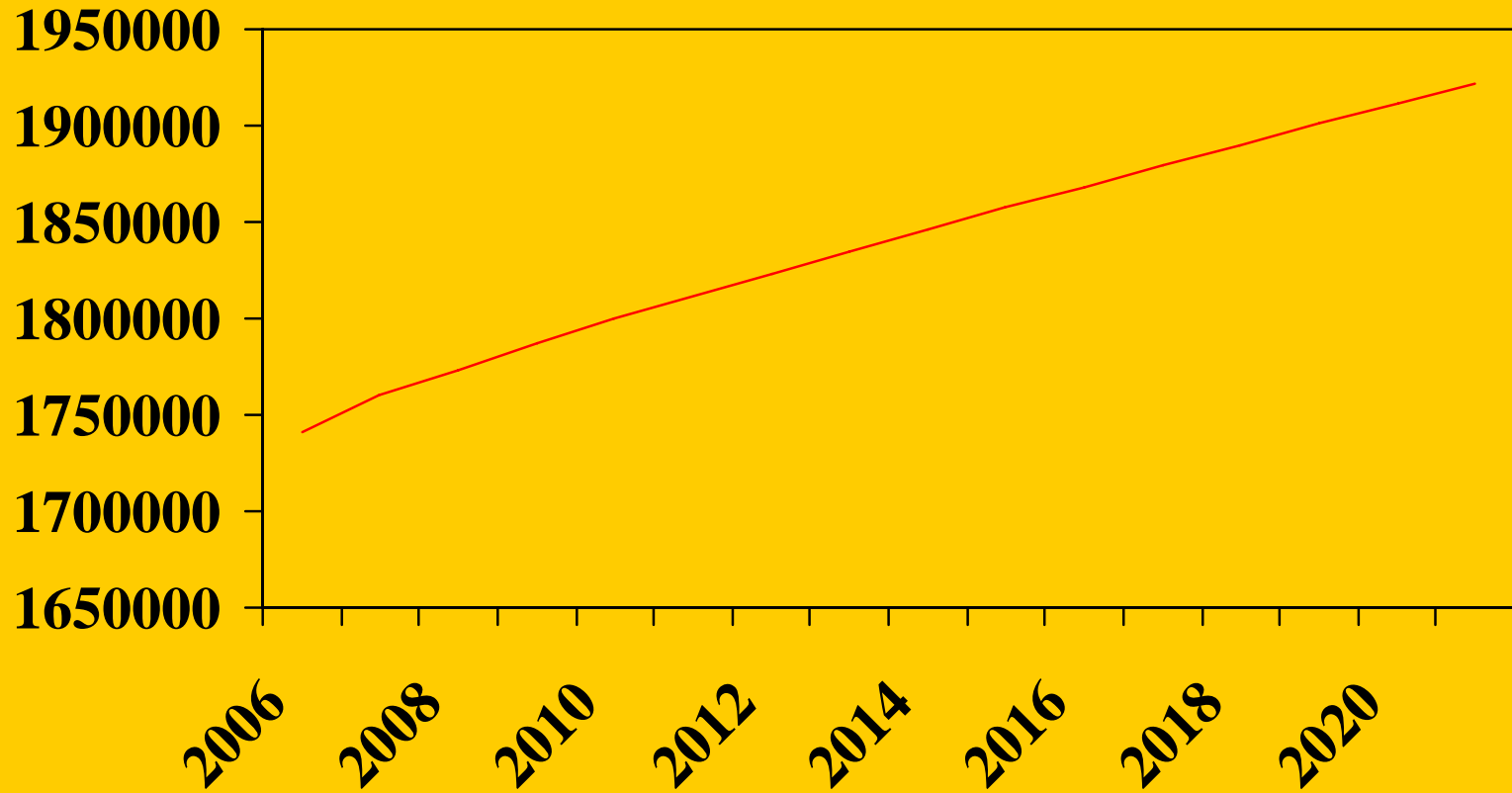
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WHY CHANGE THE RDS?

- The RDS was published in 2001
- The **space** we are living/working in has changed and is continuing to change.
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- The **pace** of change has changed and is continuing to change.

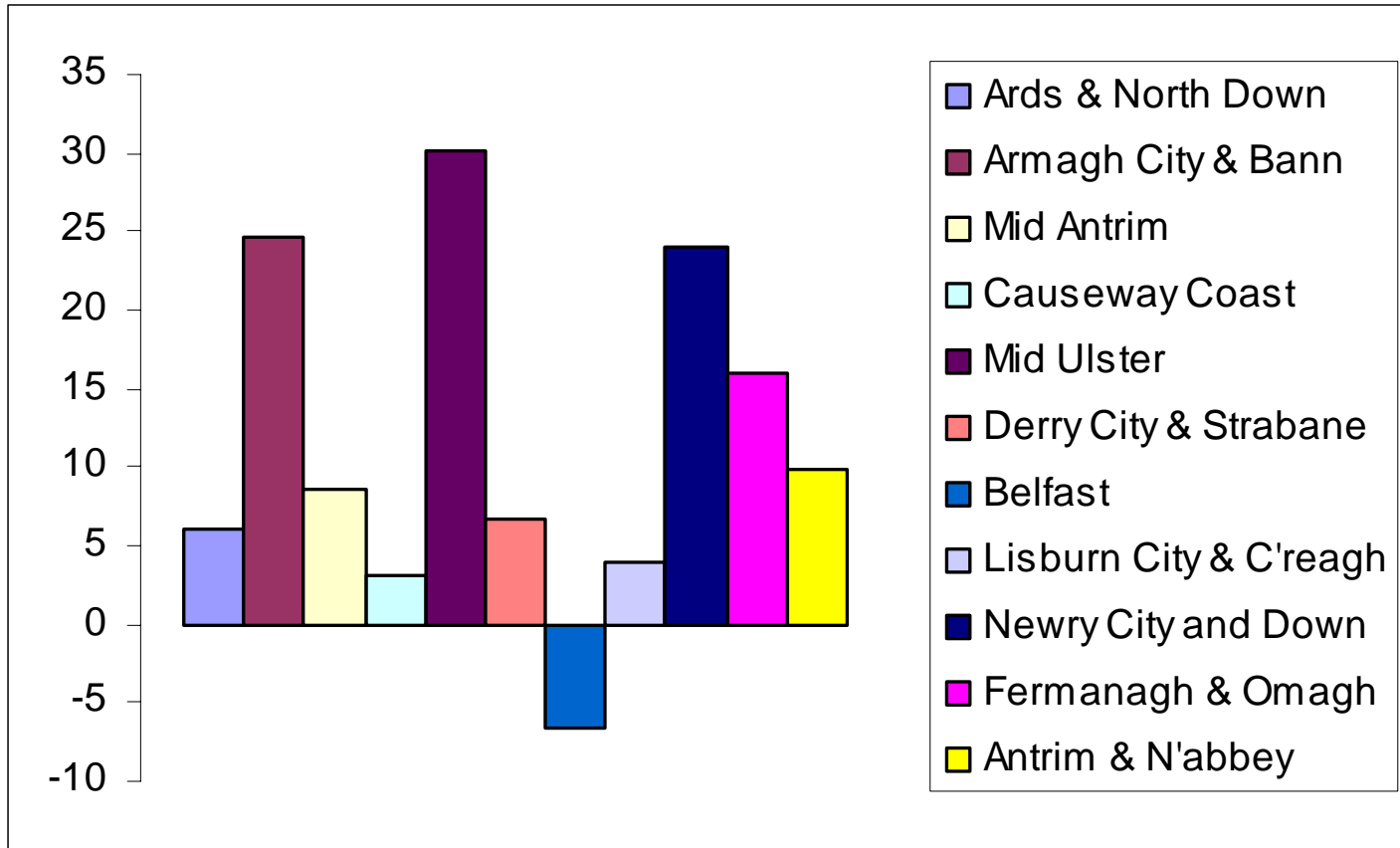
Population Projection Northern Ireland



Source NISRA

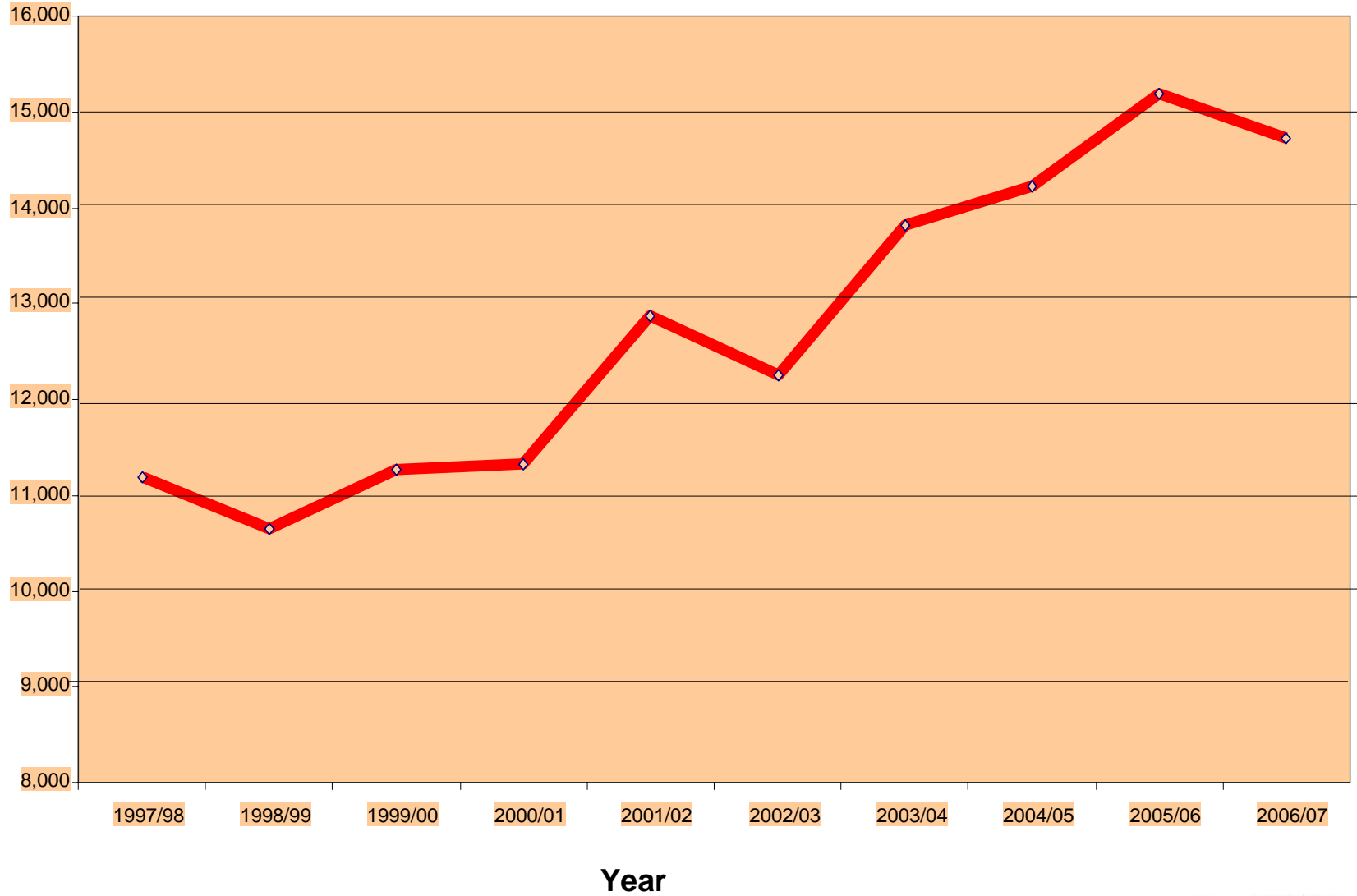
FORECAST PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN POPULATION

2006-2021



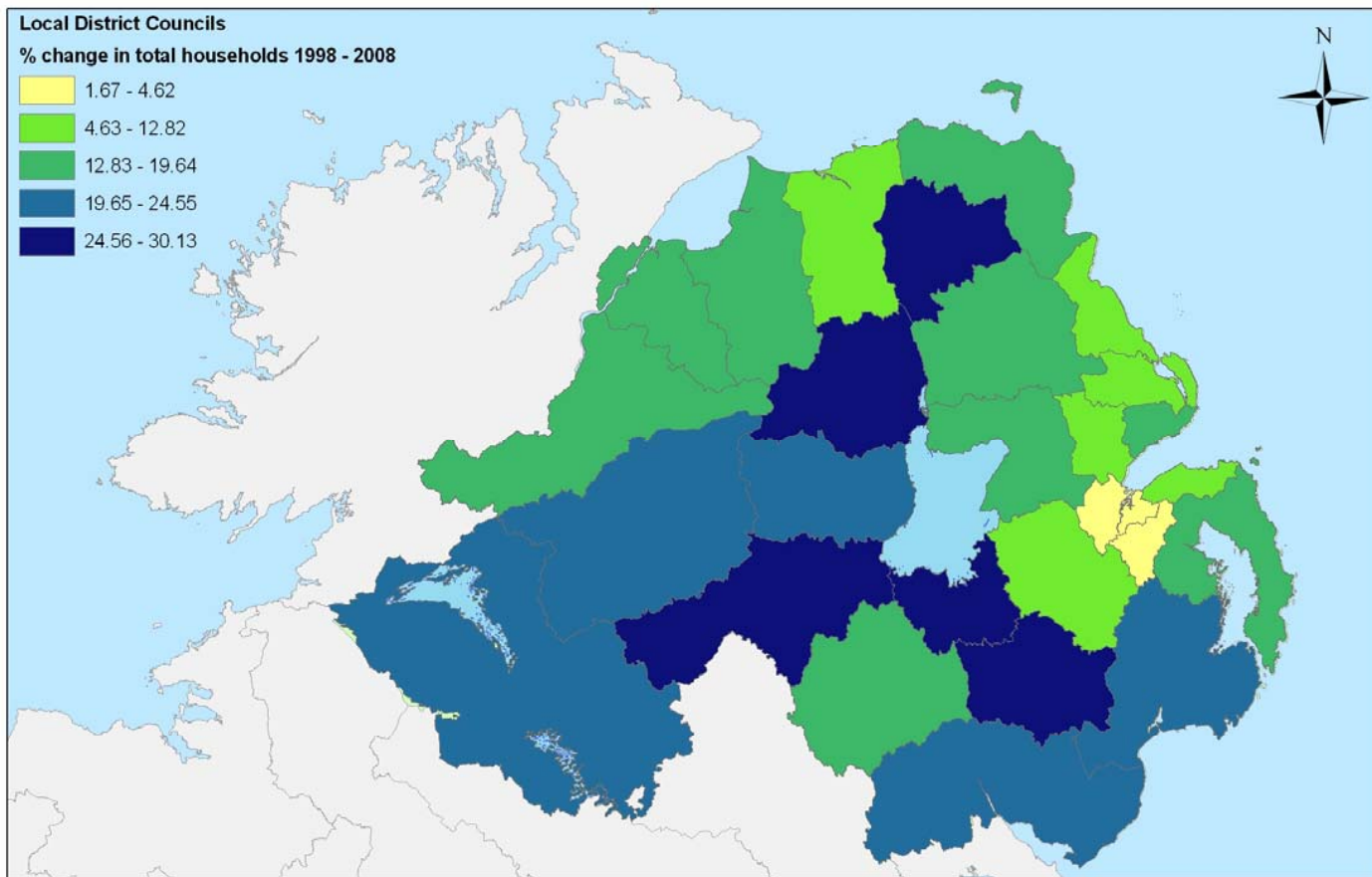
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HOUSE BUILDING -TOTAL STARTED BY YEAR



Year

Percentage Change in Households by District Council Area 1998-2008



Source: Compiled from Northern Ireland Housing Statistics - Department for Social Development



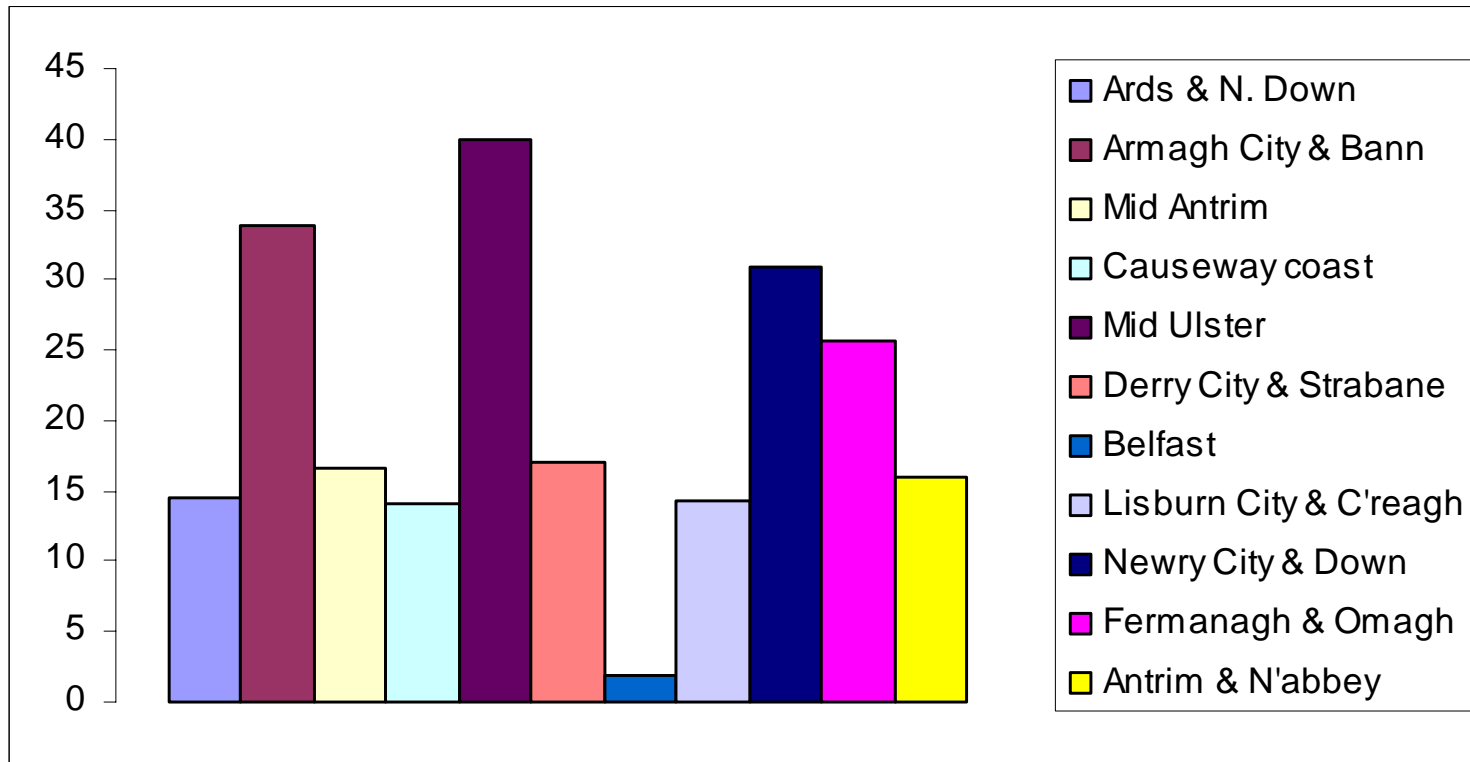
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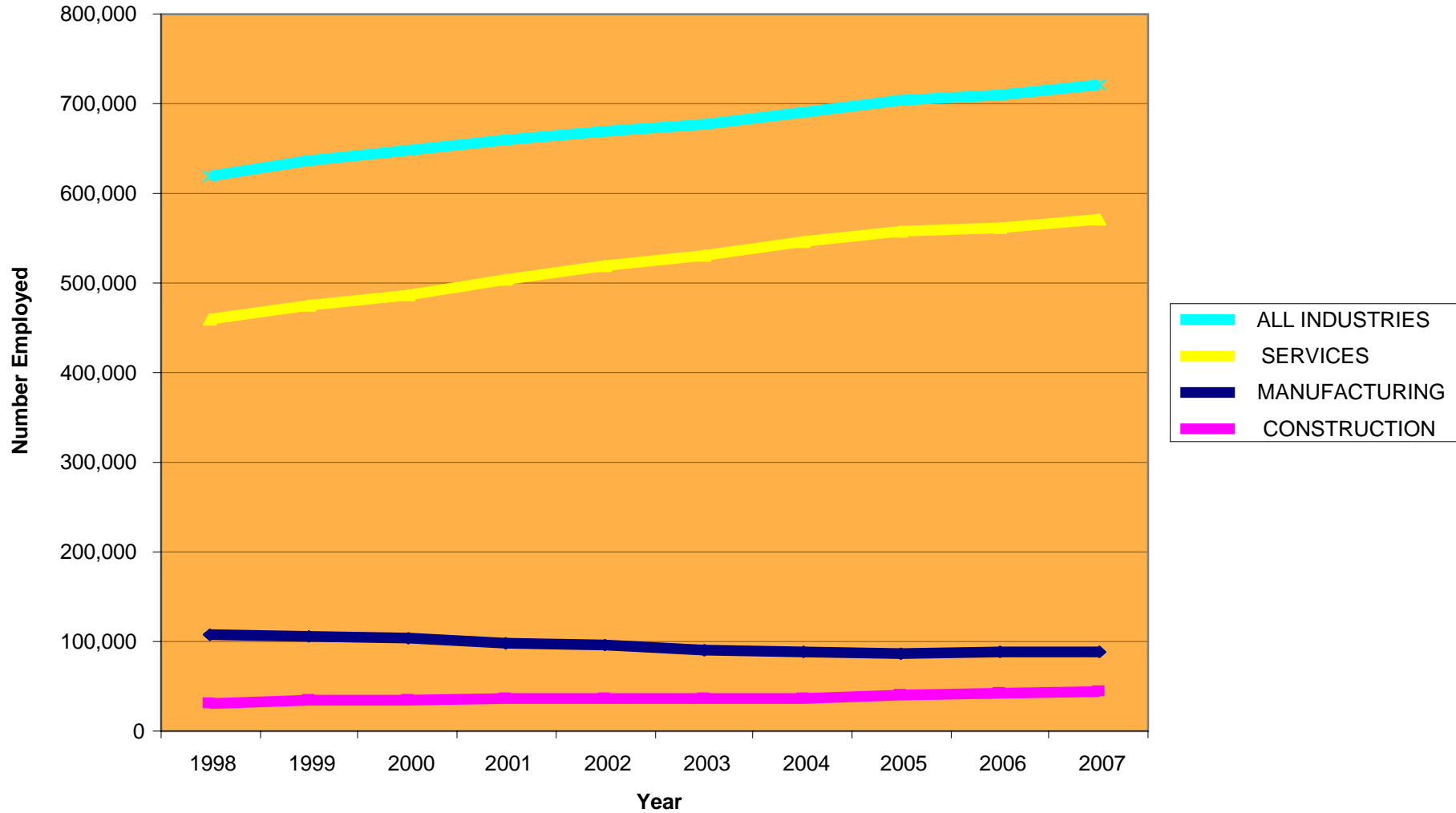
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FORECAST PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN HOUSEHOLDS

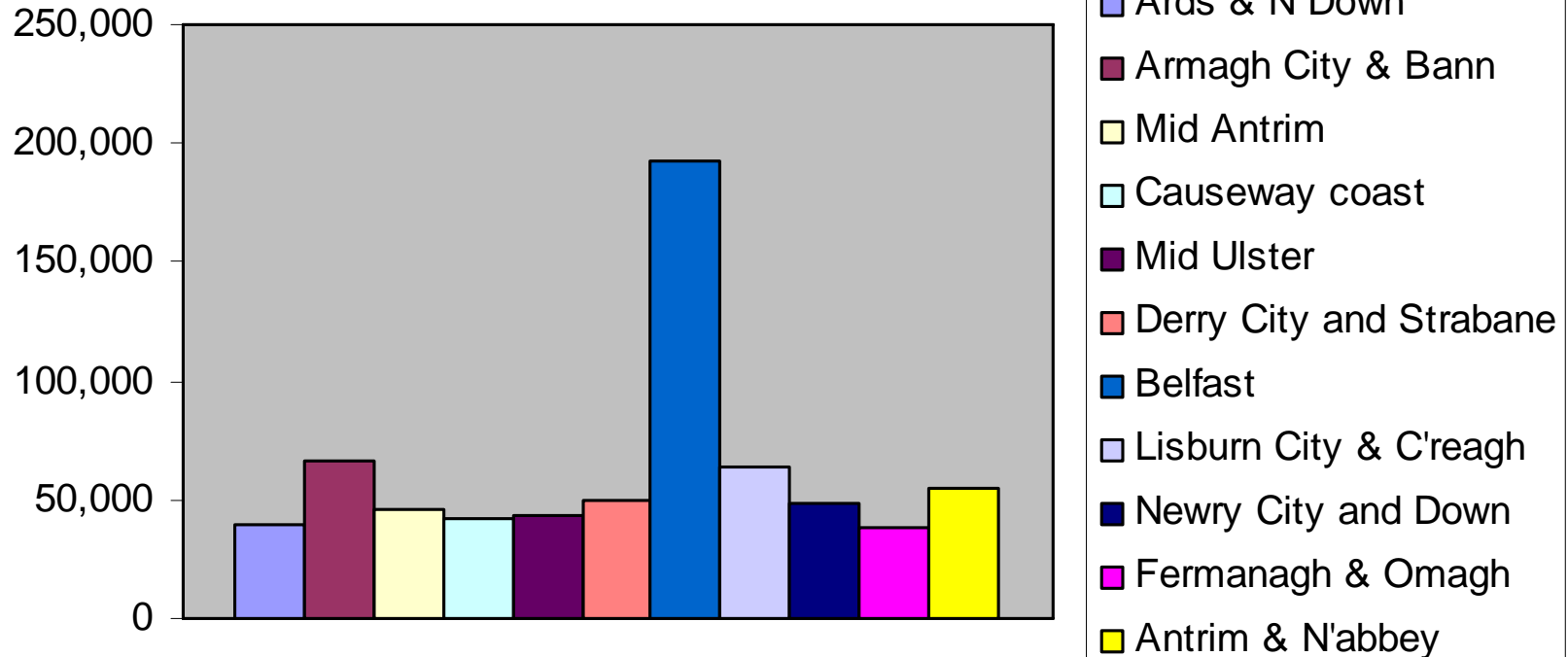
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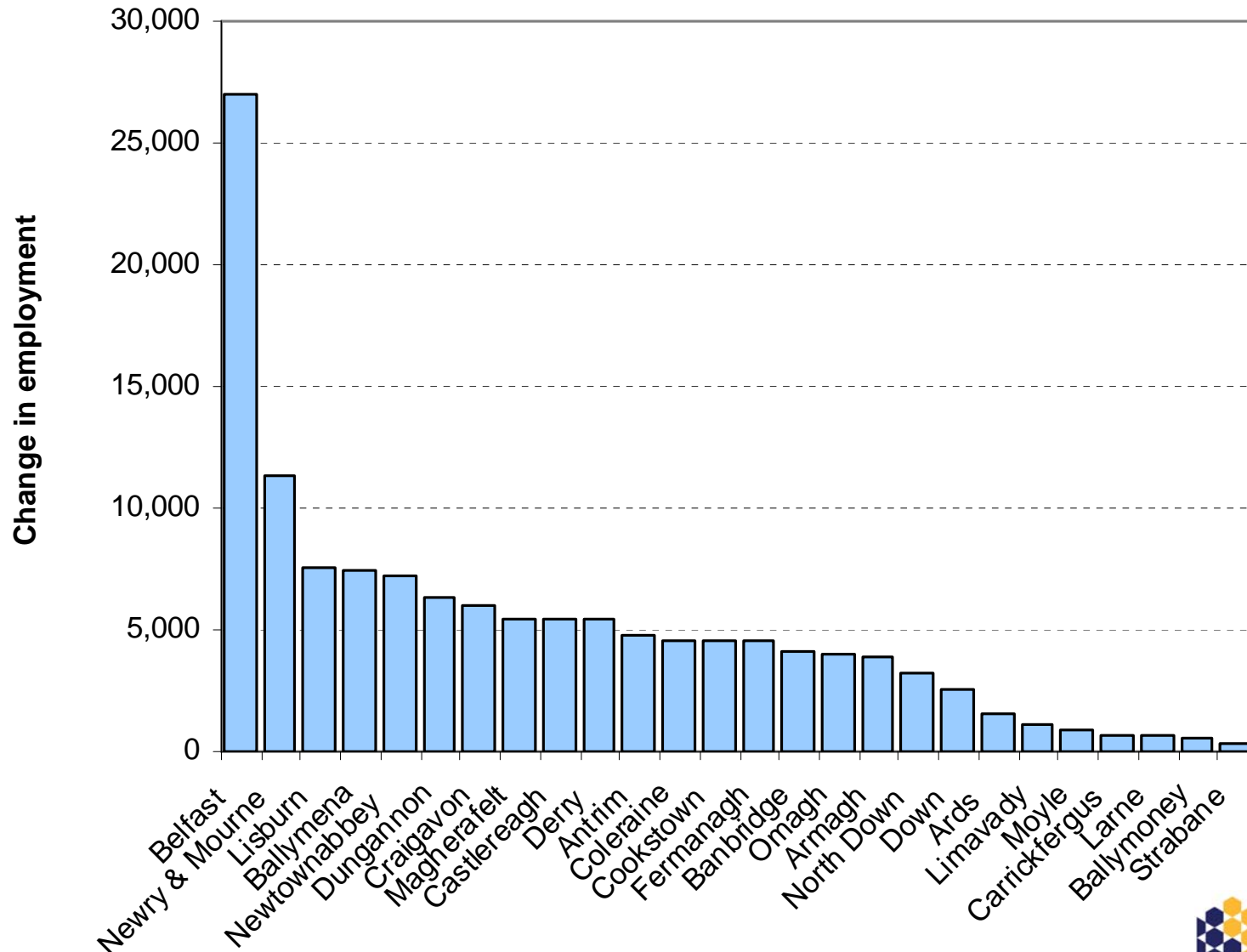
EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR



Employee jobs 2005



Change in total employment (1997-2007)



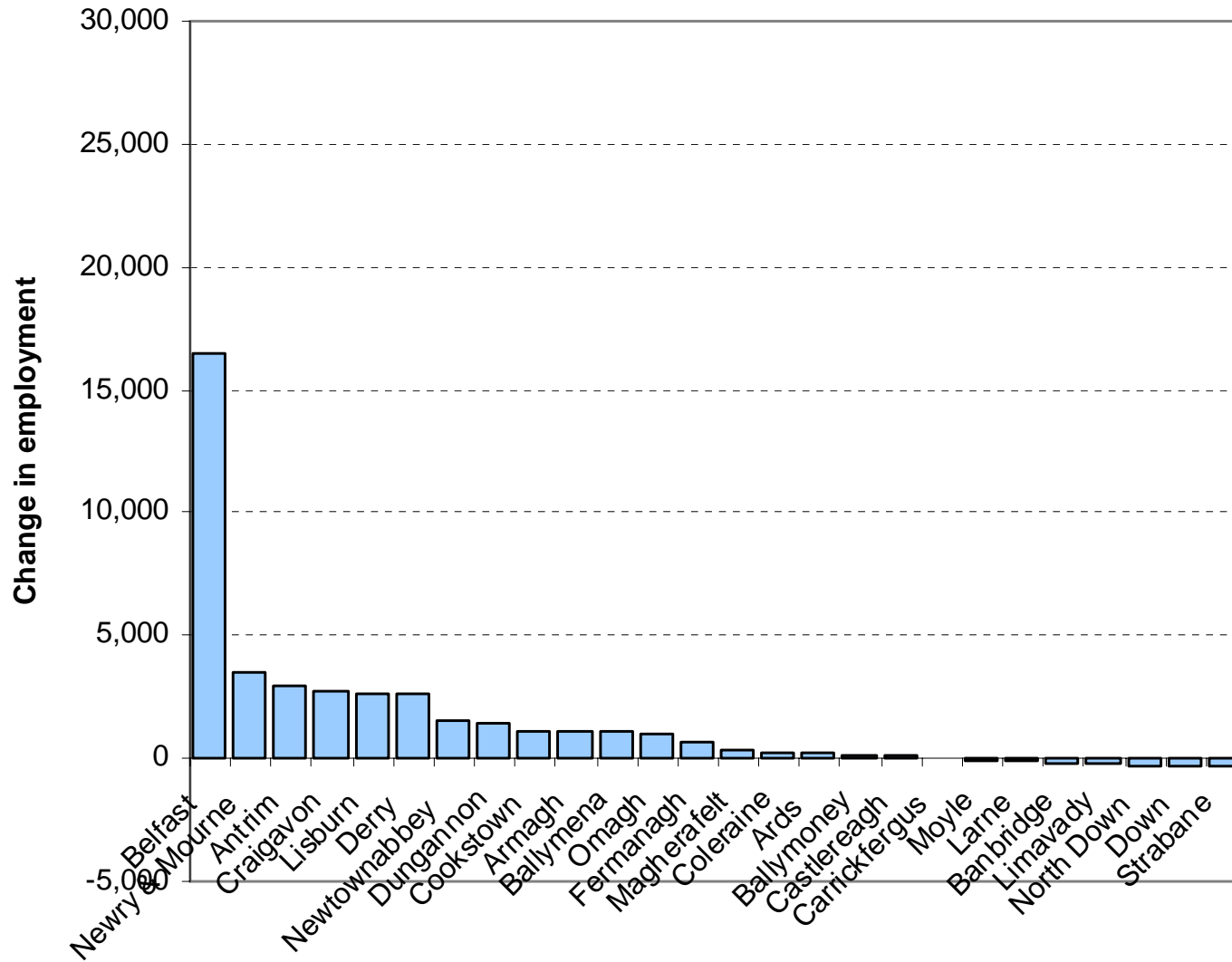
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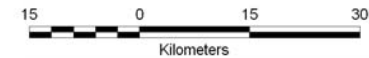
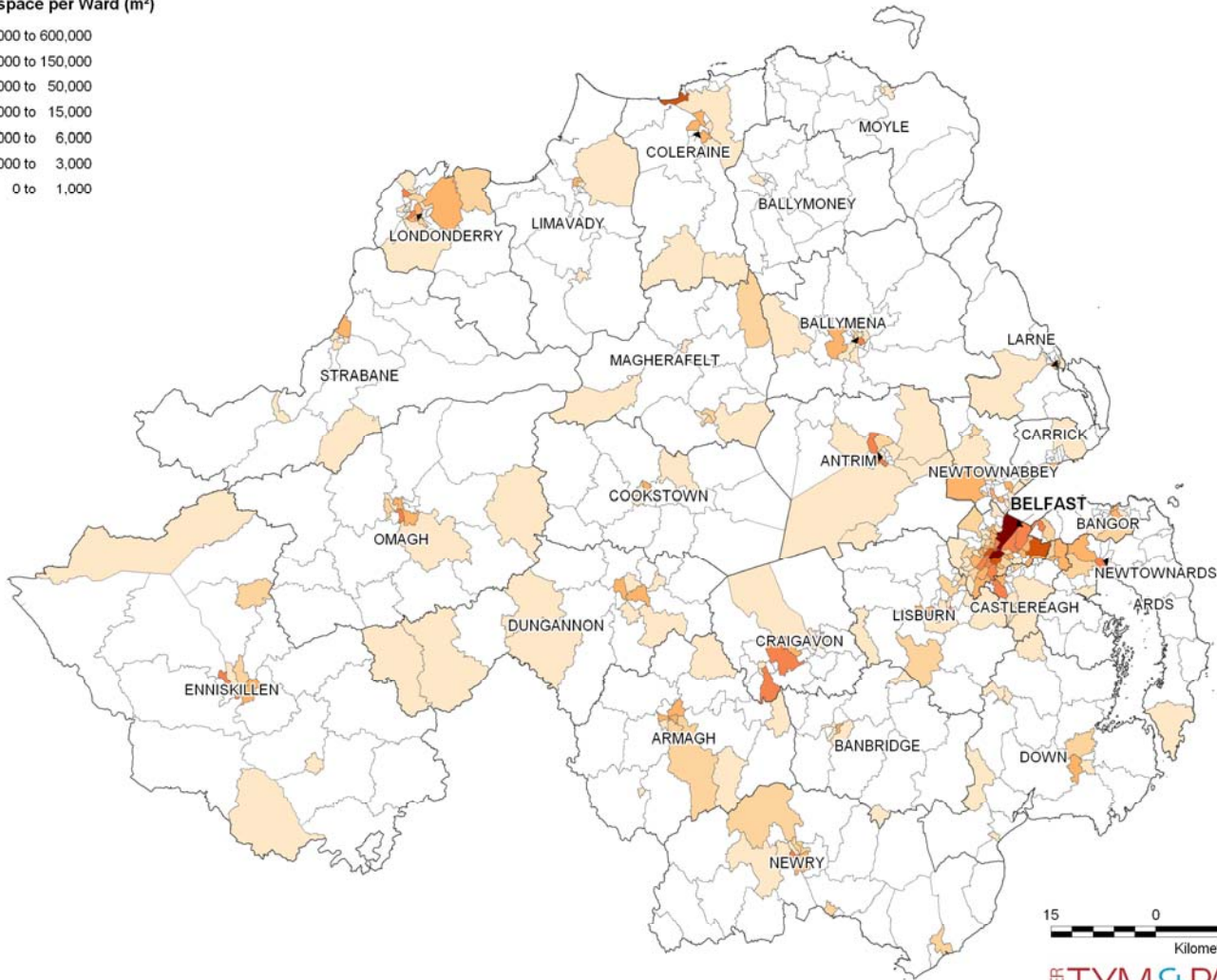
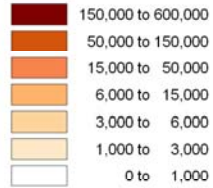
Forecast change in total employment (2007-2017)



Source: Oxford Economics

Office urban concentration ...

Office Floorspace per Ward (m²)



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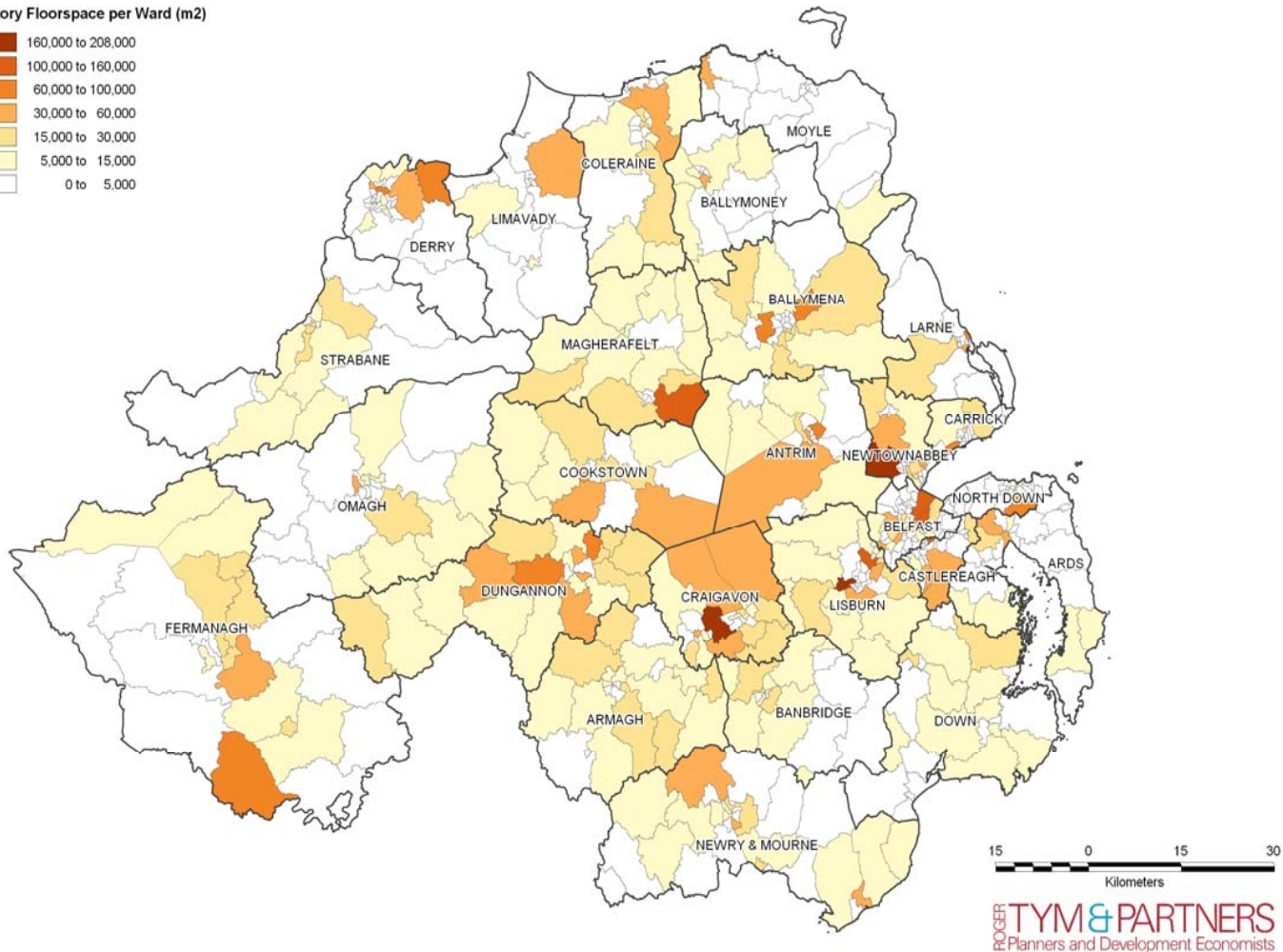
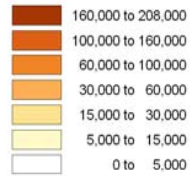
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Industry more widespread ...

Factory Floorspace per Ward (m2)



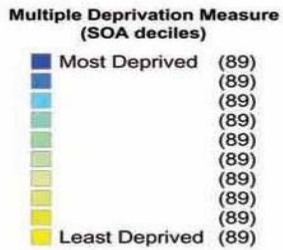
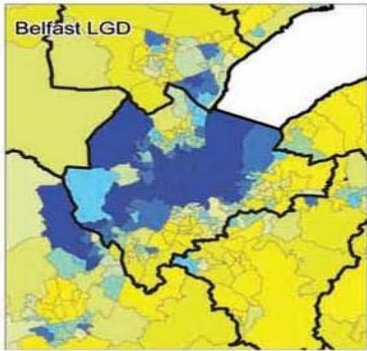
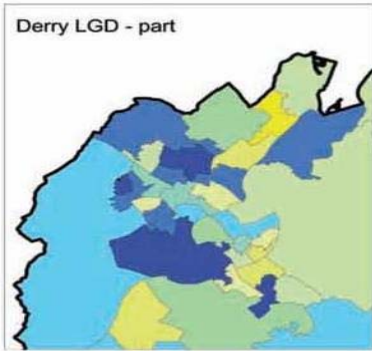
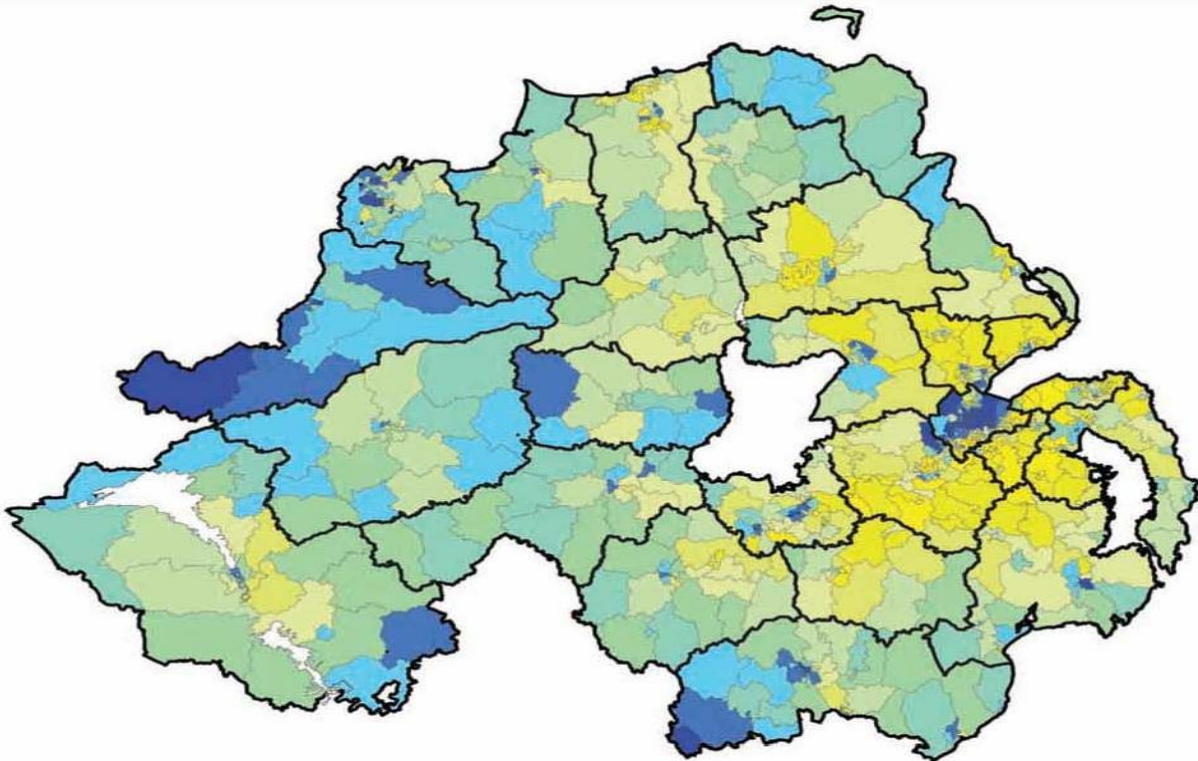
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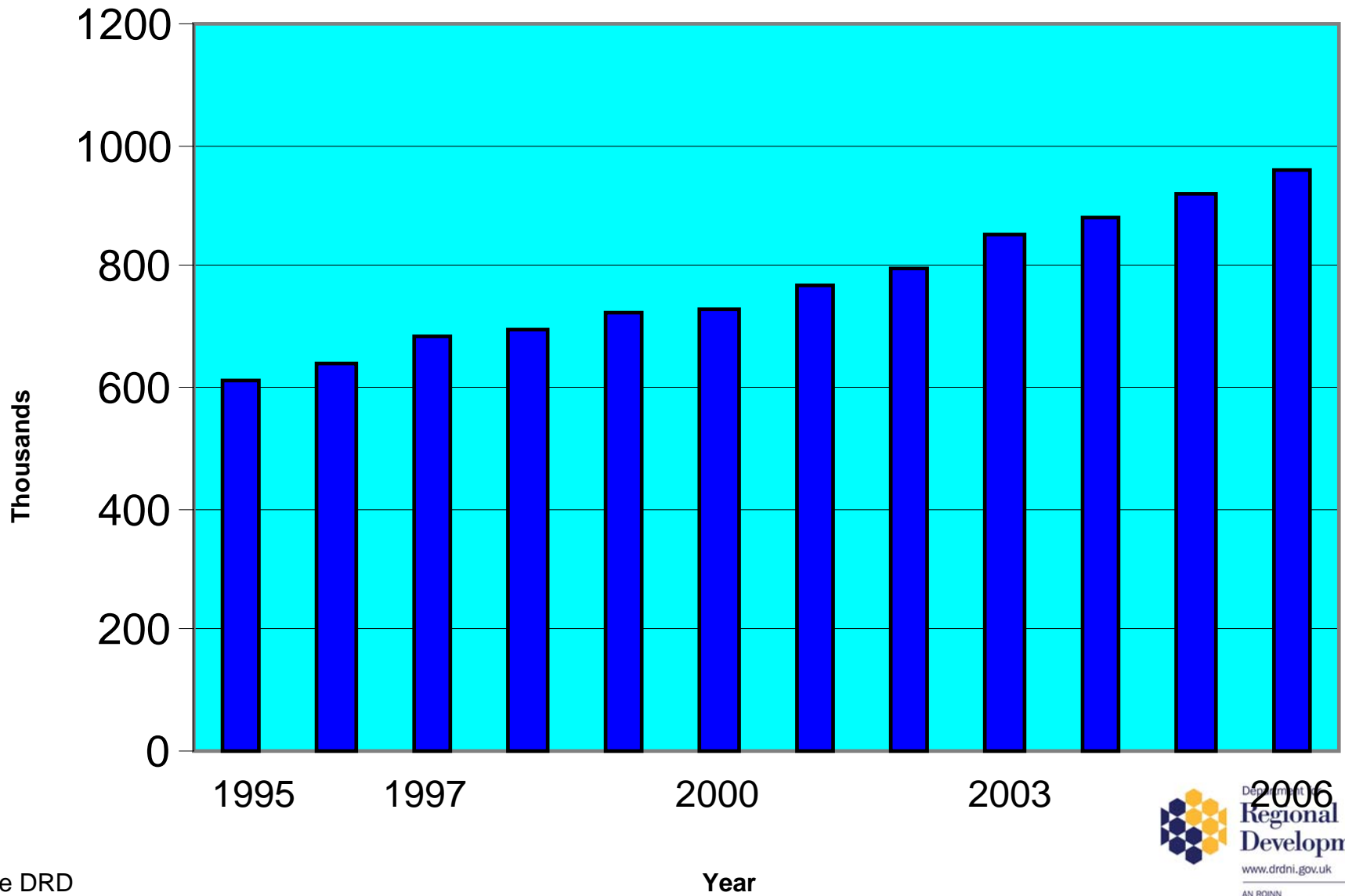
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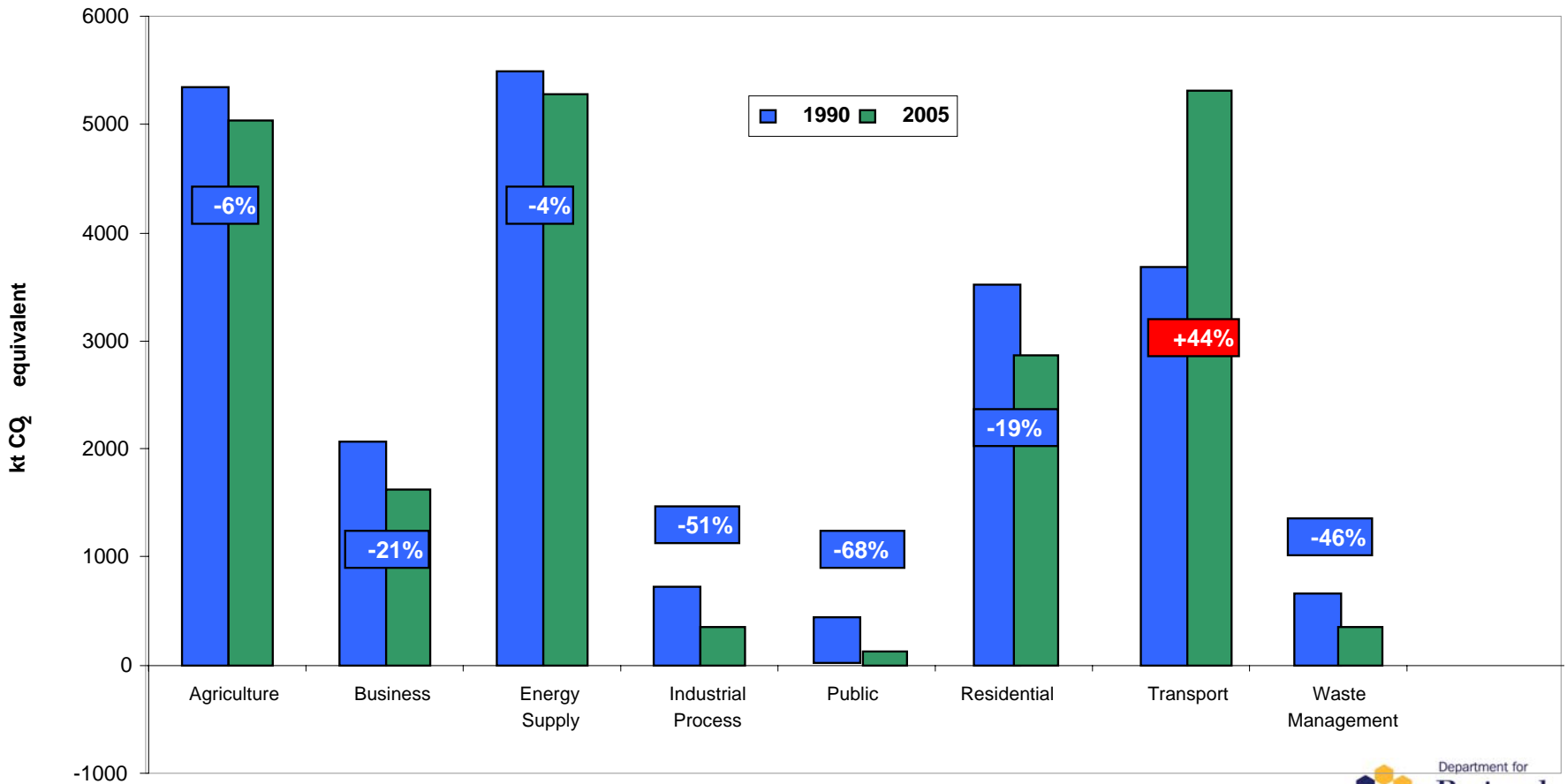
Deprivation indicator



Total number of all Vehicles registered 1995 - 2006

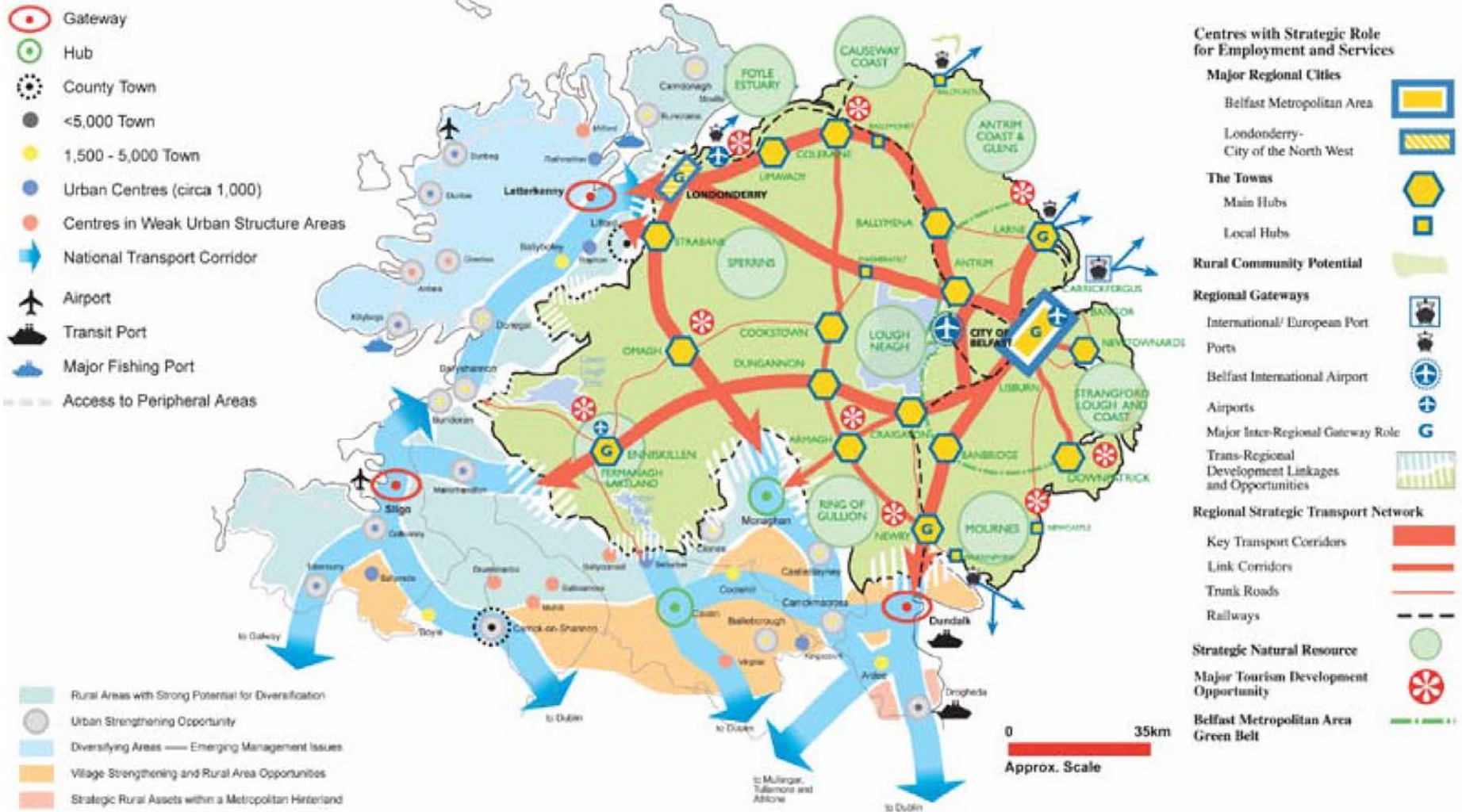


Total Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector (1990 and 2005)

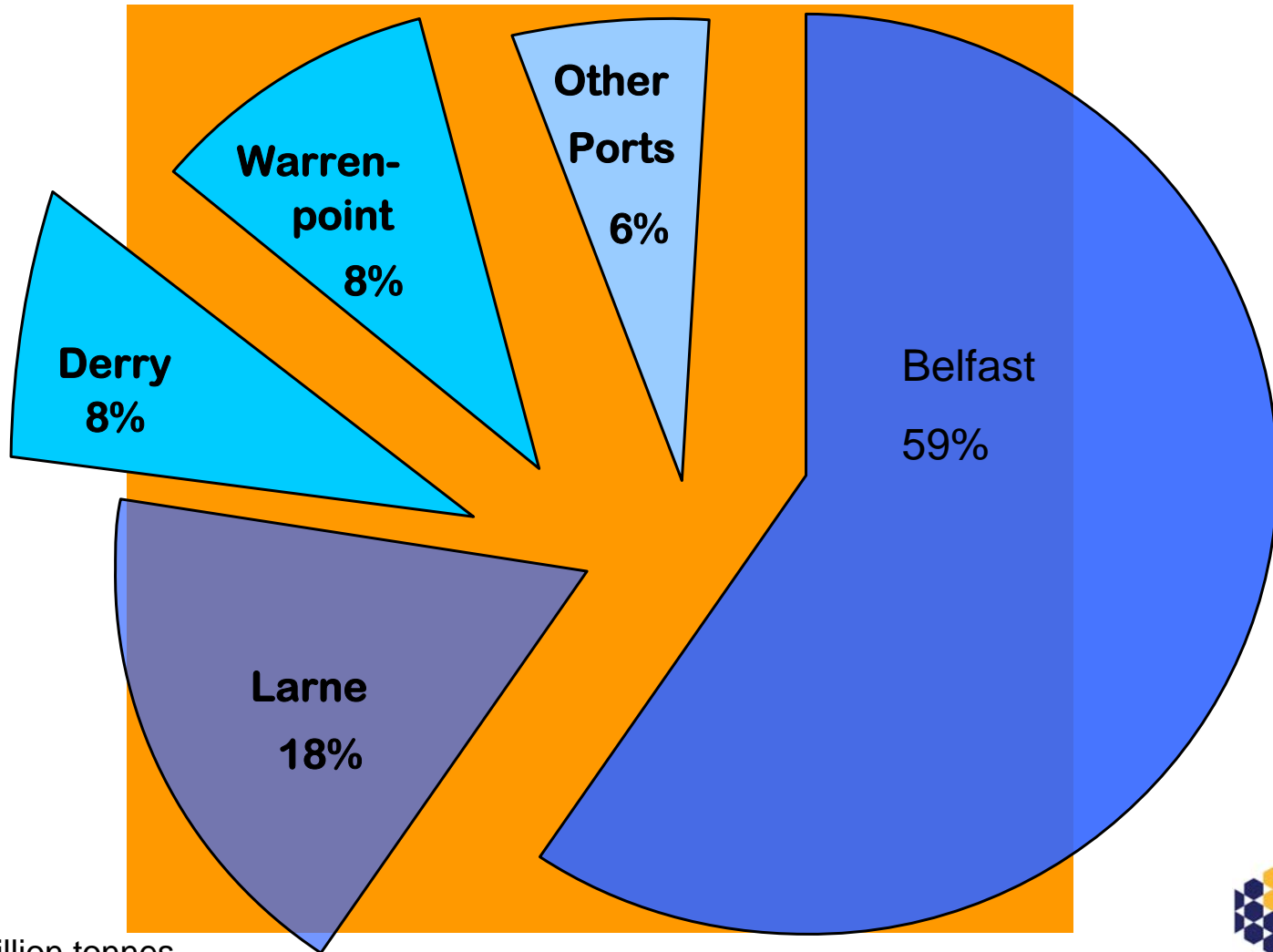


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External Linkages



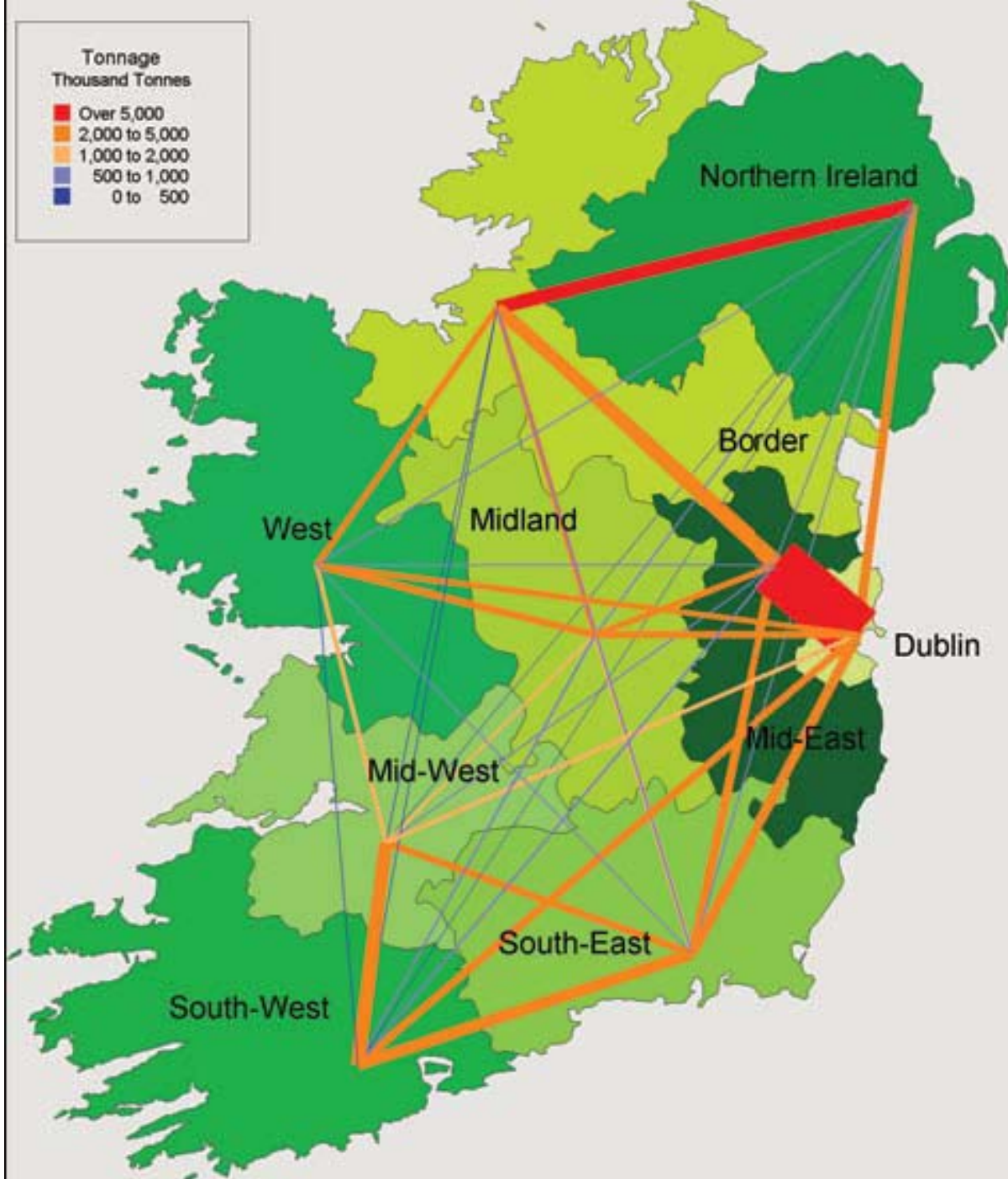
TOTAL INWARD PORT TRAFFIC 2005



Total = 24 million tonnes

Source DRD

Freight tonnes moved by road 2005



Source CSO Ireland
CSRT(NI)

AN AREA RICH IN NATURAL AND BUILT HERITAGE

- 9 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs)
- An outstanding coastline, 75% of which is protected with some form of conservation designation
- 226 Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSIs)
- 8,500 listed buildings
- 59 Conservation Areas
- 15,000 archaeological sites
- 1,700 scheduled monuments



ASSIs

Programme

- Public Consultation : Summer 2009
- Provide input into Executive Comprehensive Spending Review: Winter 2009
- Debate in Assembly and its Committees: Winter 2009
- Publication: Spring 2010

Thank you for Listening

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