


Northern Ireland  
 The Sector Skills Council for  
 property, planning, housing, cleaning, facilities management and parking

Cleaning Fact Sheet

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This factsheet series gives policy makers an overview of key headline figures, presented in a consistent manner from common data sources.

The cleaning sector covers all forms of contract cleaning including building interiors; transport vehicles; food premises; window and façade cleaning; highways and land and specialist cleaning such as carpets and upholstery.

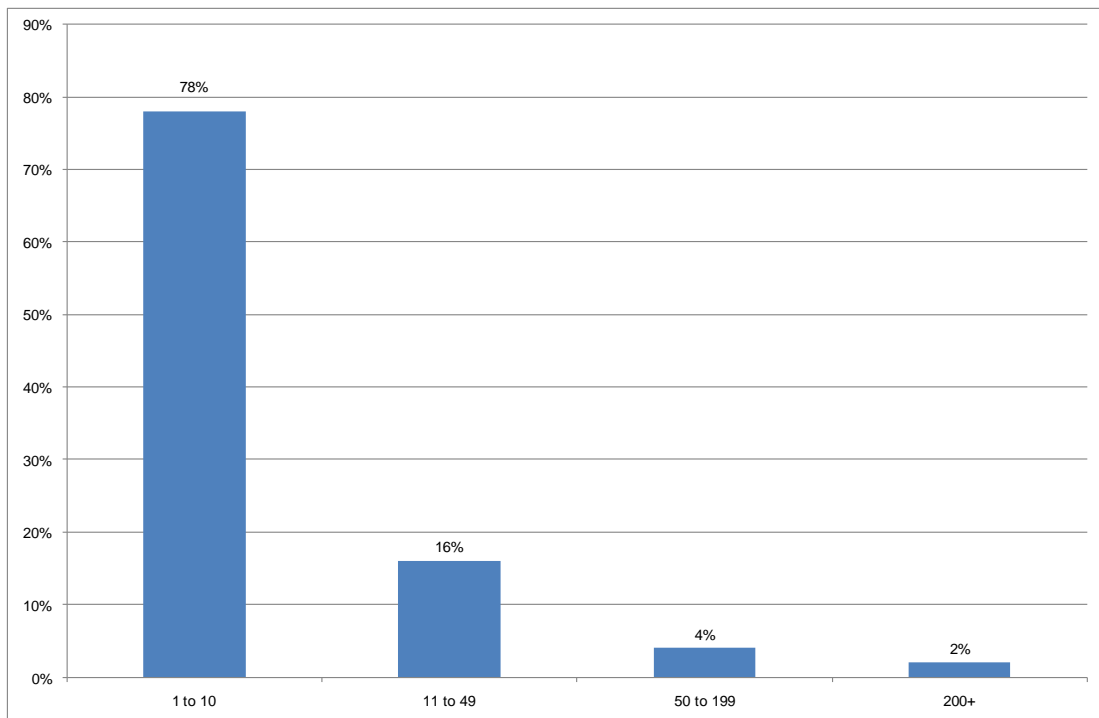
### Overview of Workplaces

	Cleaning	Facilities Management	Housing and Property	Total
Number of Workplaces	200	200	2,200	2,600

Source: Inter-Departmental Business Register 2009

### Size of Cleaning Workplaces

The chart below shows the size of cleaning workplaces in Northern Ireland



Source: Inter-Departmental Business Register 2009

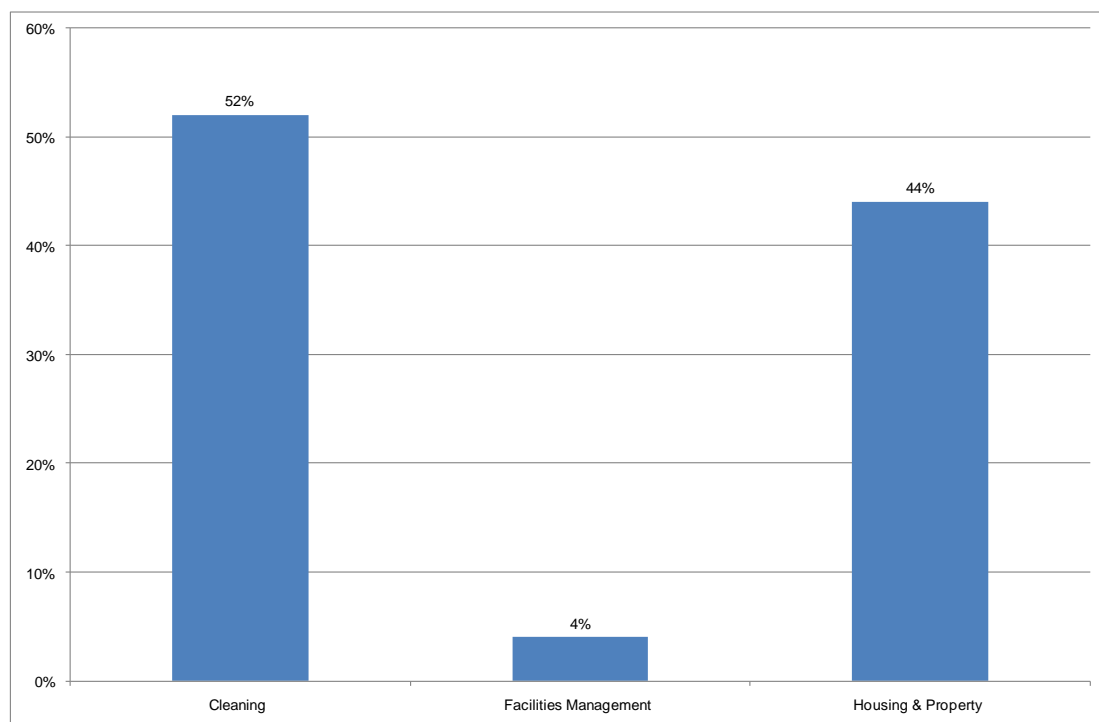
## Workforce Profile

Age of workforce	16-24 25-54 55-64	5% 77% 18%	The vast majority of employees in the cleaning sector in Northern Ireland are aged over 24 (95%).  Over two thirds of the workforce is female – a higher proportion than in any other nation.  46% of employees work on a full time basis, compared to 58% across all Asset Skills sectors in Northern Ireland.
Gender	Male Female	33% 67%	
Working Status	Full-time Part-time	46% 54%	

Source: Annual Population Survey, 2008

## Employees by Sector

The chart below shows the distribution of employees within Asset Skills sectors in Northern Ireland



Source: Northern Ireland Census of Employment, 2007

Cleaning companies account for over half (52%) of all employees within Asset Skills sectors in Northern Ireland.

## Occupational Analysis

<b>Broad Occupation Groups</b>		
Managers and senior officials	5%	91% of the workforce in the cleaning sector in Northern Ireland is employed in elementary occupations - a higher proportion than any other nation in the UK.  The majority of employees outside of elementary occupations are classed as managers and senior officials.
Professional occupations	0%	
Associate professionals and technical	0%	
Administrative and secretarial	4%	
Skilled trades	0%	
Personal service	0%	
Sales and customer service	0%	
Process, plant and machine operatives	0%	
Elementary occupations	91%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Source: Annual Population Survey, 2008

Note: Numbers do not sum due to rounding

**Qualifications: Highest level of qualification obtained**

Level 4 and above	13%	The proportion of the cleaning workforce in Northern Ireland with no qualifications (55%) is significantly higher than the UK average (37%).
Level 3 & trade apprenticeships	6%	
Level 2	8%	
Below Level 2 and other qualifications	18%	
No qualifications	55%	

Source: Annual Population Survey, 2008