

Antrim & Newtownabbey LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	204,902	217,755	205,611	-6%	4%
Nights	673,876	672,790	727,596	+8%	4%
Spend	£34.3m	£38.4m	£32.8m	-15%	4%
Average length of stay	3.3	3.1	3.5		
Average spend per trip	£167	£176	£159		
Average spend per night	£51	£57	£45		



4,197 tourism jobs in Antrim & Newtownabbey LGD in 2015 – 7.5% of total employee jobs

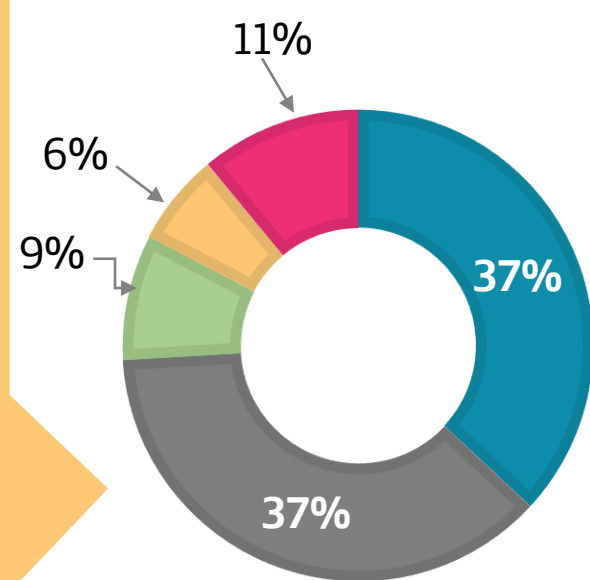


1.1m visits to visitor attractions in Antrim & Newtownabbey LGD in 2017

Shanes Castle was the most popular visitor attraction in Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD in 2017 (excludes country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

The majority of overnight trips taken in Antrim & Newtownabbey LGD can be attributed to the domestic and GB markets (Ards & North Down and Derry City & Strabane LGDs attracted similar proportions from these markets)



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

This LGD attracted the second lowest proportion of overnight holiday trips of all the LGDs. Antrim & Newtownabbey has the highest proportion of overnight business trips, just ahead of Belfast LGD



24%

Holiday/pleasure/
leisure



16%

Business



57%

Visiting friends/
relatives

Other reasons = 3%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
Hotels	10	631	1,299	69%	48%
GH/GA/B&B*	32	104	248	37%	29%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	71	141	274	40%	48%

7% of the available hotel bed-spaces in NI are in Antrim & Newtownabbey LGD (only three other LGDs have more hotel beds). Antrim & Newtownabbey has the fourth highest hotel occupancy of all the LGDs

Antrim & Newtownabbey LGD has the lowest number of GH/GA/B&B bed-spaces all of the LGDs

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

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Ards & North Down LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	378,254	283,142	282,323	no change	6%
Nights	1401,779	1,087,085	1,340,258	+23%	8%
Spend	£51.3m	£45.9m	£46.5	+1%	5%
Average length of stay	3.7	3.8	4.7		
Average spend per trip	£136	£162	£165		
Average spend per night	£37	£42	£35		



4,954 tourism jobs in Ards & North Down LGD in 2015 – 13% of total employee jobs (on a par with CC&G LGD and higher than any of the other LGDs)

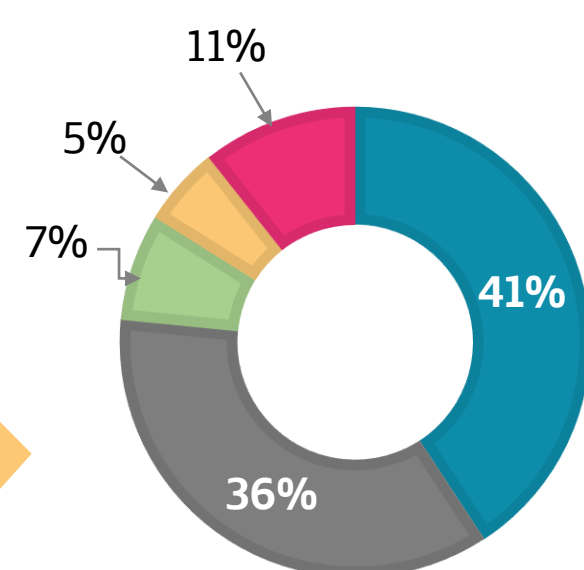


1.5m visits to visitor attractions in this LGD in 2017

Mount Stewart House & Gardens and Pickie Fun Park were the most popular visitor attractions in Ards & North Down LGD in 2017 (excludes country parks/parks/forests)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

The majority of overnight trips can be attributed to the domestic and GB markets (similar proportions to Derry City & Strabane and Mid Ulster LGDs)



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

The vast majority of overnight trips taken in Ards & North Down LGD were holidays or trips to visit friends/relatives. Four other LGDs attracted lower proportions of overnight holiday trips



31%

Holiday/pleasure/
leisure



5%

Business




56%

Visiting friends/
relatives

Other reasons = 8%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
 Hotels	7	299	606	63%	54%
GH/GA/B&B*	58	213	466	34%	26%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	149	343	675	27%	37%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

This LGD has the fourth lowest number of hotel bed-spaces of all the LGDs (similar in number to Lisburn & Castlereagh, and Mid Ulster)

Ards & North Down had the fourth highest hotel bed-space occupancy in 2017 (jointly with Derry City & Strabane)

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Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	149,782	144,952	228,595	+58%	5%
Nights	563,238	726,296	780,583	+7%	5%
Spend	£22.5m	£25.6m	£32.4	+27%	3%
Average length of stay	3.8	5.0	3.4		
Average spend per trip	£150	£176	£142		
Average spend per night	£40	£35	£41		



4,266 tourism jobs in Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD in 2015 – 6% of total employee jobs

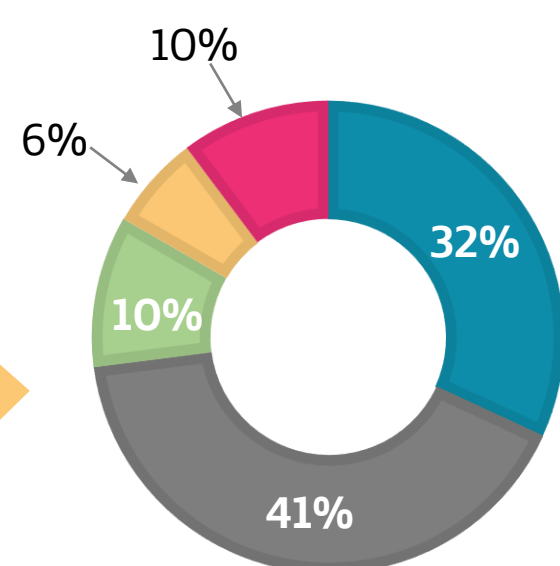


1.9m visits to visitor attractions in Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD in 2017

Kinnego Marina and Lough Neagh Discovery Centre were the most popular visitor attractions in Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD in 2017 (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

The majority of overnight trips can be attributed to the domestic and GB markets. This LGD attracted the third highest proportion of overnight European trips.



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD attracted the lowest proportion of overnight holiday trips and the highest proportion of overnight VFR trips of all of the LGDs



19%

Holiday/pleasure/
leisure



6%

Business



72%

Visiting friends/
relatives

Other reasons = 3%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
Hotels	7	209	541	58%	38%
GH/GA/B&B*	47	174	392	51%	34%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	50	119	245	32%	42%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

This LGD has the lowest number of hotel bed-spaces of all the LGDs (similar in number to Mid Ulster LGD)

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD has the lowest hotel bed-space occupancy and the second lowest hotel room occupancy of all of the LGDs

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Belfast City LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	1,364,115	1,459,407	1,482,343	+2%	30%
Nights	4,241,808	4,432,465	5,030,857	+14%	30%
Spend	£278.7m	£334.1	£328.0	-2%	35%
Average length of stay	3.1	3.0	3.4		
Average spend per trip	£204	£229	£221		
Average spend per night	£66	£75	£65		



5.2m visits to visitor attractions in Belfast LGD in 2017 – Titanic Belfast, voted the world's leading tourist attraction in 2016, was the most popular (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

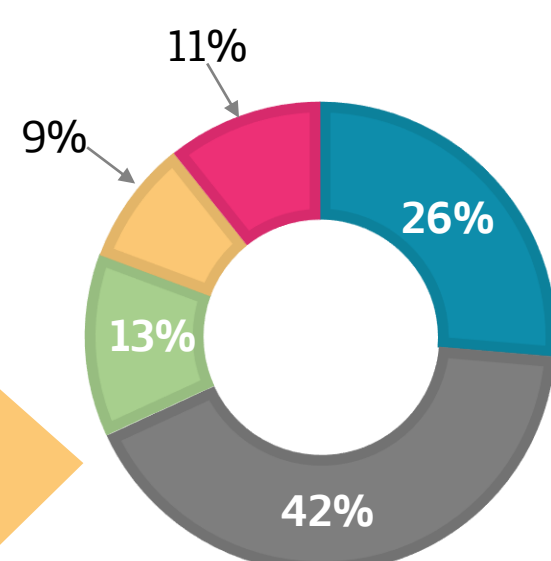


18,607 tourism jobs in Belfast LGD in 2015 – 8.5% of total employee jobs

Belfast LGD attracted the largest number of overnight trips in 2017 followed by Causeway Coast & Glens and Newry, Mourne & Down LGDs

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Belfast LGD attracted the highest proportion of both European and North American overnight trips (just ahead of Lisburn & Castlereagh LGD) and the second highest proportion of GB overnight trips compared with the other LGDs



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

This LGD has the fourth highest proportion of overnight holiday trips of all the LGDs and the second highest proportion of business trips (after Antrim & Newtownabbey)



45%

Holiday/pleasure/
leisure



15%

Business




37%

Visiting friends/
relatives

Other reasons = 3%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
 Hotels	33	3,630	7,612	80%	63%
GH/GA/B&B*	63	357	725	63%	44%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	385	767	1,526	33%	42%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

45% of the available hotel rooms in NI are located in Belfast LGD. Four fifths of these rooms were occupied throughout 2017, the highest occupancy of all the LGDs



93 cruise ships (with 156,924 passengers & crew on board) docked in Belfast in 2017, significantly up on 2016 figures

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Causeway Coast & Glens LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	916,063	809,405	1,063,989	+31%	21%
Nights	3,156,874	2,470,341	3,433,427	+39%	20%
Spend	£138.0m	£137.6m	£193.6	+41%	21%
Average length of stay	3.4	3.1	3.2		
Average spend per trip	£151	£170	£182		
Average spend per night	£44	£56	£56		



4,823 tourism jobs in Causeway Coast & Glens (CC&G) LGD in 2015 – 12% of total employees (a similar proportion to North Down & Ards LGD and higher than the other LGDs)

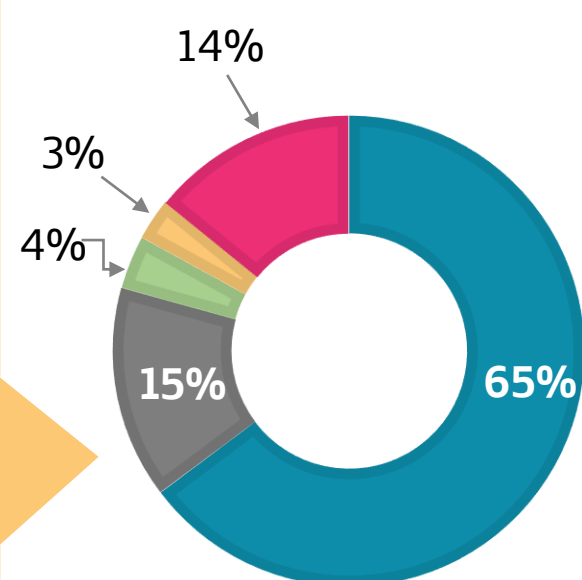


2.4m visits to visitor attractions in Causeway Coast & Glens LGD in 2017

The Giant's Causeway was NI's most popular visitor attraction in 2017 (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens), attracting over 1m visitors

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

CC&G LGD attracted the highest proportion of domestic overnight trips (jointly with Newry, Mourne & Down) and the second lowest proportion of European overnight trips of all of the LGDs



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

CC&G LGD has the highest proportion of overnight holiday trips and the lowest proportion of overnight VFR trips of all the LGDs



76%

Holiday/pleasure/
leisure



3%

Business




20%

Visiting friends/
relatives

Other reasons = 1%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
 Hotels	19	692	1,843	67%	45%
GH/GA/B&B*	192	819	1,938	35%	28%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	1,126	3,413	6,688	44%	43%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

46% of the available 14,678 self-catering bed-spaces in NI are in the CC&G LGD (the largest proportion of any LGD by far). CC&G has the second highest annual self-catering unit occupancy rate (jointly with Mid Ulster)

CC&G LGD also has the largest number of GH/GA/B&B bed-spaces and the second largest number of hotel beds of all the LGDs

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Derry City & Strabane LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	223,718	282,833	270,408	-4%	5%
Nights	890,527	909,670	822,313	-10%	5%
Spend	£42.7m	£50.2m	£55.8	+11%	6%
Average length of stay	4.0	3.2	3.0		
Average spend per trip	£191	£178	£206		
Average spend per night	£48	£55	£68		



4,685 tourism jobs in this LGD in 2015 - 9% of total employee jobs



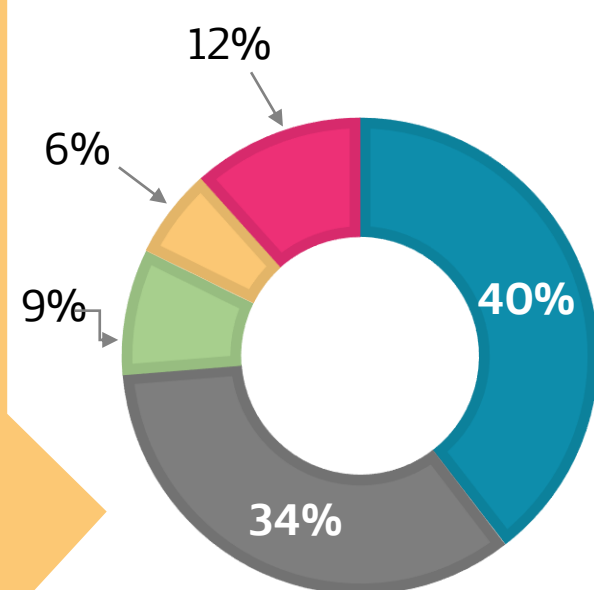
2.1m visits to visitor attractions in Derry City & Strabane LGD in 2017

Derry's Walls and the Guildhall were among the most popular visitor attractions in Derry City & Strabane LGD in 2017 (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Four other LGDs attracted lower proportions of domestic overnight trips.

Derry City & Strabane LGD attracted the same proportion of European and North American overnight trips as Antrim & Newtownabbey



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Derry City & Strabane LGD has the third highest proportion of overnight business visitors (jointly with Lisburn & Castlereagh LGD). Belfast and Antrim & Newtownabbey LGDs attracted higher proportions of business visitors



35%

Holiday/pleasure/leisure



10%

Business



52%

Visiting friends/relatives

Other reasons = 3%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017



	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
Hotels	13	710	1,710	70%	54%
GH/GA/B&B*	66	248	561	27%	18%

	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	121	286	586	29%	44%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

Derry City & Strabane LGD has the third largest number of hotel bed-spaces (after Belfast and the Causeway Coast & Glens) and the third highest hotel room occupancy of all the LGDs



9 cruise ships (with 6,073 passengers & crew on board) docked in Derry~Londonderry in 2017, up on 2016 figures

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Fermanagh & Omagh LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	342,741	304,855	342,847	+12%	7%
Nights	1,141,673	954,074	947,698	-1%	6%
Spend	£55.1m	£54.1m	£56.7	+5%	6%
Average length of stay	3.3	3.1	2.8		
Average spend per trip	£161	£178	£165		
Average spend per night	£48	£57	£60		



3,524 tourism jobs in Fermanagh & Omagh LGD in 2015 – 9% of total employee jobs

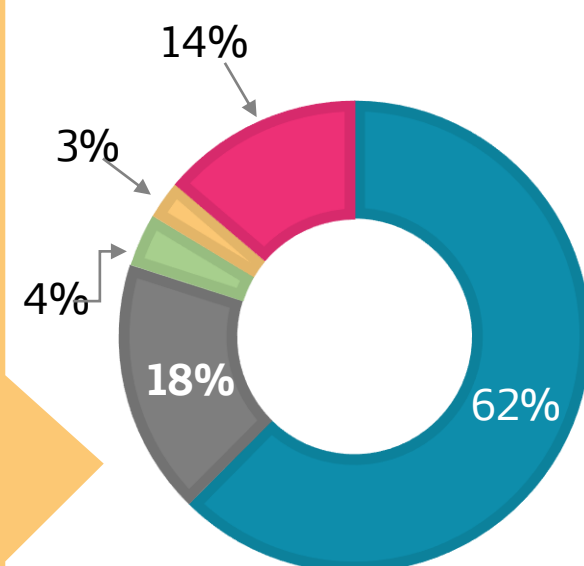


630,613 visits to visitor attractions in Fermanagh & Omagh LGD in 2017

Belleek Pottery Visitor Centre and the Ulster American Folk Park were the most popular visitor attractions in Fermanagh & Omagh LGD in 2017 (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Fermanagh & Omagh LGD attracted among the highest proportion of domestic overnight trips of all the LGDs. The proportion of both European and North American overnight trips welcomed by this LGD were among the lowest



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Fermanagh & Omagh is one of three LGDs (the other two being CC&G and Newry, Mourne & Down) where half or more of overnight trips were for holiday purposes



51%

Holiday/pleasure/leisure



8%

Business



38%

Visiting friends/relatives

Other reasons = 3%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
Hotels	12	435	1,013	68%	56%
GH/GA/B&B*	72	415	962	37%	27%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	350	941	2,009	30%	38%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

14% of the available 14,678 self-catering beds in NI are in this LGD, the second highest of all the LGDs (after the CC&G). Fermanagh & Omagh also has the third largest number of GH/GA/B&B beds of all the LGDs (after the CC&G and Newry, Mourne & Down LGDs)

Fermanagh & Omagh LGD has the third highest annual hotel bed-space occupancy rate of all the LGDs

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Lisburn & Castlereagh City LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	131,121	169,863	150,837	-11%	3%
Nights	715,670	592,083	615,567	+4%	4%
Spend	£25.0m	£27.2m	£26.6m	-2%	3%
Average length of stay	5.5	3.5	4.1		
Average spend per trip	£190	£160	£176		
Average spend per night	£35	£46	£43		



3,806 tourism jobs in Lisburn & Castlereagh City LGD in 2015 – 7% of total employee jobs

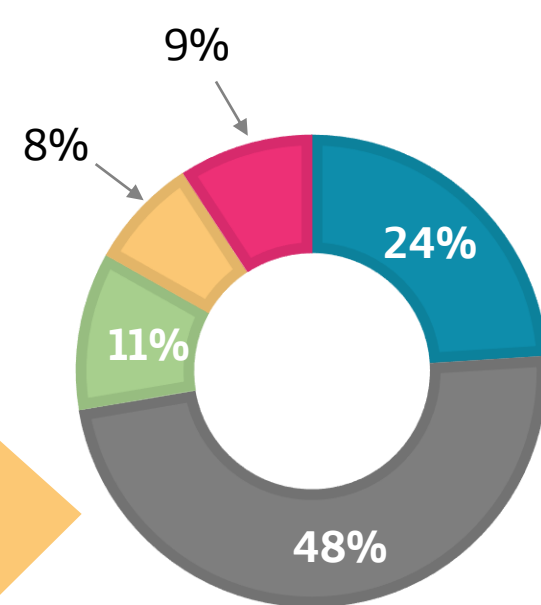


1.2 visits to visitor attractions in this LGD in 2017

Dundonald Ice Bowl was the most popular visitor attraction in Lisburn & Castlereagh City LGD in 2017 (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Lisburn & Castlereagh City LGD attracted the second highest proportion of European as well as North American overnight trips (just behind Belfast LGD) and the lowest proportion of domestic overnight trips of all the LGDs



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Lisburn & Castlereagh City LGD has the third lowest proportion of overnight holiday trips and the third highest proportion of VFR trips of all of the LGDs



26%

Holiday/pleasure/
leisure



10%

Business



62%

Visiting friends/
relatives

Other reasons = 2%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017



	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
Hotels	4	255	594	na	na
GH/GA/B&B*	34	118	260	35%	34%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	59	139	276	39%	52%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

Lisburn & Castlereagh City LGD has the third lowest number of hotel bed-spaces of all the LGDs. This LGD has also has the second lowest number of GH/GA/B&B beds (with a very similar number to Antrim & Newtownabbey LGD)

This LGD has the third highest guesthouse/guest accommodation/B&B bed-space occupancy (jointly with Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD)

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Mid & East Antrim LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	383,861	301,655	255,803	-15%	5%
Nights	1,010,302	1,055,602	964,131	-9%	6%
Spend	£45.9	£46.2m	£43.3	-6%	5%
Average length of stay	2.6	3.5	3.8		
Average spend per trip	£119	£153	£169		
Average spend per night	£45	£44	£45		



3,959 tourism jobs in Mid & East Antrim LDG in 2015 – 9% of total employee jobs

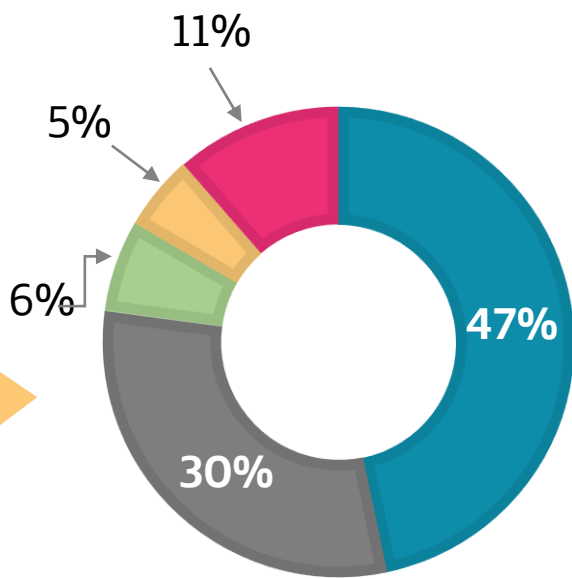


557,302 visits to visitor attractions in Mid & East Antrim in LGD in 2017

Portglenone Marina and Carrickfergus Castle were the most popular visitor attractions in Mid & East Antrim LGD in 2017 (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

This LGD attracted the fourth highest proportion of domestic overnight trips of all the LGDs and the fourth lowest proportion of European overnight trips



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Almost half of overnight trips taken in Mid & East Antrim LGD were to visit friends/relatives. Four other LGDs attracted higher proportions of holiday visitors



42%

Holiday/pleasure/leisure



5%

Business




49%

Visiting friends/relatives

Other reasons = 4%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
Hotels	12	492	1,104	73%	63%
GH/GA/B&B*	52	150	353	47%	35%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	96	221	438	57%	54%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

Mid & East Antrim LGD has 6% of the available hotel beds in NI, 5% of available guest house/guest accommodation/B&B beds and 3% of the available self-catering beds in NI

This LGD has the highest annual self-catering unit occupancy rate. It also has the second highest room occupancy for guesthouses/guest accommodation/B&Bs and the second highest hotel room occupancy of all the LGDs

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Mid Ulster LGD Fact Card



TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	156,252	178,480	136,626	-23%	3%
Nights	614,960	713,357	528,468	-26%	3%
Spend	£22.4m	£30.3m	£20.1m	-33%	2%
Average length of stay	3.9	4.0	3.9		
Average spend per trip	£143	£170	£147		
Average spend per night	£36	£42	£38		



3,489 tourism jobs in Mid Ulster LGD in 2015 – 7% of total employee jobs

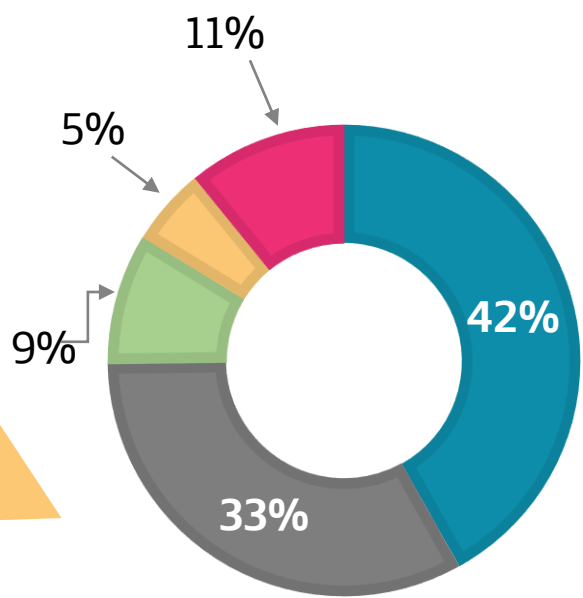


1.2m visits to visitor attractions in this LGD in 2017

Ballyronan Marina and Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre were among the most popular visitor attractions in Mid Ulster LGD in 2017 (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

The majority of overnight trips can be attributed to the domestic and GB markets (similar proportions to Ards & North Down and Derry City & Strabane LGDs)



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REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

This LGD attracted the fourth lowest proportion of overnight holiday trips and the second highest proportion of VFR trips of all the LGDs



27%

Holiday/pleasure/leisure



6%

Business




66%

Visiting friends/relatives

Other reasons = 1%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
Hotels	9	238	582	56%	42%
GH/GA/B&B*	36	141	327	36%	26%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	79	194	420	44%	54%

Mid Ulster LGD has the second lowest number of hotel bed-spaces as well as GH/GA/B&B beds of all the LGDs

This LGD has the lowest hotel room occupancy of all the LGDs. Mid Ulster LGD has the highest peak self-catering unit occupancy rate (jointly with Mid & East Antrim)

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

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TRIPS, NIGHTS & SPEND	2015	2016	2017	2017 v 2016	2017 % of NI
Trips	406,302	571,054	589,581	+3%	12%
Nights	1,060,063	1,561,067	1,675,229	+7%	10%
Spend	£48.1m	£61.0m	90.4m	+48%	10%
Average length of stay	2.6	2.7	2.8		
Average spend per trip	£118	£107	£153		
Average spend per night	£45	£39	£54		



4,953 tourism jobs in Newry, Mourne & Down LGD in 2015 – 9.5% of total employee jobs



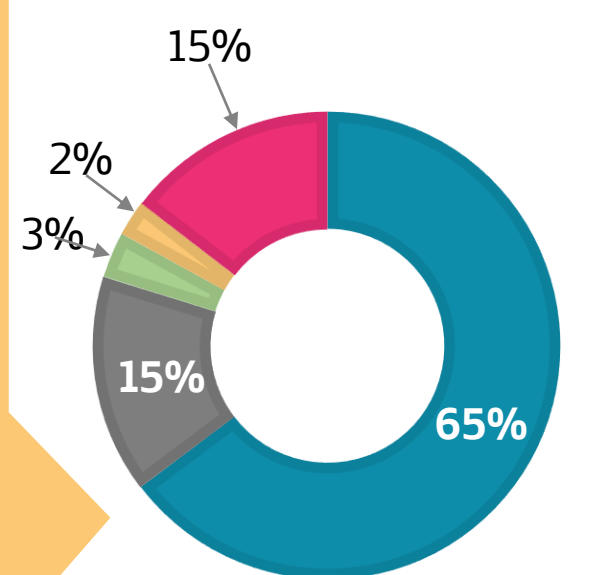
2.1m visits to visitor attractions in this LGD in 2017

Newry Cathedral and the St. Patrick Centre were among the most popular visitor attraction in Newry, Mourne & Down LGD in 2017 (excluding country parks/parks/forests/gardens)

ORIGIN OF VISITORS 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Newry, Mourne & Down LGD attracts the highest proportion of domestic overnight trips (jointly with CC&G), as well as ROI and other overnight trips, of all the LGDs

This LGD attracts the lowest proportion of Other European and North American trips



■ NI ■ GB ■ Mainland Europe ■ North America ■ ROI & Other

REASON FOR VISIT 2015-2017 (3 year rolling average)

Newry, Mourne & Down attracted the second highest proportion of overnight holiday trips of all the LGDs (after CC&G LGD)



63%

Holiday/pleasure/leisure



3%

Business




30%

Visiting friends/relatives

Other reasons = 4%

ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS 2017

	STOCK			OCCUPANCY	
	Number	Rooms	Beds	Room	Bed-space
 Hotels	12	530	1,231	64%	49%
GH/GA/B&B*	110	467	1,064	26%	20%
	Units	Rooms	Beds	Annual	Peak (Apr-Sep)
Self-catering	307	756	1,541	40%	44%

*Guesthouse/guest accommodation/bed & breakfast

Newry, Mourne & Down LGD has the third largest number of self-catering beds (after the CC&G and Fermanagh & Omagh) and the second largest number of GH/GA/B&B beds (after CC&G) of all the LGDs

This LGD achieves the lowest room occupancy rate for GH/GA/B&Bs of all the LGDs

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