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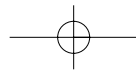
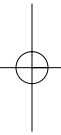
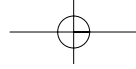
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Profile of People Out of Work in Ballymun

Part 2



Comment

The primary need in Ballymun evident to everybody is the education of our youth, at least to the Leaving Certificate standard level.

Nothing with groundbreaking value will happen on the unemployment front until we can achieve this with a generation of children. A campaign to change the attitudes of parents towards their children's education needs to be addressed also, and support given to them to do so. And of course, proper attractive schools and an education policy to suit the needs of Ballymun children in particular.

In relation to the Unemployment live register in Ballymun, at the time of going to print there are 1,038 males and 492 females signing on. There is an equal balance in numbers between different age groups i.e., 18yrs – 30yrs, 30yrs – 45yrs, 45yrs – 60 yrs.

As you can see, we still have 18yr olds to 30 yr olds going through the Social Welfare system. The majority of these customers would have been early school leavers and may find themselves on methadone treatments, may have literacy problems, alcohol problems, social phobias, ex-offenders etc, One of the major factors underlying this trend is poor education and no self esteem.

However, this report shows the wish by the majority of people to obtain employment. The seed is there, now we need the tools to get them employed and most important to sustain them in employment. On this, I congratulate the efforts made by the Job Centre and the Local Employment Service (LES) to address this problem.

Sustainability in employment is the key, however, it's an uphill battle if you lack the social skills to face the demands placed on you in employment. This problem will continue unless there is positive interaction between Government services and the employer, on behalf of the employee. Maybe funding to employers within the first year, sensitivity by employers to meet the needs of the employee over the first year of employment, and a commitment by the employee to stay in employment for at least one year might support the person's move into sustainable work. All of this could be monitored in a helpful way by the appropriate Government agencies, LES, Partnerships.

Gerry Hickey, Manager, Ballymun Labour Exchange Office.

Introduction to the facts and figures ...

To gather the key data for this Fact File, Ballymun Partnership commissioned a company called Vision 21 to conduct a survey with ten percent of Ballymun residents, over the Christmas period 2002.

Addresses were randomly selected from a database which we constructed using information from Dublin City Council Regional Office, from Ballymun Post Office and Ballymun Regeneration Limited. The target sample size was 485 households, which was 10% of the total number of households, 4,850, in Ballymun at the time of the survey. The survey results tell us that out of these 485 households, there were 1,516 members. If we multiply this figure by 10 we can estimate that the total population for Ballymun is 15,160 people. On average there are 3.14 persons per household.

When reading the facts that follow you can refer to the total household number 4,850, and the total population number, 15,160, where relevant, in order to get a real understanding of the actual numbers of people from the percentages given.

Interest in Education and Training

In total, 40.0% of people out of work had undertaken an education or training course in the past 12 months, and over three quarters (77.6%) would like to participate in a course in the future. The table below describes the type of courses people out of work would like to undertake.

Table 5 Type of course people out of work wish to undertake

Level	2002 Survey %
Computer related	32.8
Trade/craft related	19.0
Childcare / social services	17.2
School subjects	6.9
Third level	5.2
Basic skills	3.4
Driving related	3.4
Other job specific	3.4
Other	8.6

Of those who would like to undertake a course, 37.8% reported that something was preventing them from participating. The most frequently cited barrier to training was lack of appropriate childcare. Other cited barriers included lack of time and money.

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The Facts and Figures

Numbers of People Unemployed

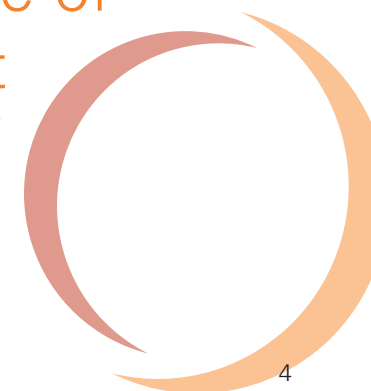
Using the ILO (International Labour Office) criteria for unemployment, over half (50.5%) of the Ballymun population aged over fifteen (10,620 people approximately) are either unemployed or not economically active. The table below illustrates how this figure is broken down.

Table 1 ILO Criterion

ILO Criterion	2002 Survey %
Unemployed seeking full time work	4.1
Unemployed seeking part time work	4.5
Unemployed seeking part time and full time work	0.5
Not economically active – available for and passively seeking full time work	3.2
Not economically active – available for and passively seeking part time work	5.2
Not economically active, other	33.0

The table suggests that 17.5% of the Ballymun population are out of work but are available to undertake some kind of employment. In terms of numbers of people, the survey suggests that 770 people are available for work. The rest of this section profiles these 'out of work' people.

“Ballymun has almost 4 times the rate of unemployment than the state”



Accommodation type of people out of work

Table 2 shows that nearly half (48.1%) of out work people live in 8 storey flats and more than one in five live in second generation housing. A new unit is defined as a home built by the Regeneration company, BRL in recent years. A second generation house is defined as a house in Poppintree courts for example. A 1st generation house is defined as the wooden houses in Shangan, Coultry and Sandyhill. The 4 storey flat is defined by the short spine blocks without lifts in Shangan, Sillogue and Sandyhill for example. The 8 storey flat is defined by the tall spine blocks with lifts in all areas of Ballymun and the 15 storey flat is defined by the 7 tower blocks.

Table 2 Accommodation type of people out of work

Type	2002 Survey %
New unit	5.2
2nd generation house	20.8
1st generation house	11.7
4 storey flat	2.6
8 storey flat	48.1
15 storey flat	11.7

Table 3 shows that 27.3% of out of work people live in Poppintree and only 14.3% live in Shangan.

Table 3 Area in which of people out of work live

Area	2002 Survey %
Poppintree	27.3
Balcurris/Balbutcher	20.8
Sillogue/Sandyhill	15.6
Coultry	22.1
Shangan	14.3

Over two thirds (68.5%) of people out of work stated that they were on the Live Register.

Interest in self-employment

45.5% expressed an interest in setting up their own business.

Suggestions included:

- Opening a shop.
- Carpentry.
- Painting and decorating.
- Computer/electronics related.

Education levels for people out of work

The table below shows that over three-quarters (77.9%) of people out of work have not attained upper secondary level education, and none have attained degree level.

Table 4 Highest level of education of people out of work

Level	2002 Survey %
No formal education	1.3
Primary education	22.1
Lower secondary education	54.5
Upper secondary education	15.6
Post Leaving Cert	5.2
Third level non-degree	1.3

However, nearly four in five (78.9%) stated having work skills.

These included:

- Computer skills.
- Machinist skills.
- Trade skills.
- Administrative/secretarial skills.