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What is a Local Government District (LGD)?

A Local Government District (LGD) in Northern Ireland is an administrative area established for the purposes of local governance. LGDs are responsible for delivering local services and facilities to the communities within their boundaries. These services typically include waste collection and management, local planning and development control, community services, leisure and recreational facilities, environmental health, and economic development. Each LGD is governed by an elected council that makes decisions on behalf of its constituents, ensuring that local needs and priorities are addressed. There are eleven LGDs in Northern Ireland, each contributing to the overall structure of regional governance.

What is District Electoral Area (DEA)?

A District Electoral Area (DEA) is a subdivision within a Local Government District (LGD) in Northern Ireland, created for electoral purposes. Each DEA comprises a number of electoral wards and is represented by several councillors who are elected by the residents within that area. The purpose of DEAs is to organize local elections and ensure proportional representation on the council. The number of DEAs and the boundaries of each are determined by the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner, taking into account population size and distribution to maintain balanced representation. DEAs play a crucial role in local governance by facilitating fair and effective political representation within the LGDs.

What is a Super Data Zone (SDZ)?

A Super Data Zone (SDZ) is a geographical area used for statistical and data analysis purposes. These zones are typically larger than standard data zones and are designed to provide more robust statistical data by aggregating information from multiple smaller zones. SDZs are used in various fields, including public health, education, and economic development, to analyse trends, identify needs, and allocate resources effectively. The larger population size within an SDZ helps to ensure that the data collected is more comprehensive and statistically significant, aiding in more accurate and detailed analysis for policy-making and planning.

What is a Data Zone (DZ)?

A Data Zone is a small geographical unit used for statistical purposes, often employed in the analysis and dissemination of population, social, and economic data. These zones are designed to provide detailed and localized information that can support various aspects of public policy, planning, and resource allocation. Typically, a data zone encompasses a population ranging from 500 to 1,000 residents, allowing for the collection of granular data that reflects the characteristics and needs of specific communities.

Data Zones are used by government agencies, researchers and planners to monitor trends, assess the impact of policies and identify areas requiring intervention or support. By breaking down regions into smaller units, data zones facilitate more precise and actionable insights into local demographics, economic conditions, health outcomes and other critical metrics.

SECTION 1.0 DEMOGRAPHICS

1.1 Demographics - Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Local Government District

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon, established in 2015, is one of Northern Ireland's eleven local government districts. Situated in the southern region, it merges the former Armagh City and District, Banbridge District, and Craigavon Borough. The area is known for its rich historical heritage and vibrant agricultural economy, supported by strong transport networks that facilitate commerce and connectivity.

The population of Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon local government district in 2021census is 220,271 people, of which 72,603 are aged 0-25 years, which equates to 33.2% of the population.

The council area is divided into six District Electoral Areas (DEAs):

1. **Armagh DEA:** Includes Armagh City and surrounding rural areas.
2. **Banbridge DEA:** Covers the town of Banbridge and nearby rural communities.
3. **Craigavon DEA:** Encompasses the urban areas of Craigavon.
4. **Cusher DEA:** Covers rural areas surrounding Tandragee and Markethill.
5. **Lagan River DEA:** Encompasses areas around Moira and Maghaberry.
6. **Lurgan DEA:** Includes the town of Lurgan.
7. **Portadown DEA:** The district contains the wards of Ballybay, Corcrain, Killycomain, Loughgall, Mahon and The Birches.

1.2 Demographics - Youth Population Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Local Government District

Table 1: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Local Government District Total Population

District	Population 2021 Census	Density per km2	Area in km2
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	220,271	165	1,332

Source: Census 2021

Table 2: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD Youth Population by gender (aged 0 – 25 years)

Age	Male	Female	Total
0 - 25 years	37,146	35,457	72,603
Percentage %	51.2%	48.8%	100%
NI average Percentage % (0 - 25)	51.3%	48.7%	100%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 1: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD Youth Population by Gender

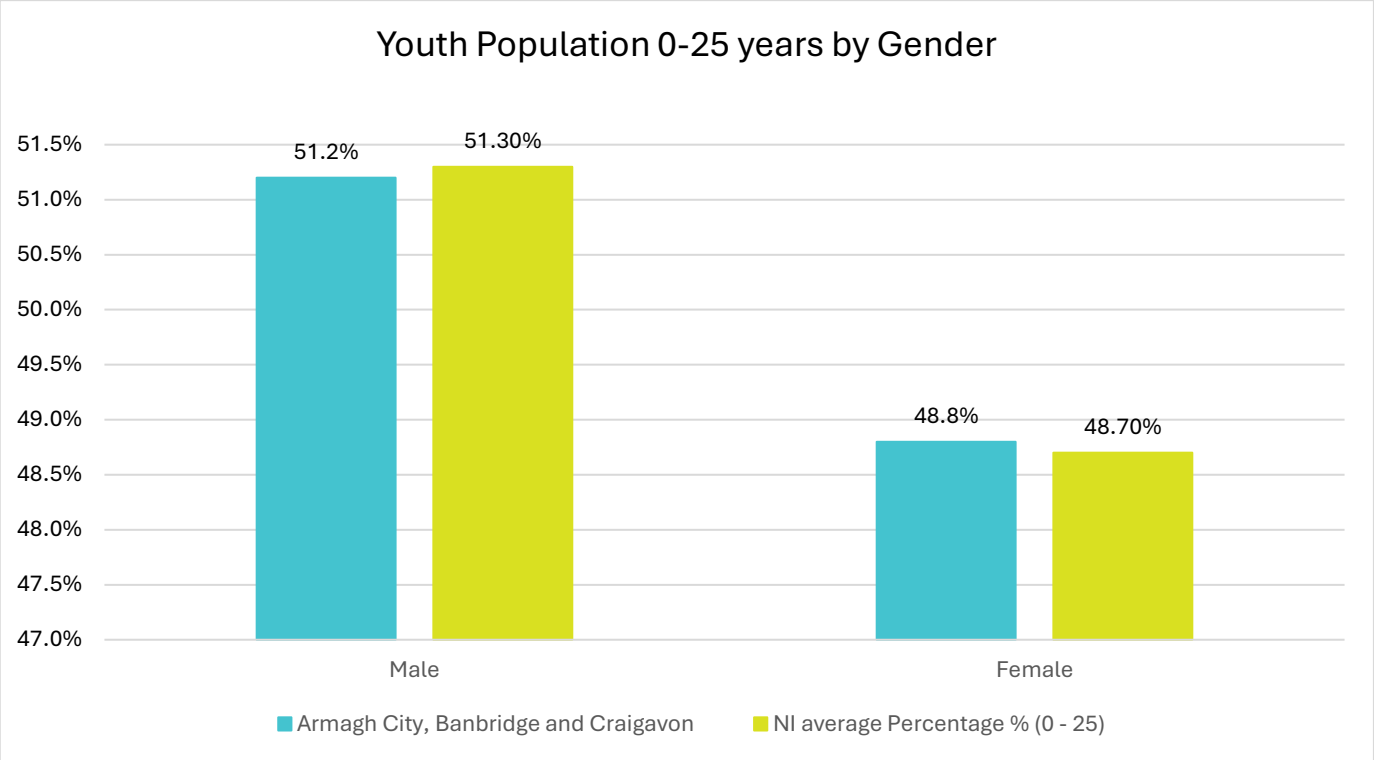


Table 3: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Youth Population Age-bands

LGD	Aged 0 - 3 years	Aged 4 - 8 years	Aged 9 - 13 years	Aged 14 - 18 years	Aged 19 - 25 years	Total 0-25 years	Percentage Cut of LGD 0-25yrs %
Northern Ireland	89,505	123,278	128,033	116,612	155,341	612,769	32.30%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	11,139	15,323	15,904	13,989	16,251	72,606	33.20%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 2: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Youth Population Age-bands

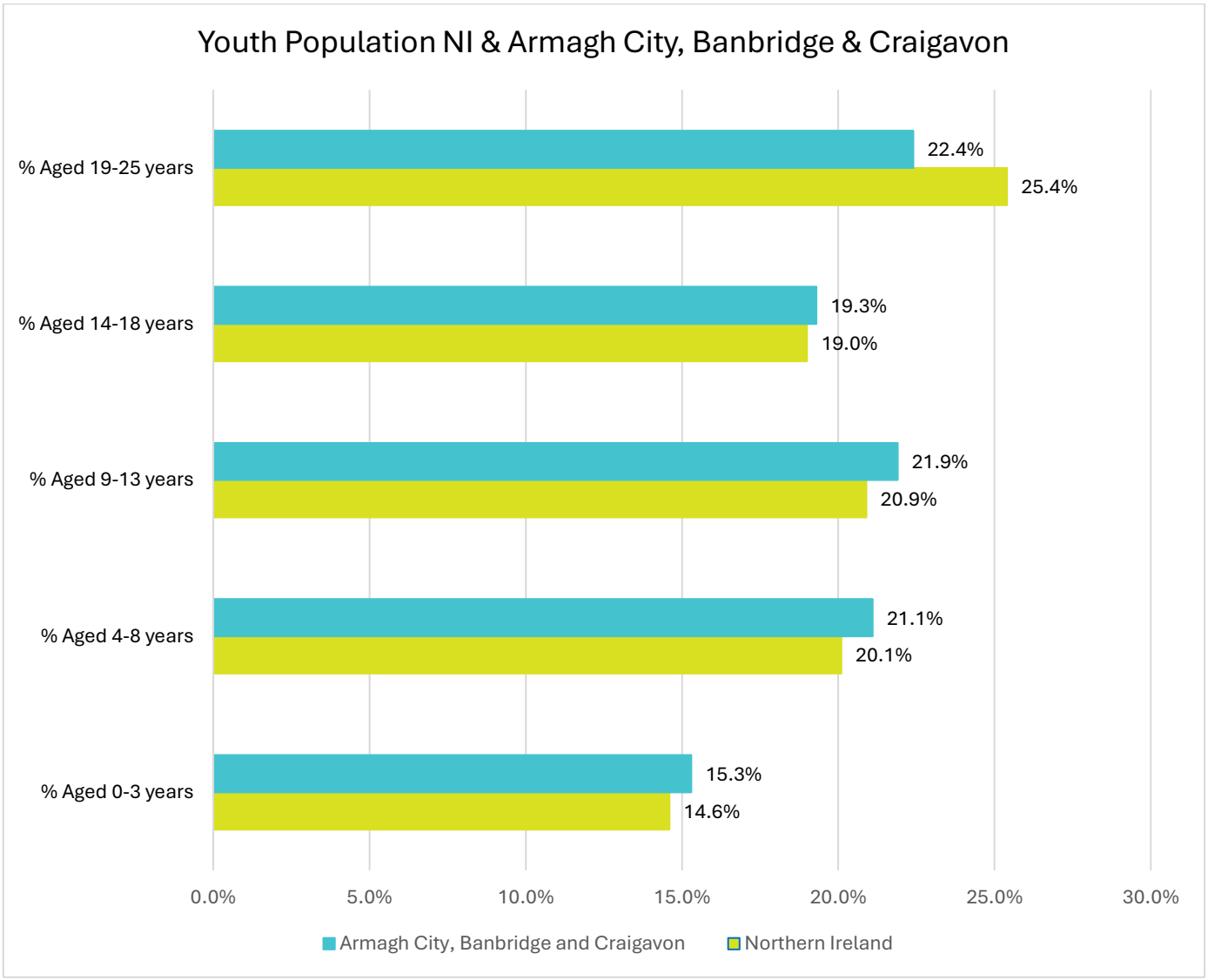


Table 4: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Youth Population Age-bands Percentage

LGD	% Aged 0-3 years	% Aged 4-8 years	% Aged 9-13 years	% Aged 14-18 years	% Aged 19-25 years
Northern Ireland	14.6%	20.1%	20.9%	19.0%	25.4%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	15.3%	21.1%	21.9%	19.3%	22.4%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 3: Percentage breakdown of Youth Population

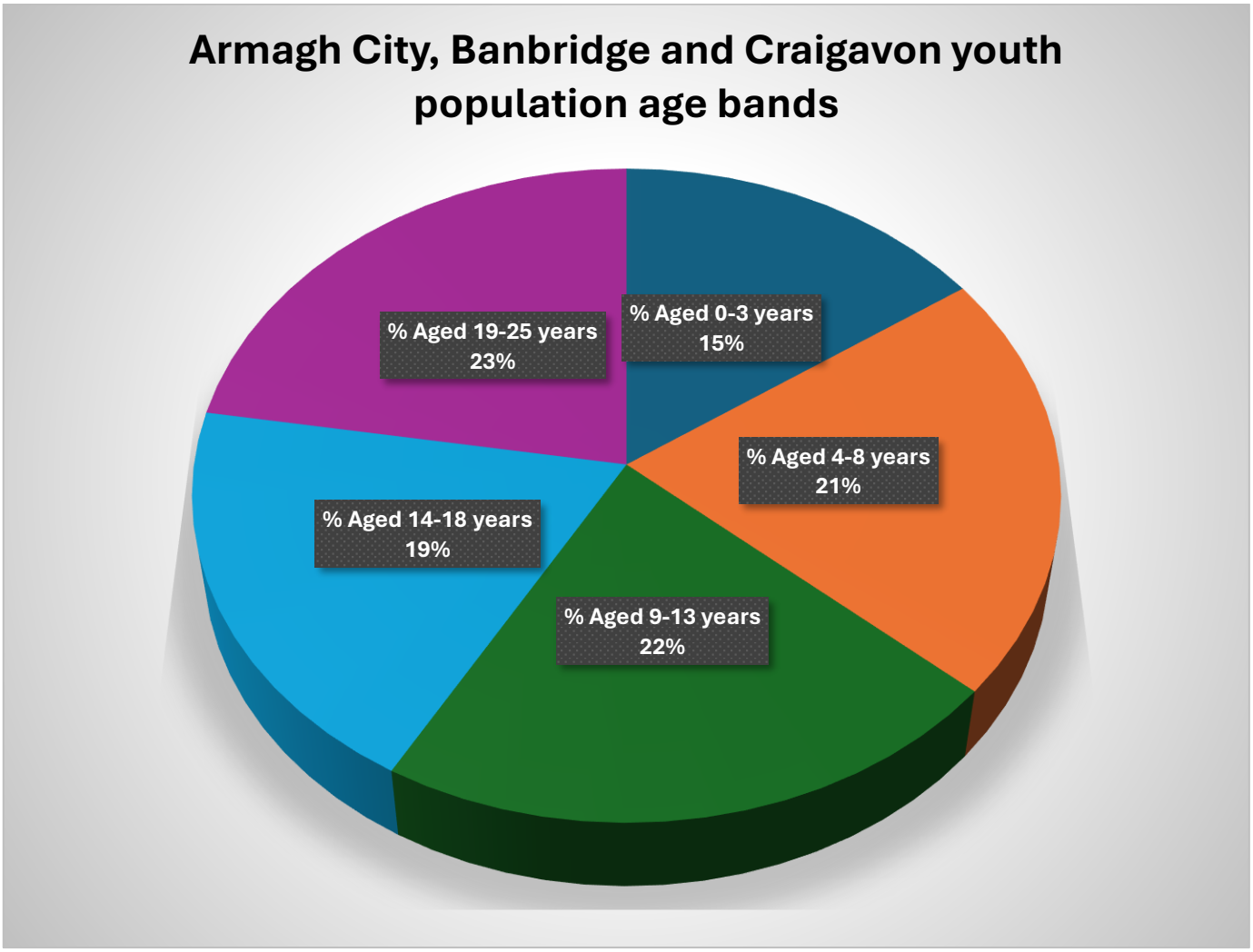


Table 5: Youth population Age bands by gender

LGD	Aged 0 - 3 years		Aged 4 - 8 years		Aged 9 - 13 years		Aged 14 - 18 years		Aged 19 - 25 years		Total 0-25 years	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
NI	45,865	43,634	63,244	60,029	65,395	62,645	59,718	56,893	80,087	75,250	314,309	298,451
ABC	5,765	5,373	7,823	7,500	8,072	7,832	7,022	6,968	8,464	7,784	37,146	35,457

Source: Census 2021

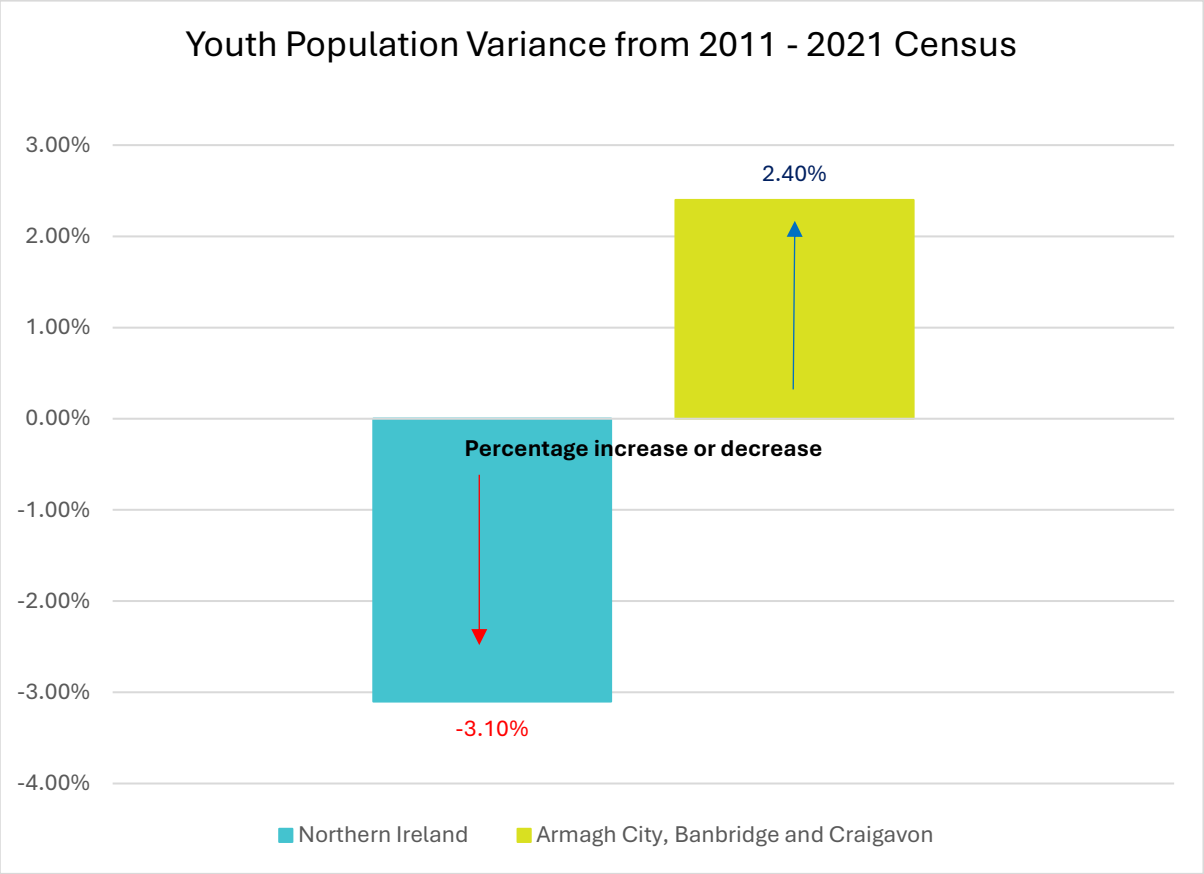
1.3 Variation in Youth Population 2011-2021 Census and Population Projections

Table 6: Variation in Youth Population aged 0-25years from 2011 to 2021 Census

LGD	Total 0-25 years (2021)	Total 0-25 years (2011)	Percentage % increase or decrease
Northern Ireland	612,769	632,227	-3.10%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	72,606	70,921	2.40%

Source: Census 2011 & 2021

Chart 4: Youth Population variance 2011 – 2021 census



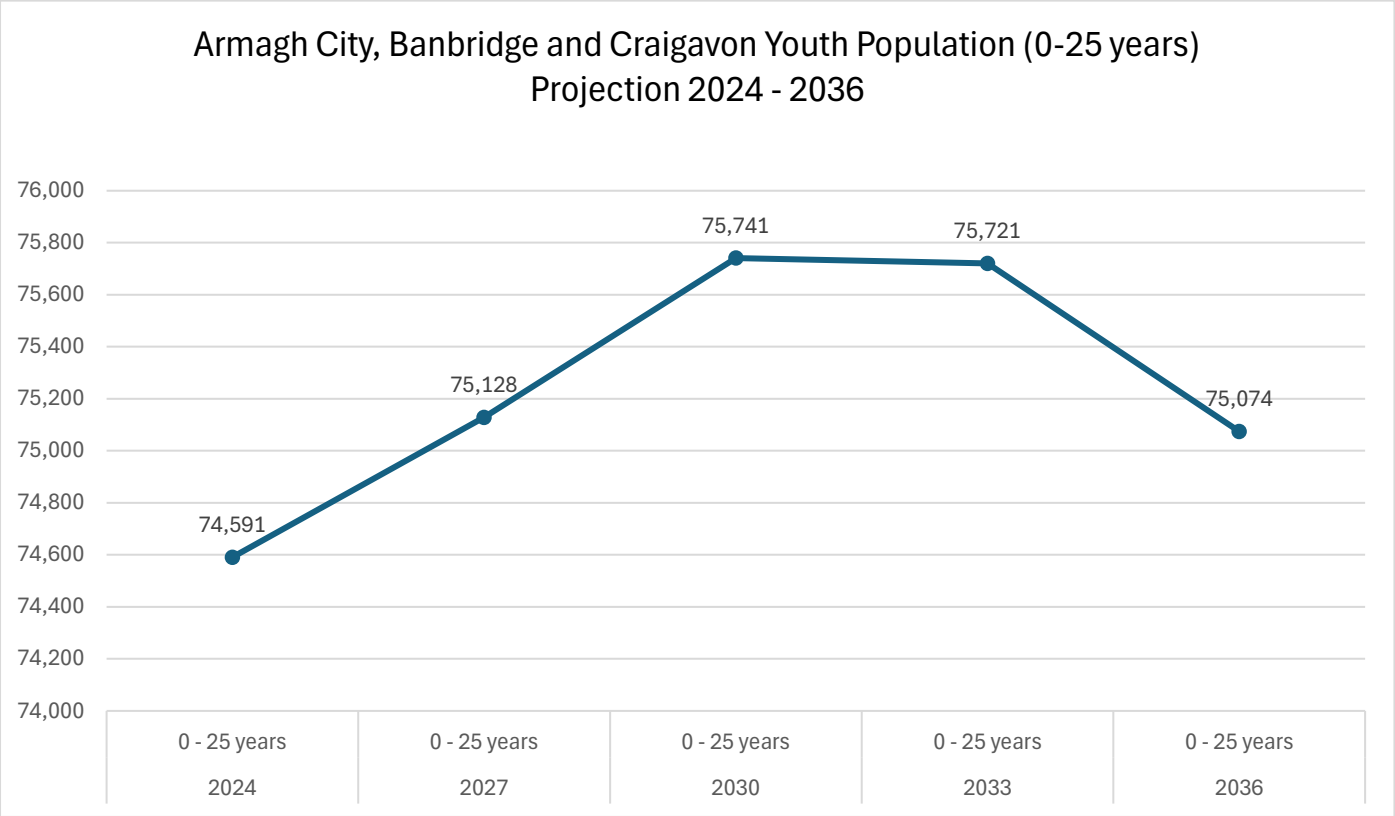
Youth Population Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon 4-25 years old

LGD	Total 4-25 years (2021)	Total 4-25 years (2011)	Percentage increase or decrease
Northern Ireland	523,264	531,929	-1.60%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	61,467	58,666	+4.80%

Source: NISRA 2021 Census

Youth Population Projections for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon 2024 -2036

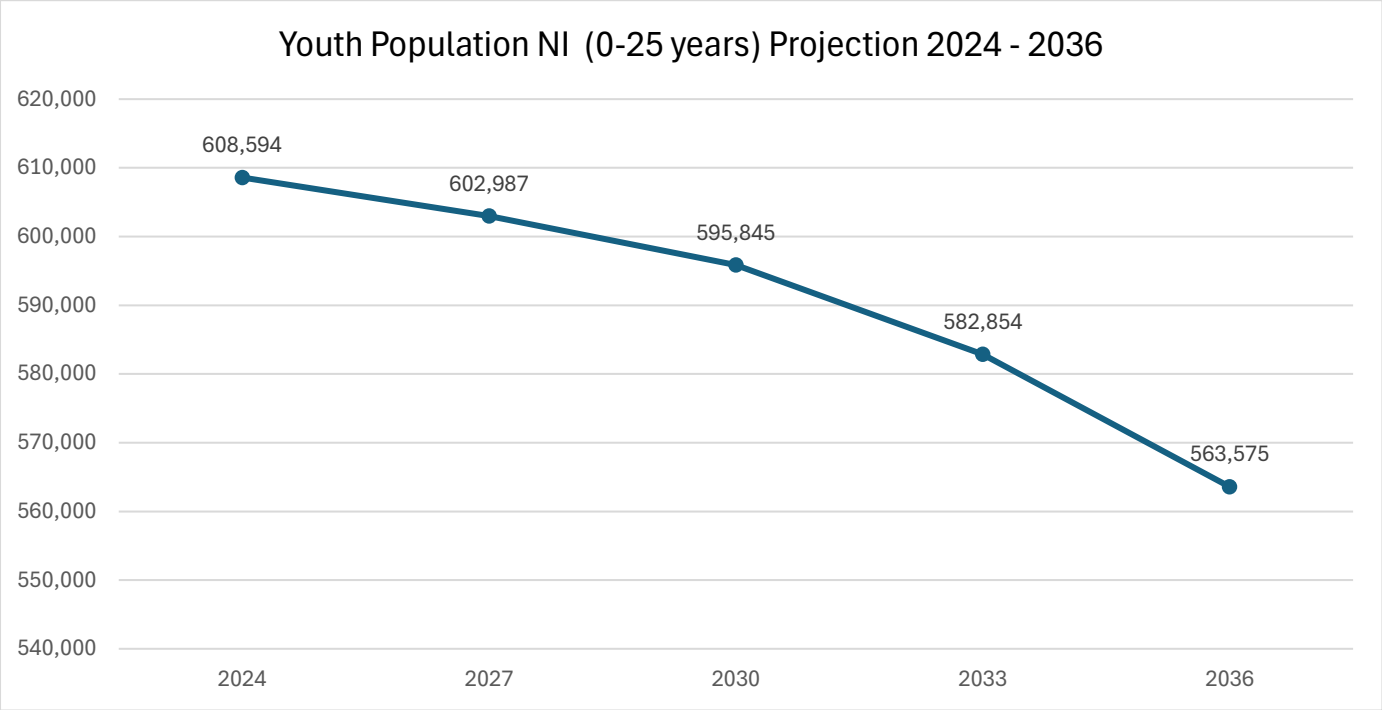
LGD	2024	2027	2030	2033	2036
	0 - 25 years	0 - 25 years	0 - 25 years	0 - 25 years	0 - 25 years
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	74,591	75,128	75,741	75,721	75,074



Source: https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/population/sub-national-population-projections

Youth Population Projections for Northern Ireland 2024 -2036

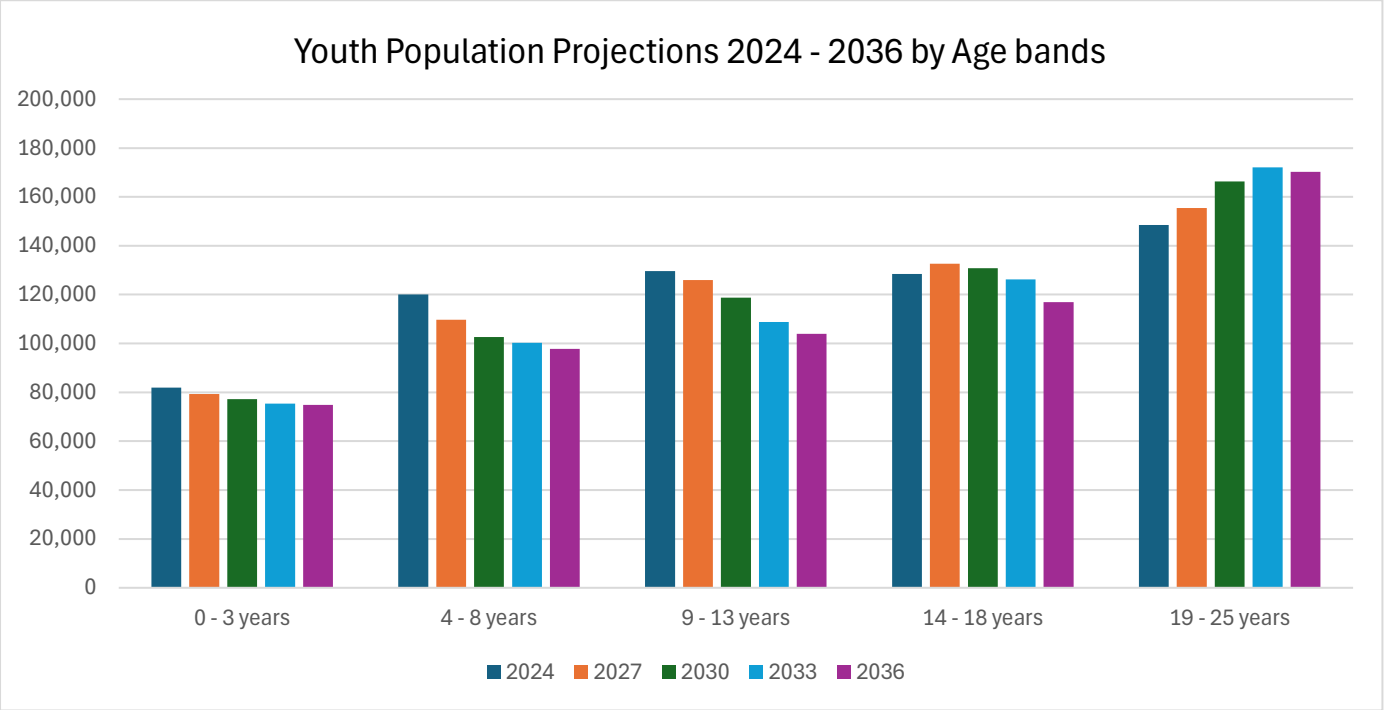
Age Band	2024	2027	2030	2033	2036
0-25 years	608,594	602,987	595,845	582,854	563,575



Source: https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/population/sub-national-population-projections

Youth Population Projections for Northern Ireland by age bands 2024 -2036

Age Band	2024	2027	2030	2033	2036
0 - 3 years	81,979	79,340	77,162	75,442	74,912
4 - 8 years	120,003	109,660	102,695	100,296	97,726
9 - 13 years	129,570	125,948	118,800	108,771	103,882
14 - 18 years	128,465	132,640	130,832	126,228	116,873
19 - 25 years	148,557	155,399	166,356	172,117	170,182
0-25 years	608,594	602,987	595,845	582,854	563,575



Source: https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/population/sub-national-population-projections

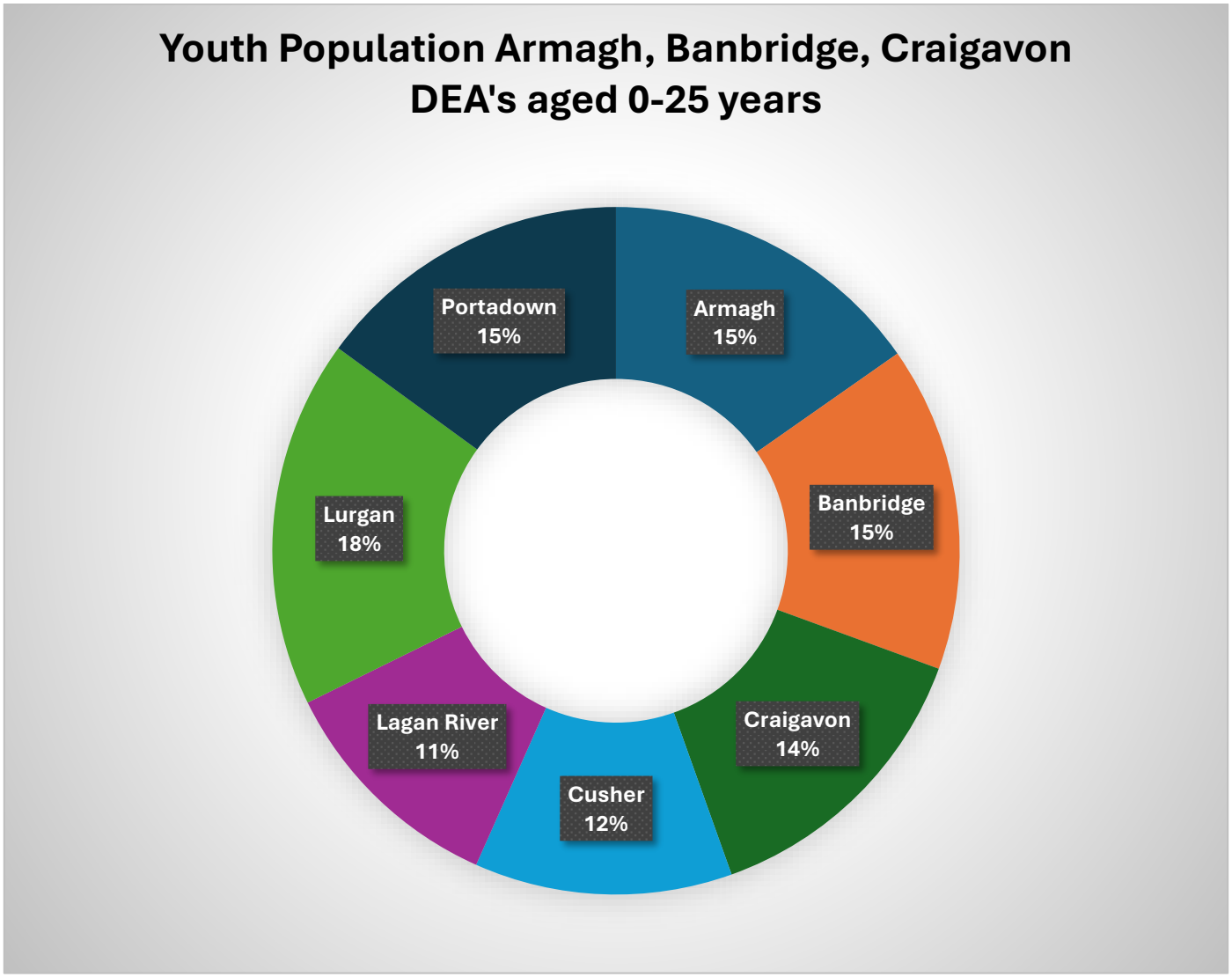
1.4 District Electoral Area's Demographics in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon

Table 7: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEAs by Age Bands

District Electoral Area	Total 0-3yrs	Total 4-8yrs	Total 9-13yrs	Total 14-18yrs	Total 19-25yrs	Total 0-25yrs
Armagh	1,746	2,298	2,445	2,159	2,444	11,092
Banbridge	1,614	2,326	2,520	2,164	2,484	11,108
Craigavon	1,566	2,211	2,308	1,906	2,146	10,137
Cusher	1,365	1,918	1,861	1,743	1,921	8,808
Lagan River	1,169	1,733	1,758	1,616	1,746	8,022
Lurgan	2,032	2,595	2,643	2,314	2,986	12,570
Portadown	1,644	2,243	2,372	2,084	2,526	10,869

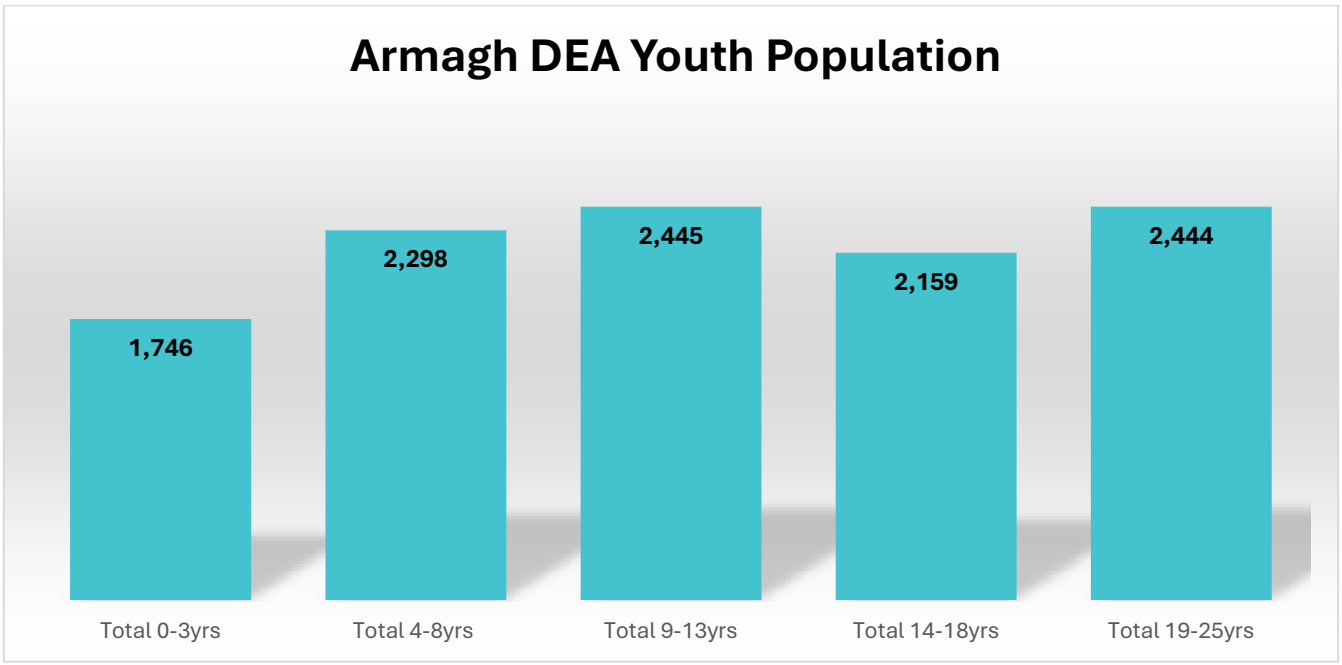
Source: Census 2021

Chart 5: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEAs by Age Bands



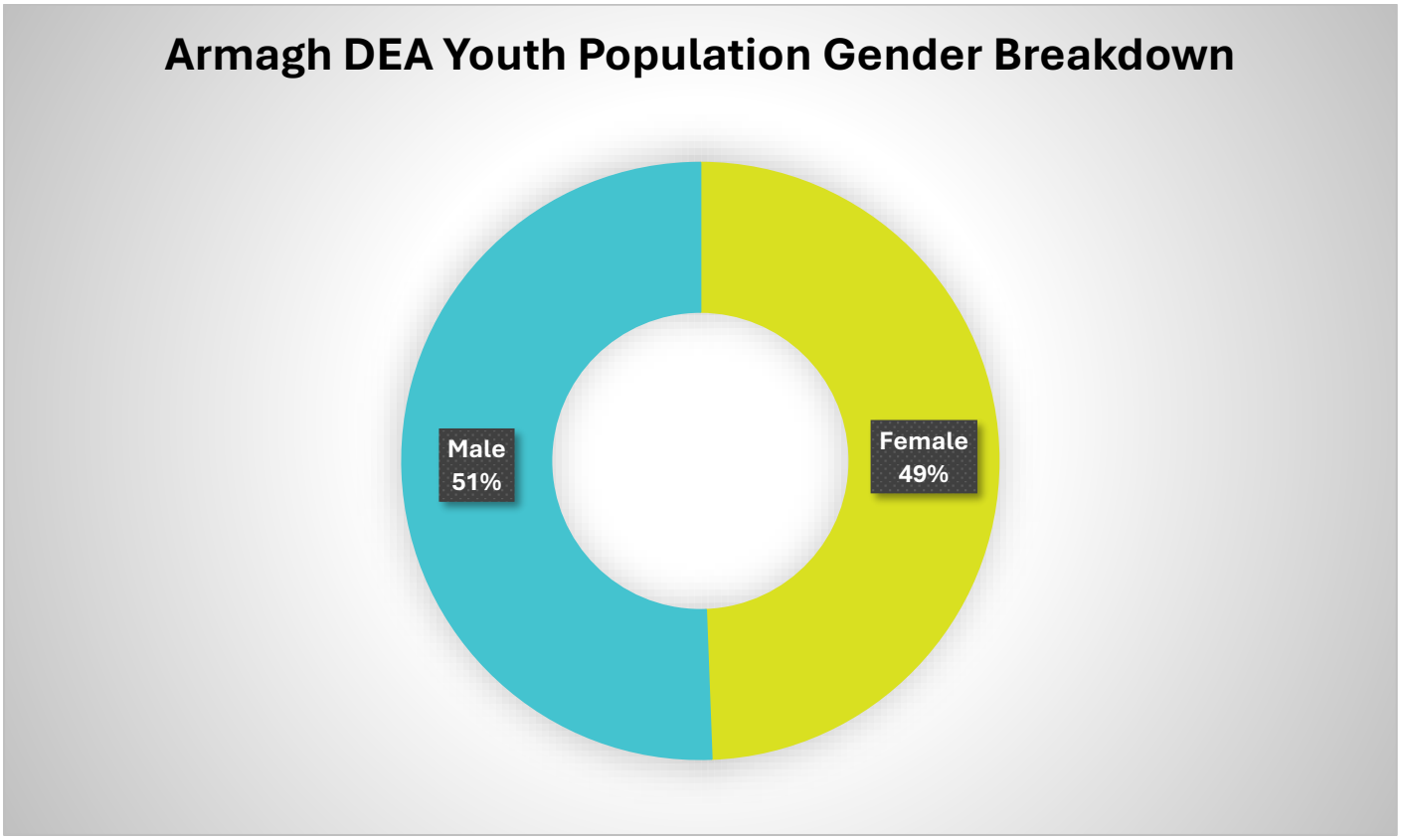
Armagh DEA

Chart 6: Armagh DEA youth population 0-25 years



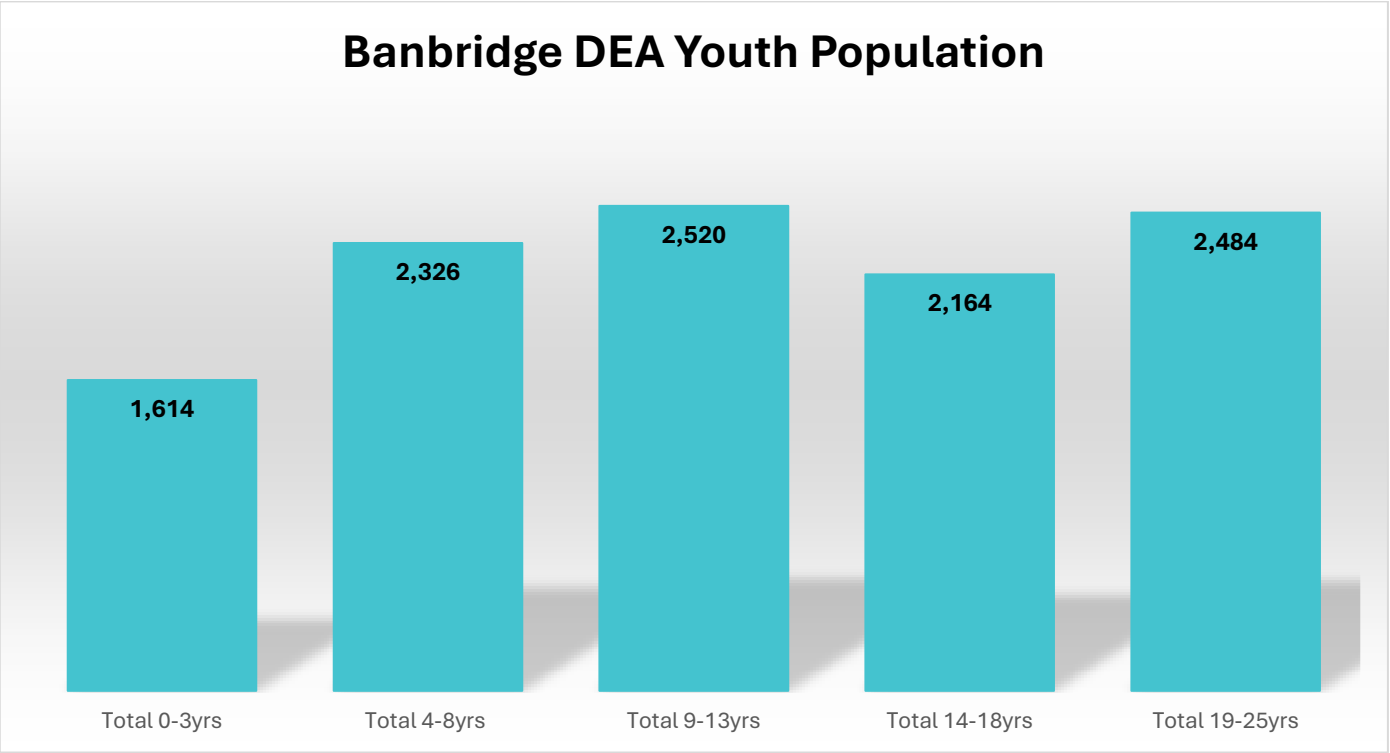
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Chart 7: Armagh DEA Gender breakdown



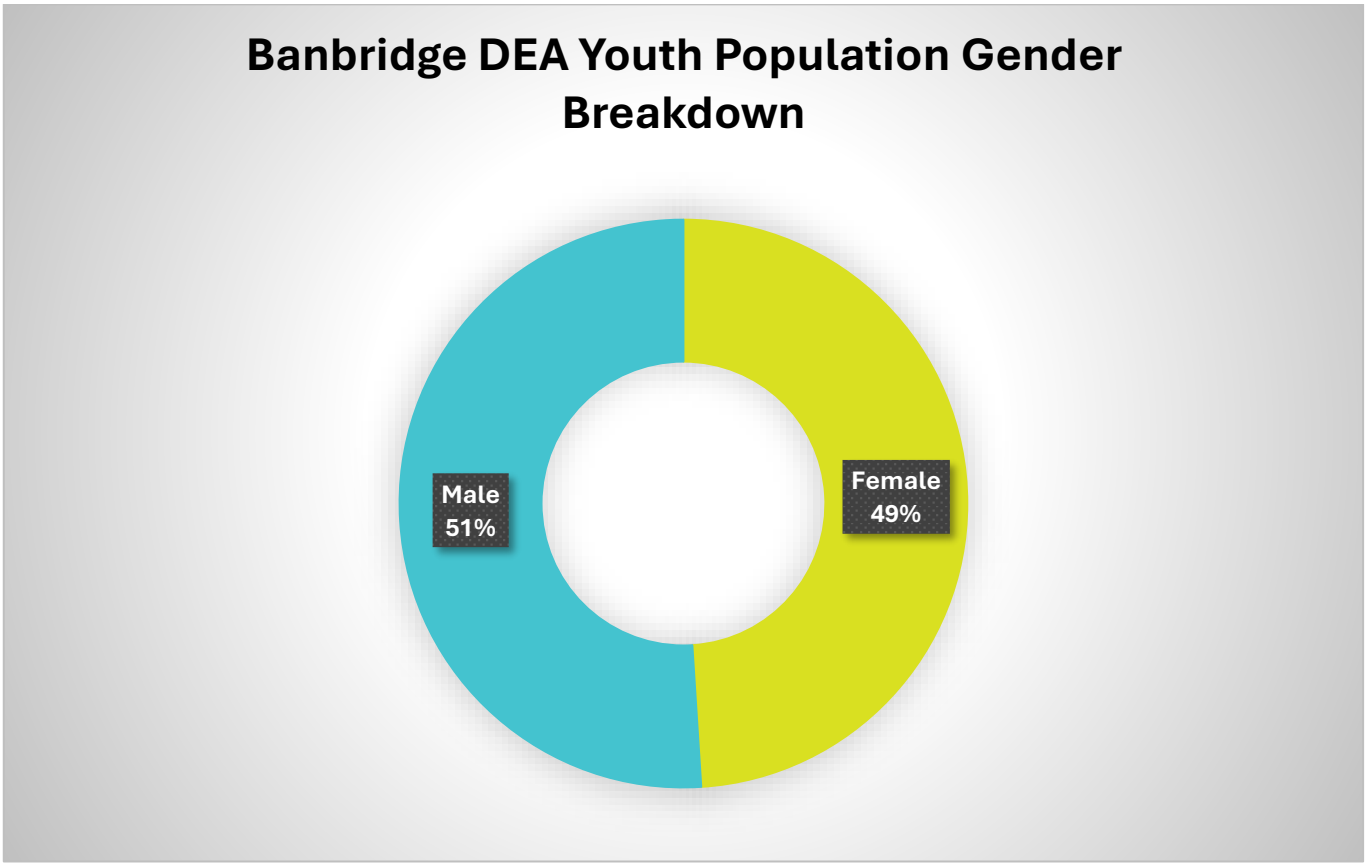
Banbridge DEA

Chart 8: Banbridge DEA youth population 0-25 years



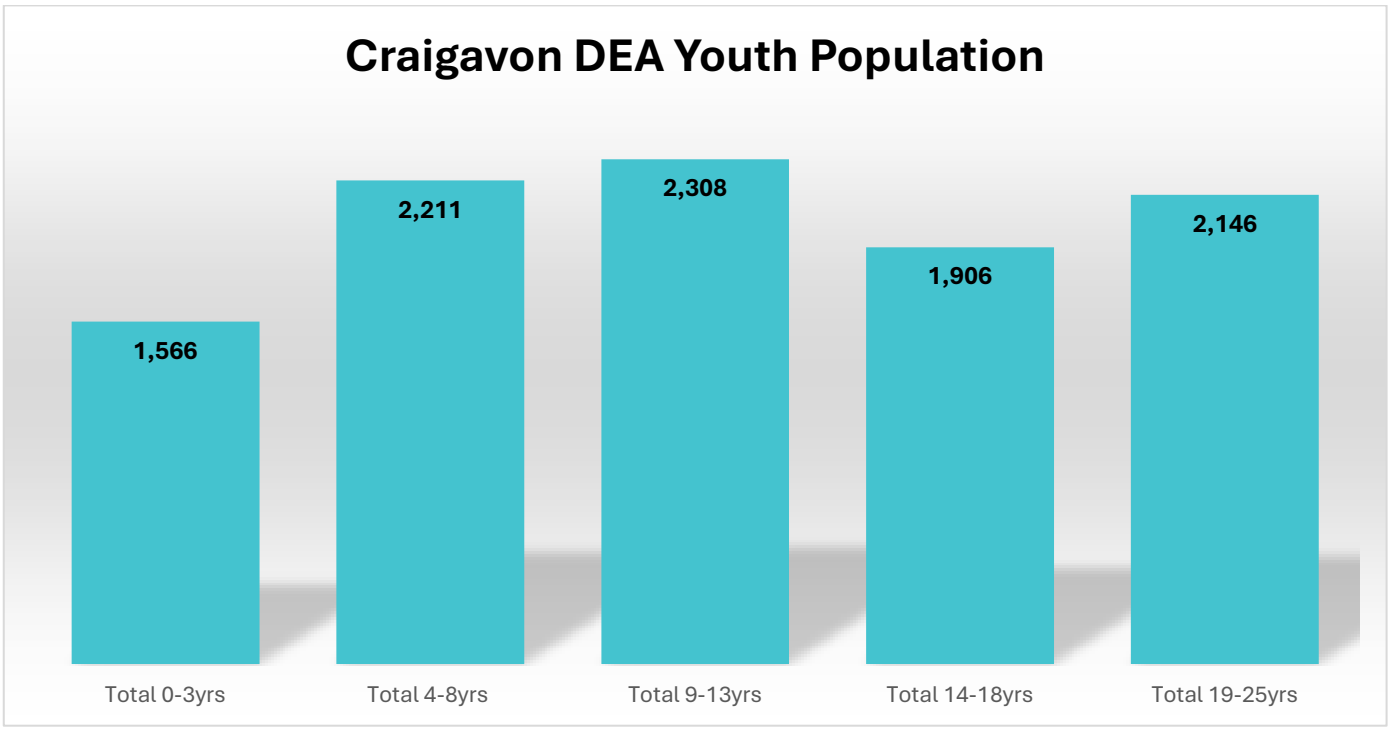
Source: Census 2021

Chart 9: Banbridge DEA Gender breakdown



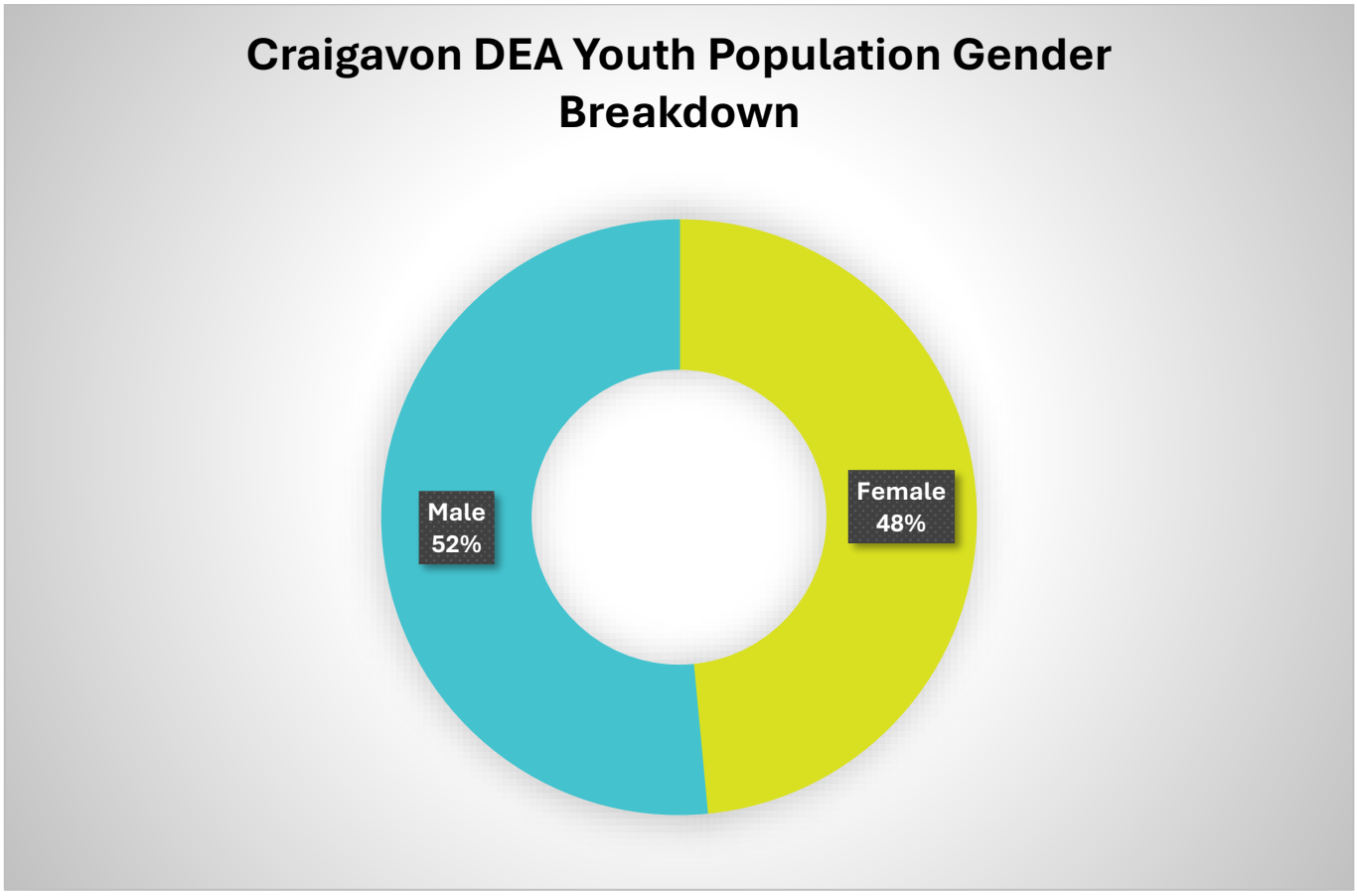
Craigavon DEA

Chart 10: Craigavon DEA youth population 0-25 years



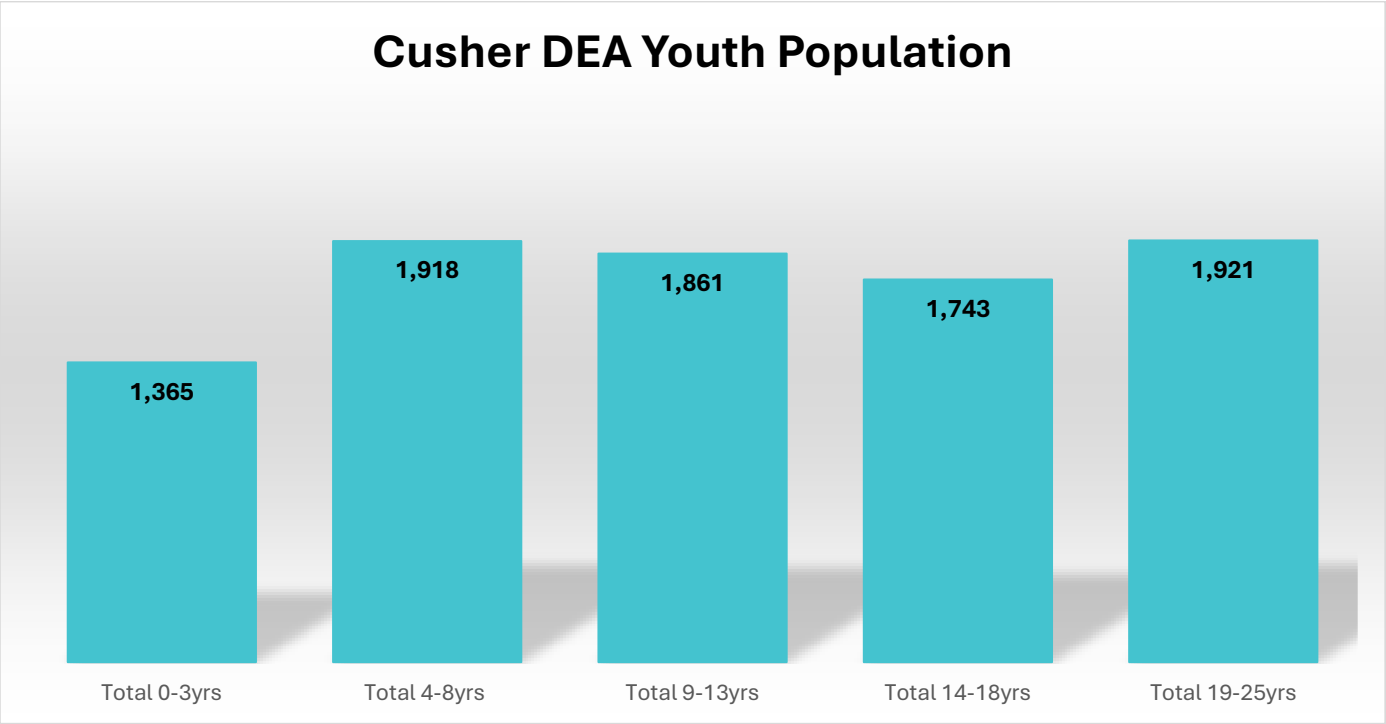
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Chart 11: Craigavon DEA Gender breakdown



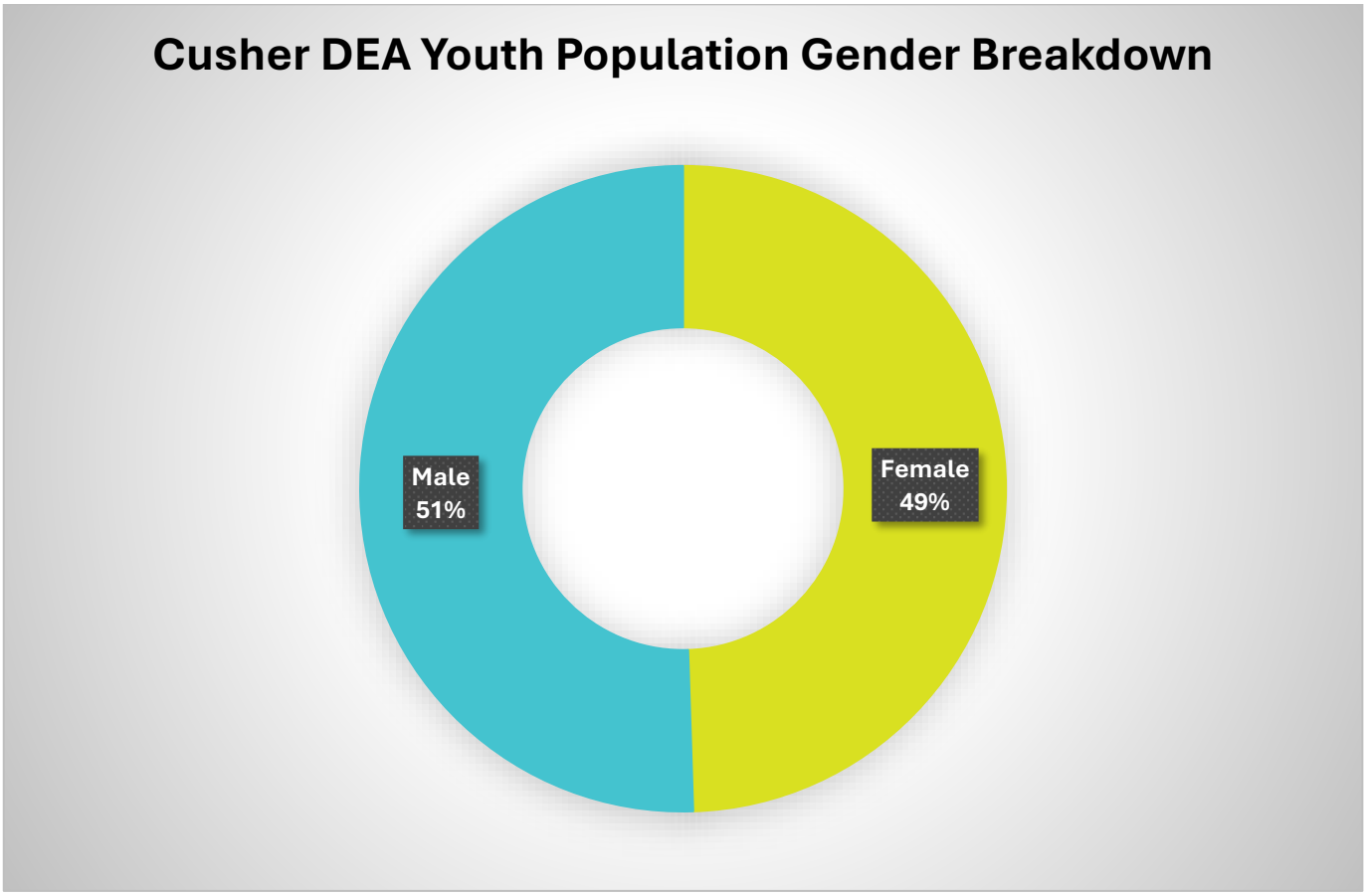
Cusher DEA

Chart 12: Cusher DEA youth population 0-25 years



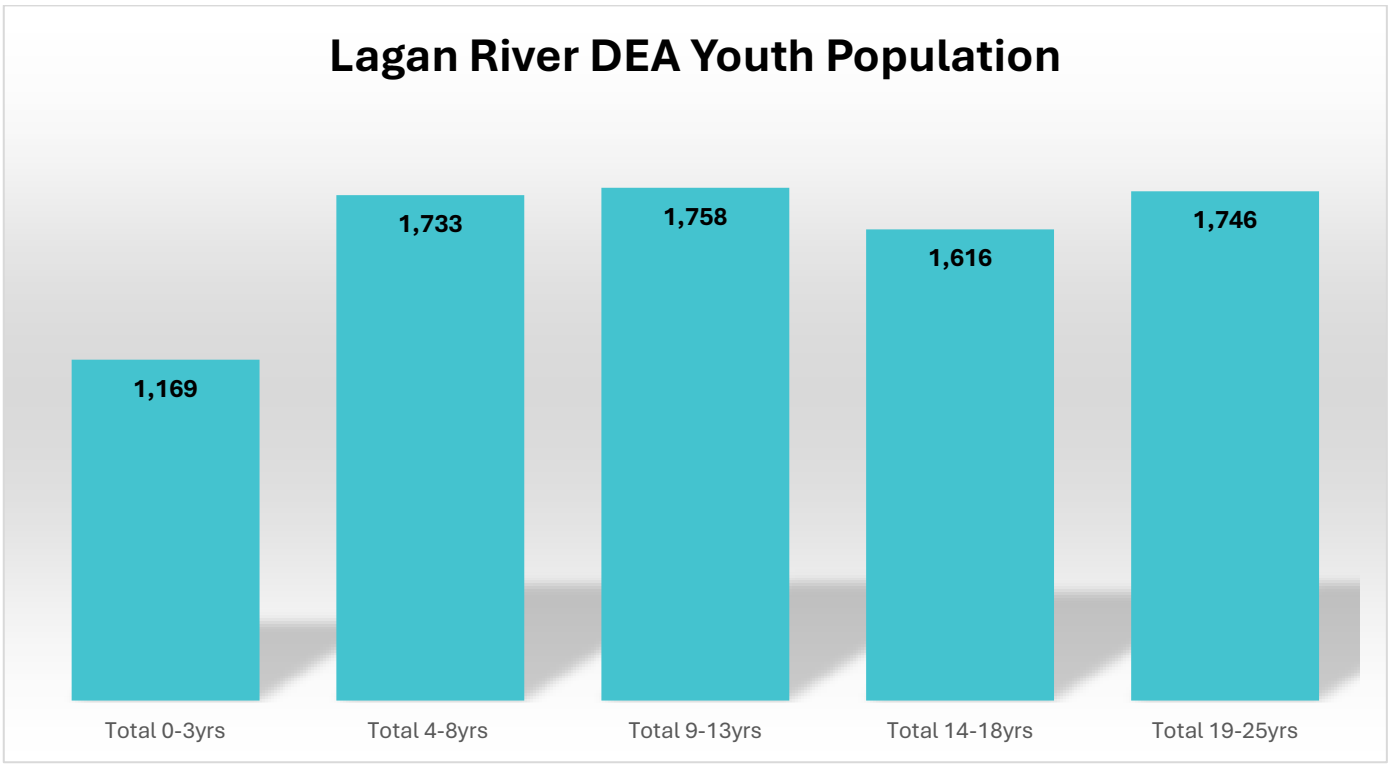
Source: Census 2021

Chart 13: Cusher DEA Gender breakdown



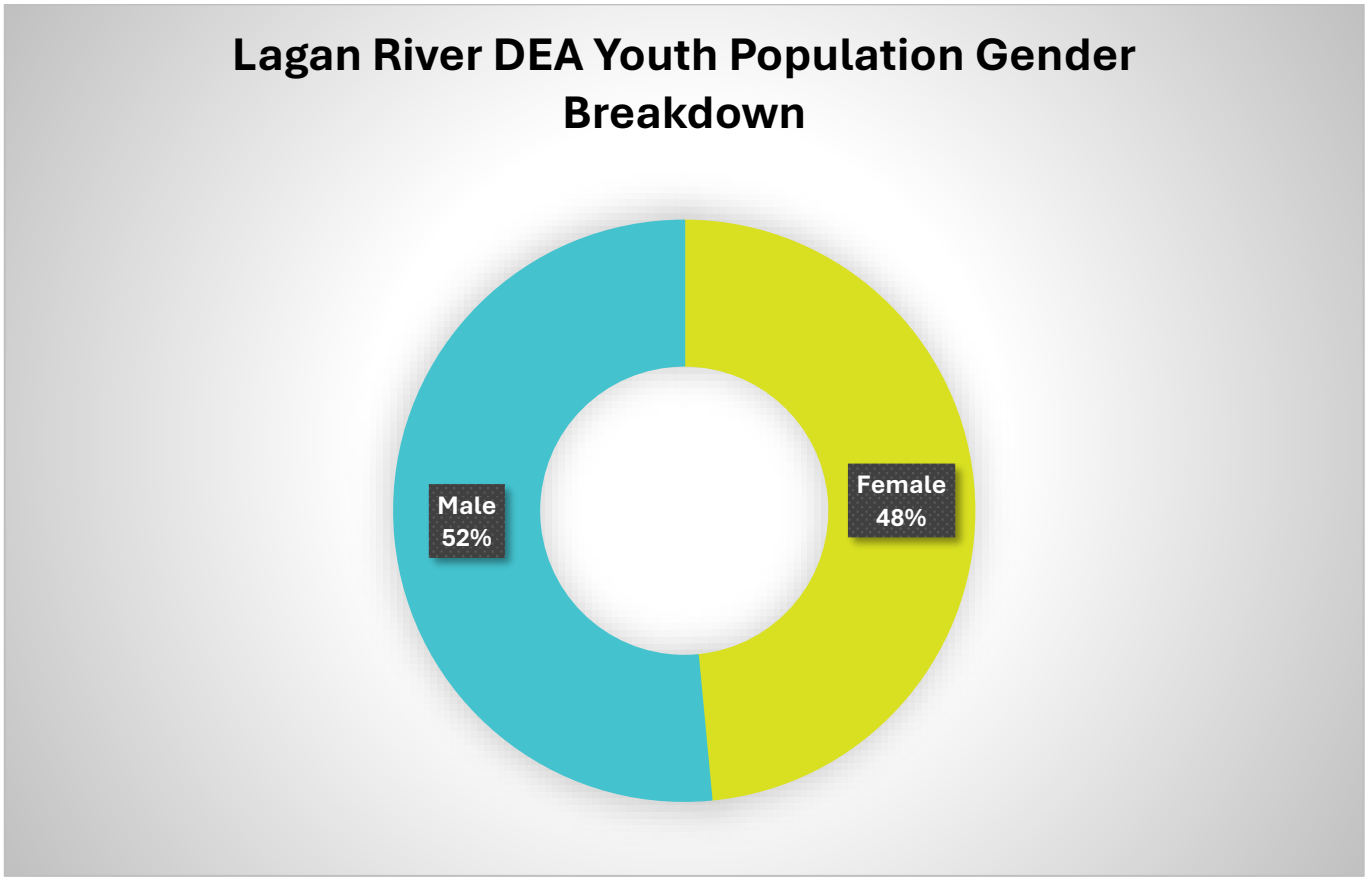
Lagan River DEA

Chart 14: Lagan River DEA youth population 0-25 years



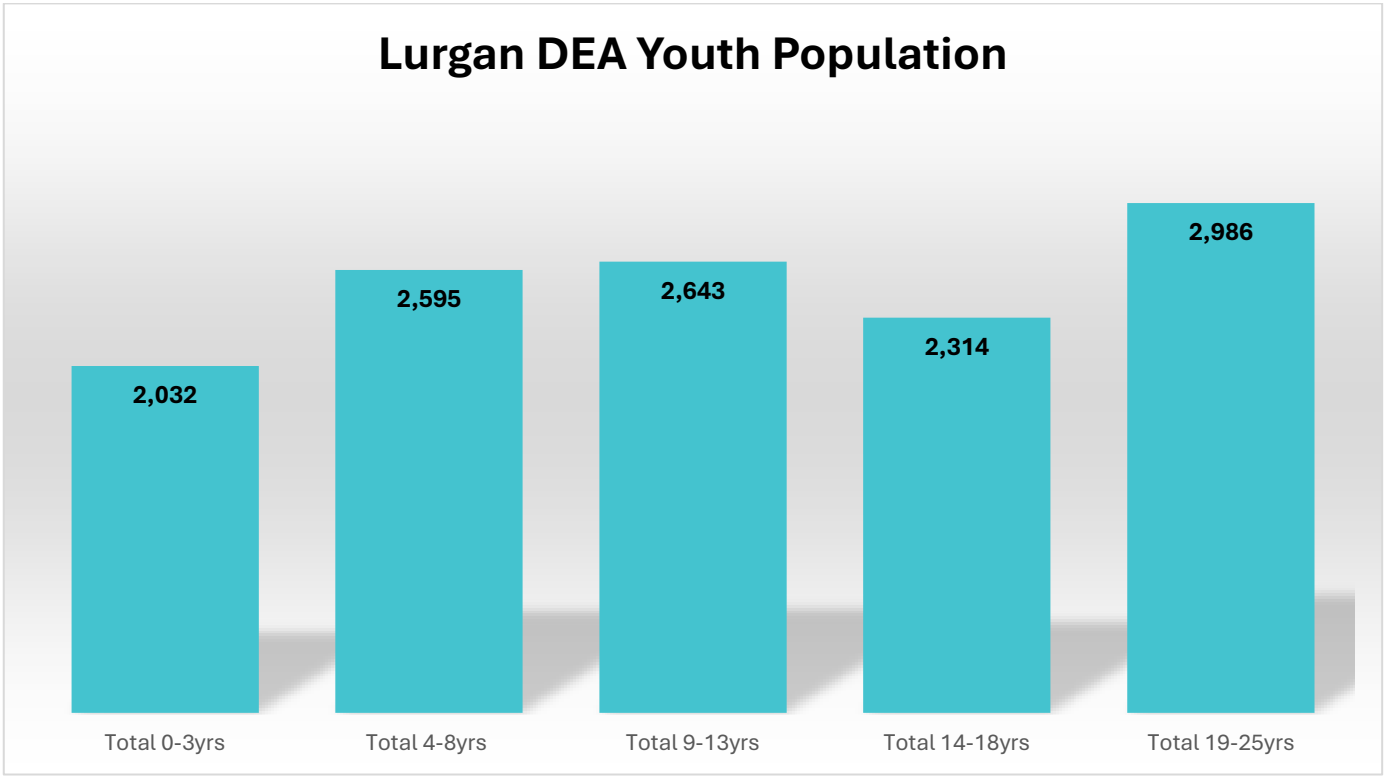
Source: Census 2021

Chart 15: Lagan River DEA Gender breakdown



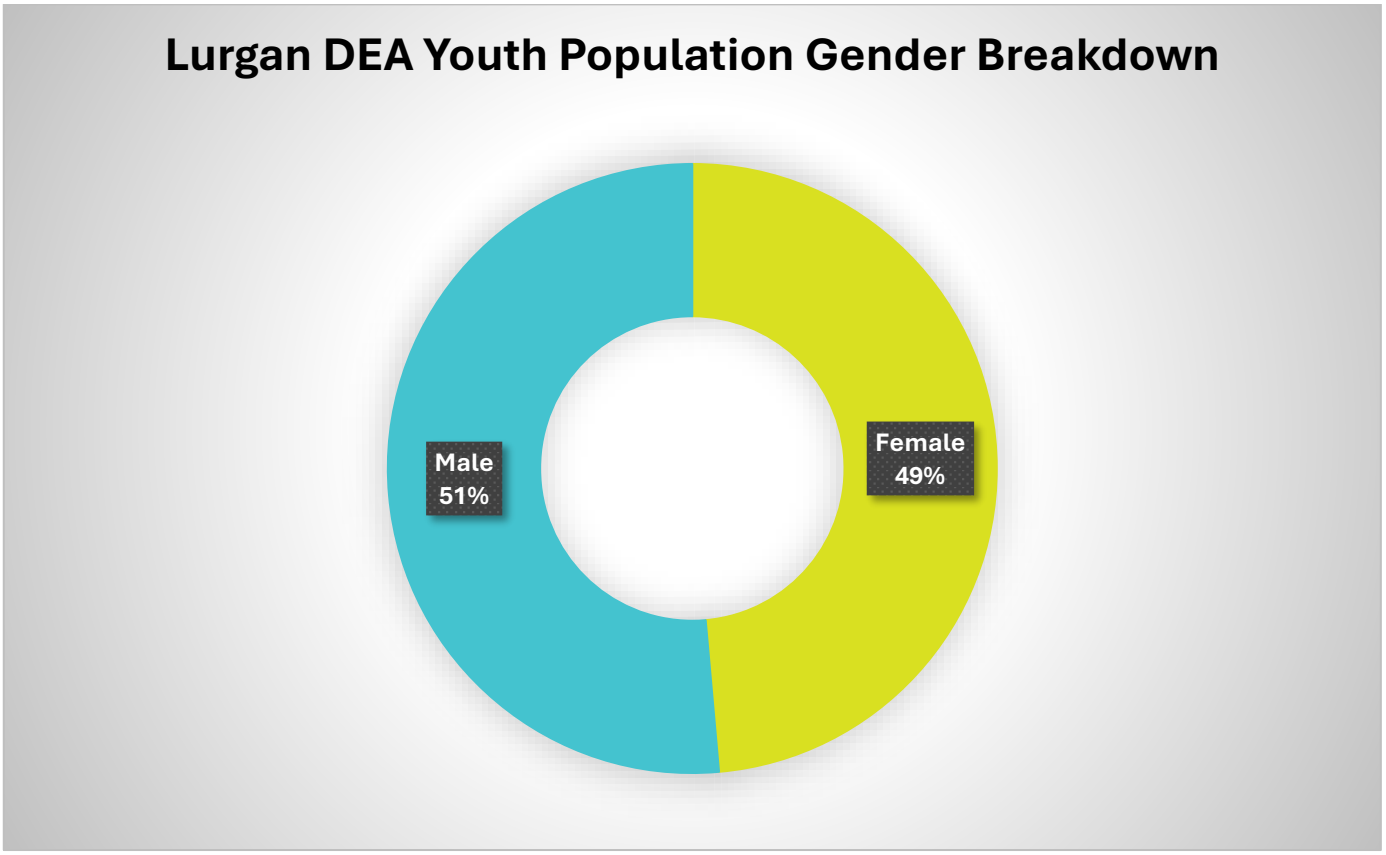
Lurgan DEA

Chart 16: Lurgan DEA youth population 0-25 years



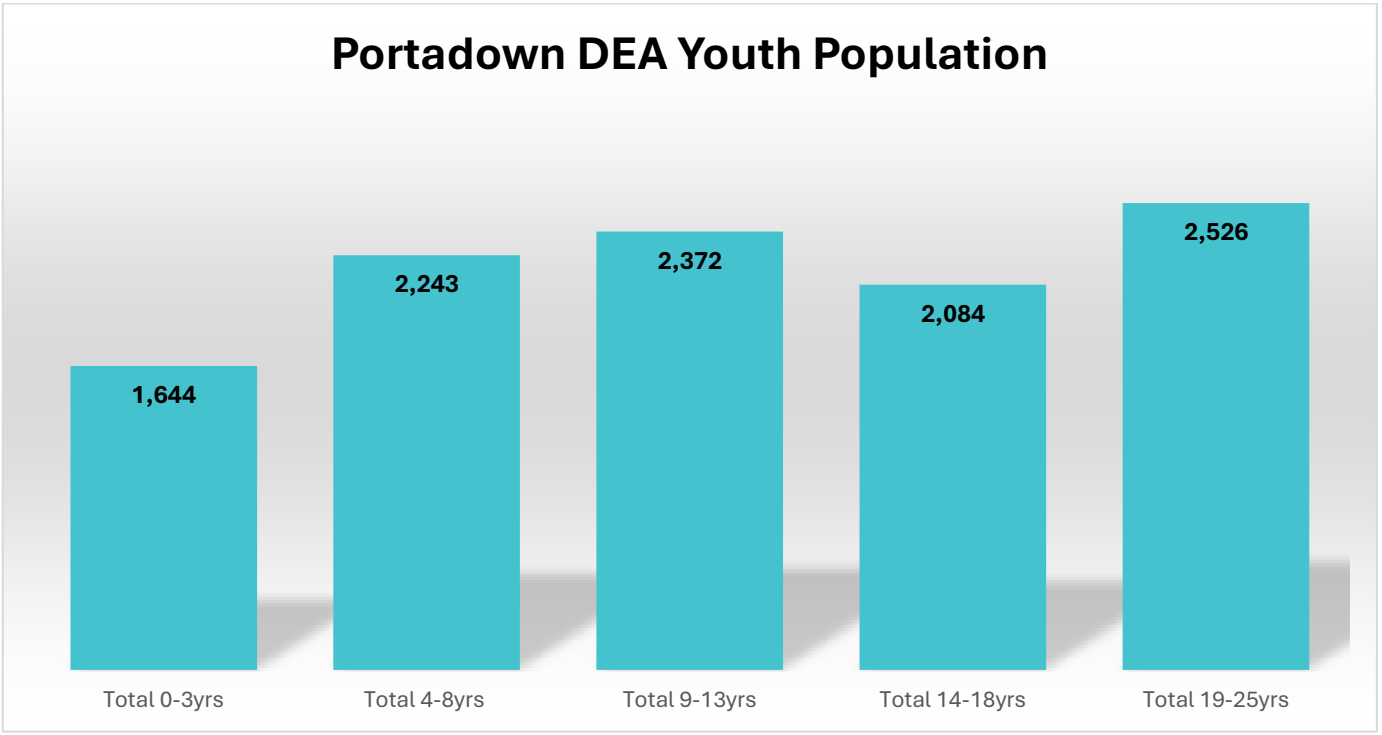
Source: Census 2021

Chart 17: Lurgan DEA Gender breakdown



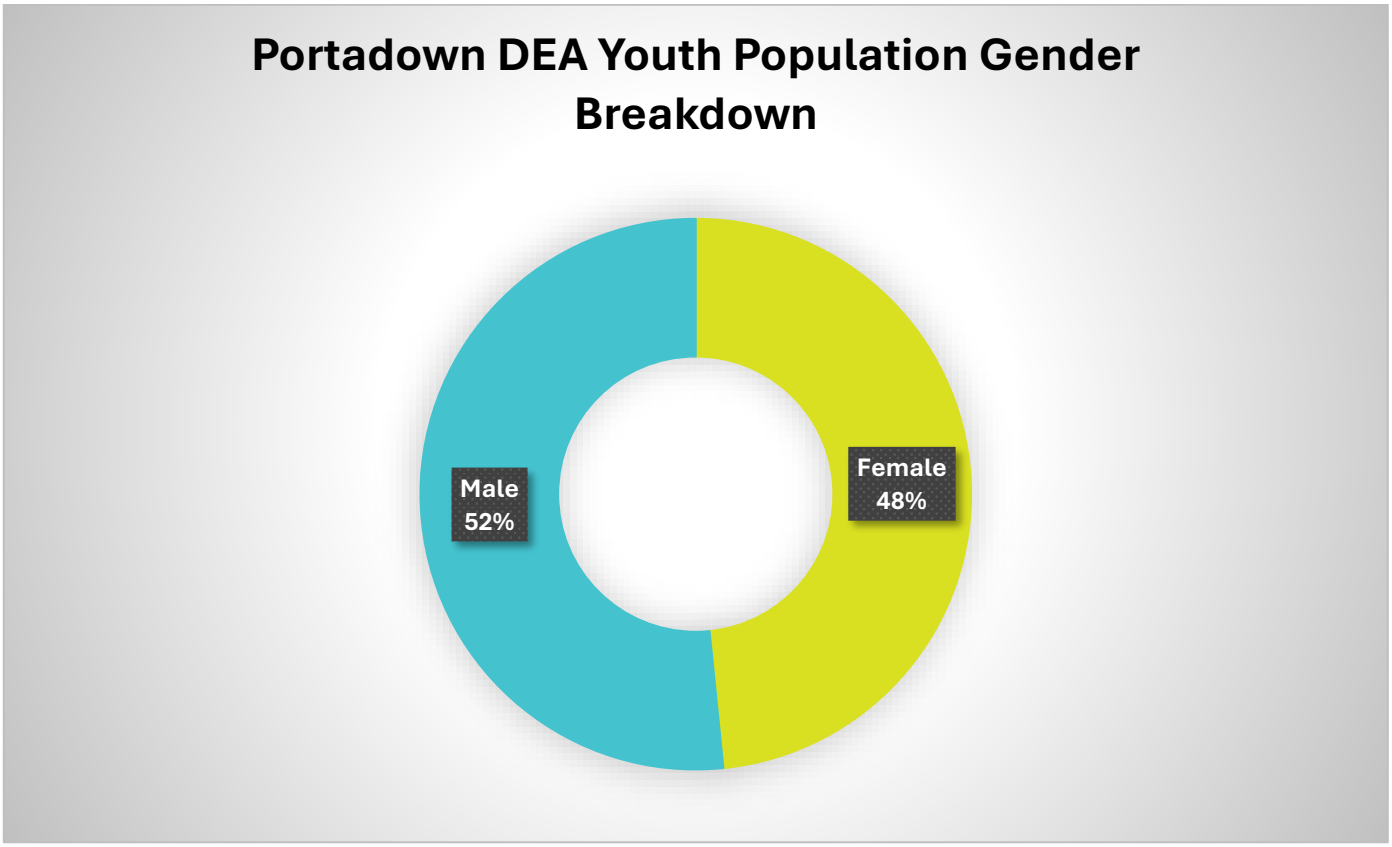
Portadown DEA

Chart 18: Portadown DEA youth population 0-25 years



Source: Census 2021

Chart 19: Portadown DEA Gender breakdown



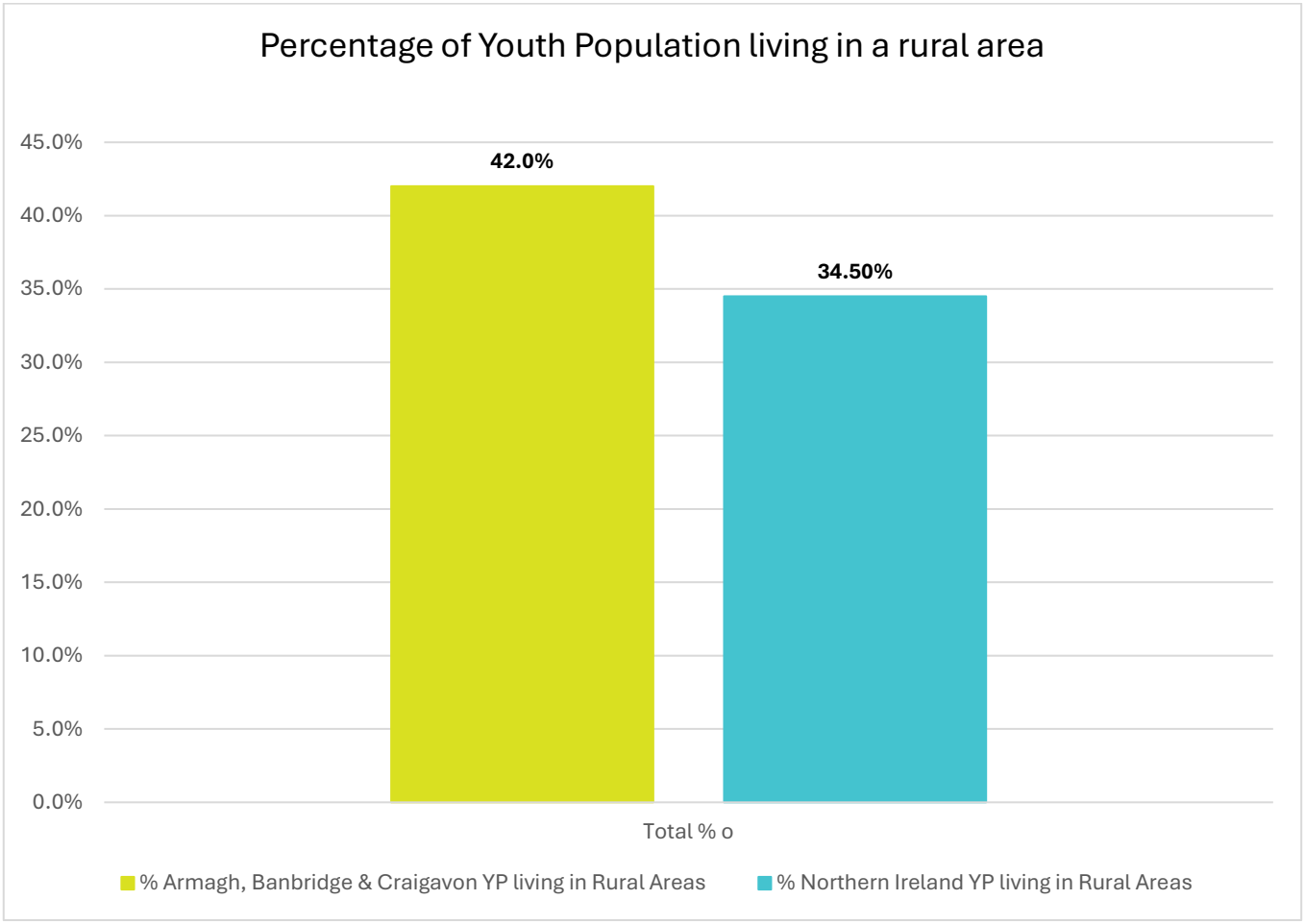
1.5 Rural Living

Table 8: Total number of young people living a rural area in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon

LGD	Aged 0 - 3 years	Aged 4 - 8 years	Aged 9 - 13 years	Aged 14 - 18 years	Aged 19 - 25 years	Total 0-25 years
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon YP	11,139	15,323	15,904	13,989	16,251	72,606
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon YP living in Rural Areas	4,679	6,436	6,680	5,876	6,826	30,495
% Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon YP living in Rural Areas	42%	42%	42%	42%	42%	42%
% Northern Ireland YP living in Rural Areas	34.50%	34.50%	34.50%	34.50%	34.50%	34.50%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 20: Percentage of Youth Population living in a Rural area in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon



1.6 Household Composition

Chart 21: Percentage of population age 0-24 by Household Composition. Household types condensed into four main categories.

(Source: Census 2021)

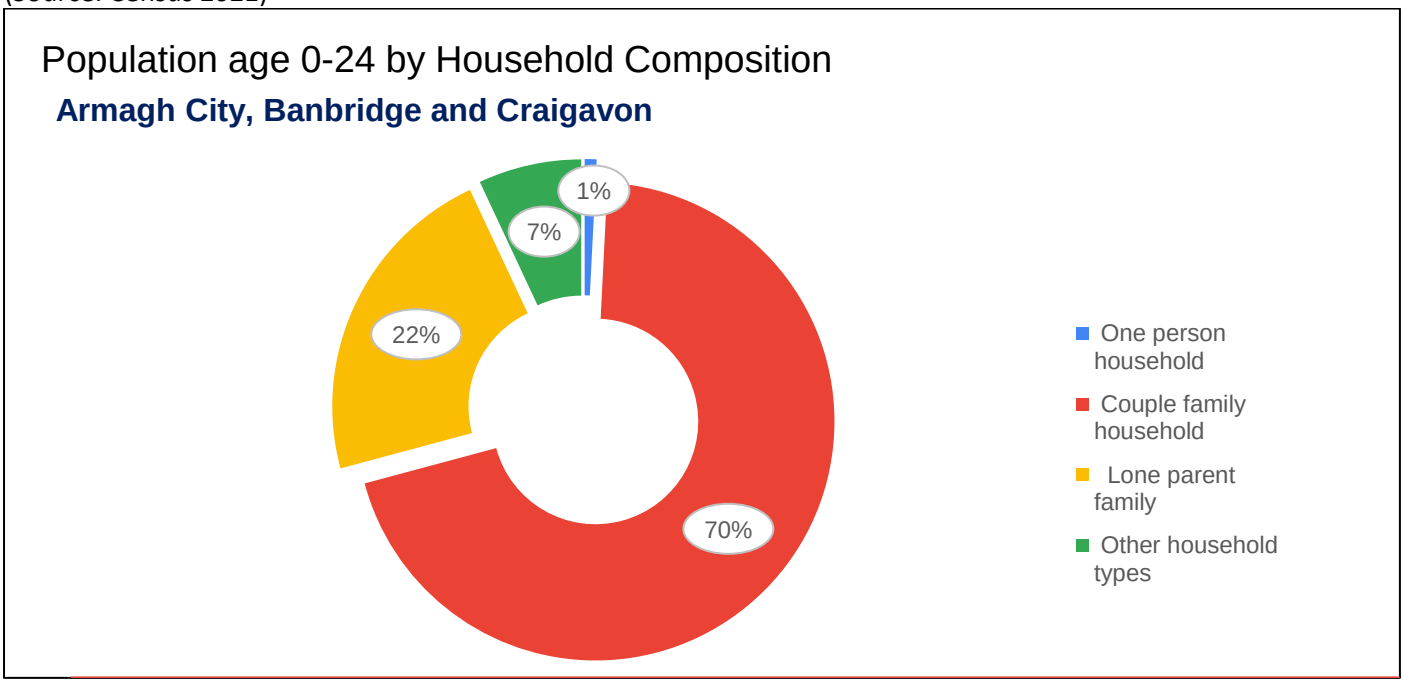


Table 9: Household composition by DEA, counts and percentages of the 0-24 population living in each type of household. Red shading indicates values in the top 20% throughout Northern Ireland for each variable.

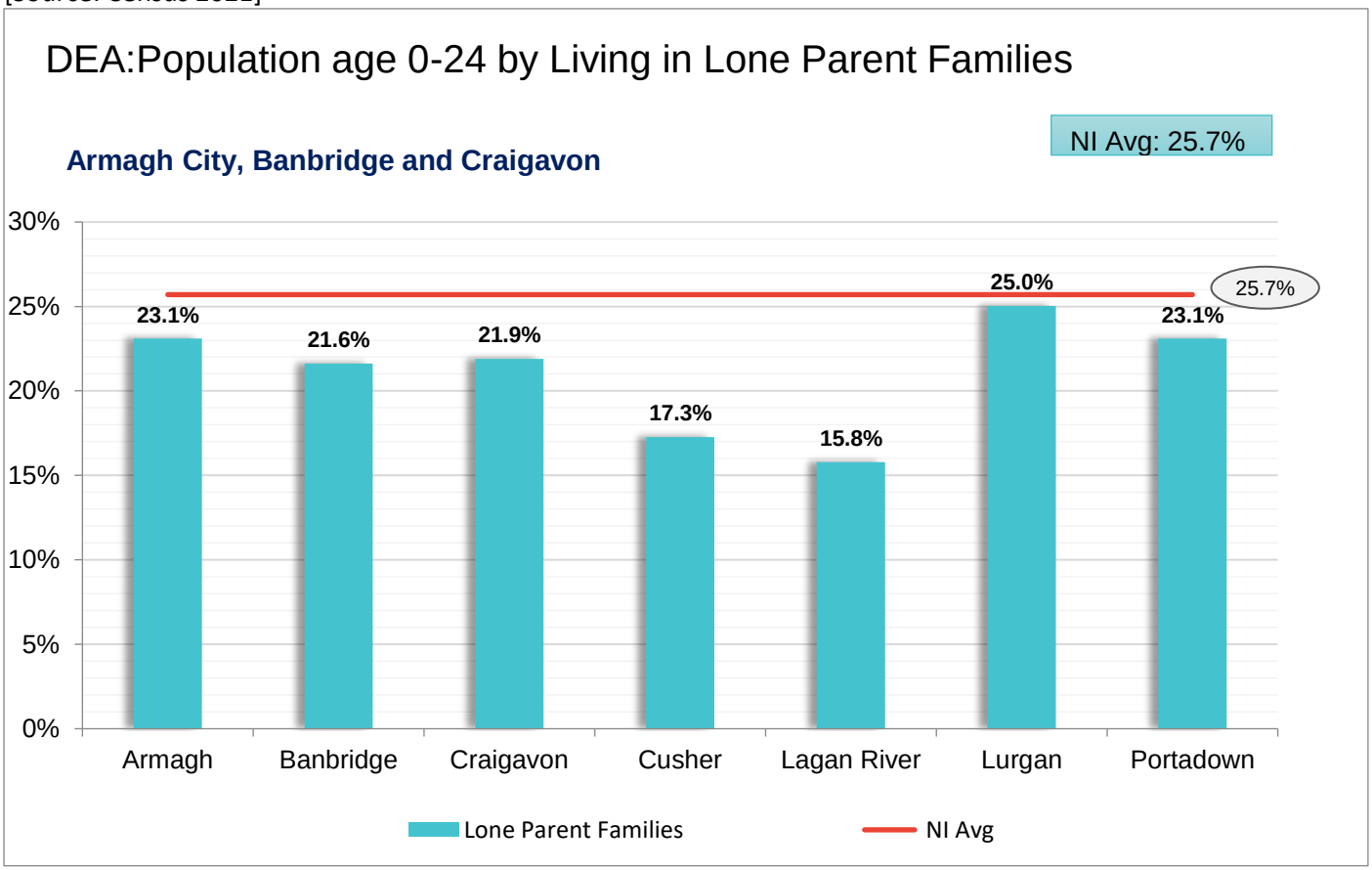
(Source: Census 2021)

DEAs: Household Composition, by % of population age 0-24

DEA	Population age 0-24	One person household	Couple family household	Lone parent family	Other family composition (including all aged 66 and over)	Other household types
Armagh	10,743	0.7%	66.7%	23.1%	0.7%	8.1%
Banbridge	10,725	0.9%	72.6%	21.6%	0.6%	4.2%
Craigavon	9,786	0.7%	69.5%	21.9%	0.5%	7.3%
Cusher	8,508	0.6%	76.4%	17.3%	0.3%	5.4%
Lagan River	7,739	0.5%	78.1%	15.8%	0.3%	5.3%
Lurgan	12,049	0.9%	66.0%	25.0%	0.6%	7.5%
Portadown	10,483	0.8%	64.9%	23.1%	0.7%	10.4%
Northern Ireland	**589,829**	**0.9%**	**62.9%**	**25.7%**	**0.7%**	**8.4%**

Chart 22: Percentage of the population age 0-24 who live in Lone Parent families. This includes dependent children and those aged 0-24 as parents or HHPs (Household Reference Persons).

[Source: Census 2021]



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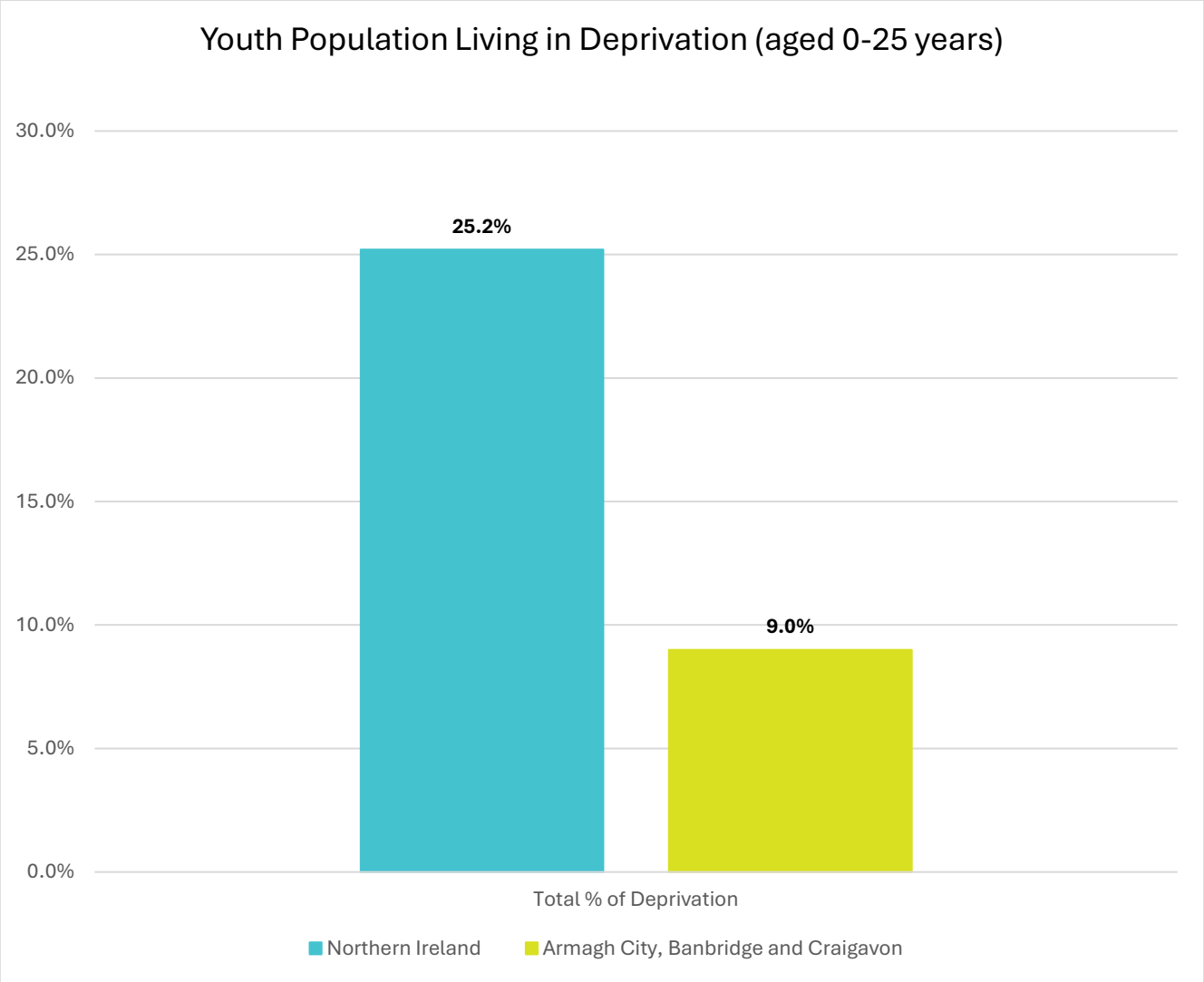
2.1 Deprivation

Table 10: Number of Young People Living in Deprived areas (Aged 0-25 years)

LGD	Aged 0 - 3 years	Aged 4 - 8 years	Aged 9 - 13 years	Aged 14 - 18 years	Aged 19 - 25 years	Total 0 - 25 years	Total % of Deprivation
Northern Ireland	22,556	31,066	32,265	29,387	39,145	154,419	25.20%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	1,003	1,380	1,432	1,260	1,463	6,538	9%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 23: Percentage of Youth Population living in Deprivation



2.2 Dimensions of Household Deprivation (Census 2021)

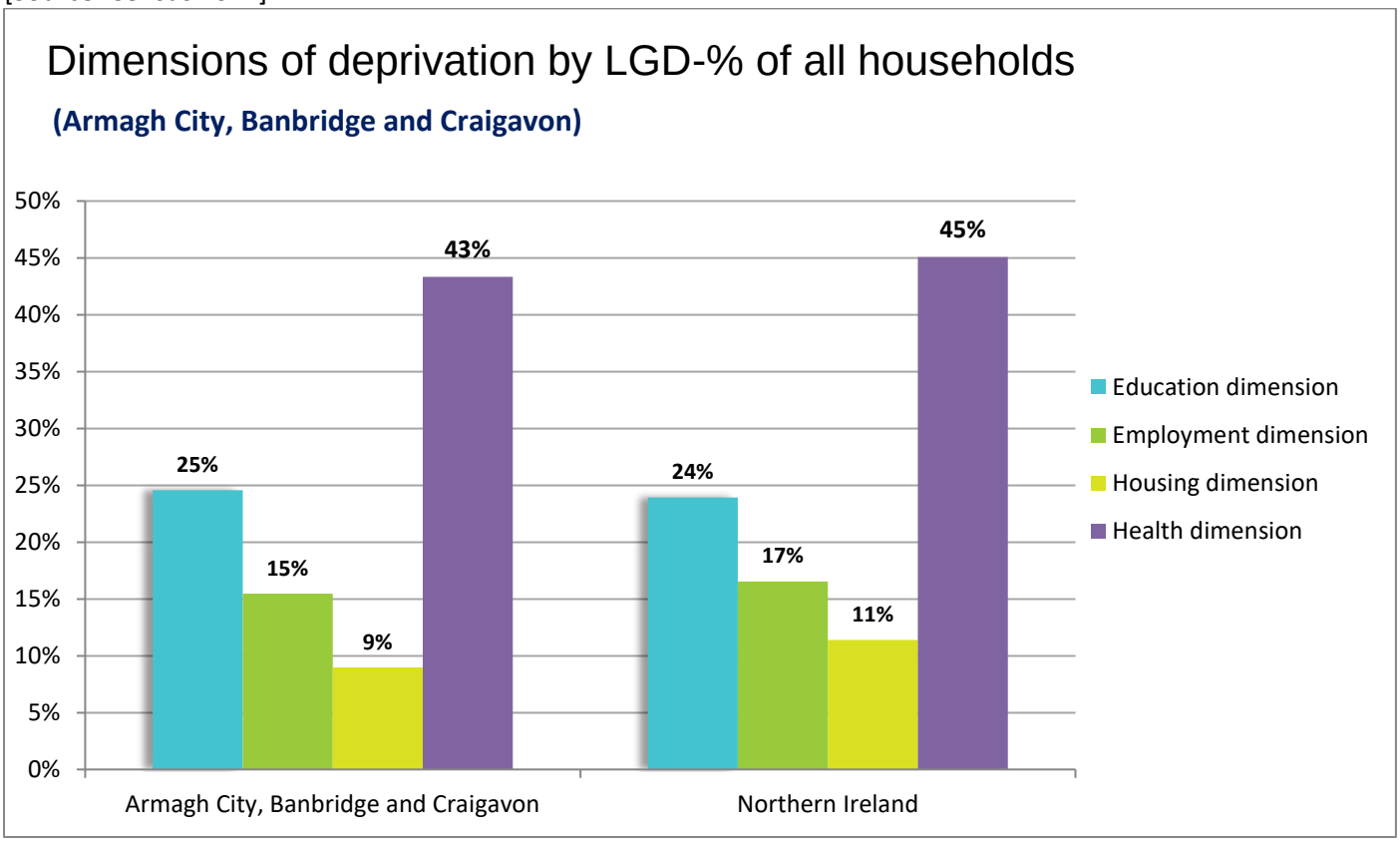
The dimensions of deprivation used to classify households are indicators based on four selected household characteristics using 2021 Census data:

1. **Education** - A household is classified as deprived in the education dimension if no one has at least level 2 education and no one aged 16 to 18 years is a full-time student.
2. **Employment** - A household is classified as deprived in the employment dimension if any member, not a full-time student, is either unemployed or economically inactive due to long-term sickness or disability.
3. **Housing** - A household is classified as deprived in the housing dimension if the household's accommodation is either overcrowded or has no central heating.
4. **Health** - A household is classified as deprived in the health dimension if any person in the household has a health problem or disability lasting or expected to last 12 months or more that reduces their ability to carry out day to day activities and/or who has general health that is bad or very bad.

2.2.1 Dimensions of Household Deprivation, Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon

Chart 24: Percentage of households that are deprived in each dimension for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon.

[Source: Census 2021]



2.2.2 Dimensions of Household Deprivation, by DEA

Chart 25: Percentage of households that are deprived in the Education dimension, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

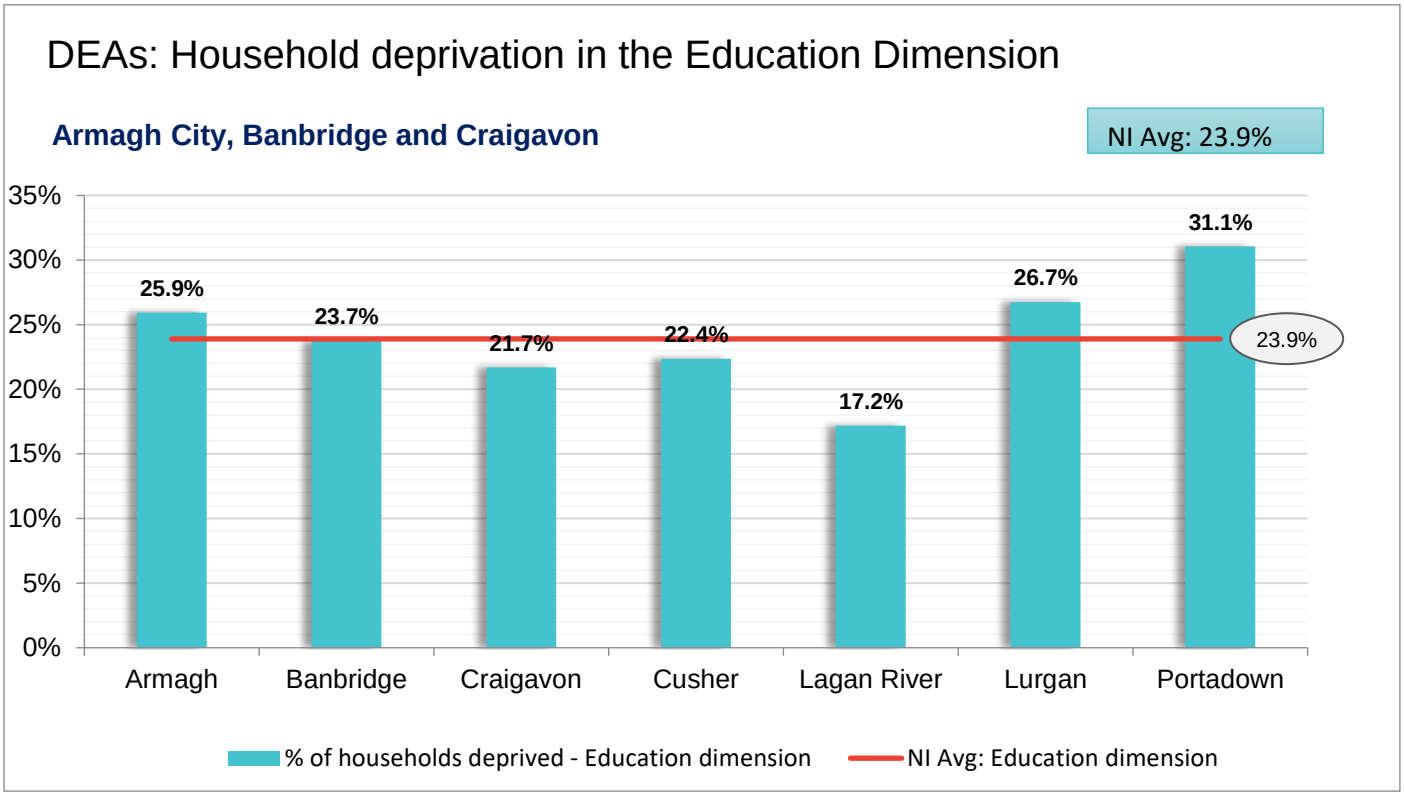


Chart 26: Percentage of households that are deprived in the Employment dimension, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

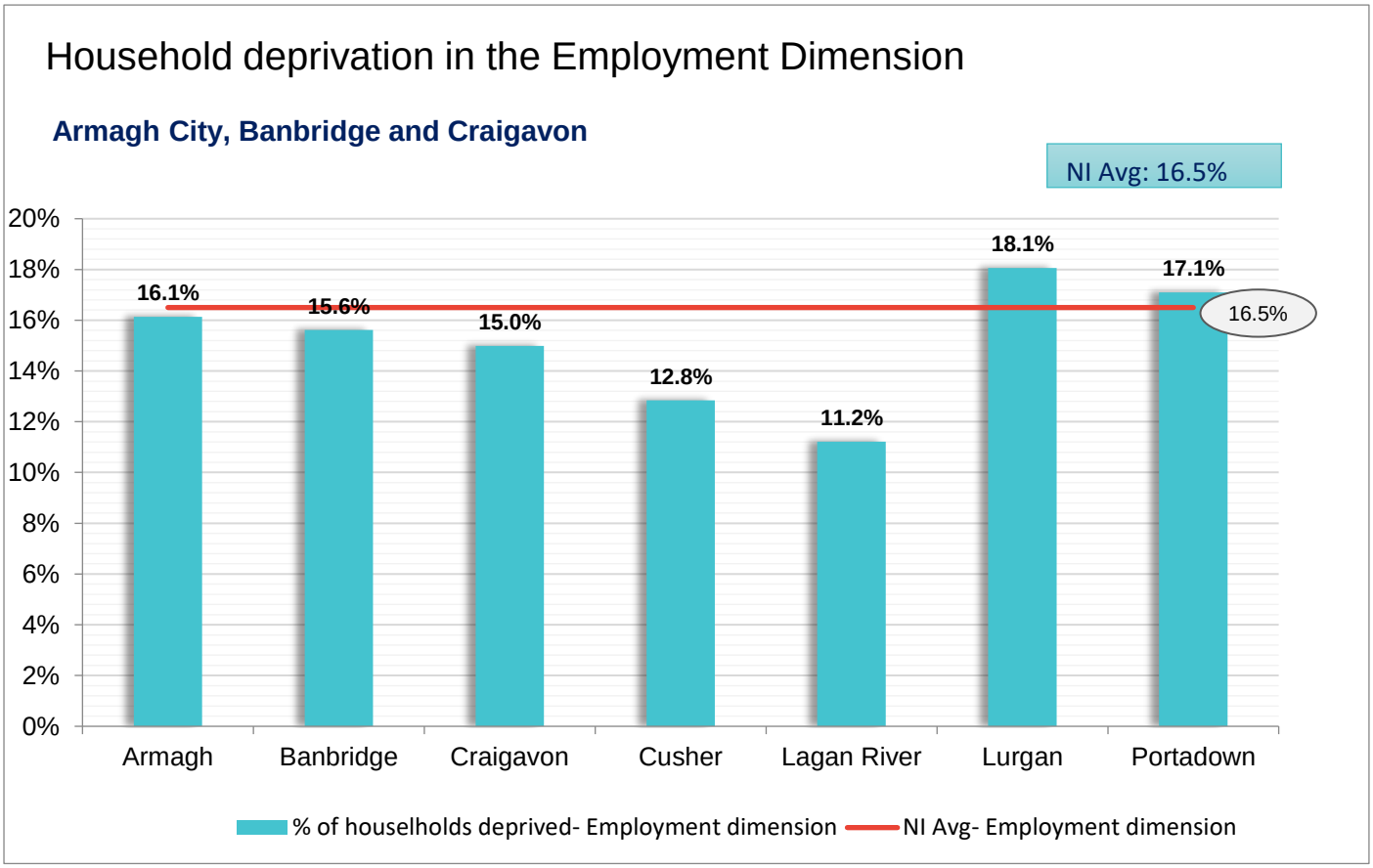


Chart 27: Percentage of households that are deprived in the Housing dimension, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

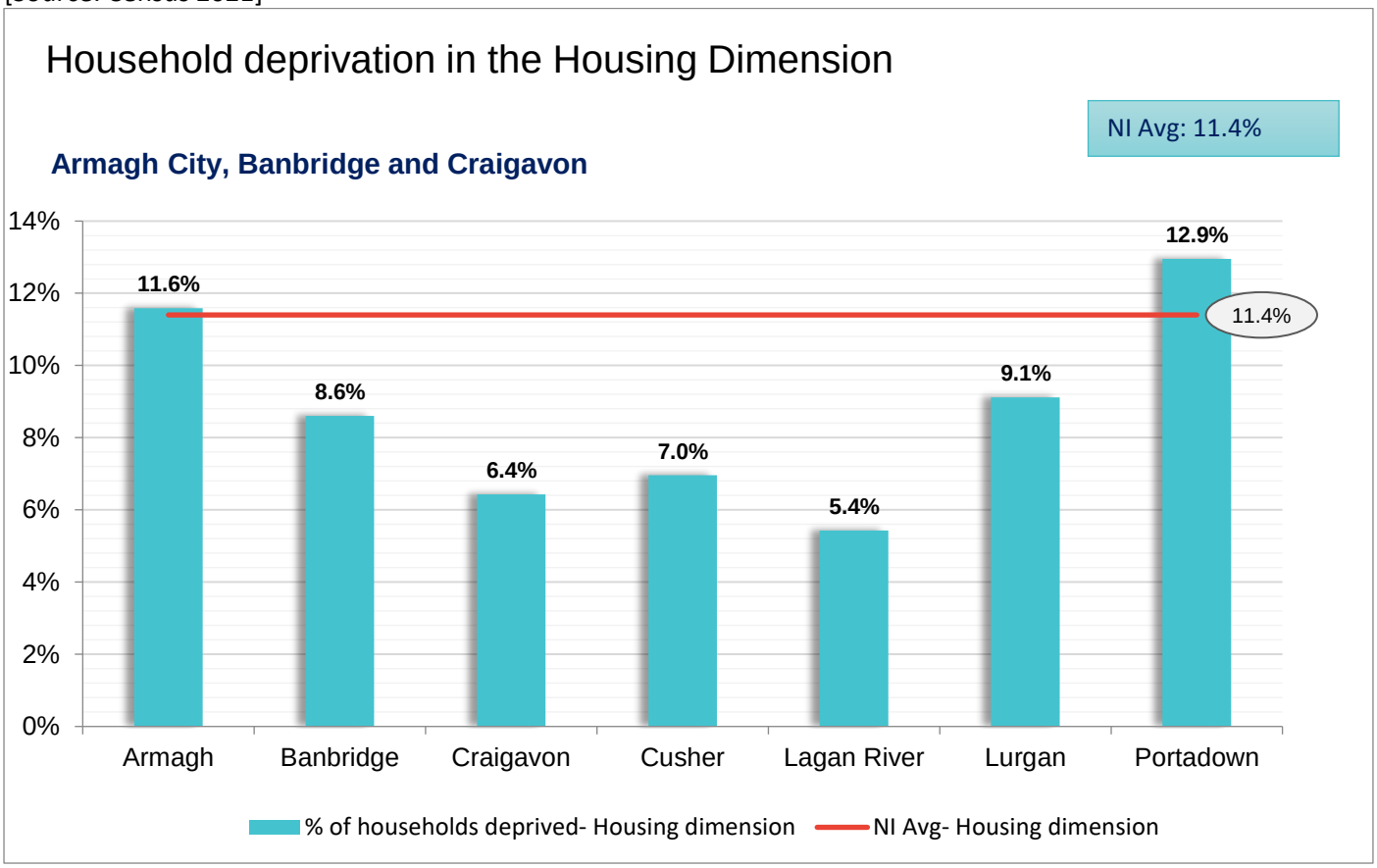
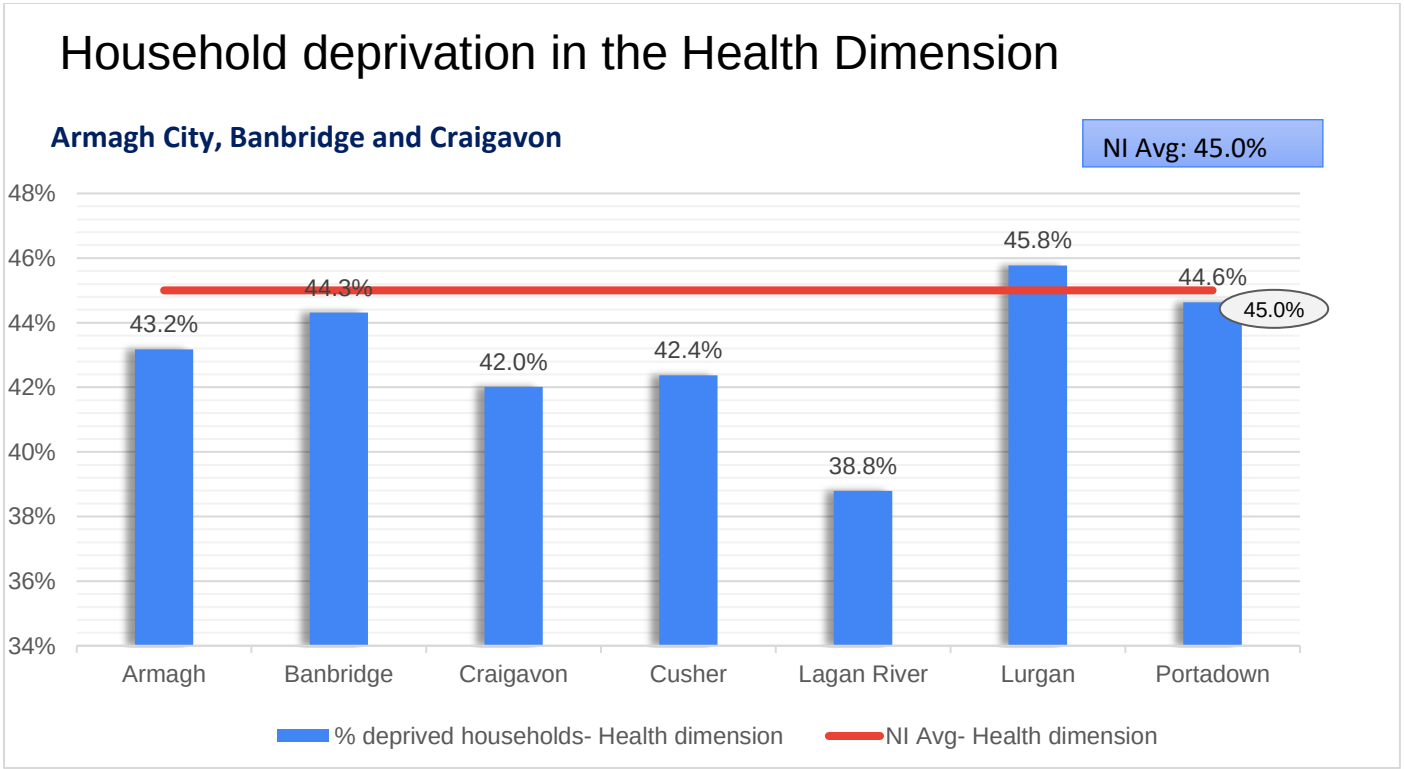


Chart 28: Percentage of households that are deprived in the Housing dimension, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]



2.3 Social Grade

The 2021 Census has classified households based on approximated social grade using the occupational status of the Household Reference Person, as follows:

- AB: Higher and intermediate managerial, administrative and professional occupations
- C1: Supervisory, clerical, and junior managerial, administrative and professional occupations
- C2: Skilled manual occupations
- D and E: Semi-skilled and unskilled manual occupations; unemployed and lowest grade occupations

Chart 29: Social Grades D and E represents low social grade and a proxy measure of socio-economic deprivation.

[Source: Census 2021]

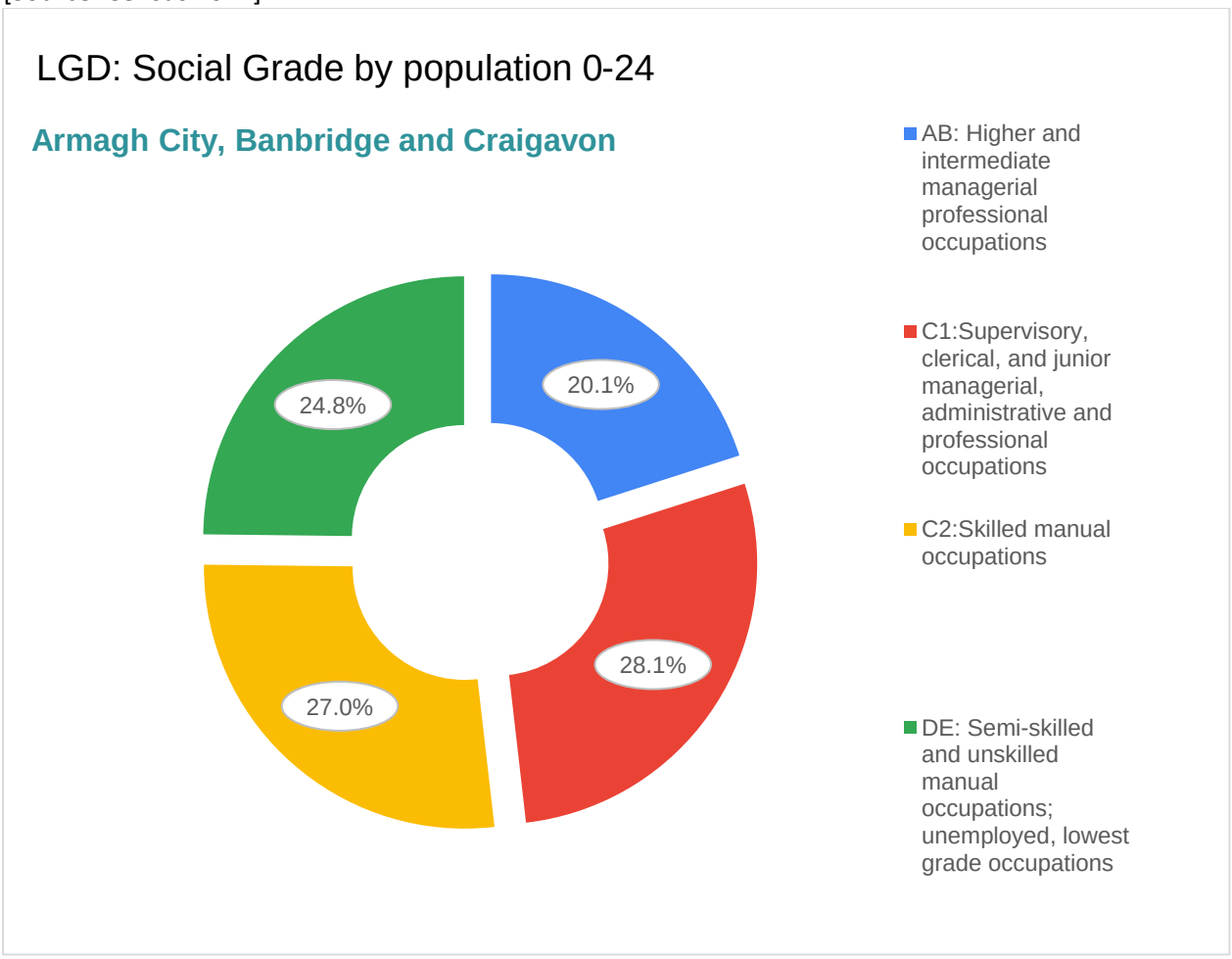


Chart 30: Counts of population with percentage representation age 0-24 living in households classified by social grade, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

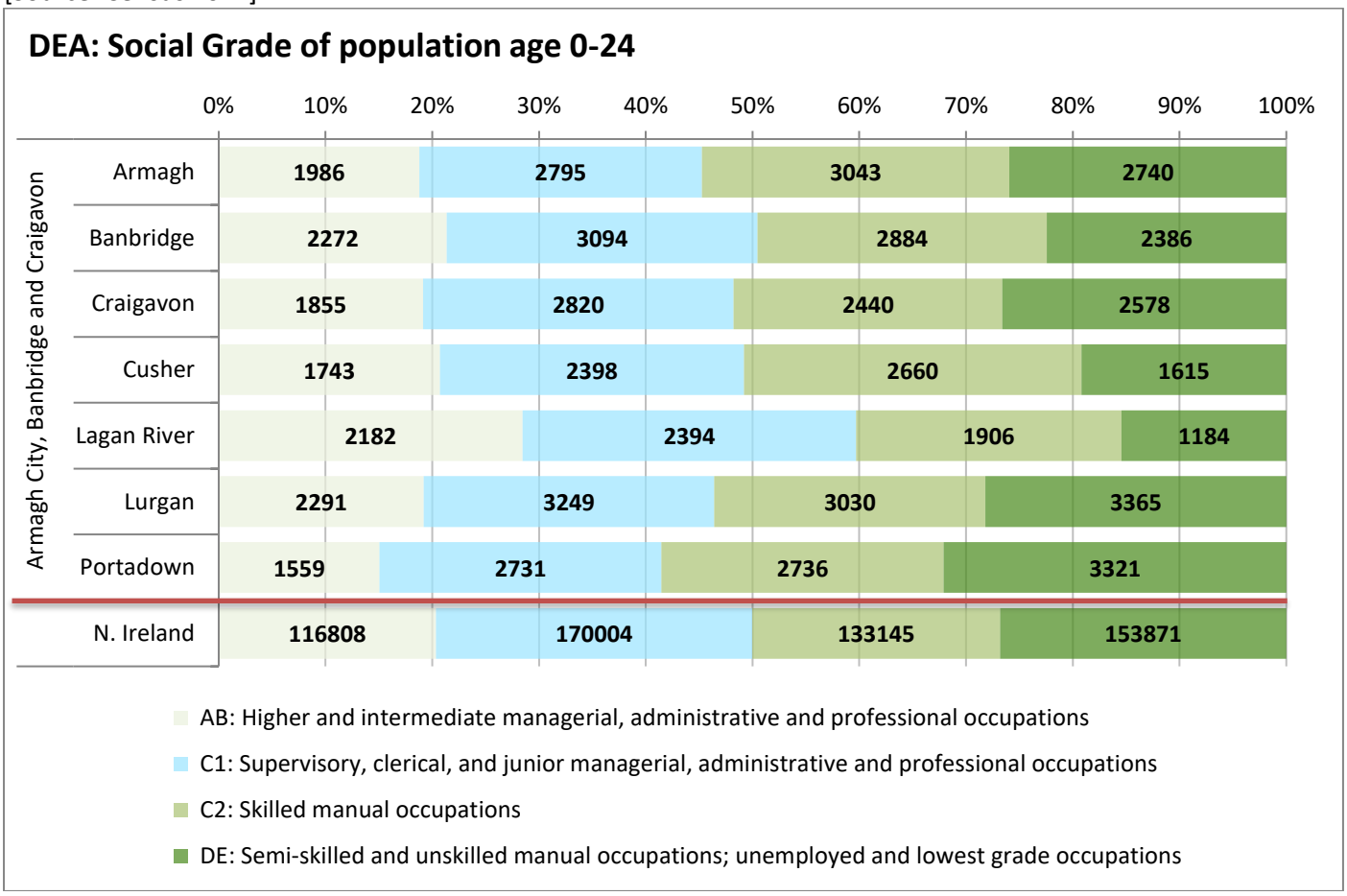
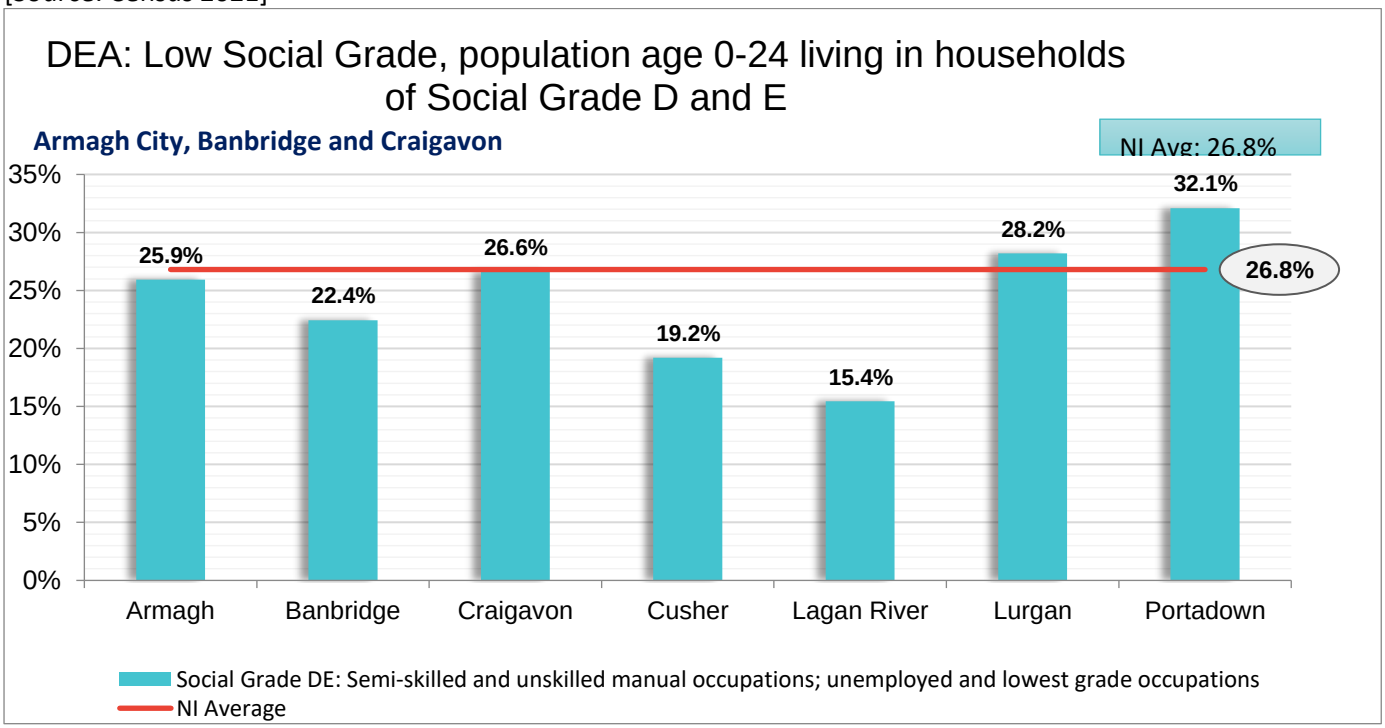


Chart 31: Percentage of the population age 0-24 living in households of Low social grade (Social Grades D & E), by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]



2.4 Adult unemployment

Chart 32: Percentage of households that do not have at least one adult in employment in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon. A comparison between all households and only those that contain dependent children is shown [Source Census 2021].

A dependent child is a person aged 0 to 15 in a household (whether or not in a family) or aged 16 to 18 in full-time education and living in a family with his or her parent(s) or grandparent(s). It does not include any children who have a spouse, partner or child living in the household.

[Source: Census 2021]

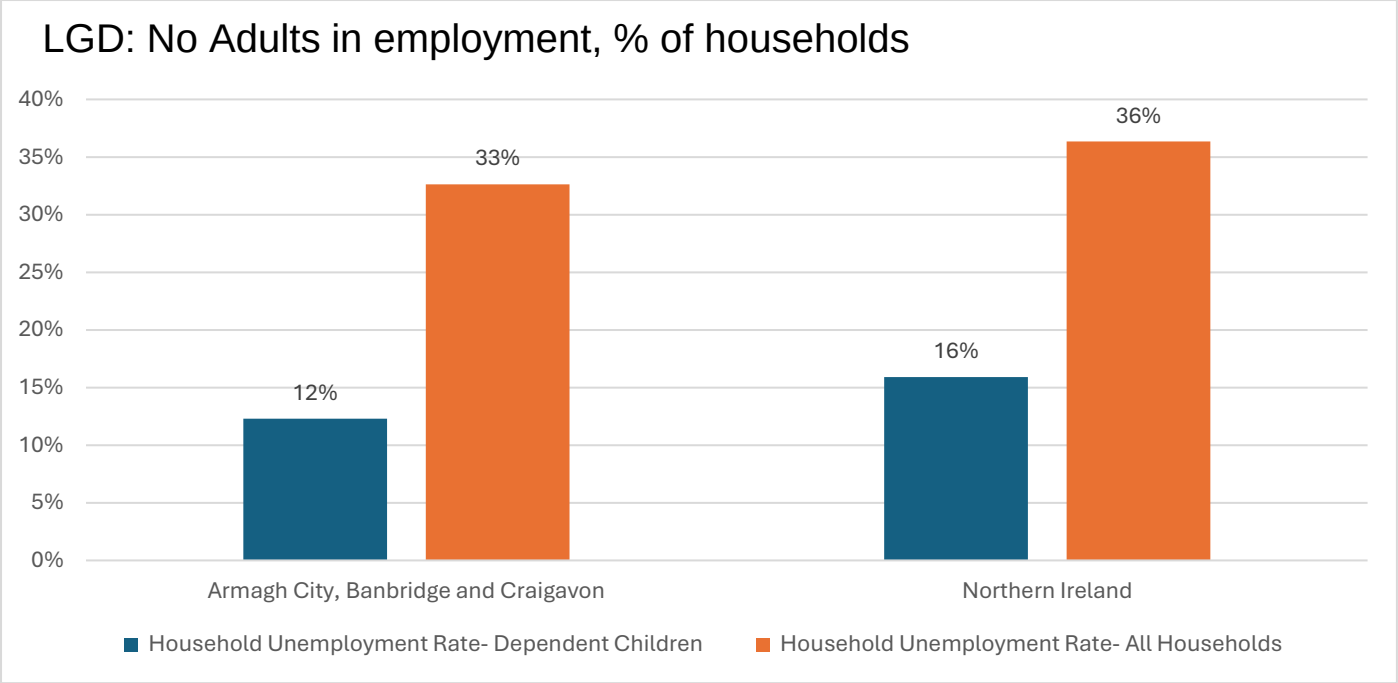
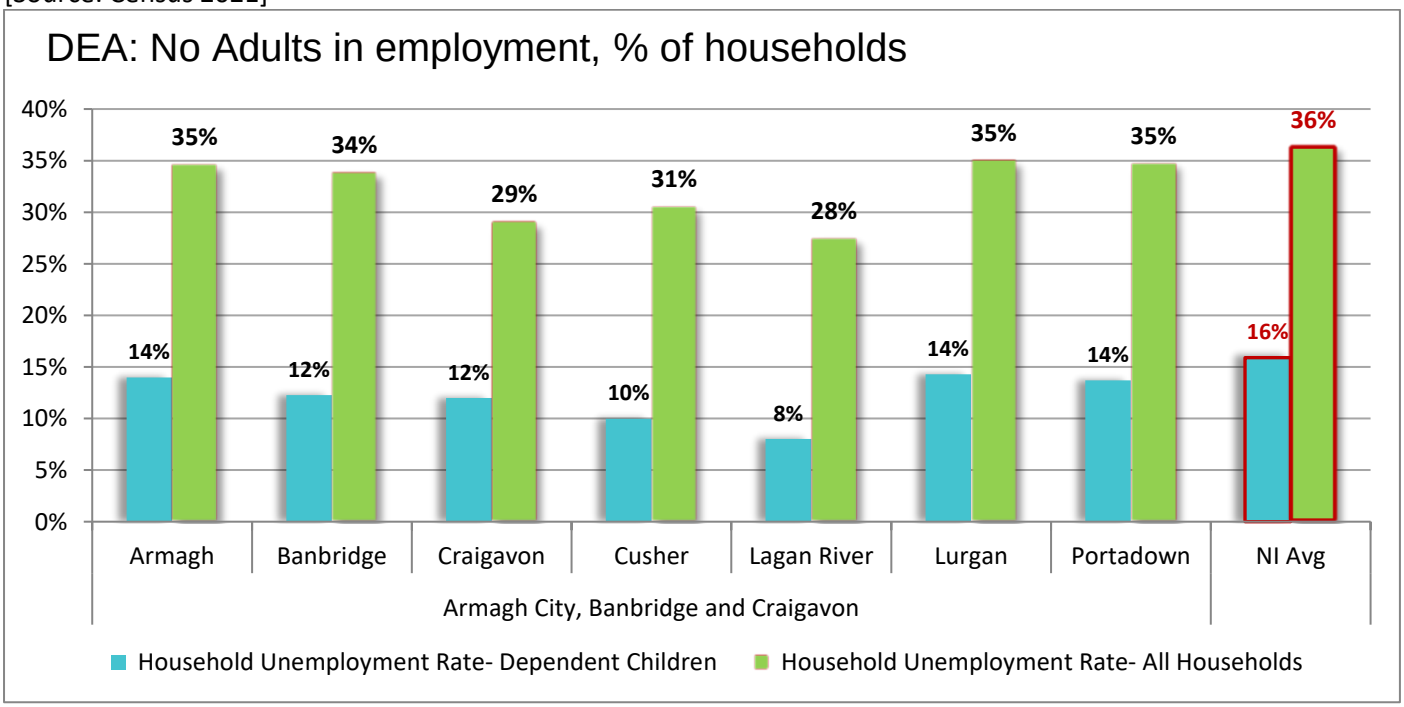


Chart 33: Percentage of households that do not have at least one adult in employment in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon, by DEA. A comparison between all households and only those that contain dependent children is shown.

[Source: Census 2021]



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2.5 Lack of access to independent household transport

LGD/NI Table Percentage of the 0-24 population in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon who live in households where no cars or vans are owned or are available for use by household members compared with all households where no cars or vans are available for use.

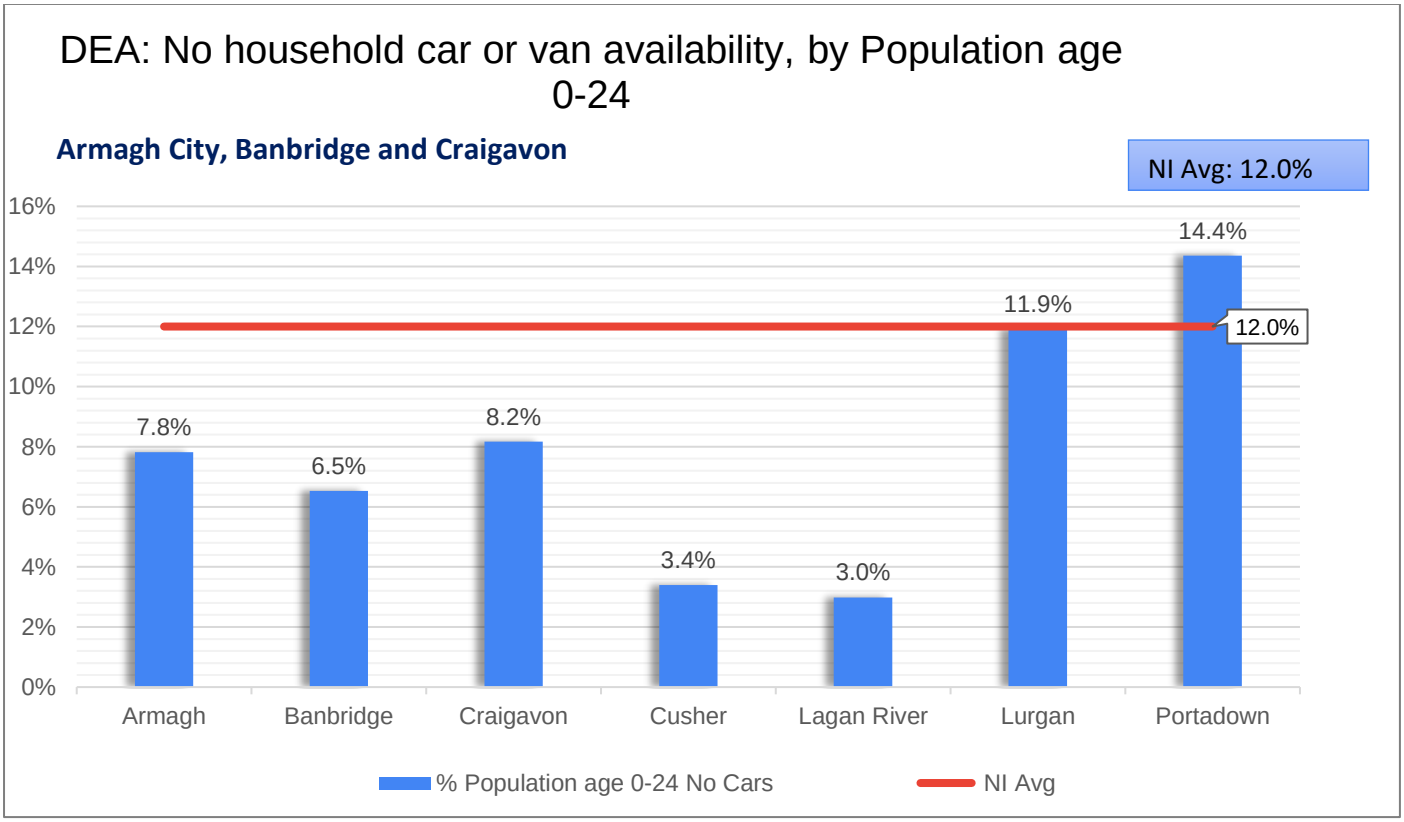
Table 11: Lack of access to independent household transport

No car or van availability, by LGD				
LGD	Count: All households with No cars or vans available	Count: Pop 0-24 living in households with no cars or vans available	Percent: No cars or vans available- All Households %	Percent: No cars or vans available- Pop 0-24
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	13,119	70,033	15.5%	8.3%
Northern Ireland	**150,289**	**70,594**	19.5%	12.0%

[Source: Census 2021]

Chart 34: Percentage of the 0-24 population in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD who live in households where no cars or vans are owned or are available for use by household members, by DEA.

[Source: Census 2021]



2.6 Housing Tenure

Chart 35: Percentage of households in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD by housing tenure.
[Source: Census 2021]

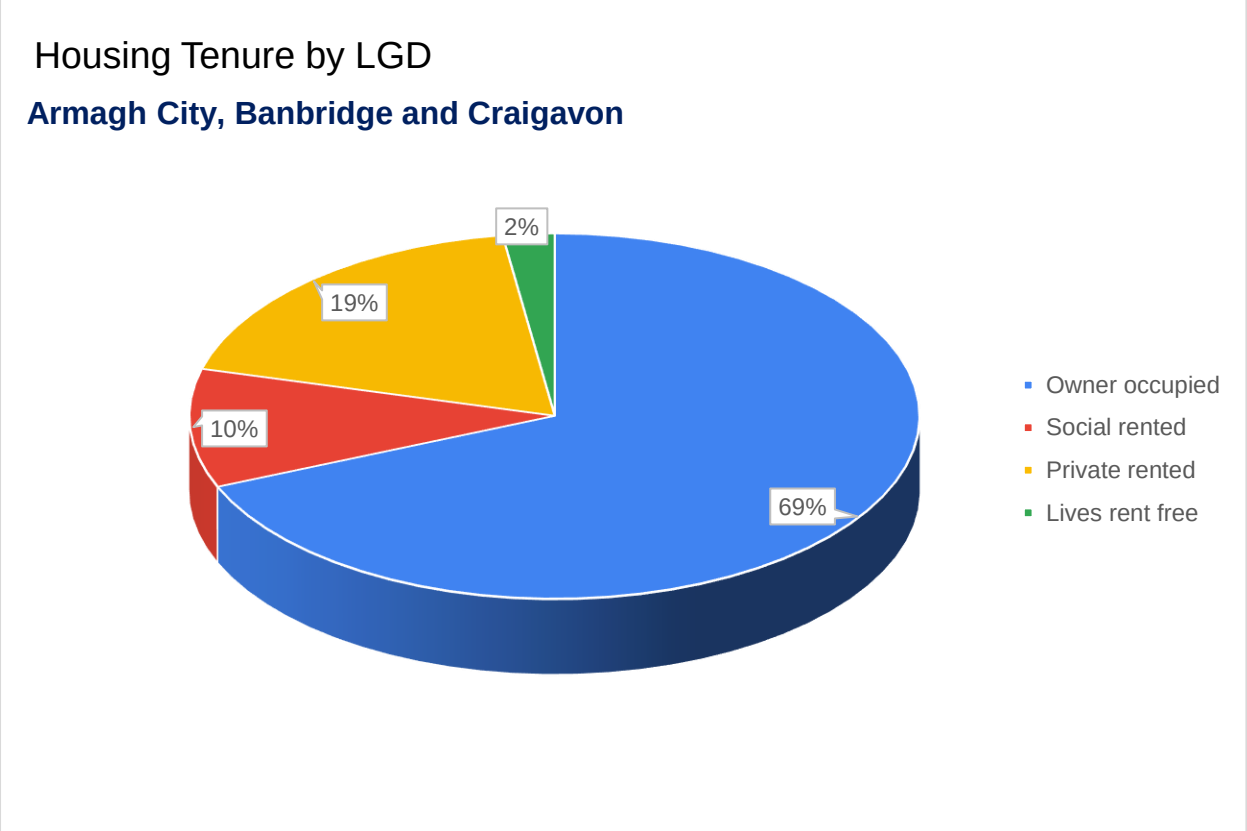
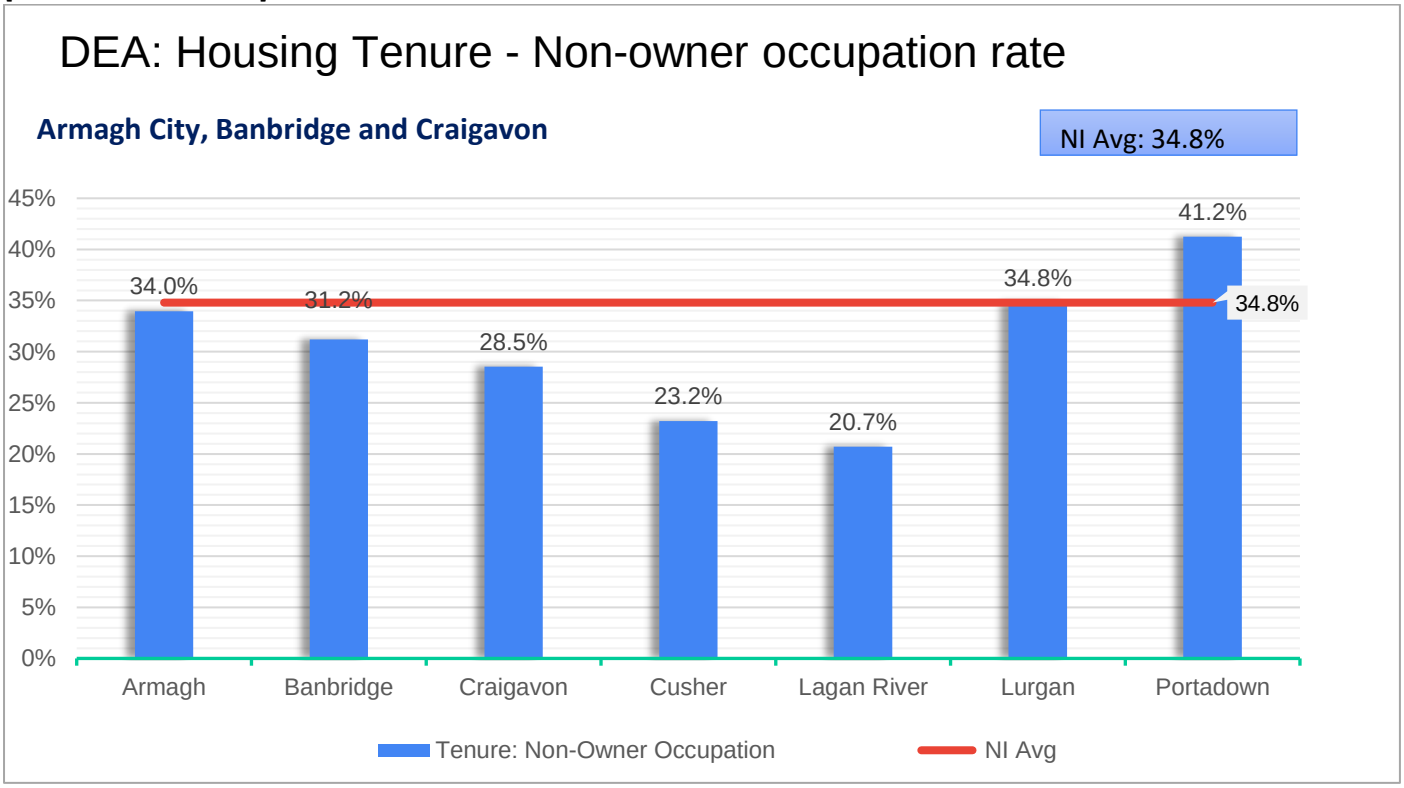


Chart 36: Percentage of households in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD by that are non-owner occupied (private rented, social rented and rent free), by DEA.

[Source: Census 2021]



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2.7 Child Poverty

Children in Poverty

The proportion of children in relative poverty (Before Housing Costs) is estimated to be 24% (approximately 109,000) in 2022/23, which is higher than the estimate of 18% in 2021/22. This is a statistically significant increase. Children living in absolute poverty rose from 15% to 19% (approximately 86,000), over the same period.[1]

Over the last ten years, the proportion of children in relative poverty (Before Housing Costs) has fluctuated between a high of 25% in 2014/15 and a low of 18% in 2021/22. The proportion of children in absolute poverty (Before Housing Costs) shows a decreasing trend between 2012/13 and 2017/18 before beginning to fluctuate in more recent years.

The long-term trend shows that children are at a higher risk of living in poverty than the overall Northern Ireland population in both relative and absolute measures.[2]

Relative Poverty

In 2022/23 18% of individuals in NI (approximately 349,000), were considered to be in relative poverty (BHC), an increase from 16% in 2021/22.

An individual is considered to be in relative poverty if they are living in a household with an equivalised income below 60% of UK median income in the year in question.

This is a measure of whether those in the lowest income households are keeping pace with the growth of incomes in the population as a whole.

In 2022/23 the relative poverty threshold for a couple with no children was an income of £373 per week (Before Housing Costs) from all sources. For a couple with children the threshold would be higher and for a single person (without children) the threshold would be lower (£250).

What is Absolute Poverty

In 2022/23 14% of individuals in NI (approximately 271,000), were considered to be in absolute poverty (Before Housing Costs), an increase from 13% in 2021/22.

An individual is considered to be in absolute poverty if they are living in a household with an equivalised income below 60% of the (inflation adjusted) UK median income in 2010/11.

This is a measure of whether those in the lowest income households are seeing their incomes rise in real terms.

In 2022/23 the absolute poverty threshold for a couple with no children was an income of £347 per week Before Housing Costs (). For a couple with children the threshold would be higher and for a single person (without children) the threshold would be lower (£232).

[1] https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/news/northern-ireland-poverty-and-income-inequality-report-2022-23-released#:~:text=Children%20%2D%20Poverty%20(Before%20Housing%20Costs,19%25%20over%20the%20same%20period.
[2] https://datavis.nisra.gov.uk/communities/PII_report_2223.html

SECTION 3.0 EDUCATION

3.1 GCSE Examination Results 2022/23

The table below shows the proportion of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents) and the number of pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents) incl. GCSE English and maths for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD in academic year 2022/2023.

Table 12: GCSE examination performance Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon 2022/23

Local Government District	Number of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents)	% of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents)	Number of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents) incl. GCSE English and maths	% of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents) incl. GCSE English and maths
Northern Ireland Average	1,738	89.8%	1485	76.1%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	2,033	90.1%	1,693	75.0%

Source: DE school census 2022/23

Table 13: Education attainment by school – year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs grades A*-C (including equivalents) and 5+ GCSE's including English and GCSE maths academic year 2022/23.

School Name	DEA	% year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs grades A*-C (including equivalents)	% year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs grades A*-C (including equivalents) including GCSE English and GCSE maths
City of Armagh High School	Armagh	68.5%	33.3%
Craigavon Senior High School	Craigavon	79.8%	55.0%
Lismore Comprehensive School	Craigavon	78.8%	58.7%
St Ronan's College	Lurgan	81.2%	61.6%
St John the Baptist College	Portadown	100.0%	66.3%
St Patrick's High School	Armagh	90.3%	72.1%
New-Bridge Integrated College	Banbridge	89.8%	72.2%
St Patrick's College	Banbridge	94.2%	73.3%
Rathfriland High School	Banbridge	96.9%	73.4%
Northern Ireland	**NI Average**	**89.8%**	**76.1%**
Markethill High School	Cusher	86.2%	77.0%
St Catherine's College	Armagh	100.0%	85.6%
The Royal School Armagh	Armagh	99.0%	97.1%
Portadown College	Portadown	100.0%	99.5%
Banbridge Academy	Banbridge	100.0%	100.0%
Lurgan College	Lurgan	100.0%	100.0%

Source: DE school census 2022/23

3.2 A Level Examination Results 2022/23

The table below shows the proportion of pupils achieving 3+ A-levels grades A*-C (including equivalents) and the number of pupils achieving 2+ A-levels grades A*-E (including equivalents) in academic year 2022/2023.

Table 14: Education attainment for A-level pupils 2022/23 by school

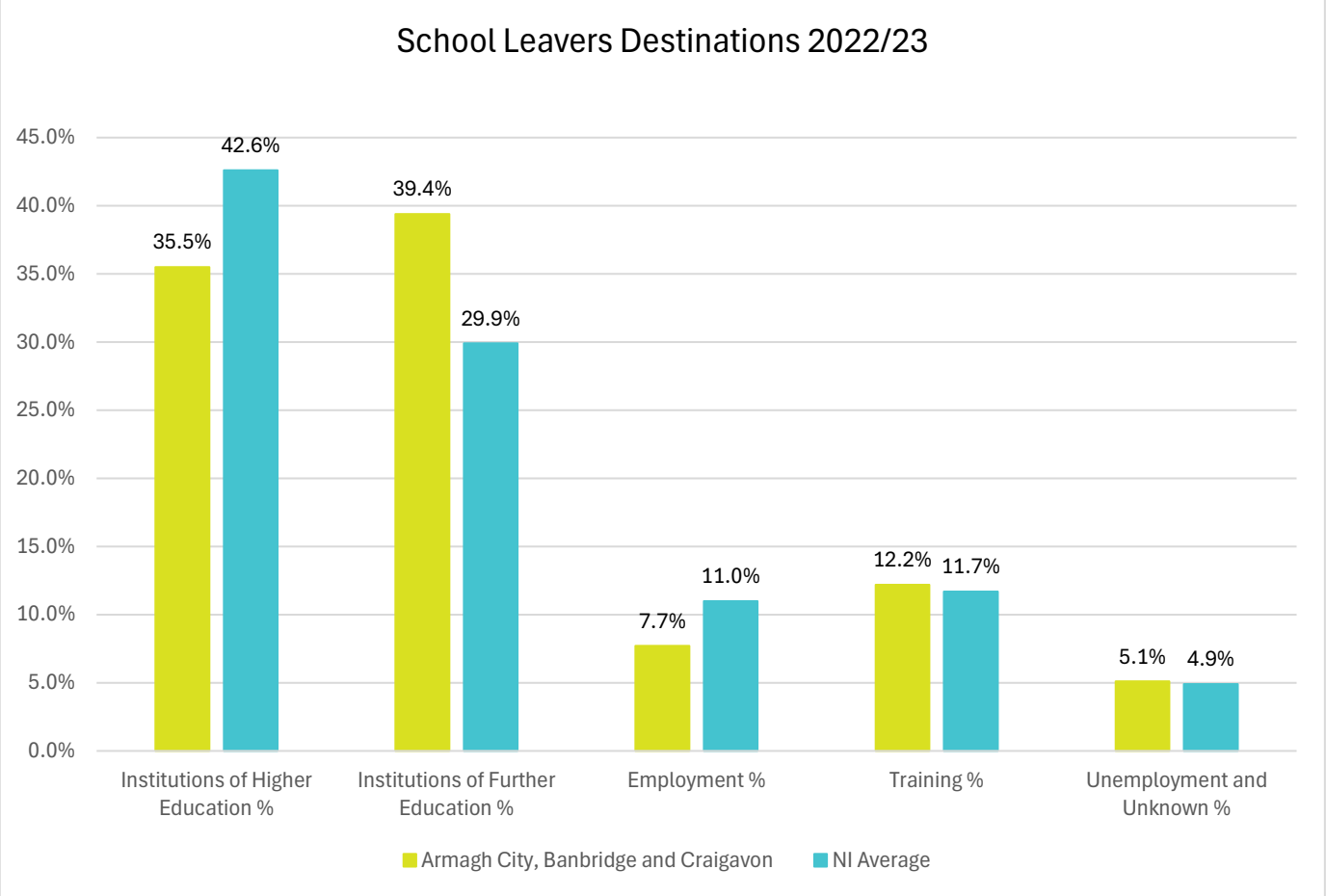
School Name	DEA	No. of pupils in the final year of an A-level (or equivalent) course eligible for inclusion in SAER returns	% of pupils in the final year of a level 3 course achieving 3+ A-levels grades A*-C (including equivalents)	% of pupils in the final year of a level 3 course achieving 2+ A-levels grades A*-E (including equivalents)
Northern Ireland	**NI Average**		**42.1%**	**56.2%**
Lismore Comprehensive School	Craigavon	94	61.7%	95.7%
St Patrick's High School	Armagh	66	65.2%	98.5%
St Ronan's College	Lurgan	169	71.6%	97.6%
St Patrick's College	Banbridge	22	72.7%	100.0%
New-Bridge Integrated College	Banbridge	48	72.9%	95.8%
The Royal School Armagh	Armagh	136	79.4%	100.0%
Portadown College	Portadown	180	80.0%	99.4%
Lurgan College	Lurgan	102	82.4%	100.0%
St Catherine's College	Armagh	110	86.4%	100.0%
Banbridge Academy	Banbridge	169	89.9%	100.0%

Source: DE school census 2022/23

3.3 School Leavers Destination Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD and DEAs 2022/23

3.3.1 School Leavers Destination by LGD 2022/23

Chart 37: School leavers destinations 2022/23

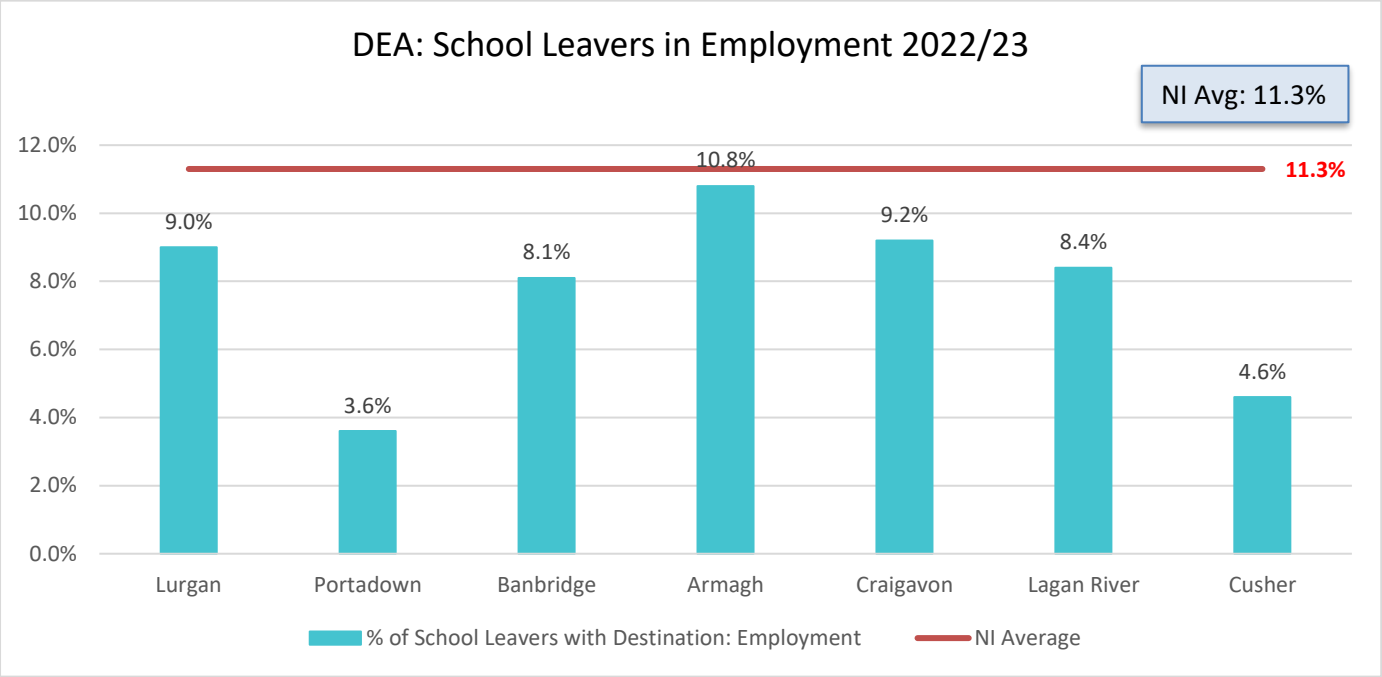


Source: DE school censes 2022/23

3.3.2 School Leavers Destinations by DEA 2022/23

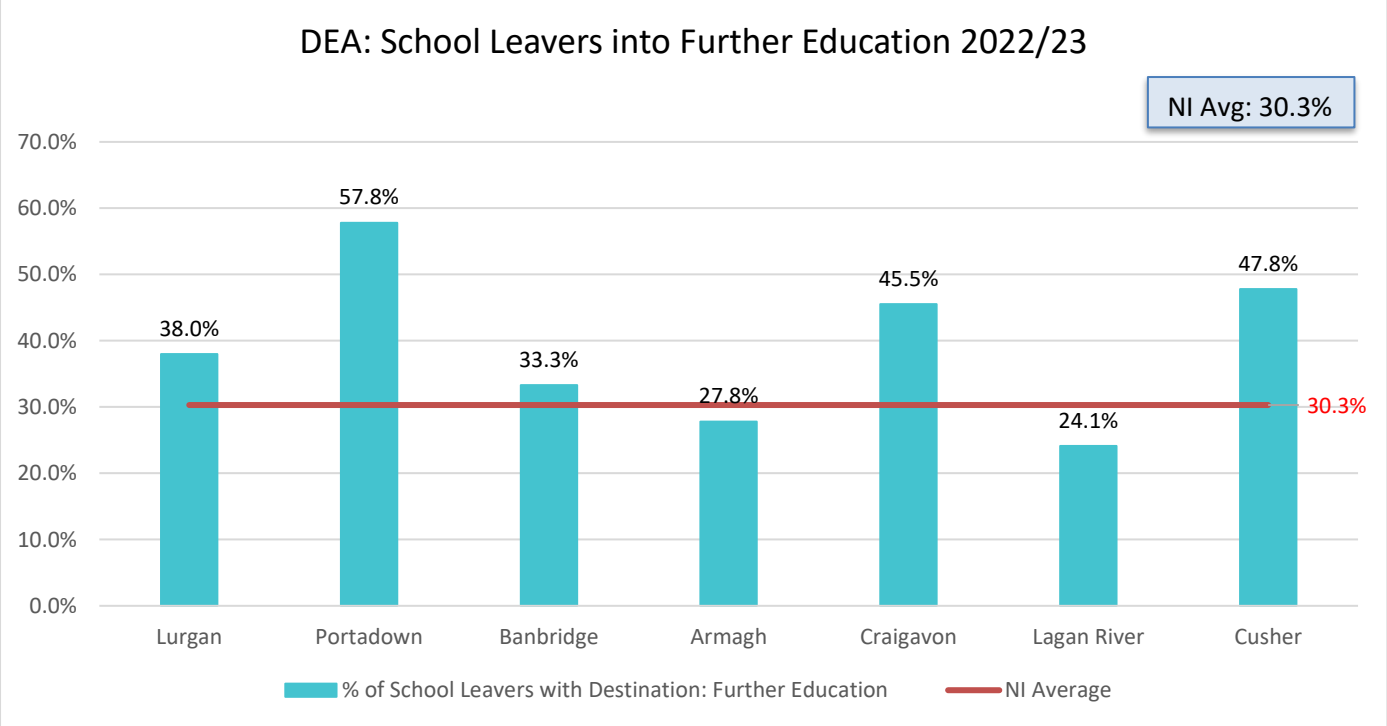
The school leaving cohort in each academic year comprises of Year 12,13 and 14 pupils leaving mainstream, grant aided, post-primary schools. It does not include special or independent schools. The data refers to the home residence of the pupils.

Chart 38: School leavers going into employment 2022/23



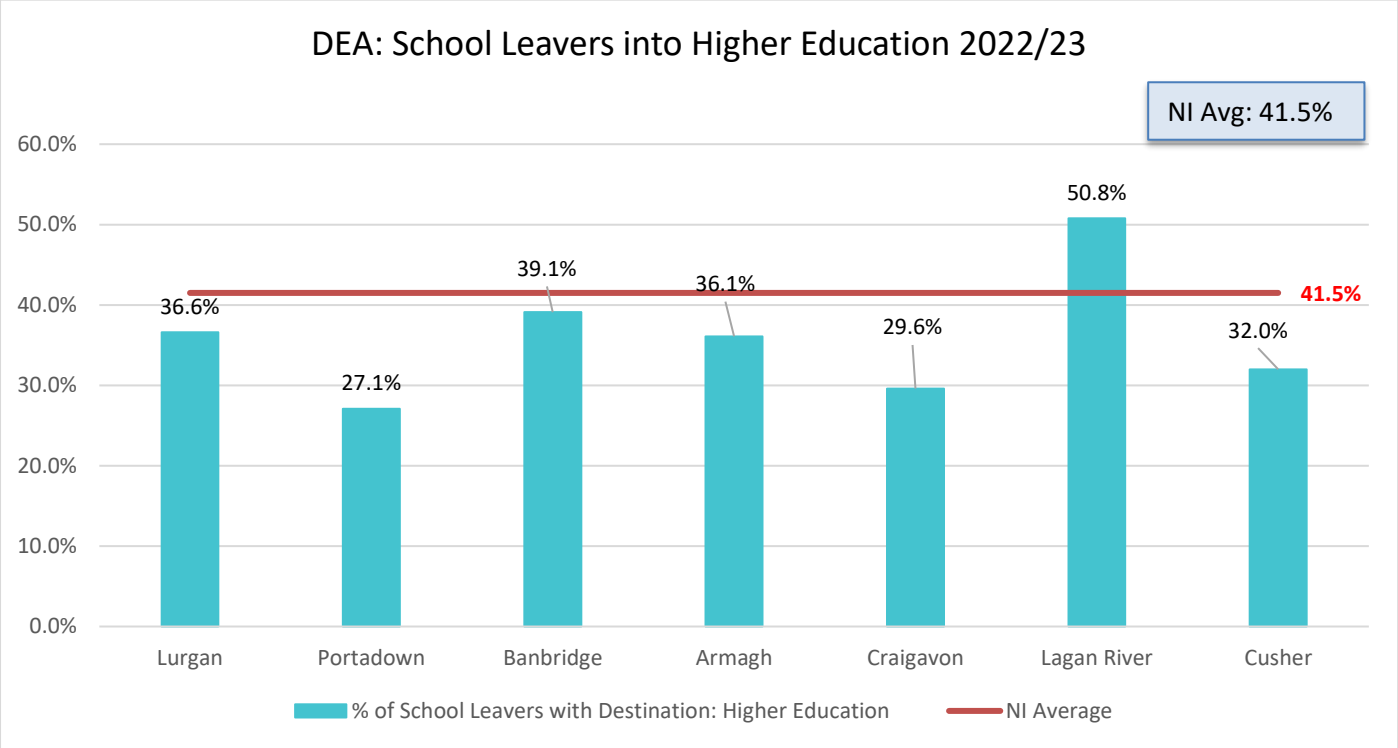
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Chart 39: School leavers going into Further Education 2022/23



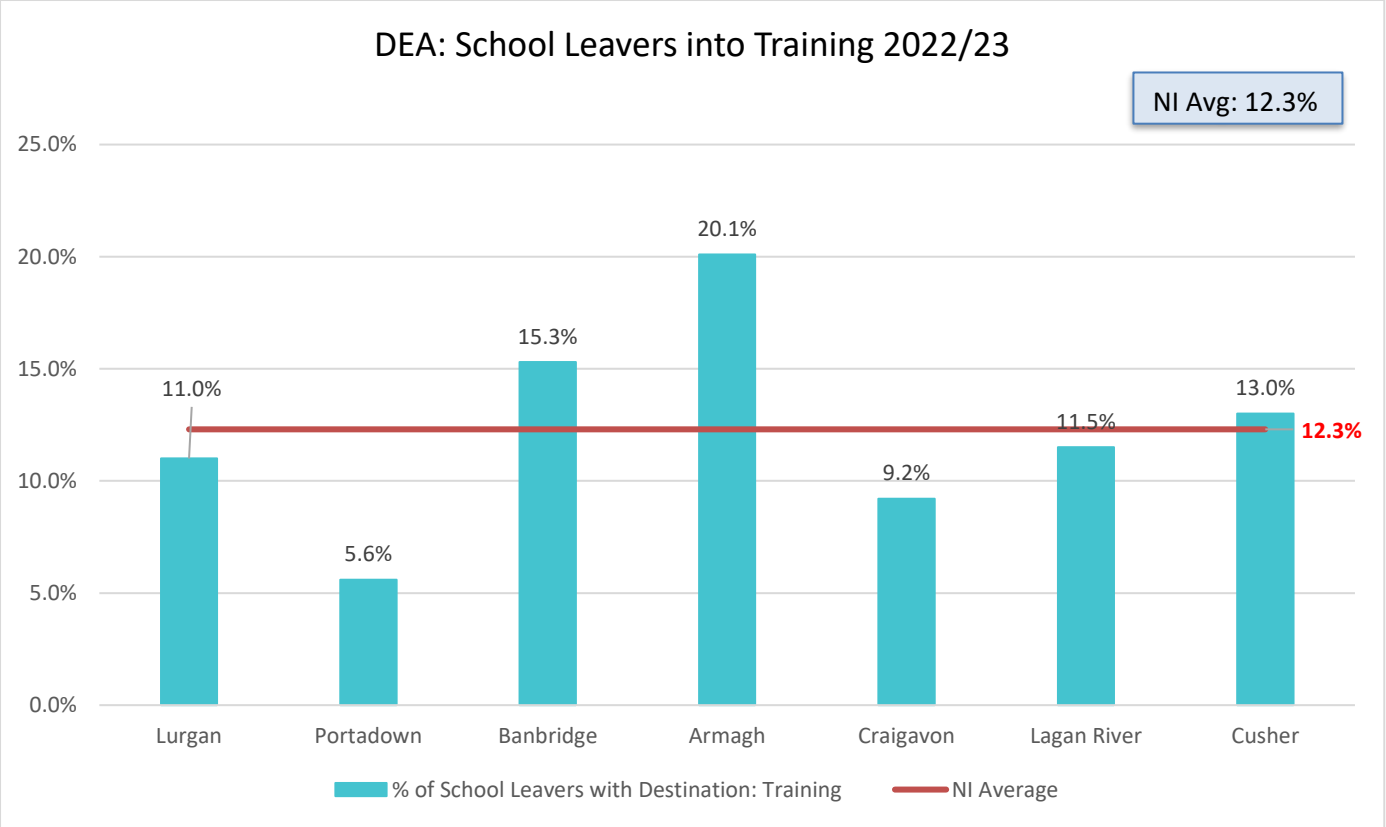
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Chart 40: School leavers going into Higher Education 2022/23



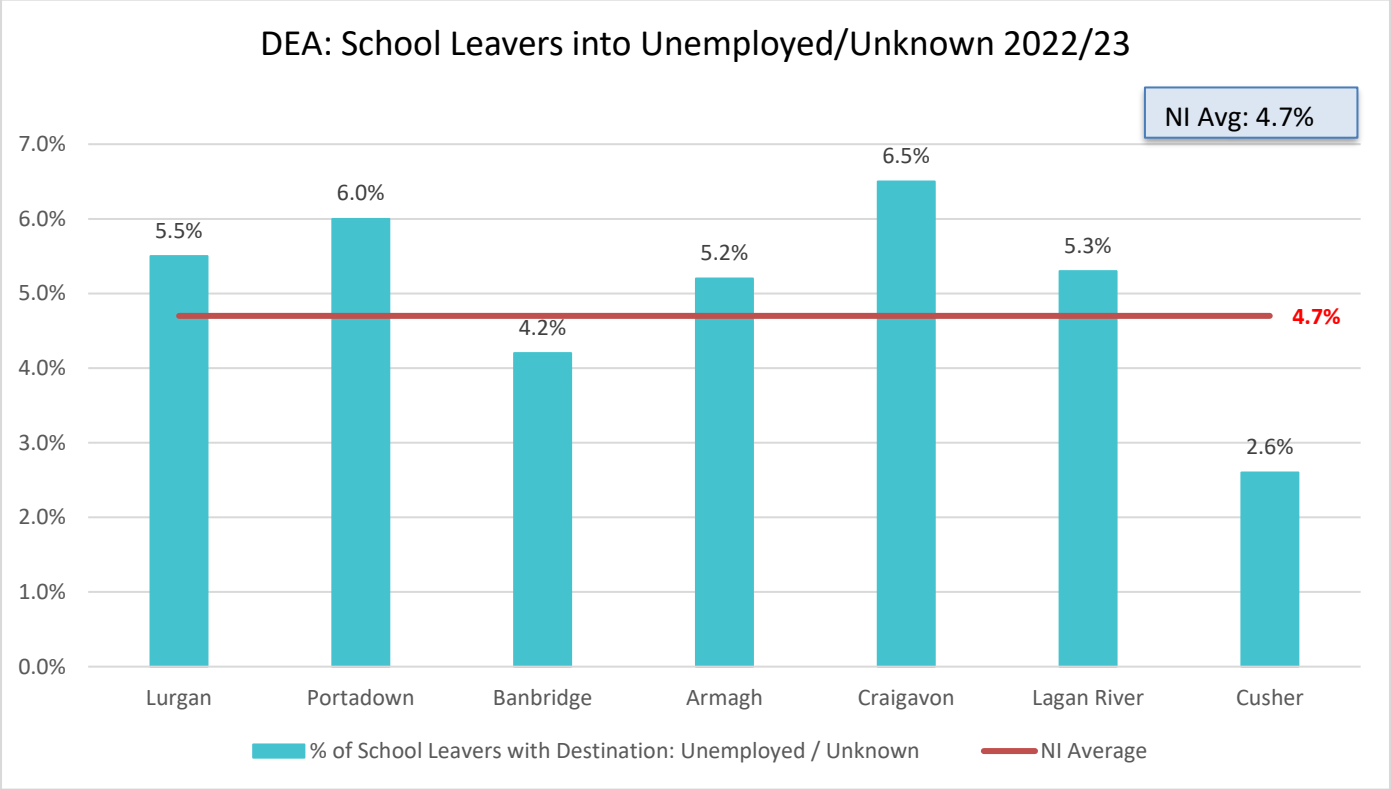
Source: DE school censes 2022/23

Chart 41: School leavers going into Training 2022/23



Source: DE school censes 2022/23

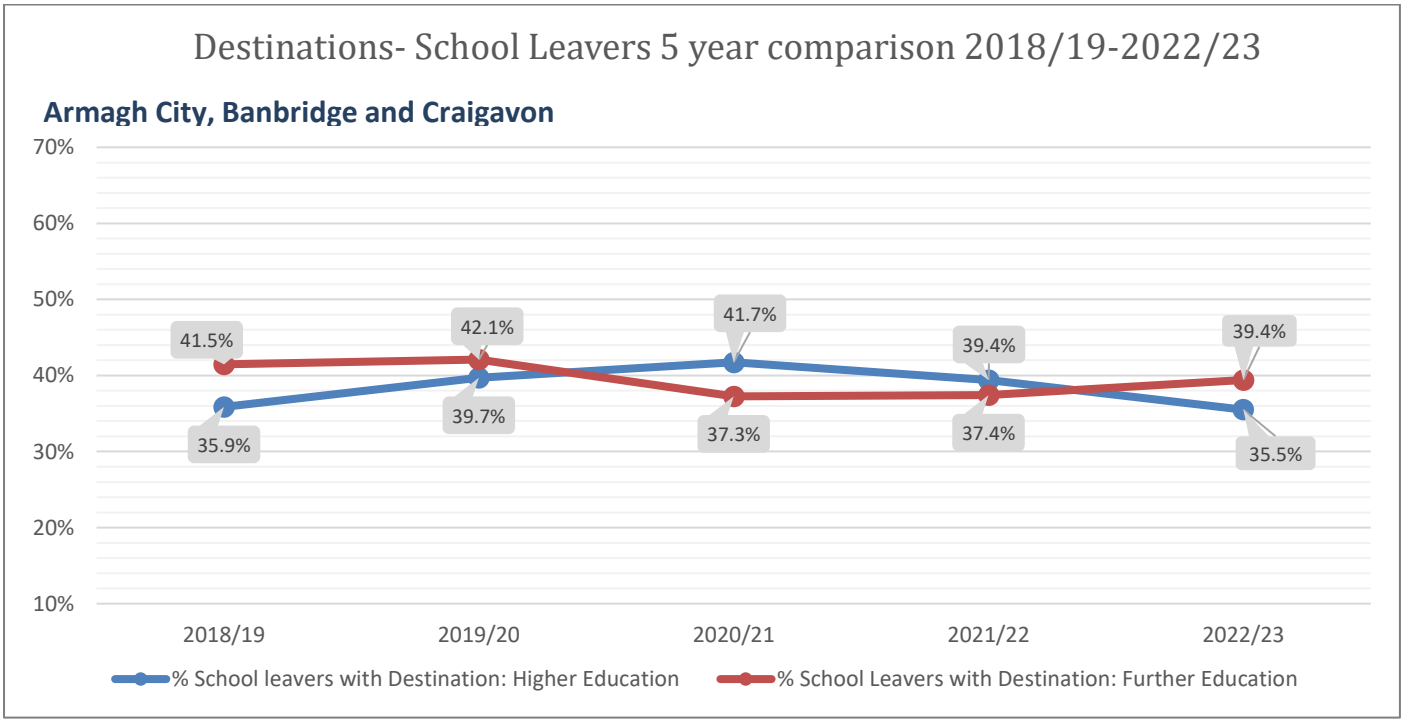
Chart 42: School leavers unemployed/unknown 2022/23



Source: DE school censes 2022/23

3.3.3 School Leavers Destinations 5-year trends for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD

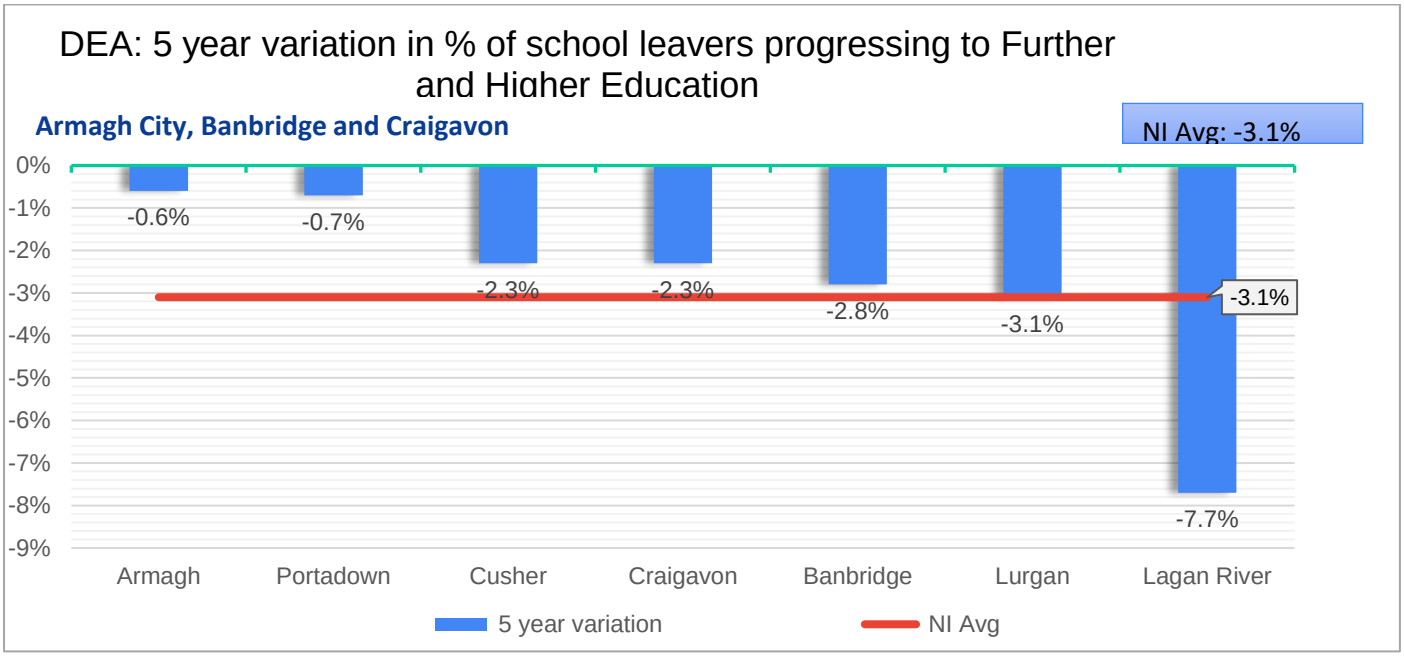
Chart 43: Distribution of percentage rates of school leavers entering Further and Higher Education over 5 years, 2018/19-2022/23 [Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



3.4 School leavers' Educational attainment 5-year comparison 2018-19-2022-23, by DEA

Chart 44: Percentage variation over 5 years of school leavers progressing to either Further or Higher Education, By DEAs in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon

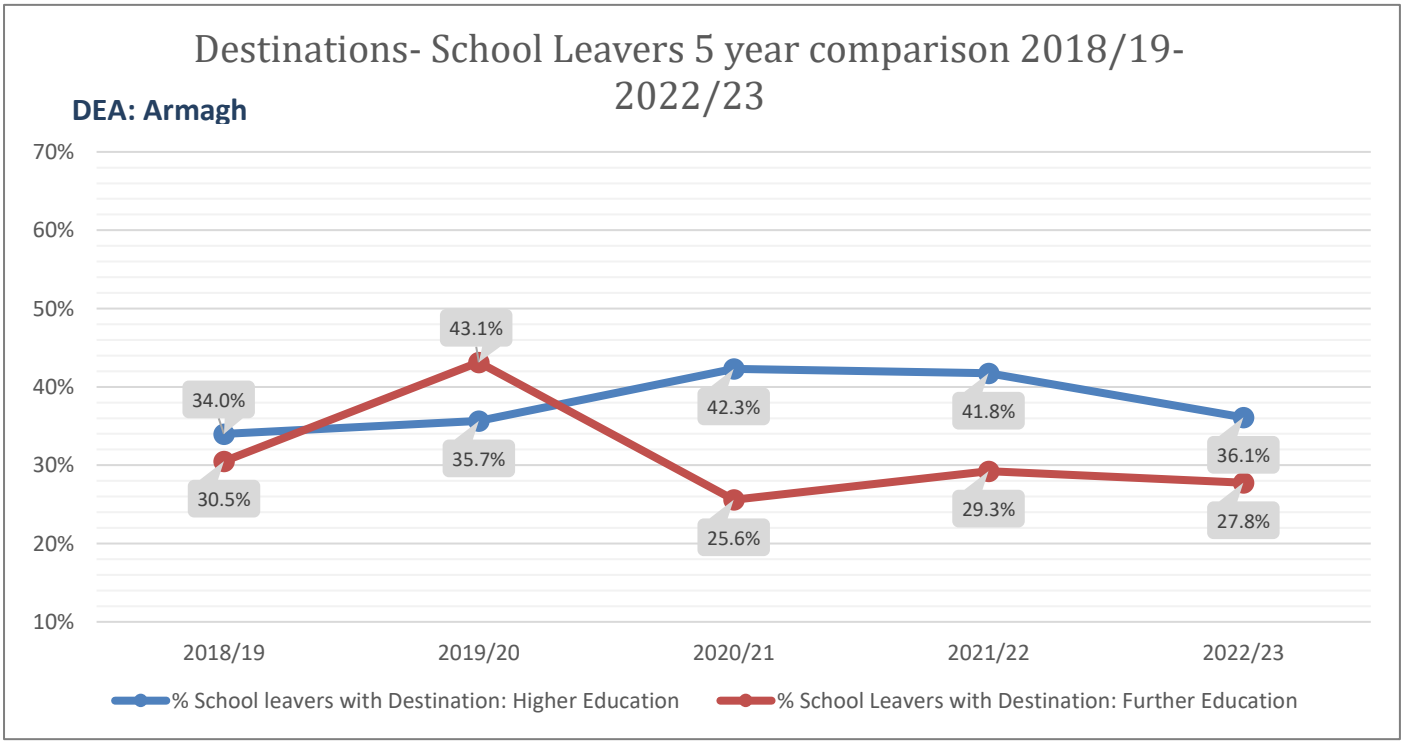
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Armagh DEA

Chart 45: Percentage progression rates of school leavers to Further and Higher Education over 5 years

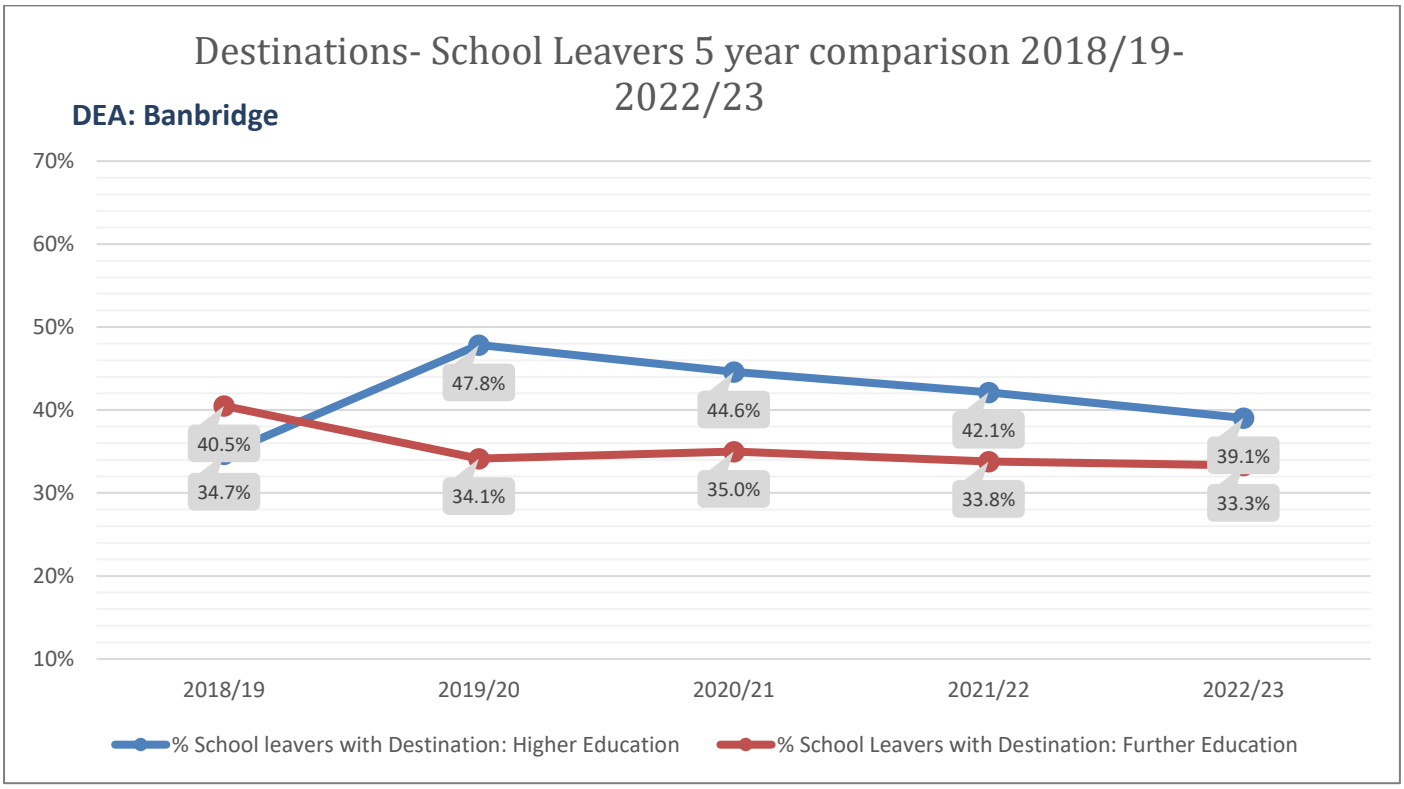
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Banbridge DEA

Chart 46: Percentage progression rates of school leavers to Further and Higher Education over 5 years

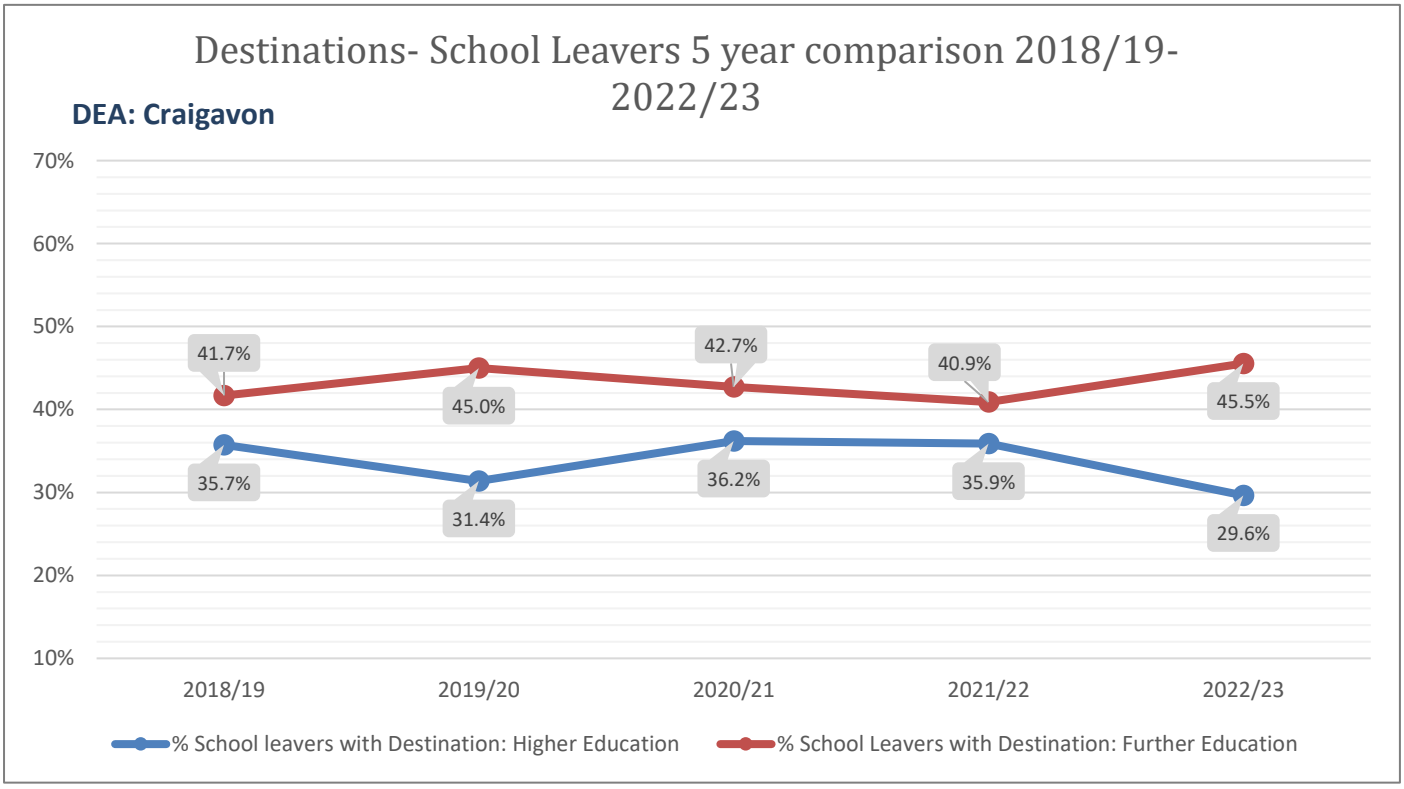
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Craigavon DEA

Chart 47: Percentage progression rates of school leavers to Further and Higher Education over 5 years

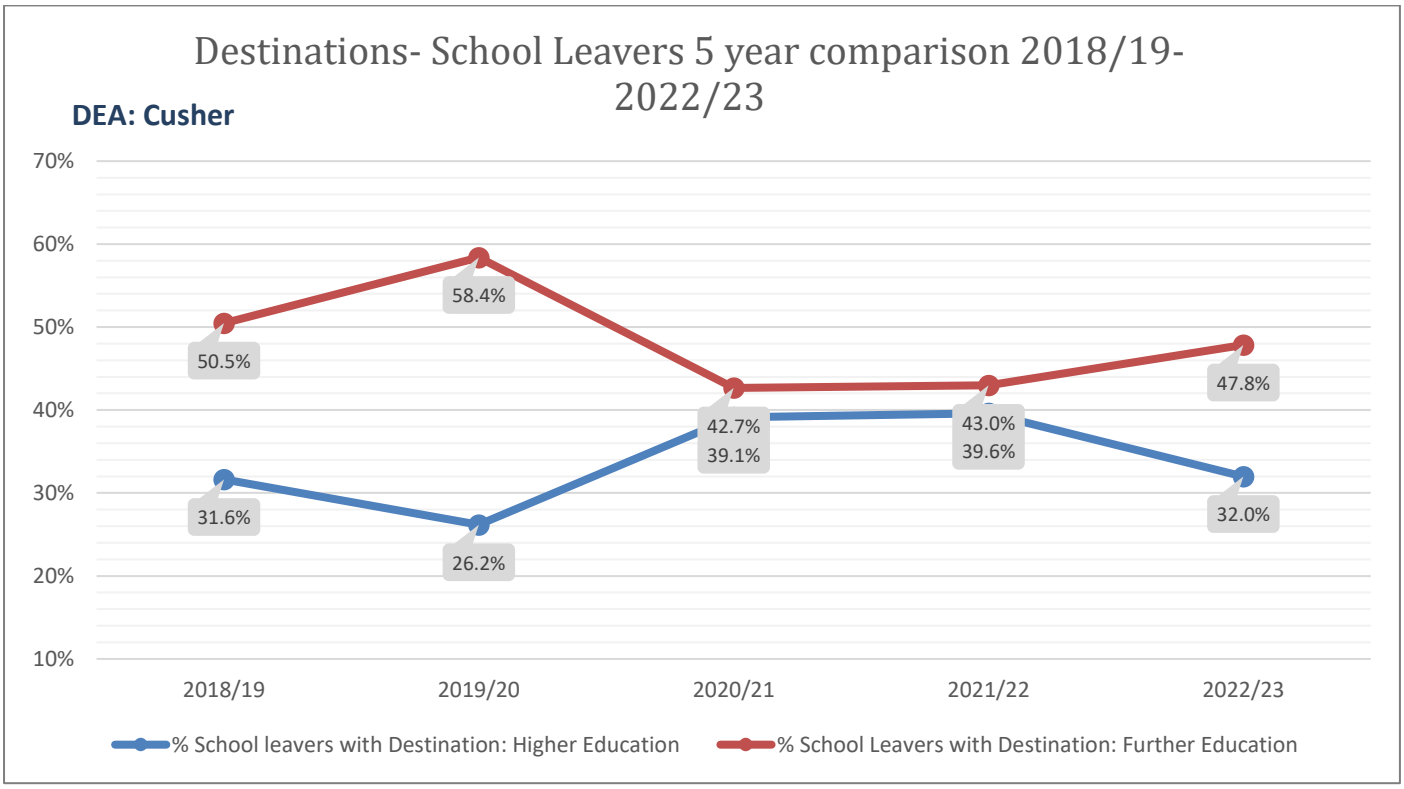
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Chart 48: Percentage progression rates of school leavers to Further and Higher Education over 5 years

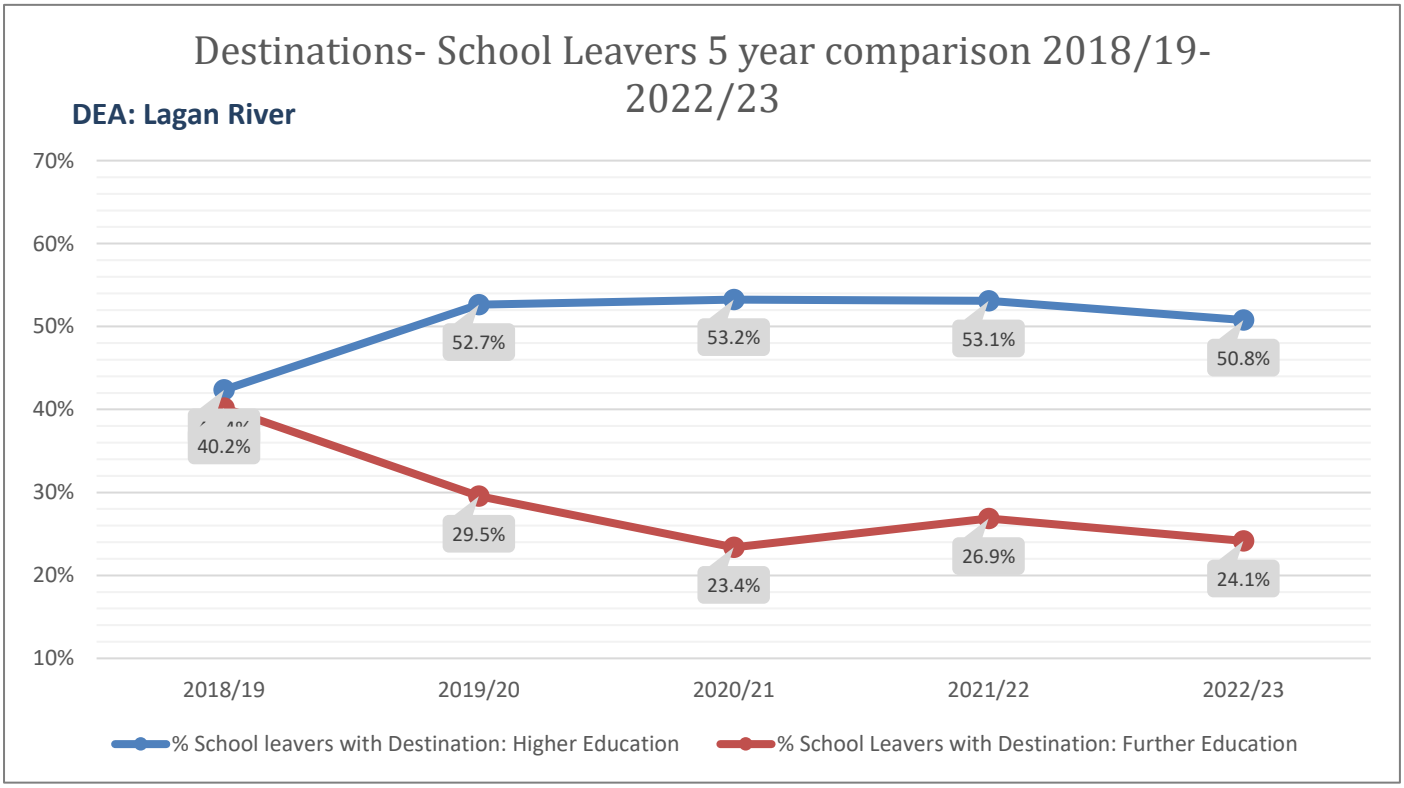
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Chart 49: Percentage progression rates of school leavers to Further and Higher Education over 5 years

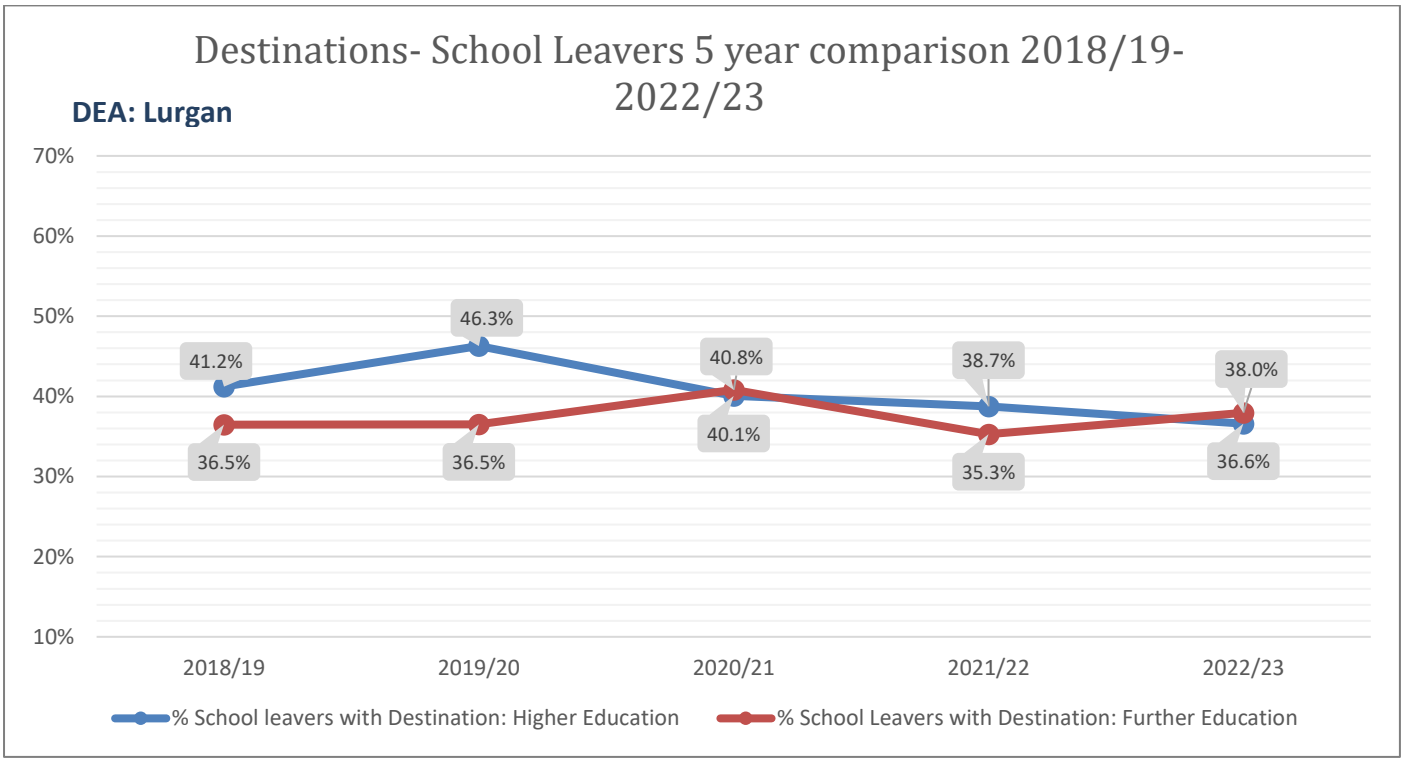
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Lurgan DEA

Chart 50: Percentage progression rates of school leavers to Further and Higher Education over 5 years

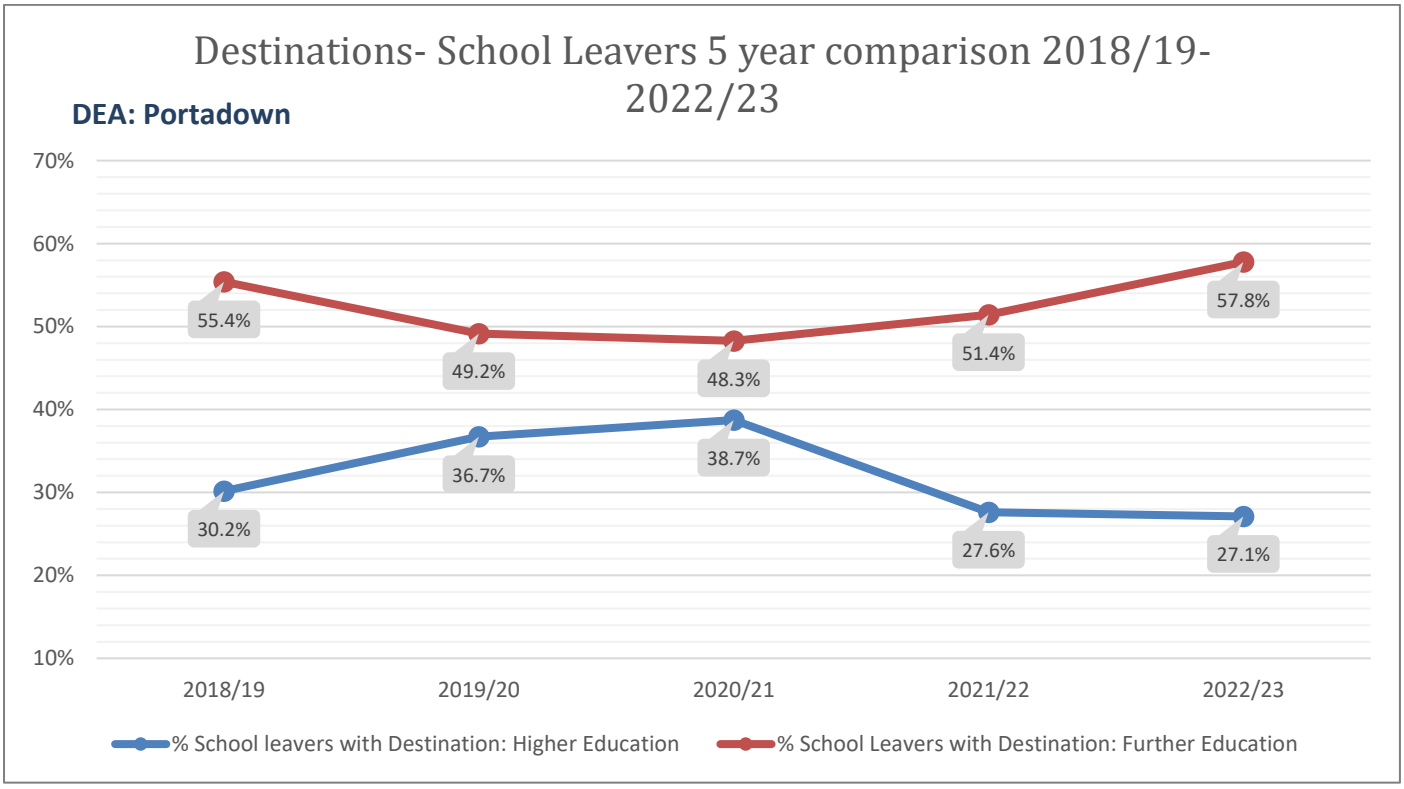
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Portadown DEA

Chart 51: Percentage progression rates of school leavers to Further and Higher Education over 5 years

[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



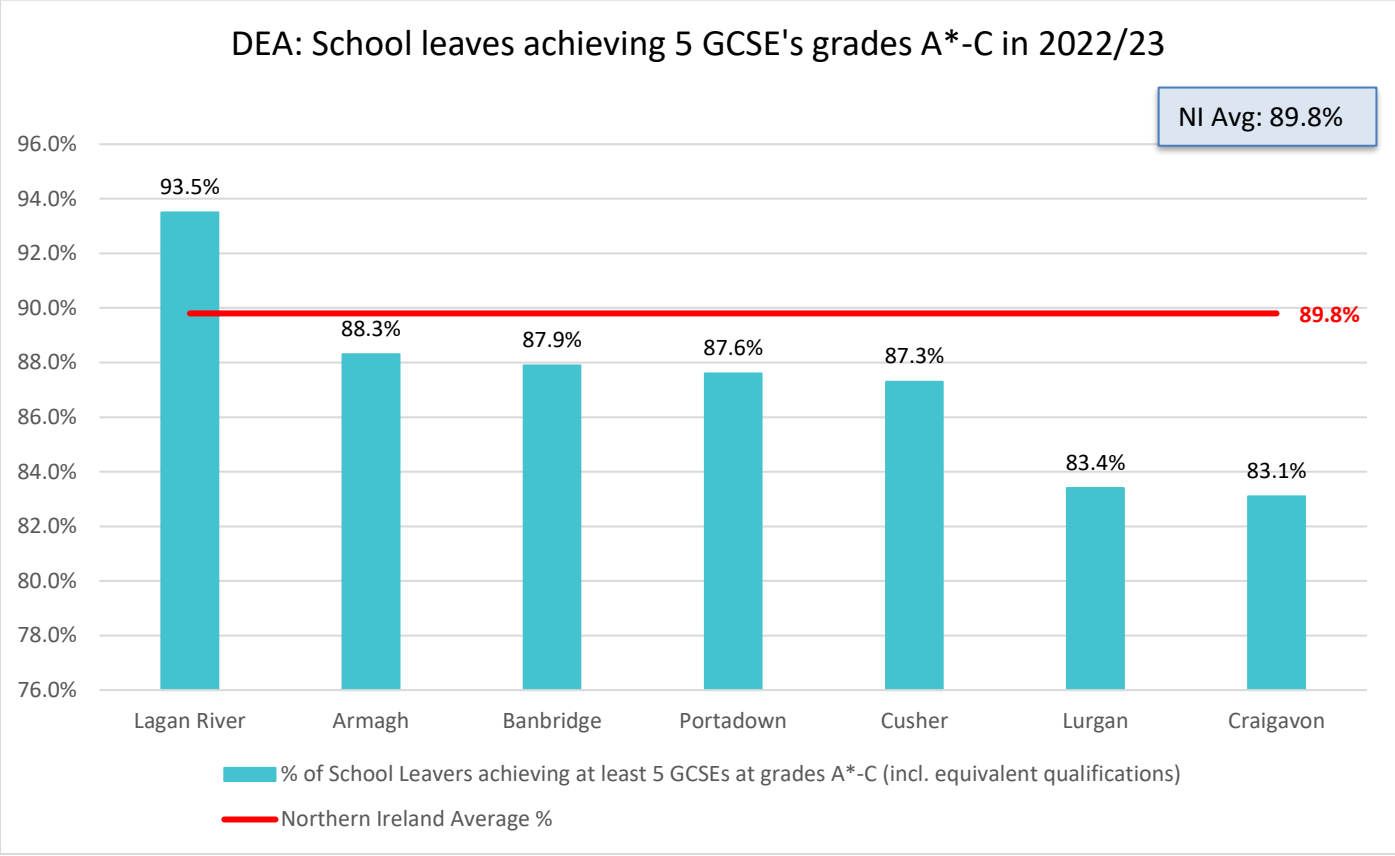
3.4.1 School Leavers Education attainment Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon 2022/23 by DEA

Table 15: Education attainment by DEA 2022/23

DEA 2022/23	School Leavers	% of School Leavers achieving at least 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalent qualifications)	% of School Leavers achieving at least 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalent qualifications) including GCSE English and maths	% of School Leavers achieving at least 2 A-levels at grades A*-E (incl. equivalent qualifications)
Lurgan	511	83.4%	67.7%	47.4%
Craigavon	415	83.1%	68.7%	44.3%
Portadown	450	87.6%	68.9%	34.2%
Armagh	443	88.3%	71.8%	48.3%
Banbridge	471	87.9%	74.7%	52.9%
Northern Ireland	**23,073**	**89.8%**	**76.1%**	**56.2%**
Cusher	347	87.3%	76.7%	44.7%
Lagan River	323	93.5%	81.7%	62.2%

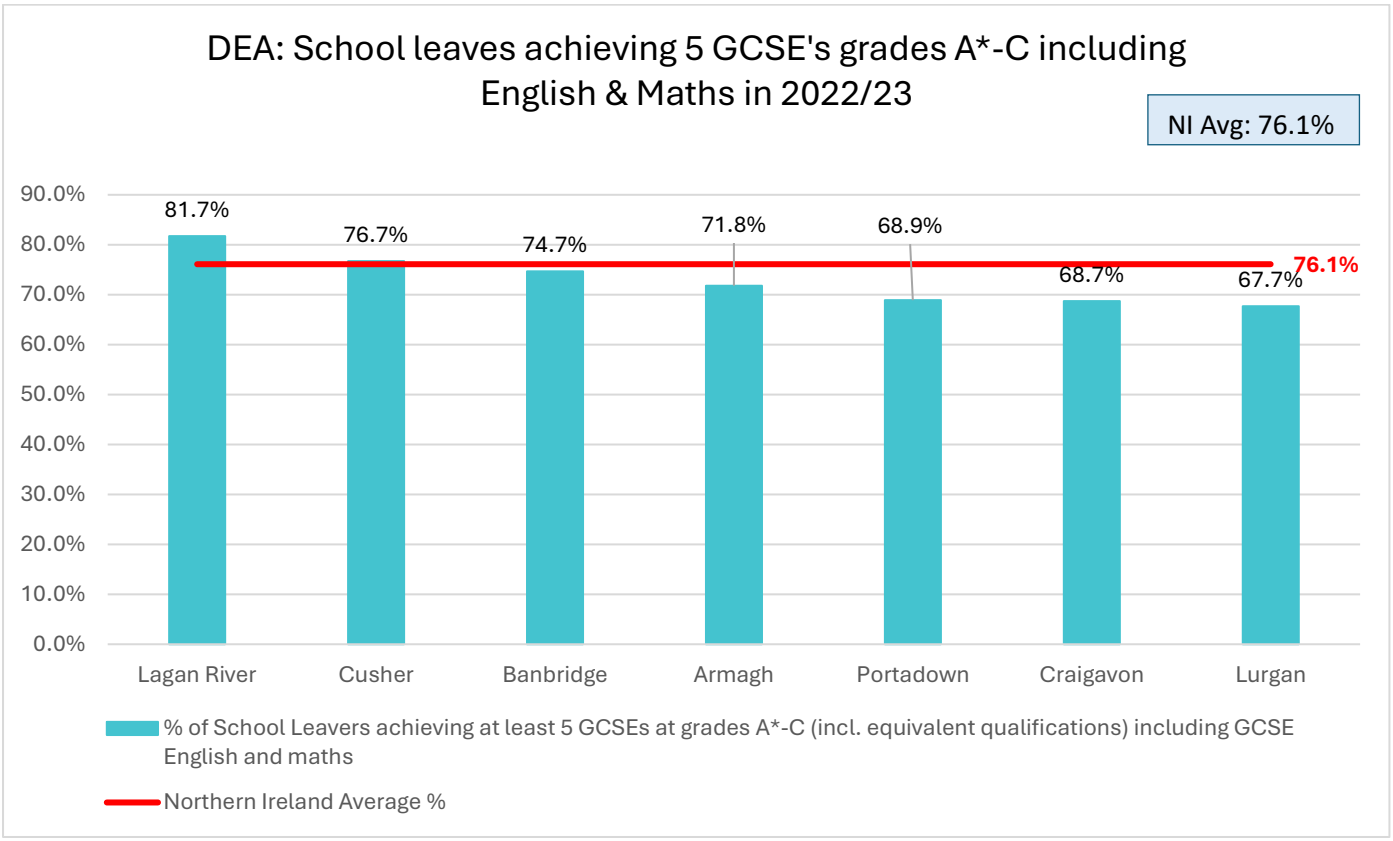
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Table 52: School leavers achieving 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C by DEA 2022/23



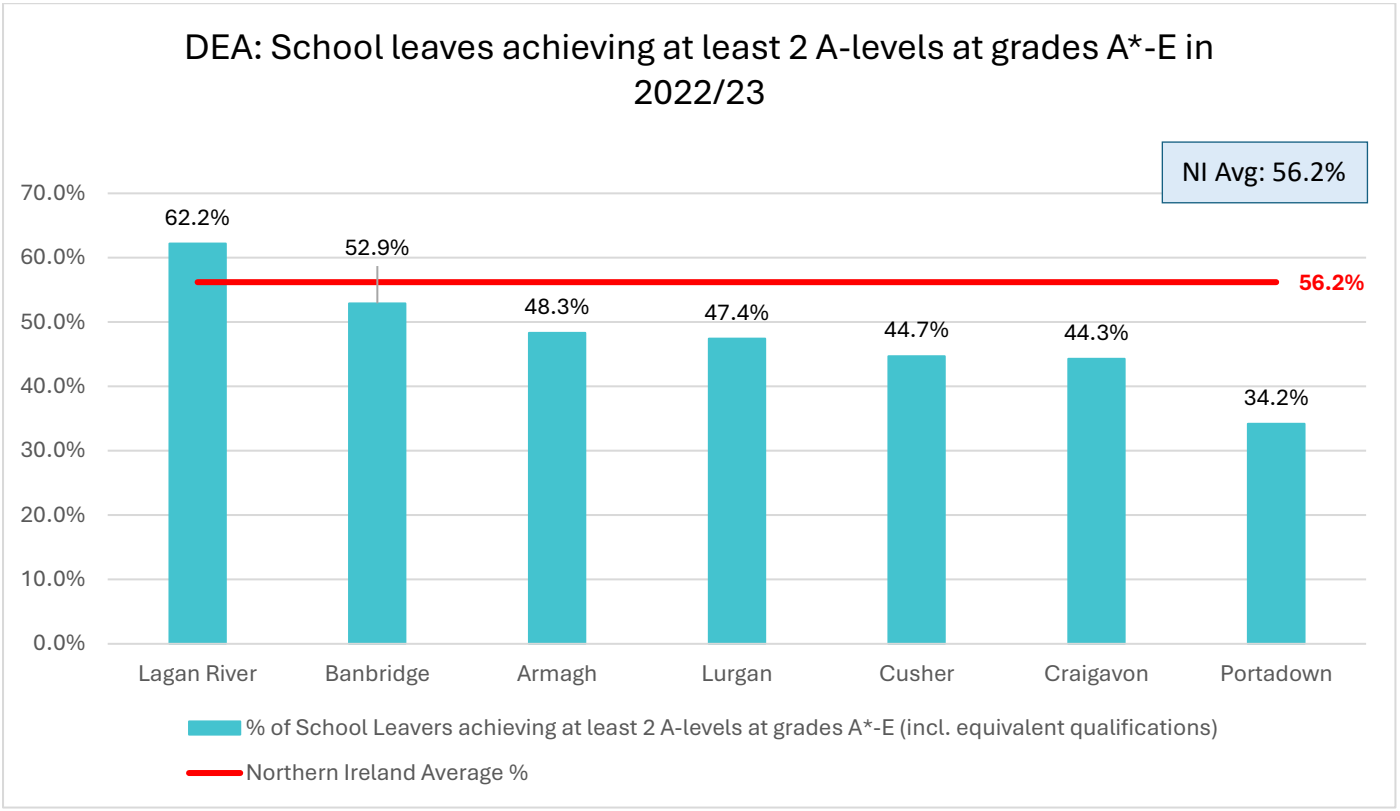
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Chart 53: School leavers achieving 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C including English and Maths by DEA 2022/23



Source: DE- (pupil address)

Chart 54: School leavers achieving at least 2 A-levels at grades A*-E by DEA 2022/23

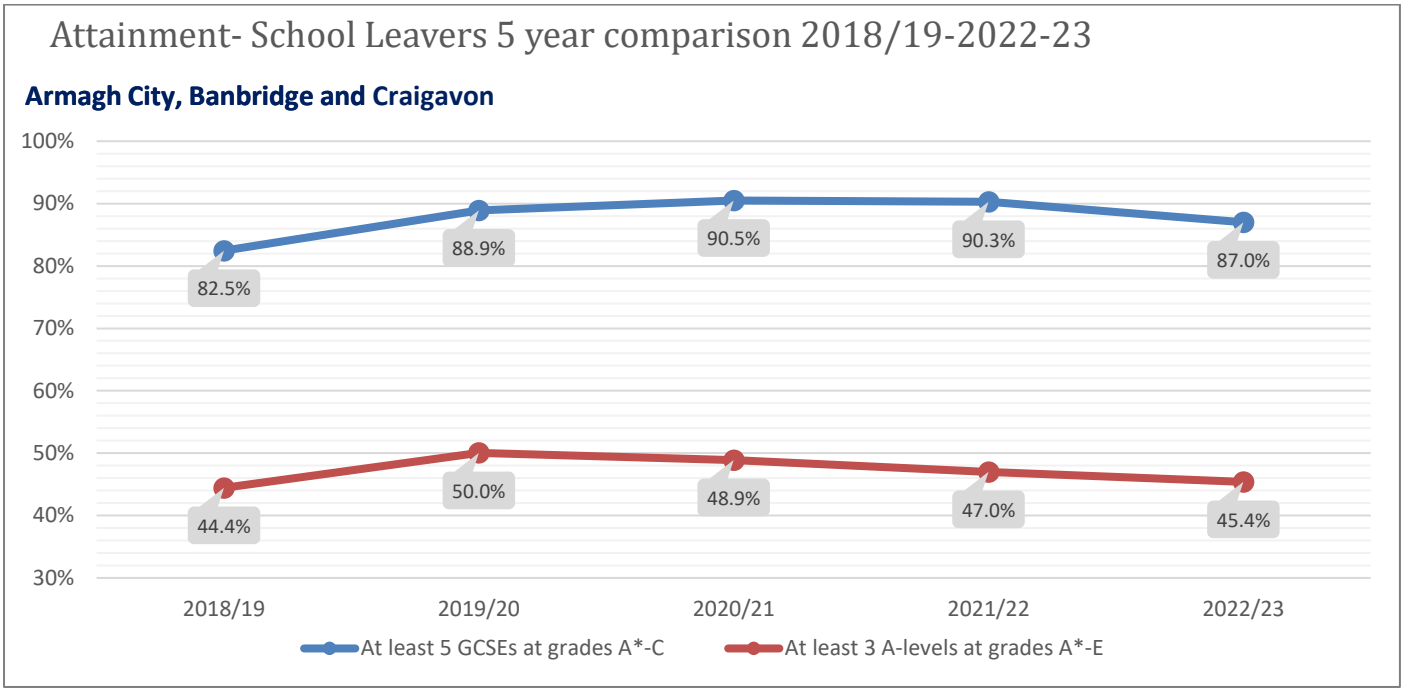


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3.4.2 School leavers' Educational attainment 5-year comparison 2018/19-2022/23

Chart 55: Percentage attainment rates at GCSE and A- Level over 5 years, Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon)

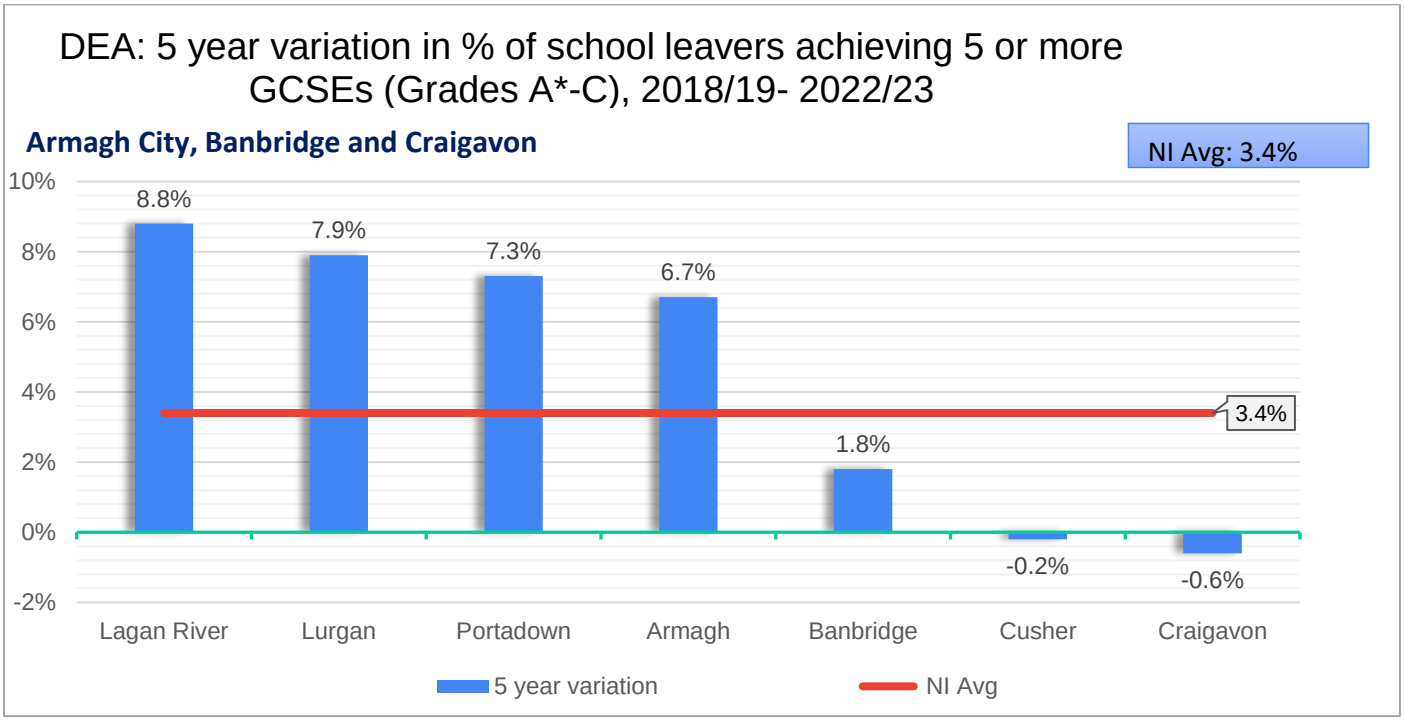
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



3.4.3 School leavers' Educational attainment 5-year comparison 2018-19-2022-23, by DEA

Chart 56: Percentage variation over 5 years of school leavers attaining 5 or more GCSEs, By DEAs in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon.

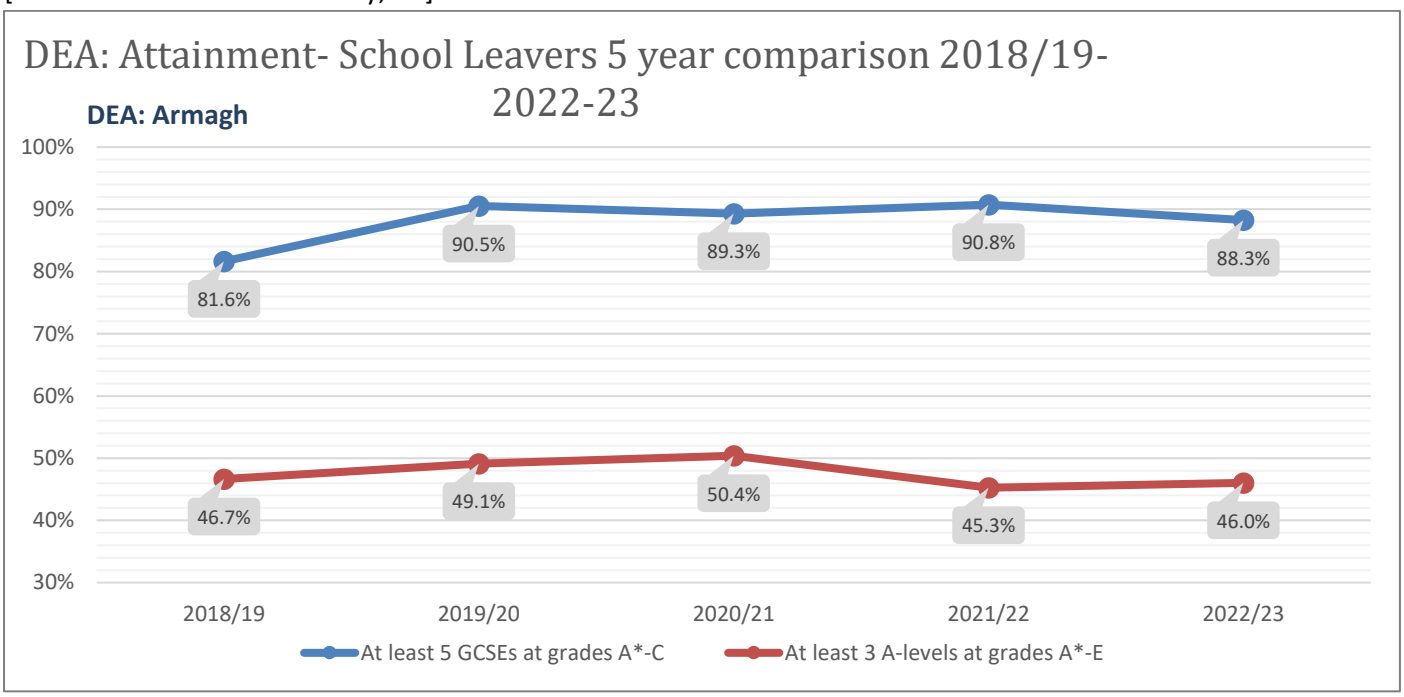
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Armagh DEA

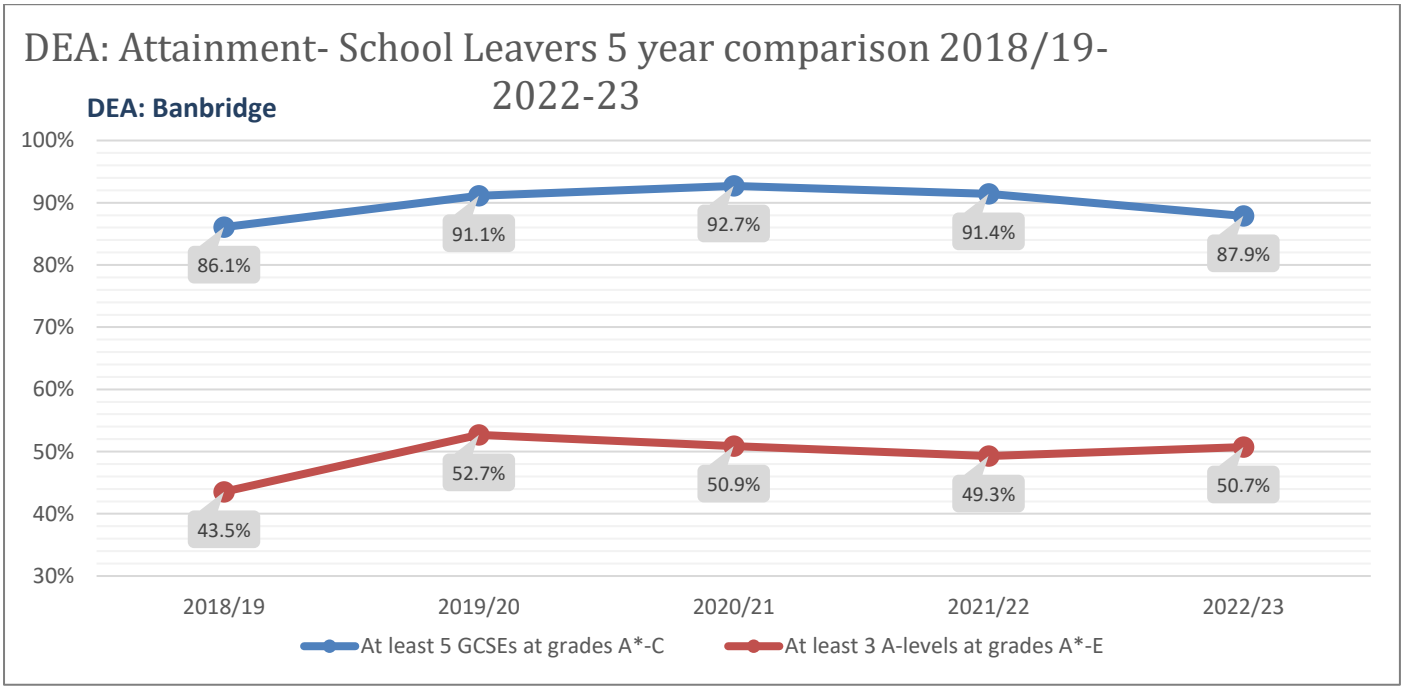
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[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Banbridge DEA

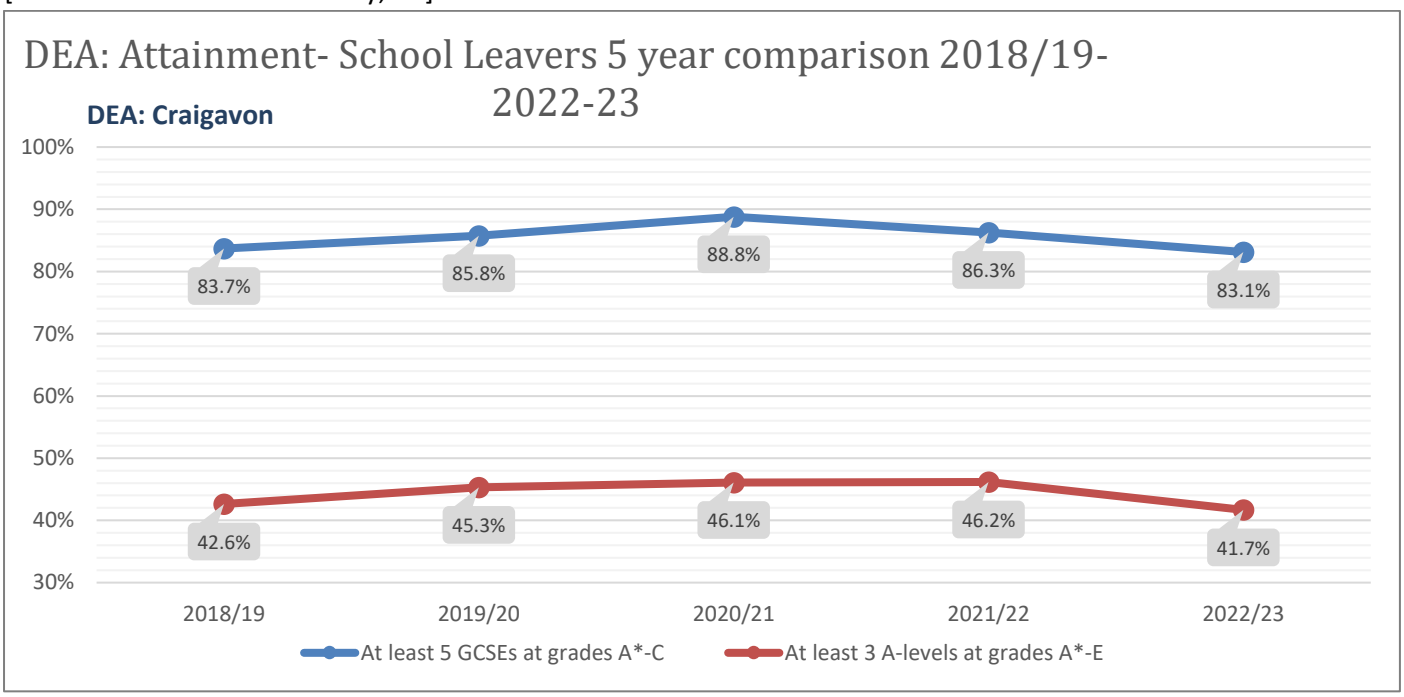
Chart 58: Percentage variation over 5 years of school leavers attaining 5 or more GCSEs, By DEAs in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon. [Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Craigavon DEA

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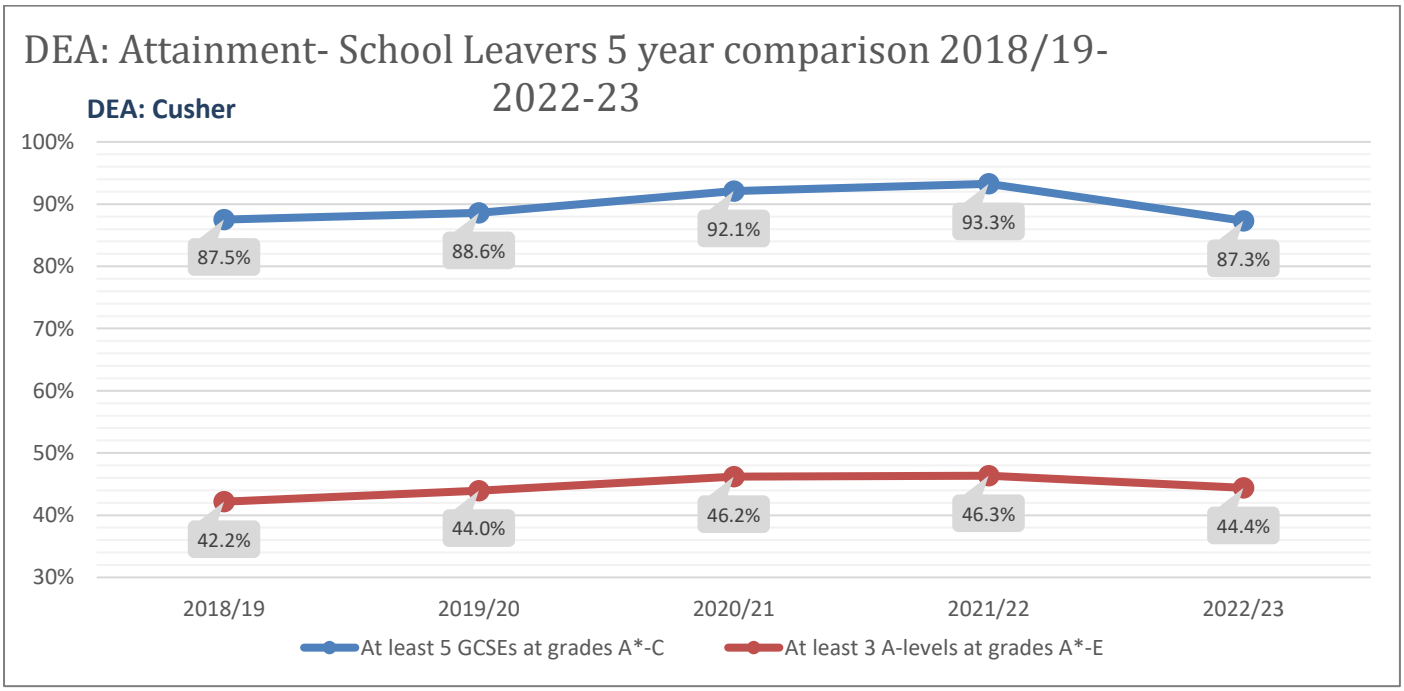
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Cusher DEA

Chart 60: Percentage variation over 5 years of school leavers attaining 5 or more GCSEs, By DEAs in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon.

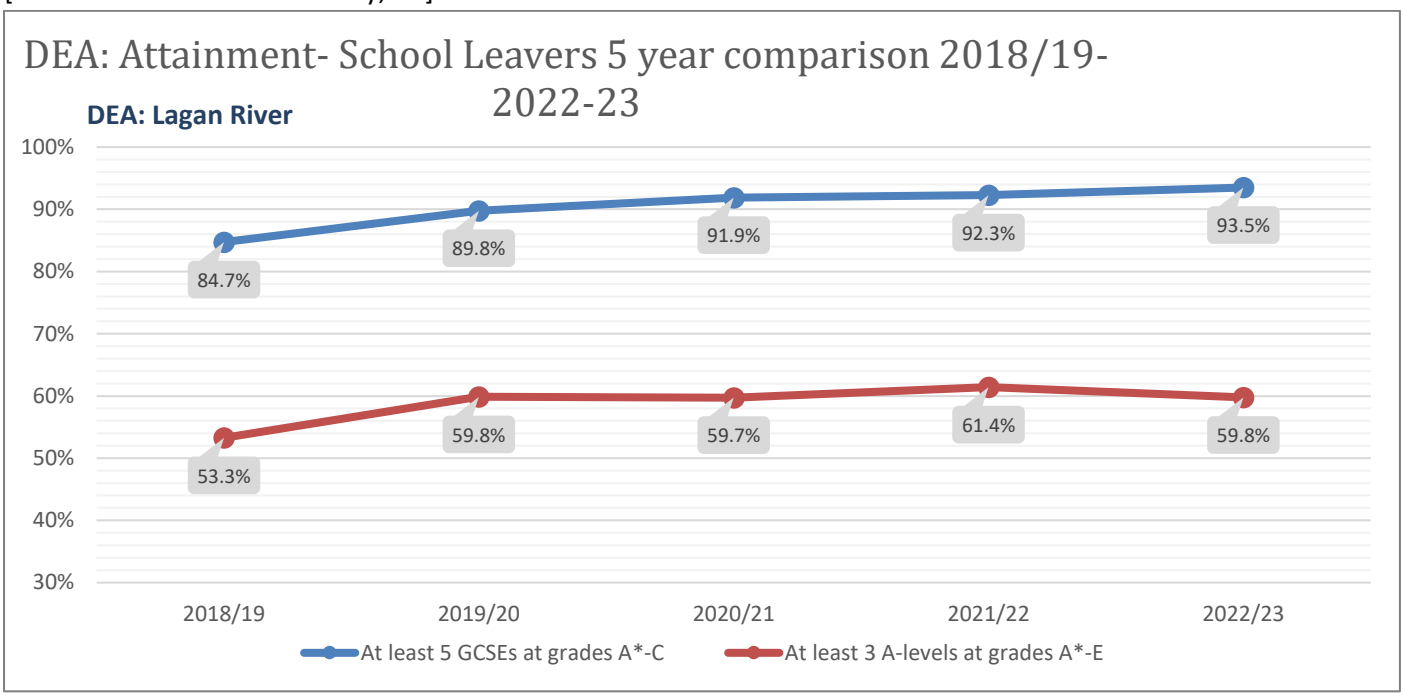
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Lagan River DEA

Chart 61: Percentage variation over 5 years of school leavers attaining 5 or more GCSEs, By DEAs in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon.

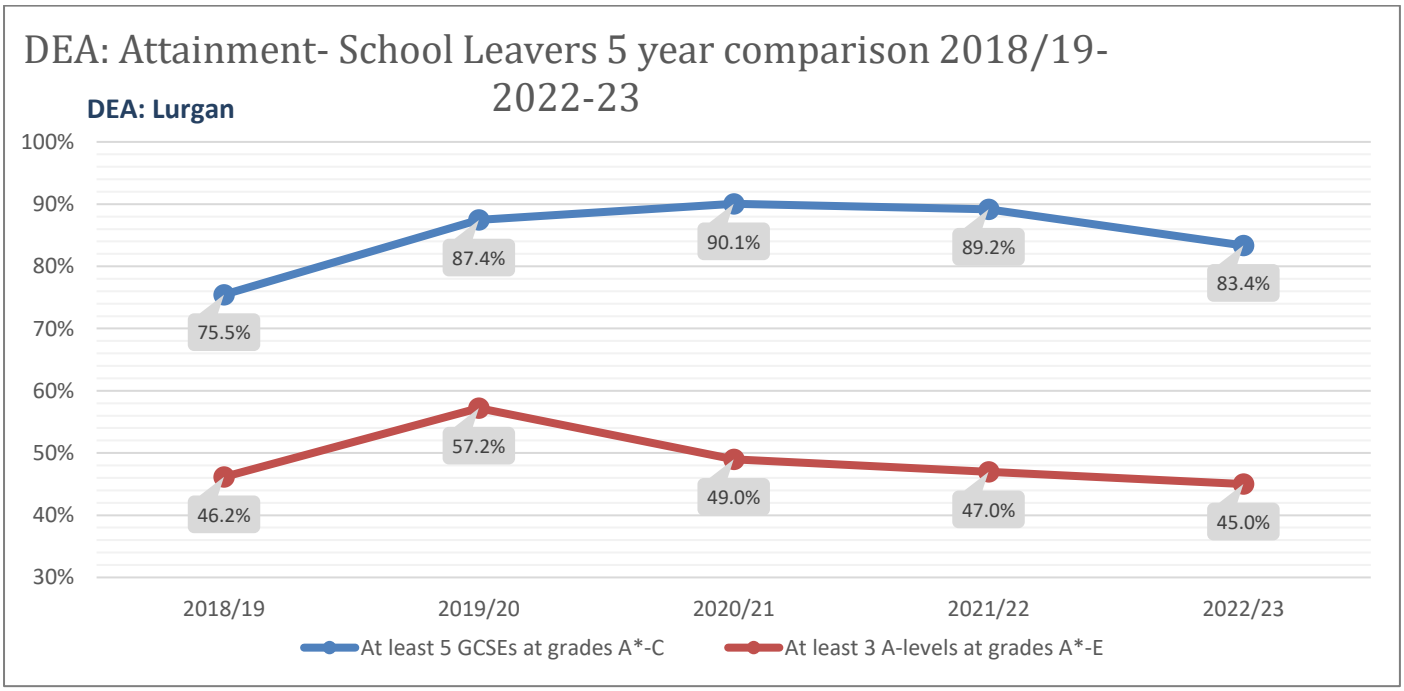
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Lurgan DEA

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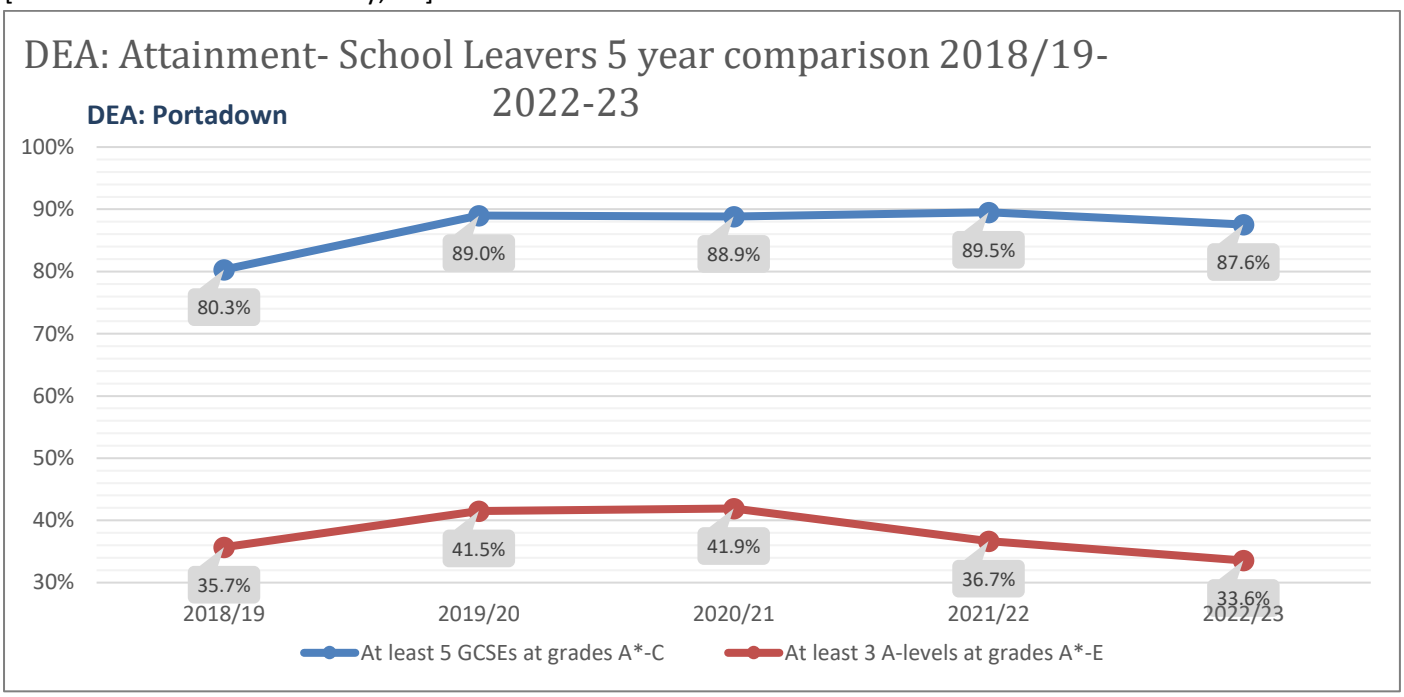
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Portadown DEA

Chart 63: Percentage variation over 5 years of school leavers attaining 5 or more GCSEs, By DEAs in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon.

[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



3.5 DEA Primary School Education Data 2023/24 – (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School census data averages

Northern Ireland school census data averages	
NI Average FSME %	28%
Newcomers	5%
% Pupils with a Statement of SEN (all school types)	7%
% Pupils with a Statement of SEN in primary schools	5%
% Pupils SEN Stage (1-2)	12%
% Pupils SEN Stage (1-3)	19%

Armagh DEA

Table 16: Armagh DEA Primary Schools data (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School name	Total Enrolment	Free School Meals Entitled %	Pupils with statement of SEN %	Pupils at Stage 1 - 2 of SEN %	Pupils with SEN Stage 1-3 %	% of Pupils Newcomers
The Drelincourt, Church of Ireland, Armagh	9	44.4%	0.0%	11.1%	11.1%	100.0%
Mount St Catherine's Primary School, Armagh	151	37.1%	7.9%	21.9%	29.8%	62.3%
St Malachy's Primary School, Armagh	191	35.1%	4.2%	14.7%	18.8%	19.4%
St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Keady	195	30.8%	2.1%	14.4%	16.4%	23.6%
Clea Primary School, Keady	116	29.3%	4.3%	12.1%	16.4%	0.0%
St Patrick's Primary School, Armagh	402	26.9%	9.0%	9.0%	17.9%	13.7%
Saints and Scholars Integrated Primary School	316	25.6%	5.7%	6.3%	12.0%	9.5%
The Armstrong Primary School, Armagh	487	22.8%	10.3%	11.9%	22.2%	28.1%
Armagh Christian Brothers Primary School	550	22.4%	2.4%	11.1%	13.5%	2.0%
St John's Primary School, Middletown	186	18.8%	3.2%	6.5%	9.7%	1.6%
St Jarlath's Primary School, Blackwatertown	168	15.5%	3.6%	14.9%	18.5%	13.7%
St Peter's Primary School, Collegelands	143	15.4%	2.1%	8.4%	10.5%	2.8%
Our Lady's & St Mochua's Primary School, Keady	175	13.1%	2.3%	5.1%	7.4%	0.0%
Drumhillery Primary School, Middletown	69	13.0%	4.3%	7.2%	11.6%	0.0%
Killylea Primary School, Armagh	97	12.4%	4.1%	11.3%	15.5%	2.1%
Our Lady's Primary School, Tullysaran	192	10.4%	4.2%	19.8%	24.0%	1.6%
St Joseph's Primary School, Madden	177	7.9%	3.4%	9.6%	13.0%	0.0%
Armagh Royal Preparatory Department	30	6.7%	0.0%	3.3%	3.3%	0.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Banbridge DEA

Table 17: Banbridge DEA Primary Schools data (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School name	Total Enrolment	Free School Meals Entitled %	Pupils with statement of SEN %	Pupils at Stage 1 - 2 of SEN %	Pupils with SEN Stage 1-3 %	% of Pupils Newcomers
St Mary's Primary School, Rathfriland	95	35.8%	4.2%	15.8%	20.0%	10.5%
Abercorn Primary School, Banbridge	308	30.5%	2.3%	12.3%	14.6%	7.1%
Gilford Primary School, Craigavon	88	28.4%	4.5%	13.6%	18.2%	12.5%
Edenderry Primary School, Banbridge	395	26.6%	11.9%	14.9%	26.8%	4.8%
Bridge Integrated Primary School, Banbridge	413	25.9%	4.6%	14.0%	18.6%	1.9%
St Mary's Primary School, Banbridge	516	25.8%	7.6%	16.9%	24.4%	10.7%
Milltown Primary School	54	22.2%	3.7%	16.7%	20.4%	0.0%
St Colman's Primary School, Bann	133	20.3%	6.0%	8.3%	14.3%	3.0%
Iveagh Primary School, Newry, Rathfriland	271	19.9%	4.1%	9.2%	13.3%	1.8%
St Francis' Primary School, Aghaderg	146	18.5%	2.1%	21.2%	23.3%	0.0%
St John's Primary School, Gilford	127	18.1%	6.3%	20.5%	26.8%	3.9%
Bronte Primary School, Banbridge	186	17.2%	3.2%	15.1%	18.3%	0.5%
St Colman's Primary School and All Saints NU, Annaclone	211	10.4%	4.3%	10.4%	14.7%	0.0%
Poyntzpass Primary School	156	10.3%	2.6%	7.7%	10.3%	0.6%
Ballydown Primary School, Banbridge	342	9.4%	2.0%	8.5%	10.5%	0.0%
Scarva Primary School, Scarva	59	8.5%	0.0%	22.0%	22.0%	0.0%
St Joseph's and St James's Primary School, Poyntzpass	110	5.5%	5.5%	11.8%	17.3%	0.9%
Drumadonnell Primary School, Banbridge	216	5.1%	3.2%	4.6%	7.9%	0.0%
Moyallon Primary School, Portadown	202	2.5%	0.5%	13.4%	13.9%	3.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Craigavon DEA

Table 18: Craigavon DEA Primary Schools data (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School name	Total Enrolment	Free School Meals Entitled %	Pupils with statement of SEN %	Pupils at Stage 1 - 2 of SEN %	Pupils with SEN Stage 1-3 %	% of Pupils Newcomers
Drumgor Primary School, Craigavon	291	42.3%	2.4%	11.0%	13.4%	28.5%
Tullygally Primary School, Craigavon	269	38.3%	20.8%	20.1%	40.9%	16.4%
St Anthony's Primary School, Craigavon	690	32.9%	9.1%	10.7%	19.9%	16.5%
St Brendan's Primary School, Craigavon	397	31.2%	4.3%	7.6%	11.8%	19.9%

Edenderry Primary School, Portadown	403	25.8%	9.2%	15.9%	25.1%	20.1%
St Patrick's Primary School, Aghacommon	228	18.0%	2.2%	13.2%	15.4%	0.4%
Portadown Integrated Primary School	478	15.3%	4.2%	13.6%	17.8%	23.6%
Bleary Primary School, Lurgan	176	13.1%	4.5%	12.5%	17.0%	4.0%
Bocombra Primary School, Portadown	359	8.9%	1.9%	3.9%	5.8%	14.2%
St Mary's Primary School, Derrytrasna	99	6.1%	7.1%	12.1%	19.2%	1.0%
Seagoe Primary School, Portadown	377	5.8%	2.1%	3.2%	5.3%	12.2%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Cusher DEA

Table 19: Cusher DEA Primary Schools data (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School name	Total Enrolment	Free School Meals Entitled %	Pupils with statement of SEN %	Pupils at Stage 1 - 2 of SEN %	Pupils with SEN Stage 1-3 %	% of Pupils Newcomers
Darkley Primary School	114	43.9%	4.4%	13.2%	17.5%	2.6%
St Michael's Primary School, Clady	81	42.0%	8.6%	34.6%	43.2%	0.0%
Derryhale Primary School, Portadown	74	29.7%	2.7%	20.3%	23.0%	12.2%
Mullavilly Primary School, Tandragee	113	25.7%	0.0%	19.5%	19.5%	1.8%
Tandragee Primary School, Tandragee	354	21.2%	2.3%	10.7%	13.0%	3.7%
Foley Primary School, Tassagh	153	20.3%	3.9%	5.9%	9.8%	0.0%
Mountnorris Primary School	112	19.6%	6.3%	11.6%	17.9%	0.0%
Markethill Primary School	301	19.3%	5.3%	11.3%	16.6%	5.6%
Hamiltonsbawn Primary School, Armagh	109	16.5%	7.3%	11.0%	18.3%	1.8%
Lisnadill Primary School, Armagh	148	14.2%	2.0%	7.4%	9.5%	0.7%
Hardy Memorial Primary School, Richhill	446	13.5%	1.6%	17.0%	18.6%	5.4%
St Mary's Primary School, Granemore	206	10.2%	4.4%	6.8%	11.2%	0.0%
Clare Primary School, Tandragee	136	7.4%	2.2%	5.1%	7.4%	0.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Lagan River DEA

Table 20: Lagan River DEA Primary Schools data (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School name	Total Enrolment	Free School Meals Entitled %	Pupils with statement of SEN %	Pupils at Stage 1 - 2 of SEN %	Pupils with SEN Stage 1-3 %	% of Pupils Newcomers
St Colman's Primary School, Dromore	107	25.2%	6.5%	13.1%	19.6%	10.3%
Donacloney Primary School	222	18.0%	2.7%	11.3%	14.0%	2.3%
Dromore Central Primary School	697	16.5%	3.0%	17.4%	20.4%	3.9%
Waringstown Primary School, Waringstown	426	9.9%	2.3%	7.3%	9.6%	0.5%
Fair Hill Primary School, Dromara	259	8.1%	2.3%	13.9%	16.2%	0.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Lurgan DEA

Table 21: Lurgan DEA Primary Schools data (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School name	Total Enrolment	Free School Meals Entitled %	Pupils with statement of SEN %	Pupils at Stage 1 - 2 of SEN %	Pupils with SEN Stage 1-3 %	% of Pupils Newcomers
Lurgan Model Primary School	231	46.3%	6.9%	13.0%	19.9%	28.6%
Carrick Primary School, Lurgan	454	43.0%	11.9%	26.4%	38.3%	32.2%
Dickson Primary School, Lurgan	238	37.8%	6.3%	16.8%	23.1%	21.4%
St Francis' Primary School, Lurgan	808	29.8%	3.6%	12.7%	16.3%	8.3%
Tannaghmore Primary School, Lurgan	601	25.0%	1.5%	17.0%	18.5%	1.7%
St Patrick's Primary School, Derrynaseer	91	24.2%	3.3%	13.2%	16.5%	1.1%
St Teresa's Primary School, Lurgan	184	22.3%	4.9%	6.0%	10.9%	8.7%
King's Park Primary School, Lurgan	674	21.1%	3.1%	14.4%	17.5%	19.3%
Maralin Village Primary School, Craigavon	244	13.9%	2.0%	11.5%	13.5%	0.0%
St Mary's Primary School, Derrymore	136	8.1%	3.7%	2.9%	6.6%	0.0%
St Patrick's Primary School, Magheralin	115	7.0%	1.7%	9.6%	11.3%	4.3%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Portadown DEA

Table 22: Portadown DEA Primary Schools data (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School name	Total Enrolment	Free School Meals Entitled %	Pupils with statement of SEN %	Pupils at Stage 1 - 2 of SEN %	Pupils with SEN Stage 1-3 %	% of Pupils Newcomers
Ballyoran Primary School	284	41.2%	6.0%	4.2%	10.2%	39.8%
Hart Memorial Primary School, Portadown	448	36.6%	2.2%	13.8%	16.1%	31.7%
Millington Primary School, Portadown	619	31.5%	5.7%	10.7%	16.3%	40.2%
Clintyclay Primary School, Dungannon	96	29.2%	0.0%	15.6%	15.6%	8.3%
Presentation Primary School, Portadown	299	27.8%	3.7%	11.7%	15.4%	90.3%
St John the Baptist Primary School, Portadown	472	23.9%	1.9%	20.8%	22.7%	22.7%
St Mary's Primary School, Maghery	58	13.8%	1.7%	22.4%	24.1%	1.7%
Richmount Primary School	98	12.2%	2.0%	6.1%	8.2%	19.4%
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Ballyhegan	133	12.0%	3.0%	7.5%	10.5%	5.3%
The Cope Primary School, Loughgall	95	11.6%	0.0%	9.5%	9.5%	5.3%
Orchard County Primary School	175	10.3%	2.9%	13.1%	16.0%	0.0%
St John's Primary School, Eglish	93	8.6%	3.2%	6.5%	9.7%	0.0%
Birches Primary School, Portadown	188	7.4%	2.7%	11.2%	13.8%	1.1%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

3.6 DEA Post Primary School Education Data 2023/24 – (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

Table 23: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Post Primary schools' data (Enrolment, FSME, SEN, Newcomers)

School name	DEA	Total pupils	Free School Meals Entitled %	Pupils with Statement of SEN %	Pupils at Stage 1 - 2 of SEN %	Pupils with SEN Stage 1-3 %	% of Pupils Newcomers
Brownlow College, Craigavon	Craigavon	424	43.6%	8.3%	27.8%	36.1%	19.6%
St John the Baptist's College, Portadown	Portadown	524	38.0%	7.3%	19.1%	26.3%	38.4%
Banbridge High School	Banbridge	721	28.8%	14.6%	13.9%	28.4%	1.5%
Lismore Comprehensive School, Drumgask	Craigavon	1,269	28.7%	10.4%	12.4%	22.8%	5.2%
City of Armagh High School	Armagh	407	28.3%	14.7%	14.3%	29.0%	31.0%
Craigavon Senior High School, Portadown	Craigavon	758	27.0%	6.3%	15.2%	21.5%	12.0%
St Patrick's College, Banbridge	Banbridge	695	26.0%	9.6%	14.8%	24.5%	0.4%
Clounagh Junior High School	Portadown	720	25.6%	9.6%	12.5%	22.1%	2.4%
St Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh	Armagh	858	23.8%	4.3%	16.6%	20.9%	4.9%
St Patrick's High School, Keady	Armagh	1,048	21.8%	4.0%	11.5%	15.6%	3.0%
St Ronan's College, Lurgan	Lurgan	1,742	20.8%	4.0%	16.8%	20.8%	4.5%
St Catherine's College, Armagh	Armagh	1,198	20.7%	1.8%	1.3%	3.1%	11.4%
Lurgan Junior High School	Lurgan	738	19.2%	3.5%	16.0%	19.5%	13.6%
Tandragee Junior High	Cusher	314	19.1%	9.2%	8.6%	17.8%	1.0%
Rathfriland High School	Banbridge	368	18.2%	3.5%	13.6%	17.1%	0.8%
New-Bridge Integrated College	Banbridge	640	17.8%	5.3%	5.0%	10.3%	1.3%
Markethill High School	Cusher	516	15.3%	6.8%	10.7%	17.4%	2.1%
Killicomaine Junior High	Craigavon	624	13.6%	2.1%	9.5%	11.5%	8.2%

School, Portadown							
Dromore High School	Lagan River	1,061	10.8%	5.3%	5.8%	11.1%	0.3%
Lurgan College	Lurgan	473	9.9%	1.9%	3.6%	5.5%	8.9%
The Royal School, Armagh	Armagh	821	7.2%	1.3%	3.5%	4.9%	0.0%
Portadown College	Portadown	825	7.2%	1.3%	1.5%	2.8%	0.0%
Banbridge Academy	Banbridge	1,349	4.4%	1.6%	2.1%	3.8%	0.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

3.7 Highest level of qualification

Level 1: 1 to 4 GCSEs, O levels, CSEs (any grades); 1 AS Level; NVQ level 1; or equivalent
Level 2: 5 or more GCSEs (A*-C or 9-4), O levels (passes) CSEs (grade 1); 1 A level, 2-3 AS Levels; NVQ level 2, BTEC General, City and Guilds Craft; or equivalent
Level 3: 2 or more A Levels, 4 or more AS Levels; NVQ Level 3, BTEC National, OND, ONC, City and Guilds Advanced Craft; or equivalent
Level 4 and above: Degree (BA, BSc), foundation degree, NVQ Level 4 and above, HND, HNC, professional qualifications (teaching or nursing, for example), or equivalent
Other: Apprenticeships; other qualifications, equivalent unknown

Chart 64: Counts and percentages of the population age 16-24 in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon by their highest level of qualification.

[Source: Census 2021]

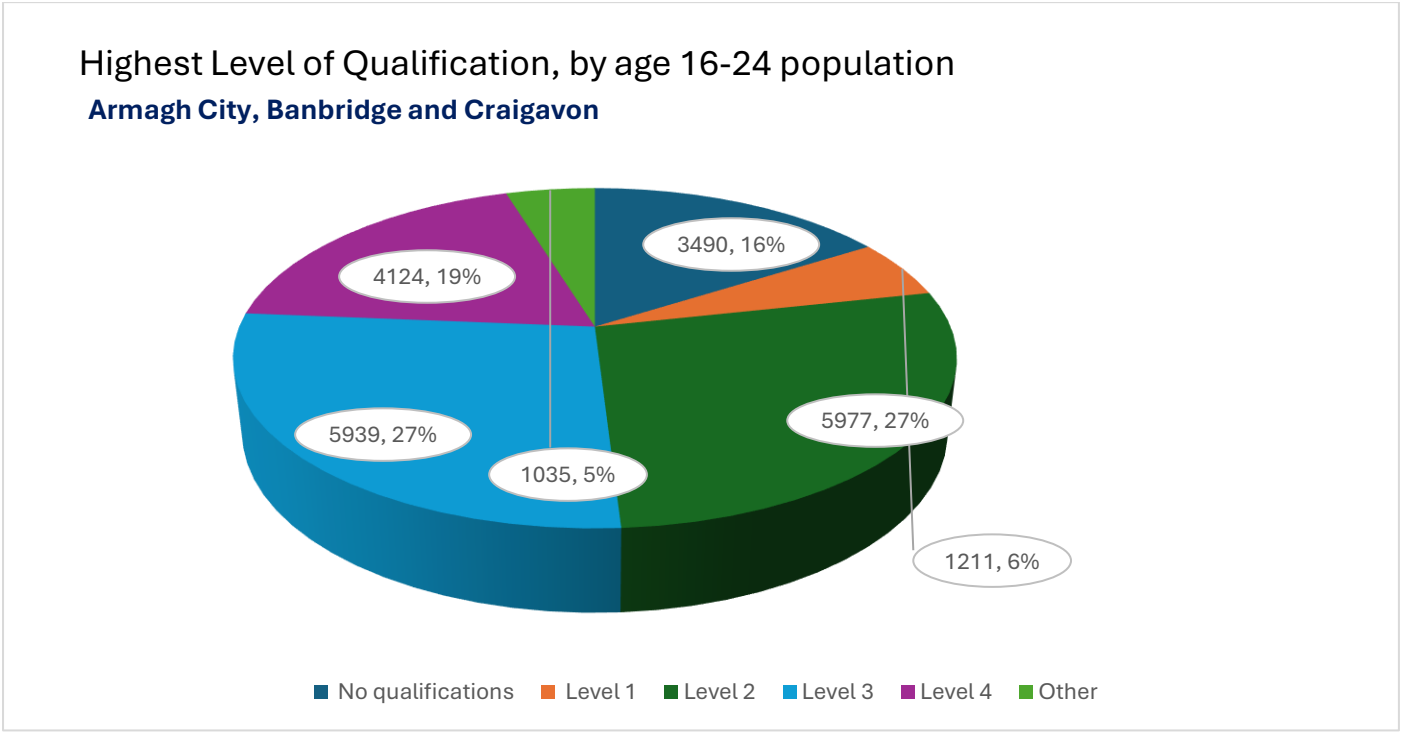


Chart 65: Counts (and percentage representation) of the population age 16-24 in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon by highest level of qualification, by DEA.

[Source: Census 2021]

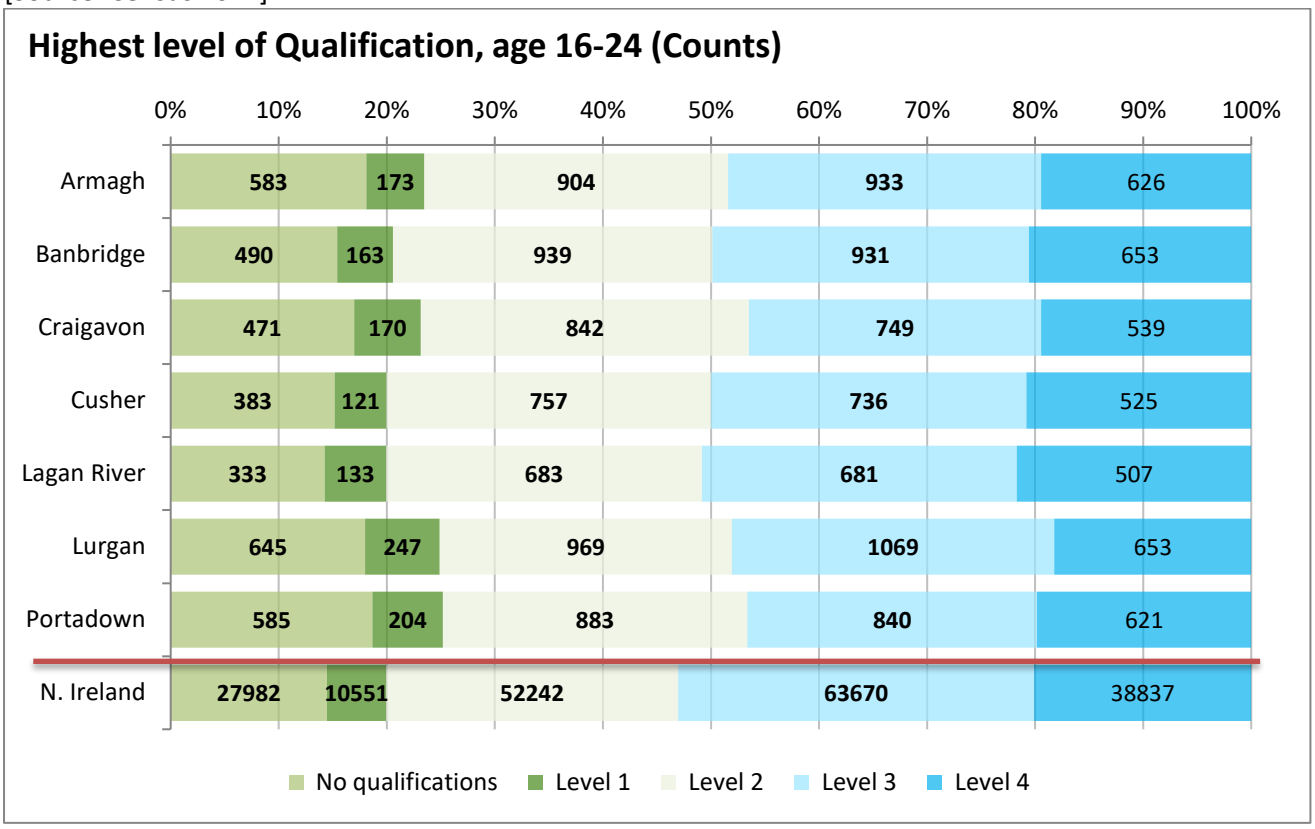


Chart 66: Low levels of qualification showing percentages of the population age 16-24 who have either no qualifications or a maximum of level 1, by DEA. [Source: Census 2021]

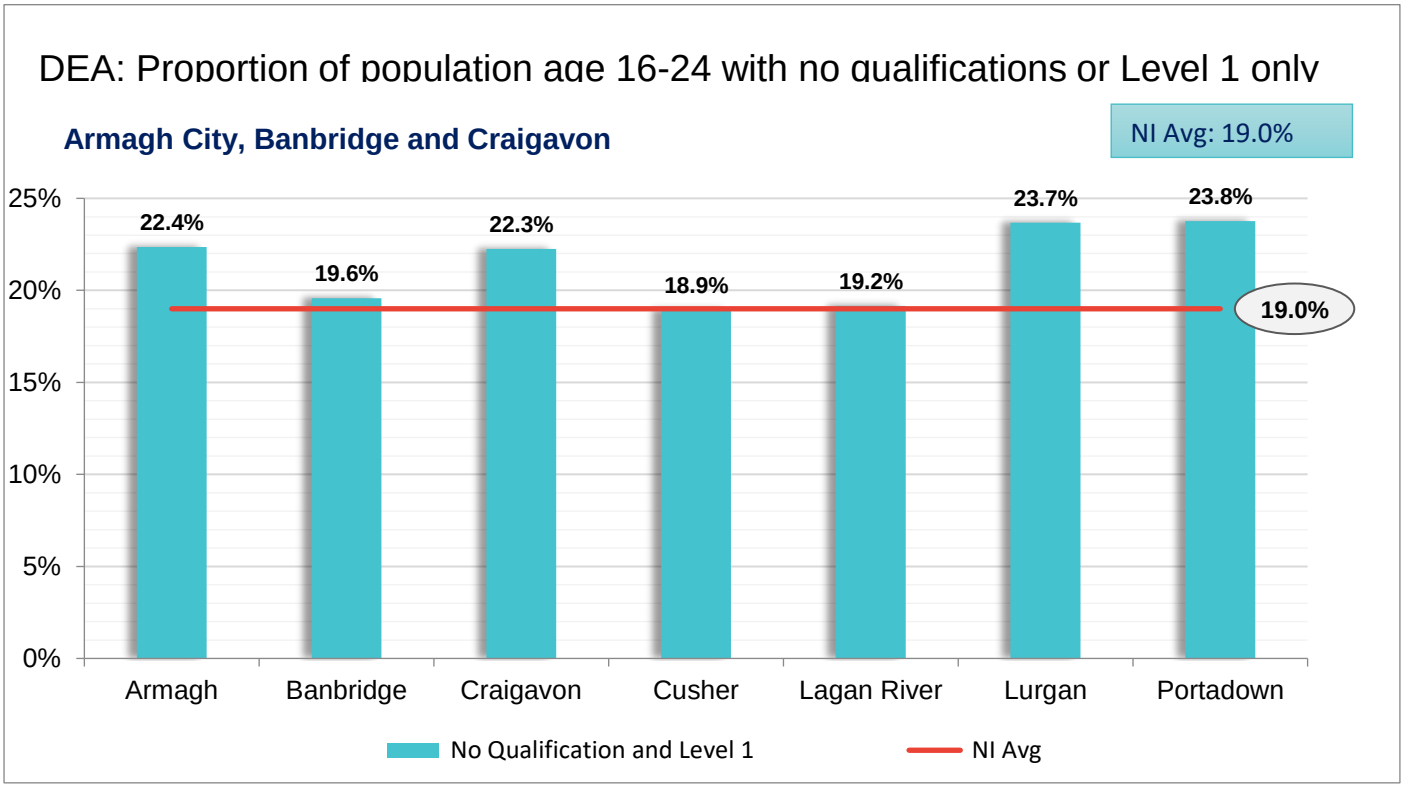


Table 24: Population counts and percentages of the population age 16-24 in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon who are educational qualifications levels as their highest level, by DEA. Red text indicated a value among the top 20% in Northern Ireland.

[Source: Census 2021]

Age 16-24 by Qualifications (Highest Level), DEAs in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon							
District Electoral Area	**Population age 16-24**	**No qualifications**	**Level 1: Percent**	**Level 2: percent**	**Level 3: Percent**	**Level 4 and above: Percent**	**Other: Percent**
Armagh	3,382	17.2%	5.1%	26.7%	27.6%	18.5%	4.8%
Banbridge	3,335	14.7%	4.9%	28.2%	27.9%	19.6%	4.8%
Craigavon	2,880	16.4%	5.9%	29.2%	26.0%	18.7%	3.8%
Cusher	2,661	14.4%	4.5%	28.4%	27.7%	19.7%	5.2%
Lagan River	2,432	13.7%	5.5%	28.1%	28.0%	20.8%	3.9%
Lurgan	3,767	17.1%	6.6%	25.7%	28.4%	17.3%	4.9%
Portadown	3,319	17.6%	6.1%	26.6%	25.3%	18.7%	5.6%
NI Average	**201,365**	**13.9%**	**5.2%**	**25.9%**	**31.6%**	**19.3%**	**4.0%**

3.8 Young people not in employment and with no qualifications aged 20-24years old

Table 25: Young people aged 20-24 years old in employment with and without qualifications and the number of young people aged 20-24 years old not in employment with or without qualifications by DEA.

District Electoral Area	% In employment (including full-time students) with No qualifications	% In employment (including full-time students) Has qualifications	% Not in employment No qualifications	% Not in employment Has qualifications	% Total In employment (including full-time students) Qualifications and No Qualifications	% Total Not in Employment Qualifications and No Qualifications
Armagh	4.2%	63.5%	5.5%	26.8%	67.7%	32.3%
Banbridge	1.9%	68.8%	5.0%	24.3%	70.7%	29.3%
Craigavon	4.8%	67.6%	5.3%	22.3%	72.4%	27.6%
Cusher	3.1%	73.7%	3.6%	19.6%	76.8%	23.2%
Lagan River	1.5%	73.5%	3.4%	21.6%	75.0%	25.0%
Lurgan	5.0%	65.6%	5.4%	24.0%	70.6%	29.4%
Portadown	6.4%	63.6%	5.6%	24.3%	70.1%	29.9%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 67: Percentage of young people aged 20-24 years old not in employment and with no qualifications

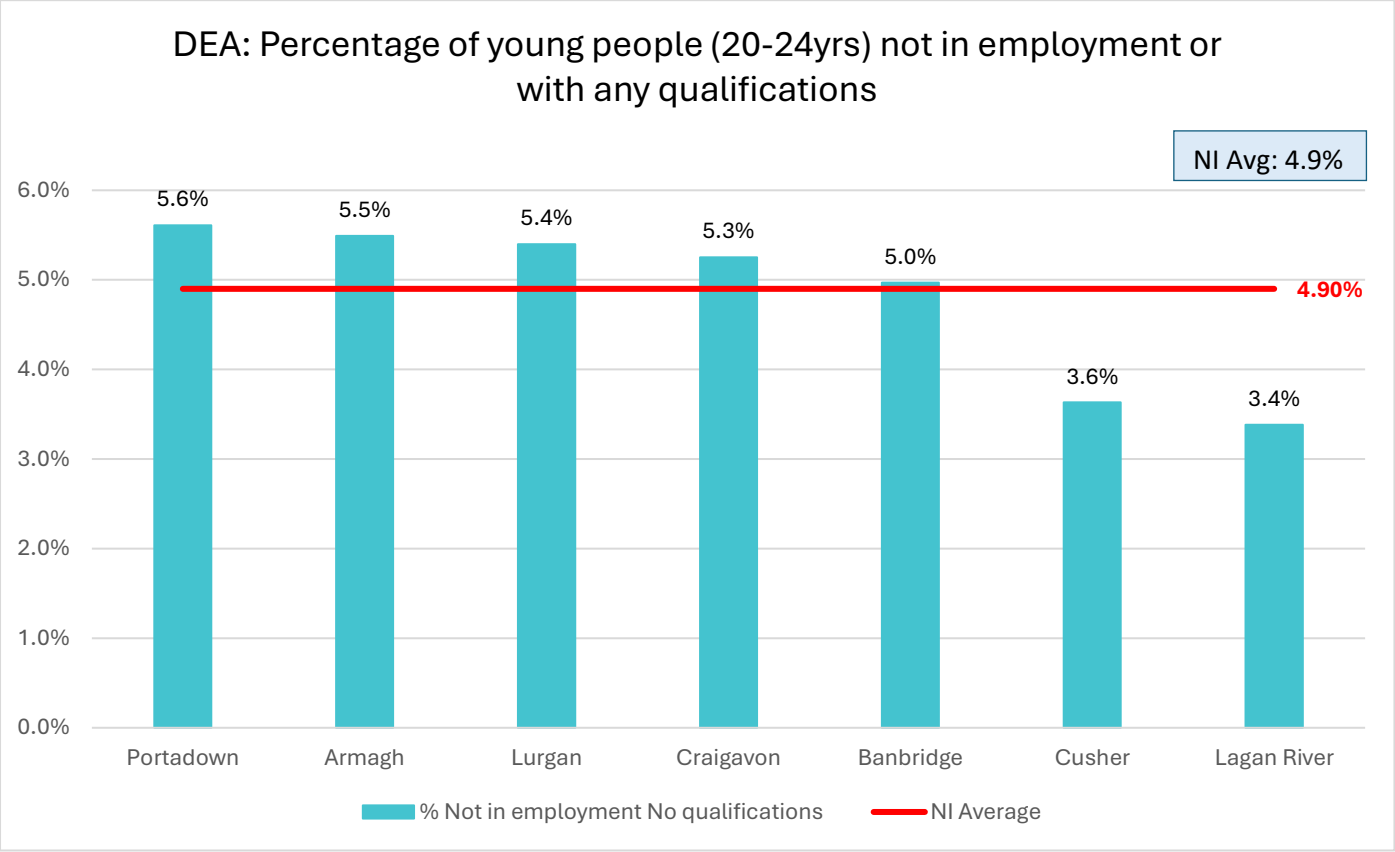
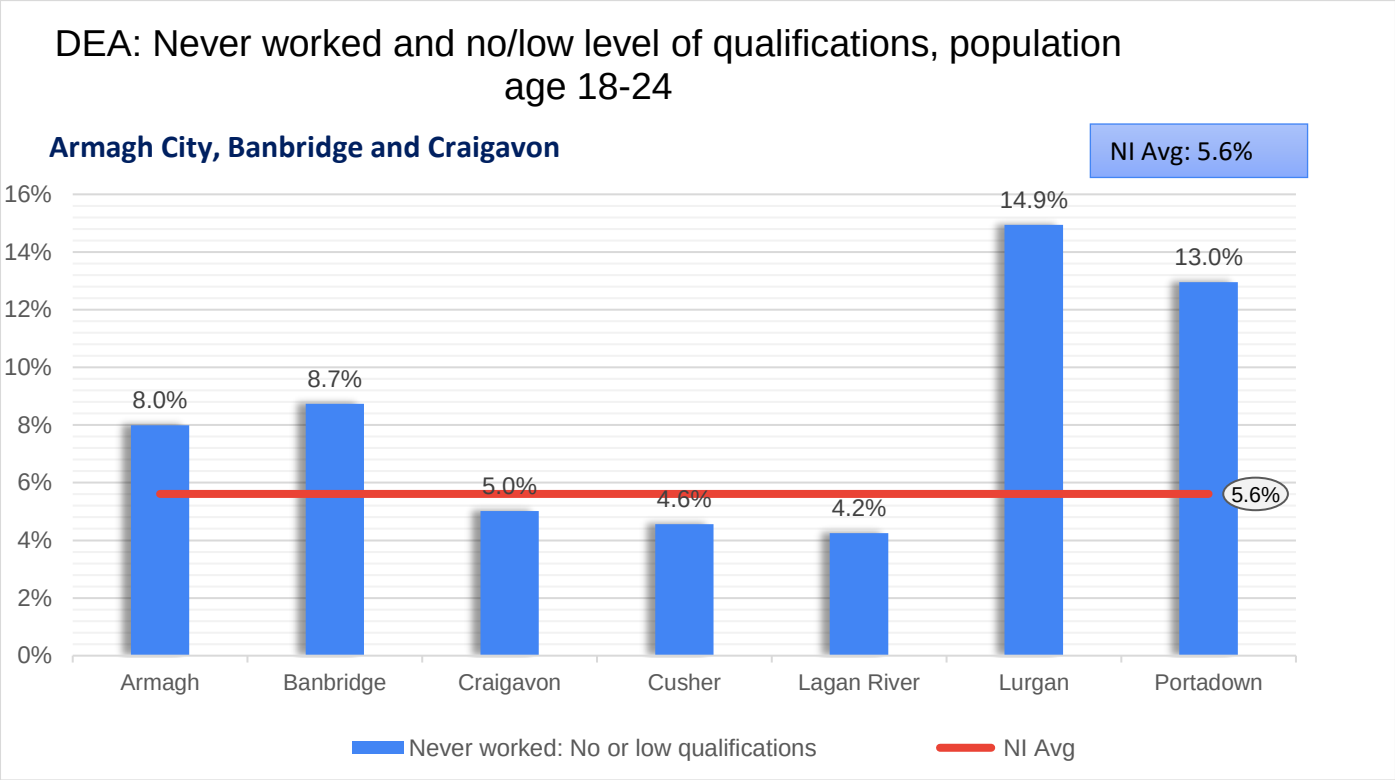


Chart 68: Percentage of the population age 18-24 who have never worked and have no qualifications or a low level of qualifications (Level 1 only).

Level 1: 1 to 4 GCSEs, O levels, CSEs (any grades); 1 AS Level; NVQ level 1; or equivalent

[Source: Census 2021]



3.9 Special Education Needs (SEN) LGD and DEA

Table 26: Special Education Needs (SEN) Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon

LGD	All pupils			Statemented pupils			SEN (stages 1-2)		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	41,766	20,695	21,071	2,324	647	1,677	4,674	1,726	2,948
NI Total	342,317	168,591	173,726	24,020	6,655	17,365	40,666	16,248	24,418

Source: School census data 22/23 – (pupils address)

Table 27: Special Education Needs (SEN) statemented pupil's gender

	Statemented pupils			NI Average Statemented pupils%
LGD	**% Statemented**	***Female %***	***Male %***	
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5.6%	27.8%	72.2%	7%
NI Total	7.0%	27.7%	72.3%	7%

Source: School census data 22/23 – (pupils address)

Table 28: Special Education Needs (SEN) Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEA's

DEA (pupil address)	All pupils			Statemented pupils			SEN (stages 1-2)		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Armagh	6,409	3,164	3,245	326	100	226	696	235	461
Banbridge	6,401	3,203	3,198	387	109	278	676	275	401
Craigavon	6,155	2,974	3,181	366	92	274	642	205	437
Cusher	4,978	2,553	2,425	250	69	181	494	180	314
Lagan River	4,572	2,279	2,293	234	62	172	454	166	288
Lurgan	7,119	3,519	3,600	405	118	287	949	383	566
Portadown	6,132	3,003	3,129	356	97	259	763	282	481

Source: School census data 22/23 – (pupils address)

Table 29: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEA, percentage of pupils with a SEN Statement

DEA	% of pupils statemented	NI Average Statemented pupils
Banbridge	6.0%	7%
Craigavon	5.9%	7%
Portadown	5.8%	7%
Lurgan	5.7%	7%
Lagan River	5.1%	7%
Armagh	5.1%	7%
Cusher	5.0%	7%

Source: School census data 22/23 – (pupils address)

Table 30: Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEA SEN Percentages all levels (all pupils residence)

DEA (pupil address)	Total SEN 1-3	% pupils SEN 1-3	NI Average % pupils SEN 1-3	% pupils SEN 1-2	NI Average %	% pupils Sen 3 Statement	NI Average %
Armagh	1,022	15.9%	19.0%	10.9%	12.0%	5.1%	7%
Banbridge	1,063	16.6%	19.0%	10.6%	12.0%	6.0%	7%
Craigavon	1,008	16.4%	19.0%	10.4%	12.0%	5.9%	7%
Cusher	744	14.9%	19.0%	9.9%	12.0%	5.0%	7%
Lagan River	688	15.0%	19.0%	9.9%	12.0%	5.1%	7%
Lurgan	1,354	19.0%	19.0%	13.3%	12.0%	5.7%	7%
Portadown	1,119	18.2%	19.0%	12.4%	12.0%	5.8%	7%

Source: School census data 22/23– (pupils address)

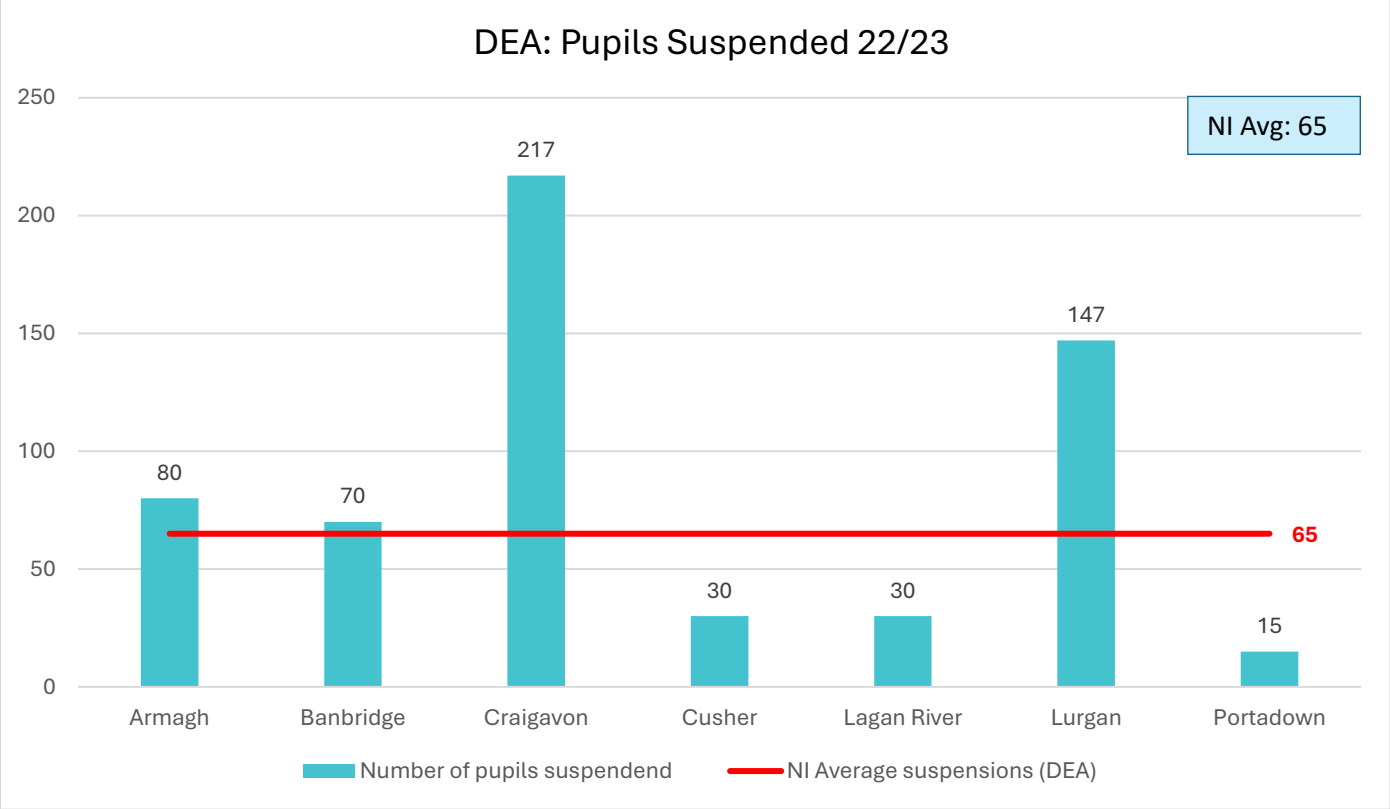
3.10 Pupils Suspended in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon District Electoral Areas (DEA's)

Table 31: Pupils Suspended in 2022/2023 by DEA

DEA Name	Number of pupils suspended	NI Average suspensions (DEA)
Armagh	80	65
Banbridge	70	65
Craigavon	217	65
Cusher	30	65
Lagan River	30	65
Lurgan	147	65
Portadown	15	65

Source: School census data 22/23

Chart 69: Pupils Suspended by DEA (includes ps and pp)



3.11 Rates of non-attendance at school (post-primary)

Chart 70: Non-attendance rates in post-primary schools though unauthorised absence over 5 years, Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD

[Source: School census, DE]

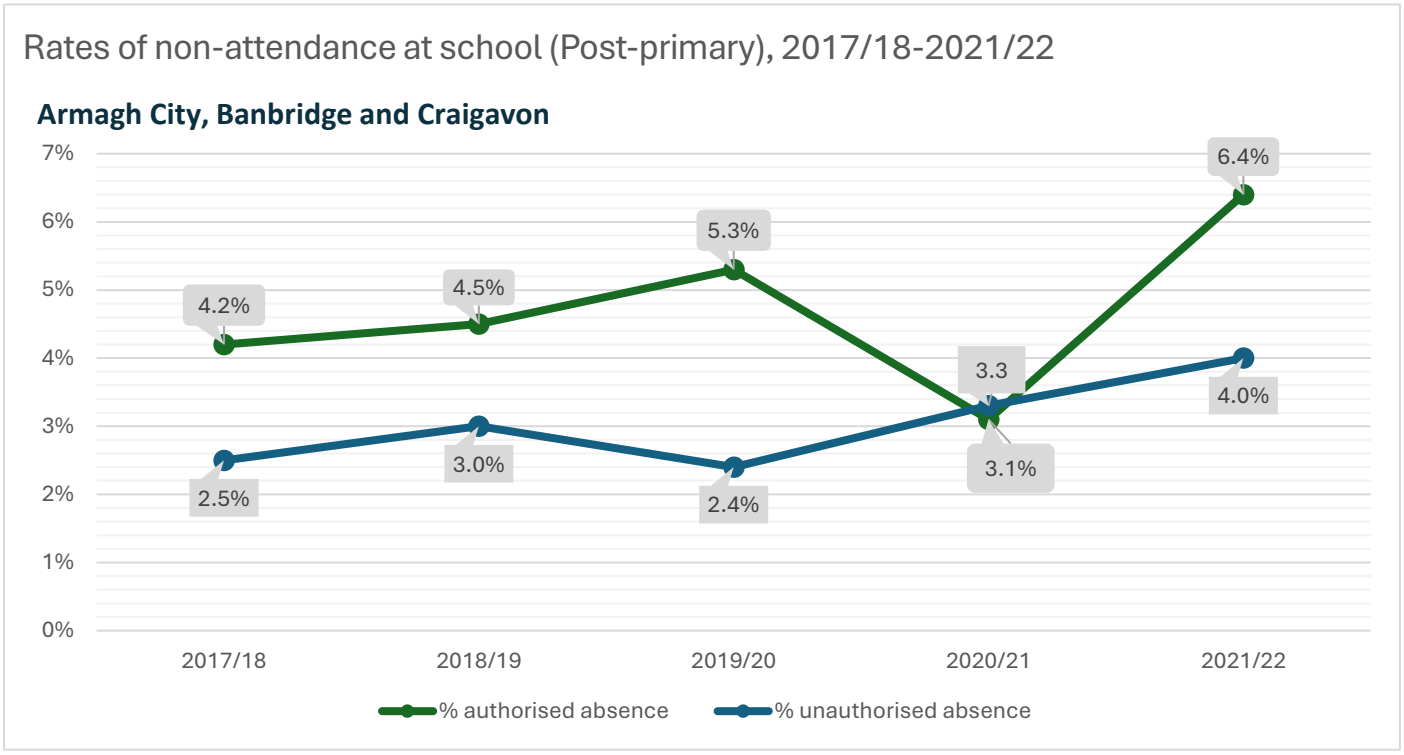


Chart 71: Non-attendance rates in post-primary schools though unauthorised absence, by DEA

[Source: School census, DE]

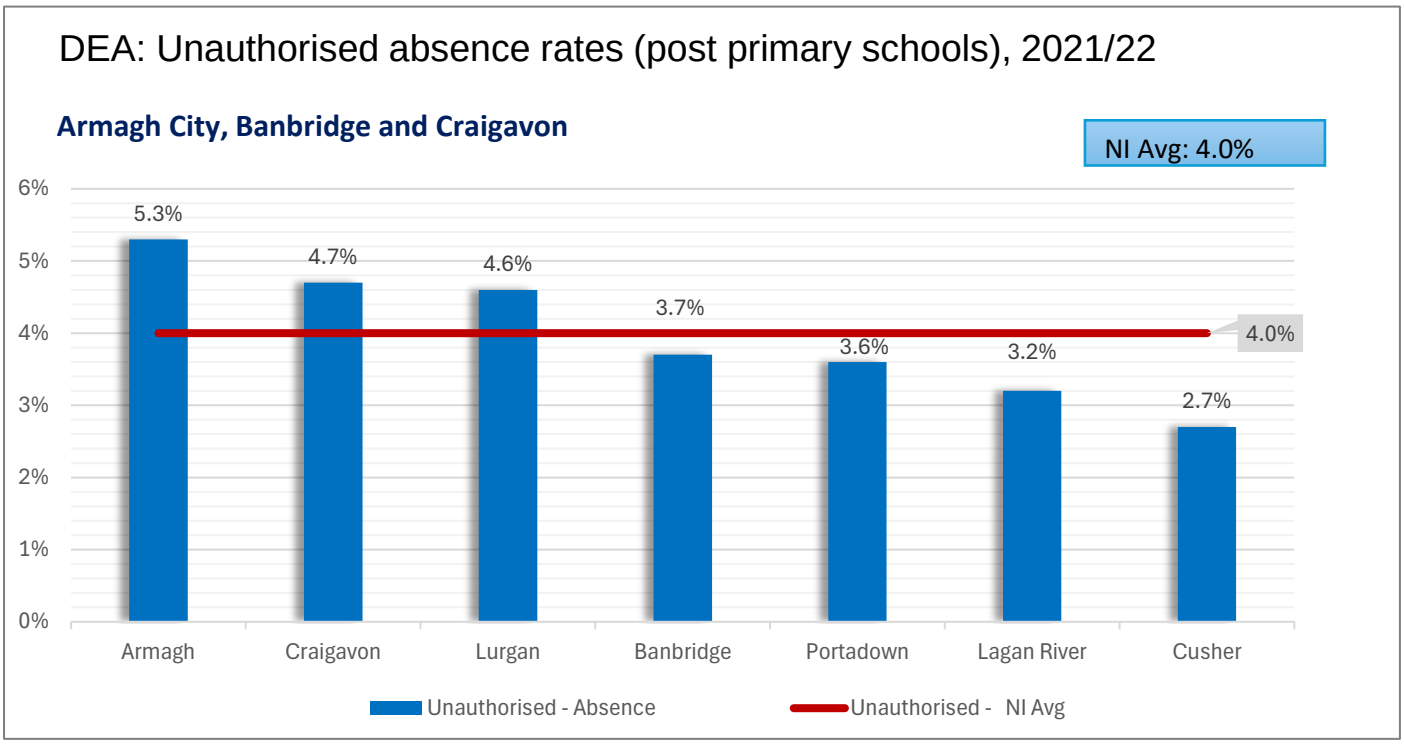
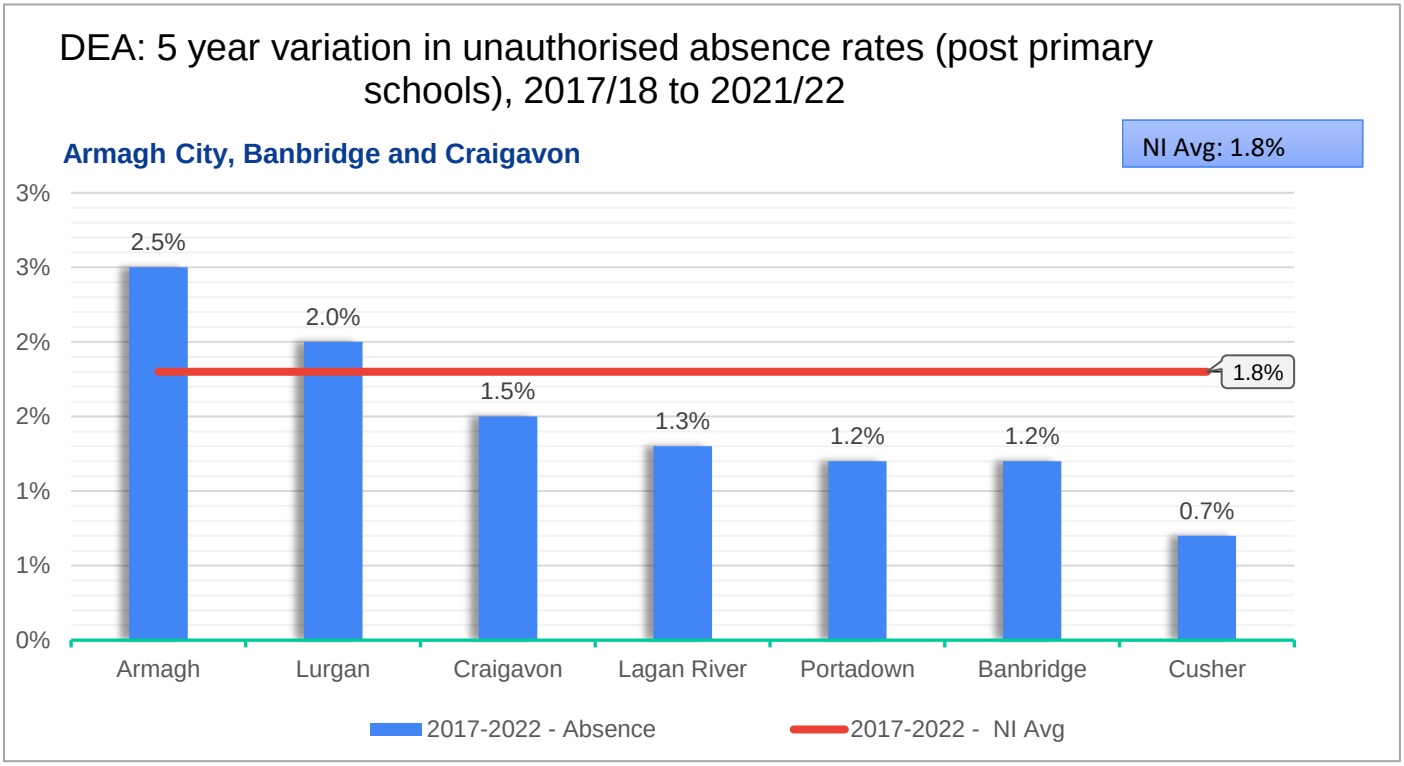


Chart 72: 5-year change in rates of non-attendance rates in post-primary schools though unauthorised absence, by DEA

[Source: School census, DE]



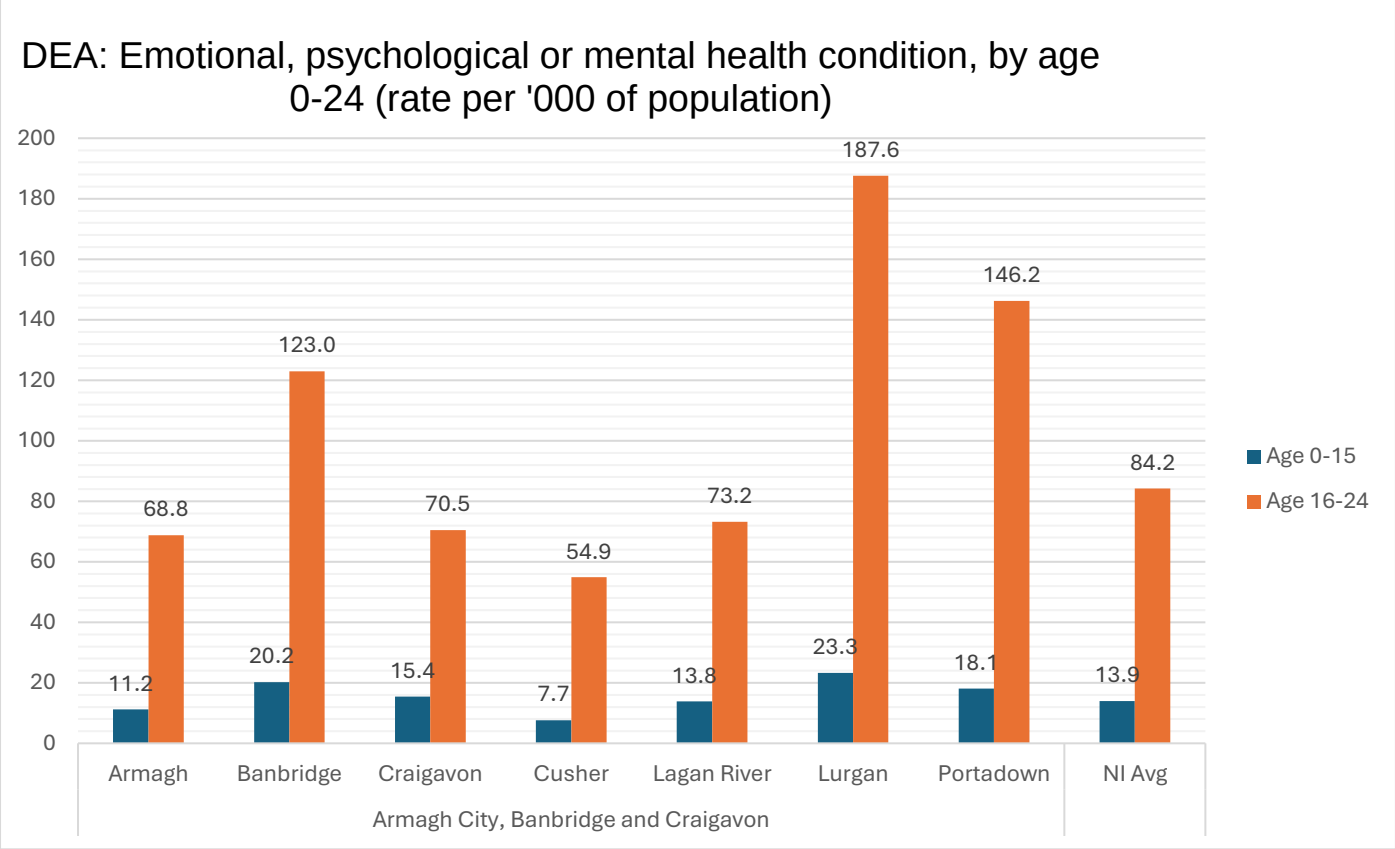
SECTION 4.0 HEALTH AND WELL BEING

4.1 Mental and Emotional Health

Chart 73: Rates per '000 of the 0-24 population (comparing the 0-15 and 16-24 age categories) resident in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon who have an emotional, psychological or mental health condition, by DEA.

This data is derived from a self-assessment of whether a person has a long-term emotional, psychological or mental health condition.

[Source: Census 2021]

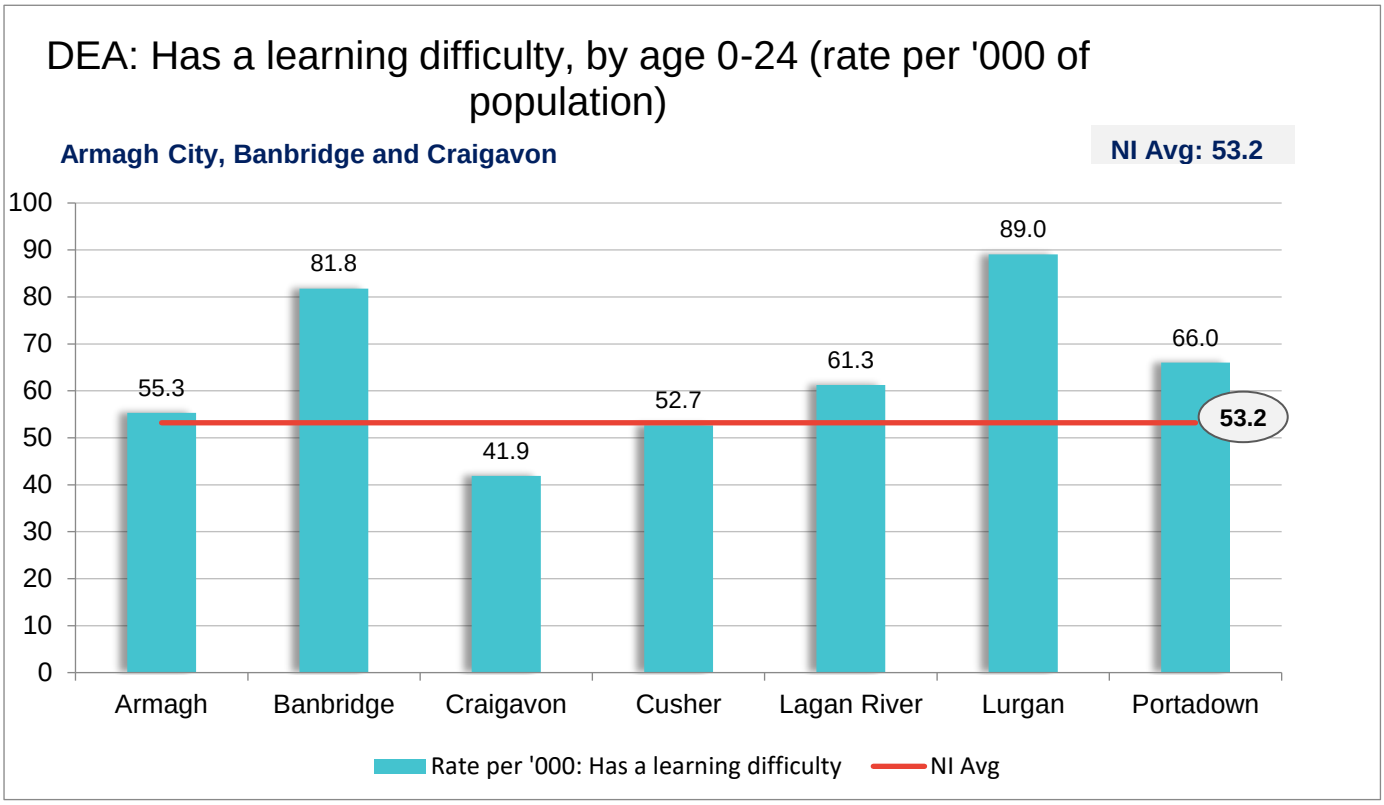


4.2 Learning Difficulty

Chart 74: Rate per'000 of the population age 0-24 resident in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon who have a learning difficulty, by DEA.

Information is based on a self-assessment of whether a person has a long-term learning difficulty (for example dyslexia).

[Source: Census 2021]



4.3 Autism or Aspergers syndrome

Chart 75: Rate per'000 of the population age 0-24 resident in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon who have Autism or Aspergers syndrome, by DEA.

Information is based on a self-assessment of whether a person has Autism or Aspergers syndrome

[Source: Census 2021]

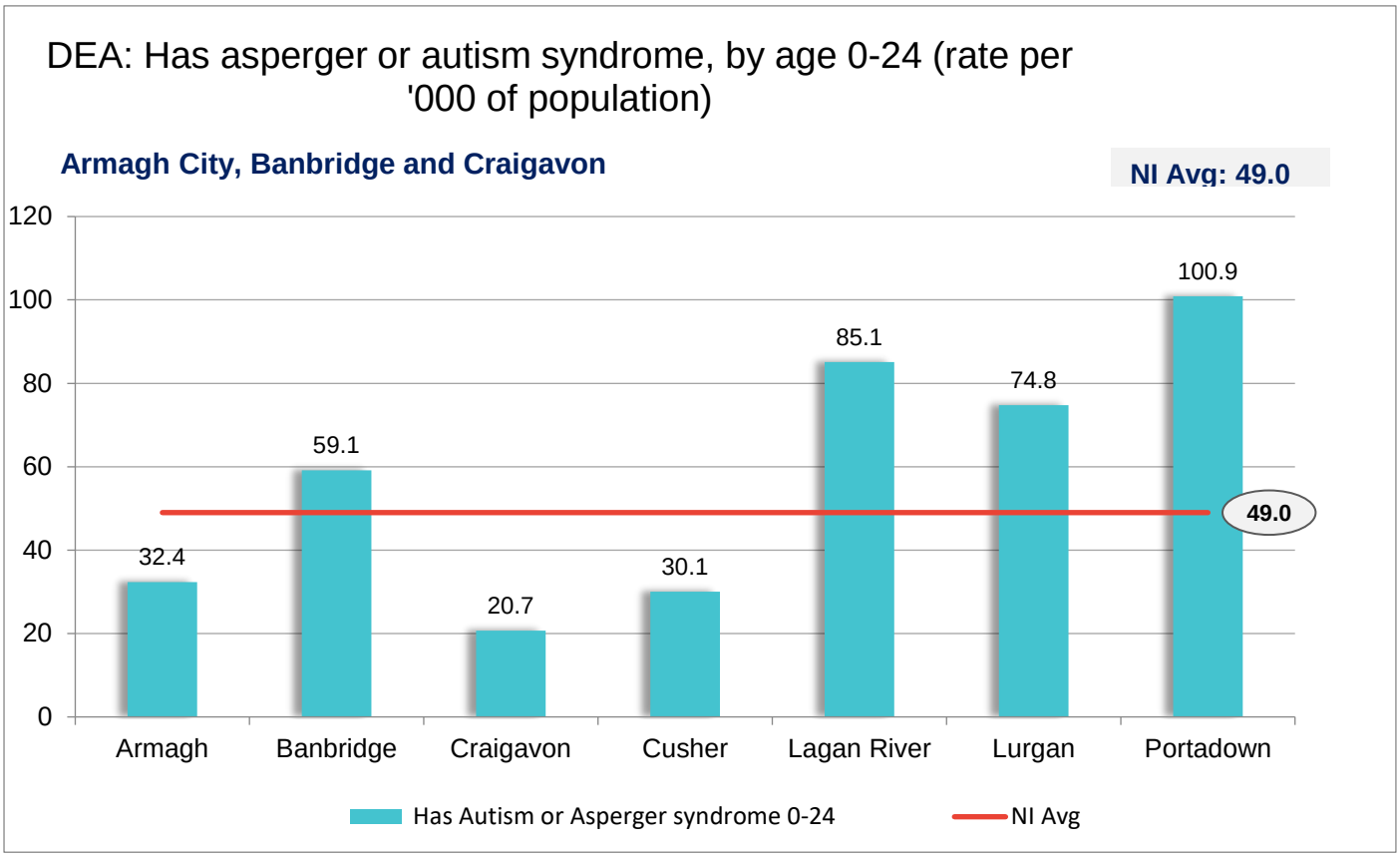


Table 32: Counts of population age 0-24 resident in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon who have self-reported mental, emotional and learning conditions, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

Health Conditions by age 0-24, population counts 0-24 years				
District Electoral Area	**Population age 0-24**	**Has an emotional, psychological or mental health condition**	**Has Autism or Asperger syndrome**	**Has a learning difficulty**
Armagh	7,449	226	241	412
Banbridge	6,578	357	389	538
Craigavon	10,725	349	222	449
Cusher	7,384	165	222	389
Lagan River	5,746	193	489	352
Lurgan	5,177	385	387	461
Portadown	5,332	319	538	352
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD	**48,391**	**1,994**	**2,488**	**2,953**

4.4 Long-term health conditions

Chart 76: Distribution of long-term health conditions reported by the age 0-24 population in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon. A long-term health condition is one which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months. In census, this is a self-assessment question.

[Source: Census 2021]

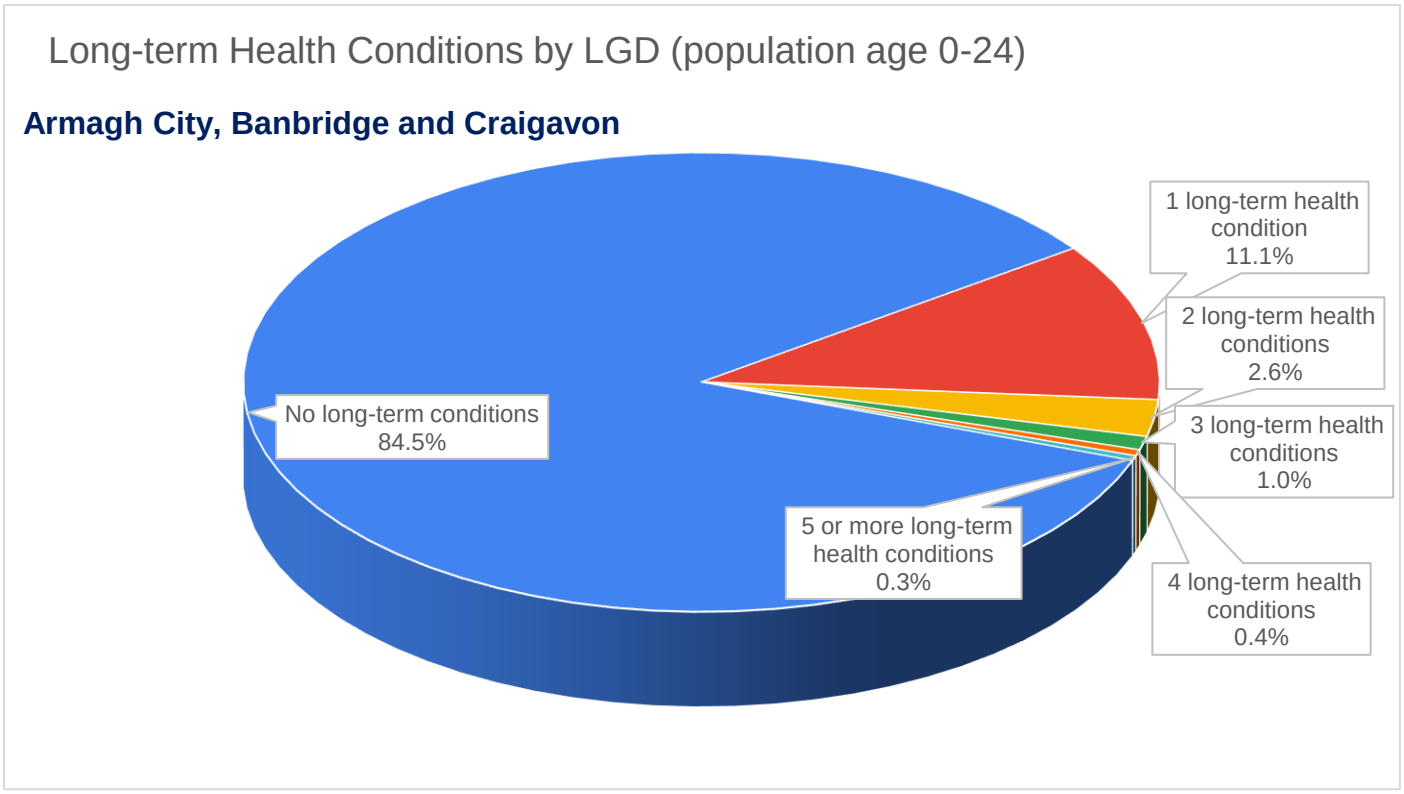
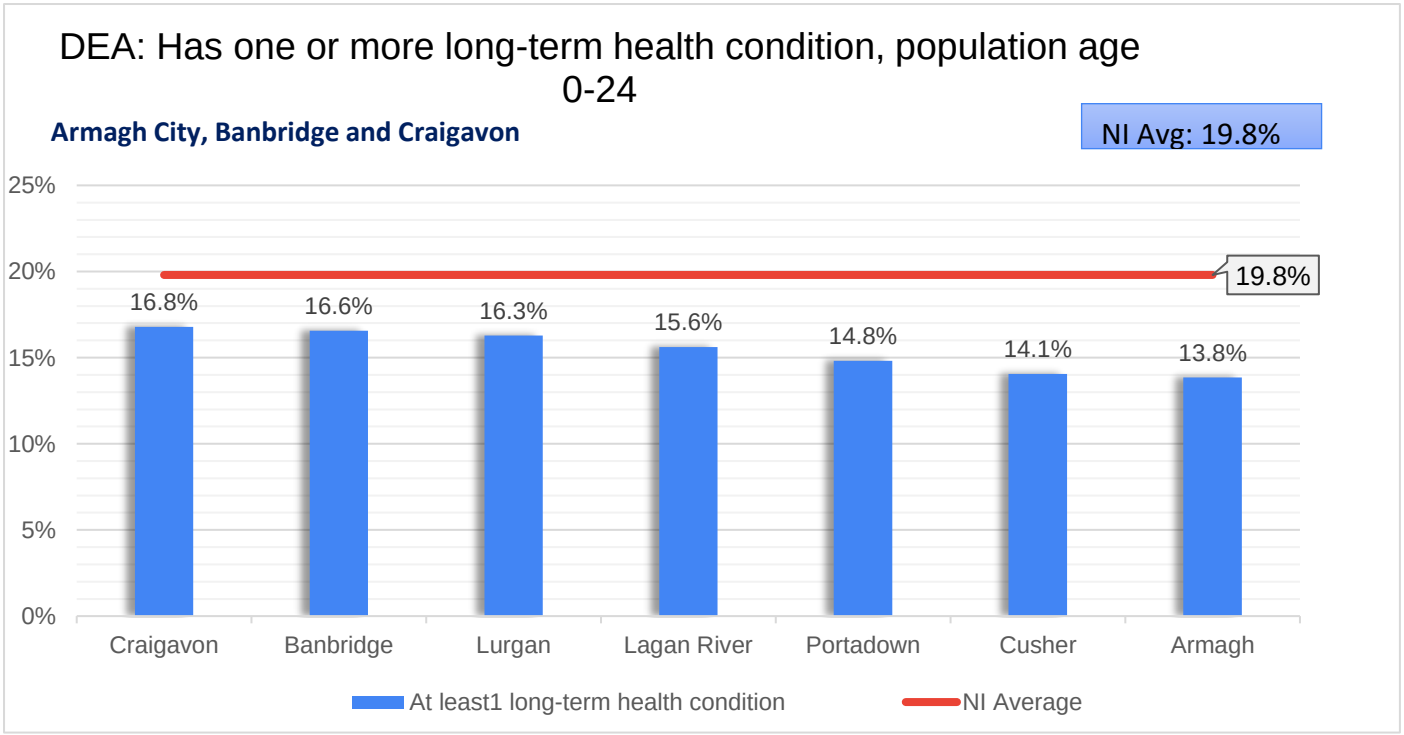


Chart 77: Percentage of the population age 0-24 resident in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon who have at least one long-term health condition, by DEA.

[Source: Census 2021]



4.5 Childhood Obesity and Overweight Health

Diet/childhood BMI

Chart 78: The proportion of children who are classified as obese or, overweight or obese, extracted from the Child Health System.

overweight/obese figures and obesity figures are presented by academic year. The information relates to the height and weight information of Primary 1 pupils who were aged between 4 years 2 months and 6 years 2 months and of Year 8 pupils who were aged between 11 years 2 months and 13 years 2 months at the time of measurement. The height and weight information is converted into a Body Mass Index score for each pupil. The BMI has been categorized using International Obesity Task Force growth charts which consider age and gender, allowing those who are either overweight or obese to be identified.

[Source: Childhood BMI, Public Health Information and Research Branch]

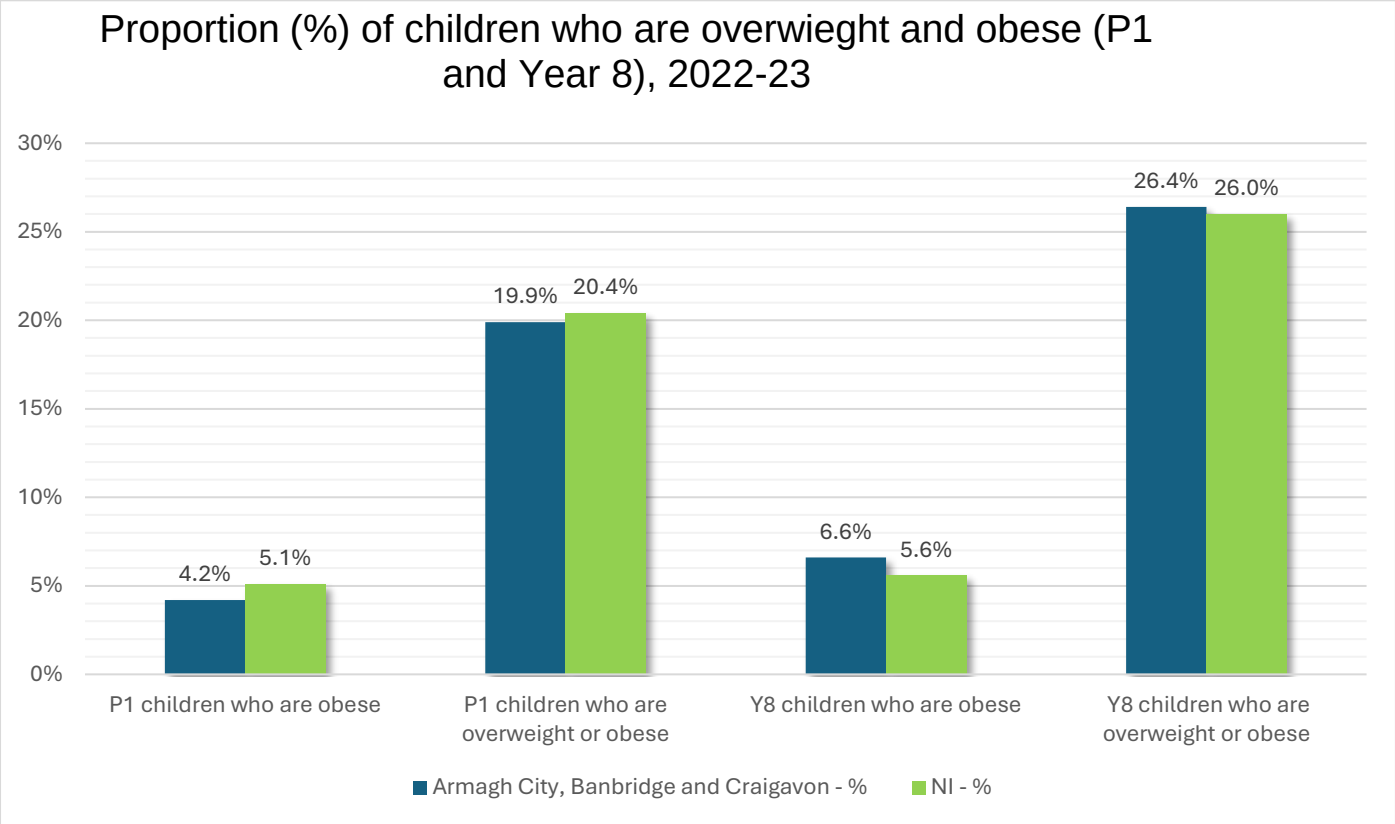


Chart 79: 5-year trend, child BMI at Year 8 by gender, Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon

Please note that data for the years 2020/21 and 2021/22 are not available.

[Source: Childhood BMI, Public Health Information and Research Branch]

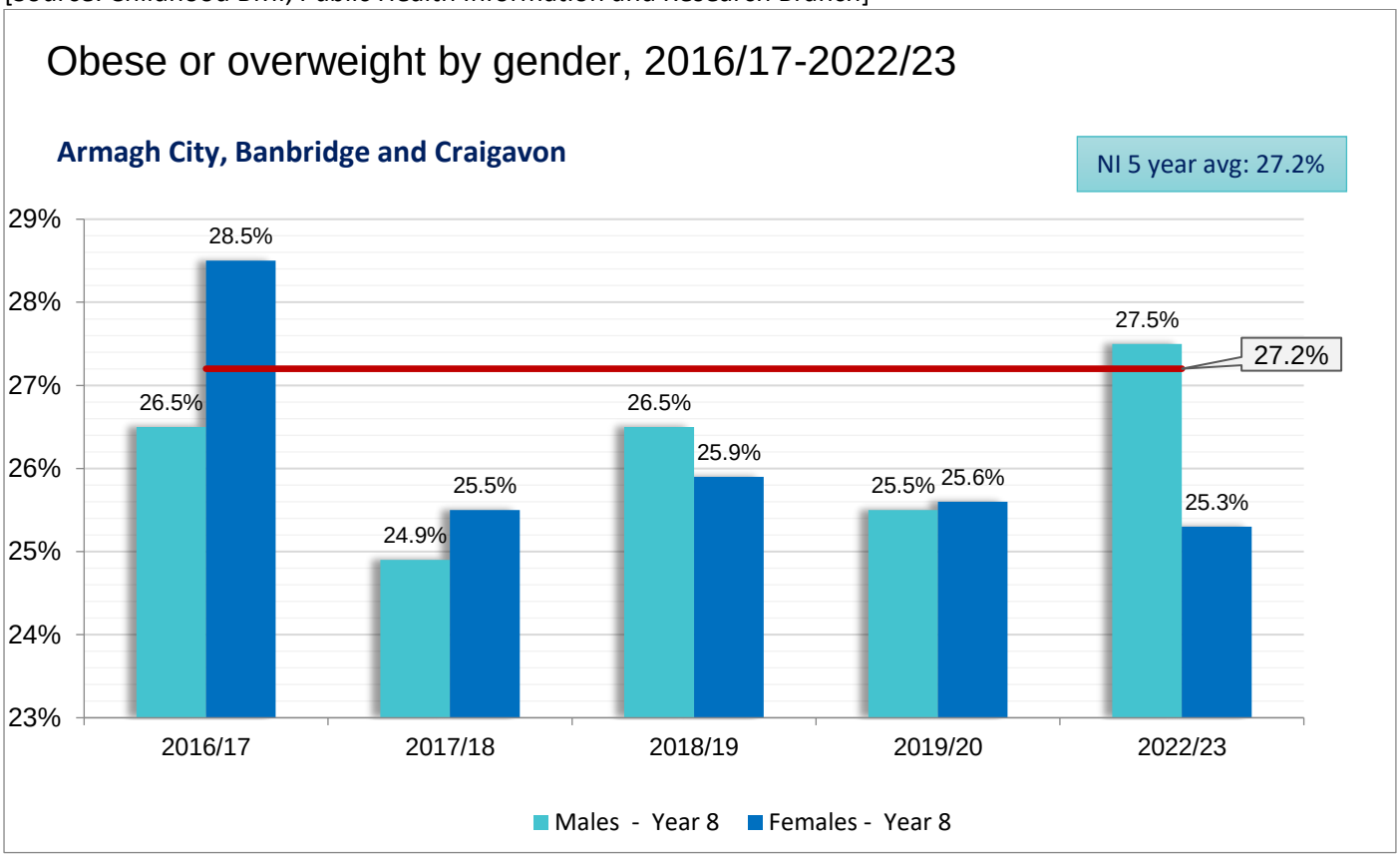
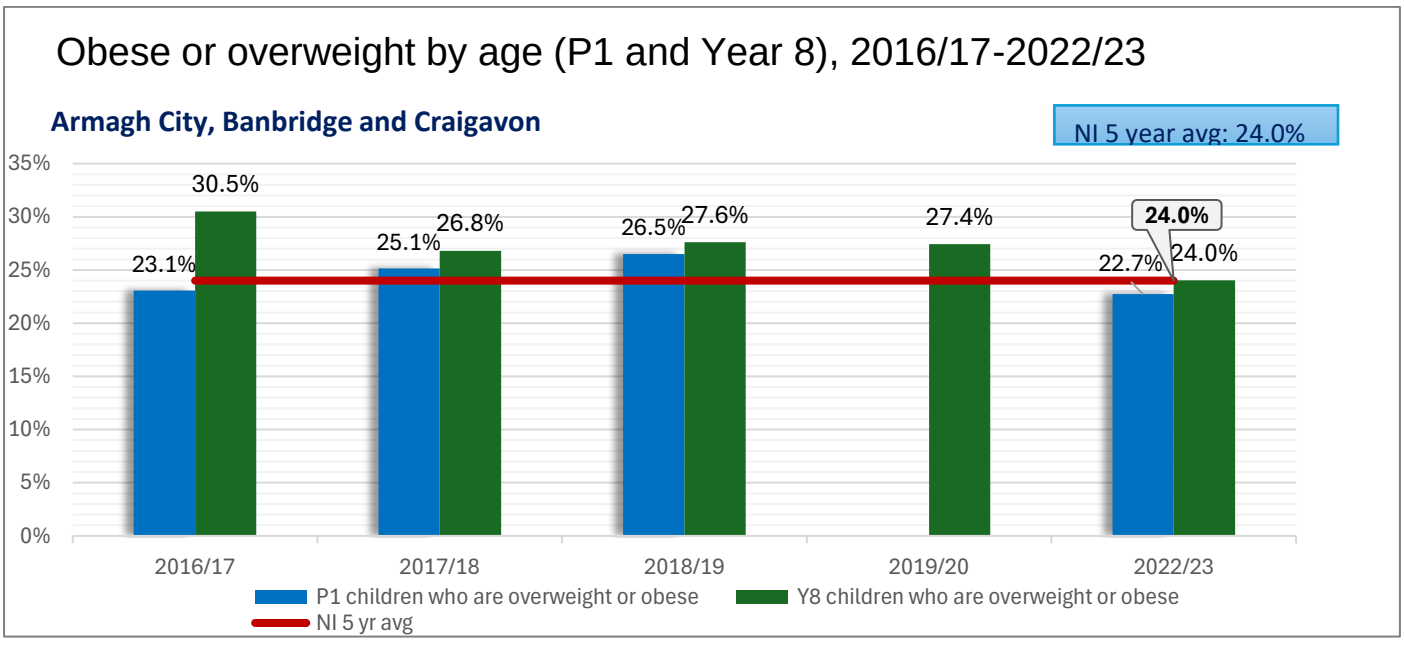


Chart 80: 5-year trend, child BMI by age, Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon

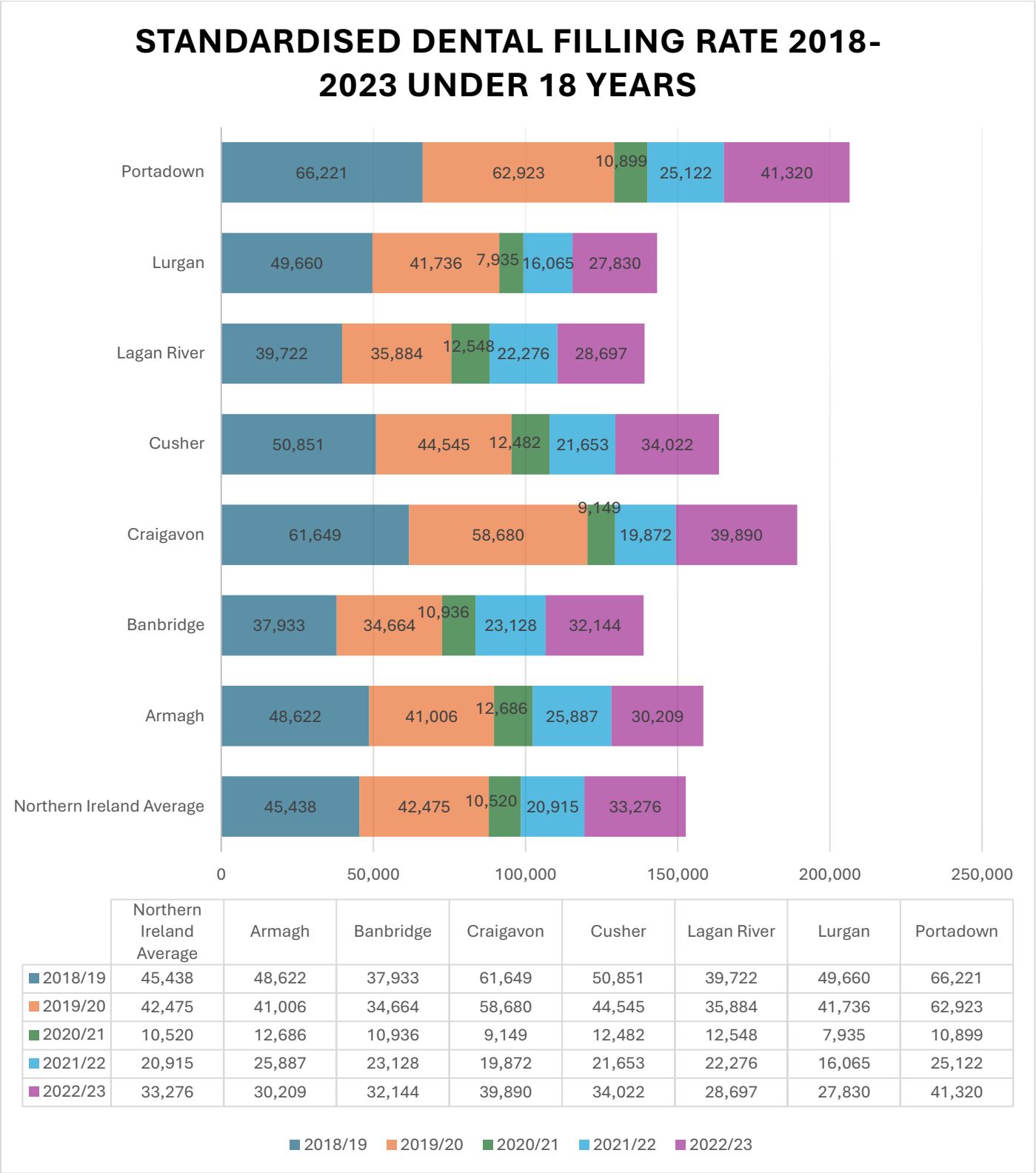
Please note that data for the years 2020/21 and data for P1 children from 2019/20 are not available.

[Source: Childhood BMI, Public Health Information and Research Branch]



4.6 Dental Filings for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEAs 2018 - 2023

Chart 81: Standardised Dental Fillings by DEA

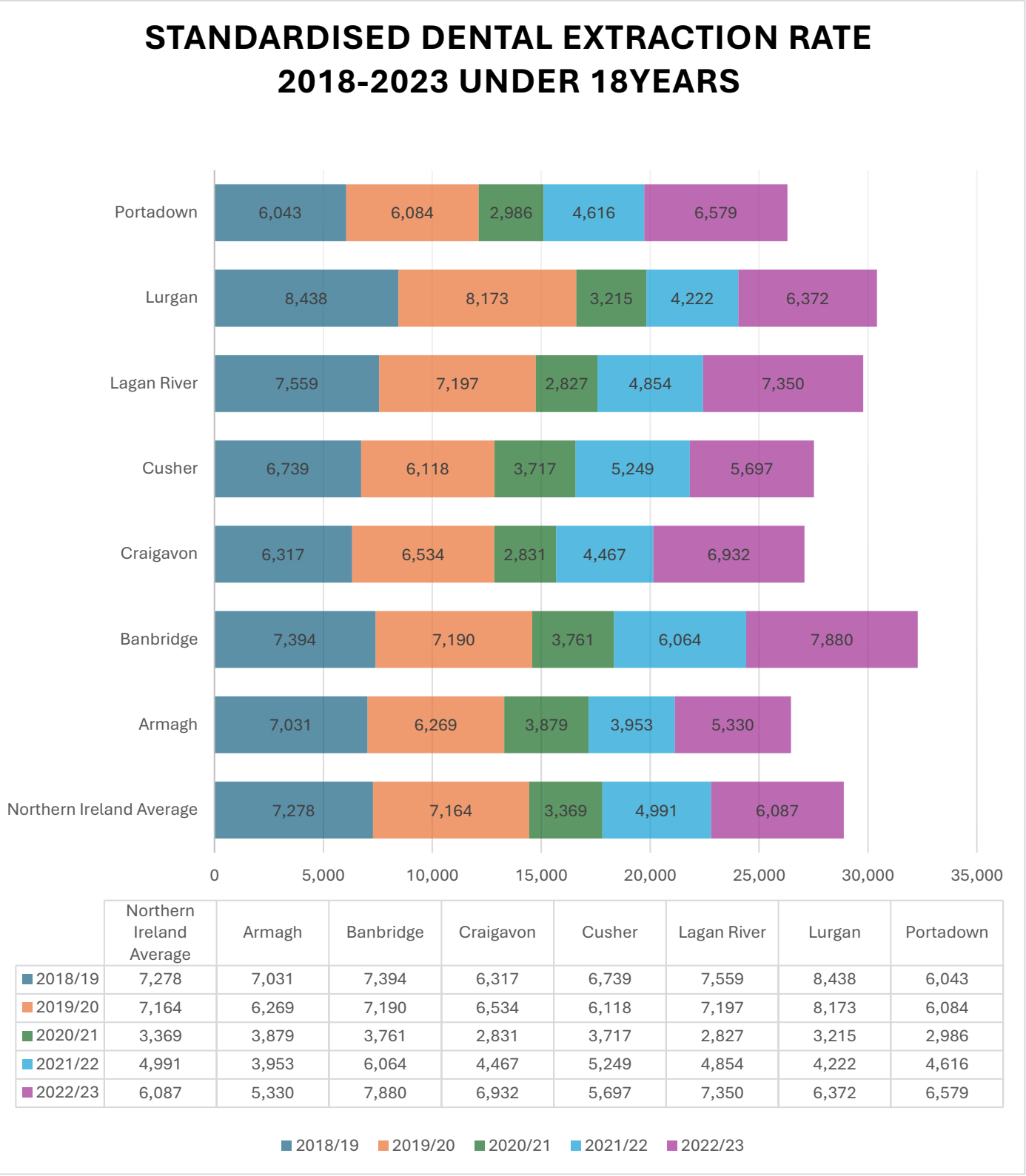


	Northern Ireland Average	Armagh	Banbridge	Craigavon	Cusher	Lagan River	Lurgan	Portadown
2018/19	45,438	48,622	37,933	61,649	50,851	39,722	49,660	66,221
2019/20	42,475	41,006	34,664	58,680	44,545	35,884	41,736	62,923
2020/21	10,520	12,686	10,936	9,149	12,482	12,548	7,935	10,899
2021/22	20,915	25,887	23,128	19,872	21,653	22,276	16,065	25,122
2022/23	33,276	30,209	32,144	39,890	34,022	28,697	27,830	41,320

Source: NISRA 22/23

4.7 Dental Extractions for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEAs 2018 - 2023

Chart 82: Standardised Dental Extractions by DEA



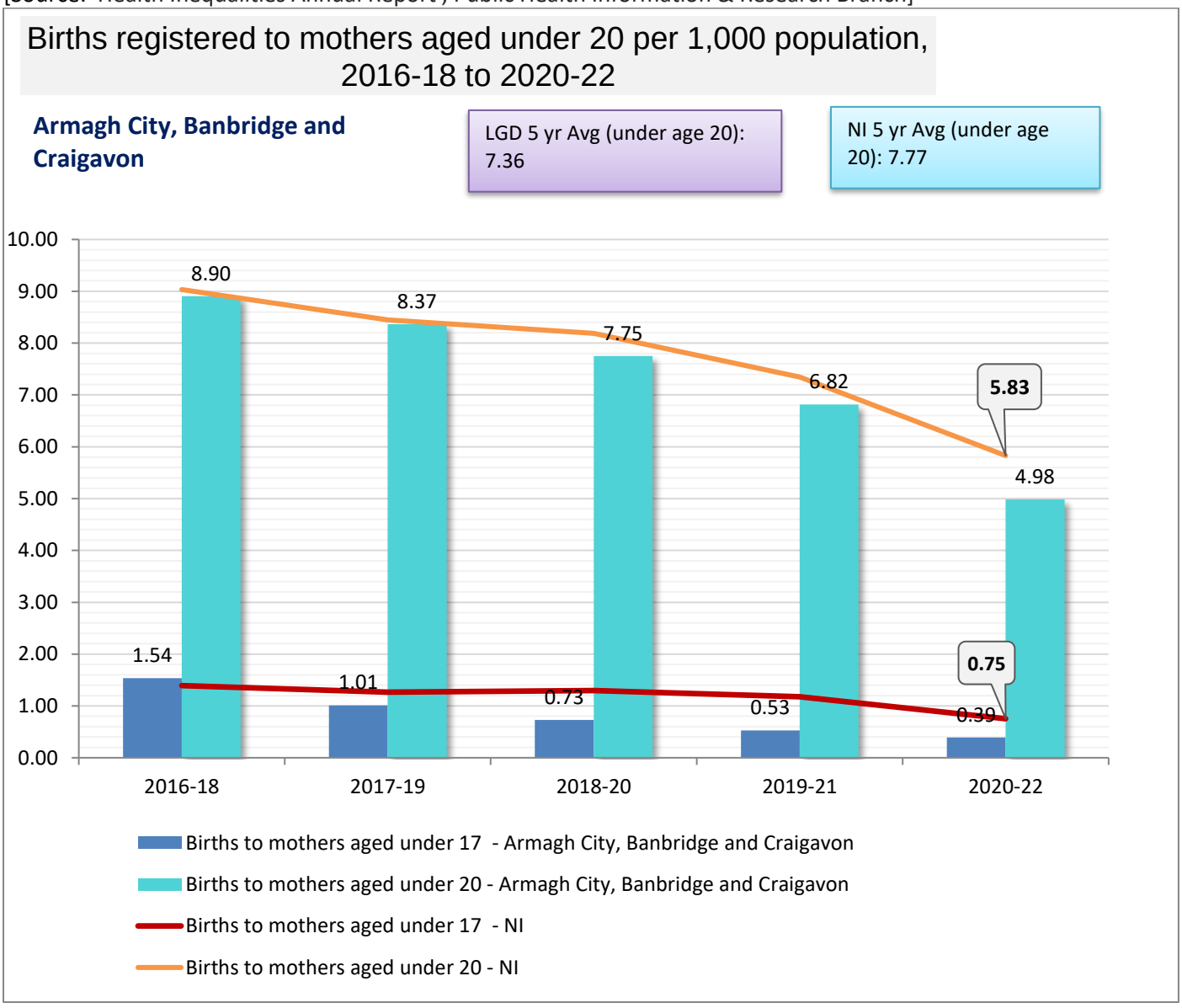
	Northern Ireland Average	Armagh	Banbridge	Craigavon	Cusher	Lagan River	Lurgan	Portadown
2018/19	7,278	7,031	7,394	6,317	6,739	7,559	8,438	6,043
2019/20	7,164	6,269	7,190	6,534	6,118	7,197	8,173	6,084
2020/21	3,369	3,879	3,761	2,831	3,717	2,827	3,215	2,986
2021/22	4,991	3,953	6,064	4,467	5,249	4,854	4,222	4,616
2022/23	6,087	5,330	7,880	6,932	5,697	7,350	6,372	6,579

Source: NISRA 22/23

4.8 Teenage Birth Rates

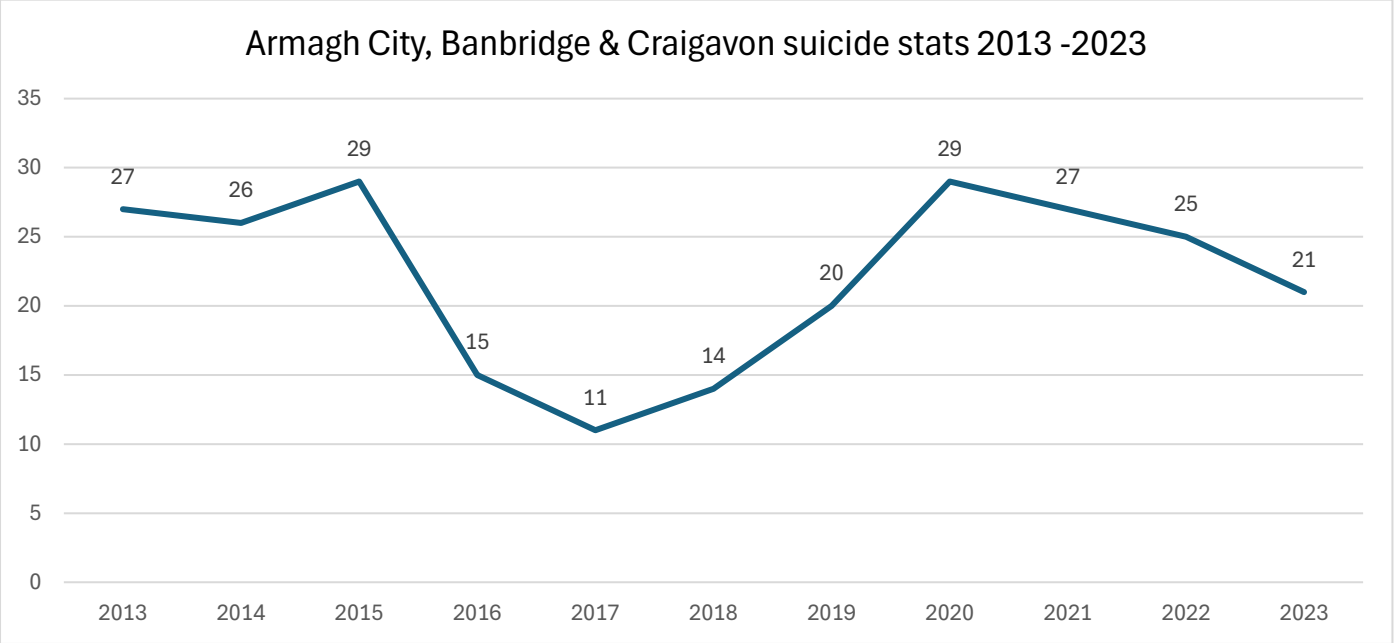
Chart 83: Births registered to mothers under the age of 17 (between 13 and 16 years of age inclusive) and under the age of 20 (between the ages of 13 and 19 inclusive) per 1,000 females since 2016 by two-year cycles.

[Source: 'Health Inequalities Annual Report', Public Health Information & Research Branch]



4.9 Suicide Deaths in Northern Ireland

Chart 84: Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon suicide stats 2013-2023



Source: NISRA 2025

In 2023, one in every five suicide deaths was someone under the age of 30. This is in line with previous years. Suicide remains the leading cause of death in males under 50. Of the 561 male deaths registered in 2023 where the deceased was under 50 years of age,107 were to suicide (19.1%).

In 2023, suicide deaths were highest for men between the ages of 25 and 29 at 26 deaths, while for women the highest number of suicide deaths were between the ages of 50 and 54.

The suicide rate (age-standardised) in Northern Ireland was 13.3 deaths per 100,000 population in 2023. This rate has fluctuated since the start of the revised series (2015), ranging from 11.9 per 100,000 in 2016 to 14.3 per 100, 000 in both 2018 and 2021.

The percentage of suicides in 2023 within Northern Ireland's most deprived areas (28.5 per cent) was over twice that of the least deprived areas (13.1 per cent).

The Northern Trust had the highest number of suicides in 2023 (56), followed by Belfast Trust (50). The Western Trust had the lowest number of suicides in 2023 (36).

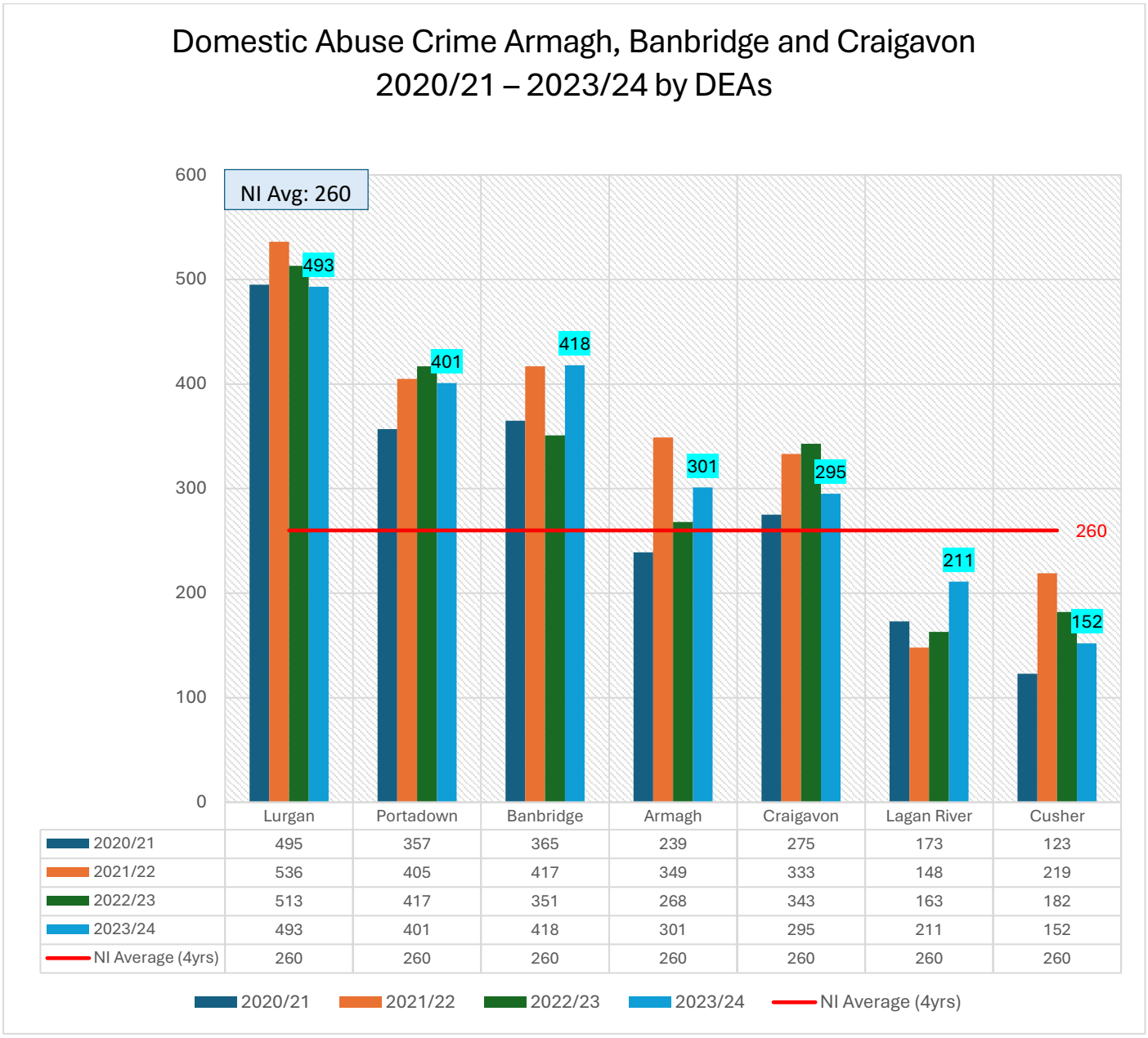
171 (77.4 per cent) of the 221 suicide deaths in 2023 were males and 50 (22.6 per cent) were females. The age-standardised rate for males increased from 19.2 per 100,000 males in 2022 to 20.9 in 2023, while for females, the equivalent rate increased from 5.7 per 100,000 females in 2022 to 5.9 in 2023.

Source: NISRA 2025

SECTION 5.0 LIVING IN SAFETY AND STABILITY

5.1 Domestic Abuse Crimes Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEAs

Chart 85: Domestic Abuse by DEAs from 2020 – 2024

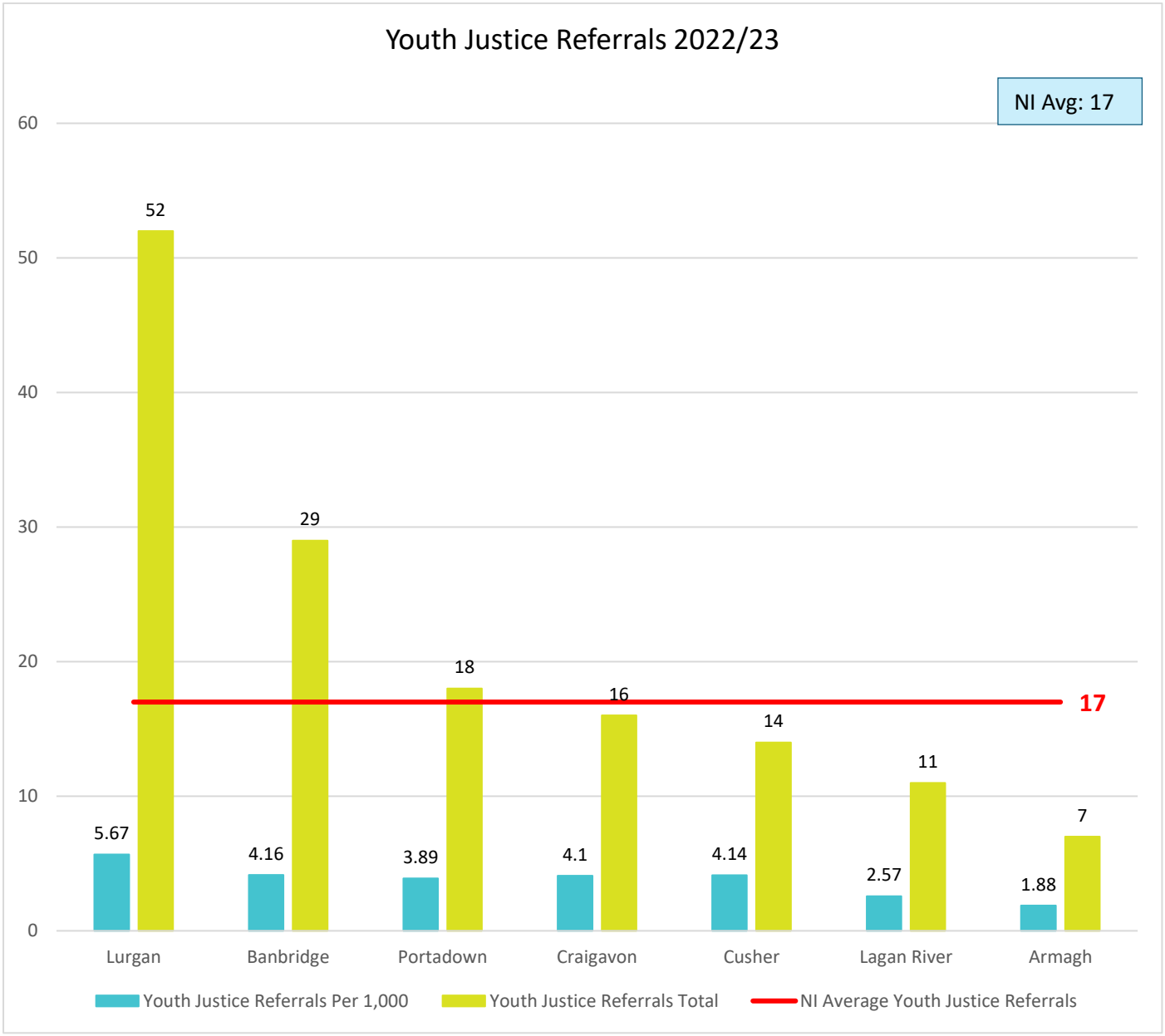


	Lurgan	Portadown	Banbridge	Armagh	Craigavon	Lagan River	Cusher
2020/21	495	357	365	239	275	173	123
2021/22	536	405	417	349	333	148	219
2022/23	513	417	351	268	343	163	182
2023/24	493	401	418	301	295	211	152
NI Average (4yrs)	260	260	260	260	260	260	260

Source: NISRA 2024

5.2 Youth Justice Referrals Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEAs 2022/2023

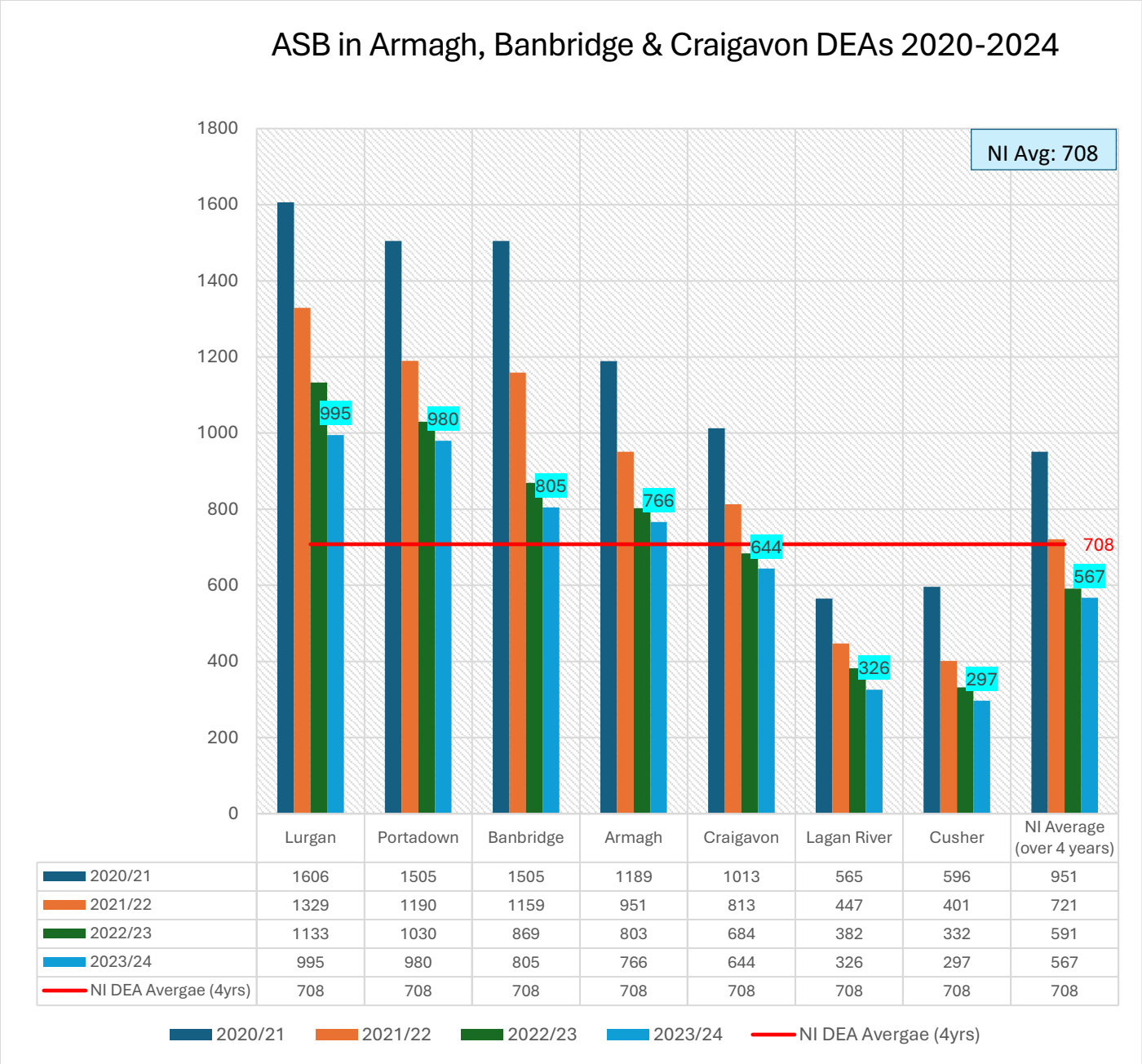
Chart 86: Youth Justice Referrals by DEA



Source: NISRA 2024

5.3 Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEAs & NI 2020 – 2024

Chart 87: Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents 2020 - 2024



	Lurgan	Portadown	Banbridge	Armagh	Craigavon	Lagan River	Cusher	NI Average (over 4 years)
2020/21	1606	1505	1505	1189	1013	565	596	951
2021/22	1329	1190	1159	951	813	447	401	721
2022/23	1133	1030	869	803	684	382	332	591
2023/24	995	980	805	766	644	326	297	567
NI DEA Avergae (4yrs)	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708

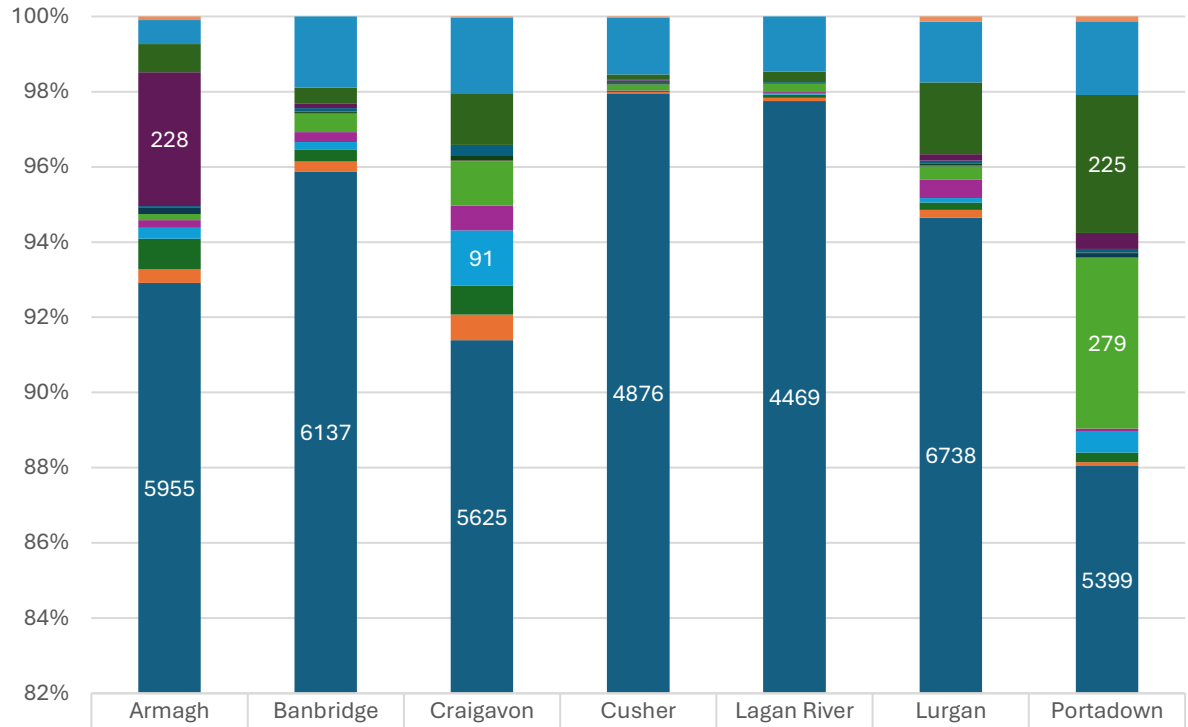
Source: NISRA 2024

SECTION 6.0 INCLUSION, DIVERISTY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 Ethnicity of pupils in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon DEAs

The table below highlights the ethnicity of pupils in nursery, primary, post primary and special schools by District Electoral Area for 2022/23.

Chart 88: Ethnicity of pupils by DEA



	Armagh	Banbridge	Craigavon	Cusher	Lagan River	Lurgan	Portadown
Unclassified	6	0	2	2	0	10	8
Mixed Ethnic Group	41	121	125	75	67	115	120
Other Non White	48	27	83	6	13	136	225
Roma	228	8	0	2	0	12	26
Vietnamese	2	6	17	2	1	6	6
Malaysian	1	2	9	2	1	3	1
Korean	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Bangladeshi	11	1	0	1	0	1	7
Black	10	32	73	8	10	25	279
Pakistani	13	17	40	2	2	35	5
Indian/Sri-Lankan	19	12	91	0	1	8	34
Irish Traveller	52	21	47	0	4	14	16
Chinese/Hong Kong	23	17	42	2	4	15	6
White	5955	6137	5625	4876	4469	6738	5399

Source: DE school censes 2022/23 - (pupil address)

6.2 Main language spoken other than English

Chart 89: Distribution of main languages spoken other than English, by population age 4-24 for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD.

A person's main language as stated in the census. Main Language is applicable to people aged 3 and over, thus the age categories are amended to age 4-24.

[Source: Census 2021]

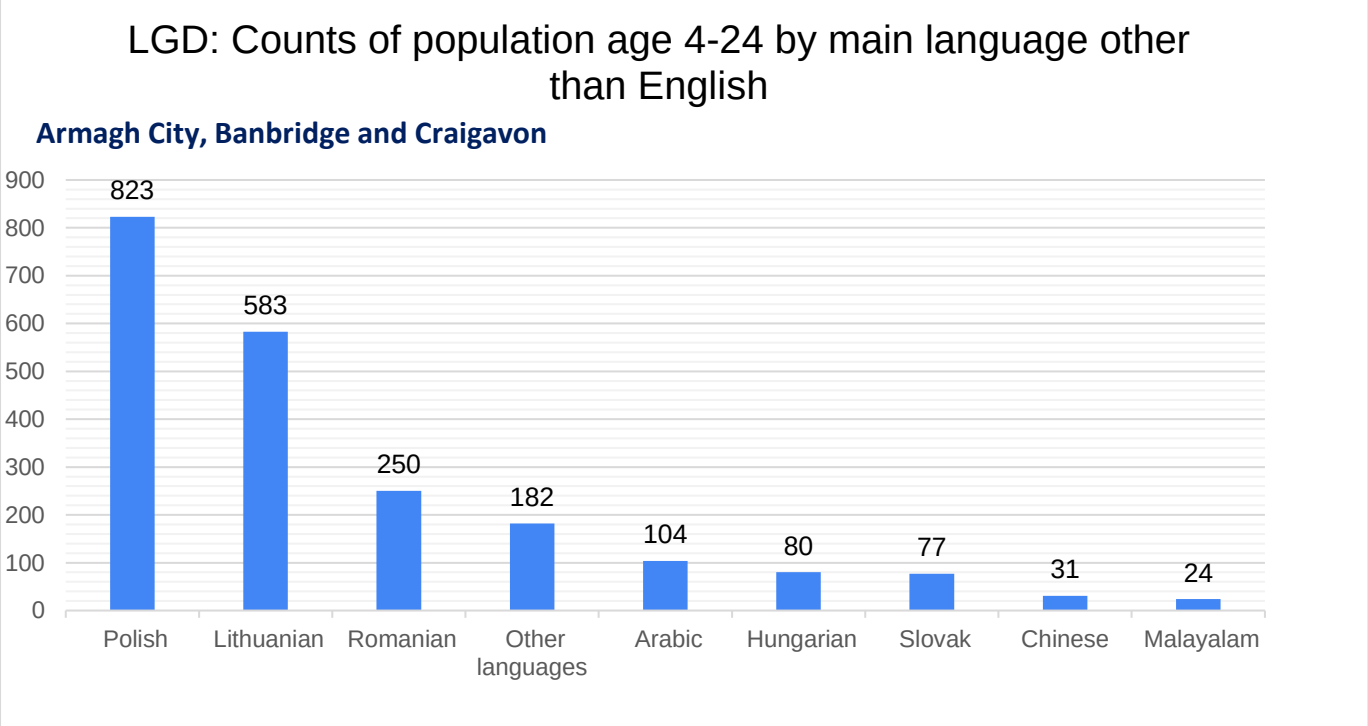


Chart 90: Percentage of population age 4-24 for whose main language is not English, by DEA.

[Source: Census 2021]

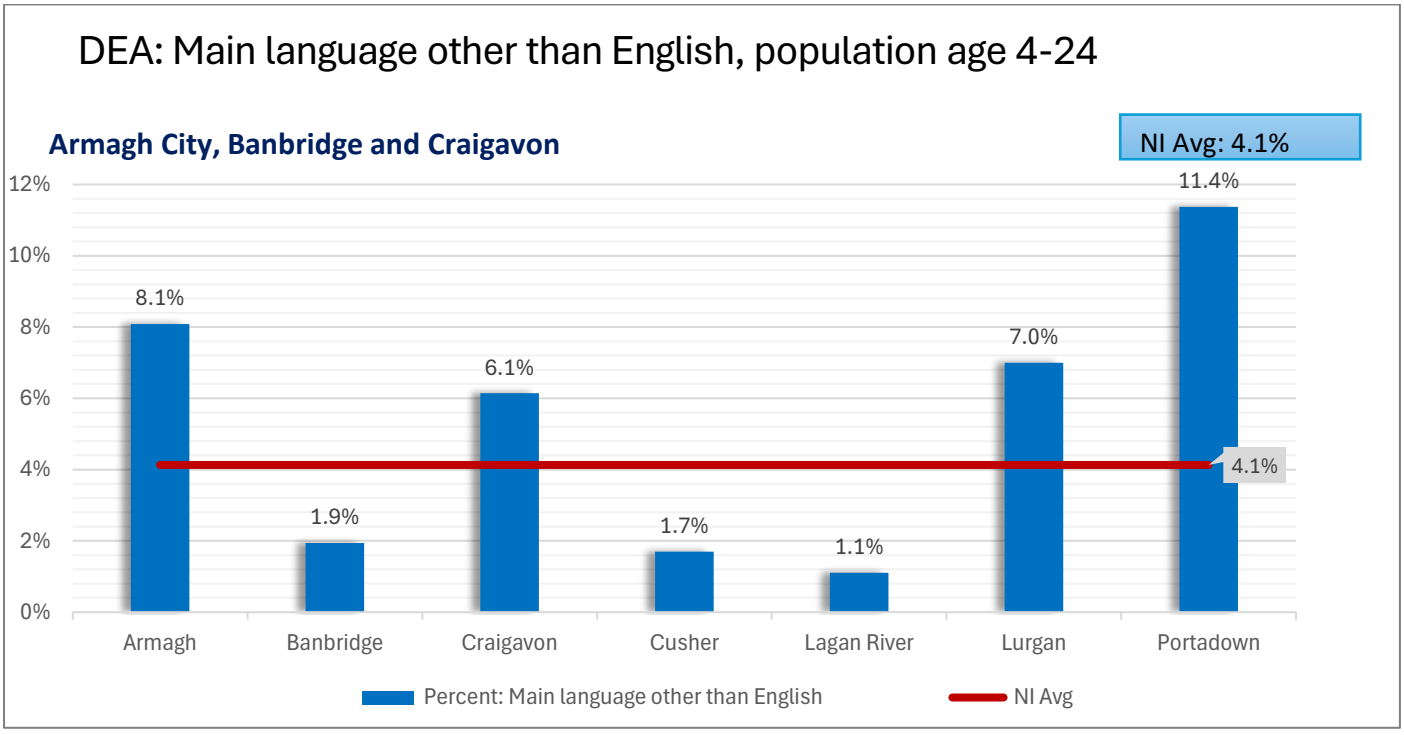


Table 33: Counts of population age 4-24 whose main language is not English, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

Main language spoken, age 4-24: Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon			
District Electoral Area	**Population 4-24**	**Percent: Other languages age 4-24**	**Count: Other languages age 4-24**
Armagh	9,460	8.1%	765
Banbridge	9,534	1.9%	185
Craigavon	8,627	6.1%	530
Cusher	7,491	1.7%	127
Lagan River	6,866	1.1%	76
Lurgan	10,514	7.0%	736
Portadown	9,269	11.4%	1,054
All Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	**61,761**	**5.3%**	**3,473**