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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 a 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 policymaking 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 - Newry Mourne and Down Local Government District

Newry, Mourne and Down, established in 2015, is one of Northern Ireland's eleven local government districts. Located in the south-eastern part of the region, it combines the former Newry and Mourne District and Down District. The district is characterised by its coastal and mountainous landscapes, with well-developed transport connections that support its tourism, retail, and agricultural sectors.

The population of Newry Mourne & Down local government district in 2021 census is 182,634 people, of which 61,148 are aged 0-25 years, which equates to 33.6% of the population.

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

1. **Crotlieve DEA:** Includes areas around Warrenpoint and Rostrevor.
2. **Downpatrick DEA:** Covers Downpatrick town and surrounding areas.
3. **Newry DEA:** Includes Newry city and its surrounding areas.
4. **Rowallane DEA:** Covers areas around Saintfield and Ballynahinch.
5. **Slieve Croob DEA:** Includes areas around Castlewellan and rural communities.
6. **Slieve Gullion DEA:** Covers areas around Crossmaglen and south Armagh.
7. **The Mournes DEA:** Includes areas around Kilkeel and Newcastle.

1.2 Demographics - Youth Population Newry Mourne and Down Local Government District

Table 1: Newry Mourne & Down Local Government District Total Population

District	Population 2021 Census	Density per km2	Area in km2
Newry, Mourne and Down	182,634	112	1,628

Source: Census 2021

Table 2: Newry Mourne & Down LGD Youth Population by gender (aged 0 – 25)

Age	Male	Female	Total
0 - 25 years	31,576	29,572	61,148
Percentage %	51.6%	48.4%	100%
NI average Percentage % (0 - 25)	51.3%	48.7%	100%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 1: Newry Mourne & Down LGD Youth Population by Gender

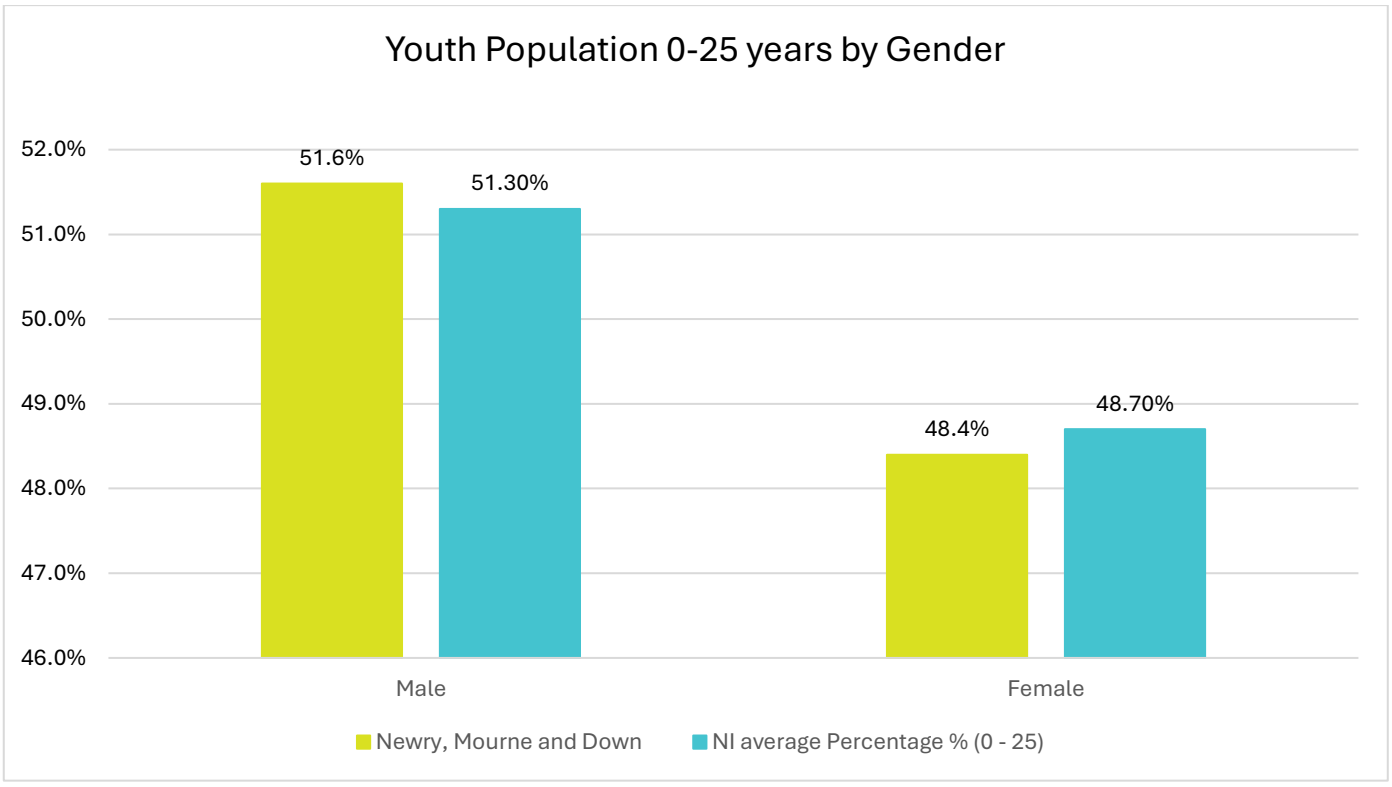


Table 3: Newry Mourne & Down Youth Population Age-bands

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%
Newry, Mourne and Down	9,229	12,830	13,225	11,981	13,884	61,149	33.60%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 2: Newry Mourne & Down Youth Population Age-bands

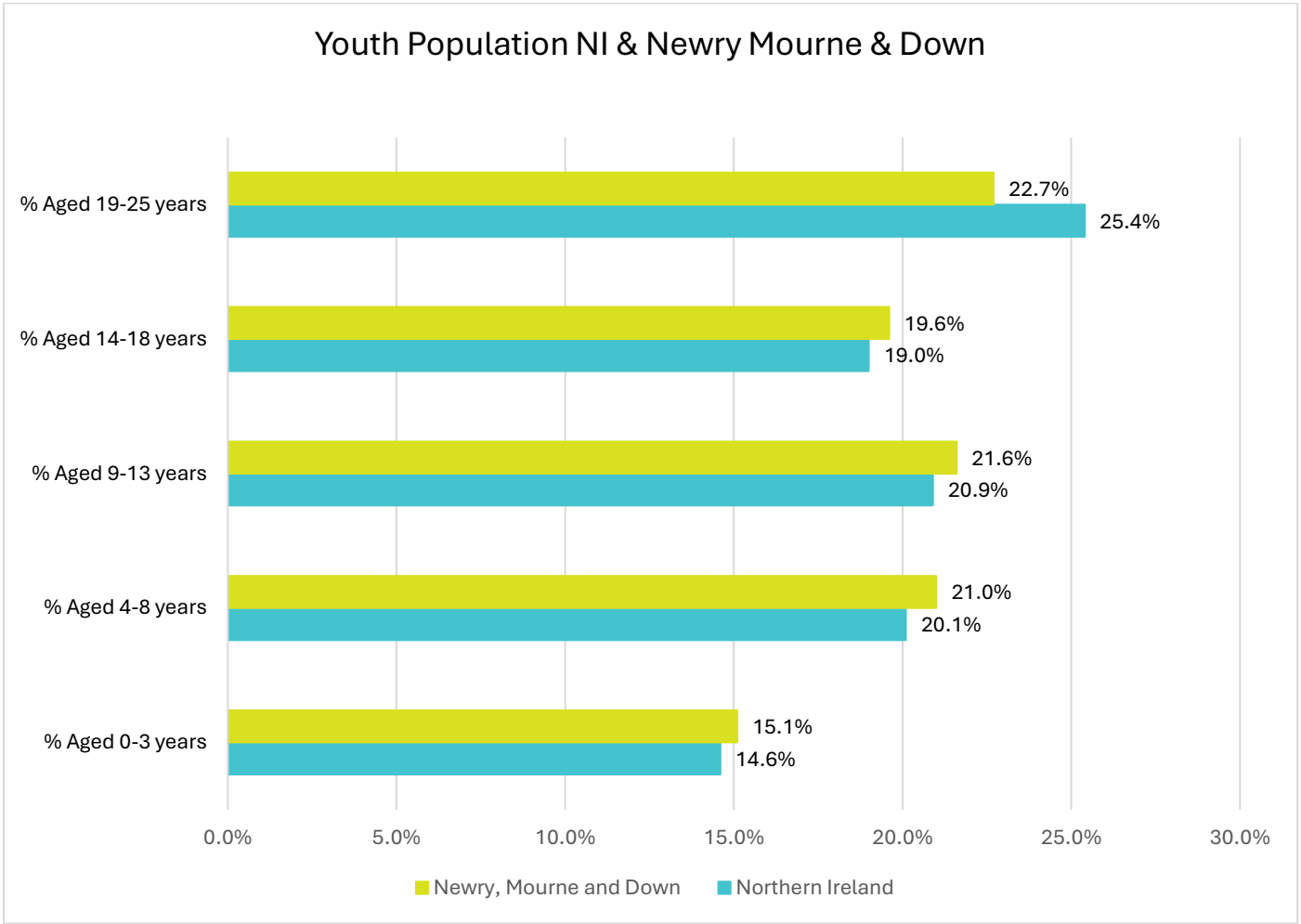


Table 4: Newry Mourne & Down Youth Population Age-bands Percentage

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%
Newry, Mourne and Down	15.1%	21.0%	21.6%	19.6%	22.7%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 3: Percentage breakdown of Youth Population

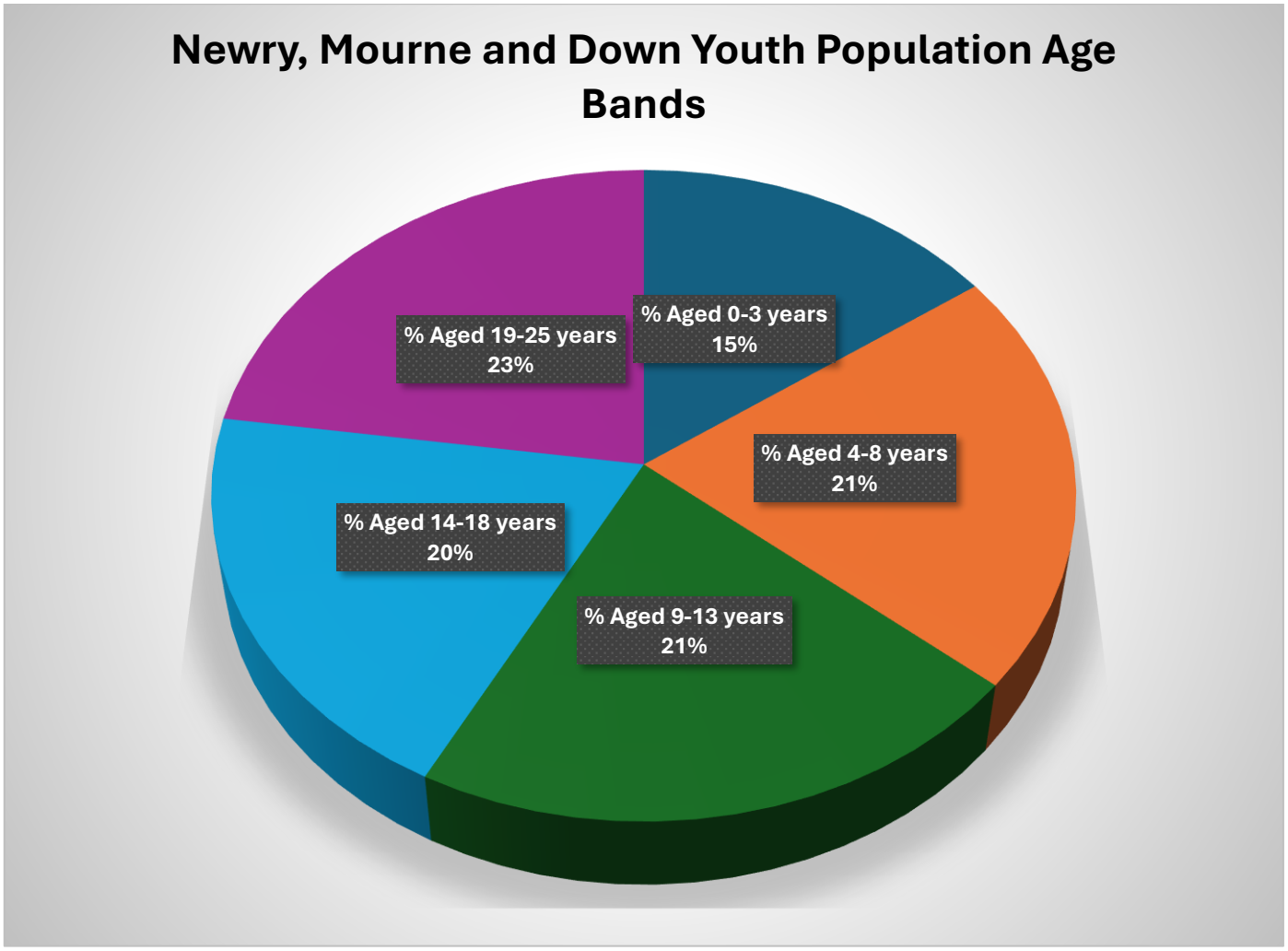


Table 5: Youth population Age bands by gender

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
Northern Ireland	45,865	43,634	63,244	60,029	65,395	62,645	59,718	56,893	80,087	75,250	314,309	298,451
Newry, Mourne & Down	4,805	4,425	6,519	6,310	6,752	6,475	6,170	5,808	7,330	6,554	31,576	29,572

Source: Census 2021

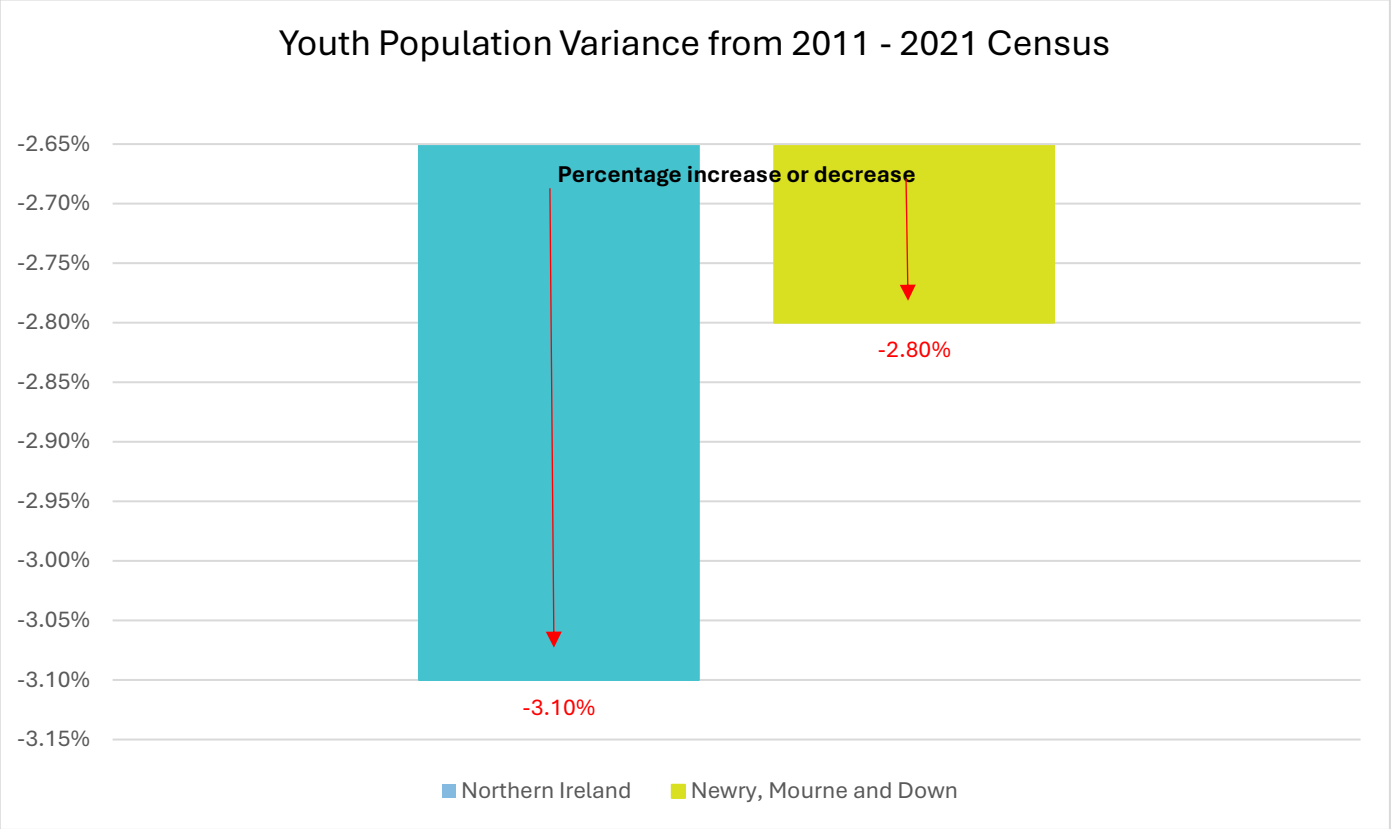
1.3 Variation in Youth Population 2011-2021 Census and Population Projections

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%
Newry, Mourne and Down	61,149	62,892	-2.80%

Source: Census 2011 & 2021

Chart 4: Youth Population variance 2011 – 2021 census



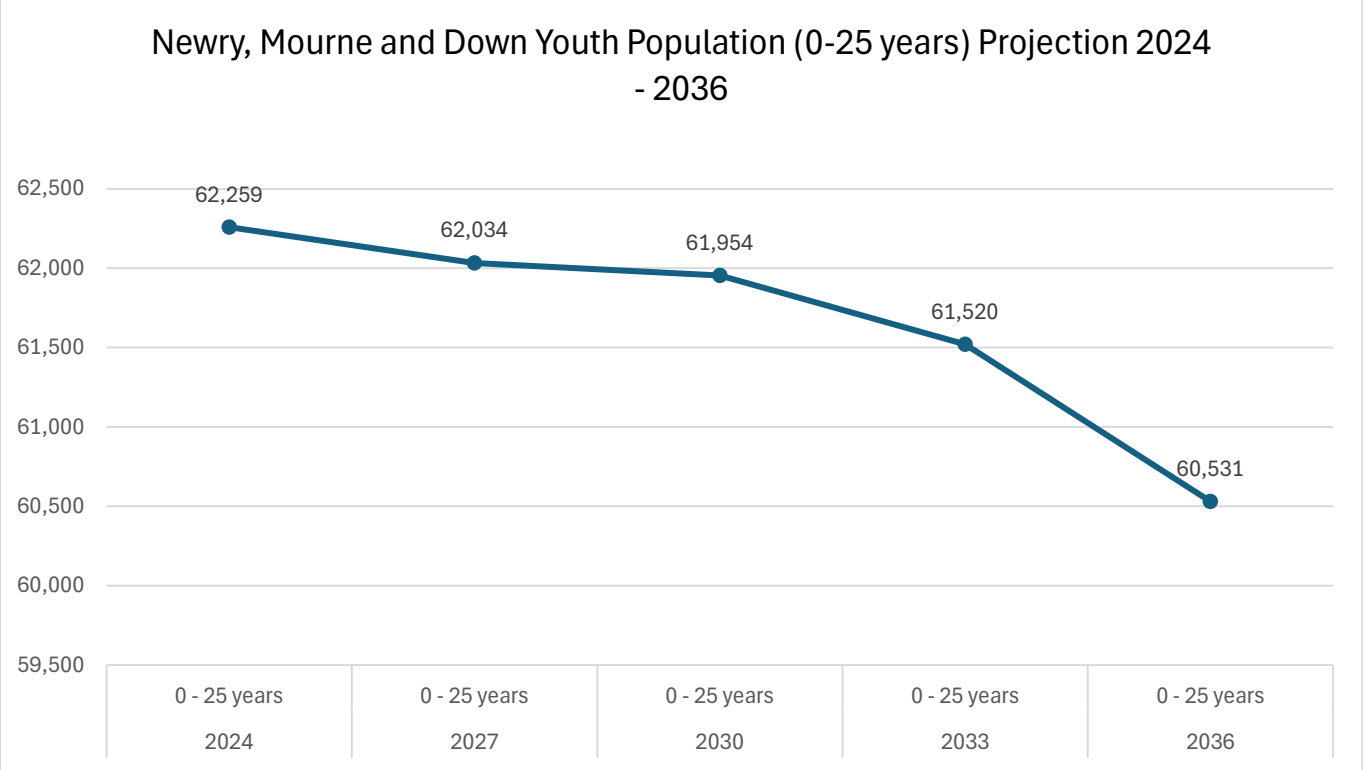
Youth Population Newry Mourne and Down 4–25-year-olds

LGD	Total 4-25 years (2021)	Total 4-25 years (2011)	Percentage increase or decrease
Northern Ireland	523,264	531,929	-1.60%
Newry, Mourne and Down	51,920	52,693	-1.50%

Source: NISRA 2021 Census

Youth Population Projections for Newry Mourne and Down 2024 -2036

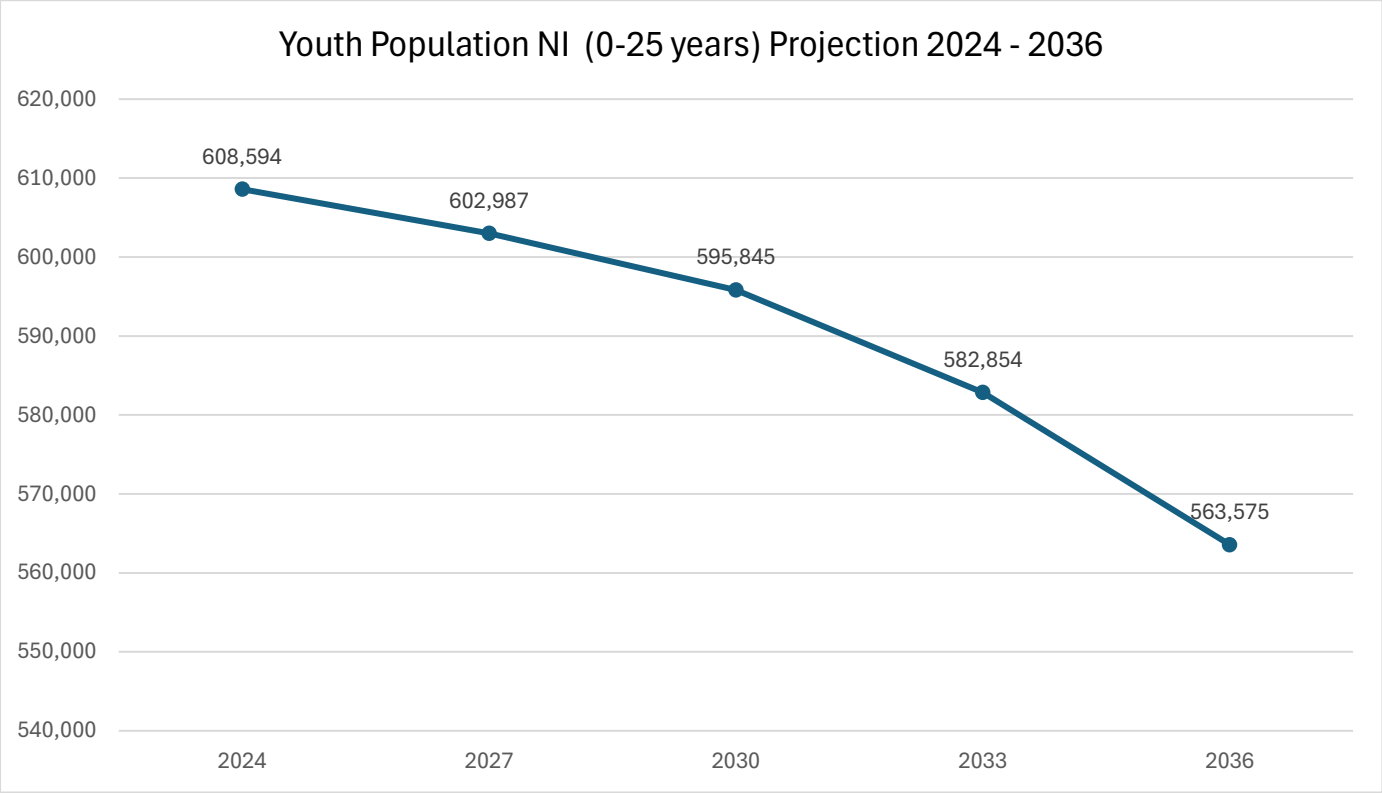
LGD	2024	2027	2030	2033	2036
	0 - 25 years	0 - 25 years	0 - 25 years	0 - 25 years	0 - 25 years
Newry, Mourne and Down	62,259	62,034	61,954	61,520	60,531



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

Youth Population Projections for Northern Ireland 2024 -2036

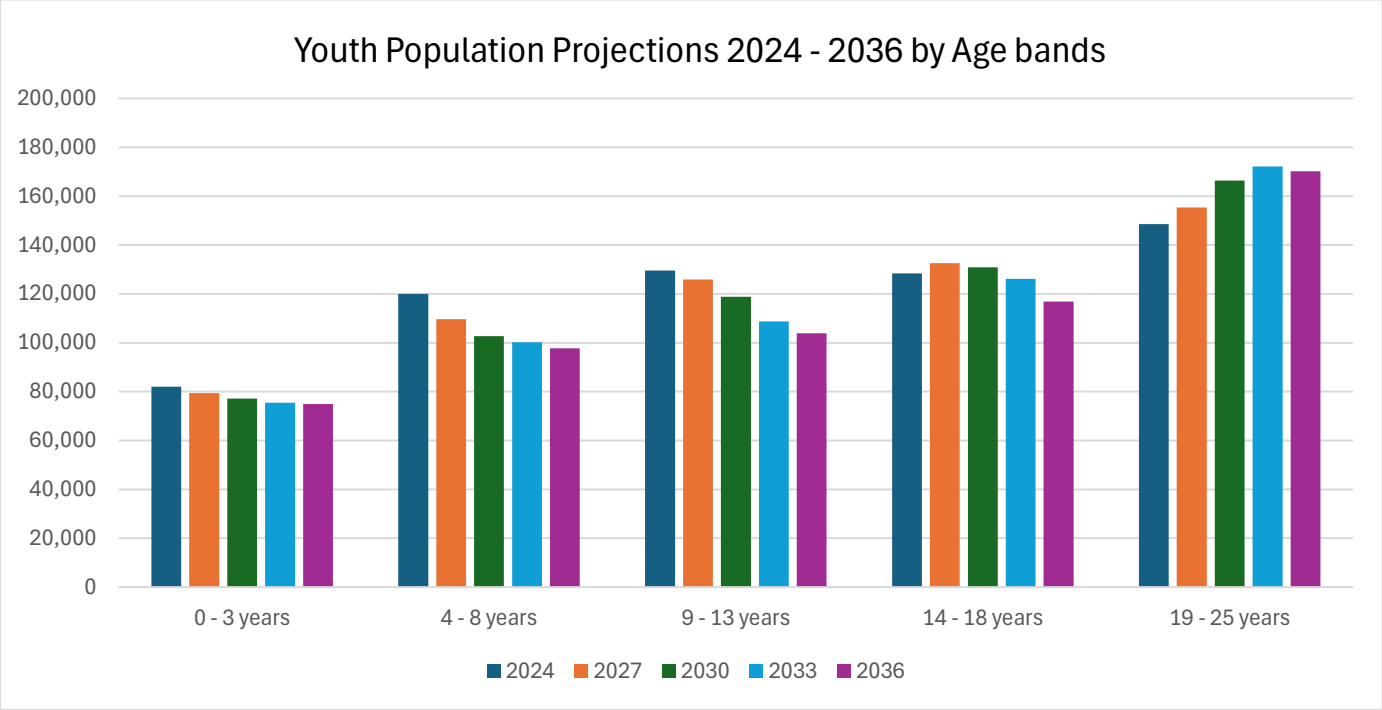
Age Band	2024	2027	2030	2033	2036
0-25 years	608,594	602,987	595,845	582,854	563,575



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

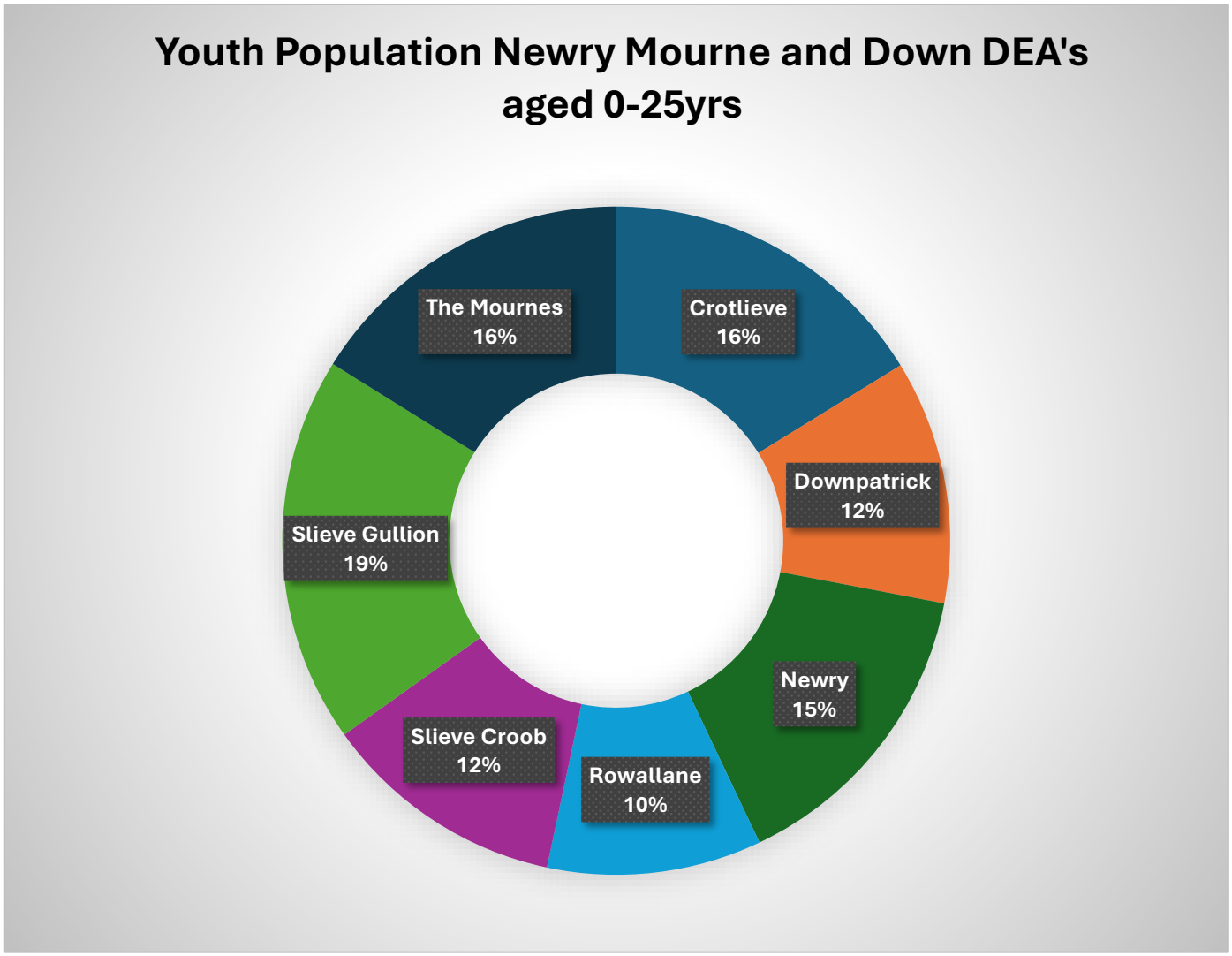
1.4 District Electoral Area's Demographics in Newry Mourne & Down

Table 7: Newry Mourne & Down 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
Crotlieve	1,433	2,011	2,251	2,014	2,203	9,912
Downpatrick	1,042	1,498	1,574	1,413	1,688	7,215
Newry	1,441	1,858	1,899	1,738	2,196	9,132
Rowallane	963	1,278	1,333	1,229	1,552	6,355
Slieve Croob	999	1,515	1,634	1,463	1,610	7,221
Slieve Gullion	1,787	2,489	2,498	2,277	2,400	11,451
The Mournes	1,562	2,180	2,037	1,848	2,238	9,865

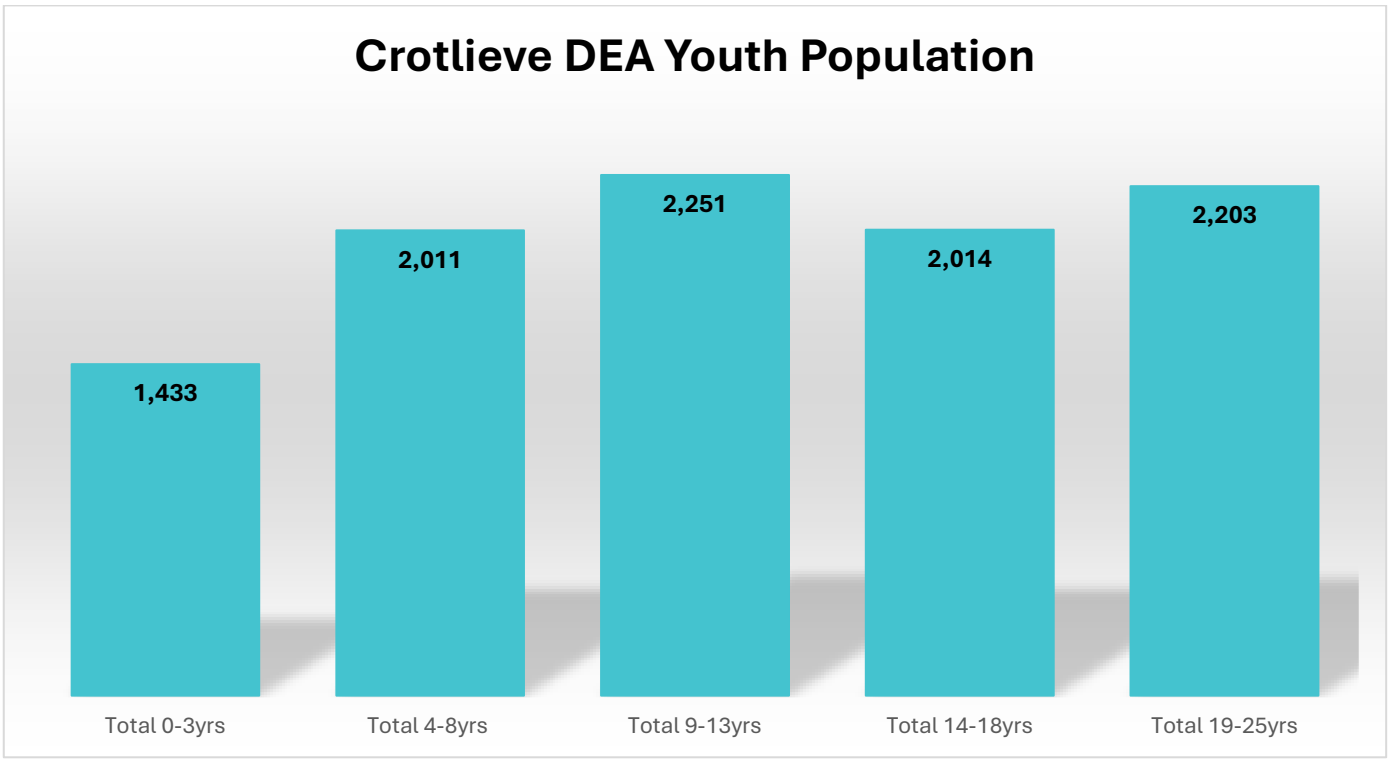
Source: Census 2021

Chart 5: Newry Mourne & Down DEAs by Age Bands



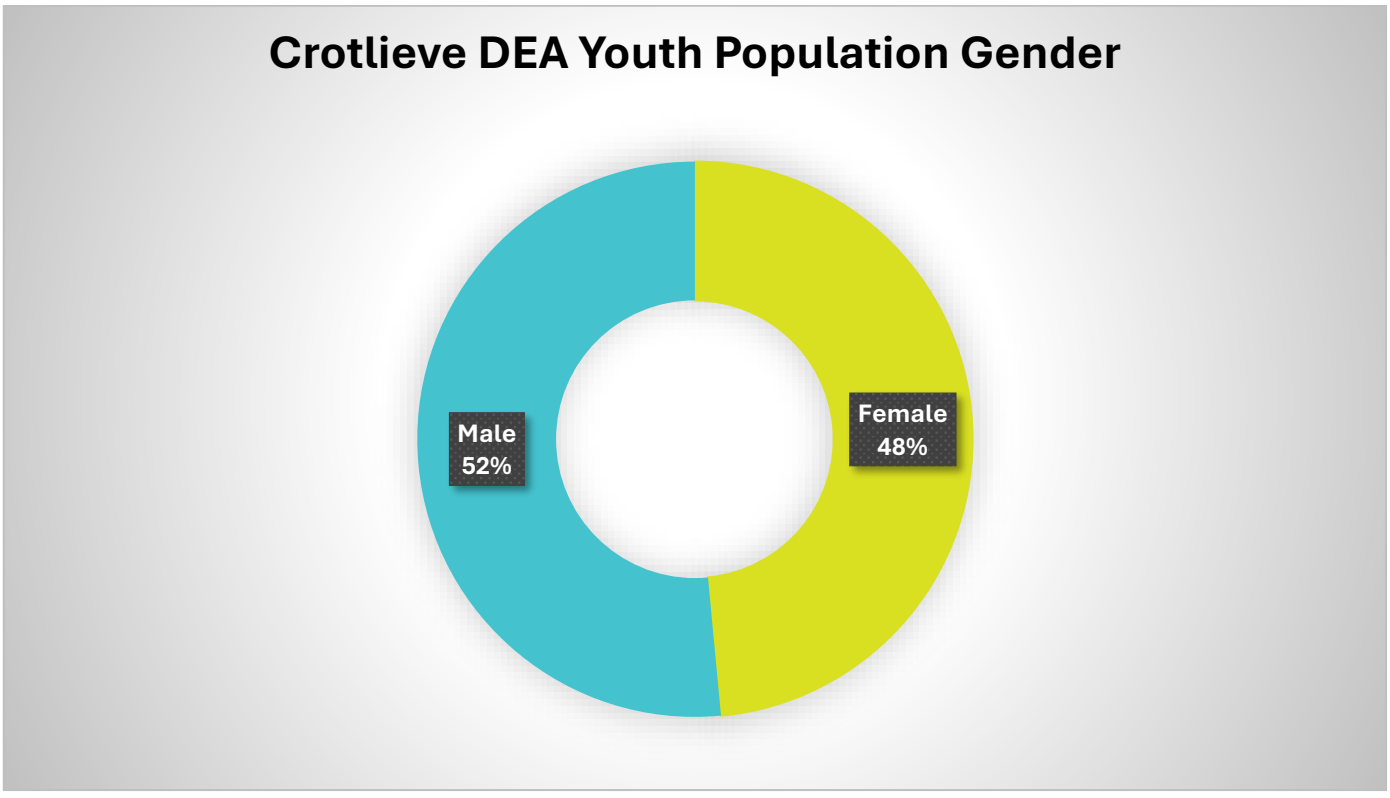
Crotlieve DEA

Chart 6: Crotlieve DEA youth population 0-25 years



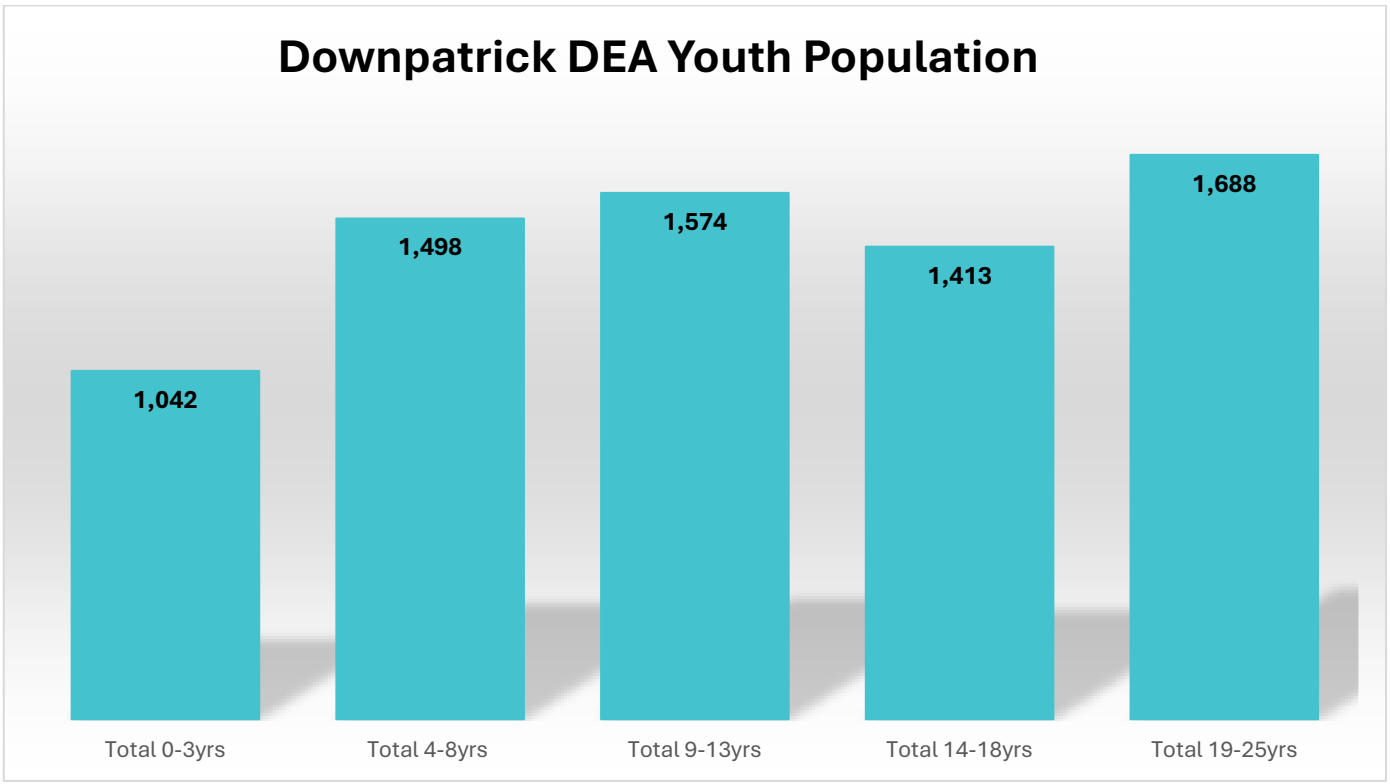
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Chart 7: Crotlieve DEA Gender breakdown



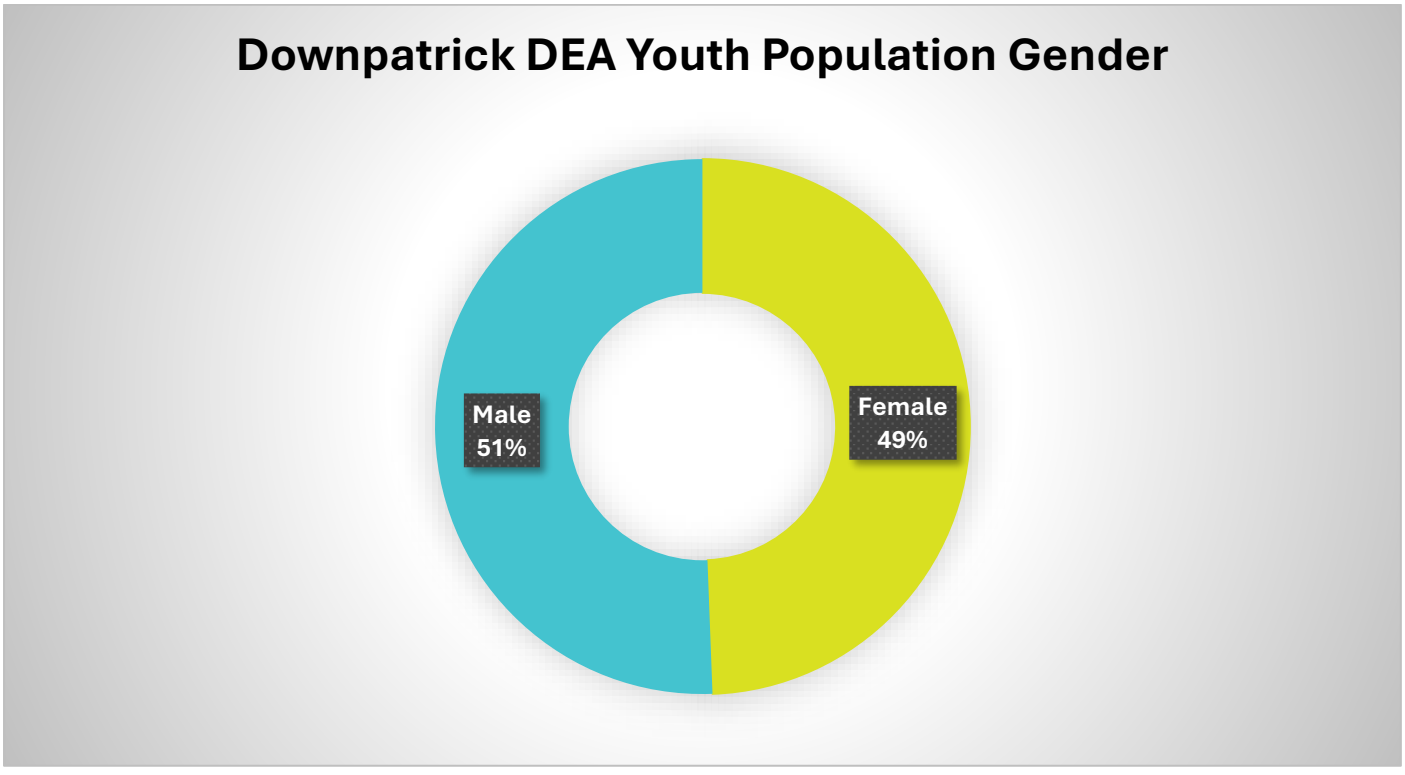
Downpatrick DEA

Chart 8: Downpatrick DEA youth population 0-25 years



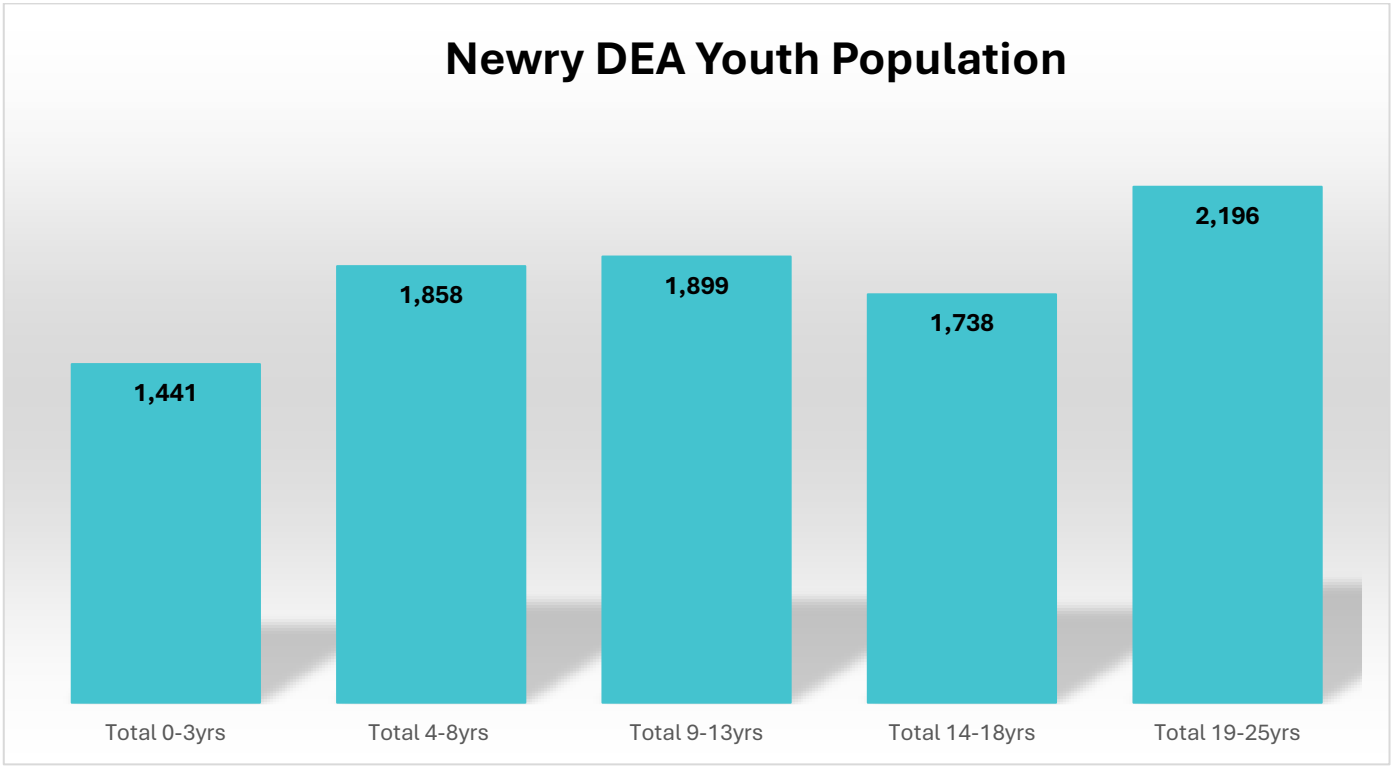
Source: Census 2021

Chart 9: Downpatrick DEA Gender breakdown



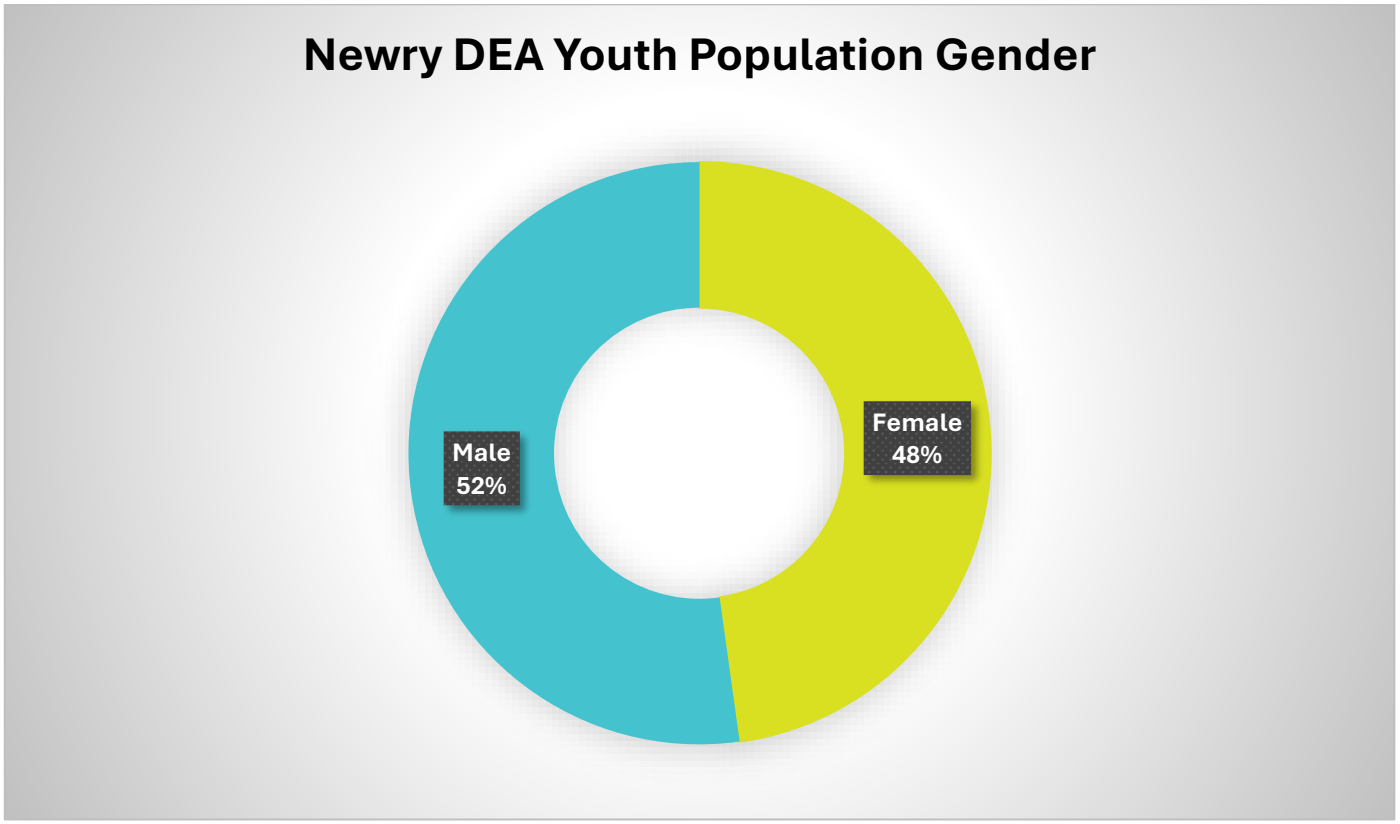
Newry DEA

Chart 10: Newry DEA youth population 0-25 years



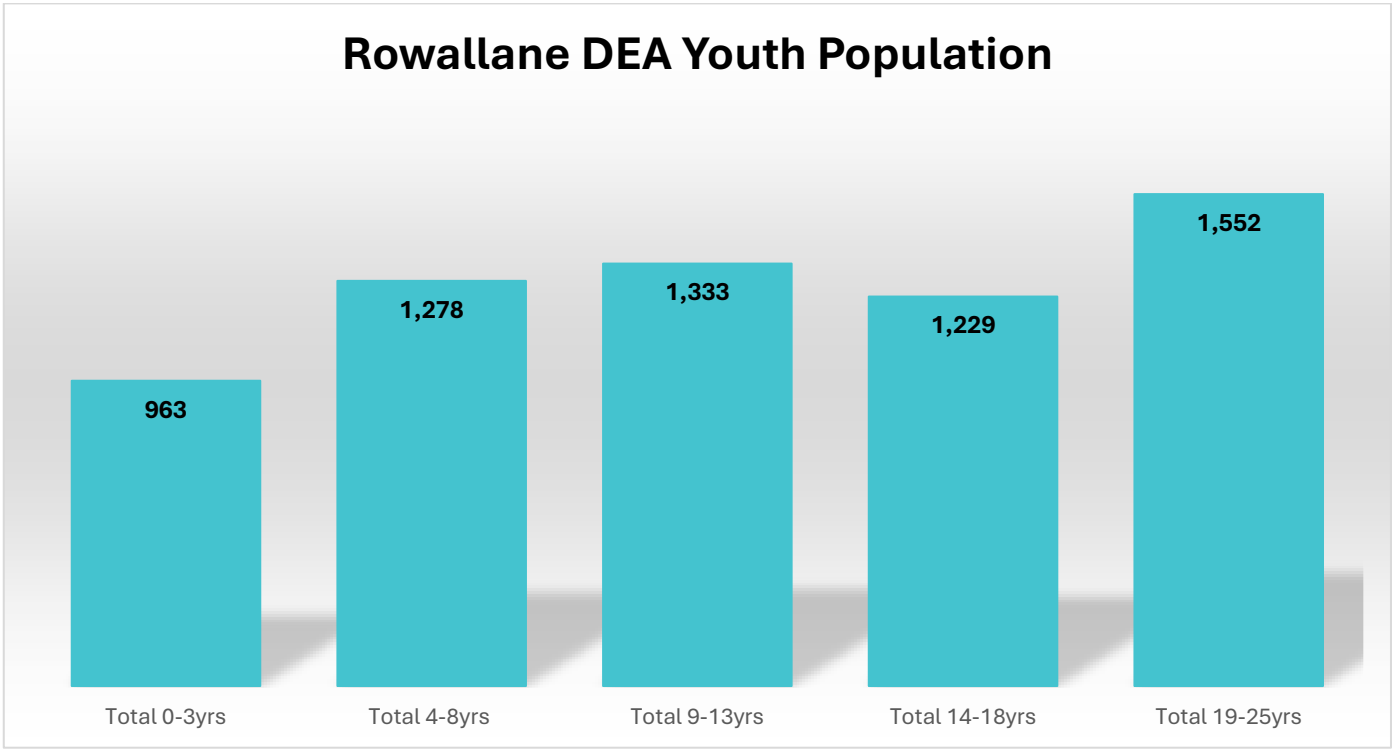
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Chart 11: Newry DEA Gender breakdown



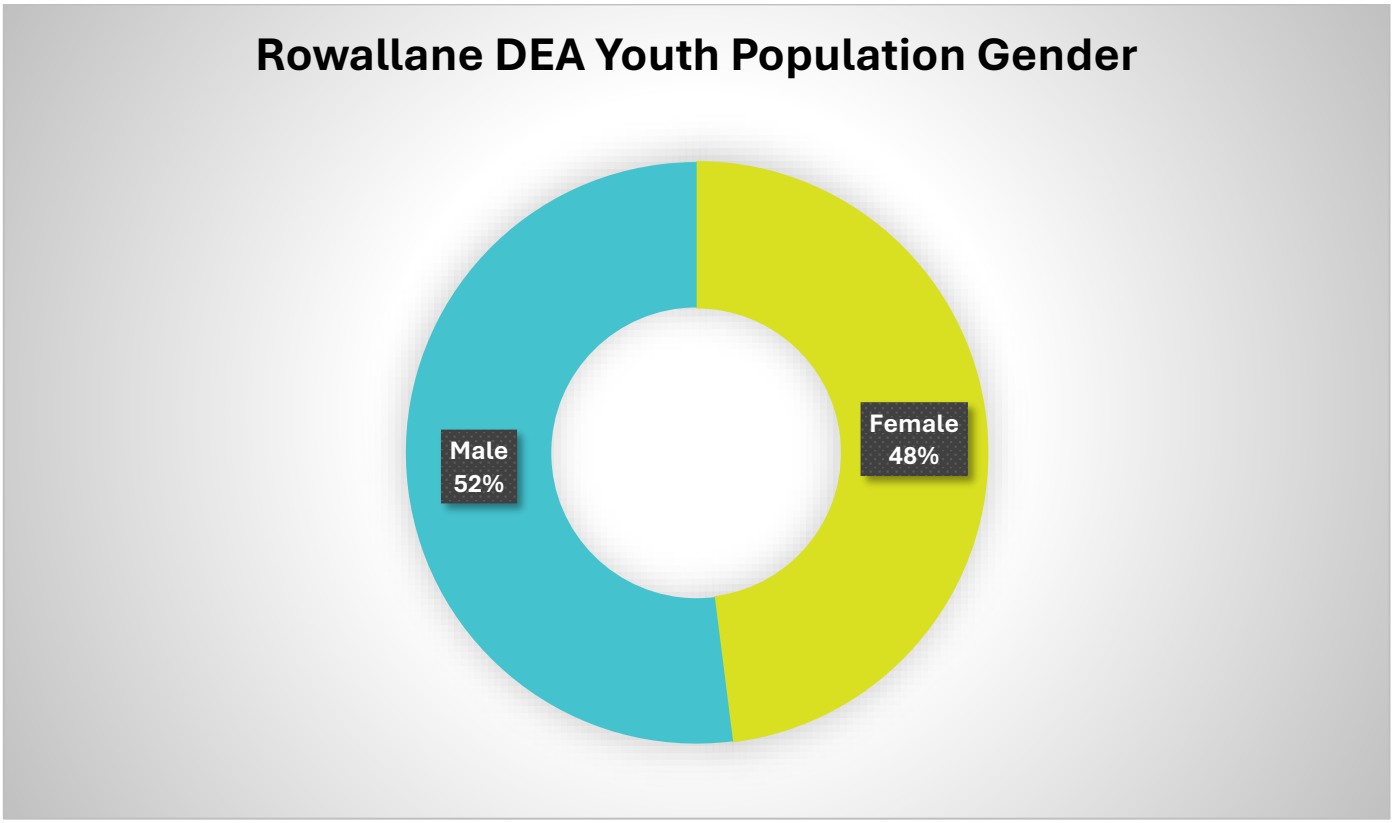
Rowallane DEA

Chart 12: Rowallane DEA youth population 0-25 years



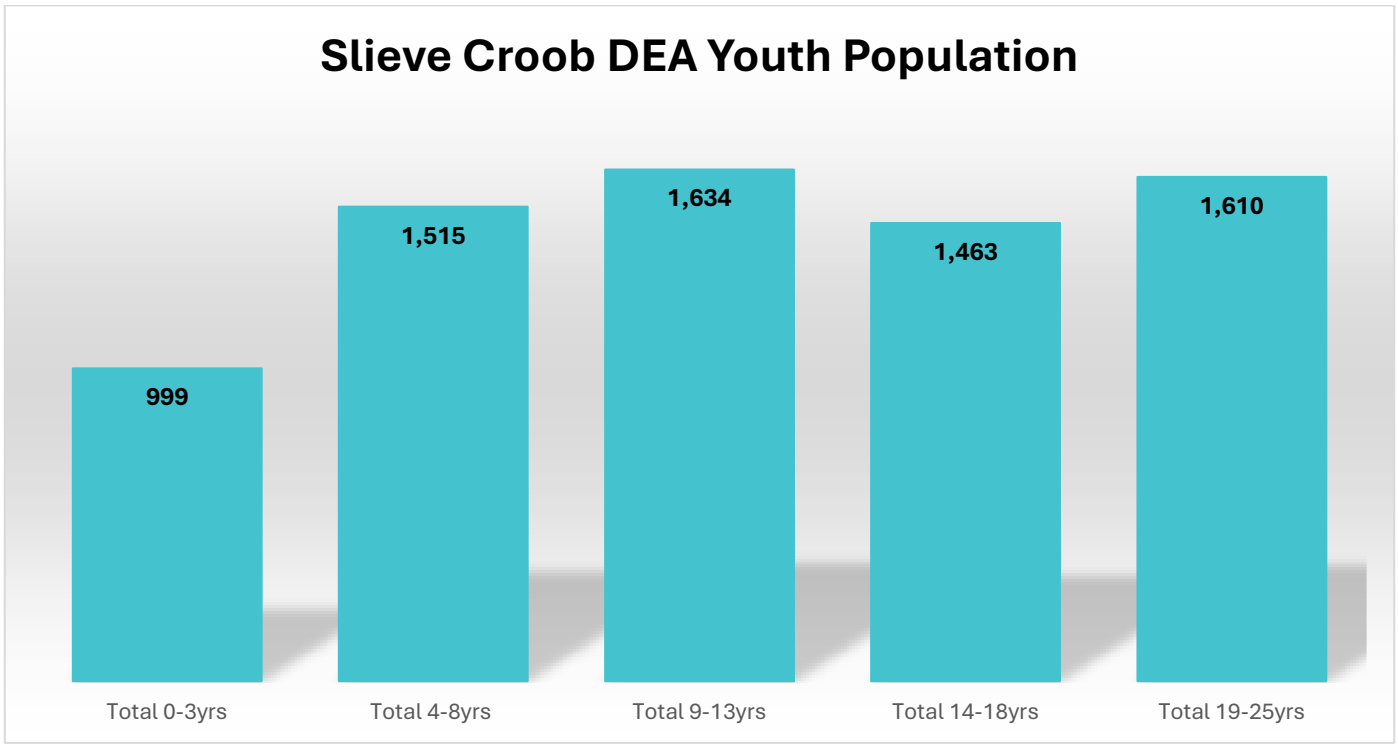
Source: Census 2021

Chart 13: Rowallane DEA Gender breakdown



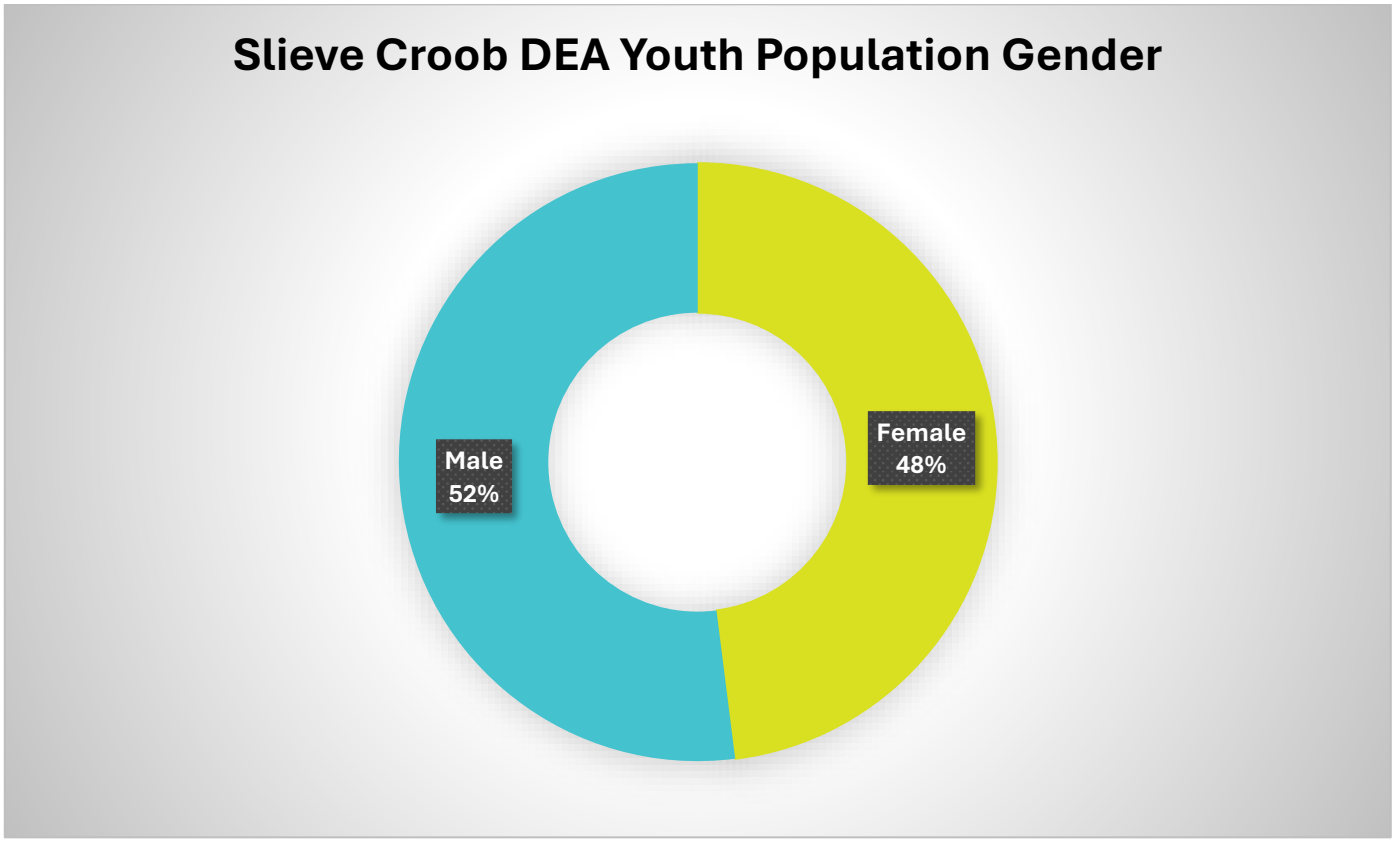
Slieve Croob DEA

Chart 14: Slieve Croob DEA youth population 0-25 years



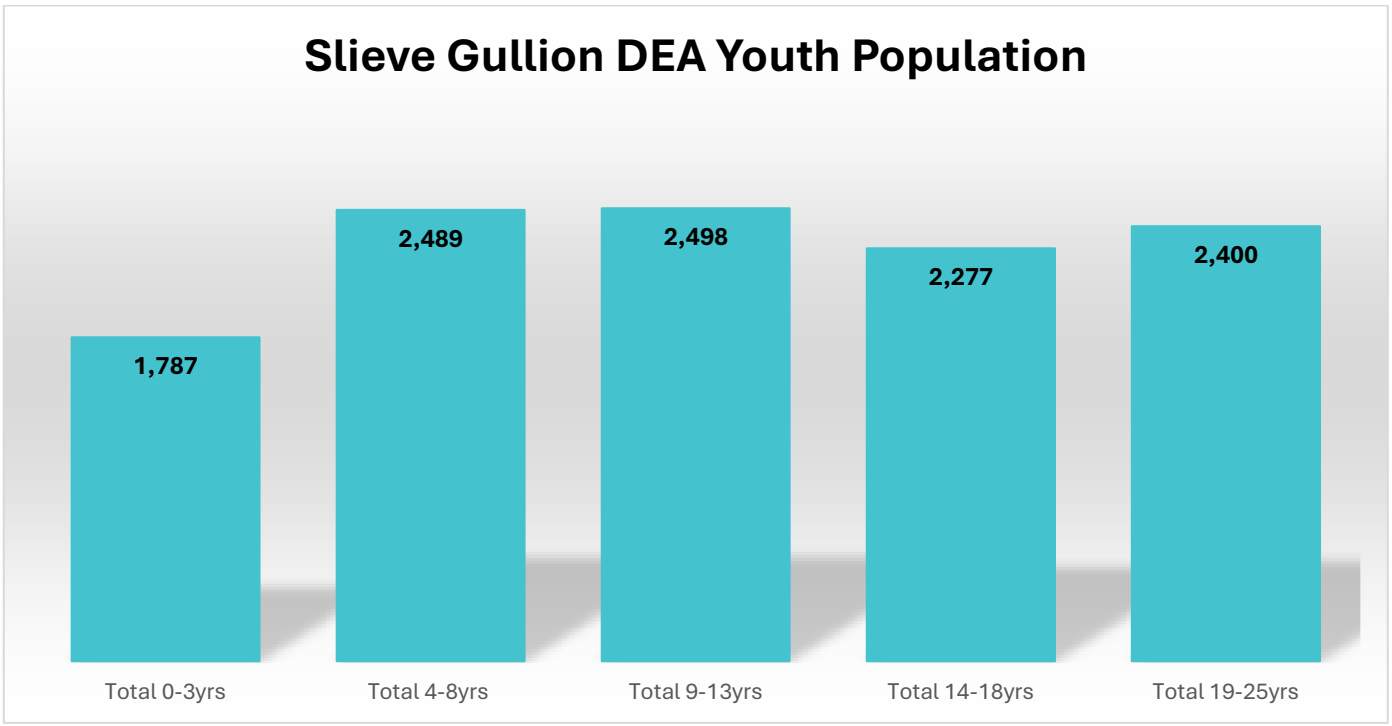
Source: Census 2021

Chart 15: Slieve Croob DEA Gender breakdown



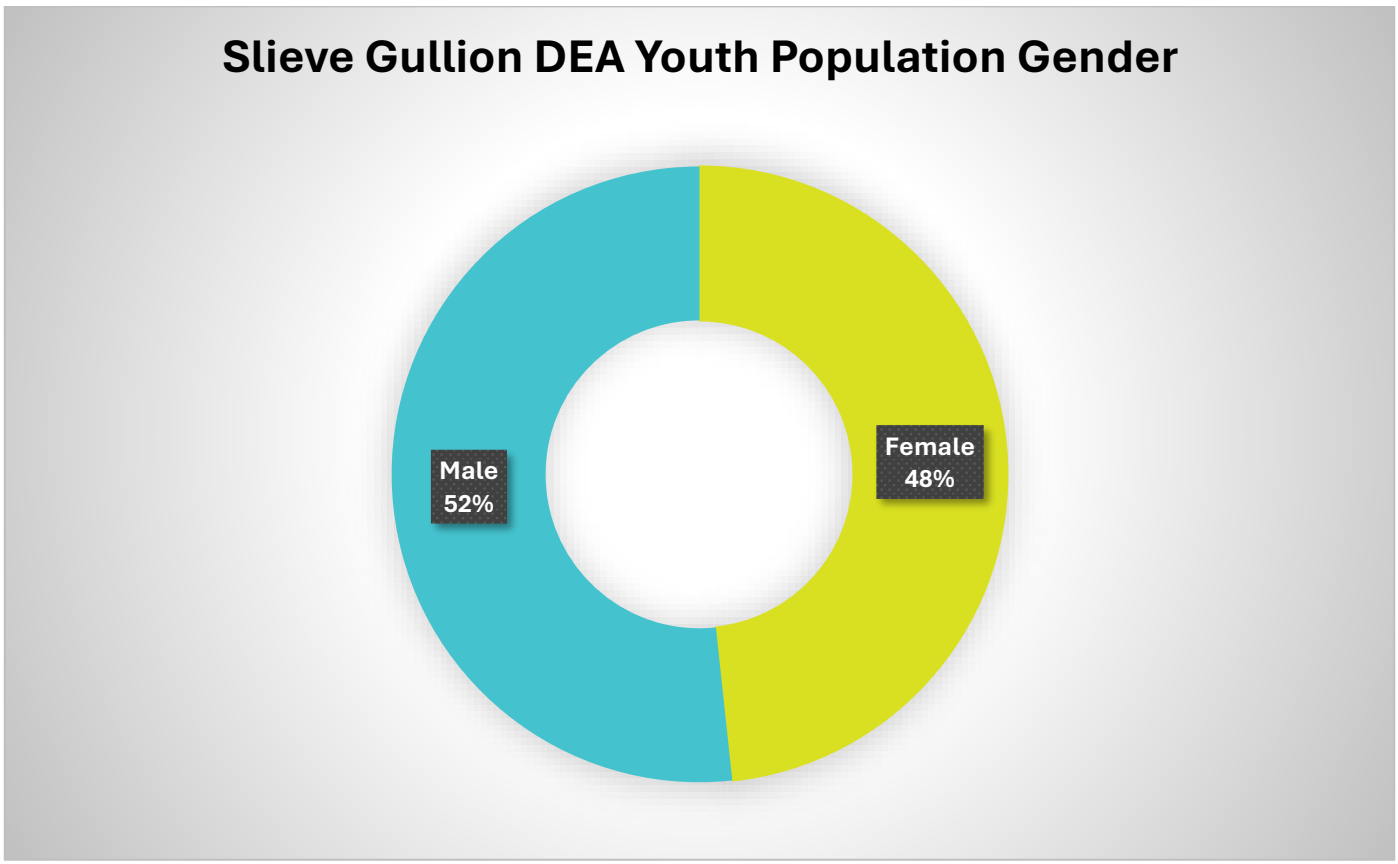
Slieve Gullion DEA

Chart 16: Slieve Gullion DEA youth population 0-25 years



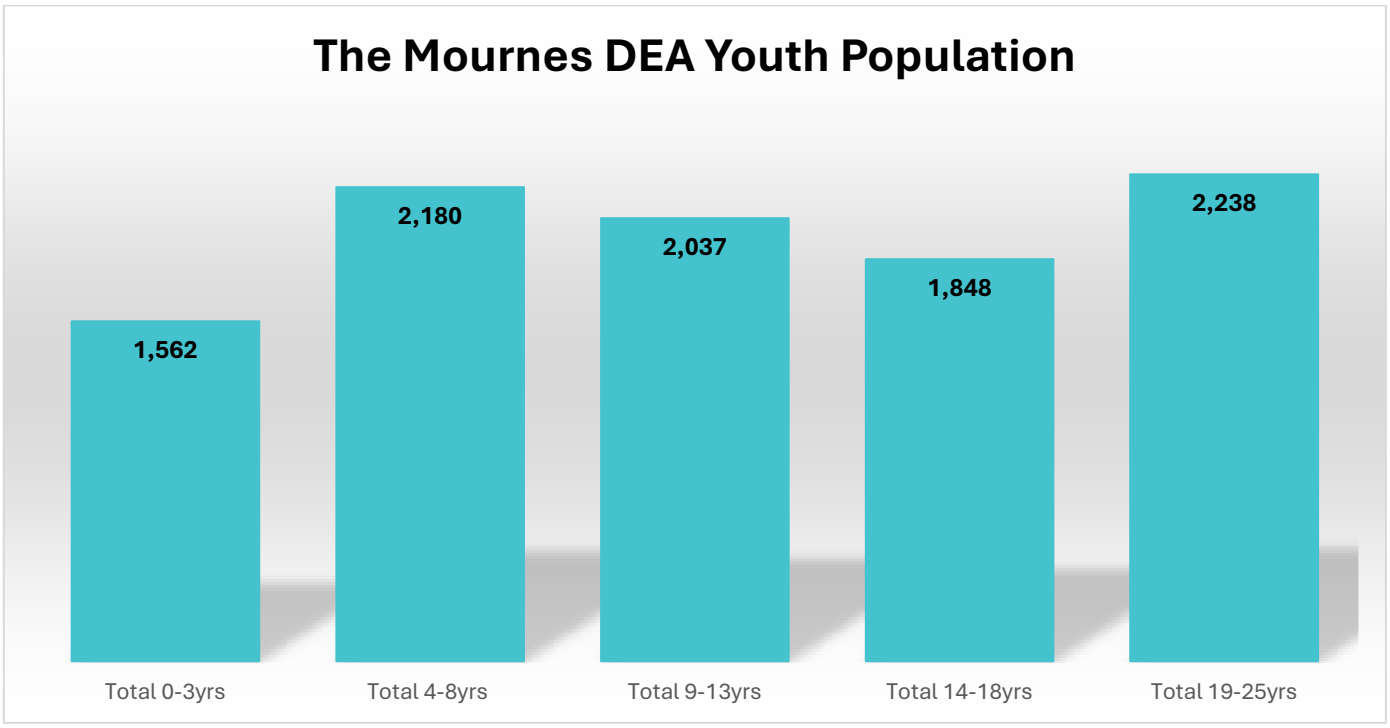
Source: Census 2021

Chart 17: Slieve Gullion DEA Gender breakdown



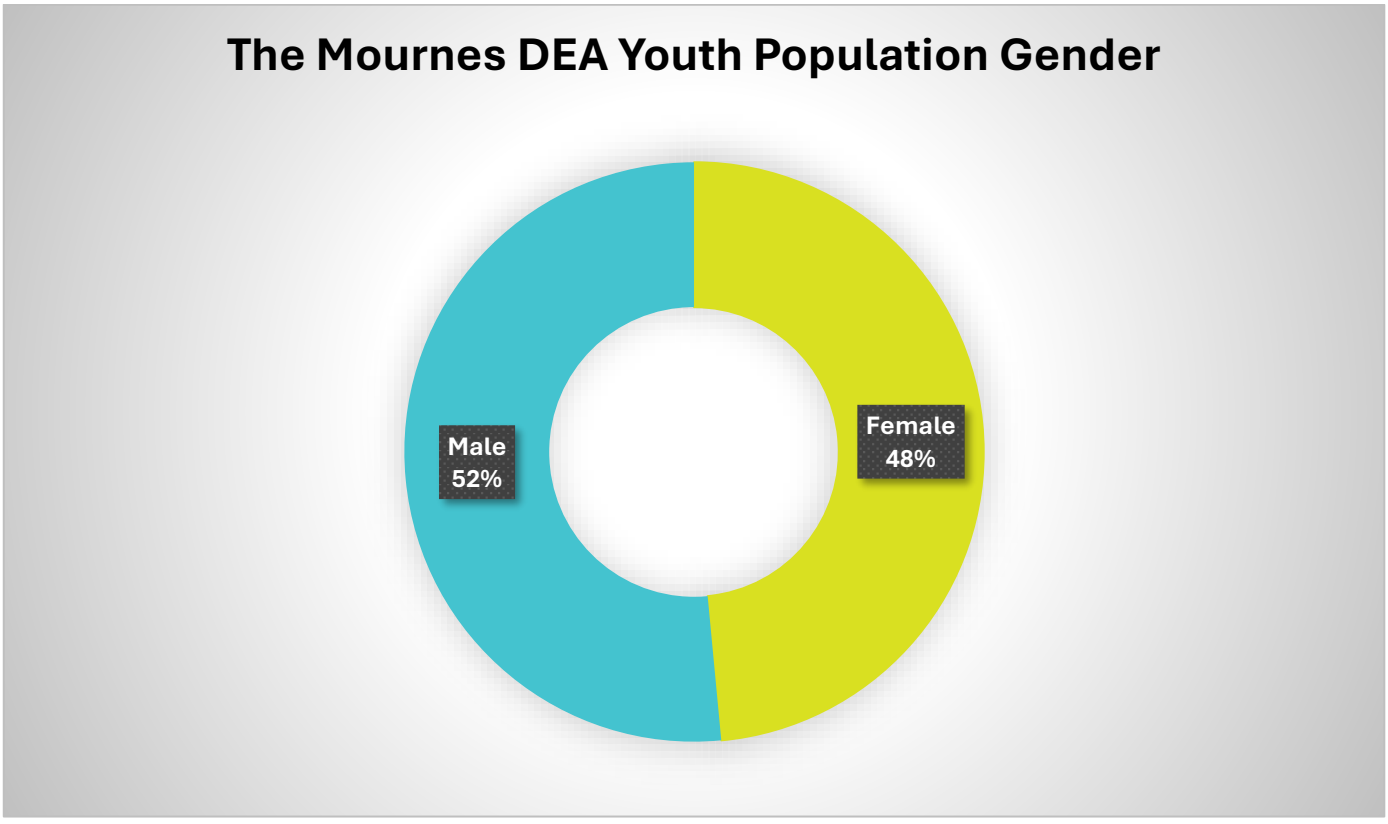
The Mournes DEA

Chart 18: The Mournes DEA youth population 0-25 years



Source: Census 2021

Chart 19: The Mournes DEA Gender breakdown



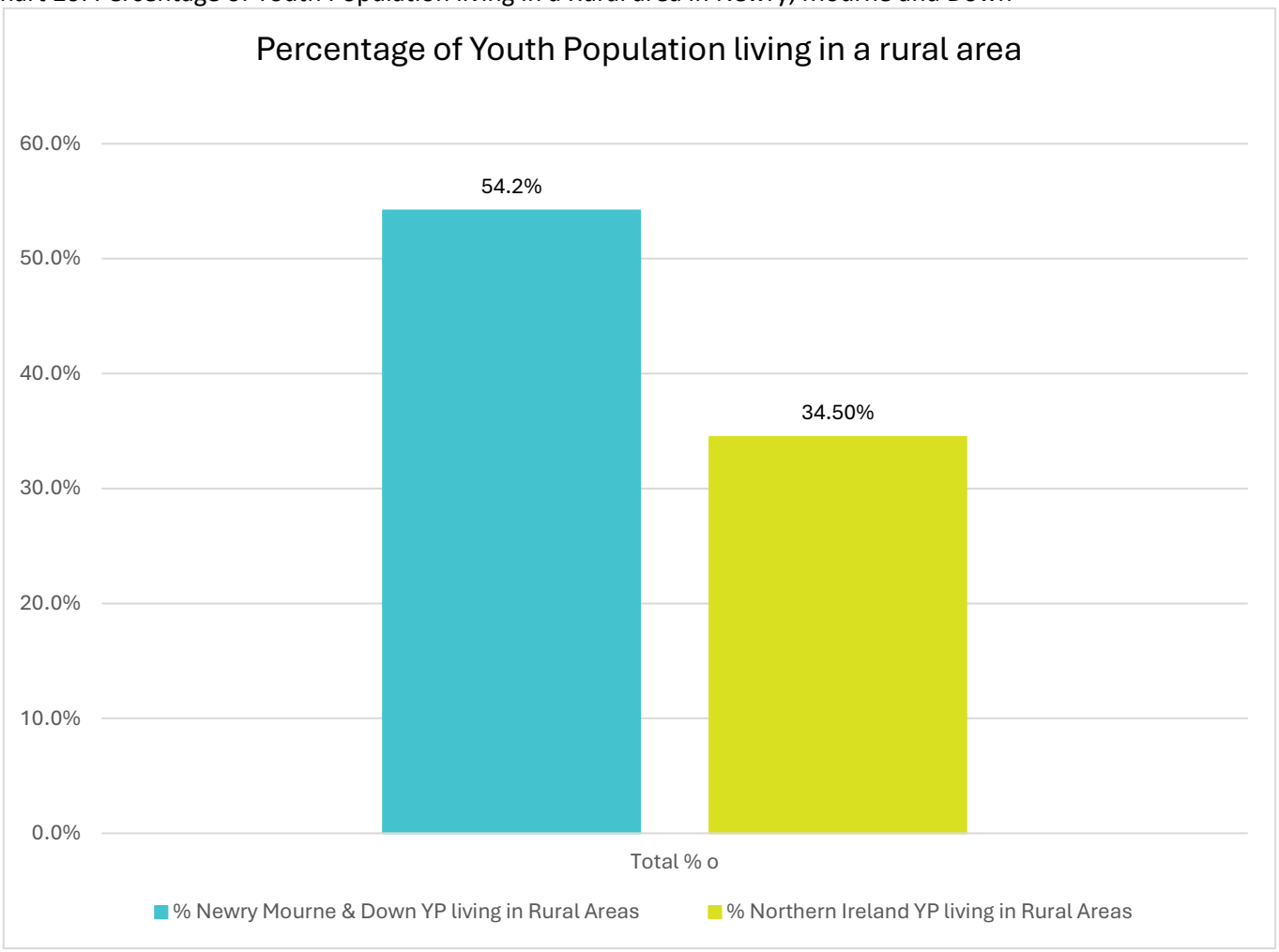
1.5 Rural Living

Table 8: Total number of young people living a rural area in Newry, Mourne and Down

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
Newry Mourne & Down YP	9,229	12,830	13,225	11,981	13,884	61,149
Newry Mourne & Down YP living in Rural Areas	5,003	6,954	7,168	6,494	7,526	33,143
% Newry Mourne & Down YP living in Rural Areas	54.2%	54.2%	54.2%	54.2%	54.2%	54.2%
% 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 Newry, Mourne and Down



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]

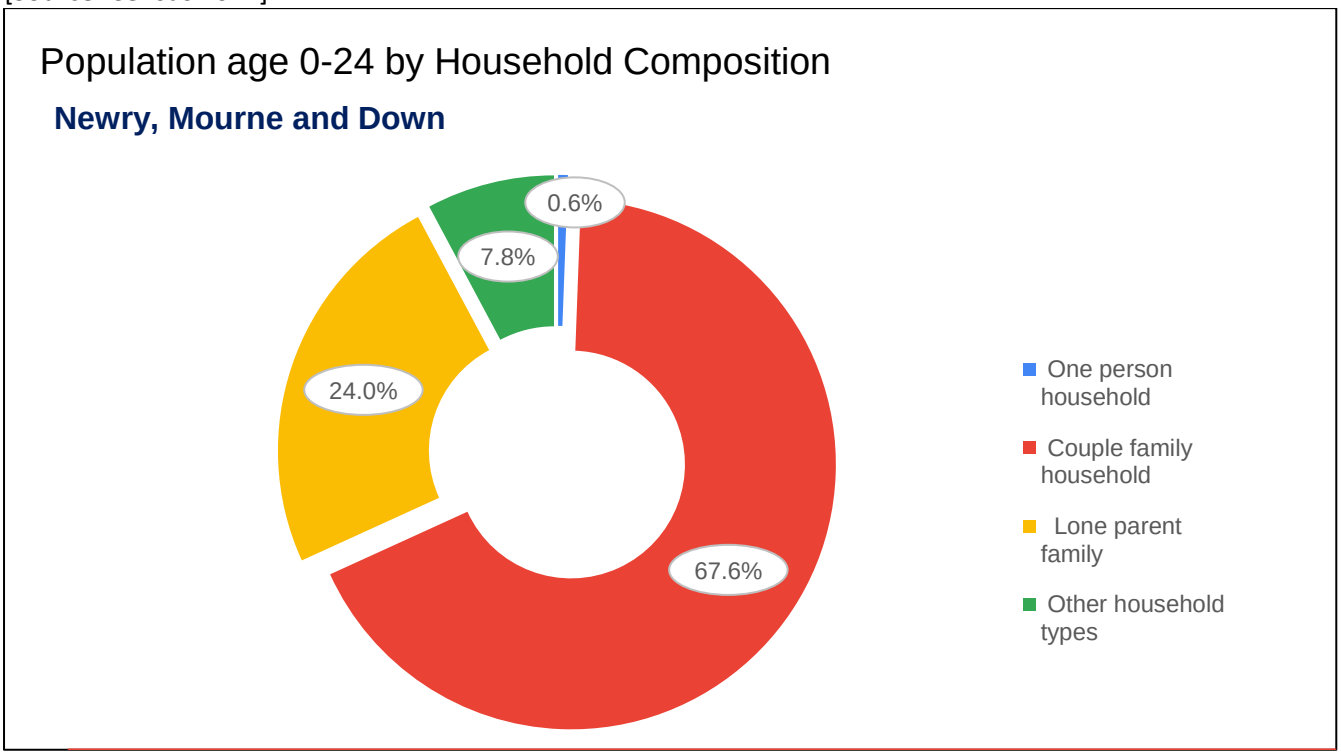


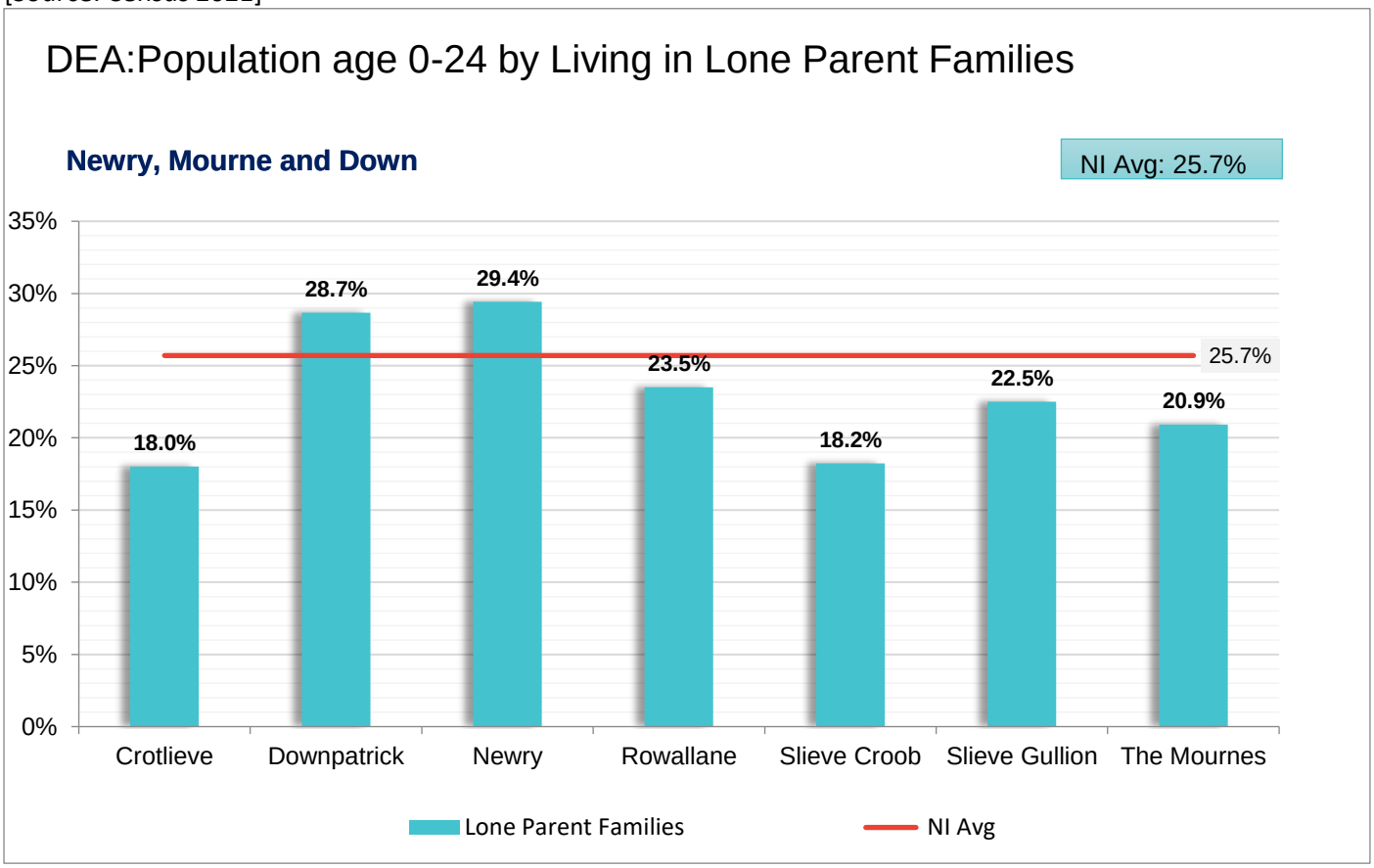
Table 9: Household composition by DEA, counts and percentages of the 0-24 population living in each type of household. Red shading indicates values in the top 20% throughout Northern Ireland for each variable.

[Source: Census 2021]

DEAs: Household Composition, by % of population age 0-24- Newry, Mourne & Down LGD						
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**
Crotlieve	9566	0.3%	74.8%	18.0%	0.4%	6.3%
Downpatrick	6958	0.8%	61.3%	28.7%	0.6%	8.5%
Newry	8746	0.7%	59.5%	29.4%	0.9%	9.2%
Rowallane	6113	0.8%	68.1%	23.5%	0.4%	7.2%
Slieve Croob	7000	0.2%	73.9%	18.2%	0.4%	7.2%
Slieve Gullion	11126	0.4%	67.9%	22.5%	0.6%	8.5%
The Mournes	9529	0.6%	70.6%	20.9%	0.3%	7.1%
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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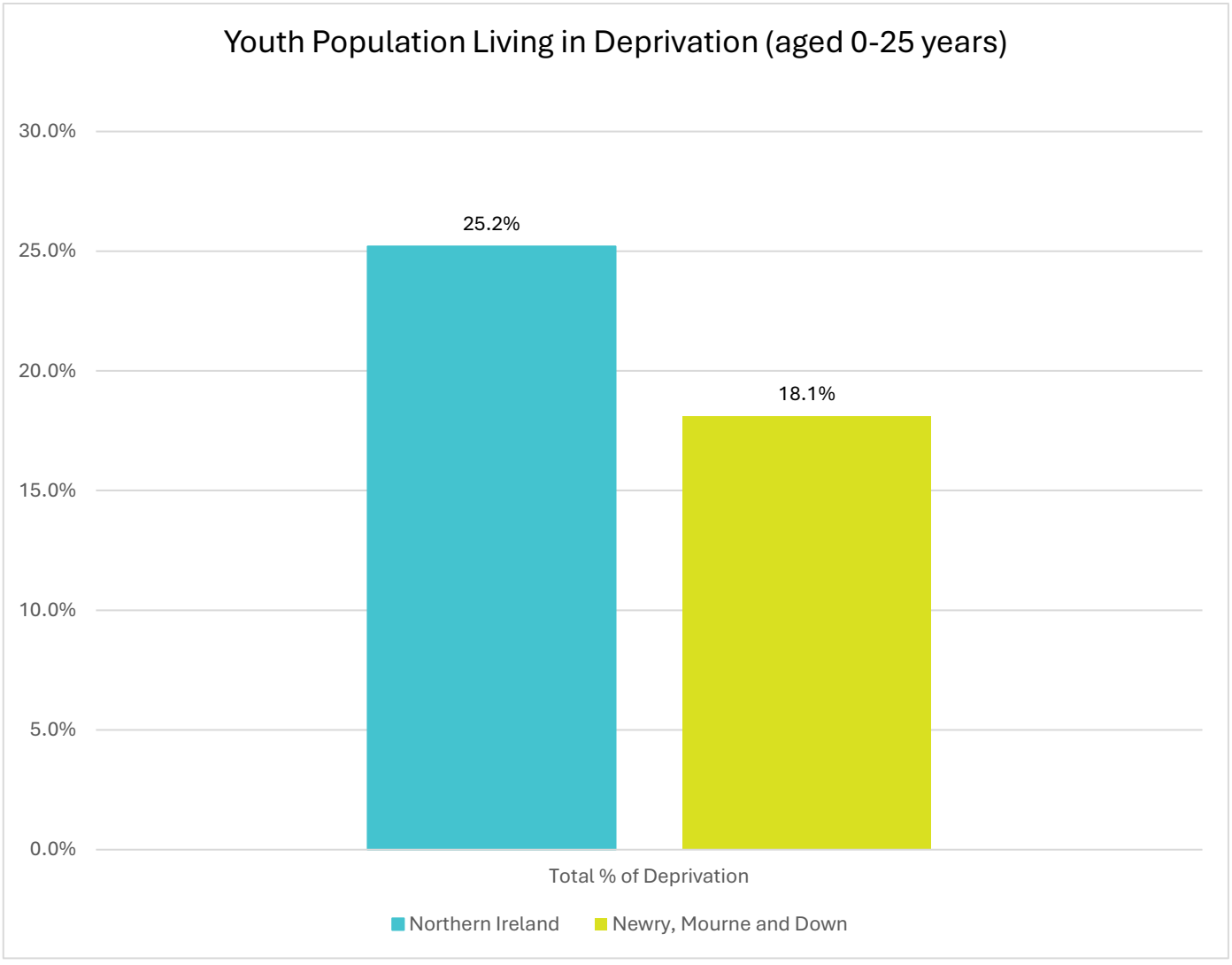
2.1 Deprivation

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%
Newry, Mourne and Down	1,671	2,323	2,394	2,167	2,513	11,068	18.10%

Source: Census 2021

Chart 23: Percentage of Youth Population living in Deprivation



2.2 Dimensions of household deprivation (Census 2021)

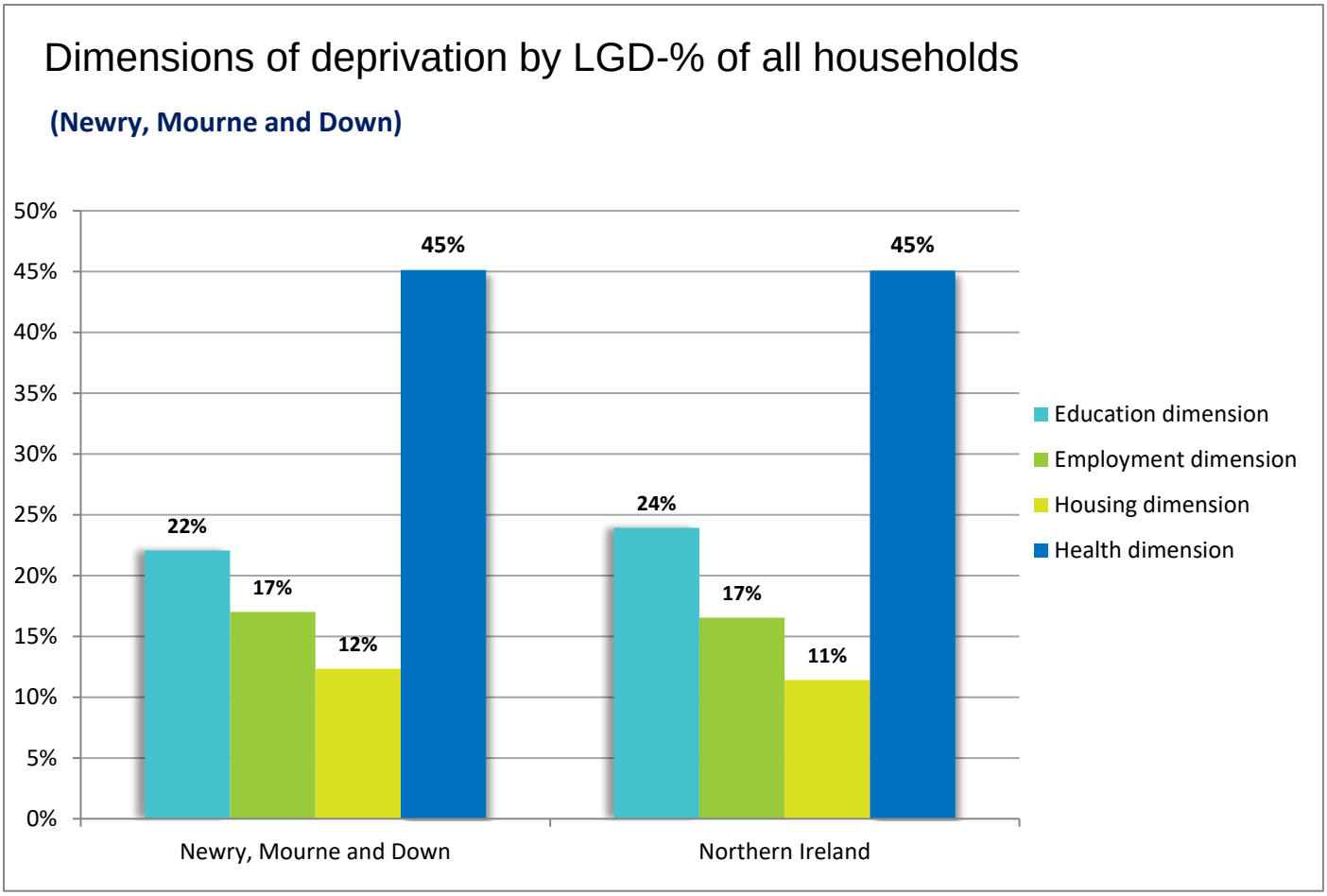
The dimensions of deprivation used to classify households are indicators based on four selected household characteristics using 2021 Census data:

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, Newry, Mourne and Down

Chart 24: Percentage of households that are deprived in each dimension for Newry, Mourne and Down.

[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]

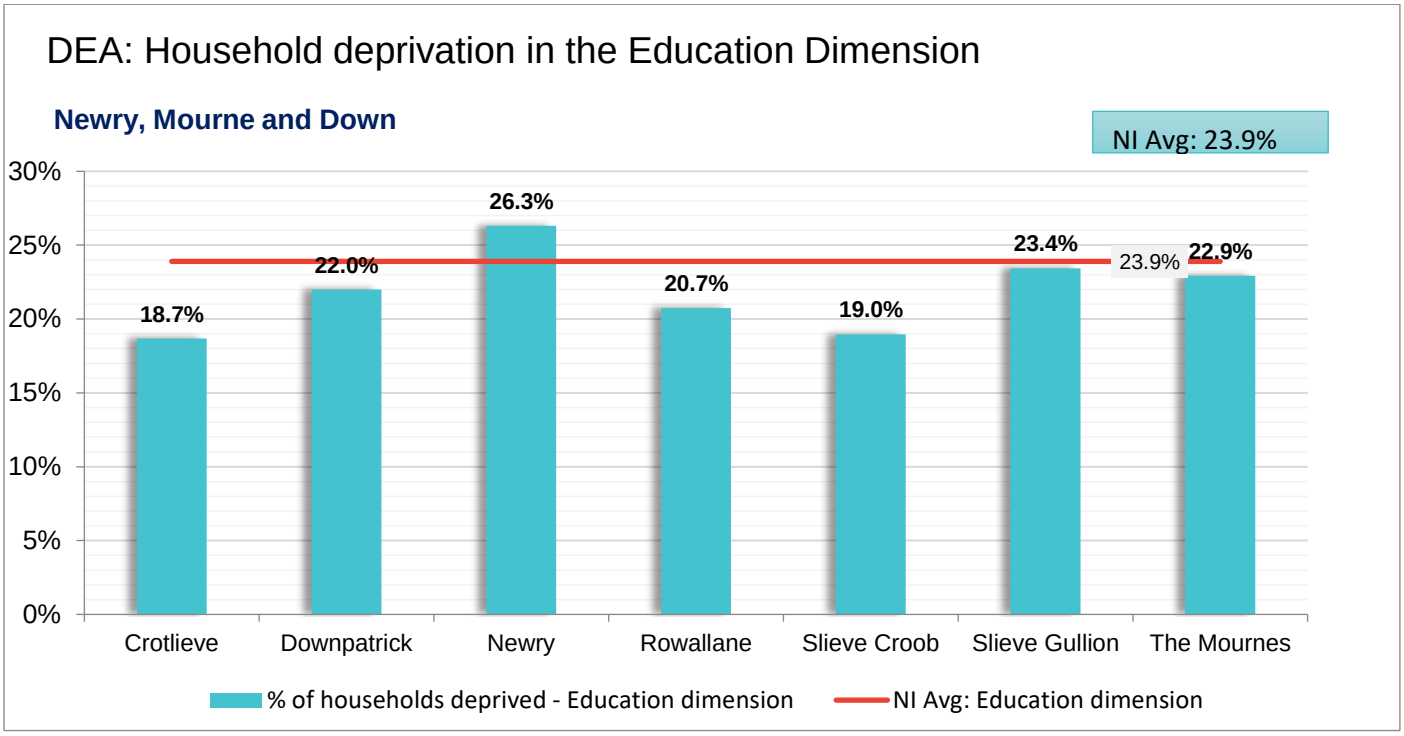


Chart 26: Percentage of households that are deprived in the Employment dimension, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

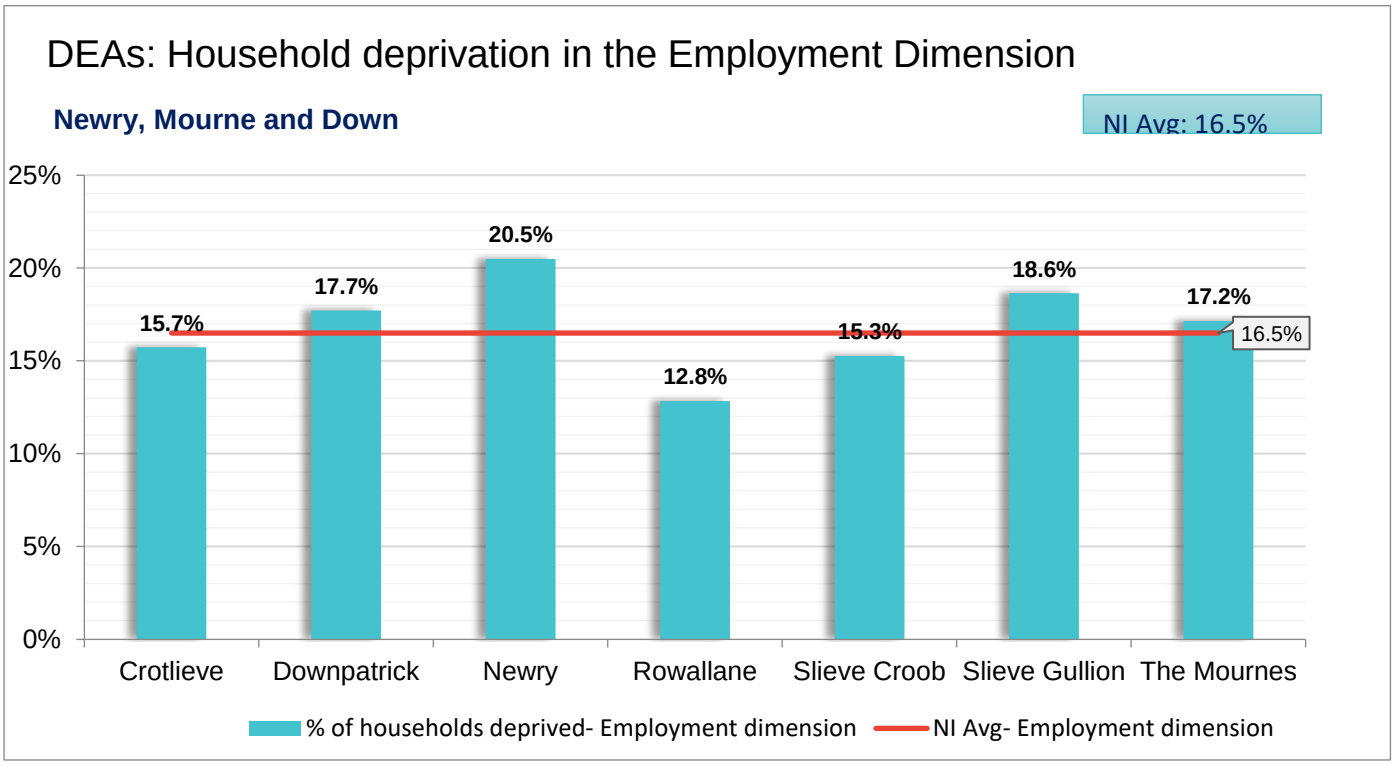


Chart 27: Percentage of households that are deprived in the Health dimension, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

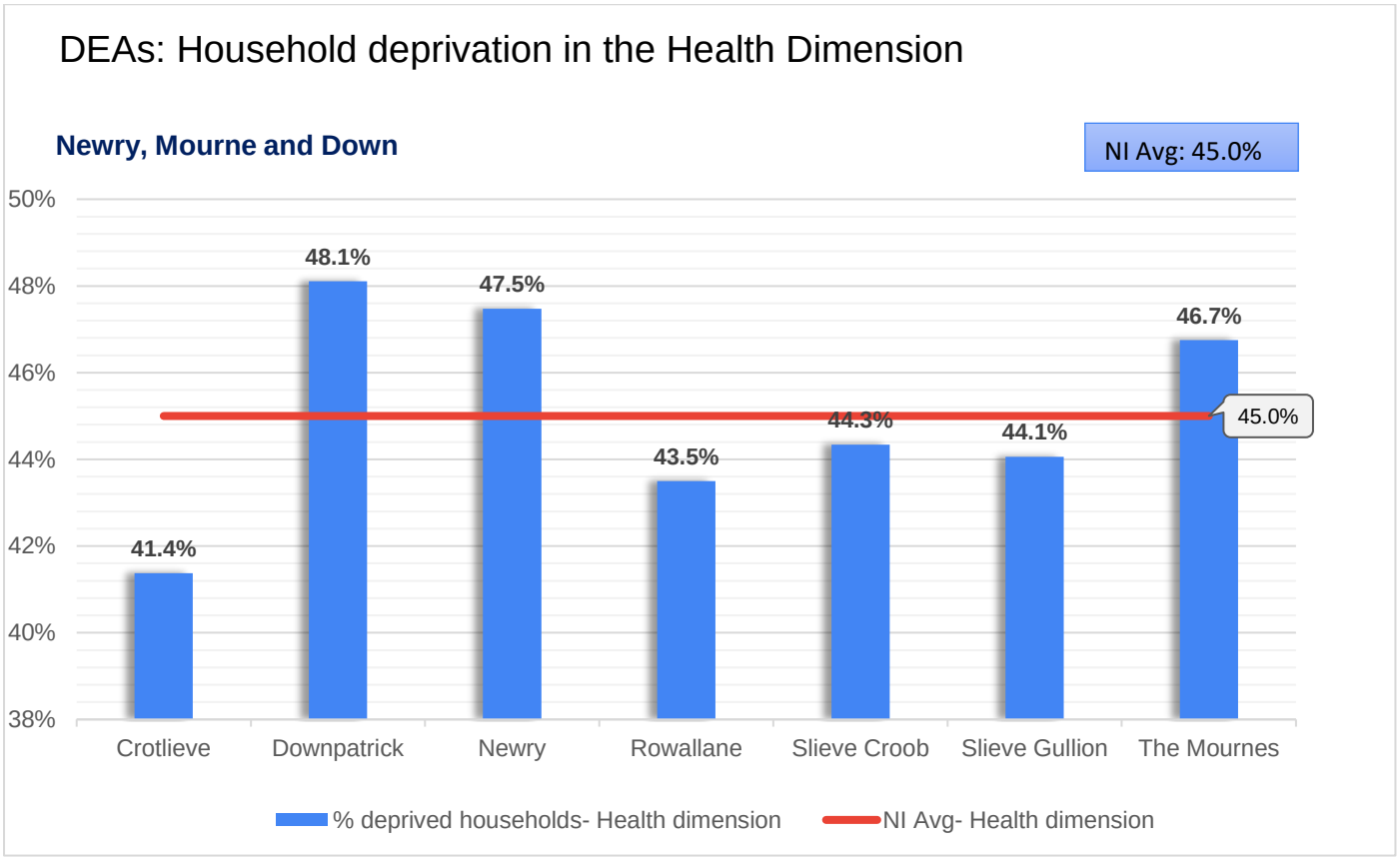
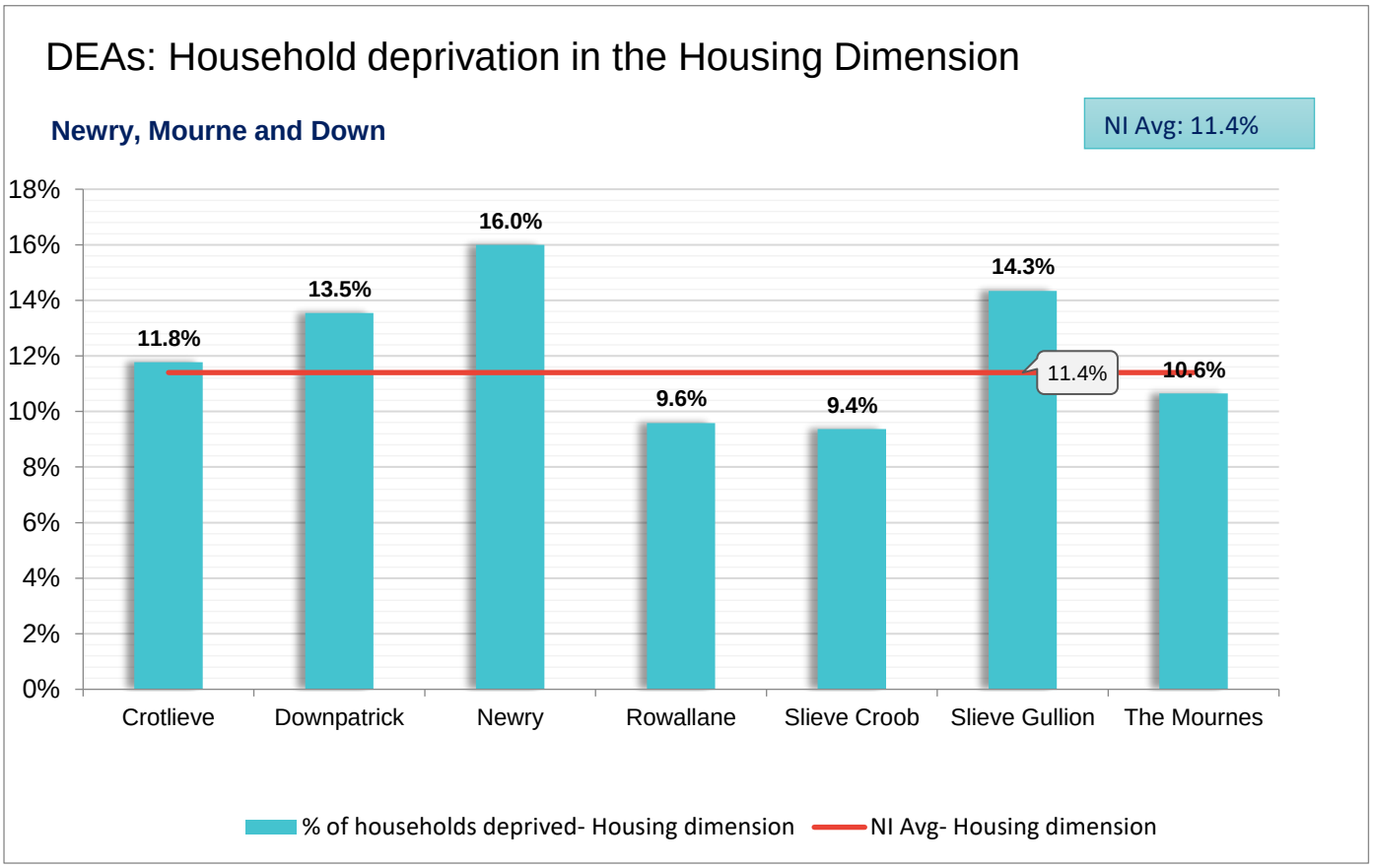


Chart 28: Percentage of households that are deprived in the Housing dimension, by DEA

[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:
Chart 29:

- 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

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

[Source: Census 2021]

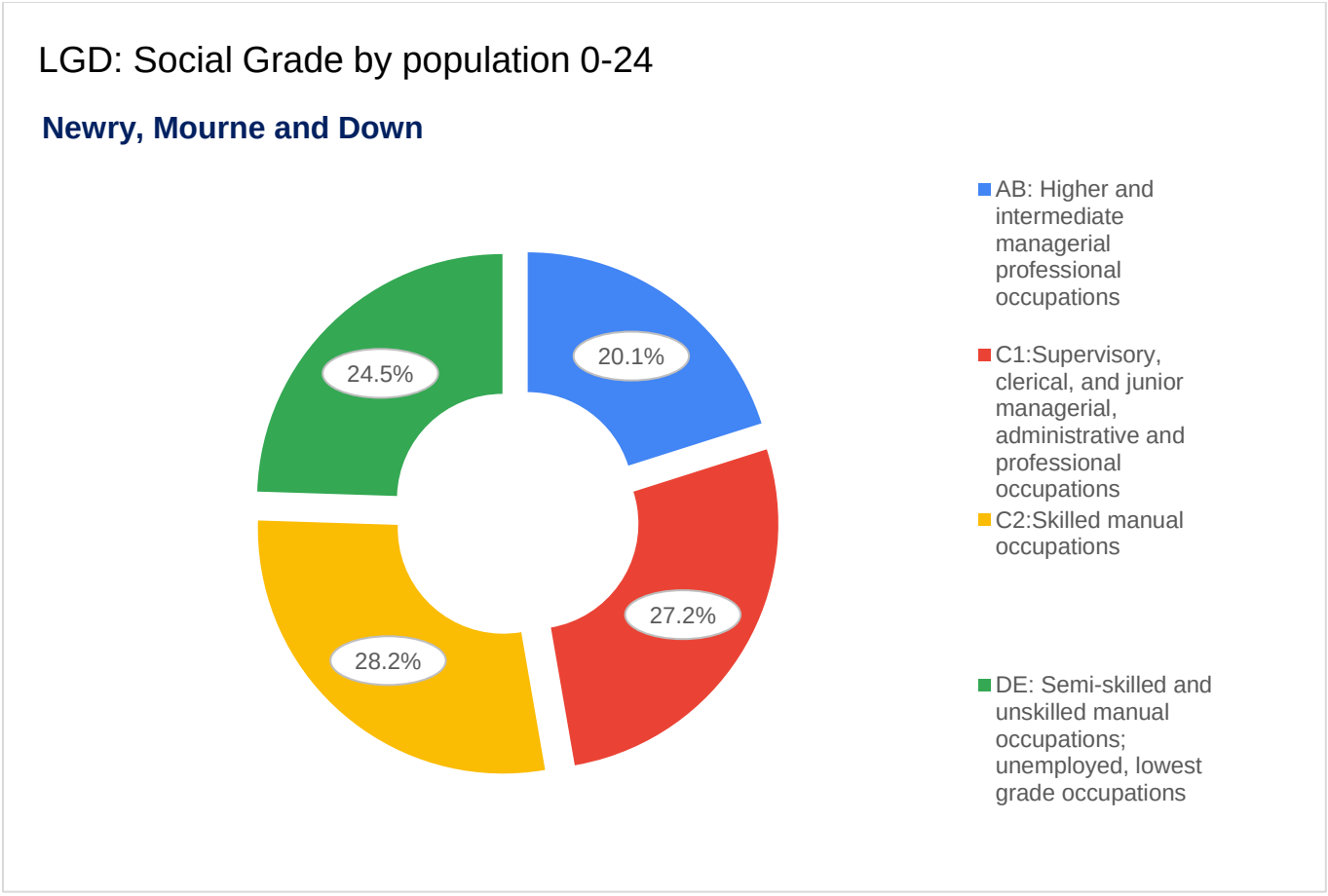


Chart 30: Counts of population with percentage representation age 0-24 living in households classified by social grade, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

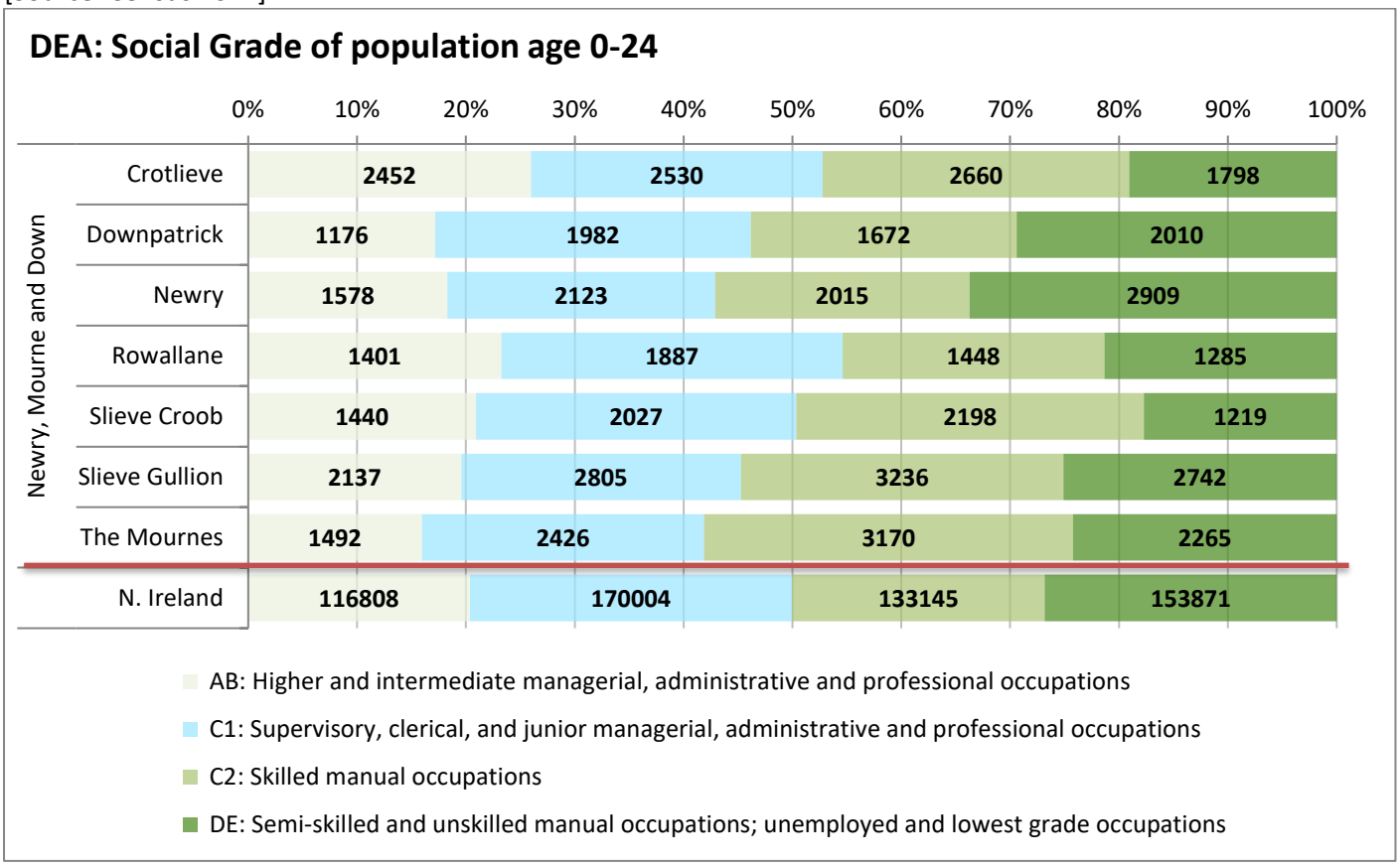
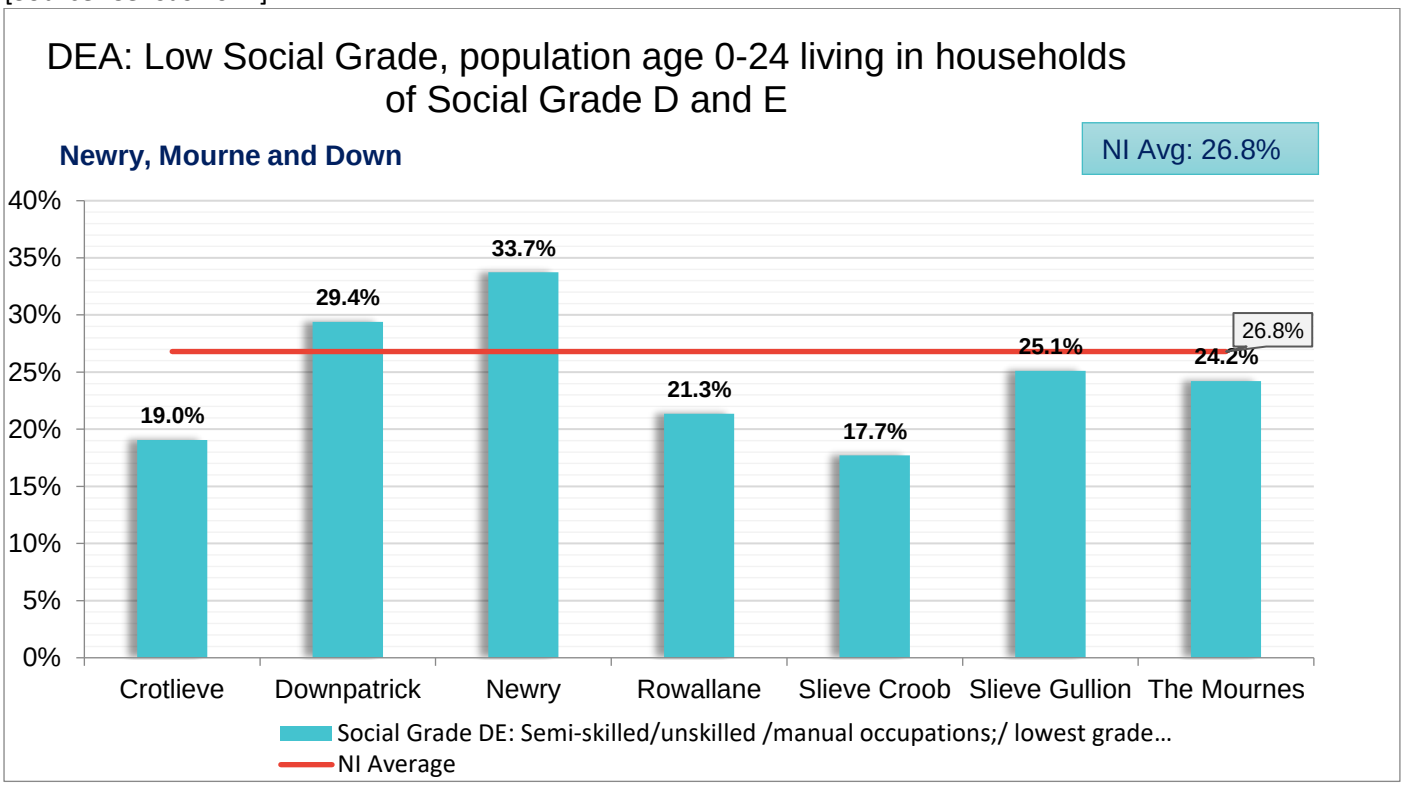


Chart 31: Percentage of the population age 0-24 living in households of Low social grade (Social Grades D & E), by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]



2.4 Adult unemployment

Chart 32: Percentage of households that do not have at least one adult in employment in Newry, Mourne and Down. 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]

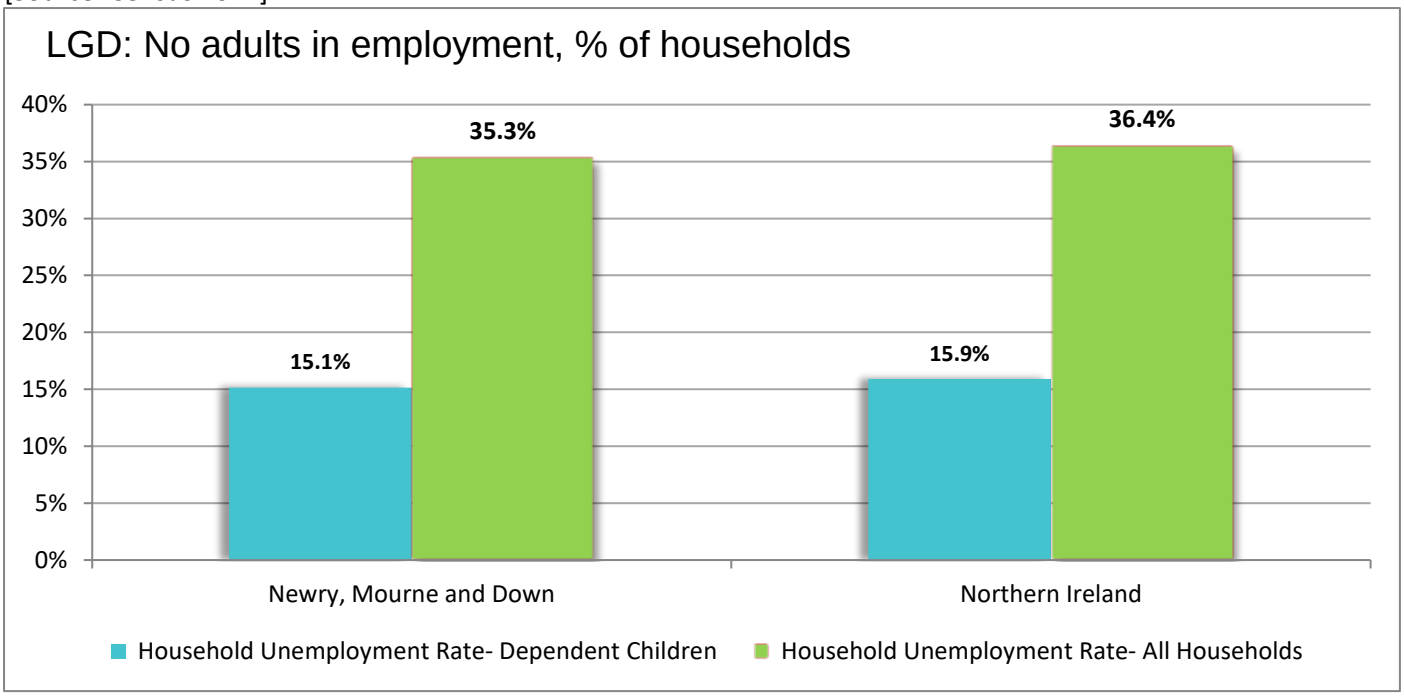
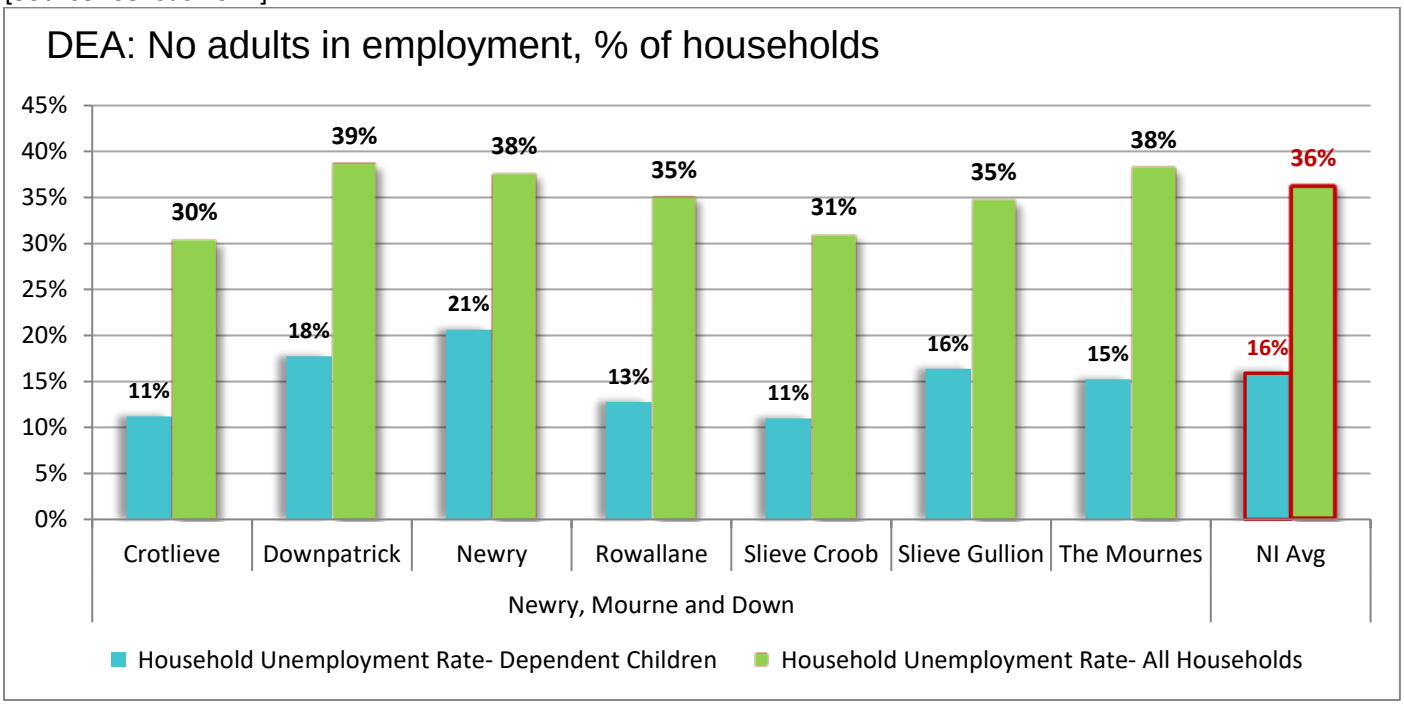


Chart 33: Percentage of households that do not have at least one adult in employment in Newry, Mourne and Down, by DEA. A comparison between all households and only those that contain dependent children is shown.

[Source: Census 2021]



2.5 Lack of access to independent household transport

LGD/NI Table Percentage of the 0-24 population in Newry, Mourne and Down 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.

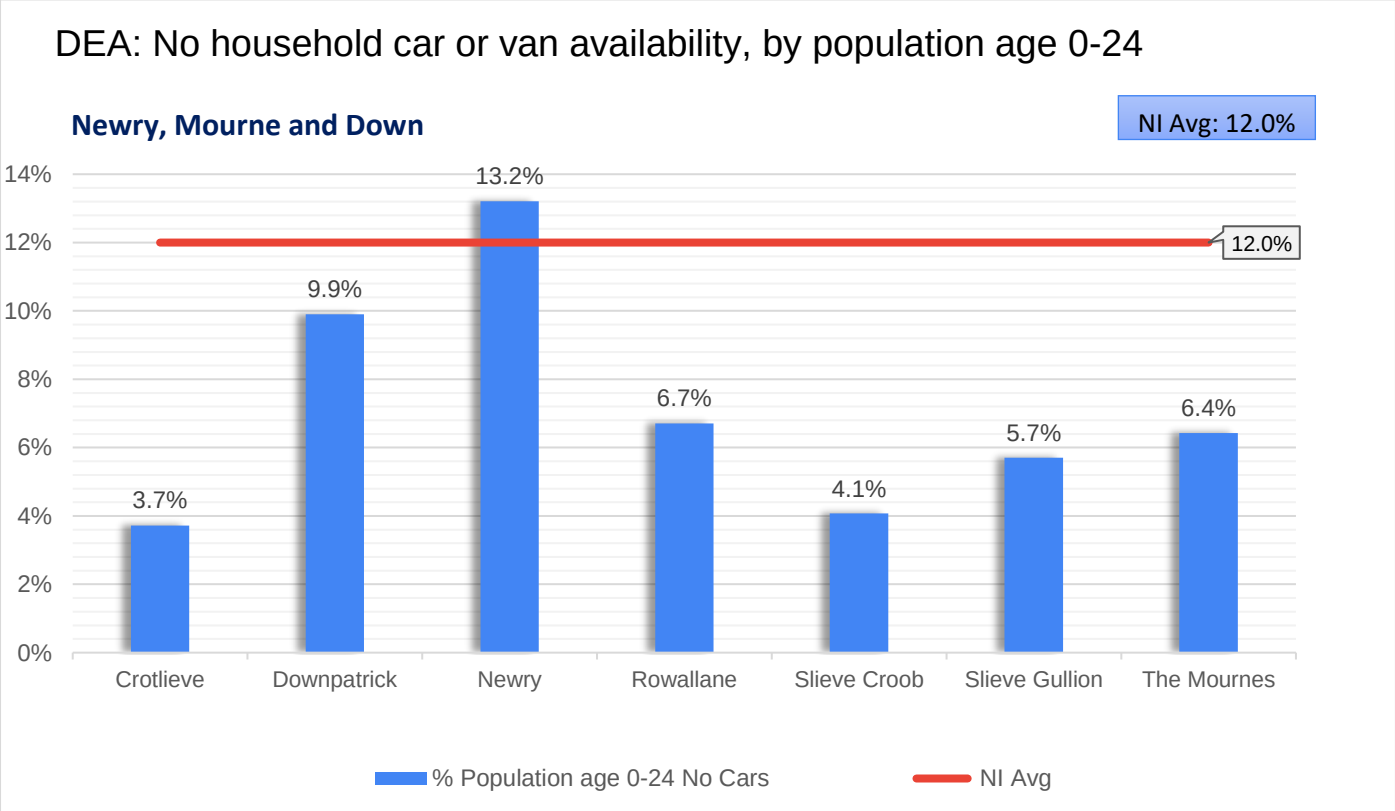
Table 11: Lack of access to independent household transport

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
Newry, Mourne & Down	9,907	4,142	14.5%	7.0%
Northern Ireland	150,289	70,594	19.5%	12.0%

[Source: Census 2021]

Chart 34: Percentage of the 0-24 population in Newry, Mourne and Down 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 Newry, Mourne and Down LGD by housing tenure.

[Source: Census 2021]

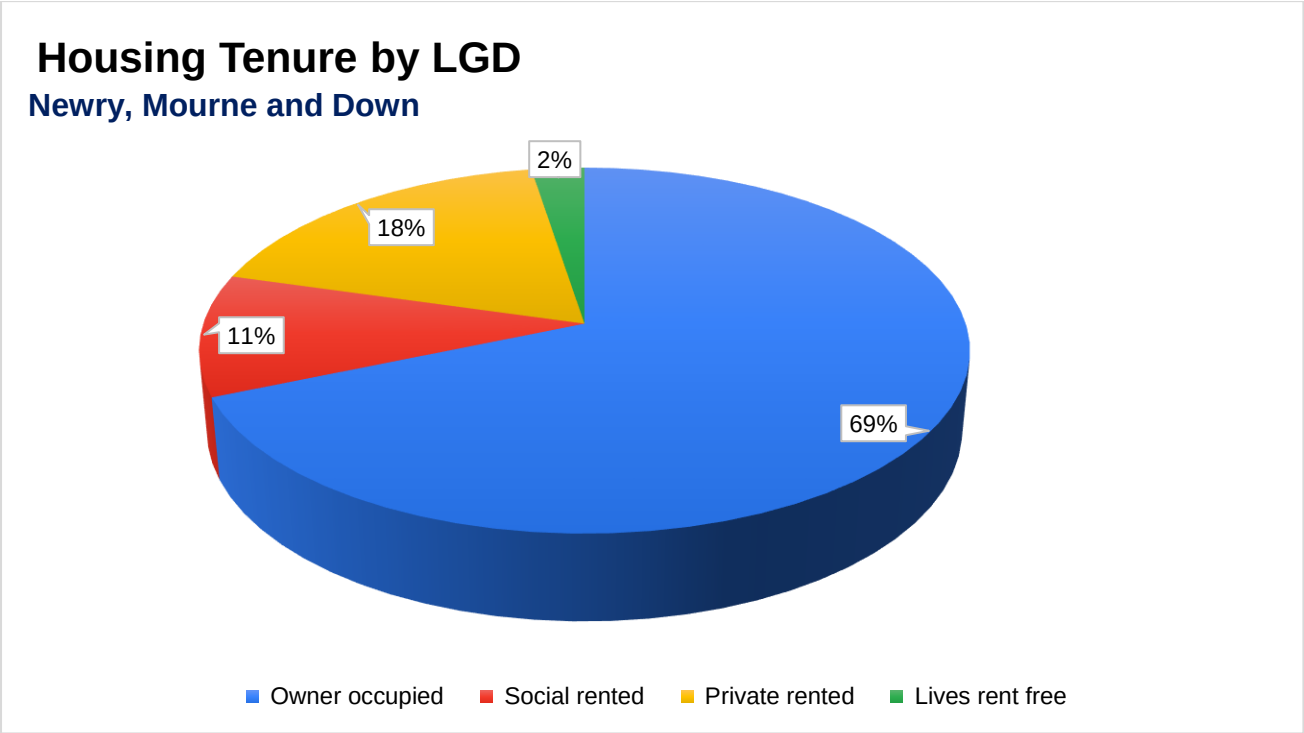
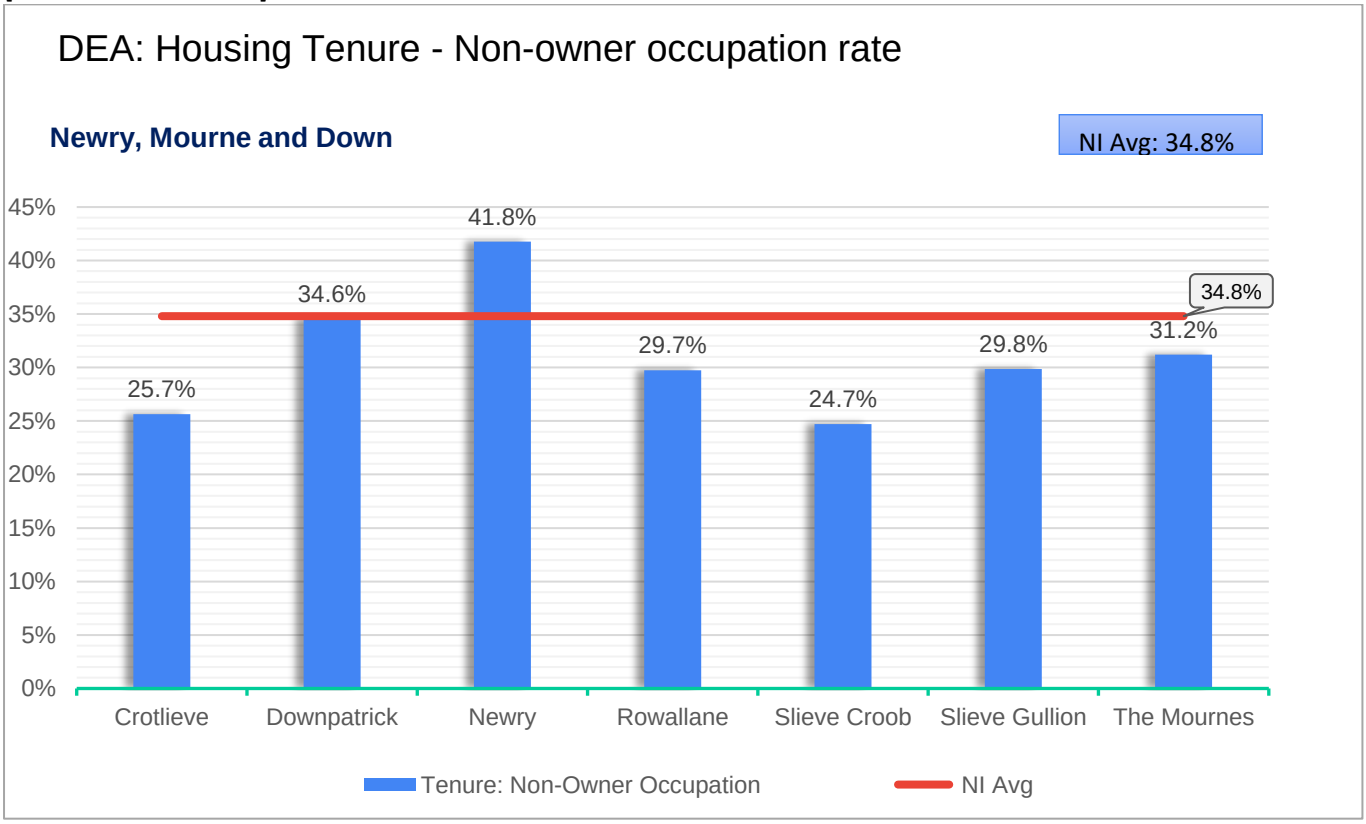


Chart 36: Percentage of households in Newry, Mourne and Down LGD by that are non-owner occupied (private rented, social rented and rent free), by DEA.

[Source: Census 2021]



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 Newry, Mourne and Down LGD in academic year 2022/2023.

Table 12: GCSE examination performance Newry, Mourne and Down 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%	1,485	76.1%
Newry, Mourne and Down	2,127	92.1	1,847	80.0

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
St Colmcille's High School	Rowallane	82.4%	47.1%
The High SchoolBallynahinch	Rowallane	79.4%	52.9%
St Mary's High School	Newry	93.6%	57.7%
Newry High School	Newry	82.9%	60.0%
St Malachy's High School	Slieve Croob	89.3%	60.7%
Shimna Integrated College	The Mournes	74.0%	64.6%
St Joseph's Boys' High School	Newry	78.9%	64.8%
Saintfield High School	Rowallane	81.8%	65.2%
Kilkeel High School	The Mournes	80.3%	67.5%
Newtownhamilton High School	Slieve Gullion	86.8%	68.4%
St Colman's High and Sixth Form College	Rowallane	89.5%	70.2%
St Mark's High School	Crotlieve	96.6%	74.0%
St Joseph's High School	Slieve Gullion	93.2%	75.4%
Northern Ireland	**NI Average**	**89.8%**	**76.1%**
St Louis Grammar School	The Mournes	90.7%	80.4%
St Paul's High School	Slieve Gullion	96.1%	84.7%
St Patrick's Grammar School	Downpatrick	99.0%	97.0%

Our Lady's Grammar School	Newry	99.2%	97.6%
Abbey Christian Brothers Grammar School	Newry	97.6%	97.6%
Down High School	Downpatrick	97.7%	97.7%
St Colman's College	Newry	97.7%	97.7%
Assumption Grammar School	Rowallane	99.2%	99.2%
Sacred Heart Grammar School	Newry	99.2%	99.2%

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 by school

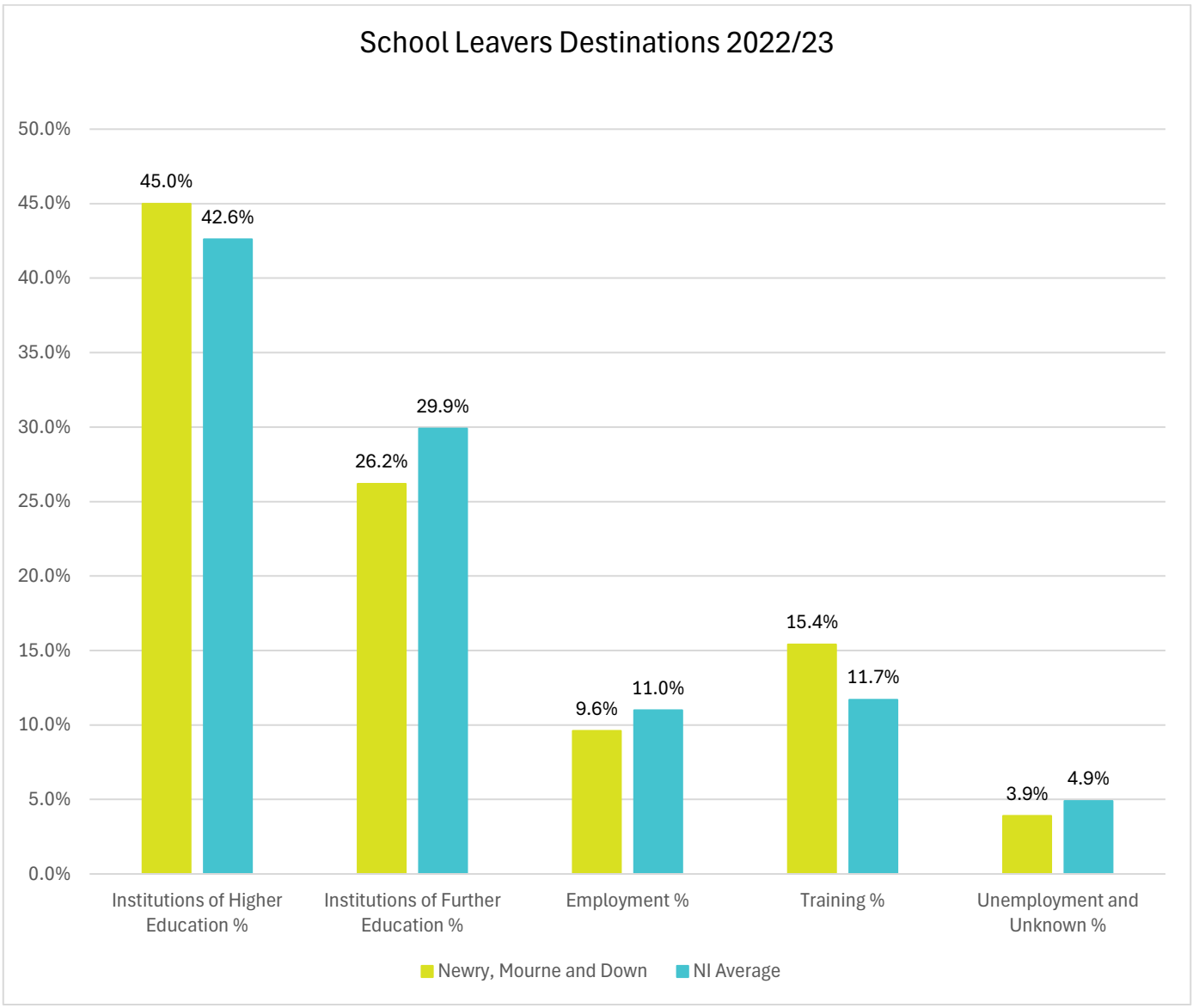
School Name	DEA	No. of pupils in the final year of an A-level (or equivalent) course eligible for inclusion in SAER returns	% of pupils in the final year of a level 3 course achieving 3+ A-levels grades A*-C (including equivalents)	% of pupils in the final year of a level 3 course achieving 2+ A-levels grades A*-E (including equivalents)
Kilkeel High School	The Mournes	52	40.4%	100.0%
St Malachy's High School	Slieve Croob	56	44.6%	100.0%
Northern Ireland	**NI Average**		**42.1%**	**56.2%**
St Colman's High and Sixth Form College	Rowallane	43	46.5%	95.3%
St Mark's High School	Crotlieve	60	46.7%	95.0%
Shimna Integrated College	The Mournes	48	47.9%	93.8%
Newry High School	Newry	22	63.6%	100.0%
St Mary's High School	Newry	46	67.4%	97.8%
St Patrick's Grammar School	Downpatrick	114	67.5%	98.2%
St Joseph's High School	Slieve Gullion	40	72.5%	100.0%
St Paul's High School	Slieve Gullion	158	73.4%	99.4%
St Louis Grammar School	The Mournes	75	76.0%	100.0%
Abbey Christian Brothers Grammar School	Newry	108	82.4%	99.1%
St Colman's College	Newry	116	85.3%	98.3%
Assumption Grammar School	Rowallane	96	85.4%	100.0%
Our Lady's Grammar School	Newry	125	87.2%	100.0%
Down High School	Downpatrick	144	90%	100.0%
Sacred Heart Grammar School	Newry	120	93.3%	100.0%

Source: DE school census 2022/23

3.3 School Leavers Destination Newry, Mourne and Down LGD and DEAs 2022/23

3.3.1 School Leavers Destination by LGD 2022/23

Chart 37: School leavers destinations 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

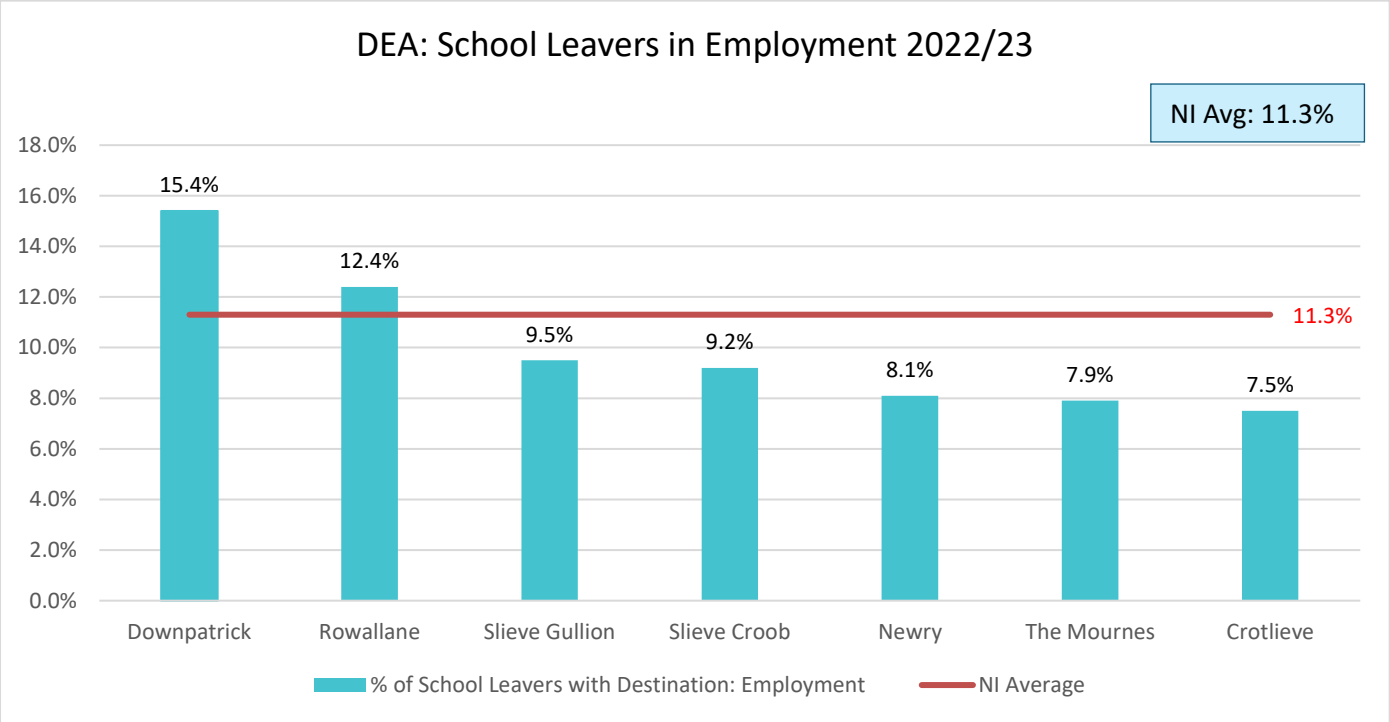


Chart 39: School leavers going into Further Education 2022/23

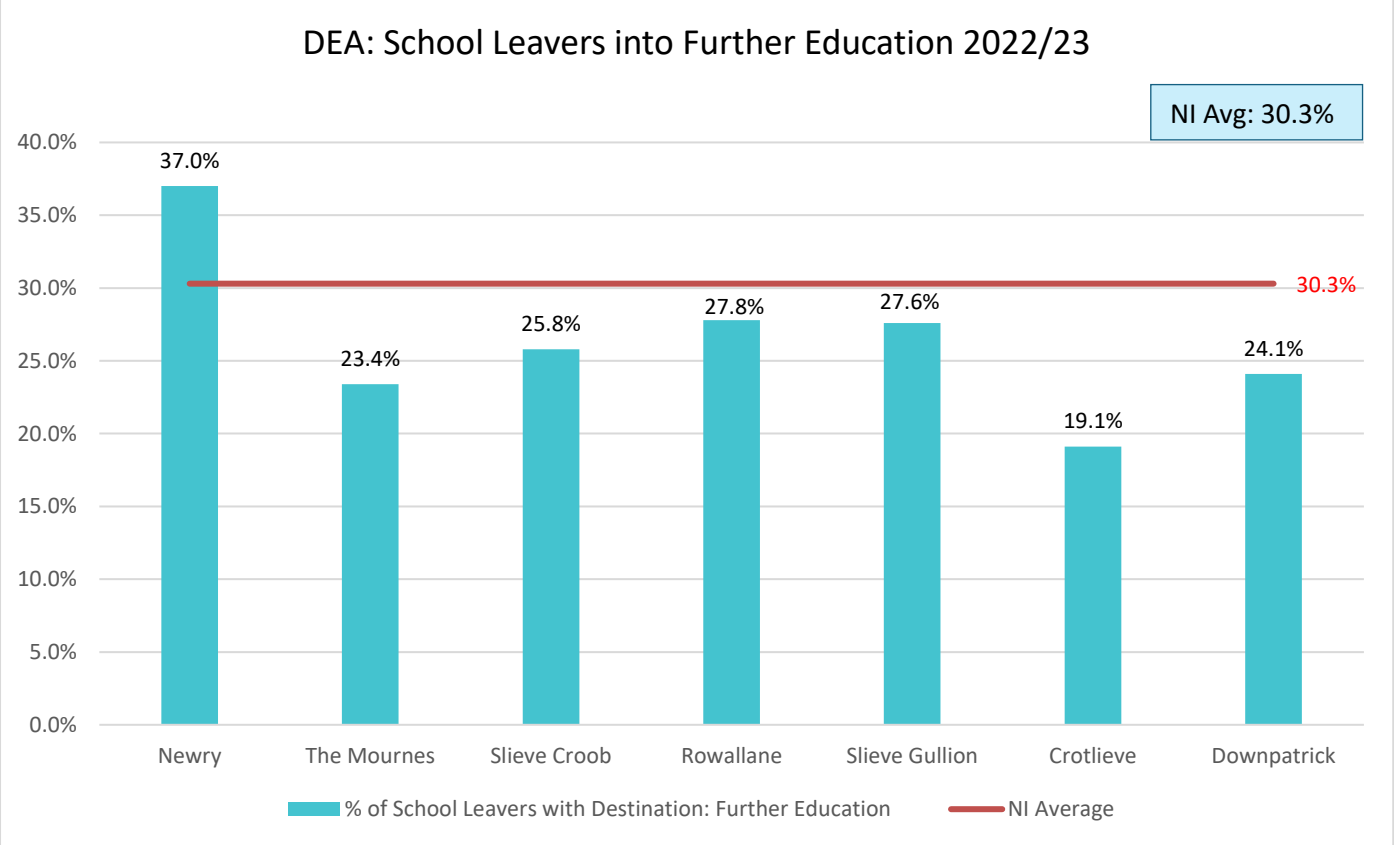


Chart 40: School leavers going into Higher Education 2022/23

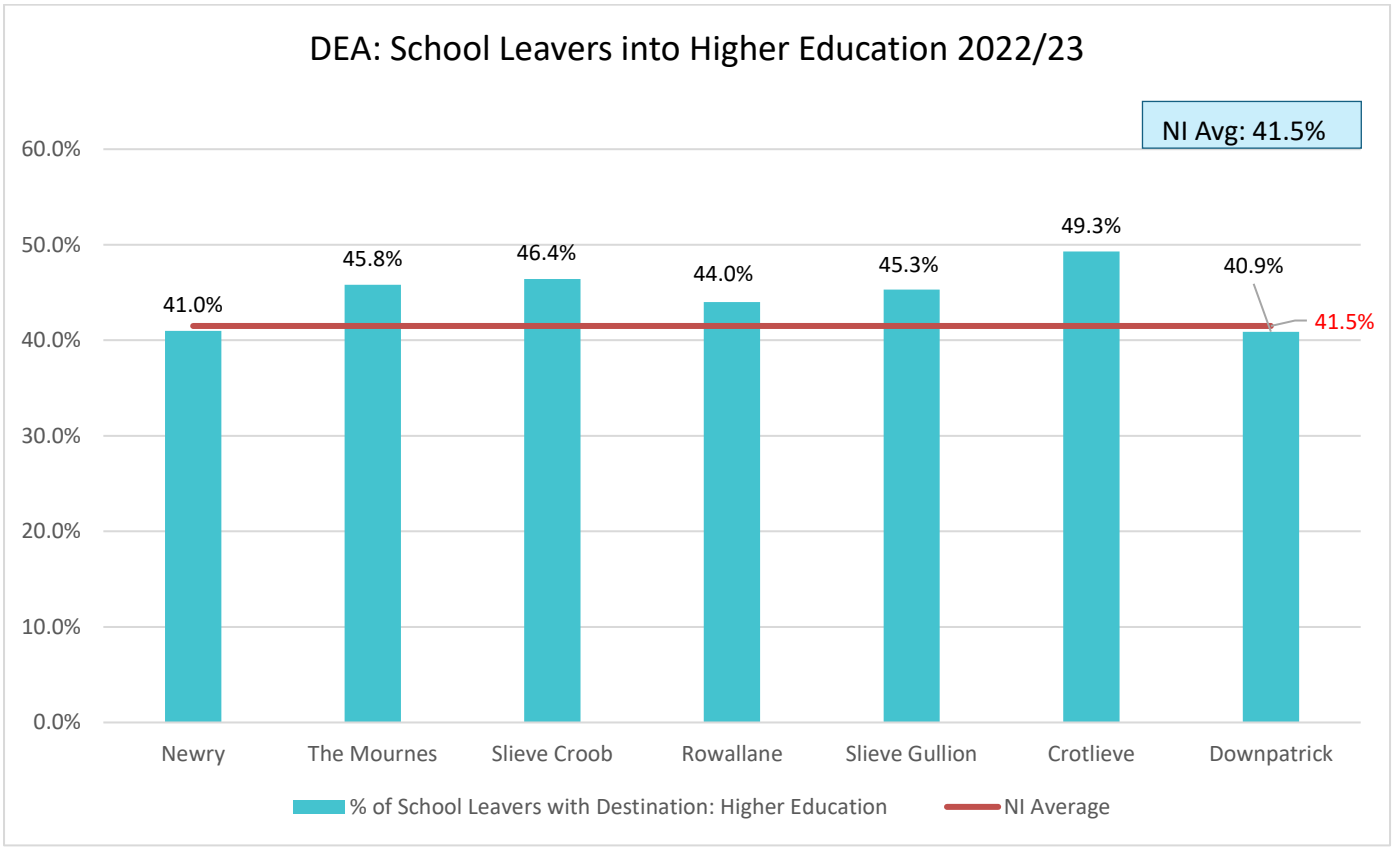


Chart 41: School leavers going into Training 2022/23

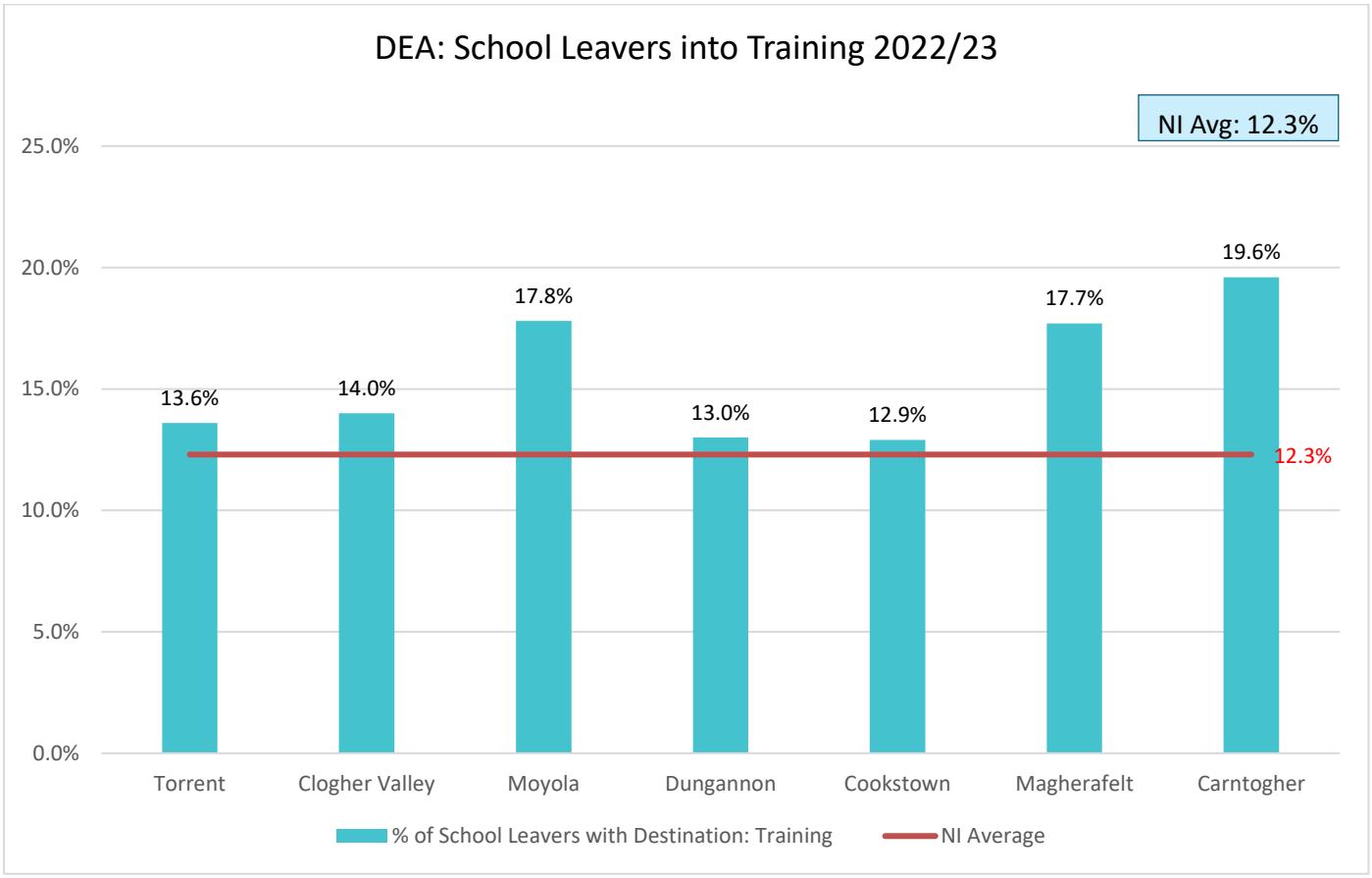
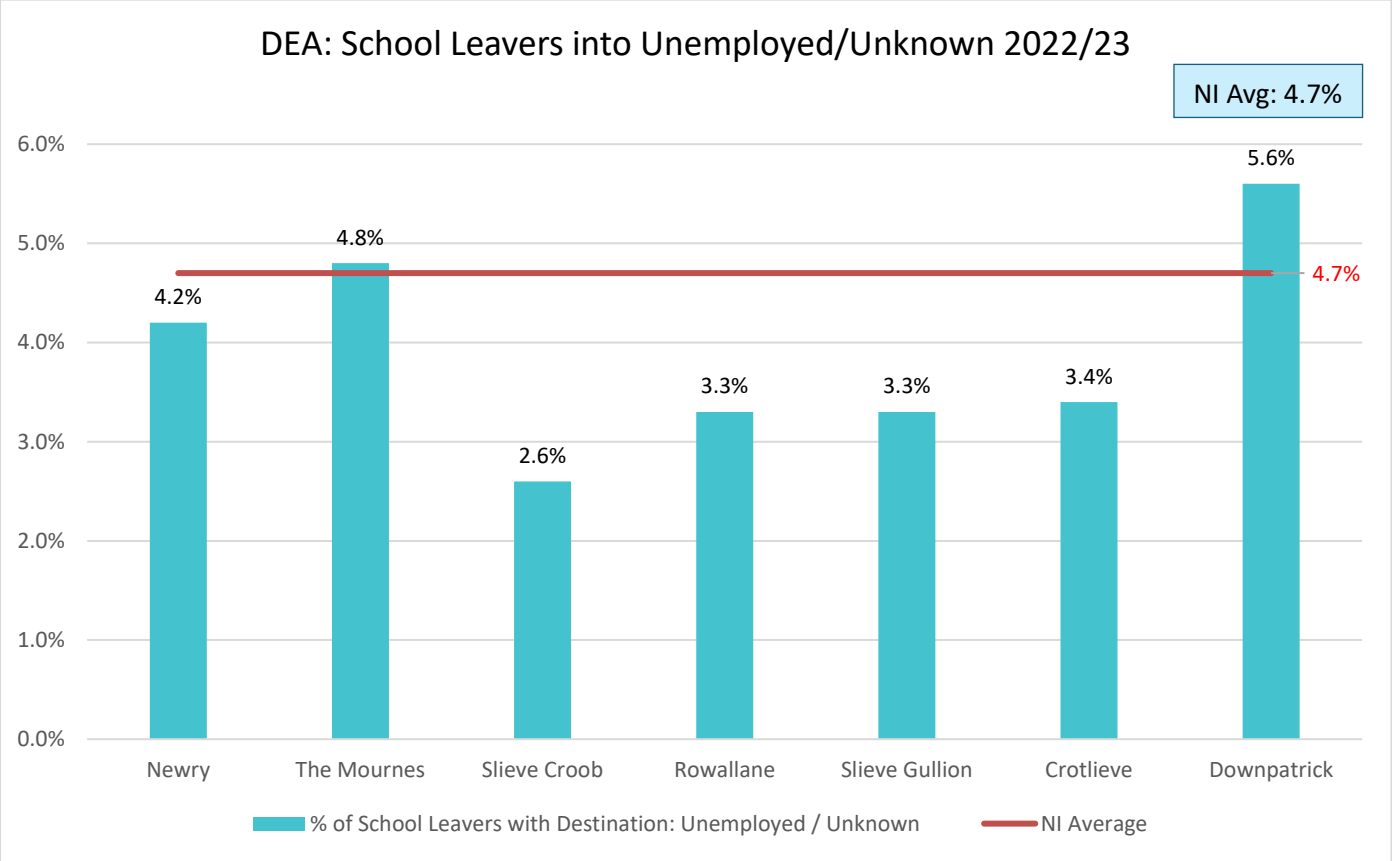


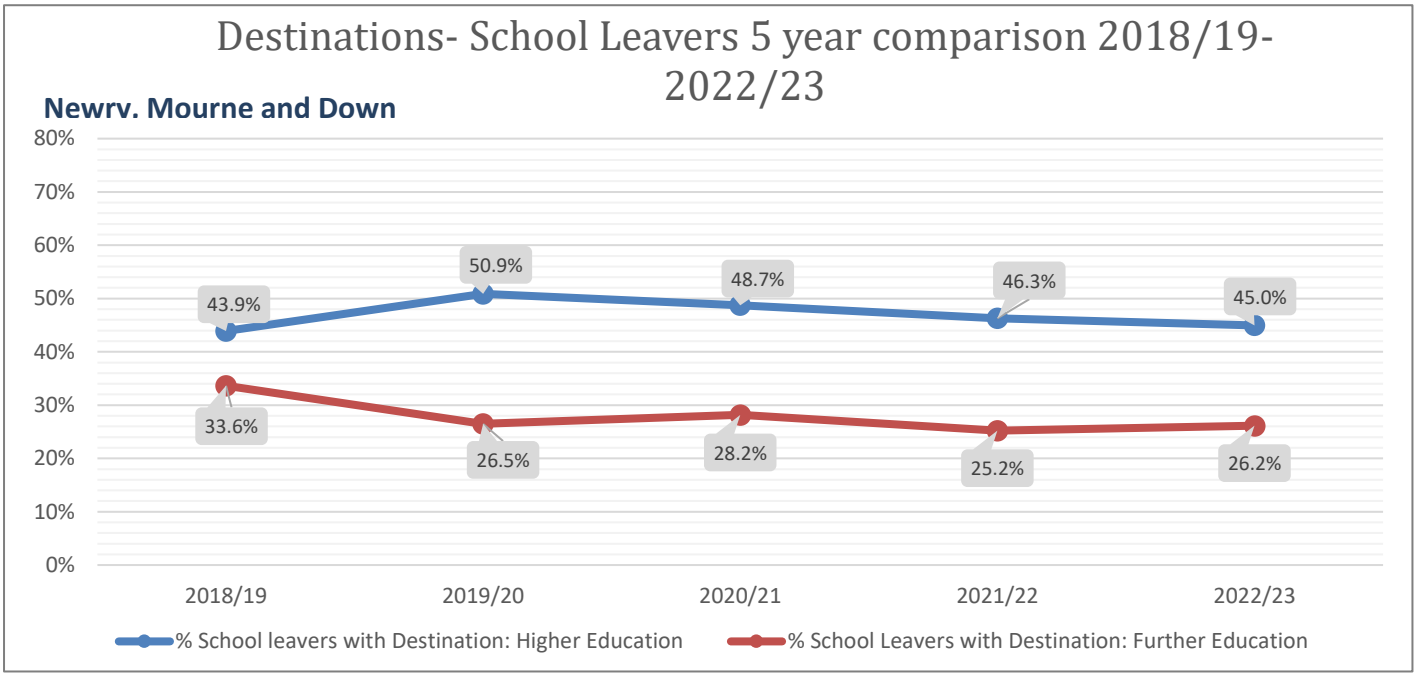
Chart 42: School leavers unemployed/unknown 2022/23



3.3.3 School Leavers Destinations 5-year trends for Newry, Mourne and Down LGD

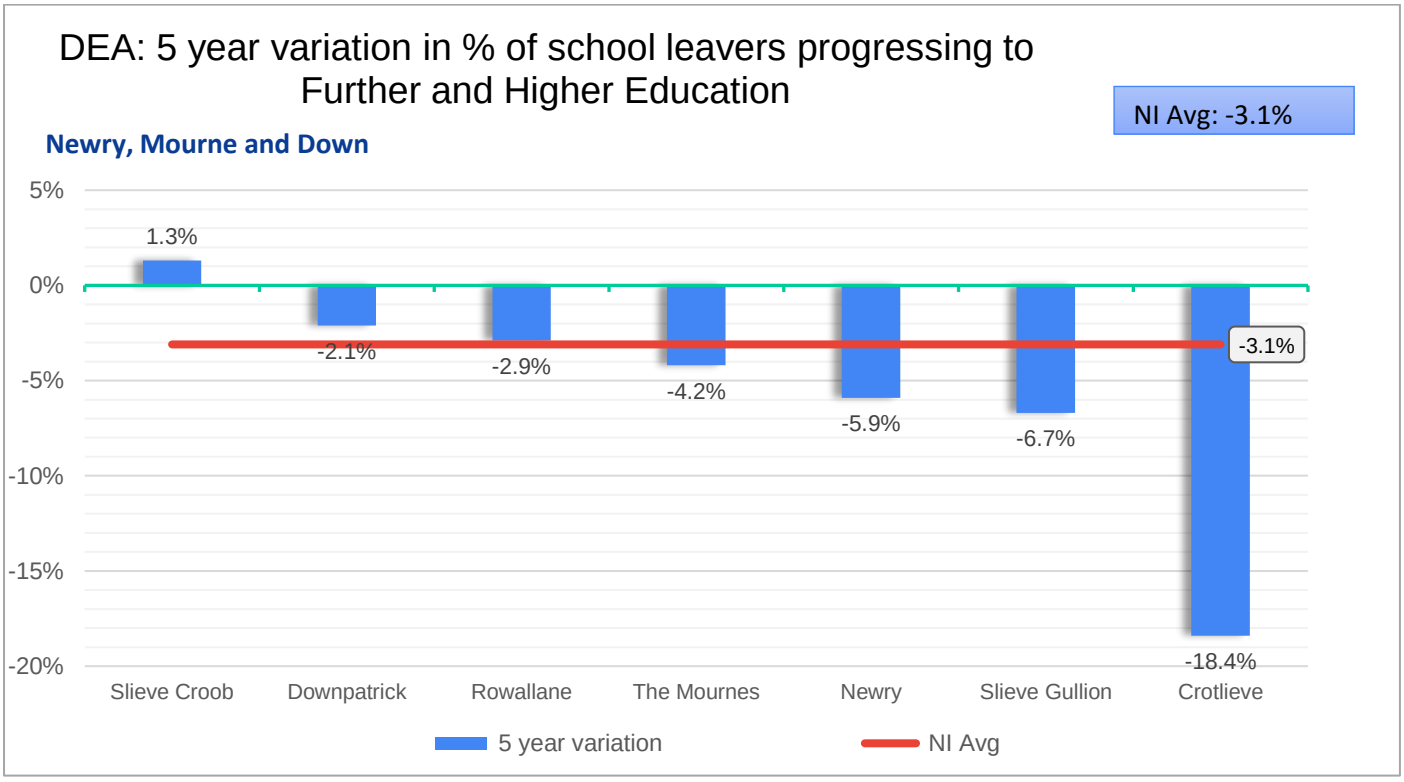
Chart 43: Distribution of percentage rates of school leavers entering Further and Higher Education over 5 years, 2018/19-2022/23

[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



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

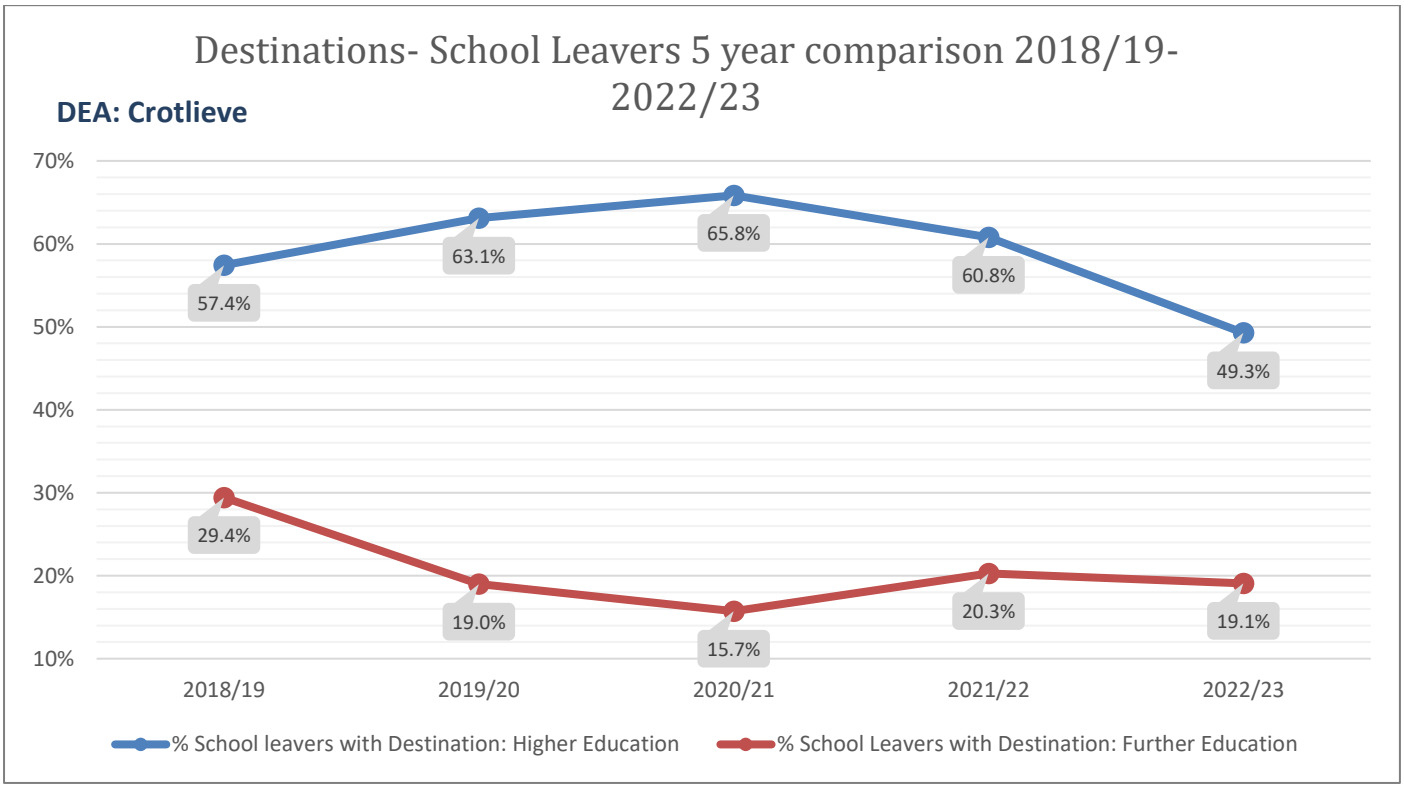
Chart 44: Percentage variation over 5 years of school leavers progressing to either Further or Higher Education, By DEAs in Newry, Mourne and Down [Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Crotlieve DEA

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

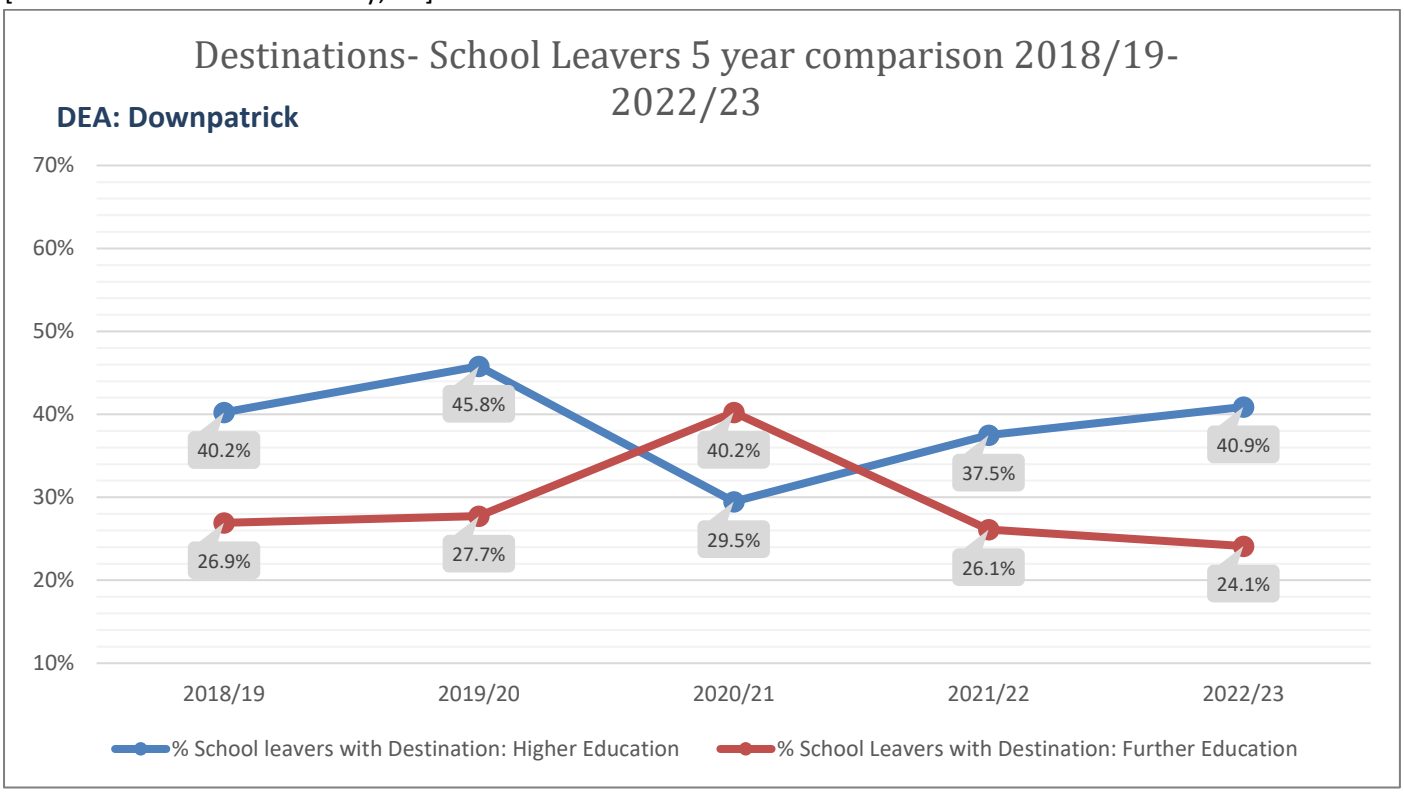
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Downpatrick DEA

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

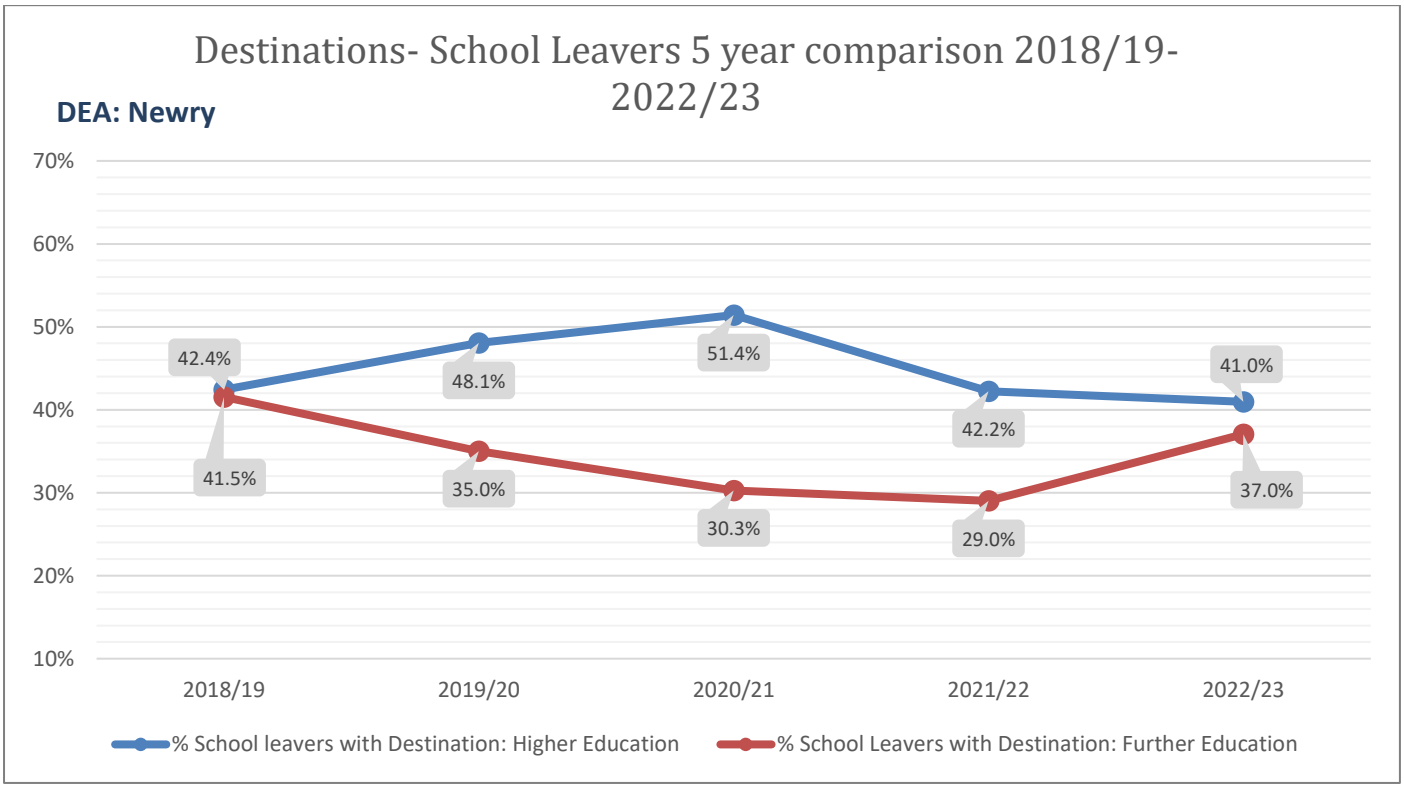
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Newry DEA

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

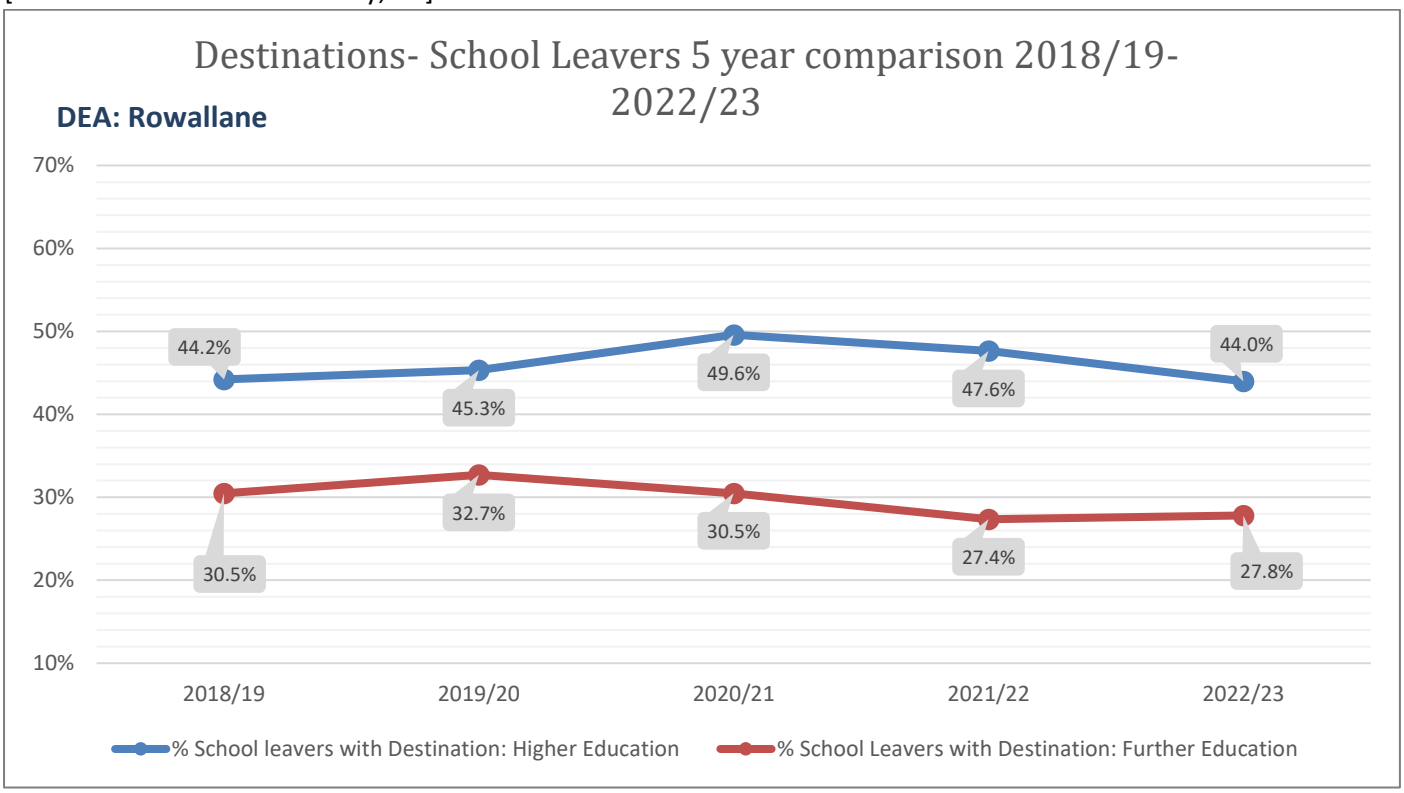
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Rowallane DEA

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

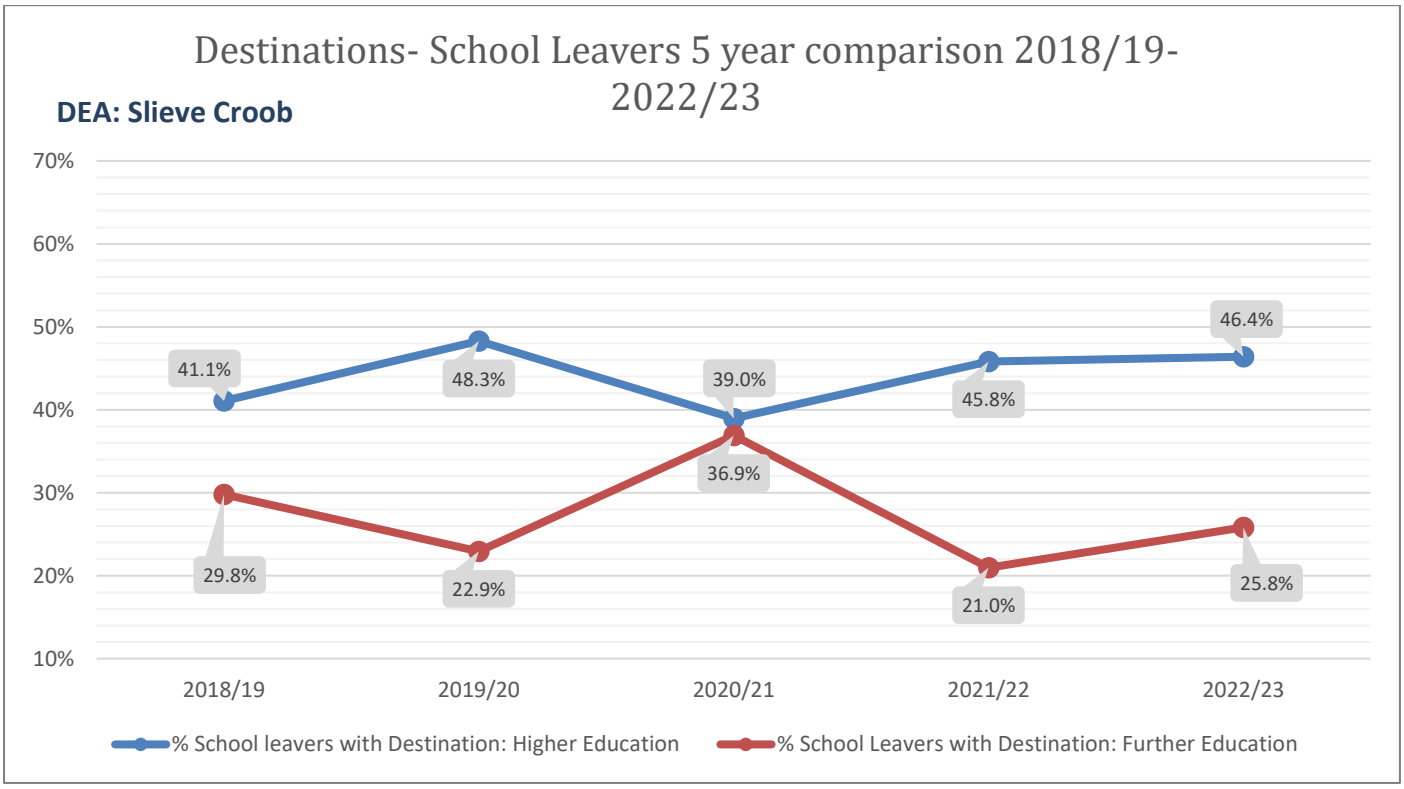
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Slieve Croob DEA

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

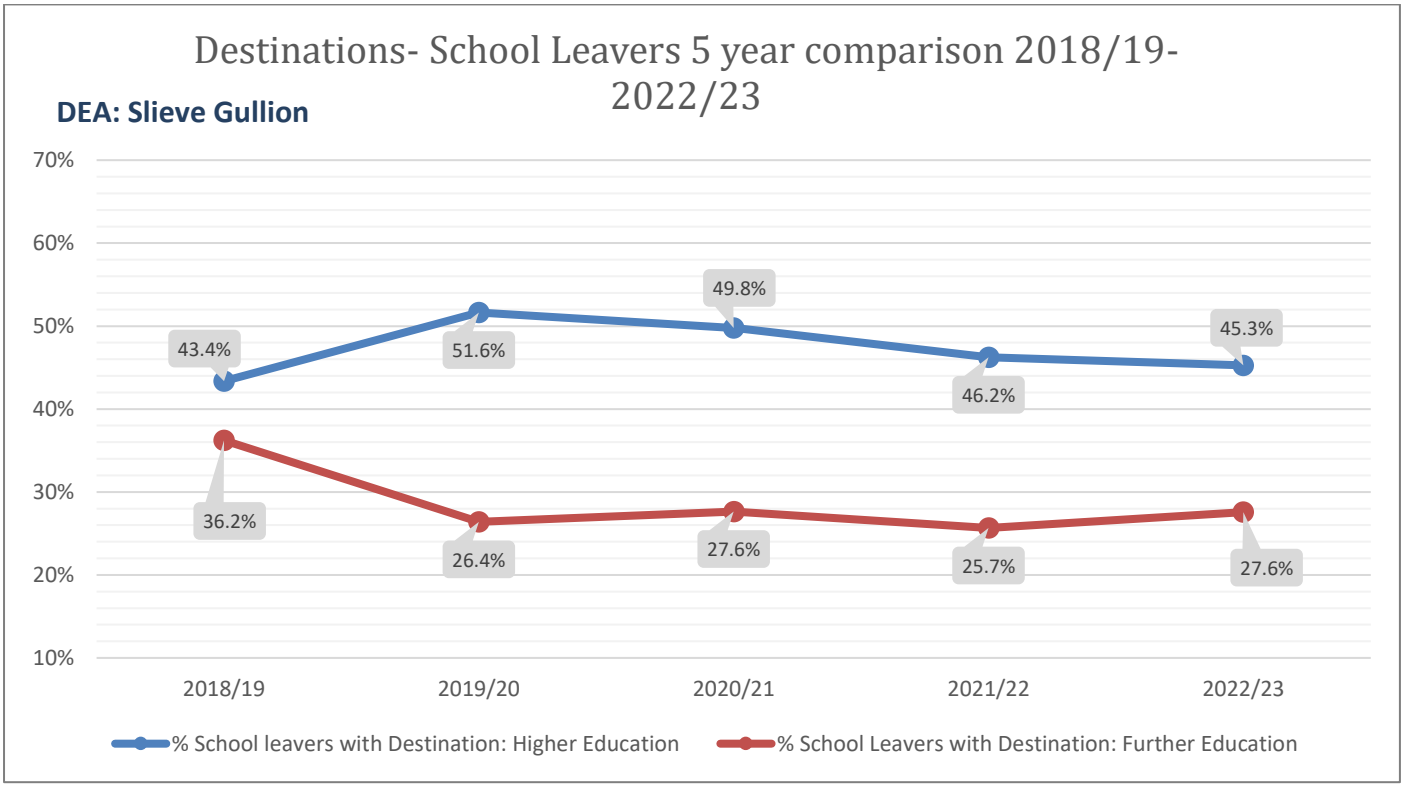
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Slieve Gullion DEA

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

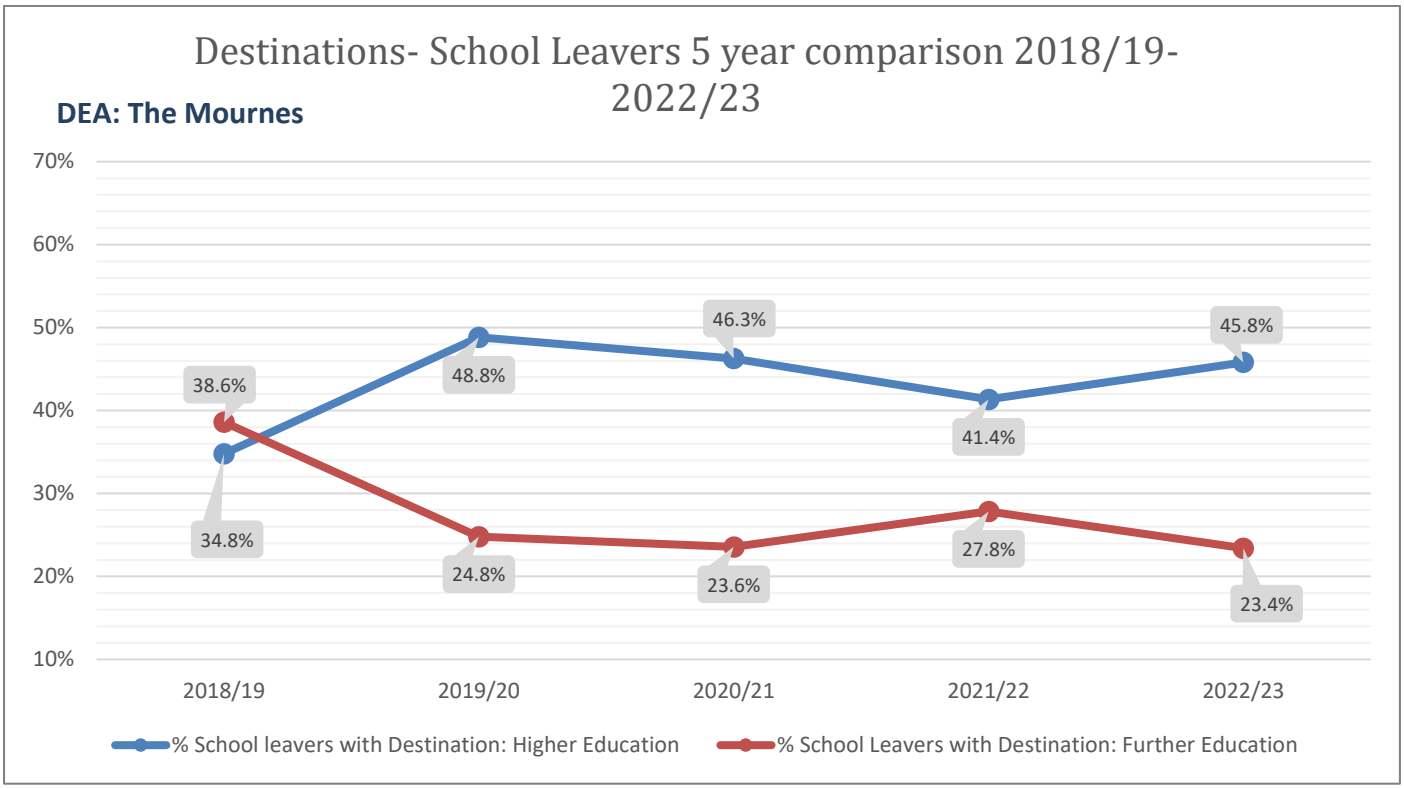
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



The Mournes DEA

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

[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



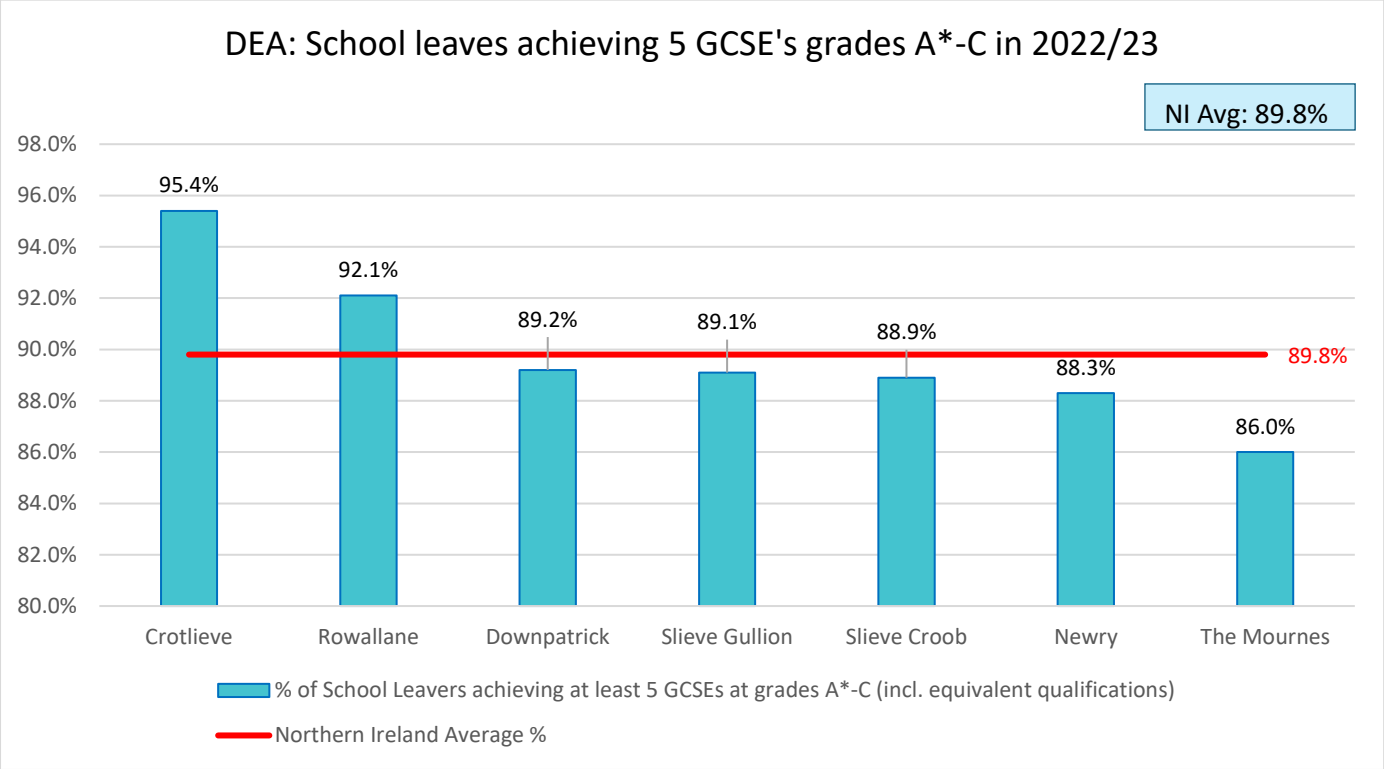
3.4.1 School Leavers Education Attainment Newry, Mourne and Down 2022/23 by DEA

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)
Newry	332	88.3%	71.4%	53.3%
Downpatrick	286	89.2%	73.4%	55.2%
The Mournes	393	86.0%	74.0%	54.5%
Slieve Croob	306	88.9%	75.5%	56.2%
Northern Ireland	**23,073**	**89.8%**	**76.1%**	**56.2%**
Slieve Gullion	486	89.1%	80.0%	56.4%
Rowallane	241	92.1%	80.5%	61.8%
Crotlieve	414	95.4%	85.5%	64.7%

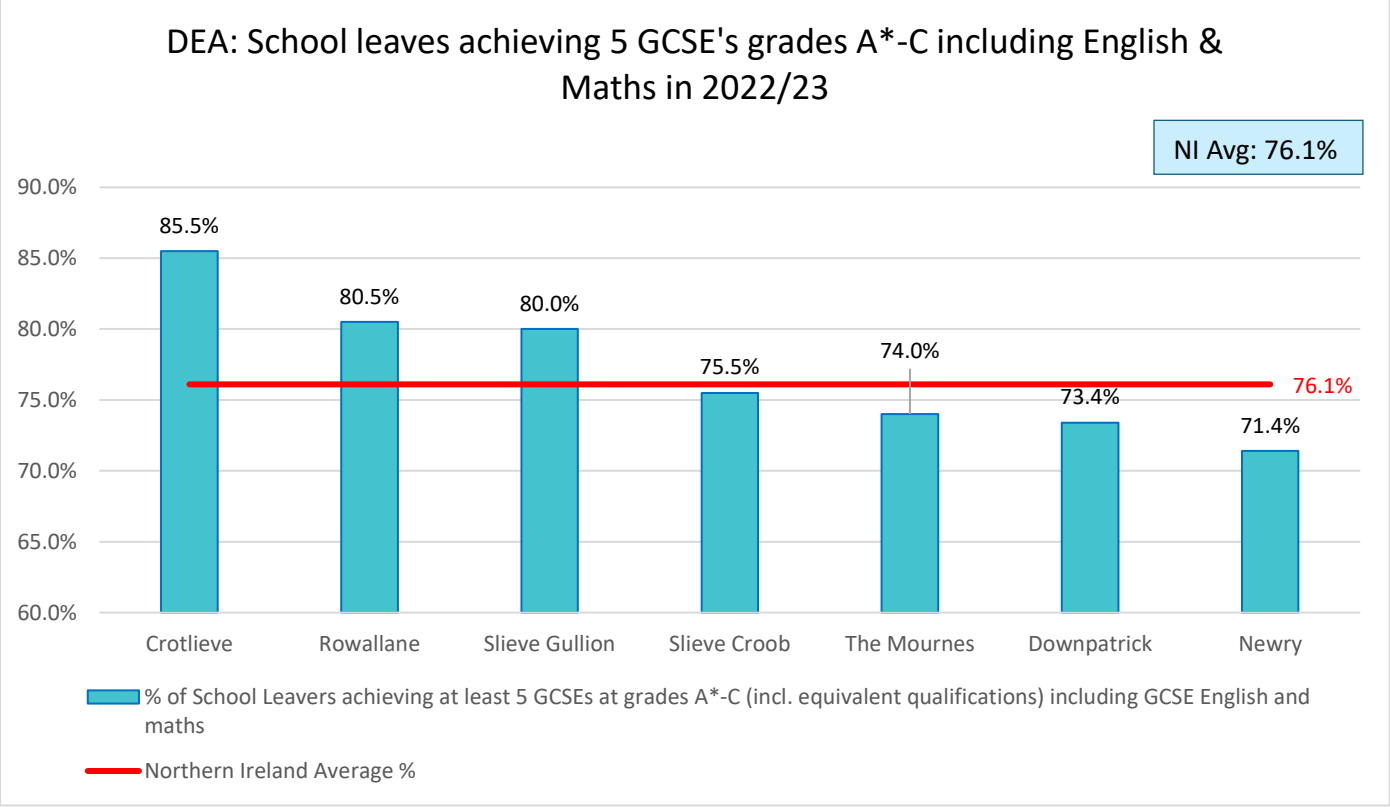
Source: DE- (pupil address)

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



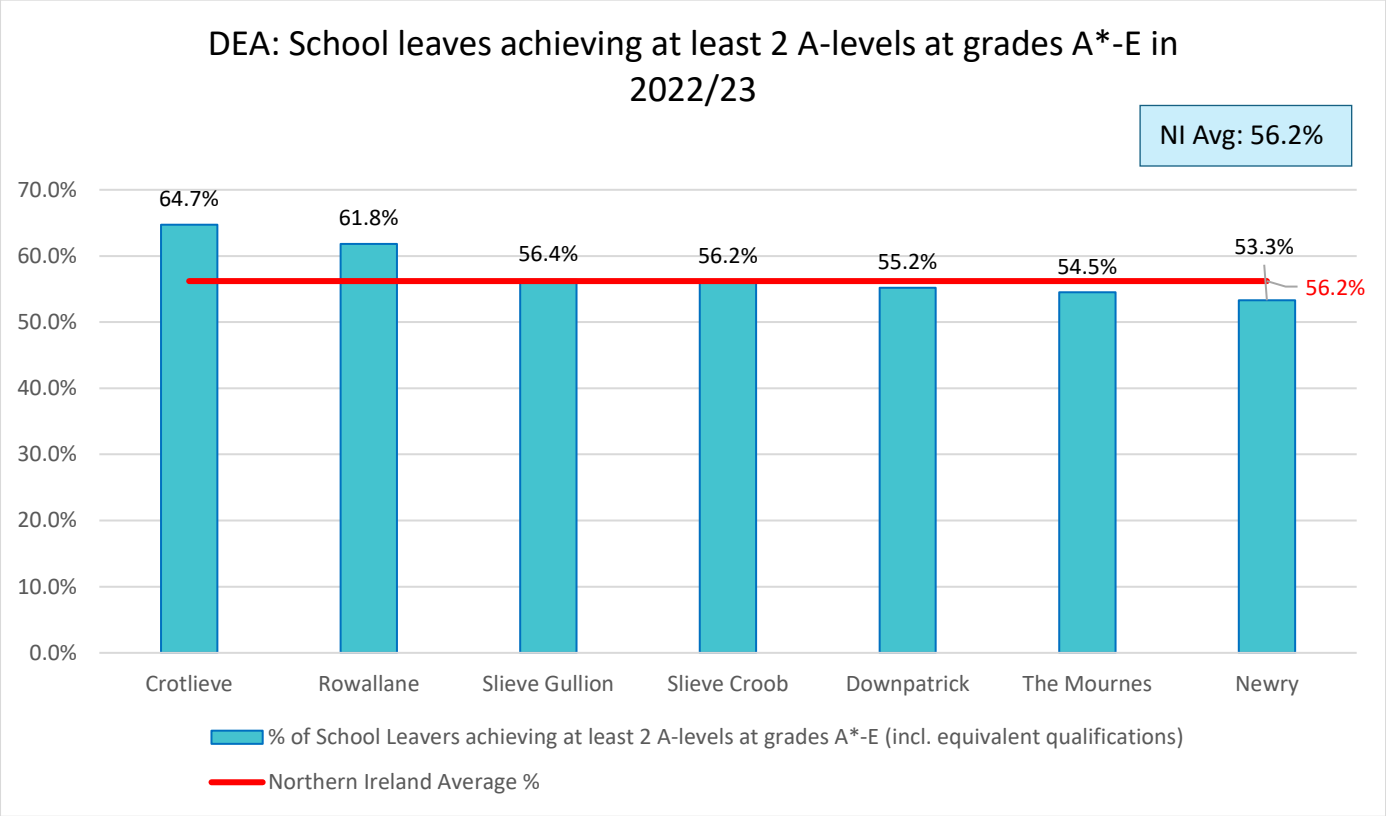
Source: DE- (pupil address)

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

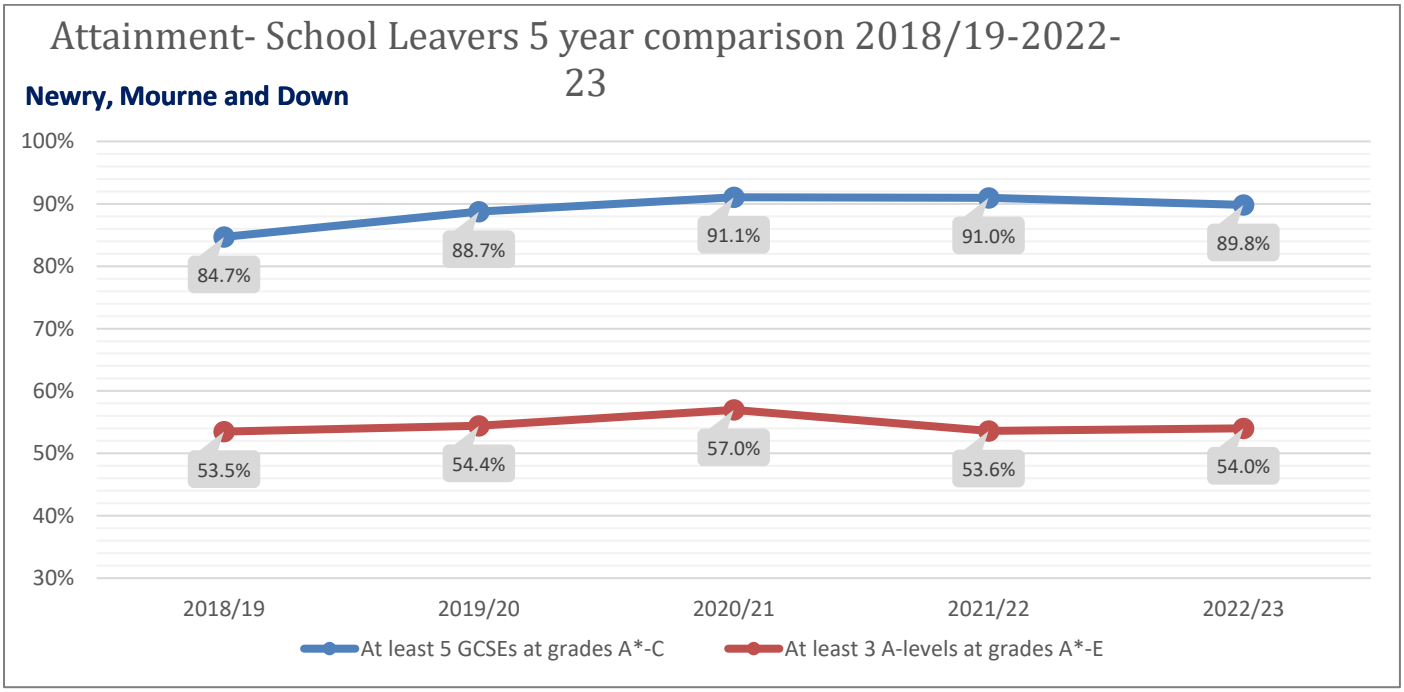


Source: DE- (pupil address)

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, Newry, Mourne and Down)

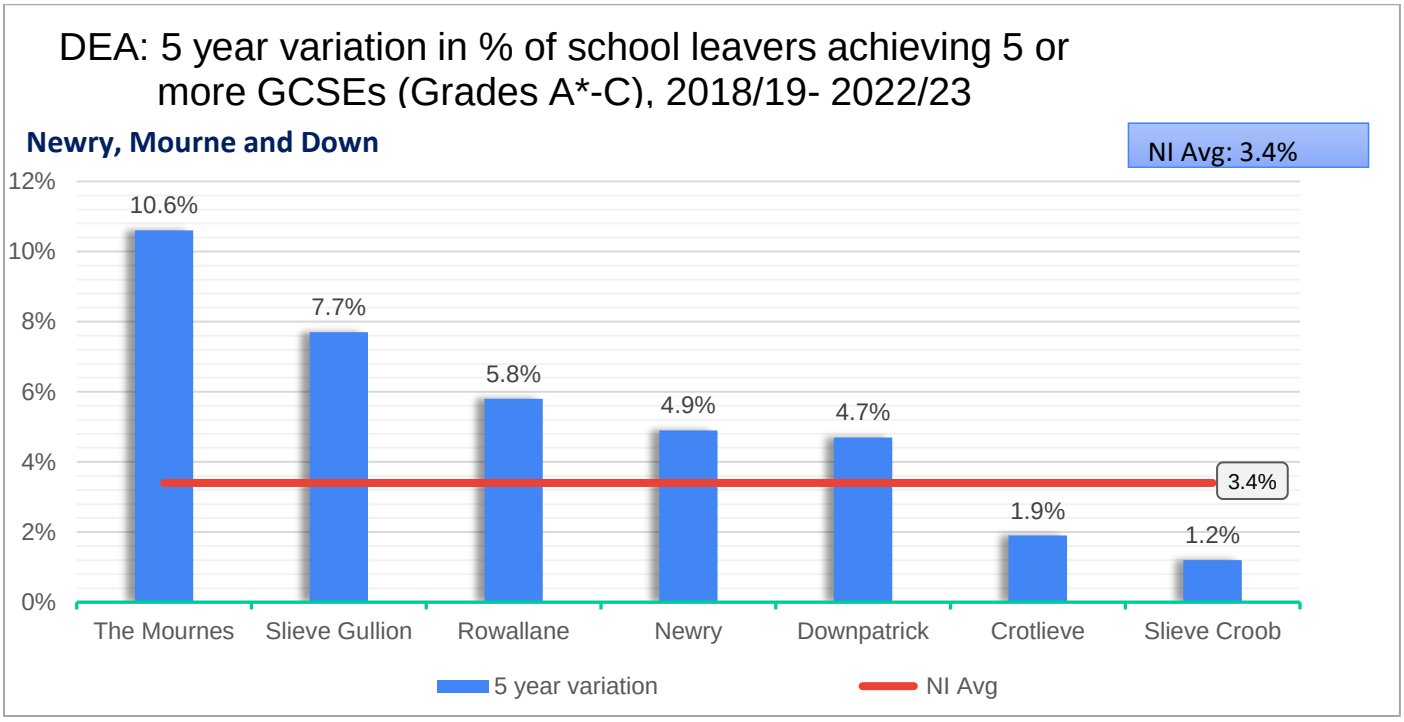
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



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 Newry, Mourne and Down

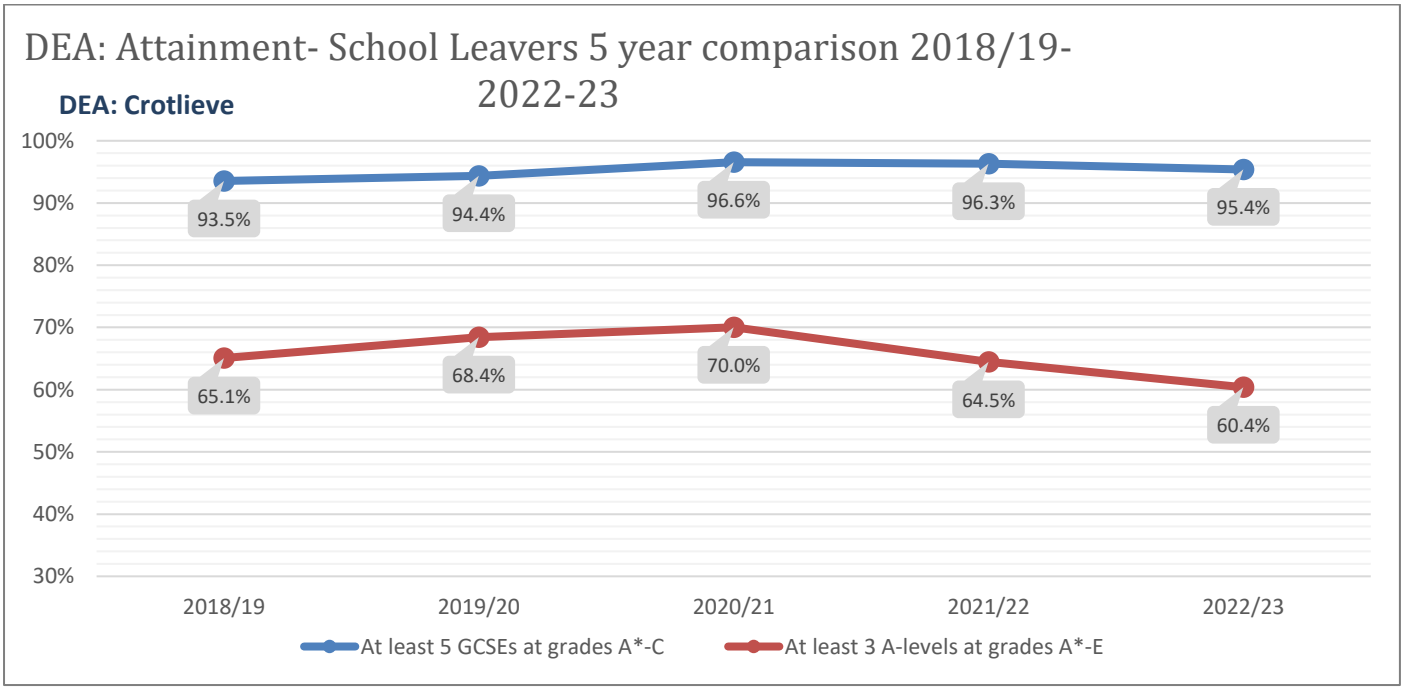
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Crotlieve DEA

Chart 57: Percentage attainment rates at GCSE and A- Level over 5 years

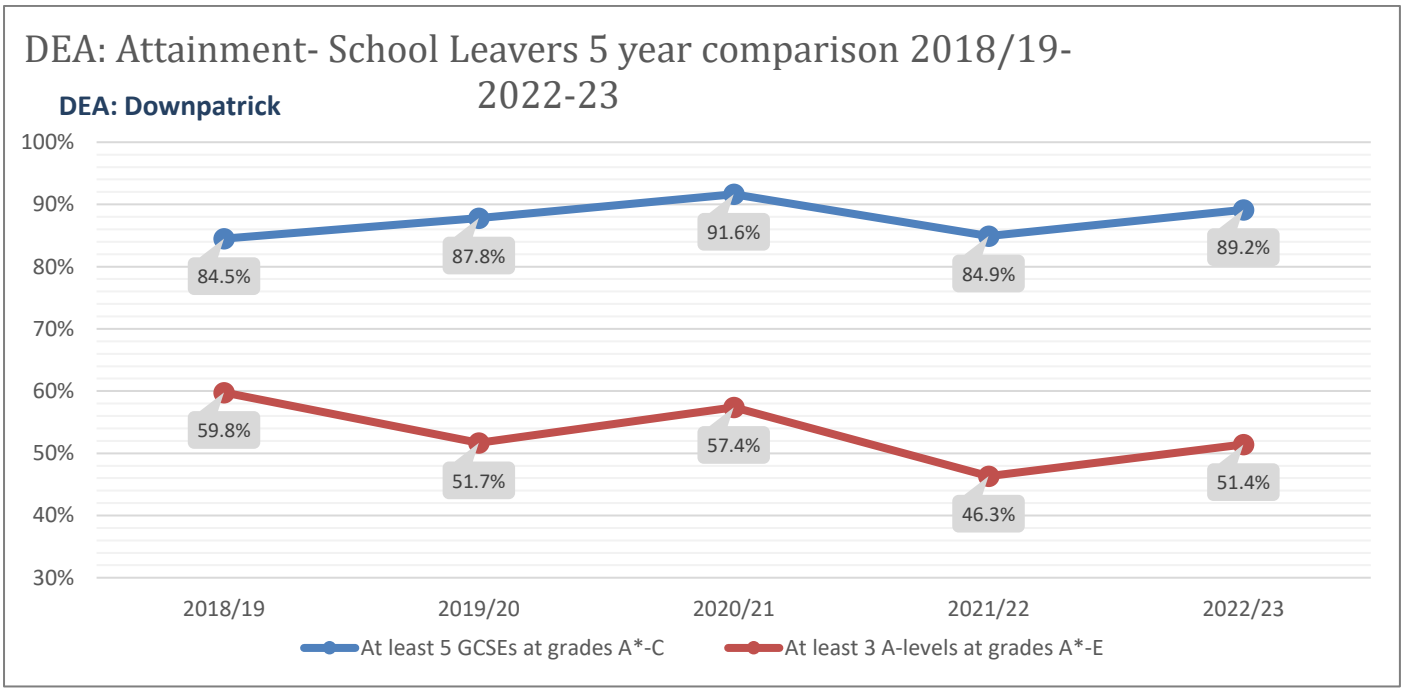
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Downpatrick DEA

Chart 58: Percentage attainment rates at GCSE and A- Level over 5 years

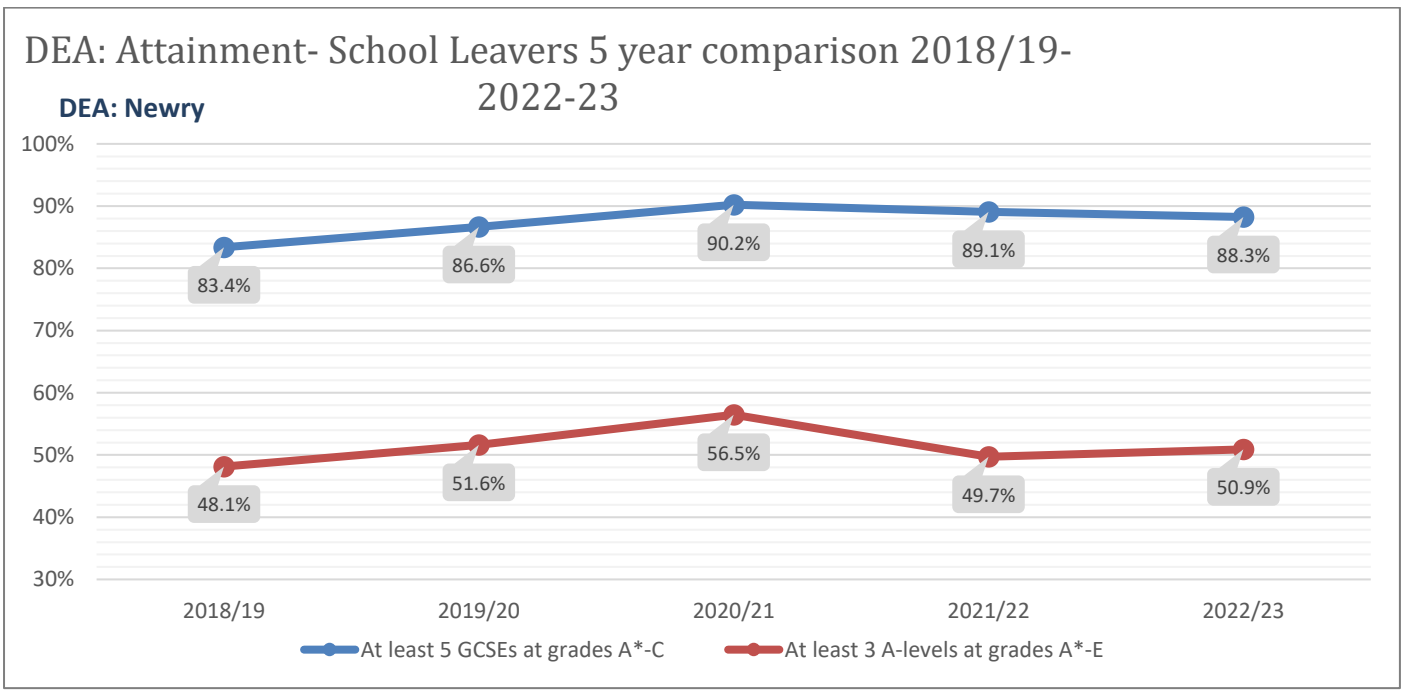
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Newry DEA

Chart 59: Percentage attainment rates at GCSE and A- Level over 5 years

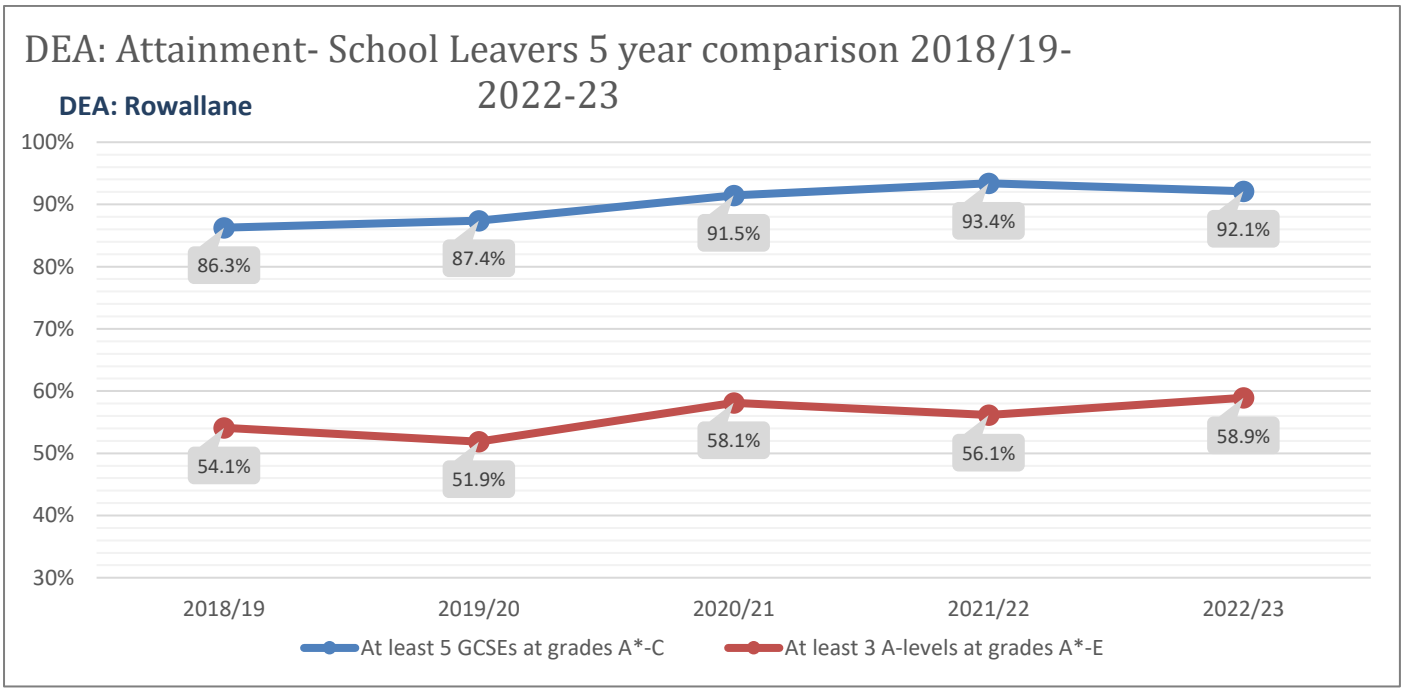
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Rowallane DEA

Chart 60: Percentage attainment rates at GCSE and A- Level over 5 years

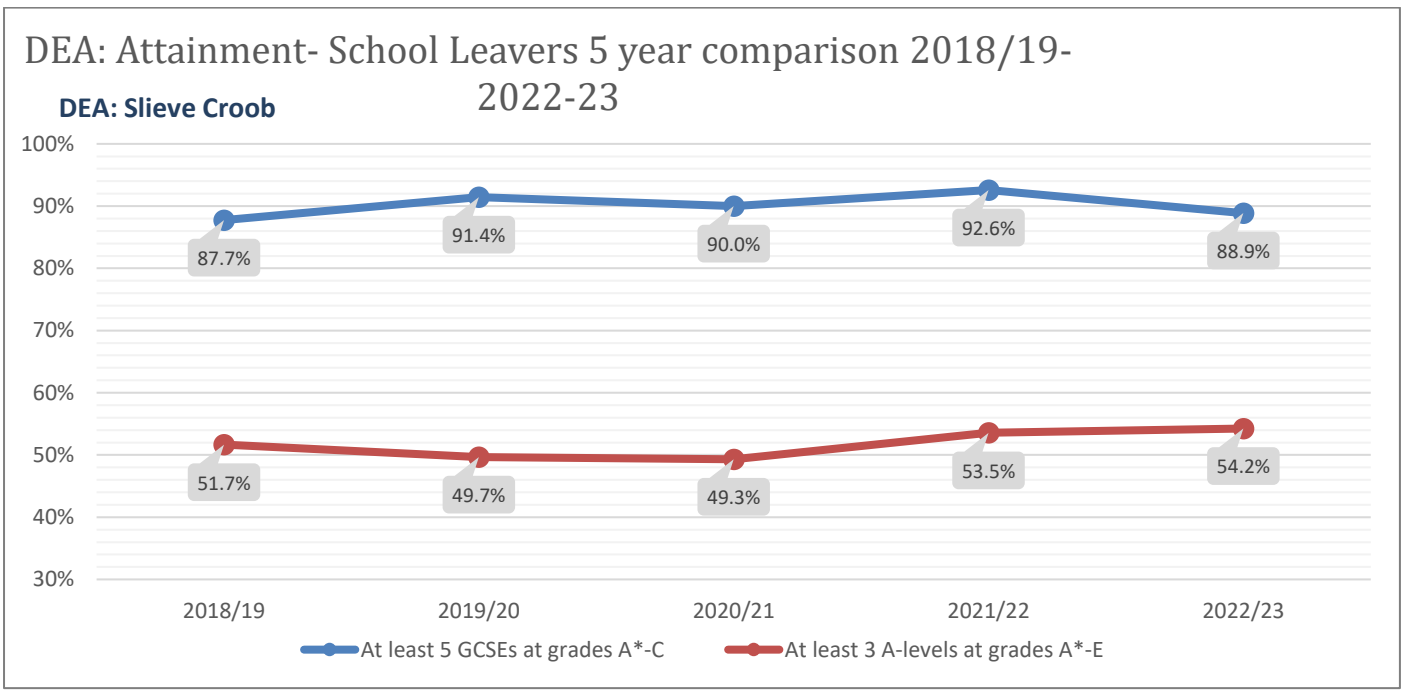
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Slieve Croob DEA

Chart 61: Percentage attainment rates at GCSE and A- Level over 5 years

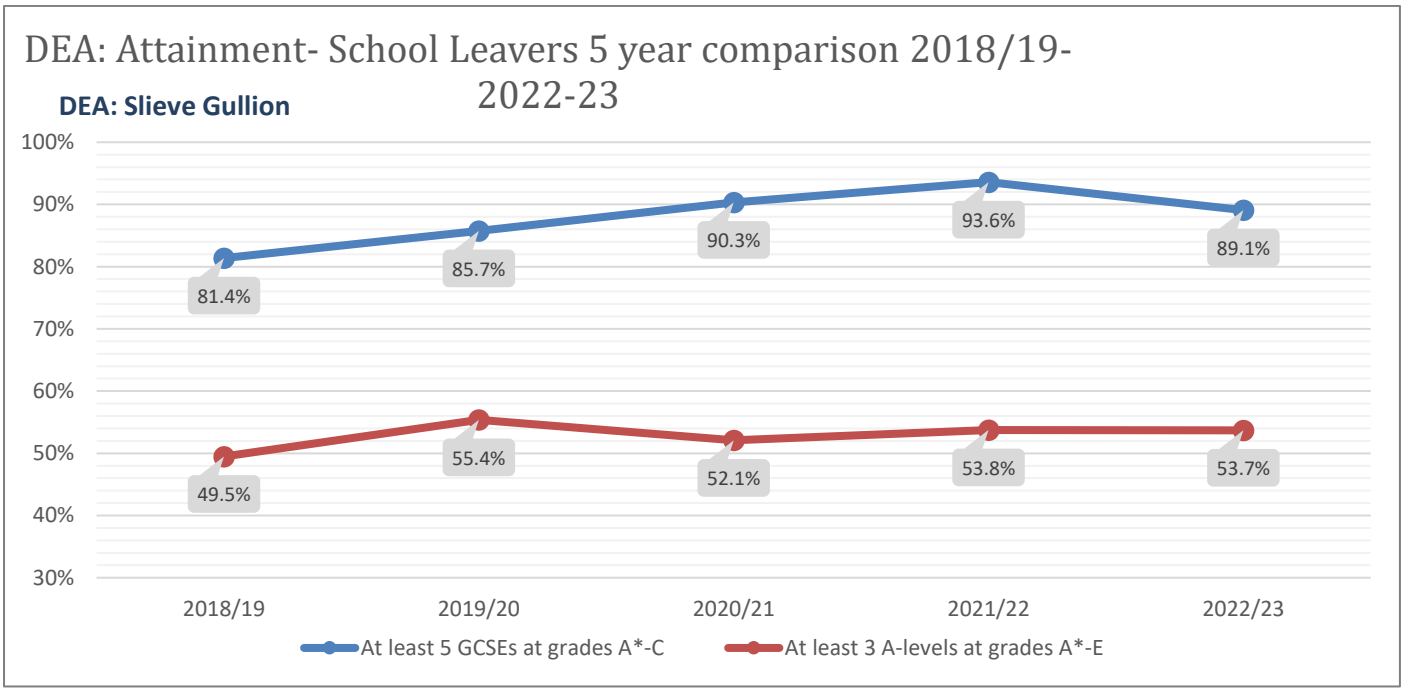
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



Slieve Gullion DEA

Chart 62: Percentage attainment rates at GCSE and A- Level over 5 years

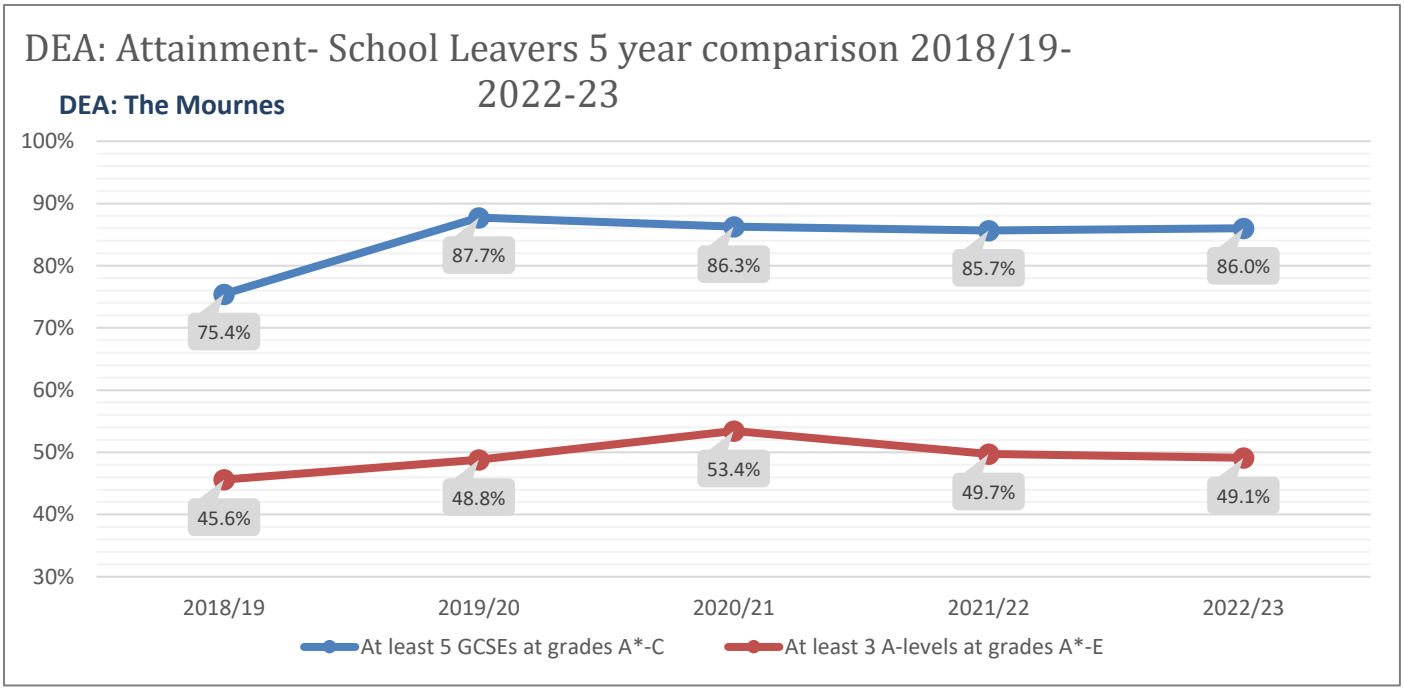
[Source: School Leavers Survey, DE]



The Mournes DEA

Chart 63: Percentage attainment rates at GCSE and A- Level over 5 years

[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 2	
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%

Crotlieve DEA

Table 16: Crotlieve 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
Dromore Road Primary School, Warrenpoint	87	42.5%	17.2%	8.0%	25.3%	29.9%
St Dallan's Primary School, Warrenpoint	475	25.7%	9.5%	7.2%	16.6%	8.0%
Kilbroney Integrated Primary School, Newry	122	23.0%	4.9%	8.2%	13.1%	1.6%
Ballyholland Primary School, Newry	199	21.6%	3.5%	21.1%	24.6%	1.0%
St Patrick's Primary School, Ballymaghery	313	20.4%	5.4%	16.3%	21.7%	3.2%
St Patrick's Primary School, Mayobridge	349	20.1%	3.7%	12.3%	16.0%	6.0%
St Bronagh's Primary School, Rostrevor	213	16.0%	5.2%	13.6%	18.8%	3.3%
St Patrick's Primary School, Drumgreenagh	83	15.7%	4.8%	9.6%	14.5%	3.6%
St Colman's Primary School, Saval	216	11.1%	6.0%	11.1%	17.1%	0.0%
Carrick Primary School, Warrenpoint	381	11.0%	5.0%	12.1%	17.1%	5.2%
St Mary's Primary School, Barr	153	5.9%	3.9%	11.8%	15.7%	1.3%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Downpatrick DEA

Table 17: Downpatrick 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 Colmcille's Primary School	368	57.1%	31.3%	18.2%	49.5%	1.6%
St Joseph's Primary School, Killough	59	54.2%	3.4%	16.9%	20.3%	0.0%
St Nicholas' Primary School, Downpatrick	167	43.7%	15.0%	18.0%	32.9%	0.6%
St Mary's Primary School, Ardglass(Dunsford	87	36.8%	4.6%	17.2%	21.8%	0.0%
St Malachy's Primary School, Kilclief	36	33.3%	8.3%	27.8%	36.1%	2.8%
Downpatrick Primary School	206	32.5%	22.8%	11.7%	34.5%	3.9%
Our Lady & St Patrick Primary School, Downpatrick	392	28.3%	12.2%	15.1%	27.3%	7.4%
St Brigid's Primary School, Downpatrick	265	26.4%	9.8%	20.4%	30.2%	5.3%
St Patrick's Primary School, Legamaddy	164	25.0%	8.5%	11.0%	19.5%	0.0%
St Joseph's Primary School, Strangford	87	13.8%	4.6%	13.8%	18.4%	2.3%
St Patrick's Primary School, Saul	184	8.7%	5.4%	9.8%	15.2%	0.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Newry DEA

Table 18: Newry 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 Malachy's Primary School, Carnagat	263	60.8%	9.1%	17.9%	27.0%	20.2%
St Joseph's Convent Primary School, Newry	489	45.4%	13.5%	13.3%	26.8%	23.3%
St Patrick's Primary School, Newry	457	43.8%	5.0%	11.6%	16.6%	14.7%
Windsor Hill Primary School, Newry	205	40.5%	12.2%	13.7%	25.9%	35.6%
Bunscoil an Iuir, Newry	98	32.7%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	5.1%
St Clare's Abbey Primary School, Newry	503	28.6%	7.6%	8.0%	15.5%	25.6%
St Joseph's Primary School, Meigh	206	28.2%	2.9%	8.7%	11.7%	4.4%

St Moninna's Primary School, Cloughoge	462	21.4%	4.8%	11.0%	15.8%	12.6%
St Michael's Primary School, Killean	129	17.8%	3.9%	10.1%	14.0%	0.8%
St Ronan's Primary School, Newry	419	13.6%	9.8%	11.0%	20.8%	6.7%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Rowallane DEA

Table 19: Rowallane 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, Killyleagh	76	50.0%	10.5%	32.9%	43.4%	6.6%
Killyleagh Integrated Primary School, Downpatrick	124	38.7%	6.5%	8.9%	15.3%	9.7%
Ballynahinch Primary School	235	29.4%	2.1%	11.9%	14.0%	6.4%
St Patrick's Primary School, Ballynahinch	260	29.2%	4.6%	24.6%	29.2%	5.8%
Drumlins Integrated Primary School, Ballynahinch	210	27.1%	3.3%	12.9%	16.2%	0.0%
Glasswater Primary School, Downpatrick	77	18.2%	5.2%	11.7%	16.9%	1.3%
Derryboy Primary School, Crossgar	75	16.0%	1.3%	13.3%	14.7%	0.0%
Academy Primary School, Ballynahinch	448	15.4%	3.8%	6.3%	10.0%	1.6%
St Caolan's Primary School, Saintfield	91	13.2%	2.2%	8.8%	11.0%	0.0%
St Joseph's Primary School, Crossgar	130	11.5%	6.2%	12.3%	18.5%	3.8%
Cedar Integrated Primary School, Crossgar	229	10.5%	5.7%	12.2%	17.9%	0.4%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Slieve Croob DEA

Table 20: Slieve Croob 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 Joseph's Primary School, Tyrella	52	36.5%	3.8%	23.1%	26.9%	1.9%
Sacred Heart Primary School, Newcastle	122	36.1%	4.9%	13.9%	18.9%	0.0%
St Malachy's Primary School, Castlewellan	388	29.4%	10.1%	17.3%	27.3%	5.2%
Christ the King Primary School, Drumaness	70	28.6%	2.9%	22.9%	25.7%	10.0%
Cumran Primary School, Downpatrick	200	23.0%	13.5%	16.0%	29.5%	2.0%
Annsborough Integrated Primary School, Castlewellan	32	21.9%	6.3%	18.8%	25.0%	0.0%
St Mary's Primary School, Aughlisnafin	88	20.5%	1.1%	17.0%	18.2%	0.0%
Holy Family Primary School, Downpatrick	186	16.7%	4.3%	16.7%	21.0%	0.0%
Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche, Castlewellan	157	15.3%	4.5%	10.8%	15.3%	0.0%
St Macartan's Primary School, Downpatrick	171	15.2%	3.5%	16.4%	19.9%	0.0%
St Matthew's Primary School, Magheramayo	89	14.6%	5.6%	14.6%	20.2%	0.0%
St Michael's Primary School, Finnis	73	11.0%	2.7%	8.2%	11.0%	0.0%
St Mary's Primary School, Dechomet	85	10.6%	4.7%	17.6%	22.4%	0.0%
Spa Primary School, Ballynahinch	200	7.5%	4.5%	10.5%	15.0%	1.5%
St Francis' Primary School, Drumaroad	92	5.4%	5.4%	22.8%	28.3%	0.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

Slieve Gullion DEA

Table 21: Slieve Gullion 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, Mullaghbawn	307	16.0%	8.1%	9.8%	17.9%	2.9%
St Michael's Primary School, Newtownhamilton	71	42.3%	1.4%	14.1%	15.5%	42.3%
St Laurence O'Toole Primary School, Belleek	74	41.9%	5.4%	5.4%	10.8%	5.4%
St Patrick's Primary School, Cullyhanna	227	40.5%	3.1%	10.6%	13.7%	2.2%
St Malachy's Primary School, Ballymoyer	69	39.1%	8.7%	11.6%	20.3%	0.0%
Newtownhamilton Primary School	56	35.7%	5.4%	19.6%	25.0%	7.1%
St Peter's Primary School, Cloughreagh	363	35.3%	5.5%	9.4%	14.9%	7.4%
Bessbrook Primary School, Newry	121	34.7%	5.8%	12.4%	18.2%	7.4%
St Joseph's Primary School, Bessbrook	373	32.7%	13.7%	11.5%	25.2%	4.3%
Clonalig Primary School, Crossmaglen	171	31.0%	6.4%	11.1%	17.5%	2.3%
Jonesborough Primary School, Newry	89	30.3%	6.7%	7.9%	14.6%	12.4%
St Patrick's Primary School, Crossmaglen	493	27.2%	3.4%	14.4%	17.8%	4.9%
St Oliver's Primary School, Carrickrovaddy	52	26.9%	3.8%	17.3%	21.2%	0.0%
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Forkhill	142	25.4%	6.3%	9.9%	16.2%	3.5%
St Brigid's Primary School, Glassdrummond	189	24.9%	6.9%	10.6%	17.5%	0.5%
St Malachy's Primary School, Camlough	320	20.3%	4.4%	10.6%	15.0%	0.9%
Mullaglass Primary School, Newry	91	18.7%	6.6%	12.1%	18.7%	4.4%
St Teresa's Primary School, Tullyherron	61	18.0%	9.8%	11.5%	21.3%	3.3%
St Brigid's Primary School, Drumilly	124	16.9%	1.6%	6.5%	8.1%	0.0%
Dromintee Primary School, Newry	160	13.8%	1.9%	14.4%	16.3%	3.8%
Cortamlet Primary School, Altnamackin	74	12.2%	5.4%	12.2%	17.6%	0.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

The Mournes DEA

Table 22: The Mournes 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, Kilkeel	229	45.0%	8.7%	27.9%	36.7%	8.7%
Killowen Primary School, Newry	32	40.6%	9.4%	37.5%	46.9%	0.0%
St Columban's Primary School, Kilkeel	225	29.8%	17.8%	15.1%	32.9%	0.0%
St Mary's Primary School, Newcastle	381	29.4%	8.9%	11.3%	20.2%	4.7%
Gaelscoil na mBeann, Kilkeel	94	28.7%	4.3%	13.8%	18.1%	2.1%
Newcastle Primary School	217	27.2%	5.5%	5.1%	10.6%	10.6%
Kilkeel Primary School	546	22.2%	6.2%	13.0%	19.2%	7.9%
Holy Cross Primary School, Newry	113	20.4%	5.3%	14.2%	19.5%	0.0%
St Joseph's Primary School, Carnacaville	195	20.0%	7.7%	11.3%	19.0%	0.0%
Annalong Primary School, Newry	203	19.7%	4.4%	14.8%	19.2%	2.5%
All Children's Integrated Primary School, Newcastle	210	19.0%	5.7%	10.0%	15.7%	3.8%
St Patrick's Primary School, Castlewellan	37	16.2%	2.7%	2.7%	5.4%	0.0%
St Paul's Primary School, Cabra	95	15.8%	6.3%	13.7%	20.0%	0.0%
St Malachy's Primary School, Kilcoo	182	14.8%	1.6%	18.1%	19.8%	0.0%
Brackenagh West Primary School, Kilkeel	150	11.3%	8.0%	8.7%	16.7%	0.0%
Grange Primary School	107	10.3%	3.7%	19.6%	23.4%	0.0%

Source: DE school censes 2023/24

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

Table 23: Newry, Mourne and Down 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
St Joseph's Boys' High School, Newry	Newry	436	44.7%	12.8%	16.5%	29.4%	11.5%
Blackwater Integrated College, Downpatrick	Downpatrick	275	41.8%	27.3%	17.5%	44.7%	9.1%
St Mary's High School, Newry	Newry	583	38.6%	5.0%	17.5%	22.5%	8.7%
St Mary's High School, Downpatrick	Downpatrick	455	34.9%	4.4%	7.5%	11.9%	1.5%
Newry High School	Newry	462	34.8%	7.4%	8.2%	15.6%	22.5%
The High School Ballynahinch	Rowallane	403	34.7%	23.3%	15.9%	39.2%	3.5%
St Joseph's High School, Crossmaglen	Slieve Gullion	794	33.4%	5.5%	12.2%	17.8%	2.4%
De La Salle High School	Downpatrick	337	33.2%	13.6%	30.6%	44.2%	7.1%
St Malachy's High School, Castlewellan	Slieve Croob	1,018	29.4%	11.4%	6.1%	17.5%	0.0%
St Paul's High School, Bessbrook	Slieve Gullion	1,759	28.5%	9.7%	11.6%	21.3%	1.8%
St Colmcille's High School	Rowallane	360	28.3%	10.3%	21.9%	32.2%	0.6%
St Colman's High & Sixth Form College Ballynahinch	Rowallane	581	27.9%	7.4%	15.1%	22.5%	0.3%
Shimna College, Newcastle	The Mournes	682	27.4%	9.5%	13.2%	22.7%	1.2%
St Mark's High School, Warrenpoint	Crotlieve	1,043	26.9%	8.5%	17.0%	25.5%	5.1%
St Louis Grammar, Kilkeel	The Mournes	715	23.2%	6.6%	13.6%	20.1%	0.0%
Saintfield High School	Rowallane	435	22.1%	10.1%	22.8%	32.9%	0.5%
Newtownhamilton High School	Slieve Gullion	208	20.2%	7.2%	7.7%	14.9%	3.8%
Kilkeel High School	The Mournes	729	16.7%	5.1%	12.1%	17.1%	2.1%

Our Lady's Grammar School, Newry	Newry	954	14.2%	0.6%	2.4%	3.0%	0.3%
St Colman's College - Newry	Newry	916	12.3%	2.2%	6.6%	8.7%	0.0%
St Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick	Downpatrick	776	12.1%	6.8%	4.4%	11.2%	0.1%
Abbey Christian Brothers Grammar, Newry	Newry	906	11.8%	3.0%	4.5%	7.5%	0.1%
Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry	Newry	879	9.8%	0.2%	3.4%	3.6%	0.2%
Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch	Rowallane	938	7.8%	1.8%	7.5%	9.3%	0.1%
Down High School	Downpatrick	965	7.0%	1.9%	3.8%	5.7%	0.6%

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 Newry, Mourne and Down by their highest level of qualification.

[Source: Census 2021]

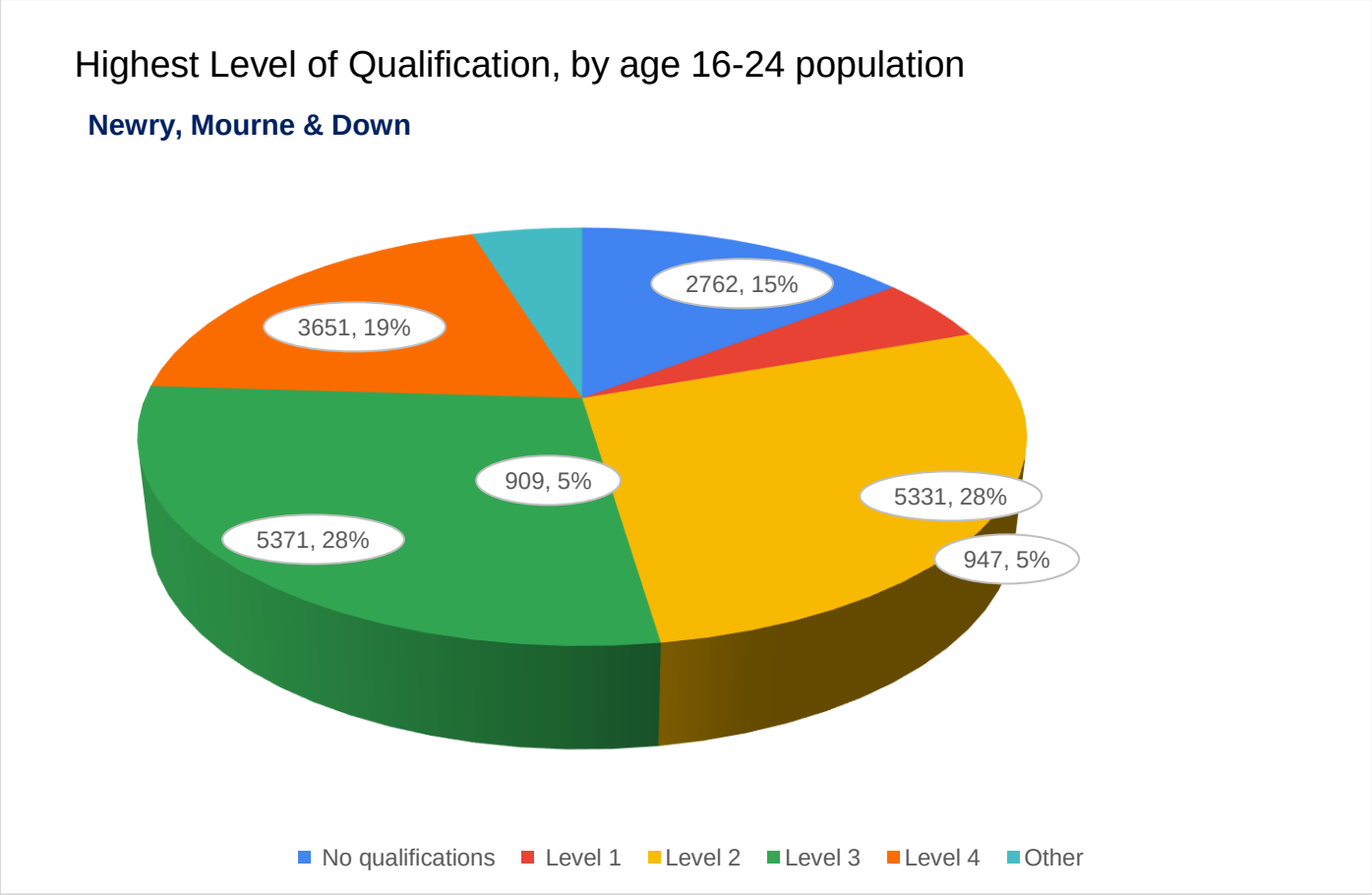


Chart 65: Counts (and percentage representation) of the population age 16-24 in Newry, Mourne and Down by highest level of qualification, by DEA.

[Source: Census 2021]

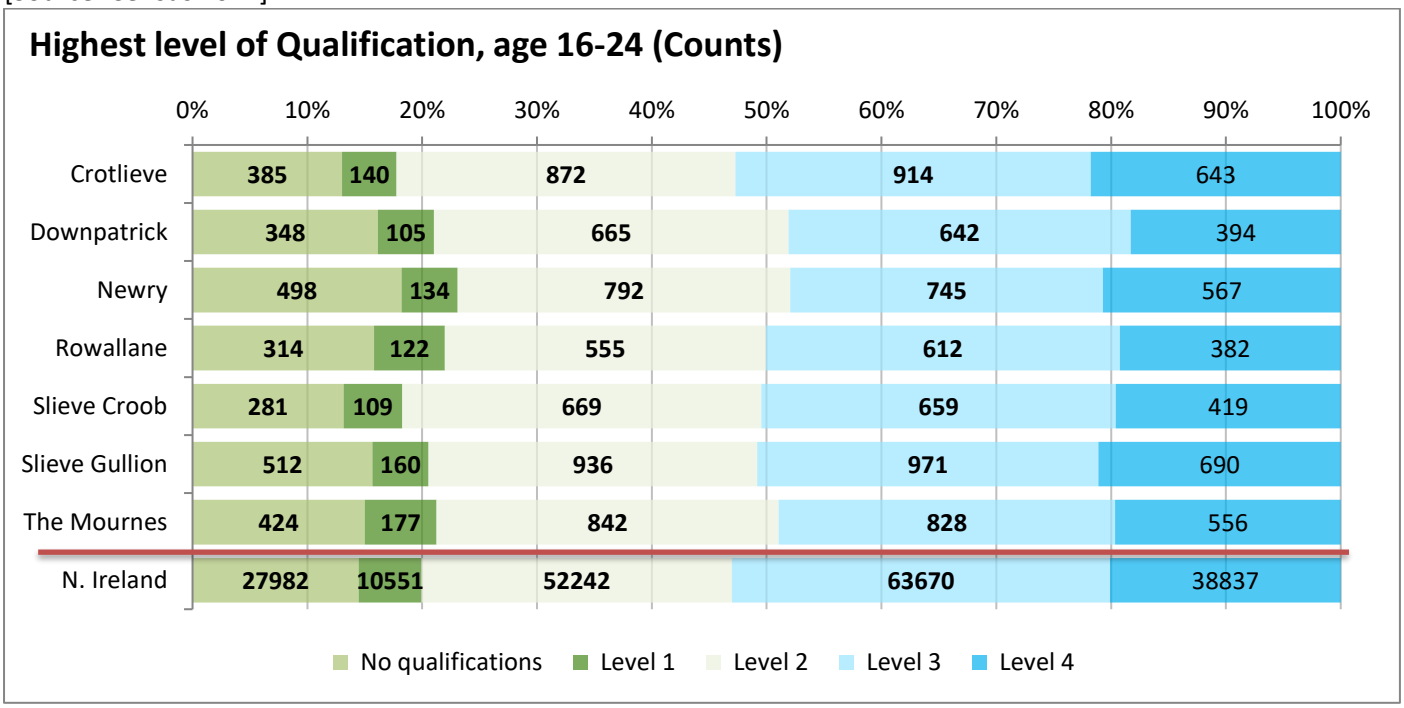


Chart 66: Low levels of qualification showing percentages of the population age 16-24 who have either no qualifications or a maximum of level 1, by DEA.

[Source: Census 2021]

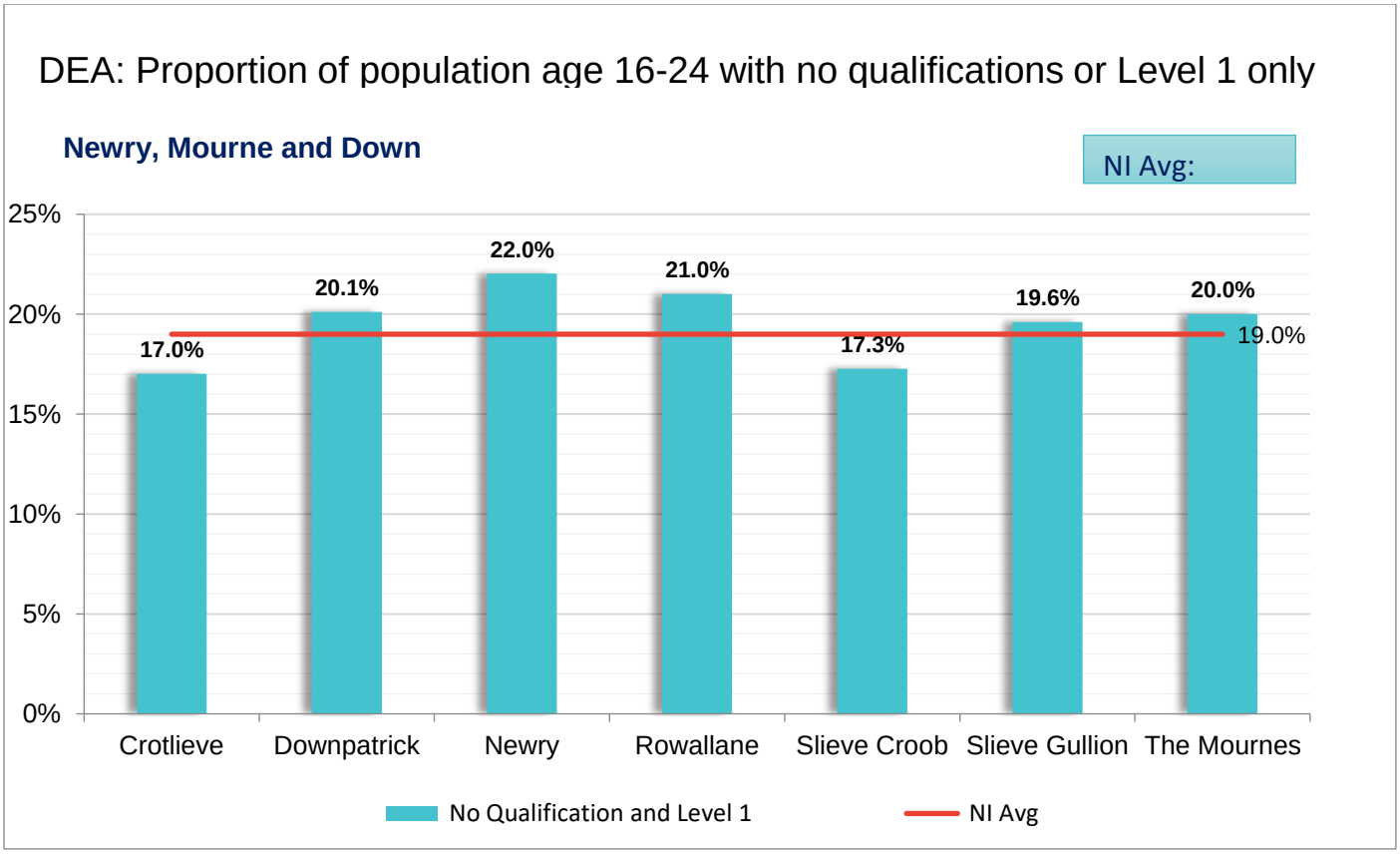


Table 24: Population counts and percentages of the population age 16-24 in Newry, Mourne and Down who are educational qualifications levels as their highest level, by DEA. Red text indicated a value among the top 20% in Northern Ireland.

[Source: Census 2021]

Age 16-24 by Qualifications (Highest Level), DEAs in Newry, Mourne and Down							
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**
Crotlieve	3085	12.5%	4.5%	28.3%	29.6%	20.8%	4.2%
Downpatrick	2251	15.5%	4.7%	29.5%	28.5%	17.5%	4.3%
Newry	2869	17.4%	4.7%	27.6%	26.0%	19.8%	4.6%
Rowallane	2075	15.1%	5.9%	26.7%	29.5%	18.4%	4.3%
Slieve Croob	2258	12.4%	4.8%	29.6%	29.2%	18.6%	5.4%
Slieve Gullion	3429	14.9%	4.7%	27.3%	28.3%	20.1%	4.7%
The Mournes	3004	14.1%	5.9%	28.0%	27.6%	18.5%	5.9%
NI Average	**201365**	**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
Newry	4.9%	60.3%	6.5%	28.3%	65.3%	34.7%
Downpatrick	2.4%	60.6%	5.9%	31.1%	63.0%	37.0%
Slieve Gullion	2.5%	64.2%	4.6%	28.7%	66.7%	33.3%
The Mournes	2.5%	66.8%	4.1%	26.6%	69.3%	30.7%
Slieve Croob	0.9%	70.3%	3.7%	25.1%	71.3%	28.7%
Rowallane	3.5%	66.8%	3.2%	26.4%	70.4%	29.6%
Crotlieve	2.3%	67.1%	3.0%	27.6%	69.4%	30.6%

Source: Census 2021

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

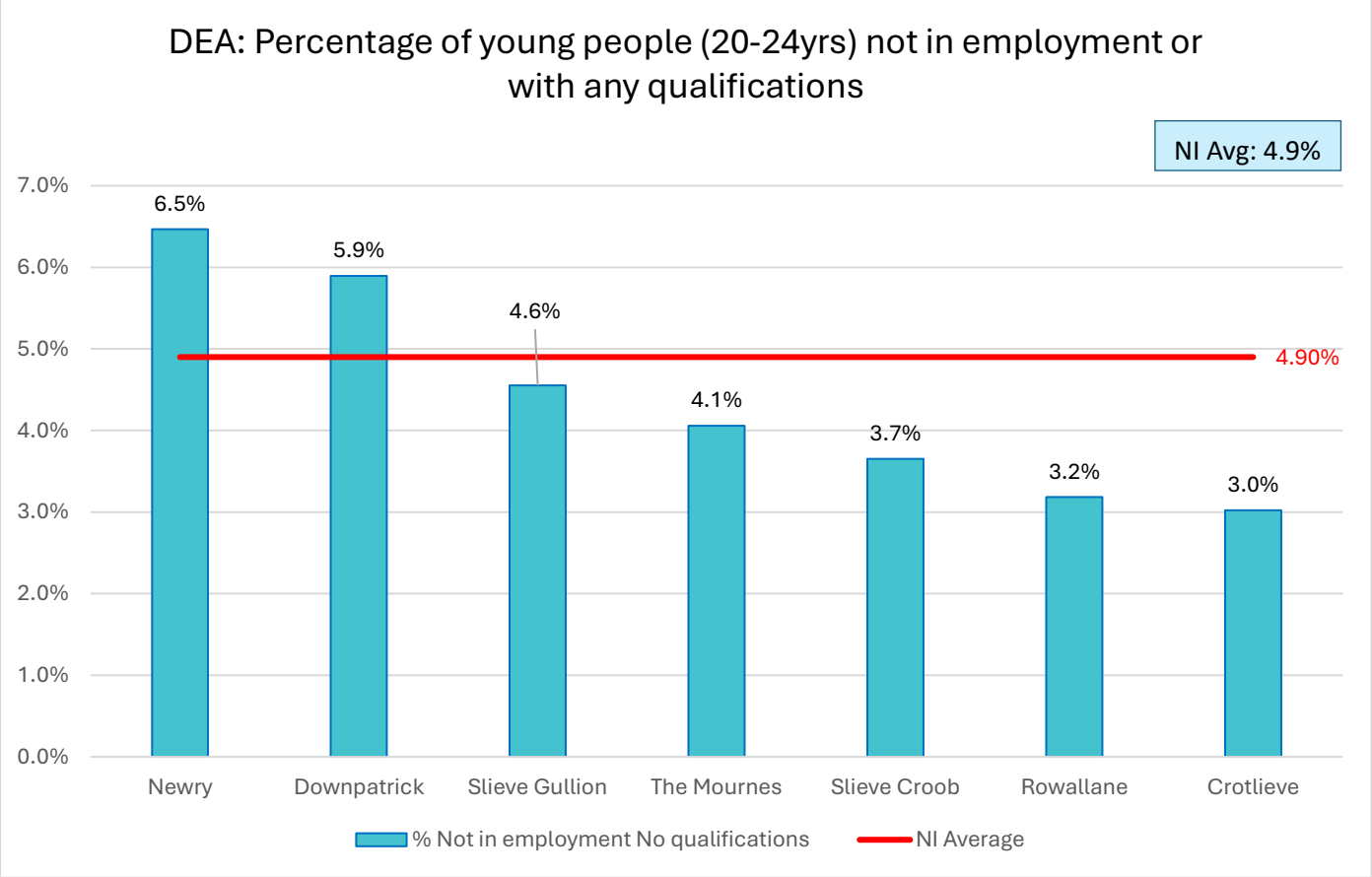
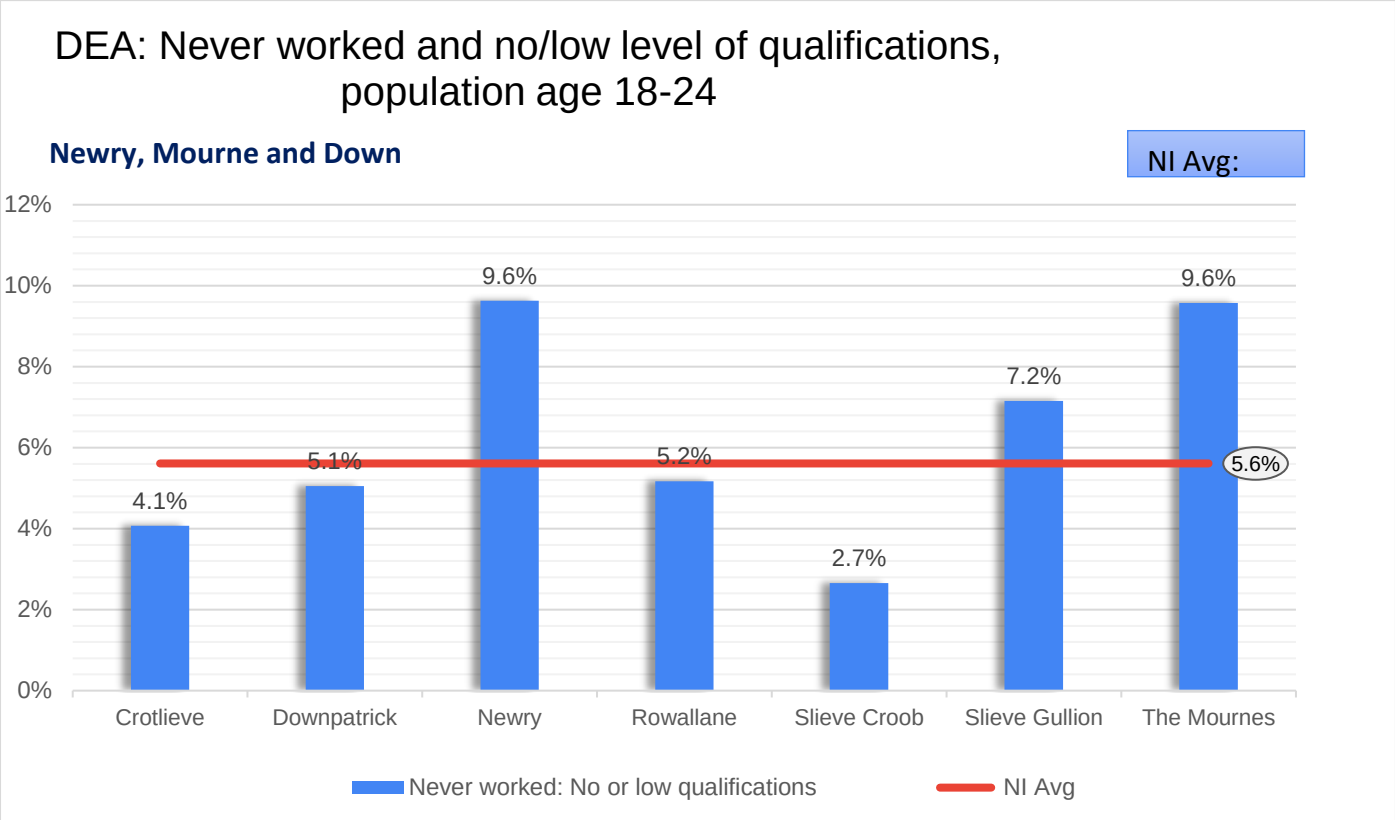


Chart 68: Percentage of the population age 18-24 who have never worked and have no qualifications or a low level of qualifications (Level 1 only).

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) Newry, Mourne and Down

LGD	All pupils			Statemented pupils			SEN (stages 1-2)		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Newry, Mourne and Down	35,479	17,572	17,907	2,599	687	1,912	4,254	1,719	2,535
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 %*	
Newry, Mourne and Down	7.3%	26.4%	73.6%	7%
NI Total	7.0%	27.7%	72.3%	7%

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

Table 28: Special Education Needs (SEN) Newry, Mourne and Down DEA's

DEA (pupil address)	All pupils			Statemented pupils			SEN (stages 1-2)		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Crotlieve	5,746	2,870	2,876	304	73	231	617	249	368
Downpatrick	4,079	2,070	2,009	472	137	335	602	231	371
Newry	5,257	2,603	2,654	432	115	317	565	265	300
Rowallane	3,582	1,795	1,787	266	63	203	470	215	255
Slieve Croob	4,231	2,046	2,185	302	70	232	529	196	333
Slieve Gullion	6,941	3,449	3,492	404	114	290	741	291	450
The Mournes	5,643	2,739	2904	419	115	304	730	272	458

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

Table 29: Newry, Mourne and Down DEA, percentage of pupils with a SEN Statement

DEA	% of pupils statemented	NI Average Statemented pupils
Downpatrick	11.6%	7%
Newry	8.2%	7%
Rowallane	7.4%	7%
The Mournes	7.4%	7%
Slieve Croob	7.1%	7%
Slieve Gullion	5.8%	7%
Crotlieve	5.3%	7%

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

Table 30: Newry, Mourne and Down DEA SEN Percentages all levels (all pupils residence)

DEA (pupil address)	% pupils SEN 1-3	NI Average % pupils SEN 1-3	% pupils SEN 1-2	NI Average %	% pupils Sen 3 Statement	NI Average %
Crotlieve	16.0%	19.0%	10.7%	12.0%	5.3%	7%
Downpatrick	26.3%	19.0%	14.8%	12.0%	11.6%	7%
Newry	19.0%	19.0%	10.7%	12.0%	8.2%	7%
Rowallane	20.5%	19.0%	13.1%	12.0%	7.4%	7%
Slieve Croob	19.6%	19.0%	12.5%	12.0%	7.1%	7%
Slieve Gullion	16.5%	19.0%	10.7%	12.0%	5.8%	7%
The Mournes	20.4%	19.0%	12.9%	12.0%	7.4%	7%

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

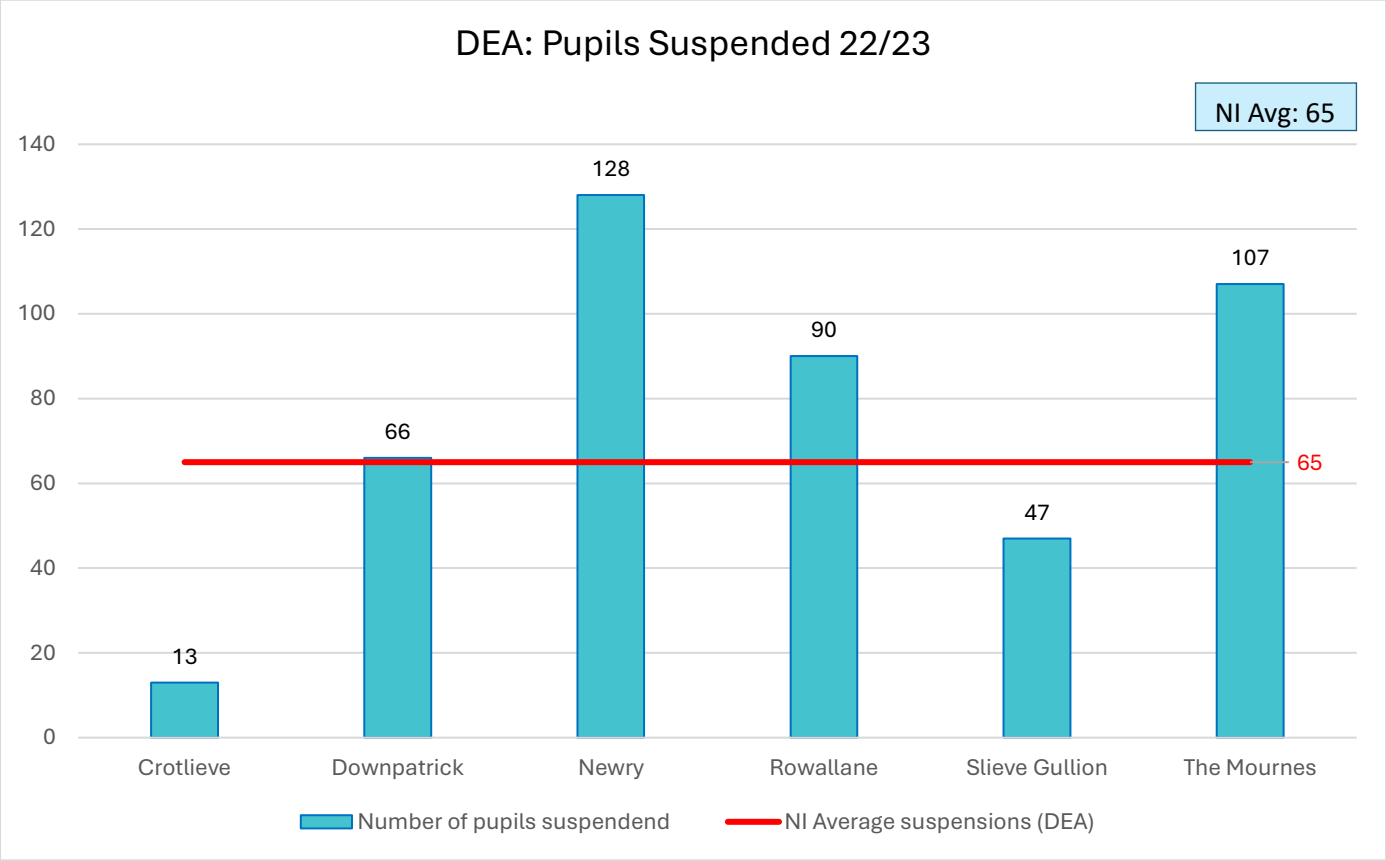
3.10 Pupils Suspended in Newry, Mourne and Down District Electoral Areas (DEA's)

Table 31: Pupils Suspended in 2022/2023 by DEA

DEA Name	Number of pupils suspended	NI Average suspensions (DEA)
Crotlieve	13	65
Downpatrick	66	65
Newry	128	65
Rowallane	90	65
Slieve Gullion	47	65
The Mournes	107	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, Newry, Mourne and Down LGD

[Source: School census, DE]

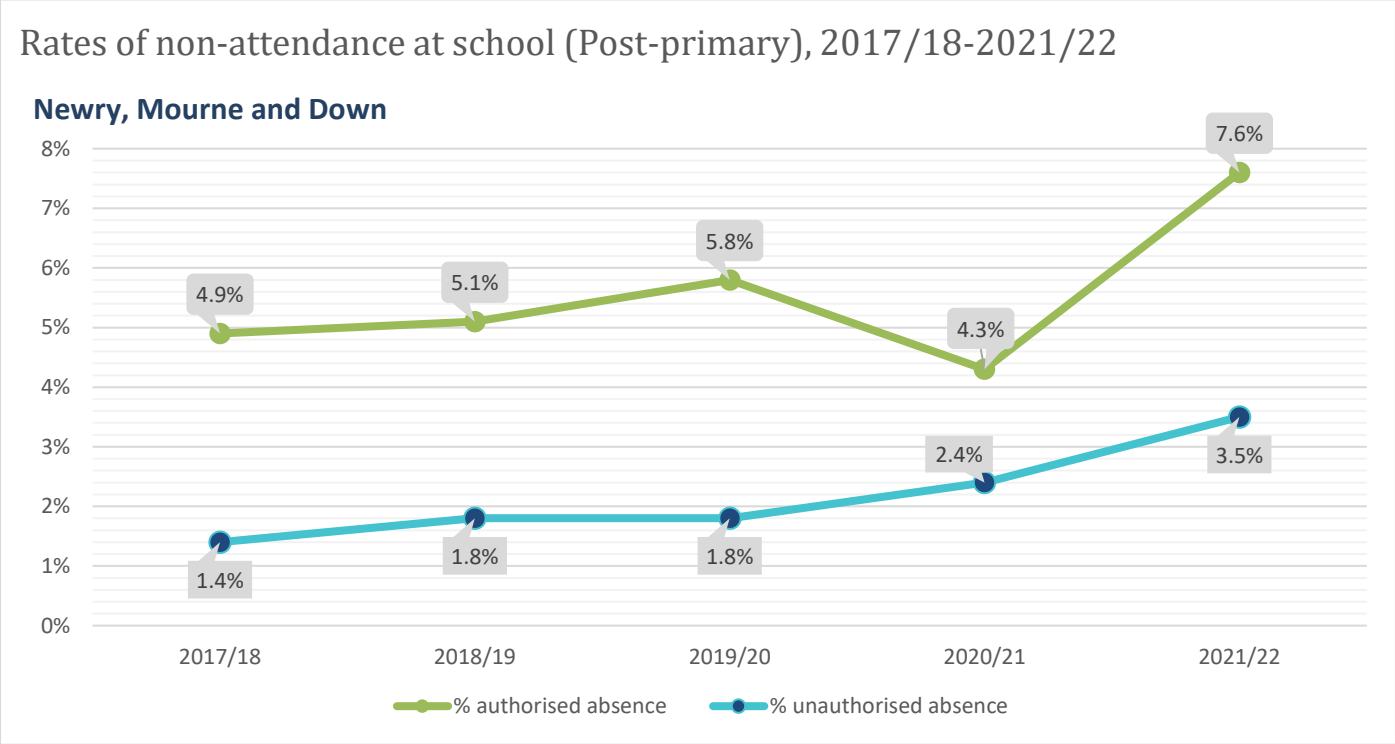


Chart 71: Non-attendance rates in post-primary schools though unauthorised absence, by DEA

[Source: School census, DE]

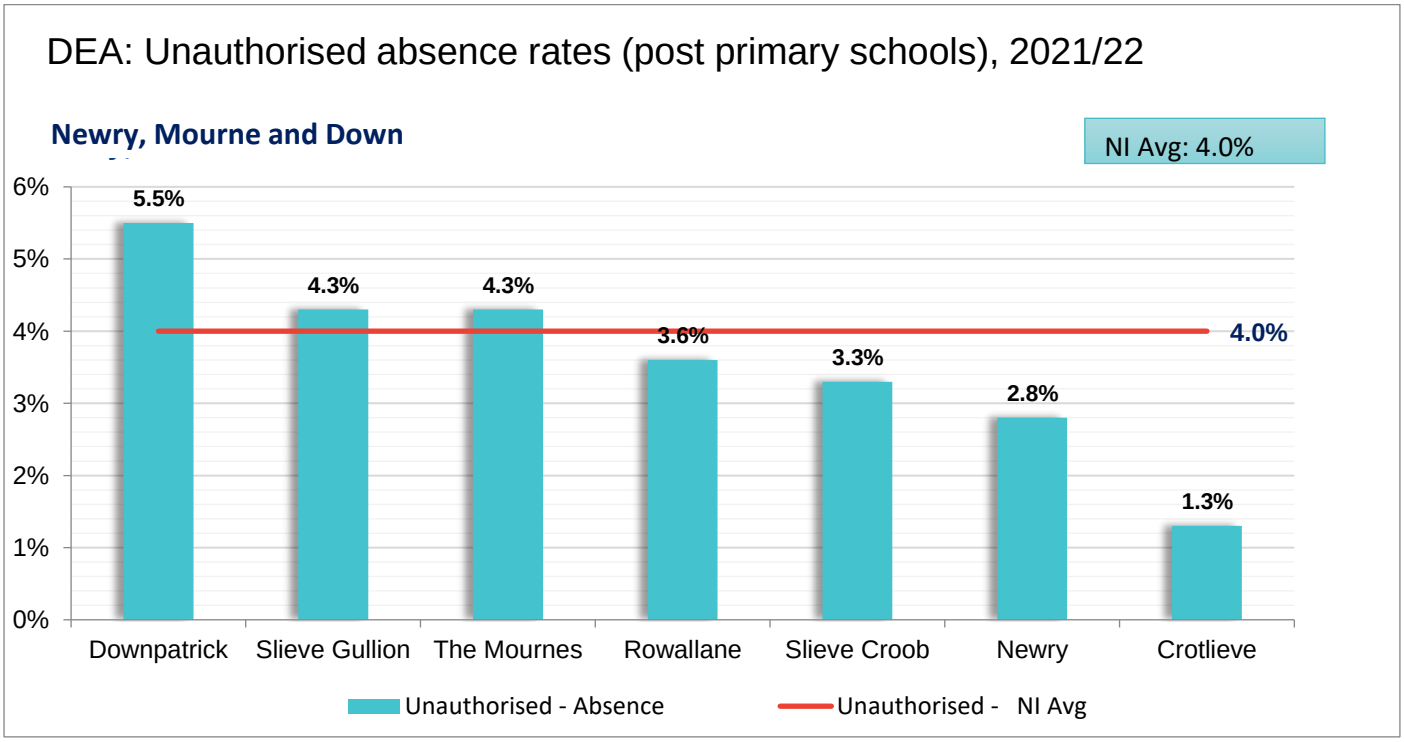
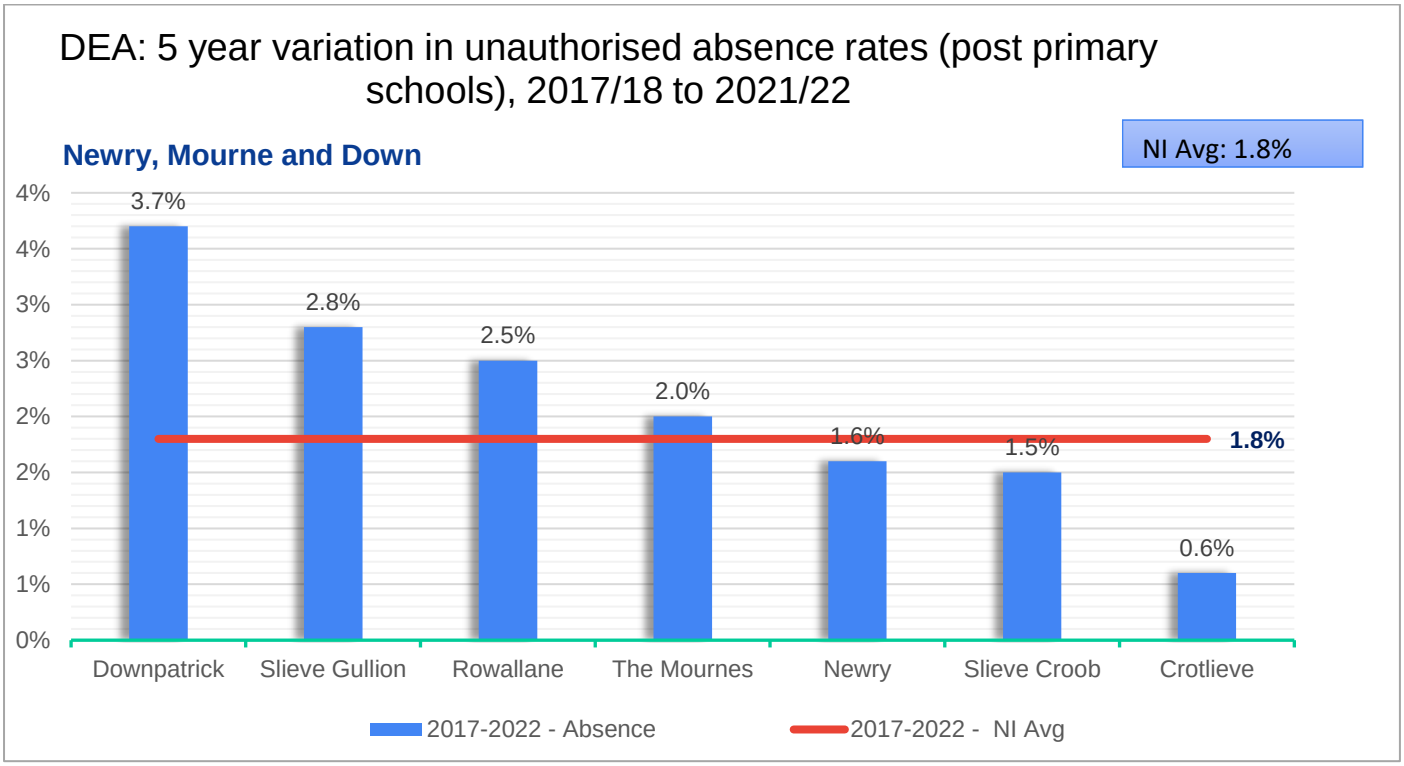


Chart 72: 5-year change in rates of non-attendance rates in post-primary schools though unauthorised absence, by DEA

[Source: School census, DE]



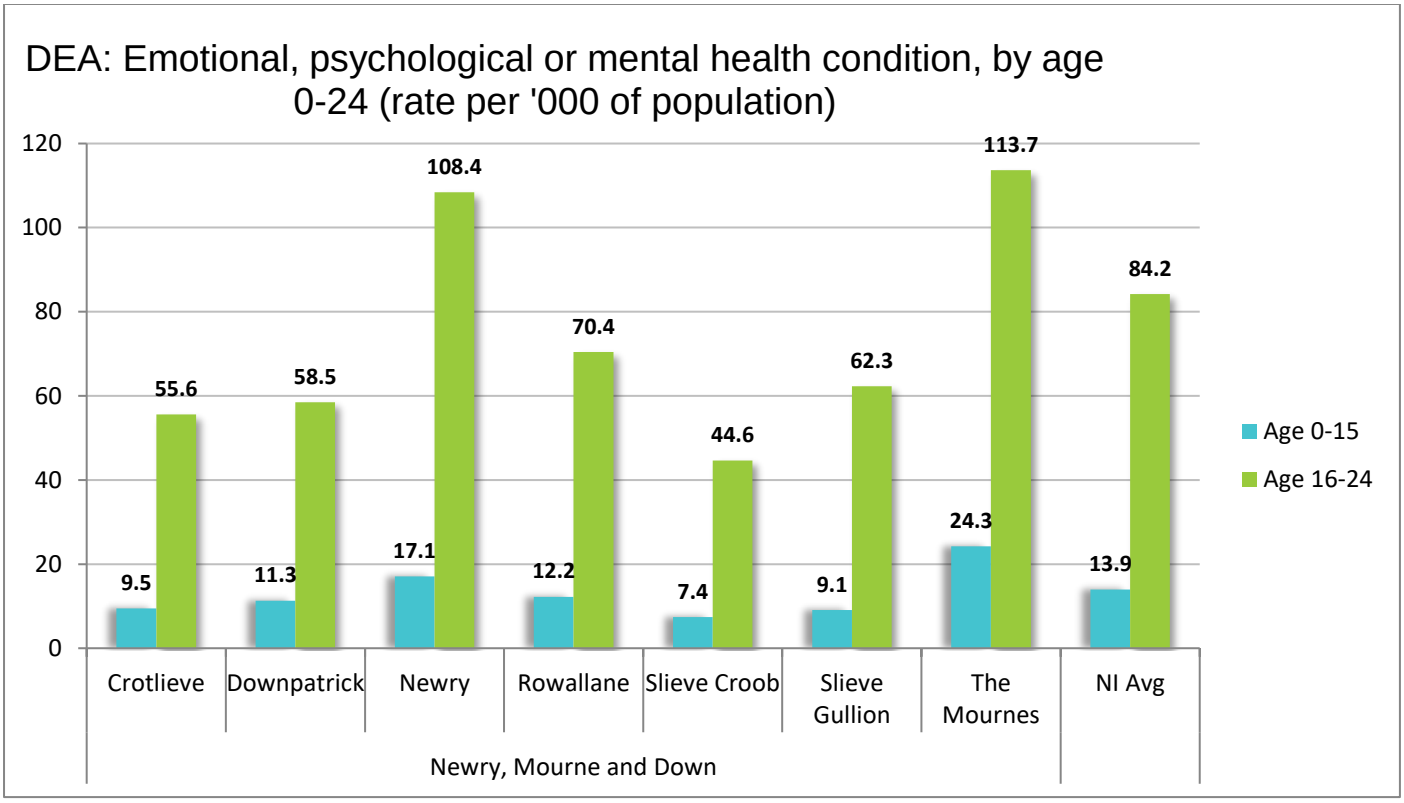
SECTION 4.0 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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 Newry, Mourne and Down 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]

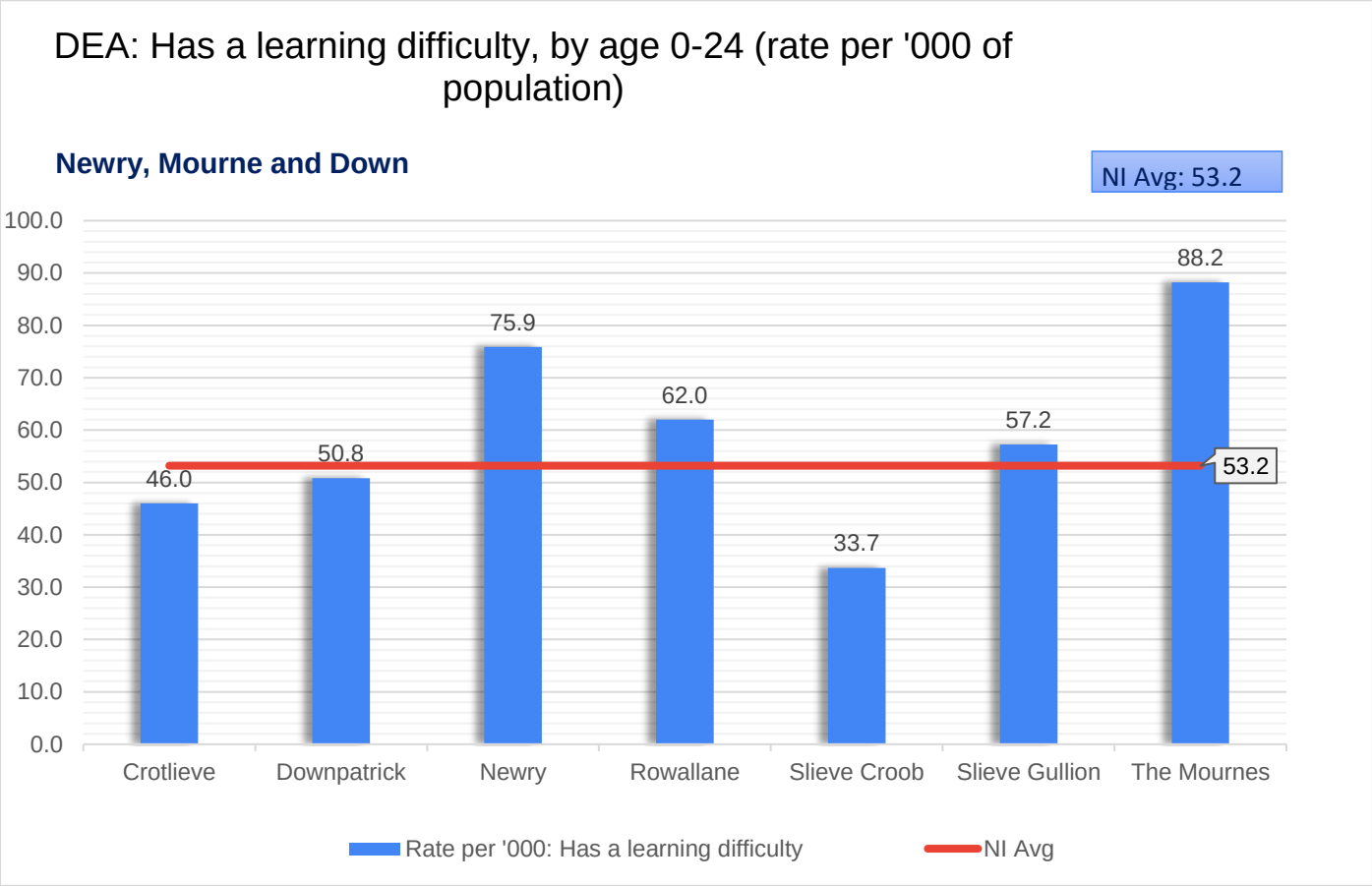


4.2 Learning Difficulty

Chart 74: Rate per'000 of the population age 0-24 resident in Newry, Mourne and Down 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 Newry, Mourne and Down 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]

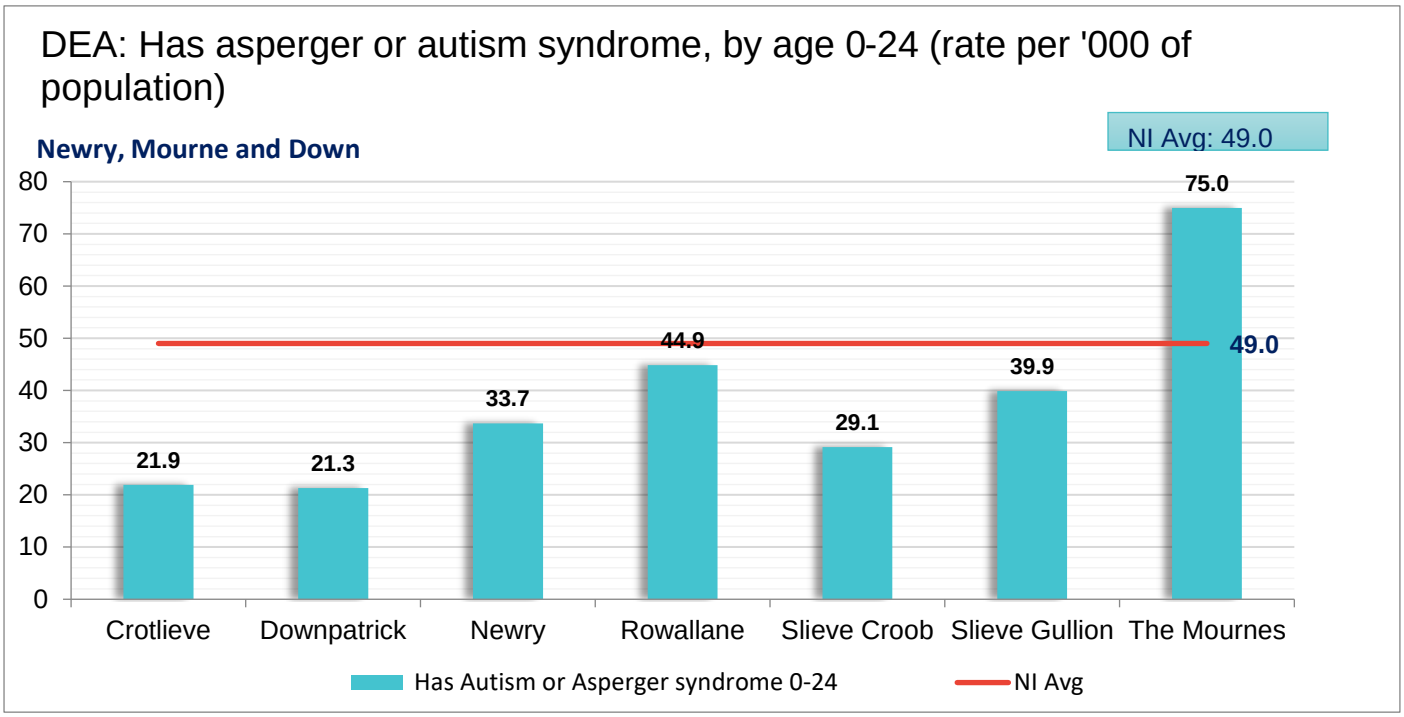


Table 32: Counts of population age 0-24 resident in Newry, Mourne and Down who have self-reported mental, emotional and learning conditions, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

Health Conditions by age 0-24, population counts 0-24 years, DEAs in Newry, Mourne & Down LGD				
District Electoral Area	**Population age 0-24**	**Has an emotional, psychological or mental health condition**	**Has Autism or Asperger syndrome**	**Has a learning difficulty**
Crotlieve	9,134	211	200	420
Downpatrick	10,483	275	223	533
Newry	6,113	294	206	464
Rowallane	7,000	217	314	434
Slieve Croob	11,126	210	324	375
Slieve Gullion	7,773	209	310	445
The Mournes	5,134	275	385	453
Newry, Mourne & Down LGD	**56,763**	**1,691**	**1,962**	**3,124**

4.4 Long-term health conditions

Chart 76: Distribution of long-term health conditions reported by the age 0-24 population in Newry, Mourne and Down. 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]

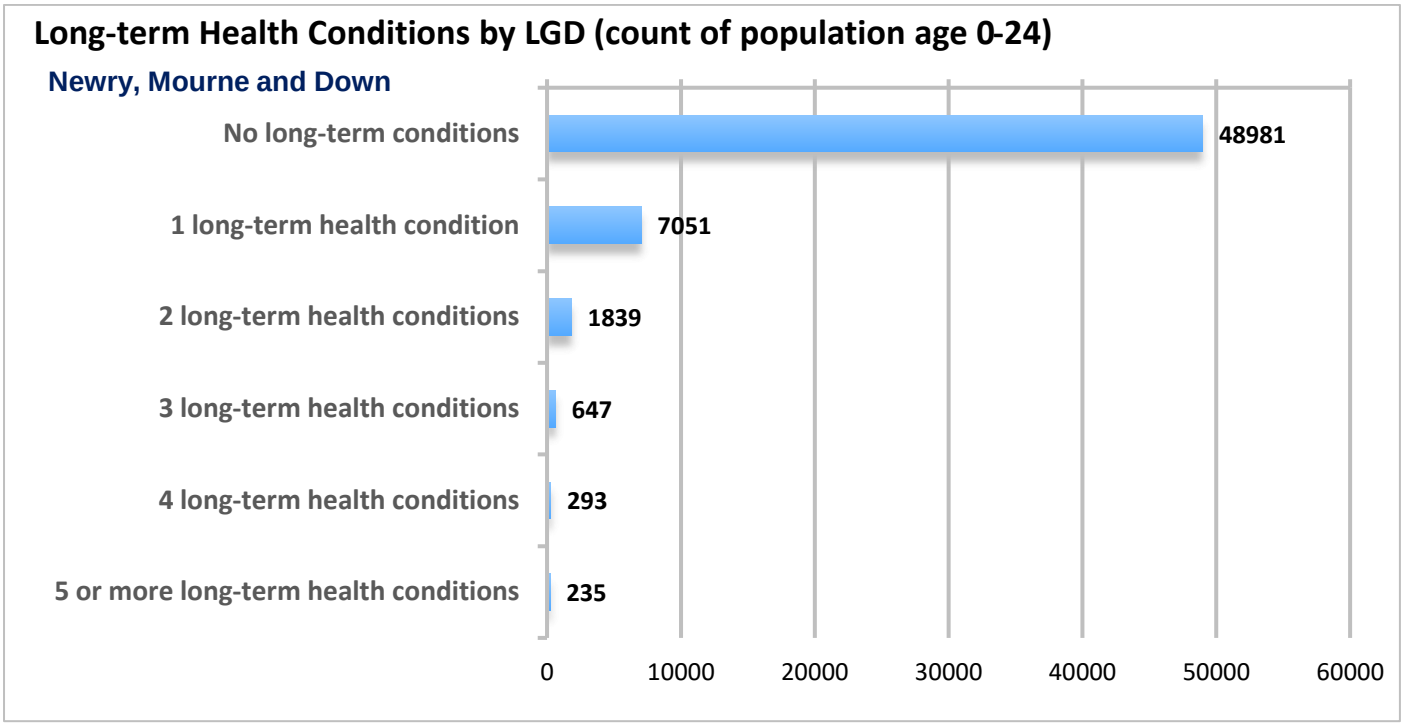
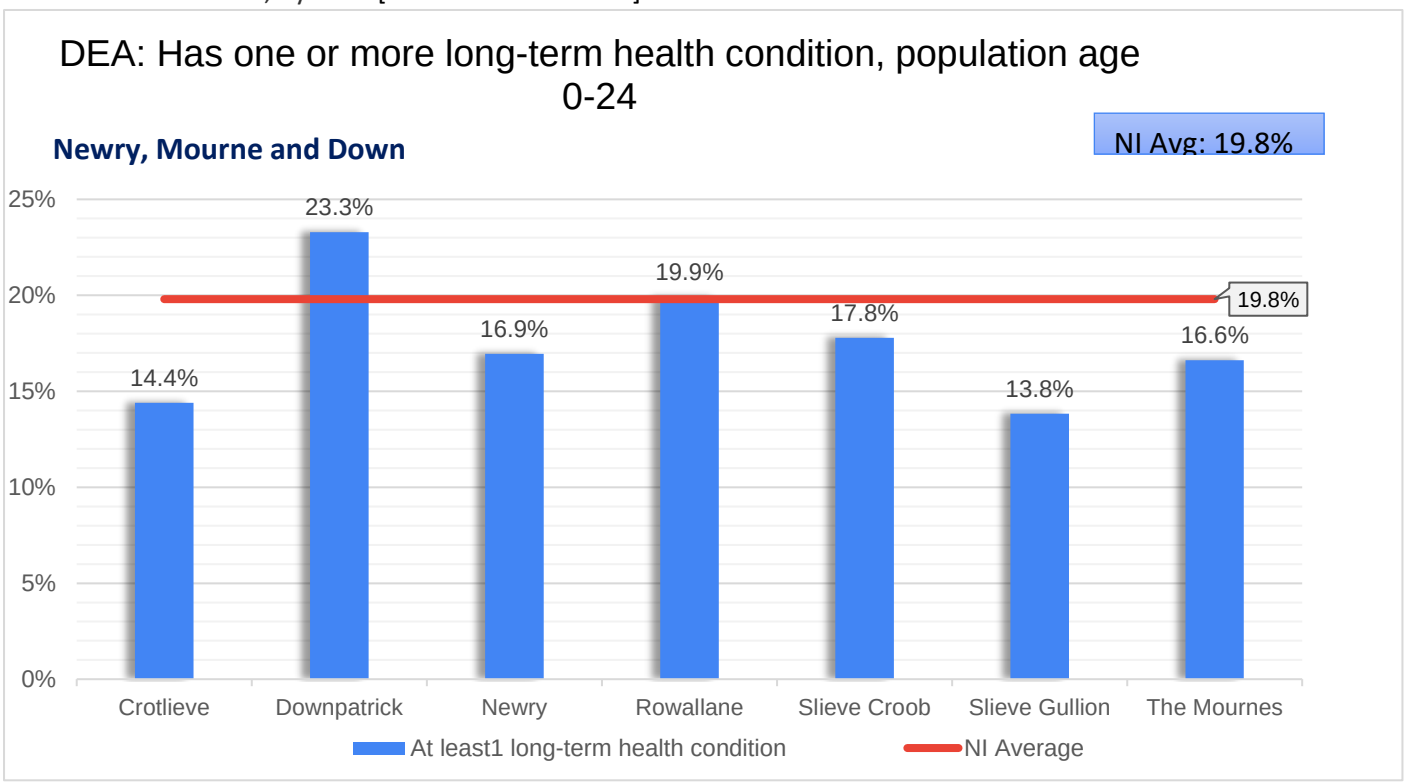


Chart 77: Percentage of the population age 0-24 resident in Newry, Mourne and Down who have at least one long-term health condition, by DEA. [Source: Census 2021]



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]

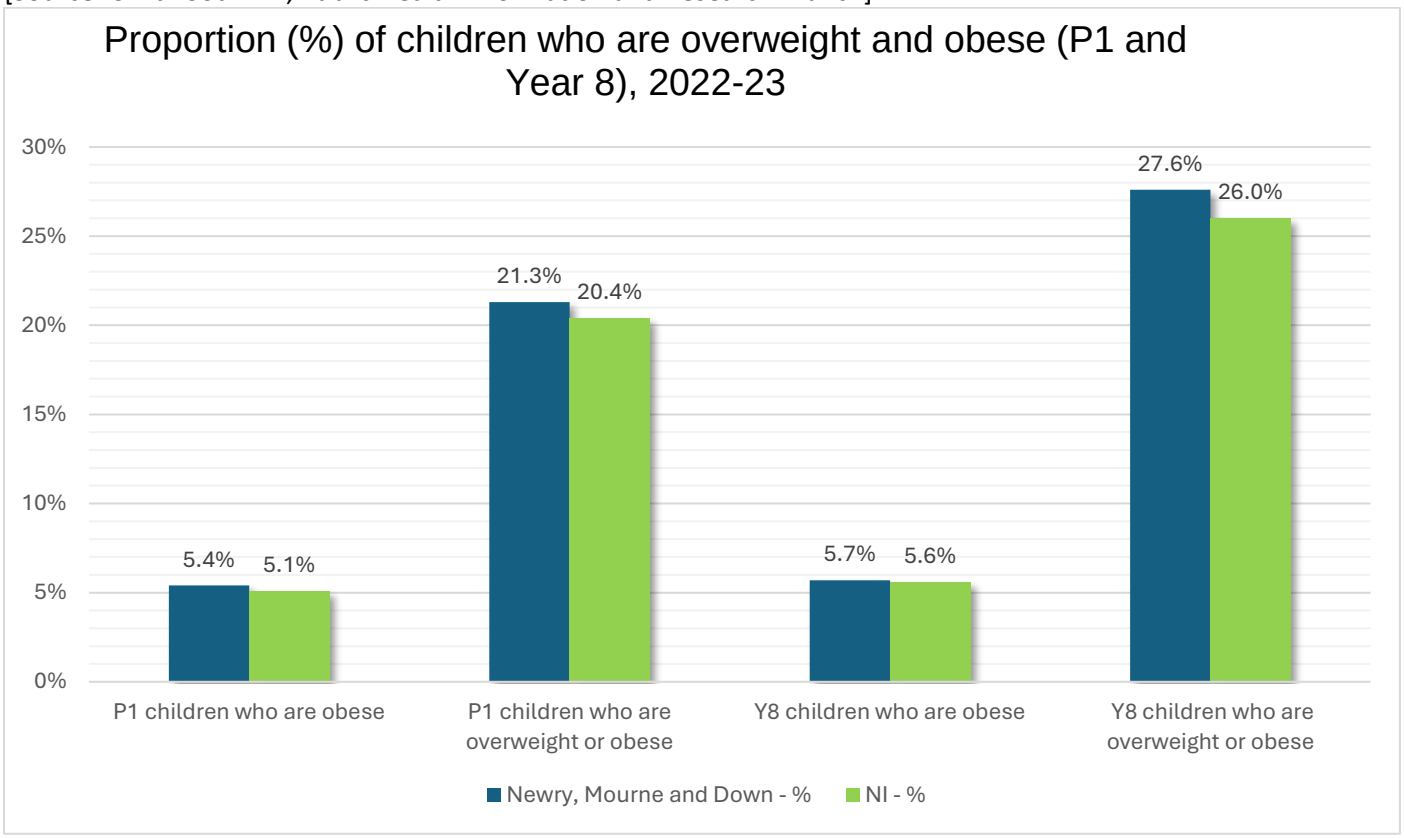


Chart 79: Child BMI at by age and gender 2022-23, Newry, Mourne and Down

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

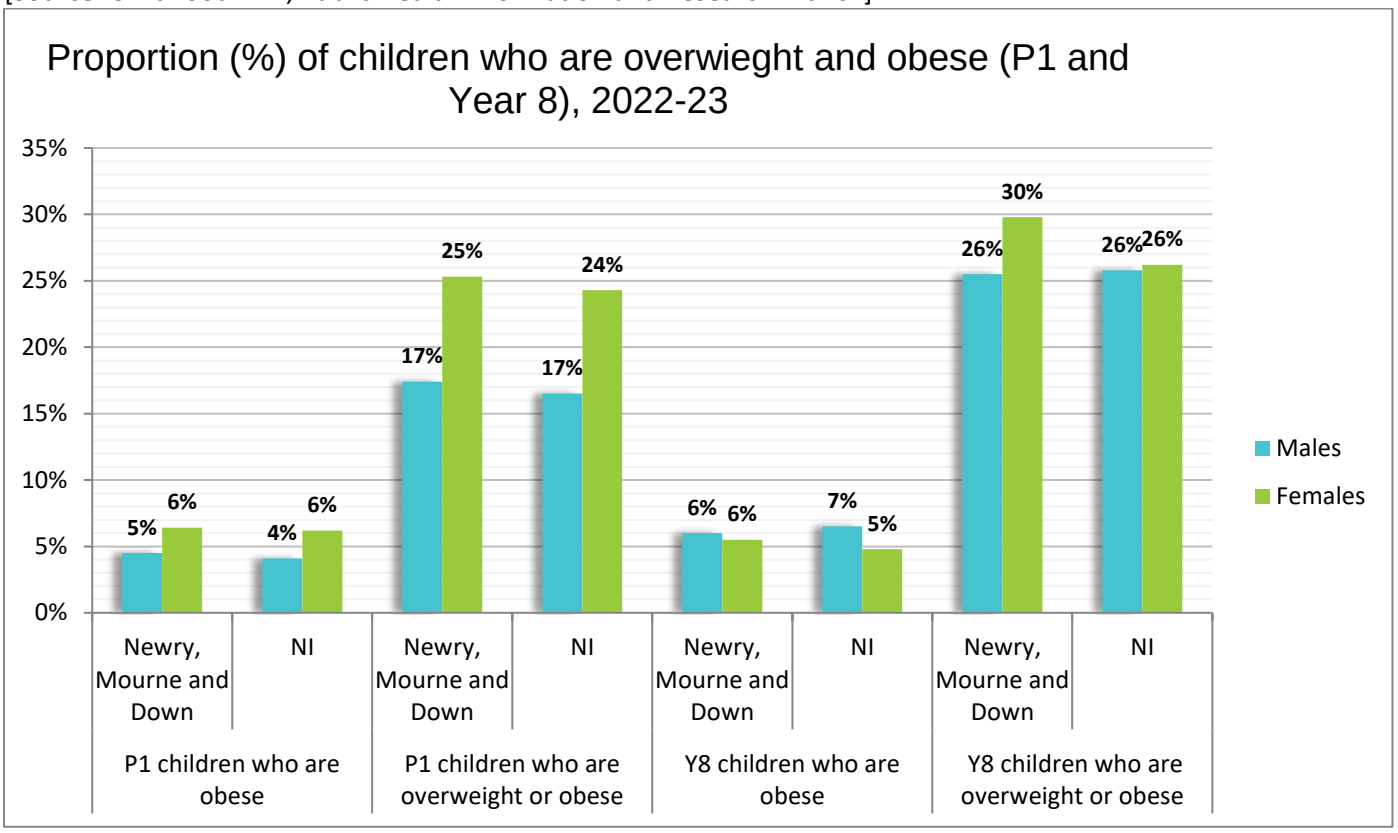


Chart 80: 5-year trend, child BMI at Year 8 by gender, Newry, Mourne and Down

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]

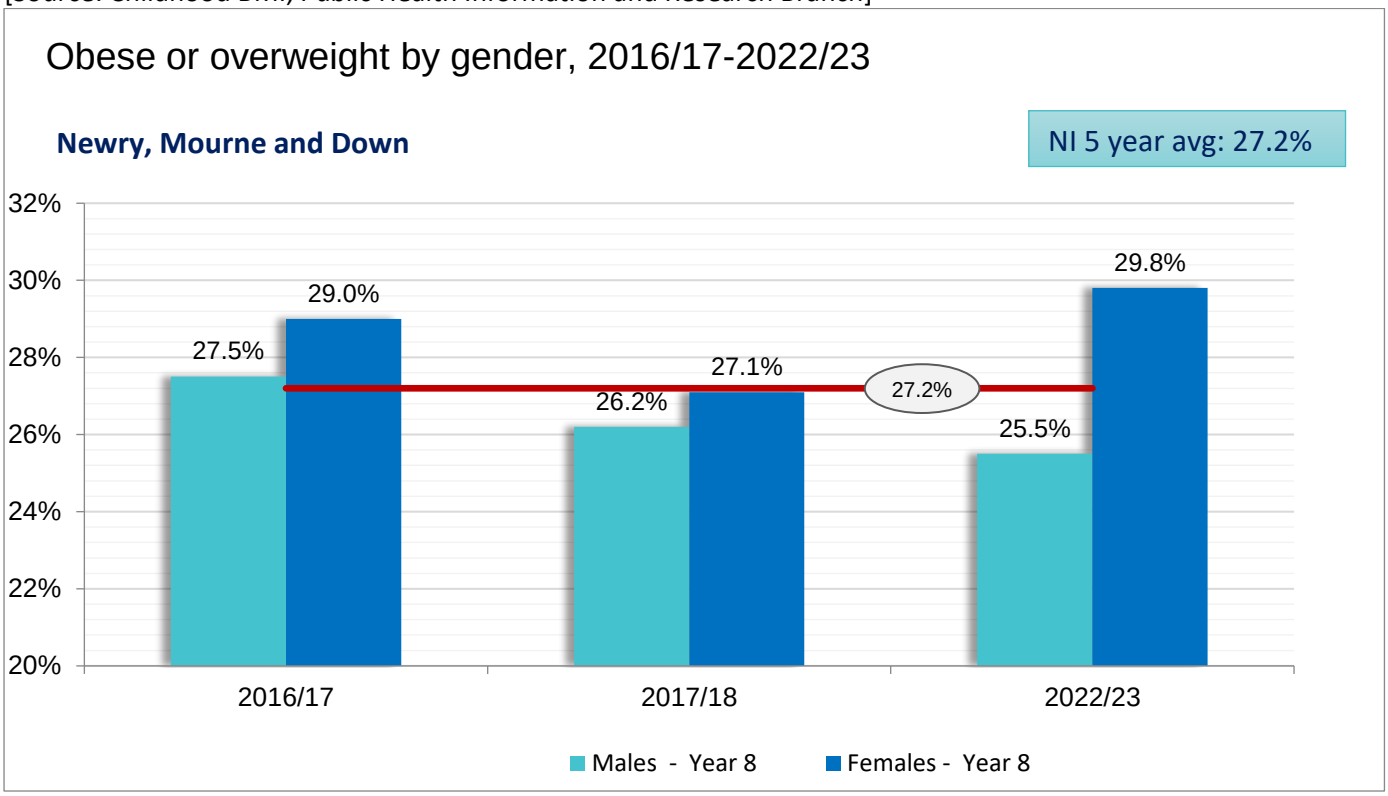
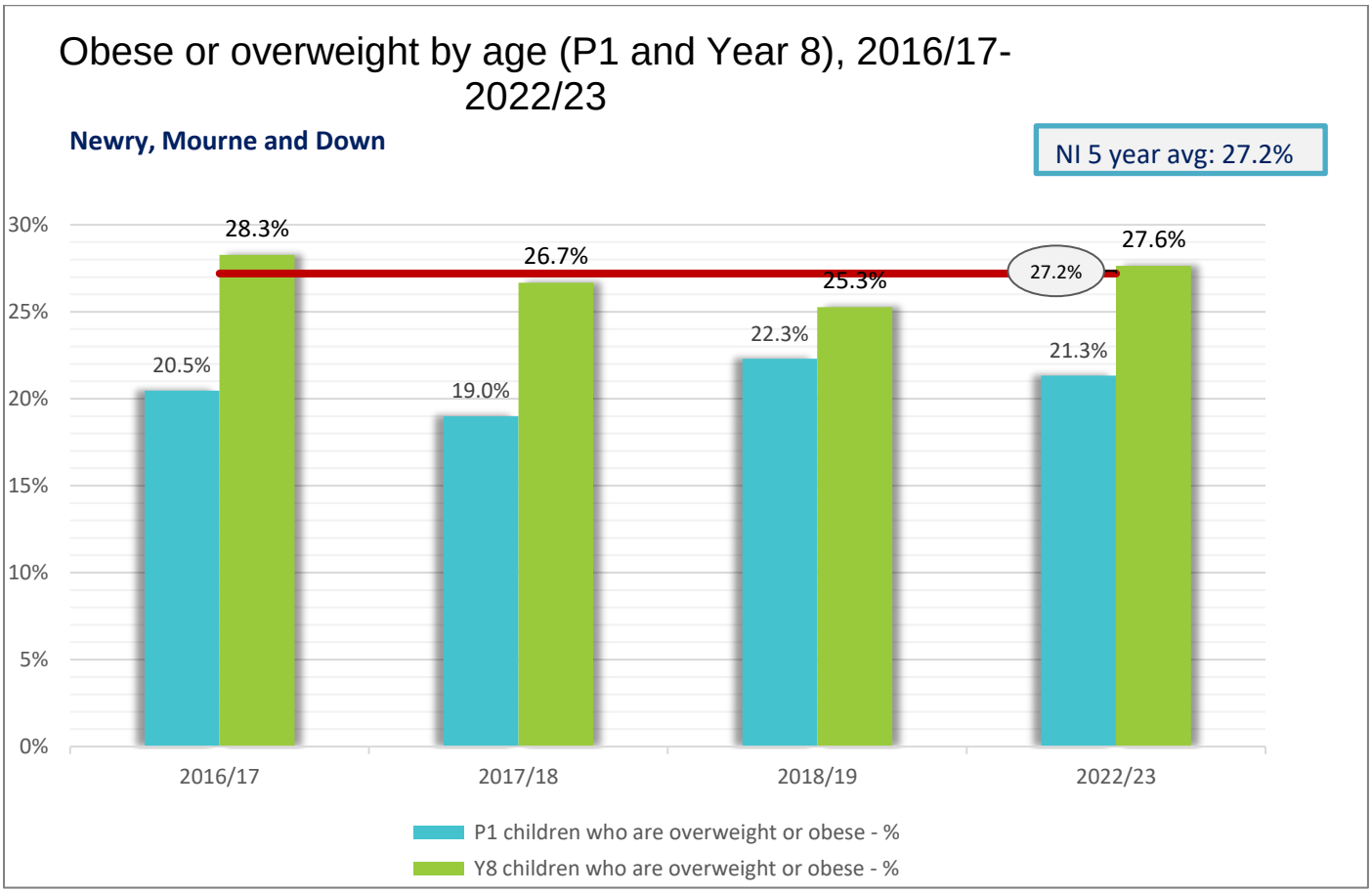


Chart 81: 5-year trend, child BMI by age, Newry, Mourne and Down

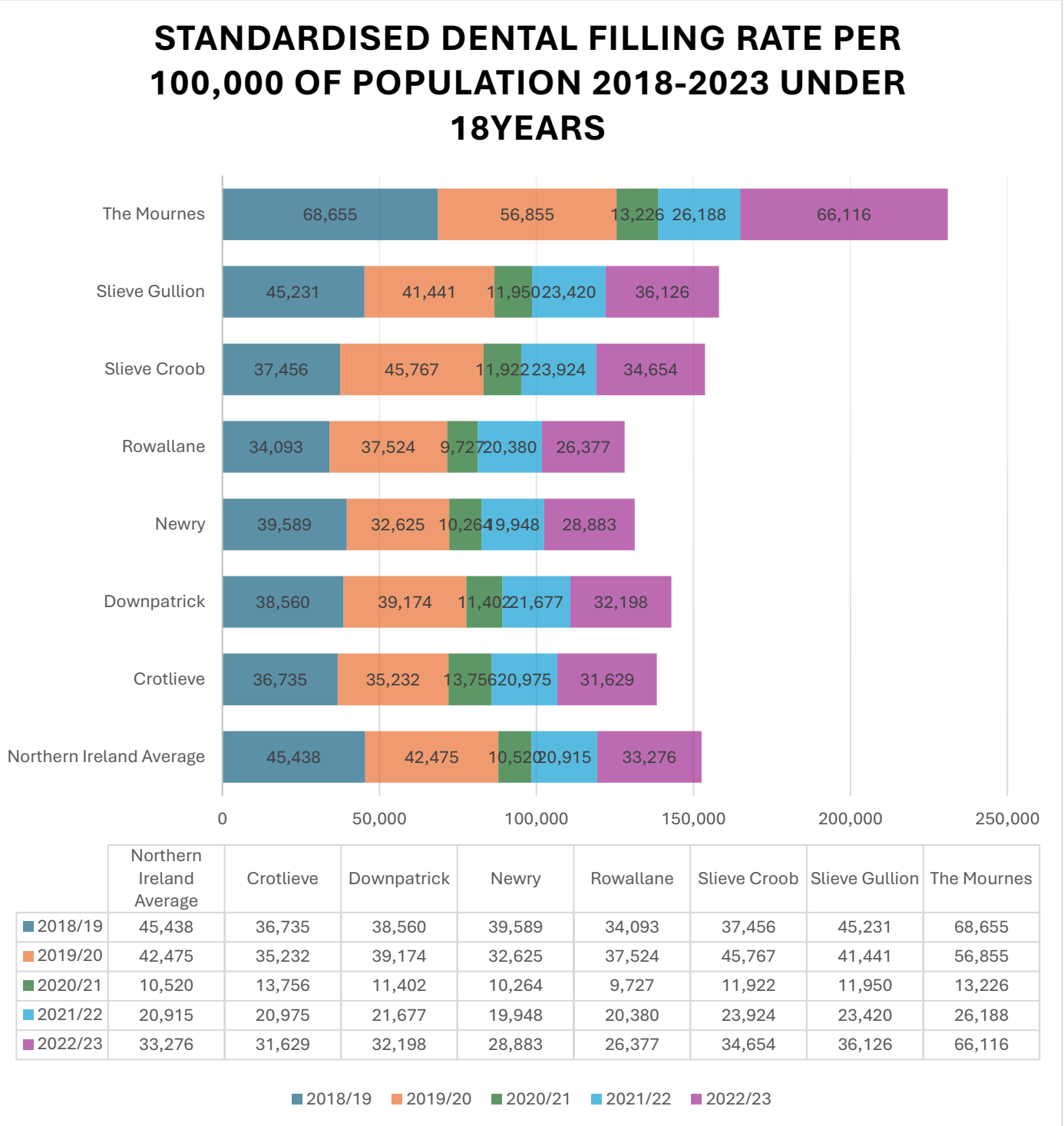
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[Source: Childhood BMI, Public Health Information and Research Branch]



4.6 Dental Health for Newry, Mourne and Down DEAs 2018 - 2023

Chart 82: Standardised Dental Fillings by DEA

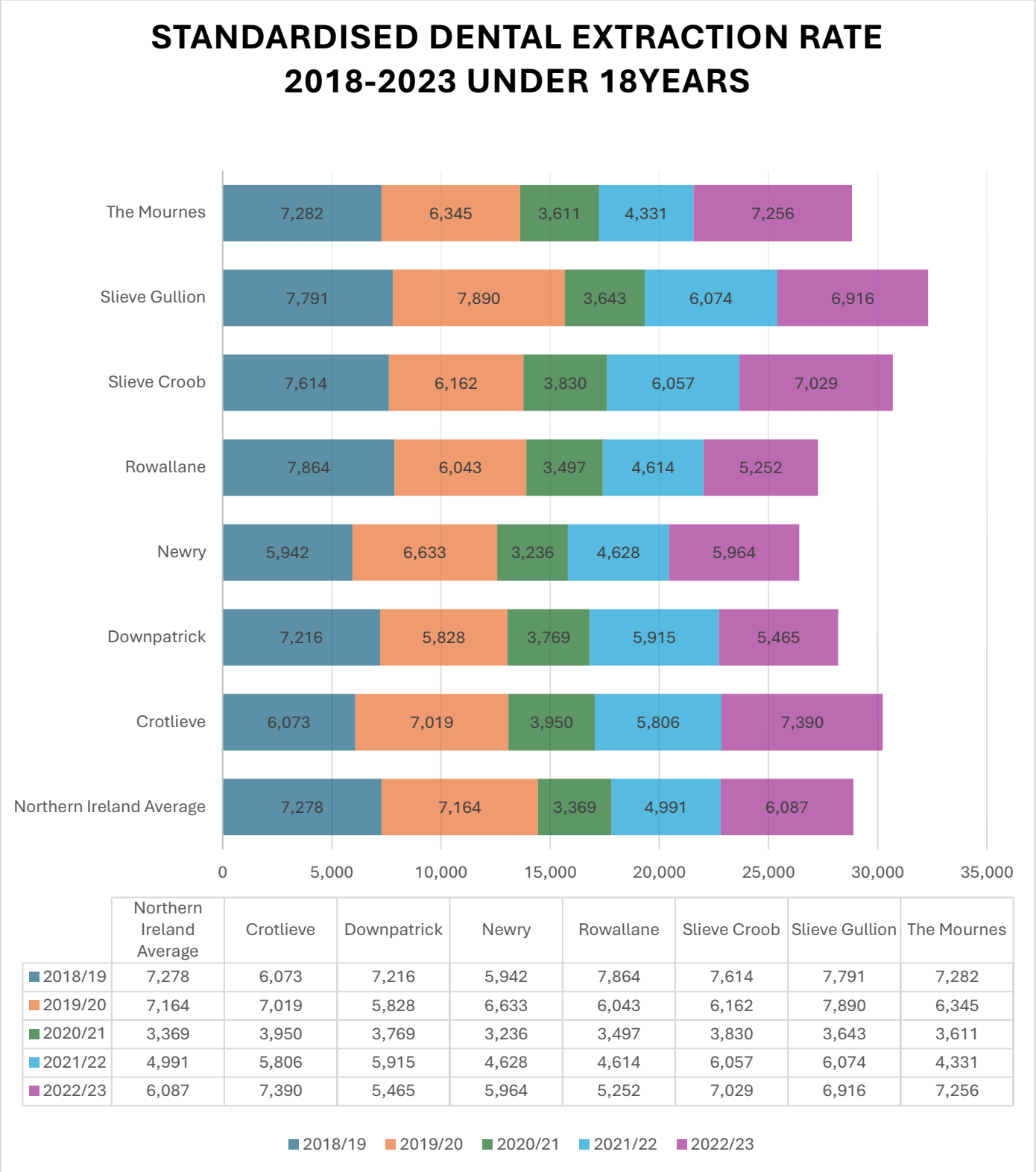


	Northern Ireland Average	Crotlieve	Downpatrick	Newry	Rowallane	Slieve Croob	Slieve Gullion	The Mournes
2018/19	45,438	36,735	38,560	39,589	34,093	37,456	45,231	68,655
2019/20	42,475	35,232	39,174	32,625	37,524	45,767	41,441	56,855
2020/21	10,520	13,756	11,402	10,264	9,727	11,922	11,950	13,226
2021/22	20,915	20,975	21,677	19,948	20,380	23,924	23,420	26,188
2022/23	33,276	31,629	32,198	28,883	26,377	34,654	36,126	66,116

Source: NISRA 22/23

4.7 Dental Extractions for Newry, Mourne and Down DEAs 2018 - 2023

Chart 83: Standardised Dental Extractions by DEA



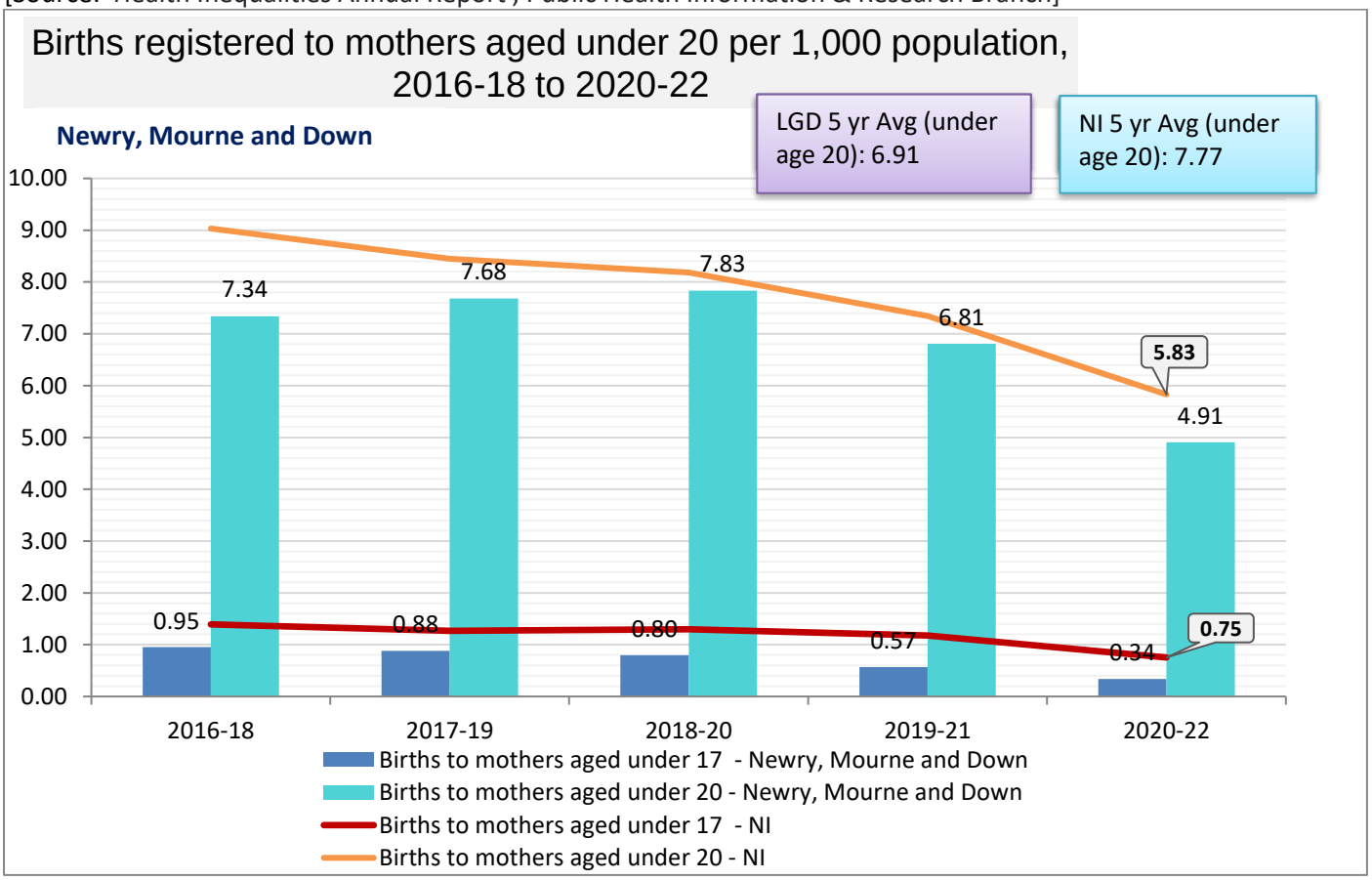
	Northern Ireland Average	Crotlieve	Downpatrick	Newry	Rowallane	Slieve Croob	Slieve Gullion	The Mournes
2018/19	7,278	6,073	7,216	5,942	7,864	7,614	7,791	7,282
2019/20	7,164	7,019	5,828	6,633	6,043	6,162	7,890	6,345
2020/21	3,369	3,950	3,769	3,236	3,497	3,830	3,643	3,611
2021/22	4,991	5,806	5,915	4,628	4,614	6,057	6,074	4,331
2022/23	6,087	7,390	5,465	5,964	5,252	7,029	6,916	7,256

Source: NISRA 22/23

4.8 Teenage birth rates

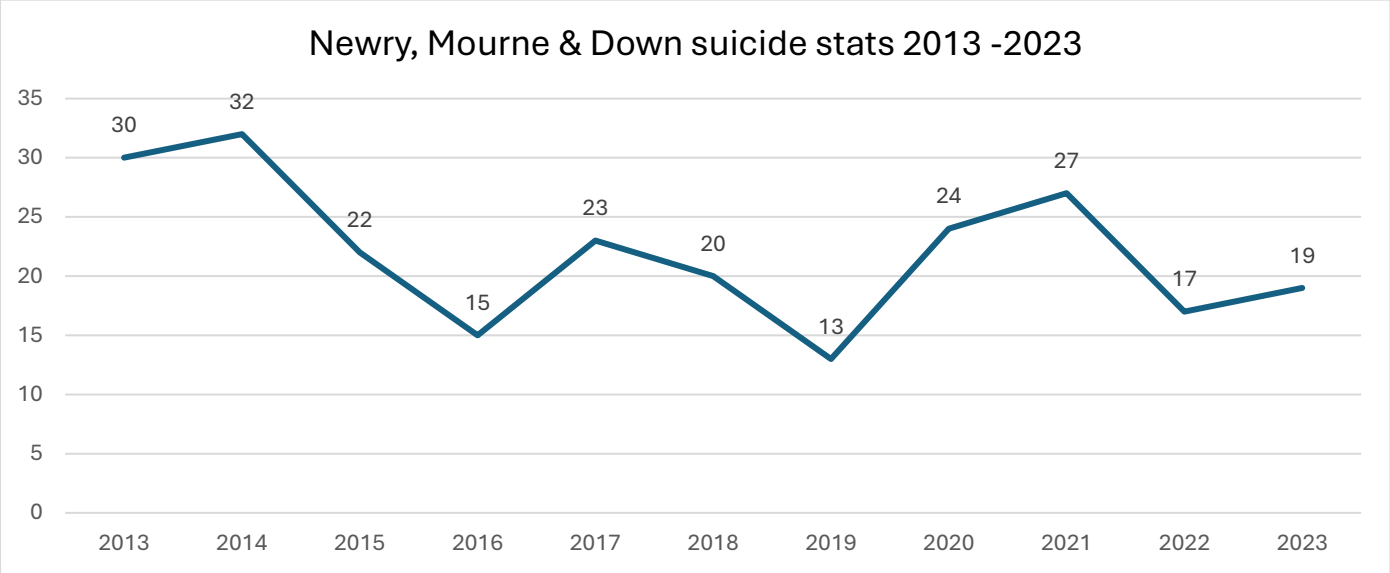
Chart 84: Births registered to mothers under the age of 17 (between 13 and 16 years of age inclusive) and under the age of 20 (between the ages of 13 and 19 inclusive) per 1,000 females since 2016 by two-year cycles.

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



4.9 Suicide Deaths in Northern Ireland

Chart 85: Newry Mourne & Down 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).

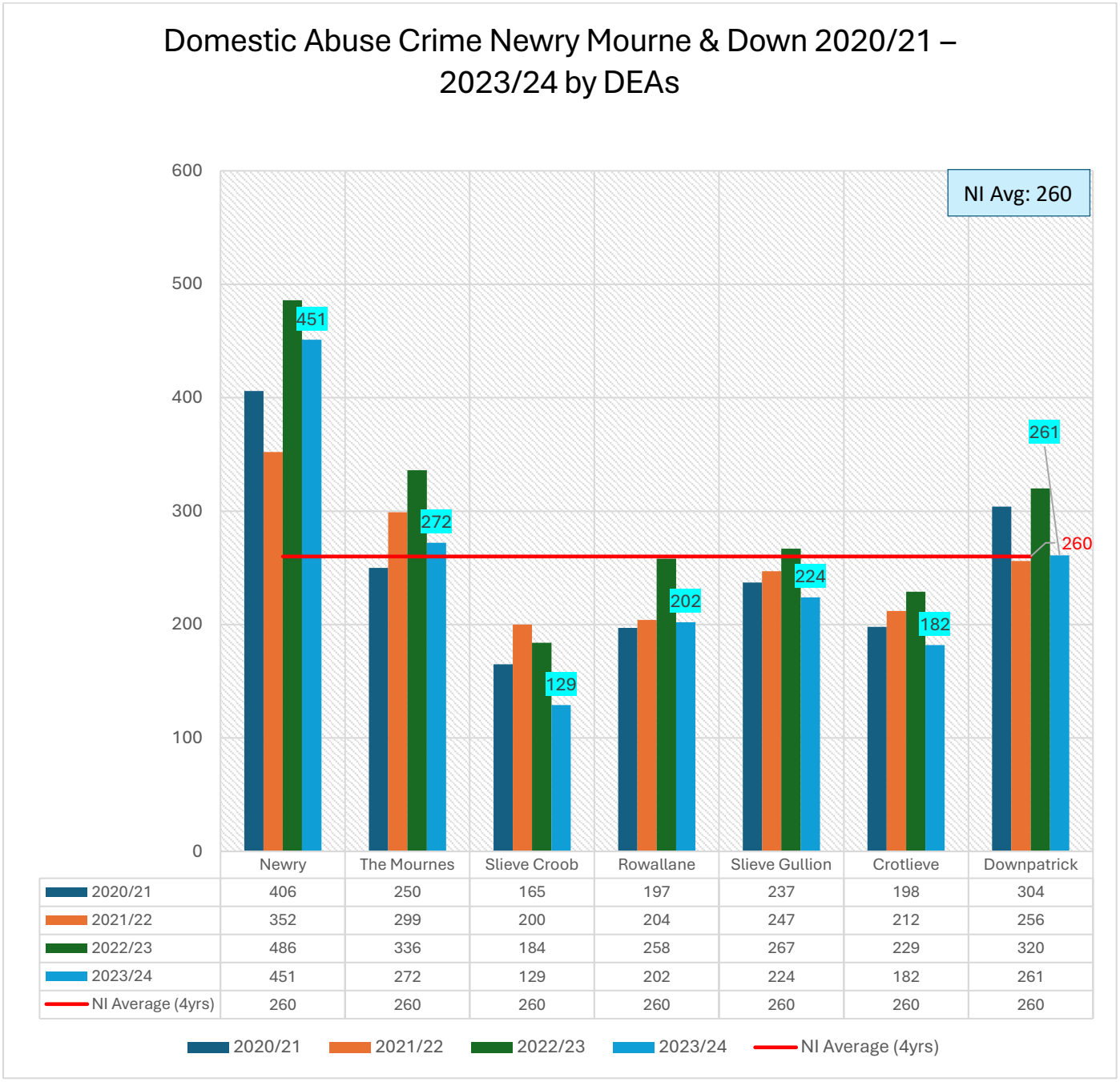
171 (77.4 per cent) of the 221 suicide deaths in 2023 were males and 50 (22.6 per cent) were females. The age-standardised rate for males increased from 19.2 per 100,000 males in 2022 to 20.9 in 2023, while for females, the equivalent rate increased from 5.7 per 100,000 females in 2022 to 5.9 in 2023.

Source: NISRA 2025

SECTION 5.0 LIVING IN SAFETY AND STABILITY

5.1 Domestic Abuse Crimes Newry, Mourne and Down DEAs

Chart 86: Domestic Abuse by DEAs from 2020 – 2024

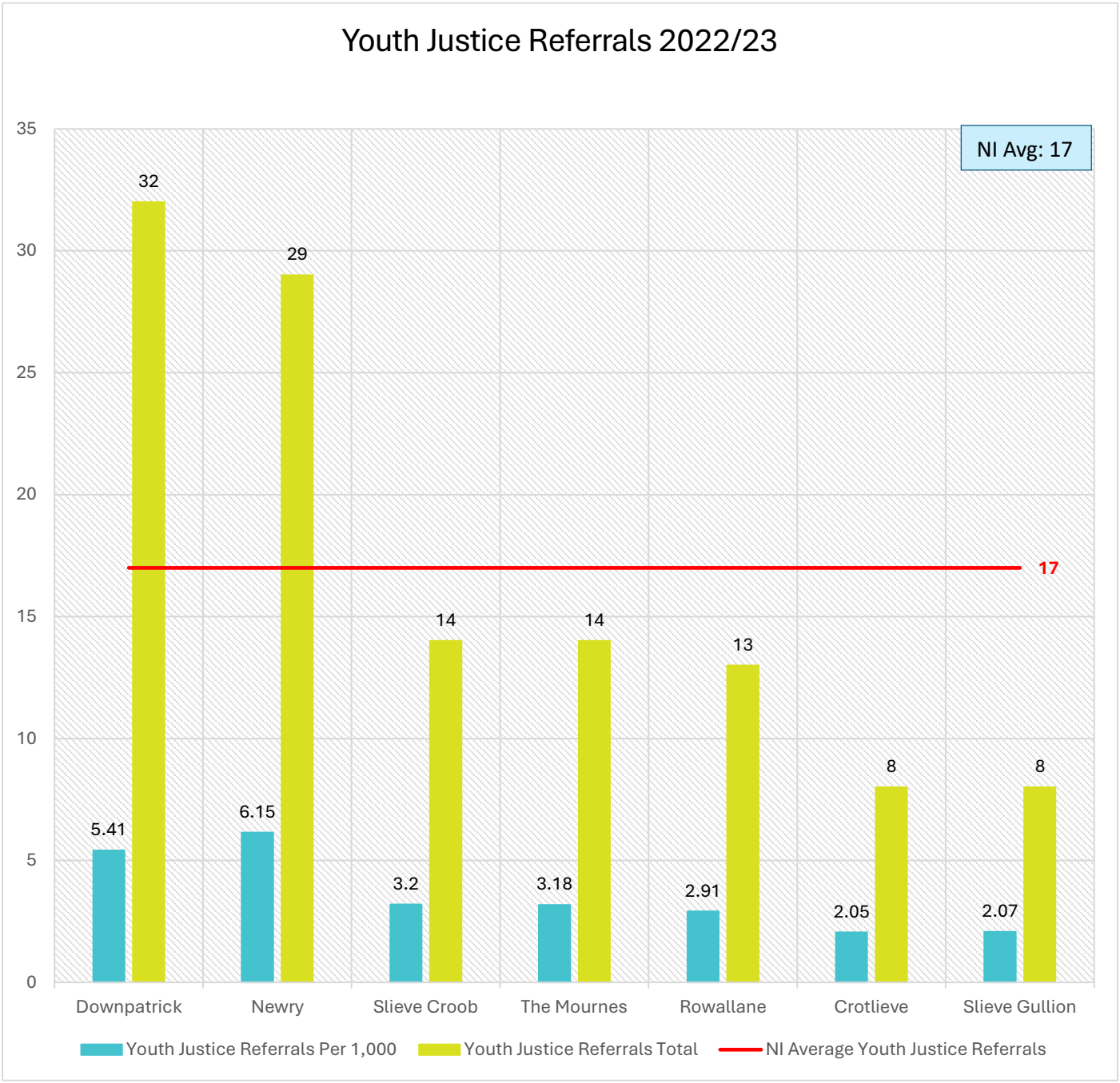


	Newry	The Mournes	Slieve Croob	Rowallane	Slieve Gullion	Crotlieve	Downpatrick
2020/21	406	250	165	197	237	198	304
2021/22	352	299	200	204	247	212	256
2022/23	486	336	184	258	267	229	320
2023/24	451	272	129	202	224	182	261
NI Average (4yrs)	260	260	260	260	260	260	260

Source: NISRA 2024

5.2 Youth Justice Referrals Newry, Mourne and Down DEAs 2022/2023

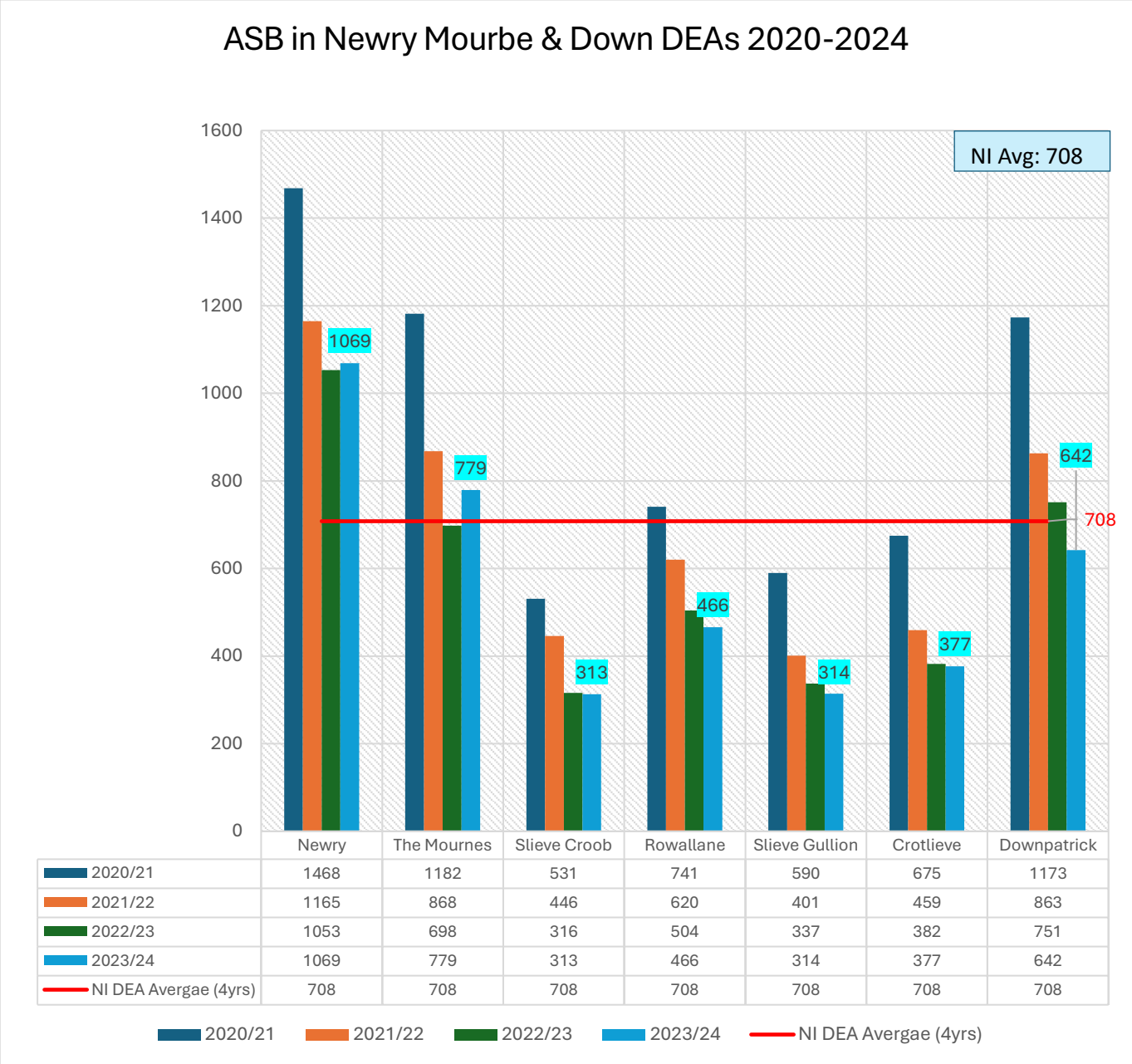
Chart 87: Youth Justice Referrals by DEA



Source: NISRA 2024

5.3 Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents Newry, Mourne and Down DEAs 2020 – 2024

Chart 88: Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents by DEA



	Newry	The Mournes	Slieve Croob	Rowallane	Slieve Gullion	Crotlieve	Downpatrick
2020/21	1468	1182	531	741	590	675	1173
2021/22	1165	868	446	620	401	459	863
2022/23	1053	698	316	504	337	382	751
2023/24	1069	779	313	466	314	377	642
NI DEA Avergae (4yrs)	708	708	708	708	708	708	708

2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 NI DEA Avergae (4yrs)

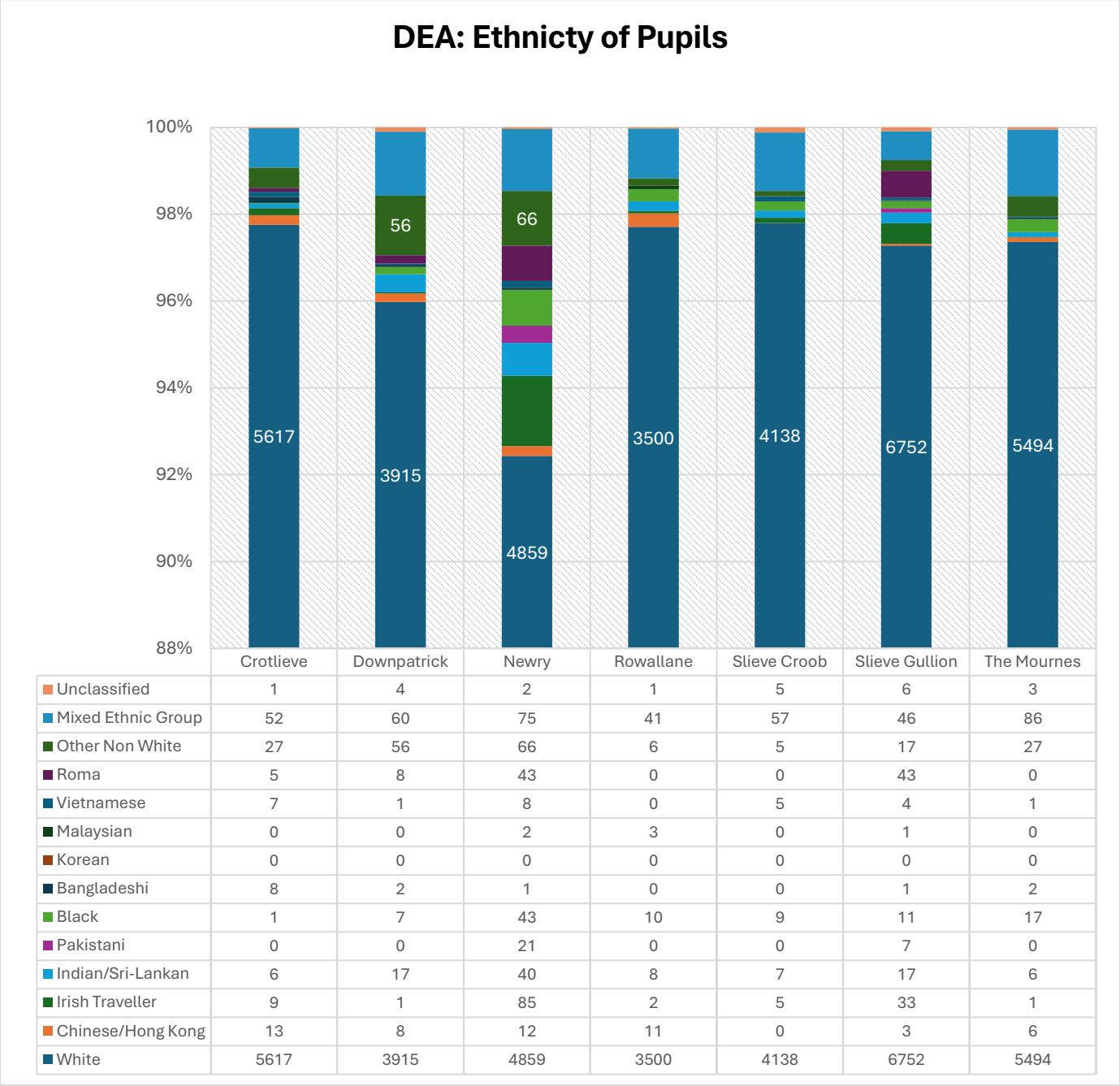
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SECTION 6.0 INCLUSION, DIVERISTY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 Ethnicity of pupils in Newry, Mourne and Down DEAs

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

Chart 89: Ethnicity of pupils by DEA



	Crotlieve	Downpatrick	Newry	Rowallane	Slieve Croob	Slieve Gullion	The Mournes
Unclassified	1	4	2	1	5	6	3
Mixed Ethnic Group	52	60	75	41	57	46	86
Other Non White	27	56	66	6	5	17	27
Roma	5	8	43	0	0	43	0
Vietnamese	7	1	8	0	5	4	1
Malaysian	0	0	2	3	0	1	0
Korean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladeshi	8	2	1	0	0	1	2
Black	1	7	43	10	9	11	17
Pakistani	0	0	21	0	0	7	0
Indian/Sri-Lankan	6	17	40	8	7	17	6
Irish Traveller	9	1	85	2	5	33	1
Chinese/Hong Kong	13	8	12	11	0	3	6
White	5617	3915	4859	3500	4138	6752	5494

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

6.2 Main language spoken other than English

Chart 90: Distribution of main languages spoken other than English, by population age 4-24 for Newry, Mourne and Down 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]

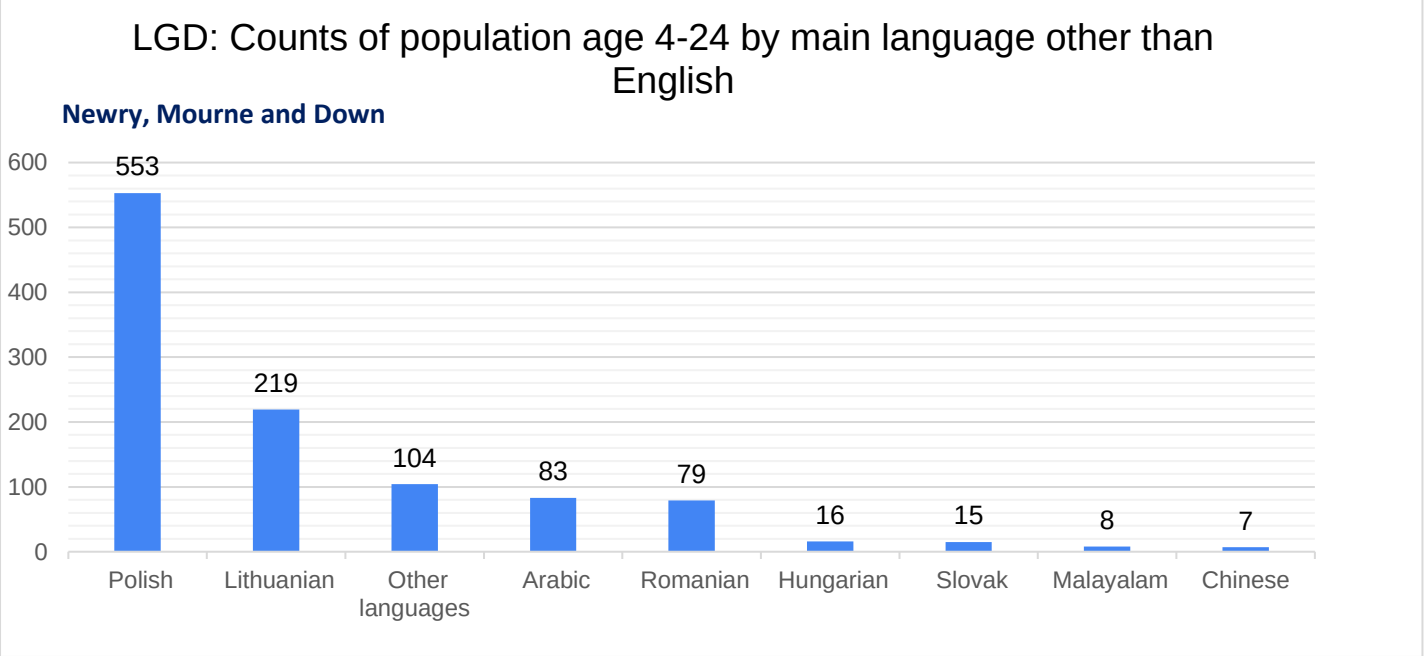


Chart 91: Percentage of population age 4-24 for whose main language is not English, by DEA. [Source: Census 2021]

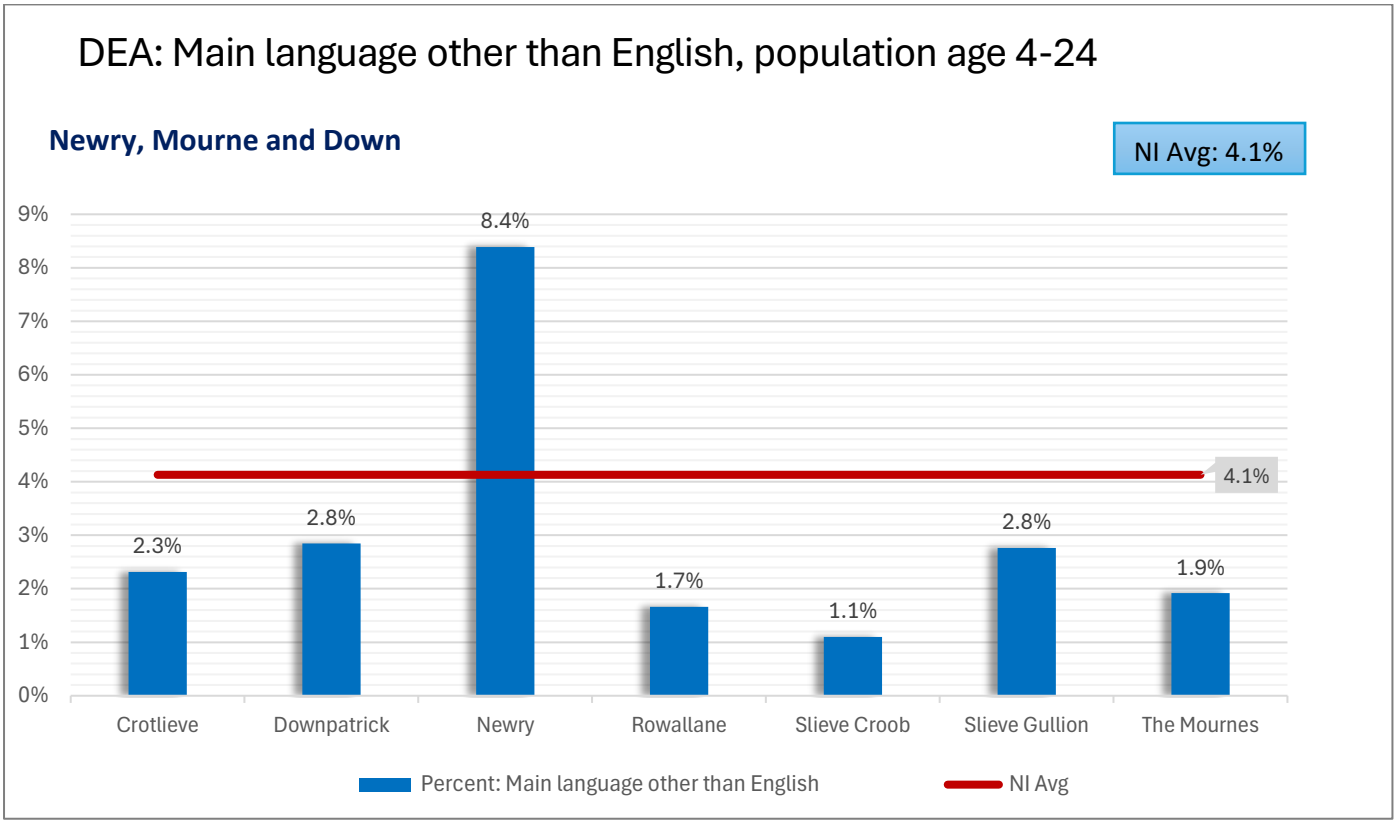


Table 33: Counts of population age 4-24 whose main language is not English, by DEA

[Source: Census 2021]

Main language spoken, age 4-24: Newry, Mourne & Down			
District Electoral Area	**Population 4-24**	**Percent: Other languages age 4-24**	**Count: Other languages age 4-24**
Crotlieve	8,521	2.3%	197
Downpatrick	6,184	2.8%	176
Newry	7,678	8.4%	644
Rowallane	5,409	1.7%	90
Slieve Croob	6,277	1.1%	69
Slieve Gullion	9,801	2.8%	271
The Mournes	8,344	1.9%	160
All Newry, Mourne & Down	**38,092**	**3.1%**	**1,607**