

## EMPLOYMENT

### ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

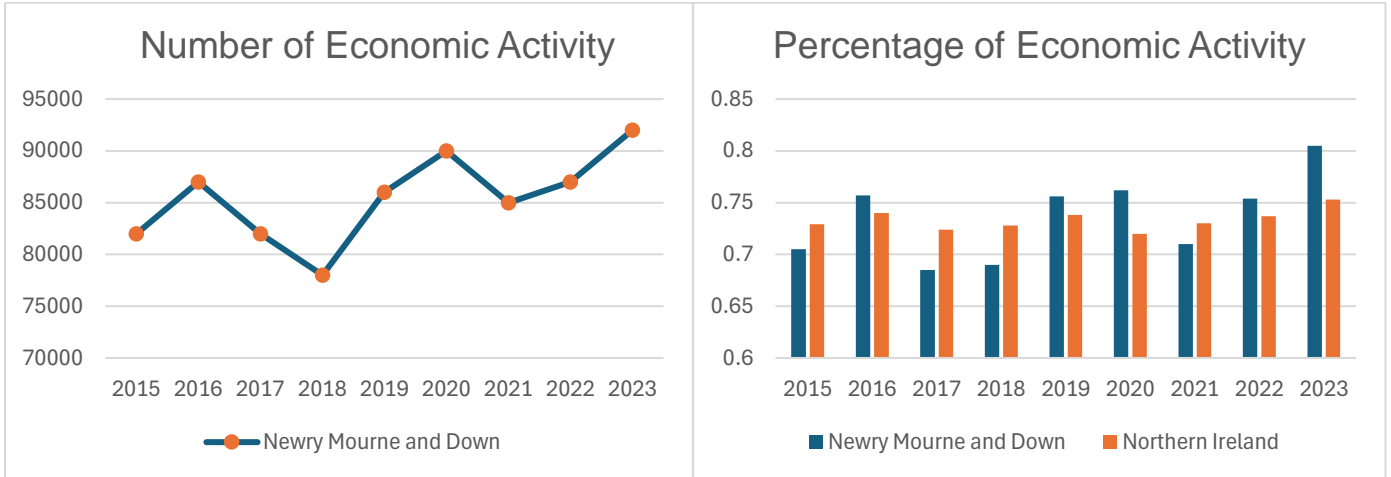
The number of economically active people in NMD fluctuated between 2019 and 2023:

A general upward trend, especially from 2021 to 2023, with an increase of 7,000 people over two years.

The economic activity rate increased from 70.5% in 2015 to 80.5% in 2023, reflecting growth in participation in the workforce.

The number of economically active people in NMD has been steadily increasing, reaching its highest point in 2023.

The economic activity rate in NMD has generally improved over time and now surpasses the Northern Ireland average, indicating stronger workforce engagement in 2023.



### AVERAGE EARNINGS

The average earnings in Newry, Mourne, and Down have demonstrated a positive trend overall from 2015 to 2023, with significant increases observed particularly from 2020 to 2022.

However, the region still trails behind Northern Ireland's average earnings, indicating the need for continued economic development initiatives to boost local income levels.

