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POLICY

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice of business in the Greater Dublin Area – both large and small. We have been representing the interests of business in Dublin city and its environs for over three hundred years.

dublin economy

Four in every ten people live in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA). The GDA has 42% of all jobs in the country and almost half of all the jobs in the services sector. Business in the region contributes €60bn to the Irish economy and accounts for just under half of all growth in GDP.

dublin vision 2020

At the Dublin Chamber, we promote commerce. A vibrant business community is good for the city and its people and a policy environment that is conducive to such growth best nurtures business activity. This is captured in our vision for Dublin in 2020, which sees Dublin as a place to be proud of – a successful, multicultural, knowledge city, with a seamless transport system, attracting visitors from all over the globe, that is a great place to live, work and conduct business.

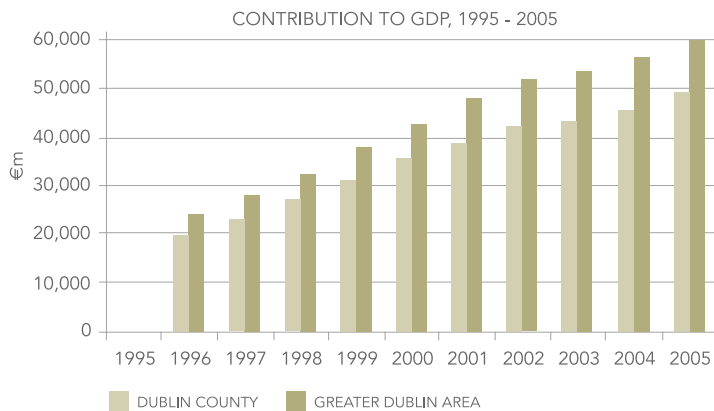
business representation

The Dublin Chamber continues to monitor and guide policy developments, in consultation with members, through our well-developed relationships with central and local government. Our arguments are supported by sound economic analysis and practical business sense, developed on the ground with members.

The Chamber plays a key role in most of the significant policy decisions affecting the city, including:

- Transport policy: including the introduction and extension of the Luas, taxi deregulation, improvements to the M50, the development of the Port Tunnel and the reform of the institutions governing transport and land use in the GDA.
- Local Government services and financing: promoting efficiency and cost effectiveness and arguing against the rapid rise and extension of rates and other local charges.
- Vitality of Dublin city centre: championing city centre retailing, promoting city centre locations for major conference and sports facilities and actively supporting the upgrade of O'Connell St.
- Promoting Dublin's hi-tech sector: through projects like the Dublin Wireless Cluster, eWeek and our eCity reports.
- Tourism sector development: promoting business, cultural and sports tourism, the development of the National Conference Centre and improvements in the general tourism environment.
- Environment policy: including the development of the Dublin Regional Waste Management Plan, the provision of integrated waste infrastructure, including thermal treatment, and the promotion of competition in the waste sector.

DUBLIN FACT SHEET 2005			
	Dublin County	Greater Dublin Area	Republic of Ireland
POPULATION			
Population (thousands)	1,167	1,599	4,103
	(28.5%)	(39.0%)	(100.0%)
EMPLOYMENT			
Industry (thousands)	110	190.9	530.4
	(20.7%)	(36.0%)	(100%)
Services (thousands)	455.6	593.3	1265.4
	(36.0%)	(46.9%)	(100.0%)
Total Employment (thousands)	567.3	796.8	1908.3
	(29.7%)	(41.8%)	(100.0%)
CONTRIBUTION TO GDP			
Gross Value Added (€ Million)	48,549	59,677	131,415
	(36.9%)	(45.4%)	(100.0%)
RATES OF GROWTH 1997-2005			
	Dublin County	Greater Dublin Area	
Population Growth	8.7%	11.5%	
Employment - Industry	13.5%	33.9%	
Employment - Services	37.9%	42.6%	
Total Employment	31.7%	38.9%	
Gross Value Added	141.6%	144.7%	



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