

#WhyWestNorthWest Region is a great place to live and work

PEOPLE

- A fantastic quality of life!
- World famous surfing spots in Donegal, Sligo and Mayo
- 34 Blue Flag Beaches in Galway, Sligo, Mayo and Donegal in 2023
- 76% of people who moved to Galway or Mayo said their work life balance improved since moving (Collins McNicholas Galway-Mayo Relocation Survey)
- Highly educated workforce with over 12,000 students graduating in the region each year
- Galway is the 7th best city in the world for students (The Campus Advisor)
- International population – 11% of Galway's population is international, 9% in Sligo and 7% in Donegal (Census 2022)

PLACE

- Ireland West Airport offers connectivity across Europe; Shannon airport offers transatlantic connectivity and is one of only 2 airports in Europe to offer US pre-clearance; Donegal airport offers connectivity to Dublin and Glasgow
- Some of the world's most scenic and unspoiled landscapes including the Wild Atlantic Way; the Connemara Coast; the Aran Islands; Croagh Patrick; Lough Key; Europe's tallest sea cliffs at Slieve League
- Rich cultural life – Yeats Country; Galway Arts Festival; Glenties Summer School

- Galway City has the shortest commute times in the country at 23 minutes on average, with Sligo and Donegal and Mayo all having commute times of less than 24 minutes. The average commute time in Ireland is 29 minutes (Census 2022)
- House prices below the national average (CSO 2023)

IMPACT

- NUIG ranked in the top 2% of universities, 258th in the world (QS World University Rankings); Atlantic Technological University has 8 campuses and over 23,000 students
- Globally leading Research Centres including CÚRAM (with 650+ researchers designing and manufacturing implants to respond to the body's environment); Insight (one of the largest data analytics centres in Europe with 450 researchers and 80+ industry partners)
- Significant multinational presence including global leaders in MedTech, Financial Services, Technology and Gaming
- Award winning and dedicated support agencies including the Western Development Commission and West and Northwest Regional Skills Forums
- A heavy concentration of connected hubs and incubation spaces
- Home to clusters of MNCs driving innovation – i.e. MedTech in Galway and Sligo



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2024 AmCham Events

Global Business Conference

20 March, Croke Park, Dublin

Annual Dinner & US-Ireland Business Awards

24 May, Clayton Burlington Hotel, Dublin

West-North-West Conference

13 June, Medtronic, Galway

West-North-West Dinner

13 June, Galmont Hotel, Galway

Independence Day Lunch

4 July, Clayton Burlington Hotel, Dublin

Southern Conference & Dinner

26 September, Maryborough Hotel, Cork

Mid-West Conference

10 October, ADI Catalyst, Limerick

Mid-West Dinner

10 October, The Strand Hotel, Limerick

Thanksgiving Day Lunch

28 November, Clayton Burlington Hotel, Dublin

“(Ireland is)... one of the best places to do business in the world.”

– US Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen | Dublin, Nov. '21



#WhyIreland is the Global Location of Choice for Talent and Innovation

PEOPLE

Where Talent Wants to Live and Stay

- Irish workers are the most productive in the world and twice as productive as the OECD average (OECD)
- Ireland ranked 4th out of 44 countries for education (OECD)
- Ireland is ranked 8th in the world for quality of life (United Nations)
- 63% of 25-34 year olds have attained third level education (the EU average is 41%) (CSO)
- Ireland has the highest share of under-20s in the EU, at 26% (Eurostat)
- Ireland currently ranks 1st globally for attracting and retaining international talent (DETE)

PLACE

A Stable, Rules-based Democracy at the Centre of Global Trade

- Ireland is the 2nd most competitive country in the world (IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook)
- Ireland is the only English-speaking, common-law trade and investment gateway to the EU – which is at the heart of the world's largest set of free-trade agreements

- Successive Irish administrations have implemented enterprise-friendly policies including employment laws
- Ireland has comprehensive global air connectivity and offers the only US pre-clearance facilities in Europe
- Ireland's National Development Plan will deliver €165bn in public infrastructure and capital works
- Almost 1 in 4 children in Ireland are born to a non-Irish mother (CSO)
- Ireland was the first democracy globally to vote for marriage equality
- Ireland saw the largest reduction in income inequality from one generation to the next (OECD)

IMPACT

A Country with a Passion for Skills and Innovation

- Ireland offers a 30% Research & Development tax credit
- Ireland is home to 42 state funded research organisations such as universities, institutes of technology and research centres of scale (Knowledge Transfer Ireland)
- Ireland is engaged in 5,815 international academic collaborations in 87 countries (SFI)
- Ireland is ranked 1st in the world for knowledge diffusion and 1st for knowledge absorption

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FACTS & FIGURES

About US-Ireland Trade and Investment

- Ireland is the 9th biggest investor in the United States
- Over 500 Irish companies have operations across all 50 US states, employing almost 100,000 people
- US companies employ 210,000 people in Ireland and a further 168,000 indirectly
- Spend of US multinationals in the Irish economy in 2022:
 - €16bn on payroll
 - €14.2bn on capital expenditure
 - €10.8bn on goods and services
- 1 out of every 3 US multinationals in Ireland have been here for more than 20 years
- Ireland is home to 9 of the top 10 US technology companies, 9 of the top 10 pharma companies, and 14 of the top 15 MedTech companies (IDA)
- Over 30 million US citizens claim Irish heritage
- Irish exports to the US increased by 14% from 2021 to 2022

