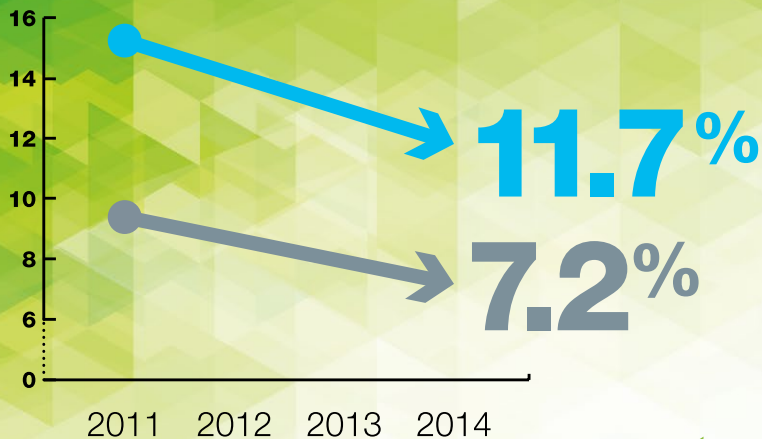


Overview of the Irish Labour Market



Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate is falling and is currently at 11.7%, the lowest rate in five years having fallen from a peak of just over 15% in 2011. Similarly, the long-term unemployment rate had fallen to 7.2% in Q4 2013, down from over 9% at the end of 2011.

Youth unemployment

The most recent figures show youth unemployment down by 10,000 year-on-year to 49,000 in Q4 2013.

Employment

The numbers in employment showed a significant increase in 2013, rising by 61,000 through the year from 1,848,900 in Q4 2012 to 1,909,800 in Q4 2013.

Pathways to Work

26,611 long-term unemployed people moved into employment (exceeding the target of 20,000) in 2013. The total number of long-term unemployed people who have moved into employment since Pathways was launched in 2012 is now over 46,000.

Intreo 33

33 new Intreo offices were opened in 2013



Profiling

420,000 live registrants have been profiled using the Department's profiling system. As a result, every jobseeker on the Live Register has been profiled to help prioritise and direct interventions.



Pathways to Work

