



Year in review – 2015

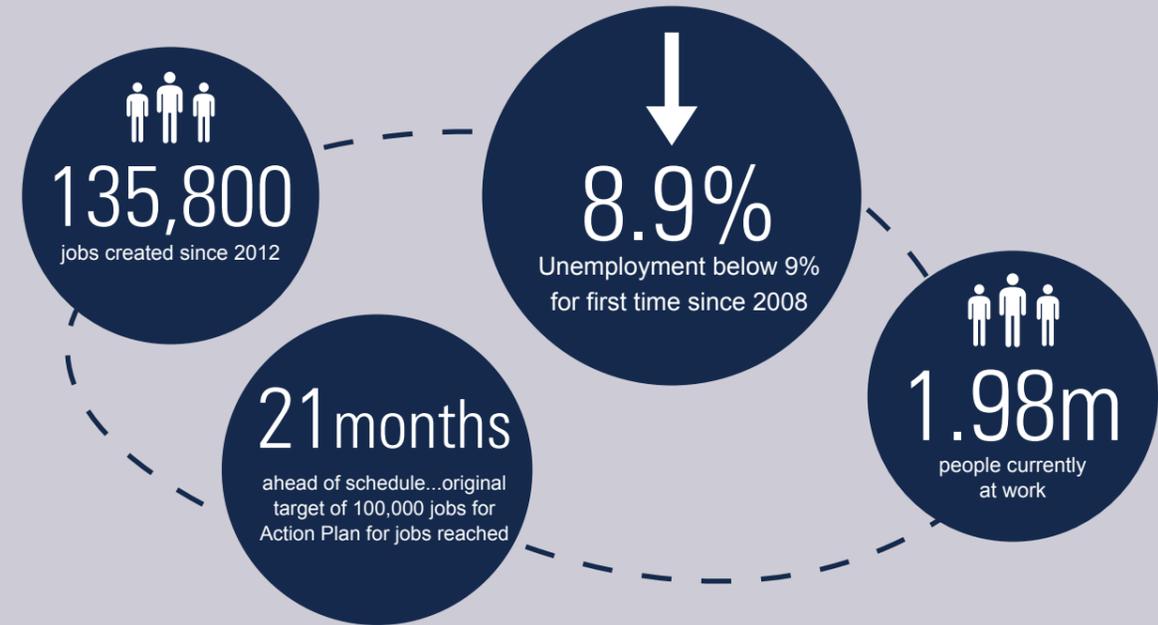
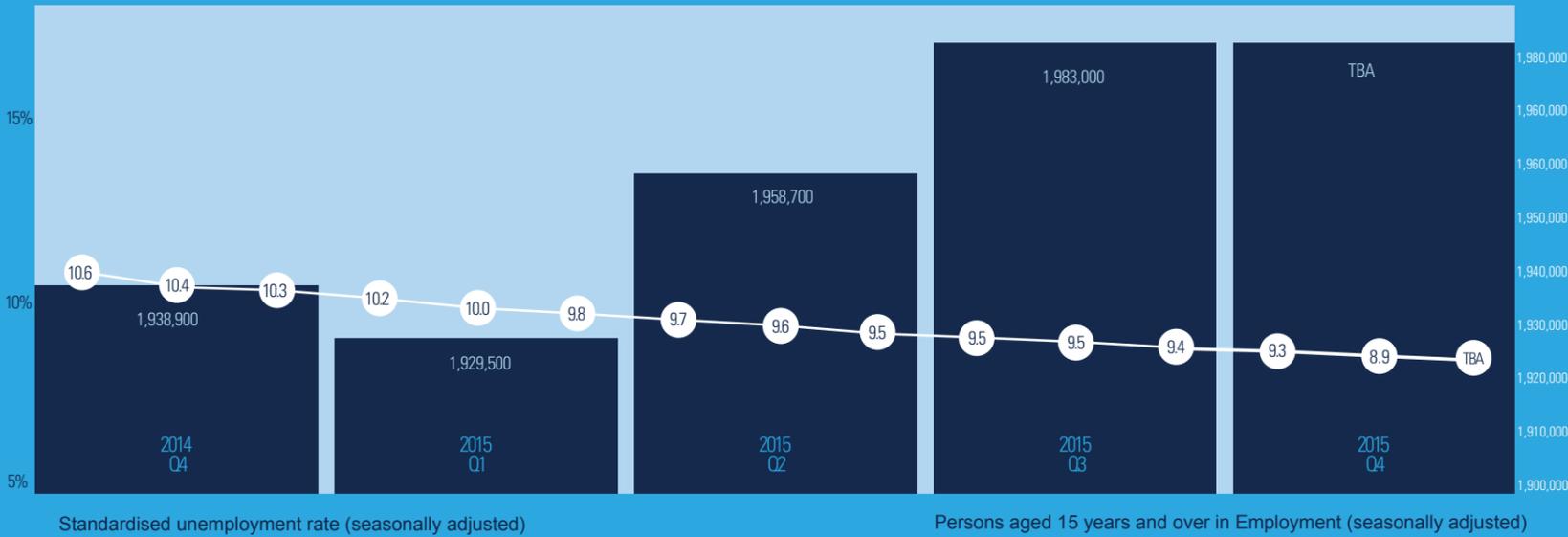
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EMPLOYMENT UP ● UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN

9 Quarters in a row, unemployment levels down

12 Quarters in a row, annual employment levels up



- Q1**
 - ID2015, a year showcasing and celebrating Irish design, begins
 - First Steps and JobsPlus Youth launched to tackle youth unemployment and benefit 3,500 jobseekers
 - IFS 2020 strategy aims to create 10,000 jobs in 5 years
 - Action Plan for Jobs 2015 & Regional Action Plan for Jobs launched
- Q2**
 - 1 year anniversary of Supporting SMEs and Skills to Work campaigns
 - Ireland's Ancient East tourism initiative launched
 - €10million initiative launched to support more start-ups across country through LEOs and Enterprise Ireland
 - Back to Work Family Dividend commences to help get families back to work
- Q3**
 - Launch of Foodwise 2025 strategy for agrifood sector
 - JobsWeek: 160+ events around the country for jobseekers
 - Low Pay Commission recommends increase in National Minimum Wage of 50 cent to €9.15
 - Government's Capital Plan launched, targeting 45,000 new jobslaunched
- Q4**
 - Startup Gathering: 400+ events around the country to promote startups
 - Enterprise 2025 targets 221,300 jobs over next 5 years
 - Hometework campaign encourages Irish diaspora to return home to work
 - Pathways to Work Forum consults stakeholders in preparing strategy to 2020

- 6.6m** overseas visitors
Record year for tourism... up 12% on last year... generating €3.3bn in revenue
- 5,364** long-term unemployed in a job, thanks to Jobs Plus
- 115,656** Over 115,000 jobs advertised on JobsIreland
- 56** Intreo centres open to support jobseekers
- 1,700** Trading Online Vouchers issued to small business to build their online presence
- 17,000** Over 17,000 start-ups formed
- €250m** fund for regional Action Plan for Jobs
6 of 8 regional plans launched in 2015
10 –15% employment growth target
- €110m** SBCI funding in use by 3,200 SMEs to grow their business

Trade Missions

Countries Visited

over 400 companies took part in the trade missions this year

Contracts Signed

- €50m in Nigeria
- €16m in the Gulf Region
- €12m+ in South Africa
- €2.3m in China

Trade missions have more than doubled under the current Government since 2011

100 International trade missions, fairs, events & visits