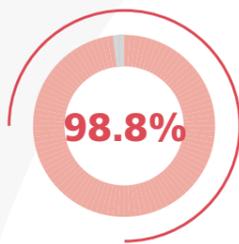


Economy

Strategic Outcomes

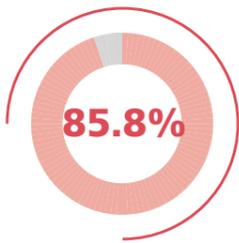
- There is a diversified and growing local economy that benefits all
- Our workforce and their skills base are growing
- Rural communities and places are vibrant and thriving
- Enhancing the region's natural capital benefits local communities and businesses
- Businesses are supported to start and grow
- Investment in the region benefits communities and the local economy



of our region's businesses are micro or small and employ between 0 and 49 employees



unemployment rate in the region



of the region's working-age population have NVQ Level 1 and above



420
new start up businesses
in the region during 2022

TOP 5 Industries in employment numbers:



15.94%

Human health
and social work
activities



13.77%

Wholesale and
retail trade;
repair of motor
vehicles



13.9%

ABDE Agriculture,
mining, electricity,
gas, water
and waste



8.70%

Manufacturing



7.25%

Accommodation
and food service
activities



£563.60

is the average gross weekly pay
(one of the lowest in Scotland)



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