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First Destinations Report

2008

School of Art & Design

First Destinations Survey – Graduates 2008

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1.0 Introduction

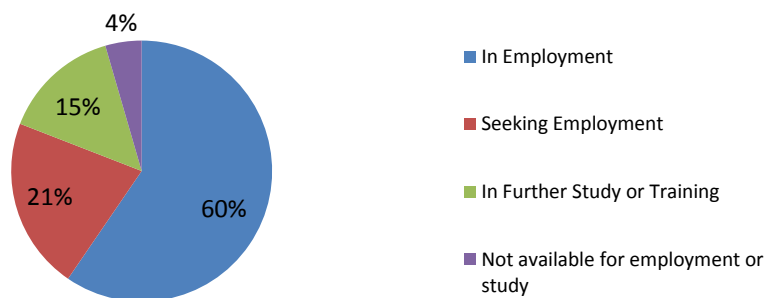
This report presents detailed information on the First Destinations of Limerick Institute of Technology, School of Art & Design graduates of 2008. The results provide an important indication of graduate trends including the relevance of their qualification to their employment situation.

The results from the School of Art & Design, reflect the employment and further study patterns of 161 graduates of full-time Bachelor Degree (Level 7) and Honours Degree (Level 8) programmes. The rate of response was approximately 52%.

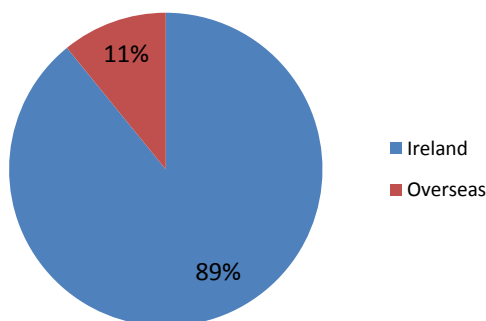
1.1 Overview of Results

In summary, 60% of graduates of programmes within the School are in employment, 15% in further study, 4% unavailable for employment and 21% seeking employment at the time of the survey. The overall number of graduates seeking employment is influenced by the 38% of Art & Design teachers currently without work due to the major cuts in teacher numbers.

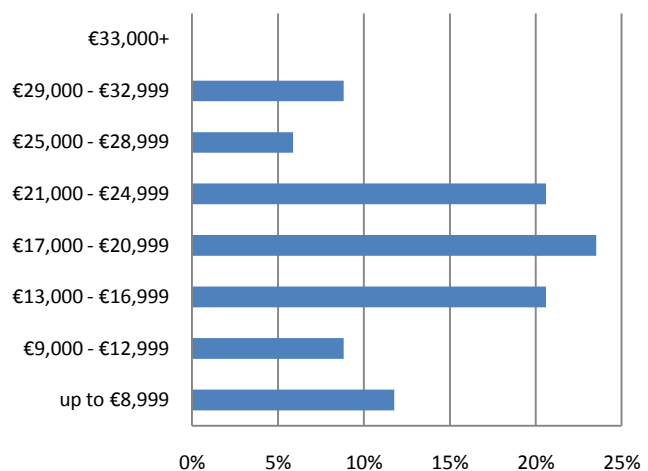
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**Location of Employment
Ireland vs Overseas**



Salaries



Low salaries reflect part-time and freelance work

89% of LIT graduates from the School of Art & Design have remained in Ireland, while 11% have sought work overseas. This includes the US, UK and within Europe. Of those who remained in Ireland 37% remained in the Mid-West, while a further 37% were located outside Dublin and the Munster region. Starting salaries of graduates of the School of Art & Design vary considerably, many graduates are choosing self-employment which will effect their earning ability at this early stage. The majority of graduates are earning a starting salary in excess of €20,000 per annum.

Limited information was gathered for the two Bachelor Degree (Level 7) Programmes due to small numbers not continuing further and a low response rate. What results could be determined are outlined in the following pages.

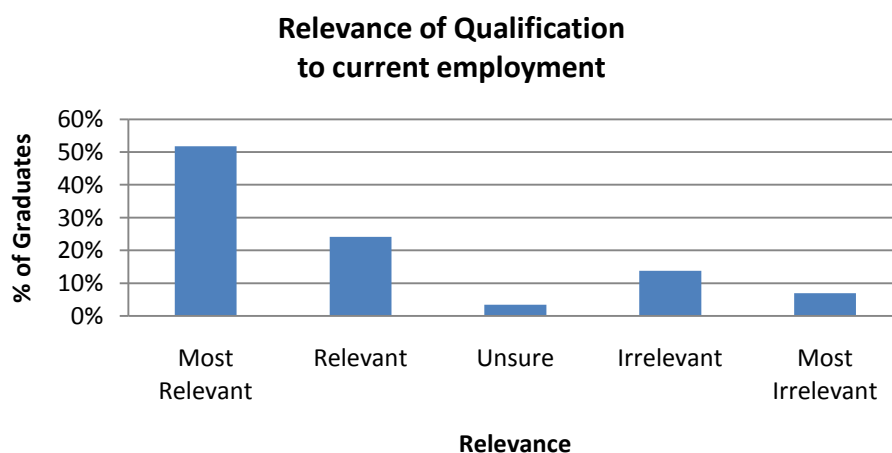
1.2 Progression within the Institute

There is an environment of progression within Limerick School of Art & Design and across LIT and this is reflected in the statistics in this report. A large proportion of students of Level 7 graduates continue in the Institute. The number of Level 8, Honours Degree graduates continuing into postgraduate education in the Institute increased from 7% to 10% from 2007 reflecting the national trend of increased numbers at Postgraduate level.

- 81% of Bachelor Degree (Level 7) continued
- 10% of Honours Degree (Level 8) continued to Postgraduate Education

1.3 Relevance of qualification to current employment

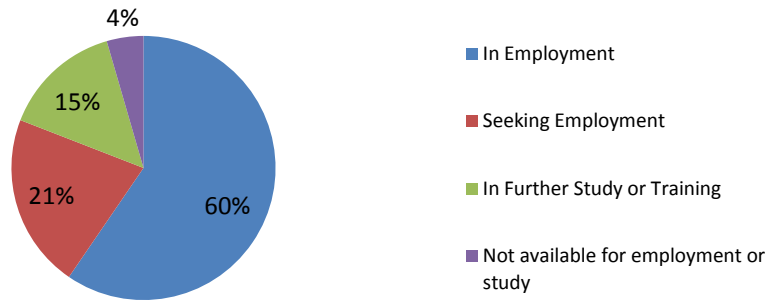
Graduates who responded to the survey were asked their opinion in terms of the relevance of their qualification to their current employment. 76% of graduates deemed their qualification “most relevant” or “relevant” to their current employment.



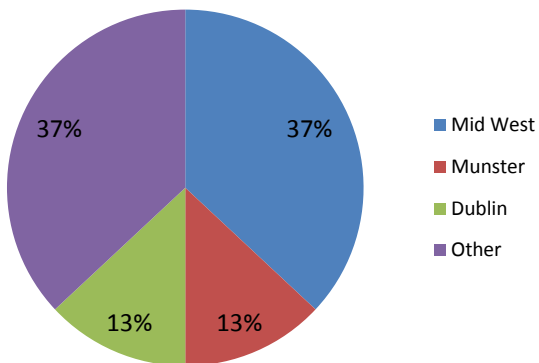
2.0 All Programmes Overview

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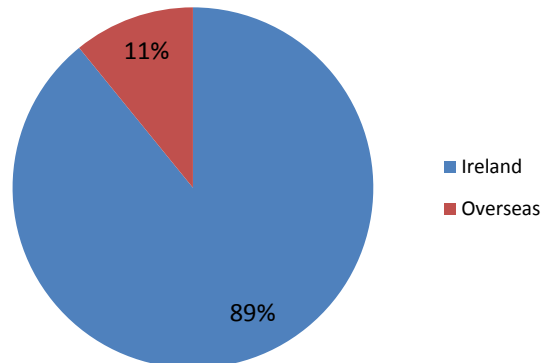
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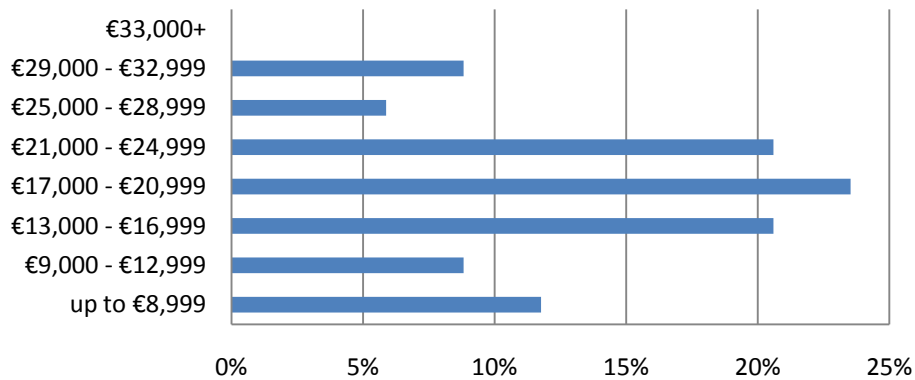
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Location of Employment Ireland vs Overseas



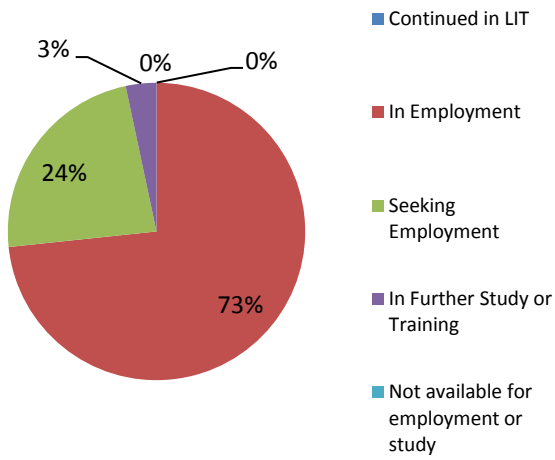
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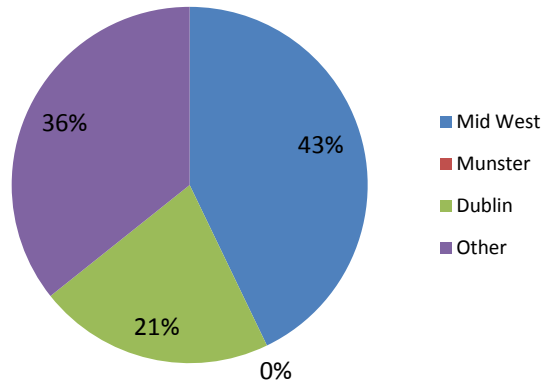
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2.1 B.A. (Hons) Design

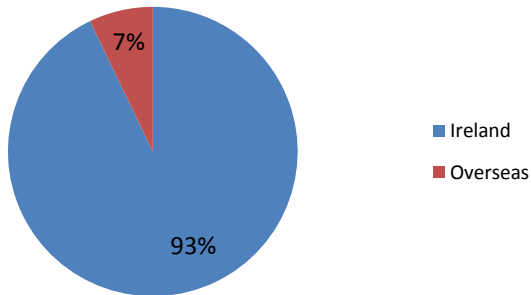
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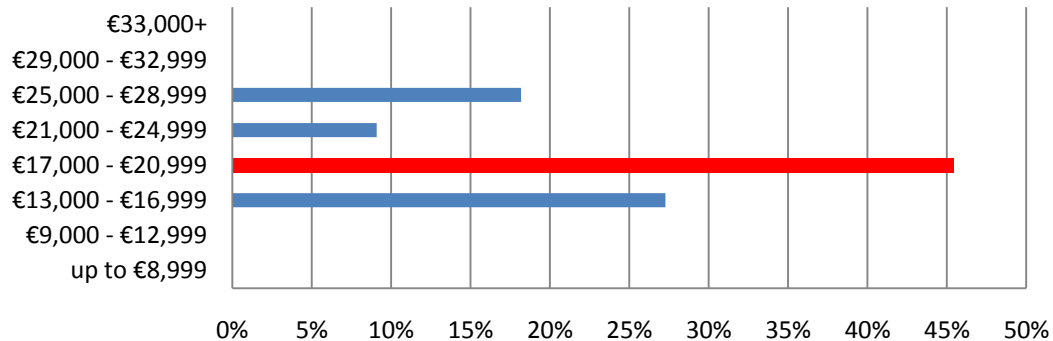
Employers Include:

- Alphaset Design
- Modern Printers
- Create Services
- Studio Richards

Job Titles Include:

- Wardrobe Trainee
- Fashion Buyer
- Graphic Designer

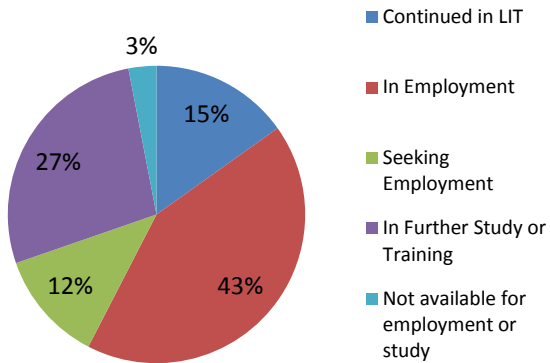
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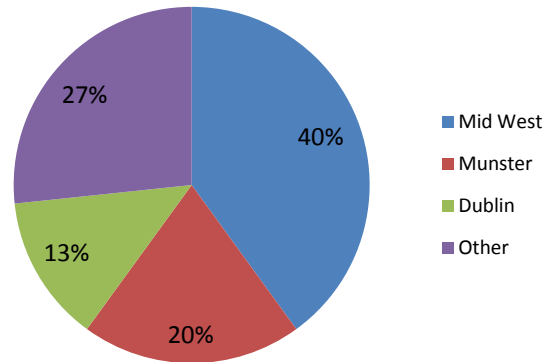
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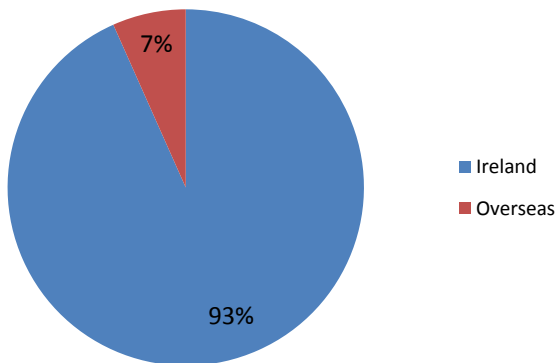
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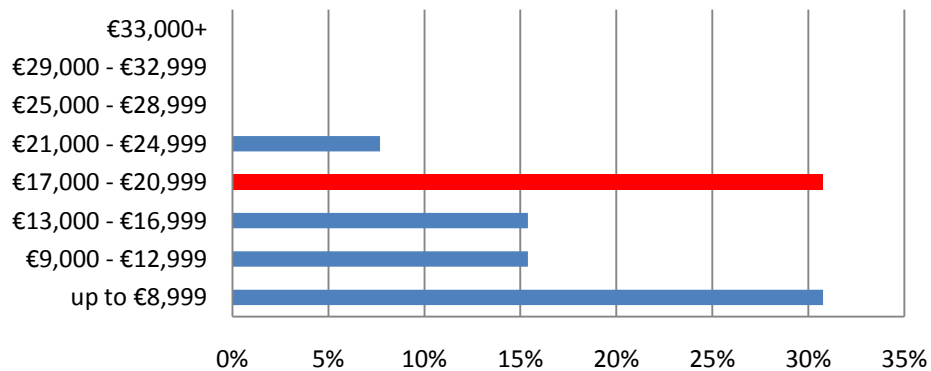
Employers Include:

- Art & Hobby
- Roscommon County Library
- The Black Mariah Gallery
- Daghdha
- Lane Production

Job Titles Include:

- Exhibition Director
- Set & Costume Designer
- Post-production Assistant
- Artist in Residence

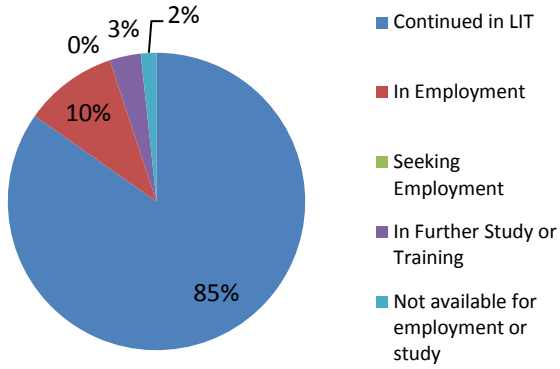
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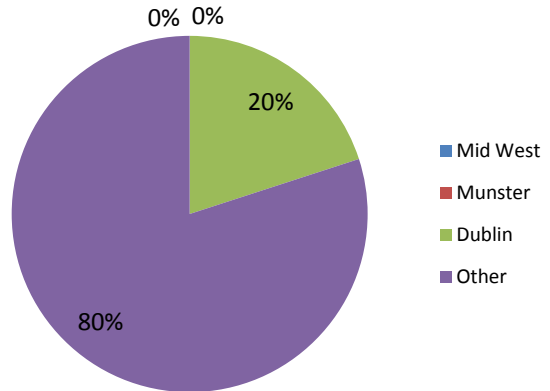
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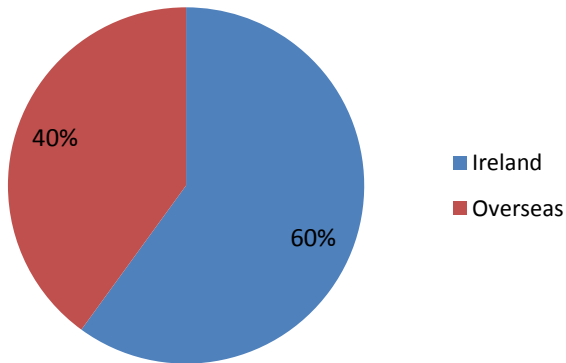
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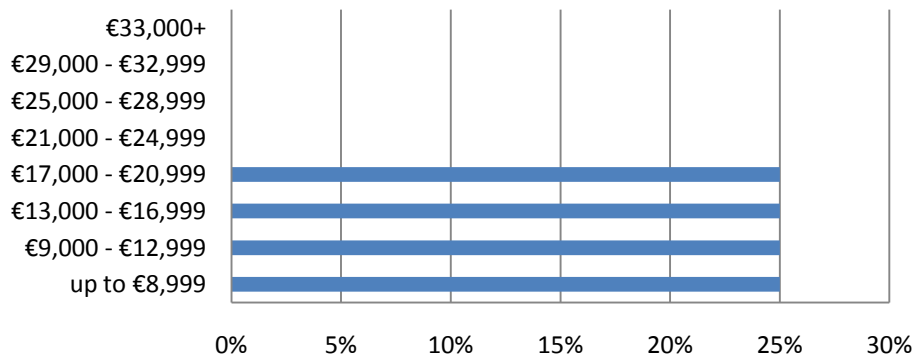
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- Gur Designs
- Stylex Ltd

Job Titles Include:

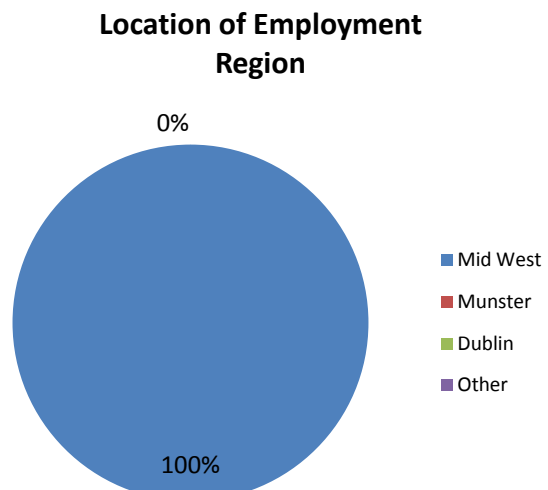
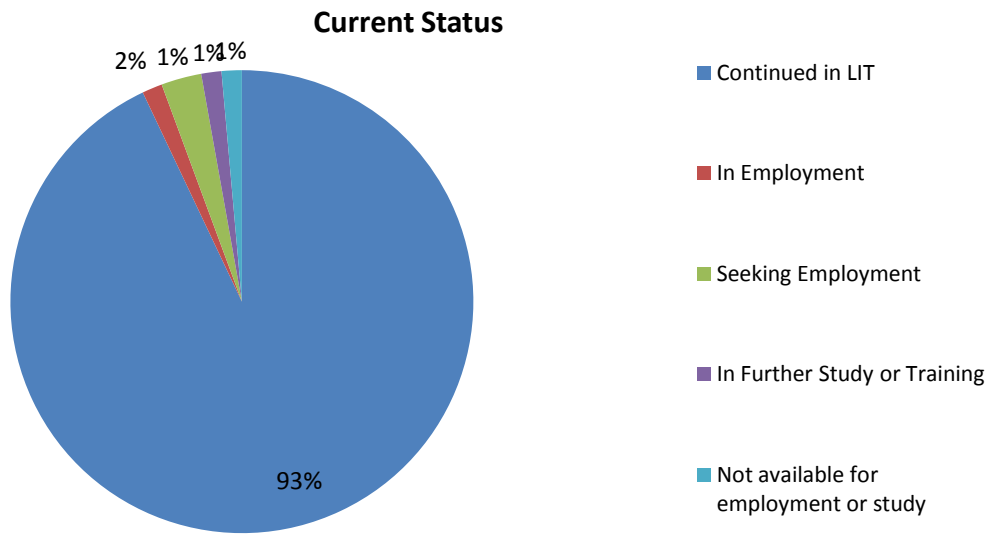
- Fashion Designer
- Design Assistant

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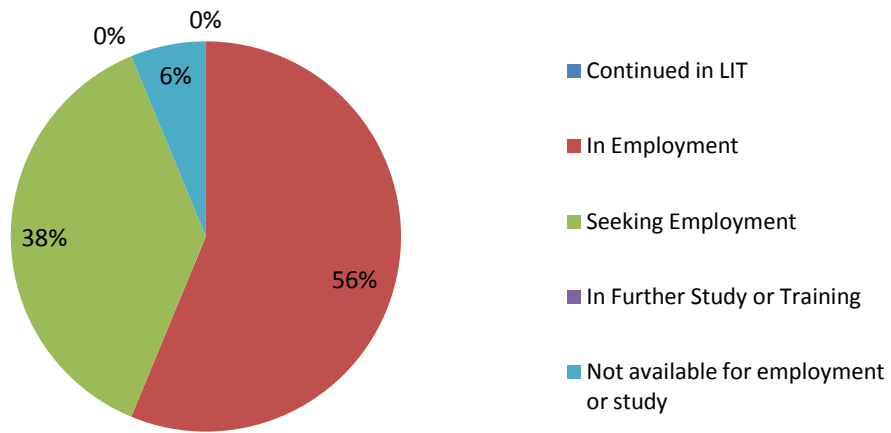
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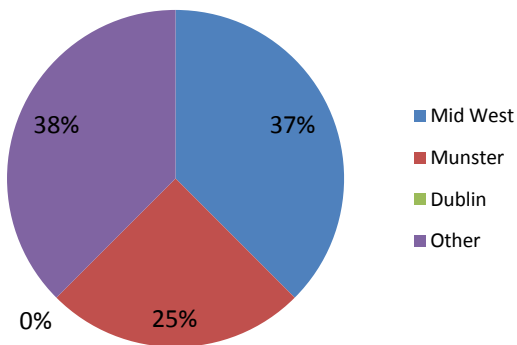


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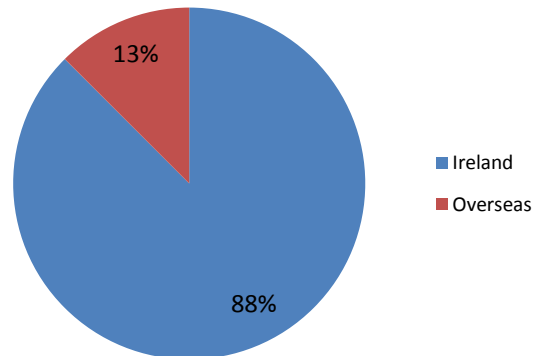
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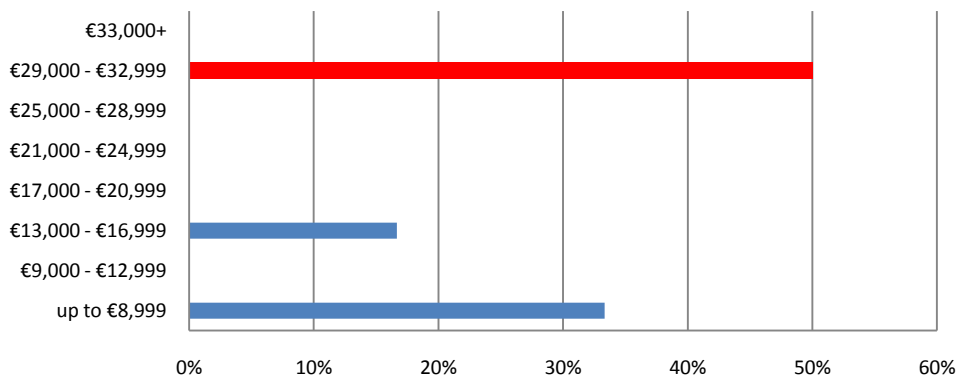
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