

TRAVELLER EMPLOYMENT



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Our Geels All Ireland Health Study of 2010, found that 84% of Travellers during the study were currently unemployed.

“The firm I work in, I couldn’t stand up and say ‘I’m a Traveller and proud of it.’ If I did, people still have their ideas and prejudice and though the law protects your job, you’d be dealing with that every day.”

- Arthur



Census 2011 reveals that out of a total labour force of 4,144 Traveller women, 81.2% were without work.

Unemployment and reduced social circumstances also combine producing feelings of negativity, fatality, depression and low self worth. Travellers feel bullied by mainstream culture.

Discriminatory practices and social exclusion leading to low self esteem and poor performance in education and training sessions were named by Travellers as contributing to there low levels of employment.

There is little history of Travellers staying in education or working outside the Traveller economy.

Many young Travellers indicate that there is very little point in staying on at school because there was no chance of gaining paid employment afterwards because of discrimination. The only way to get on and get jobs was to integrate, become like the settled population and deny your identity.