

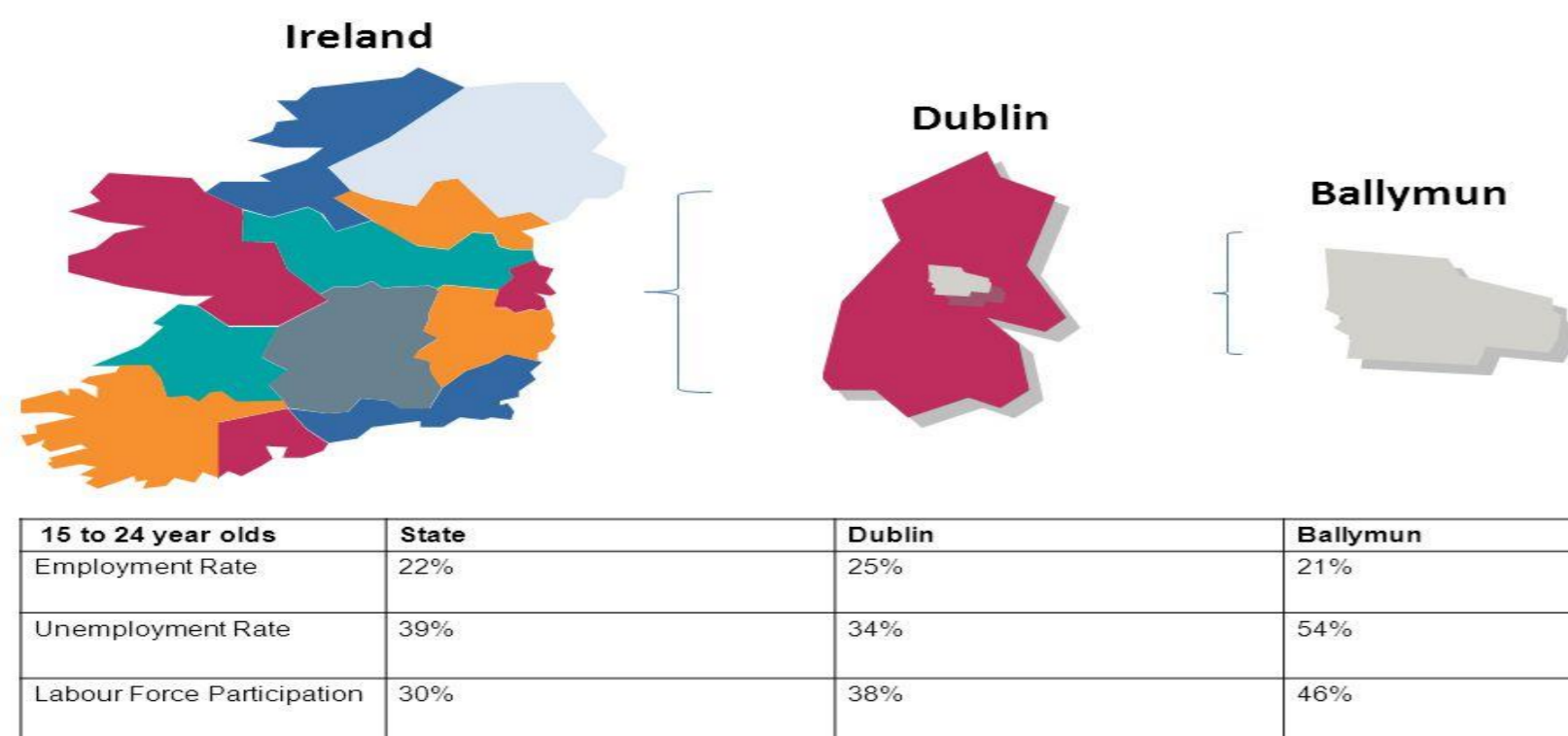


Euro-iVET IRELAND

Background

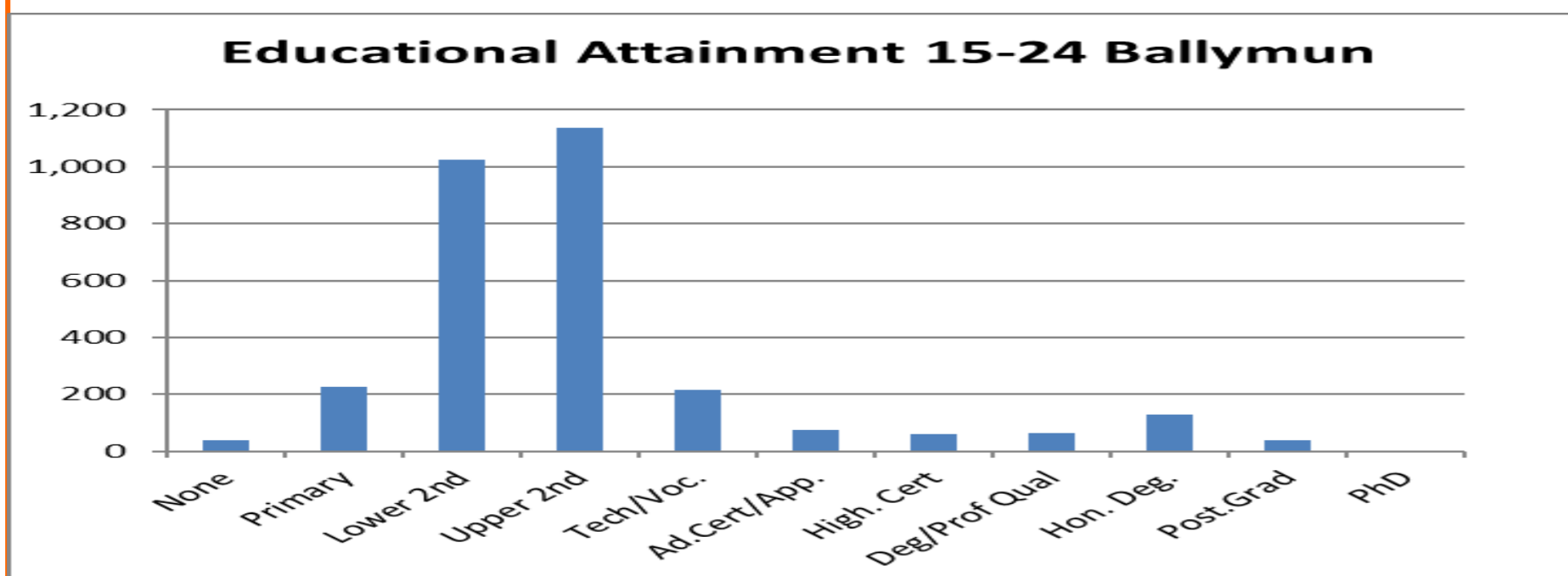
According to the 2011 census the unemployment rate for the 15-24 age-group is 54% compared to 31.20% for the national average and 34% for Dublin. While the youth employment rate for Ballymun of 21% is similar to the national average of 22% this is due to a relatively high participation rate of 46% in Ballymun versus the national average of 30%, rather than a comparable incidence of employment among those participating in the labour market (see below graph)

15 – 24 year olds PES Data, State, Dublin City & Ballymun 2011 Census



Educational Attainment

Many young people in the Ballymun area leave the main school system with little or no educational attainment: i.e. without a Junior Certificate or a Leaving Certificate. Young people in Ballymun tend to leave the education system much earlier than the national average, with 41% of this cohort having ceased full-time education compared to 33% nationally. This is reflected in their low level of educational attainment with 88% of young people in Ballymun having at best leaving cert qualification



Issues Affecting Young People

- Low levels of education and skills
- Drug Use/Criminal activity
- Employability and well being
- Lack of work experience
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Family joblessness & Reliance of Social Welfare
- Mental health issues:
- Lack of Motivation:

Some responses to the above are:

- ❖ National Youth Guarantee
- ❖ Pathways to Work (PTW)
- ❖ Youthreach/Community Training Centres
- ❖ Solas training for young unemployed
- ❖ Momentum Programme
- ❖ JobBridge
- ❖ Back to Education Allowance (BTEA)
- ❖ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance (BTWEA)
- ❖ The Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)
- ❖ Youth Entrepreneurship: CEBs and Microfinance Ireland
- ❖ The Equal Youth Network (Local Initiative)
- ❖ Ballyrunners Programme (Local Initiative)

Skills for IVET Practitioner

- ❖ Understanding in their approach to the young person and the employer (Empathy – non- judgemental approach)
- ❖ Decipher the YP's terms, language and method of communication, e.g. Social media
- ❖ Creative in their approach to the young person
- ❖ High motivation and ability to self-reflect on their practice
- ❖ Motivational Interviewing
- ❖ Mentoring skills
- ❖ Ability to map the relevant services in their area (interagency)
- ❖ Up to date knowledge of the labour market
- ❖ Updating skills in social media
- ❖ Sales, Negotiation & Presentation skills
- ❖ ICT skills
- ❖ Career management skills
- ❖ Interagency working

