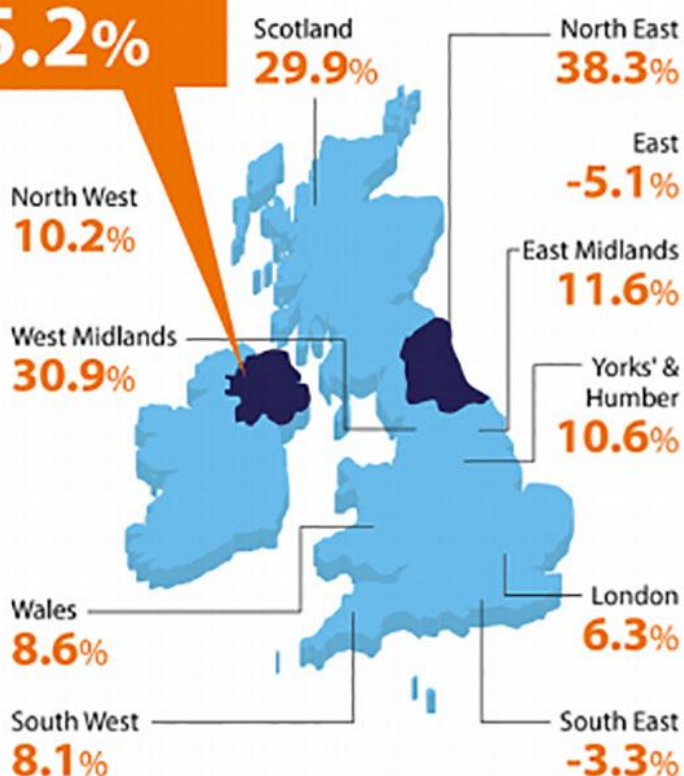


## The UK Knowledge Economy Index – Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland has the 2nd fastest growing regional Knowledge Economy in the UK

KEI growth  
2009 -14

Northern Ireland  
**35.2%**



"How do we define "knowledge economy?" It is all about research investment and the creation and growth of companies; their capital flows, employment and patent activity in the following sectors:"



Aerospace  
& transport



Communications



Computing



Creative  
content



Medical  
devices



IT  
services



Pharma/  
biotech



Other  
technical  
consultancy



Software

To see our methodology, Knowledge Economy definition, metrics, sources of data and index weightings

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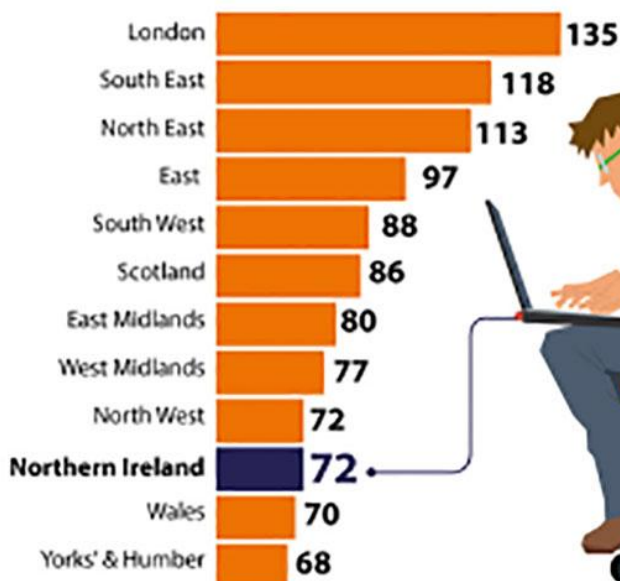
## Relative size of the Knowledge Economy

### Regional Ranking

2014 2009



KEI 2014  
(UK = 100)



## Knowledge Economy Employment



■ Northern Ireland ■ UK

% (09-13)

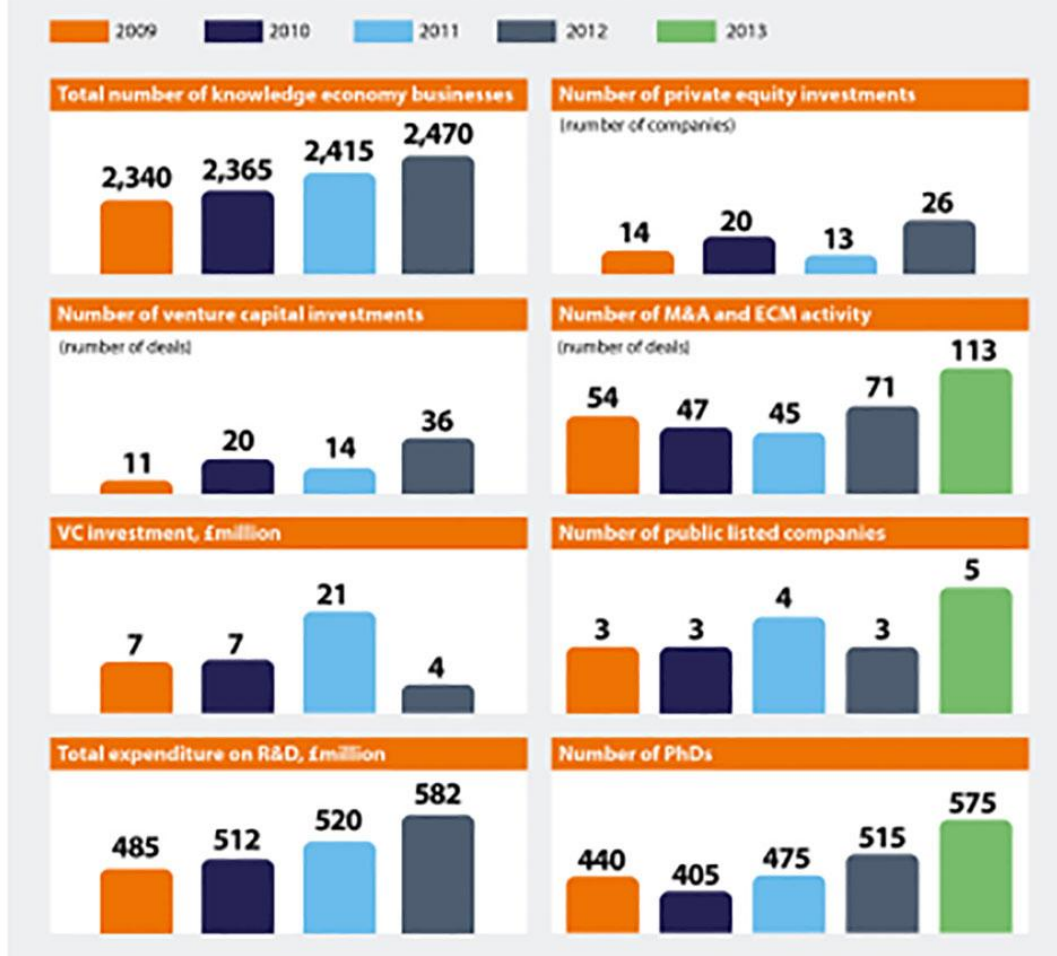
Northern Ireland 12.1% UK 6.2%



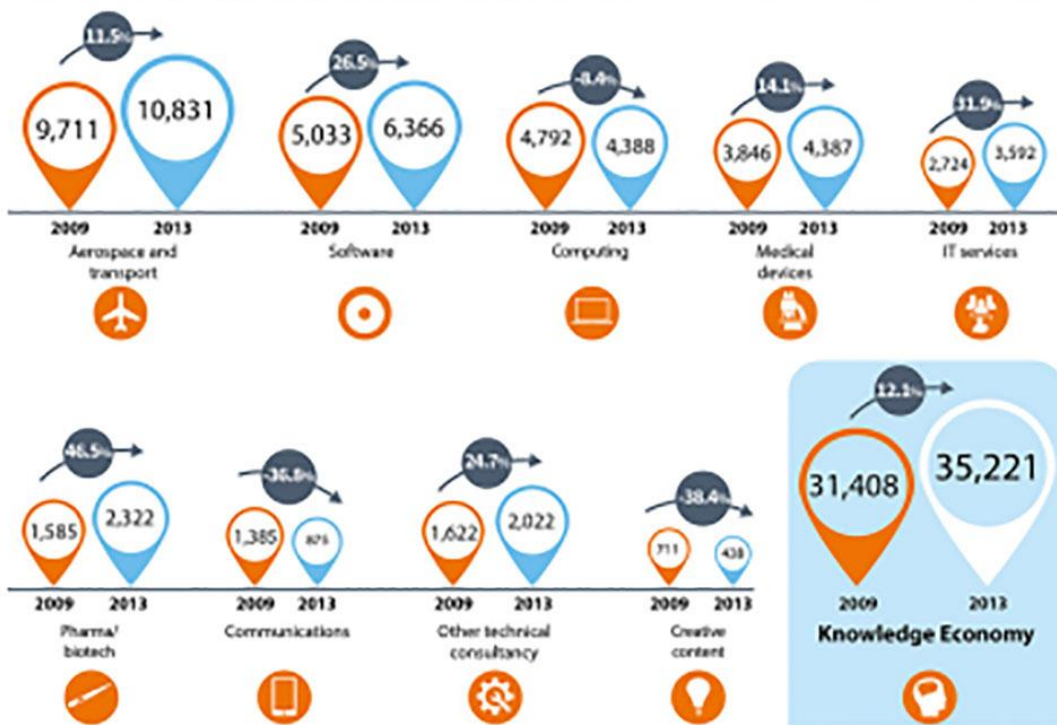
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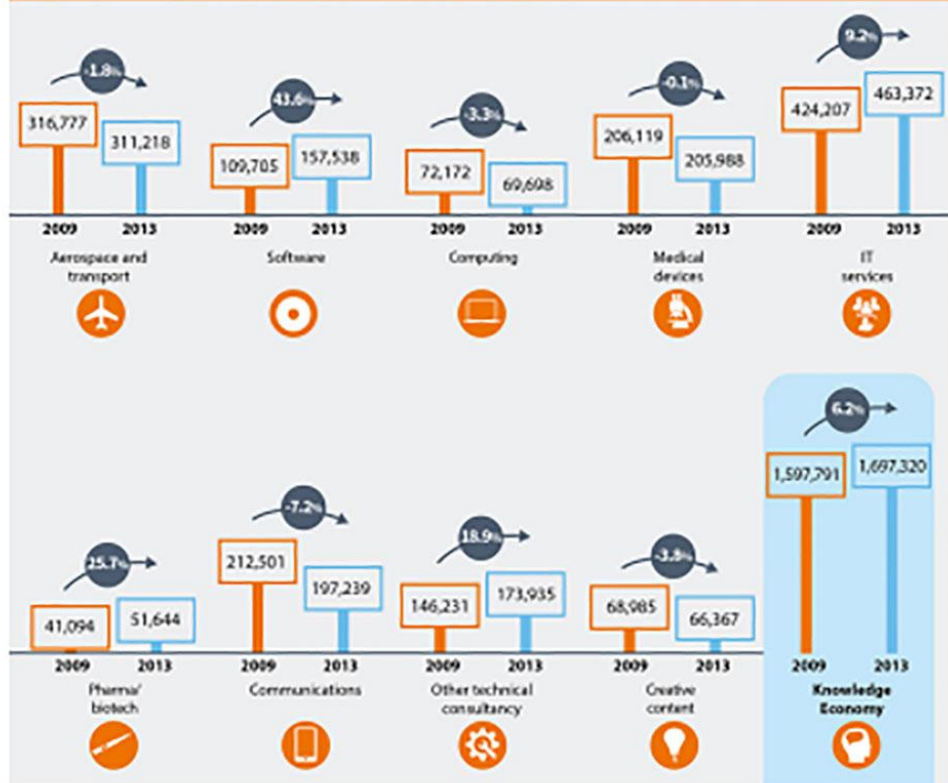
## Trajectories of key metrics – Northern Ireland



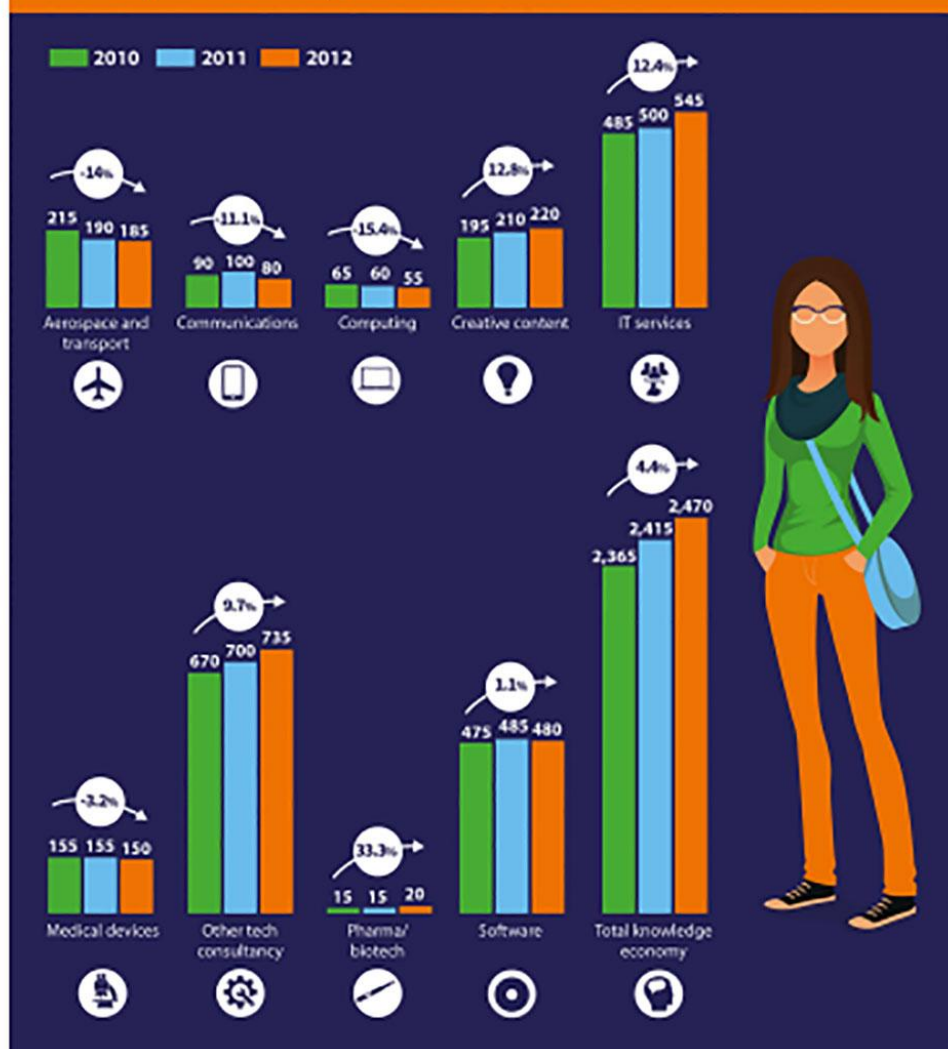
## Knowledge Economy Employment by sector - Northern Ireland



## Number of Knowledge Employees by Sector – UK



## Number of Knowledge Economy Companies by Sector – Northern Ireland



# R&D as a % of GVA



2012



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