

# Cross-Border Trade on the Island of Ireland

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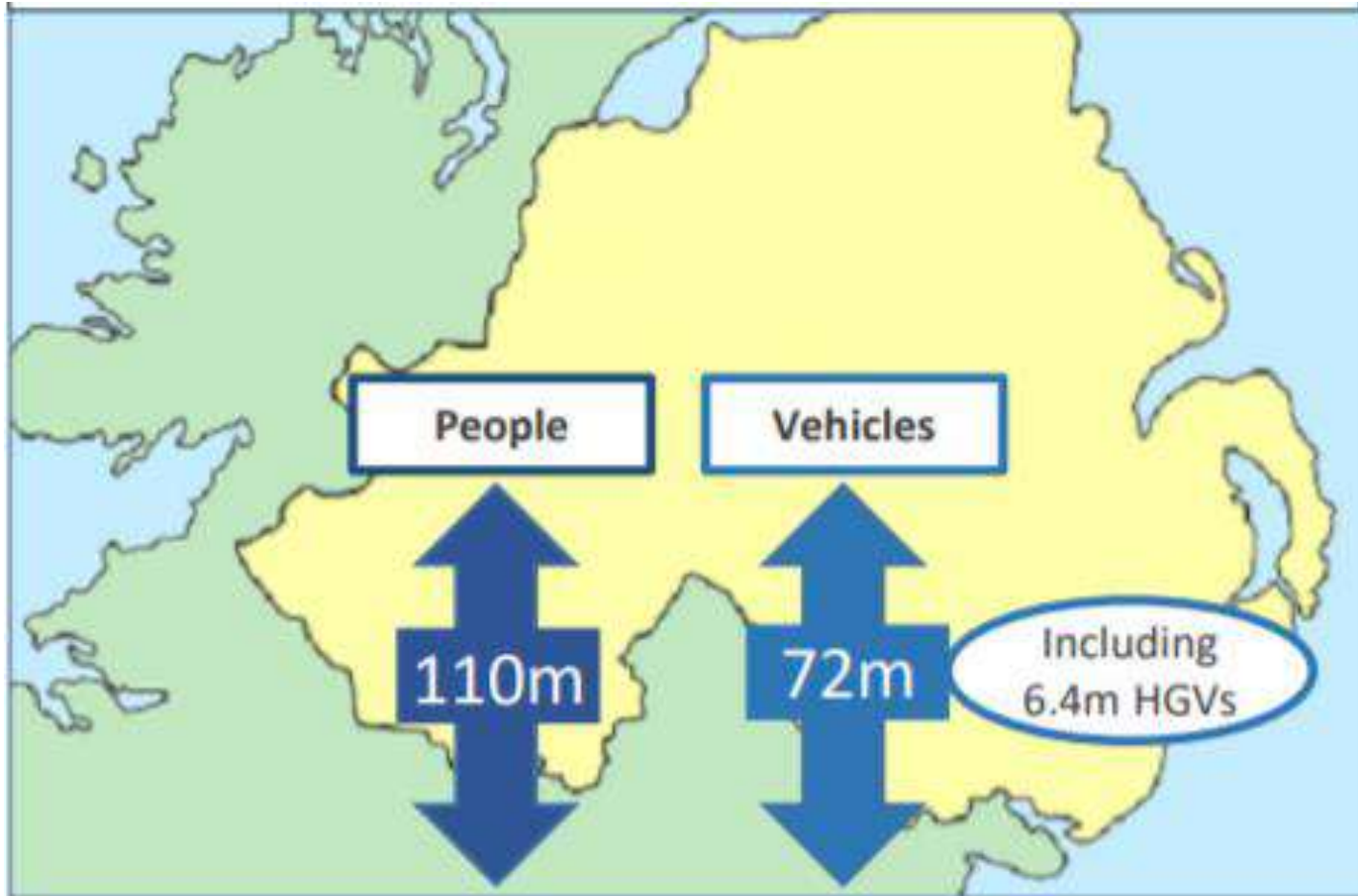
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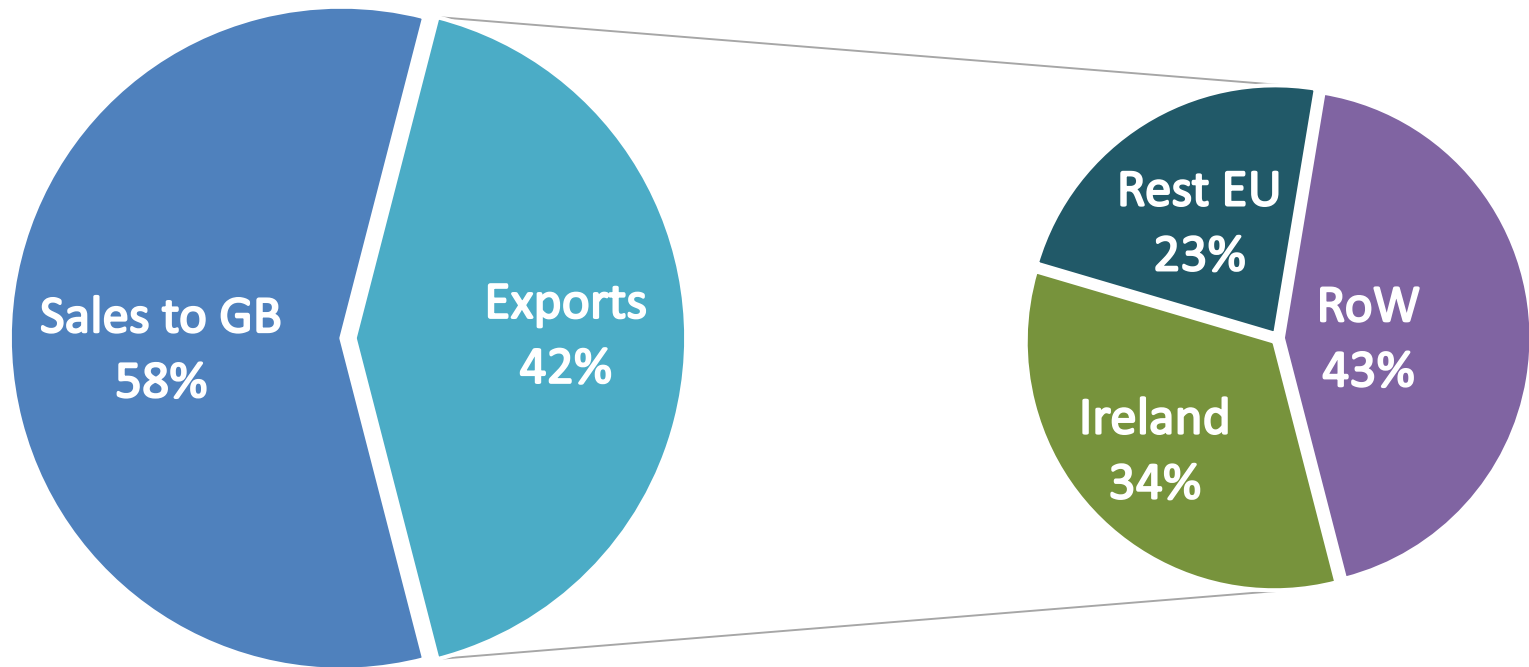


# Cross-Border movements (2016)

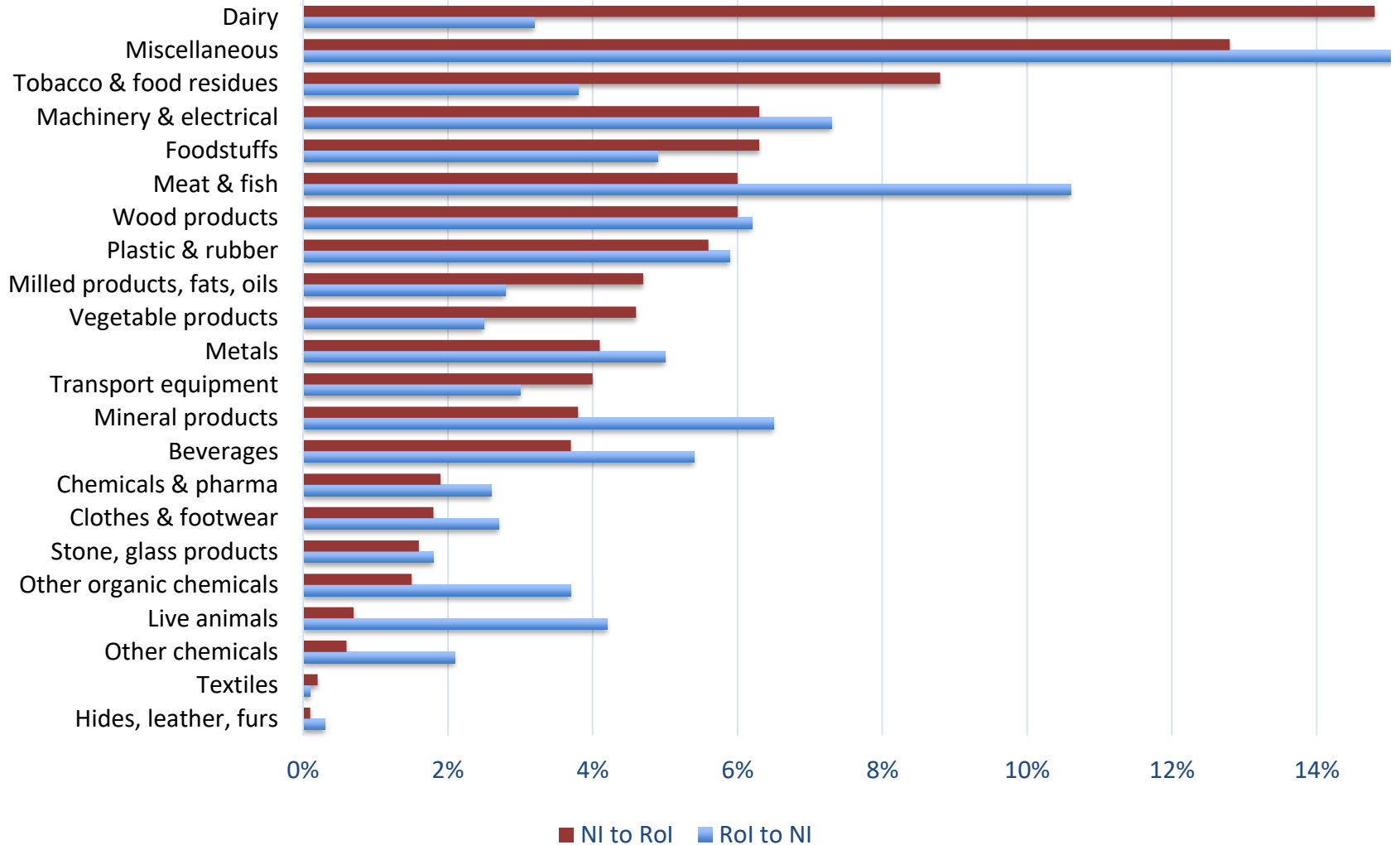


Source: NISRA EU People Movement & Migration

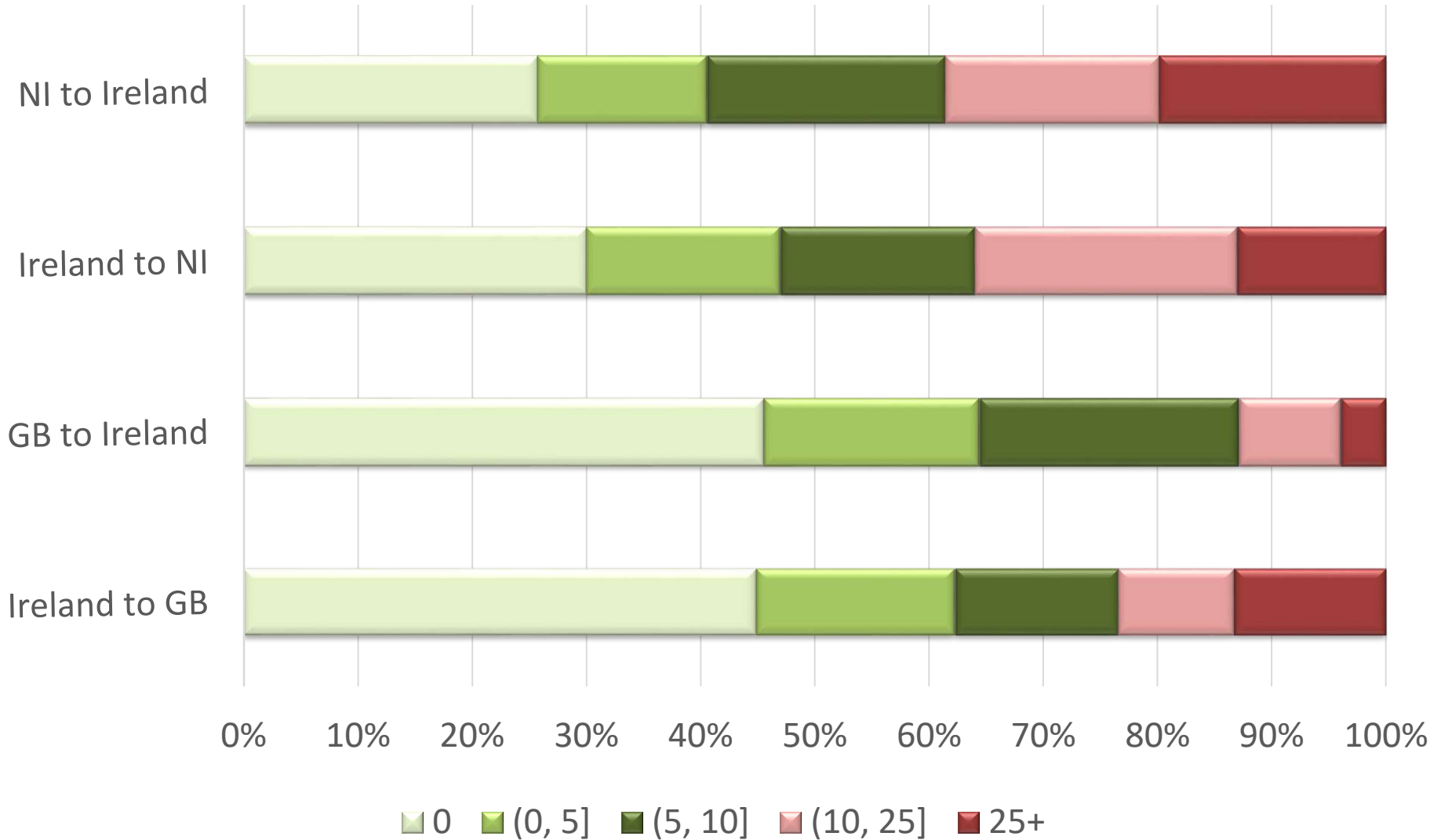
# Northern Ireland External Trade Structure



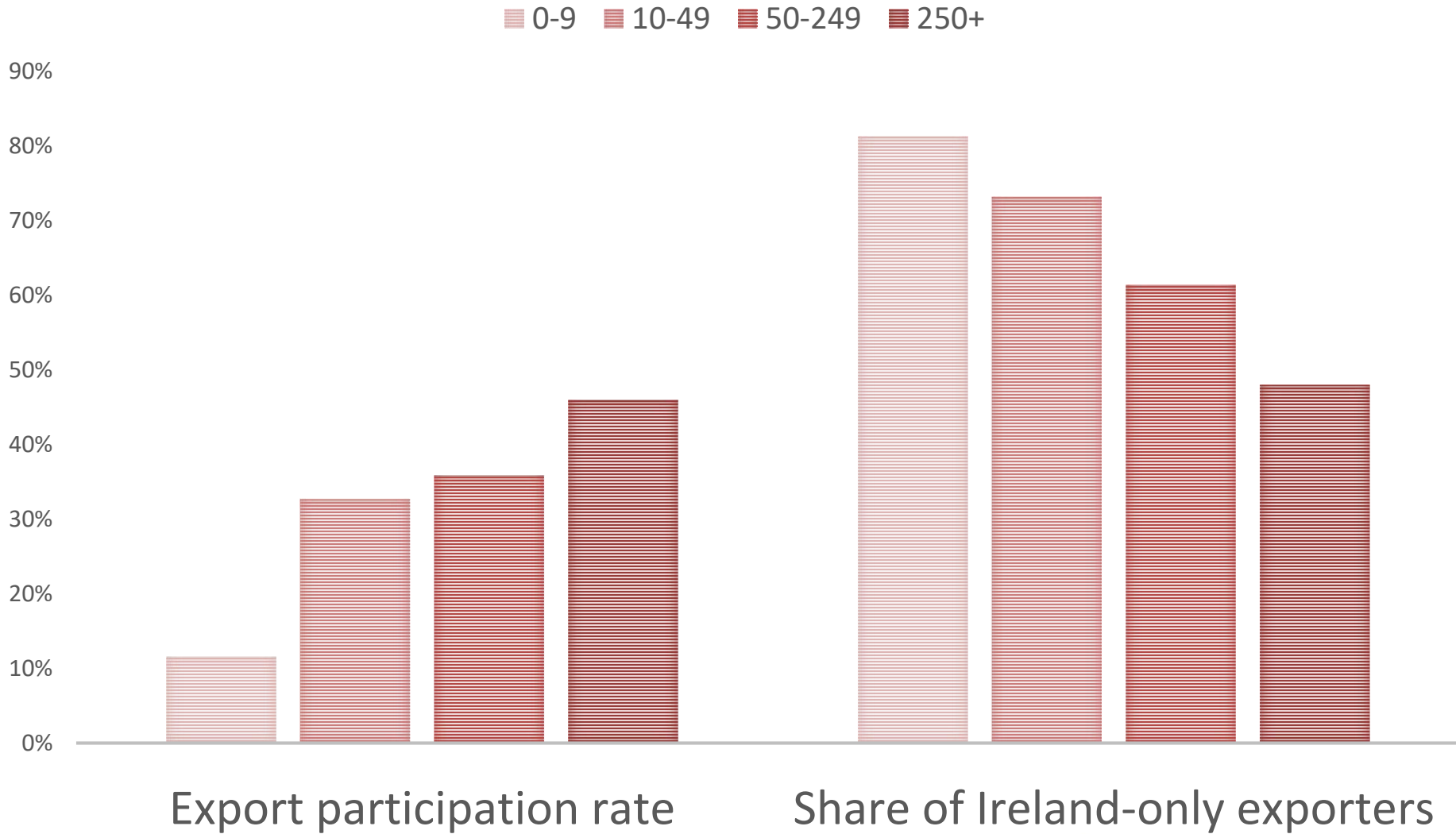
# Cross-border trade composition



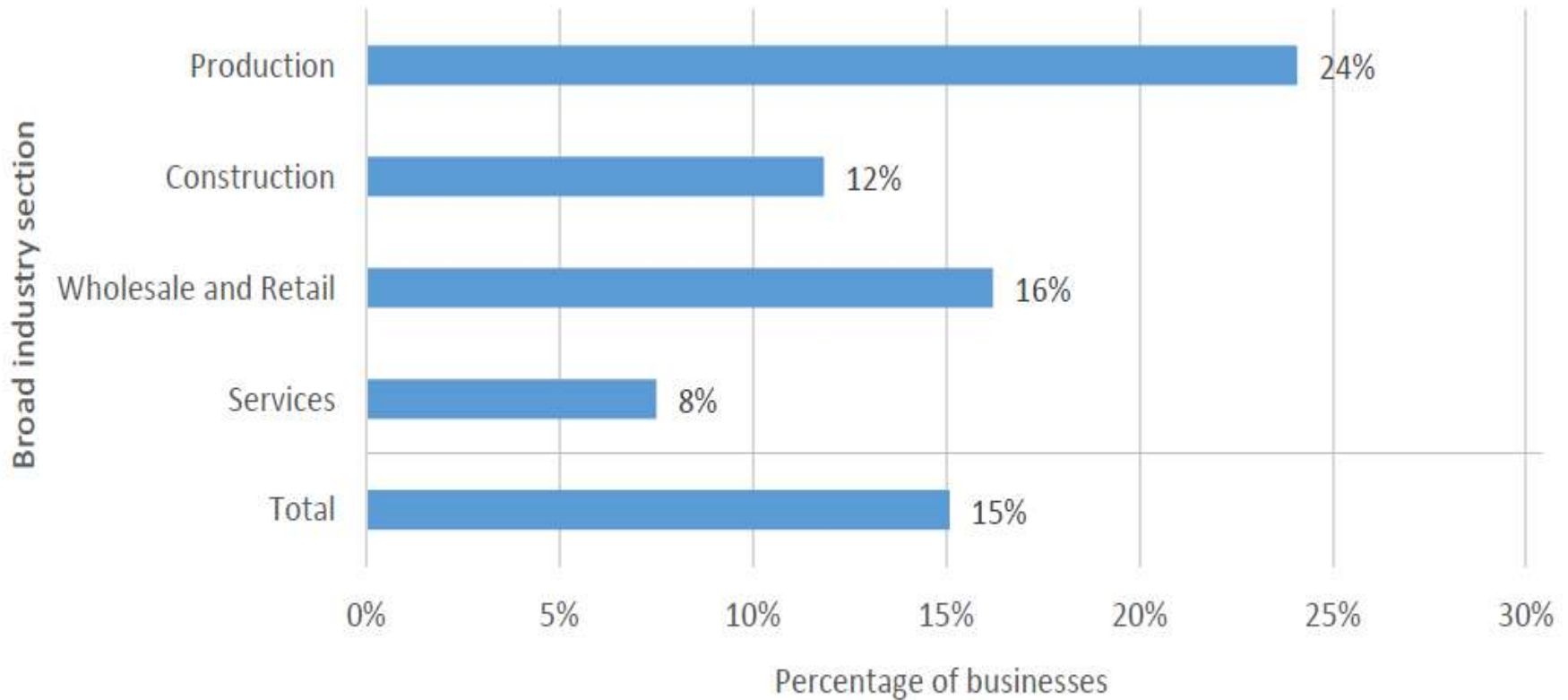
# Share of trade by potential WTO-level tariff level



# NI Export participation and firm size

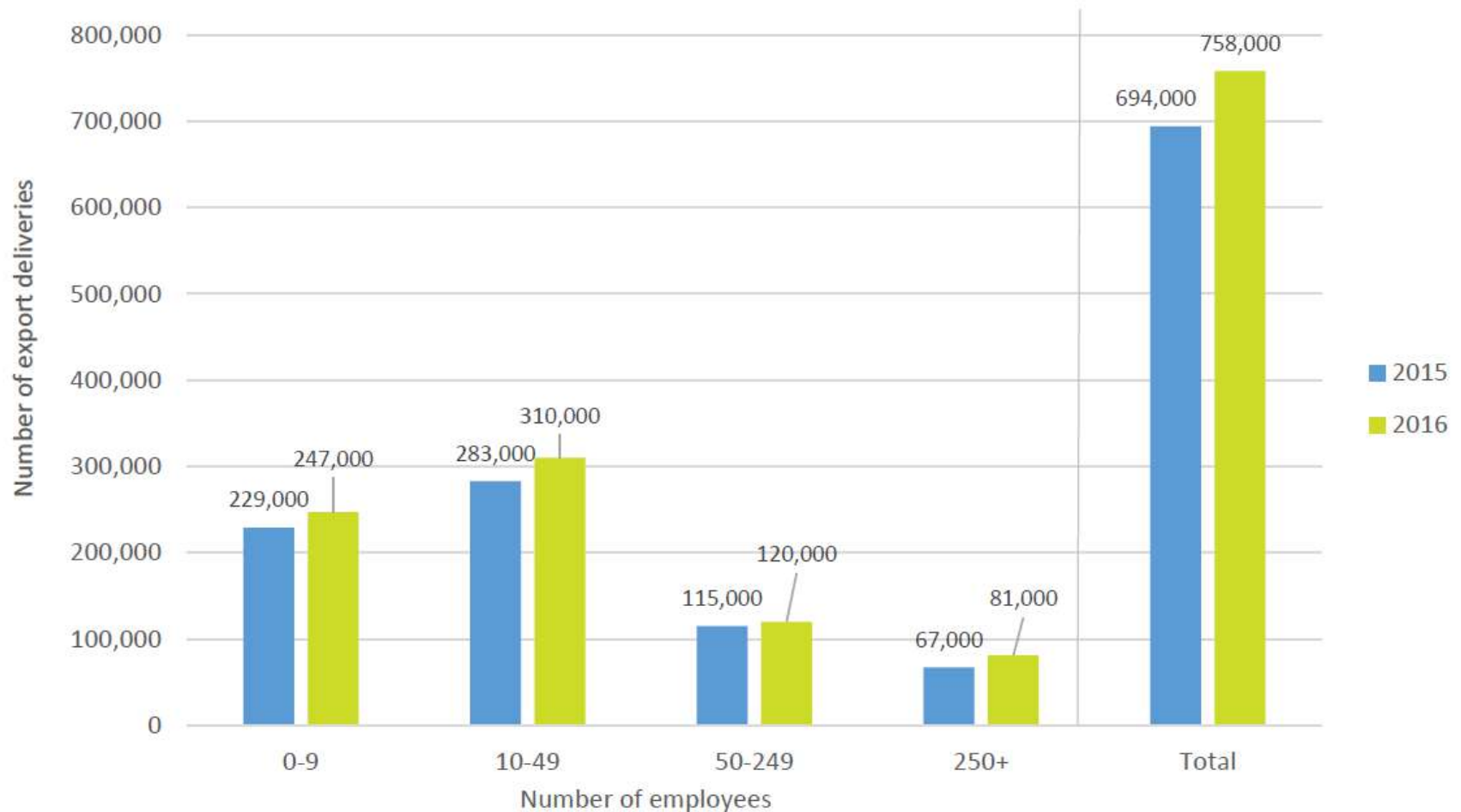


# Share of NI firms with cross-border supply chains



Source: Cross-border Supply Chain Survey

# Number of cross-border deliveries by firm size

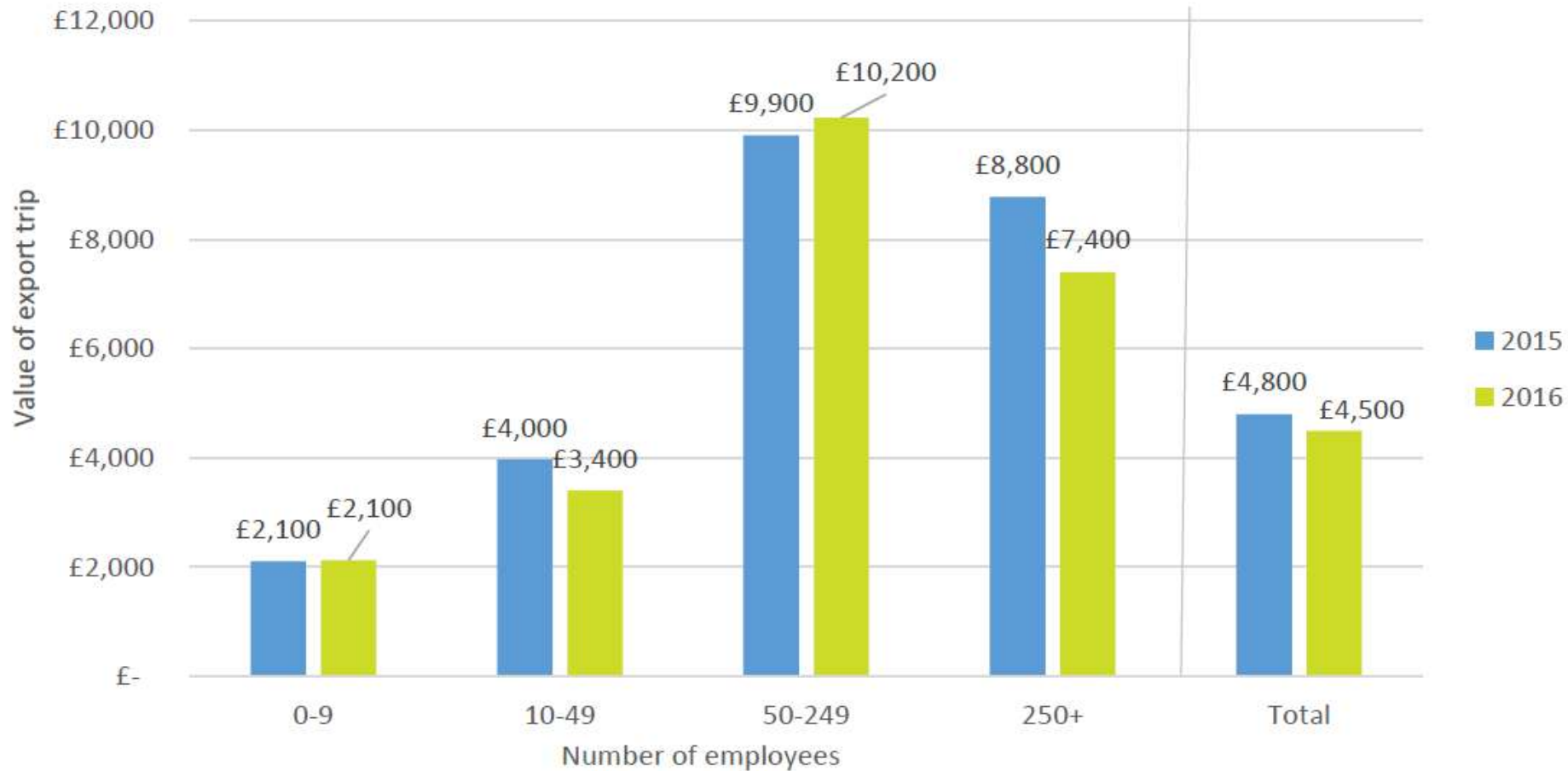


Source: Cross-border Supply Chain Survey

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest thousand



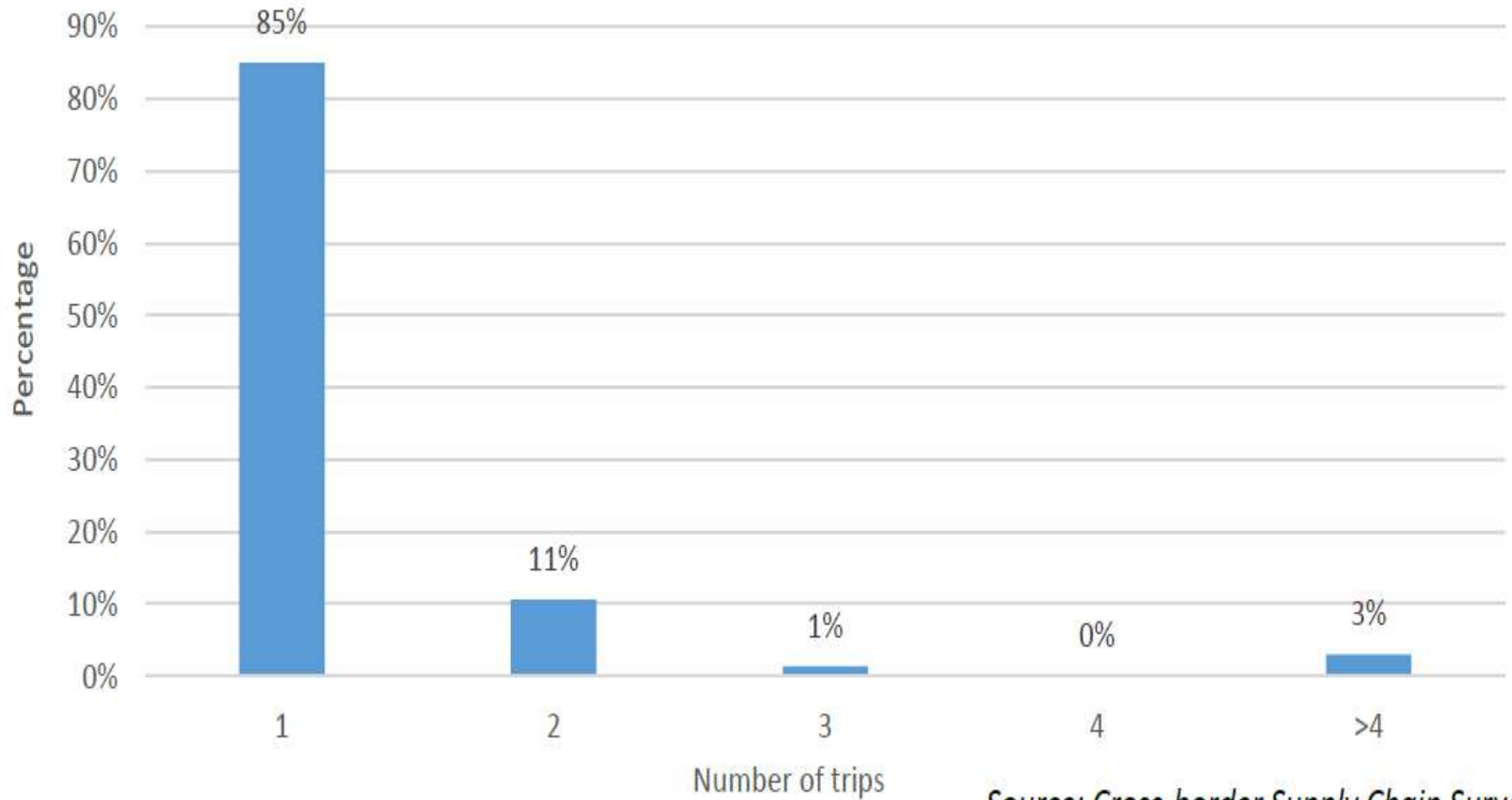
# Average delivery value by firm size



Source: Cross-border Supply Chain Survey

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest hundred

# Number of border crossings per product



*Source: Cross-border Supply Chain Survey*

# Summary

- Cross-border trade between Northern Ireland and Ireland more like local trade than international export activity
- Almost all exporting firms in Northern Ireland include Ireland as one of their destination markets.
- Over 80% of the smallest firm size group that export from Northern Ireland have all of their export sales in Ireland.
- High degree of cross-border integration through supply chains.
- High frequency of deliveries and low value per delivery for NI traders across the border.
- Impacts of any changes in the cost of trading post-Brexit liable to be felt most particularly by very small firms trading across the border.