

**British Computer Society
Belfast Branch
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Membership Secretary's Report

As Membership Secretary I can report that our branch membership has suffered this year. Current membership stands at 912 which represents approximately an 11% decrease on last year's figures, which is a substantial increase on the previous year's 0.2% fall.

A breakdown of this year's membership figures shows CITP 347, with 237 of the overall membership falling into the YPG age group.

Of the current 912 members the grade breakup is as follows:

Affiliate	39
Associate	32
Chartered Member	296
Member	391
Fellow	52
Student	99
Honorary	3

Less than a quarter of our members live or work in Belfast therefore it is difficult for the branch to provide directed events and services to all the regions where members are located, however efforts are being made to ensure events are run in locations other than Belfast and we hope to continue this in the coming year.

Links are being made with the universities in the hope of establishing self sustaining university chapters. Over the coming years this could help expand membership particularly among the young professionals.

In conclusion, membership levels are struggling compared to that of previous years with the biggest membership reduction in the under 35 year old age group.

The services we provide to our members can also be improved and we are always interested to hear views from the branch membership or the wider IT community on how we can improve.

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