



The UK Labour Market



A national picture

- UK still recovering from global economic recession, but employment and productivity levels are improving
- Increasing age profile of the workforce
- Increasing numbers of people are working part-time and on zero-hour contracts
- Continuing trend for highly skilled workers forecast
- Investment in workforce skills is viewed as one way to achieve economic growth and greater competitiveness in the global labour market
- Greater emphasis on the individual to develop and maintain their skills

Structural changes

Forecasts suggest that:

- There will be small declines in the numbers employed in public sector activities (such as in public administration, health and education) and in manufacturing
- The service sector is considered to be the driver of recovery in the UK labour market
- The highest employment growth is forecast in private, business and other services
- There will be greater skills shortages particularly for scientific and engineering skills

Which sectors currently employ the most people?

Which sectors currently employ the most people as a % of employment:





Wholesale and Retail





Health and Social Work





Professional, Scientific and Technical





Education





Administrative and Support Services

The Health and Social work sectors employ a significant amount of people in the UK (4,252,000) and will continue as strong sector

Which sectors currently employ the least people?

Which sectors currently employ the least people as a % of employment:





Mining and Quarrying





Household Employers





Electricity, Gas, Steam and **Air Conditioning**





Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management





Agriculture, Forestry and **Fishing**

Who are some key employers in the UK?



- NHS 1.6 million employees
- Independent healthcare, e.g. Bupa, British Red Cross
- Active AssistanceThink Ahead



- Arcadia Group (Dorothy Perkins etc.)
- John Lewis
- Aldi,
- Asda
- Boots
- Dixons Carphone (PC world etc.)



- Barclays
- JP Morgan
- ICAEW
- Standard Life



- Cognizant
 Technology
 Solutions UK Ltd
- We got coders
- Frontier
- Royal Society of Chemistry



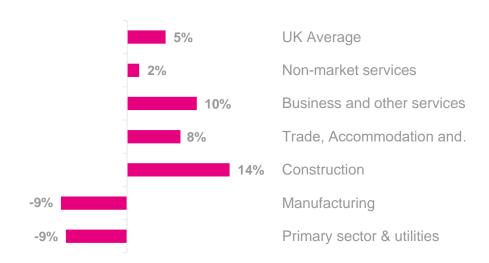
- Institute of Physics
- Teach First
- City Year
- Explore Learning

These are some of the many employers in the UK

Which sectors are experiencing a growth in jobs?

Projected employment growth in Sectors (2014-2024):





Key facts:

On average, the UK will experience an increase in employment by 1,810,000 people.

The construction sector will experience the highest growth in employment, an increase of 301,000 people.

What skills are in short supply?

66%

Of employers who reported having vacancies that were difficult to fill due to skills shortages believe applicants lack:

practical

technical

People

Personal

Top 10 skills lacking among applicants



Jobs using these skills in sectors set to grow:



Construction

- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Metal working production



Business Services

- HR
- Legal Secretaries
- Accounting technicians