

Employment

75.8% of people are employed



Higher than the UK average of 75.6%



Data source: Nomis

Unemployment

4.4% of people are unemployed



Slightly above the UK average of 4.3%

Salary



£30.7K pa meridian advertised wage

Largest Hirer



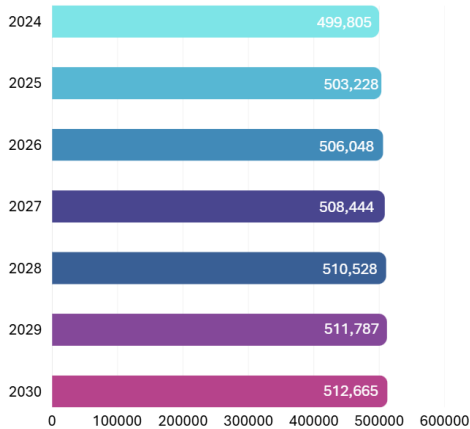
The NHS advertised 3,341 jobs between Mar 25 –Mar 26, followed by Leicestershire County Council, Next and Loughborough University.

Where?

Just under 50% of jobs advertised are in **Leicester**, followed by **Charnwood, Hinckley** and **NW Leicestershire**

Data source: Lightcast Job Analytics and Nomis

Predicted Job Growth



+12,860 new jobs by 2030 in Leicester and Leicestershire, in addition to those created by retirement/leavers



Best paid area industries

- Energy supply £45K
- Information Technology £39K
- Construction £38K
- Professional, Scientific and Technical £37K
- Mining and Quarrying £37K
- Water Supply £35K
- Manufacturing £34K

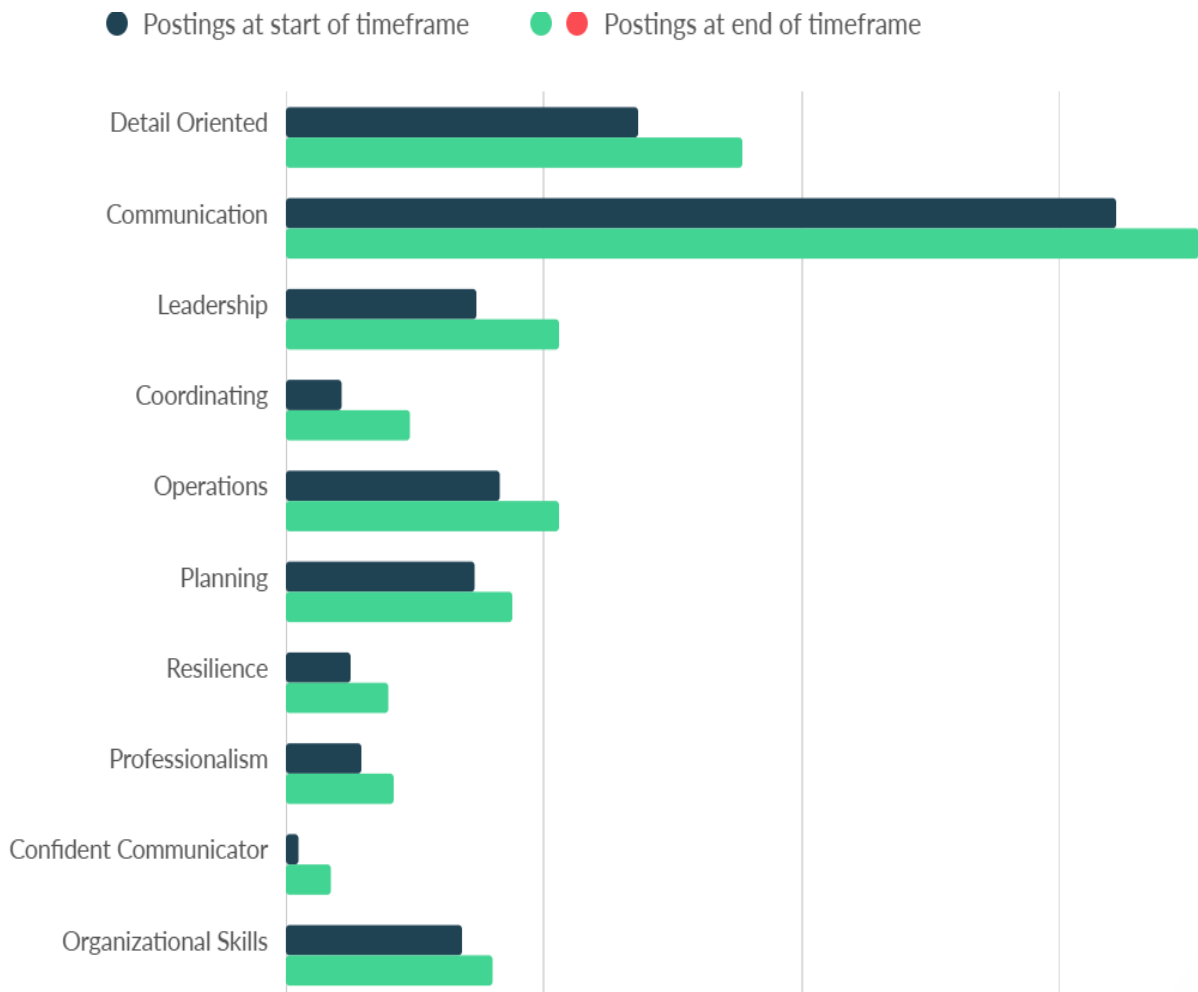
Data: Lightcast Highest Paid Industries SIC1, average wages p.a.

Area growth, jobs and skills news

- [Massive Leicestershire storage unit could create 250 jobs - but concerns raised | Leicestershire Live](#)
- [New complex care home opening in 2027 Primrose Place Care Home | Exemplar Health Care](#)
- [New Aldi distribution centre \(Bardon Hill\) now recruiting Selector \(Days\) in Bardon Distribution Centre - Aldi Recruitment GB](#)
- [Centrica to hire 500 apprentices in 2026 \(many will be trained at the new advanced research labs at their new Net Zero Training Academy in Lutterworth\)](#)
- [Office and PURESEOUL sign at Highcross Leicester | Insider Media](#)
- [Property law firm targets growth with new office launch | TheBusinessDesk.com](#)
- [Government export backing supports Leicester packaging manufacturer's global growth - East Midlands Business Link](#)
- [Forterra highlights "good strategic and financial progress" - East Midlands Business Link](#)
- [Breedon delivers a year of revenue and EBITDA growth - East Midlands Business Link](#)

Hot skills across Leicester and Leicestershire

See which generic skills are increasing the most in mentions across area job adverts, trends over the last 12 months to March 31st 2026. Data source Lightcast, 2026.



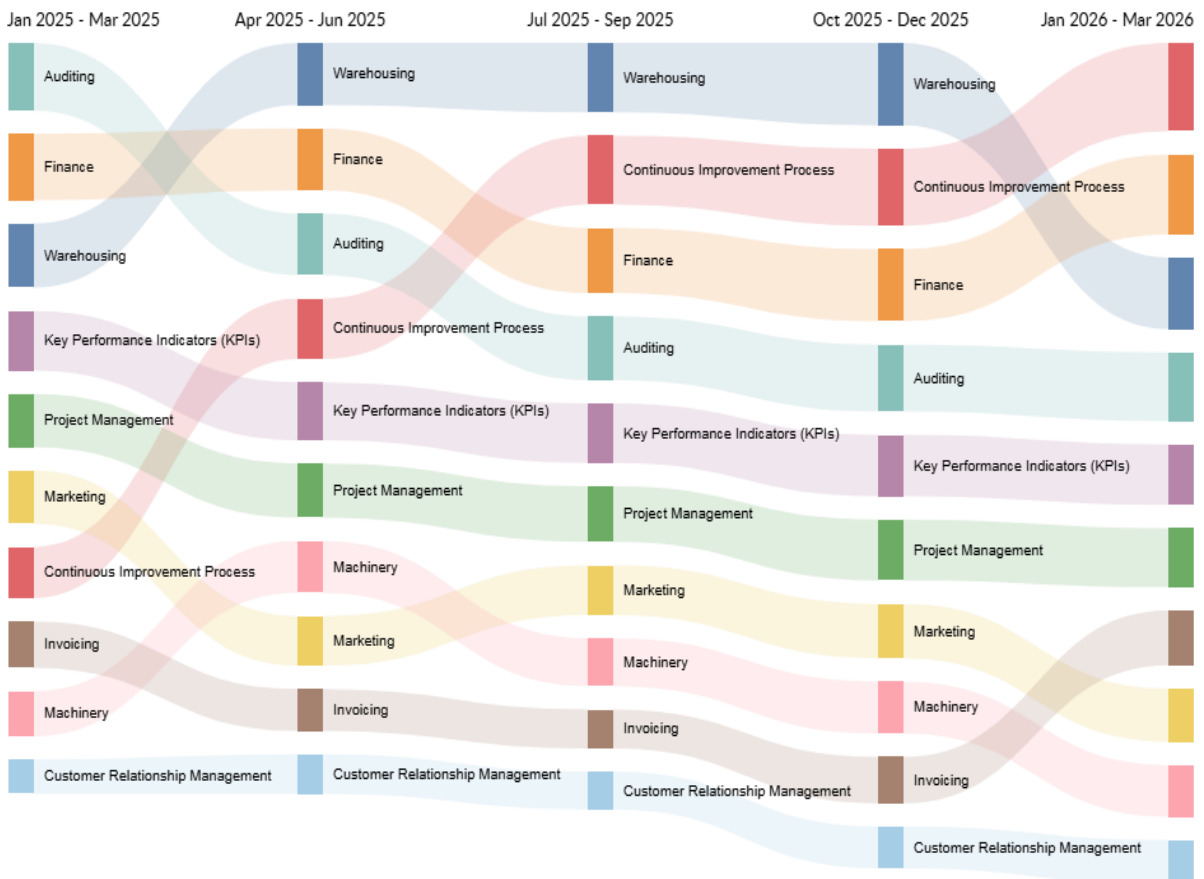
Recruitment insights

- Lots of **free skills and recruitment support**, skills check etc on: [Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#)
- **Latest Manpower Group outlook offers cautious optimism:** [ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey – Q2 2026 - ManpowerGroup Insights](#)
- Proven **job search strategies** that work: [Top Job Search Strategies for Career Growth in 2026 | HGS UK](#)
- **AI and jobs** [The AI Displacement Delusion](#)
- [Minimum wage rises to £12.71 an hour as firms warn of impact - BBC News](#)

Top skills in demand across Leicester & Leicestershire

Top 10 Skills in Your Selected Areas by Quarter

Skills help us understand not only what an area excels in, but how it is growing.



Area support

The **Leicester Employment Hub** website promotes a range of area events, courses, job and apprenticeship vacancies, see [Home | Leicester Employment Hub](#). DWP and many districts also offer ongoing job fairs too. We also have an area **Construction Hub** to help people into the sector, support is FREE, see: [Construction Hub](#)

See **local labour market resources** for young people on <https://llep.org.uk/careers-hub/wow/>, plus the latest 2026 resources for adults here: <https://llep.org.uk/skills/information-and-resources-for-adults/>

See the area **LSIP Collective Skills Observatory** for lots of other regional data here: <https://www.insight-unlocked.co.uk/leicester-and-leicestershire/home.html>.

LSR Online also offers some useful economic data about the area, see: [Leicester-Shire & Rutland Statistics & Research | LSR Online](#)



DWP area events

DWP are working hard with area partners and council to support jobs fairs and activities to drive area employment take up, please see below for some of the events coming up!

Leicester:

Braunstone Jobs Fair **April 15th, 10am-1pm** at Grove Community Hub

Leicester University Part-time Jobs Fair, **April 29th, 11am-2pm** at Leicester University

Coalville:

- Inspiring Women event **16th April, 10am-1pm** at Stephenson College, for DWP customers to book onto
- Employer Forum and Recruitment event – **2nd July, Stephenson College**

Hinckley:

Quarterly Recruitment Events – some great Job Fairs are coming up at the Hinckley Hub* on **17 June 2026 & 14 October 2026, from 9.30am to 12.30pm** (*Rugby Road, Hinckley LE10 0FR)

Market Harborough:

- Jobs fairs planned for **June 18th, Sept 10th and Nov 5th, from 10am – 13pm**, at the Symington Building, Adam & Eve St, Market Harborough LE16 7AG in the Council Cambers 3rd Floor

Lutterworth:

- **The Wycliffe Rooms (LE17 4ED) have exciting Jobs and Skills Fairs coming up on:** 16th April (12.30pm-3.30pm) and 8th Oct

Melton Mowbray:

- There is a recruitment event with Melton College on the **23rd of April 2026, from 10am-1pm**, at the Creative Café, Melton College Campus, Asfordby Road, Melton, LE13 0HJ
- Access All Areas are holding an 'Open Access' event in Melton Mowbray on the **Wednesday 20th May at 8 Burton Street, LE13 1AE from 10am-3.30pm**. This event is targeted at customers where guest speakers from industry and other stakeholder organisations will present enthuse they customers into taking their next steps on their individual journey.

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