

### Leicester and Leicestershire

#### Employment

73.1% of people are employed



**Lower** than the UK average of **75.5%**



Data source: Nomis

#### Unemployment

6.1% of people are unemployed



**Above** the UK average of **4.5%**

#### Salary



**£31K pa meridian advertised wage**

#### Largest Hirer



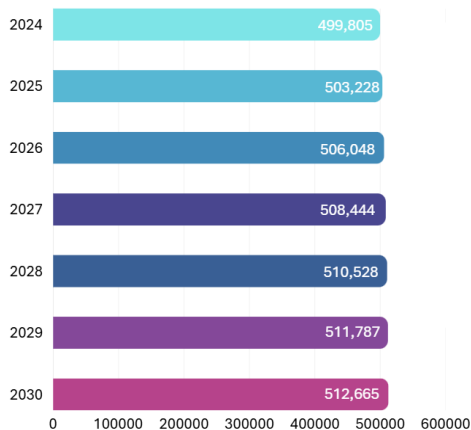
The NHS advertised 3,106 jobs between May 25 – May 26, followed by Leicestershire County Council, Next Loughborough University and Samworth Bros.

Data source: Lightcast Job Analytics and Nomis

#### Where?

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

#### Predicted Job Growth



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



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

#### Best paid area industries

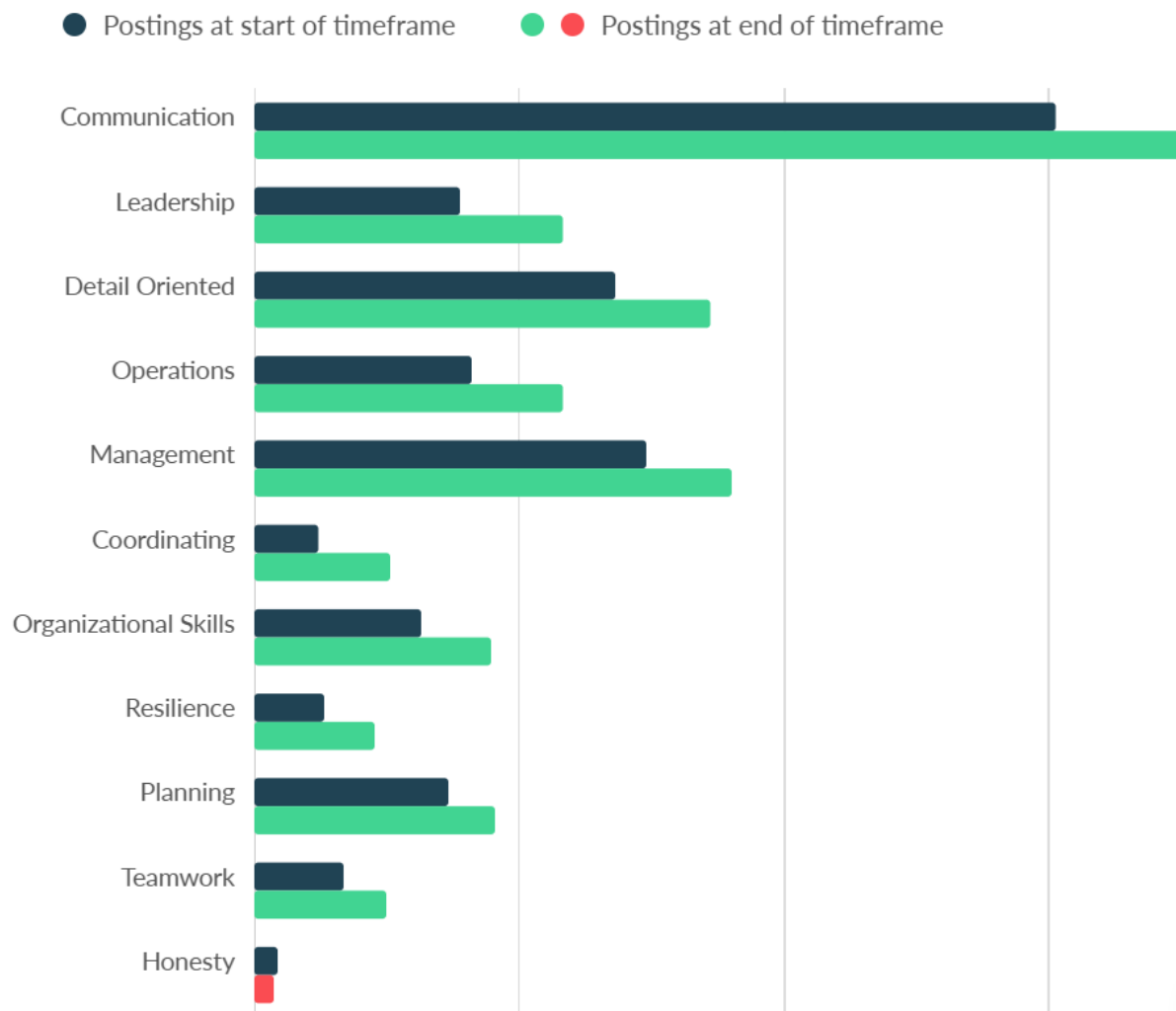
- Energy supply £45K
- Information Technology £39K
- Construction £38K
- Professional, Scientific and Technical £37K
- Mining and Quarrying £37K
- Water Supply £35K
- Manufacturing £34K

### Area growth, jobs and skills news

- [New facility planned for historic Leicester manufacturer | Insider Media](#), creating jobs
- [Thousands of jobs could be created as developer proposes expansion of huge logistics park | Insider Media](#)
- [Severn Trent to create 400 youth opportunities in Midlands - Water Magazine](#)
- [Operator of almost 30 petrol forecourts snapped up by EG On The Move | Insider Media](#)
- [YunExpress to open job-creating cargo facility at East Midlands Airport | Insider Media](#)
- [Wrights to open its first bakery in Leicester | Insider Media](#)
- [£9m boost for East Midlands construction skills training | TheBusinessDesk.com](#)
- [Leicestershire manufacturer shuts branches as profits slide amid tough market conditions | TheBusinessDesk.com](#)
- [Why East Midlands Airport is quietly becoming one of Britain's biggest success stories | TheBusinessDesk.com](#)

## Hot skills across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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



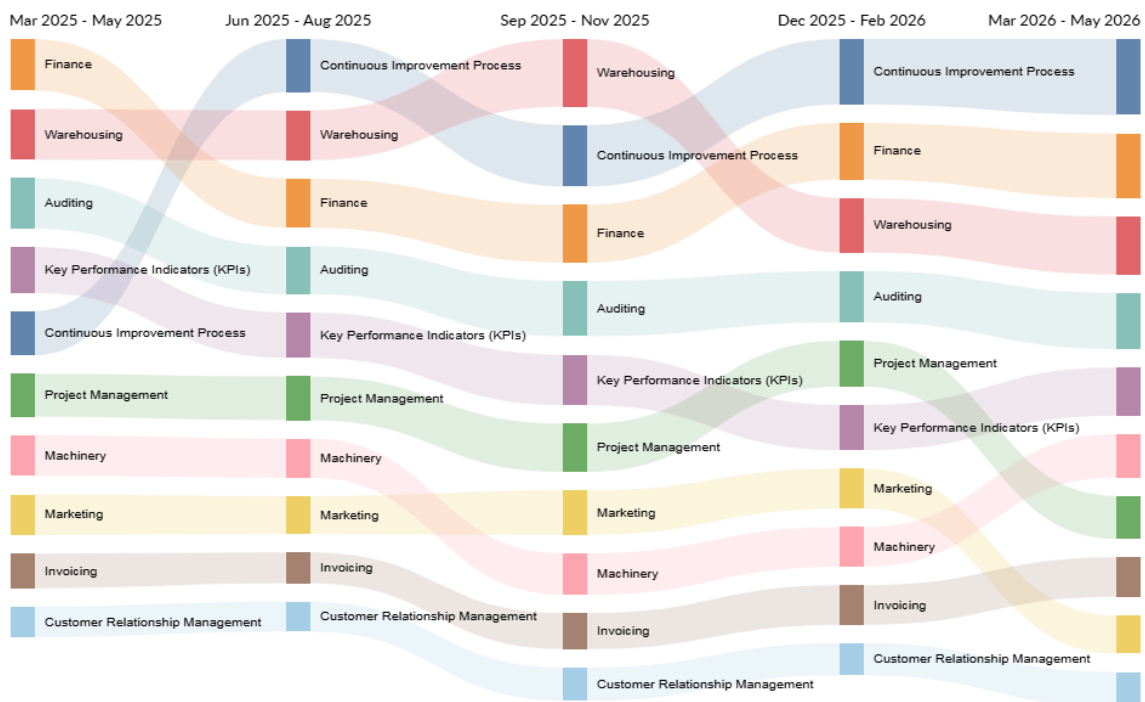
## Recruitment insights

- Lots of **free skills and recruitment support**, skills check etc on: [Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#)
- **Manpower Group reports surge in business looking to hire:** [SURGE IN UK BUSINESSES SET TO HIRE IN Q3 - ManpowerGroup Insights](#)
- [Poundland founder on the rise in the number of young people out of work - BBC News](#)
- [Seasonal work advice | National Careers Service](#)

## Top skills in demand across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

### 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



UK Government

### YOUTH GUARANTEE

*Our offer* to employers

- NEW** **£1,000** for employers who hire apprentices aged 16-18.
- NEW** **£3,000** for employers who hire 18-24 year olds who have been on Universal Credit for over 6 months.
- NEW** **£2,000** for SMEs who hire apprentices aged 16-24.
- No NICs** on employees under 21, or apprentices under 25.
- £2,000** for employers who hire foundation apprentices aged 16-21.
- Jobs Guarantee** Fully subsidised work for long-term unemployed 18-24 year olds.

To get involved visit:  
[business.gov.uk/recruit](https://business.gov.uk/recruit)

**Recruit the right people with Jobcentre Plus**, the no-fee recruitment service with access to government funding for training and apprenticeships. Whether you have 1 vacancy or 100, DWP Recruitment Consultants can help you find the right people for your business.

From advertising your vacancies and sifting applications to guidance on sector-specific training, apprenticeships and work experience, including opportunities backed by the [Youth Guarantee](#), DWP can tailor their no-fee service to meet your recruitment needs.

There are lots of offers for employers (see left) who offer opportunities to young people, find out more on:

[Recruit the right people with Jobcentre Plus](#)

**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:

Leicester Jobs Fair, **June 24th, 10am-1pm** at The Venue @ DMU, 20 Western Boulevard, Leicester LE2 7BU

### Coalville:

Employer Celebration Event, **June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm-8pm** at Stephenson College, Thornborough Rd

### Hinckley:

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

### Market Harborough:

Jobs fair planned for **June 18th**, at the Symington Building, Adam & Eve St, Market Harborough LE16 7AG in the Council Chambers 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, **10am-1pm**

### Loughborough:

Jobs Fair on **June 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm** at the Loughborough Careers and Enterprise Hub

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