Labour Market Information Oct 2026

Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

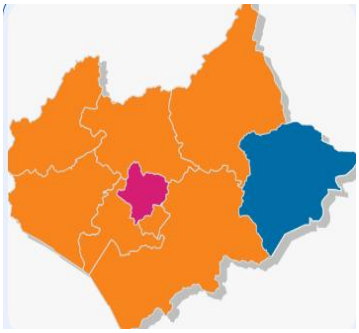
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Employment

75% of people are employed



Lower than the UK average of **75.8%**



Unemployment

6.1% of people are unemployed



Above the UK average of **4.5%**

Salary



£31.6K pa meridian advertised wage

Largest Hirer



The NHS advertised 3,241 jobs between Sept 25 –Sept 26, followed by Leicestershire County Council, Next, Loughborough University and IBM.

Where?

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

Data source: Lightcast Job Analytics and Nomis

Predicted Job Growth

+24,763 new jobs by 2030 in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, 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.

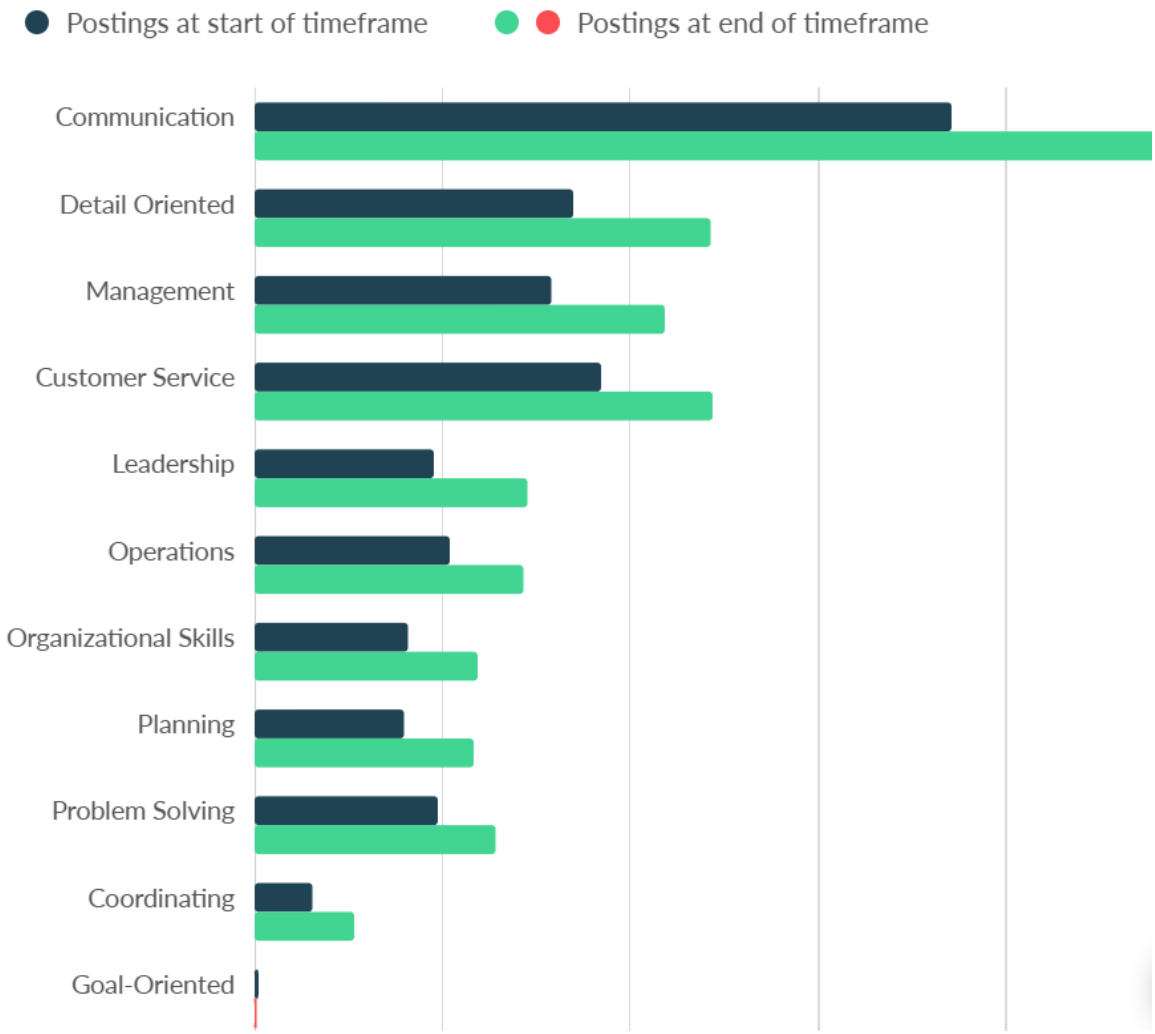
Area growth, jobs and skills news

- Hundreds of new jobs as huge new bakery opens in Leicestershire village | Leicestershire Live
- Composites specialist doubles capacity with expansion into neighbouring building | TheBusinessDesk.com
- Work continues to expand historic Loughborough business park - BBC News
- Leicester College lands major role in East Midlands technical education shake-up | TheBusinessDesk.com
- Closing date confirmed for Leicestershire B&Q store after 26 years of trading | Leicestershire Live
- More than 90,000 'economically inactive' people out of work across Leicestershire | Leicestershire Live
- Next raises profit outlook after first-half growth | East Midlands Business Link
- Padel boom offers jobs hope as graduate vacancies plunge | TheBusinessDesk.com
- Coalville manufacturer more than doubles turnover to £11m | TheBusinessDesk.com



Hot skills across LLR

See which generic skills are increasing the most in mentions across area job adverts, trends over the last 12 months to Sept 30th 2026. Data source Lightcast, 2026.

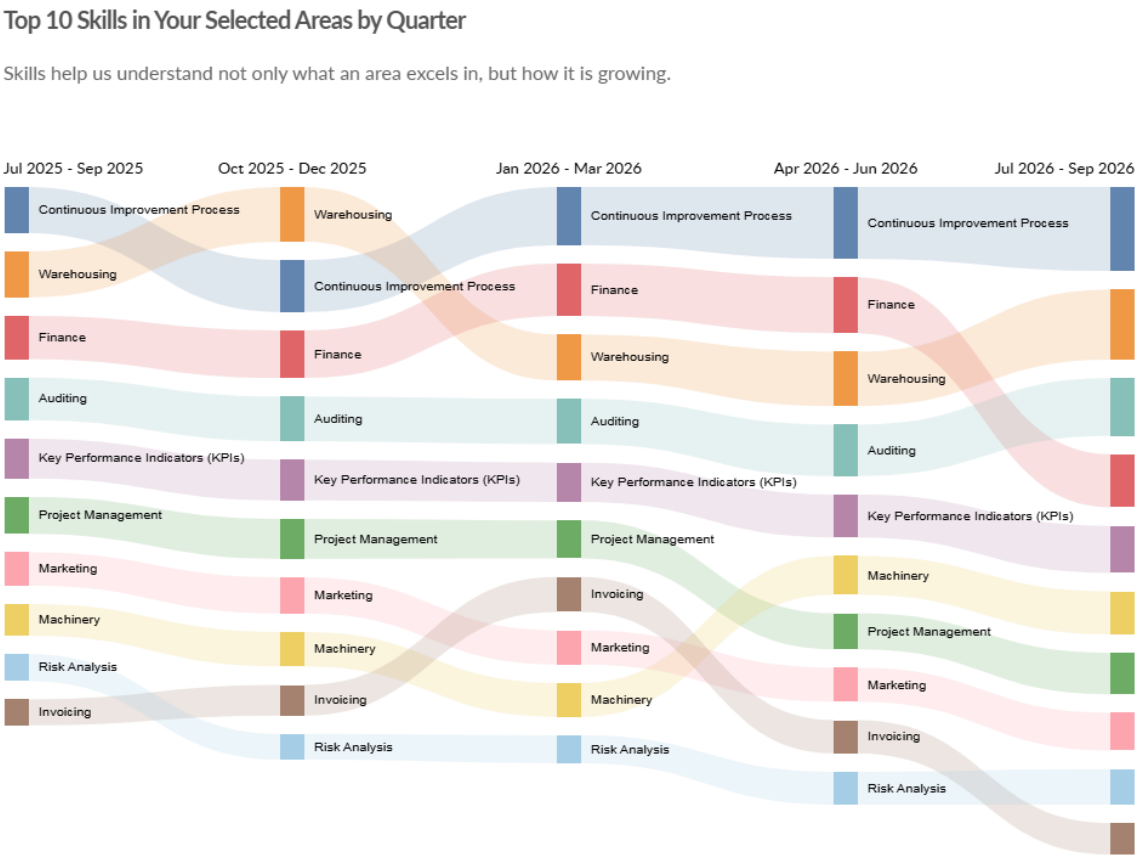


Recruitment insights

- Lots of **free skills and recruitment support**, skills check etc on: The National Careers Service is changing | Get careers information and advice
- Latest Govt data on area labour market:Labour market in the regions of the UK - Office for National Statistics
- **Manpower Group reports confidence in business looking to hire:** UK EMPLOYERS DEFY TURBULENT YEAR AS HIRING CONFIDENCE REMAINS MORE THAN DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S LEVEL - ManpowerGroup Insights

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Top skills in demand across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland



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



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!

Recruitment Events:

Leicester:
Leicester Jobs Fair, **Wednesday 25th November, 10am-1pm** at The Venue @ DMU, 20 Western Boulevard, Leicester LE2 7BU

Hinckley:
Volunteering Event on **Thursday 29th October, 10am – 1pm** at the Atkins Biulding, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley

Market Harborough:
Recruitment Event on **Thursday 5th November, 10am – 1pm** at the Symington Building, Adam & Eve St, Market Harborough LE16 7AG in the Council Cambers 3rd Floor

Loughborough:
Recruitment Event on **Friday 30th October, 10am-1pm** at the Loughborough Careers and Enterprise Hub

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