

The Pulse - Employment Insight

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Finance jobs on the rise, but care and security key to unemployment figure fall.

As the UK unemployment rate drops to 2.47m, Finance is officially the sector that has seen the greatest jobs growth in the last three months – but employment and skills provider Working Links has found that the fall in the claimant count is in no small part due to an increase in vacancies in the successful care and security industries.

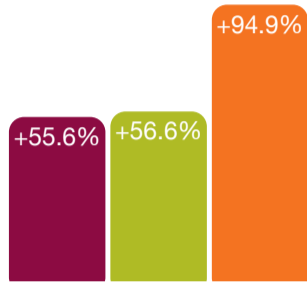
The rise in Finance jobs can be seen as part of the recovery in that sector after the banking collapse hit jobs in 2009. Despite fluctuations in numbers, security and care vacancies have continued to help Working Links' customers join the ladder of employment opportunity in this difficult time.

The employment picture across the UK

On the up
(% increase in vacancies year on year - April-June 2010)

Down we go
(% decrease in vacancies year on year - April-June 2010)

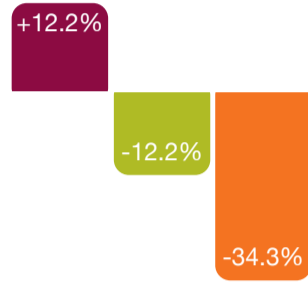
Top 3 sectors
(1000 jobs or more)



Finance

Transport and logistics

Electricity, gas and water supply



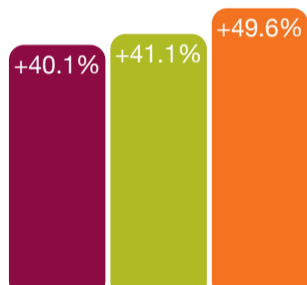
Bottom 3 sectors
(1000 jobs or more)

Health and Social Work

Agriculture

Public Sector

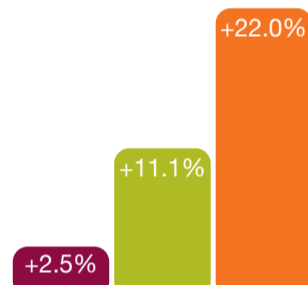
Top 3 geographical areas



West Midlands

South East

North West



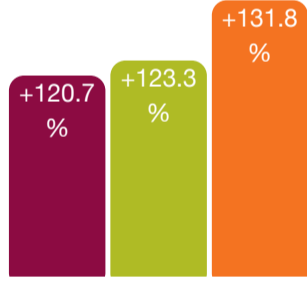
Bottom 3 geographical areas

Scotland

North East

London

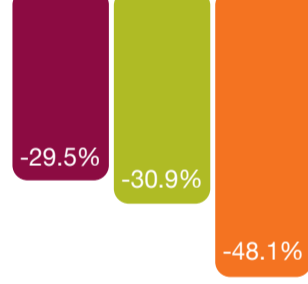
Top 3 Local Authority areas



St Helens

Blaenau Gwent

Halton



Bottom 3 Local Authority areas

Sunderland

East Renfrewshire

East Ayrshire

Trends in Employer Demand and Jobseeker Profile

Commenting on the current trends, Working Links' National Business Manager John Gregory, said: "Our employer solutions teams are working with businesses across the UK covering all sectors but the clear trend is that – despite the statistics – those in the **care** and **security** sectors are looking to hire more of our customers than others.

"On the flip side, the **manufacturing** and **construction** sectors are the least vibrant in terms of vacancies but we can see a rise in retail on the horizon as firms start hiring ahead of the busy Christmas period.

"Some employers are still looking for experience and qualifications – and this is where we help with our tailored training programmes – but, increasingly, employers are looking for people who have so-called **soft skills** like organisation, motivation, customer service, time management and enterprise."

[Find out how we're succeeding in the care sector](#)

What is The Pulse?

It's an insight into job trends in the UK by employment and skills experts Working Links, combining Office for National Statistic (ONS) figures with evidence from the front line in today's welfare to work industry – giving an overall view of today's and tomorrow's employment market.

Who we are?

We run a host of government contracts helping people on their journey to a brighter future – whether that's through finding them work or updating their skills. We operate from more than 180 offices across the UK and have helped more than 150,000 people into work since our inception in 2000.

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