

LEEDS WORKFORCE



Jobs, skills & salaries 2026



376,500
Employed



£37,821
Average salary



64.4%
With a level 3+ qualification

- 376,500 people in Leeds are in employment. This includes 45,300 people who are self-employed.
- The average annual salary for someone working full-time in Leeds is £37,821.
- 64.4% of people living in Leeds have a qualification at level 3 (equivalent of A levels) and above.



THE TOP FOUR

SECTORS THAT PEOPLE WORK IN

+ HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK **68,000 PEOPLE**

Jobs include: Nurse • Dental nurse • Doctor • Healthcare assistant • Social worker • Care worker • Nursery worker • Physiotherapist • Speech therapist

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES **63,000 PEOPLE**

Jobs include: Admin assistant • Call Centre operator • Recruitment consultant • Security guard • Travel agent • Cleaner • Meter reader

RETAIL AND THE REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES **59,000 PEOPLE**

Jobs include: Motor vehicle mechanic • Car valet • Retail assistant • Shopkeeper • E-commerce manager • Market trader • Builder's merchant • Retail buyer

PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES **56,000 PEOPLE**

Jobs include: Solicitor • Accountant • Architect • Scientist • Engineer • Vet

FEATURED EMPLOYERS



HEALTHCARE
The NHS



RETAIL
Asda



FINANCE
First Direct



ADMIN AND SUPPORT SERVICES
Capita



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
PwC



MEDIA
Channel 4



Apprenticeship starts **5,130**



Level with most starts **HIGHER**



Age with most starts **25+**



Sector with most starts **BUSINESS, ADMINISTRATION & LAW**

APPRENTICESHIPS

There were 5,130 apprenticeship starts in Leeds in 2024/25. The sector with the most starts was business, administration and law with 1,720 starts, which includes jobs such as business administrator, customer service practitioner and solicitor.

APPRENTICESHIP STARTS BY AGE



APPRENTICESHIP STARTS BY LEVEL

