

Business Register and Employment Survey: Released November 2021¹

The following briefing is based on the number of employees.

Please note, Office for National Statistics (ONS) reported that the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) reference date is 11 September 2020, meaning that COVID-19 had a tangible effect on producing estimates, as borne out when calculating the coefficients of variation, which indicate lower levels of precision than in previous years. The response rate for the 2020 BRES was 72.6%, which was lower than the 2019 BRES response rate of 83.6%. Survey contributor-level comments provided to ONS over the telephone or electronically suggested the estimates were affected by COVID-19 planning and response.

Key points:

- In the Midlands Engine area there were nearly 4.4m jobs in 2020. This is a decrease of 1.5% (-68,000 jobs) since 2019, nationally there was a 1.9% decrease. In 2020, there were nearly 3m full-time employees and 1.4m part time employees in the Midlands Engine area. When compared to 2019, full time employee jobs decreased by 0.6% (England -1.8%) and part time jobs decreased by 2.9% (England- 2.0%).
- In the Midlands Engine area, the business, professional and financial services sector accounts for the highest percentage of jobs at 18.9% (approximately 830,000 jobs), this is also the highest sector nationally at 22.8% in 2020.

Full Briefing:

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- Out of the 65 local authorities within the Midlands Engine, 7 experienced an increase in the overall number of jobs (with an additional 18 local authorities with no change) between 2019 and 2020.
- There were 67,000 employees in North West Leicestershire in 2020, an increase of 9.8% (+6,000), which was the highest percentage increase since 2019 in the Midlands Engine area. The strong increase was due to an increase of 10.9% (+5,000 to 51,000) in full-time employees and also due to part-time employees increasing by 6.7% (+1,000 to 16,000).
- In contrast, North East Derbyshire had 27,000 jobs in 2020, the highest percentage decrease in the Midlands Engine area at of 6.9% (-2,000) since 2019. There was a decrease of 10.0% (-2,000 to 18,000) for full-time employees and part-time employees remained the same (9,000). Leicester had 163,000 jobs in 2020, the highest number decrease in the Midlands Engine area at of 8,000 (-4.7%) since 2019. There was a decrease of 5.4% (-6,000 to 106,000) for full-time employees and part-time employees decreased by 3.4% (-2,000 to 57,000).

Further details by local authority within the Midlands Engine area can be seen in a table in the appendix.

Jobs by Sector²

- In 2020, the Midlands Engine area had a higher proportion of jobs than the national proportion in five sectors, these were; advanced manufacturing and engineering (11.8% vs 7.7%), healthcare & life sciences *(13.7% vs 13.2%), energy & low carbon activities (2.3% vs 1.8%), retail (16.0% vs 15.0%) and transport

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² Please note, when broken down by 2-digit sic code for sectors the figures will vary and when all sectors added together it will not equal the overall figure. The overall figure is also subject to rounding.

technologies & logistics (5.9% vs 5.2%). The Midlands Engine also had the same proportions as nationally in one sector; public sector including education (13.2%).

- In the Midlands Engine area, the business, professional and financial services sector accounts for the highest percentage of jobs at 18.9% (approximately 830,000 jobs), this is also the highest sector nationally at 22.8% in 2020. This sector has decreased since 2019 by 2.0% (-17,000), nationally there was a decrease of 3.3%.
- Out of the ten sectors, five have decreased in the Midlands Engine area since 2019. The highest decrease was in visitor economy sector at 13.2% (-55,000 to approximately 362,000 jobs), nationally there was a decrease of 7.7%. In 2020, the visitor economy accounted for 8.2% of jobs in the Midlands Engine area, below the national proportion of 9.4%.

The following table shows jobs per sector and change for the Midlands Engine area and England, 2019 & 2020:

| | Midlands Engine 2019 | Midlands Engine 2020 | Midlands Engine % Change | Midlands Engine Num. Change | Midlands Engine % of 2020 Total | Eng. 2019 | Eng. 2020 | Eng. % Change | Eng. % of 2020 Total |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering | 558,000 | 520,000 | -6.8% | -38,000 | 11.8% | 2,091,000 | 1,998,000 | -4.4% | 7.7% |
| Transport Technologies & Logistics | 253,000 | 261,000 | 3.2% | 8,000 | 5.9% | 1,326,000 | 1,340,000 | 1.1% | 5.2% |
| Healthcare & Life Sciences | 574,000 | 601,000 | 4.7% | 27,000 | 13.7% | 3,331,000 | 3,394,000 | 1.9% | 13.2% |
| Energy & Low Carbon Technologies | 104,000 | 103,000 | -1.0% | -1,000 | 2.3% | 456,000 | 475,000 | 4.2% | 1.8% |
| Business Professional & Financial Services | 847,000 | 830,000 | -2.0% | -17,000 | 18.9% | 6,090,000 | 5,889,000 | -3.3% | 22.8% |
| Creative & Digital | 111,000 | 128,000 | 15.3% | 17,000 | 2.9% | 1,182,000 | 1,195,000 | 1.1% | 4.6% |
| Construction | 304,000 | 306,000 | 0.7% | 2,000 | 7.0% | 1,892,000 | 1,841,000 | -2.7% | 7.1% |
| Retail | 716,000 | 702,000 | -2.0% | -14,000 | 16.0% | 3,973,000 | 3,861,000 | -2.8% | 15.0% |
| Public Sector Inc. Education | 575,000 | 579,000 | 0.7% | 4,000 | 13.2% | 3,342,000 | 3,395,000 | 1.6% | 13.2% |
| Visitor Economy | 417,000 | 362,000 | -13.2% | -55,000 | 8.2% | 2,621,000 | 2,419,000 | -7.7% | 9.4% |
| Total | 4,458,000 | 4,390,000 | -1.5% | -68,000 | 100% | 26,302,000 | 25,805,000 | -1.9% | 100% |

Appendix

The following table shows jobs (split by full-time and part-time) and change for the Midlands and England for 2019 & 2020:

| | Employees 2019 | Employees 2020 | Employees Change | Full-time employees 2019 | Full-time employees 2020 | Full-time employees Change | Part-time employees 2019 | Part-time employees 2020 | Part-time employees Change |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Birmingham | 515,000 | 515,000 | 0.0% | 354,000 | 359,000 | 1.4% | 160,000 | 156,000 | -2.5% |
| Bromsgrove | 49,000 | 51,000 | 4.1% | 31,000 | 33,000 | 6.5% | 18,000 | 18,000 | 0.0% |
| Cannock Chase | 40,000 | 39,000 | -2.5% | 28,000 | 26,000 | -7.1% | 13,000 | 13,000 | 0.0% |
| Coventry | 163,000 | 161,000 | -1.2% | 110,000 | 110,000 | 0.0% | 53,000 | 51,000 | -3.8% |
| Dudley | 114,000 | 112,000 | -1.8% | 71,000 | 73,000 | 2.8% | 43,000 | 39,000 | -9.3% |
| East Staffordshire | 61,000 | 66,000 | 8.2% | 42,000 | 42,000 | 0.0% | 18,000 | 23,000 | 27.8% |
| Herefordshire, County of | 81,000 | 79,000 | -2.5% | 52,000 | 52,000 | 0.0% | 29,000 | 27,000 | -6.9% |
| Lichfield | 50,000 | 47,000 | -6.0% | 32,000 | 31,000 | -3.1% | 18,000 | 16,000 | -11.1% |
| Malvern Hills | 30,000 | 29,000 | -3.3% | 18,000 | 19,000 | 5.6% | 11,000 | 10,000 | -9.1% |
| Newcastle-under- Lyme | 45,000 | 44,000 | -2.2% | 29,000 | 30,000 | 3.4% | 16,000 | 15,000 | -6.3% |
| North Warwickshire | 48,000 | 45,000 | -6.3% | 36,000 | 35,000 | -2.8% | 13,000 | 11,000 | -15.4% |
| Nuneaton and Bedworth | 46,000 | 44,000 | -4.3% | 29,000 | 28,000 | -3.4% | 18,000 | 16,000 | -11.1% |
| Redditch | 41,000 | 39,000 | -4.9% | 28,000 | 28,000 | 0.0% | 13,000 | 12,000 | -7.7% |
| Rugby | 49,000 | 49,000 | 0.0% | 33,000 | 35,000 | 6.1% | 16,000 | 14,000 | -12.5% |
| Sandwell | 124,000 | 121,000 | -2.4% | 85,000 | 85,000 | 0.0% | 39,000 | 36,000 | -7.7% |
| Shropshire | 125,000 | 123,000 | -1.6% | 79,000 | 80,000 | 1.3% | 46,000 | 44,000 | -4.3% |
| Solihull | 141,000 | 142,000 | 0.7% | 93,000 | 95,000 | 2.2% | 48,000 | 47,000 | -2.1% |
| South Staffordshire | 37,000 | 35,000 | -5.4% | 25,000 | 25,000 | 0.0% | 12,000 | 10,000 | -16.7% |
| Stafford | 60,000 | 60,000 | 0.0% | 40,000 | 41,000 | 2.5% | 20,000 | 19,000 | -5.0% |
| Staffordshire Moorlands | 30,000 | 30,000 | 0.0% | 18,000 | 18,000 | 0.0% | 12,000 | 11,000 | -8.3% |
| Stoke-on-Trent | 120,000 | 118,000 | -1.7% | 81,000 | 79,000 | -2.5% | 39,000 | 39,000 | 0.0% |
| Stratford-on-Avon | 74,000 | 69,000 | -6.8% | 50,000 | 48,000 | -4.0% | 24,000 | 21,000 | -12.5% |
| Tamworth | 29,000 | 29,000 | 0.0% | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0.0% | 10,000 | 9,000 | -10.0% |
| Telford and Wrekin | 87,000 | 87,000 | 0.0% | 61,000 | 63,000 | 3.3% | 26,000 | 24,000 | -7.7% |
| Walsall | 103,000 | 100,000 | -2.9% | 68,000 | 66,000 | -2.9% | 35,000 | 33,000 | -5.7% |
| Warwick | 86,000 | 89,000 | 3.5% | 60,000 | 62,000 | 3.3% | 27,000 | 27,000 | 0.0% |
| Wolverhampton | 103,000 | 103,000 | 0.0% | 69,000 | 70,000 | 1.4% | 34,000 | 33,000 | -2.9% |
| Worcester | 53,000 | 53,000 | 0.0% | 32,000 | 34,000 | 6.3% | 21,000 | 19,000 | -9.5% |
| Wychavon | 53,000 | 52,000 | -1.9% | 36,000 | 35,000 | -2.8% | 18,000 | 17,000 | -5.6% |
| Wyre Forest | 36,000 | 34,000 | -5.6% | 22,000 | 22,000 | 0.0% | 14,000 | 12,000 | -14.3% |
| Amber Valley | 50,000 | 47,000 | -6.0% | 35,000 | 32,000 | -8.6% | 15,000 | 16,000 | 6.7% |
| Ashfield | 53,000 | 51,000 | -3.8% | 37,000 | 35,000 | -5.4% | 16,000 | 16,000 | 0.0% |
| Bassetlaw | 49,000 | 48,000 | -2.0% | 34,000 | 33,000 | -2.9% | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0.0% |
| Blaby | 61,000 | 57,000 | -6.6% | 43,000 | 40,000 | -7.0% | 18,000 | 17,000 | -5.6% |
| Bolsover | 29,000 | 29,000 | 0.0% | 21,000 | 21,000 | 0.0% | 8,000 | 8,000 | 0.0% |
| Boston | 31,000 | 31,000 | 0.0% | 21,000 | 20,000 | -4.8% | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0.0% |
| Broxtowe | 37,000 | 35,000 | -5.4% | 24,000 | 23,000 | -4.2% | 13,000 | 13,000 | 0.0% |
| Charnwood | 66,000 | 67,000 | 1.5% | 45,000 | 46,000 | 2.2% | 21,000 | 22,000 | 4.8% |
| Chesterfield | 51,000 | 51,000 | 0.0% | 34,000 | 32,000 | -5.9% | 17,000 | 18,000 | 5.9% |
| Derby | 143,000 | 138,000 | -3.5% | 98,000 | 96,000 | -2.0% | 45,000 | 42,000 | -6.7% |
| Derbyshire Dales | 33,000 | 31,000 | -6.1% | 21,000 | 20,000 | -4.8% | 12,000 | 12,000 | 0.0% |
| East Lindsey | 45,000 | 43,000 | -4.4% | 28,000 | 27,000 | -3.6% | 17,000 | 17,000 | 0.0% |
| Erewash | 38,000 | 36,000 | -5.3% | 26,000 | 23,000 | -11.5% | 13,000 | 13,000 | 0.0% |
| Gedling | 30,000 | 30,000 | 0.0% | 18,000 | 19,000 | 5.6% | 12,000 | 12,000 | 0.0% |
| Harborough | 40,000 | 39,000 | -2.5% | 28,000 | 27,000 | -3.6% | 12,000 | 12,000 | 0.0% |
| High Peak | 32,000 | 30,000 | -6.3% | 20,000 | 19,000 | -5.0% | 11,000 | 11,000 | 0.0% |
| Hinckley and Bosworth | 43,000 | 42,000 | -2.3% | 31,000 | 30,000 | -3.2% | 12,000 | 13,000 | 8.3% |
| Leicester | 171,000 | 163,000 | -4.7% | 112,000 | 106,000 | -5.4% | 59,000 | 57,000 | -3.4% |
| Lincoln | 53,000 | 54,000 | 1.9% | 33,000 | 33,000 | 0.0% | 20,000 | 21,000 | 5.0% |
| Mansfield | 40,000 | 40,000 | 0.0% | 25,000 | 25,000 | 0.0% | 14,000 | 15,000 | 7.1% |

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| Melton | 21,000 | 21,000 | 0.0% | 14,000 | 14,000 | 0.0% | 7,000 | 8,000 | 14.3% |
| Newark and Sherwood | 50,000 | 49,000 | -2.0% | 33,000 | 32,000 | -3.0% | 17,000 | 17,000 | 0.0% |
| North East Derbyshire | 29,000 | 27,000 | -6.9% | 20,000 | 18,000 | -10.0% | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0.0% |
| North Kesteven | 40,000 | 39,000 | -2.5% | 28,000 | 28,000 | 0.0% | 11,000 | 12,000 | 9.1% |
| North West Leicestershire | 61,000 | 67,000 | 9.8% | 46,000 | 51,000 | 10.9% | 15,000 | 16,000 | 6.7% |
| Nottingham | 197,000 | 195,000 | -1.0% | 128,000 | 129,000 | 0.8% | 69,000 | 66,000 | -4.3% |
| Oadby and Wigston | 19,000 | 19,000 | 0.0% | 12,000 | 11,000 | -8.3% | 7,000 | 7,000 | 0.0% |
| Rushcliffe | 43,000 | 42,000 | -2.3% | 28,000 | 27,000 | -3.6% | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0.0% |
| Rutland | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0.0% | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0.0% | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0.0% |
| South Derbyshire | 32,000 | 31,000 | -3.1% | 23,000 | 21,000 | -8.7% | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0.0% |
| South Holland | 40,000 | 38,000 | -5.0% | 30,000 | 29,000 | -3.3% | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0.0% |
| South Kesteven | 56,000 | 54,000 | -3.6% | 36,000 | 34,000 | -5.6% | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0.0% |
| West Lindsey | 27,000 | 27,000 | 0.0% | 18,000 | 18,000 | 0.0% | 9,000 | 10,000 | 11.1% |
| North East Lincolnshire | 66,000 | 66,000 | 0.0% | 43,000 | 44,000 | 2.3% | 23,000 | 22,000 | -4.3% |
| North Lincolnshire | 74,000 | 73,000 | -1.4% | 53,000 | 53,000 | 0.0% | 22,000 | 21,000 | -4.5% |
| Midlands Engine | 4,458,000 | 4,390,000 | -1.5% | 2,988,000 | 2,970,000 | -0.6% | 1,473,000 | 1,430,000 | -2.9% |
| Black Country LEP | 445,000 | 435,000 | -2.2% | 293,000 | 294,000 | 0.3% | 152,000 | 141,000 | -7.2% |
| Coventry and Warwickshire LEP | 467,000 | 457,000 | -2.1% | 317,000 | 317,000 | 0.0% | 150,000 | 140,000 | -6.7% |
| Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire LEP | 936,000 | 912,000 | -2.6% | 624,000 | 604,000 | -3.2% | 312,000 | 308,000 | -1.3% |
| Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP | 961,000 | 961,000 | 0.0% | 649,000 | 655,000 | 0.9% | 312,000 | 307,000 | -1.6% |
| Greater Lincolnshire LEP | 448,000 | 442,000 | -1.3% | 301,000 | 295,000 | -2.0% | 147,000 | 147,000 | 0.0% |
| Leicester and Leicestershire LEP | 483,000 | 475,000 | -1.7% | 331,000 | 324,000 | -2.1% | 152,000 | 151,000 | -0.7% |
| Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP | 472,000 | 466,000 | -1.3% | 314,000 | 311,000 | -1.0% | 157,000 | 155,000 | -1.3% |
| The Marches LEP | 292,000 | 289,000 | -1.0% | 192,000 | 195,000 | 1.6% | 100,000 | 94,000 | -6.0% |
| Worcestershire LEP | 262,000 | 259,000 | -1.1% | 166,000 | 171,000 | 3.0% | 96,000 | 88,000 | -8.3% |
| East Midlands Region | 2,089,000 | 2,049,000 | -1.9% | 1,412,000 | 1,377,000 | -2.5% | 676,000 | 672,000 | -0.6% |
| West Midlands Region | 2,593,000 | 2,564,000 | -1.1% | 1,730,000 | 1,742,000 | 0.7% | 864,000 | 823,000 | -4.7% |
| England | 26,302,000 | 25,805,000 | -1.9% | 17,906,000 | 17,581,000 | -1.8% | 8,397,000 | 8,225,000 | -2.0% |