

Business Register and Employment Survey: Released October 2022¹

The following briefing is based on the number of employees.

Key points:

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- In the Midlands Engine area, the business, professional and financial services sector accounts for the highest percentage of jobs at 18.1% (approximately 813,880 jobs); this is also the highest sector nationally at 23.2% in 2021. However, jobs fell in this sector in the Midlands Engine between 2020 and 2021 (by -1.9%), as well as in advanced manufacturing (-1.6%), agriculture and agri-tech (-7.4%) and public sector (-0.4%).

Full Briefing:

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- Out of the 65 local authorities within the Midlands Engine, 52 experienced an increase in the overall number of jobs (with an additional 10 local authorities with no change) between 2020 and 2021.
- There were 56,000 employees in Ashfield in 2021, an increase of 9.8% (+5,000), which was the highest percentage increase since 2020 in the Midlands Engine area. The strong increase was due to an increase of 25.0% (+4,000 to 20,000) in part-time employees and also due to full-time employees increasing by 2.9% (+1,000 to 36,000).
- In contrast, Bromsgrove had 41,000 jobs in 2021, the highest percentage decrease in the Midlands Engine area at 19.6% (-10,000) since 2020. There was a decrease of 22.2% (-4,000 to 14,000) for part-time employees and full-time employees decreased by 21.2% (-7,000 to 26,000).

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

Jobs by Sector²

- In 2021, the Midlands Engine area had a higher proportion of jobs than the national proportion in six sectors, these were; advanced manufacturing (11.4% vs 7.5%), agriculture and agri-tech (0.9% vs 0.6%), energy and low carbon activities (1.5% vs 1.2%), healthcare & life sciences (14.4% vs 13.3%), retail (15.9% vs 14.4%) and transport technologies & logistics (5.9% vs 5.2%).
- In the Midlands Engine area, the business, professional and financial services sector accounts for the highest percentage of jobs at 18.1% (approximately 813,880 jobs), this is also the highest sector nationally at 23.2% in 2021. This sector's Midlands Engine jobs decreased by 1.9% (-16,185) between 2020 and 2021, while nationally there was an increase of 4.9%.
- A decrease in Midlands Engine jobs in this period was also reported within advanced manufacturing (-1.6%), agriculture and agri-tech (-7.4%) and public sector (-0.4%).

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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.

- Out of the sectors that have increased, healthcare & life sciences increased the most in real terms at +7.8% (+44,500 to 645,550). In percentage terms, creative, design & digital increased the most, by +16.4% (+21,040 to 149,575).
- Strong increases in the number of Midlands Engine jobs were also reported within energy & low carbon (+11.4%) and visitor economy (+11.2%).

The following table shows jobs per sector and change for the Midlands Engine area and England, 2020 & 2021:

Sector	Midlands Engine 2020	Midlands Engine 2021	Midlands Engine Num. Change	Midlands Engine % Change	Midlands Engine % of 2021 Total	Eng. 2020	Eng. 2021	Eng. % Change	Eng. % of 2021 Total
Advanced Manufacturing	521,180	513,005	-8,175	-1.6%	11.4%	1,999,020	1,983,250	-0.8%	7.5%
Agriculture and Agri-Tech	42,140	39,040	-3,100	-7.4%	0.9%	173,000	156,500	-9.5%	0.6%
Business, Professional & Financial Services	830,065	813,880	-16,185	-1.9%	18.1%	5,895,000	6,185,000	4.9%	23.2%
Construction	305,295	307,390	2,095	0.7%	6.8%	1,837,000	1,923,000	4.7%	7.2%
Creative, Design & Digital	128,535	149,575	21,040	16.4%	3.3%	1,197,000	1,233,000	3.0%	4.6%
Energy & Low Carbon Activities	60,985	67,950	6,965	11.4%	1.5%	301,300	310,200	3.0%	1.2%
Healthcare & Life Sciences	599,050	645,550	46,500	7.8%	14.4%	3,394,000	3,540,000	4.3%	13.3%
Public Sector	578,400	576,250	-2,150	-0.4%	12.8%	3,382,000	3,456,000	2.2%	13.0%
Retail	699,000	712,400	13,400	1.9%	15.9%	3,857,000	3,829,000	-0.7%	14.4%
Transport Technologies & Logistics	261,300	265,860	4,560	1.7%	5.9%	1,340,000	1,385,000	3.4%	5.2%
Visitor Economy	362,345	402,930	40,585	11.2%	9.0%	2,419,000	2,603,000	7.6%	9.8%
Total	4,391,000	4,502,000	111,000	2.5%	100%	25,793,000	26,601,000	3.1%	100%

Appendix

The following table shows jobs (split by full-time and part-time) and change for the Midlands Engine, local authorities, and England for 2020 & 2021:

Area	Employees 2020	Employees 2021	Employees Change	Full-time employees 2020	Full-time employees 2021	Full-time employees Change	Part-time employees 2020	Part-time employees 2021	Part-time employees Change
Amber Valley	47,000	49,000	4.3%	32,000	33,000	3.1%	16,000	16,000	0.0%
Ashfield	51,000	56,000	9.8%	35,000	36,000	2.9%	16,000	20,000	25.0%
Bassetlaw	48,000	50,000	4.2%	33,000	34,000	3.0%	15,000	16,000	6.7%
Birmingham	515,000	532,000	3.3%	360,000	368,000	2.2%	156,000	164,000	5.1%
Blaby	58,000	61,000	5.2%	41,000	43,000	4.9%	17,000	17,000	0.0%
Bolsover	29,000	31,000	6.9%	21,000	22,000	4.8%	8,000	9,000	12.5%
Boston	31,000	32,000	3.2%	20,000	21,000	5.0%	10,000	11,000	10.0%
Bromsgrove	51,000	41,000	-19.6%	33,000	26,000	-21.2%	18,000	14,000	-22.2%
Broxtowe	35,000	37,000	5.7%	23,000	24,000	4.3%	13,000	13,000	0.0%
Cannock Chase	39,000	42,000	7.7%	26,000	29,000	11.5%	13,000	13,000	0.0%
Charnwood	67,000	69,000	3.0%	46,000	47,000	2.2%	22,000	22,000	0.0%
Chesterfield	51,000	51,000	0.0%	32,000	33,000	3.1%	18,000	18,000	0.0%
Coventry	162,000	163,000	0.6%	111,000	111,000	0.0%	51,000	51,000	0.0%
Derby	138,000	144,000	4.3%	96,000	98,000	2.1%	42,000	46,000	9.5%
Derbyshire Dales	31,000	32,000	3.2%	20,000	20,000	0.0%	12,000	12,000	0.0%
Dudley	112,000	116,000	3.6%	73,000	72,000	-1.4%	39,000	44,000	12.8%
East Lindsey	43,000	45,000	4.7%	27,000	28,000	3.7%	17,000	17,000	0.0%
East Staffordshire	66,000	60,000	-9.1%	42,000	43,000	2.4%	23,000	17,000	-26.1%
Erewash	36,000	37,000	2.8%	23,000	24,000	4.3%	13,000	13,000	0.0%
Gedling	30,000	32,000	6.7%	19,000	20,000	5.3%	12,000	12,000	0.0%
Harborough	39,000	39,000	0.0%	27,000	27,000	0.0%	12,000	12,000	0.0%
Herefordshire, County of	79,000	81,000	2.5%	52,000	54,000	3.8%	27,000	27,000	0.0%
High Peak	30,000	32,000	6.7%	19,000	20,000	5.3%	11,000	11,000	0.0%
Hinckley and Bosworth	42,000	44,000	4.8%	30,000	30,000	0.0%	13,000	13,000	0.0%
Leicester	163,000	165,000	1.2%	106,000	109,000	2.8%	56,000	56,000	0.0%
Lichfield	47,000	49,000	4.3%	31,000	33,000	6.5%	16,000	16,000	0.0%
Lincoln	54,000	55,000	1.9%	33,000	33,000	0.0%	21,000	22,000	4.8%
Malvern Hills	29,000	30,000	3.4%	19,000	19,000	0.0%	10,000	11,000	10.0%
Mansfield	40,000	40,000	0.0%	25,000	25,000	0.0%	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Melton	21,000	22,000	4.8%	14,000	14,000	0.0%	8,000	8,000	0.0%
Newark and Sherwood	49,000	50,000	2.0%	32,000	33,000	3.1%	17,000	17,000	0.0%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	44,000	44,000	0.0%	30,000	29,000	-3.3%	15,000	15,000	0.0%
North East Derbyshire	27,000	28,000	3.7%	18,000	18,000	0.0%	9,000	10,000	11.1%
North East Lincolnshire	66,000	69,000	4.5%	44,000	44,000	0.0%	22,000	25,000	13.6%
North Kesteven	39,000	40,000	2.6%	28,000	29,000	3.6%	12,000	12,000	0.0%
North Lincolnshire	73,000	77,000	5.5%	53,000	54,000	1.9%	21,000	23,000	9.5%
North Warwickshire	45,000	46,000	2.2%	35,000	35,000	0.0%	11,000	11,000	0.0%
North West Leicestershire	67,000	68,000	1.5%	51,000	50,000	-2.0%	16,000	18,000	12.5%
Nottingham	194,000	200,000	3.1%	129,000	131,000	1.6%	65,000	69,000	6.2%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	44,000	47,000	6.8%	28,000	30,000	7.1%	16,000	17,000	6.3%
Oadby and Wigston	19,000	19,000	0.0%	11,000	12,000	9.1%	7,000	8,000	14.3%
Redditch	39,000	38,000	-2.6%	28,000	26,000	-7.1%	11,000	11,000	0.0%
Rugby	49,000	50,000	2.0%	35,000	35,000	0.0%	14,000	15,000	7.1%
Rushcliffe	42,000	44,000	4.8%	27,000	28,000	3.7%	15,000	16,000	6.7%
Rutland	15,000	16,000	6.7%	10,000	10,000	0.0%	5,000	6,000	20.0%
Sandwell	121,000	124,000	2.5%	85,000	88,000	3.5%	36,000	36,000	0.0%
Shropshire	123,000	127,000	3.3%	80,000	82,000	2.5%	44,000	45,000	2.3%
Solihull	142,000	142,000	0.0%	95,000	96,000	1.1%	47,000	46,000	-2.1%
South Derbyshire	31,000	34,000	9.7%	21,000	23,000	9.5%	10,000	11,000	10.0%
South Holland	38,000	39,000	2.6%	29,000	29,000	0.0%	10,000	11,000	10.0%
South Kesteven	54,000	55,000	1.9%	34,000	35,000	2.9%	19,000	20,000	5.3%
South Staffordshire	35,000	35,000	0.0%	25,000	24,000	-4.0%	10,000	11,000	10.0%
Stafford	60,000	63,000	5.0%	41,000	42,000	2.4%	19,000	22,000	15.8%
Staffordshire Moorlands	30,000	30,000	0.0%	18,000	18,000	0.0%	11,000	12,000	9.1%
Stoke-on-Trent	118,000	121,000	2.5%	79,000	81,000	2.5%	39,000	40,000	2.6%
Stratford-on-Avon	69,000	70,000	1.4%	48,000	50,000	4.2%	21,000	21,000	0.0%
Tamworth	29,000	29,000	0.0%	20,000	20,000	0.0%	9,000	9,000	0.0%
Telford and Wrekin	87,000	91,000	4.6%	63,000	65,000	3.2%	24,000	25,000	4.2%
Walsall	100,000	100,000	0.0%	67,000	66,000	-1.5%	33,000	34,000	3.0%

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Warwick	89,000	90,000	1.1%	62,000	61,000	-1.6%	27,000	29,000	7.4%
West Lindsey	27,000	28,000	3.7%	18,000	18,000	0.0%	10,000	10,000	0.0%
Wolverhampton	103,000	106,000	2.9%	70,000	73,000	4.3%	33,000	33,000	0.0%
Worcester	53,000	54,000	1.9%	34,000	34,000	0.0%	19,000	20,000	5.3%
Wychavon	52,000	54,000	3.8%	35,000	38,000	8.6%	17,000	16,000	-5.9%
Wyre Forest	34,000	37,000	8.8%	22,000	24,000	9.1%	12,000	13,000	8.3%
Midlands Engine	4,391,000	4,502,000	2.5%	2,974,000	3,027,000	1.8%	1,426,000	1,473,000	3.3%
England	25,793,000	26,601,000	3.1%	17,580,000	18,217,000	3.6%	8,213,000	8,383,000	2.1%