

Economic Factsheet: Employment and Economic Activity November 2016



The Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) is a rich dataset from which small area analyses can be derived at various levels. The survey collects employment information from businesses across the whole of the UK economy for each site that they operate.

- Employment is the number of people in employment. It consists of people aged 16 and over who did paid work (as an employee or self-employed working proprietors). The BRES figure for 'total employment' is often used to show the number of jobs in an area.
- An employee is anyone aged 16 years or over that an organisation directly pays from its payroll, in return for carrying out a full/part-time job or being on a training scheme. (Excludes: voluntary workers, self-employed, working owners who are not paid via PAYE).

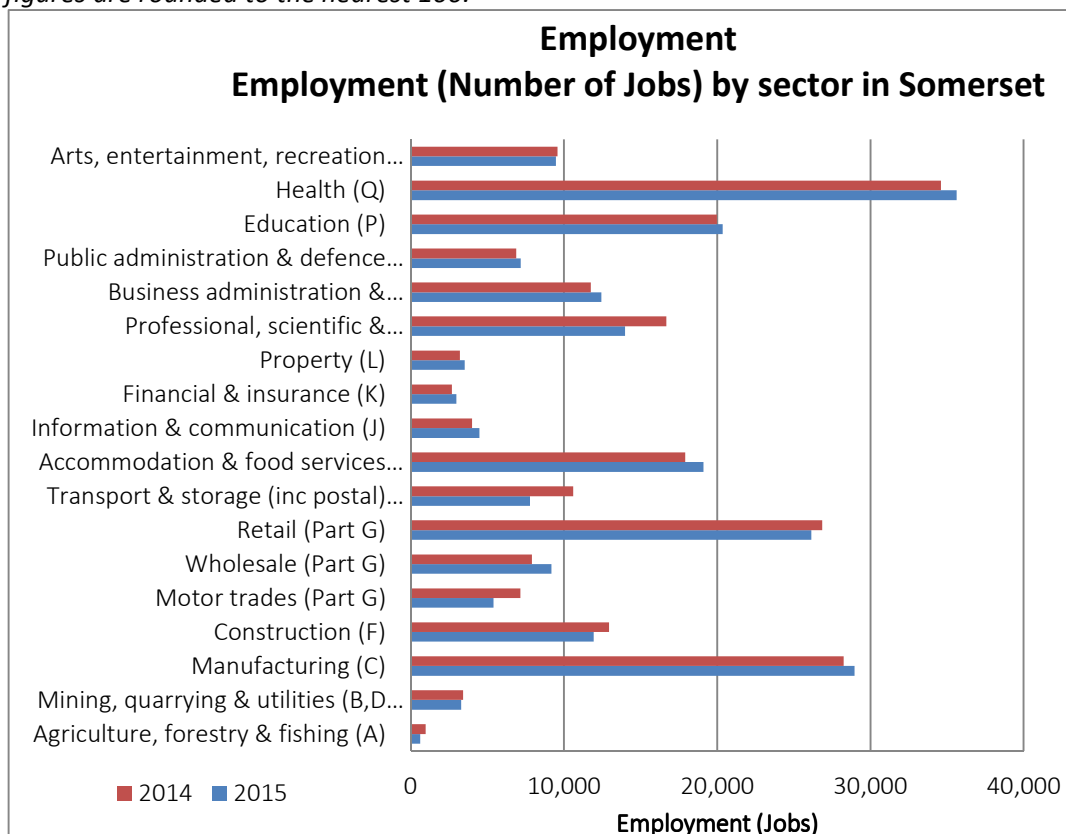
Total employment (2015)

| | 2015 Employment (Jobs) | % Change 2011 - 2015 | % Annual change 2014-2015 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Somerset | 225,600 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| Mendip | 47,300 | 7.4 | 4.7 |
| Sedgemoor | 44,100 | 8.8 | 2.9 |
| South Somerset | 66,700 | -3.8 | -0.5 |
| Taunton Deane | 55,100 | -1.6 | -0.7 |
| West Somerset | 12,400 | 5.5 | 2.6 |
| Heart of the South West LEP | 710,200 | 2.5 | 0.3 |
| England | 25,698,800 | 6.8 | 2.2 |

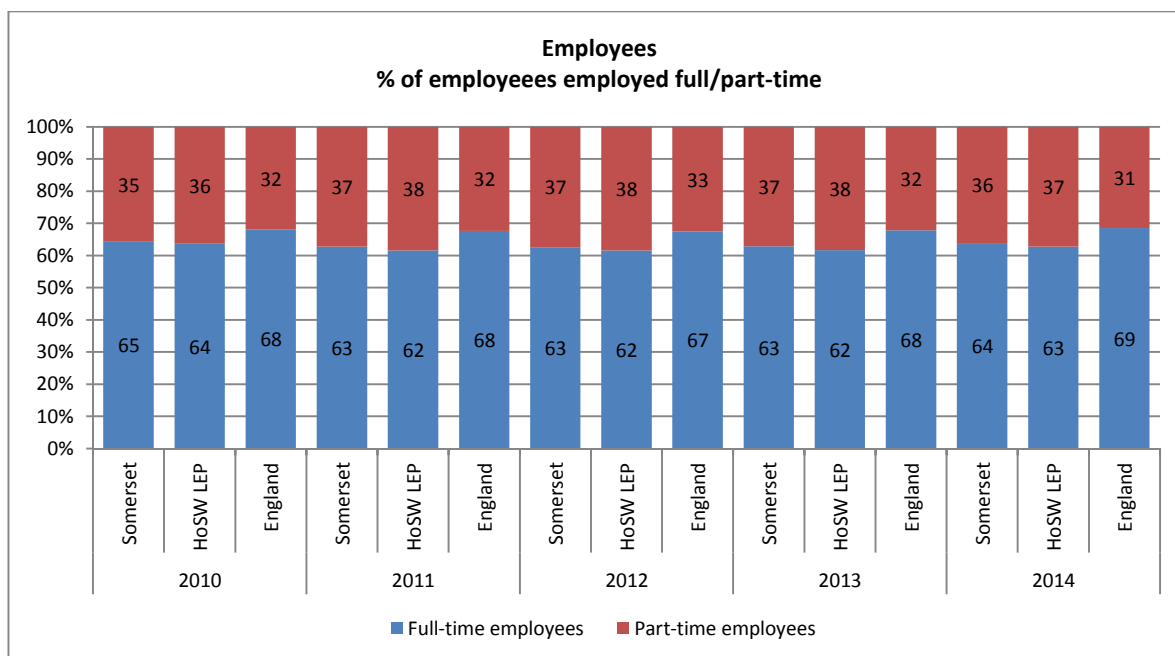
'Total employment' (jobs) in Somerset increased by 1.3% between 2014 and 2015, compared to an increase of 2.2% at national level. The majority of the County's jobs are located in South Somerset (66,700), whilst only 5.5% are to be found in West Somerset (12,400).

Source: BRES 2015. NB. All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Somerset's largest sector in employment terms is health (15%), followed by manufacturing (13%). The smallest sectors are agriculture, forestry & fishing (0.4%), and finance & insurance (1.2%). The Transport & Storage sector had the largest annual increase between 2014 and 2015 (36.3%). The Wholesale sector had the largest fall with 14% over the same period.



Source: BRES 2015



Somerset has a higher proportion of part-time workers than the national level (36% compared to 31%)' Levels of part-time working have remained largely consistent since 2010.

Source: BRES 2014

Economic activity (June 2016)

| Area | Current economic Activity rate(% residents aged 16 - 64) | Annual Change (March 2015 2016) | Economic Activity Rate:% males aged 16-64 | Economic Activity rate: % Females aged 16-64 |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Somerset | 80.5 | -2.6 | 84.2 | 76.9 |
| Mendip | 76.5 | -4.7 | 79.9 | 73.3 |
| Sedgemoor | 79.4 | -0.6 | 82.0 | 76.8 |
| South Somerset | 82.5 | -0.5 | 84.6 | 80.5 |
| Taunton Deane | 82.3 | -4.7 | 89.7 | 75.3 |
| West Somerset | 81.8 | -6.1 | 86.2 | 77.2 |
| Heart of the South West LEP | 80.0 | -0.5 | 84.9 | 75.4 |
| UK | 77.7 | 0.3 | 83.0 | 72.5 |

Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS 2016

80.5% of Somerset's residents aged 16-64 are economically active, compared to 77.7% nationally. All areas within the County have seen a decrease in economic activity over the last year. Males have a consistently higher economic activity rate than females across Somerset, the LEP and the UK.

Employment rate (June 2016)

| Area | Current Employment Rate, aged 16-64 (%) | Annual Change (March 2015-16) |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Somerset | 77.3 | -1.9 |
| Mendip | 72.1 | -7.1 |
| Sedgemoor | 75.7 | 0.9 |
| South Somerset | 79.8 | 0.4 |
| Taunton Deane | 80.1 | -2.4 |
| West Somerset | 80.0 | -3.0 |
| Heart of the South West LEP | 76.7 | 0.0 |
| UK | 73.7 | 0.8 |

Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS 2016

Somerset's employment rate is higher than the national level (77.3% compared to 73.7%). Taunton Deane and West Somerset have the highest employment rate of all the districts (80.1% and 80% respectively). Mendip saw the greatest decline over the last year (7.1%).