

Economic Factsheet: Employment and Economic Activity October 2014



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).

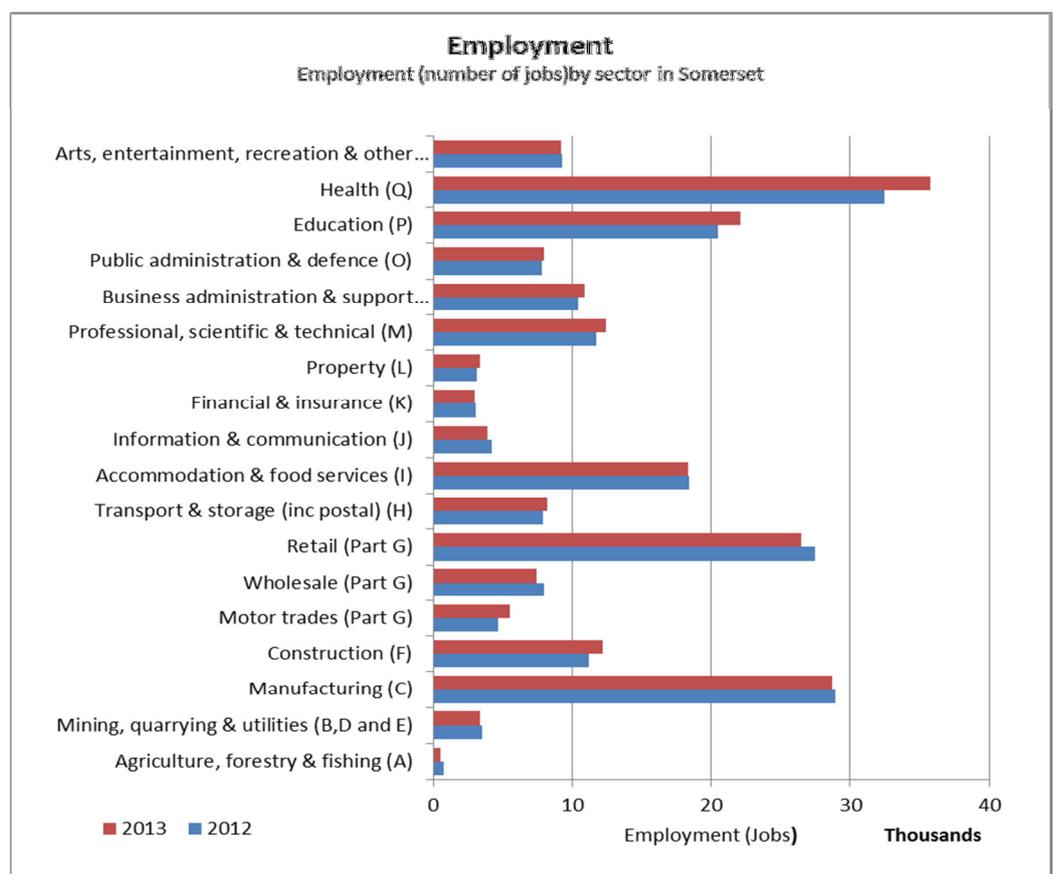
Total Employment (2013)

	2013 Employment (jobs)	% Change 2009-2013	% Annual change 2012-2013
Somerset	226,700	-3.3	2.8
Mendip	44,000	1.6	4.4
Sedgemoor	42,700	-2.3	0.0
South Somerset	71,000	-6.8	3.3
Taunton Deane	56,800	-4.9	2.4
West Somerset	12,200	3.3	5.5
Heart of the South West LEP	717,200	-3.6	1.2
England	24,068,100	2.0	1.4

'Total employment' (jobs) in Somerset increased by 2.8% between 2012 and 2013, compared to an increase of 1.4% at national level. The majority of the County's jobs (31%) are located in South Somerset (71,000), whilst only 5% are to be found in West Somerset (12,200).

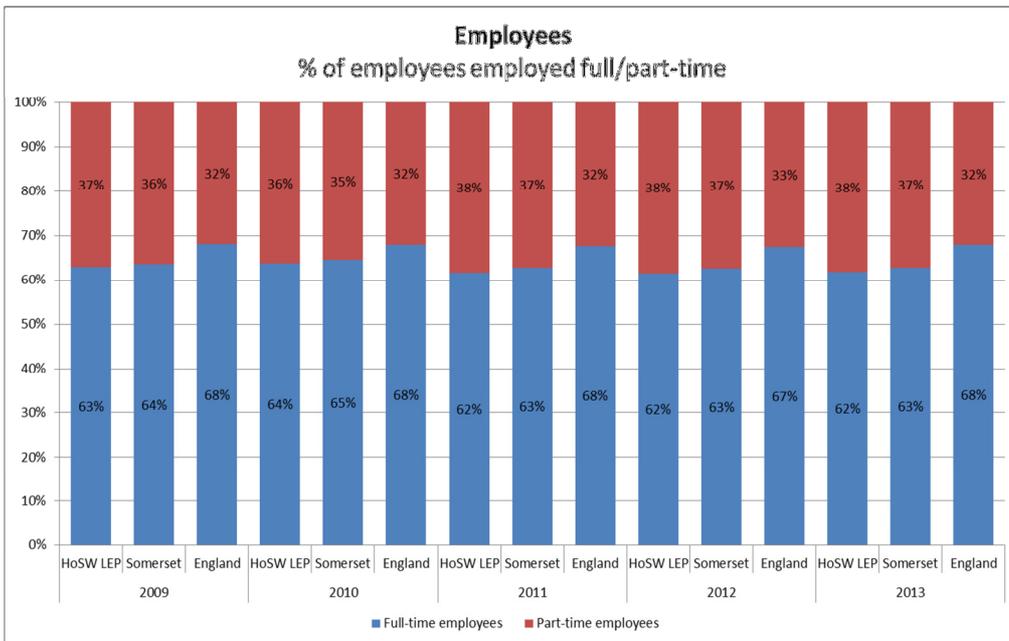
Source: BRES 2013. NB. All figures are rounded to the nearest 100.

Somerset's largest sector in employment terms is health (16.3%), followed by manufacturing (13.1%). The smallest sectors are agriculture, forestry and fishing (0.2%), and finance and insurance (1.3%). The Motor trade sector had the largest annual increase between 2012 and 2013 (18%). Employment in the Agriculture, forestry and fishing sector fell by 26% over the same period.



Source: BRES 2013

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The number of employees in Somerset fell by 2.1% between 2009 and 2013. The number of Somerset full-time employees has increased by 5,000 between 2012 and 2013 whilst the number of part-time employees increased by 2,100 over the same period.

Source: BRES 2013

Economic Activity (June 2014)

Area	Current economic activity rate (% residents aged 16-64)	Annual change (Jun 2013-Jun 2014)	Economic activity rate: % males aged 16-64	Economic activity rate: % females aged 16-64
Somerset	79.0	-0.6	85.6	72.5
Mendip	72.9	-8.9	82.5	63.1
Sedgemoor	80.3	1.7	87.6	72.9
South Somerset	82.3	2.0	85.3	79.4
Taunton Deane	82.2	2.6	87.1	77.7
West Somerset	66.5	-4.9	84.7	49.5
Heart of the South West LEP	78.9	-0.2	83.1	74.7
UK	77.3	0.2	83.1	71.6

Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS 2014

79% of Somerset's residents aged 16-64 are economically active, compared to 77.3% nationally. Within the County, South Somerset has the highest economic activity rate (82.3%). Mendip and West Somerset have seen decreases 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 2014)

Area	Current Employment Rate, aged 16-64 (%)	Annual Change (Jun 2013-Jun 2014)
Somerset	75.3	-0.9
Mendip	69.2	-9.2
Sedgemoor	73.6	-0.8
South Somerset	79.8	4.2
Taunton Deane	79.9	1.7
West Somerset	62.6	-8.8
Heart of the South West LEP	74.7	-0.8
UK	74.3	0.9

Somerset's employment rate is higher than national level (75.3% compared to 74.3%). Taunton Deane has the highest employment rate of all the districts and has seen the greatest increase over the last year (+1.7%).

Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS 2014