



# **State of the Somerset Economy Report**

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## Introduction

The State of the Somerset Economy Report 2015 provides a snapshot of the County's economy. It presents key economic data and analysis to enable understanding of the County's strengths, weaknesses and economic performance.

The data in the State of the Somerset Economy Report is drawn from a number of national and local sources, presented on a themed basis. It includes projections of the direction the local economy is expected to take in the future. Data within the report will be used by the Council and its partners to make the case for investment in Somerset and to establish a baseline against which to assess the impact of those investments.

As part of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Somerset works closely with the neighbouring local authority areas of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. Having a thorough understanding of the County's economy in the context of the wider LEP area and beyond helps to achieve the best deal for Somerset.

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