

# Economic Factsheet: Employment and Economic Activity

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The Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) provides 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 which consists of people aged 16 and over who did paid work (as an employee or self-employed working proprietors), those who had a job that they were temporarily away from, those on government supported training and employment programmes, and those doing unpaid family work. This does not apply to registered charities.

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 (2012)

	% Change 2009-2012	Annual % change 2011-2012	2012 Employment (rounded)
Somerset	-6.2	-3.8	213,500
Mendip	-2.7	-2.8	42,900
Sedgemoor	-2.4	2.7	41,700
South Somerset	-10.6	-8.0	64,200
Taunton Deane	-7.7	-6.1	52,800
West Somerset	-2.2	1.9	12,000
Heart of the South West	-4.9	-1.3	683,700
England	0.5	0.5	24,177,600

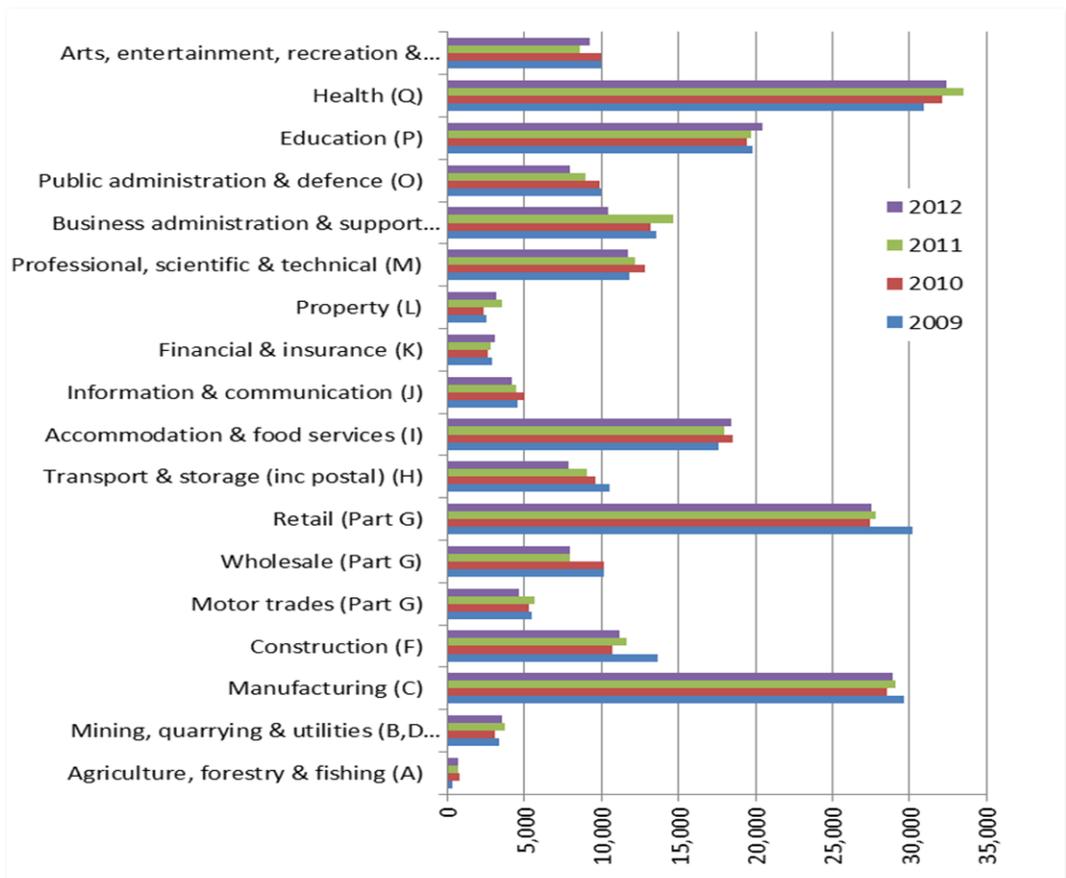
South Somerset has the largest employment within Somerset with 30% whereas only 6% of employment is located within West Somerset.

Employment change has been greater in South Somerset with a fall of 8% in the last year, but nationally the change was only 0.5%

Source: BRES, NOMIS 2014

Somerset's largest employment sector is health (15.2%), followed by manufacturing (14.5%). The smallest sector is Agriculture, forestry and fishing (0.3%), the financial and insurance (1.4%) is the next smallest sector in Somerset.

The Agriculture, Forestry and fishing sector had the largest annual increase between 2011 and 2012 (12%). whereas employment in Business Administration and support services fell by 29%

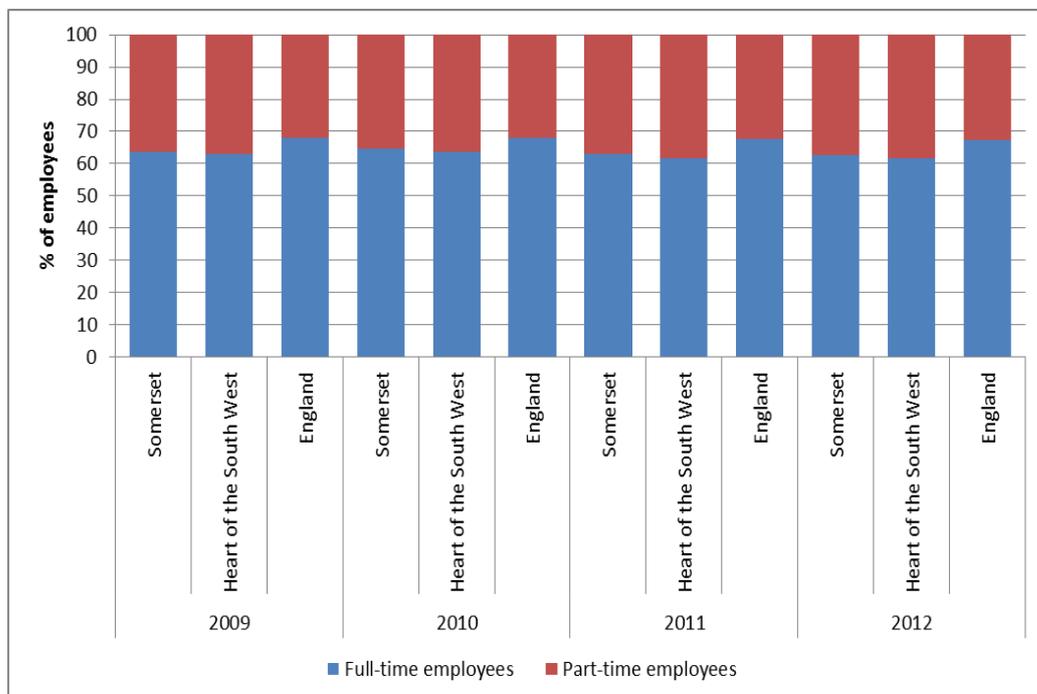


Source: BRES, NOMIS 2014

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The number of Employees in Somerset showed a 5% fall over the four year period.

The number of Somerset full-time employees has fallen by 9,000 since 2009. The annual change from 2011 – 2012 was 4,000 while the number of part-time employees increased by 2,000 over the same period.



Source: BRES, NOMIS 2014

## Economic Activity (September 2013)

Area	Current economic activity rate (% residents aged 16-64)	Annual change (September 2012 /September 2013)	Economic Activity rate for Males aged 16-64	Economic Activity rate for Females aged 16-64
Somerset	81.3	4.0	85.9	76.9
Mendip	80.7	3.1	84.2	77.3
Sedgemoor	82.4	7.7	87.4	77.6
South Somerset	81.2	5.5	84.8	77.6
Taunton Deane	82.8	1.1	88.5	77.3
West Somerset	75.1	-3.0	83.2	66.8
Heart of the South West LEP	79.6	1.2	83.6	75.6
UK	77.2	0.6	83.1	71.4

Source: Annual population survey, NOMIS 2014

Somerset's economic activity rate is higher than nationally. Taunton Deane has the highest economic activity rate in Somerset with 82.8% for residents aged 16-64. Sedgemoor had the largest annual change with an increase of 7.7%. West Somerset had a fall of 3%.

## Employment Rate (September 2013)

Area	Current Employment Rate (%)	Annual Change (September 2012 – 2013)
Somerset	76.8	2.7
Mendip	77.0	5.6
Sedgemoor	75.5	6.1
South Somerset	76.3	5.4
Taunton Deane	80.1	5.8
West Somerset	71.7	1.3
Heart of the South West LEP	74.6	0.9
UK	71.1	0.7

The employment rate in Somerset is 76.8%; this is higher than nationally (71.1%). Sedgemoor had the greatest change with an increase in employment of 6.1% over the year.

Source: Annual population survey, NOMIS 2014