

# Economic Factsheet: Occupation and Earnings

## October 2014



### Occupational structure (June 2014)

% of all people in employment by occupation (Green = higher than UK, Red = lower than UK, Amber = Equal to UK)

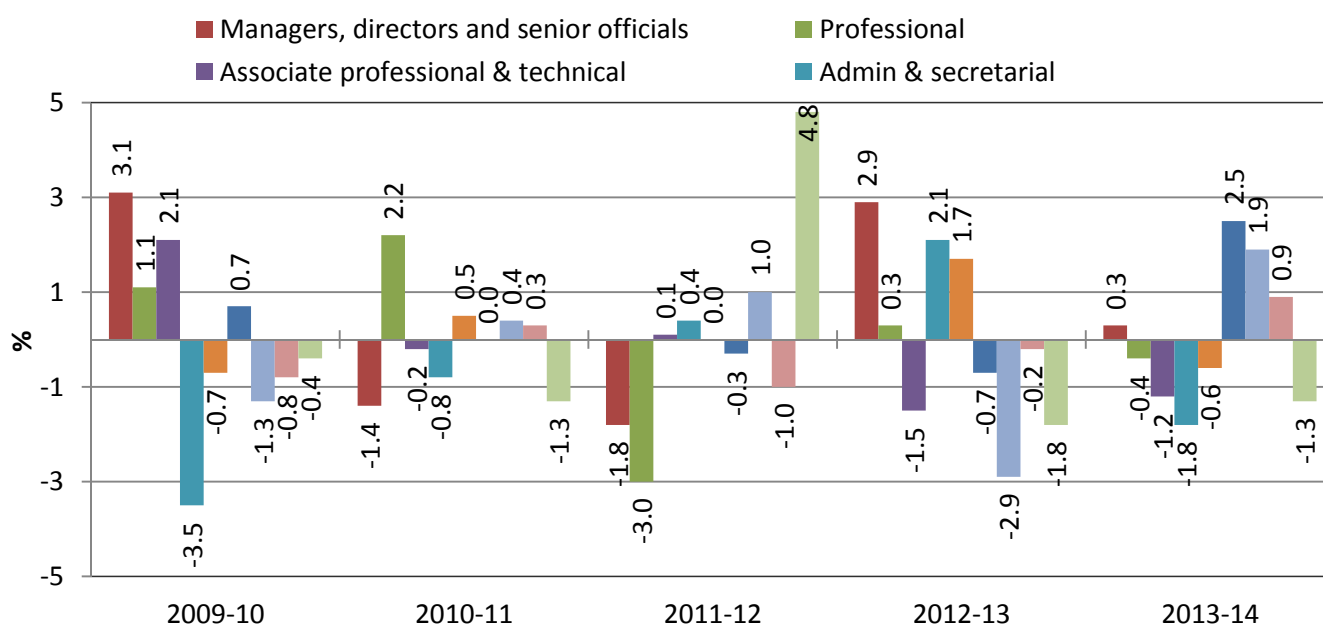
Area	Managers, directors and senior officials	Professional	Associate professional & technical	Admin & secretarial	Skilled trades	Caring, leisure & other service	Sales & customer service	Process, plant & machine operatives	Elementary occupations
Somerset	11.6	14.7	10.3	9.2	14.6	12.3	8.7	6.9	11.6
Mendip	10.4	20.0	10.7	6.6	12.7	11.5	8.1	9.5	10.6
Sedgemoor	15.1	15.1	5.5	13.2	15.2	6.6	7.3	8.6	13.5
South Somerset	12.5	13.0	11.6	4.5	14.1	13.3	12.0	5.8	12.9
Taunton Deane	7.6	15.3	15.2	12.0	13.4	15.0	6.5	5.2	9.9
West Somerset	14.2	N/A	N/A	17.9	27.3	21.2	6.1	N/A	N/A
Heart of the South West LEP	10.6	16.5	11.5	10.0	13.5	11.0	8.1	5.9	12.4
<b>UK</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>10.7</b>

Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS 2014 (\*Some data unavailable due to small sample size)

The largest occupation groups in Somerset are professional roles (14.7%) and skilled trades (14.6%), compared to 20% and 12.7% respectively at a national level. Managers, directors and senior officials are well represented in all Somerset districts except Taunton Deane compared to the UK as a whole. The proportion of people employed in professional occupations in Somerset fell by 4% between 2013 and 2014. In contrast, the caring, leisure and other service occupations showed an increase of 2.5% over the same period.

### Change in Somerset's occupational structure

% annual change in occupation of people in employment



Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS 2014. Graph uses annual data at March each year.

## Public sector employment (June 2014)

% of people in employment who work in the public sector

Area	% Public Sector June 2008	% Public Sector June 2014	Change 2008-2014
Somerset	20.7	18.4	-2.3
Mendip	18.5	19.8	1.3
Sedgemoor	16.9	17.8	0.9
South Somerset	19.8	14.7	-5.1
Taunton Deane	28.8	22.7	-6.1
West Somerset	17.7	19.4	1.7
Heart of the South West LEP	23.9	23.1	-0.8
UK	24.0	23.5	-0.5

Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS 2014. \*Estimate and confidence interval unreliable since the group sample size is small.

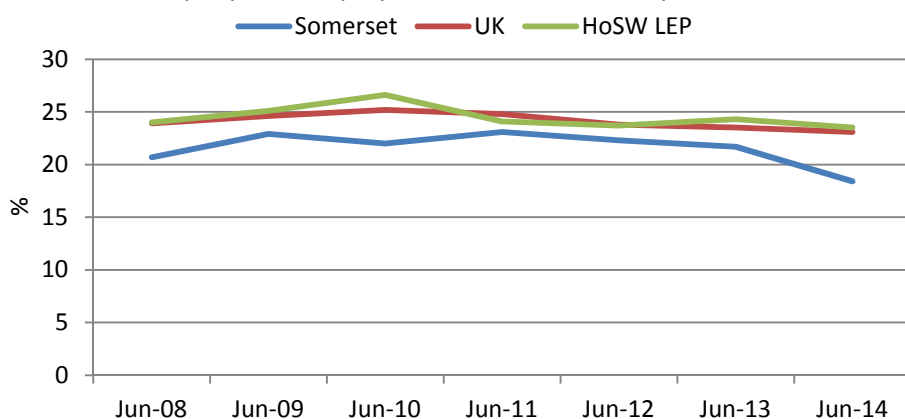
Somerset has a slightly smaller proportion of people employed in the public sector than the UK and Heart of the South West area; 20.7% compared to 24% and 23.9% respectively.

Within the County there is a concentration of public sector employment in Taunton Deane (28.8%).

Public sector employment in Somerset peaked at 23.5% of the workforce in 2011. Since then, the number of people employed in the public sector in the County has decreased from 56,400 to 45,000 (-20.2%).

### Public sector employment over time

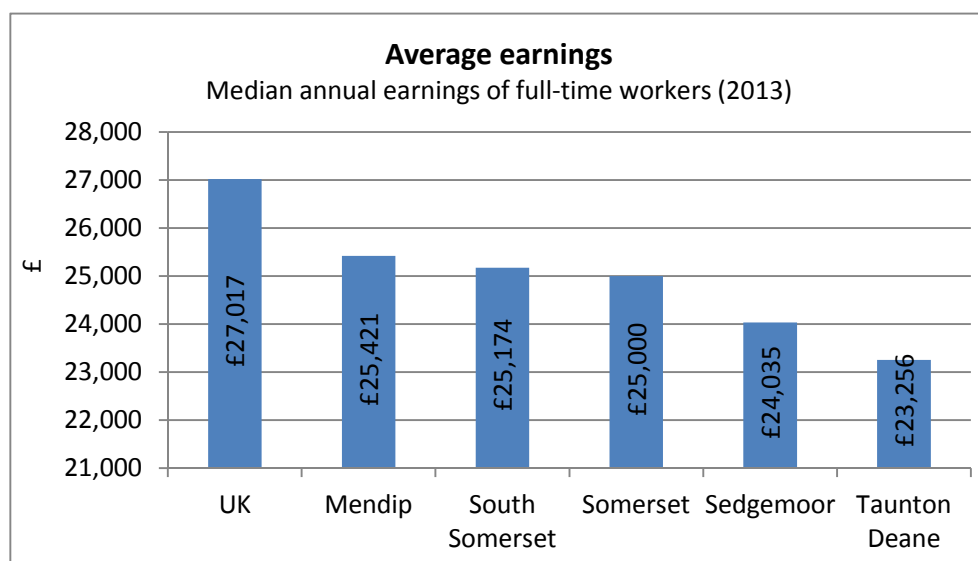
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Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS 2014

## Earnings (2013)

Average earnings in Somerset consistently lag behind the UK level, with a deficit of 8.1% in 2013. Mendip has the highest median earnings in the County (£25,421) and Taunton Deane has the lowest (£23,256). The median is the value below which 50% of employees' earnings fall.



Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE), NOMIS 2013 (updated annually). Figures not available for West Somerset due to statistical unreliability. ASHE data is not produced for LEP areas.