

Summary of 2025/26 LMI information

Our latest Labour Market Information for Buckinghamshire to support achievement of Gatsby Benchmark 2, is drawn from the Local Skills Improvement Plan and provides a snapshot of the local economy. Buckinghamshire has over 30,000 Businesses, but the majority are small. The sectors which currently employ the most people are:

- Education
- Health & Social Work
- Hospitality
- Wholesale & Retail
- Professional, Scientific & Technical.

The priority sectors growing significantly in Bucks, and their fastest growing occupations are:

Construction

Bricklayers, roofers, roof tilers/slaters, glaziers, window fabricators & fitters, Surveyors, Architects, civil engineers

Health & Social Care

Physiotherapists, general nurses, midwifery nurses, care and social workers

Engineering

Metal working, production & maintenance fitters, engineering professionals esp civil engineering, R&D & science, aircraft maintenance & related trades, assemblers & routine operatives

Digital

Computer system & equipment installers & servicers, IT User support technicians, science, engineering & production technicians, (AI & software skills are in demand!)

Film & TV

Actors, entertainers, presenters, musicians, arts officers, producers & directors

Other occupations in demand include:

Chefs

Some restaurants will be forced to close without them; there have been over 400 new jobs since 2019

Large goods vehicle drivers

Many are retiring and deliveries depend on drivers; 2,280 were employed in 2024 alone

Gardeners & landscape gardeners

It's hard to find trained gardeners & we have an ageing population; over 428 new jobs created since 2019!

Cross-sector skills needed by most employers now are:

- Digital Literacy
- Green/Net Zero
- Leadership & Management
- Work Readiness Skills (employability)

According to employers:

Collaboration & leadership; communication skills, attitudes to working, digital literacy, practical skills & self-management are essential skills for the workplace.

GCSE/A Level options by sector:

Digital:

- Computing and IT, Physics, Maths, Design technology
- Art and Media studies – useful for digital marketing roles

Engineering – particularly High Performance Engineering:

- Aerospace engineer: Physics, Maths, IT or computing, Design technology
- Engineering and Technology: Maths, Physics, Computing, Product Design

Film & TV:

- Film studies: English language or literature, Art and design, IT and computing, Media studies / Film studies, Photography
- Digital Media production and technology: Art, Design technology, Computing, Engineering, Graphic design, Photography

Health & Social Care:

- English, Psychology, Sociology, Biology, Chemistry, Health and Social Care
- PE – useful for work in physical rehabilitation

Construction:

- Computing and IT, Physics, Maths, Design technology
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