

# LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Information to help your child understand the importance of LMI.



## What is Labour Market Information (LMI)?

Labour Market Information is information about the world of work. Access to information about future study options and labour market opportunities helps with making informed, key decisions around education and career options. Including:

- The available jobs and apprenticeships both locally and nationally.
- The pathways that lead to these opportunities (what qualifications and skills are required).
- Salaries and promotion prospects
- The biggest employers / career sectors in our region.

## Why is LMI relevant for your child?

Accurate and up-to-date LMI can help your child make informed decisions not only about their future career but also to:

- Inform their options and choices at ages 14-19 (years 9 – 13) , including GCSEs, further and higher education, and apprenticeships.
- Explore and decide on work experience placements or experiences of the workplace.
- Understand education and training requirements for a chosen career.

## How can your child become employable in the future?

- Gaining 5 GCSEs including English and maths at levels 4 – 9 is key to increasing opportunities including accessing further education.
- Engaging in experiences to increase their employability and skills- such as experiences of the workplace, volunteering, part-time jobs, extra-curricular events and activities.
- Doing their research – finding out information about the full range of all qualifications they can study at further and higher education in subjects they enjoy and also associated careers.

## Further websites which can be used to help understand and use LMI information?



[Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)



[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)

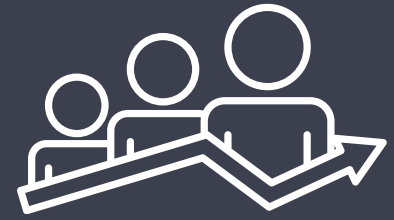


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LMI obtained from NOMIS , Office for National Statistics

All figures are the most recent available at the time of resource creation - Jan 2026



## Employment

UK - 75.5%  
South Yorkshire - 72.9%



## Unemployment

UK - 4.1%  
South Yorkshire 3.1%

## Full time salary



UK - £36,200  
South Yorkshire £31,600

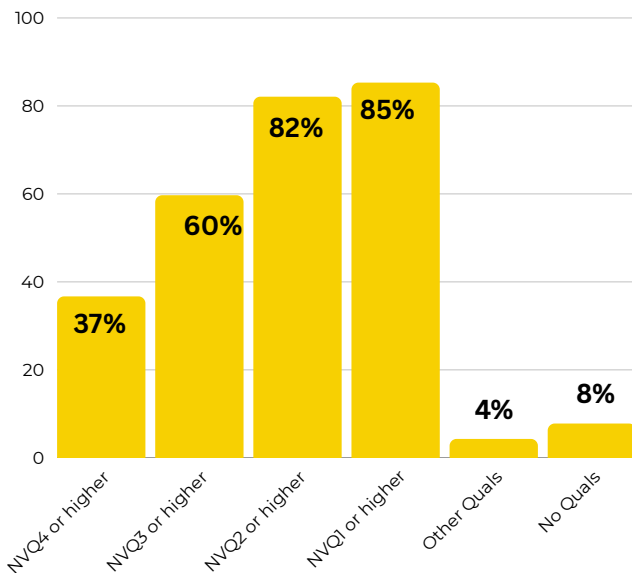
## Self Employment



UK - 9.5%  
South Yorkshire - 9.6%

## Qualification levels

707,400 people have at least a Level 2 qualification such as GCSEs, NVQ or higher. NVQ6 is equivalent to an Undergraduate Degree or Degree Apprenticeship



## These job sectors are in demand:

- Human Health and Social Work
- Wholesale and Retail
- Education
- Manufacturing
- Accommodation and Food Service (Hospitality).

## Sectors with projected opportunities:

- Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering
- Clean Energy & Green Technologies
- Life Sciences and Health
- Digital and Creative
- Defence
- Intelligent Mobility & Transport.

## Our county has 40,965 businesses. Here are some big employers:

- NHS
- Rotherham Metropolitan Council
- Sheffield City Council
- University of Sheffield.

Did you know? The NHS is the UK's biggest employer and the 5th biggest employer in the world!