

KIRKLEES WORKFORCE

Jobs, skills & salaries 2026

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219,900

Employed



£33,613

Average salary



63%

With a level 3+ qualification

- 219,900 people in Kirklees are in employment. This includes 28,100 people who are self-employed.
- The average annual salary for someone working full-time in Kirklees is £33,613.
- 63% of people living in Kirklees have a qualification at level 3 (equivalent of A levels) and above.



THE TOP FOUR

SECTORS THAT PEOPLE WORK IN



RETAIL AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES

29,000 PEOPLE

Jobs include: Motor vehicle mechanic • Car valet • Retail assistant • Shopkeeper • E-commerce manager • Market trader • Builder's merchant • Retail buyer



MANUFACTURING

25,000 PEOPLE

Jobs include: Production worker • Production manager • Pre-press operator • Textile operative • Mechanical engineering technician • Sheet metal worker



HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK

22,000 PEOPLE

Jobs include: Nurse • Dental nurse • Doctor • Healthcare assistant • Social worker • Care worker • Nursery worker • Physiotherapist • Speech therapist



EDUCATION

16,000 PEOPLE

Jobs include: Teacher • Teaching assistant • Sports coach • Driving instructor • Higher education lecturer

FEATURED EMPLOYERS



RETAIL

Continental Wine & Food



HEALTHCARE

The NHS



CONSTRUCTION

Alfred Bagnall and Sons



MANUFACTURING

Camira Fabrics



EDUCATION

University of Huddersfield



TRANSPORT

Oxalis Logistics



Apprenticeship starts

3,020



Level with most starts

ADVANCED



Age with most starts

25+



Subject area

HEALTH, PUBLIC SERVICES & CARE

APPRENTICESHIPS

There were 3,020 apprenticeship starts in Kirklees in 2024/25. The subject area with the most starts was health, public services and care with 910 starts, which includes jobs such as early years educator, adult care worker and nursing associate.

APPRENTICESHIP STARTS BY AGE

UNDER 19	810
19-24	790
25+	1420

APPRENTICESHIP STARTS BY LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE	620
ADVANCED	1320
HIGHER	1080