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## NATIONAL NEWS

### [National Labour Market overview from ONS for October 2021](#)

The most recent data show the labour market continuing to recover.

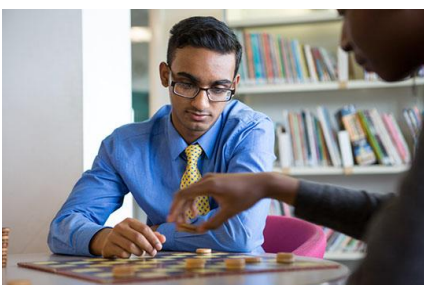
- The number of job vacancies in July to September 2021 was a record high of 1,102,000, an increase of 318,000 from its pre-pandemic (January to March 2020) level; this was the second consecutive month that the three-month average has risen over one million. All industry sectors were above or equal to their January to March 2020 pre-pandemic levels in July to September 2021, with Accommodation and food service activities increasing the most, by nearly 50,000 (59%).
- Unemployment is 1,510,000 down by 40,000 on last month's figures
- The ONS claimant figure for unemployed is 2,112,800 – down by 51,100 on last month.
- Youth unemployment (including students) is 498,000 and has fallen by 40,000 on the quarter.
- The number of vacancies Jul – Sep 2021 rose to 1,102,000 from the previous quarter (340,000).
- There are now 1.5 unemployed people per vacancy
- The employment rate is 75.3% (up by 0.1 percentage points on last month).

### [Pret a Manger expansion plans](#)

Restaurant chain Pret a Manger have announced they are to open 200 new restaurants across the UK over the next two years.

### [Aldi creating jobs with new stores](#)

Aldi have revealed plans to create over 2,000 new jobs and open 100 new shops over the next two years.



## [More apprenticeships to be made available](#)

HM Treasury have announced more apprenticeships are to be available. Large businesses will be able to easily pledge funds to smaller businesses through a new government service, to help create and recruit for more apprenticeship opportunities.

The [online service](#) launched in September to make it easier for large employers that pay the Apprenticeship Levy to spend their levy funds.

Large employers can already transfer up to 25% of their annual levy pot to support other employers to take on apprentices. Many employers have already taken advantage of this opportunity including Amazon, Co-op and Lloyds Banking to support other businesses with a funding boost.

## [The impact of AI on UK employment and the demand for skills](#)

According to this report AI and related technologies should not cause mass technological unemployment, but the analysis suggests that they may well lead to significant changes in the structure of employment across occupations, sectors and regions of the UK. The effects may be relatively small over the next five years but could become more material over the next 10 - 20 years. Analysis also suggests that these technological changes may also add to income inequalities which may tend to favour people with higher education and skills levels, who also tend to have higher earnings levels.

## [Plan for Jobs](#)

The government have pledged £500 million to expand the [Plan for Jobs](#), announced last month, which is designed to support young people aged 16 - 24 on universal credit to benefit from the Kickstart Scheme (extended to March 2022) and help for those on the lowest wages.

## [Huge UK shortage of Registered Nurses](#)

The Guardian reports on the number of nursing vacancies unfilled within the UK, revealing that there are around 39,000 vacancies for registered nurses. The government has set a target to increase the number of NHS nurses by 50,000 by 2025.

## [Amazing Apprenticeships – Parents’ Packs](#)

The October parents’ packs are available on the Amazing Apprenticeships website.



### [Highest number of vacancies since 2001](#)

The BBC report on a new record high in the number of job vacancies as figures show 1.1 million vacancies between July and September according to ONS. The largest increase was for the retail and motor vehicle sector.

### [Domino's recruitment drive](#)

Domino's Pizza chain have announced they intend to hire over 8,000 drivers in the UK and Ireland for seasonal work in the lead up to Christmas. Domino's have stressed that most jobs are permanent.

### [Travelodge recruitment drive](#)

Travelodge's autumn recruitment drive aims to fill 750 vacancies across the UK. Positions include posts for receptionists, bar staff and managers and the company are offering both full and part-time positions with flexible working hours.

### [Care sector needs more people](#)

Analysis from Skills for Care finds that the care sector has more jobs unfilled than before the pandemic, with over 100,000 posts to fill across the UK. Job retention is also proving to be a problem. The government are providing extra funding and planning a regular recruitment drive to counteract the issue.

### [Encouraging young people to embark on an Engineering career](#)

Tomorrow's Engineer week which runs from 8 -12 November, aims to challenge outdated perceptions of engineering by highlighting to young people that engineering is a creative, problem-solving, exciting career that improves the world around us. This year, it places an emphasis on demonstrating how engineering careers can contribute to tackling climate change and achieving net-zero carbon emissions.

For more information and resources visit: [www.teweek.org.uk](http://www.teweek.org.uk). For more information on enthusing students to take up in green engineering see [link](#).

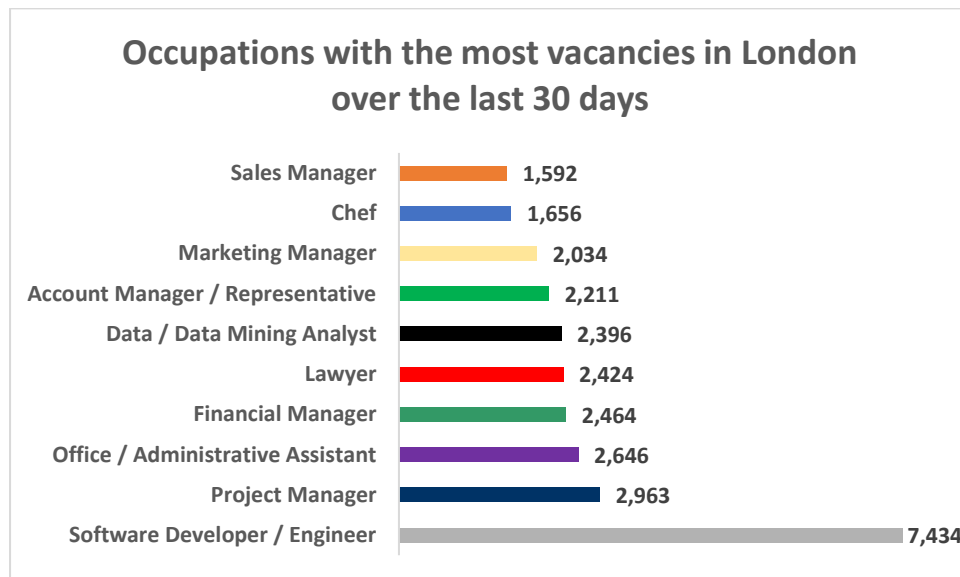


### [Hundreds of postal workers needed in lead up to Christmas](#)

Hundreds of temporary posts are available with the Royal Mail across the UK, but particularly in London, as the build up to Christmas looms. A generous hourly pay is also on offer.

### [The occupations with the most online vacancies in the last 30 days from 1 – 30 November \(no link\)<sup>1</sup>](#)

A snapshot report on the occupations with the most online vacancies in the last 30 days. Software Developers/Engineers are in the highest demand with 7,434 vacancies across the City and Greater London.



<sup>1</sup> Labour Insight (Burning Glass Technologies)

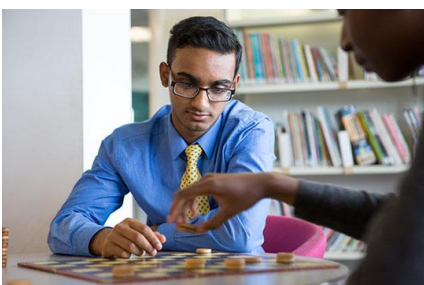


## USEFUL WEBSITES

- Teaching in FE - <https://www.teach-in-further-education.campaign.gov.uk/>
- Amazing Apprenticeships have launched a new short film which turns the spotlight on apprentices and their employers. They have also produced some new factsheets on apprenticeships - <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>
- HGV training  
<https://logistics.org.uk/skills>  
[www.rha.uk.net/backtodriving](http://www.rha.uk.net/backtodriving)
- Flexible working - [Home - Find Your Flex](#)

## FUTURE EVENTS

- [London Technology and Engineering Careers Fair](#)  
Conway Hall, Holborn  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 - 12-3.30pm
- [Traineeships](#) webinar - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 - 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm Hear about traineeships as an option for 16 - 24 year olds
- [Higher Technical Qualifications webinar](#) - 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm. Learn all about Higher Technical Qualifications and their value as alternative options for school-leavers (aged 18+)



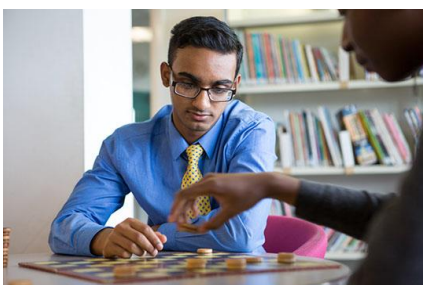
- Tomorrow's Engineers Week - [www.teweek.org.uk](http://www.teweek.org.uk)



- Three CPD sessions are available from Maritime Careers. These are:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> November - Workboats with SERCO and Border Force - Serco maritime Services <https://www.serco.com/eu/sector-expertise/defence/maritime-services> will be talking about careers with them, supporting the movement of Royal Navy Ships in harbours around the UK. Border Force will be talking about working with them in their maritime division. (Apprenticeships available)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> December - Ports and Harbours with the British Ports Association
  - 9<sup>th</sup> November - Water Sports careers and careers as instructors with the Royal Yachting - <https://www.rya.org.uk/> are delivering this session on water sport careers and careers as instructors. (Apprenticeships available)

For more information visit: <https://www.maritimeuk.org/events/careers/>

- **Skills London 2021**  
 Skills London is the UK's largest careers event, with more than 200 exhibitors and more than 50,000 opportunities on offer each year. Anyone aged between 15-24 can make the most of this event for free.  
 26 November 2021: 9:30am – 4pm  
 Saturday 27 November 2021: 9:30am – 4pm



- [Nursing Times Careers Fair](#)  
December 11<sup>th</sup> - London SW1 - 10.00 am – 4.30 pm
- [London and East Healthcare Jobs Fair](#) – ILEC Conference Centre,  
London SW6 - March 2022
- [London Jobs Fair](#) – Twickenham Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - 22nd  
April 2022

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