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## NATIONAL NEWS

### [National Apprenticeship Week – 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February](#)

National Apprenticeship Week runs from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February. To help plan and promote activities guidance and images are available at:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/naw-2022-toolkit>

For new resources to support NAW 2022 including activities, posters, films, a quiz and more visit: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/brand-new-resources-from-amazing-apprenticeships-for-national-apprenticeship-week-2022/>.

### [Apprenticeships - Higher and Degree listings](#)

The brand-new Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing is now available to download.

### [ONS National Labour Market Statistics](#)

ONS have published the latest Labour Market overview (January 2022):

- In December 2021 there were 29.5 million employees in the UK: up 184,000 on the revised November 2021 level and up 409,000 on the pre-coronavirus (COVID-19) February 2020 level.
- The UK employment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points on the quarter to 75.5%. The number of part-time workers decreased strongly during the pandemic, but has been increasing since April to June 2021, driving the increase in employment during the latest three-month period.
- The number of job vacancies in October to December 2021 rose to a new record of 1,247,000, an increase of 462,000 from its pre-coronavirus January to March 2020 level, with most industries displaying record numbers of vacancies.



### [Lidl expansion plans](#)

Lidl have announced their plan to create 4,000 new jobs over the next three years. There is also an expectation that they will have reached a target of 1,000 stores by 2023 and a further 100 by 2025.

### [Wendy's expansion plans](#)

Restaurant chain Wendy's is opening 50 branches across the UK in 2022.

### [Nursing vacancies on the rise](#)

The Nursing Times reports on an increase of 2,600 vacancies, up 7%, for nurses over the last year. There were almost 40,000 vacancies according to the latest figures published in November. London has the most vacancies with 9,445 vacancies, up 2% on the same period last year (November).

### [Job creation within the Life Science sector](#)

420 high-skilled jobs in the Life Science sector have been announced by the Prime Minister. Various projects will be supported as a result of investment by the Biopharmaceutical sector.

### [Disability passport](#)

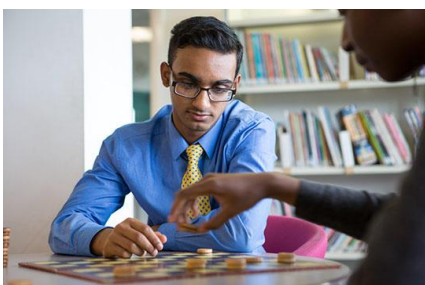
A new government passport will now enable disabled university students to move into work without the need for repeated health assessments when starting a new job.

### [Skills for every young person report](#)

The House of Lords Youth Unemployment Committee has published its [Skills for every young person report](#) to urge the Government to provide more support for young people to help them get into work.

A brief summary of the report highlights the main factors that lead to the unemployment of 475,000 young people aged 16-24 in the UK, as well as the inequalities that those from disadvantaged and minority ethnic groups face. The report identifies a number of key drivers for the high unemployment rates among young people:

- Skills mismatch – schools and further education fail to equip young people with the skills required to enter employment, especially for sectors such as green energy and digital.
- Lack of appropriate careers guidance and work experience

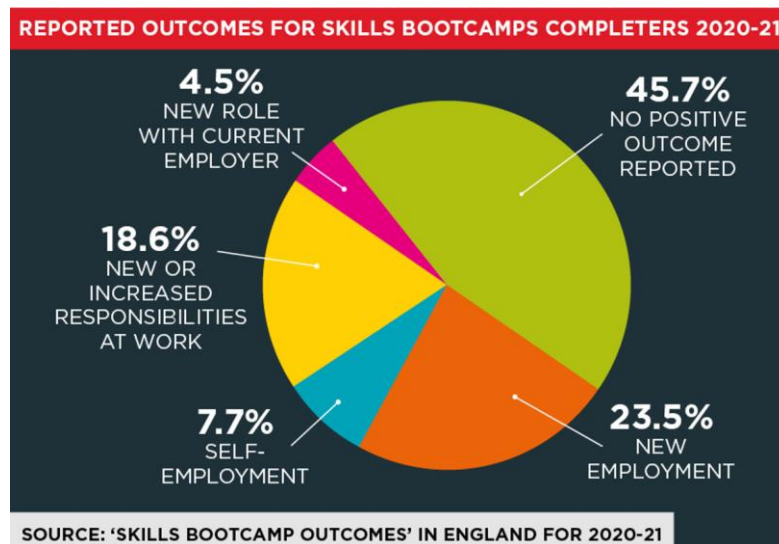


- Underfunded and undervalued further education
- Lack of apprenticeship opportunities
- Additional barriers and lack of support – (e.g. related to language barriers, gender, ethnicity, special education needs, lower socio-economic backgrounds)

The full report is available here: [Skills for every young person \(parliament.uk\)](https://www.parliament.uk/publications/2021/01/skills-for-every-young-person/)

### Skills Bootcamps

A report from feweek highlights the outcomes from the government skills bootcamps for the period September 2020 to March 2021. Providers report that 54 per cent achieved a new or better job, i.e. of the 2,210 participants that completed their bootcamp, 520 progressed to a new job, 410 gained increased responsibility in their current job, 170 gained new self-employment opportunities and 100 gained a new role with their existing employer.

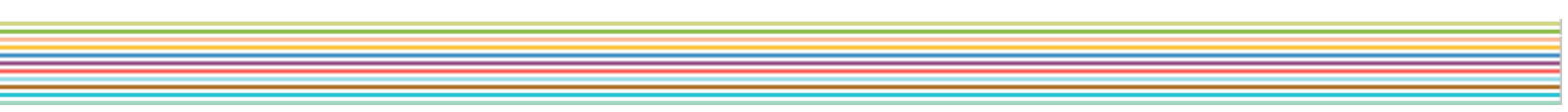


The new HGV bootcamps along with those previously listed are now available on the government website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/find-a-skills-bootcamp/list-of-skills-bootcamps>.

DHL have announced they are recruiting 1,000 new drivers and funding the training. For more details click on this [link](#).

### Leon expansion creates hospitality jobs

1,000 new jobs are to be created this year and 4,000 over the next three years with the opening of 50 new Leon restaurants across the UK.



## [Government announces nine new Institutes of Technology](#)

The government have announced that there will be [nine new Institutes of Technology](#) and a huge investment in skills and technical training to support people into higher skilled, higher wage jobs. From September 2022 100 courses will be available in areas where there are skills shortages such as Digital, Net Zero, Education, STEM and Healthcare at over 20 universities and colleges in addition to the nine Institutes of Technology announced in December 2021.

## [BAE announces recruitment of 1,700 new employees](#)

BAE Systems have announced their intention to take on 1,700 new employees across the country this year. This will include apprenticeship, graduate and undergraduate roles. [Some apprenticeships](#) in the Engineering and Business sectors are available up to degree level.

## [January Parents' Apprenticeship pack](#)

The January 2022 ASK apprenticeship resources for parents and guardians are available [here](#).

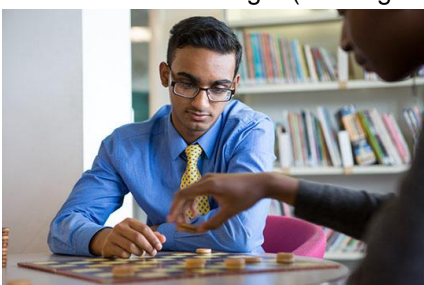
## LONDON NEWS

### [Top occupations in London \(no link\)](#)<sup>1</sup>

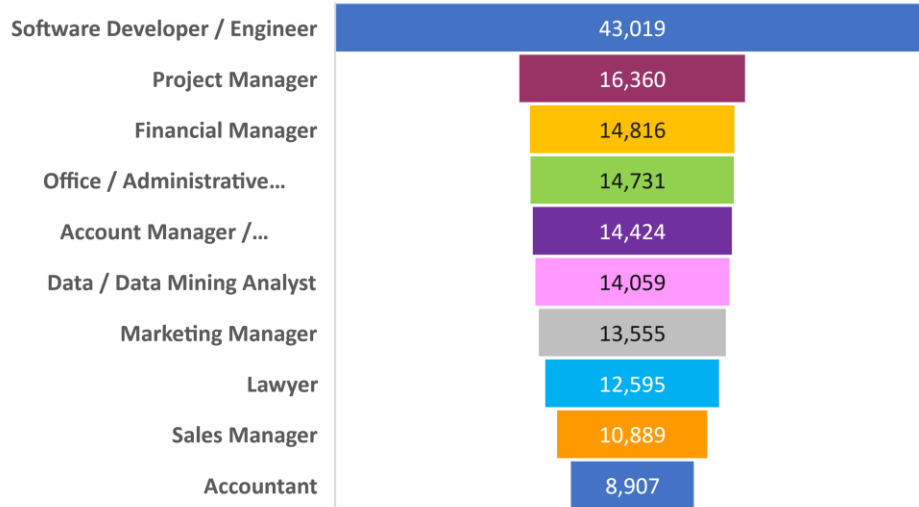
The top occupations advertised online over the last six months in London are shown below. Software Developers/Engineers were in the most demand with 43,019 vacancies:

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<sup>1</sup> Labour Insight (Burning Glass) Jan 2022



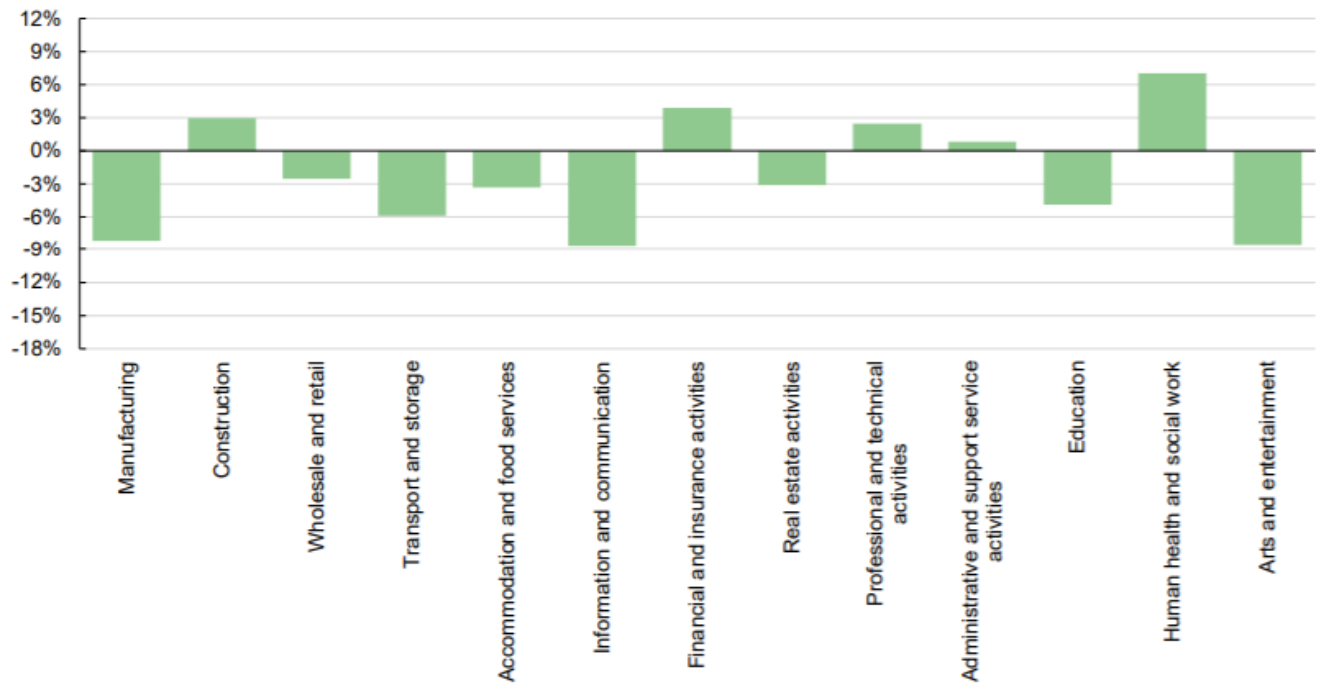
## Top occupations in online vacancies in London over the last six months



### London sector growth/decline 2020/21

The graph below indicates that over 2020 and the first half of 2021 there has been some jobs growth in Construction, Finance, Human health and social work, Professional and scientific/technical activities and Administrative and support services according to the latest London Economics Outlook report. In comparison, Manufacturing, Information and communication, and Arts and entertainment all shrank by over 8% during this period. This highlights the way the furlough scheme protected jobs in some, but not all, of the sectors most affected by the pandemic, and it is perhaps in some sectors with weaker employment protection that there have been the greatest job losses.





## USEFUL WEBSITES

### Property

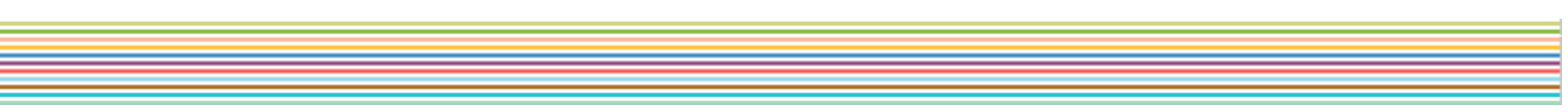
- A website [Property Needs You](https://thenegotiator.co.uk/property-firms-launch-website-to-broaden-range-of-applicants-to-industry/) has launched to encourage young people planning their careers to consider the property industry and help them secure their first jobs: <https://thenegotiator.co.uk/property-firms-launch-website-to-broaden-range-of-applicants-to-industry/>

### Push

- Push is a not-for-profit organisation that supports school-leavers and students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds to make well-informed decisions about their futures and to have the skills and resources to make their choices a reality. <https://www.push.co.uk/schools-370740.html>

### Top jobs for under 18s

- E4S - <https://www.e4s.co.uk/jobs/1-top-jobs-under-18s.htm>



## FUTURE EVENTS

- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Stratford Jobs Fair – Old Town Hall – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-stratford-jobs-fair-tickets-178570929457>
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 – London Jobs Fair – Twickenham Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-twickenham>
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 – Croydon Jobs Fair – Selhurst Park Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-croydon>



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