

Labour Market Information

Bristol City is at the centre of the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership area and is an important employment, shopping and leisure area within the South West of England.

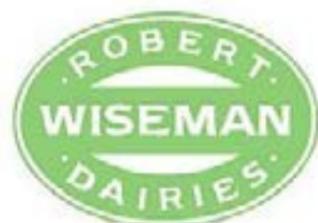
In the surrounding area; Gloucestershire, Bath and North Somerset hold important cities and towns providing employment, shopping, accommodation and services for its people. The West of England is set in a pleasant rural environment and is an attractive place for tourism and country pursuits.

Bristol is generally a prosperous area with an excellent quality of life and a growing national and international profile. The West of England has unrivalled business strengths, is at the forefront of academic research, and has a well-qualified workforce and a vibrant social scene.

The city is well connected via good road and transport links and Bristol airport which, in 2017 handled over 7.6 million passengers; the ninth busiest airport in the UK. The city also has two thriving universities, a football club and was voted the UK's 'Best Place to Live' by the Sunday Times in 2014 and 2017.

Bristol's history is built around early maritime trade and its docks are still central to its economy. More recently, however, the city has built a formidable network of creative media, electronics and aerospace industry sectors which are classed as priority business areas within the West of England.

LARGE EMPLOYERS



EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

245,000 people are currently in employment in Bristol.



209,300 people are employees

35,900 are self employed

11,400 are currently unemployed

(Taken from NOMIS Oct 2016 – Sept 2017 – individuals 16 years +)

VACANCY LOCATIONS

Number of current vacancies in Bristol and the surrounding areas.

Bristol - 10,812 Jobs

Easton - 202 Jobs

Avonmouth - 167 Jobs

Lawrence - 131 Jobs

Yate - 101 Jobs

The city has 11 hospitals and a strong further education network, a good choice of primary and secondary education schools and many private education providers.

TOP INDUSTRIES

The top industries that are currently recruiting in Bristol are:

- Health and Social care (human healthcare)
- Education
- Legal and accounting
- Retail
- Employment activities
- Food and beverage service
- Social work
- Estate agency
- Financial services

HARD SKILLS

For jobs in Bristol the following hard skills are most requested:

- Customer Service
- Teamwork / collaboration
- Sales
- Budgeting
- Project Management
- Teaching
- Business Development
- SQL

CURRENTLY HIRING

The following organisations are currently hiring in Bristol:



SOFT SKILLS

For jobs in Bristol the following soft skills are most requested:

- Communications skills
- Organisational skills
- Planning
- Microsoft Excel
- Detail -focused
- Research
- Building Effective Relationships
- Problem solving
- Writing
- Creativity
- Leadership

PROJECTIONS

Projections for future growth in Bristol:

£50K boost for Enterprise Zone at Old Mills. Ambitious regeneration plans by B&NES Council to create new jobs and improve transport in the Somer Valley are in line to secure a £50,000 funding boost.

Read more: <http://www.mnrjournal.co.uk/article.cfm?id=107327&headline=%C2%A350K%20boost%20for%20Enterprise%20Zone%20at%20Old%20Mills§ionIs=news&searchyear=2018>

The University of the West of England have plans to address the shortage of engineers in the South West with their plans for a new, multimillion pound engineering building.

<https://www.theengineer.co.uk/multimillion-engineering-uwe-bristol/>

Bristol receives £9.6 million infrastructure investment boost to support housing delivery
A £9.686 million investment that will facilitate the delivery of more than 1,000 proposed new homes in Bristol has been announced following successful government funding bids by Bristol City Council.

http://news.bristol.gov.uk/bristol_receives_9_6_million_infrastructure_investment

In the year to October 2017 Bank Search16 data indicate that there were about 3,475 new businesses starts in Bristol

Airbus has secured a large (430 A320neo aircraft) order from Indigo Partners, the parent company of low cost airlines Wizz Air, Volaris, JetSMART and Frontier that operate services in Latin and North America and Europe. The deal, worth about £50bn, gives Airbus the lead over its rival Boeing

A new automotive research centre, that has been two years in the making, has been given the go ahead. Construction of The Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems (IAAPS) at the Bristol and Bath Science Park will start in mid 2018 and it's scheduled to open in early 2020.

Having recently won three major new contracts, Fusion Processing has moved from the Engine Shed innovation hub at Temple Meads to Future Space, the new tech and science centre at UWE which is part of the University Enterprise Zone. The up and coming business specialises in developing sensors and control systems for driverless cars and detectors for vehicle safety systems.

Shoemaster International has moved from Somerset to The Interchange, part of the Engine Shed Innovation hub in Bristol. Shoemaster software is already used (globally) by many leading shoemakers.

Bristol's growing reputation as a centre for the film industry has gained the city recognition from UNESCO, which has named it a City of Film. Figures from Bristol Film Office and the Bottle Yard Studios – both owned by the city council – showed that businesses in the Film and TV industry contributed £18.3m to the city's economy in 2016/17 up 11% on the previous year.

According to annual figures the Bottle Yard created 380 jobs (full time equivalent) in 2016. The figures came from the Bottle Yard's 2016 On-Site Employment Summary which showed that 83% of the jobs were filled by crew working on productions at the studios and 16% were created by business tenants providing specialist production services on site. Fifty of the jobs were filled by trainees and two thirds were filled by Bristol based crew.

The University of Bristol has announced a £43m investment to create a new quantum research centre that is funded by a variety of partners including the WoE LEP and will form a key part of the University's new £300m enterprise campus to be built in the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone. The Quantum Technologies Innovation Centre (QTIC) will provide space and facilities to help researchers and businesses move quantum research from the laboratory into the commercial world. The centre is the first of its kind and should position Bristol and the UK as a global leader in the fast-developing field.

Stroud-based green energy group Ecotricity is to open a tech hub in Bristol that should be launched in the new year.

Wriggle, the Bristol-based app developer, has received a £320,000 investment, nearly half (£155,000) of which has come from the Bristol Private Equity Club that was set up to support local business. Wriggle's app and website connects users to exclusive, on-the-day discounts at bars, restaurants and events through articles, videos, guides and offers. It has already been used to connect around 100,000 foodie fans to a spectrum of outlets.

With £295,000 pledged from the Local Growth Fund by West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) the A/VR research centre which is being developed in Leadworks on Anchor Square, will be launched in the new year. The centre is one of the first of its type in the UK and, being a partnership between the University of Bristol and UWE, with Watershed and Opposable VR with some involvement of the BBC, Bath Spa University and We The Curious (formerly At-Bristol), an example of the city's strong collaborative approach.

International law firm Clyde & Co is to open an office in Bristol next year after hiring two leading insurance dispute lawyers.

Having expanded out into Boxworks, the Engine Shed is expanding in its original home and at the same time Engine Shed 2 has been given planning permission. The new facility will be based in the long disused, derelict George and Railway pub that has been empty for well over 30 years and a longstanding eyesore. The project to bring the building back into use is being undertaken in partnership with developer Skanska.

Oracle's Bristol Startup Cloud Accelerator, a collaboration with SETSquared based at the Engine Shed, has taken on its five businesses. These include start ups in artificial intelligence, machine learning and virtual reality. They will have access to state-of-the-art technology, a co-working space, Oracle customers, partners and investors.

Portway Railway Station. Government funding having been secured by Bristol City Council and announced last month work is underway to design a railway station close to Portway Park & Ride site near Avonmouth. The £2.23m station is due to be completed by 2019.

Invest in Bristol and Bath. In June 2017 the inward investment agency, Invest in Bristol and Bath (IBB), reported that a record 1,600 jobs had been created in the region last year by businesses (both national and international) that had been attracted to the area. IBB said that nearly 800 jobs were created in the digital sector but that overall investment has come from a variety of sectors including aerospace, advanced engineering, financial and professional services, the nuclear sector and distribution and logistics with investment in the latter focused on the Avonmouth and Severnside Enterprise Area.

Devolution Brings Funding for Skills Project. The West of England is to get of £3.9m government devolution funding. The investment, from the Department of Work and Pensions, will pay for a two-and-a-half-year Innovation Pilot which aims to support tenants in social housing into secure, more meaningful and better-paid careers. The pilot starting next January will be managed by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and delivered by the three councils which make up WECA; Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

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