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Job Sector Vacancy Snapshot Report

Summer 2021

Source: The Office for National Statistics (ONS)



About the BIOR

The British Institute of Recruiters can professionalise your recruitment business and get your staff working to a higher standard. It is the Professional Body operating the Recruitment Certification Scheme.

BIOR Recruitment Certification scheme – Created with kind input from all 3 of the UK's enforcement bodies responsible for state enforcement of specific employment rights – EAS, HMRC NMW/NLW team & GLAA. It is a simple and effective scheme demonstrating to clients your recruitment knowledge and compliant recruitment processes.

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Snapshot Report Key Findings

- According to the latest statistics from ONS, job vacancies in the UK reached a 15-month high.
- From April to June 2021, there were 862,000 job vacancies across the country, with most industries seeing increases in their number of vacancies. The largest percentage increase is seen in arts, entertainment, and recreation.
- Industry-specific data shows the recovery rate to vary during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Most industries are currently at higher vacancy levels than in January through March 2020.



Increase in Job Vacancies from Q1 to Q2, 2021



Industries performing below pre-pandemic levels



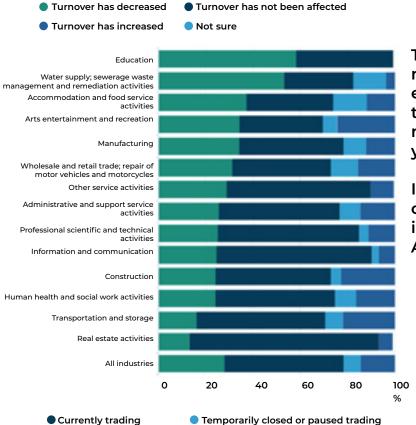
Growth in the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation Industries

The news is good. Economic recovery is continuing, and policymakers should be aware that government support is temporary. The government should focus on back-to-work schemes for all ages, as well as income support for people in need.

Azmat Mohammed - Director General

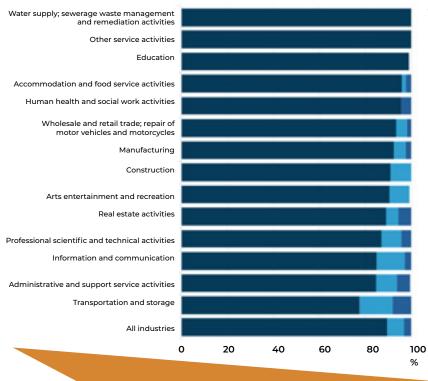


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The education industry reported nearly 60% of businesses experiencing lower turnover in the last two weeks compared with normal expectations for this time of year

Impact on turnover, businesses currently trading, broken down by industry, weighted by count, UK, 9 August to 22 August 2021



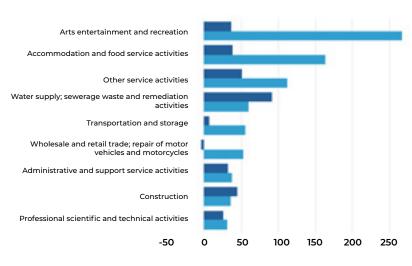
Permanently ceased trading

Transportation and storage remained the industry with the lowest percentage of businesses currently trading, at 78%

Current trading status, all businesses, broken down by industry, weighted by count, UK, 23 August to 5 September 2021

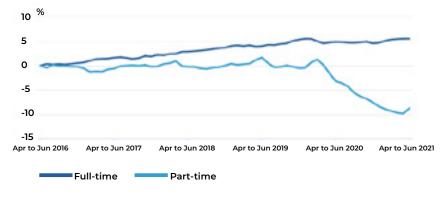


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- Arts, entertainment and recreation saw the strongest quarterly growth in vacancies; other industries affected by easing of restrictions also saw strong growth.
- May to June 2021 three-month average vacancies in the UK, quarterly percentage growth and percentage growth from prepandemic January to March 2020

- Percentage growth since January to March 2020
- Quarterly Percentage growth since February to April 2021



Part-time workers have seen the first quarterly increase since early in the pandemic.

UK employment by full-time and part-time workers (aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from April to June 2016, for each period up to April to June 2021.



Summary

There are **77,500** job vacancies in the UK in April to June 2021, which is **9.9**% more than its previous level in January to March 2020.

In the second quarter of 2021, job openings reached their highest level since 2018. This growth occurred in all industries except public administration and defence, compulsory social security.

There has been a notable growth in vacancy rates in the arts, entertainment, and recreation industry over the past three months. It is also worth noting that five industries have all experienced significant increases in vacancies in the span of a few months. Due to a shortage of skilled staff, the UK accommodation and food service industry has experienced the largest increase in vacancies by **73,400** on the last quarter to **102,000**.

Vacancies for the April to June 2021 period were **9.9**% higher than they were during the pre-pandemic months of January to March 2020. However, since the pandemic started, there has been a varied rate of recovery across industries. Most vacancies are now higher than those seen from January to March 2020. The largest increases are in occupations related to health and social work, which increased by **13.6**% in the past year. Accommodation and food service activities also increased by **21.1%** in the same time period.

Three industries are still performing below their pre-pandemic level including, mining, and quarrying, transport and storage, and wholesale and retail trade-related areas. Despite an improvement from previous quarters, this hasn't recovered to pre-pandemic levels. Regardless, this indicates a slow recovery in businesses' demand for employees.



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Adele Morris – Recruitment and Operations Director



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