



SUFFOLK'S
LABOUR MARKET
INFORMATION
RESOURCE 2026



SUFFOLK
ECONOMY

SUFFOLK'S GROWTH SECTORS

HIGH GROWTH

Sectors strengths which are driving our economy and contributing to UK plc with significant growth projected

AGRI-FOOD AND DRINK

£25.6K 39,682 -0.1%



ENERGY

£46.2K 5,699 +0.4%



PORTS AND LOGISTICS

£37.1K 33,574 +0.5%



KEY

Average Wages per Job

Number of Jobs

Jobs % Change (2023 -24)



EMERGING GROWTH

Smaller sectors with regional comparative advantages so potential for future expansion

ICT AND DIGITAL

£41.9K 12,296 +0.0%



LIFE SCIENCES & BIOTECH

£29.7K 6,818 -0.1%



FINANCIAL SERVICES

£31.9K 6,720 -0.4%



Source: Lightcast (2024)

VALUE GROWTH

Large employment sectors with opportunities to improve productivity and quality of jobs

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING

£42.8K 40,137 -0.1%



CONSTRUCTION

£42.3K 19,744 -0.3%



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

£29.8K 46,354 +0.4%



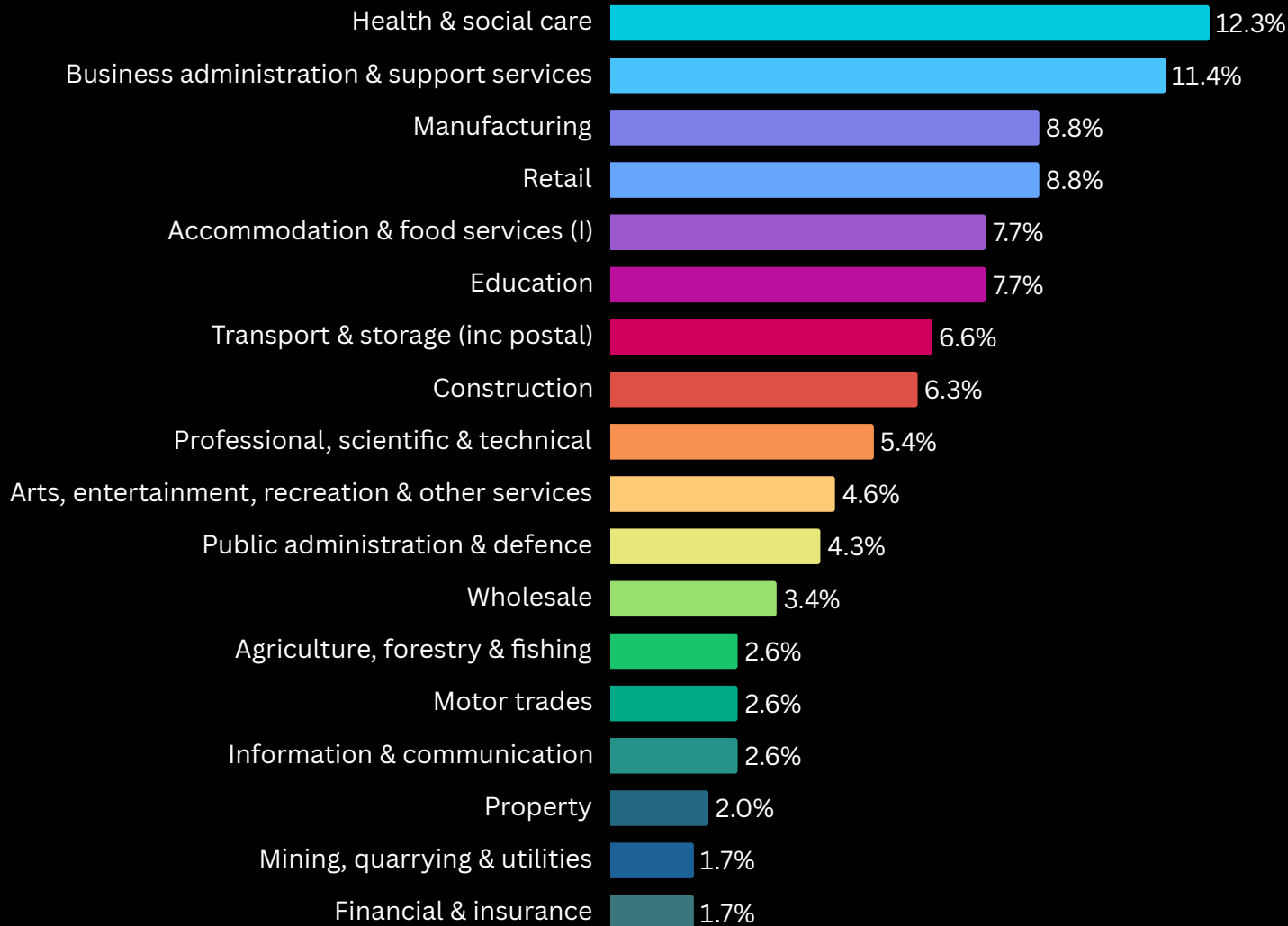
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£22.5K 43,231 +0.1%



SUFFOLK SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



81,300

UNIQUE JOB POSTINGS

ROLES IN DEMAND

SUPPORT WORKERS
CLEANERS
CARE ASSISTANCE
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS
WAREHOUSE OPERATIVES
TEACHING ASSISTANTS
ADMINISTRATORS
DELIVERY DRIVERS
PRODUCTION OPERATVIES
HGV CLASS 1 DRIVERS

TOP 'COMMON' SKILLS

COMMUNICATION
MANAGEMENT
CUSTOMER SERVICE
DETAIL ORIENTED
SALES
PLANNING
LEADERSHIP
TEACHING
OPERATIONS
ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

SUFFOLK IN A SNAPSHOT

786,231
POPULATION

461,311
WORKING AGE (16-64)

342,100
IN EMPLOYMENT

47,900
SELF-EMPLOYMENT

31,025
BUSINESSES

 **SUFFOLK
ECONOMY**

Source: NOMIS (2024)

Source: Explore Education Statistics 2023/24



QUALIFICATION LEVELS (OF THE WORKING AGE POPULATION)

86.2%

LEVEL 2 AND ABOVE

LEVEL 4 AND ABOVE

38.9%



COMPLETED APPRENTICESHIPS

TOTAL: 2,425

708

BUSINESS, ADMINISTRATION AND LAW

HEALTH, PUBLIC SERVICES AND CARE

671

301

ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES



BUSINESS BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE

88.9%

MICRO (0-9)

SMALL (10-49)

9.1%

1.6%

MEDIUM (50-249)

LARGE (250+)

0.4%



AVERAGE PAY

MEDIAN ANNUAL GROSS SALARY

£35,798K

+5.4%

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2022-2023)