

West Careers Meeting
Local labour market information

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Health warning!

- LMI is difficult to interpret currently - market is distorted due to the pandemic.
- Furlough is likely to be giving an artificial view of the employment market.



Most frequent job vacancies in West Suffolk – pre Covid 19

- Food production
- Hospitality
- Logistics
- Manufacturing
- Public sector
- Warehousing



Current 'Find a Job' vacancies (top 6 by sector) – Bury St Edmunds

- [Healthcare & Nursing Jobs](#) (99)
- [Logistics & Warehouse Jobs](#) (53)
- [HR & Recruitment Jobs](#) (43)
- [Manufacturing Jobs](#) (27)
- [Trade & Construction Jobs](#) (26)
- [Social Work Jobs](#) (14)

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Current 'Find a Job' vacancies (top 6 by sector) – Haverhill

- [HR & Recruitment Jobs](#) (6)
- [Logistics & Warehouse Jobs](#) (6)
- [Manufacturing Jobs](#) (6)
- [Other/General Jobs](#) (4)
- [Retail Jobs](#) (4)
- [Social Work Jobs](#) (3)



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Current 'Find a Job' vacancies (top 6 by sector) – Newmarket

- [Healthcare & Nursing Jobs](#) (22)
- [Logistics & Warehouse Jobs](#) (12)
- [Trade & Construction Jobs](#) (10)
- [Domestic Help & Cleaning Jobs](#) (5)
- [Engineering Jobs](#) (4)
- [Other/General Jobs](#) (4)



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Current 'Find a Job' vacancies (top 6 by sector) – Mildenhall

- [HR & Recruitment Jobs](#) (11)
- [Healthcare & Nursing Jobs](#) (9)
- [Manufacturing Jobs](#) (5)
- [Trade & Construction Jobs](#) (4)
- [Accounting & Finance Jobs](#) (1)
- [Maintenance Jobs](#) (1)



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Opportunities

- Dramatic rise in home working – geography no longer a restriction.
- Care sector booming – not just carers, but whole host of associated jobs including maintenance, administration and catering.
- Education – DWP Job Coaches have seen a spurt of job vacancies in schools.



Opportunities (cont.)



- Six-month employment placements for 16-24 year olds on Universal Credit.
- Gives young people the opportunity they need to get their foot on the ladder, and gain skills and experience.
- Nationally, scheme has already created 38,000+ vacancies across UK.
- *Suffolk Kickstart integrated* support - wraparound offer from high quality and trusted partners, including all of the county's Further Education colleges.
- **More info:**
 - <https://www.suffolkgrowth.co.uk/kickstart-scheme>
 - [Kickstart wrap-around support & training package](#)
 - [Kickstart e-flyer: overview](#)

Growing sectors

Includes:

- Administration
- Marketing
- Social media
- Anything connected to online commerce (including logistics, transportation of goods, security).



But is this short term?

Declining sectors

- Hospitality and retail – unsurprisingly
- When restrictions lifted, will these sectors have a massive boom?
- Not been hit as hard as other areas in terms of redundancies.
- West Suffolk has high job numbers in West Suffolk hospital, schools, colleges, local authority - but will there be a wave of cuts in public sector?



Declining sectors (cont.)

- Transition in retail – moved away from shops to online trading – pandemic has sped that up.
- But lots of new retail opening in some areas.
- When non-essential shop restrictions are lifted, BSE town centre will have less vacancies than before Covid 19.



Lastly...

- DWP confirmed that there are lots of jobs out there currently...
- However people have to be realistic in their expectations.